









MESSAGE FROM

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PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL 2024-25

Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact. I would go so far as to say that belonging is The Magic of Rotary itself. With a focus on inclusivity and belonging. it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective. Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club.

Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs, strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges. That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next peace center at Bahçeşehir University in Istanbul. Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peacebuilding. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there. The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts – but only if we have your support. The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing The Magic of Rotary.

Dear Fellow Rotarians

At the outset let me congratulate you and all the Leaders in the Clubs for taking over the leadership mantle for the year 2024/2025, The Magic of Rotary.

Our organisation has a strong set of values - integrity, ethics, diversity, equity and inclusion and total financial transparency. Let us connect the Donor to the Beneficiary. This is essential to build Trust. Let us not make a business out of Rotary but make Rotary and Service our

Let the Leadership be built on these values to ensure that you make a difference and set an example for the years ahead, for the Society will judge our organisation by our actions. The Team and you need to ensure that there is fairness in your actions as leaders. Arrogance has no place in Rotary Leadership at any level. Be a Team player as Together we can always achive more.

Be Dreamers - Think Large and not small. There is nothing impossible for a committed Rotary Leader to achieve. Communication is the Key to Success. The most vital aspect is being a good listener. Be a compassionate leader - leading with Committment . Zeal, Enthusiasm and Passion.

Our success lies in touching more lives and making a difference. Let's be the harbingers of change. A change from the past to a change for the future and for the better. A change that embodies the spirit and soul of our organisation, taking the clubs and the organisation a few notches higher than when we took over the mantle of leadership. Growth as anywhere else is essential and important even for our Organisation.

Let us do all that we need to, to improve our public image. Let the world be told of the good that we do to give a ray of hope for a better tomorrow to so many whose lives we touch. Let us be selfless in the service that we do. Lets eschew the I and truly serve above self. Let's work together as a Team to give Hope and build a better future together, for our clubs, districts and our organisation and for the society who we seek to serve.

Get set to embark on a journey of a life time, an opportunity not to be missed and display your leadership as we serve with humility and simplicity. God bless you all for what you do in service and fellowship.

Have a great year ahead and Enjoy with The Magic Of Rotary.



# CHAMPION OF SERVICE OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S STORY

### Spotlight on DG Sharad Pai: Transformative Leadership and Vision

In the realm of industrial excellence and community service, few names shine as brightly as that of DG 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 focused 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 a prominent member of the Rotary Club of Belgaum, the second oldest club in RID 3170, and will soon be the club's seventh Governor. His contributions to Rotary and the industrial sector have earned him numerous accolades, underscoring his leadership and innovation.

### Personal Achievements

Rtn. Sharad Pai's career is distinguished by several notable achievements:

- Vermi Composting Innovation: Developed the acclaimed "Sharad Pai's method of vermi composting," recognized by Mumbai Universities and agricultural institutions.
- Agricultural Advancements: Implemented extensive horticulture projects, earning the prestigious Krishi Pandit Award from KLE University.
- Progressive Farmer Award: Honored by the Central Silk Board for his innovative contributions to agriculture.
- Academic Excellence: Holds a doctorate from Bharti Vidyapeeth and another from a renowned Central University for his groundbreaking vermi-composting system, widely recognized as the Sharad Pai 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**

Rtn. Sharad Pai's service to Rotary is equally illustrious:

- 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: Honored 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 Schools initiative.







# CONNECTING WITH GLOBAL LEADERS

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR AT THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY

District Governor Represents Rotary International District 3170 at Global Assembly

In January 2024, District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai represented Rotary International District 3170 at the prestigious Rotary International Assembly held at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida, USA. The assembly, which took place in January 2024, gathered Rotary leaders from across the globe for a week of insightful discussions, strategic planning, and networking.

During the assembly, District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai had the distinct privilege of engaging with several prominent Rotary figures, including:

Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick, who shared her valuable perspectives on leadership and community service, emphasizing the role of effective leadership in driving Rotary's mission forward.

Rtn. R. Gordon R. McInally, whose address provided a deep dive into the current challenges and opportunities facing Rotary, inspiring innovative solutions and strategies for the future.

Rtn. Mário César, the incoming Rotary International President for the 2025-26 Rotary year. District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai had the opportunity to discuss with Rtn. Mário César his vision and plans for the future of Rotary, gaining insights that will undoubtedly influence the global direction of the organization.

The Rotary International Assembly served as a significant platform for sharing best practices, discussing Rotary's strategic priorities, and building international partnerships. The knowledge and connections gained from this event are expected to greatly benefit District 3170's initiatives and contribute to the district's ongoing efforts to make a positive impact.

District Governor Rtn. Sharad Pai's attendance at the assembly underscores the commitment of Rotary International District 3170 to staying at the forefront of Rotary's global initiatives and advancing its mission of service and community improvement.

BENCHMARKING EXCELLENCE, CHERISHING MEMORIES

# DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT AGLS

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR LEARNING SEMINAR (AGLS) RECAP

Date: 1 March 2024 Venue: Residency Club, Kolhapur Host: Rotary Club of Kolhapur Evolve









On 1 March 2024, the Rotary International District 3170 successfully held the Assistant Governor Learning Seminar (AGLS) at the prestigious Residency Club in Kolhapur. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Kolhapur Evolve, the event brought together future leaders and dedicated Rotarians for a day of learning, collaboration, and inspiration.

The seminar featured a series of insightful sessions led by esteemed speakers who shared their expertise on leadership, club management, and effective service projects. Interactive workshops provided a platform for attendees to exchange ideas, discuss challenges, and develop innovative strategies to enhance the effectiveness of their roles as Assistant Governors.

Participants were also given the opportunity to network with fellow Rotarians, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and mutual support. The event emphasized the importance of strong leadership and teamwork in achieving the goals of Rotary and making a significant impact in our communities.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Rotary Club of Kolhapur Evolve for their exceptional organization and hospitality. The success of this seminar is a testament to their dedication and commitment to the values of Rotary.

As we move forward into the Rotary year 2024-25, we are confident that our Assistant Governors are well-prepared and motivated to lead their respective clubs towards a year of growth, service, and positive change.

# DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT PELS & SELS

PRESIDENT ELECT & SECRETARY ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

Date: 2nd ,3rd MARCH 2024 Venue: Hotel Pavillion, Kolhapur Host: Rotary Club of Jaysingpur

The President Elect & Secretary Elect Training Seminar for Rotary International District 3170 was successfully held on the 2nd and 3rd of March, 2024, at the esteemed Hotel Pavillion in Kolhapur. This event was graciously hosted by the Rotary Club of Jaysingpur.

The seminar brought together incoming presidents and secretaries from across the district, providing them with invaluable training and resources to lead their clubs effectively in the upcoming Rotary year. Experienced Rotarians and subject matter experts delivered insightful sessions covering a range of essential topics for club management and leadership.

Attendees had the opportunity to engage in interactive workshops, network with fellow Rotarians, and share best practices. The event fostered a spirit of collaboration and commitment, setting a strong foundation for the 2024-25 Rotary year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club of Jaysingpur for their impeccable hosting and organization of this event. Additionally, we thank all the participants for their enthusiastic involvement and dedication to the ideals of Rotary.







# CELEBRATING TRANSITION MONTH

July marked a significant time for Rotary Clubs and Districts worldwide as we inducted new leaders who embodied the core values of Rotary: integrity, expertise, and unwavering commitment to service. Our leaders were the backbone of our extraordinary community, and their dedication set the tone for the year ahead.



Serving as a Club or District officer or committee member provided a unique opportunity to enhance leadership

skills, fostering growth through shared experiences and innovative ideas with fellow Rotarians across the region. July was also 'Bring a Friend to Rotary' Month, the perfect time to introduce friends and colleagues to the spirit of Rotary, showing them how they too could make a meaningful impact in our communities.

As we reflect on last month, we celebrate our new leaders and the fresh faces who joined us,

## RTN.KAMALAKAR ACHREKAR

Greetings, Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Welcome to the July edition of "The 3170 Chronicle." As we embark on this new Rotary year, we are excited to embrace our theme, "The Magic of Rotary." This theme encapsulates the essence of what makes our organization so special, the extraordinary impact we create through our dedication, service, and fellowship.

This year, we also proudly uphold our district's tagline: "Benchmarking Excellence, Cherishing Memories." These words reflect our commitment to setting high standards in all that we do, while also treasuring the moments and milestones that define our Rotary journey. In this edition, we celebrate the magic of ROTARY IN ACTION. From innovative projects that address pressing community needs to heartwarming stories of lives changed, every page is a testament to the power of service and the strength of our global network. We highlight how our collective efforts not only benchmark excellence but also create lasting memories that inspire and uplift.

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities of this new Rotary year, let us continue to harness the magic that lies within each of us. Let us strive to make a difference, not just through our actions but through the passion and dedication that drive those actions. Together, we can achieve remarkable things, setting new benchmarks of excellence and creating memories that will be cherished for years to come.

Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication. May this edition of "The 3170 Chronicle" inspire you to continue your journey of service with renewed vigor and enthusiasm.

Yours in Rotary, Rtn. Kamlakar Achrekar Editor. The 3170 Chronicle

## ROTARY REACH THE EXPANSIVE NETWORK OF ROTARY CLUBS





### FRAMES OF PHILANTHROPY

### **ROTARY CLUBS OF 3170 MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

### **Rotary Club of Belgaum South**

Project 1 title: CA Day and Doctors Day Celebration
Project 2 title: Farmers Day Celebration



### **Rotary Club of Sangli Midtown**

Project 2 title: Distribution of Tea and Biscuits to the Pilgrims of Ashadhi pandharpur wari.



### **Rotary Club of Ratnagiri Midtown**

Project 1 title: Seminar on Rainwater Harvesting and Solar Energy Project 2 title: Green Initiative by Rotary Club of Ratnagiri Midtown



### **Rotary Club of Seven Hills Dharwad**

Project title: "Nature is Smiling"-Tree Plantation Drive (50 saplings) in presence of PDG Rtn Gaurish Dhond



### **Rotary Club of Riviera**

Project 1 title: Funding 3 orphan children.
Project 2 title: Laptop Donation to a Blind Child





### **Rotary club of Belgaum DARPAN**

Project 1 title: CA Day and Doctors Day Celebration



### **Rotary Club of Mapusa Elegance**

Project title: Water Station at the Mapusa KTC Bus Stand



### Rotary club of Kolhapur Evolve

Project Title: Organising movie screening for 120 orphans



### **Rotary Club of Kolhapur Central**

Project title: Mega tree plantation drive



### **Rotary Club of Mhapsa Elite**

Project title: Providing Financial Aid to a Haemophiliac patient



### FRAMES OF PHILANTHROPY

### **ROTARY CLUBS OF 3170 MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

### **Rotary Club of Kolhapur Mid Town**

Project title: Celebrating Doctor's Day with Community Care



### **Rotary Club of Kolhapur Heritage**

Project title: Conducted Eye check up camp at MNS Prince Shivaji Municipal School, Jadhavadi, Kolhapur



#### **ROTARY CLUB OF PONDA**

Project title: A talk on " healthy habits in adolescent girls" by Dr.Smita Usgaocar in Government high school, Bethora



### **Rotary Club of Belgaum Elite**

Project title: Dengue Prevention Camp in Kallehol Village Belgaum



### **Rotary Club Karwar Paschim**

Project title: Hosted a beautiful event at District Hospital Karwar "Nurturing New Mothers"



### **Rotary club of Mapusa Elegance**

Project title: Free Cataract Surgery for a needy patient



### **Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera**

Project title: 2nd "VATSALYA- Nurturing New Mothers" Camp at South Goa District Hospital, Margao.



### Rotary Club of Ichalkaranji

Project title: donated 100 raincoat kits to needy girls.



#### 100 Kits of raincoat donated to needy girl

### **Rotary Club Of Kolhapur Sunrise**

Project title: Donated 3 computers to orphanage children at the \*Shree Dilipsinghraje Ghatge Balgram, Panhala,



### **Rotary Club of 7 Hills Dharwad**

Project title: conducted a free Mega Health check-up camp for women and kids



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## FRAMES OF PHILANTHROPY ROTARY CLUBS OF 3170 MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**Rotary Club Of Hubli Central** 

Project title: Dengue awareness programme



### **Rotary Club of Dandeli**

Project title: organised the Maternal and Child Health Program



### **Rotary Club Of Hubli Central**

Project title: distributed 40 sweaters to porters at Hubli Railway station



### **Rotary Club of Ratnagiri Midtown**

Project title: Seminar on Rainwater Harvesting and Solar Energy attended by over 100+ participants.



### **Rotary Club of Begaum Midtown**

Project title: Dengue Awareness program and Anti Dengue drops given to general public.



## CELEBRATING ROTARY'S GROWTH AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH!

August marks a special time for Rotary clubs worldwide as we focus on membership development and the creation of new clubs. It's a month dedicated to celebrating our vibrant community, recognizing the invaluable contributions of our members, and highlighting the impactful work Rotary does locally and globally. Join us as we honor the spirit of service and expand our reach, making a difference in communities around the world.



### **ROTARY CALENDER: AUGUST 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				World Lung Cancer Day	/ 2	Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day
Assitance Dog Day Friendship Day	5	6 Hiroshima Day	7 National Handloom Day	8	9 Nag Panchami	10 World Biofuel Day
11	12 International Youth Day	World Organ Donation Day	14	15 Independence Day in India	16	17
18	World Humanitarian Day Rakshabandhan	20	21	22	23 ISRO Day	24 Women's\ Equality Day
25	26 International Dog Day	27	28	29 National Sports Day	Small Industry Day	



### **TOP 5 REASONS TO ERADICATE POLIO**

**TO IMPROVE LIVES** 16 Million people are walking today who would otherwise been paralyzed

**TO INVEST IN THE FUTURE** if Polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it each year.

**TO IMPROVE CHILD HEALTH** Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems such as measles, so they can be addressed sooner.

**TO SAVE MONEY** A polio Free World will save the global economy \$40-\$50 Billion in healthm costs over the next 20 years.

**TO MAKE HISTORY** Polio eradication would be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with smallpox the only other human disease eliminated from the world.



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