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## From the President's Desk

Dear Metropolitans,

The month of August represents the Tricolour! The colours of Patriotism, Friendship and Membership. I am extremely happy today, now that we are adding 5 more new members to our club. This is over and above the formation of our satellite club. The five members will bring in new outlook, ideas, experience and an extra dose of enthusiasm too into our vibrant club. Now we have 30 Lady Rotarians in our club that accounts for 43% of total membership. The club now has a strength of 72 members! Added to this is the tally of satellite club, taking our strength to 85 in the very beginning of RY 21-22. Commendable work by PP Rtn Madhav and PP Rtn Padma.

Today we are distributing Thermal Guns and Oxmeters to our Happy Schools. Great work done by our Project Director, PP Rtn Mukund. On Sunday Aug 8<sup>th</sup>, we attended the Monsoon Fellowship Event of clubs in Zone 2 and 4 of RID 3131 at Yashodhan Agro, Osara, Narayangaon. It had 182 participants including DG, DGE, PDG, many Presidents from both zones, Anns Anna and Annets. It was a well organised event by Zone 2. On behalf of Zone 4, consisting of 25 clubs, I had the opportunity to express my thoughts. It was a good chance for me to go far away from Corona and breathe free in natural surroundings, after a long time. On Aug 11<sup>th</sup> there was Cervical Cancer Vaccination done for 250 girls at Sane Guruji Primary School, Hadapsar by RCP Laxmi Road, RCP Central and RCP Metro. Myself and PP Rtn Bhavana attended the same. On Aug 14<sup>th</sup> the Satellite Club of Bavdhan Elite organised a Polio fundraiser event to which our club contributed Rs 3,000/-.

Another good news is that under the RYE our six students got connected with two countries, Indonesia and Brazil for the on line programme. Kudos to Rtn Amita and Madhavi Chouhan. On August 15<sup>th</sup> we as a nation entered the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence. I realise that we have to work even harder for Sanitation and Medical Help in various regions in and around city. Owing to various precautionary measures taken by individuals, society and government the pandemic situation has eased out with the Govt opening up more and more w.e.f. August 15<sup>th</sup>. There has been a surge in unemployment due to the pandemic along with reduced income for many households. We have to think together on how Rotary can organise actions on these fronts.

This month of Shravan with its characteristic sunshine and rains is going very well, creating enthusiasm for us and enriching us with new friends!

Yours in Rotary,

*President Sneha Subhedar*



## August Programs:

19th August: Induction of New Members

26th August: Members' Program

**Kalayatri Des:**  
(Group of members for August Programs):

Rtn Jayant Bokil  
Rtn Bhushan Mahajan  
Rtn Varsha Bapat  
Rtn Vidya Mulay  
Rtn Hemant Atre

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## Knowing Rotary: August-The Rotary Membership Month:

August is Rotary's Membership Development month. What is Rotary Membership? Is it merely registering names and paying fees? No, it's much more than that. We come to Rotary with a purpose, and irrespective of the specific objectives we have in our minds, our participation in Rotary is intended to make the world a better place. Rotary is a huge organization with thousands of clubs worldwide, and some 1.2 million members. Thus it is important that certain norms should be followed for members so that everyone is on the same page. Rotary membership focuses on 4 major aspects viz. New Members, Classification, Retention and Assimilation. Let us see what they mean.

**New members:** Rotary's membership grew in the 1980s and 90s but then it has remained static at about 1.2 million for the past 20 years or so. Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta has taken up a challenge to increase membership by one lac this year with the slogan 'Each One Bring One' seeking efforts by all members to help achieve this target.

**Classification:** Rotary aims at getting members from varied fields so that the best talents from many professions can come together. Classification of a member, such as Law, Medicine, Arts, Finance, Education, Engineering, Agriculture and hundreds of other fields tells about the member's primary occupation. Clubs are encouraged to have widely diversified classifications so that expertise from many fields can be available. A Club with a small number of classifications can certainly do good work. With more and more classifications, the same Club can become better, excellent and outstanding.

**Retention:** Just as new members join Rotary, some members can leave. That may be due to personal reasons like health, age, finance, change of residence or city etc. But there is a possibility that some members may want to leave because they are not satisfied with the atmosphere in the Club, nature of projects, lack of opportunity to contribute, etc. This is where the concept of Retention comes in. Every club President, the BOD, especially the Membership Director endeavors to ensure that no member should feel out of place. Each member must get opportunity to contribute – Not necessarily money, but to contribute his or her knowledge, expertise, skills and other resources to enhance the quality of club projects, meetings and fellowship between members.

**Assimilation:** New member (sometimes existing ones too) in a Rotary Club often personally know very few other members. Assimilation is the route to make them feel comfortable with new friends, club culture, goals etc. This requires one single factor 'Involvement'. The more new members can be involved in club work and take up responsibility, the quicker and better their assimilation will be. Rotary membership does not mean just the member, it is for the family. Thus the spouse and children are also considered part of the Rotary family and they too can get involved in club activities. RCP Metro has initiated a unique program this year named '**Coffee Pe Charcha**' when some members, especially past presidents visit members' homes on their birthdays to celebrate. This greatly helps to build close personal relations and fellowship between members and families.

*By PP Rtn Dileep Paranjpye, RCPM Membership Committee*

## FINAL EPISODE OF SAY NO WEBINAR SERIES

The 8<sup>th</sup> and final episode of our Webinar Series titled **Say No Bolo Na** on Addiction Prevention was broadcast on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 on YouTube channel of RID3131 and again on 3<sup>rd</sup> August on RCP Metro's channel. This episode focused on the connection between Entertainment Media and addictions. The episode created as a dialogue between renowned physician Dr. Chandrashekhar Phansalkar and National Award winning actor Girish Kulkarni, started with a meaningful introduction by PP Madhavi Mehendale. Dr. Phansalkar asked searching questions about positive and negative effects of entertainment media such as cinema, television and stage on the audiences. One point of concern was whether the image of popular stars as consumers of cigarettes, liquor and other addictive substances could affect the audience, especially the youth. Other aspect was about reality of the image of entertainment world as being deeply trapped in addictions. Mr. Girish Kulkarni was articulate of both issues, and shared his own knowledge & experiences on the matter. He also emphasized that the profession of artist is so demanding and competitive that they cannot succeed if they take to addictions. Often the image of these professionals projected in the media is quite different from reality. This is an important lesson; especially for the youth which tells us that we must avoid imitating the screen image of the stars.

The Say No series has been meticulously built by Convener Rtn. Shilpa Choudhari and PP Madhavi Mehendale. Our partner in the latest episode was Tuljaram Chaturchand College, Baramati. The episode was shown again on RCP Metro's YouTube channel on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021.

*By PP Rtn Dileep Paranjpye*

Goodness is the only investment that never fails

## *District News: Stars of RCPM at District Fellowship Meet, 8th August:*



A monsoon fellowship event was hosted by 9 clubs of Zone 2 on Sunday, August 8th, at Yashodhan Agri Tourism at Osara, just before Narayangaon. 182 participants including DG Pankaj Shah, DGE Anil Parmar, PDG Shailesh Palekar, many AGs, Presidents, Spouses, Anns, Annas and Annets attended the event, maintaining pandemic protocols. After registration and a sumptuous breakfast there was a networking session, followed by fellowship directions from RID 3131 given by AGs, DHE and PDG. On behalf of the Zone 4 Presidents, Rtn Sneha Subhedar made a small speech. Well known Rtn. Mangesh Hande cycled from Sinhgad to Narayangaon, entire 86.5 km. He was felicitated and also DG Pankaj Shah, who announced a gift of \$865 to Rotary on the same day. Zone 2 got a new member on this day and also a donation of \$1000.

A Maharashtrian Lavni troupe was specially called for giving a live performance that excelled in narrative, singing, Dholki and dances. Post lunch, there were quiz shows to engage the audience. One of its kinds, the event was extremely successful from the point of Friendship, Fellowship and Membership for the 40 clubs in Zones 2 and 4 of RID 3131.

*Report by Anna Uday Subhedar.*

**The size of your problems is nothing compared to your ability to solve them**

**Members' Forum:****श्रावण मासी हर्ष मानसी**

तिन्हीसांजेला तेलाचा दिवा, तुपाचे निरांजन लावून केलेल्या दीप पूजनानंतर प्रकाशमान होणारे घर आणि त्यात मिसळलेले शुभंकरोतीचे सूर, दिव्याची आवस म्हणून जाड कणकेचे पिवळा गूळ घालून केलेले खमंग दिवे आणि वर मुक्तहस्ते घातलेले रवाळ साजूक तूप म्हणजे येणाऱ्या श्रावणाची चाहूल ! डबाभर चिरलेला पिवळा धम्मक गूळ, हरभरा डाळ, भाजलेले दाणे, दाण्याचे खमंग कूट, फुटाणे, नुकतीच करून ठेवलेली वेलदोड्याची पूड, उपासाची तयार भाजणी, राजगिरा लाडू आणि खजूर यांनी भरलेले गच्च डब्बे म्हणजे श्रावणाच्या स्वागतासाठी सजलेलं स्वैपाकघर !

जिवतीचा फोटो, कहाण्यांचे पुस्तक, स्वच्छ घासून चमकणारे पळी-पंचपात्र, दिव्यानी सजलेले देवघर, फुलपुडीतून डोकावणाऱ्या दुर्वा, आघाडा, फुले आणि सगळी मरगळ झटकून टाकलेले सजलेलं उत्साही घर म्हणजे श्रावणाचे आगमन !

श्रावण म्हणजे आवर्जून करावयाचे पुरण, भाजणीचे वडे, नारळी भात, ओल्या नारळाच्या करंज्या, वड्या, वालाचे बिरडे, गव्हाची खीर, तंबीटाचे लाडू, भोपळ्याचे घरगे, गाकर, पुरणाची पोळी, पुरणाचे दिंड आणि दूध फुटाण्याचा नैवेद्य ! श्रावण म्हणजे घरभर दरवळणारा सात्विक सुवासिक गंध !

श्रावण म्हणजे पूर्वीच्या काळातील ओळखला जाणारा "नभास" महिना ! या महिन्यात दररोज रात्रीच्या सुरुवातीला पूर्व क्षितिजावर श्रवण नक्षत्र उगवून रात्रभर आकाशात दर्शन देऊन पहाटे ते पश्चिमेला मावळते. तसेच, या महिन्याच्या पौर्णिमेच्या दिवशी चंद्र श्रवण नक्षत्रात असतो म्हणून या महिन्याला 'श्रावण' म्हंटले जाते. चातुर्मासातील हा श्रेष्ठ आणि अत्यंत पवित्र मास मानला जातो म्हणूनच या महिन्यात एखादे तरी धर्मकृत्य केले जाते.

श्रावणात अतिशय मुसळधार पाऊस पडतो. शेतीची बहूतेक कामे झालेली असतात. शरीराची हालचाल कमी होते, पचनशक्ती कमी झालेली असते. अशा वेळी हलका आहार घेतल्यास शरीरस्वास्थ्य चांगले राहते. म्हणूनच या महिन्यात उपवासाचे दिवस अधिक असतात. म्हणूनच या महिन्यात एखादे तरी धर्मकृत्य केले जाते.

श्रावण म्हणजे नागपूजनची नाग पंचमी, बहीणभावाच्या प्रेमाची राखी पौर्णिमा, आईने मुलांच्या साठी केलेली जिवतीची पूजा, शुक्रवारी पुराणाच्या दिव्यानी केलेले मुलांचे औक्षण, आपल्या घराच्या सौख्या साठी, आनंदासाठी केलेली देवीची पूजा, सत्यनारायणाची पूजा, कृष्ण जन्माची गोकुळाष्टमी, माहेरचे हक्काचे आणि कौतुकाचे आई वहिनी कडचे सवाष्ण जेवण, मैत्रिणीनं बरोबर सजलेली आणि जागवलेली मंगळागौर !

श्रावण म्हणजे गाभाऱ्यात उमटणारे ओंकार, समईच्या शुभ प्रकाशात दिसणारे पांढऱ्या फुलांनी सजवलेलं शिवलिंग! कापसाच्या वस्त्रांनी, हळदी कुंकवाच्या करंड्यानी, धूप, उदबती, निरांजन, दिवा आणि चंदनानी सजलेले पूजेचे ताट ! सोनचाफा, गोकर्ण, जाई, जुई, तगर, जास्वंद, बेल, दुर्वा, तुळस, पत्री, आघाडा यांनी गच्च भरलेली फुलांची परडी ! श्रावण म्हणजे डोळे मिटता पसरलेला केवड्याच्या पानांचा दरवळ ! श्रावण म्हणजे प्राजक्ताच्या सड्यांची भरलेले आणि श्रावणसरींनी चिंब भिजलेले माझे अंगण ! श्रावण म्हणजे हिरवा ऋतू, या सजलेल्या निसर्गाच्या जोडीने स्वतः सुद्धा नटायचे, सजायचे दिवस ! कांकणांची किणकिण, काचेचा चुडा, हातावरची मेंदी, जरीकाठाच्या साड्या, केसा मध्ये जुईचा घमघमता गजरा, पायी जोडव्यांचा आवाज, गळ्यात मंगळसूत्रा बरोबरचा चमचमता एकसर, कानात झुमके आणि पायात पैजण म्हणजे घरातच भेटणारा, खुलवणारा श्रावण ! श्रावण म्हणजे डोळे मिटता पसरलेला केवड्याच्या पानांचा दरवळ !

श्रावण म्हणजे प्रत्येक नात्याला जपणारा बहरवणारा हा श्रावण अनेक रंगाची उधळण करत, आनंदाची पखरण करतच येतो आणि सगळ्या नात्यांना भेटवतो! आपले बाबा, दादा, वहिनी, भावंडं, भाचवंड आणि ती ! ती म्हणजे आपली आई ! श्रावण म्हणजे नेमाने देवळात जाणाऱ्या आणि सगळे सणवार, कोटुंबीक सोहळे, समारंभ खुलवणाऱ्या आईची आठवण करून देणारा सण तर कधी मंगळागौर उजवताना आपण तिला दिलेल्या परत वाणाची गोड आठवण ! श्रावण म्हणजे शुक्रवारी न चुकता तिनी केलेलं औक्षण ! माहेरवाशीण म्हणून तिनी भरलेली ओटी आणि आग्रहानी खालू घातलेली मऊ सूत पुरण पोळी ! श्रावण म्हणजे देव्हाऱ्यात समईच्या मंद प्रकाशात दिसणारे तिचे प्रसन्न रूप ! श्रावण म्हणजे आई तुझ्या आठवणींचा पाऊस !

*Contributed by Ann Snehlata Chhatre*

## Members' Forum: Know The New Players Joining Team RCPM:



Rtn Uday Karne is an electrical engineer from Mumbai University and an I.T. Professional with over 20 years experience having worked with well known organizations like Cognizant, Wipro and Atos Syntel. He has worked in UK, USA and Australia and won many awards for his work in the industry. Over and above his professional duties, he has been carrying out tremendous amount of social service. In this current pandemic period, he has been arranging for hospital beds, oxygen supplies, vaccinations, medicines, ambulance help, sanitization etc for the slum dwellers for many months. His wife Hemalata has a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and is a faculty member in Vishwakarma Institute of Technology. They have 2



Reshma Sambare is a civil engineer from COEP and holds Master's degrees in Construction Management as well as in Finance from Michigan State University, USA. Further, she has completed Doctorate in Law from the same university. In addition to work experience in all these fields in India and US, she has tremendous involvement in social causes, with active role in NGOs focused on youth & women in tribal areas, women victims of violence, their livelihood, immigrants' rights and many other issues. She has established the Jhep Foundation Niwara for furthering these causes. She is married to Stuart, a 'British American'



Anand Puntambekar, an optician who owns the Puntambekar Optics in Karve Nagar, Pune holds a BE Production Engineering degree. He is actively involved with Optics Trade Association of Pune, having served as its Secretary, Treasurer and President. His wife Anuradha is a Computer Engineer who writes educational books on the subject, while son Parth is a second year student of engineering



Prerana Joshi, daughter of our very own Ashwinitai and PP Avinash Joshi is an all-rounder. Having completed Masters' programs in Computer Management as well as Management Science, she has had an illustrious professional career in companies like Capgemini, Infosys and Zensoft in India and USA. She has now taken a break from that activity and is practicing her skills in Counseling Psychology, a subject she has studied formally. But she is still better known for her sports accomplishments. She plays badminton and basketball, winning innumerable awards and trophies. She captained Pune University badminton team to All India championship besides winning State and National titles individually. She has also represented India in World Veterans Badminton Championship. Her husband Kedar is a Chartered Accountant and



an expert in Finance, Company Law, Business Valuation and similar fields and holds a long list of prestigious qualifications. A fitness lover, he has completed Triathlon and many adventure treks in Himalaya, Alps and Sahyadri.



Aarya Palsule is a management professional who got her mechanical engineering degree from College of Engineering, Pune. This was followed by PGDM from IIM Kozhikode with specialization in Strategy and Marketing. She has worked in Tata Motors and Yes Bank, and is currently Associate Vice President in Axis Bank. Interesting points in her academic career include a market feasibility study of aqua adventure sports facility at Calicut Beach, **sponsored by Rotary Club, Calicut**, and also securing State level 1<sup>st</sup> rank in 12<sup>th</sup> mathematics, scoring 100% marks. An avid competitor, she has been participating in numerous contests, winning many awards. Her husband Swa-



nand, a specialist in Agriculture Management is a consultant to IIT Powai and other institutes. They have a one year old

## Club Projects August 2021-22:

### On 6th August: SRI Training for Farmers from Phalode Cluster



An SRI technique rice cultivation workshop was organized for a Phalode cluster farmers. 31 farmers attended. 17 farmers out of these have already used the SRI technique in planting the crop this year under the guidance of experts who were present during plantation in July.

### What is SRI- System of Rice Intensification :

Everybody believes that rice is an aquatic plant and grows best in standing water. Rice is not an aquatic plant; it can survive in water but does not thrive under reduced oxygen (hypoxic) levels. Rice plants spend lot of energy to develop air pockets in its roots under continuous inundation, resulting in 70% of rice root tips getting degenerated by flowering period.

The System of Rice Intensification (SRI) involves cultivating rice with as much organic manure as possible, starting with young seedlings planted singly at wider spacing in a square pattern; with intermittent irrigation that keeps the soil moist but not inundated. The process of tilling and weeding which is enabled by the wider plant spacing facilitates developing air pockets near the roots, which in turn results in quick and healthy growth of the rice plant.

SRI Paddy Cultivation requires less water, involves less expenditure and gives more yields. Thus, it is beneficial for small and marginal farmers. SRI was first developed in Madagascar during 1980s. It is now rapidly gaining acceptance in India. RCPM & WOTR are training farmers in SRI to increase yields in spite of incurring lower input costs.

In conventional farming, 3 seedlings are planted in a bunch, which are spaced 15X10cm while in SRI only single seedlings are planted, spaced 25X25cm. This reduces requirement from 66 plants per sq.m. to just 16, thereby cutting seed requirement from 20kg per acre to 2kg, while giving much more yield.

*Report by Rtn Brig. Sunil Gokhale*



Rope as an aid for spacing



Notice the spacing and single plant only



SRI Plantation in Savarli Demo

Kindness is free, sprinkle it everywhere

## Club Projects August 2021-22:

### On 8th August: Aerator Project

Rotary Pune district has taken upon itself a project "Save Water, Save Earth" with a target of saving ONE CRORE liters of water in 2021-22 by providing simple device, **Aerators**.

Cost of each piece is more than Rs.100/- but Rotary will absorb bulk of the cost and will provide them at Rs 33/- to the society.

These aerators are easy to fit into home taps. If fitted in 3 taps in one flat, one family can save 40 liters of water per day, i.e. over 14500 liters per year. Thus every family can help to save water by fitting Aerators in home taps. Water is a scarce resource; an ever growing Pune often faces water shortages.

For a housing society with 100 flats or more, use of aerators can result in big savings in water consumption as well as in costs of buying tankers, pumping cost etc. especially if they need tankers to supplement their daily needs. And very convenient too,

Rotary Club of Pune Metro has taken initiative of taking this project forward. PP Rtn Madhav Tilgulkar is the convener and PP Rtn Dileep and Ann Radhika Keskar are the co-conveners.



Rotary India Water Conservation Trust



**Rotary's project**  
Rotary is contributing 80% amount, you just have to pay 20% of the total cost!!

**AERATORS**

- A small device
- Attached to taps
- Saves up to 70% water, without compromising water pressure

**Mission- To install 1 lakh Aerators in Pune**

Save water and make it available to others

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Handing over Aerators to Shirin Garden Society Managing Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021



Aerators handed over to Anjor Cooperative Housing Society, Baner, Managing Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### 2100 Aerators given to Housing Societies on 8th August:

First success in our Water Saving Project was notched up on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August when our team went to two large housing Societies and handed over the aerators to their office bearers. PP Madhav, PP Dileep and Editor Shobhana visited Anjor Society at Baner and handed over 600 aerators required by them to their Managing Committee members. This society has planned to make use of aerators compulsory in all the 200+ flats.

Our team members were accompanied by Ann Radhika Keskar at Shirin Garden Society. This society is very keen to use aerators so as to reduce their dependence on water tankers. Managing Committee members of the society were very happy to receive the 1500 pieces aerators required by them and said they will start installing them immediately. RCPM's banners were tied on walls of the two societies and payments for the aerators have also been received from both.

As part of this program, our team has also visited Swapna Shilpa Society, Kothrud, and plans to visit some more this month. Target for the year is to save at least one crore liters of water.

*By PP Rtn Dileep Paranjpye*

Do what is right, not what is easy

## Club Projects August 2021-22:

### On 11th August: Inauguration of Vaccination Centre:



### Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programme:

Cervical Cancer Vaccination camp was organised at Sane Guruji Hospital, Hadapsar, on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2021. President Sneha, Anna Uday & myself attended the camp. In all 158 girls were administered the Cervical Cancer Vaccine during the camp.

Cervical Cancer Vaccination Programme was a Global Grant project started in 2018-19, & was a synergy project with 18 Rotary Clubs, with RCPM as the Lead Club.

In this project, 1,863 girls in the age group of 9 years to 14 years were administered the first dose of the vaccine. The second dose of the vaccine was given to 1,365 girls after the mandatory gap of 6 months. The balance 498 vaccines could not be given due to the lockdown imposed because of the Corona Pandemic. These balance vaccines are now being administered with the help of Sane Guruji Hospital from the month of March, 2021. The last camp will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> of August, 2021 at Sane Guruji Hospital.

**Rtn. PP Bhavana, Director Club Admin**

### RCPM's Virtual-RYE candidates score 100% allotment in the first round

All the 6 virtual RYE candidates of RCPM have got their country allocation in the first round of allocation itself. 2 candidates have been allotted Brazil as their outbound country and 4 have been allotted Indonesia. The allocation meet took place on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021. The country allotment is as follows:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Ojas Shelake – Indonesia    | 2. Swanandee Sanvatsarkar – Indonesia |
| 3. Tanaya Nene – Brazil        | 4. Tanmay Kulkarni – Brazil           |
| 5. Sayee Purandare – Indonesia | 6. Sanvee Bapat – Indonesia           |

The virtual exchange program commences from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

**Report by Rtn. Amita Nene, Director Youth Avenue**

**Don't overestimate your problems and don't underestimate yourself**

# Club Meetings and Programs, August 2021:

## 5th August Meeting: मनभावन श्रावण



ROTARY CLUB OF PUNE METRO  
DISTRICT 3131\*\*CLUB 31769




**सस्नेह आमंत्रण**  
सादर करीत आहे गोष्टी आणि कविता यांनी सजलेली  
एक चिंब भिजलेली पावसाळी संध्याकाळ  
**रंगमुद्रा प्रस्तुत**  
**आठवणींचा गाव**  
संचालन आणि सादरीकरण  
**श्री. नरेंद्र आमले.**

Thursday 5th August 2021 on zoom.  
Fellowship : 7-7.30 pm, Rotary business : 7.30-7.45 pm,  
Followed by the program.  
Meeting ID : 852 1637 0054, Passcode : 259521.




पाच ऑगस्ट २०२१, गुरुवार, ह्या आखाडाच्या पावसाळी संध्याकाळी “रंगमुद्रा थिएटर्स” चे कलंदर कलाकार श्री. नरेंद्र आमले आणि मधुवंती हसबनीस आपल्याकडे कथा आणि कवितांच्या इंद्रधनु श्रावणधारा घेऊन आले होते.

अभिनय विश्वातील ह्या हरहुन्नरी आणि सृजनशील कलाकारांची रोटेरीअन हेमंत ह्यांनी उत्तम ओळख करून दिली. पावसाच्या रिमझिमधारांनी न्हालेल्या आणि हिरवीगार शाल पांघरलेल्या त्या गंधवती धरित्रीचे मनभावन चित्र त्यांच्या मधाळ वाणीतून आणि सुगंधित शब्दातून मनाच्या पटलावर रंगत गेले.

**हसरा नाचरा, जरासा लाजरा, सुंदर साजिरा श्रावण आला !**

वैशाली मराठेच्या ह्या ओळी, सादर करताच जणू मंचावर श्रावणातील चैतन्य सहज गिरकी घेऊन गेले. सावन भादो ही महाविद्यालयातील तरुण, तरल प्रेमाची हलकी फुलकी गोष्ट, अनेकांना भूतकाळातील रंगमयी दुनियेत घेऊन गेली. साजन श्रावण ही शुभदा दामलेची अचानक गवसलेल्या अनपेक्षित प्रेमाने गहिवरलेल्या प्रेमी प्रौढेची कथा हृदयस्पर्शी होती.

हिरव्या कंच कविता आता झरतील ठाई ठाई, श्रावण बसला भरून लेखणी त्यात हिरवी हिरवी शाई! अशी गुरु ठाकुरांची गर्द हिरवी श्रावण कविता मनात दीर्घ काळ रुंजी घालत राहिली.

त्यांनी सादर केलेल्या अश्या अनेक कथा कविता मनात रेंगाळत राहिल्या. स्वच्छ भाषा, अस्खलित वाणी. कथांची आणि कवितांची उत्तम निवड, भावपूर्ण सादरीकरण ह्यामुळे श्रावणाच्या रिमझिम धारांची ही संध्याकाळ कधी संपली कळलेच नाही.

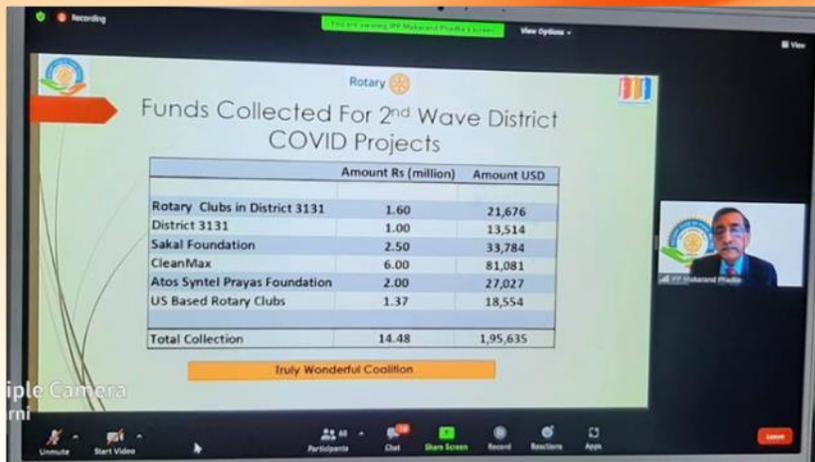
पी.पी. भूषण महाजन ह्यांनी आपल्या शायराना अंदाजात रंगदार आभारांचा सुंदर गुलदस्ता कलाकारांना सादर केला. श्रोत्यांनी भरभरून दाद दिली आणि प्रेमाच्या गुलाबी छटानी नटलेली ही इंद्रधनु संध्याकाळ श्रावणधारात मिसळून गेली.

**Ann Jyoti Bokil**

**To be happy, always be a donor of love; never be the owner of love**

## Club Meetings and Programs, August 2021:

### 11th August Meeting: Presentation by IPP Makarand Phadke at Rotary Club of Ann Arbor



### Meeting our friends at RC Ann Arbor

I was invited by Rotary Club of Ann Arbor (RCAA) to their weekly meeting of August 11<sup>th</sup> to give an update on the COVID centre initiatives undertaken by District 3131 during the second COVID wave. The meeting was conducted on Zoom. Rotary Club of Ann Arbor was one of the collaborator clubs from USA in the COVID initiatives carried out by District 3131. RCAA is one of the oldest Rotary Clubs having been established in 1916 and with a membership of 300+ members.

Beginning with NICU Global Grant, RCAA and RCPM have worked together on five global grants thus far. I spoke about the Covid centre, Sane Guruji Hospital Pediatric Covid ward etc. The update was appreciated by the members. In particular, the collaborative spirit, the flexibility in adapting to constantly changing scenarios was all appreciated. Before I ended the presentation, I also mentioned that our Club was ranked #1 amongst all the Rotary clubs in District 3131. I believe presentations such as these help cement our relationship.

The meeting format was in many ways similar to our weekly meetings. But there were some important differences as well. The meeting began with a patriotic song played on the piano by one of the RCAA members, a piano virtuoso. This was followed by 'Inspiration' narrated by one of their club members. In this meeting Rtn. Pattie spoke about how music had been an inspiration to her from her very childhood. Continuing with the music theme, one of the members played a video about people from various parts of the world coming together to promote peace. Both the inspiration and the music piece feature new members each meeting.

*Report by IPP Makarand Phadke*

Loyalty is rare; if you find it, keep it

## Coffee Pe Charcha: August 2021



काँफी पे चर्चा, वर रिपोर्ट लिहायचा? आणि तो सुद्धा माझ्याच घरातला? आली का पंचाईत ! पण तसं नाही ! खुद्द प्रेसिडेंट स्नेहा, अण्णा उदय, माजी प्रेसिडेंट अविनाश जोशी व माधव तिळगुळकर आणि ऍन नेहा आमच्याकडे ९ तारखेला सायंकाळी आले तशी माझी खात्री पटली की आज नक्कीच काँफी पे चर्चा होणार. मस्त केक आणि सर्वांचा जिव्हाळा मिळून गप्पा मारत वेळ कसा गेला ते कळलेच नाही. स्नेहा आणि नेहानी तर माझ्या स्वयंपाकघराचा ताबा घेतला आणि मला काहीच करू दिले नाही ! अण्णा उदय नी काढलेल्या फोटोवरून कळतच आहे की किती छान चाललं होतं ! सर्वांना खूप खूप धन्यवाद!

*Rtn Shobhana Paranjpye*



On 10th August Metro Coffee Pe Charcha team visited Rtn Amita's residence in the morning around 10.30am.

खूप छान गप्पा झाल्या आणि बरोबरीने खुसखुशीत आणि गोडाधोडाचा ब्रेकफास्ट झाला. अमिताचे आई-बाबा पण आल्यामुळे जास्ती मज्जा आली. प्रेसिडेंट ने अमिता ला बर्थडे गिफ्ट आणि खाऊ दिला.

*PP Rtn Padma Shahane*



## Coffee Pe Charcha: 17th August



When I phoned PP Abhay Sontakke to wish him a Happy Birthday, he was busy in his clinic and the call was answered by Ann Sangeeta. To my query, she replied that Tuesday is PP Abhay's day off from the clinic. Then I told her that we were going to invade their home on that day, and relieved her of tension by explaining that we will conduct Coffee pe Charcha!

It resulted in an enjoyable evening as PP Mukund Chiplunkar, Ann Mugdha, Ann Madhavi Kulkarni joined Shobhana and me at the renowned dental surgeon's home. It was cake & snacks, and yackety yaks .... Taste of coffee still lingers, although we have licked our fingers !

*By PP Rtn Dileep Paranjpye*

**Never regret anything in life. If it is good, it is wonderful. If it is bad, it is an experience**