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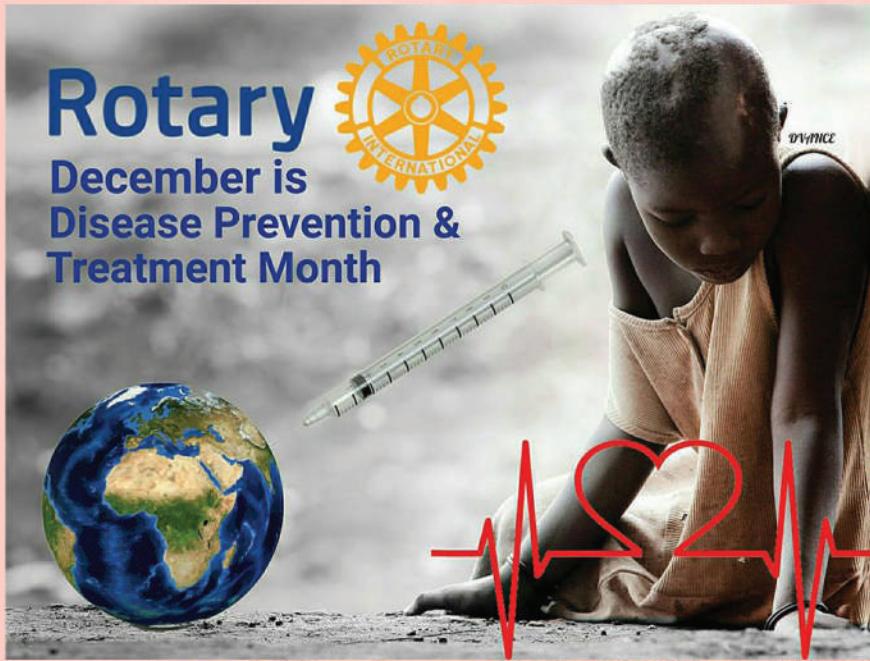


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Rotary  
Club of Margao Midtown  
Dist. 3170



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RI President 2024-25



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District Governor 2024-25



## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My dear Rotarians,

December is **Rotary International family** month with a focus on disease prevention and treatment. Globally, **Rotary** is recognized for its signature project, the eradication of polio in the world.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 our club collaborated with a Grand Exhibition cum Sale Consumer Shoppee at **B.P.S Sports Club, Margão**.

Accessibility is freedom and inclusion is respect, we celebrated **International Day of Persons with Disabilities** by honouring an individual disabled by polio from childhood.

We also donated 2 Cycles to 2 Needy & Deserving Girls.

Various talks on **POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act), POSH (Prevention of Sexual Harassment), Lifestyle Diseases & MHM (Menstrual Health Hygiene)** were held for school children.



**Rtn Dr. Maria Joao Wiseman Pinto**  
**President 2024-25**

A Christmas Party was held at **Valentina's Little Heaven** in **Colva**.

A Blood Donation Camp was organised by **Rtn Vilino Rajiv Fernandes** at **Fortune Select Candolim**.

The hallmark at our Weekly Meeting was a talk by our own 12 year old **Annet Ved Ian Rebelo son of Rtn Peter Arjun Mario & Carla Maria George Rebelo** on his experiences at **Uzbekistan**.

New member **Rtn Sajani Allwyn D'Costa** was inducted at the hands of our Charter President **Rtn Dr. Nitish Kerkar**.

Delightful Reading.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025

Yours in Rotary Service

**Rtn Dr. Maria Joao Wiseman Pinto**





# Secretary's Report

**Rtn Smita Sandip Keni**  
**Secretary 2024-25**



## Community Service

### Area of Focus: Disease Prevention & Treatment



#### Blood Donation Camp

A Blood Donation Camp was held at **Fortune Select Candolim** along with **Goa Medical College Blood Bank**. Attended by **Rtn Vilino Rajiv Fernandes**, **Rtn Melissa Gracinda Da Costa** & **Rtn Dr. Maria Joao Wiseman Pinto**



# Community Service



## Area of Focus: Community Economic Development

### Donation of Cycles to Girl Child

In an endeavour to empower girl students with the gift of mobility through bicycles, **Rotary Club of Margão Midtown** provided transportation (bicycles) for better access to education to 2 needy girl students so that they reach in time to school. **Rtn Santosh George** handed over cycles to daughter of **Prakash** and granddaughter of **Antonette**.

Gratitude to **DGN (District Governor Nominee) Rtn Dr. Lenny Da Costa** for procuring these cycles.



### International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Accessibility is freedom, inclusion is respect. Together we can create a world without barriers. **Rtn Vilino Rajiv de Carmo Fernandes & Rtn Harriet Valentina Barros e Fernandes** honoured an individual disabled by polio from childhood. His disability hasn't deterred him from gaining access by moving on a special scooter and earning his livelihood honourably.



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## Area of Focus: Community Economic Development

### Grand Exhibition Cum Sale Consumer Shoppee

Inauguration of *Grand Exhibition Cum Sale Consumer Shoppee* at B.P.S Sports Club, Margão at the hands of **Hon Dr. Pramod Sawant**, Chief Minister of Goa in the presence of **Hon Smt Vijayatai Rahatkar**, Chairperson of National Commission for Women, Govt of India. Guest of Honour included **Hon Shri Digambar Kamat**, Ex Chief Minister of Goa, **Hon Smt Ranjita Pai**, Chairperson of Goa State Commission for Women, **Hon Smt Sulakshana Sawant**, President of Padmini Foundation & **Rtn Dr. Maria Joao Wiseman Pinto**, President of Rotary Club of Margão Midtown.

This exhibition which exhibits big brands both consumer and household items gives big discounts and various offers and was supported by *Ministry of MSME, Government of India* and was in association with the *Rotary Club of Margão Midtown*.

Rotarians that attended were **Rtn Santosh George**, **Rtn Harriet Valentina Barros e Fernandes**, **Rtn Dr. Maria Joao Wiseman Pinto** & **Rtr Alistair Costabir**.

The proceeds from this exhibition associated with *Rotary Club of Margão Midtown* will go towards procuring equipment for our medical bank (Semi Fowler Beds, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Air Mattresses) which we "Give on rent without any charges".



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# New Generation Service



## Area of Focus: Others

### POCSO

#### (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act)

With the intent to effectively address the evil of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children, the **Rotary Club of Margão Midtown** had a very informative talk to the 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Std's students of **Auxillium High School, Benaulim**.

The resource person was Assistant Professor Adv. Yamini Dalvi of VVM's Govind Ramnath Kare College Of Law, Margão.



The interesting talk kept the children in rapt attention.

The program was attended by **Rtn Harriet Valentina Barros e Fernandes** & **Rtn Dr. Maria Joao Wiseman Pinto**.

### MHM (Menstrual Health Hygiene)



System in Male and Female, Changes during Puberty

Main emphasis on **MHM (Menstrual Health Hygiene)**

Talk delivered by **Dr. Suvarna Antao** to 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Std students of Auxillium High School Benaulim.

Attended by **Rtn Harriet Valentina Barros e Fernandes** & **Rtn Sharon Nisha Henriques**.



Together, we are breaking barriers and empowering the next generation through menstrual health education.



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# New Generation Service



## Area of Focus: Others

### World AIDS Day



On occasion of World AIDS Day  
**Rotary Club of Margão Midtown** has sponsored 4 children.

Total given ₹ 25,500/-  
3 kids' education sponsored for a year and a boy for spectacles.

₹ 7500 X 3 = ₹ 22,500/-  
Spectacles = ₹ 3,000/-  
Total = ₹ 25,500/-

### Late Manohar Sawkar Goa State Table Tennis Championship 2024-25

Annet Urvi Surlakar daughter of Rtn Sushant Surlakar & Kavita Surlakar won the U19 All Goa TT Ranking Tournament at the **Late Manohar Sawkar Goa State Table Tennis Championship 2024-25** held at the Peddem Sports Complex.



The championship, organized by the **North Goa District Table Tennis Association** in aegis with the **Goa Table Tennis Association** and the **Sports Authority of Goa**.



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## Club Service



## Area of Focus: Regular

*Annet Ved Ian Rebelo son of Rtn Peter  
Arjun Mario & Carla Maria George Rebelo*  
spoke about his experiences in  
*Uzbekistan*...very well presented by *Annet  
Ved Ian Rebelo* who was well read and very  
confident... it was our pleasure to listen to  
*Annet Ved Ian Rebelo.*



*Annual General Meeting held on  
30<sup>th</sup> December 2024*



## Club Service



## Area of Focus: Regular

## New Member Induction

*It was our honour and pleasure and privilege to have our Charter President Rtn Dr Nitish Kerkar who inducted our new member Sajani Allurun D'Costa*

Welcome into our rotary family dear Rtn  
Sajani Allwyn D'Costa



## *Christmas Party*

*Annual Christmas Party held at The Farmhouse Restaurant*  
**22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**



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# December Celebrations

*3<sup>rd</sup> December*

*Ann Dr. Vimmi Gude*

*w/o Rtn Dr. Vishal Vishwanat Gude*

*4<sup>th</sup> December*

*Rtn Smita Sandip Keni*

*5<sup>th</sup> December*

*Anniversaries of*

*Rtn Dr. Lenny Da Costa & Rtn. Nita Noronha e Costa*

*Rtn Sushant Surlakar & Kavita Surlakar*

*Ann. Irene Fernandes*

*w/o Rtn Reggie Fernandes*

*8<sup>th</sup> December*

*Ann Athira Ramanuj*

*w/o Rtn Bharath Ramanuj*

*11<sup>th</sup> December*

*Anniversary of*

*Rtn Rajesh Jha & Rtn Usha Jha*

*12<sup>th</sup> December*

*Annet. Aadya Kerkar*

*d/o Rtn Dr. Nitish & Dr. Deepa Kerkar*

*Anette Lara Mariah Rebelo*

*d/o Rtn Peter Arjun Mario Rebelo & Carla Rebelo*

*13<sup>th</sup> December*

*Rtn Dr. Lenny Da Costa*

*14<sup>th</sup> December*

*Anniversary of*

*Rtn Dr. Ravin Noel Do Rosario Rego & Ann Anabel Furtado Fernandes Rego*



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# December Celebrations

**14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Anette Prachi Sanmit Keni  
d/o Rtn. Smita Sandip Keni & Sandip Keni**

**19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Anniversary of  
Rtn. Paresh Bene & Rtn Gauri Paresh Bene**

**20th December**

**Annet Chirag Mahajan  
s/o Rtn Suraj Maheshwar Mahajan & Shohini Suraj Mahajan**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Anniversaries of  
Rtn Allwyn D'Costa & Rtn Sajani Allwyn D'Costa  
Rtn Adbrona Vaz e Valadares & Rtn Roosevelt Valadares**

**24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Anniversary of  
Annet Sanmit Keni & Prachi Keni  
s/o Rtn. Smita Sandip Keni & Sandip Keni**

**26<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wedding Anniversary of  
Rtn. Siddharth Ramnath Caro & Rashmi Caro**

**30<sup>th</sup> December**

**Anette Ilena Maria Do Rosario Rego  
d/o Rtn Dr. Ravin Noel Do Rosario Rego & Ann Anabel Furtado Fernandes Rego**

**Editor:**

**Rtn Vilino Rajiv Fernandes**



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