

**Rotary**  
District 3170



**THE MAGIC  
OF ROTARY**

A large, circular photograph of a group of diverse children smiling joyfully. The children are of various ethnicities and are looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, slightly cloudy sky.

# SHARAD SEASONS

**HARVESTING HOPE AND  
SERVICE TOGETHER**

*(GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER)*

*August 2024*

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## EDITOR'S CORNER

*"Life is not about breaking down but bouncing back and rising stronger after every fall."*

There is no better embodiment of this spirit than our District Governor, Sharad Pai. Despite the unexpected challenge of a cardiac event while diligently fulfilling his Rotary duties, he demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity. We owe heartfelt gratitude to our compassionate comrades who contributed in various impactful ways to overcome the crisis.

During this episode Rtn. Vinay Pai Raykar gave prophylactic medications, Rtn. Narasimha Joshi initiated the travel support, Rtn. Ajay Menon was equipped at the airport and Rtn. Gourish Dhond with the aid of Rtn. Rajesh Salgaonkar and Rtn. Raaj Khalap finally targeted the most required treatment.

After the necessary rest, I do not doubt that DG Sharad will return to his Rotary mission with renewed vigour and determination. As the saying goes, **'What doesn't kill you makes you stronger,'** and the outpouring of love and concern from Rotary members across the length and breadth of District 3170, is a testament to Sharad's special place in our hearts. Let us take inspiration from his resilience, reignite our collective spirit, and continue our journey of service with even greater passion and purpose. Together, let's resume, revive, and reinforce our efforts, creating magic in the name of service.



Yours in Rotary  
Rtn. Dr. Kamalakar Achrekar

## CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP GROWTH: RECOGNIZING REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

In August, we enthusiastically celebrated the membership growth across Rotary District 3170. Clubs were recognized for outstanding achievements and honored with District Membership Awards in various ranks, reflecting their dedication and success.

Platinum Award: Clubs adding over 10 new members.

Golden Award: Clubs adding 8 to 10 new members.

Silver Award: Clubs adding 5 to 7 new members.

Bronze Award: Clubs adding 2 to 4 new members.

Following a thorough audit, we are thrilled to announce the results.

Platinum Award. (14 clubs)

Golden Award (3 clubs)

Silver Award. (18 clubs)

Bronze Award (30 clubs)

This outstanding achievement highlights the dedication and commitment of our clubs to growing the Rotary family. Congratulations to all the awardees for setting an inspiring benchmark in membership development and for your continued efforts to strengthen Rotary.



# DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

## AUGUST 2024-25

We are thrilled to announce the winners of the District Membership Awards for August 2024-25. These awards recognize the outstanding efforts and dedication of our clubs in expanding and strengthening our membership base. Congratulations to all the winners for their exceptional commitment!

### GOLD CLUB AWARD

RC Hubli Mid-Town  
RC Margao Midtown  
RC Ratnagiri

### SILVER CLUB AWARD

RC Athani	RC Karwar Seaside
RC Banda	RC Kolhapur Heritage
RC Belur-Dharwad	RC Kolhapur Royals
RC Bijapur North	RC Mapuca
RC Dharwad Heritage	RC Margao
RC Dharwad Mid Town	RC Seven Hills Dharwad
RC Dharwad Prime	RC Sindhudurg Central
RC Ichalkaranji	RC Vaibhavwadi
RC Jaysingpur Trade City	RC Vengurla Midtown

### PLATINUM CLUB AWARD

RC Bailhongal	RC Kolhapur City
RC Chikodi	RC Kolhapur Evolve
RC Gadhinglaj Midtown	RC Kolhapur Mid-Town
RC Hubli	RC Kolhapur Spectrum
RC Hubli Central	RC Kumta
RC Kolhapur	RC Sangli
RC Kolhapur Central	RC Smart City Kolhapur

### BRONZE CLUB AWARD

RC Ankola	RC Hupari
RC Atigre	RC Ichalkaranji Textile City
RC Belgaum Darpan	RC Khed
RC Belgaum Elite	RC Kudal
RC Belgaum North	RC Malvan
RC Belgaum South	RC Mapuca City
RC Chiplun	RC Mapusa Elegance
RC Dharwad	RC Navanagar-Hubli
RC E-Club of District 3170 Belgaum	RC Nipani
RC Gadag-Betgeri	RC Ramteerth
RC Haveri	RC Sangli Midtown
RC Hubli Elite	RC Savantwadi
RC Hubli Vidyanagar	RC Shirol
RC Hubli West	RC Vasco Port Town
RC Hubli-East	RC Vita City

These awards highlight the incredible achievements of our clubs in membership growth and engagement.



## GOVERNOR'S GRATITUDE

Dear Irresistible Magicians,

There is a profound magic in togetherness, and my experience in Rotary has demonstrated this truth most remarkably. As part of my ongoing mission to expand the avenues and bolster support for the Rotary Foundation, I had the privilege of accompanying PDG Vinay Pai Raykar and Rtn. Narasimha Joshi on their meaningful pilgrimage. We landed at Varanasi airport, where I proceeded alone to Mirzapur, while my companions stayed back in Varanasi.

Little did I know that my health would take a turn. Despite feeling unwell, I managed to reunite with Vinay and Narasimha at Varanasi airport, and we made our way to Goa, where I sought urgent medical help. It was here that the true spirit of Rotary shone. Rtn. Ajay Menon promptly picked me up and ensured I was admitted to Goa Medical College with first aid. In the blink of an eye, a wave of support came rushing in. When I faced a health challenge, friends like Gourish Dhond, with his extraordinary connections that ensured I received 5-star treatment, Lenny D'Costa, whose counseling was invaluable, my ever-supportive brother Rajesh Salgaonkar, and my dedicated president Raaj Khalap, along with many others, immediately swung into action. Their swift response and unwavering dedication ensured that I received the best treatment possible.

This experience touched me deeply. The unyielding support, love, and camaraderie of my fellow Rotarians not only brought me back to health but also reignited my passion for Rotary. It is moments like these that remind me of the immense power of our shared purpose.

My family displayed remarkable courage, allowing me to fulfill my Rotary responsibilities. Avinash, Seema, Bakul, Sonal, and Suhas stood by me every step of the way, offering constant support. Omkar, my right-hand man, was like my shadow, always there, ensuring I had everything I needed.

As I reflect on this journey, I am reminded of Robert Frost's timeless words: "The woods are lovely, dark, and deep, but I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep." The road ahead is long, and with the strength of our Rotary family, I am more determined than ever to continue walking it.



With gratitude  
**Rtn. Sharad Pai**  
District Governor

## KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM TRF REVIEW MEETING IN DELHI

Rotary District 3170 recently had the honor of participating in a significant TRF (The Rotary Foundation) Review Meeting in Delhi, an event that showcased the strength and unity of Rotary's global network. The gathering was graced by distinguished leaders from the Rotary family, offering valuable insights and inspiration.

**District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai with Past RI President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta**

During the event, District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai had a meaningful and motivating exchange with Past Rotary International President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta. Their conversation further fueled our district's dedication to Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," leaving us inspired and eager to continue our mission of impactful service.

**District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai with Past RI President Rtn. K.R. Ravindran**

In another pivotal moment, Rtn. Sharad Pai had the opportunity to meet with Past RI President Rtn. K.R. Ravindran. The dialogue centered on the importance of leadership in advancing Rotary's mission, emphasizing that every member plays a crucial role in this journey of service and excellence. **District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai with Flight. LT Rtn. KP Nagesh**

A highlight of the meeting was the insightful discussion between **Rtn. Sharad Pai and FLT. LT Rtn. KP Nagesh**. Their shared vision for the future presents promising avenues for growth, development, and new opportunities within our Rotary community.

The TRF Review Meeting underscored the collaborative spirit that defines Rotary. Energized by these meaningful conversations, we look forward to turning these insights into tangible actions, further advancing the mission of Rotary District 3170.





# AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS DG. Rtn. Sharad Pai's JOURNEY ACROSS 3170

August was a month of remarkable progress as District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai embarked on a dynamic journey across Rotary District 3170, visiting clubs, engaging with leaders, and sparking meaningful discussions about Rotary's future. His travels exemplified his unwavering dedication to fostering connections among Rotarians and driving impactful service throughout the district. Each visit reinforced the power of Rotary's mission and the incredible impact we create together. Here's a glimpse of his travels this month:

**5th August** – North Karnataka hosted vibrant Zonal Meetings, setting the stage for engaging discussions on innovation and service initiatives.

**6th-7th August** – Goa extended its warm hospitality as DG Sharad Pai explored new horizons in service during insightful Zonal Meetings.

**12th-13th August** – In Kolhapur Urban, his official visit strengthened partnerships with local Rotarians who continue to inspire with their dedication to service.

**18th August** – The Zonal Meet in Bagalkot/Bijapur was marked by a strong spirit of service and collaboration, bringing together key leaders from the region.

**21st August** – A memorable official visit to Chikodi and Belgaum Rural Zone, where grassroots service initiatives were highlighted and celebrated.

**22nd August** – Rotarians from the Gadag/ Gajendragad Zone welcomed him enthusiastically, proudly showcasing their impactful projects during his official visit.

**29th August** – The month concluded with a visit to the Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera, where DG Sharad Pai witnessed inspiring progress toward community upliftment.

August was an energetic, productive, and inspiring month for DG Rtn. Sharad Pai while he continued his mission of uniting Rotary District 3170 under the banner of "Benchmarking Excellence, Cherishing Memories." His hands-on leadership and passion for nurturing the spirit of Rotary shone through every visit, leaving a lasting impact across the district.









## DIST SPOTLIGHT DISTRICT INTERACT LEADERSHIP FORUM

On Sunday, August 25th, 2024, the Rotary Club of Seven Hills Dharwad hosted the highly anticipated District Interact Leadership Forum, a landmark event that brought together Interactors and Rotarians from across District 3170. The forum, themed "Empowering the Next Generation of Leaders," was a vibrant celebration of leadership, collaboration, and service, designed to inspire and equip the youth for future challenges.

The day was filled with inspiring talks by experienced Rotary leaders, interactive workshops, and dynamic activities aimed at sharpening leadership skills and instilling a passion for community service. The forum provided a unique platform for young leaders to network, exchange innovative ideas, and explore how they can make a tangible difference in their communities through Rotary's guiding principles of service, fellowship, and integrity.

District Governor Sharad Pai praised the Rotary Club of Seven Hills Dharwad for organizing such an enriching event, emphasizing the critical role of nurturing young talent to secure a sustainable and prosperous future. He highlighted the importance of Interact Clubs in shaping the leaders of tomorrow, and commended the enthusiasm of the participants, noting that they embody Rotary's vision for a better world.

The District Interact Leadership Forum not only empowered the youth but also underscored the vital role of Interact Clubs in fostering leadership and social responsibility. The energy, passion, and camaraderie witnessed during the event promise to fuel more initiatives across District 3170, ensuring that this generation of young leaders continues to inspire and create lasting positive change.





## DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

The District Membership Seminar, held on Saturday, August 24, 2024, in Hubli, was a resounding success, hosted by the Rotary Club of Hubli Central with the enthusiastic support of Hubli Pariwar. This impactful event brought together Rotarians from across District 3170, all united in their commitment to enhancing membership engagement and growth within Rotary.

The seminar featured insightful presentations and interactive discussions, offering fresh, innovative strategies to retain and attract new members. Expert speakers shared real-world success stories and best practices, leaving attendees inspired and equipped with practical, actionable plans for their clubs. The event placed special emphasis on the importance of embracing diversity and creating a welcoming, inclusive environment to ensure that Rotary's mission resonates with an even broader audience.

The energy and enthusiasm were palpable throughout the day, as Rotarians exchanged ideas, built new connections, and renewed their passion for Rotary's vision. The seminar was a highlight of the Rotary year, setting the stage for continued growth and excellence in membership across the district.

This event marks another proud milestone in our ongoing efforts to strengthen Rotary's presence in the region. Together, we are fulfilling our commitment to "Benchmarking Excellence" and ensuring that Rotary continues to thrive, inspire, and serve. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to making this seminar a truly memorable and impactful experience.



# CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN ROTARY JULY EDITION

In July, Rotary District 3170 witnessed remarkable leadership, dedication, and service across all its clubs. We are proud to recognize the outstanding contributions and achievements of our best-performing clubs and exceptional leaders.



**Rtn. Dr. Suman Hegde (President)**



**Rtn. Saraswathi N. Ravi (Secretary)**

Best Performing Clubs

**Large Club: Rotary Club of Sirsi**

Congratulations on leading with vision & purpose!

Your exemplary efforts set a high standard for service and collaboration.



**Rtn. Tanvi Sawant (President)**



**Rtn. Maithili Nadkarni (Secretary)**

Best Performing Clubs

**Medium Club: Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera**

Kudos to your entire team for this remarkable achievement!

Your dedication shines through in every project and initiative.



**Rtn. Raaj Khalap (President)**



**Rtn. Paresh Rivankar (Secretary)**

Best Performing Clubs

**Small Club: Rotary Club of Mapusa Elegance**

A heartfelt congratulations to you for this well deserved recognition!

Your innovative spirit continues to inspire all.





**Rtn. Gouri M. Madalabhavi**

President of the Month

**Rtn. Gouri Madalbhavi, Rotary Club of Seven Hills Dharwar**

Thank you for your incredible contributions,  
& congratulations on being recognized as President of the



**Rtn. Prasanna Deshingkar**  
**Zonal coordinator**

As Zonal Coordinator, your meticulous coordination  
and drive have ensured seamless operations &  
effective collaboration across all zones.



**Rtn. Gauri Shirgaonkar**  
**Assistant Governor**

Your unwavering commitment to Rotary's  
ideals and compassionate leadership  
have been instrumental in driving progress.  
Thank you for your service.



**Rtn. Mahesh Bellad**  
**Assistant Governor**

Your hands-on approach and enthusiasm  
continue to make a significant impact across  
the district. Well done!



**Rtn. Sanjay Kulkarni**

District Stewardship Subcommittee Chair  
District Secretary of the Month

Your dedication to ensuring smooth district operations and your steadfast  
support have been invaluable. Thank you for your unwavering commitment.  
Your efforts to take District Compliance on Grants to near 100% is truly remarkable.

With such a committed and dynamic team, Rotary District 3170 continues to reach new heights, making a  
lasting impact on communities and creating cherished memories.  
We are grateful for each member's contribution, and we look forward to continuing our journey of service  
and excellence together!

# PERSPECTIVE ON PHILANTHROPY



**Club :** Rotary Club of Mhapsa Elite  
**Project :** Successfully completed a GREEN project at the paddy field in Dhargal, Pernem - Goa



**Club :** Rotary Club of Porvorim  
**Project :** Rotary Rain Run, Mega Fundraiser for Women Health & Education.



**Club :** Rotary Club of Honavar  
**Project :** Distribution of Sewing machine to poor women to enable to earn a living. Adoption of four Girl children donated, school materials, umbrella and school uniforms



## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



We conducted a Maternal and Child Health Program at General Hospital Dandeli. We distributed 20 baby hygiene kits to mothers.

**Club :** Rotary Club of Dandeli  
**Project :** Maternal and Child Health



**Club :** Rotary Club of Kolhapur Midtown  
**Project :** Kargil Vijay Din Celebration



**Club :** Rotary Club of Seven Hills Dharwad  
**Project :** Donation of 2000 fruit bearing saplings to school children





# PERSPECTIVE ON PHILANTHROPY



Club : Rotary Club of Seven Hills Dharwad  
Project : Donation of flasks, to new mothers on the occasion of breastfeeding week



Club : Rotary club Trade city Jaysingpur. Project : Inauguration of Rotary public school Handwash station at kanya vidya mandir sainik Takli.



Club : Rotary Club of Ichalkaranji - UNITO  
Project : Donated 100 raincoat kits to needy girls



Club : The Rotary Club of Ratnagiri  
Project : Held a successful Mega blood donation camp, in collaboration with civil hospital and collected 185 blood units



Help the needy in Old Age Homes to fight incontinence & LIVE A HEALTHIER, CLEANER LIFE

Donate in Multiples of ₹600/- which is the cost of an Adult Diaper Packet. Rotary Club of Mapusa Elegance will match your Donation 100% so that the net effect will be double.

Club : The Rotary Club of Heritage Kolhapur  
Project : Donation of donated a Hearing Aid.



Club : The Rotary Club of Mapusa Elegance  
Project : Age With Comfort - Adult Diaper Distribution Project





# PERSPECTIVE ON PHILANTHROPY



Club : The Rotary Club of Heritage Kolhapur  
Project : Donation of donated a Hearing Aid. Donated 19 spectacles to the children of Prince Shivaji School Jadhavvadi Kolhapur



Club : Rotary Club of Sangli Midtown  
Project : Mammography van (free breast cancer) check up camp  
Distribution of Grocery kits to flood victims at Kurundwad



Club : The Rotary Club of Belgaum  
Project : UTKARSH This program offers a series of 6 lectures for school students in the age group of 12-14 with the aim of developing their personality



Club : Rotary Club Of Ponda. Project : Eye check camp for Rikshwa drivers & motorcycle pilots. A laptop was donated to a needy & hearing impaired girl student of S.Y.B.A.

Club : Rotary Club Of Ratnagiri. Project : Beach Cleaning Drive at Mandavi Beach, Ratnagiri, Maharashtra!



Club : Rotary Club Of Kolhapur. Project : Rc Kolhapur donated the 10 sets of School books to the students of 9th and 10th Standard. These books will be kept in the library of the school.



# PERSPECTIVE ON PHILANTHROPY



Club : Rotary Club of Karwar Seaside  
Project : Distributing Rosemary plants to its members.



Club : Rotary club of Margao Midtown  
Project : Breast feeding week  
1st August to 8th August 2024

Club : Rotary Club of Karwar Seaside  
Project : Raincoat Distribution to 44 needy students



Club : Rotary club Gadag betgeri and Rotary club Gadag betgeri welfare society. Project : Arranged I O L Cataract operation camp, in rotary eye care center Gadag. 13 patients operated.



Club : Rotary Club of Ichalkaranji Executive  
Project : School Uniform Distribution to Neddy Students

Club : Rotary Club Chiplun. Project : Organised a "END POLIO" marathon to commemorate India's Independence Day, and an incredible 450 people showed up for the event.



Club : Rotary Club of Mhapsa Elite. Project : Donating a water Purifier to the Sneha Seva Senior Citizen Home, Pernem, Goa



## GIFT A LIFE: SUPPORT DIALYSIS FOR ALL



YOUR GENEROSITY CAN HELP SAVE LIVES. JOIN US IN RAISING FUNDS TO SET UP DIALYSIS CENTERS ACROSS DISTRICT 3170 AND BRING HOPE TO THOSE IN NEED.



Rtn. Sharad Pai  
District Governor | RID 3170

*We're at the top*

Rotary  
District 3170



**3170 IS #1 IN THE WORLD IN MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

adding an impressive  
**437 new members**  
in just 2 months brings our  
**Total to 6,673 Members**  
as of 31st August 2024

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IN  
THE  
WORLD

We proudly surpass  
Dist 3141: 6,290  
Dist 3201: 6,596

Yours in Rotary

Rtn. Vasuki Sanji  
District Secretary - Membership

PDG Rtn. Raju Bhai Doshi  
District Membership Chair

Rotary  
District 3170

## Invitation to the 66th RI District 3170 Conference



### Dear Rotarians

The countdown for the extraordinary event "Nakshatra" has begun!  
Don't miss out, secure your spot by enrolling in one of the categories today."

- 1. Single Registration - ₹10,030/- (GST Inclusive)**
- 2. Couple Registration - ₹15,930/- (GST Inclusive)**
- 3. Single Patron Registration - ₹31,860/- (GST Inclusive)**
- 4. Couple Patron Registration - ₹37,760/- (GST Inclusive)**

"Get ready to be amazed! Your registration fees will be more than justified with a mind-boggling souvenir that will leave you completely content."

Rtn. Ajay G. Menon  
Chairman, Registration

Rtn. Sharad Pai  
District Governor

Rtn. Dr. Kamalakar Achrekar  
Chairman, Administration