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Rtn. Mona & Rtn. Manish Gyani

From the EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

तूफ़ानों से आँख मिलाओ,
सैलाबों पर वार करो,
मल्लाहों का चक्कर छोड़ो,
लहरों पर सवार करो।"



Dear Vibrant Rotarians,

With the resounding success of Samanvay DisCon 2025 behind us, we now enter the final stretch of this super vibrant year. The energy, passion, and camaraderie we witnessed at Jio World Convention Center on 1st & 2nd March reaffirmed that RID 3141 is truly unstoppable!

Samanvay was not just an event—it was a celebration of our collective achievements, a platform for inspiration, and a launchpad for a grand finale. From engaging panel discussions to impactful recognitions, from thought leaders to celebrity speakers, the conference showcased the best of Rotary.

But friends, the journey isn't over yet!

This last leg is where champions are made, where the final push creates a legacy, and where we turn this vibrant year into an unforgettable one. Let's give it our all!

The Last Lap – Let's Make It Legendary!

Like a relay race, the last leg is where we must give our best sprint.

Membership Excellence – Let's break all records and set RID 3141 as a benchmark for growth.

TRF Contributions – Every dollar raised is a life changed—let's finish strong!

Project Execution – From Vibrant Anganwadis to Pediatric Heart Surgeries, let's accelerate impact.

Rotary Visibility – The world must know that Rotary is Irresistible!

With just a few months left, let's push our limits, ignite our passion, and finish with a roar!

हर तूफ़ान, हर चुनौती एक नया अवसर है,

जो लहरों से टकराता है, वही साहिल तक पहुँचता है।

Rotary District 3141 has not just created magic—we have built a legacy!

Now, let's ride the final waves with unwavering spirit and make history!

Together we can, together we will—let's finish the Vibrant Year with unmatched brilliance.

Yours in Rotary,

Chetan Desai
Rotary District 3141 (2024-25)

"Together we can, Together we will."



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A Magical DISCON

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am delighted to connect with you all in this special **District Conference edition of GML**. The recently concluded **District Conference, Samanvay**, was truly a **"Confluence of Excellence."** The initiative by **DG Chetan Desai (District 3141)** and **DG Dinesh Mehta (District 3142)** to unite the two districts for the District Conference aligns well with the RI theme for the upcoming year: **"Unite for Good."** This event marked a historic collaboration between two districts that had parted ways a decade ago. The synergy of their joint efforts resulted in an unforgettable experience, filled with inspiring speakers, remarkable presentations, and unparalleled fellowship among Rotarians. The overwhelming appreciation from attendees continues to pour in.

The meticulous planning by the **District Conference team** from both districts, ensured flawless execution, earning widespread appreciation. They worked tirelessly for months, to guaranteeing that every detail was perfected. Their dedication and commitment were evident in every aspect of the event. With over **2,000 participants** witnessing magical moments throughout the two-day conference, it was a resounding success. On behalf of the DisCon team, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and supporters who contributed to making this event truly unique.

Hosted at the prestigious **Jio World Convention Center**, the conference featured an exceptional lineup of speakers and honored selfless individuals serving society. Attendees enjoyed world-class entertainment, delightful cuisine, and a vibrant atmosphere that fostered camaraderie. This conference boasted the highest-ever participation in District Conference history, flawless hospitality, creative audiovisual presentations, and impeccable execution. A major highlight was the presence of **Rotary International President Nominee**



Sangkoo Yun, as RIPR whose inspiring address left a lasting impact.

GML serves as the voice of Rotary activities, capturing the essence of significant events across the district. I extend my sincere appreciation to the GML team for their dedication in ensuring the timely release of each issue on the first of every month. The **GML (Global Monthly Letter)** team was commended for its timely and high-quality March edition, unveiled during the event. As Rotary's voice, GML continues to document key initiatives and achievements across the district.

As we step into **April**, Rotary's focus shifts to **Maternal and Child Health**, one of our seven key areas of service. Millions of children die from preventable causes, and mothers face life-threatening risks during childbirth. Rotary International remains committed to reducing these tragedies through immunizations, medical aid, and healthcare training. I encourage all Rotary Clubs to prioritize projects addressing maternal and child health this month, such as mobile **prenatal clinics, cancer screenings, and preventive healthcare initiatives.**

Together, let us continue to make a difference in the world and Create Magic of Rotary.

Ashish Tapiawala,
District Coordinator, Publications

From the MANAGING EDITOR'S Desk

Beyond Expectations: The Magic of Synergy at DISCON 2024-25

A Rotary district conference is many things to many Rotarians. For some, it is a chance to immerse themselves in the complete Rotary experience—to witness the power of service and be inspired by the stories of change. For others, it is an invaluable opportunity to connect, network, and create new partnerships. Some attend as a part of their duty, fulfilling commitments with diligence and pride, while others come simply to enjoy the grandeur of a well-curated event—the venue, the ambience, and the camaraderie. But at DISCON this year, every Rotarian returned with more than they had expected.



When Districts 3141 and 3142 came together for the historic conference Samanvay DisCon, they did more than just co-host an event, they created something greater than the sum of its parts. The power of collaboration was evident in every interaction, every discussion, and every moment of celebration.

Here's to synergy, partnerships that transcend boundaries, and the spirit of working together to change lives. DISCON 2024-25 was not just a conference—it was a testament to the power of Rotarians coming together for a greater cause.

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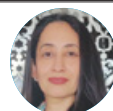
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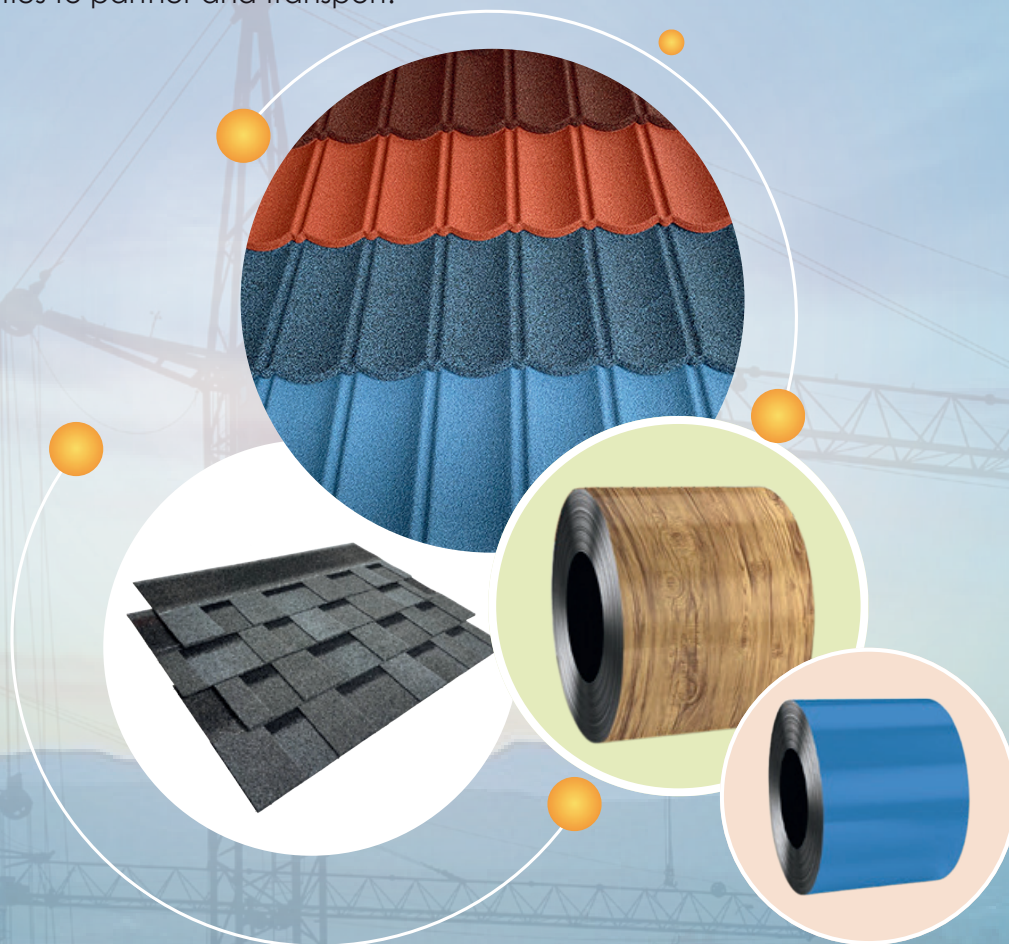


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CARE, COMPASSION AND SERVICE



Dear Vibrant Rotary Family,

As we enter April, the Rotary world turns its focus to Maternal and Child Health, a cause deeply intertwined with the core values of care, compassion, and service. While Rotarians work tirelessly on impactful projects, we, the spouses, have the unique privilege of standing beside them, providing unwavering support in their mission.

With just three months left in this vibrant Rotary year, it is more important than ever to encourage and uplift our partners as they strive to complete their goals. The final stretch is often the most demanding, filled with last-minute initiatives, fundraising efforts, and the push to leave a lasting impact. This is where our role as spouses becomes invaluable—we are their cheerleaders, their sounding boards, and their pillars of strength.

Rotary is not just an individual's journey; it is a family's commitment. Our presence at events, our words of encouragement, and our understanding of the time and effort they devote to service can make all the difference. Many of us have witnessed first-hand how Rotary transforms lives—not just those of beneficiaries but also of Rotarians themselves. Their passion inspires us, and in return, our support fuels their determination.

I encourage all Rotary spouses to embrace this final lap with enthusiasm. Let us celebrate the milestones achieved, remind our partners of the impact they have made, and stand by them as they bring their vision for this year to fruition.

As the First Lady of Rotary District 3141, I have seen the incredible work being done across clubs, the dedication of our leaders, and the magic of Rotary in action. This magic is possible because of the unwavering support of families who understand that service is a shared mission.

Together, let us make these last months count. Let us encourage, support, and celebrate the spirit of Rotary as we move forward—because together we can, and together we will!

Jwala Desai
First Lady of Rotary District 3141



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DISCON 2025

Feel The Magic of Rotary

An Exclusive Coverage

Jio World Convention Centre
1st and 2nd March, 2025

SAMANVAY DISCON: THE MAKING OF A MILESTONE IN COLLABORATION

WRITTEN BY : RTN. VINAY VYAS, CONVENER

The recently concluded joint conference of Rotary Districts [3141 & 3142] was a resounding success, bringing together Rotarians from diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas, strengthen partnerships, and celebrate the impact of Rotary's service projects. The event was attended by over 1,700 Rotarians, community leaders, and distinguished guests.

In December 2023, just before the International Assembly in Orlando, US, District Governors Chetan Desai (3141) and Dinesh Mehta (3142) embarked on a short trip to the United States with their families. During this time, they had the opportunity to connect on a deeper level and discussed the idea of organising a joint District Conference on a grand scale.

Recognising the need for an exceptional venue, the only location that came to mind was the prestigious Jio World Convention Centre at BKC, a setting befitting their vision for Discon 2025. Even while they were still in the US, the DGs shared this idea with their Discon Core Teams, sparking enthusiasm and excitement.

On 27 December 2023, the first joint meeting of both district teams was held in Thane. The proposal for a joint conference was met with great enthusiasm, and the



teams began brainstorming various aspects of the event.

A crucial step in the preparation was selecting a name that would encapsulate the essence of unity and collaboration. The team deliberated on several potential names, including:

Sammelan, Sanyojan, Milaap, Drishti, Udaan, Synergy, Confluence

After much discussion, a unanimous decision was made to name the conference "Samanvay", symbolising harmony, coordination, and synergy between the two districts.

The official launch of Samanvay – Discon 2025 took place at the Discon 2024 conference held at NESCO, where it was introduced with great excitement and anticipation.

To ensure the seamless execution of this grand event, several strategic meetings were held at Fountain Hotel, Ghodbunder Road, a central location for both districts. These meetings served as a platform for in-depth discussions, meticulous planning, and the delegation of responsibilities. Various teams were formed to manage different aspects of the conference, ensuring that all elements were handled with precision and expertise.

The conference featured an inspiring lineup of keynote speakers who shared insights on leadership, innovation, and service. In addition to self-development, the event provided valuable opportunities for networking and fellowship.

The District Governors expressed their gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers who contributed to the conference's success. They emphasised the importance of such joint initiatives in fostering unity and amplifying Rotary's impact worldwide.

As the conference concluded, attendees departed with renewed enthusiasm and a shared commitment to driving positive change. Plans for future collaborations and initiatives were set in motion, ensuring that the spirit of service and camaraderie continues to thrive.

LEADERS, THINKERS, CHANGEMAKERS

The esteemed speakers from varied walks of life at the Rotary District Conference SAMANVAY brought a wealth of insight, offering diverse perspectives that enriched discussions and deepened learning. Here are the key takeaways from their thought-provoking articulations, which enabled a dynamic exchange of ideas and inspiration.





RIPR Sangkoo Yun's Welcome Address on Day 1

- 1. Acknowledged the harmony and collaboration between Districts 3141 and 3142.
- 2. Highlighted the impact of AI and digital transformation on society and Rotary.
- 3. Membership Strategy: Encouraged participation in service first, followed by an invitation to join Rotary.
- 4. Lessons from LEGO's Transformation: Emphasized that asking the right questions leads to meaningful change, suggesting Rotary should adapt similarly.
- 5. Proposed evolving Rotary into a "one-stop service platform" akin to Google or Amazon for volunteerism.
- 6. Engaging Youth through Gamification: Recommended introducing a service-based credit system to attract young people.
- 7. Rotary's Key Achievements:
 - ✓ Endowment Fund Growth: \$15M raised in four months.
 - ✓ Polio Eradication: Emergency funds allocated for Gaza vaccinations.
 - ✓ Rotaract Integration: Increased involvement in leadership roles and funding contributions.
 - ✓ Women in Rotary: Targeting 30% representation, currently at 26%, with Egypt leading at 53%.
- 8. Large-Scale Impact Projects:
 - ✓ \$2M grant for water access and agriculture in India.
 - ✓ \$30M disease prevention initiative in Africa in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- 9. Emphasized empathy, compassion, and commitment to making the world a better place.



RIPN Sangkoo Yun's Keynote Address on Day 2



Rotary International President Nominee (RIPN) Sangkoo Yun expressed gratitude and highlighted the following key points:

- 1. Extended heartfelt thanks to Arch Klumph Society members, major donors, and others for their consistent contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).
- 2. Emphasized the nobility of donating to unknown individuals in dire need, noting that such generosity fosters hope and transforms lives globally.
- 3. Highlighted how donations create positive change in beneficiaries' lives, contributing to a more peaceful world.
- 4. Described TRF as a "temple of service" built by thousands of Rotarians, distinguishing it from foundations established by wealthy individuals or corporations.
- 5. Noted that TRF has received the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for 15 consecutive years, underscoring its credibility and transparency.
- 6. Announced a \$100 million donation from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to TRF, reflecting trust in Rotary's effectiveness.
- 7. Stressed the need for continued vigilance in eradicating polio, urging Rotarians to persist until the disease is fully eliminated.
- 8. Encouraged members to sustain their acts of generosity, creating ripples of hope for billions in despair, and solidifying their roles as champions and inspirational leaders.

**DG Chetan Desai, RID 3141****DG Dinesh Mehta, RID 3142****PRIP K. Ravindran's Interview
with RID Raju Subramanian**

- Emphasized the power of collective leadership, visionaries, and changemakers.
- Promoted unity through the motto "Together we can, together we will," aiming to establish vibrant and irresistible clubs.
- Membership Growth & Impact:
 - ✓ Six new clubs formed.
 - ✓ Net growth of 750+ members, totaling 6,697.
- Rotary District 3141 Impact:
 - ✓ 3,463 projects executed.
 - ✓ ₹936.73 crore in initiatives.
 - ✓ 1.24 million+ beneficiaries impacted.
- Global Recognition: Symbiosis Pune selected as a Rotary Peace Centre (2027).
- Call to Action: Encouraged keeping Rotary vibrant, impactful, and a force for change.

DG Dinesh Mehta expressed deep pride in Rotary's transformative work, emphasizing that these initiatives have been his most valuable learning experience as District Governor.

Major Initiatives:

1. Construction of 50 check dams, with half of the funding from Rotary International. These will impact 1,350 acres of land, enabling farmers to cultivate a second crop annually and increase their income by ₹15,000 per acre per year.
2. District 3142's involvement in India's first sanctioned Scale Grant program, amplifying project impact.
3. Awareness and Training Initiatives:
 - ✓ Over 25,000 citizens benefited from awareness programs on drug and mobile addiction and good touch/bad touch education.
4. Rotary Knowledge Enhancement Faculty Centre in Thane:
 - ✓ Features a 200-seat auditorium, boardroom, and upcoming skill development programs.

PRIP K. Ravindran underscored ethical leadership, financial integrity, and independent decision-making, demonstrating how Rotary can function with corporate efficiency while staying true to its mission of service.

Key Insights:

1. Family comes first, then business, and Rotary third.
2. Integrity is crucial; misusing Rotary funds equates to stealing from a sacred source.
3. Strong leadership and governance are essential; tough decisions must be made as RI President.
4. Crisis Management: Negotiated a ceasefire during Sri Lanka's civil war to facilitate polio vaccinations.
5. Advocated for transparency through secret voting in the RI Board, allowing directors to freely oppose the President's decisions.
6. Emphasized financial discipline and operational efficiency in Rotary..



**Piyush Shah – District 3141
Coordinator for Youth**

Emphasized the Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) program's significance in fostering young leaders and promoting global peace.

Key Highlights:

- ✚ RYE is a three-year commitment for Rotary clubs, estimated to cost \$7,000 to \$10,000.
- ✚ The program builds global partnerships, leading to opportunities for mega projects and global grants.
- ✚ Non-Rotarian children can participate, offering a potential avenue for membership growth.
- ✚ Rotary International President-Elect Mario was once an exchange student, highlighting the program's leadership impact.
- ✚ The goal is to host 30-35 students annually, surpassing previous benchmarks and expanding RYE participation.



**Sandeep Kedia – District
Membership Committee**

- ✚ Highlighted District 3141's membership growth from 5,834 members on July 1, 2024, to 6,586 by February 28, 2025.
- ✚ Attributed success to the dedicated efforts of club presidents and the establishment of six new clubs.
- ✚ Stressed the importance of engaging, encouraging, and valuing new members' ideas for retention.
- ✚ Emphasized that retaining members is crucial for achieving Rotary's "Service Above Self" goal.



Nikita Sunil, DRR 3141

Rotaract 3141 Overview:

- ✚ 21 clubs, 3,324 Rotaractors, including 56 Community & 65 Institution-Based Clubs.
- ✚ 3,602 projects executed, 947 meetings held, and ₹360 lakh INR worth of impact.
- ✚ 51 district projects, 218+ sponsorships secured from major brands.
- ✚ Represented at multiple Rotaract & Rotary Institutes across India.



Nisha Raju, DRR 3142

Rotaract 3142 Initiatives:

- ✚ "Mahadaan": Collected T9 units of blood, with another drive planned.
- ✚ Adopted a village with 56 families, conducting multiple welfare drives.
- ✚ Adopted 11 schools, where 111 Rotaractors teach every Saturday.
- ✚ "Elevate 3142": Facilitated 75+ job openings across 40 organizations, with five successful placements.
- ✚ Animal Welfare: Donated funds for rehabilitation at the Next Conclave event.

This comprehensive summary reflects the dedication and impactful contributions of Rotary leaders and members in fostering global change.

**Guru Gaurang Das**

- 1. The power of giving lies in selfless service, which transforms both the giver and the recipient.
- 2. Anxiety arises from the disparity between expectations and reality; education should cultivate willpower alongside skills.
- 3. Global challenges such as waste, pollution, and inequitable wealth distribution stem from a lack of self-control rather than limited resources.
- 4. Strong family values promote generosity and emotional well-being, contributing to a more compassionate society.
- 5. Rotarians serve as agents of transformation, inspiring change and uplifting communities through selfless service.

**S. Rajendran, MD & CEO, 63 Moons Technologies Ltd.**

His address reinforced the company's commitment to revolutionising financial technology, cybersecurity, and legal tech, positioning India as a global intellectual property (IP) powerhouse.

Key Highlights:

1. 63 Moons has pioneered the development of intellectual property in technology, significantly contributing to employment and wealth creation.
2. The company transformed India's securities trading in the 1990s by introducing Odin, a digital platform enabling nationwide market access.
3. Despite India's global recognition in IT, much of its contributions stem from outsourcing rather than homegrown IPs. 63 Moons seeks to change this by fostering domestic IP creation.
4. Three Key IP Innovations:
 - ✓ Qi Legal: A digital platform streamlining legal processes by integrating case research, documentation, and court proceedings.
 - ✓ Cybersecurity Solutions: A security product that prevents cyber threats by scanning messages, links, and documents before opening.
 - ✓ Web3 & Blockchain: Development of decentralised applications and blockchain frameworks to position India as a leader in next-generation internet technology.

**ADDL DGP Mahesh Bhagwat**

Recognised as a visionary defender, guardian of justice, and a beacon of integrity and innovation in law enforcement, he has been a crusader against human trafficking, organised crime, and cybercrime.

Award: Guardian of Humanity

Leveraging 25 years of policing experience, ADGP Bhagwat prioritised action and development in Naxal-affected regions of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. He fostered trust by ensuring access to clean water, functional schools, and healthcare services. This approach significantly reduced Naxal presence from 190 to 20, as villagers increasingly relied on government support. Additionally, he collaborated with governmental and non-governmental organisations to rehabilitate children of prostitutes through education, demonstrating a commitment to holistic community welfare.



Dr. Suresh K. Haware

Chairman, Haware Group; Former Chairman, Shree Saibaba Sansthan Trust; Nuclear Scientist; Distinguished Fellow, BARC; Global Excellence Laureate; PhD in Affordable Nano Housing.

Award: Divine Dedication and Temple Stewardship

Dr. Haware emphasised that while temple architecture and economics have evolved, temple management remains outdated. Key areas requiring improvement include queue management, prasad distribution, service efficiency, cleanliness, and disaster preparedness. Effective temple administration necessitates the integration of technology and transparency in donations, contracts, and financial management.



**Kaustubh Amte,
Anandwan Administrator
& Social Worker**

- ↳ Leprosy has existed for 3,500 years, yet no vaccine has been developed due to its non-impact on animals.
- ↳ Despite the bacterial cause being identified in 1873, leprosy patients continue to face social exclusion.
- ↳ Over 75 years, the foundation has assisted 3.5 million individuals, with cured patients contributing to infrastructure development, including college buildings.
- ↳ Anandwan aspires to become a healthcare hub within the next 25 years, offering hospitals, multispecialty care, and vocational training.



**Hon. Mike Hankey, Consul
General of the United States of
America in Mumbai**

- ↳ His Rotary exchange experience in India significantly influenced his diplomatic career, underscoring Rotary's contributions to global initiatives such as polio eradication.
- ↳ Economic, defence, and technological collaborations are being strengthened, with a target of \$500 billion in trade by 2030.
- ↳ India leads in U.S. student enrolments, highlighting the importance of legal migration and streamlined visa processes.
- ↳ Quad meetings prioritise security, technology, and economic growth for a stable Indo-Pacific region.



**Mohinder Amarnath, Man
of the Match (Final), Cricket
World Cup 1983**

- ↳ Born into a legendary cricketing family, he was influenced by his father and inspired by cricketing greats such as Imran Khan.
- ↳ Overcame setbacks, dismissed calls for retirement, and trained relentlessly to refine his skills.
- ↳ With Sunil Gavaskar's support, he managed pressure effectively and played a crucial role in India's historic World Cup victory.
- ↳ Advocated self-belief, resilience, and continuous learning as essential components of success.



Sandeep Singh, Former Captain, Indian Hockey Team

- ↳ Inspired by his brother, he pursued hockey, representing India by the age of 17 and receiving nominations for Youngest Player in 2004 and 2005.
- ↳ A gunshot injury in 2006 left him paralysed, but intensive rehabilitation in the Netherlands facilitated his triumphant comeback.
- ↳ He played a key role in India's 2012 Olympic qualification, set multiple records, and retired in 2017.
- ↳ His journey inspired a 2018 biographical film; later, as Haryana's Sports Minister, he reformed sports policies and received multiple accolades.



Smt. Bharati Thakur, Founder, N.A.R.M.A.D.A.

- ↳ Established N.A.R.M.A.D.A. after witnessing rural children's inability to read or write despite attending school.
- ↳ Initiated with 14 students in 2009, the organisation has since educated 1,800 children across 15 villages.
- ↳ Students receive both academic education and vocational training in furniture-making, plumbing, and classical music.
- ↳ Through the FabLab initiative, 9th and 10th-grade students teach engineering students advanced techniques such as laser cutting.



Yogacharya Saurabh Bothra, Founder of HaBuild

Holistic healer, wellness innovator, IIT BHU graduate, and Guinness World Record holder for the largest yoga session viewership.

Award: Champion of Holistic Wellness and Yogic Excellence

Renowned for his boundless energy, Saurabh Bothra emphasised the importance of integrating yoga into daily life. He advocated for developing consistent habits through attentive listening, perseverance, and resilience in overcoming challenges. He underscored the need to disregard sceptics and stay committed to the path of wellness.



Kaamya Karthikeyan, Youth Mountain Ambassador, India

- ↳ Mount Elbrus was climbed and skied down, and she became the youngest individual to summit Mount Aconcagua, Mount Denali, and other significant peaks.
- ↳ Rigorous training in Ladakh, Gulmarg, and the Sahyadris enhanced endurance and technical skills.
- ↳ Mount Everest was successfully summited following extensive preparation, overcoming harsh conditions and heavy traffic.
- ↳ During the Everest trek, school shoes were gifted to children in Khumjung, contributing to the local community.



Sadiya Khateeb - Indian Actress.

- The contributions of Rotary Clubs to society were acknowledged.
- Highlights of the trailer of the upcoming film were presented.
- Appreciation for the country was expressed.
- Gratitude was conveyed for all blessings, and an invitation was extended to watch the film.



Bharat Ghothoskar, Founder & Heritage Evangelist KHAKI

- Insights were provided on the origins and legacy of Mumbai.
- Enthralling details regarding the islands of Mumbai were shared.
- The presence of Stone Age tools in the city, along with historical invasions and attacks, was highlighted.
- The spirit of unity, where individuals from diverse backgrounds collaborate, fostering public-private partnerships, was emphasised.



Anu Malik, Iconic composer

- Rotary's contributions to society were acknowledged.
- Creativity was showcased through spontaneous poetry and original song composition.
- Inspiration was drawn from Indians who have made significant achievements in their respective fields.
- The joy derived from service and the transformative impact of helping others were highlighted.



Amar Arvind Reddy Art Curator. Lithographic Heritage

- Recognised as a Distinguished Guardian of Artistic Heritage for bridging traditional lithographic artistry with contemporary cultural preservation movements.
- The necessity of preserving and conserving heritage was emphasised.
- A personal hobby evolved into an extensive collection.
- The importance of passing on artistic legacies to future generations was underscored.



Brigadier (Retd) I. N. Rai

- During times of national disaster, the Army is the entity to which the nation turns.
- The Sikh Light Infantry Regiment was joined at the age of 21.
- Four near-death experiences were encountered, with the last necessitating an airlift from Sri Lanka.
- The safety, honour, and welfare of the nation take precedence at all times.
- The profound question of what binds an individual to their homeland, compelling them to make supreme sacrifices, was explored.



Rtn Yana Mir, International Expert & Senior Journalist, First Female Vlogger of Kashmir, Senior Anchor, Bharat Expression

- Mumbai was identified as the only city in the world that successfully eradicated its underworld.
- The impact of Pakistan-influenced Islamic laws in Kashmir and their adverse effects on women were discussed.
- The abrogation of Article 370 was credited with bringing substantial development.
- The "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign was noted for inspiring citizens to display the national flag openly.
- The decline of Pakistan's influence in Kashmir and the cessation of local support for their activities were highlighted.



Swati Pandey I.A.S. MD (MADC)

- The role of a bureaucrat as an agent of change was underscored.
- The discrepancy between policies and ground realities was examined.
- The lack of firsthand knowledge among certain bureaucrats was identified as a reason for policy misalignment.
- It was reported that 80% of human trafficking victims are women.
- Among them, 50% are children under the age of 16.
- The call to action was issued, encouraging individuals to become the change they envision.



Anand Narasimhan, Managing Editor, CNN-News18

- The greatest service to the nation was identified as encouraging the younger generation to remain in the country.
- The historical encouragement of Indian students to study domestically before relocating abroad was criticised as a disservice.
- The nation's role in shaping achievers was emphasised.
- The interconnectedness between India and its citizens was asserted: "Bharat hai toh hum hai, hum hai toh Bharat hai."
- The importance of preserving national identity and safeguarding the country was highlighted.



Sangeeta Pendurkar CEO & Executive Director, Pantaloons

- Life is often compartmentalised into three phases: Learning (first 25 years), Earning, and Returning.
- A meaningful life is defined by the positive impact made on others.
- Awareness regarding the sustainable use of natural resources was developed and imparted to others.
- Through the apparel business, the Aditya Birla Group strives to revitalise India's textile industry.



Pujya Dr Gyanvatsal Swami Spiritual Guru

- Coal, graphite, and diamonds were described as triplets that transform into one another.
- Inner transformation, from a mindset of taking to one of giving, was likened to the formation of diamonds.
- The purpose of life was described as evolving into diamonds through selfless service.
- A call was made to serve without expectation and to embrace a mindset of giving.



On behalf of Rahul V Karad MIT School of Government

- For over 40 years, MIT has played a pivotal role in educating children about India.
- A new MIT campus was established in Mumbai, benefiting a significant number of students.
- While English remains a global language, it was stressed that learning it should not come at the expense of Indian languages.



Vivek Phansalkar, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Mumbai

- Policing was described as a dynamic profession where no two days, hours, or minutes are identical.
- Each day presents new challenges.
- The unpredictable nature of law enforcement was highlighted, with officers uncertain about meal times, rest periods, or their return home.
- Mental health concerns within society and among police personnel were acknowledged.
- The necessity of addressing the mental well-being of law enforcement officers was emphasised, with organisations such as Rotary urged to provide support.
- A sound mind was identified as the foundation of a sound body.



Ms Atul Sharma

- Appeal to Rotarians to help stop girls and women from joining the red light areas
- Prostitution has become a profession now
- These women are not on the agenda of any government



"Strengthening Rotary 3142: Growth & Vision"

Rajiv Tipnis, representing Ravi Iyer, provided an update on Rotary District 3142's membership growth.



Kashmir: A Legacy of Valor, Resilience, and Progress – Major General Girish Kalia

Major General Girish Kalia, AVSM, PVSM, VSM, has served 33 years since graduating from the Indian Military Academy. Currently Additional Military Secretary, Ministry of Defence, he is a recipient of the Rotary International Rakshak Seva Ratna. Quoting Amir Khusro, he expressed his deep bond with Kashmir, beyond duty, as a guardian of its people. His leadership empowered communities through assistive devices, skill development, and the Tourist Guide Training Program, promoting resilience, self-reliance, and a united, prosperous future.



DR. AADYA DIXIT

Global Youth Ambassador for Peace and Education, representing India internationally, Youth Luminary and Fellow of Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, ex-member United Nations, and Veteran Sanskrit Scholar.

Award - Rashtriya Yuva Ratna.

Dr. Dixit is passionate about using technology and creative thinking to solve real-world problems. She highlighted the concept of AI and its potential applications in various fields, such as medicine, finance, and engineering. It is believed that AI can help people solve problems, but we must be aware that it is not the only solution. The importance of self-discovery and the role of AI in our lives is phenomenal, and we individuals must take responsibility for our actions. In doing so, we can create a more harmonious and efficient society.

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Vibrant moods at Discon





SAMANVAY DISCON 2025 - A GRAND CELEBRATION OF LANDMARK MOMENTS

The Samanvay DISCON 2025 launch by Rotary Districts 3141 & 3142 was a spectacular event, symbolizing the confluence of leadership, service, and excellence. The ceremony began with an electrifying March Past, featuring club presidents who have made remarkable contributions to society.

SAMANVAY DISCON 2025 LAUNCH: A GRAND BEGINNING BY DISTRICTS 3141 & 3142

Samanvay DISCON 2025, launched by District Governors Chetan Desai (Dist. 3141) & Dinesh Mehta (Dist. 3142), was a grand event celebrating leadership and service. The ceremony featured an inspiring March Past, a traditional lamp lighting symbolizing unity, and mesmerizing cultural performances, including a divine flute symphony and a Shiva-Shakti dance. Dignitaries such as RIP Nominee SangKoo Yun, RI Director TN Subramanyam, and past RI President K.R. Ravindran graced the occasion. Rotarians engaged in a spirited Damaru performance, amplifying the event's vibrancy. The conference was officially declared open, emphasizing collaboration and service, with host clubs RC Borivali (3141) and RC Thane Lake City (3142) recognized for their efforts.



UNVEILING GML MARCH 2025: A TRIBUTE TO ROTARY'S VOICE

At Samanvay Discon 2025, Rotary leaders unveiled the Governor's Monthly Letter (GML) for March. GML Editor Sree Nandy, Counsellor Ashish Tapiawala, and the team were applauded for their dedication. Serving as Rotary's voice, GML documents key initiatives, strengthening community bonds with timely, insightful publications.



EDITED BY NARESH BAUPAI

ROTARY FOUNDATION 3141 - DONOR FELICITATIONS

Rotary Foundation 3141 honored its exceptional donors in a grand felicitation ceremony, celebrating the district's achievement of securing CSR India grants worth USD 1.75 million. Dignitaries included TRF Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya, RI Director Raju Subramanyam, and CSR India Chair Akshay Mehta. With nearly USD 3 million raised, District 3141 became the world's top contributor. Honored AKS members included Nirav Shah, Paresh & Bina Dattani, Nikunj & Kanan Jhaveri, Lalit Kumar & Richa Chadda, Sunil & Sarot Sireswala, PDG Vijay & Kiran Jalan, Noopur & Kushal Desai, Sachin & Himadri Nanavati, Rajendra & Sarita Ruiya, and Sarita & Ravi Jhunjhunwala. Rajendra Ruiya pledged an additional USD 25,000 for a Peace Endowment. The evening ended with a call for generosity and an invitation to the TRF Seminar on April 19th.



NISHPARICHIT CHEHRE: VOICES OF CHANGE

The talk show Nishparichit Chehre, moderated by Jhankar Gadkari, featured inspiring changemakers: Padmashri Chaitram Pawar, social worker; Ms. Atul Sharma, founder of Sankalp Foundation; and Dr. Sanvi Jethwani, transactivist.

Dr. Jethwani highlighted the struggles of transgenders forced into sex work and homelessness, stressing the urgent need for change. Ms. Sharma appealed to Rotarians to help prevent women from entering red-light areas, emphasizing that prostitution has become a profession yet remains absent from government agendas. Their call to action urged society to recognize and support these marginalized communities.



THE HIDDEN HUSTLE



*The Real Work Behind the Spectacle that was
Samanvay DISCON*

CONTENT CONTRIBUTED BY: DC ASHISH TAPIAWALA







FEEDBACK

“Voices from the Conference”

Dear DG Chetan,

The pleasure was mine to be at your joint DisCon. It was by far one of the very best DisCon I have been in since 2005. Especially joining 2 districts in harmony and unity was the most incredible feat. I congratulate both of you on such a successful DisCon. I will be reporting back to RI about what a great event you have planned and implemented. I hope you keep up the great work you are doing for the rest of the year! And very best in your continued service for Rotary in the years to come!

RIPR & RIPN Sangkoo Yun

DG Chetan & Jwala ... take a bow! What an event, grand venue, great entertainment, galaxy of speakers who touched our hearts and provided us lot of food for thought, seamless execution by the entire DISCON and Borivali team with hours n hours of dedicated hard work! Truly a vibrant Discon! You have raised the bar by several notches!!

CC Rajendra Datye
RC Deonar

Dear Vibrant DG Chetan & Jwala, Awesome DG Dinesh and Jyoti, Conference chairs, Vinay and Amol, Vibrant Pres Harish and team Borivali, Awesome Pres Jagdish and team Thane Lake City, and team SAMANVAY, What a VIBRANT and AWESOME, confluence of Excellence – SAMANVAY District Conference- kudos to the spirit of Collaboration, Hearty congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to each one who made the 2 day event an unforgettable experience for the delegates – Spacious world class venue with a great ambience, Delicious and carefully selected menu , choice spirits, Excellent, inspirational and motivational talks by hand-picked guest speakers, sooper entertainment, fellowship and bonding—every aspect of the conference was meticulously planned and brilliantly executed.

You transported us back to the good old 3140 days. This outstanding conference will be etched into our memories forever.

Looking at the Synergy, Coordination, Collaboration and the smooth flow of events, reminded me of the golden song —

“Do Jism Magar ek jaan hain hum, ek Dil ke do armaan hain hum ”

Well done Chetan and Dinesh – you have raised the bar setting new benchmarks and making it difficult for the incoming leaders.

With warm Regards,
PDG Harjit Talwar and Romi

VIBRANT DISCON 2025 SAMANVAY proved to be a pivotal moment of connection and growth, bringing together individuals from Dist. 3141 and 3142, and facilitating thought-provoking dialogue with influential speakers from various religious denominations, ultimately fostering a culture of empathy and understanding.

Mona Shah
RC Bombay Juhu Beach

समनवय २०२५,

दो नदीयों का, संगम होता है तो बहार आती है और कहा जाता है की, संगम बहोतही पवित्र होता है और तीर्थ क्षेत्र बन जाता है।

रोटरी डीस्ट्रिक्ट ३१४१ और डीस्ट्रिक्ट ३१४२ के संगम की अनुभूती जीओ वर्ल्ड सेंटर में महसूस हुई।

ईस शानदार समनवय में हम सभी रोटरीयन संगम में उपस्थित होकर पवित्र हो गये हैं।

दो दिन के शानदार मेले में कई सेलैब्रिटी के जीवनानुभव जानके पवित्र संस्कृति के दर्शन हुए।

इतनाही नहीं उनके जीवन से हम को प्रेरणा प्राप्त हुई।

खानपान के तो क्या कहने बहुत ही लज्जतदार, चविष्ट था।

आपको तहे दिल से धन्यवाद.

Vilas Sahapure (President)
RC Boisar Tarapur

This was truly a Discon which will be remembered for years to come and treated as a benchmark for all future DISCON's.

A big shout out to our DG Chetan President Harish bhai and everyone in the Discon Team who has tirelessly worked so hard for this Mega Event.

Ranjit Bijoor (AG)
RC Upper Kandivali

My Amazing Experience at the Rotary District Conference 25

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Samanvay - DISCON 2025, a two-day Rotary District Conference, and it was truly an inspiring and enriching experience.

The event was flawlessly organized, from the well-planned venue and seamless arrangements to the delicious food and impactful speeches.

One of the best parts of the conference was the chance to listen to various influential personalities who shared their knowledge, experiences, and wisdom. Their words were not only motivating but also provided valuable insights that I can apply in both my personal and professional life. The sessions were filled with positivity, leadership lessons, and stories of social impact, which left a lasting impression on me.

I feel grateful to have been part of such an event where I could connect with like-minded individuals and gain so much knowledge. (Spl. Thanks to President RCUK - Mahesh bhai bhai! was a reminder of how important it is to continuously learn, grow, and contribute to our community.

A Message to My Fellow Members:

I highly encourage everyone to attend such conferences whenever they get the opportunity. Events like these offer a platform to gain inspiration, expand our network, and contribute meaningfully to society. Let's make the most of such experiences and continue to grow together as a strong and impactful team!

Looking forward to many more such enriching experiences with Rotary!

Thank You RCUK

PP Bhavesh Vekaria
RC Upper Kandivali

A Vision So Grand

DG Chetan Desai, a dream so bright,
With First Lady Jwala, a guiding light.
A vision bold, a feat so rare,
Two districts united—a dream to share.
Jio's halls stood proud and tall,
A conference grand, embracing all.
Challenges rose, but so did he,
With courage, strength, and dignity.
Through trials faced with steadfast grace,
His spirit shone, he led the race.
A moment etched in Rotary's name,
A legacy built, a lasting flame.
Yet behind the scenes, a silent might,
Rtn. Vinay Vyas, working night.
With President Harish by his side,
A team so strong, a source of pride.
With hearts so high, we stand today,
Saluting dreams that paved the way.
A vision met, a task complete,
A Rotary feat—so grand, so sweet!

**Penned by Rtn. Shruti Dharamsi
(President)
RC Mumbai Ghatkopar West**

Dear DG Chetan Desai & team,

Congratulations on the outstanding success of DISCON Samanvay! Your tireless efforts and leadership ensured a seamless and impactful event. The event's organization, content, and execution were widely praised by attendees and participants. Your dedication to creating a meaningful experience for all involved is truly commendable. Please accept my warmest congratulations on a job well done!

Best regards,
**Apurva Patel (President)
RC Bombay Airport**

Dear Vibrant DG Chetan & Jwala, Conference Chairs Vinay Vyas Dynamic Pres Harish and the Borivali team, Incredible Pres Jagdish and the Thane Lake City and the entire SAMANVAY team, What an incredible and inspiring confluence of excellence – the SAMANVAY District Conference! A heartfelt salute to the spirit of collaboration.

Congratulations and sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to making this two-day event a truly unforgettable experience for all delegates. From the spacious, world-class venue with its excellent ambiance, to the thoughtfully curated menu and selection of beverages, every detail was carefully considered. The exceptional, motivational talks by hand-picked guest speakers, coupled with the fantastic entertainment, fellowship, and bonding, showcased outstanding planning and flawless execution. You took us on a journey back to the glorious 3140 days.

**Warm Regards
DC Mona Shah**

Friends,

We all have experienced one of its best district conferences at Jio Conventions Center on 1st and 2nd March, 2025. I have been given an opportunity to be part of the core team and assigned a duty of Discon Treasurer.

I thank to DG Chetan Desai for giving me an opportunity of handling one of the most challenging assignments. The journey of Discon 2025, was started in Feb 2024 where in the formal announcement of Discon 2025 was made and my duty started right then.

It was a wonderful journey handling the registration process and follow-up action for payments. Discon25 was Samanvay of District 3141 and District 3142 jointly hosting by two District made it more special.

I had got an opportunity to work jointly with district 3142 team. The co-ordination, exchange of information, new ideas, transparency, and joint efforts to make it successful was remarkable. During this journey I met new people, made new friends and learned a lot made me feel happy and honoured to be part of one of the best DISCON events. I congratulate both the district governor and whole team of DISCON for their tireless efforts and execution of the event.

Ajay Jain - Discon Treasurer

MY DISCON MOMENT

Looking back at some magical moments shared by D 3141 Rotarians at DISCON.



Vibrant DISCON—the energy & madness - unmatched !!!!

Vibrant Assistant Governor
Rtn. Bhavna Bhadreshwara
Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivelli West



Women of action

Vibrant President
Rtn. Haima Deshpande
Rotary Club of Mumbai Kalakar



President 2022-23
Rtn Sharat Jain
RC of Mulund Hills at Samanvay Discon



Moments with team Ekyam Elite

Vibrant President
Rtn. Subhashish Mazumdar
Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu



Backbenchers today, leaders forever
United by friendship, driven by passion, and creating a lifetime of memories. Here's to the vibrant co-presidents who turned teamwork into a lifelong bond!
Vibrant President
Rtn. Shruti Dharamsi
RCM Ghatkopar West



Vibes high, spirits higher—Rotary DISCON magic in full swing like the Damru!

Vibrant President
Rtn Sharmendra Jain
Rotary Club of Bombay Filmcity

EDITED BY SREE NANDY

AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

It's time to celebrate the team at Samanvay Discon

Category 1: Best Producers, Best Film, and Best Actors

- Winners: DG Chetan Desai and DG Dinesh Mehta, along with their First Ladies, Jwala and Jyoti

Category 2: Best Director Award

- Winners: Convenor Vinay Vyas and Amol Dharme

Category 3: Best Assistant Director Award

- Winners: Co-Convenors Manish Gyani, and Mayank Desai

Category 4: Best PR for Registration and Highest Turnout at DISCON

- Winners: Ajay Jain, Vineet Shah, Mohan Nagle, and Sanjeev Mehrotra, along with the Registration team and team of District Secretaries of both districts.

Category 5: Venue Management

- Winners: Mukesh Thakkar and Mohan Nagle

Category 6: Highest Exhibition Stalls

- Winners: Mukesh Thakkar, Mandar Dawalbhatt and Prafull Ruiwale

Category 7: Teamwork Award

- Winners: Presidents Harish Chandarana and Jagdish Chelaramani & their club teams

Category 8: World-Class Food and Beverages

- Winners: Mukesh Thakkar, Sushil Mistry, Mohan Nagle, Arun Gupta and Anirudha Vairagkar along with F&B Management team of Both Districts

Category 9: Gift Hamper

- Winners: Harish Chandarana and Dr. Nagesh Shinde

Category 10: Set Design, Innovation, and Execution

- Winners: Santosh Events, Namrata, and Amol guided by Both DGs.

Category 11: Backstage Artist Award

- Winners: Ketan Tapiwala, Hetal Pathak, Jaynisha Sampat, Neeraj Khandekar & Chetan Joshi

Category 12: Entertainment Award

- Winners: DG Chetan Desai, Manish Bhasin and Dr. Narendra Jain, Namrata & Amol

Category 13: Highest Celebrity and Speakers Turnout Award

- Winners: DG Chetan Desai, DG Dinesh Mehta, Namrata Srivastava, Jhankar Gadkari, Ashmi Parekh, Vinay Vyas, Amol Dharme, Dr. Amit Karkhanis

Category 14: Logistic and VIP Management Award

- Winners: Jayesh Kapadia, Meghna Majithia, Sandhya Shastri and Nanik Jeswani

Category 15: Best Anchor Award

- Winners: Jhankar Gadkari and Namrata Srivastava

Category 16: Best Scripting, Titling, and Program Scheduling Award

- Winners: Jhankar Gadkari, Ashish Tapiwala, Namrata Srivastava, Dr. Lucky Kasat, Mohan Nagle, and Amol Dharme

Category 17: Console Management Award

- Winners: Ashish Tapiwala, Narendra Rao, Pranav, Dr. Lucky Kasat, and Shirish Songadhkar

Category 18: Award Design

- Winner: Deepak Jianandani

Category 19: Patron Dinner Award

- Winners: Deepak Jiandani Jagdish Chelaramani, and Nanik Jeswani

Category 20: Innovation Award

- Winners: Dr. Lucky Kasat, Namrata, and Amol (March Past, Damru Dazzle, Shiv Tandav)

Category 21: Registration Stall and Jahan Kum Vaha Hum Award

- Winners: Chetan Joshi, Mayank Desai, Manish Gyani, Bela Desai, Ashish Tapiwala, Dr. Dharmaji Shinde, Sonali, Meena and Deepali

Category 22: Best Entertainment Award: Ranjit Bijoor

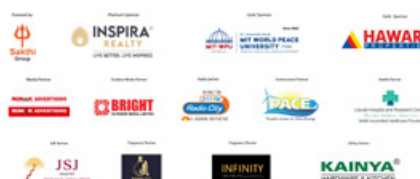
Category 23: Flowless Gift Distribution Award

- Chetan Joshi, Ashish Tapiwala, Rakesh Sheth, Dr. Dhaval Pandya, Krunal Vora

Category 24: Best Participation by All Clubs of 2 Districts

- Winners: All Vibrant & Awesome Presidents and their teams

The Patrons and Sponsors without whom the event would not be possible.



Vibrant

Where passion meets purpose, magic turns into vibrant change.



EMPOWERING LIVELIHOODS: SKILL TRAINING CENTRE INAUGURATED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DIVAS

Club President: Rtn Sonali Desai

Area of Focus: Community Economic Development

Location of Project: Govardhan Skill Centre, Wada, Palghar

Date of Execution: 6th January 2025

Project Description

Mumbai Divas inaugurated a fully equipped sewing room at Govardhan Skill Centre, Wada, featuring 12 Juki sewing machines, a steam press, a cutting table, and electrical fittings. This initiative empowers tribal women with valuable skills, promoting self-reliance and financial independence and transforming lives through sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Number of Beneficiaries: 600

Rotarian-hours Spent: 100

Value of the Project: INR 17,80,000/-



CARE FOR CAREGIVERS: A ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST INITIATIVE

Club President: Rtn Shruti Dharamsi

Area of Focus: Mental Health

Location of Project: Ghatkopar West

Date of Execution: 3rd February and 13th March 2025

Project Description

The "Care for Caregivers" initiative offers vital emotional support and guidance to parents of mentally disabled children. In its fourth session, led by Rtn. Kalpana Singla, parents actively shared experiences, concerns, and coping strategies to manage stress and anxiety. The session emphasized practical techniques, creating a safe space for open discussions, emotional expression, and resilience-building. With four successful sessions completed, this initiative continues to empower caregivers, fostering a strong support system and enhancing their well-being. Through interactive counselling, parents gain the confidence and tools needed to navigate challenges, ensuring a positive impact on their lives and their children.

Number of Beneficiaries: 40

Rotarian-hours Spent: 14

Value of the Project: INR 20,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Gurukul School for Special Children



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY BAYVIEW EXTENDS LIFESAVING POSTNATAL SUPPORT TO THE NEEDY

Club President: Rtn Rajni Barasia

Area of Focus: Postnatal care for the underprivileged

Location of Project: Cama and Albless Hospital, Fort, Mumbai

Date of Execution: 15th February 2025

Project Description

Cama Hospital, a 505-bed institution in Maharashtra, has served women and children since 1886, providing affordable healthcare, education, and research. Catering to locals and underserved communities, it remains a vital healthcare provider. The Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview renovated the post-natal ward, benefiting over 2,000 women annually. This upgrade enhances maternal care, ensuring new mothers receive quality treatment in a comfortable setting. Cama Hospital's unwavering commitment to holistic, compassionate healthcare continues to make a profound impact on countless lives across Maharashtra.

Number of Beneficiaries: 2,000

Rotarian-hours Spent: 80

Value of the Project: INR 20,00,000/-



ANNUAL CARNIVAL HOSTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY UPTOWN

Club President: Rtn Suman Agarwal

Area of Focus: Community Service (non-medical)

Location of Project: Maharishi Karve Udyan, Wadala West

Date of Execution: 15th February 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Bombay Uptown hosted its annual Carnival, a cherished legacy project since 1983-84, dedicated to bringing joy to specially-abled children. This year, 1,400 attendees, including 800 Divyang students, enjoyed a magical day filled with thrilling rides, a magic and bubble show, and exciting game stalls. They were treated to popcorn, candy floss, cupcakes, and thoughtfully curated gifts like books, compass boxes, water bottles, caps, and socks. Every child received snacks, juices, and a delightful dinner with desserts. This heartwarming initiative fosters inclusivity, spreading happiness while reaffirming the club's commitment to enriching young lives.

Number of Beneficiaries: 1400

Rotarian-hours Spent: 600

Value of the Project: INR 9,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Econ Packaging; System Plus Pvt. Ltd. ; Khadi India; Aequitas; Not Just Desserts



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY BAYVIEW UPLIFTS LOCAL ARTISANS AND TRADITIONAL CRAFTS

Club President: Rtn Rajni Barasia

Area of Focus: Sanskriti- Art and Culture

Location of Project: Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, Fort

Date of Execution: 22nd to 25th February 2025

Project Description

Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview, in collaboration with Eki Beki, hosted a vibrant Indian craftsmanship showcase at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya from February 22-25. The 4-day art and design festival featured 45+ traditional and contemporary styles, diverse handicrafts, accessories, jewellery, and home décor. Highlights included 21 hands-on workshops—Gond, Pattachitra, Sholapith, Kite making, Bhil, Patwa, and Sanjhi Craft—live entertainment - and 45+ artisanal stalls. Exclusive gurukul-style workshops under the trees added a unique touch to this cultural celebration.

Number of Beneficiaries: 2,000

Rotarian-hours Spent: 20

Value of the Project: INR 4,00,000/-



ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND ENHANCES FACILITIES FOR 144 ANGANWADIS

Club President: Rtn Seema Sudhir Joshi

Area of Focus: Vibrant Anganwadis

Location of Project: Maharashtra Seva Sangh, Marriage Hall

Date of Execution: 6th February 2025

Project Description

District Governor Chetan Desai honoured the event as the chief guest. The initiative supported all 144 Anganwadis in Mulund with mats, toys, weighing machines, and 300 staff purses. With 350 attendees, it significantly impacted the community. Daily protein-based laddus benefit 100 children, while medical check-ups, CBC tests, and 500 haemoglobin screenings were conducted. Additionally, 350 T-shirts were distributed in nearby areas. Led by Project Chairman Sudhir Joshi, this effort continues to enhance child health and well-being in Mulund.

Number of Beneficiaries: 3,500

Rotarian-hours Spent: 400

Value of the Project: INR 1,85,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rtn Sharad Shah (major donor) and other Rotarians



ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DIVAS LAUNCHES ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM FOR DHARAVI WOMEN

Club President: Rtn Sonali Desai

Area of Focus: Empowering Women Through Education

Location of Project: Dharavi

Date of Execution: 18th December 2024 to 8th March 2025

Project Description

The Adult Literacy Program for 100 women in Dharavi commenced on 18th December 2024 and concluded on 8th March 2025, International Women's Day. Over two months, participants learned to read and write Hindi, including their names, addresses, Bara Khadi, and basic math—empowering them toward independence. The program culminated with a certificate ceremony, celebrating their achievements and eagerness to continue learning. Heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors: Rtn. Anju Gadia, Rtn. Neeru Gupta, Rtn. Asha Pansari, Rtn. Reshma Mehta, and an anonymous benefactor for making this initiative possible.

Number of Beneficiaries: 100

Rotarian-hours Spent: 06

Value of the Project: INR 71,000/-



ROTARY FOOTBALL LEAGUE 20:20- A HIGH ENERGY TOURNAMENT BY MUMBAI KANDIVLI WEST

Club President: Rtn Devsingh Shahani

Area of Focus: Community Development

Location of Project: Kandivali West

Date of Execution: 1st and 2nd January 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West successfully hosted the Rotary Football League for the third consecutive year, fostering an aspirational inter-school championship. This year, 16 schools participated, with 8 teams each in the U-14 and U-16 categories. Football, a high-endurance sport requiring no specialized gear, was chosen to promote teamwork, resilience, and a competitive spirit. In an era where screen time dominates, this initiative aims to encourage physical fitness and healthy habits among children. Through sports, we strive to shape a generation that values health, discipline, and teamwork.

Number of Beneficiaries: 256

Rotarian-hours Spent: 100

Value of the Project: INR 5,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Bandhan AMC Pvt. Ltd.



TEECHA KATTA: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION BY ROTARY CLUB OF PALGHAR

Club President: Rtn Arun Patil

Area of Focus: Women Empowerment

Location of Project: Thakur Hall, Palghar

Date of Execution: 8th March 2025

Project Description

'Teecha Katta' honoured exceptional women across various fields for their societal contributions. Recognitions included two healthcare professionals, two writers, and two social workers uplifting tribal communities. A Cyber Crime Assistant Police Inspector received special recognition, alongside a successful businesswoman and a national powerlifting gold medalist who won post-childbirth. Awardees shared their inspiring journeys, while a 'Taluka Adarsh Shikshak' award celebrated educational excellence. The event also welcomed 80 Adivasi girls, providing them with role models and motivation.

Number of Beneficiaries: 09

Rotarian-hours Spent: 05

Value of the Project: INR 35,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Inner Wheel Club of Palghar



DOMESTARcraft: A ROTARY CLUB OF BORIVLI SPACE EXPLORATION EXPERIENCE

Club President: Rtn Harish Chandarana

Area of Focus: Basic Education- Space Science and Youth Empowerment

Location of Project: Nesco, Goregaon

Date of Execution: 7th March 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Borivli hosted the "Dome StarCraft" Space Tour for 84 students from Abhinav Vidhya Mandir and Cosmos High School. This immersive experience featured an interactive workshop, "Reaching for the Stars – The Role of Young Minds, Journey to the Planets," complemented by virtual space tours and hands-on activities. Students explored celestial wonders, engaged in scientific discussions, and discovered their potential in space research. The initiative aimed to ignite curiosity, inspire future astronomers, and emphasize the critical role of young minds in advancing space exploration.

Number of Beneficiaries: 84

Rotarian-hours Spent: 05

Value of the Project: INR 8,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded



RANDAL MATA MAHOTSAV BY ROTARY CLUB OF BORIVLI

Club President: Rtn Harish Chandarana

Area of Focus: Sanskriti- Spiritual and Cultural Celebration

Location of Project: Borivli East

Date of Execution: 16th February 2025

Project Description

The Randal Mata Na Lota Mahotsav, organized by the Rotary Club of Borivli and Shree Sai Leela Charitable Trust, was a spiritually uplifting event with over 750 attendees, including 450 Gornis. The celebration featured a sacred puja, traditional Randal and Gorni rituals, a grand Maha Aarti, vibrant Garba, and a community lunch. Special gifts were distributed to girls and women. With distinguished guests in attendance, the event's success was driven by dedicated volunteers and generous sponsors.

Number of Beneficiaries: 750 attendees (including 450 Gornis)

Rotarian-hours Spent: 430

Value of the Project: INR 6,50,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Gala Optics (Mr. Paresh Gala), Amba Enterprise (Mr. Ketan Shah), The Majithia Foundation (Mukhya Yajmaan Amrita Manish Majithia)



FLOORING RENOVATION AT HEAVEN OLD AGE HOME BY ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND HILL VIEW

Club President: Rtn Shankar G

Area of Focus: Baghbaan - Infrastructure Upgradation

Location of Project: Heaven Old Age Home, Bhandup

Date of Execution: 15th January 2025

Project Description

About three months ago, Heaven Old Age Home, Bhandup, requested the Club's support for flooring repairs, as its poor condition posed a risk to senior residents. Rtn Rakesh Ghai immediately took the initiative, visiting the site on January 5th and committing to the project. With swift action, he arranged materials and labour, ensuring the flooring was fully renovated by January 15th. A heartfelt thanks to Rtn Rakesh Ghai and his family for their generosity in sponsoring the entire cost of the renovation.

Number of Beneficiaries: 30

Rotarian-hours Spent: 25

Value of the Project: INR 1,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rtn Rakesh Ghai



ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB PROMOTES GOOD TOUCH- BAD TOUCH AWARENESS

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia

Area of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy

Location of Project: Guru Nanak High School, Sher-e-Punjab Society

Date of Execution: 25th February 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-e-Punjab, in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of JES College - Parivartan, organized a "Good Touch - Bad Touch" awareness workshop for students of Guru Nanak High School (Std 6-8). The session aimed to empower children with knowledge to recognize, prevent, and protect themselves from any form of abuse. Trained JES College students under *The Hands of Hope Foundation* conducted the workshop using animation videos, poster-making, and interactive Q&A sessions. To ensure continuity, three teachers also underwent training for sustained guidance and follow-up.

Number of Beneficiaries: 127 students; 3 teachers

Rotarian-hours Spent: 04

Value of the Project: Voluntary

Sponsors/Partners: Management, Guru Nanak High School; Rotaract Club of JES College, Parivartan



E-WASTE COLLECTION DRIVE BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia

Area of Focus: Environment

Location of Project: Sher-e-Punjab Society and the neighbouring areas

Date of Execution: 1st to 7th February 2025

Project Description

E-waste contaminates soil, water, and air, harming wildlife, disrupting ecosystems, and causing severe health risks like cancer, respiratory issues, and neurological disorders in humans. To avoid such a negative impact, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-e-Punjab organised a 7-day E-Waste Collection Drive within Sher-e-Punjab Society and surrounding localities, with the active participation of club members and local residents.

324 kg of E-Waste was collected during this drive and was sent to the District Avenue Team for its safe recycling and disposal. The event earned appreciation and visibility for the club within the local community.

Number of Beneficiaries: Community at large

Rotarian-hours Spent: 14

Value of the Project: INR 500/-

Sponsors/Partners: Guru Samarth Foundation; District Avenue Team (Environment)



MENSTRUAL HEALTH AWARENESS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST

Club President: Rtn Shruti Dharamsi

Area of Focus: Masik Chakra

Location of Project: Chembur

Date of Execution: 4th and 5th March 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West, in collaboration with Svitech Foundation and Tata Power Volunteer Project, conducted a menstrual health awareness session at Shree Ganesh Vidhyamandir School, RNA Park. The interactive session educated young girls on menstrual hygiene, health, and breaking societal taboos, fostering confidence and well-being. A special congratulations to our new member, Rashmi Prabhu, for successfully executing this impactful project through *Anokha Dhaga*. Her dedication ensured an engaging and informative session. Empowering communities through awareness, we look forward to more such initiatives promoting education and health.

Number of Beneficiaries: 135

Rotarian-hours Spent: 24

Value of the Project: INR 8,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Svitech Foundation Tata Power Project



ROTARY CLUB OF LOKHANDWALA KANDIVALI SPREADS AWARENESS ON SAFE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE

Club President: Rtn Priya Shenoy

Area of Focus: Masik Chakra - District Initiative

Location of Project: Pioneer Public School, Kandivali East ; St. Thomas Malankara School, Dahisar West

Date of Execution: 11th and 21st March 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Lokhandwala Kandivali (RCLK) conducted impactful menstrual hygiene sessions at Pioneer Public School and St Thomas Malankara School under the district program Masik Chakra. Rtn Dr Shivani Agarwal, Gynaecologist and Fertility Consultant, delivered an engaging visual presentation to 220 girls (Std. 4-9), fostering open discussions. Chocolates encouraged participation, while a quiz reinforced learning. Each girl received sanitary napkins, ensuring both awareness and accessibility. Spearheaded by Vibrant President Priya Shenoy and PP Rtn Anu Srivastava, with strong support from other members of the club, RCLK has extended this vital initiative to four schools till date.

Number of Beneficiaries: 220 girls of both the schools

Rotarian-hours Spent: 12

Value of the Project: INR 4,200/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rtn Dr Shivani A Kataruka and Rtn Deepak Kataruka

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One Year TO INSPIRE!

Let us get to know the Movers and Shakers of 24-25, the Vibrant Presidents who are all set to lead with passion and resolve.

ROTARY CLUB OF GARDEN CITY MUMBAI : RTN. PRIYANKA TALREJA



1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To make a sustainable positive impact on the community, and create a legacy
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far.** Witnessing our Club grow by 130% in membership, from 14 to 33, and achieving a new milestone of securing around Rupees Forty lakhs in CSR grants for service projects and driving impact.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure.(Mention if you are looking for collaborations for any project?** Health camp for 5,000+ beneficiaries in remote locations; Free eye check-ups for 500+ school students.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a club, most relate to and why?** Visionary, Resilience & Trustworthy, as growth & service demand a clear vision and then strong commitment, unwavering belief and patience.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Vision for all; Baghbaan & Disability to Ability; Cervical & Breast Cancer prevention; Maternal & Child Healthcare.

Profession: Angel Investor.

Club name: Rotary Club of Garden City Mumbai.
Membership strength: 33.

Key projects: Health camps for 5,000+ beneficiaries; Free eye check-ups for 500+ school students, meals donation for children; Thalassemia & anaemia camps; donation for prosthetic limbs; Cervical cancer vaccination; Baghbaan.

Family: Dheeraj Talreja – Husband.

Akshat Talreja – Son.

Favourite Cuisine: Thai.

Favourite Holiday destination: Maldives.

Favourite Book: IKIGAI- The Japanese Secret To A Long And Happy Life (by Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles).

Quote I live by: Be The Change You Wish To See.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI INSPIRE: RTN. ALPA MAYUR SHAH

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To make our Club more vibrant.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** On witnessing the positive effects of a heart surgery performed on a one day old infant beneficiary. The surgery was performed through the funds generated by us.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Bursary Project where we are identifying students whose parents cannot afford to pay their school fees. We are paying fees for such students so they continue their studies.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Trustworthy – because it resonates with our Club's ethos.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Education for the underprivileged children, and Heart surgeries



Profession: Entrepreneur.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Inspire.

Membership Strength : 22.

Key Projects : Bursary, Environment sustainability, Initiatives for Suryodaya Trust & Aadhar card facilitation.

Family: Mayur Dhanvantrai Shah: Husband.

Nirvaan Mayur Shah: Son

Vedant Mayur Shah: Son

Favourite Cuisine : Thepla & Chundo.

Favourite Holiday Destination : London .

Favourite Book : Every Woman Should Invest- The Way And How Of Financial Investment (by Alpa Shah).

Quote I live by : The Best Way To Serve Society Is By Equipping Individuals With The Skills To Sustain Themselves. Through Rotary, Let's Build Engines Of Self-Reliance.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SENTINELS BKC: RTN. DR. CHITRA NATARAJAN

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** Owing to my experience as Past President, our Club members chose me unanimously to lead our Club again.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** The tribute our Club paid to our Army martyrs in Kalina market on Martyrs' Day. It was a gratifying tribute to our soldiers.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Initiatives for Positive Parenting. Collaborations welcome.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Trustworthy – because it resonates with our Club's ethos.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Vibrant Anganwadis, and Education for the underprivileged children through positive parenting initiatives.



Profession: Academician – Retired College Principal.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Sentinels BKC.

Membership Strength : 17.

Key Projects: Education for the underprivileged children through positive parenting initiatives, Promoting environment friendly initiatives such as recycling of cloth bags etc

Family: Vidya Natarajan - Daughter,

Vivek Mohan : Son-in-law.

Favourite Cuisine : South Indian .

Favourite Holiday Destination : Europe .

Favourite Book : All books on National and International Economics.

Favourite Music : Anything that soothes my mind.

Quote I live by : Sincerity and Dedication.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX: RTN. SHANOBAR MURALI

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** On the request of our Club members. I accepted their request, considering it as my duty to serve the community through our Club's initiatives.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** The love and affection showered on us by the villagers of Phanswadi, Chiplun, who were the beneficiaries our Club's Solar Street Lights Installation Project in that village.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** ICU Beds for Railway hospital, Washrooms in schools, and initiatives related to Miyawaki forest.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Visionary – because we believe in looking ahead, as well as focusing on Youth development (the Youth are our future).
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Environment, and Youth development.



Profession: Chartered Accountant.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Bandra Kurla Complex.

Membership Strength : 19.

Key Projects : Initiatives for upgrading schools, Annapurna, Water related projects, and Environment sustainability.

Family: Murali Subramanian - Husband.

Rishab Subramanian - Son : Rotarian.

Favourite Cuisine : Chinese.

Favourite Holiday Destination : Kashmir.

Favourite Music : ABBA – Dancing Queen.

Quote I live by : Little By Little, Day By Day, What Is Meant For You, Will Find Its Way.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY CHEMBUR WEST: RTN. DEEPA MANI

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To lead with a vision, with a heart, with unwavering commitment, and also to bring innovation in our Club's initiatives.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** The joy of serving the elderly at old age homes, and witnessing the smiles of the orphaned children who are the beneficiaries of our Club's programmes facilitating their education and healthcare.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Supporting old age homes & orphanages, while promoting Green initiatives through the installation of Solar Panels in schools. Collaborations sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Visionary – because we create sustainable, forward thinking initiatives that drive long term positive change in our community.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Supporting old age homes & orphanages, while promoting Green initiatives through the installation of Solar Panels in schools, and camps for breast cancer screening.



Profession: Advocate.

Club Name: Rotary Club of Bombay Chembur West.

Membership Strength: 45.

Key Projects: Supporting old age homes & orphanages, providing basic amenities in the Family Court access room at Bandra, Breast Cancer screening camps, Osteoporosis detection camps, Cataract surgeries, providing vaccines and nutrients to TB patients etc.

Family: Mani - Husband.

Neha Mani - Daughter.

Hrishikesh Mani – Son.

Favourite Cuisine : South Indian (especially Kerala dishes).

Favourite Holiday Destination : Maldives.

Favourite Book : The God Of Small Things (by Arundhati Roy).

Quote I live by : The Only Way To Achieve The Impossible Is To Believe That It Is Possible.

SPECIAL TRF RECOGNITIONS BY DISTRICT FOR 2024 – 2025

- (1) **Special TRF Support Scheme to help NEW MEMBERS achieve PHF / MPHFs**
A Special TRF Points Matching Scheme is introduced to support NEW MEMBERS achieve PHF / MPHFs wherein donor contributes INR 15,000/- only to ANNUAL FUND for achieving PHF or MPHFs (up to PHF+8) recognitions.
- (2) **Special TRF Points Matching Scheme to help achieving PHF / MPHFs**
A Special TRF Points Matching Scheme is introduced wherein donor contributes only 1/3rd of the balance amount to ANNUAL FUND for achieving PHF or MPHFs (up to PHF+8) recognitions. This scheme is also available for Non-Rotarians.
- (3) **Vibrant TRF Club**
A special recognition certificate given to the Club that contributes a total of USD 500,000 and above during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025.
- (4) **Platinum TRF Club**
A special recognition certificate given to the Club that contributes a total of USD 250,000 to 499,999 during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025.
- (5) **Diamond TRF Club**
A special recognition certificate given to the Club that contributes a total of USD 125,000 to 249,999 during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025.
- (6) **Gold TRF Club**
A special recognition certificate given to the Club that contributes a total of USD 60,000 to 124,999 during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025.
- (7) **Silver TRF Club**
A special recognition certificate given to the Club that contributes a total of USD 30,000 to 59,999 during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025.
- (8) **Special Recognition for Existing 100% PHF Club**
A Special Recognition Certificate for Existing 100% PHF Club by District for maintaining status of 100% PHF Club by 31st May 2025.
- (9) **Special Recognition for Club Achieving 'All Time High Yearly Giving'**
A Special Recognition Certificate for Club achieving 'All Time High Yearly Giving' to TRF during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025.
- (10) **'Vibrant TRF Ratna Club' for Achieving 100% Growth in TRF Giving over previous year**
A Special Recognition Certificate for Club achieving '100% Growth in TRF Giving over previous year' during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025. (Minimum USD 100 per member)
- (11) **'Vibrant TRF Vibhushan Club' for Achieving 75% Growth in TRF Giving over previous year**
A Special Recognition Certificate for Club achieving '75% Growth in TRF Giving over previous year' during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025. (Minimum USD 100 per member)
- (12) **'Vibrant TRF Bhushan Club' for Achieving 50% Growth in TRF Giving over previous year**
A Special Recognition Certificate for Club achieving '50% Growth in TRF Giving over previous year' during Rotary Year 2024 – 2025. (Minimum USD 100 per member)

2024-25 Annual Fund Challenge – Club Level Awards

Brought to you by Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya and Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 RRFCs
Annual Fund contributions made till 30 June 2025 will be considered for this challenge

- PLATINUM CLUB AWARD** : Minimum \$100 contribution by each member and Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100
- GOLD CLUB AWARD** : Minimum \$50 contribution by each member and Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100
- SILVER CLUB AWARD** : Minimum \$25 contribution by each member and Annual Fund Per Capita of \$100

CSR Partnership Mantra Decoded

*Recipe for Initiating a Successful CSR Partnership.
A structured approach to establishing a CSR partnership between
a corporate and your Rotary Club.*

WRITTEN BY DC CSR AKSHAY MEHTA

STEP 1: IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL CORPORATE CSR PARTNERS

A. Leverage Your Rotary Club Network

- ♦ Rotarians & Their Business Contacts
 - Encourage members with corporate connections to explore CSR partnerships.
- ♦ Past CSR Donors
 - Reconnect with businesses that previously contributed to your club's projects.
- ♦ Guest Speakers & Industry Experts – Engage past guest speakers (business leaders) for CSR support.
- ♦ NGO Connections – NGOs often have strong CSR supporters; collaborate with them for shared projects.

B. Tap into Your Personal & Extended Network

- ♦ Friends & Family Connections
 - Identify your friends, family, and club members' contacts



who have links to corporates and request introductions

- ♦ Professional & Alumni Networks – Business networks, ex-colleagues, and university alumni groups can help bring strong corporate connections.

C. Identify Medium & Small Private Companies in Your Vicinity

- ♦ Look for unlisted/private limited companies and LLPs with CSR potential.
- ♦ Engage with local business associations, chambers of commerce, and trade fairs for

networking.

STEP 2: PREPARATION AT THE CLUB LEVEL

- ♦ Appoint a CSR Director and a team of 2-3 dedicated members in the CSR Committee. The CSR Director and team must be prepared for a multi-year commitment. Select team members with corporate experience.
- ♦ Provide Training to the CSR Director and team by attending CSR workshops or training sessions at the District Officers' Program (DOP). This is crucial for success.
- ♦ Open a Dedicated Bank Account for CSR India Grants in the club's trust or administrative setup.
- ♦ Prepare a Club Dossier that highlights:
 - ♦ Club background, member profiles, and key achievements
 - ♦ Previous CSR projects and partnerships
 - ♦ Testimonials from corporates, NGOs, and beneficiaries

- ✦ Unique aspects that distinguish your club from others
- ✦ Develop a Project Bank for each area of focus, especially in women's empowerment, education, and healthcare, which account for approximately 70% of CSR spending in India.
- ✦ Prepare detailed project write-ups—one with a high-level overview and another with in-depth specifics.
- ✦ Coordinate with the District Project Heads to align with district-level projects and integrate them into the Project Bank.

STEP 3: BUILD A STRONG CSR PITCH

A. Why Should a Corporate Partner with Rotary?

Use the Rotary Intro PPT to highlight Rotary's credibility and global impact.

B. CSR Proposals

Prepare concise proposals for each CSR project, covering:

- ✦ Project Overview – Objectives, location, and impact areas
- ✦ Broad Budget – Fund allocation plan
- ✦ Measurable Outcomes – Expected beneficiaries and long-term impact
- ✦ Corporate Benefits – Branding, employee engagement, and media exposure

C. Paperwork & Compliance

Ensure that the corporate partner receives the required paperwork from Rotary Foundation India (RFI), including:

- ✦ Verification of RFI as a compliant CSR partner
- ✦ Pre-MOU documentation for project approval
- ✦ Project execution and compliance paperwork

STEP 4: APPROACH & ENGAGE WITH CORPORATES

- ✦ Warm Introduction – Ensure a strong initial connection so that the corporate is receptive to your approach.
- ✦ Research Corporate CSR Focus Areas – Understand their preferred CSR themes before proposing projects.
- ✦ Prepare Thoroughly – Attend the meeting with key club and district leaders, ensuring a strong first impression. There is no second chance if the first meeting is unsuccessful.
- ✦ Structured Presentation – Prepare well-organized physical dossiers and digital materials in advance.
- ✦ Send a Well-Structured Proposal – Share a concise, impactful proposal immediately after the meeting.
- ✦ Showcase Rotary's Credibility & Success Stories – Include past CSR projects in post-meeting communication, as this may be reviewed by multiple corporate team members.

- ✦ Offer Project Customization – Align CSR objectives with corporate brand values and preferences.
- ✦ Appoint a Dedicated CSR Project Team – Once approved, assign a team for follow-ups, paperwork, execution, and corporate engagement. Provide corporate partners with a clear point of contact for smooth communication.
- ✦ Relationship Building & Follow-Up – Maintain consistent engagement, providing regular impact reports and updates.
- ✦ Corporate Testimonials & Visibility – Obtain testimonials from corporate partners and share them on club social media and in CSR reports. Keep corporates informed about other successful projects to encourage long-term collaboration.

Building a Legacy for Your Club

By establishing strong, long-term CSR partnerships, your club can thrive and create a lasting impact. Developing multi-year, multi-project relationships will strengthen your club's sustainability and elevate its community impact.

Go ahead and leave a Legacy for your Club!

EDITED BY SREE NANDY

THE GERMAN BREZEL VS. THE INDIAN SAMOSA



WRITTEN BY MALENA REHMET, RYE STUDENT, GERMANY



BEFORE coming to India I was living in a very small village in Germany. This type of village where everyone knows everyone and the greatest social event is the yearly local flea market... Only two months after saying goodbye to my family and friends at the airport I was sitting with a French girl, our Indian college friend and her family in their apartment around an open fire, celebrating the glory of Lord Ganesha. Which seemed spiritual and peaceful in the beginning, evolved in a unique memory, as the room was fastly filling up with smoke. Our eyes started turning red -moreover tearing. After we started coughing, we all ended up leaving the apartment.

Hello! Mera naam Malena hai. As I already mentioned, I am coming from Germany and have spend 6

months so far living in India.

This was my first time witnessing Hawan Puja for the Ganesh Chaturthi Festival. Since then, my eyes have become a little more robust and I was luckily able to attend loads more of Indian festivals, such as Navratri, Diwali, as well as, just recently, Makar Sankranti. When I asked him, my first host dad used to explain, that "Indians will find a reason for celebrating -they just love it so much." From my point of view this is truly beautiful: Gathering with family and friends, playing music, dancing, praying together, eating the most delicious food, wearing breathtaking clothes. This perfectly describes my perception of Indian people. Their hospitality, warmth and joy. In every single host family I have stayed in, I didn't feel like a

guest, but a real part of the family (just for illustrating this thought: it is already planned, that I'm going to come back to India in 2033 for my mom's 50th birthday)...

Before coming here, my Rotary District in Germany was teaching us future Inbounds on the monthly Orientations how to say "yes and no". This might seem banal, but its meaning is firstly to not miss out on a single activity, moreover opportunity, secondly, to listen to yourself. Where are my boundaries? What is too much for me?

Coming from a quiet life in Germany, Mumbai felt mesmerizing and fabulous at first -seeing the city with its whole lights and glory, but also very overwhelming. I wanted to stay in my room the



whole day and sleep. The learning of "yes and no" helped me to get out of my comfort zone, out of my bubble and to put myself out there.

Ultimately, the vibe of Mumbai is unique and multifaceted. It's a city that can be both exhilarating and exhausting, inspiring and overwhelming. It's a place where dreams are made and challenges are faced head-on. Thanks to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program I wasn't only able to learn more about this diverse, extraordinary country, but also about myself: What do I want from my life? What else is there to experience and to learn beyond what I've dreamed of? Life is way too exciting and short to spend it sleeping in your room. Only because of listening to this advice over and over again, India became my second home. India - a land of ancient history and modern dynamism, a country of incredible diversity and vibrant energy.

And now I will continue with putting myself out there, so for now:

Chalo bye!!

MALENA REHMET RYE STUDENT, GERMANY



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ROTARACT ACTION

A lowdown on the events conducted by the young and energetic Rotaractors in February 2025

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RISE – ROTARACT INITIATIVE FOR SPORTING EXCELLENCE (1ST, 2ND, 8TH & 9TH FEBRUARY 2025)



RISE 2025 was more than just a tournament—it was a celebration of passion, resilience, and inclusivity. Held across four venues, the event introduced Star of RISE, a high-intensity fitness challenge, and PARA RISE, a blind chess tournament promoting inclusivity. Months of meticulous planning led to an electrifying atmosphere, making RISE a true testament to the spirit of sports.

INVICTUS – DISTRICT CONFERENCE (22ND FEBRUARY 2025)



Rajodi Beach Resort hosted Invictus 2025, bringing together 238 Rotaractors for a day of networking, celebration, and district updates. The event kicked off with a pool party, rain dance, and DJ session, followed by key addresses from DRR Rtn. Rtr. Adv. Nikhita Sunil, Rtn. Pankaj Phatarphod, and PDRR Rtn. Rajith Menon. Highlights

included the launch of a district anthem and bulletin, a half-yearly review video, and a musical performance, ending the day with an energetic DJ night.

ROTARACT SKILL PROGRAM (RSP) – PHASE TWO (2ND MARCH 2025)



After a successful Phase One, RSP returned with four engaging skills—3D Modeling, Hip-Hop, Stone Painting, and How to Get the Best Out of Rotaract. Over 120 Rotaractors participated in this dynamic learning experience, embracing creativity, movement, and personal growth. More than just skill-building, RSP was about forging connections and making memories.

ORACLE (2ND MARCH 2025)



Held at Pearl Academy, Oracle featured four Past DEC's sharing raw, unfiltered experiences of leadership and growth. With over 90 Rotaractors in attendance, the session was a blend of insights, lessons, and classic Team HRD-style candid discussions. Oracle

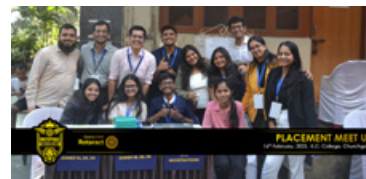
was both a reflection on the past and a guide for future leaders.

SHARKS OF ROTARACT (SOR) (16TH FEBRUARY 2025)



Bringing the thrill of Shark Tank to Rotaract, SOR at KC College saw ten teams pitch business ideas to five investors. After intense deliberations, one team secured an investment. Beyond the competition, participants gained valuable exposure to investor feedback and real-world business strategies.

PLACEMENT MEET-UP (16TH FEBRUARY 2025)



For the first time, Rotaract's Team Professional Development hosted an on-ground Placement Meet-Up at KC College, connecting job seekers with companies from finance, marketing, engineering, and more. With networking booths facilitating direct interactions, this initiative marked the beginning of impactful employment-driven events for Rotaractors.

EDITED BY SREE NANDY

INNER WHEEL IMPACT

Inner Wheel endeavors to make a difference by launching purposeful projects and providing support that betters lives globally.

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Inner Wheel District 314 As part of the Sahara and Sambal initiatives under the Association's goals for 2024-25, Inner Wheel District 314, led by District Chairman Prerana Raichur, organized a Samuhik Vivah (mass wedding) for 130 tribal couples on February 2, 2025, in Talwada, Dahanu, District Palghar. The grand celebration, attended by over 5,000 people—including the newlyweds, their families, dignitaries, and law enforcement officials—concluded with a communal lunch.



IWC Bombay Mid-Town in collaboration with its parent club, Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, organized an Early Detection of Cancer camp at Vinwal, Jawahar, District Palghar, for the Adivasi community. A total of 133 individuals benefited from this initiative.



IWC Bombay Central donated full-shutter sewing machines to four visually impaired individuals, empowering their families with a sustainable livelihood. The club also provided snacks and beverages to the beneficiaries.



IWC Bombay Shivaji Park visited Sangopita Foundation in Badlapur, a home for 53 boys and 10 girls with physical challenges. The club contributed ₹2,20,000, funding a screen-printing machine, a dhoop and agarbatti (incense) maker, and three handmade cloth-weaving machines.



IWC Bombay Hanging Garden inaugurated ICU wards at Ram Krishna Mission Sevashrama Hospital in Mathura. With ₹1.74 crore in support from Manav Seva Sanstha Mumbai, led by Payal Grover, the hospital expanded its ICU and MICU wards, enhancing medical care for the underprivileged.



IWC Borivli installed sanitary pad vending machines at MPS Poinisur, MPS Borivali East, and Mumbai Public School. The launch event at Poinisur was attended by BMC Assistant Commissioner Sandhya Nandedkar. The club also conducted a menstrual health awareness session and showcased its Botanical Garden project.

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BANGANGA

A Sacred Heritage at the Crossroads of History and Progress

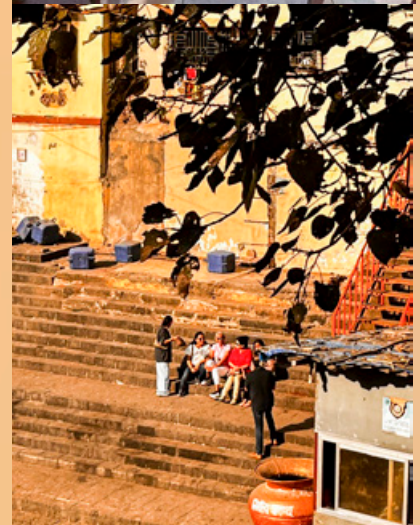
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BANGANGA, a heritage site nestled in the heart of Mumbai, is a remarkable destination that offers a unique glimpse into the city's ancient past. Recently, the District heritage team of the Rotary Club, led by Kalpana, organized a walk around this sacred site. It offered participants a journey through the physical location and a walk down memory lane. A professional guide shared captivating stories about the temple's historical significance, the rich culture of the area, and how Banganga has long been a haven of peace and spirituality amidst the bustling city.

Banganga, part of the Walkeshwar Temple Complex in Malabar Hill, dates to the 12th century. According to legend, it was here that Lord Ram stopped during his

exile to search for water for his thirsty brother, Lakshman, resulting in the creation of the sacred tank. Surrounded by a collection of small temples dedicated to deities such as Shiva, Balaji, Laxmi Narayan, Vithoba, and Hanuman, Banganga is still fed by freshwater springs that also supply the adjacent dhobi ghat. Despite the site's state of neglect, it continues to radiate an aura of spirituality and stands as a testament to Mumbai's rich heritage.

However, the site is facing modern-day challenges. Urbanization and encroachment threaten to overshadow its historical and cultural essence. Preservation concerns have arisen, with fears that rapid development may compromise the delicate balance between history and progress. As



visitors walked around the serene waters, there was a palpable sense of yearning to protect this sacred space and the intangible cultural heritage it represents.

Banganga is a reminder that, amid the rush of progress, we must cherish and safeguard the pieces of history that shape our city's identity. The heritage walk, complete with a South Indian breakfast, offered both a deep appreciation of the site and a call to action to preserve its legacy for future generations.

