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From the Editor's Desk

Rtn. Dr. Suhas Joshi



A New Beginning, A Shared Responsibility

The recent decision to reorganize RID 3170 into two new Rotary International Districts—RID 3171 (Karnataka & Goa) and RID 3172 (Maharashtra)—marks an important milestone in our Rotary journey. Such restructuring is not merely an administrative exercise; it is an opportunity to reimagine leadership, strengthen grassroots service, and enhance Rotary's relevance and impact in our communities.

The birth of a new district always brings fresh energy, new leadership opportunities, and closer connect with clubs. At the same time, it presents its own set of challenges—establishing governance systems, ensuring continuity, balancing club health, nurturing leadership, and building a distinct district identity. How effectively we respond to these early challenges will determine the strength and sustainability of our districts in the years ahead.

For newly formed districts like RID 3171 and RID 3172, the first year is crucial. Clear systems, transparent administration, structured training, and strong communication will be the foundation stones. Equally important is preserving institutional memory—learning from past successes while embracing innovation. A deliberate focus on membership engagement, leadership development, and signature district projects will help unify clubs and give direction to our collective efforts.

This transition also reminds us that Rotary's true strength lies not in structures, but in people. Collaboration over competition, mentorship over hierarchy, and service over self-interest must guide our actions. Experienced Rotarians, particularly past district leaders, have a vital role in mentoring the new leadership teams, while younger members and Rotaractors bring fresh perspectives and energy essential for a future-ready Rotary.



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As we step into this new chapter, let us manage expectations with maturity, celebrate small early successes, and remain patient yet persistent. With shared vision, ethical leadership, and collective ownership, both RID 3171 and RID 3172 have the potential to emerge as vibrant, impactful, and respected Rotary districts.

Change is always a test—but it is also an invitation. An invitation to grow, to lead better, and to serve more meaningfully. Let us accept it with confidence, humility, and unity.

Together, we can transform this transition into a lasting legacy.

**The things you do for yourself
are gone when you are gone.
The things you do for others
remain your legacy...**

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November is Rotary Foundation Month



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President's Message

Rtn. Mahesh Jhanwar

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Warm greetings from the Rotary Club of Sangli.



The Rotary International President's message for the 2025-2026 year is "Unite for Good," a message that encourages members to join forces, build stronger connections, and create significant global impact by working together, emphasizing unity and action in a divided world.

I sincerely appreciate the enthusiasm and teamwork shown by our members in all club activities and service projects so far. Each initiative we undertake—big or small—creates meaningful change in our community and strengthens the bond of fellowship among us.

November is a time to renew our commitment to Rotary ideals and actively participate in upcoming programs. Let us continue to turn ideas into action and make "Unite for Good" visible through our service, leadership, and goodwill.

I encourage all members to actively participate in upcoming meetings and projects. Your ideas, time, and involvement are what make our club vibrant and effective. Together, let us continue to inspire hope, create opportunities, and make a lasting difference in the lives we touch.

Thank you for your dedication and support. I look forward to your continued cooperation as we move forward with enthusiasm and purpose.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. Together, let us move forward with energy, unity, and the spirit of Service Above Self.

With warm Rotary regards.



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Secretarial Report

Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Udgaonkar

Meeting No. 19 : Date: 6th November 2025



Club Assembly

The 19th weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sangli was held on Thursday, 6th November 2025 at the Rotary Club Hall, Ganesh Nagar, Sangli. The meeting was conducted as the second Club Assembly of RY 2025–26, exclusively for members, and was graced by the presence of Assistant Governor Rtn. Dharmendra Khilare.

President Rtn. Mahesh Jhanwar welcomed the members and addressed the gathering. Secretary Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Udgaonkar presented an overview of the club's activities, highlighting that the meetings and projects were organised in alignment with the designated Rotary Special Observance Months as well.

All Directors presented a review of the projects completed in the three months since the first Club Assembly and outlined their plans, initiatives, and targets for the coming months of the Rotary year.

Assistant Governor Rtn. Dharmendra Khilare appreciated the club's ongoing efforts and shared constructive guidance on future goals, TRF contributions, PHF recognitions, establishing more Interact Clubs, preparations for the DG visit etc. His insights added significant value to the assembly.

The Club Assembly also included important discussions on fellowship activities, Rotary district updates, Global Grants, TRF announcements, and internal administrative matters. Members actively participated and contributed their suggestions, making the session vibrant and productive.

The meeting served as an effective platform for reviewing the club's progress and planning the next phase of initiatives for the Rotary year. A total of 32 members were present for the assembly.

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Meeting No. 20 : Date: 13th November 2025

Grand Kids Carnival

The 20th regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sangli was held on Thursday, 13th November 2025, at the Rotary Club Hall , Sangli.

The meeting was celebrated as a Children's Day Special Programme with a vibrant and joyful theme — Grand Kids Carnival.

The meeting commenced with the customary Rotary formalities. President Rtn. Maheshkumar Jhanwar welcomed all Rotarians, Anns, Annets, children, and guests who had gathered in large numbers to celebrate the spirit of Children's Day.

The entire venue was decorated with colourful banners, balloons, and festive elements, creating a warm carnival atmosphere. The rotarian were wearing special Blue Rotary T shirts . Various activity zones were arranged for kids, including:

- 1.Tattoo Corner – A creative stall where kids enjoyed fun and colourful temporary tattoos.
- 2.Face Painting Zone – A very popular attraction where children got artistic face designs.
- 3.Selfie Booth – A cheerful spot for kids and families to click memorable pictures.
- 4.Talent Stage – Children showcased singing, dancing, and other talents enthusiastically.
- 5.Kids Helping Kids – Shopping Fair – A unique initiative encouraging children to manage stalls, display creativity, and learn teamwork.

To make the event more engaging, several prizes were announced and awarded under categories such as:



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- Best Stall
- Maximum Sale
- Most Innovative Product
- Best Promotion & Marketing
- Best Talent Performance
- Wonderful Tattoo
- Best Selfie with Message
- WOW Face Paint

These competitions added excitement and encouraged active participation from the children. The event received an overwhelming response with enthusiastic participation from Annets (children) of Rotarians.

President Rtn. Mahesh Jhanwar appreciated the efforts taken by the event coordinator Rtn Mahendra Sarda , the committee members, volunteers, and parents for making the Carnival a grand success. It turned out to be a delightful and memorable celebration, reflecting the Rotary spirit of joy, service, and community bonding.



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Meeting No. 21 : Date: 20th November 2025

मराठा साम्राज्य आणि अफगाणीस्थान : ऐतिहासिक संदर्भ, विश्लेषण व दुर्ग भ्रमंती अभ्यास

The 21st weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Sangli was held on Thursday, 20th November 2025 at the Rotary Club Hall, Sangli.

A special lecture was organised on the topic:

“Maratha Empire and Afghanistan: Historical aspects , Analysis and Study of Fort Trekking.”

Adv. Maruti (Aaba) Gole, Pune, an enthusiastic fort trekker known for his extensive study of Indian and foreign forts, graced the meeting as the guest speaker. Adv. Gole delivered an insightful and engaging presentation on:

- The historical relationship between the Maratha Empire and Afghanistan
- Rare and valuable historical aspects and analysis
- Unique fort treks experiences and studies of Afghan forts and present day status of Afghanistan.

The lecture was highly appreciated by all members for its depth, authenticity and narrative. The meeting witnessed enthusiastic participation from 65 Rotarians, Annas, Annets, and guests.

The meeting also saw the release of the October 2025 News Bulletin by Editor Rtn Suhas Joshi and editorial board of Rtn Bipin Shevde and Rtn Dr CS Purandare.



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Meeting No. 22 : Date: 27th November 2025

Club Business Meeting

The second Club Business Meeting of RY 2025–26 was held on Thursday, 27th November 2025, under the chairmanship of the President of the Rotary Club of Sangli. The meeting commenced with the customary Rotary formalities.

Agenda & Proceedings

1. Discussion on the Bifurcation of Rotary District 3170 and Candidature for District Governor, Rotary District 3172

In the absence of President Rtn. Mahesh Jhanwar, Vice President (RY 2025–26) and Past President Rtn. CA Salil Limaye chaired the meeting. He briefed the members about the proposed bifurcation of Rotary District 3170 into District 3171 (Karnataka and Goa) and District 3172 (Maharashtra). He informed that our club will be part of District 3172 from RY 2027–28. He also emphasized the merit and need for proposing the candidature of our Past President, Rtn. Dr. Suhas Joshi, for the post of District Governor of the new District 3172, considering the stature and legacy of our club.

2. Presentation by Rtn. Dr. Suhas Joshi

Past President Rtn. Dr. Suhas Joshi presented an overview of his contributions in Rotary, the medical field, and various social initiatives. He expressed his willingness to serve as District Governor for the prospective new Rotary District 3172 from RY 2027–28.

3. Opinions of PDG and Senior Rotarians on the DG Candidature

Past District Governor Rtn. CA Ravikiran Kulkarni, Past Presidents Rtn. Bipin Shevade, Rtn. Uday Patil, Rtn. Dr. C. S. Purandare, and AKS Member Rtn. Kishor Lulla shared their views and expressed strong support for the candidature of Rtn. Dr. Suhas Joshi after meaningful deliberations.



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4. Unanimous Approval of Candidature

After detailed discussions, the Rotary Club of Sangli unanimously approved the candidature of Rtn. Dr. Suhas Joshi for the post of District Governor of Rotary District 3172.

In the same meeting, Rtn. Pratik Bagaria and Rtn. Sudhatai Kulkarni were felicitated for their key role in facilitating community service through the Rotary Club of Sangli at Koham Punarvasan Kendra, Sangli. Secretary Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Udgaonkar also announced the club's support to the Rotaract Club of Sunshine Sangli for promoting sports through the Inter-Rotaract Cricket League.

The meeting was attended by 42 members.





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रोटरी क्लब ऑफ सांगलीतर्फे कोऽहम् पुनर्वसन केंद्रास ब्लॅकेट्सचे वाटप

दिनांक: २२ नोव्हेंबर २०२५

स्थळ : कोऽहम् पुनर्वसन केंद्र, इनाम धामणी, सांगली

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ सांगलीतर्फे दिनांक २२ नोव्हेंबर २५ रोजी इनाम धामणी, सांगली येथील स्थेहबंध फाउंडेशन संचलित - कोऽहम् पुनर्वसन केंद्राला पन्नास ब्लॅकेट्सचे वाटप करून सामाजिक बांधिलकीचा उत्तम आदर्श घालून दिला. या उपक्रमात रोटरी क्लब ऑफ सांगलीचे सचिव रो. डॉ. अभिजित उदगावकर, रो अभय भगाटे, रो. सुधाताई कुलकर्णी, रो. प्रतीक बगारीया, रो. डॉ. अभिजित लेंडवे, रो. डॉ. रतन पाटील, रो. सागर सारडा यांनी सहभाग घेतला. यातील पंचवीस ब्लॅकेट्स रो. प्रतीक बगारीया व त्यांच्या कुटुंबीयांनी दान केली आहेत.

कोऽहम् पुनर्वसन केंद्र ही मानसिक उपचारांतर्गत कार्य करणारी अधिकृत संस्था असून मागील दोन वर्षांपासून मानसिक आजार, मानसिक अपंगत्व तसेच व्यसनमुक्ती (दारू, तंबाखू, गुटखा, चरस, गांजा, मोबाईल व्यसन) यांसाठी सेवाभावी कार्य करत आहे. आजपर्यंत १२० रुग्णांना उपचारांचा लाभ मिळाला असून सध्या ५० लाभार्थी केंद्रात सेवाग्राहक आहेत.

केंद्राच्या अध्यक्षा सौ. नीना जोशी यांनी रोटरी क्लब ऑफ सांगलीच्या या देणगीबद्दल मनःपूर्वक आभार व्यक्त करताना सांगितले की, या ब्लॅकेट्समुळे संस्थेच्या सेवाकार्यात आणखी बळ मिळणार असून रुग्णांच्या पुनर्वसन प्रक्रियेस हातभार लागेल.

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ सांगलीने केलेली ही सामाजिक मदत समाजात सकारात्मक बदल घडवण्याच्या त्यांच्या भूमिकेशी सुसंगत अशी आहे.

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One Minute Rotary

By

PP Rtn. Dr. Chandrashekhar Purandare

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मित्रांनो, रोटरी वर्ष एक जुलैला का सुरु होते?

सुरुवातीला जागतिक रोटरी अधिवेशनाच्या दुसऱ्या दिवशी नवीन वर्ष सुरु होई. त्यामुळे पहिल्या अधिवेशनानंतर 18 ऑगस्ट 1910 रोजी व दुसऱ्या अधिवेशनानंतर 21 ऑगस्ट 1911 रोजी रोटरी वर्ष सुरु करण्यात आले. पण नंतर यात बदल करून 1913 पासून 30 जूनला वर्ष संपवण्याचे बदल केले गेले ते अधिवेशनात आर्थिक ताळेबंद मांडता यावा म्हणून!

गंमत म्हणजे नंतर अमेरिकेतील उन्हाळा टाळण्यासाठी अधिवेशन मेजूनमध्ये घेतले जाऊ लागले, पण रोटरी वर्ष मात्र तसेच राहिले व आजपर्यंत तसेच आहे.

मीटिंग क्र. २० : दिनांक १३-११-२०२५

रोटरीतील सदस्यांची वर्गवारी किंवा क्लासिफिकेशन म्हणजे नक्की काय असते?

रोटरी सदस्य ज्या उद्योग, व्यवसाय अथवा नोकरीवाटे समाजात काम करतो त्याचे वर्णन यातून आपल्याला कळते. त्याच्या पदाचा मात्र त्यात उल्लेख नसतो. बँकेतील मॅनेजर पासून क्लार्क पर्यंत सर्वांची वर्गवारी बँकिंग अशीच दाखवली जाते. उद्योग किंवा नोकरी बदलल्यास वर्गवारीही बदलता येते.



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एका क्लब मध्ये एकाच वर्गवारीतले दहा टक्के पेक्षा अधिक सदस्य घेऊ नयेत असा रोटरीचा संकेत आहे. यामुळे क्लब मध्ये विविध क्षेत्रातले अधिकाधिक सदस्य येऊ शकतात व क्लब हा समाजाचा आरसा होऊ शकण्यास मदत होते.

मीटिंग क्र. २१ : दिनांक २०-११-२०२५

मित्रांनो, Rotary designated months हे शब्द आपण ऐकले असतील, त्याचा अर्थ काय?

वर्षातील प्रत्येक महिन्यासाठी रोटरीने वेगवेगळी उद्दिष्टे ठरवून दिलेली आहेत, आणि कालपरत्वे त्यात बदलल्ही केला जातो. क्लबने त्याप्रमाणे आपल्या सभा व सामाजिक कार्यक्रमांचे नियोजन करणे अपेक्षित असते.

२५-२६ सालासाठी महिन्यांची उद्दिष्टे पुढीलप्रमाणे ठरवली गेली आहेत.

जुलै - स्वस्थ माता व स्वस्थ शिशू

ऑगस्ट - सदस्य व नवीन क्लब विकास

सप्टेंबर - मूलभूत शिक्षण व साक्षरता

ऑक्टोबर - समाजाचा आर्थिक विकास

नोव्हेंबर - रोटरी फौंडेशन

डिसेंबर - रोग प्रतिबंध व इलाज

जानेवारी - व्होकेशनल सर्क्हिस

फेब्रुवारी - शांतता प्रस्थापन व कलह प्रतिबंध

मार्च - पाणी, स्वच्छता व आरोग्य

एप्रिल - पर्यावरण

मे - युथ सर्क्हिस

जून - रोटरी फेलोशिप्स



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आज आपण डिस्ट्रिक्ट गव्हर्नर किंवा प्रांतपाल या पदाबद्दल थोडंसं जाणून घेऊ या.

डिस्ट्रिक्ट गव्हर्नर हे रोटरी इंटरनॅशनल चे अधिकृत अधिकारी म्हणून कार्य करतात. जगात जवळपास ५५० गव्हर्नर्स असून त्यांचा कालावधी १ जुलै ते ३० जून म्हणजे क्लब प्रेसिडेंट सारखाच असतो.

त्यांना इंटरनॅशनल असेंब्ली मध्ये खास प्रशिक्षण दिले जाते. रोटरीचे कार्यक्रम, उद्दिष्टे व ध्येयधोरणे याबद्दल त्यांना अद्ययावत माहिती असते व ती प्रत्येक क्लब ने परिणामकारकरीत्या राबवावी यासाठी ते प्रयत्नशील असतात. समाजातील रोटरीचा उच्च दर्जा सांभाळण्याची जबाबदारीही ते पार पाडतात.

थोडक्यात, प्रांतपाल हे रोटरी इंटरनॅशनल व रोटरी क्लब यामधील दुवा म्हणून काम करतात. वर्षभरात सर्व क्लबना एक इन्स्प्रेक्टर म्हणून नव्हे तर एक मदतनीस व mentor या नात्याने अधिकृत भेट देणे त्यांना अनिवार्य असते.

हे सर्व पाहता असे दिसते की प्रांतपाल चे हक्क कमी आणि कर्तव्ये जास्त आहेत, आणि वर्षाची कारकीर्द संपेपर्यंत बहुतेकांचे केस कमी तरी होतात किंवा पांढेरे तरी होतात !

आपल्या क्लबमधून आतापर्यंत रो. सनाटकुमार आरवाडे, रो. कै. डॉ. किशोर मगदूम व रो सीए रविकिरण कुलकर्णी यांनी प्रांतपाल म्हणून काम पाहिले आहे.



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GST Applicability to NGOs and Service Organisations

By AKS Rtn. Kishor Lulla



As per the provisions of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act, GST is applicable to NGOs and service-based organisations such as Rotary, Lions, Giants, spiritual organisations, sports associations, clubs, IMA and similar bodies, even when services are provided exclusively to their members.

These entities are treated as service providers under GST, and hence, the threshold limit for compulsory registration is ₹20 lakh aggregate turnover in a financial year.

What is included in “aggregate turnover”?

For the purpose of this limit, the following receipts are counted:

Membership fees, Annual subscription, Event fees, Sponsorship receipts, Rent, Donations linked to any supply of service, Any other consideration received for activities

Only pure donations, which are given without any direct or indirect benefit, facility, right, or service to the donor, are excluded from GST.

Liability After Registration

Once the aggregate receipts exceed ₹20 lakh, the organisation must obtain GST registration and must pay GST at 18% on taxable supplies.

Input Tax Credit (ITC) may be claimed on eligible inward supplies subject to the conditions under Sections 16 and 17 of the GST Act 2017.



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Composition Scheme for Service Providers

Service organisations may opt for the Composition Scheme for Service Providers (Notification No. 2/2019 – CTR)(subject to conditions mentioned in related sections), under which:

GST is payable at 6% (3% CGST + 3% SGST)

No input tax credit is allowed

The aggregate turnover limit is ₹ 50 Lakh

This option must be selected at the time of registration or at the beginning of a financial year. Once the turnover exceeds ₹ 50 Lakh, the organisation becomes ineligible and must shift to the regular scheme and pay GST at 18%.

Compliance & Consequences

Non-compliance with registration and tax payment may result in interest, penalty, and retrospective tax liabilities.

Some organisations may attempt to avoid GST by conducting cash transactions. However, with the strong data-integration systems of the GST Department (PAN–banking–TDS–Udyam–CSR–AIS–TIS linkages), such avoidance has become extremely difficult.

From an ethical perspective, social and charitable organisations should maintain full transparency and avoid any unreported cash dealings.

Conclusion

All voluntary service organisations are strongly advised to review their accounts with a qualified GST consultant and ensure timely compliance with GST provisions. This will protect the organisation from unnecessary tax disputes and reinforce the credibility expected from institutions engaged in social service.



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Ann's Corner

Trust: A key to healthy relationship

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No relationship is perfect—it survives through patience, understanding, and above all, trust. We often believe that giving our 100% is important for a long-lasting relationship, yet we forget that human desires keep changing—seeking respect, attention, or tolerance at different moments, which no one can fulfil all the time. What truly holds people together is trust. Those who genuinely wish to understand can do so even in silence; words matter little when understanding comes from the heart, and no amount of talking can reach someone unwilling to understand. Trust is what gives stability to this bond, just as a child trusts a mother's love despite her scolding, because that love has been shown through countless caring actions over a period of time. Sadly, when trust is missing in relationships, life becomes full of misunderstandings, defensiveness, constant demands etc.

There is a huge difference between knowing what is important in a relationship and actually practicing it. Most people understand what is needed, yet fail to live by it—and that is where the real problem lies. What we need is mindfulness and integrity in action, not endless discussions about what is morally correct. Knowing has little value without doing; in the end, practice matters far more than awareness. Demands, and needless explanations—when all that was truly needed was patience and trust.

Often, when someone shares that they are hurt in a relationship, our first reaction is to defend ourselves and justify our behaviour. We try to explain why our actions were valid instead of acknowledging the pain we caused—though unknowingly.



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What truly matters in such moments is accepting that someone is hurt, regardless of our intention. Dismissing their feelings by saying “you misunderstood” only deepens the wound. Emotions don’t need arguments—they need validation. If the situation could hurt you, it could hurt them too. When a complaint is genuine, the most healing response is not defence, but understanding—simply acknowledging and validating what the other person feels.

Be reliable—do what you say you will do. Don’t delay the things you have agreed to handle. At times, choose to prioritize the needs and situations of the other person over your own convenience, this will help develop trust and make them feel valued and important through your actions.

Be honest with yourself and with the other person. Admit mistakes without defending or shifting blame. Speak the truth kindly—if you cannot meet certain demands or expectations, say so clearly and gently. The other person may understand your situation, but hidden facts will always damage trust far more than honest words ever can.

Finally, Trust isn’t taught—it’s practiced daily through dependable, honest, and emotionally mature behaviour. Those who lack emotional intelligence can neither develop trust nor can acknowledge the countless caring efforts of the person in relationship. Knowing these principles means nothing unless they are lived.

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