

July 2025

Beyond Borders

Monthly newsletter from Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport



INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

RI President - Page 2

District Governor -
Page 3

Secretary Report -
Pages 4-6

Change over - Page 7
International Service -
Page 8

Rotary



District 3170
Synergy Passport

Vrunda speaks...

Dear Rotarians and friends,

It is with great pride and gratitude that I write to you in this inaugural edition of our club's monthly magazine. As President of Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport, I look forward to a year of collaboration, service, and shared purpose.

Our tagline, "**Synergy Beyond Borders**," is more than a phrase—it reflects our spirit of unity and our commitment to creating positive change that transcends boundaries. Though we have no formal theme this year, our mission remains clear: **Unite for Good**.

This magazine will serve as a vibrant space to share our projects, achievements, and the inspiring journeys of our members. I encourage each one of you to engage, contribute, and celebrate the incredible power of service.

Let us work together with passion and purpose to make this Rotary year meaningful and memorable.

In Rotary Service,

Rtn. Vrunda Khanolker

President, Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport

Rotary International President



Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, is the **Rotary International's president for 2025-26**.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice. He is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations. He is vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the delegation for Ragusa of the National Trust for Italy. He is a Knight of Honor and Devotion in Obedience within the Sovereign Order of Malta.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, learning facilitator, and as district conference presidential representative.

Arezzo is a Major Donor and Benefactor of The Rotary Foundation. He is married to Anna Maria Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two children.

UNITE FOR GOOD

District Governor

Rtn. Arun. Bhandare is a member of Rotary club of Ichalkaranji Executive & has been serving Rotary & the community of RID 3170(India) for over 28 years.

He is a graduate of Civil Engineering with a bright educational career, He is a University Ranker & is an accomplished consultant, valuer & Building Contractort



Rtn. Arun is known for his expertise in construction of Industrial structures, showrooms, Hotels, commercial complexes, Multiplex Theaters, educational institutes & Bungalows,

He is a recipient of Award of excellence from various professional organizations which includes CREDAI & Institution of Engineers [India], like Excellence in Construction Awards, Best Engineer Award, Abhiyanta Gourav Puraskar. He was bestowed with Sarvautkrusht Abhiyanta Puruskar by Association of Engineers & Architects, Ichalkaranji and J K Cement and many more. Professionally, he is associated with Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Indian Red Cross Society, Kolhapur Chamber of Commerce & Industries, Kolhapur District kho-kho Association & Ichalkaranji Church. Due to his involvement & exemplified Service to the Community, he is honored with - SAMAJ RATNA national award.

He has also been awarded the BEST ROTARIAN Award by his club, similarly Best Secretary by the District, Rtn Arun served his club as President in 2010-11 & was bestowed with 20 Awards with Best President Award along with 15 other District Awards, 4 Rotary International Awards.

The district leaders aptly identified his potential & gave him opportunities to develop him as an established Rotary leader through various District Assignments, namely, Dist, Chair Coordinator-DCC), District Secretary, Conference Secretary, Gov Area Aide & Asst Governor.

He had carried out all these assignments with excellence, He has received the Best DCC Best Asst Governor, Best Governor's Area Aide, Best District Secretary Awards. He has established the Rotary Club of Hatkanagale Central as a GSR, Rtn Arun was instrumental in inducting 54 members to the Rotary family.

Educational Expedition to Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary
District 3170 Synergy Passport organized an enriching visit for 117 underprivileged students and 25 teachers to Goas Cotigao Wildlife Sanctuary. Rtn. Karuna facilitated permissions with the RFO Cotigao and the Goa State Council for Science and Technology (GSCST). The students enjoyed seed bomb making, trekking, waterfall exploration, and a visit to the butterfly park. A fun-filled learning experience that promotes environmental awareness and appreciation for nature. It was a day of learning and unforgettable memories for these deserving children.

On July 7, 2025, Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport organized a valuable talk on breastfeeding and nutrition for lactating mothers and expectant mothers at Chicalim Hospital, Vasco. 8 lactating mothers received baby clothes and nutritious methi laddus, while 24 expectant mothers benefited from the informative session by Ms Karishma Kerkar Extension Educator from UHC Vasco and were treated to chikkis! Heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Sonali for sponsoring the baby clothes and to Rtn Karuna Sharma for coordinating the project.

Interact Orientation Program at Sindhudurg Sainik School
On July 13, 2025, Sindhudurg Sainik School Amboli was the venue for an impactful Interact Orientation Program. The session, orchestrated by DICC Rtn Gauri Shirgaonkar and graced by the presence of RFO Pramila S. Shinde, aimed to illuminate the transformative potential of the Interact Club for young minds. Approximately 180 students from grades 9-12, along with their teachers and 15 dedicated Rotarians, gathered for the program.

District 3170 Synergy Passport, Donated colouring books, writing books, barakhadi books, pencil, rubber sharpner ruler sets, crayons and sketchpens, slates, bags, sanvskar books, barakhadi posters, flavored milk, cake and biscuits to 6 children from caranzalem anganwadi. In picture children, teachers and parents of students. Project coordinated by Rtn Manisha and Rtn Sonali. It was a different kind of birthday celebration by Rtn. Sonali.





Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport: "Know Your Blood Group" Campaign On July 5, 2025, Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport successfully organized a "Know Your Blood Group" at 2 schools in Goa. The initiative aimed to provide underprivileged students with the vital knowledge of their blood groups, promoting essential health awareness. During the event, 105 beneficiaries received free blood group testing. This crucial step empowers these students with important information that can be life-saving in emergencies. Knowing ones blood group is a fundamental aspect of personal health preparedness, and Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport is proud to have facilitated this small yet significant stride towards a healthier community.



On July 7, 2025, Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport organized an empowering self-defense program for 150 students at Shree Vishwanath Arlekar (Dada Arlekar) Memorial HSS, New Vaddem - Vasco, Goa. The students were thrilled to learn various self-defense skills from the experts at Martial Arts Goa Sqay Association, including Mr. Tukaram Kunkalekar, Mr. Mahesh Pujari, and Mr. Himanshu Kaushal. This initiative is a great step towards promoting safety and confidence among young individuals.

Greening Sindhudurg Sainik School: A Tree Plantation Drive Sindhudurg Sainik School Amboli recently became a canvas for environmental stewardship during a graceful tree plantation program, thoughtfully followed by a solemn environment-saving oath. This initiative, held under the heartwarming theme "A Tree in a Friends Name", saw the planting of 200 saplings, carefully selected to thrive in Ambolis climate. The diverse array included Amla, Apta, and various forest plants, all chosen to bolster local biodiversity. The event witnessed a remarkable turnout, with approximately 18 Rotarians, 200 students, Anns, and Annets, alongside RFO Pramila S. Shinde Amboli, all contributing to this verdant endeavor. Their collective efforts not only enriched the school grounds but also instilled a profound sense of responsibility and connection to nature among the younger generation, beautifully embodying the spirit of friendship and environmental care.

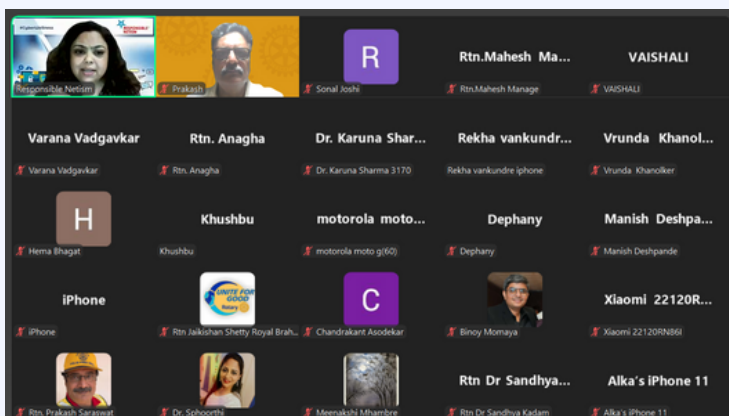
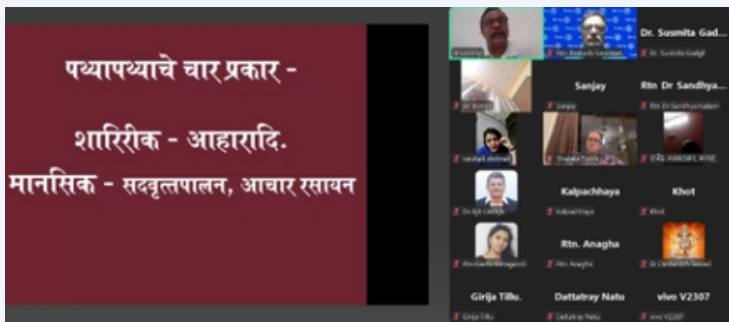




Plastic Surgery and Mental Wellbeing District 3170 Synergy Passport Clubs first online meeting, part of Project "Harmony Within Season 3", tackled Plastic Surgery and Mental Wellbeing. Dr. Anand Joshi, a renowned Cosmetic and Reconstructive Plastic Surgeon, led the insightful session. Dr. Joshi emphasized how plastic surgery can significantly boost mental health, empowering individuals to regain confidence and achieve their desired lives. Over 35 participants, including Rotaractors and Rotarians from across India and internationally, attended, underscoring the discussions importance and relevance.



R Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport along with RAGMHI organised "Mindful Eating & Ayurveda" Insights with Rtn. Vd Suvinay Damle! In an enlightening session, Rtn. Suvinay Damle explored the intricate connection between mind, body, and soul, highlighting how food impacts our overall well-being. He shared valuable insights on: - Ayurvedic eating principles - Benefits of local food for health - Importance of mindful portion control This session benefiting around 92 enthusiastic participants.



A session on how to be responsible when we are online was taken by Shilpa Chandollikar. This session was held under the RAGMHI The part 2 of her session was held on 23rd July 2025

Dr. Anuradhda Suryavanshi was our Guest Speaker on 24th July. She spoke about Breast Cancer awareness and self examination.



Changeover 2025-26



A Grand Beginning!

On 13th July 2025, the Installation Ceremony of Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport was held at the serene and scenic Dark Forest Resort, Amboli. It was truly a destination installation to remember!

The new leadership team took charge with grace and enthusiasm:

President – Rtn. Vrunda Khanolker
Secretary – Rtn. Anagha
Treasurer – Rtn. Prakash Saraswat
Vice President – Rtn. Manisha Sirdessai
IPP – Rtn. Gurudatta Kulkarni
Service Chair – Rtn. Dr. Karuna Sharma
TRF Chair – Rtn. Navneet Shukla
Membership Chair – Rtn. Sonali Nagvekar
Club Admin Chair – Rtn. Pravin Kumbojkar
Public Image Chair – Rtn. Tejendra Lawande
Young Leaders Contact – Rtn. Amol Deshpande



We were honored to have Rtn. Pallavi Sarmalkar, AG 2025-26, as our Chief Guest and Installation Officer, and Rtn. Vd. Suvinay Damle as the Guest of Honour.

Two members Dr Ajeya and Deepa Kamat inducted in the Rotary family.

Special thanks to Past AG and DICC Rtn. Gauri Shirgaonkar for gracing the occasion.

Together, we look forward to a year of impact, growth, and service!



Inclusive Education

The main objective of this project is to create an inclusive and supportive education system in Goa, where every child, regardless of their abilities or background, has an access to quality education and can reach their full potential.

- Training teachers across Goa to empower them for inclusive education under National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and Vocational training to teachers to enable skill development of special and underprivileged children to make them an asset to the society.
- We plan to transform Vidya Vardhini Education Society's school for special Children located in Usgao, Goa into a state-of-the-art facility that provides services to students with special needs. Imparting vocational training to educators of the school, will empower the children with special needs, with different skills tailored to their unique capacities. To make them self-reliant and confident by providing a great support system.
- We also intend to upgrade the infrastructure of two schools in Mormugao taluka, Goa for underprivileged children including modernization of classrooms/Library, incorporating innovative technology and comfortable tables and seats. We will also organize workshops to improve the teaching skills on regular basis even after the grant is completed.



Rotary District 3170 Synergy Passport was chartered on 15th August 2022 with 20 new members supported by 10 experienced Rotarians.

Our Club has done many smaller and meaningful projects in the last few years, and are now planning our first global grant with a total budget of ~US\$ 49,500.

We seek International Rotary Clubs and Districts as our Global grant partners for DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD.

Guest Speaker - August

PDG. Dr. Jorson Fernandes

will speak about

Engaging members.

On Thursday 21st August 2025

Join : meet.google.com/sce-jqur-mdi