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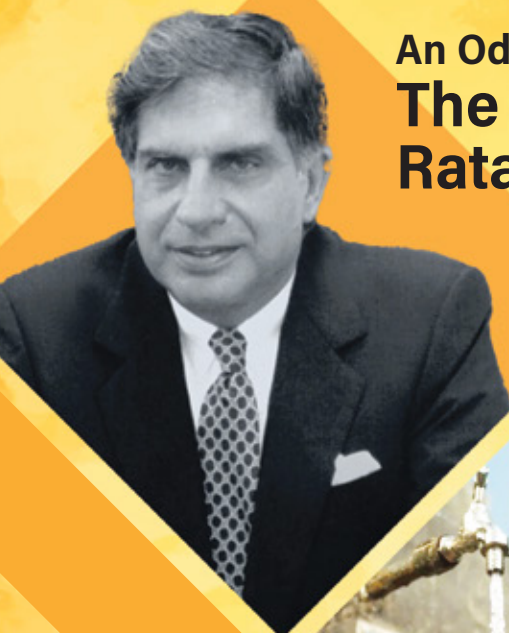
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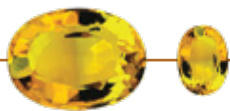
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On the Cover:

This issue pays homage to Ratan Tata, a visionary industrialist whose leadership and philanthropy have redefined the corporate landscape. Explore the inspiring journey of this iconic figure and his enduring impact on India's economic and social progress.

What's Inside:

Discover the intricacies of successful Global Grants, from strategic planning to transformative impact. Explore the visionary initiatives of Rotary District 3142, shaping the future of our communities. Stay informed with the latest updates from the Rotary world, and learn why The Rotary Foundation is the premier choice for charitable giving. Celebrate the recognition of Rotary Foundation (India) as a leading CSR partner.

Feedback Fuels Progress

Your Voice! Our Action! Thank you!

Dear Namrataa,
Received 1st GML of the year for the month of Aug'24. I have no words to appreciate. This is one of the BEST Bulletins ever seen in the last more than 30 years of my Rotary tenure. How you managed so much information. I think it is well comparable to 'ROTARY NEWS' rather I would say, It is better than. Keep it up. Congratulations once again. GOD BLESS U.

**Charter President Rtn.Suresh Gupta
RC of Ambarnth East.**

Went thru the Oct issue. Brilliant in all aspects. You have taken the GML to great heights. God bless

PDG Dr Mohan Chandavarkar

Aesthetic look and rich content. Creative storytelling and not mere reporting make this years Awesome GML. Quality of photos and the addition of active links are also a great feature of the GML.

Kudos & Congratulations to Dr. Namrataa and editorial team.

PP Satish Bhojane RID3142

@Namrataa hats off to you and your team for working on every issue so meticulously. You not only ensure all projects/events get covered but you also go the extra mile by adding information we have not given in our initial write up. You call up the Presidents and get those details too and make the events sound really impactful. There is so much to learn from your commitment and how you give every piece of information in a grand way using the right words which even we fail to write whole drafting the write ups we share with your team. Keep up the great work and pls know you are an inspiration for many Rotarians and I am one of them

**Awesome president Sohini
RCT Royale**

A huge congratulations to
**DGND Chandrahas
Shetty!**

Wishing you all the best
as you lead RID 3142 to
new heights of service
and fellowship!



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Fall is
for Lovers
& is for
True Rotarians!

Fall's Enchantment and the Enduring Spirit of Rotary

John Donne, a famous poet (not a Scorpio, sorry!), once said: "*No spring nor summer's beauty hath such grace, As I have seen in one Autumnal face.*" Maybe he was channelling the wisdom of a Scorpio (October 23rd - November 21st) or a Sagittarius (November 22nd onwards).

Speaking of birthstones, Scorpios and Sagittarians are lucky ducks! They get not one, but two beautiful gems: topaz and Citrine. Topaz, with its range of colours from yellow to purple, represents love and affection. It is also said to bring strength and intellect, perfect for navigating life's challenges. Citrine, the "*healing quartz*," brings vitality, hope, and warmth, all great things to have in the cooler autumn months.

Speaking of warmth, fall is the time for chrysanthemums to bloom! These vibrant flowers change meaning depending on their color. Red screams "*I love you*," while white symbolizes innocence and pure love. Perfect for a romantic autumn stroll, wouldn't you say?

But wait, there is more!

Fall is also the time to celebrate trees like the walnut, chestnut, and ash. Strength and Stability: The November Trees, remind us of the importance of having deep roots and a foundation.

Speaking of foundations, did you know?
**November is Rotary Foundation Month:
A Time for Giving Back?**

The Rotary Foundation, with its stellar ratings from Charity Navigator and CharityWatch, supports amazing work by Rotarians around the world. Their motto, "*Service Above Self*," perfectly embodies the spirit of giving back during this season of thanks.

So, Embrace Fall, Celebrate Service! this fall, hem in the beauty of the season, celebrate love in all its forms, and consider supporting a worthy cause like the Rotary Foundation.

After all, as John Donne might say,
"Love itself is a greater foundation of morality than any scripture which defines it."

(Okay, maybe he didn't actually say that, but it sounds pretty good, right?)

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A Titan Remembered

When the sun rises on a new day, and the world wakes up to face its challenges, there is one name that echoes in the hearts of millions: 'Ratan Tata'.

A titan of industry, a visionary leader, and an extraordinary figure of humanity, Ratan Tata's influence extended far beyond the boardrooms of the TATA Group.

As Rotarians, we witnessed firsthand the extraordinary impact of his life. His unwavering commitment to service above self was an inspiration to us all. He was a man who walked the talk, leading by example and demonstrating the true meaning of philanthropy.

"He was more than just a leader; he was an inspiration."

"He was more than just a businessman; he was a mentor, a friend, and an idol."

His presence was a constant reminder of the power of human kindness and the importance of giving back to society.

We will miss him dearly!

Every time the thought of service above self crosses our minds, we will continue to think of Ratan Tata.

His memory lives on, inspiring us to continue his work and strive for a better world.

"Ratan Tata, you will be missed. But your spirit will live on, inspiring us all to strive for a better world."

-Namrataa
Team GML

An Ode to Ratan Tata

A titan of industry, a philanthropic heart,

Ratan Tata, a legend, from the very start.

With vision and grace, he led a mighty force,

Transforming nations, leaving an enduring course.

From humble beginnings, to heights unforeseen,

His legacy shines bright, a guiding beacon.

Tata Steel, a symbol of India's might,

A testament to his unwavering light.

With empathy and care, he touched countless lives,

A champion of hope, through stormy skies.

His philanthropic endeavors, a shining example,

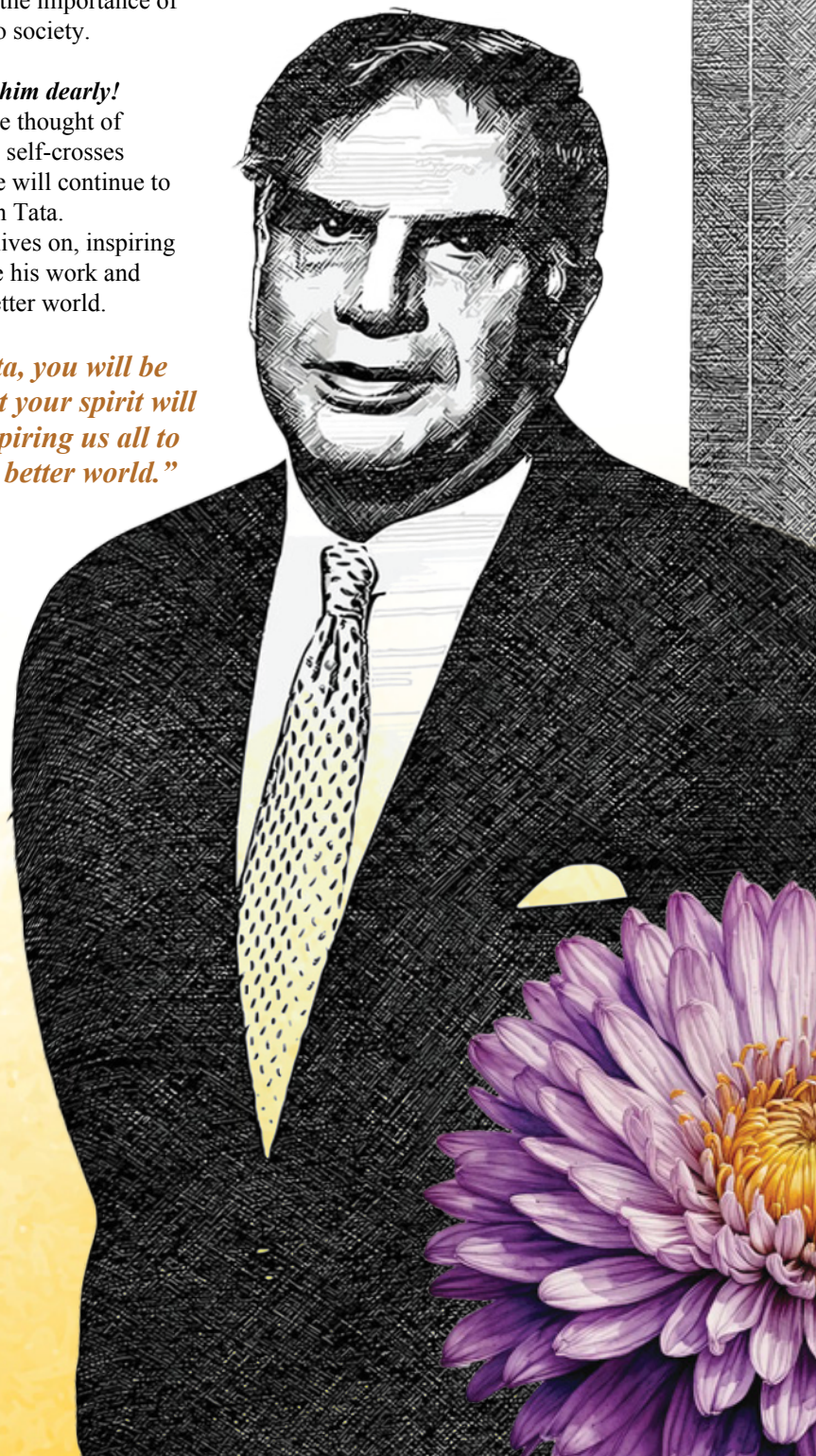
Inspiring generations, to rise above the ample.

A visionary leader, a man of integrity,

Ratan Tata, forever etched in history.

His name synonymous with excellence and grace,

A true icon, leaving an indelible trace...Savi



The RATAN

There are so many Ratan Tata stories that have flooded social media platforms and some of them are so endearing. Like a Captain of Industry calling up Zoheb and Naziya Hussain (The Aap jaise koi re singer from Qurbani) to request them to agree to produce an album for a TATA Recording venture or his love for Dogs and the fact that strays were welcome visitors to the TATA Headquarters at Bombay House.



This is not an exhaustive list, only selected brands are included.

Or his response to a young lady who asked him about his purported quote "I don't make right decisions. I make decisions and then i make them right" He replied "I am sorry that i am going to upset you. It was Facebook or Twitter that made that statement, it was not made by me.

Some people think it is arrogant of you to make such a statement and yet you don't get a chance to defend yourself and state you never said that and some people say it's a great thing to say and so you keep quiet"

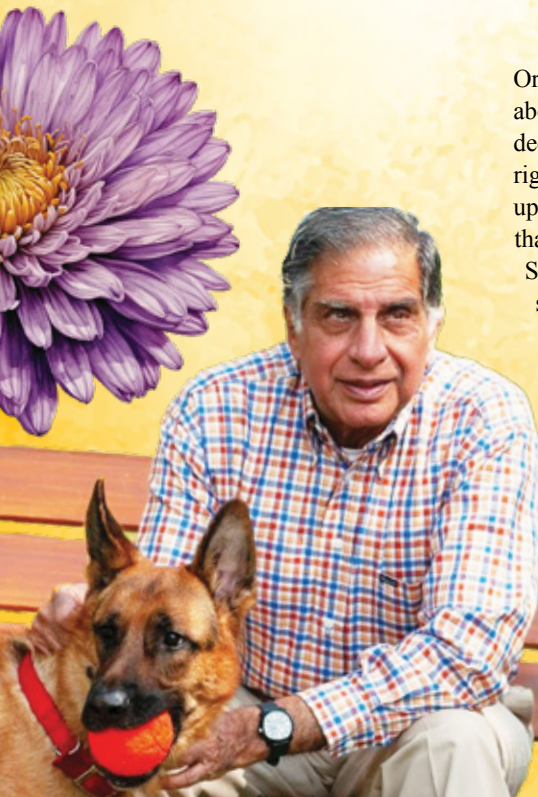
Who can ever forget that when the TAJ at the Gateway of India, the Crowning Jewel of the Indian Hospitality Industry was subjected to a terrorist attack, he was there amongst the battlements enquiring about Hotel staff.

His is a story of being considered someone not in the Premier League of TATA Leaders, then taking over the reigns, reigning in the satraps, ushering in a new genre of CEO's, new at the game but focussed on delivering results, He sought to be both the Alex Ferguson of old and the Pep Guardiola of today.

To Sir with Love is a 1967 Film that deals with racial and social issues in an inner city school. Its signature song, voiced by Lulu, epitomises growing up in the TATA world. So how do you thank someone who has taken you from Crayons to perfumes or in this case, Salt to Software.

No finer tribute can be paid to Ratan Tata than that immortal quote from Shakespeare's" Julius Caesar
"His life was gentle :
and the elements were so mixed in him : that
Nature might stand up and say,
THIS WAS A MAN"

Kumar Deshpande
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If you want to make a difference but are not sure where your money will go the farthest?

Top Marks from Charity Watchdogs: In 2016, The Rotary Foundation received a perfect score (100 out of 100) from Charity Navigator for its financial health, accountability, and transparency for 16th Consecutive Year! That is Impressive!

In a testament to its financial responsibility and effectiveness, The Rotary Foundation has secured the highest possible rating, four stars, from Charity Navigator for the sixteenth year running.

Charity Navigator is a leading independent evaluator of charities in the United States, providing donors with valuable insights into an organization's financial health, accountability, and transparency. The Foundation's consistent four-star rating signifies its adherence to best practices within the non-profit sector and its commitment to efficiently executing its mission.

"We are delighted to acknowledge The Rotary Foundation's continued operational excellence," stated Michael Thatcher, President and CEO of Charity Navigator. "The Four-Star Rating is the pinnacle achievement for any organization under our evaluation, and we commend The Rotary Foundation's dedication to responsible stewardship."

Six elements of sustainability

Start with the community

Encourage local ownership

Provide training

Buy local

Find local funding

Measure your success

- **Strong Financial Management and Transparency Underpin Continued Success:** The Rotary Foundation's success in maintaining its top rating reflects its commitment to responsible financial management and unwavering transparency. Donors can be confident that their contributions are being used efficiently and effectively to support the Foundation's critical mission.
- **Stretching Your Donation:** Amazingly, 91% of the money the Foundation spends goes directly to programs and grants. Only 9% goes towards administration. How do they do it? Let's break it down...
- **Making Your Money Work for You:** When you donate to the Annual Fund, your contribution is invested for three years. This allows the investment earnings to cover the Foundation's operating expenses. Pretty smart, huh?
- **Your Choice Makes a Difference:** You can choose to designate your donation to a specific cause you care about, like clean water, polio eradication, or a particular global grant project. Or, you can donate unrestricted funds, giving the Foundation the flexibility to use the money where it's needed most.



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Rotary International

News Flash from Around the Globe



- **Expert Network:** The Rotary Foundation has a team of Rotarian volunteers called the Cadre of Technical Advisers who provide expertise and advice on project development and implementation. These specialists ensure your donation is used effectively.
- **Accountability Matters:** The Foundation takes financial accountability seriously. They monitor grant projects and conduct audits to make sure funds are used as intended.
- **Rotarians:** The Heartbeat of the Foundation: Perhaps the greatest check and balance of all is the dedication of Rotarians themselves. They volunteer their time and resources to ensure projects succeed. When you donate to the Rotary Foundation, you're partnering with a network of passionate people committed to making the world a better place.

- **Sustainable Impact:** The Rotary Foundation is serious about making a lasting difference. That is why they ensure projects are designed with sustainability in mind. Here are some elements they consider:

- a. **Community Input:** Before a project even gets started, Rotarians talk directly to the people in the community to understand their needs and ensure the project addresses them.
- b. **Local Ownership:** The goal is for the community to take ownership of the project, making them invested in its success and ensuring it continues to thrive long after the grant ends.
- c. **Training and Resources:** The Foundation provides training and resources to help communities maintain the project over time.
- d. **Finding Local Funding:** Helping communities find ways to fund the project themselves fosters long-term sustainability.
- e. **Measuring Success:** The Foundation tracks the impact of each project to ensure it's making a real difference.



This is just a glimpse into what makes The Rotary Foundation a great steward of your charitable giving. Want to learn more?



<https://www.rotary.org/en/why-rotary-best-steward-your-money>

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RIP Stephanie Urchick's Message

Building Peace with Rotary Peacebuilders



One of Rotary's greatest strengths is the ability of our members to come together to create lasting change, and The Rotary Foundation helps us transform dreams of change into reality.

From eradicating polio to building peace, much of the work we do around the world would not be possible without our continued support of our Foundation.

The cause of peace is especially important to me, and one of the most effective ways we build peace is our Rotary Peace Fellowship - a product of The Rotary Foundation. The program helps current and aspiring peace and development professionals around the world learn how to prevent and how to end conflict.

Thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next Rotary Peace Center, at Bahçesehir University in Istanbul.

Month, a great time to get to know your Foundation better and pursue causes that appeal to you.

Global grants support large international activities with sustainable, measurable outcomes in Rotary's areas of focus. By working together to respond to pressing community needs, clubs and districts strengthen their global partnerships.

District grants fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and in communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants.

Our Foundation can even help you support our wonderful youth programs, including Rotary Youth Ex-change, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Interact.

Your gifts to our Foundation also make Programs of Scale possible. These are long-term projects that seek to solve otherwise intractable problems.

Opening yet another peace center is a monumental achievement that we will celebrate at the 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference in Istanbul.

The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advocates for peace. Keynote speakers, panel discussions, and breakout sessions will allow us to share ideas about building peace and foster meaningful conversations about promoting peace everywhere.

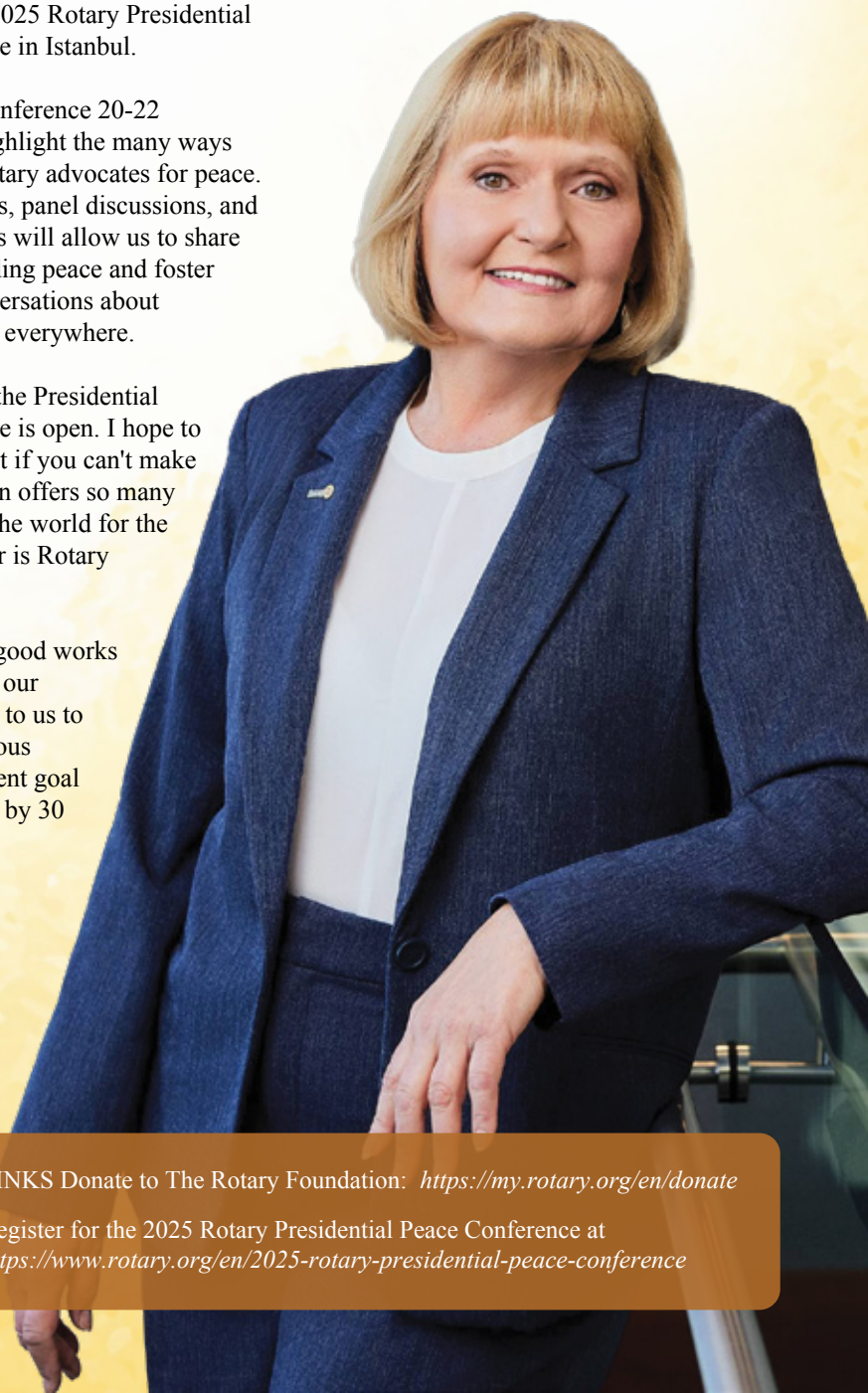
Registration for the Presidential Peace Conference is open. I hope to see you there, but if you can't make it, our Foundation offers so many ways to change the world for the better. November is Rotary Foundation

To ensure these good works continue beyond our lifetimes, it is up to us to reach our ambitious Rotary Endowment goal of \$2.025 billion by 30 June 2025.

The Magic of Rotary does not appear out of no-where. We create the magic with every new member inducted, every project completed, and every dollar donated to our Foundation.

Please join me in supporting The Rotary Foundation, and together, we will change the world for the better.

STEPHANIE A. URCHICK
President, Rotary International



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A Message from the District Governor

November Vibes: Let us Open Our Heart!



**Banner
October
Paves the
Way**

for Rotary Foundation Month.

Dear Awesome Rotarians,

October has been a month of remarkable achievements for our District. We surpassed our fundraising goals at the TRF Seminar, a testament to the collective spirit of giving within our community. Witnessing the success of heartwarming service projects like the Annapurna project and the Navi Mumbai clubs' 'All Days' Dinner project further solidified our commitment to impactful service. These innovative initiatives exemplify the very essence of Rotary, uniting to create positive change.

Beyond fundraising, your unwavering dedication shone through in various initiatives throughout October. The successful administration of 4000 plus cervical vaccines, and the vibrant Dussehra celebrations all demonstrate our commitment to comprehensive community well-being.

Additionally, the inauguration of the RPL of IFCR and the inaugural Mental Health Seminar mark significant strides in our pursuit of professional development and mental health awareness. The recent district elections further solidified our leadership structure, ensuring continued progress.

As October draws to a close, we now set our sights on a very special time – Rotary Foundation Month!

The Rotary Foundation's power lies in its inclusivity. Every contribution, regardless of size, fuels impactful projects around the world.

Your donation of just \$75 can help commemorate India's 75th Republic Day while contributing to a global movement for positive change. Together with countless others, your support can provide clean water, eradicate polio, promote peace, and inspire a ripple effect of compassion around the world.

This November, consider joining the movement. **Donate to the Rotary Foundation** and empower Rotarians to tackle global challenges like poverty, disease, and illiteracy. **Every penny counts.**

Visit rotary.org/donate to learn more about their life-changing initiatives. Together, with open hearts and generosity, we can create a lasting global impact.

Remember, even a small donation can spark big change.

Make this November a month of meaningful giving!

With Rotarian regards,

Dinesh Mehta
District Governor
2024-25



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A Closer Look

Behind the Scenes of Successful Global Grants

Rotarians Share Their Secrets A Best Practices Analysis

This report analyzes key insights gleaned from Rotarians who spearheaded The Rotary Foundation's recently recognized exemplary global grant projects. These projects, celebrated for their sustainability, alignment with Rotary's focus areas, and community-driven approach, offer valuable best practices for future initiatives.

Building Strategic Partnerships for Effective Project Execution

The identification of a suitable partner club is crucial for successful project execution. Stephen Baker (Rotary Club of Key Biscayne, Florida) emphasizes the importance of face-to-face interaction in fostering effective collaboration, particularly for complex projects. John Braun (Rotary Club of Austin, Texas) suggests attending district conferences specifically designed to showcase projects and facilitate connections between clubs. Mario Nasard (Rotary Club of Baabda, Lebanon) highlights the valuable role past district governors can play in connecting clubs for potential partnerships. Patrick Biswas (Rotary Club of Padma Rajshahi, Bangladesh) recommends inviting Rotarians from other countries to experience the local community work, fostering understanding and potential partnerships. Gus Oppermann (Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California) emphasizes the value of attending Rotary conventions and project fairs, as well as utilizing online resources like Rotary Showcase and Rotary Ideas to connect with potential partners.

Conducting Thorough Community Needs Assessments

Effective projects necessitate a clear understanding of the community's needs. Carolina Barrios (Rotary Club of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia) highlights the involvement of the Rotary Community Corps (RCC) in identifying beneficiaries, coordinating construction, and promoting the program within the community. Steven Caine (Rotary Club of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, New York) advises conducting community assessments by collaborating with local service organizations. Pilot projects were also recommended by Stephen Baker (Rotary Club of Key Biscayne, Florida) as a way to validate the project concept and refine the approach before a full-scale global grant is pursued.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations for Future Projects

Rotarians also shared valuable lessons gleaned from their project experiences. Patrick Coleman (Rotary Club of Luanshya, Zambia) emphasizes the importance of thoroughly comprehending the technical aspects of the project beforehand. Julio Grazioso (Rotary Club of Guatemala Vista Hermosa, Guatemala) highlights the importance of strong partnerships and clear communication. Steven Caine (Rotary Club of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, New York) recommends establishing realistic timelines to account for project complexities. Vasudha Rajasekar (Rotary Club of Madras East, India) emphasizes thorough research on legal frameworks to avoid delays.

Considerations for Global Grant Champions

- **Pilot Projects:** Test ideas before full-scale implementation.
- **Partnerships:** Find the right club for shared goals.
- **Community Needs:** Understand local needs for sustainability.
- **Timelines:** Be prepared for delays.
- **Communication:** Keep everyone informed throughout the project.

The Power of Rotary Giving

Why give to The Rotary Foundation? Philip J. Silvers (District 5500, Arizona) emphasizes the unique advantage of having Rotarians in host countries to ensure proper utilization of funds. Additionally, the Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers provides invaluable support throughout the grant process.

Ultimately, Gus Oppermann (Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California) succinctly summarizes the essence of Rotary giving: *"We, Rotarians, can't do the good we do globally unless we give to The Rotary Foundation!"*



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lobal Grants

Beyond Borders

Stories of Change: Making a Difference

20 incredible Global Grants showcase, that exemplify everything Rotary stands for: sustainable projects that tackle critical issues and empower communities.

Let us take a trip around the world and see how Rotarians are putting their motto, "Service Above Self," into action!

Area Of Focus:

Saving Mothers and Children

- **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Brazil:** A collaborative effort between the Rotary Club of Registro, Brazil, and the Rotary Club of Nakatsugawa, Japan, equipped a neonatal intensive care unit, significantly reducing infant mortality rates in the Ribeira Valley region.
- **Supporting Rotary Family Health Days in Uganda:** A global grant focused on improving maternal and child health in Uganda, providing training for healthcare workers and essential supplies.
- **Establishing a Human Milk Bank in the Philippines:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Chinatown-Manila, Philippines, and the Rotary Club of Tomobe, Japan, established a human milk bank to support premature and sick newborns.



Area Of Focus:

Promoting Peace

- **Empowering Youth Leaders in Guatemala:** A collaborative project between the Rotary Club of Valle de Guatemala, Guatemala, and the Rotary Club of Manhattan Beach, California, USA, trained students in conflict resolution, leadership, and community service skills.
- **Fostering Peaceful Problem-Solving in Israel:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Haifa, Israel, and the Rotary Club of Coral Springs-Parkland, Florida, USA, utilized water challenges to promote peaceful problem-solving among schoolchildren.



Area Of Focus:

Providing Clean Water

- **Improving Access to Clean Water in Lebanon:** A collaborative effort between the Rotary Club of Baabda, Lebanon, and the Rotary Club of Kernersville, North Carolina, USA, provided clean water to 19 schools, impacting over 6,700 children.
- **Ensuring Safe Drinking Water in Peru:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Cajamarca Layzón, Peru, and District 2201 (Spain) improved water infrastructure and provided clean drinking water to over 10,000 people.
- **Enhancing Sanitation and Hygiene in Benin:** A collaborative project between the Rotary Club of Abomey-Calavi, Benin, and District 2080 (Italy) improved water infrastructure and provided hygiene training to 17,000 people.
- **Providing Basic Sanitation to a Remote Village in Colombia:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, and the Rotary Club of Los Angeles, California, USA, provided sanitation facilities and training to a remote village.

Area Of Focus:

Supporting Education

- **Improving Literacy Rates in Guatemala:** A 20-year partnership between Rotary clubs and the Cooperative for Education provided textbooks, computer labs, and teacher training to impoverished schools.



Area Of Focus:

Growing Local Economies

- **Empowering Indigenous Farmers in Paraguay:** A collaborative project between the Rotary Club of Asunción, Paraguay, and the Rotary Club of Flensburg, Germany, provided agricultural equipment to indigenous farmers.

Area Of Focus: Fighting Disease

- **Enhancing Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening in Turkey:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Adana, Turkey, and the Rotary Club of San Antonio, Texas, USA, promoted breast cancer awareness and screening.
- **Addressing Cervical Cancer in Rural Bangladesh:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Padma Rajshahi, Bangladesh, and the Rotary Club of North Columbus, Georgia, USA, provided cervical cancer vaccinations and training.
- **Expanding Access to Cancer Screenings in India:** A collaborative project between the Rotary Club of Madras East, India, and the Rotary Club of San Antonio, Texas, USA, utilized a mobile unit to provide cancer screenings to rural women.
- **Equipping a Specialized Medical Center in New York State:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake, N.Y., and the Rotary Club of Luanshya, Zambia, equipped a medical center to serve children with cleft craniofacial abnormalities.



- **Improving Healthcare Services in Nepal:** A collaborative project between the Rotary Club of Patan West, Nepal, and the Rotary Club of Amagasaki West, Japan, trained healthcare workers in emergency care and dialysis treatment.
- **Bridging the Digital Divide in Healthcare in Mongolia:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Khuree, Mongolia, and the Rotary Club of Cheonan-Dosol, Korea, provided smartphones and training in tele-dermatology to doctors in remote villages.
- **Combating Malaria in Venezuela:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela, and the Rotary Club of Key Biscayne, Florida, USA, distributed mosquito nets and provided training to reduce malaria cases.
- **Mobilizing Rural Medical Care in Mexico:** A partnership between the Rotary Club of San Nicolás de los Garza, Mexico, and the Rotary Club of Austin, Texas, USA, provided mobile health units to rural communities.
- **Preventing Dengue Fever in Indonesia:** A collaborative project between the Rotary Club of Solo Kartini, Indonesia, and the Rotary Club of Westport, Connecticut, USA, eliminated mosquito breeding sites to combat dengue fever.

-Team GML

Foundation Snippets

Where Impact Meets Inspiration

Shaping A Better World

A Strategic Partner for District and Global Impact

As District Annual Fund Subcommittee Chair, I am pleased to address the critical role of the Rotary Foundation (TRF) in amplifying our district's service efforts and fostering positive change on a global scale. TRF serves as the engine driving Rotary's global service initiatives, meticulously transforming generous donations into tangible solutions for communities worldwide.

TRF's commitment transcends mere financial allocation. As Past Rotary International President Gary Huang emphasizes, *"Our focus is on sustainable solutions that address the root causes of issues, not just the symptoms."* This philosophy underpins long-term impact and empowers communities to achieve self-sufficiency.

A prime example is Rotary's fight against polio. Since 1985, TRF has played a pivotal role, contributing over \$2.1 billion to the PolioPlus program. This unwavering dedication, coupled with countless volunteer hours, has yielded remarkable results. Polio cases have dramatically decreased by 99.9%, bringing us closer than ever to eradication. John Germ, another Past President, aptly stated,

"This is the power of Rotary in action – collective action to make a real difference."

TRF's impact extends beyond global health initiatives. It empowers local clubs like ours to address challenges specific to our communities. District grants provide crucial funding for meticulously crafted projects tailored to our unique needs. These can range from constructing playgrounds for children to providing educational resources for underprivileged youth.

The true strength of TRF lies in its ability to foster connections that transcend borders. Donations from Rotarians globally are leveraged to support both global and local projects through a well-defined grant structure. Global grants address large-scale international needs aligned with TRF's focus areas, while district grants empower local clubs to tackle issues within their communities. In both instances, the emphasis remains on sustainable, high-impact solutions.



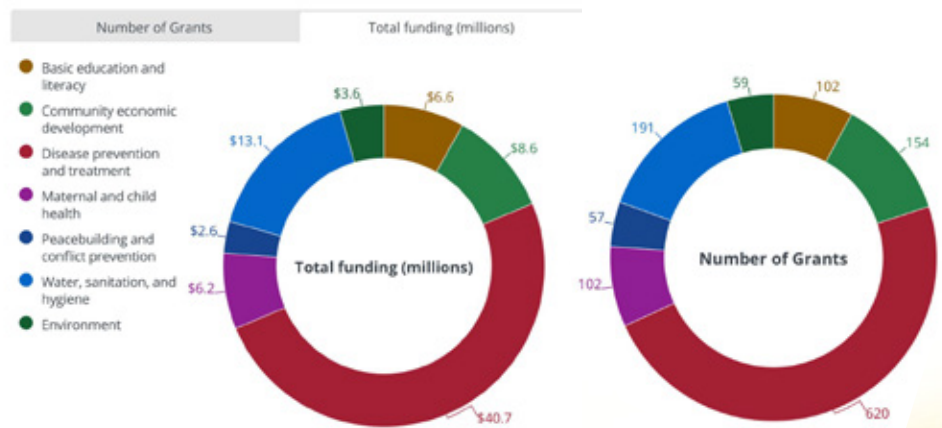
Chandrabhas Shetty
District Annual Fund
Subcommittee Chair

In essence, TRF serves as a model for collaborative action in tackling complex global issues. Its dedication to eradicating disease, promoting peace, enhancing education, and improving economic conditions underscores a unwavering commitment to building a better, more equitable world. Through its diverse range of programs, TRF continues to empower communities, improve lives, and foster long-lasting positive change on a global scale.

I encourage you to delve deeper into TRF's work. Visit rotary.org/donate to learn more about how your contributions can make a significant difference.

Together, through the collective power of Rotary and TRF, we can create a lasting positive impact on the world.

2023-24 Global Grants by Areas of Focus



Top 5 Annual Fund per capita clubs:

Name of club	Rotarians	AF Per Capita	Annual Fund YTD
Hiranandani Ivan, MH, India	28	\$932.00	\$28,122.38
Thane Downtown, MH, India	47	\$531.91	\$25,000.00
Ambarnath North, MH, India	33	\$303.03	\$10,000.00
Thane City, MH, India	16	\$280.47	\$4,167.59
Thane Hills, MH, India	113	\$210.82	\$23,822.58

Top 10 contributing clubs:

Name	-- Total --
Thane Downtown, MH, India	\$62,202.38
Hiranandani Ivan MH, India	\$35,122.38
Thane North, MH, India	\$32,301.34
Thane Lake City, MH, India	\$28,808.31
Thane Hills, MH, India	\$26,322.58
Dombivli East, MH, India	\$23,634.95
Ambarnath MH, India	\$10,000.00
Navi Mumbai Sunrise, MH, India	\$7,292.63
Hiranandani Estate, MH, India	\$6,050.00
Thane Greenspans, MH, India	\$5,300.01

A Big Thank You to Our Generous Supporters!

Disclaimer Note: The enclosed list reflects October donations. Outstanding cheques will be processed in the following month.

RD 3142 Embraces Philanthropy

TRF Seminar

A Day of Inspiration and Action

A Gathering of Giving

We were thrilled to host the first TRF seminar, an event that will go down in history. A Stellar Lineup of Dignitaries on our guest list was nothing short of impressive, featuring TRF Trustee Chair PRIP Mark Maloney as the Chief Guest, TRF Trustee PRID Dr. Bharat Pandya as the Guest of Honor, and other regional dignitaries like RRFC Dr. N Subramanian, EPNC Dr. Ashes Ganguly, and ARRFC Shreekant Indani. Our mentor and guide, PRID & Past Trustee of the Foundation Ashok Mahajan, also graced the occasion. We were also honored to have the presence of our CSR partners, who generously took time out of their busy schedules to attend.

A Traditional Indian Welcome and Auspicious Start greeted our esteemed guests, steeped in Indian tradition. The gracious Anns of RC Thane Hills, the host club, welcomed them with tilak and aukshan. The program began with a display of national pride, featuring the national anthems of both the USA and India. To invoke blessings and set a positive tone, the dignitaries lit the lamp. The enchanting invocation dance performed by Rotaract Neha Banik from RC Thane Hills sought the blessings of Lord Ganesha for the event's success.

Inspiring Speeches and a Commitment to Giving poured after the introductory speech by Convenor DS Nilesh Likhite, DG Dinesh Mehta delivered an encouraging address, highlighting the TRF collections thus far and the numerous commitments from CSR companies, individual donors, and clubs towards achieving the Mark Maloney Early Achievement Award. It is noteworthy that only 11 districts in India have qualified for this prestigious award.

The seminar was enriched by the presence of an array of speakers from international, regional, and zonal levels. Each speaker emphasized the importance of giving, various ways to contribute, and offered words of encouragement to our District's donors.

A truly heartwarming moment came when AKS D P Tripathi announced his commitment to contribute 15% of the District's total giving every year for the rest of his life.

We formally recognized over 125 individual donors, including corporate social responsibility partners, dedicated Rotarians, and contributing clubs, during the event. The awards were presented by our esteemed Chief Guest, Mark Maloney.

In his speech, Chief Guest Mark underscored the importance of giving to the Foundation A Message of Giving and Doing Good for making a positive impact on the world.

The Success of the Seminar was evident from the attendees who remained in the auditorium until the very end. We spared no effort in ensuring a memorable event, with meticulous attention to recognitions, citations, arrangements, and overall event administration. The successful event was immediately acknowledged by TRF Trustee PRID Dr. Bharat on the following day.

Convenor
Rtn Nilesh Likhite
District Secretary - Communications
(2024-25)



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November District Engagements

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Wishing you and your family a safe, prosperous, and wonderful Diwali!

In this Awesome Year, November is shaping up to be an action-packed month, full of festival celebrations, fellowship events, seminars and designated projects.

November is also **designated as Rotary Foundation Month**. During this time, Rotary Clubs worldwide celebrate and raise awareness about the Rotary Foundation's mission, projects, and global impact. It's a great opportunity for Rotarians to reflect on their service, renew their commitment, and contribute financially to ensure the Foundation continues its important work.

On 26th November, we also observe Constitution Day, known as National Law Day or Samvidhan Divas, to honor the adoption of the Indian Constitution, a momentous event in our nation's history. This year marks the 75th anniversary of this milestone and we will celebrate 'Samvidhan ka Amrit Mahotsav', a week-long event from 19th to 26th November 2024. During this period, we reflect on the enduring principles of justice, equality, and liberty enshrined in our Constitution, celebrating the democratic values that continue to guide and shape our great nation. It's a time to pay tribute to the visionaries who framed our Constitution and to reaffirm our commitment to upholding its ideals.

One of the most exciting fellowship events in our district, ROTAL, is scheduled for this month. This lively event will feature singing and dancing competitions for Rotarians and their families, giving everyone a chance to shine and have fun. Whether you're a performer or a fan in the audience, this event promises plenty of laughter, music, and unforgettable moments. Don't miss out on this fantastic fellowship experience!

The **Second TRF Seminar** of the Awesome Year has also been scheduled. The purpose of this seminar is to recognize the efforts of donors towards The Rotary Foundation and to appreciate CSR companies for their support towards community projects carried out through Rotary Clubs. The seminar will take place at Hotel Ramada, Mahape, Navi Mumbai, from 7:30 pm onwards. **The Chief Guest will be RIDE Nagesh K.P.**, who will be present to inspire the Rotarians of RID 3142.

Project Annapurna, our ongoing district initiative, encourages clubs to take an active role in supporting the community by organizing food distribution events for those in need on designated dates each month. By participating in this initiative, clubs can make a meaningful impact on the lives of individuals and families facing food insecurity. After each event, please ensure that you submit a detailed project report to AG, DS, and JDS Resham Thanekar.

We have also planned a **Membership Seminar**. The purpose of this seminar is to welcome new members from all the clubs in our district and educate them about Rotary's values and importance. This seminar will be held at two venues - Ambarnath and Thane. In Ambarnath, we are inviting members from Ambarnath, Badlapur, Ulhasnagar, Vithalwadi, Titwala, Kalyan, Dombivli, and Bhiwandi areas. In Thane, we are inviting members from Thane and Navi Mumbai areas.

As you all know, the **Official Club Visit (OCV) of DG Dinesh Mehta** is currently underway. DS-OCV Santosh Bhide informs the Club President, DS, and AG of the respective clubs about the scheduled OCV dates in advance.

Below are the OCV details for the month of November.

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| 1. Friday, 8th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai |
| 2. Saturday, 9th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Satellite City Navi Mumbai |
| 3. Sunday, 10th November 2024 | Rotary club of Navi Mumbai Link Town Airoli |
| 4. Tuesday, 12th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Dombivli Diamonds |
| 5. Thursday, 14th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Dombivli Saudamini |
| 6. Monday, 25th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Thane Horizon |
| 7. Wednesday, 27th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Badlapur Industrial Area |
| 8. Thursday, 28th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Ambarnath East |
| 9. Friday, 29th November 2024 | Rotary Club of Dombivli |

Thank you all for your enthusiastic involvement and support in our recent events. Your commitment played a key role in their success and I truly appreciate your contributions. Let's continue working together toward future successes.

Best regards,
Rtn. Shirish Songadkar, CEO & Chief Coordinator, RY 2024-25

Details of upcoming events:

Event: ROTAL

Date: Elimination Round: Saturday-Sunday, 9th-10th November 2024, Semi Final Round: Sunday, 17th November 2024, Final Round: Sunday 24th November 2024

Contact Person:

AC – Admin. (Fellowship) Shailesh Mulye (M: 9892368975)

Host Club President: Rtn. Manish Patil (M: 9821340987)

Convenor: Rtn. Mandar Joshi (M: 9833836394)

Host Club: Rotary Club of Thane

Event: Project Annapurna

Date: Thursday, 14th November 2024

Contact Person: JDS Resham Thanekar (M: 9833667128)

Host Club: All Rotary Clubs

Event: Samvidhan ka Amrit Mahostav

Date: 19th -26th November 2024

Contact Person: JDS Suchit Gadkari (M: 9821132071)

Host Club: All Rotary Clubs

Event: Second TRF Seminar

Date: Saturday, 23rd November 2024 from 7 pm onwards

Venue: Hotel Ramada Inn, Mahape, Navi Mumbai

Contact Person: DS Abid Nagaria (M: 9820143356)

Host Club President: Rtn. Seema Khurana (M: 9833176925)

Host Club: Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans

Event: Membership Seminar

Date: Saturday, 30th November 2024 from 7 pm onwards

Venue: Rotary Centre at Ambarnath and Thane

Contact Person:

DMC S.N. Ravi Iyer (M: 9821896677)

Ambarnath

Host Club President: Rtn. Parag Patil (M: 9820750563)

Host Club President: Rtn. Sanjay Mandekar (M: 9820000911)

Thane

Host Club President: Rtn. Manish Patil (M: 9821340987)

Host Club President: Rtn. Sanjay Panigrahi (M: 9619516383)

Host Club: For Ambarnath, Rotary Club of Ambarnath & Rotary Club of Dombivli City

For Thane, Rotary Club of Thane & Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Sunrise



Membership Miscellania

November's Grace

Bloom into Rotary

Hey Steve....

I am back, to give you some updated statistics. It has been a mixed bag, so far.

There are clubs that have registered healthy growth till date. However, there are clubs that have not grown at all and there are 25 such clubs. That is alarming because as the old adage goes, "stagnation is the first step to becoming defunct". Even more alarming is the case of 16 clubs who have lost members. This I believe is a couple of more steps towards becoming defunct. It is high time that these clubs buck up and start registering growth. Overall the District has grown and we have a net growth in excess of 12%.

As a DMC I should be happy with such growth figure. I would, however like to achieve such growth wherein all the clubs register growth, which would be healthier for the district.

The next membership challenge was announced last month and the figures will be crunched as per numbers on 31 December, 2024. The results shall be announced in January 2025.

I urge all the Presidents to take this membership challenge in real earnest and deliver results that will make you, your club and your district proud.

I had already sensitised you to engage the new members and facilitate their smooth transition from becoming a member to becoming a Rotarian, in my post last month.

Retention of Members is a worrying factor worldwide as much as it is in our District.

The membership team has therefore decided to have a seminar that shall focus on Membership Retention.

This is being scheduled for Saturday 30th November 2025. We are planning to have this seminar simultaneously at two venues, Ambarnath & Thane.

This seminar is specifically designed for the Presidents, Membership Directors, Club Service Director and the new Members who are less than 3 years old. They are the direct stake holders in this Membership story.



I would like to inform you that the winners of the Seminar Paper presentation during the District Membership seminar held, before the start of the Awesome year shall be given the Citations. The winners of the first Membership challenge will also be recognised on the same day.

I have a dream which I would like to share with all of you. This year will be Awesome for more reasons than one. One of them will have to be Membership Growth story where every club register growth, retains 100% and the RI district 3142, registers a significant positive Net Growth. This I believe can only be achieved when all of you Awesome Presidents and the Awesome Membership Team work hand in hand and script it.
Au Revoir.



Ravi Iyer
(DMC) District Membership Chair



Awesome GML Shines Light on A Rotary Star!

A Special Recognition for a
Dedicated Rotarian

A heartfelt shoutout to a remarkable member of
the Rotary Club of Thane!

PP Smita Mahajan

Your passion for Rotary's endeavors is truly
inspiring, and your desire to remain humble is
a testament to your character.

While you prefer to stay out of the spotlight,
Team GML simply couldn't resist
acknowledging

'aquarise universal'

incredible generosity in sponsoring the
publication of GML 2024-25.

Thank you for everything you do!

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S

eize the Moment

A Call to Action for Rotarian Spouses

Dear Rotarian Spouses,

As we balance our commitments to service, community events, and family life, it is understandable to question how we manage it all. However, the focus should not be solely on managing tasks, but rather on embracing the journey.

Our lives are uniquely designed, and this moment, this life, is the opportunity we have to make a meaningful impact, seize this opportunity, for it is in this journey that we find true fulfilment and blessings.

Remember, the future is infinite, and material possessions will ultimately hold little significance. What matters most is the legacy we leave behind, the love we share, and the positive change we inspire.

As First Lady, I have witnessed firsthand the remarkable work Rotarians accomplish, and I recognize the invaluable contributions of their spouses. Your support, encouragement, and unwavering love are the driving forces behind their service.

As In the words of Helen Keller, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart."

Together hem in that spirit and step out of our comfort zones. Whether it is taking on a new project, volunteering for a cause, or simply spending quality time with loved ones, make every moment count.

Remember, "Service Above Self" is not merely a motto; it is a way of life. A philosophy of togetherness, to create a legacy that will endure for generations to come.

With sincere admiration,



Jyoti Mehta
First Lady
2024-25



Fellowship and Festival

महाभोंडला उत्सवाने रोटरी फेलोशिपच्या सार दर्शविलं

महाभोंडला

रोटरीतील महिलांनी आपल्या नेतृत्वगुणांनी ही परंपरा पुढच्या पिढीपर्यंत पोहोचवण्याचे काम केले

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ अंबरनाथने आयोजित केलेल्या महाभोंडला उत्सवाने महिला सक्षमीकरण आणि सांस्कृतिक प्रसार यांचे एक ज्वलंत उदाहरणपेश केले. या उत्सवाचे नेतृत्व अनु. वर्षा पाटील, आरटीएन डॉ. लीना धनडे आणि अनु. हेमलता मोरे यांनी केले.

भोंडला, पारंपारिक महाराष्ट्रीयन सण, ज्याला महाराष्ट्राच्या विविध भागांमध्ये हाडगा किंवा भुलाबाई म्हणूनही ओळखले जाते, नवरात्रीच्यापहिल्या दिवशी सुरू होते आणि कोजागिरी पौर्णिमा पर्यंत चालते. जुन्या दिवसांमध्ये, तरुण मुली दररोज, प्रत्येक दिवशी वेगवेगळ्या घरी एकत्र जमत, उत्सव साजरा करण्यासाठी आणि आनंद साजरा करण्यासाठी. स्लेटवर किंवा रांगोळीने काढलेल्या हत्तीच्या चित्राभोवती मुली नाचतात.

भोंडलाशी संबंधित गाणी खोडकर आणि हलक्या मनाची आहेत, सहसा सासूची मजा करतात. ते विवाहित स्त्रियांसाठी आराम म्हणून काम करत असत, ज्यांना त्यांच्या पतीच्या घरी अनेकदा कठोरपणे वागवले जायचे. दिवसाच्या शेवटी, एक खिरापत असतो, जो सामान्यतः प्रसाद म्हणून शिजवलेला नाश्ता किंवा गोड असतो. शेवटचा खेळ म्हणजे दिवसाच्या खिरापतमध्ये काय आहे याचा अंदाज लावणे.

पूर्वीच्या काळी महिलांना विरंगुळा म्हणून भोंडला साजरा केला जात असे. त्या निमित्ताने महिलांना एकत्र येऊन सुखदुःख शेअर करण्याची संधी मिळत असे. शिवाय नेहमीच्या कामांचा ताण कमी करण्यासाठी यात मनोरंजनात्मक खेळ खेळले जात असत. मात्र आजकालची जीवनशैली हीफारच धकाधकीची आणि दगदगीची झाली आहे. त्यामुळे या ताणतणावाला कमी करण्यासाठी असे पारंपरिक खेळ आवर्जून खेळले गेले पाहिजेत. ज्यामुळे आपली संस्कृती जपली जाईल आणि विरंगुळाही मिळेल.



रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट ३१४२ ने ही परंपरा खूप सुंदर रित्या जपली.

उत्सवाची सुरुवात आरटीएन ज्योति मेहता, प्रथम महिला, यांच्या हस्ते झाली. त्यांनी या अनोख्या सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमाचे स्वागत करताना महिला सक्षमीकरण आणि रोटरीच्या सेवाभावनेची प्रशंसा केली.

महाभोंडला उत्सवाची मुख्य आकर्षण भोंडला नृत्य होते. महिलांनी रंगारंग परिधान केले आणि आपल्या नृत्य कौशल्याचे प्रदर्शन केले.

उत्सवाच्या दरम्यान, महिलांनी विविध सांस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमांही सादर केले. यात लोकगीत, नृत्य आणि नाटक यांचा समावेश होता. या कार्यक्रमांनी सर्वांचे मनोरंजन केले आणि भारतीय संस्कृतीची विविधता दर्शविली.

उत्सवाच्या शेवटी, सर्वांनी मिळून भोजन केले आणि एकमेकांशी संवाद साधला. हा प्रसंग रोटरी कुटुंबातील सदस्यांमध्ये सौहार्द आणि एकता वाढवणारा होता.



“महाभोंडला उत्सवाने रोटरी फेलोशिपच्या सार दर्शविलं. हा एक असा कार्यक्रम होता जिथे महिलांनी आपल्या सांस्कृतिक वारसाचे प्रदर्शन केले आणि एकमेकांशी नाते जोडले. हा उत्सव रोटरीच्या आदर्शांना जिवंत करतो जो सेवा, सद्भाव आणि सामुदायिक विकासावर आधारित आहे. - ज्योति मेहता, प्रथम महिला यांनी आनंद व्यक्त केला.

“महाभोंडला उत्सव हा महिलांच्या सशक्तीकरण आणि सांस्कृतिक वारसा जिवंत ठेवण्याचा एक अद्भुत प्रयत्न आहे. रोटरीच्या आदर्शांना साकार करण्यात हा उत्सव महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका बजावतो.”

-डीजी दिनेश यांनी आपली भावना व्यक्त केली. खेळ आवर्जून खेळले गेले पाहिजेत. ज्यामुळे आपली संस्कृती जपली जाईल आणि विरंगुळाही मिळेल.

Jyoti Chavan AG



Fellowship and Festival

रोटरी फेलोशिप का उत्कर्ष: चमकते क्षण

दशहरा महोत्सव

एक अविस्मरणीय अनुभव

मैं, डॉ. नम्रता श्रीवास्तव, रोटरी क्लब ऑफ हिरानंदानी एस्टेट के दशहरा महोत्सव की संयोजक के रूप में, इस आयोजन की भारीसफलता पर गर्व महसूस करती हूँ।

यह आयोजन केवल एक उत्सव ही नहीं था, बल्कि यह एक सांस्कृतिक उत्सव था जिसने हमारे समुदाय को एक साथ लाया। इस आयोजन ने हमें भगवान राम के आदर्शों को याद दिलाया और हमें बुराई पर अच्छाई की जीत के लिए प्रेरित किया।



आयोजन का मुख्य आकर्षण राम कथा का मंचन था। ऑडियो-विजुअल प्रभावों और लाइव अभिनय के माध्यम से, हमने रामचरितमानसके प्रमुख प्रसंगों को जीवंत किया। सीता स्वयंवर का दृश्य तो ऐसा था मानो हम सब वहीं मौजूद हों। रावण वध के दृश्य ने सभी को रोमांचित कर दिया। और जब श्रीराम, लक्ष्मण, भरत, शत्रुघ्न और हनुमान के साथ अयोध्या लौटे और राज्याभिषेक हुआ, तो आरती और प्रसाद के साथ हजारों की संख्या में लोगों ने जयकारे लगाए। ऐसा लगा जैसे हम स्वयं उस पवित्र क्षण का हिस्सा हैं। हर दृश्य ने सभी दिलों को छू लिया।

दर्शकों की प्रतिक्रिया अभूतपूर्व थी। हजारों लोगों ने इस आयोजन में भाग लिया और उन्होंने अपनी उत्सुकता और समर्पण के साथ आयोजन को सफल बनाया। जब श्रीराम ने रावण का वध किया, तो पूरा वातावरण उत्साह से भर गया। यह एक ऐसा क्षण था जो हमेशा याद रहेगा।

आयोजन की सफलता के पीछे कई लोगों का योगदान रहा है। मैं हमारे टाइटल स्पॉन्सर सरकार ग्रुप और गिफ्ट स्पॉन्सर श्रीजी फोन्स, रेमंड्स ग्रुप, ट्राइबल लाइट्स, कोठारे क्रिएशन्स, हीना मांशेटा, स्मिता महाजन और सभी @RCHE दानदाताओं का हार्दिक धन्यवादकरती हूँ। इनके अमूल्य सहयोग के बिना यह आयोजन संभव नहीं होता। डीजी दिनेश मेहता और फर्स्ट लेडी ज्योति मेहता, डिस्ट्रिक्ट अधिकारियों, डिस्ट्रिक्ट फेस्टिवल टीम, क्लब अध्यक्ष अरुणिमा सिंह और सभी सदस्यों, मित्रों और परिवार का भी मैं हार्दिक धन्यवादकरती हूँ। आप सभी के अथक प्रयासों से यह दशहरा उत्सव सफल रहा।

यह दशहरा महोत्सव हमारे लिए एक अविस्मरणीय अनुभव रहा। इसने हमें एक बार फिर याद दिलाया कि हमारे संस्कृति और मूल्यकितने महत्वपूर्ण हैं। मैं आशा करती हूँ कि हम सभी इस आयोजन से प्रेरित होकर अपने जीवन में सकारात्मक बदलाव लाएंगे।

जय श्री राम!

डॉ. नम्रता श्रीवास्तव (Convener)



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A

Month of Service

Rotarians United for Humanity

September was a month of remarkable achievements and heartfelt service. A highlight was the TRF Seminar, where we secured a substantial commitment of \$1.2 million. The rest of the month was a vibrant tapestry of service projects and fellowship events, leaving a lasting impact on our community.

October kept the good times rolling. We had some awesome experiences that kept us on our toes and energized. November is shaping up to be another epic month. Make it unforgettable!

"Curious about what I have been up to? Dive into my diary for a glimpse into September and October."



A Celebration of Rotary Spirit

"I am still basking in the afterglow of the incredible Mahabhondla celebration. Thank you, RC Ambernath and all the co-host clubs for organizing an atmosphere of camaraderie and joy. Your dedication and hard work ensured a memorable experience for all."



A Wheel of Hope: That Made a Difference

"It's a beautiful sight to see the Rotary Club of Dombivli West distribute wheelchairs. These aren't just machines; they're lifelines. They symbolize the Rotary spirit of service and the power of generosity. The donors have truly made a difference in countless lives. I am touched by this amazing community."



Navi Mumbai United: A Day of Compassion

"It is a day I'll never forget! Navi Mumbai, you have truly outdone yourselves! A historic moment for Rotary Navi Mumbai as all clubs joined forces for the All Days Dinner project, feeding 400+ cancer patients at Tata Cancer Hospital, Kharghar. I am filled with gratitude and pride for your generosity has made a significant impact."



Rotary's Heart of Gold

\$60,000 Grant Funds from Raymond Lifestyle Ltd Pediatric Surgeries "Huge thanks PP Ram Bhatnagar, Pallavi Sule, and Dr. Sonal Bange for their efforts. This achievement showcases Rotary's power to create positive change"



DG DIARY A Fair Election: A Testament to Our District's Commitment to Democracy

"Our recent District elections showcased exemplary democracy. Planning and execution ensured transparency, resulting in a well-deserved victory. As DG, I was impressed by the genuine enthusiasm and fairness. This commitment to democracy reflects our organization's strength and integrity."



A Teacher's Legacy: A Nation Builder's Journey

"From classroom to podium, a teacher's influence is immeasurable. My journey is a testament to this. Thank you! RCT Suburban! the Nation Builder Awards recognition brought nostalgic moments that reflect on my formative years, my passion for teaching, and the enduring impact on countless lives. As the saying goes, "Once a teacher, always a teacher," my journey is a living example of this timeless truth."



A Dazzling Dussehra Celebration

"The Dussehra celebration organized by RCHE was nothing short of spectacular. From the engaging Ram Katha to the vibrant Dandiya night, every moment was a delight. A special thanks to the entire RCHE team for their exceptional work. You have created an unforgettable memory for all of us."



Vansh Mehta: A Rising Star in Rotary

Vansh Mehta, son of Rotary District Governor Dinesh Mehta, is a rising star in Rotary. He recently represented RID 3142 at a prestigious event in Dubai, showcasing his leadership and global potential. Beyond Rotary, Vansh is a valuable asset to his family's business. His dedication to both Rotary and his family inspires others. The Mehta family's shared commitment to Rotary is making a positive impact.



A Tale of Two Cities: Empowering Health and Education

"It is a privilege to see the impact we're making. We have administered 1000 cervical vaccines at Rajshree Chhatrapati Sahu Ji Maharaj Vidyalaya, a PM Shree School. The school's facilities are impressive. Our partnership with RC Thane Hills and RC Satellite City Navi Mumbai has been crucial. Together, we're empowering our community."



Rotary Knowledge Enhancement and Faculty Center



A Monumental Thank You to Our Mental Health Champions

"Our Mental Health Team has done incredible work with 'DIL SE DIMAG TAK.' Thank you to Anuj, Aarti, Gayathri, Kavita, Chandan, Bhagyashri, Nidhi, Nand, and our special guests. Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact. Together, we've set a new benchmark for awareness and change. Bravo!"

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Nikshay Mitra Volunteers

"We are proud to have supported 25 patients in Ulhasnagar. Our volunteers' dedication is inspiring. Together, we are making a difference in the fight against tuberculosis."

A New Chapter Begins: Inaugurating the RPL of IFCR

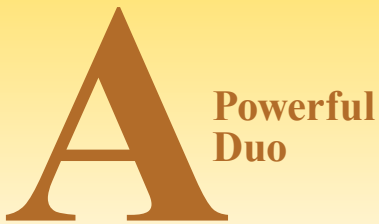
"Happy to lead and inaugurate the RPL of IFCR team. This initiative shows our commitment to fellowship. Together, we'll make a positive impact."



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Rotary Foundation (India)

Recognized as Best CSR Implementing Partner



Rotary Foundation (India) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Grants

We are excited to share that Rotary Foundation (India) has been honored as the Best Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Implementing Partner (Global Organisation) at the 14th India CSR Awards. Since 2016, Rotary Foundation (India) has built strong partnerships with over 300 Corporations, driving positive change through sustainable projects across the country.



Reasons for Using Rotary Foundation (India) for CSR Grants

1. Rotary Foundation India (RFI) is part of the parent The Rotary Foundation (TRF) based in USA manned by permanent staff. It is based in New Delhi.
2. They are available year after year whereas the President and officers of the Club and District change every year.
3. Please Refer to the picture above, RFI has been recognised at the 14 th CSR Awards as the best CSR Implementing partner.
4. They have strong stewardship policies and they vet each project to ensure best practices are followed at various stages, right from the application stage to implementing and reporting. They have a panel of experts in various fields called Cadre who act as auditors. They may send these auditors to check on the project at different stages depending on the value of the project.



The Foundation earned the recognition for adhering to sector best practices and executing its mission in a financially efficient way, demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

"We are delighted to provide the Rotary Foundation with third-party accreditation that validates their operational excellence," said Michael Thatcher, President, and CEO of Charity Navigator.

"The Four-Star Rating is the highest possible rating an organization can achieve. We are eager to see the good work that the Rotary Foundation can accomplish in the years ahead."

PP Prasad Tendulkar
District Grant Sub-Committee Chair

Rotary Foundation (India) is a registered Foundation under the Societies Act and has all compliances about 12A, 80G, FCRA, CSR 1 number etc. These are updated every year. This may or may not be the case with all clubs.

In 2023-24 alone CSR contributions of more than USD 10 million have been routed through RFI for doing CSR projects. The Rotary Foundation received highest rating from Charity Navigator for 16th consecutive year - four stars - from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.





RID 3142's Awesome Vision

A Tour of Landmark Transformation

Awesome Story 1

Rotary Knowledge Enhancement and Faculty Center

*A Vision Realized
Global Grants Benefit Communities*

Rotary International District 3142 recently had the privilege of hosting a distinguished delegation of Rotary leaders. PRIP Mark Maloney, his wife Gay, PRID Dr. Bharat Pandya, his wife Madhavi, PRID Ashok Mahajan, DG Dinesh Mehta, and First Lady Jyoti embarked on a tour of the district's groundbreaking global grant projects.

The delegation's itinerary included a visit to the Mahavir Jain Hospital, where a significant global grant project spearheaded by RCT Lake city, equipped the hospital's state-of-the-art infrastructure, that includes operating theatre for the ophthalmology department and equipped the diagnostic laboratory that has revolutionized healthcare delivery in the region.

The project was further enhanced by the setting up of PICU unit through a collaboration with the BIRLA group, facilitated by PRID Ashok Mahajan, and the establishment of a Dialysis Centre by RC Thane.

The Thane Municipal Corporation, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Thane Lake City, RC of Thane North, and RC of Thane Green City, has launched the 'Rotary Knowledge Enhancement and Faculty Center' also called as Rotary Knowledge Centre to implement the 'Student Development and Happiness Index' program.



Virtually inaugurated by the Honourable CM of Maharashtra, Shri Eknath Shinde, on October 10th, the center was officially opened on October 13th, 2024, with the "Dil Se Dimag Tak" mental health program.

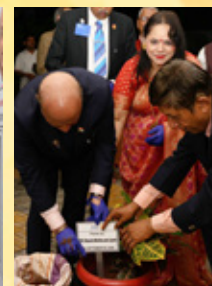
The Rotary Knowledge Centre will serve as a community hub, offering a variety of training programs, seminars, and skill development courses. Additionally, a virtual studio, part of the Virtual Radio Center for municipal schools children, will be operational at School No. 19 with Rotary's support. The center also boasts an air-conditioned training center and conference room, providing a conducive environment for workshops, meetings, and seminars.

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This visit serves as a powerful testament to Rotary's dedication to making a positive difference in the world. Through the tireless efforts of its members and the support of global grants, District 3142 continues to be a beacon of service and innovation.

PRIP Mark Maloney:
"I am truly impressed by the innovative and impactful projects undertaken by Rotary clubs in District 3142. These initiatives are making a tangible difference in the lives of countless people. I am proud to be associated with such a dedicated and compassionate group of Rotarians."





Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Awesome Story 2

Rotary Club of Thane Amigos, a noble deed,

Coastal cleanup, a helping seed.
Gaymukh Khadi, the chosen spot,
Volunteers gathered, hearts that sought.
Over 100, joined the cause,
Collected trash, with applause.
Plastic waste, glass bottles, and more,
Over 200 kg, they did restore.
Awareness campaign, a message clear,
Coastal conservation, to hold so dear.
Local authorities, a helping hand,
Sustainable disposal, throughout the land.
Marine life, protected from harm,
Water pollution, reduced to calm.
Biodiversity, preserved with care,
Community engagement, a shining star.
Reduce plastic, dispose with care,
Participate in cleanups, everywhere.
Spread awareness, a mindful seed,
Rotary Thane Amigos, a noble deed.



Rotary Club of Thane Horizon, a noble sight,

Spreading goodwill, with all their might.
TPP, dental care, and awareness too,
Shivai Marathi School, a helpful view.
Blood donation camp, a life-saving plea,
Pawar Public School, a family.
Fifty-six units, a generous flow,
Forty-two thousand, a grateful bow.
Lodha World School, a grand affair,
Mobile addiction, a warning bare.
Puilla's College, a youthful sight,
Rotary Thane Horizon, shining bright.
These projects, a beacon of hope,
Making the world a better scope.



Rotary Club of Kalyan Riverside, a club so bright,

Spreading awareness, with all their might.
Dr. Prachi, guiding students' way,
Teaching safety, night and day.
Rtn. Manjusha, a leader true,
Guides the project, through and through.
Malnutrition's fight, a noble cause,
Kinhavali village, hears applause.
Ninety-two children, a future's gleam,
Healthy and nourished, a hopeful dream.
Rtn. Ganesh Doyfode, a caring hand,
Leads the charge, across the land.





Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Rotary Club of Thana West

A noble deed, a heart so pure,
Rotary Club, a future secure.
Jhaveri School, a special place,
Where dreams take flight, at a gentle pace.
Special kids, a gift from above,
A workshop held, with care and love.
Ganpati idols, they learned to make,
A joyful time, for goodness' sake.
Rotary's kindness, a shining light,
Empowering lives, with all their might.



Rotary Club of Smart City Navi Mumbai,

Rotary Pranam, a beacon of hope,
A tale of service, a future's scope.
Young hearts united, a noble sight,
Community served, with all their might.



"It Takes a Village," a legacy's grace,
Continuity's power, a timeless space.
From past to present, a journey's art,
A future inspired, a brand new start.
"Mazha Bappa Shaducha," a youthful endeavor,
Rotaract and Interact, forever and ever.



Awesome Story 3

Rotary Club Of Ulhasnagar Sapna Garden,

a heart of gold,
In Ulhasnagar Sapna Garden, their story's told.
In Ulhasnagar's heart, Sapna Garden's grace,
A vibrant hub, a joyful space.
Navratri's dance, a colorful sight,
Health checkups offered, morning to night.
Blood donations flow, a selfless deed,
Football's passion, a spirited seed.
On Ulhasnagar Day, they rise and lead,
For a healthier future, a noble creed.
With every event, a bond they mend,
A community united, till the very end.
Sapna Garden's spirit, forever shines,
A beacon of hope, for future times.



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Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Awesome Story 4

Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers, noble deed,

Students helped, a helping seed.
Mobile addiction, they mended,
A workshop held, a friend extended.
Kavita Nair, wise guide,
Amit Srivastava, by her side.
Students learned, phones with care,
Addiction avoided, mindful affair.
Ideal Education App, a gift,
Knowledge gained, no need to lift.
Dinesh Mehta, inspired hearts,
Rajeev Gupta, played his parts.
Amol Kamat, presented with flair,
Motivated students, to aim so high.
Schools appreciated, noble work,
Rotary Golfers, a super mark.



Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans

Gurusammaan, a noble feat,
Teachers honored, a tribute sweet.
Navi Mumbai Samaritans, organized with care,
A celebration of talent, beyond compare.
Fifty teachers, from twelve schools did shine,
In singing, dancing, mimicry, and fine art design.
A day of joy, for all to see.
DG Rtn Dinesh Mehta, graced the event with pride,
DGE Harsh Makol, by his side.
Teachers were honored, for their dedication true,
A celebration of learning, for all to view.



Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Central,

a caring hand,
Empowering women, across the land.
Isambe MIDC, a special place,
Women's Equality Day, a joyful grace.
Sanitary pads, a gift so kind,
Awareness session, peace of mind.
Haemoglobin testing, a health check,
RCNM Central, a noble spec.
125 women, blessed and bright,
Empowered and healthy, a beautiful sight.
Celebrating equality, a worthy cause,
RCNM Central, deserving of applause.



Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Rotary Club of Kalyan Tigers,

hearts of gold,
Serving the community, stories untold.
Annapoorna project, feeding the old,
Bringing joy and warmth, hearts untold.
Rtn. Dakshata Ranade, a guiding light,
Spreading awareness, shining bright.
Puberty and menstruation, a topic dear,
Empowering girls, dispelling fear.
Model College and Ganesh Vidya Mandir,
Students gathered, eager to learn.
Knowledge gained, confidence grew,
Rotary Kalyan Tigers, a vision true.



Rotary Club of Kalyan, a noble deed,

HPV vaccination, a helping seed.
128 girls, received the shot,
A healthier future, they've got.
President Parag Kapse, led the way,
Secretary Atmaram, a guiding ray.
Project Chair Reshma, with a keen team,
Made the camp a success, a vibrant scene.
PP Sucheta and Ann Neela, joined the fray,
From Thane Hills, a helping sway.
Kalyan's first camp, a proud display,
Of their commitment, to a healthier day.

Awesome Story 5



Rotary Ambarnath East, a noble sight,

A Free Liver FibroScan, a healing light.
At Shobha Hospital, a caring place,
Forty benefited, by divine grace.
TDS Session, knowledge they impart,
At AAMA Hall, a work of art.
PP CA Devendra Jain and PP Umesh Tyade,
Organized the event, a helpful guide.
Mr. Shashank Jha, enlightened the crowd,
MIDC company holders, knowledge endowed.
Wadas with chatni, a tasty treat,
With tea, a perfect, delightful feat.
Fifty-five benefited, a fruitful gain,
Rotary Ambarnath East, forever to remain.
SSC toppers, they did grace,
A Patriotic singing fest, a joyous space.
Annapurna Divas, a caring hand,
Breastfeeding talks, across the land.
TB patients, with kits they aid,
Sparsh Ek Ehsaas, compassion displayed.
Cyber safety talks, a digital shield,
Rotary Ambarnath East, a force to wield.





Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Rotary Club of Thane Central

a noble deed,
Table tennis tournament, a sporting seed.
Pinnacle Academy, joined the fray,
Three days of competition, a bright display.
Three hundred seventy-five, young talents shone,
Skills on display, victories won.
Eighteen medals, awarded with pride,
A testament to effort, where dreams abide.



Rotary Club of Dombivli Saudamini,

a noble deed,
A sale exhibition, a helping seed.
Vendors showcased, their wares with pride,
Visitors flocked, from far and wide.
Funds raised, to aid Shahid widows' plight,
A beacon of hope, shining so bright.
Annapurna Project, a feast for all,
Paralympic champions, answered the call.
RCD Saudamini, a heart of gold,
Their efforts inspiring, stories untold.

Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Industrial Area (RONMIA),

RONMIA's generosity, a shining light,
Supporting schools, with all their might.
Guru Gobind School, received their aid,
CCTV, computers, a helping hand they made.
Mindfulness workshop, a valuable gain,
At Bharatiya Vidyapeeth's Institute, they remain.
Col Rajesh Sharma, a knowledgeable guide,
Participants learned, with pride.
RONMIA's efforts, for a healthier state,
Fostering well-being, a noble fate.
Rotary's commitment, to a happier land,
A shining example, throughout the land.
DG Rtn Dinesh Mehta, a generous soul,
Provided ration, to fill their bowl.
Matimand School, received his care,
A cheque of Rs. 5 lakhs, a gift so rare.
RONMIA's efforts, a noble deed,
Supporting schools, in times of need.



Rotary club of Ambernath North,

a helping hand,
Ganesh POP and Nirmalaya, throughout the land.
Eye check-ups and surgeries, a noble deed,
To those in need, relief they indeed.
Seventy-six patients, their worries they share,
Ten cataract surgeries, a vision restored.
Twenty-four pairs of glasses, a priceless reward.
Rotary's efforts, a beacon of light,
Bringing hope and healing, day and night.



Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Rotary Club of Thane GREENSPAN,

Rotary's Heart, a Noble Deed
Nimesh Deshpande, led the way,
To Bharari's need, a brighter day.
Vaishali Dabhade, with Gopi's care,
Annadan served, a loving share.
Kanchan Jaywant, a vision clear,
Ideal Study App, dispelling fear.
Uday Dabhade, a guiding light,
Literacy's growth, a shining sight.
Mangesh Kohale, a health advocate,
Snehal Khole, a knowledge great.
Cervical cancer, a silent threat,
Awareness spread, a hopeful net.
Rotary's spirit, ever strong,
Making a difference, righting wrong.
A better world, their noble aim,
In service's name, a lasting fame.



Rotary Thane North End,

a heart pure and bright,
Spreading kindness, a beautiful sight.
Annadaan at Jeevan Samvardhan, a noble deed,
Feeding the hungry, a compassionate creed.
Eco-friendly Ganpati, a workshop they held,
Manjusha Bagal, wisdom unveiled.
Clay and paper mache, a sustainable art,
A greener future, right from the start.
Chinmay Sawant, a bright young mind,
Rotary's support, a helping hand kind.
Vidya Vikas Mandir, cupboards they gave,
Education's journey, a future they pave.
Painting competition, colors of peace,
Creativity unleashed, a heartwarming release.
IPP Shyam and Pratibha, judged with care,
Encouraging young minds, beyond compare.
Blood donation camp, a life-saving feat,
Rtn Mangesh, a generous heart, so sweet.
CPR training, a skill to impart,
Dr. Lucky and Dr. Supriya, a brilliant start.
Nikshay Mitra, a helping hand,
Food grains donated, across the land.
DG Dinesh ji, a steering light,
Rotary's impact, magnificent bright.
Nation Builder Award, a well-deserved honor,
To 13 teachers, a future to adorn.
Rotary North End, a force for good,
Making a difference, understood.

Rotary Club of Thane

Rotary Thane, a noble sight,
A teacher's workshop, shining bright.
Rtn. Jyoti Mehta, a graceful sight,
AG Anuja Tipnis, a guiding light.
Sangram Joshi, a secretary keen,
Manish Patil, a leader supreme.
Teachers gathered, hearts aflame,
Rotary Thane, a noble name.





Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Rotary Dombivli Regency,

a noble heart,
Eco-friendly Ganesha, a great start.
194 idols, immersed with care,
A greener future, beyond compare.
Awareness sessions, for girls and all,
Menstrual myths, good touch, mental call.
Dr. Arati Dhoot, shared her wisdom bright,
Mrs. Asmita Gupte, shed her guiding light.
Cervical cancer vaccine, a vital tool,
Club President Amit, played a crucial role.
Gurukul, a home for special kids,
Rotary's support, filled their hearts with lids.
Chocolate Modak, a sweet surprise,
Happiness spread, with sparkling eyes.
Rotary Dombivli Regency, a admirable star,
Making a difference, from near and far.



रोटरी क्लब अंबरनाथ स्मार्ट सिटीचा, उत्सव, रोटरीचा गौरव

शिक्षकांचा सन्मान, देशाचा आधार,
मिलिंद बल्लाळ यांचे मार्गदर्शन बार बार.
संदीप, गोकुळ, अरुण, सर्वजण एकत्र, करत कार्य हे, उत्साह अनंत.
मिलिंद यांचे भाषण, मन मोहक आहे, शिक्षकांचे कर्तव्य, सदैव श्रेष्ठ आहे.
मधु यादव आभार मानतात, रोटरीचा उद्देश, सदैव प्रेरक राहतात.
शीतल जोशी, इतरही सहभागी, सर्वजण एकत्र, करीत कार्य हे.
अंबरनाथचा गौरव, वाढत आहे,
रोटरीचा प्रभाव, दूरवर पसरत आहे.

Rotary Club Garima

The Bharat in Indian cities Rotary Garima, a noble band,
Reached Turbhe's heart, a helping hand.
Taught safety, dispelling fear,
In a semi-constructed home, so dear.
Twenty, thirty kids, gathered near,
Eager to learn, without any fear.
Rt Kavita's guidance, an Ideal bright,
Taught them about safety, day and night.
Surrounded by skyscrapers, a stark contrast,
Their homes lacked basic needs, a sad forecast.
Yet, their spirits soared, with hope and grace,
Ready to lead India, in every space.
Dr. Ruchira Sharma, a brilliant star,
Rotary Garima's efforts, from afar,
Touched the lives of many, a heartening sight,
Bringing hope and light, into their night.



Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Hillside.

Hillside Rotarians, hearts pure and bright,
Knowledge spread, a beautiful sight.
Dr. Garg's wisdom, peaceful grace,
Mindfulness taught, a hopeful space.
BVIMSR joined, a noble deed,
Students empowered, a hopeful seed.
World Heart Day, a lifesaving plea,
COLS training, a family.
Doctors guided, a dedicated crew,
Annappurna's blessings, food for you.
Rotarians served, joy they spread,
Ideal Study Apps, knowledge ahead.
Health check-up camp, caring touch,
Worries dispelled, a hopeful clutch.
Anger Management, future's guide,
Young minds hopeful, a future tide.
Rotary Navi Mumbai, a helping hand,
Students guided, across the land.
Tree plantation drive, nature's fame,
Hillside Rotarians, forever the same.





Club 'S'ensational

Awesome Vision for a Better World

Rotary Club of Kalyan City,

a symbol of light,
Spreading kindness, with all their might.
Abdullah Khan leads, with a vision so clear,
Hindi Diwas celebrated, year after year.
Geeta Dave's wisdom, a guiding star,
Teaching children, both near and far.
Dinesh Mehta's guidance, a powerful force,
Educational apps, a learning resource.
Rupesh Gaikwad inspires, with innovative zeal,
Nehru Science Centre, where wonders reveal.
Sushma Patel and Mandhane, a compassionate pair,
Annapoorna project, showing they care.
Nikhil Parmar's kindness, a heartwarming sight,
Paatradaan project, shining so bright.
Kalyan Mahila Mandal, a force to behold,
Nation Builder Award, stories untold.
Together they serve, with hearts pure and true,
Rotary Kalyan City, forever new.



Rotary Club of Thane Creekside's

A Cleanup Crusade, A Noble Sight
Kolshet Khadi, pristine and bright,
A cleanup mission, a worthy fight.
Karle initiated, Mani guided the way,
Vora's venue, Gaurangi's aid.
Kelkar's grace, Pradhan's helping hand,
Mehta's wisdom, Likhite's grand stand.
Municipal aid, Rotaract's care,
Katta and Pratishthan, beyond compare.
Ulhas, Vibhavari, a dynamic duo,
Yuvraj, Naresh, Mandar, ever true.
Anuradha's speech, a powerful sound,
Volunteers gathered, on sacred ground.
Two hundred fifty kilos, a mountain high,
Cleared with effort, beneath the sky.
Niti Foundation, a home so dear,
Oxygen concentrators, dispelling fear.
Jagtap convened, Shidhaye and Pandit,
Vora and Mani, a brilliant stint.
Rotary Thane Creekside, a heart so pure,
A noble endeavor, forever sure.



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Inner Wheel Clubs

A Month of Inner Wheel Innovations

A Kaleidoscope of Kindness

"Our clubs are not just about friendship; they are about making a difference in the lives of those around us."

Prerana Raichur, District 314 Chairman IW, 2024-25

"The Inner Wheel Clubs of 314 are making a real difference. From nurturing young minds to championing sustainability and empowering communities, their dedication is truly inspiring." - expressed Jyoti



Jyoti Kotak District Editor 2024-25 IW District 314

AMBERNATH'S Young Scientists Shine

Last month saw a world where young minds are ignited with curiosity and creativity. That is exactly what the **INNER WHEEL CLUB OF AMBERNATH** achieved with their Inter-School Science Exhibition and Competition. The event showcased the incredible talents of 700 young scientists from 25 schools, inspiring a new generation of innovators. It was truly motivating to see such bright minds at work.



DOMBIVLI'S Ray of Hope for Vegetable Vendors

In Dombivli, **THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF DOMBIVLI** went above and beyond to support the community. They generously donated 2 Inner Wheel branded umbrellas to vegetable vendors, providing much-needed protection from the harsh sun and rain. This small gesture had a big impact on the lives of these hardworking individuals.



BHIWANDI Feeding a Brighter Future

In Bhiwandi, **THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BHIWANDI**, fostered a love for nature by organizing a bird feeder-making competition. Participants were tasked with designing and building bird feeders, showcasing their ingenuity and commitment to nature. This fun and educational activity encouraged participants to connect with the environment and contribute to the well-being of local wildlife.



NEW BOMBAY SEASIDE's A Gift of Knowledge

The **INNER WHEEL CLUB OF NEW BOMBAY SEASIDE**, made a significant contribution to education by donating two laptops to Vidya Bhavan school and NMMC school no 92/121. These laptops will empower students to access educational resources and develop essential computer skills, preparing them for a brighter future, which are essential in today's world.

KALYAN Fighting Cybercrime Together

THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF KALYAN took a proactive approach to addressing the growing concern of cybercrime. They partnered with the Rotaract Club of B. K. Birla College to organize a lecture by Mr. Dharmendra Nalawade, an expert in the field. The lecture equipped attendees with valuable knowledge and tools to safeguard themselves in the digital age.



Impact Story

RCD Winners' Chak De Exams

A Winning Formula for Success

Tilak Nagar Jr College Benefits from Expert Guidance

Every year, RCD Winners takes on a flagship project called Chak De Exams - Yashashvi Bhava, dedicated to helping 10th and 12th-grade students excel in their board exams.

The project brings together experienced moderators from various faculties to guide students on exam preparation strategies. These moderators offer invaluable insights on what to expect in the exams, which questions to prioritize for maximum marks, and how to approach the exams with confidence and efficiency.

Chak De Exams has consistently received positive feedback from both students and teachers, who appreciate the guidance and support provided. The project has proven to be instrumental in helping students overcome exam anxiety and perform to their best potential.

In the recent RY 23-24, RCD Winners successfully implemented Chak De Exams for 10th-grade students at Kotkar Vidyalaya, MIDC Dombivli. Covering English and Algebra, the project benefited a total of 150 students.

RCD Winners is committed to making a positive impact on the education landscape.

By **JOINING ROTARY CLUB OF DOMBIVILI WINNERS**, you can be part of this incredible initiative and contribute to the success of countless students.

"We believe that every student deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. Through 'Chak De Exams,' we are empowering young minds to overcome exam anxiety and achieve their academic goals," said Kishor Mulay, President of RCD Winners.

RCD Winners is seeking support from the community to expand its reach and impact more students.

JOIN US in making a difference in the lives of young people by contributing to this valuable initiative.

#ChakDeExams #RCDWinners #Education #CommunityDevelopment #StudentEmpowerment



Rotarians' Generosity

Shines Through in Annapurna Project

Rotary District 3142 makes a remarkable year of service, culminating in the successful Annapurna Project during the first quarter (July to September 2024). The project, led by District Governor Dinesh Mehta and the dedicated Annapurna team, aimed to provide food and essential supplies to various communities in need.

On October 16th, the district celebrated Kojagiri Purnima, a significant Hindu festival associated with abundance and blessings. In keeping with the spirit of the occasion, Rotary clubs across the district came together to donate cooked food, food grains, and other necessities to orphanages, old-age homes, children's homes, and senior citizen centers.

The response from the clubs was overwhelming, mirroring the enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated in previous Annapurna projects. The collective efforts of the district's members resulted in a significant impact on the lives of thousands of individuals.

- **Total Beneficiaries:** Over 40,807 people received support through the project.
- **Zone-wise Impact:**
 - **Zone 1:** 22,374 beneficiaries
 - **Zone 2:** 4,301 beneficiaries
 - **Zone 3:** 7,392 beneficiaries
 - **Zone 4:** 6,740 beneficiaries

JDS Resham Thanekar, a key member of the Annapurna team, expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support from the district's clubs and members. She emphasized the transformative power of giving and the positive impact it has on the community.

As the district moves forward, the Annapurna team remains committed to continuing its efforts to serve those in need. The success of this project serves as a testament to the compassion, dedication, and unity of Rotary members in District 3142.

Team GML



Rotary Youth Exchange in Action

A Year of Growth and Discovery

B uilding Bridges

of Understanding, Adventure and Friendship

As the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Chair for District 3141, I have had the incredible privilege of witnessing firsthand the transformative power of this program. This year, we were fortunate to have two inbound students, Justine from France and Samuel from Brazil, join our Rotary family.

Justine, a sweet and outgoing 16-year-old, arrived a month earlier than Samuel and quickly settled into her new life in India. Samuel, a tall and handsome young man, also adapted seamlessly to his surroundings. Both students were warmly welcomed by our active RYE team, Rotarians, and host families at the airport.



Our own Divya, the daughter of Nita and Vaibhav Bhoir, is currently enjoying her exchange experience in France. She's been sharing her adventures and cultural discoveries on Instagram, and it's heartwarming to see how she's representing India so beautifully.

Justine, hosted by Santosh and Pradnya Bhide, has been actively participating in all Rotary programs and making friends in her college. She is even visited Rotarian homes for Ganpati Darshan and enjoyed playing with children at Rtn Vaidehi's school.



Samuel, hosted by Rotarians in Bhiwandi Central, is also embracing Indian culture with enthusiasm. He's visited Rotarian homes for Ganpati Darshan, participated in Mahalakshmi Gauri celebrations, and even attended the RYLA in Lonavala with Justine.

Both students have been involved in various Rotary activities, including the RYE convention in Nagpur where they learned Bollywood dancing and presented on their experiences. Samuel even had the honor of singing the Brazilian National Anthem at the convention.



Our inbound orientation on October 2nd was a great opportunity for the students to learn more about the RYE program and interact with other participants. The District Governor, Rtn Dinesh, was present throughout the program and offered valuable insights.

I am so grateful for the incredible host families who have opened their homes and hearts to these young people. Their support and care have made a significant impact on the students' experiences.



While we have a dearth of outbound students and hosts in our district, I encourage more people to consider participating in this wonderful program. Hosting a student for a year can be a truly enriching experience, and for students, it is an opportunity to grow as individuals and develop a deeper understanding of different cultures.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all the hosts, the RYE team, and the District Governor for their unwavering support and commitment to this incredible program. Together, we're building bridges of understanding and friendship, one student at a time.

A hug to all the hosts out there. Love and blessings for the children.

Rtn Sharwari Deshpande
Avenue Chair RYE 24-25



A Global Gathering of Youth

The RESONANCE Conclave

SAYEN Launched

A New Era for Youth Exchange in South Asia

The Global Rotary Youth Exchange conclave, RESONANCE, convened in Nagpur, India, on September 28th and 29th, bringing together young people from across the globe. Attendees included Rotarians and youth exchange students from India, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, the United States, and other countries.

The event featured distinguished speakers, including RI Past President Mário César Martins de Camargo, a RYE alumnus, and RI Directors Raju Subramanian, Anirudh Chowdhury, and Flt. Lt. K P Nagesh. Their inspiring addresses motivated attendees and highlighted the potential of RYE and the Rotaract movement.

A significant milestone at the conclave was the formation of the South Asia Youth Exchange Network (SAYEN), endorsed by RI Directors and the RIPE. This regional association aims to facilitate collaboration and growth among India and other South Asian countries.

As a speaker and mentor, I had the privilege of sharing my experiences and guiding Akanksha Manik, a rebound student from YEP 3142. Her inspiring journey and one-on-one interaction with RIPE demonstrated the transformative power of the exchange program.



The conclave provided a platform for attendees to share experiences, learn from best practices, and forge lasting connections. Our inbound students, Justine and Samuel, actively participated in cultural events and embraced the spirit of fellowship.



I extend my sincere gratitude to District Governor Dinesh Mehta and Past President Vikram Mane for their support and for providing us with this opportunity to participate in such a memorable event. The RESONANCE Conclave has undoubtedly inspired and empowered countless young people to continue their journey of service and global citizenship.



PP. Smriti Gulwady
Advisor, YEP



Dil Se Dimaag Tak

A Memorable Mental Health Seminar

As the Avenue Chair of the Mental Health Avenue in Rotary District 3142, I am pleased to report on the resounding success of our inaugural seminar, "Dil Se Dimaag Tak."

Organized by RCT Green City, RCT Lake City, and RCT North in collaboration with the Thane Municipal Corporation, this event, held at the Rotary Centre in Thane, that brought together mental health professionals, advocates, and Rotary members to raise awareness and honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the field.

The seminar was a testament to the dedication and hard work of our team, led by Avenue Coordinator Pushan Vaidya. The meticulously planned event featured insightful presentations by renowned psychiatrists, inspiring performances by children from special schools, and the recognition of 22 mental health warriors. These individuals were nominated by sponsor clubs, fostering a strong connection between the clubs and the organizations they represent.



Eight special schools participated in the event, showcasing their students' work through stalls featuring Diwali essentials like Lanterns, Diya, and Gift items. The enthusiastic audience visited these stalls, boosting the confidence and sales of the young participants.

Three host clubs and twenty co-host clubs played a crucial role in ensuring a successful event, attracting over 200 attendees. Renowned psychiatrists Dr. Kersi Chawda and Dr. Ashish Deshpande delivered insightful talks on mental health and Rotary's role in promoting awareness and support.

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DG Dinesh Mehta, the chief guest, and Vice Governor PDG Dr. Mohan Chandavarkar graced the occasion. The program commenced with the National Anthem and the lighting of the lamp, followed by a heartwarming performance by children from Avani Matimand School.

The seminar featured captivating performances by children from special schools, including a breathtaking dance by Dombivli School's deaf and dumb students that received a standing ovation. The Lavani performance and other dances showcased the incredible talents of these differently abled children.



The event would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of the awardees. Dr. Yoga Nambiar, founder of the global rights foundation Astitva Special School, Ms. Hiramani

Wadhwa-Psychotherapist, Ms. Beena Murali-Counsellor, Rotary School for Deaf, Ms. Beena Periera-Founder of Life Ananta Trust, Kshitij school for deaf, Ms. Shabana Sayyed- Chetana Foundation, Avishkar Learning Centre, Ms. Divya Agarwal-Mental Health Advocate, Manodaya Trust, Sister Ancy Antony-Principal Holycross Special School, Ms. Ishwari Gulrajani-Principal Aanchal Vocational Centre, Jagruti Palak Sanstha, Avani Matimand Mulanche Nivasi Vidyalaya, Dattaram Fonde-Santosh, Dr. R P Singh-officer in charge NEPID, Ms. Ishwari Abhichandani-special educator for intellectually disabled, Ms. Rita Rego-founder Sheshally, Ms. Manisha Silam- Rajhanse foundation, and Ms. Aarati Pitale- The Anni Foundation and Savitribai Manisk Vikhlang Vidyalaya.

Avenue Chairs Aarti Dhoot and Bhagyashri Harle, along with Co-Chairs Gayathri Srinivasan and Nidhi Roy, presented these distinguished individuals to the audience, who greeted them with thunderous applause. Ave Co-Chair Kavita Bhatia also played a vital role in coordinating the event, even in her absence.



"On the same day of October 13th, we had the privilege of hosting a mental health seminar in collaboration with IMA Dombivli, under the aegis of DMF, and other Rotary Clubs. It was a truly inspiring experience to share the stage with renowned psychiatrist Dr. Dushyant Bhadalikar, a fellow Rotarian. The event attracted a large and enthusiastic audience, and I was delighted to see so many people come together to learn more about mental health. I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Sharad Gurav, President of IMA Dombivli, RTN Dr. Leena Lokras, RTN Dr. Makarand Ganapule, RTN Hemant Mundake, President of RCDM, and the Rotary Club of Dombivli East for their invaluable support and contributions to the success of this seminar." Reported Pushan Vaidya Avenue Chair Mental Health.

"Dil Se Dimaag Tak" was a significant milestone for our Mental Health Avenue, and I am confident that it will have a lasting impact on our district's efforts to promote mental health awareness and support." - expressed DG Dinesh Mehta



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How Critical Illness Insurance Can Save Your Finances?

Imagine facing a life-threatening illness and, at the same time, scrambling to gather funds for treatment. This is exactly what happened to Amit, a 40-year-old professional.

He had a ₹5 lakh health insurance cover but no critical illness insurance. When he suffered a heart attack, his treatment cost ₹9 lakhs. While his regular insurance covered ₹5 lakhs, he was left to arrange the remaining ₹4 lakhs through savings and loans. This double burden of illness and financial strain could have been avoided if he'd opted for critical illness insurance, which would have provided the full ₹9 lakhs as a lump sum payout.

Amit's experience is a reminder of a critical gap in health coverage. As life-threatening conditions like cancer, heart disease, and stroke become more common, having additional financial protection is essential.

What is Critical Illness Insurance?

Critical illness insurance provides a lump sum payout upon diagnosis of a listed severe illness. Unlike regular health insurance, which reimburses hospital bills, the payout from critical illness insurance can be used for various needs, including treatments, recovery therapies, or daily living expenses.

Why You Need It Now?

- **Rising Medical Costs:** Treatments for critical illnesses can be costly. For instance, breast cancer treatment ranges from ₹2.5 lakh to ₹8.6 lakh. Without proper coverage, these expenses can deplete your savings quickly.
- **Financial Security:** A severe illness often stops you from working, cutting off your primary source of income. Critical illness insurance offers a financial safety net, covering both medical and household expenses.
- **Modern Lifestyle Risks:** Sedentary jobs and stress increase the risk of severe conditions, even among younger people. Getting insured in your 30s means lower premiums and better coverage as you age.
- **Tax Benefits:** Premiums for critical illness insurance qualify for tax deductions under Section 80D of the Income Tax Act—up to ₹25,000 for individuals and ₹50,000 for senior citizens.

Who Should Consider It?

- **Individuals with a family history of critical illnesses**
- **Breadwinners** whose income loss could strain family finances
- **People in high-stress jobs** or those over 40

How It Differs from Regular Health Insurance?

Regular health insurance primarily covers hospitalization costs. In contrast, critical illness insurance offers a lump sum payout upon diagnosis, which you can use freely for treatments, alternative therapies, or even daily expenses. This flexibility makes it a vital addition to your health coverage.

How to get started?

Securing critical illness insurance is just a policy decision - it's peace of mind. Don't wait until it's too late.

Take Action Now

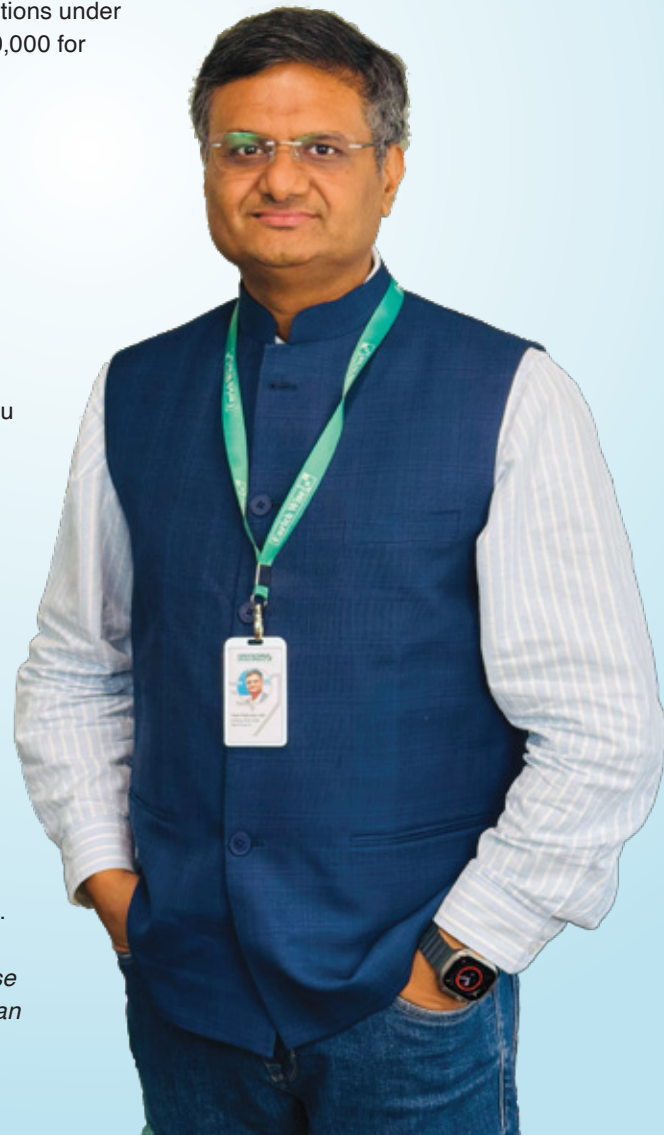
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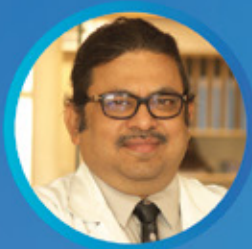
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(The Gift of an Open Heart)

एक जंगल में एक छोटा सा चिड़िया था जिसका नाम था चिरु। वह बहुत ही दयालु और सहानुभूतिपूर्ण था। वह हमेशा दूसरे पक्षियों की मदद करता था, खासकर उनको जो बीमार या घायल होते थे। वह अपने खाने का एक हिस्सा उनके साथ बांटता था और उन्हें अपनी देखभाल करता था।

एक दिन, एक भयंकर तूफान आया। कई पक्षी अपने घोंसलों से गिर गए और घायल हो गए। चिरु ने तुरंत उन सभी की मदद की। वह उन्हें एक सुरक्षित जगह पर ले गया, उनके घावों का इलाज किया, और उन्हें अपना खाना खिलाया।

कुछ दिनों बाद, तूफान थम गया और सभी पक्षी ठीक हो गए। वे चिरु के प्रति बहुत आभारी थे। उन्होंने उसे धन्यवाद दिया और कहा कि वह एक बहुत ही अच्छा पक्षी है।

चिरु ने मुस्कुराते हुए कहा, "मदद करना मेरा स्वभाव है। मुझे दूसरों की मदद करने में बहुत खुशी मिलती है।"

उस दिन से, चिरु ने हर दिन किसी न किसी की मदद करना शुरू कर दिया। वह अपने खाने का एक हिस्सा गरीब पक्षियों को देता था, बीमार पक्षियों की देखभाल करता था, और घायल पक्षियों को सुरक्षित जगह पर ले जाता था।

एक दिन, एक बुजुर्ग उल्लू ने चिरु को देखा और उससे पूछा, "तुम इतना क्यों करते हो? तुम इतना दान क्यों करते हो?"

चिरु ने मुस्कुराते हुए कहा, "मैं सिर्फ दूसरों की मदद करना चाहता हूँ। मुझे इससे बहुत खुशी मिलती है।"

बुजुर्ग उल्लू ने कहा, "तुमने सही कहा। दान करने से मन को शांति मिलती है और आत्मा को संतुष्टि। जब आप दूसरों की मदद करते हैं, तो आप वास्तव में खुद की मदद कर रहे होते हैं।"

चिरु ने बुजुर्ग उल्लू की बातों को ध्यान से सुना। उसने महसूस किया कि दान करना सिर्फ एक कर्तव्य नहीं है, बल्कि एक आशीर्वाद भी है।

उस दिन से, चिरु ने और भी अधिक दान करना शुरू कर दिया। वह न केवल पक्षियों को बल्कि जंगल के सभी जीवों की मदद करता था। वह उन्हें खाना खिलाता था, पानी पिलाता था, और उनकी रक्षा करता था।

चिरु का दान करने का कार्य इतना प्रसिद्ध हो गया कि पूरे जंगल में लोग उसकी प्रशंसा करने लगे। लोग उसे एक महान आत्मा कहते थे।

चिरु ने महसूस किया कि दान करने से न केवल दूसरों की मदद होती है, बल्कि खुद को भी खुश किया जा सकता है। उसने सीखा कि दान करना एक ऐसा कार्य है जो मन को शांति देता है और आत्मा को संतुष्टि प्रदान करता है।

नैतिक: MORAL:

इसलिए, दोस्तों, हमेशा दूसरों की मदद करने का प्रयास करें। दान करें, चाहे वह छोटा हो या बड़ा। आपकी दया और करुणा किसी की जिंदगी बदल सकती है। और सबसे महत्वपूर्ण बात, यह आपको भी खुशी देगा।

खुले हृदय से दान करने से मिलने वाली संतुष्टि किसी भी धन-दौलत से कहीं अधिक होती है।
(The satisfaction gained from giving with an open heart is far greater than any wealth or riches.)

-DG

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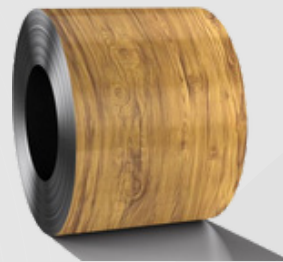
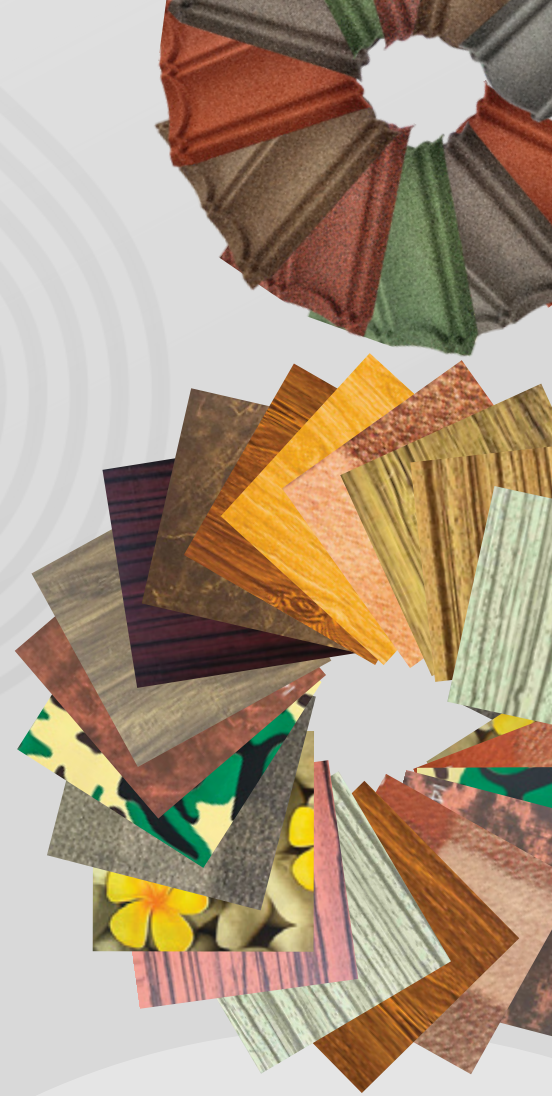
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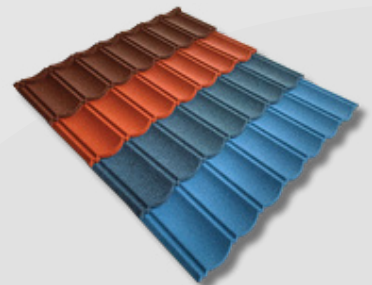
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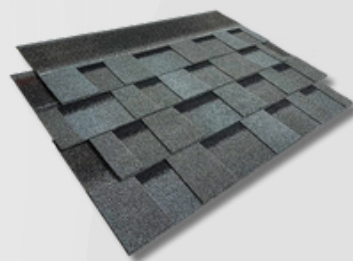
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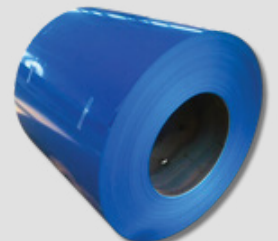
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