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Dear Co voyagers

Every great dream begins with a dreamer with strength, patience and passion to reach the stars to change the world. I am a great dreamer and it's my dream to take my rotary club to new heights. Thinking outside the box and embracing every opportunity, wherever they might be is my passion. With seven areas of focus Rotary has given me this platform to reach the unreached. October was a community development month. Month began with Literacy classes for the underprivileged at our adopted school. With 30 ladies registering for the course our motive was achieved. A clean India mission programme, a central Government initiative was kicked off with good participation from members. Almost a ton of garbage was collected from Margao suburbs. Our continuous project with GAWT saw 4 camps at different locations. A free medical camp was set up Village Panchayat Hall Loliem where in team of Renown Doctors participated and treated the unreached village folks. When we work to improve the lives of people in underserved communities through projects like this, we help build nation.



One of the iconic projects this month was distribution of food packets containing essential commodities to the needy people of Netravali and Loliem Village. This project was done in association with Finolex Industries limited and well supported by Mukul Madhav foundation. This project will continue in future and RCM is proud to be associated with the sponsors. I would like to express my gratitude to Rtn Niresh Naik for associating us with the CSR activity of Finolex Industries..

November is a Foundation month and one of the most important months of the rotary year. The Rotary Foundation is life line of Rotary International .The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's charity whose money transforms lives with service projects which eradicate polio and promote peace. It is through our generous contributions to foundations many of our projects are realized. According to United Nations 9% of world population that's 700 million people live on less than \$ 1.9 a day. I humbly appeal to all my fellow Rotarians to contribute to foundation through various programmes of rotary. We have various projects coming up in November one of it is a fund raiser musical programme. Funds raised will all go for humanitarian projects.

Friends' year so far was much above my expectation. I express my sincere gratitude to all my co voyagers for all the support. Wishing you all a grand Diwali.

**Rtn. Mangirish S.S. Kakodkar**  
**President 2021-22**

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**2nd Oct** प्रौढ साक्षरता वर्ग free literacy classes were started on the Occasion of Gandhi Jayanti for under privileged adults at Government Primary School, Moti Dongor Slums. Classes are being conducted three days a week Monday, Wednesday & Saturday from 3:30 to 5:30. Literacy is one of the seven focus areas of Rotary India. Around 30 Ladies have been enrolled and we are expecting more. Rtn. Deep Karapurkar is the coordinator for the project.



**13th Oct** Clean India Programme a Central Government Initiative, Rotary Club of Margao NGO Partner for Salcete Taluka. Road side Plastic, Aluminium, Tin & Glass Bottles were collected. Drive started from Ambaji, St. Annes School Rd, Old college Vidhyanagar, Ravindra Kelekar Dnyanmandir Area, Powerhouse, Pandava chapel, Babu Naik house, Borda, & Ended at Holy Spirits Church. The initiative was supported by Rtn. Deep Karapurkar who provided 5 workers & Pickup with driver, also snacks, lunch, gloves masks and t-shirts were provided to participants, it was a 2-day event and on first day 22 bags were collected approximate 275 kgs.



**14th Oct** Day 2 of the clean India Program started from the Comba area than headed towards the old market area. We also covered Pajifond & Fab India to Agali Road. Altogether 41 bags were collected approx. 550 kg of Roadside Waste.



**15th Oct** Rotary Club of Margao have collaborated with GAWT Animal Welfare Shelter to conduct minimum 4 camps per month at different locations across south Goa.



**22nd Oct** The second vaccination & Check-up Camp was held at Chinchinim. Around 46 were benefited.



**26th Oct** Rotary club of Margao in association with Mukul Madhav Foundation, the CSR arm Finolex Industries Ltd. Under the Give with dignity drive distributed 500 Grocery kits each worth Rs.1120 to needy Underprivileged people below poverty line in the hinterland of South Goa, Municipal Sanitation Workers, Daily Wages Female Construction Helpers, Single Parent Mother, Below Poverty line Daily wage workers. Few Kits were also delivered at doorsteps of beneficiaries who could not visit the Venue on account of their disability. Shri. Mahesh Desai of Finolex Industries was present.



**31st Oct** a Multi speciality health Check-up camp at Village Panchayat Hall Loilem South Goa. A team consisting of Dermatologist, Gynaecologist, General Physicians, Pharmacist, etc were available for consultation. Sarpanch Sachin Naik, Panch Bhushan Prabhugaonkar & Ajit Loliencar were present. MLA Isidore Fernandes visited the Camp. Rtn. Dr. Vinay Sawardekar was the Project Co-ordinator.



**5th Oct** Rotary Quiz was conducted by our A.G Rtn. Ashesh Keni. Rotaractor's and Rotarians Participated in the event. The event was followed by the birthday celebration of our club secretary Rtn. Anurag Lohia.



**12th Oct** A Very informative & interactive talk on Fitness for Happy Living was given By Shri V.M. Prabhu Desai Executive Director Sports Authority of Goa. The meeting was attended by members of Rotaract club & Probus club as well. We also released the 4th issue of club Bulletin " Yours in Rotary " our bulletin editor who is in U.S. attended the release function virtually. Also, the jersey for the clean India mission was launched.



**19th Oct** At the 18th weekly meeting, A talk on E- Waste was delivered by Shri Soham Prabhu. Rotarians, Rotractors attended the talk. We are planning to hold a e waste collection camp every Month.



**26th Oct** A talk was held by Shri Edward Anthony Terry Goa state president for National Human Rights & Crime Control Bureau at the 19th weekly meeting. Rotarians, Rotractors attended the talk in good numbers. We also had a visiting Rotarian Vasu Ramanujam Past President of the Rotary Club of Pune Lokmanyagar, currently District Chairman of the Avenue of Social Media Literacy within the District Public Image team, accompanied by his wife Ann. Lalita Vasu.



**29th Oct** 4th Monthly BOD was held at Orzo Navelim, hosted by Rtn. Roopesh Mane.



Rohan Agarwal, this 19-year-old from Maharashtra is travelling by walk and lift in the last 420 days travelled 15 states of India by the way of gurukulam and tell people humanity still exist and raise environmental concerns towards plastic.

However, the most inspiring part of Rohan's travel is that he has managed to continue his studies as well. He stops wherever he gets network and listen to the lectures. He is currently pursuing second year Bcom. When asked how long he plans to keep travelling, he says, "Tourists can plan. I cannot plan how long I'll be travelling. It depends on how long people host me and help me. He will soon be joining the Rotaract club of his native town.



President Rotary club of Margao Rtn. Mangirish Kakodkar With Rohan Agarwal, R.C. Margao Midtown Members Rtn. Nilesh Loilekar & Rtn Deepak Naik Desai.

## Association of Friends of Astronomy (Goa)

In December 1982, four friends from Panjim, with keen interest in astronomy decided to provide a platform for those wanting to further their knowledge in astronomy in Goa, as none existed then. Thus, was born The Association of Friends of Astronomy (Goa), as the four friends Mr. Percival Noronha, Mr. P C Sancoalcar, Mr. Damodar R Kirtani, and Dr. Bicaji Ghanekar named it! Their perseverance and continuous follow up with a co-operative Government of Goa, resulted in setting up of the now famous landmark at Junta House, Panaji of The PUBLIC ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY (Under Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Govt. of Goa), set up on 28th February 1990, with free access to the general public and manned by amateur students and enthusiasts. Since then, AFA (Goa) and the Observatory, under the able leadership of Late Mr Percival Noronha, blossomed and served as a watering hole for all seekers of knowledge of astronomy as well as launched the career paths of many students, motivating them to pursue careers in advanced science and astronomy related fields in India and abroad. The AFA (Goa) is now ably led by Mr. Satish Nayak and his team of advisors.

As AFA (Goa) continued to grow, it expanded for the first time with the setting up of Margao Chapter under the leadership of Mr Atul P. Naik, Dr. Reshma Raut Desai PhD, Prof Rajashri Thakur and others. It was inaugurated in 2003 on the terrace of the Power House at Aquem. The Margao Centre currently functions at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao and is managed by amateur enthusiasts like CA Bhushan Verlekar, Gaurav Dhumatkar and others. The Observatory is open to the general public in the evenings on weekends from 14th November to 31st May.

Subsequently additional Centres and Rural Astronomy Centres were established and currently operate at Mapusa, Vasco, Porvorim, Canacona, Sakhali, Morjim and Borim.

AFA (Goa) also has its own Library dedicated to Astronomy and Science and publishes a monthly newsletter called *Via Lactea*, now in online format. Yours truly, had the privilege of being its Editor for a few years.

What started as an idea with four friends, has now grown into a vibrant institution, nurturing the dreams of thousands of Goan knowledge seekers to reach for the stars and beyond.

--- Rtn. Atul P. Naik

Dear Rotarians,  
Seasons greetings and Happy Diwali to you and your family. I feel extremely happy and content to present 5th issue of Yours in Rotary. As expressed by our president Dreamers are those who make their dreams realise. It has been a dream year for Rotary Club of Margao so far and looking at the zeal I am confident releasing every issue will be a pleasure. Although I am out of country, vibes of performance of our club can be seen from the reports. Hats off to the president and team.

November is a foundation month and I am sure club members will definitely contribute to the foundation which is the back bone of Rotary. Looking forward for another eventful month.



**Rtn. Sushant Pai Kakode**  
Bulletin Editor

## Celebrations

02 Nov – Annet Pooja (d/o Rtn. Atul Naik)  
04 Nov – Annet Aneesh (s/o Rtn. Ashesh Keni)  
05 Nov – Annet Diya (d/o Rtn. Sanjeel Kudchadkar)  
08 Nov – Annet Varun (s/o Rtn. Vineeta Adpaikar)  
07 Nov – Ann. Sayee (w/o Rtn. Rahul Naik)  
12 Nov – Annet Sanghavi (d/o Rtn. Sandeep Raikar)  
15 Nov – Ann. Linda (w/o Rtn. Sanjeel Kudchadkar)  
17 Nov – Rtn. Datta Poy Raiturkar  
18 Nov – Annet Rajaram (s/o Rtn. Raju Paiginkar)  
20 Nov – Rtn. Dilip Prabhudesai  
22 Nov – Annet Dattaraj (s/o Rtn. Rajiv Naik)  
23 Nov – Ann. Meetali (w/o Rtn. Pritam Verlekar)

## Birthdays

24 Nov – Rtn. Tiburcio Quadros  
24 Nov – Annet Atasia (d/o Rtn. Arthur D'Silva)  
24 Nov – Ann. Harpreet (w/o Rtn. Kamaljeet Saini)  
24 Nov – Annet Swati (d/o Rtn. Abhishek Lohia)  
27 Nov – Annet Prathit (s/o Rtn. Atul Naik)  
27 Nov – Ann. Rookma (w/o Rtn. Datta Raiturkar)

## Wedding Anniversary

17 Nov – Rtn. Sanjeel & Ann. Linda Kudchadkar  
19 Nov – Rtn. Kamaljeet & Ann. Harpreet Saini  
23 Nov – Rtn. Ashesh & Ann. Vaishali Keni  
24 Nov – Rtn. Vasant & Ann. Anjali Kakodkar  
25 Nov – Rtn. Vikram & Ann. Sweta Verlekar

## Programmes & Projects for November

Saturday 2nd Nov - Closed Meeting  
Tuesday 9th Nov - Club Assembly  
Tuesday 16th Nov - Speaker  
Tuesday 23rd Nov - Regular meeting - Trade fair preparations  
Friday 26th Nov - 5th BOD  
Tuesday 30th Nov - Closed Meeting

## Club Info

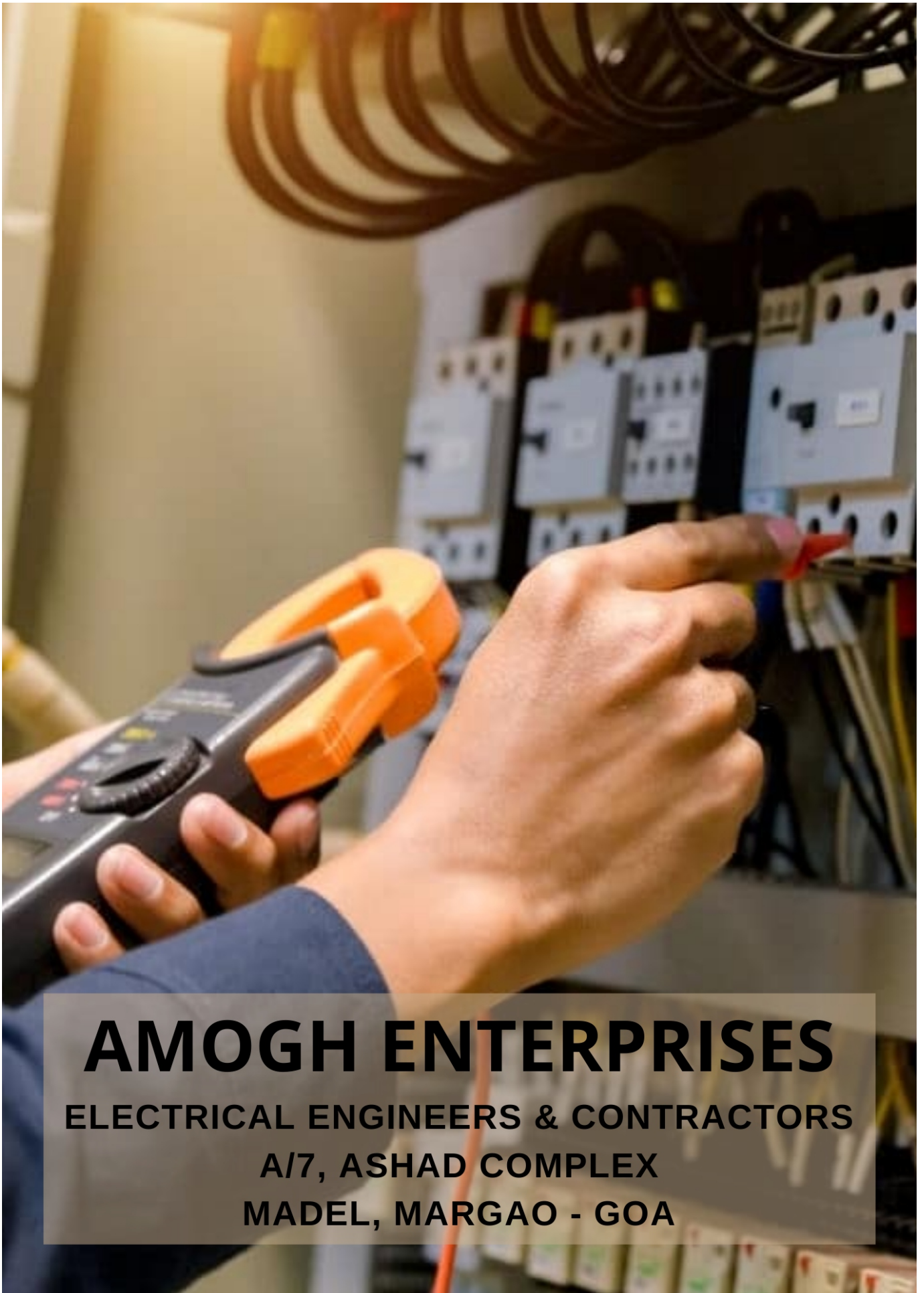
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