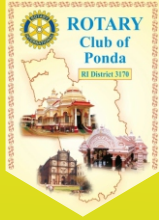


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Editorial

Dear Fellow Rotarians, As we step into the month of February, we proudly reflect on a vibrant and impactful January. The New Year began on a joyful note with our New Year Celebration, strengthening fellowship and unity among members. The Annual Beach Walk event was another refreshing initiative that promoted health, bonding, and togetherness — a wonderful way to start the year with positivity and energy.

January was also marked by meaningful service projects. The donation of computers and a xerox machine was a significant step toward supporting education and improving facilities for the beneficiaries. These contributions are not just equipment, but tools that will empower learning and enhance opportunities for many.

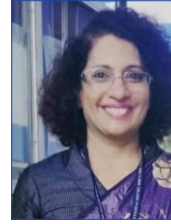
February holds special importance for our club as we prepare to welcome our District Governor's Official Visit. This visit is a moment of pride and reflection, allowing us to showcase our achievements and receive valuable guidance for the months ahead. Let us come together with enthusiasm and teamwork to make this occasion truly memorable.

Under the inspiring leadership of President Rtn. Dr. Anita Tilve and with the dedicated support of all members, I am confident that our journey of service and fellowship will continue to grow stronger.

Let us move forward with renewed commitment and the spirit of Service Above Self

Yours in Rotary
Rtn. Shweta Sangaonkar
Editor
2025-26

**YOU'RE MAKING
SUCH A
DIFFERENCE.
KEEP GOING.**



President Speaks

"Fellow Rotarians, Happy New year! Let's make January count". We kicked off the new year with a productive meeting on the 2nd, where Rtn. Ajay Menon presented his candidature for DG 28/29 for District 3171. We are excited about the possibilities and wish him the best of luck!

On 3rd Jan. at Hotel Goan Magestic, Ponda-Tisk, we celebrated the new year 2026 in style. It was a blast! The evening was filled with soulful melodies by Rtn. Dr. Vilas, Dr. Anita, Rtn. Nasir, Rtn. Abhijit, Rtn. Laxmikant, Rtn. Subramanian, Anne Kiran and Neelam. And, Dr. Badruddin's shero-shayari left us all mesmerized. Looking forward to making this year unforgettable. On the 5th, we handed over a photocopying machine to the A.D.E.I office, Ponda – another step towards supporting our community especially in education. We also celebrated a very special occasion – the marriage of Annette Gustav, son of Rtn. Daniel and Ann Priya! It was a family affair, with all Rotary members turning up to show their love and support. Kudos to Rtn. Daniel, our founder member, for this milestone. Continuing our community service, we've donated a computer to a Govt. primary school Mestwada, thanks to Rtn. Dr. Bhanu Manjunath and a wheelchair to Sarthak Foundation. Small steps, big impact! On the 16th, we had a club assembly where our AG Sharon Dias shared valuable insights about the upcoming District Conference, 'Runanubandh'. We're pumped and ready to take on the challenge! On 30th, regular meeting we had a talk on 'Makar Sankranti' by Anne Rajani Nayak and in the same meeting, monthly bulletin was released. On 25th, Sunday we took our community spirit to Colva beach! Our beach clean drive and walk was a huge hit, with a great turnout and fun.

We capped off the celebrations on the 26th, with the honour of being the chief guest for flag hoisting at a Govt. Primary School, Bonbag-Betoda, on Republic Day! Proud moment for all of us! Finally, 8 of us took a trip to Kolhapur for the District Conference on 30,31 and Feb 1. Representing our club and learning from the best - what a way to wrap up January!

Thank you!
With warm regards,
Rtn. Dr. Anita Tilve
President, Rotary Club of Ponda

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The 4-Way Test
Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



"I do not believe capital can afford to permit hunger, squalor, or disease. Let us banish the city miserable before we build our city beautiful. Slums are political malarial breeders, and we must not have them in our midst."

-Paul P. Harris THE ROTARIAN, March 1918

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In Loving Remembrance of
Rtn. Paul P. Harris
Founder of Rotary International

On his 79th Death Anniversary,
we honor a soul whose vision turned friendship into service and service into a worldwide legacy.

*His ideals live on
in every Rotarian's pledge,
in every helping hand,
and in every life touched through*
Service Above Self.

*A legacy remembered.
A vision renewed.*

With Rotary respect,
Rtn. Nasir Ali Wahid
*Assistant Governor
Rotary District 3170*



Rtn. Mukul Lal
SECRETARY

Secretary's Report January 2026

XEROX MACHINE ADEI OFFICE SHANTI NAGAR

A Xerox Machine was Donated to the ADEI office in Ponda on 05.01.2026



DONATION OF ONE COMPUTER

Donation of one computer was carried out by the Club along with Syngenta Biosciences Pvt Ltd to the Govt. Primary School at Mestewada Ponda



DISTRICT 3170 CONFERENCE REPORT

A total of eight Rotarians from our club attended the 67th District Conference (67DisCon) held on 30th and 31st January and 1st February 2026 at VIJAY PALACE and LAWNS, Kolhapur-Sangli Road near Shirol. This conference marked the last District 3170 conference hosted in Maharashtra. We reached the venue at 2:30 pm and completed the registration formalities. The inaugural function commenced at 4:00 pm and concluded at 7:00 pm. The Chief Guest was Past RI Director Rtn. Raju Subramanian and the RI President Representative was Rtn. PDG Bindi. As a mark of homage for the untimely demise of Dy CM Ajitdada three days earlier, the evening program concluded without fellowship and entertainment activities.

On 31st January, we began the day with a visit to seek blessings at Goddess Mahalaxmi Temple and joined the conference sessions at 10:30 am. The sessions were highly informative and engaging. Among the speakers, Shri Jaiprakash Kabra's talk on "Emotional Intelligence and it's Relevance to Rotary" was particularly impactful. The exhibition stalls at the venue were impressive and well organized, much to the delight of our President Rtn. Anita Tilve and Joint Secretary Rtn. Rupali Lal, who made several worthwhile purchases.

The day's sessions concluded at 6:30 pm, followed by the much-awaited Announcement and Invitation for next year's District Conference by Incoming DG Rtn. Dr. Lenny. The grand procession led by our incoming DG, accompanied by trumpets, drums and Goan folk dance performances, was the highlight of the evening. The banner for the District Conference 2026 — "Uzwad" was officially released, along with discounted conference fees. Early bird registration was opened for just 24 hours, during which a record 1,020 Registrations were received. The next conference will be the final District 3170 conference to be held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Bambolim, Panjim, Goa.

This was followed by the Fellowship program and the District Awards Ceremony conducted by IPDG Rtn. Sharad Pai. Our club proudly received four Awards for the Rotary Year 2024-25 under the dynamic leadership of President Rtn. Suchitra Bhat:

1. Major Donor — Rtn. Suchitra Bhat and Rtn. Dr. Rajesh
2. Vocational Service — Rtn. Nasir Ali.
3. Best Administered Club
4. Best Polio Plus Activity

Hearty Congratulations and sincere thanks to everyone for their unwavering support and contribution. The fellowship program was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with Rtn. Bhanumanjunath fondly called the "Fellowship Boy of the Evening" adding great cheer to the gathering. The snacks and dinner arrangements were sumptuous and mouthwatering. The day concluded on a joyful and celebratory note.

On the third day, 1st February, we rejoined the conference at 9:00 am for the COL election program. There were three contestants, including our PDG Rtn. Gourish Dhond from Goa. PDG Rtn. Dr. Pranesh Jhahagirdar was declared elected after securing 131 votes. We attended the Valedictory function and departed at 1:15 pm for our return journey, reaching Goa around 7:00 pm.

The memories of the 67DisCon will remain cherished for a long time to come.

God bless everybody. Viva Rotary.



Dr. Vilas Naik
Vice President, RC Ponda



27TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING

27th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club was held at Rotary Hall on 02.01.2026
 Guest: Rtn Ajay Menon to attend the meeting and present his candidature for DG 28/29 for D3171



28TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING

The 28th Meeting of the club was held on 09.01.2026 at Rotary hall the agenda is Fellowship at 7.30 pm Meeting at 8.00 pm



29th Regular Weekly Meeting

The Regular Weekly Meeting of the club was held at Rotary Hall on 16.01.2026
 The agenda of the meeting was Fellowship at 7.30 pm Meeting at 8.00 pm
 The meeting was attended by the AG Rtn. Dr. Sharon Dias



30TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING

The regular weekly meeting of the club was held at Rotary Hall on 23.01.2026
 The agenda of the meeting was Fellowship at 7.30 pm Meeting at 8.00 pm
 Talk by Anne Rajani Naik





31TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING

The 31st Regular weekly meeting of the club was held at Rotary Hall on 30.01.2026
 The agenda of the meeting was
 Fellowship at 7.30 pm
 Meeting at 8.00 pm



ANNUAL BEACH WALK EVENT

The annual Beach walk event of the club was held on 25.01.2026 at Colva beach where Rotarians not only did the beach walk but also did beach cleaning drive



NEW YEAR CELEBRATION-2026



New year celebration of the club was held at Hotel Goan Majestic Ponda on 03.01.2026 all club members along with Annes and Annettes were invited from 7.30 pm onwards



DISTRICT CONFERENCE RUNANUBANDU 2026

The Rotarians of the club had attended the District conference held at Kolhapur (ichalkaranji) between 30-31st Jan 2026.

The club had received the following awards:

- Major Donor- PP Rtn. Suchitra Bhat and Rtn. Rajesh Bhat
- Vocational Service: Rtn. Nasir
- Best administered club
- Best Polio Plus Activity



Fellowship Greetings for the Month of February

Birthdays

- 4th : Annette Pallavi Pandurang Ghate
 6th : Rtn. Pritesh Naik
 6th : Rtn. Mohan Aggarwal
 9th : Annette Pradnya Pradipkumar Naik
 15th : Annette Dr. Sailee Shripad Talaulikar
 21st : Annette Ashtami Sanjay Bhandari
 25th : Annette Dr. Uttara Rajesh Bhat
 28th : Annette Shivangi Uday Dangui



Wedding Anniversary

- 6th : Anne Ashwini & Rtn. Vinayak Nayak
 11th : Anne Smitha & Rtn. Mahendra Khandeparkar
 24th : Anne Pradnya & Rtn. Prakash Naik
 27th : Anne Manisha & Rtn. Nagesh Komarpant

