



Independence Day 2024 at Rotary Centre, Kunde Village

SMARTZINE



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Club of
Smart City Navi Mumbai

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I am only one, but I am one. I cannot
do everything, but I can do something.
And I will not let what I cannot do
interfere with what I can do.

— Edward Everett Hale

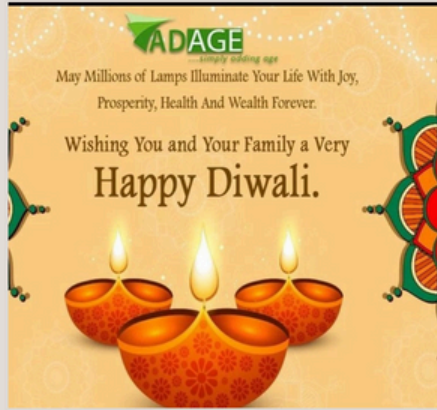
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Wishing you a prosperous Diwali and a year filled with success and achievements. Happy Diwali!



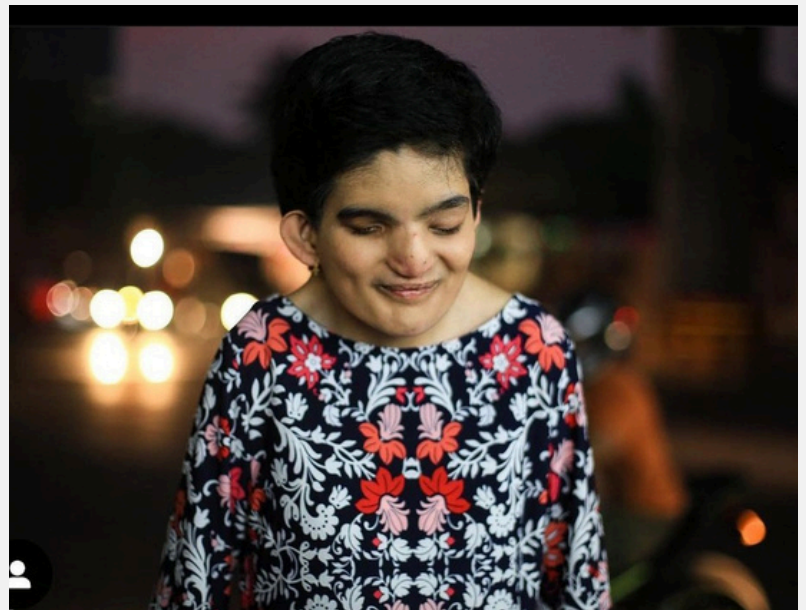
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EDITORIAL

Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamayah - Let darkness give way to Light

It is the time of Diwali. "Let Darkness Turn to Light", the age-old theme of humanity resonates in us. And we open ourselves to hope, joy and compassion. Among Navi Mumbai community, we see and hear many such acts of courage and kindness that inspire us.

One such tale involves Manashri Soman, born visually impaired and frail in body. Despite her parents being told by the doctors that she might never walk or talk, or even outlive childhood, she thrived in school, winning awards and earning a job at a bank, always supported by her family and friends.



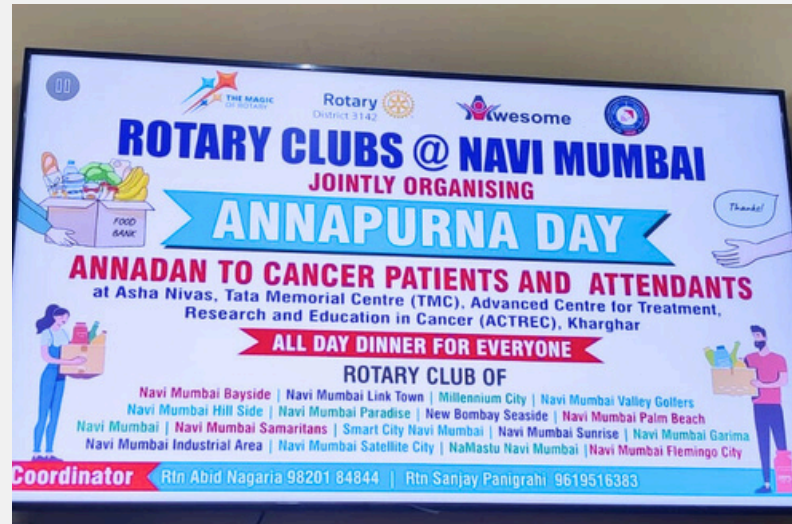
Another such story is of Rajaram Joshi, the Vashi fisherman who has dedicated his life to rescuing individuals attempting suicide at the Vashi Creek. Despite risking his own life, Rajaram has saved 49 people. Let our heart open out, reach those around us and make everyone a part of our lives. That would be our true homage to the Festival of Light.



And how can Diwali be discussed without talking about Rangoli? It is one of the traditions of Indian civilization that is seen all across India, called by different names. Many thanks to Ann Kirti Chandak, Annette Saina Patra, and Annette Anvita Thorat for sharing these beautiful Rangolis.



All Rotary Clubs in Navi Mumbai have jointly undertaken to provide dinner every day of the year for the Cancer patients and their Attendants at ACTREC



The Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research and Education in Cancer (ACTREC) is the state of art of R&D wing of the Tata Memorial Center, India's foremost Cancer care center for the general public. ACTREC is the largest such facility in India and conducts advance research on all aspects of cancer, to improve diagnosis, and to predict prognosis and treatment outcome of cancer patients, prolong their survival and ultimately cure cancer! The noble mission of ACTREC has the goodwill and deserves support of everyone.

Rotarians serve. Recently, Rotary was given the privilege of providing for a wholesome nutritious dinner every day of the year at ACTREC for the families fighting the battle of life. This noble goal has inspired Navi Mumbai Rotarians like never seen before.

The Rotary Club of Smart City Navi Mumbai planned to raise Rs. 2 Lakhs. It got a fillip when Rotarian MK Chettiar pledged to match any funds raised 1-to-1. The progress so far indicates that the Club will exceed the committment by a large margin.

PROJECT ANNAPURNA

Rotary is committed to mobilise the world in protecting our common legacy: the environment



ENVIRONMENT - ROTARY'S 7TH AREA OF FOCUS

Rotary Club of Smart City Navi Mumbai is NMMC's (Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation) Official Partner for E-Waste Collection, Disposal, Awareness and Community Participation. Conceived in RY 2020-21, this project was initially spearheaded by Rtn. Prasad Doiphode.

Currently, the Club has with its Partner in Service, THRECO (The Recycling Company) developed a complete logistics chain in Navi Mumbai to collect and process the E-Waste to recover the useful parts, metals and alloys and finally dispose off the unusable E-Waste in a scientific manner. Club has installed special E-Waste bins in major housing societies, schools and colleges and conducts regular awareness camps and seminars in Schools and Colleges to provide awareness on e-Waste.

NMMC has renewed its official partnership with the Club for the coming years. NMMC Commissioner Dr Kailas Shinde has recognized the efforts and assured of all possible help in working together for more projects. He has also shared how few changes are needed for the society & has committed to conduct a session as guest speaker.



An E-Waste awareness session was recently conducted at Amity School, Belapur. 300 students from grades 6-9 came to know more about the challenge of E-Waste and its responsible disposal. In this session, Club President Rtn. Milan had to fill in at the last moment for the subject matter expert from THRECO who got delayed in traffic. And yet, due to being a part of many events on this topic, he was able to turn into E-Waste guru and successfully conduct the event.

Recently, under the leadership of Rotarian Kishore Khachane, the E-Waste Collection drives have become regular, widespread and very efficient. Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation (NMMC) is able to collect E-Waste across 92 centers. Citizens actively participate by donating reusable items, significantly reducing hazardous e-Waste.

E-WASTE: AWARENESS PRECEDES CHANGE

Club is committed to addressing the challenge of E-Waste in Navi Mumbai



SHOWCASE



FREEDOM'S RIDE: THREE SOULS, THREE BIRDS

PARTNERS IN MOTION, FLAMINGOS IN FLIGHT





UNITY IN SILENCE: EYES ON THE HORIZON

SILHOUETTE AT DAWN: A PIGEON'S RISE



PP Rotarian Padmapani Tilwe, Paddy as we call him, is an architect by training and has been practicing his profession for more than 2 decades as a partner of the design firm, Worksphere. Paddy's father was an accomplished artist, and Paddy has carried the baton with his own artistic journey. He runs Art Tantra, a venture that makes Artworks accessible to a large audience. Paddy is an avid photographer.

Rotary Club of Smart City Navi Mumbai collaborates with Don Bosco Academy, Nerul and Prafula Foundation to establish a Support Group for parents of Special Children



The Club has started under the guidance of Don Bosco Academy, in collaboration with Prafula Foundation, and coordinated by Rtn Wenonah Castellino, an important project to establish a support group in Navi Mumbai for special children and their parents.

In the inaugural event, the parents shared experiences on overcoming challenges in raising children with special needs. Faculty members working in this field offered their insights and expertise. Rtn. Wenonah Castellino, Rtn. Kishore Khachane and omnipresent President Rtn. Milan Chandak from the Club pledged the Club's continuing support for this initiative.

IMPORTANT NEW PROJECT

This program marks a step towards creating an inclusive environment for special children and their families in Navi Mumbai. The focus now is on spreading awareness about this support group and encouraging more families to participate. The collaboration between Don Bosco Academy, Prafula Foundation, and the Club demonstrates a commitment to improving lives in the community.



MEMBER PROFILE

Club's youngest Rotarian, Dr. C. Janakiram (Rotarian of more than 30 years standing) is well known for his encyclopedic knowledge of Rotary. Yet, his amazing wanderlust is lesser known. Whether the Bara Imambara at Lucknow or Mookambika Devi temple in Udupi, he travels frequently and visits places everywhere. And he never loses an opportunity to take a pic with celebrities, as seen here with renowned actress Manju Warriar (last seen in Thalaivar's Vettaiyan). Well done and keep going, Janaki ji...



Fellowship among the members & intimacy among the families remain the foundation of RCSCNM



A party of friends

In Milan's presence, we gathered last night,
in a raucous evening, screaming in delight;
a feast laid before us, fine flavors precise,
your gentle warmth truly made it paradise.

To Kirti, your grace shines bright as stars,
it's time, come, let the club make you ours;
Saanvi, with a smile, you light up a room,
turning it a meadow where flowers bloom.

So, here's to Milan's brood,
a family happy and true;
you make us feel valued,
and we wish well for you!

FAMILY NIGHT



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To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured with money, and that is sincerity and integrity.
- Douglas Adams

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