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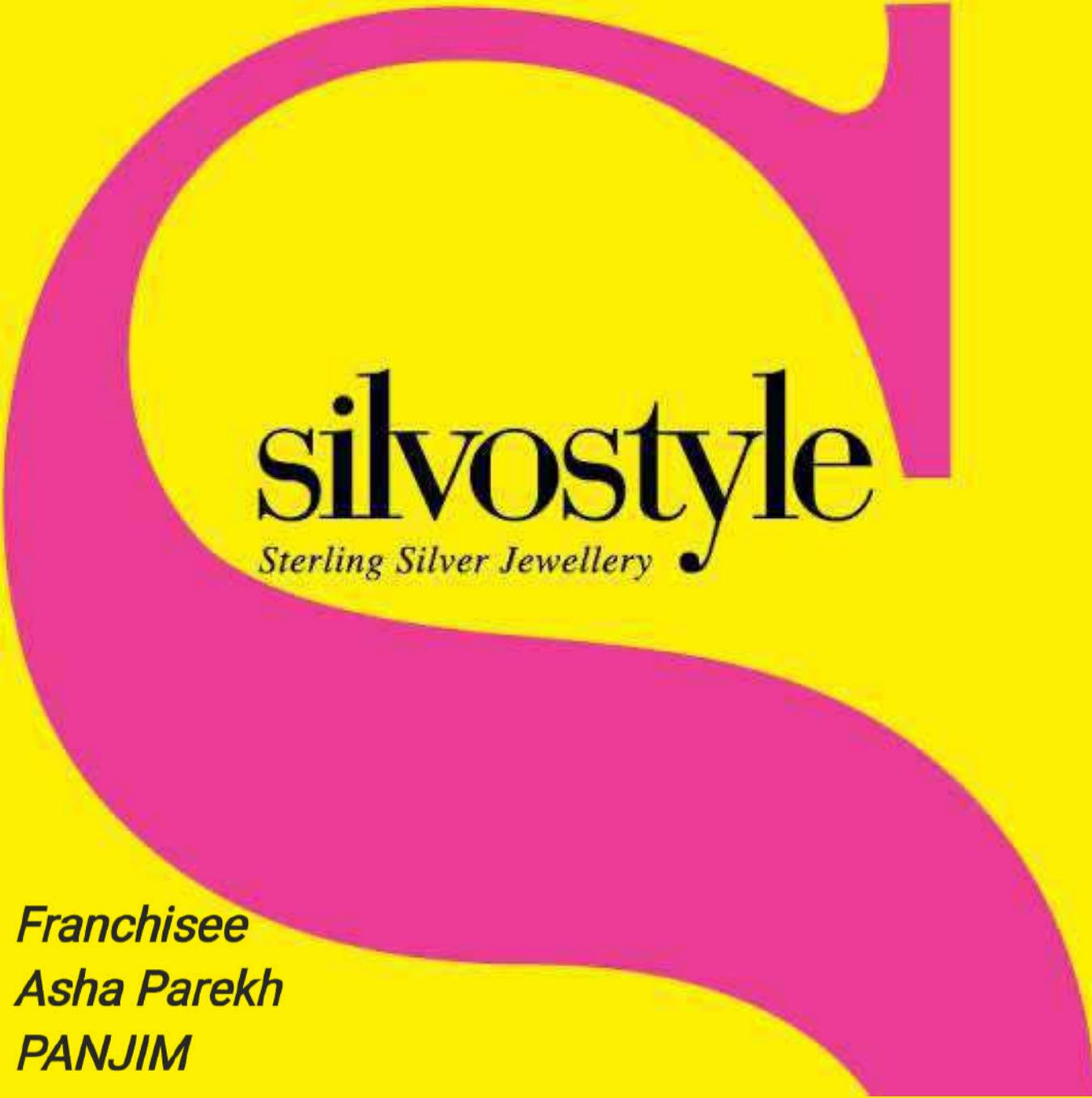
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Dear Rotarians,

As we complete eight months of this Rotary year, I feel proud and grateful for the dedication, unity and enthusiasm shown by each one of you. Together, we have strengthened the spirit of service above self and created meaningful impact in our community.

Our Charter Night Celebration was a grand success — a wonderful evening of fellowship, recognition and celebration of our club's legacy. The presence of galaxy of our past leaders and members made it truly memorable and inspiring.

In the same month we also distributed Prizes to 30 students, in different categories, of the Drawing Competition held on 19th December.

We also Distributed free uniforms to 50 students of Government Primary school, Camrabhat. Both the above Projects were supported by Rtn Parag Sardesai. We also organized two Medical camps for students of Government Primary school, Camrabhat and Government Primary school, Taligao on 13th and 18th respectively.

This month, we will continue our service journey with impactful projects including:

- Community health initiative
- Vocational support activity
- Youth engagement program
- Environmental awareness drive.

With your continued participation and support, I am confident we will make the remaining months even more dynamic and result-oriented.

Let us keep the Rotary wheel moving with passion and purpose.

Yours in Rotary Service,

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

*Rtn. Deepak Gopani*

### **Charter Nite Celebration and Felicitations of Past Presidents**

Though February is the shortest month of the year, it witnessed a truly grand and memorable occasion on 21st February – our prestigious Charter Nite Celebration. The evening saw an impressive gathering of 48 members, including a distinguished galaxy of 21 Past Presidents, making the event truly special and meaningful. Their presence reflected the strong foundation, leadership legacy, and enduring fellowship of our club. Along with Rotarians, the celebration was graced by Inner Wheel Members and their Presidents, adding warmth and camaraderie to the evening. We were also honored by the presence of the President of GCCI, Rtn. Pratima Dhond.

The Event Chair warmly introduced our esteemed Chief Guest, AKS PDG Rtn. Dilip Salgaokar, and AG Rtn. Priti Sheth, acknowledging their remarkable contributions and leadership in Rotary.

As the Event Chair announced the names of the Past Presidents, their achievements and landmark projects were beautifully highlighted on screen by Rtn. Prashant Kuncolienkar, much to the delight of all present. Each Past President was felicitated at the hands of the Chief Guest with a token of appreciation in recognition of their dedicated service.

A highlight of the evening was the heartfelt sharing session by five respected Past Presidents:

Rtn. Dr. Prasad Netravalkar

Rtn. Pradeep Talaulikar

Rtn. Glenn Kalavampara

Rtn. Anil Sardesai

Rtn. Dr. Hirendrakumar

They shared their views, cherished memories, and enriching experiences, inspiring everyone and reminding us of the remarkable journey and service spirit of our club over the years.

The Charter Nite was not merely a celebration of history but a reaffirmation of our commitment to fellowship and Service Above Self.

### **Club Activities During February 4th February – 30th Weekly Meeting**

We received valuable insights into the Union Budget 2026 from our very own learned Rotarian Chartered Accountants – Rtn. Hemant Ramani, Rtn. Rajesh Chedda, and Rtn. Jogesh Grover.

On the same day, District Awards were handed over to IPP Raghuvir Salkar and his Board of Directors for their remarkable achievement of winning 18 District Awards.

#### **11th February – 31st Weekly Meeting**

We conducted the Prize Distribution Ceremony for the Annual Drawing Competition held on 19th December.

The Chief Guest, Smt. Gifty Abraham, distributed prizes to the winners. The event was smoothly organized by Event Chair Rtn. Bhalchandra.

#### **25th February – 33rd Weekly Meeting**

Event Chair Rtn. Hemant Ramani introduced our Guest Speaker, Shri Amol Palkar, a Mumbai-based Chartered Accountant. He delivered an insightful session on how to monetize one's business through a successful exit strategy. His rich experience and practical guidance made the meeting highly informative and valuable.

### **Community Projects**

#### **13th February – Medical Health Camp**

A Medical Health Camp and blood test drive for school children was conducted at Government Primary School, Camrabhat, Tonca.

#### **18th February – Health Camp**

A similar Health Camp was organized at Government Primary School, Taleigao, benefiting numerous students.

#### **28th February – Uniform Distribution**

School uniforms were distributed to needy students of Government Primary School, Tonca. This noble initiative was generously sponsored by Rtn. Parag Sardesai.

February was indeed a month of celebration, knowledge sharing, recognition, community service, and meaningful fellowship.

**THE SPARK WITHIN OUR JOURNEY  
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**



*Rtn. Dhilan Shah*

Dear Rotarians,

As we bring you the eighth issue of *SPARK*, we also find ourselves entering the final leg of this Rotary year—a moment that naturally invites reflection on the journey we have shared together. It has been a year marked by energy, collaboration, and a deep commitment to service. Month after month, our club has demonstrated how collective effort and a shared vision can translate into meaningful action within our community.

This Rotary year has been both engaging and inspiring. From impactful service initiatives to vibrant fellowship during our meetings and events, every activity has contributed to strengthening the spirit of our club. What makes these moments truly special is the passion and dedication that each member brings to Rotary's ideals of service above self. Behind every project completed and every milestone achieved are members who willingly give their time, ideas, and enthusiasm to make a difference.

*SPARK* continues to serve as a window into this journey. Through its pages, we capture the stories of service, leadership, and camaraderie that define our club. Each issue is not just a record of events, but a celebration of the people, the ideas, and the impact that make our Rotary family unique. It is our hope that when members flip through these pages, they feel a sense of pride in the work we are accomplishing together.

As we move closer to the close of the Rotary year, it is also an ideal time for more members to share their voices through this platform. The magazine becomes richer and more engaging when it reflects the perspectives and experiences of the entire club. Whether it is an article, a reflection from a project, an industry insight, a travel experience, or even a photograph capturing a special Rotary moment—every contribution adds another dimension to the story we are telling. Your participation can transform *SPARK*

from simply a newsletter into a vibrant chronicle of our collective journey. The more we share, the more we inspire one another and strengthen the bonds that make Rotary such a powerful force for good.

As always, we hope this issue of *SPARK* sparks ideas, celebrates achievements, and reminds us of the incredible impact that dedicated individuals can create when they come together with a shared purpose.

Wishing you an enjoyable read.

Warm regards,

**Editor – SPARK**



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# THE FUTURE OF VERTICAL MOBILITY: HOW DYNA ELEVATORS IS SHAPING THE SKYLINE OF GOA AND BEYOND

*by Rin Abdul Razak*

## 1. Introduction: A Legacy Built on Trust and Precision

The elevator is often the most overlooked piece of technology in our daily lives, yet it is arguably the most critical for modern civilization. In the rapidly evolving landscape of India, vertical mobility has transitioned from a high end luxury to a fundamental pillar of accessibility. As urban density increases, the only way for our cities to grow is up.

In the coastal heart of Goa, one name has become synonymous with this upward journey: **Dyna Elevators**.

### The Visionary Foundation

The story of Dyna Elevators began in **1986**, founded by **Mr. Abdul Razak**. With deep technical expertise and a people first philosophy, Mr. Razak recognized that an elevator is more than a mechanical convenience; it is a critical safety promise. Under his leadership, Dyna evolved from a niche engineering firm into a comprehensive solution provider, proving that a homegrown Goan brand could stand shoulder to shoulder with global giants by focusing on ethical growth and personalized service.

### The Next Generation of Leadership

Today, the company is experiencing a dynamic transformation as the next generation takes the helm. This transition has introduced a powerful synergy: the foundational wisdom of the founders meeting the digital first energy of the new management. **Ms. Sanaa Razak** and **Mr. Minhaz Khan Farooqui** now lead the operations, streamlining workflows with modern data driven processes while maintaining the company core values of reliability and prompt after sales service.

With over **3,000 installations** across the state, Dyna Elevators has transitioned from a local manufacturer to a strategic integrator, curating best in class components from global partners to ensure that every lift is built to survive and thrive in Goa's unique environment.

## 2. The Indian Elevator Industry: A Macro Perspective

### 2.1 Industry Growth and Urban Trajectory

India currently stands as the **second largest elevator market in the world**. As of 2026, the industry is witnessing a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of over **8%**. This surge is fueled by:

- **Residential Boom:** The rise of premium gated communities and Housing for All initiatives.
- **Commercial Expansion:** The proliferation of IT parks and co working hubs.
- **Specialized Healthcare:** Modern hospitals requiring high capacity, stretcher compatible elevators with zero failure rates.

### 2.2 The Regulatory and Safety Framework

Safety is the bedrock of the industry. In India, the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) oversees codes such as **IS 14665** and the more recent **IS 17900 series**. Dyna Elevators has set internal benchmarks that often exceed these national codes, incorporating features like **Automatic Rescue Devices (ARD)**—which bring the lift to the nearest floor during a power failure—as a non negotiable standard rather than a paid add on.

## 3. Goa's Elevator Market: Navigating Coastal Challenges

### 3.1 The Tourism Led Infrastructure

Goa's economy is inextricably linked to tourism. This has led to a unique infrastructure requirement where elevators must not only be functional but also aesthetically synchronized with the decor of five star resorts or boutique heritage hotels.

### 3.2 The Battle Against Corrosion

Goa's greatest beauty—its coastline—is its elevators' greatest enemy. High salinity and relentless monsoon humidity cause rapid oxidation of mechanical parts.

- **Dyna's Solution:** Utilizing galvanized components and moisture resistant control panels specifically designed to withstand the Salt Air effect.

### 3.3 Retrofitting the Past

One of the most complex segments in Goa is the **modernization of heritage buildings**. Dyna specializes in **External Tubular Structures**; sleek, glass enclosed elevators added to the exterior of old buildings, providing modern accessibility without damaging historical integrity.

## 4. Demographic Shifts: Why We Need Lifts Now More Than Ever

### 4.1 The Silver Economy and Accessibility

India is home to an ageing population that wishes to remain independent. In Goa, many retirees live in older apartments where a flight of stairs is a barrier. Dyna has seen a significant increase in demand for **Home Lifts and Chairlifts**, designed for low rise residential use with minimal pit requirements and single phase power.

### 4.2 Urbanization and the Youth Workforce

The influx of digital nomads to Goa has created a demand for Smart Offices. These younger demographics expect speed, smartphone integration, and high tech safety features, viewing the elevator as part of the building's digital skin.

## 5. Trendspotting: The Technology of Tomorrow, Today

### 5.1 The Rise of Smart Elevators (IoT)

Dyna Elevators is integrating **Internet of Things (IoT)** sensors into their systems for **Predictive Maintenance**. Sensors monitor door cycle counts, motor temperature, and vibration patterns, alerting the service center before a component fails.

### 5.2 Sustainability and Green Lifts

Modern Dyna systems utilize **Regenerative Drives**, which capture energy generated when an elevator travels with a light load up or a heavy load down, feeding electricity back into the building's grid.

## 6. Dyna Elevators: Product and Service Excellence

### 6.1 The Glocal Advantage

Unlike national brands managed from afar, Dyna's team is physically present in Panjim. Their after sales strength is legendary, boasting the largest service network in Goa. This ensures that help is minutes away, not hours.

### 6.2 Signature Case Studies

From the high traffic demands of commercial hubs in Porvorim to the whisper quiet requirements of luxury villas in Assagao, Dyna's portfolio includes: **MRL (Machine Room Less) Elevators**: Saving precious real estate for developers. **Hospital Elevators**: Specially designed for hygiene and silent travel. **Car Elevators and Stackers**: Maximizing parking efficiency in cramped urban plots.

### 7. The Road Ahead: 2030 and Beyond

As Goa moves toward a future of smart cities and green construction, we expect to see:

**1. Stricter Safety Enforcement**: Moving toward third party safety audits as a norm.

**2. Affordable Housing Integration**: Developing high durability, low cost lifts for the mass housing sector.

**3. Smart City Synergy**: Elevators that communicate with building management systems to optimize traffic flow during peak hours.

### 8. Conclusion: Partners in Progress

Vertical mobility is the heartbeat of a growing city. As Goa continues to modernize, the partnership between developers and elevator experts becomes the foundation of safe urban living.

**Dyna Elevators** remains committed to this journey. By blending the wisdom of a 40 year legacy with the cutting edge innovations of the digital age, Dyna isn't just moving people between floors; they are moving Goa toward a more accessible, efficient, and sophisticated future. In the story of Goa's rising skyline, Dyna Elevators is the most important chapter.

**Dyna Elevators** is represented by **Abdul Razak**, an experienced professional in the elevator and vertical mobility industry. With a strong focus on safety, reliability, and innovation, he has been actively contributing to the growth and modernization of elevator solutions in Goa and beyond. Through **Dyna Elevators**, he continues to support the region's evolving infrastructure and rising urban landscape.

For any inquiries related to elevator installation, modernization, or maintenance, he can be reached at: [info@dynaelevators.com](mailto:info@dynaelevators.com) or on 8888900091



## NAVIGATING MARKET VOLATILITY AND BUILDING A SMART INVESTMENT APPROACH IN FY 2025–26

*Rtn. Suraj Bhomkar*



Financial markets are dynamic and constantly influenced by economic developments, geopolitical events, interest rate movements, and investor sentiment. As we enter the new financial year FY 2025–26, investors are once again reminded that volatility is an inherent part of the investing journey. While short-term market fluctuations can create uncertainty, they also present opportunities for disciplined investors who follow a structured and goal-oriented approach.

In recent years, the Indian financial landscape has witnessed a strong shift towards financial assets, particularly mutual funds and systematic investment plans (SIPs). Increasing financial awareness, digital access, and regulatory transparency have enabled more investors to participate in capital markets. However, navigating market volatility requires patience, diversification, and a long-term perspective. Investors must focus on sound principles rather than reacting emotionally to short-term market movements.

### **Understanding Volatility in Financial Markets**

Volatility refers to the degree of variation in the price of financial assets over time. Markets may rise sharply during periods of optimism and decline during economic or geopolitical uncertainties. However, volatility should not always be perceived as risk. In fact, for long-term investors, volatility often provides opportunities to accumulate quality assets at attractive valuations.

Historically, equity markets have experienced multiple phases of correction and recovery. Investors who remained disciplined during market downturns have often been rewarded over time. The key is to differentiate between short-term market noise and long-term economic fundamentals. India continues to remain one of the fastest-growing major economies in the world, supported by strong demographics, expanding infrastructure, digital transformation, and increasing consumption. These structural drivers provide a strong foundation for long-term investment growth.

### **Importance of Asset Allocation**

One of the most effective ways to navigate volatility is through proper asset allocation. Asset allocation refers to the strategic distribution of investments across different asset classes such as equity, debt, gold, and cash equivalents. Each asset class behaves differently during market cycles, and a well-diversified portfolio helps reduce overall risk while improving the stability of returns.

Equities are typically used for long-term wealth creation due to their potential for higher returns. Debt instruments such as bonds or debt mutual funds provide stability and relatively predictable income. Gold often acts as a hedge against inflation and economic uncertainty. Maintaining an appropriate balance between these asset classes helps investors manage volatility while staying aligned with their financial goals.

Investors should periodically review and rebalance their portfolios to ensure that the allocation remains consistent with their risk tolerance and investment horizon. Rebalancing ensures that portfolios do not become overly concentrated in a single asset class due to market movements.

### **Staying Disciplined with Systematic Investment Plans**

Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) have emerged as one of the most effective investment tools for retail investors. SIPs allow individuals to invest a fixed amount regularly in mutual funds, helping them benefit from rupee cost averaging and the power of compounding.

During market corrections, SIP investors automatically purchase more units at lower prices, which can enhance long-term returns when markets recover. This disciplined approach eliminates the need to time the market, which is often difficult even for experienced investors.

Consistency is the key to successful investing through SIPs. Rather than stopping investments during volatile

periods, investors should continue their SIPs and focus on their long-term financial objectives.

### **Investing with Clear Financial Goals**

Successful investing begins with clearly defined financial goals. Whether the objective is retirement planning, children's education, purchasing a home, or wealth creation, investments should be aligned with specific time horizons.

Short-term goals (0–3 years) are better suited for relatively safer instruments such as liquid funds or short-duration debt funds. Medium-term goals (3–5 years) may benefit from hybrid investment strategies that combine equity and debt. Long-term goals (more than five years) are generally well suited for equity investments due to their growth potential over time.

By linking investments to specific goals, investors are less likely to react emotionally to short-term market fluctuations and more likely to remain focused on long-term outcomes.

### **Diversification as a Risk Management Strategy**

Diversification plays a crucial role in reducing investment risk. Instead of concentrating investments in a single sector, asset class, or market segment, investors should spread their portfolios across multiple opportunities. Diversification may include investing across large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap companies, as well as across different sectors of the economy.

In addition to domestic diversification, global exposure through international funds or exchange-traded funds can also help balance portfolio risks. Diversification does not eliminate risk entirely, but it significantly reduces the impact of adverse performance in any single investment.

### **Investment Opportunities in FY 2025–26**

The new financial year presents several investment opportunities across asset classes. Equity mutual funds remain a strong avenue for long-term wealth creation, particularly through diversified categories such as large-cap funds, flexi-cap funds, and index funds. Mid-cap and small-cap funds may offer higher growth potential but should be approached with a higher risk tolerance.

Hybrid funds, which combine equity and debt

investments, offer balanced exposure and may suit investors seeking moderate risk with steady growth. Balanced advantage funds and multi-asset funds are examples of such strategies.

Debt investments continue to play an important role in portfolio stability. Options such as corporate bond funds, banking and PSU funds, and short-duration debt funds provide relatively stable income and can help protect capital during periods of equity market volatility.

Additionally, alternative assets such as gold exchange-traded funds, sovereign gold bonds, real estate investment trusts (REITs), and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) can offer diversification benefits.

### **Key Economic Themes for the Year Ahead**

Several structural trends are likely to shape investment opportunities in FY 2025–26. Infrastructure development remains a major focus area for India, with significant investments in roads, railways, logistics, and urban development. Manufacturing growth supported by government initiatives continues to strengthen India's position as a global production hub.

The rapid expansion of the digital economy, fintech innovation, and increased financial inclusion are transforming the financial services sector. Additionally, the global shift toward renewable energy and sustainability is creating opportunities in green technologies and clean energy investments.

These long-term themes highlight India's economic potential and reinforce the importance of maintaining a strategic investment approach rather than reacting to short-term market volatility.

### **Avoiding Common Investment Mistakes**

Many investors make decisions based on emotions rather than disciplined strategies. Attempting to time the market, frequently buying and selling based on short-term trends, or following unverified investment tips can lead to suboptimal outcomes.

Another common mistake is stopping investments during market downturns. Corrections are a natural part of market cycles and often present opportunities

for long-term investors to accumulate assets at lower valuations. Investors should also avoid over-concentration in a single asset class or sector. Adopting a disciplined investment strategy, maintaining diversification, and staying focused on long-term goals can help investors navigate uncertainty more effectively.

### The Way Forward

As we move into FY 2025-26, investors should focus on building resilient portfolios that can withstand short-term volatility while capturing long-term growth opportunities. The combination of disciplined investing, proper asset allocation, and diversification remains the foundation of successful wealth creation.

Rather than attempting to predict short-term market movements, investors should concentrate on staying invested, continuing systematic investments, and periodically reviewing their financial plans. Over time, patience and consistency often prove to be the most powerful drivers of investment success.

In conclusion, market volatility is not something investors should fear but rather a natural aspect of financial markets. With a structured investment approach and a long-term perspective, investors can transform volatility into opportunity and steadily progress toward their financial goals.

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# MONETIZING YOUR BUSINESS: THE ART OF THE SUCCESSFUL EXIT

*By Amol Palkar*

*Your business is your life's work. Selling it isn't giving up, it is creating a foundation for building generational wealth.*

Rajan Mehta spent 28 years building his precision engineering firm in Pune. Every key customer had his personal mobile number. Every banker knew him by name. When a Mumbai-based private equity fund approached him with a serious acquisition offer, the conversation stalled within weeks. The reason? The buyers couldn't figure out where Rajan ended and the business began.

His story is not unusual. It is, in fact, the defining challenge facing thousands of Indian promoters today. India's mid-market M&A landscape is arguably the most active it has ever been. Private equity funds are sitting on deployable capital running into hundreds of crores. Global multinationals are using acquisitions as their preferred India entry strategy. Indian conglomerates are aggressively pursuing inorganic growth. The demand for quality businesses is real, well-funded, and urgent. Yet deal after deal collapses — not because of price, but because the business being sold is inseparable from the person who built it.

This is the central paradox every Indian promoter must confront: **the more indispensable you are to your business, the less valuable it becomes to a buyer.**

Sophisticated acquirers — whether strategic corporates or financial investors — are fundamentally buying a transferable institution, not a talented individual. When due diligence reveals that revenue depends on the founder's relationships, that vendors

extend credit on the promoter's word alone, or that key decisions cannot be made without the owner in the room, buyers respond predictably. Valuations drop by 20 to 40 percent. Earnout structures become punishing. Lock-in periods stretch to five years. What looked like a clean exit becomes a prolonged, uncomfortable transition.

The solution is preparation — and it must begin at least two to three years before any transaction is contemplated.

The first year should ideally be spent building institutional foundations: hiring a capable CFO and senior management team, implementing proper ERP systems, formalizing governance structures, and documenting processes that currently exist only in the promoter's head. The second year is about deliberate de-risking — systematically transferring customer relationships to the management team, cleaning up related-party transactions, and demonstrating that the business can operate without daily founder involvement. By the third year, the business should be able to speak for itself.

Valuation in Indian mid-market deals typically ranges between six to twelve times normalized EBITDA, depending on sector, growth trajectory, and institutional quality. Two businesses with identical revenue and profitability can command dramatically different multiples based on one factor alone: how confidently can a buyer answer the question, **"Will this business perform the same way on Day 1 after the promoter leaves?"**



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Beyond the numbers, promoters must understand deal structure. Many fixate on headline valuation while underestimating the real impact of earnouts, escrow arrangements, indemnity clauses, and non-compete restrictions. A ₹100 crore deal with 70 percent upfront cash is frequently superior to a ₹120 crore deal laden with performance-linked payments and unlimited liability exposure. This is precisely where experienced M&A advisors — investment bankers, transaction lawyers, and tax specialists — earn their fees many times over.

The emotional dimension of an exit is equally significant and often underestimated. For most Indian promoters, the business is identity, purpose, and legacy rolled into one. Separating from it requires a fundamental shift in mindset — from owner-operator to institutional leader. The promoters who navigate this most successfully are those who reframe the exit not as a loss, but as a graduation: the business has outgrown its dependence on one person and is ready for its next phase of growth under new stewardship.

India's entrepreneurial generation that built businesses through the liberalization era of the 1990s is now approaching a natural inflection point. The wealth they have created — often illiquid, concentrated, and operationally demanding — deserves to be converted into lasting financial security

for their families.

The exit is not the end of the story. Prepared well, it is the most valuable chapter yet.

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## CAPTURED MOMENTS FROM OUR ROTARY MEETINGS



**30th Weekly Meeting**  
Members present got to know Valuable information about the Budget 2026 from the Three learned Rotarian Chartered Accountants  
Rtn Hemant Ramani, Rtn Rajesh Chedda and Rtn Jogesh Grover



**31st Weekly Meeting**  
On 11 th February, Prize Distribution of the drawing competition held on 19th December was awarded to the deserving Winners, in respective age categories



**32nd Weekly Meeting** was held on 21 February 2026 along with Charter Nite Celebration.



**33rd Weekly Meeting**, our guest speaker, Shri Amol Palkar, a Mumbai-based Chartered Accountant guided us on how to monetize your business through a successful exit strategy. His rich experience in above



**Prize Distribution to all Winners at the hand of Chief Guest Smt. Gifty Abraham**

**CAPTURED MOMENTS FROM OUR ROTARY MEETINGS**



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**Assistant Governor  
Rtn. Nester Sequeira receiving the  
AG Memento for End Polio**



**District Award for Best Community  
Service Project  
Rtn. Bhalchandra Amonkar**



**District Award- Best Bulletin  
Magazine  
Rtn. Guruprasad Mantravadi**



**District Award Best President  
received by IPP Raghuvir Salkar**



**District Award for International  
Service Projects  
Rtn. Sunil Deshpande**



**District Award for Major Donor  
Rtn. Narayan Walawalkar**

**PROJECTS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE CREATING IMPACT**



**On 13th February, occasion of World Anaemia awareness day RCP organised a Medical Health Check up and Blood Test for the students of Government Primary School Camrabhat, Tonca**



**On 18th February, Medical Health Camp held at Government Primary School, Taleigao .  
Event Chair- Rtn Bhalchandra Amonkar**



**Release of the Spark Magazine on 11th February**



**On 28 th February , 50 Free School Uniforms was distributed to school children Government Primary School Camrabhat , Tonca .**

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**A ROTARIAN'S JOURNEY INTO THE WILD**



## INTO THE WILD - THE JOURNEY OF A WILD LIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

*Rtn Samir Naik*



In today's fast-paced and hyper-connected world, most of us live surrounded by screens, notifications, and deadlines. Our minds are constantly reacting — checking messages, responding to emails, and absorbing endless streams of information. Over time, this lifestyle trains our brains to move quickly but often leaves little room for deep observation or quiet reflection.

For me, wildlife safaris and wildlife photography trips have become a powerful antidote to this pace of modern life. What began nearly 25 years ago as a simple fascination with animals and a camera slowly evolved into something far more meaningful. Each journey into the wilderness began shaping how I think, how I observe, and how patiently I respond to the world around me.

### Learning to Observe, Not Just Look

One of my earliest lessons in the forest came during a safari in Bandipur. Our vehicle had been moving quietly along a dusty track when the guide suddenly raised his hand and asked the driver to stop. To me, nothing seemed unusual — just trees, dry leaves, patches of Indian wild lantana, and long grass swaying in the afternoon heat.

But the guide asked us to listen carefully. Within seconds we heard sharp alarm calls from langurs perched high on a tree. A few spotted deer nearby were staring intensely into the bushes. The forest had suddenly become tense and silent.

At first I still could not see anything. Then slowly, almost like a shadow emerging from the earth, a leopard stepped out of the thick forest and walked gracefully across the track in front of us.

That moment changed something in the way I observe nature. I realized that wildlife is rarely found by simply looking harder; it is discovered by learning to read the language of the forest. Since then, whenever I enter a forest, I listen more carefully — to birds, to alarm calls,

to the sudden silence that often signals the presence of a predator.

### The Discipline of Patience

Wildlife photography has also taught me patience in ways few other activities can.

I remember spending nearly three hours beside a small water body in Velim Assolna waiting for a common Kingfisher (the same bird that inspired the Kingfisher Beer name) to dive. The bird would repeatedly sit on the same branch, watching the water, but each time I prepared the camera it would fly away.

For a long time nothing happened. The afternoon sun grew warmer, and my arms were tired from holding the camera ready.

Then, in a fraction of a second, the kingfisher plunged into the water and emerged with a tiny fish glistening in its beak. The entire action lasted barely a moment — yet capturing that photograph required hours of patience and attention.

Experiences like these slowly train the mind to accept delay and uncertainty. In a world where everything happens instantly — messages, deliveries, information — wildlife photography reminds us that nature moves at its own pace.

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### Moments of Complete Immersion

There are also rare moments during wildlife photography when everything aligns perfectly — the light, the animal, and the camera settings.

I experienced one such moment while photographing birds early one winter morning in Bhigwan Flamingo Bird Sanctuary. The mist was slowly lifting from the Ujani dam reservoir, and the first golden rays of sunlight were touching the trees on the opposite hill.

Suddenly a painted stork took flight from the water. Instinctively I lifted the camera and followed its movement through the viewfinder. In that moment the world outside disappeared — no noise, no thoughts, just the rhythm of the wings and the click of the shutter. When I looked back at the photograph later, I realized that the mind had entered what psychologists call a “flow state” — a moment of total focus where awareness becomes completely absorbed in the present.

### Nature as a Mental Reset

Beyond photography, simply spending time in forests has a remarkable calming effect on the mind.

I have often noticed that during the first day of a safari trip my mind is still restless — thinking about work, emails, and everyday responsibilities. But after a couple of days in the wilderness, something shifts.

The sounds of birds replace the sound of traffic. Instead of phone notifications, one begins noticing rustling leaves or distant animal calls. Gradually the mind slows down and becomes quieter. After returning from these trips, I often feel mentally refreshed — as though the forest has gently reset the mind. Scientific research increasingly supports this experience, showing that time spent in nature reduces stress, improves focus, and enhances overall mental well-being.

### A Deeper Respect for Wildlife

Perhaps the most profound impact of wildlife travel is the respect it builds for the fragile balance of nature.

Once, while driving through a forest corridor of Madhumalai, we came across a herd of elephants

quietly crossing the road. Our vehicle stopped at a distance and the engine was switched off. For several minutes we simply watched as the herd moved slowly through the trees — mothers guiding calves, older elephants pausing to check their surroundings.

Watching such moments reminds us that these forests are not tourist destinations for animals — they are their homes. Experiences like these transform wildlife photography from a hobby into something deeper: a reminder that every photograph represents a living ecosystem that deserves protection.

### Lessons Beyond the Forest

Wildlife safaris and photography trips offer lessons that extend far beyond nature. They teach patience, observation, humility, and respect for life.

For me, these journeys have been more than adventures; they have been opportunities for reflection and mental renewal. The wilderness has a quiet way of reminding us that life does not always need to move at high speed. Sometimes the most meaningful experiences come when we simply pause, observe, and allow nature to guide our attention. In that sense, wildlife safaris do more than help us discover animals and landscapes. They gently help us rediscover something within ourselves — a calmer mind, a sharper awareness, and a deeper connection to the natural world.

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As Rotarians, we often speak about Service Above Self — about improving lives and safeguarding the future for generations to come. Wildlife conservation is simply another expression of that same spirit of service. Protecting forests, rivers, and the countless species that share this planet with us is not just an environmental responsibility; it is a commitment to preserving the natural heritage that future generations deserve to experience. In caring for the wild, we are ultimately caring for the world we all call

home. Rtn **Samir Naik**, a finance professional with a passion for photography, enjoys capturing moments and perspectives that often go unnoticed in everyday life. He can be reached at [samirvnaik@gmail.com](mailto:samirvnaik@gmail.com) | **Contact:** +91 9823660958.



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## DRIVEN BY SERVICE - ROTARACT MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### CLUB SERVICE AVENUE

#### Harmony In Action

On 11th February 2026, during the February Month Observation, the Rotaract Club of Panjim hosted a debate session titled “Harmony in Action” to promote critical thinking, healthy dialogue, and understanding the role of conflict in growth and innovation. Members were divided to debate the motion “Conflict is necessary for growth and innovation,” with 15 members and 4 prospective members actively presenting structured arguments supported by real-life and leadership examples. The session fostered meaningful intellectual exchange and reinforced the values of harmony, leadership, understanding, and collaborative learning.

#### Celebrating Togetherness: January Birthdays

On 11th February 2026, after the 28th GBM, the Rotaract Club of Panjim celebrated the January birthdays with the objective of strengthening member bonding and fostering a joyful environment. The celebration featured a cheerful cake-cutting ceremony for the January-born members, along with active participation from club members in a fun and lively gathering. The initiative enhanced camaraderie and togetherness, creating memorable moments for everyone involved.

#### Samba Square 2026

On 16th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim organized a fellowship outing to Samba Square 2026 at Garcia De Orta Garden with the objective of strengthening bonding and promoting fellowship among members. A total of 9 members participated in the outing, where they explored a variety of cuisines and beverages from different food stalls and enjoyed dancing to lively band performances.

The fellowship significantly enhanced camaraderie, interpersonal bonding, and overall club spirit, creating memorable shared experiences for all participants.

#### Play to Connect

On 18th February 2026, following the 29th General Body Meeting, the Rotaract Club of Panjim organized a

fellowship activity titled “Play to Connect” with the objective of strengthening bonding and encouraging interaction among members. Members were divided into Team Blue and Team Pink, and participated in fun, engaging games such as Traffic Jam, Guess the Word, and Movie Charades. A total of 12 members actively took part, making the session lively and energetic.

The activity successfully enhanced camaraderie, teamwork, and unity, further strengthening the club's spirit through meaningful and enjoyable interaction.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE AVENUE

#### Project Joy of Giving 3.0

On 5th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim successfully carried out the project “Joy of Giving” at a settlement near Milroc Kadamba with the objective of supporting underprivileged families by distributing donated clothes in a respectful and meaningful manner. The team distributed clothes to around 30 beneficiaries, including children, women, and men, ensuring the process was dignified and well-organized. Through meaningful interactions with families, members also identified the need for future educational support for children, opening avenues for sustained community engagement. The project witnessed the participation of 3 members and 2 prospective members, combining immediate relief efforts with long-term impact. This initiative not only provided essential material support but also reinforced the club's commitment to education, child development, service, and social responsibility, laying the foundation for continued outreach efforts.

#### Serve with Heart: Food Donation at Asha Mahal

On 8th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim, in collaboration with The Great Indian Kitchen, organized a community service initiative titled “Serve with Heart: Food Distribution at Asha Mahal” with the objective of spreading care, warmth, and support through service. During the activity, 40 chicken rolls, 40 chicken puffs, and 3 Tropicana juice bottles were generously donated

to the beneficiaries, aiming to bring comfort and joy while reinforcing the spirit of compassion and community upliftment. The project was smoothly executed with enthusiastic participation and effective coordination by two Rotaractors. The initiative created a meaningful and heartwarming impact, spreading happiness among the beneficiaries and further strengthening the club's commitment to Service Above Self.

### **Serve With Heart: Food Donation at National Association For The Blind**

On 14th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim, in collaboration with The Great Indian Kitchen, organized a community service initiative titled "Serve with Heart: Food Donation Drive" with the objective of providing care and nourishment to those in need. The drive was conducted at the National Association for the Blind, where 22 boxes of veg biryani, 22 boxes of chicken curry, and 30 pao were distributed. The initiative emphasized sharing warmth, dignity, and support through the simple yet meaningful act of providing wholesome meals, and was smoothly executed with the active involvement of two Rotaractors. The project successfully brought comfort and joy to the beneficiaries, further reinforcing the club's commitment to service and community welfare.

### **Scribbles of Serenity**

On 22nd February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim conducted a community outreach initiative titled "Scribbles of Serenity" with the objective of spreading positivity and peace among the public. During the activity, Rotaractors distributed peace-quote chits to strangers on the streets, encouraging moments of reflection and calm amidst the daily hustle. A total of 20 individuals were interacted with, and 8 Rotaract members actively participated, making the initiative engaging and impactful. The simple yet thoughtful gesture sparked smiles, meaningful conversations, and genuine human connection. The initiative beautifully demonstrated how small acts and kind words can inspire peace, empathy, and emotional connection within the community.

With enthusiastic participation, the activity proved to be a memorable and fulfilling outreach experience.

### **Serve With Heart: Food Donation at National Association For The Blind 2.0**

On 28th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim, in collaboration with The Great Indian Kitchen, organized a community service initiative titled "Serve with Heart: Food Donation Drive" with the objective of spreading care, compassion, and dignity through food. The drive was conducted at the National Association for the Blind, where evening snacks were donated to over 40 beneficiaries. The meal included tomato bhaji, sukhi (potato) bhaji, poha, and pao, providing a wholesome and comforting spread. The initiative emphasized sharing warmth and kindness through nourishment and was smoothly executed with the active participation and coordination of two Rotaractors.

The project successfully brought comfort and joy to the beneficiaries, further strengthening the club's commitment to service and community welfare.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AVENUE**

#### **Peace Unplugged**

On 22nd February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim conducted "Peace Unplugged", an initiative aimed at encouraging members to reflect on and express what peace truly means to them. During the session, 8 Rotaractors shared their personal perspectives through open and heartfelt conversations, describing peace as kindness, balance, acceptance, and inner calm. The activity created a mindful and safe space for self-reflection, emotional expression, and deeper connection within the club.

The initiative witnessed enthusiastic participation and successfully fostered emotional awareness, mindfulness, and a deeper understanding of peace, making it a truly meaningful and reflective experience for all involved.

#### **Pulse of Progress: The Power of Emotional Intelligence**

On 25th February 2026, as part of the monthly observation initiative, the Rotaract Club of Panjim

organized an interactive session titled “The Power of Emotional Intelligence & Resolution of Workplace Conflicts” after the 30th GBM, with the objective of enhancing emotional intelligence and promoting healthy workplace relationships. The session was facilitated by Ms. Sana Shaikh, a practicing psychologist, who highlighted the role of emotional intelligence in managing workplace conflicts effectively. Key topics included self-awareness, empathy, emotional regulation, mindful communication, and setting healthy personal and professional boundaries. An interactive activity on reframing statements empathetically and constructively made the session practical and engaging. The session saw active participation from 16 members and 2 prospective members.

The initiative equipped members with practical tools to handle conflicts, communicate with empathy, and build emotionally healthy professional relationships, thereby strengthening their emotional resilience and interpersonal skills.

### **The Pulse: Club E-Bulletin (January Edition)**

On 25th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim proudly released the January Edition of its monthly bulletin – “The Pulse” during the 30th GBM. The bulletin beautifully captured the essence of the club's theme, “Pulse of Change” – Passion, Unity, Leadership, Service, and Empowerment, while comprehensively documenting the projects and initiatives undertaken during the month. Edited by Rtr. Dipti Wale and Rtr. Shraddha, the edition featured a detailed recap of January's activities and achievements.

The bulletin served as a powerful reflection of the club's journey, inspiring members, strengthening engagement, and reinforcing the spirit of service and leadership within the club.

### **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AVENUE**

#### **Letterhead Exchange at Rotasia 2026, Chennai**

From 5th to 8th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim proudly participated in ROTASIA 2026, held at Esthell Village Resort, with the objective of promoting international fellowship, networking, and inter-district collaboration. The club was represented by Rtr. Shawn

Fernandes, Sergeant at Arms, on behalf of RID 3170, who actively engaged with Rotaractors from across the globe, strengthening international ties.

During the event, 8 letterhead exchanges were successfully completed with the Rotaract Club of Mysore (RID 3181), Rotaract Club of Karad City (RID 3132), Rotaract Club of Thane Titans (RID 3142), Rotaract Club of AIHSHEW (RID 3206), Rotaract Club of HICAS (RID 3206), Rotaract Club of ROAR NIBM (RID 3131), Rotaract Club of Nellore Shakthi (RID 3160), and Rotaract Club of Bhuj Midtown (RID 3055). The participation helped build strong inter-district and international bonds, opened avenues for future collaborations, and reinforced the spirit of global Rotaract fellowship.

### **Unite 2026**

On 2nd February 2026, Rtr. Rashmika De Sa and Rtr. Ankita Belgaonkar represented the Rotaract Club of Panjim at UNITE 2026 – Rotaract South Asia Presidents & Secretaries Virtual Meet, organized by Rotaract South Asia MDIO, with the objective of strengthening leadership skills, fostering regional collaboration, and aligning club goals with MDIO initiatives. The virtual meet brought together Presidents and Secretaries from across South Asia, offering interactive engagement with Rotary and Rotaract leaders at a regional level. Participants gained valuable opportunities for networking, collaboration, strategic planning, and leadership development, along with insights into effective club functioning aligned with MDIO goals.

The session proved to be enriching and inspiring, motivating the participants to adopt innovative leadership practices, strengthen club operations, and further reinforce their commitment to service, unity, and collaboration within Rotaract.

Decision Making & Planning Webinar By RAC GHRSTU, RID 3030 & RAC Dyal Singh College, RID 3012

On 12th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim attended a webinar titled “Decision Making and Planning,” organized by the Rotaract Club of GHRSTU in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Dyal Singh College, with the objective of understanding effective management principles and structured decision-

making strategies. The session, led by Mr. Nikhil Yadav, covered key aspects of decision-making processes and the importance of planning in personal and professional life. Five members—Rtr. Dipti Wale, Rtr. Anushree Savoiverenkar, Rtr. Shraddha Walekar, Rtr. Shridhar Shirodker, and Rtr. Aidan Fonseca—attended the webinar.

The session strengthened participants' managerial insight, decision-making abilities, and structured planning skills, contributing to improved leadership effectiveness.

#### **Money Matters By RAC Nasik Youth Force, RID 3030**

On 12th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim attended the webinar “Money Matters – Budget, Planning & You,” organized by the Rotaract Club of Nasik Youth Force, with the objective of enhancing financial literacy, budgeting skills, and investment awareness. The session was led by CA. Shubham Mundada, who focused on practical money management and financial planning. Key topics included budgeting, smart investments, expenditure control, basics of taxation, early wealth creation, and insights into India's 2026 Budget, particularly investments in infrastructure and semiconductors. Five members—Rtr. Keneel Mehta, Rtr. Ankita Belgaonkar, Rtr. Shawn Fernandes, Rtr. Aditya Kunde, and Rtr. Eshaan Patil—attended the session.

The webinar strengthened participants' understanding of personal finance, encouraged disciplined financial planning, and motivated early investing for long-term wealth creation.

#### **Attended Durga Motors Open Rapid Rating Chess Tournament 2026 Organized By Rotary Club of Porvorim**

On 15th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim attended the Durga Motors Open Rapid Rating Chess Tournament 2026, organized by the Rotary Club of Porvorim, with the objective of promoting sportsmanship, fellowship, and community engagement. The tournament saw participation from 300+ chess players, arbiters, and spectators, with 61 winners recognized for their performances. Rtr. Ankita Belgaonkar, Secretary of the Rotaract Club of Panjim and Annet of the Rotary Club of Porvorim, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Prize Distribution

Ceremony. Additionally, 25 members, including Rotarians, Anns, and Annets of the Rotary Club of Porvorim, were present at the event.

The tournament successfully fostered intellectual competition and community bonding, while strengthening Rotary–Rotaract relations through active participation and collaboration.

#### **Me, Myself & My Mind By RAC Delhi Valiant Midwest, RID 3011**

On 16th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim attended the webinar “Me, Myself and My Mind: Understanding the Relationship,” organized by the Rotaract Club of Delhi Valiant Midwest, with the objective of promoting mental health literacy and self-awareness. The session was led by Ms. Namrata Chatterjee and Ms. Alankrita Kumar, who discussed self-concept and identity, managing self-criticism and imposter feelings, emotional awareness and regulation, understanding self-worth beyond external validation, and aligning personal values with life and career choices. Five members—Rtr. Shridhar Shirodker, Rtr. Ankita Belgaonkar, Rtr. Shawn Fernandes, Rtr. Eshaan Patil, and Rtr. Dipti Wale—attended the session.

The webinar provided deeper insight into mental well-being, encouraged emotional resilience, and promoted healthier self-perception and personal growth.

#### **Attended Installation Ceremony of RAC Ponda**

On 19th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim attended the Installation Ceremony of the Rotaract Club of Ponda, held at Rotary Hall, Ponda-Tisk, Goa. During the ceremony, Rtr. Sarvesha Naik was installed as President along with the Board of Directors for the 2025–26 tenure. The event was graced by DG Rtn. Arun Bhandare as the *Installation Officer & Chief Guest* and AG Rtn. Sharon Dias as the *Guest of Honour*. A total of 6 members from the Rotaract Club of Panjim were present to witness the occasion. The ceremony strengthened inter-club bonding and provided an opportunity to extend heartfelt wishes to the incoming board for a successful and impactful term ahead.

### **Festivals Across The Borders: Joint Bulletin with RAC Patan, RID 3292 (Nepal)**

On 25th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim released the “Festivals Across The Borders” – Joint ISD Bulletin as part of its Sister Club Agreement with RAC Patan (RID 3292, Nepal), with the objective of promoting cultural exchange and international understanding. The bulletin highlighted festivals celebrated in their respective regions, fostering deeper cultural appreciation and strengthening international service ties. It was officially released during the 30th GBM in the presence of 16 members, 2 prospective members, and 1 guest. The joint initiative successfully encouraged cross-cultural learning, reinforced the Sister Club bond, and celebrated diversity through shared traditions and global fellowship.

### **Movie Screening: Swades Joint Project with RAC Belgaum Yuva Darpan**

On 28th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Belgaum Yuva Darpan, hosted an online movie screening titled “Swades Movie Screening” as part of the Peace & Harmony Month Observation for February. The event featured the screening of Swades, creating a nostalgic and meaningful experience for participants. Rtr. Shridhar Shirodker enriched the session by sharing interesting behind-the-scenes insights, adding depth and engagement to the discussion. A total of 11 members from the club attended the screening.

The initiative successfully promoted peace, harmony, and fellowship, while strengthening inter-club bonding and providing an enjoyable and reflective experience for all participants.

### **ZONAL EVENTS**

#### **Zonal Treasure Hunt**

On 8th February 2026, the Rotaract Club of Panjim organized “Zonal Scavenger Hunt 2.0”, a zonal fellowship event aimed at promoting teamwork, leadership, inter-club bonding, and healthy competition. The city-wide hunt combined mental and physical challenges, encouraging strategic thinking and collaboration. Participating clubs included the Rotaract Club of Vasco,

Rotaract Club of Bicholim, Rotaract Club of Curchorem, and Rotaract Club of Mapusa, with four representatives from each club. The event saw participation from 14 Rotaractors and 4 prospective members, supported by 13 volunteers from the host club. The hunt covered nine locations, starting at Garcia de Orta Garden and concluding at Miramar Beach, where teams solved riddles and completed tasks to advance. The Rotaract Club of Mapusa secured First Place, followed by the Rotaract Club of Bicholim as Second Place. The initiative successfully strengthened inter-club relationships, teamwork, and leadership, creating a fun and memorable fellowship experience.

### **DISTRICT EVENTS**

#### **Ekatva 7th District Bulletin (January Edition)**

The Rotaract Club of Panjim proudly contributed to the January Edition of the District 3170 bulletin – “Ekatva: Club's Harmony & Camaraderie,” released on 10th February 2026. The initiative aimed to showcase the bonding of RID 3170 clubs through fellowship and cultural celebrations.

Ekatva served as a meaningful platform to present the Rotaract Club of Panjim as a true reflection of Unity in Diversity. Through vibrant cultural, social, and fellowship-driven initiatives, the club highlighted harmony, inclusiveness, and respect for diverse traditions, proudly portraying itself as a Mini India. The article featured celebrations such as Ganesh Chaturthi, Dandiya Night, Narkasur Making, and 12 Days of Christmas, emphasizing the spirit of togetherness.

Through these inclusive initiatives, the club successfully promoted cultural appreciation, fellowship, and social harmony, with *Ekatva* beautifully embodying the essence of unity in diversity and strengthening camaraderie among members.

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE INTERACT CLUB OF AUXILIUM HIGH SCHOOL.

August 4<sup>th</sup> a vibrant ceremony was held at Auxilium High school, Caranzalem , to formally install the new office bearers of the Interact Club for the academic year. The event was proudly sponsored and conducted by the Rotary Club of Panjim, marking a continued partnership aimed at fostering leadership and the spirit of "Service Above Self" among the students.

The newly elected interact members were filled with zeal and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

### **Patriotism & Heritage**

The club spearheaded several events to instil national pride:

·**National Integration Day (Aug 13):** Celebrated with the poignant theme "*Unsung Heroes of our Motherland.*"

·**Independence Day (Aug 15) & Republic Day (Jan 26):** Commemorated with solemnity and patriotic fervour.

·**Goa Liberation Day (Dec 19):** Marked by the unfurling of the National flag and a vibrant showcase of traditional Konkani songs and folk dance.

**Creativity & Talent:** Talent Day on November 23rd To foster holistic development, a massive talent hunt was organized for Classes 5 to 10. The school buzzed with creativity as students competed in:

·Juniors (5-7): Paper craft, wealth-out-of-waste, and festive lantern making.

·Seniors (8-10): Rangoli, fabric painting, landscape modeling, and intricate Christmas décor.

### **Community & Service**

**The Interactors proved their commitment to the environment and the community through:**

·**Campus Cleanliness Drive (Sept 25):** Promoting hygiene and environmental responsibility.

·**Workers' Day (Feb 21):** A heart-warming initiative where the students organized an entertainment program to felicitate the school's support staff, recognizing their invaluable contribution.

### **Fellowship & Fitness**

**The year was balanced with joy and physical wellness:**

·**Teachers' Day:** A grand cultural program to honour their educators.

·**Christmas Celebration (Dec 23):** A festive spread of carols, skits, and dances.

·**Fitness Fiesta (Jan 30):** The grand finale of the year, featuring a spectacular march, rhythmic drills, Zumba, and high-energy athletics.

The Students of Auxilium High school Caranzalem look forward to the continued Support of The Rotary club of Panjim.



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