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**Rishi Dilip Nayak**  
President - 2024-25



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It is indeed an immense pleasure and a proud privilege to take up the Leadership of the Rotary Club of Margao for the year 2024-2025. Our club is a 2nd oldest club in Goa and had tall personalities in Goa's Socio Economical and Political circles as past Presidents.

Thus, to be in the same shoes was certainly a challenging task. Last couple of years Rotary Club of Margao has seen new enthusiasm and vigor induced making it a very vibrant club. I commit my self to do my very best possible to ensure that the same pace is maintained undertaking maximum value added possible projects and contributions towards the society at large to uphold the spirit of Rotary "Service above Self".

I congratulate our bulletin editor Rtn. Mangirish Kakodkar for having committed to come up with regular monthly bulletin of our club and I convey my best wishes for the bulletin.

Lets all gear up for a fruitful Rotary year 2024-2025 so as to ensure that the Magic of Rotary works.



Rtn. Dilip Nayak  
President 2024 - 25

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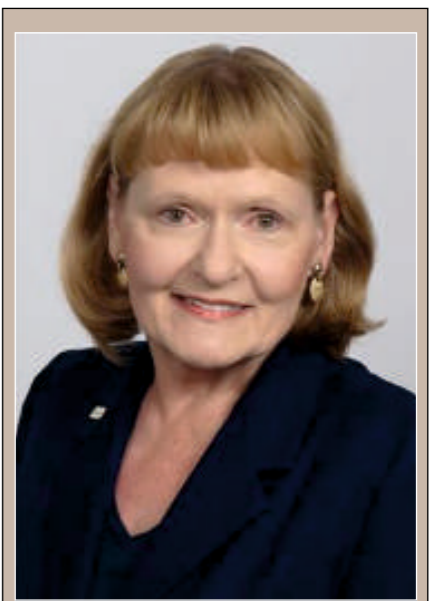
Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and travelled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland.

Currently, Stephanie is helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie's professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.



Rtn. Stephanie Urchick  
R.I. President 2024-25  
Rotary Club of  
McMurray,  
Pennsylvania, USA

Rotary Theme 2024-25



RI President Stephanie Urchick celebrates the magic of Rotary. She says members create that magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member of Rotary.



**30<sup>th</sup> June** – Installation Ceremony was held at M.C.C. Hall, Rtn. Dilip Nayak was installed as the 62<sup>nd</sup> President of Rotary Club of Margao along with his governing board of Directors by P.D.G Rtn. Dilip Salgaonkar in presence of A.G. Rtn. Pradnya Kakodkar. Rtn. welcomed the gathering. Incoming president Rtn. Dilip Nayak delivered his acceptance speech. Four new members Mr. Vibhav Kharangate , Mr. Parashar Pai Khot , Mr. Neeraj Goyal & Mr. Sumit Singla were inducted in the Rotary Fold. Rtn. Dr. Babita Angle Prabhudesai was the MC for the function. President Elect Rtn. Rajesh Kakodkar proposed the vote of thanks at the end of the function.



New Member Inducted



Mr. Vibhav Kharangate

Mr. Sumit Singla

Mr. Neeraj Goyal

Mr. Parashar Khot

**1<sup>st</sup> July** - The first day of the new Rotary Year was marked by this camp, whose main organiser was RC Margao Midtown. Our club along with RC Margao Sunrise, Rotaract Club of Margao Midtown, BPS Sports Club and Hospicio Hospital Blood Bank supported the project. A total of 30 donors walked in and 26 were cleared to donate.





**8<sup>th</sup> July** - Groceries and foodgrains for 4 TB patients was delivered to the TB Hospital, Margao according to the requirements tendered to the club by the hospital authorities. This is an ongoing monthly project continuing from the last two years.



**9<sup>th</sup> July** - The tree plantation drive for 2024-25 was initiated by planting saplings in locations in Ward Nos 21 and 3 of the Margao Municipal Council. Chairperson Shri Damodar Shirodkar and Councillor Shri Lyndon Pereira, who are elected from these respective wards, were the Guests for the programmes. A total of 50 saplings were planted. Shri Sandeep Azrenkar of the Goa Green Foundation briefed all those present about the saplings selected to be planted. The programme was completed successfully despite the torrential downpour.



**20<sup>th</sup> July** - The talk by Ex-Principal Vishwanath Swar was held at the Rotary Hall and was attended by 40 students and 5 parents. JEE topper of Goa State, Mast Supesh Chodanker was initially felicitated and then students interacted with him. The key areas covered in the talk were (1) How to study systematically; (2) Technique of self-meditation; (3) Simple memory techniques; (4) Technique of self-hypnotism with positive strokes; (5) Technique for preparing an examination study timetable.



**21<sup>st</sup> July** - The tree plantation drive for 2024-25 was continued in Ward No 16 of the Margao Municipal Council. Councillor Smt Dipali Sawal was the Guest for the day. A total of 30 saplings were planted.



**28<sup>th</sup> July** - The tree plantation drive for 2024-25 was continued in Ward Nos 4 and 21 of the Margao Municipal Council. Councillors Smt Pooja Naik and Damodar Varak were the Guests for the day. A total of 45 saplings were planted.





**30<sup>th</sup> July** - Young gynaecologist Dr Suyash Mandurkar delivered an impressive talk on 'Life after Menopause', mainly aimed at women over the age of 50. It was well attended and received.



*Club Services*

**9<sup>th</sup> July** - The first Club Assembly for 2024-25 was held at Rotary Hall in the presence of AG Rtn Dr Pradnya Kakodkar. It was also the Second Regular Meeting of July. Rtn Pradnya addressed the members and informed them about the various schemes initiated by DG Sharad Pai for TRF contributions. She urged the President and the TRF Chair to take fullest advantage of the schemes for prospective PHFs and Major Donors.



**16<sup>th</sup> July** - The first meeting of the Board of Directors for 2024-25 was held at the Rotary Hall on 16th July.



**30th July** - The third regular meeting for July 2024 was held at Rotary Hall on 30th July. It was a closed meeting in which the minutes of the BOD meeting held on 16th July were read out to the members present.



In the realm of industrial excellence and community service, few names shine as brightly as that of D.G. Rtn. Sharad Pai. As the managing director of Aqua Control Valves Pvt Ltd, Rtn. Pai has been at the forefront of high quality valve manufacturing since 1980. His journey began in Belgaum, where he was born and raised, and later earned a B.Sc. in Chemistry from GSS College, Belgaum. Fluent in Konkani and Kannada, Rtn. Sharad Pai's career commenced at Allied Foundry in Udyambag before he ventured into trading castings. By 1985, he established a factory focussed on fabricating gearboxes and manufacturing industrial valves for vital sectors such as ethanol, fertilizers, and nuclear applications.

Rtn. Pai's career spans an impressive 45 years in the industrial sector, complemented by 33 years of dedicated service in Rotary. He is prominent member of rotary club of Belgaum, the second oldest club of RID 3170, and will soon be the Club's seventh Governor. His contribution to Rotary and the industrial sector have earned him numerous accolades, underscoring his leadership and innovation.

Personal Achievement

- Vermicomposting Innovation: Developed the acclaimed " Sharad Pai's method of composting," recognized by Mumbai Universities and agricultural Universities
- Agricultural Advancements: Implemented extensive horticulture projects, earning the prestigious Krishi Pandit Award from KLE University.
- Progressive Farmer Award: Honoured by the Central Silk Board for his innovative contributions to agriculture.
- Academic Excellence: Holds a doctorate from Bharti Vidyapeeth and other from a renowned Central University for his groundbreaking vermicomposting system, widely recognised as the Sharad Pai's method.
- Industry Recognition: Received a Gold Medal from the Department of Industries & Commerce for developing import substitutes for the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa (Govt of India)

Rotary Achievements

- Citation for meritorious service: awarded in 2019-20 for his outstanding contributions
- Rotary Foundation outstanding service Award: Received in 2016-18 and 2021-22.
- WASH Program star one certificates: Honoured with 10 star One Certificates, making him the highest single recipient in India.
- Grants Man of RID 3170: known for his exceptional ability to secure grants, including three Global Grants Amounting to \$240,000 for the Happy School Initiative.

Rtn. Sharad Pai  
District Governor 24-25  
RID 3170.



In my conclusive opinion there are no two reasons why should not we tap the infinite, inexhaustible, clean & green solar energy which is the power of sun in the universe as a renewable source of power. As a renewable source of power, solar energy has an important role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and mitigating climate change, which is critical to protecting humans, wildlife, and ecosystems.

When was solar power discovered?

Solar energy was used by humans as early as the 7th century B.C. when humans used sunlight to light fires by reflecting the sun's rays onto shiny objects. Later, in 3rd century B.C., the Greeks and Romans harnessed solar power with mirrors to light torches for religious ceremonies.

In 1839 and at the age of just 19, French physicist Edmond Becquerel discovered the photovoltaic (PV) effect while experimenting with a cell made of metal electrodes in a conducting solution. He noted that the cell produced more electricity when it was exposed to light – it was a photovoltaic cell. In 1954 PV technology was born when Daryl Chapin, Calvin Fuller and Gerald Pearson developed the silicon PV cell at Bell Labs in 1954 – the first solar cell capable of absorbing and converting enough of the sun's energy into power to run everyday electrical equipment. Today satellites, spacecraft orbiting Earth, are powered by solar energy.

The National Solar Mission, is an initiative of the Government of India and State Governments to promote solar power in India started in January 2010. The mission had projected initially 20 JW for a 5 year plan but subsequently in 2015 the new Government after taking over revised the entire plan to project an ambitious and extra ordinary ambitious 100 GW by 2022 in a three phases. The objective of NSM is to established India as a global leader in solar energy by creating the policy condition for its deployment across the country. Each phase is supported by differing key policies & targets for both On Grid as well as Off Grid installations.

We are planning to achieve 50 percent cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuelbased energy resources by 2030. Although a wide variety of renewable technologies are available, each with their unique advantages, solar energy in particular has emerged as the technology of choice that can play a key role in driving energy access, energy security and energy transition. Through a report published on Roadmap of Solar Energy for Universal Energy Access', developed under India's G20 presidency in 2023, we aim to showcase how solar energy, in its various configurations, can play a key role in achieving electricity access and in providing socio-economic benefits in countries around the world. Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has conveyed guidelines to all the States facilitating their individual participation in achieving the goals of NSM & as far as Goa is concerned an average of 150 MW target has been assigned for the period of 2015-22. Goa Energy Development Agency's (GEDA) latest estimate puts the

State's total installed solar rooftop power capacity at around 55 megawatt-peak (MWp). Of this, solar power generated by the industrial segment is the highest at 28.52 MWp, followed by the commercial segment at 13.22 MWp. The rest is contributed by domestic Rooftop Installations by Prosumers.

With Goa having an abundance of sunlight throughout the year in the range of 260 -280 Sunny days with the minimum of 4.5 SPH (Sun Peak Hours) averaged for 365 days, One of the best solar policy in the country offering 50% subsidy including State & Central contributions, Power dependability on other States & to add to it the recently launched PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana are all the advantages & supportive factors for Goa's to opt for going for Rooftop Solar Power Plants with ease compared to other States in the country. Although we do not produce a single unit of Electricity on our own Goa has the least Tariff in the country & ROI for Solar plant installations take more time for breakeven. It is cos of this factor itself State Government has incentivised the State Solar Policy by offering substantial subsidies.

*Welcome to the Rotary Fold*



Mr. Neeraj Goyal  
Classification : Businessman



Mr. Sumit Singla  
Classification : Businessman



Mr. Vibhav Kharangate  
Classification : Financial Analyst



Mr. Parashar Khot  
Classification : Aggregate Transport



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**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

Talk on "Health is Happiness" by Dr. Mukul Raiturcar & Dr. Sameer walaulikar.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Seed Bombing demonstration & training at Bloomz International school, Nuvem

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Tree Plantation Drive at Fire Station, Aquem followed by Loyola School, Shirvodem.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

Talk on " Organ Donation" on World Organ Day by Dr. Amol Mahatdar & Dr. Shekhar Salkar.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Flag Hoisting Ceremony at our adopted School Govt. Primary School Moti Dongor.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

ENT Camp at Rotary Hall by Dr. Poonam Kamat from 10 am a 1:30pm.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Release of club Bulletin "Your's in Rotary" followed by talk on " Live Life Pain Free" by Dr. Abinav Pai.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Board of Director's Meeting hosted by Rtn Mangirish Kakodkar, Rtn Dilip Nayak & Rtn Sushant Kakode.

*Public Media*



*Best Wishes*

For the mountaineering expeditions of Rtn. Chirag Naik & Rtn. Naval Naik to Mt. Elbrus (the highest mountain in Europe/Russia) and Annet Rahul Prabhudesai to Mt. Kang Yatse 1 & 2 (Twin Technical Peaks Karakoram)



A new Rotary Year and a new Dynamic board has taken over. President Dilip is all set with his plans for the coming months. It Seems Just yesterday new Rotary Year commenced we are already in the second month. Sometimes it feels that world is going too fast and at other times the pace slows down to a tread. If you look minutely the world seems to travel faster for a person who is active and slowly at leisure. Each Rotarian must decide how far he can help the president run the club. There are many avenues for rendering service and each Rotarian can chose his own to make a difference. Our first issue showcases glimpses of the projects executed in the month of July. After a gap of two years our dynamic President has decided to come out with monthly Issues of our bulletin Yours in Rotary, to make the content interesting I urge each one of you to contribute to our bulletin with interesting writeups and also support by giving Advertisement.



**Rtn. Mangirish Kakodkar**  
Bulletin Editor

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 01 - Jul Annet Richa (d/o Rtn. Sailesh Sanvordekar)
- 03 - Jul Rtn. Vikram Verlekar
- 06 - July Rtn. Pritam Verlekar
- 07 - July Ann. Sapna (w/o Rtn. Sandeep Raikar)
- 08 - July Rtn. Abhishek Lohia
- 14 - July Rtn. Sanjeel Kudchadkar
- 16 - July Annet Om (s/o. Rtn. Mangirish Kakodkar)
- 19 - July Annet Tanvi (d/o Rtn. Nitish Naik)

- 25 - July Rtn. Nitish Naik  
Annet Rhea (d/o Rtn. Raghuvir Lotlikar)
- 26 - July Rtn. Dr. Vinay Sawardekar
- 29 - July Ann. Payal (w/o Rtn. Yogesh Naik)

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 10 - July Rtn. Ravindra & Ann. Asha Patni
- 14 - July Rtn. Nikhil & Ann. Anagha Kakodkar
- 14 - July Rtn. Prasad & Ann. P

## Club Info

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