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Presidential message

Oct 2023



Rtn. Gordon McNally
RI President 2023-24

Next year, Rotary takes a step toward supporting peacebuilding in the Middle East and North Africa region when recruitment begins for our newest peace center in partnership with Bahçeşehir University (BAU) in Istanbul.

A series of events in the coming year will recognize the new center at BAU and Rotary's work to promote peace. The 2024 Rotary International Convention in May will mark 25 years since the first Rotary Peace Centers were announced — coincidentally at the Rotary Convention in Singapore in 1999. Recruitment for the first cohort of Rotary Peace Fellows at BAU also starts in 2024, and selected candidates will begin their program in early 2025.

Since its beginning, the peace centers program has prepared more than 1,700 peace fellows working in more than 140 countries to create a more peaceful world. That is certainly worth celebrating, but Rotary Peace Fellows are more than statistics on a page. Their actions have helped Create Hope in the World and will continue to do so.

For example, Jennifer Montgomery and Gorett Komurembe — peace fellows from the program at Makerere University in Uganda — are co-founders of Magenta Girls Initiative. The international nongovernmental organization equips Ugandan girls and young women with the support and tools to overcome harmful gender norms, generational poverty, gender-based violence, trafficking, and trauma.

Ndzi Divine Njamsi, another peace fellow who studied at Makerere, has taken lessons learned about Positive Peace and is sharing them with students of his own in Cameroon. He became interested in the Rotary Positive Peace Activator training program after witnessing extremism, online hate speech, and violence in Cameroon.

Since completing the program, he has brought his lessons on peace to students at the Yaoundé International Business School and other organizations in the Central Africa country.

The world needs more people like the graduates of the program at Makerere and our other peace fellows. To that end, we can all advance peace by encouraging our local peacebuilders to learn more about Rotary and apply for this impactful fellowship. Rotary members can also mentor candidates for the fellowship. Or you can work with peace fellows who have already graduated. They probably have an initiative or two that would benefit from your help.

Our peace centers in North America, Europe, Africa, Australia, and Asia depend on financial support as well. The program at BAU was made possible thanks to a generous gift of \$15.5 million to The Rotary Foundation from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation.

This new Rotary Peace Center will offer a one-year professional development certificate in peace and development studies for fellows focusing on peacebuilding within the Middle East and North Africa region.

Peace must be waged persistently; it is the soil where hope takes root. But as with any journey, we take one step at a time. Let's take those steps together.





District governor's message

Rtn. Asha Venugopal
Dist Governor RID 3030

November, a month that Rotary International has dedicated to The Rotary Foundation. There is no better month

to talk about Rotary Foundation than this month. This is the month where all we do is to ensure continued funding of The Rotary Foundation for the sake of the existence of Rotary International. Since being established on the premise of "creating a fund to do good in the world" as advocated by Foundation father and original chair Chairman Arch C. Klumph, The Rotary Foundation has produced wonderful results on a global- reaching scale.

As Rotarians it is our responsibility to continue to support the work of charity through the various projects

that we are carrying out in our communities with more emphasis on our supports to the Rotary Foundation. Both making contributions to the Foundation and making use of its funds in service activities is our duty as Rotarians.

I take this opportunity to thank members who have contributed and fulfilled their commitment and would like to request all members to contribute towards The Rotary Foundation so that we can continue the good work we are doing for our community. Simultaneously, we have to continue our support for Polio Plus as "We are very Close" to eradicating Polio from our Earth but we are not fully free from this disease that can come back if we are not careful.

Our District 3030 was first in our Zone for our contribution towards Polio Plus | 2022-2023, I want that this year too we retain our position of being at the top of the table.

I thank you for your support of the Rotary Foundation and Creating Hope in the World with your generous donations.

Your's in Rotary,

Asha Venugopal

President speaks

Dear RCNV Family, the festivities gone by have ushered in a whole new action packed season for us. Starting with the just concluded annual picnic where new bonds were forged and old ones were reinforced, we are once again geared up to tackle the coming season. We will also have our Diwali fellowship where a huge number of members and spouses will work tirelessly to put up an enjoyable show for you in true RCNV style. As we gear up for the rest of the year in service, I request each and every member to take the full benefit of their membership and attend maximum meetings and projects. Because Rotary is made by its people and when people are absent, those who have worked hard behind the scenes are de-motivated. Every Director gets just one year to prove his or her worth and it is our duty as Rotarians to participate in their work. The family that works and plays together, stays together. Let us join in and say.....WE CAN!



Editor's Note

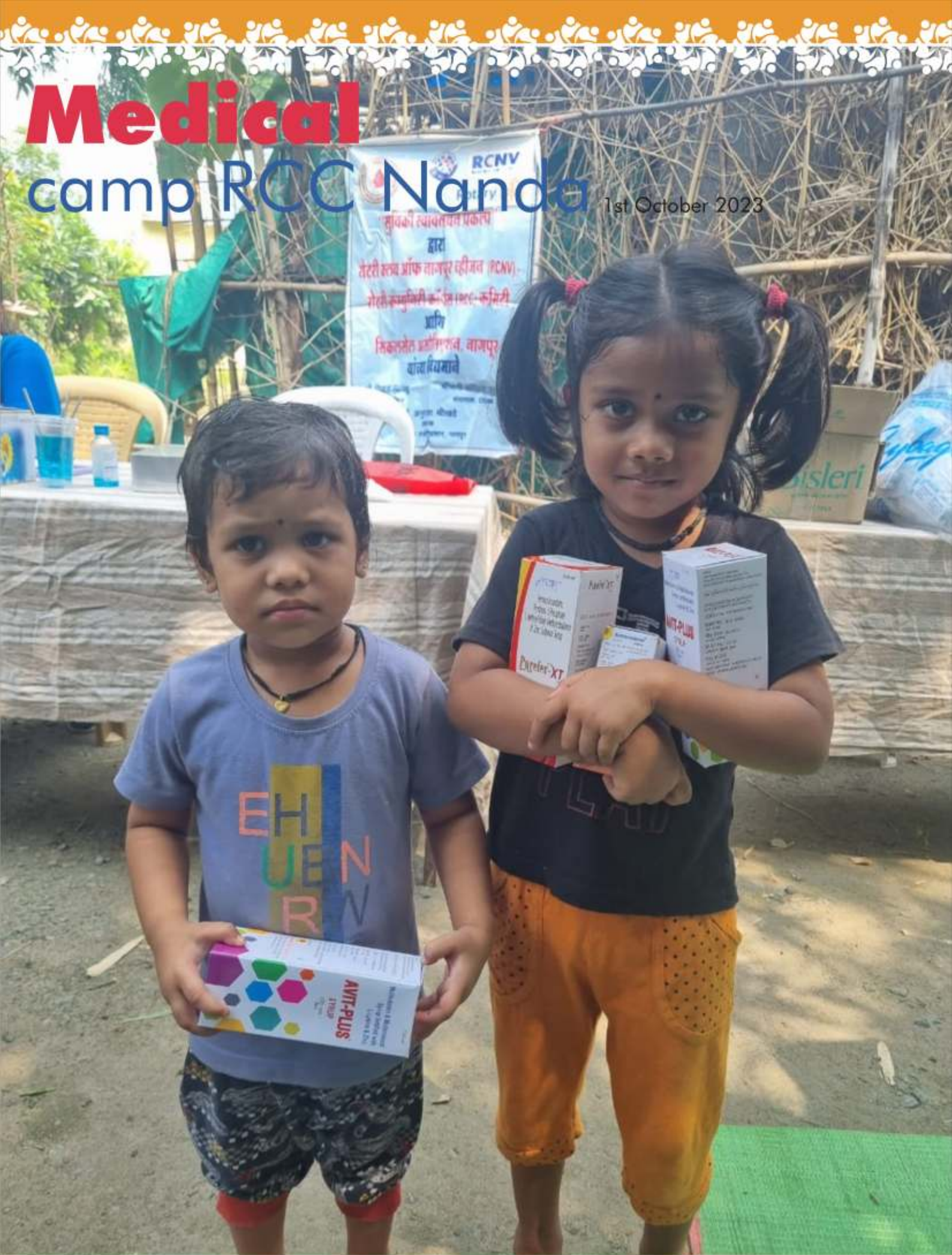
SOHRAB KANGA

There are a few important lessons to be learnt from the recently concluded Cricket World Cup.

- 1) It is most important to give your best every day. If you miss just one day, you will not be a champion.
- 2) There will be fans and critics in equal measure. A fan today can also be a critic tomorrow.
- 3) Make the most of every opportunity. Don't sit back and think the job is done till it is done.
- 4) Don't be hard on yourself if you do not get what you want. There are better things in store.
- 5) Be a team player. There is no "I" in team.
- 6) Motivation can be found anywhere, you just have to look for it. It is usually hidden in ordinary things.
- 7) Follow the leader. He is the leader for a reason.
- 8) Tomorrow is another day...take each day as it comes.
- 9) Don't take life seriously. You won't get out of it alive.

Medical camp RCC Nanda

1st October 2023



Medical camp RCC Nanda 1st October 2023



RCNV team with doctors and local residents during the camp.

ROTARY Club of Nagpur Vision (RCNV) organised a medical camp in village Nanda of the district. Director in-charge Abhishek Ghatodewas instrumental in holding the camp with the help of Dr Anuradha Shrikhande and RCC Team. The camp offered a variety of medical services, including general check-ups, dental care, sickle cell screening, children and women's health services. A team of experienced doctors and nurses provided services. Director (Medical) Dr Sangita Tajpuriya headed the medical team.

The camp also provided free medicines and educational material on health and hygiene.

The villagers were grateful for the camp and the services that were provided.

Water filters were distributed under RCNV Community Services on the occasion. The purpose of water filter distribution in villages is to provide villagers access to clean and safe drinking water. The distribution took place under the guidance of Director Community, Nitya Agrawal.

The medical camp had a significant impact on the health and well-being of the villagers. The camp provided them with an opportunity to get their health checked and receive treatment for any ailments they had.

The camp also helped in raising awareness about health and hygiene among the villagers. The educational material taught the villagers about the importance of hand washing, clean drinking water, and proper nutrition.

Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision organises medical camp

Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision (RCNV) organised a medical camp in Nanda Village near Nagpur recently. Under the guidance of Rtn. Abhishek Ghatode, with assistance from Rtn. Dr Anuradha Shrikhande and the RCC Team, the camp offered crucial healthcare services to the villagers.

The medical camp provided essential services, including general checkups, dental care, sickle cell screening and women's and children's health services, administered by a dedicated team of experienced doctors and nurses. Director medical Rtn.

Dr Sangita Tajpuriya headed this medical team.

Apart from this, the camp distributed free medicines and educational materials on health and hygiene, significantly benefiting the villagers. RCNV's community services extended to distributing water filters, ensuring access to clean and safe drinking water, supervised by director Nitya Agrawal.

This initiative had a profound impact on the health and awareness of the villagers, emphasizing the importance of hygiene, clean drinking water and proper nutrition.



Cyclathon SOS Atrey Layout

Peace Rally SOS Wanadongri 2nd October 2023



Saluting the scintillating sunshine of 2nd Oct'23, two noble personalities of our nation, Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lalbahadur Shastri were paid rich tributes by the staff, students and parents of SOS Atrey layout. They organised and participated in the "CYCLOTHON 2023".

Principal School Of Scholars Atrey layout Dr. Shilpa Newaskar and Vice- Principal Mrs. Swati Fating welcomed the chief guest and the guests of honour.

The chief guest, Dr Sameer Palthevar, the Chairman and Managing Director Meditrina Institute of Medical Sciences, flagged off the "CYCLOTHON 2023". The guests of honour were Mr. Ajay Uplanchiwar President Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision, Mr. Amit Chandak Treasurer, Mr. Yogesh Paliwal, Director Youth, Rotarians Rahul Arya, Pramod Batra and Karishma Paliwal were present.



SOS awakens the Nation towards No to Plastic Pollution and Gadget Addiction. "Strength does not come from physical capacity. It comes from an indomitable will." M.K Gandhi. On the 2nd of Oct '23 SOS Wanadongri organized a Peace Rally as a mark of respect to the Great Mahatma. This auspicious day began with the rendition of Vaishnava jana to after the garlanding of the portrait by the Director Youth of Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision Mr. Yogesh Paliwal and the Sr.

Principal Dr. K. Nagarajan of the school. Mr. Paliwal was accompanied by RCNV Treasurer Amit Chandak and Rotarians Ms. Karishma Paliwal and Mr. Rahul Arya.

The Peace Rally was a motivational step to create awareness towards Saying no to Plastics, Pollution and Gadget Addiction & was a vital part of the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations. SOSians in association with RCNV covered a distance of 3 Kms. In addition to the Peace Rally a Doodle Drawing Competition was also organized for Grade V on the topic Swachh Bharat.

There were 250 students who actively participated and made the rally achieve its goal. It was a day of reflection, inspiration and a renewed commitment to upholding the principles of our Great Mahatma in our daily lives.

Tree plantation

2nd October 2023



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2nd October 2023

As Mahatma Gandhi said, "What we are doing to the forest of the world is but a mirror reflection of what we are doing to ourselves and one another".

Spreading the message of love, Rotary club of Nagpur Vision conducted the club's largest tree plantation drive on 2nd October 2023, commemorating the birth anniversary of the Father of our Nation, Gandhiji. This event was held at Dongargaon Kanholi Road, Wardha Road, Nagpur and was a remarkable environmental initiative.

Rtn. Pravin Jain (owner Mauli Infra) sponsored the 2000 trees. Director Community, Nitya Agrawal coordinated the event.

7' to 12' height trees of various varieties like Mahogany; Saptaparni; Kadamb; Conocarpus; Chafa; Mirchimeri Palm, Phoenix palm; Bakul; Pandanus ranging from ₹1500 to ₹3000 were planted.

With the motto "Make Earth Green Again", President Ajay Uplanchiwar; Director Community Nitya Agrawal; Chairpersons-Manish Agrawal, Rakhi Amidwar, Swati Belkhade, Payal Mallelwar, Tanushree Vijaywargi and Yuvraaj Pandharipande; Vice President Ritesh Amidwar; Jt Sec Rashmi Shahu; Director Rupam Mulak along with 30 Rotarians participated in this very successful tree plantation drive.

RCNV members plant saplings in mega drive



To mark Gandhi. Club of Nagpur conducted a mega drive on Monday at Dongargaon-Kanholi Road, Wardha Road. Own Pravin Jain donated to RCNV. Community Nitya Agrawal led the tree drive. RCNV president Ajay Uplanchiwar, chairperson Manish Agrawal, Rakhi Amidwar, Swati Belkhade, Payal Mallelwar, Tanushree Vijaywargi, Yuvraaj Pandharipande, vice-president Ritesh Amidwar, Dr Rashmi Shahu, Pallavi Uplanchiwar, director along with 30 Rotarians participated in the drive.



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Charity drive

6th October 2023



On 6th Oct Rotary club Nagpur Vision in association with Students of School of Scholars, Hudkeshwar had organised a Community Outreach initiative, Lend a Hand - Make a Difference for the underprivileged students. The students of First Step school Rahate Nagar, Toli, Shatabdi Square, Nagpur were invited to the host school along with the teachers and their mentor Mr Kushal Dhak. Mr. Kushal Dhak, a renowned social worker is the founder of Sewa Sarvada Sanstha which takes the initiative of imparting education to the children from underprivileged background. Various entertainment activities and games were organised for the students of First Step. Principal of the school Mrs. Arti Choubey and RCNV dignitaries Director Community Nitya Agrawal, Director Farnberg Bharucha and Chairperson Swati Belkhade handed over donation items like Clothes, story books, stationary, electronics and food boxes as a token of love . The items were donated by the members of RCNV and students of SOS for this noble cause. It was indeed a very satisfying experience for the students of SOS as they could bring smiles on children's faces. They also experienced the Joy of Giving and making others happy.



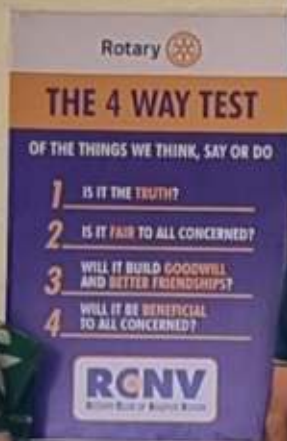
Four way test

6th October 2023



SCHOOL OF SCHOLARS

HUDKESHWAR



The 4 Way Test Board was installed at School Of Scholars, Hudkeshwar on 6th October by Director Farnberg Bharucha. Director Community, Nitya Agrawal and chairperson Swati Belkhade were present for the installation.

Oral

cancer awareness 11th October 2023



On 11th October, 2023 students from Elite Interact club of School of Scholars, Wanadongri and Rotary Club of Nagpur vision eagerly joined hands for the cause of Oral Cancer awareness. The Jazz chant for the awareness was truly innovative. The students energetic participation in the oral cancer awareness drive demonstrated their commitment to community health and their ability to make a difference in society. Approximately 120 students participated in the initiative.

Their active involvement emphasized the importance of early detection and prevention of Oral Cancer.

The guest from Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision President Rtn Ajay Uplanchiwar, Director Youth Rtn Yogesh Paliwal, Rtn Rahul Arya and Rtn Ann .Karishma Paliwal applauded the zeal and the enthusiasm with which the entire event was carried forward to the masses.

The Senior Principal Dr. Kavita Nagarajan along with the staff appreciated the initiative taken by the President of SOS Elite Ms. Archi Singh and the President Elect Ms. Anushka Budhe



LOKMAT TIMES

RCNV's 'Run for a Cause' spreads oral cancer awareness



Members of RCNV and students during the awareness drive.

The students from the School of Scholars joined hands with the community in a positive way. The event was graced by

Senior citizen birthdays



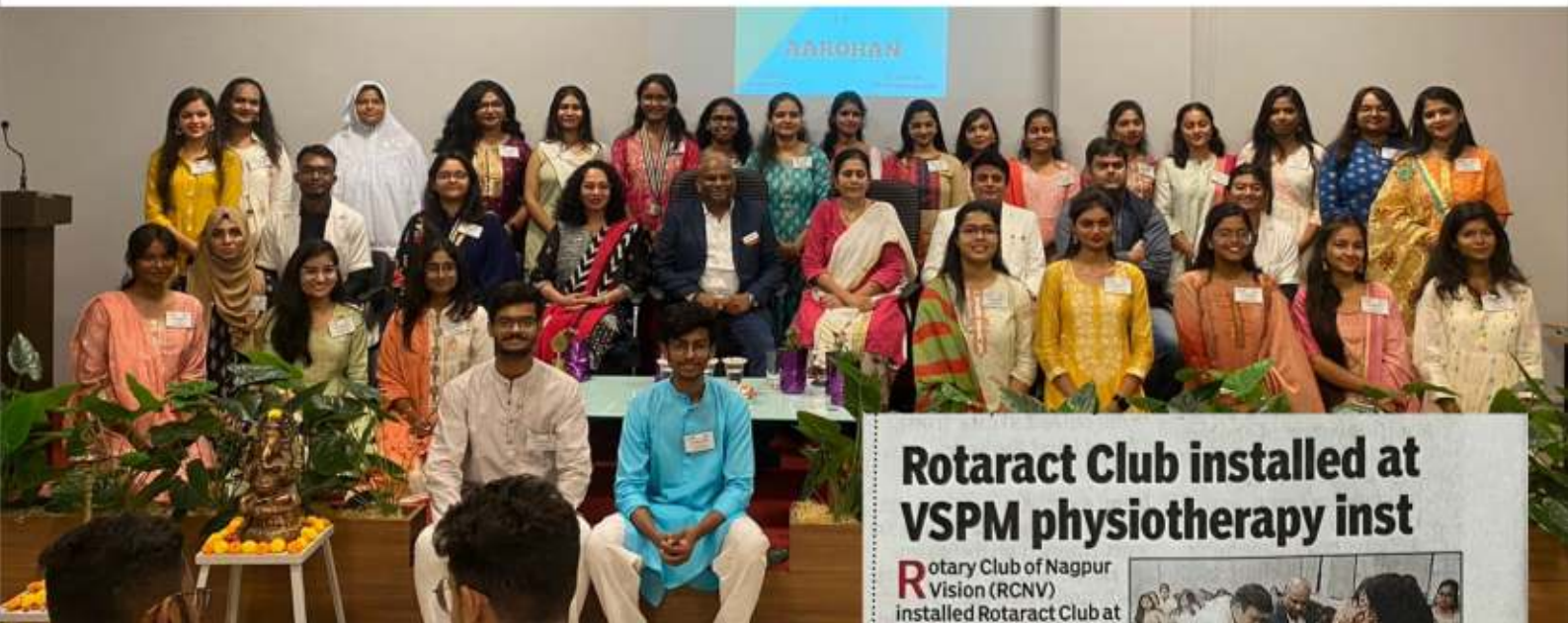
The senior citizens team celebrated birthday of our ever young member Sharad Bhawe sir with great enthusiasm at his residence on 11/10/23. Director Nitya accompanied by members Rakhi, Swati B, Tanushri, Varun, Swati Agarwal and Vice President Ritesh made the celebrations a memorable one. PP Gulab Mahant and Mrs Mahant joined the team to wish Sharad sir a very Happy Birthday.

With great cheer and enthusiasm the senior citizens team celebrated birthday of yet another stalwart of RCNV Sadhana Paliwal at her residence on 12/10/23. Director Nitya accompanied by chairpersons Rakhi, Swati, Tanushri, Varun, Pooja, Priyanka, Vice President Ritesh and President Ajay made the celebrations a memorable one.



Rotaract installation

12th October 2023



Rotaract Club installed at VSPM physiotherapy inst

Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision (RCNV) installed Rotaract Club at VSPM's College of Physiotherapy recently. The event was attended by RCNV president **Ajay Uplanchiwar**, secretary **Dr Madhumati Dhawad**, director youth **Yogesh Paliwal** and Nishikant Kashikar, district co-chair Rotaract.



Principal **Dr Maneesha Deshpande** encouraged the students to reach out to the society and do their bit for the community. In his address **Yogesh Paliwal** highlighted the **importance of fellowship**, service and professional growth. In her acceptance speech, president **Palak Kothari** reiterated that with a commitment to the principles of Rotaract, the incoming board is ready to inspire, **innovate** and serve the community. **Rotaract Club** will continue its mission to create lasting change and foster goodwill. **President Ajay** said with unity and a shared vision, **Rotaract members** can make big difference in the world.

Installation of the Rotaract Club of VSPM's College of Physiotherapy took place on 12th October, 2023 at Dream hall, VSPM's College of Physiotherapy, Digdoh hills, Nagpur.

The event marked a significant moment in the club's history, as it welcomed a new leadership committed to service, community engagement, and personal development.

A sense of purpose prevailed as the outgoing team passed the torch to the incoming board. The event was graced by the presence of Rotarians Ajay Uplanchiwar President, Yogesh Paliwal, Director Youth, Hon. Secretary Dr Madhumati from Rotary club of Nagpur Vision and Rtn Nishikant Kashikar, Dist. Co- Chair Rotaract.

The principal Dr. Maneesha Deshpande encouraged the students to reach out to the society and do their bit for the community. In his address Dir. Youth, Yogesh highlighted the importance of fellowship, service, and professional growth. In her acceptance speech, president Rtr. Palak reiterated that with a commitment to the principles of Rotaract, the incoming board is ready to inspire, innovate, and serve the community. The Rotaract Club will continue its mission to create lasting change and foster goodwill. President Ajay said with unity and a shared vision, Rotaract members can make a profound difference in the world.

We extend our congratulations to the incoming board and look forward to a year filled with meaningful service projects, leadership development, and the spirit of Rotaract.



Regular meeting

13th October 2023

13th October 2023 witnessed a totally different club meeting with a dynamic speaker discussing the very current and hot topic of fake news and misinformation. Ankita Deshkar, who is a Google certified Fact Checker and working with Indian Express explained how Artificial Intelligence is being used to create a fake audio/video news and messages with an intention to create disturbance in the society at large. Chairperson of the program Rtn Sagar Mitkary introduced Ankita to the club members and Rtn Hetal Sampat proposed a vote of thanks. Ankita was more than happy to take up multiple questions from the audience and the club members were awestruck with the kind of ways and means to catch fake news and use of artificial intelligence. Ankita took some live examples for the benefit of members as well. The club meeting was adjourned after national anthem.



Senior citizen birthdays 17th October 2023

The senior citizens team celebrated birthday of our ever young sweet sixteen Padma Mahant and Jayshree Rana at Mahant residence today, 17/10/23. Director Nitya Agarwal accompanied by Chairpersons Swati Belkhade, Tanushri, Swati Agarwal and Payal Mallewar made the celebrations a memorable one.



Fridge donation 17th October 2023

On the occasion of Navaratri members of Rotary club of Nagpur vision Nitya Agarwal, Director Community, Payal Mallewar and Swati Agarwal donated a LG 300 litre refrigerator to Lt. Umesh Haladkar school for Mentally challenged children, situated at Katol road Nagpur. The school was in dire need of a refrigerator to store medicines and other essential items. Chairpersons Tanushri Vijaywargi and Swati Belkhade were also present for this noble deed. The presence of our senior members PP Gulab and Padma Mahant, Jayshree and Pratap Chandarana made this event even more special. The two senior ladies celebrated their birthdays with the children and distributed sweets to the kids doubling their joy.



Rotaract installation

27th October 2023

Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision installs Rotaract Club at NIT Poly

Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision (RCNV) conducted installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of NIT Polytechnic.

The event marked a significant moment in the club's history, as it welcomed a new leadership team committed to service, community engagement and personal development. RCNV president **Ajay Uplanchiwar** was the chief guest of the ceremony where Yogesh Kumar Paliwal and **Nishikant Kashikar** were guests of honour. Principal Dr Gajanan Pothbhare was also present on the occasion. Newly elected president of Rotaract Club **Astha Pande** and secretary **Anubhav Sethi** served as a reminder that with unity and a shared vision, Rotaract members can make a profound difference in the world.



The installation ceremony of the Rotaract Club of NIT POLYTECHNIC took place on 27th October, 2023 at Seminar hall, NIT Polytechnic College, Near Gorewada zoo, Katol Road, Nagpur 440002.

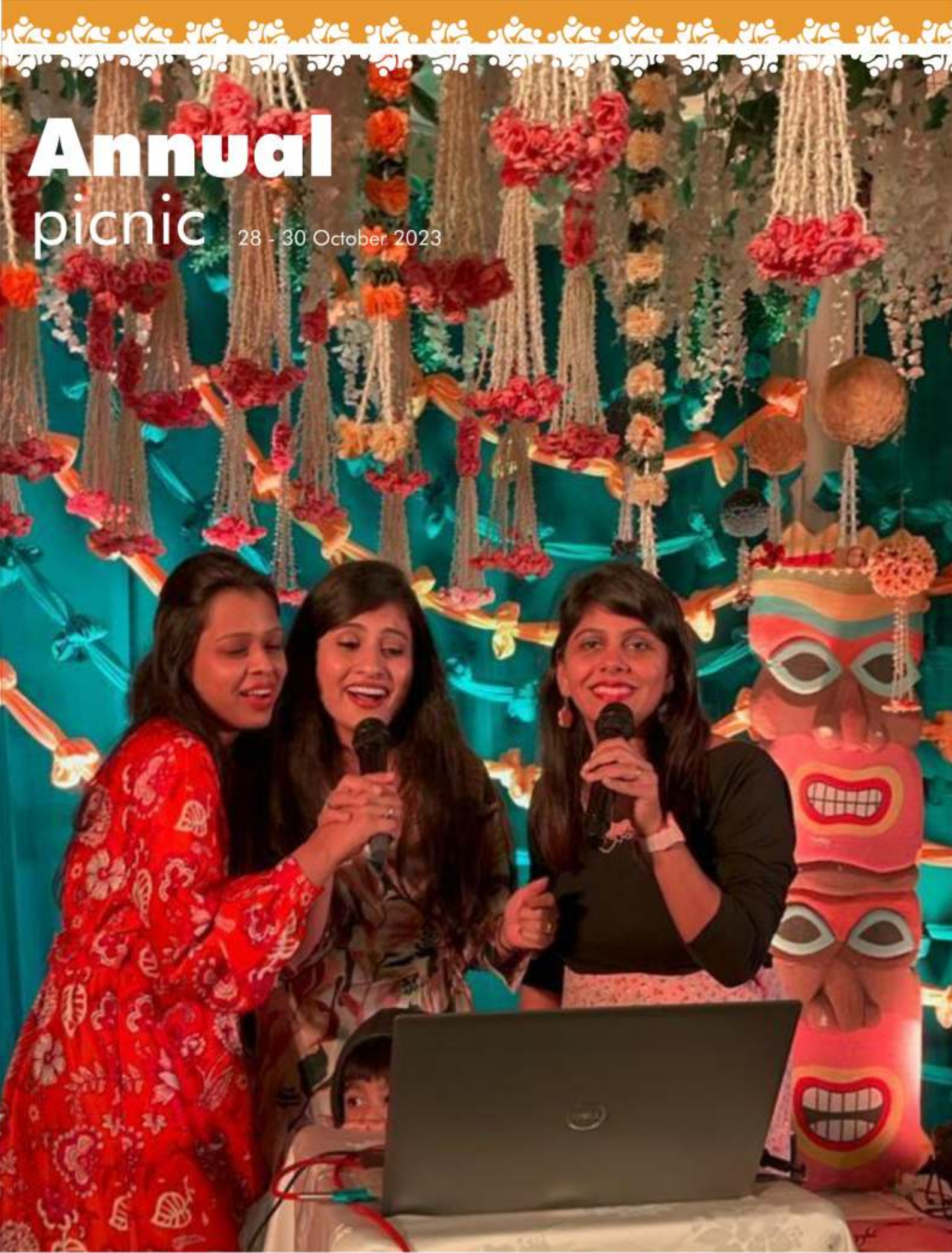
The morning was filled with enthusiasms it welcomed a new leadership team committed to service, community engagement, and personal development. The outgoing leadership passed the torch to the incoming board. The event was graced by the presence of Rotarian Yogesh Kumar Paliwal, Rotarian Rotaractor Nishikant Kashikar as Guest of honours and Chief Guest Rotarian Ajay Uplanchiwar.

Also a special mention of the principal Dr. Gajanan Pothbhare Sir who pledged his support for Rotaractors activities. Rotaract members are dedicated to making a tangible impact in their communities, and the new leadership is poised to lead the way. With a commitment to the principles of Rotaract, the incoming board is ready to inspire, innovate, and serve the community. The Installation Ceremony was a beautiful reflection of the club's commitment to service and the promise of a bright future.



Annual picnic

28 - 30 October 2023



Fellowship is the lubricant that oils the wheels of Rotary and a club picnic is the best fellowship program for the members to bond and socialise.

About 92RCNVians visited Bhedaghat in Madhya Pradesh from 28th to 30th October to enjoy its bewitching scenic beauty and cascading waterfalls.

Day 1 saw the members reaching Bargi Dam on the mighty river Narmada with its huge reservoir providing a breath-taking view of clear waters. A boat cruise allowed the members to soak in the beauty of water against the hills meeting the sky.

Members reached Jabalpur after a sumptuous meal at Bargi dam and checked in at the destination, Shawn Elizey a premium hotel in Jabalpur. The day culminated with a fun filled black dress themed fellowship wherein chairpersons Payal Mallelwar, Rutika Kunawar and Priya Tatiwar conducted fun filled games which was followed by a DJ Nite. The Municipal Commissioner of Jabalpur, Mr. Swapnil Wankhede was the Guest of Honour for the evening.

The next day members enjoyed a short boat ride and view of glistening marble rocks across the river Narmada. They further explored the splendid and magnificent Dhuandhar waterfalls.

The finale of the event was a grand karaoke nite. The evening saw great camaraderie around the group. Congratulations to the Director Rupam Mulak for a superbly planned event. Kudos to the chairpersons Pramod Batra, Sanjay Kataria, Rahul Arya, Vagish Kataria, Asad Merchant, Prashant Bongirwar, Yuvraaj Pandharipande & Praful Rewatkar and PP Nilesh Panpaliya for the flawless execution of the fellowship. Chairpersons Kanchan Patel, Priya Upganlawar, Shantala Bhole & Rahul Upganlawar did a fantastic job in planning the games to engage the members and allow them to mingle with each other. Congratulations to president Ajay Uplanchiwar for a well thought venue, meticulous planning to the last detail and extremely well executed event to make the Bhedaghat fellowship a memorable one.





Rotary around District 3030



RC Nashik Midtown felicitated 42 Teachers and 37 Engineers under the Nation Builders Award. The area of focus was TEACH. DG Asha Venugopal was the chief guest.



RC Chandrapur conducted a mega health checkup camp at Muthra village along with medicine distribution. Over 500 persons took advantage of this camp.



Under Womens Upliftment, Anns of RC Nagpur North arranged a monthly get-together to contribute money towards bus expenses of underprivileged school children.



RC Pusad conducted a Noise Pollution Awareness campaign on the occasion of Deafness awareness week by visiting Ganesh mandals and educating people.



RC Nasik distributed Akanksha app to 515 school students. The club hopes to donate around 1000 more apps to X std. students after getting donations from club members.



RC Nagpur Greencity organised a fundraiser "Sapnon Ki Udaan" which aims to give wings to underprivileged students. The fund raiser was greeted by a packed hall.

Rotary international news

1 in 100

Children worldwide with autism

16%

Estimate of the world's population with a significant disability

2.3 billion

Number of food-insecure people around the world in 2021

Rotary projects around the globe



JAMAICA

Advocates in Jamaica highlight a shortage of housing that meets the needs of people with limited mobility. The Rotary Club of Kingston funded a nearly \$23,000 refurbishment of Cheshire Village, a transitional housing facility associated with a rehabilitation center. "Rotarians were instrumental and involved in the three town halls we had with residents," says Karsten Johnson, the club's immediate past president. "Our plans were made based on their priorities." The Kingston club, supported by donations from the Rotary Club of Naples North, Florida, raised the height of toilets and added support bars and railings along restroom walls. The club installed new kitchen cupboards, sinks, and faucets to improve accessibility for people who use wheelchairs. A first phase, to install six solar streetlights, was completed in February, with the retrofit finished in June.



BELGIUM

The Rotary Club of Virton en Gaume organized two days of concerts to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Coralpains Gaumais, a trio that plays the traditional alphorn, a wooden horn once used by shepherds in the Alps. More than 140 alphornists, flag throwers, and bell ringers in folk costume participated in the event in May. The event raised money for the club's charitable causes. The alphorn was the ideal instrument for harmoniously bringing together nature and the people who live in the region, says Jean-Marie Henin, a past club president. The club was inspired to put on the concert series after it organized visits by the Coralpains Gaumais to nursing homes and other care facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.



SRI LANKA

While sea turtles can live to be more than 100 years old, as few as 1 in 10,000 survive to adulthood, according to some experts. Five of the world's seven sea turtle species visit Sri Lanka, but poaching for food and shells, along with disruption caused by recreation, imperils the creatures. The Rotaract Club of CINEC at the Colombo International Nautical and Engineering College in Malabe organized a public webinar to raise awareness of the vulnerability of turtles, coral, and other sea life. In April the club had an overnight operation to move turtle eggs out of harm's way. More than two dozen Rotaractors met at Rekawa Beach near Tangalle to help transport about 350 eggs to a conservation center for safe hatching. "We were shown by experts how to carefully dig around the nest to expose and collect the eggs," project chair Monalee Dissanayake says.

HAPPY DIWALI

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



Pallavi Uppanlawar



Diwali is a significant religious and cultural festival celebrated by millions of people worldwide. It typically lasts for five days and marks the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil. The festival's main highlight is the lighting of oil lamps and candles, symbolising the victory of knowledge and wisdom over ignorance. During Diwali, families clean and decorate their homes, exchange gifts, and prepare delicious sweets and snacks. Fireworks and colourful displays light up the night sky, adding to the festive atmosphere. Diwali also holds religious significance, with prayers and rituals performed to honour different deities, including Lord Rama's return from exile and the goddess Lakshmi, who represents wealth and prosperity.

***Dhanteras:** The festival begins with Dhanteras, dedicated to the worship of Lord Dhanvantari and the goddess of wealth, Lakshmi. It's a day for purchasing gold, silver, and utensils, symbolising prosperity and good fortune.

*** Choti Diwali (Narak Chaturdashi):** Choti Diwali, also known as Naraka Chaturdashi, commemorates the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon Narakasura. People light lamps and burst fireworks to symbolise the triumph of good over evil.

*** Diwali (Main Festival):** The third day of Diwali is the most significant, celebrating the return of Lord Rama from his 14-year exile. It is marked by lighting oil lamps, offering prayers, and exchanging gifts. This day is often referred to as the "Festival of Lights."

*** Govardhan Puja:** This day is dedicated to worshipping Lord Krishna and the Govardhan Hill. Devotees create small mountains from food and worship them, symbolising the protection and sustenance provided by the divine.

***Bhai Dooj:** The final day of Diwali is Bhai Dooj, a celebration of the bond between siblings. Sisters pray for the well-being and longevity of their brothers, and brothers offer gifts in return. Diwali is a time for unity and togetherness, as it brings families and communities closer, fostering a sense of joy, hope, and renewal. It is a festival that transcends religious and cultural boundaries, promoting the values of love, happiness, and the victory of good in the world.



Know Your new members



Name: Ritesh Somani

DOB: 29/08

Profession: Software Professional

Hobbies: Reading (Current Affairs), Motivational books, Watching Tennis, Playing Table Tennis

Spouse: Pallavi Somani

Hobbies: Reading, Cooking

Children: Kashish / 16 years

What motivated you to join Rotary - We believe Rotary is a good medium to do our bit for the Society, to the extent possible. It also helps in establishing a social connect.



Name: Smita Khare Bhargava

DOB : 23/07/1971

Profession - Supply Chain, Events Management and Marketing

Hobbies - Music, Gardening

Children - Akhil Bhargava / 27, Anushka / 25

What motivated me - Giving back to Society and Expanding New Horizon



Name : Nishant Gupta

Dob: 04/08/81

Profession: Advertising agency

Hobbies: cricket & travelling

Spouse: Vijeta Gupta

Hobbies: Teaching & cooking

Children: Vini Gupta (9yrs.old) Veer Gupta (7 months old)

What motivated you to join rotary: with rotary I can do my social responsibility & help the needy people.



Name :- Dr. Amol Kadu

DOB:- 24/02/1976

Profession :- orthopaedic and Joint Replacement surgeon

Hobbies:- cricket / Reading/ cycling

Spouse :- Dr. Anju Kadu

Profession :- consultant Pediatrician

Hobbies :- gardening / Reading

Children :- Aashi / 14 yrs

What motivates :- Serving the Social cause and meeting and interacting people from diverse groups and areas of work , which helps to widen our own horizons.



Name - Ar. Rashmi Pingle

DOB- 18/09/1980

Hobbies- singing ,dancing ,travelling

Spouse- Prashant Pingle

\Hobbies - badminton, general knowledge, wildlife

Children- Sharvil Pingle (17 year old) Pauravi Pingle (17 year old)

What motivated you to join Rotary: To get in touch with lively, enthusiastic and responsible people bonded socially to spread happiness.

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