



## **ROTARY CLUB OF LATUR MIDTOWN**

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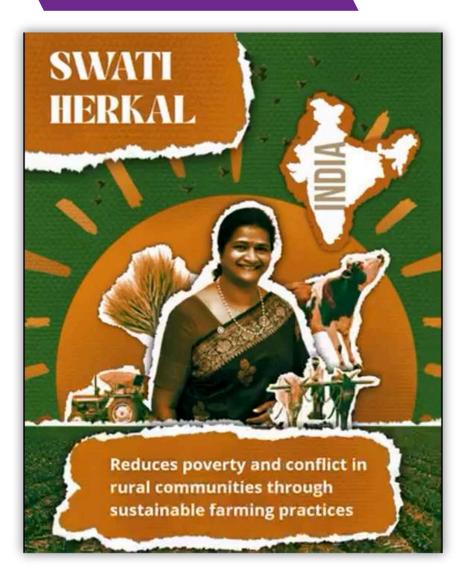
"As we present this month's bulletin, the Rotary Club of Latur Midtown reaffirms its dedication to sharing inspiring stories of service, fellowship, and growth. Let this platform reflect our ongoing efforts and future aspirations to make a lasting impact."



Rotary International's theme for February, Peace building and Conflict Prevention Month, highlights the organization's unwavering commitment to fostering harmony and understanding across communities. As Rotarians, we believe that sustainable peace is built through education, dialogue, and service-driven initiatives. By addressing the root causes of conflict—poverty, inequality, and lack of access to education and healthcare—Rotary plays a crucial role in creating a more peaceful world.

The Rotary Club of Latur Midtown has always been at the forefront of initiatives that promote social harmony and conflict resolution. Whether through educational programs, vocational training, or community service, we strive to bridge gaps and bring people together. As we observe this theme, let us reaffirm our dedication to peace by supporting projects that encourage inclusivity, mutual respect, and community development. Together, we can be catalysts for change, fostering an environment where understanding triumphs over division and where peace is not just a goal but a way of life.

Rotary International has been instrumental in peacebuilding through its Rotary Peace Centers, which offer scholarships for professionals to study peace and conflict resolution at leading universities worldwide. Additionally, Rotary supports grassroots initiatives that provide mediation training, support refugees, and help rebuild communities affected by conflict. By investing in education, healthcare, and economic opportunities, Rotary empowers individuals and strengthens societies, making peace not just an aspiration but a reality. As members of this global movement, we are part of a collective effort to build a more just and harmonious world.



# CHAMPION OF PEACE AWARD

#### **IPDG RTN. SWATI HERKAL**

Rotary International has recognized IPDG Rtn. Swati Herkal as one of six global recipients of the People of Action: Champion of Peace award for 2024-25. A dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Wai, District 3132, she has transformed the lives of rural farmers by pioneering sustainable agricultural practices. Her innovative soil regeneration techniques have improved crop yields, reduced financial

burdens, and revitalized rural economies, benefiting over 1,100 farmers. Now, she aims to expand her impact by collaborating with women's self-help groups. Rtn. Swati Herkal will receive this prestigious honor at the Rotary International Convention in Canada.

# "SERVICE Above Self"

#### **RTN. ARUN AGRAWAL**

Congratulations to Rtn. Arun Agrawal on receiving Rotary International's prestigious "Service Above Self" award! This honor recognizes his exemplary humanitarian service and unwavering dedication to helping others.



## **BE THE NILKANTH OF YOUR CLUB!**

#### Rtn. Dr. Dinesh Soni

#### Hello friends,

I wholeheartedly thank you for your appreciation for my earlier article about "Thinking within the box". That appreciation inspired me to take up more articles, based on the stories from Puranas / folklores that we have heard in our childhood.

While growing up in a religious Hindu family, I have heard many stories of Devas, Asuras, Devatas and Rakshashas. I have also grown up watching stories from Ramayana, Mahabharata and Vishnu Purana on television. One of those stories made a mark on my mind. The story of Samudra Manthan.



Samudra Manthan or the churning of the ocean is one unique occasion when the Devas and their archnemesis, the Asuras, unite for an important reason. Devas and Asuras churned the ocean in pursuit of Amrit.

The churning of the ocean was a result of a curse by Sage Durvasa. Once, he offered a garland to Indra, the king of Devas. Indra accepted the garland and showed his happiness, putting the garland on his elephant, Airavata, as an ornament. Airavata, irritated by the scent of the garland, picked it with his trunk and threw it on the ground. Durvasa was furious and cursed Indra and the Devas to lose their kingdom, power, and glory.

As a result, Indra's mighty vahana instantly went into oblivion. Lakshmi, the goddess of fortune, could no longer stay in the same realm as the Devas, and parted ways with her consort, Vishnu. She made the depths of Kshir Sagar her new home. Due to Lakshmi's absence in Devlok, the Devas lost all their riches.

Robbed of their power, the Devas were soon defeated by the Asuras in battle. The defeated Devas approached Lord Vishnu for a solution, who advised them to churn Kshir Sagar, to obtain Amrit. Amrit or the elixir of immortality would help the Devas regain their powers. The Asuras willingly offered to assist their half-brothers since they too wanted immortality and invincible powers by consuming Amrit.

Mount Mandara was used to churn the ocean, which was kept afloat in the ocean by Kurma, Vishnu's turtle avatar. The Naga king, Vasuki, became the churning rope. Several precious items, ratnas, emerged from the cosmic ocean; which were distributed amongst the Devas, the Asuras and the Sages.

Here, I don't want to talk about all the Ratnas that were discovered in the churning. Instead I want to talk about the first thing that emerged out of the churning. Halahal, the first thing that came out from the churning.



The Halahal was a deadly poison that had the potential to destroy all beings in the three realms. None amongst the armies of Asuras and Devas stepped in to stop the poison from spreading into the universe as they feared the poison would destroy them too. Lord Shiva descended from Mount Kailash to consume the poison. Goddess Parvati, Shiva's consort, used her powers to stop the Halahal in Shiva's throat, and as a result, his throat turned blue. Thus he came to be called Neelkanth.

In modern days, do we ever do Samudra manthan? In Rotaract, we need to churn out ideas using brainstorming sessions. Is it similar to this Samudra manthan? And what is the first thing that comes out during our brainstorming? The doubts, the negative comments, the questions. All these are not much different from the Halahal that appeared during the Samudra manthan.

Do you even wonder why did Shiva hand to consume the Halahal? Couldn't they just discard it? No. They couldn't. Because the Halahal would have destroyed the entire universe. Exactly like the doubts and questions arising through the brainstorming can. You can't discard or ignore these. You need to consume these doubts, which means understand them. Only when you understand the questions and doubts, is when you can achieve your goals.

But what about the act of keeping Halahal only at throat? Does that give a subtle message about how the doubts need to be tackled? Yes, it does. Even when Shiva consumed the Halahal, Parvati made sure that the Halahal doesn't affect Shiva's body. We also need someone on our teams, who can keep the Halahal at bay and does not let it affect the whole company or social organization. We need someone who can help settle these doubts at a point of no damage.

Now the most important question is who is the Shiva in your club / district? Who is the one who can consume this Halahal and help everyone else go ahead with churning out the Ratnas from the brainstorming?

In Vishnu Puran, there was only one Shiva who consumed the Halahal. But in today's scenario, every one of us has to be the Shiva. Because somewhere, every single person needs to understand the doubts raising inside mind, and also those coming from outside.

So, I wish everyone of you to become Nilkanth. Be the Nilkanth of your club and take it on a path of progress.

# Stock Market: A Path to Wealth with Risks to Manage

The stock market is one of the best ways to grow your money, but it's also a risky place if you don't understand how it works. Many people see the market as a quick way to make money, but the reality is that success comes with patience, knowledge, and the right strategy.

Investing in stocks means you own a part of a company. If the company grows, the value of your shares increases, and you make a profit. Over the years, the stock market has given higher returns compared to traditional investments like fixed deposits or savings accounts. A great example is Infosys. Someone who invested in Infosys shares in the early 1990s and held onto them would have made a fortune today. The same goes for Reliance Industries, which has rewarded long-term investors with massive growth.

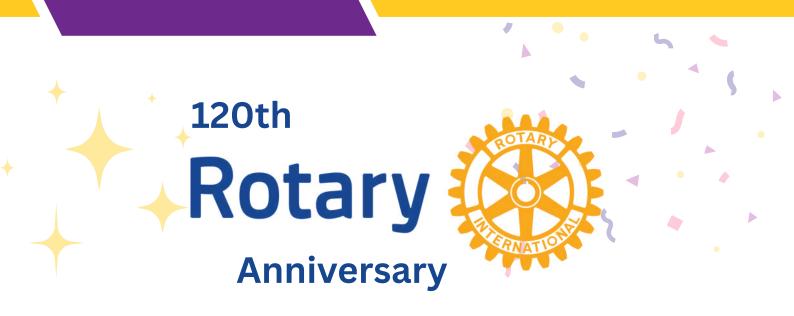


However, the stock market is not always smooth sailing. It is unpredictable, and prices can rise and fall based on economic conditions, political events, or even a company's performance. Many investors have faced losses because they acted out of fear or greed. A good example is the 2008 financial crisis, when stock prices crashed and people who panicked lost a lot of money. On the other hand, those who stayed calm and invested wisely saw their wealth grow when the market recovered.

The key to making money in the stock market is knowledge and strategy. Before investing, it's important to research the company and understand its financials rather than blindly following tips. Diversifying your investments instead of putting all your money into one stock helps reduce risk. Many people expect quick profits and sell their stocks when the prices fall, but patience is crucial. The market goes up and down, and those who stay invested for the long term usually see better returns. Also, emotional decisions can lead to mistakes. Fear of losing money makes people sell too soon, while greed makes them invest in overhyped stocks. A smart investor follows a plan and sticks to it.

The stock market is a great way to build wealth, but only if approached wisely. It's not about gambling or getting rich overnight but about making informed decisions and being patient. As Warren Buffett rightly said, "The stock market is designed to transfer money from the Active to the Patient." Those who understand this will always find success.





Every year on 23rd February, Rotary International celebrates its anniversary, marking the day in 1905 when Paul Harris and his friends laid the foundation for what would become one of the world's largest and most impactful service organizations. Over the past 119 years, Rotary has grown from a small group of professionals in Chicago to a global network of 1.4 million members dedicated to humanitarian service, leadership, and peacebuilding. This special day reminds us of our commitment to Service Above Self and the powerful impact that Rotary continues to make across the world.

From eradicating polio to providing clean water, promoting literacy, and fostering peace, Rotary has championed causes that transform lives. Our local efforts, combined with Rotary's global initiatives, reflect the essence of this movement—uniting people across cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs to serve humanity. The Rotary Club of Latur Midtown takes immense pride in being part of this legacy, contributing through impactful projects that strengthen our community and uplift those in need.

As we celebrate Rotary's anniversary, let us take a moment to reflect on the values that define us—fellowship, integrity, and service. This is not just a day of remembrance but a call to action for all Rotarians to continue making a difference. By embracing innovation, strengthening our projects, and inspiring the next generation of leaders, we ensure that Rotary's vision of a better, more peaceful world lives on. Let us reaffirm our dedication to this noble cause and work together to create lasting change, one service project at a time.









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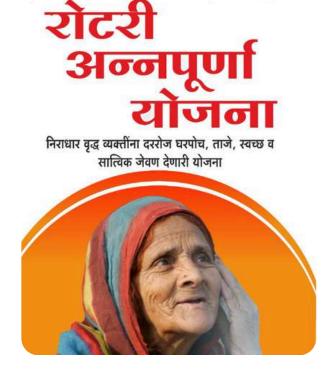
आयुष्यभर कुटुंबासाठी स्वतः:चे अस्तित्व विसरून काबाडकष्ट केले. तहान-भूक विसरून कुटुंबातील दोन वेळच्या जेवणाची सोय करून ठेवणाऱ्या अनेक वृद्धांनी अन्नपूर्ण सहाअन्न करून त्यांची सांज वेळ निर्धास्त करता यावी. यासाठीच रोटरी अन्नपूर्ण योजना सुरू करण्यात आली आहे. या योजनेंतर्गत वृद्धांनां निवासस्थानीच सकस व संतुलित अन्न पोहोचवले जाते. ही अन्नपूर्ण योजनेची सेवा अखंडित सुरूच आहे. ही नियतीची कृपा किंवा एखाद्या ठराविक समाजातील योजना नसून प्रत्येक मनाला स्पर्शून जाणारी व सात्विक सेवा आहे.

निस्वार्थ भावनेने रोटरी क्लब ऑफ लातूर मिडटाऊन रोटरी अन्नपूर्ण योजना सातत्याने वृद्धांसाठी एक सामाजिक दायित्व म्हणून पाळली जात आहे. अनेक सहृदयी देणगीदार व सेवाभावी लोकांच्या सहकार्यानेच या सेवेला व सेवेसाठी ध्यास घेतले आहे.

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Rtn.Sudhir & Sangeeta Lature District Governor | 2025-26 PDG Deepak & Rtn. Sucheta Pophale District Conference Chairman



## **Meetings February**





Meeting No 31 Date - 01 February 2025



Meeting No 32 Date - 09 February 2025





Meeting No 33 Date - 15 February 2025





Meeting No 34 Date - 22 February 2025

## **Meetings February**



Annapurna Yojna Meeting No 3 Date - 04 February 2025



BOD Meeting No 08 Date - 28 February 2025





Anniversary Celebration Rtn Girish Pensalwar





Anniversary Celebration Rtn Manmathappa Panchakshari



Member Name	Date of Anniversary
RTN. MANMATH KASHINATH PANCHAKSHARI	2-Mar
RTN. DESHMUKH RUSHIKESH	2-Mar
RTN. ANIL PRALADHARAO PATIL	6-Mar
RTN. RAJESH VISHNUDAS DAYMA	7-Mar
RTN. BHUSHAN SADASHIV DATE	10-Mar
RTN. SHIVKUMAR MULE	11-Mar
RTN. VIKAS SHARANAPPA BARULE	12-Mar
RTN. SUBODH SOMANI	13-Mar
RTN. SUDHEER VAIJANATHAPPA LATURE	29-Mar



# **March Birthdays**

Member Name	Date of Birth
RTN. PRUTHVIRAJ MILANLAL CHAVAN	5-Mar
RTN. PRAFULLA KOCHETA	6-Mar
RTN. SHRAVAN SANJAY BIYANI	9-Mar
RTN. KAPIL SHARADCHANDRA DUMNE	11-Mar
RTN. RAMESH SIDRAMAPPA CHILLE	11-Mar
RTN. SHRIPRAKASH BIYANI	11-Mar
RTN. CHANDRAPRAKASH MADANLAL AGARWAL	12-Mar
RTN. VIJAYKUMAR SHAHA	12-Mar
RTN. SACHIN MALU	18-Mar
RTN. AMAR MORE	19-Mar
RTN. UMESH DATTATRAYA PATRAWALE	23-Mar
RTN. AJAY PRALHADRAO DUDILE	23-Mar
RTN. SUNIL UPASE	24-Mar
RTN. KIRAN DHANASHRI	24-Mar
RTN. AMOL SIDRAM BANALE	26-Mar
RTN. AVINASH JADHAV	27-Mar