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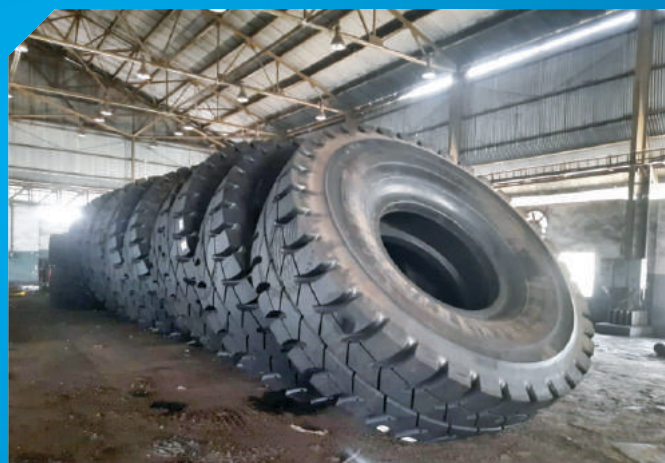
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Arun Bhargava
District Governor | 2023-24

Welcome 2024 - a year of bubbling hopes, rising aspirations, ambitious dreams, accomplishments and acknowledgements. The way we have served the community and our efforts have made positive imprints in Year 2023, it has also raised the expectations of the people around us and now they look at us with more confidence & strong hope for more actions in form of impactful service projects from us.

Friends, we all must understand that we, the Incredibles engage ourselves in service projects for the needy communities around us. Rotary leadership, despite the fact that it lasts only for one year, can be life changing if we can use the potential of our team and members of the club. Our strong resolves to make lasting positive impact in life of the needy have encouraged us not to count barriers, obstacles and restrictions but to re-frame them as challenges that encouraged us to respond.

Our Project National Integration is one such ambitious and determine effort to serve our Nation which has made tremendous impact in lives of people of Kashmir. We continued supporting the people of Kashmir and our Army with bigger and bolder service initiatives despite various challenges - Thanks to the Chairmanship of Rtn Rajan Dua and all our Incredible Rotarians involved in this noble cause.

January is the Vocational Service Month and I am truly delighted to see lot many events on Vocational

Service happening throughout the District - Be it the vocational excellence awards, training camps for various vocational services for the needy enabling them to earn livelihood, practicing our professions with integrity and inspire others to behave ethically in our words and actions - truly Incredible. Our Midwifery Training Program for young Kashmiri girls under PNI project is another live example of Vocational Service Project.

Rotary gives utmost importance to Vocational Service. From the Objects of Rotary - the second statement is to encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society. We have a role and responsibility to help young people achieve their career goals and to encourage life long learning in our workplace and community. Let us work together with intent, integrity and enthusiasm to ensure a brighter tomorrow for everyone.

Our most celebrated festival of the year DISCON 2024 named "Darpan - The reflections" has arrived now. Seema and me are excited to welcome you on Saturday, 10th February 2024 at NESCO Banquets. Our Hosts Rotary Club of Mumbai North End and our Incredible Events team is working hard to ensure a flawless, entertaining, informative and thrilling experience for you all. This is a full day, powerpacked event with lots of excitement for everyone followed by entertaining evening program. We look forward to meet each one of you and frame everlasting memories.

This is a lifetime opportunity and together lets make it an unforgettable experience. Through our committed & coordinated community service initiatives let us spread the fragrance of love, happiness, peace, togetherness and help in fulfilling this year's Rotary International theme Create Hope in the World.

Together we can, Together we will, Together Again !

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn Arun Bhargava
District Governor



Seema Bhargava
First Lady

प्रिय रोटेरियन,

यह जनवरी का महीना है। एक रोटेरियन के लिए नये वर्ष का यह प्रथम माह बड़ा ही खास होता है। हर रोटेरियन जानता है कि जनवरी का महीना व्यावसायिक सेवा माह (vocational service month) के नाम से जाना जाता है- जो व्यावसायिक लाभ लेने का एक अच्छा समय है। व्यावसायिक सेवा हमें सामाजिक समूह की जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिए अपने संगठित अद्वितीय कौशल और जानकारी का उपयोग करके दूसरों को

सशक्त बनाने और दूसरों को कौशल हासिल करने या परिष्कृत करने और उनके परंपरागत या पेशेवर अवसरों को आगे बढ़ाने में मदद करने के लिए आह्वान करती है।

भिन्न-भिन्न व्यवसायों और पृष्ठभूमि के लोगों को एक साथ लेकर रोटेरी सभी कौशल और व्यवसायों के महत्व को पहचानती है। रोटेरी क्लब अपने समुदाय में व्यवसायों, संगठनों और व्यवसायों को दर्शाता है, जो अनुभवों और दृष्टिकोणों में विविधता को अपनाता है।

किसी भी व्यक्ति का व्यावसायिक जीवन और सेवा लगभग साथ-साथ ही चलती हैं। यहाँ रोटेरियन की जिम्मेदारी दोहरी हो जाती है। एक रोटेरियन अपने क्लब के भीतर अपने व्यवसायों का प्रतिनिधित्व तो करता ही है वह अपने कार्यस्थल में भी रोटेरी के आदर्शों का अनुसरण करता है।

आईए, हम सभी अपने व्यवसाय से संबंधित रोटेरी फेलोशिप में शामिल हों। ईमानदारी और निष्ठा से अपने-अपने व्यवसायों को निष्पादित करते हुए समाज के लोगों को भी इसके लिए प्रेरित करें और एक स्वस्थ-नेक तथा आत्मनिर्भर समाज बनाने की भूमिका का निर्वहन करते हुए स्वयं-समाज-देश व विश्व के लिए एक उदाहरण बनें।

MEMBERSHIP SAMACHAR...as on 30.01.2024

Avenue Chair: Rtn Anand Ramnani (Growth & New Clubs) 9820084649/8169222562

- 1) Number of clubs – 115
- 2) Membership Strength – 6290 members
- 3) New Members Added – 632 (as on 30.01.24)
- 4) Out of 115 clubs, 80 clubs have added new members so far.
- 5) New Rotary Clubs under formation at: 1. Dahisar West 2. Malad West (Link Road) 3. Between Prabhadevi to Worli Naka 4. JVLR - Members from - Oberoi Splendour, Kalapatru Enclave, Poonam Nagar & nearby areas 5. Bhayander East & West 6. Bandra East 7. Cause based clubs to promote sports activities/training for children from rural & underprivileged communities

We request you for your cooperation in connecting us to prospective members in the areas mentioned above.
Kindly DM me on 9820084649.

Avenue Chair : Rtn Deepak Jiandani (Retention & Fire Site Meetings) 9821035822

Our retention team has so far conducted 4 fire site meetings for new members. One in each zone. Happy to share that due to the Fireside Meetings being conducted for new members, our retention at the end of December has been excellent and we hope to continue this till 1st July. Thanks to AC Deepak Jiandani & Team for conducting very informative & interactive Fireside meetings for members. Now a second round of such Fireside Meetings will be conducted, requesting Presidents to send your new members to attend & take advantage of this facility. Presidents/Club Membership Director's kindly note that in case you need any assistance/guidance for Membership Growth, Retention kindly do contact the Membership Team...

Kashmir Valley (PNI) Project By Rotary District 3141 **Rtn Rajan Dua | Lt Governor & Avenue Chair PNI**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

At the half way mark of the Incredible year , we are truly humbled and delighted with your participation in the PNI project Here are few of the highlights and achievements of the project so far :

Motorcycle Ambulance Donations

Donated 2 Motorcycle Ambulances worth Rs 7 Lacs to the GOC Kupwara to cater to the locals of 30 to 40 small kasbas and villages near the LOC on the Kupwara region with the support of RC Mumbai Powai and PP Rtn Amit Sheth

National Flag Installation

Supply & Erection of 2 national flags at a cost of Rs 10 lacs each with the support of RC Bombay MidTown / Pres Ashwin Ankhad. These national symbols inspire and inspire the locals. Flags are visible from far and wide and are seen from enemy territory

Medical Aid to Health Centres

Donated medicines worth Rs 25 Lacs for 6 Medical Health Centres managed by the Army for the locals. Aproximately 360 villages and settlements in various sectors on the LOC have benefitted. This is our annual project and we shall continue with the same next year with the support of RC Mumbai Queen's Necklace and Rtn Nikunj Jhaveri .

School Equipments Donation

RC MidTown also donated school equipment worth Rs 7.5 Lacs thus improving the quality of eduction of kids in the school. They have also fully sponsored the fees of all 150 children in the school. And sponsored the vocational training centre at cost of Rs 5 Lacs thereby providing earning opportunities to locals.

Funded Kidney Transplant

Funded and Coordinated the life saving Kidney Transplant of Ms Khalida of Machal Village. This village is merely 5 kms from LOC. The teenage girl is back to her normal life and the life saving project was covered extensively by all traditional media and social media in Kashmir giving excellent PR for Rotary / Dist 3141. Project was funded through spontaneous contributions from various Rotarians of our District

Nursing & Midwifery Program

21 Girls have completed the course successfully and are serving the people of Kashmir. 25 are currently under training at Manor.

Project is being conducted by RC Manor Highway / Incredible Pres Dr Avinash Sonavane / assisted by all RC clubs of North zone.

School Bus Donation

Donated School Buses to Army Goodwill School :

1st bus by RC Bombay Queen City / Incredible Pres Anupama Jalan @ Rs 24.5 lacs

2nd bus by PP Gayomard Panthaky @ Rs 24.5 lacs

1 Camper Bolero School Van by RC Bombay Seacoast / Incredible President Ankush Jain @ Rs 11.5 Lacs

These buses are being used to ferry young children from far flung villages to Army Goodwill School. The service is completely free of charge for the children.

The admission count of the schools has doubled due to this service and children who were going to Madrasas have now started shifting to Army Good Will school. The buses are operated and maintained by Army

We thank our donors :

RC Bombay Powai / Pres Kamalini Pathak -Rs 22.5L
RC Bombay North / Pres Nafisa Kanchwala
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RC Bombay Bhandup / Pres Jenniffer Isaac
RC Mumbai Divas / Presi Mahima Khandelwal
RC Mumbai Mahim / Pres Pradnya Sanbis
RC Mumbai Lower Parel / Pres Rajesh Dixit
RC Mumbai Mahakali Height/Pres Pinkky Rajgariah
RC Mumbai Millennials / Pres Yash Goradia

Dental Clinic Donations

Donated & Set-up a full fledged Dental Clinic with state of the art equipment thereby serving army personnel and villagers at a cost of approx Rs 20 Lacs by RC Mumbai Uptown / President Malvika Sukhani.

RIMJHIM Event

An event showcasing the art form of India : RIMJHIM was organised by RC Mumbai Kalakar / Pres Madhumita Manna

Projects Under Implementation

A War Widows Hostel is under construction at Mankhurd - Chembur for housing our Veer Naris at a **Project Cost of Rs 3.55 Cr** supported by RC Bombay Pier / President Mayuri Bhasin - **Target Completion Date : February 2024**

Donation of **1 more Camper Bolero costing Rs 11.5 Lacs and 1 Force Motors Non Cardiac Ambulance costing Rs. 22 Lacs** supported by RC Bombay Seacoast / President Ankush Jain - **Target Handover date April 2024**

Setting up of an **Vocational Training Centre at a cost of Rs 36 Lacs** by RC Bombay central supported by Pres Pia Bhagi / Bombay Central - **Target Implementation : May 2024**

Upgradation of Machhal school at a cost of Rs 86 Lacs supported by RC Bombay North / Pres Nafisa Kanchwala - **Target Start Date - May 2024**

2nd Batch from Kashmir



After successfully completing the 1st batch of Nursing and Midwifery students from Kashmir who had an excellent 6 months of study and bonding and receiving overwhelming response from the valley for this wonderful project - the 2nd batch of 25 Kashmiri girls arrived for midwifery course. They were received at Mumbai Airport by Lt Governor and Project Chair Rtn Rajan Dua, LG Rajan, PNI team leaders Commodore Ahluwalia, Amarjit, Amit Sheth and Gayomard Panthaki, RC Bombay Powai Club members and A generous Donor for this prestigious project Shri Mani Mamallan. RC Bombay Powai led by Incredible President Kamalini Pathak have sponsored this batch.

A Grand Welcome Ceremony was organised on Saturday, 9th December at Silent Hills Resort , Manor. Our District Governor Rtn Arun Bhargava graced this ceremony as the Chief Guest.

January 2024 QUIZZZZO

Hello friends...

Welcome back with the fresh challenge for you in our GML Quiz (all questions are from the contents within this issue of GML).

Remember – All respondents will be recognised prominently in the next edition and first 3 respondents with correct and complete answers will receive our especially designed Coffee Mug !

Quiz Questions

- 1) What is the membership strength of RI District 3141 as on 30/01/2024 ?
- 2) Name the Club and its Incredible President who has sponsored supply & erection of 2 national flags in Kashmir under PNI Project ?
- 3) How many waterwheels were distributed by Rotary Club Of Bombay Hanging Garden ?
- 4) In which year Rotary adopted a "Rotary Code of Business Ethics" in its annual Conference in San Francisco ?
- 5) How many Kashmiri girls have arrived for the 2nd batch of midwifery course under PNI Project ?

So friends please hurry, send your answers on incrediblegml@gmail.com and get recognised for your knowledge, wisdom, keen eye and swift response.

For feedbacks, reviews and suggestions please mail us on incrediblegml@gmail.com

Quiz Masters

Rotarians who responded with the answer (Sequence as per receipt of email)
Rtn Prof Sanjay Mahajan-RC Palghar, Rtn. Arun Garg-RC Bombay Uptown,
Rtn Kamlesh Kharade-RC Mumbai Nariman Point, Rtn Malvika Sukhani, Rtn Rakhee Sunil,
Rtn Hanuman Tripath, Rtn Dr Meena Singh, Rtn Kamal Kumar Poddar

And The Fastest Fingers (Obviously With Correct & Complete Answers)

Rtn. Prof. Sanjay Mahajan
RC Palghar

Rtn. Arun Garg
RC Bombay Uptown

Rtn. Kamlesh Kharade
RC Mumbai Nariman Point

Vocational Service - Rotary's First Concept

Rotary was started for business reasons and professional purposes. Paul Harris had the unusual idea that friendship and business might mix and result in even more business!

More than a century ago, Chicago and most large cities were in the grips of growing business and industry - and rife with fierce competition. Business competitors were the enemy. There were very few governmental restraints on enterprise, business practices or labor conditions and business ethics, customer service, or professional standards were seldom topics of real concern. Just making money was the goal of business.

It was in this atmosphere that Paul Harris began to wonder if one person from each business and profession could actually work together, in a non-competitive atmosphere, to help each other improve their business and income. If they were not rivals or competitors, they could be friends and help each other achieve success. Thus, the idea of friendship and business was combined -- and the idea of a Rotary Club evolved.

As a matter of fact, the constitution of the Chicago Rotary Club, written in January of 1906, stated two objects of Rotary. The first was "The promotion of the business interests of its members." The second object was the concept of friendship. This idea of business as an object of Rotary was retained in 1912, when the International Association of Rotary Clubs adopted a statement with 5 Objects of Rotary.

Although the business concept had evolved to a broader statement, it was still listed as number one - "To promote the recognition of the worthiness of all legitimate occupations, and to dignify each member's occupation as affording him an opportunity to serve society; to encourage high standards in business and professions, and to increase the efficiency of each member by the exchange of ideas and business methods."

Although the wording changed slightly from time to time as the Object was rewritten in subsequent years, the vocational service element was always retained. T.A. Warren, a British Rotarian in 1935 who became

RI President in 1945-46 made an interesting comment "The only unique feature of Rotary is vocational service, everything else that we do is repeated by some other organization. If we are unique, if we have a special message or mission in the world that is unique to ourselves, it lies only in the realm of vocational service". In all of our earliest days, Vocational Service was clearly the primary focus of Rotary.

The History of the San Francisco Rotary Club tells of the early emphasis on promoting business at club meetings. As we know, San Francisco was Rotary's 2nd club, and it was a custom that prizes were frequently awarded at club meetings to the member who had made the most purchases from other members during the previous month. Past RI President, Bru Brunnier, a charter member of the San Francisco Club reported that he won the prize one month by buying 72 separate items from as many Rotary members to furnish his new engineering office in downtown San Francisco. It was also recorded that in the meeting room of the San Francisco Club a series of shelves were installed for members to display merchandise. Ten minutes of each meeting were devoted to members giving short talks about the quality of their own goods and services - or in other words - a Rotary commercial.

It was this same concept of promoting business which led to the first community service project of the original Chicago Rotary Club. In their effort to promote more business, the members decided that since the women did most of the shopping in downtown Chicago, they would do even more if they stayed downtown longer. So, what was the answer? If they put public toilets in downtown Chicago - the shoppers would not have to go home so soon. And that is what they did - installed the first public restrooms in downtown Chicago. When service is provided - business is enhanced. It was on that basis that the world's service club movement was launched.

It was Leslie Pidgeon, the RI President in 1917, who stated: "The primary object of Rotary is to relate the individual properly to his daily work. That is the first duty Rotary has to perform. The Rotary Club must educate the members to embody the idea of service in

their own daily work". So from the very beginning, Rotary membership was based on classifications, and classifications were based solely on one's business, profession or vocation.

The Chicago Rotary Club, and others which followed, created a "Committee on Business Methods" which concentrated attention on the business and ethical practices and public confidence of each enterprise in their community. Rotary Clubs were regarded as leaders in fighting corruption and unfair business practices. It was as early as 1910, that Rotarian Arthur Sheldon, spoke at Rotary's first Convention in Chicago, saying: "As man comes into the light of wisdom, he comes to see that right conduct toward others pays, that business is the science of human service, and that he profits most who serves his fellows best. Thus, one of Rotary's first mottoes came into being - a basic principle of business ethics. Just a year later at the 1911 conference in Portland, Ben Collins President of the Minneapolis Rotary Club told that his Club used the principle of "Service Above Self" in all of their business and professional activities and our second motto was initiated. Both of these mottoes were officially adopted many years later at the 1950 convention in Detroit.

As Rotary continued to expand, it was not uncommon for Rotarians in the same profession to meet and discuss business ethics and fair dealings in business practices. They frequently discussed "Standards" by which business and professional practices should be judged. So after several years of preparation and debate, in 1915 Rotary was finally ready to adopt a "Rotary Code of Business Ethics" when they met at the annual Conference in San Francisco.

The "Rotary Code of Ethics" was not a law or rule, but rather it was an expression of determination to maintain certain basic ethical and honest standards in one's business or profession. The code could only be enforced by example and friendly influence and encouragement. The Rotary Code of Ethics set a high standard for men who were to be Rotarians. It was in 1927 that the confusion of referring to Rotarians' "business, profession, calling, occupation, employment or trade" was finally eliminated by adopting the word "vocation". The term 'vocation'

seemed to cover every type of useful occupation, so the Rotary convention, held in Belgium in 1927, approved the words "Vocational Service" to replace business methods. When the Object of Rotary was later rewritten, "Vocational Service" became the Second Avenue of Service for Rotarians and Rotary Clubs.

Today, if we wish to put Vocational Service in its proper perspective in the lives of Rotarians, we could well look to a fundamental statement drafted by RI President, Will Manier and adopted at the 1934 RI Convention in St. Louis which said: "Fundamentally, Rotary is a philosophy of life that undertakes to reconcile the ever present conflict between the desire to profit for one's self and the duty and consequent impulse to serve others. The philosophy is the philosophy of service - Service Above Self -- and is based on the practical ethical principle that "He Profits Most Who Serves Best." That is the basis of all Vocational Service activities of Rotary.

If Vocational Service was the basis for Rotary's activities in the beginning of our first century, this may be the time to restore business and professional ethical concerns as Rotary's primary responsibility as we march ahead. So, let us celebrate this month as we contemplate the role of Vocational Service in Rotary.

Compiled by: Rtn Ajit Dubey

Rotary Code of Conduct

AS A ROTARIAN, I WILL :

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in my personal and professional life.
2. Deal Fairly with others and treat them and their occupations With respect.
3. Use my professional skills through Rotary to mentor young People, help those with social needs, and improve people's quality of life in my community and in the world.
4. Avoid behavior that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotarians.
5. Not seek special business or professional advantages from other Rotarians.

“Konichiwa” – From the land of rising Sun



Before I began talking about Kaizen, we should know about Japan and their history., A small country where the sun rises for first side among eastern countries., A country adversaries are daily occurrence., small country where mostly things did not get produced everything has to be imported., hence cost is high for everything apart from normal things. We are known Japan for electronics, car, electricals equipment etc., Being in the fault line i.e. Seismic plate earthquake comes inheritance from ages. Sometimes the weather are rough and due to earthquake we see Tsunami waves which has devastated Japan 2011., Apart from this the early history of World War II where Atomic Bomb has devastated Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

In war Japan was devastated they took a ought that they would come back vengeance not in form of violence but in form of becoming world greatest economy., They had become famous for being torn apart., but now they will become famous for good things. One of thing they wanted to make a turnaround was Industries and Production and making things which would make them proud.

Looking all the above conditions cost was major thing and people scarcity during the war., they devise a simple way of working to reduce Cost in factories and other place. That's where the emotion came Kai to change Zen means for Good and that's how kaizen came to Birth. The practice of improving one condition from the earlier., In simple example if some things take 10 mins to do how I can do it 8 mins. That way of reform is called Kaizen. With this simple principle companies like Toyota, Nissan, Mitsubishi,

Yamaha etc. not only industries everyone and everplace started to reduce cost and how we can reduce Human effort., The idea is not to provide job opportunity but to save people for Longevity.,

All the Rotarians coming from various background can use this principle to improve their work, lives and home. Since Bombay and all other place the cost of property is increasing at alarming in this case who we can utilise the space in cupboard and how we organize this things at home for retrieval use and keep it back. The simple way to start working with Kaizen is to measure your work activity and then devise idea to reduce the time (focus on human effort and generate idea to use simple automation). From the concept of kaizen there come another philosophy of 5s.

5s is way of organizing things and having clean and beautiful place of work. So that you don't waste your time for searching and finding things. If the things are organized and properly tag and clothes in wardrobe are properly arranged., we would take less time to retrieve there are saving our effort.

The philosophy is that every human being has been god gifted is “Mind” and if human being carries the Mind which can think and imagine then why don't we utilise the same mind to generate ideas.

So putting human effort in unnecessary things is waste for us a human being and that's the idea of the thing. During my current visit the place i'm writing this article is place called Ena and now its is -6 degree outside 6.00 am in the morning. Throughout this week we saw some best factories and undertand more principles of Kaizen in various and believe me every time I come here I generate new ideas of way of working and being efficient.

With this article I just want to express my thoughts to my fellow rotarians and friends there are simple technique and we should learn and improve ourselves. I have being promoting this knowledge since 15 years now., You will find more details of kaizen on internet., but if you want to hear my experience I would be happy to come and address your club.

Signing off – Arigato Gozaimasu.
Rtn. Faisal Shaikh
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Ajit Dubey

Managing Editor - GML | 2023-24

On behalf of the Editor in Chief, editorial - design and printing team of our IGML, I wish our Rotary and non Rotary readers, authors, quiz masters and reviewers A very happy and prosperous new beginning .

We have already been through to 6 issues of our Incredible GML and your response to our efforts of revitalizing the IGML with an updated format and content structure have been phenomenal, prompting and encouraging us to take more such innovative steps. We are making every effort to ensure that our IGML captures the freshest and most inspiring tales of Rotary's service and fellowship, unifying the entire district under a shared sense of purpose.

This January issue covers articles on Vocational Service, Actions across the District which is a reflection of fantastic momentum of inspired actions and magnanimous activities carried out by the Clubs under the dynamic leadership of our Incredible District Governor Arun Bhargava, Updates about our Flagship Project – Project National Integration (PNI), Mumbai- Meri Jaan, Lupt hoti paramparayen, Incredible actions, Incredible vibes and of course blessings and guidance from our Leader Arun and first Lady Seemaji. Your participation in Quiz is encouraging and we thank each one of you for your active contribution.

Friends, GML plays a pivotal part in shaping a positive image of Rotary and highlighting the diverse contributions of Rotary Clubs across the district. Furthermore, it fosters introspection and growth within clubs, allowing them to learn from each other's experiences and identify avenues for continuous improvement. We are grateful to our Incredible Presidents and their respective teams for submitting your noteworthy projects and activities data timely enabling us to feature and disseminate your stories to a wide audience.

Looking forward to talk to you again in February issue. Friends, our IGML is here to listen to your stories and deliver them to the world, If you have one, just share and we will be happy to connect with you. Request to you all - please do participate in large numbers in the QUIZ and inspire your team to participate.

- Rtn Ajit Dubey | Managing Editor

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जाने चले जाते हैं, कहां !

We lost four Past RI Presidents and two Past RI Directors from India.

We salute them and pay homage as we remember their contributions to Rotary and to the communities around the world through Rotary.



James Lacy

James Lacy RI president during 1998–99 was born on 14 October 1930 & Died on 4 Oct, 2023. Jim was born, in Cookeville, Tennessee, and spent most of his life there. At the Cookeville Central High School, he met Claudine Carrington and they got married in 1948.

Jim's first business enterprise was selling automobiles. In 1950, he and Claudine moved to Moving to Detroit, Michigan. In 1950 he soon earned distinction as Pontiac Automobile's youngest sales manager. In 1952, he responded to his country's call to service and spent two years in the military. By 1956, the Lacys were back in their hometown of Cookeville. Jim became very successful as a real estate developer.

In 1986, he purchased a candy company in Paducah, Kentucky— Gilliam Candy Brands, Inc — making hard candy (boiled sweets), peanut brittle and taffy.

Jim Lacy joined RC Cookeville, Tennessee, US, in 1964. According to his magazine profile, he left the club because there were few members in his age group but was persuaded to return not long after.

A dream is something that comes from the heart, and you make it happen with your hands,” Jim said, adding, “Through action, you make your dreams come true. After several brainstorming sessions with staff, I finally decided on the theme for my RI Presidential year, 'Follow Your Rotary Dream'.”

In 2018, Rotary named Lacy a Polio Plus Pioneer “for his founding role initiating and promoting Rotary's global program of eradicating polio from the face of the earth.” In the community, Lacy coached children's baseball for 17 years. Passionate about improving the lives of children and worked tirelessly to raise funds for Rotary's polio eradication efforts, He played a critical role in securing more than \$2.6 billion in U.S. funding for polio eradication. He initiated the Children's Opportunity Grants program during his term as RI President.

James L. Lacy is survived by his wife of 74 years. Our District Governor in his year of RI Presidentship was (Late) Dr. J.T. Vyas



Richard King

Born, 2 November 1938 in Litchfield, Illinois, Rick died on 11th October, 2023. Richard D. King, was an attorney (Classification- Trial Law Practice) , educator, and entertainer (a gifted singer, actor and musical comedy performer). He was a senior partner in the law firm of King, King & King and a member of the American Association for Justice.

His wife Cherie was a professional dancer. Richard D King joined RC Niles (Fremont), California, in 1968. Rick adopted the Charles Dickens line, “Mankind is our Business”, as RI Theme when he assumed his role as RI President in 2001–02. He believed 'it is Rotary's destiny to become world's most significant

non-profit, non-government and non-religious organization in world's history'.

King also served on the board of advisers of the Wheelchair Foundation. King also was an active fundraiser for Boy Scouts of America. He was a recipient of an order of merit from Italy and a holder of the Tiradentes Medal from Brazil. He was a high priest of the Mormon Church.

King is survived by his wife, Cherie Kay King, and their two sons, Robert and Tyson. Our District Governor in his year of RI Presidentship was (Late) Suresh Rathod.



Ray Klingensmith

Born June 19, 1937, Died January 17, 2024. Ray an attorney, served as general counsel, professor of business administration, and dean of administration for Truman State University in Missouri until 1995. He was the founding member and first president of the Chariton Valley Association, a nonprofit that provides services to people with developmental disabilities in northeast Missouri.

Ray first became involved with Rotary in 1960 when he was a Rotary Scholar to South Africa. He joined Rotary in 1961 and was a member of the Rotary clubs of Unionville and Macon, Missouri, before joining

the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, in 1974.

Ray Klingensmith, the 2010-11 Rotary International president made it his focus to help clubs become bigger, better, and bolder. His presidential theme in 2010-11, Building Communities — Bridging Continents, sought to capture what Rotary is best at doing and what it needed to continue to do to embrace change in the world. Trustee of The Rotary Foundation from 2002-06 and again from 2012-16, he was trustee chair in 2015-16. He was the first Rotary Foundation program alumnus to become RI president. Klingensmith was preceded in death by his wife, Judie. Our District Governor in his year of RI Presidentship was Dr. Jayant Kulkarni.

Courtesy: PDG Jayant Kulkarni

INNER WHEEL DISTRICT PROJECTS



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DIST. CHAIRMAN



PRERANA RAICHUR
DIST. VIGHARMAN



MITA SHETH
IPUC & AC MEMBER



LAKSHMI V. SINGH
DIST. SECRETARY



MONA GYANI
DIST. TREASURER



SHUBHALAXMI CHHAPWALE
DIST. EXT. SERVICE ORGANIZER



MONILA BHATTASALI
DIST. ISO



SUCHITRA NAYAK
DIST. EDITOR

IW DISTRICT CONFERENCE, "PRASIDDHI," WAS HOSTED BY IWC BOMBAY AIRPORT ON JANUARY 17, 2024, AT ITC MARATHA. THE DIGNITARIES, INVITED GUESTS AND MEMBERS ENJOYED THE CAPTIVATING SINGING PERFORMANCE, FOLLOWED BY A MESMERISING MALKHAMB PERFORMANCE. THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN'S NEWSLETTER, "PATRIKAA," WAS UNVEILED UNIQUELY WITH A QR CODE BANNER, EARNING APPRECIATION FROM ALL.



RURAL PROJECT COSTING 1 CRORE 50 LACS "THE CENTENARY INNER WHEEL SCHOOL" WAS INAUGURATED BY IIPW TRISH DOUGLAS, AP PREETI GUGNANI AND IIWCC SISSEL MICHELSON IN PARGAON, PALGHAR, THE STATE-OF-THE-ART SECONDARY SCHOOL IS EQUIPPED WITH ALL NECESSARY EDUCATIONAL AIDS, CATERING TO 500 ADVIASI STUDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE VOCATIONAL CENTER WAS ALSO INAUGURATED DURING THIS VISIT.



DISTRICT 314 ORGANISED PRATIYOGITA ,SPORTS DAY FOR INNER WHEEL MEMBERS UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF PAP PUSHPA SURYAMURTY. THE EVENTS WERE FOR MEMBERS FROM 31YEARS --70+ THERE WERE 16 EVENTS WITH 300 PARTICIPANTS. BEGINNING WITH THE WARM UP FOR ALL, WE HAD RACES WHICH WERE PLAYED IN SCHOOL DAYS, LIKE LEMON SPOON, BOOK BALANCING, 3 LEGGED SACK RACE, SPRINT, HOPSCOTCH, NEEDLE AND THREAD, ETC. FOLLOWED BY A PATRIOTIC WELCOME DANCE. THE CHIEF GUEST WAS PIWBD PATRICIA HILTON. A TRULY ENJOYABLE MORNING, LITERALLY GOING BACK TO SCHOOL



ROTARACT DISTRICT PROJECTS

Rotaract Entertainment Destination (RED 2023)



Incredible DG Arun Bhargava with Infinity DRR PHF Aastha Parekh at RED 2023



Supporters of RED 2023-24



Collaring of PHF DRR Aastha Parekh by Sergeant-at-Arms & Deputy DRR Rtr. Dr. Parth Doshi



Winners of RED 23-24, Zone 1A - Persian Era



1st Runner Up - Zone 3A - Greek Era



2nd Runner Up - Zone 2A - Roman Era

Rotaract Mumbai's legacy project Rotaract Entertainment Destination (RED) with its glorious theme "The Symphony of Eras" was conducted on 2nd & 3rd December at Sheth D.M. High School, Borivali! This annual event showcases the vibrant talents within the 6 zones of Rotaract Mumbai as they engage in spirited competition across a diverse range of cultural domains, including Performing Arts, Literary Arts, Fine Arts, and Informals. Events such as Fashion Show, Cooking without Fire, Rap Battle, Coffee Painting, Lippan Art, JAM, Star of RED, etc. were a few to name.

The theme for RED 23-24, "The Symphony of Eras," added a unique touch by paying homage to distinct historical periods assigned to each of the 6 zones: Persian, Egyptian, Victorian, Renaissance, Greek, and Roman. This thematic fusion brought together a rich tapestry of cultural expressions, blending the essence of different eras into a harmonious celebration of diversity.

Distinguished celebrities such as Pooja Tiwari, Aayushi Dholakia, Malhar Kalambe, Shreya Ghodawat, and Ananya Banerjee graced the event as esteemed judges, adding star power and expertise to the competition. The competition was fierce, and Zone 1A emerged triumphant, securing the coveted 1st place, closely followed by the impressive performances of Zone 3A and Zone 2A.

Rotaract Entertainment Destination not only fosters friendly competition but also serves as a platform for the exploration and expression of cultural richness, uniting Rotaract Mumbai in a collective celebration of artistic prowess.

Learn A New Sport Quarter 2



Team Infinity at LANS Quarter 2 - V Padel



Team LANS Felicitating coaches from V Padel Association for their contribution towards the project



Coaches Training the Participants about V Padel

Learn A New Sport Quarter 2 by Rotaract Mumbai brought an exciting exploration of the relatively undiscovered yet acknowledged sport of V Padel. On the vibrant day of December 17, 2023, enthusiasts gathered at the Acres Club in Chembur to delve into the intricacies of this unique amalgamation of tennis and squash. With an attendance of approximately 50 participants, the event aimed to introduce and instruct individuals in the art of V Padel.

In collaboration with VPadel India, the project enlisted the expertise of two seasoned coaches who guided the eager learners through the nuances of this dynamic sport. The session not only focused on the rules and techniques but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among the participants, creating an environment conducive to both learning and enjoyment.

The setting at Acres Club provided an ideal backdrop for this sportive endeavor, enhancing the overall experience. Learn A New Sport Quarter 2 successfully achieved its goal of not only expanding the participants' sporting horizons but also fostering a community of individuals passionate about embracing novel athletic challenges. As the project continues to unveil the secrets of various lesser-known sports, the legacy of V Padel training remains a testament to the success and diversity of this innovative initiative.

Action Across The District



Musical Instruments Donation by RC Bombay Bandra



Donated musical instruments to Municipal school in Khar

Goodies Bag Distribution by RC Bombay Harbour View



Sponsored the Christmas Party and Goodies bags for around 250 children of MCGM school at Kanenagar, Wadala

Taare Zameen Par by RC Bombay Kandivali



About 65 Special Kids displayed their dancing and Singing skills at DG Khetan International School, Malad. The objective to give the kids a chance to perform on stage was fully achieved

Rotary Study App Distribution by RC Bombay Uptown



Rotary Study App Distribution at Khanolkar School, Chunabatti & NKES School, Wadala to 285 10th Std. Students, aiding preparation for board exams.

Installation of Roti Making Machine by RC Bombay North West Malad



Installation of Roti making machine and atta kneader at Anudhanit ashramshala in Wada where around 600-700 students will be benefited

Smiling Slum Kids by RC Bombay Queen City



Christmas Day celebration, food packets & lots of gifts distribution at mini club to 70 slum kids by the hands of DG Arun Bhargava

Distribution of Art & craft Items by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights



Distributed Art & Craft kits to HIV-infected girls at Desire Society on World HIV Day

Generator Set Inauguration by RC Borivali



Inaugurated a Generator Set, marked a significant event at Kaman Ashram Shala

Distributed Food & Grain Packets by RC Chandivali Mumbai



Distributed packets of food grains, dates and biscuits along with note books to 100 children in a chawl

Sponsored Specially Aabled Persons Marriage by RC Palghar



Sponsored the marriage of three specially abled persons

Eye Check up Camp by RC Deonar



Along with RC Chembur West, an eye check up camp conducted for 400 Students of Subhash Nagar School, Mankhurd. Children with eye problem were given spectacles

Beautician Course by RC Mumbai Kandivali West



"Navdurga" The Beautician Course for commercial sex workers have been completed and certificates were distributed

Dental Health Check-up Camp by RC Mumbai North Island



Two Dental Check - Up Camps were organised at Ratri Vidyalaya Andheri and at Child Reach in Santacruz. Total beneficiaries 115

Fetal Machine Donation by RC Mumbai Mulund East



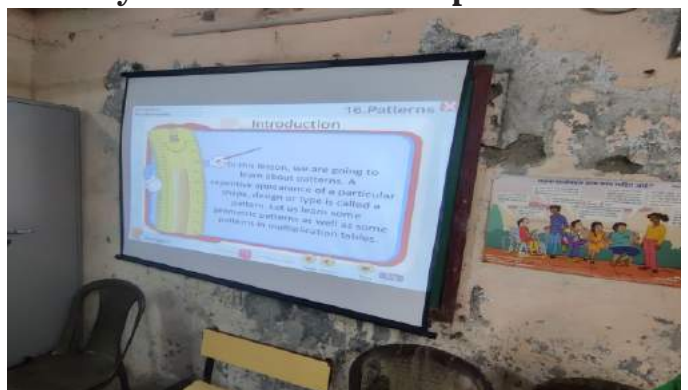
Donated one Fetal monitoring machine to Veer Savarkar Hospital, Mulund

Distributed Gifts to Cancer Kids by RC Mulund Hill View



Spreading happiness during Christmas, club distributed gifts to tiny tots cancer patients at Wadia Hospital

Donated E-Learning Kit by RC Mumbai Ghatkopar West



Donated E Learning Kit in Gyanprakash Primary School which is in the slum area in Ghatkopar West

Action Across The District

Samvad Doctoranshi by RC Mumbai Parleshwar



An iconic flagship project wherein senior leaders from the medical field were invited to have open forum discussions with the public.

Legal Literacy Seminar by RC Mumbai Mahim



Organised a session on Legal Literacy at Matunga Premier School by Rtn Advocate Vishhal Saxena, Lawyer Supreme Court of India

Blood Donation Camp by RC Vasai



Conducted Blood Donation Camp at Vasai

Blankets Distribution by RC Mumbai Sher-E-Panjab



Blankets distribution to needy sleeping under bridge and footpath dwellers homeless of Mumbai.

Blanket Distribution by RC Mumbai Lower Parel



Blankets distributed to 200 elderly individuals at Arthur Road Jail

Sewing Machine Donated by RC Mumbai Malabar Hill



Six sewing machines were distributed to needy women through Satkarma Parinar, as a helping hand to earn a livelihood

PROJECT RED #Stains of Strength by RC Virar



Empowering Women through the Distribution of Reusable Sanitary Napkins in association with Shiv Bhavani Seva Trust at Om Shiv Mandir

Blanket Distribution by RC Mumbai National Park



Donated 170 Blankets to the needy Cancer patients staying outside the Tata Memorial Hospital Parel

AV Fistula Creation for Dialysis by RC Dahanu

Mujjam Shaikh, Residence of Tarapur/ Boisar, Age - 58, Is an Patient on Dialysis, his dialysis was done thre neck which got swelling & infection, Dr adviced him to do AV Fistula opertion so that further Dialysis can be done. R.C.Dahanu helped in this surgery at JanSeva Hospital, Vasai



Wheel Chairs Donation by RC Bombay Hills South



Donation of 40 chairs for the challenged students as per the specifications from the school. These chairs have been thoughtfully designed with complete cushioning, including a headrest & safety belt, as well as a convenient flip table, to ensure comfort and ease of use for the children.

Action Across The District

RO Plant Inauguration by RC Palghar



Inaugrated RO Plant in a village situated in a sea area facing salty water. This plant benefits 70 houses in the area by providing them with clean drinking water

Nation Builder Award by RC Mumbai West Coast



Nation Builder Award is a flagship project wherein Club awarded teachers from different medium, some private & some government aided schools. PDG Subhash Kulkarni graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

UDAAN RYPEN by RC Wada



Recognizing the need to uplift and inspire young minds in the rural areas of Wada Taluka, Rotary Club of Wada embarked on a transformative initiative a unique RYPEN named UDAAN.

This initiative, which aimed at motivating and empowering students, became a beacon of hope and opportunity for the youth in these underprivileged areas. Project UDAAN is not merely an educationalist endeavour; it is a commitment to nurturing dreams, hope, and building a future that knows no bounds.

RYPEN - UDAAN, hosted 30 dynamic speakers who delivered inspirational speeches at 30 schools and colleges across the region. This grand event reached more than 8000 students, leaving an indelible mark on their hearts and minds.

Collaboration and Support:

Recognizing the magnitude of the project and the potential it held for transformative change, the **Platinum Co-host Rotary Club of Bombay and Gold Co-host Rotary club of Chembur West**, along with 18 other Rotary clubs, joined hands to support and co-host the event. This collaborative effort underscored the Rotary spirit of service and community building.

This RYPEN has sown the seeds of change, nurturing the aspirations of young minds. As Rotary clubs continue to unite for such noble causes, the legacy of Project UDAAN will undoubtedly inspire future generations to reach for the skies, guided by the principles of service and community upliftment.

Incredible ROTAL 2024 Lights Up Veer Savarkar Auditorium in Mumbai



The month of January witnessed an extraordinary celebration of talent, rhythm, and harmony as Rotary Club of Mumbai Parleshwar organized Rotary District 3141's Mega Dancing and Singing Competition at the iconic Veer Savarkar Auditorium in Shivaji Park, Mumbai. The event spanned three weekends, with thrilling performances on the 13th, 20th, and 27th of January 2024.

The enthusiasm and energy were palpable as participants from various Rotary clubs showcased their exceptional talents in dance and song. The competition, which brought together Rotary members, Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Community Corp members, their families, and the local community, was a testament to the power of unity and the celebration of diversity through the arts.

RC Mumbai Parleshwar is immensely grateful for the generous support of the Main Event sponsor, the State Bank of India, whose commitment to community engagement and cultural enrichment made this event possible. Their sponsorship played a pivotal role in ensuring the success and grandeur of the competition, reflecting a shared commitment to the betterment of our society.

The competition featured a diverse range of performances on all three Saturdays, from classical dance forms to contemporary singing styles. More than 300 participants from 50 clubs hailing from different age groups and backgrounds, made it to the competition's performance stage to showcase their talent and passion

and 25 clubs came together to co-host this mega event. The Veer Savarkar Auditorium provided the perfect backdrop for this cultural extravaganza, with its spacious stage and state-of-the-art facilities. The venue echoed with cheers, applause, and laughter as families, friends, and Rotary members came together to appreciate the artistic expressions of the participants.

The Grand Finale on 27th January saw 50 scintillating dances and 100 songs which had the entire audience up and swaying! DG Rtn Arun Bhargava and First Lady Seema Bhargava were gracious Chief Guests for the Finale and the District Governor himself joined in the fellowship by presenting a melodious rendition of a popular Hindi song. The highlight of the show was when Celebrity Judges, Jaswinder Singh and Sonali Karnik enthralled the audience with their singing.

As we reflect on the success of the Mega Rotary Dancing and Singing Competition, RC Mumbai Parleshwar extends heartfelt gratitude to all participants, sponsors, and volunteers who contributed to its success. This event not only showcased the incredible talent within our Rotary community but also served as a platform to foster friendship, understanding, and goodwill among all.

In the spirit of Rotary, RCMP look forward to continuing such cultural initiatives that bring joy, camaraderie, and positive change to our communities. A special thanks once again to the State Bank of India for their unwavering support and belief in the power of Rotary to make a difference.

Rotary Fun Fiesta 2023



Created World Record of erecting a 33 feet tall Cardboard Christmas Tree

Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup organized Rotary Fun Fiesta 2023 from 15th to 17th December 2023 at MCGM ground. Rotary Fun Fiesta 2023 was not just an entertainment event but a means to connect entertainment and families and bring awareness to the cause and also raise funds for the cause. The event gave an opportunity to people to enjoy and spend a good weekend outside their homes.

The participants in Rotary Fun Fiesta 2023 included many well-known celebrities like singers Sanjeevani Bhelande, Kunal Kaushal, Comedians Ehsaan Qureshi, Dinesh Bawra, Raja Rancho, actor Amar Upadhyay and veteran Marathi and Bollywood actors Smita Jaikar, Sonica Handa, Aleeza Khan, Nishikant Sadaphule and Mumbai Karaoke club – Shoma Banerjee and Jyotika Kotian.

During this program, Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup, Crossasyst Infotech Pvt Ltd and venue partner Ms. Rajool Sanjay Patil came together to make the 33 feet tall Cardboard Christmas Tree on 15th December 2023 at Dina Patil Estate, Station Road. With this we have broken the Worldwide Record and India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records. The last world record of 20 ft tall cardboard Christmas Tree was held in London. This record will be a matter of pride to us club members, Bhandupkars, Mumbaikars and to all Indians.

This event is the initiative of Club President Jennifer Isaac and event chair T. R. Natarajan. President Jennifer said that the main aim and message of Fun Fiesta revolves around helping the underprivileged by raising funds for the projects. We have been able to raise substantial funds through sponsors and stall bookings. Despite this being our first event, we are thrilled by its success, and it has motivated us to plan more such events in the future.

The audience was enthralled with many programs like comedy night, Musical evening, Fashion show by Dr. Chatur Singh Khalsa's Zen Asia foundation with models wearing outfits designed by Designer Rtn. Seema Kshirsagar, Founder of AIFT, Play – back theater with Divya Doashi and team.

Apart from raising substantial funds, the highlight of the event are huge publicity and branding of Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup and Worldwide Record, India and Asia Record for building the tallest cardboard Christmas Tree. The crowd during the 3-day event was more than 25000.

Creative Photography Workshop



ROTARY OF Mumbai Greencity organised a "Creative Photography Workshop" for all photography enthusiasts of District 3141. DG Arun Bhargava who himself is a great photographer was the chief guest. An internationally famous photographer Jatan Atara conducted the same with great aplomb. He touched upon the different nuances of photography.

He said, Just 'pointing & clicking' is not 'observing'. In our daily rush we miss out on the beauty that exists around us. At the core you need a perspective to capture good pictures, see it differently and give it a unique perspective. He gave hands on creative concepts that was useful in making the simple picture look creative and aesthetically appealing.

Concepts covered in this workshop

- **Picture making process.**
- **Image construction and deconstruction methodology using 9 part grid**
- **Good v/s not so good pictures**
- **Simple v/s creative pictures**
- **Creative compositions**

These topics encouraged us to see beyond the obvious & make a captivating frame. At the end of the workshop, we got required tips and tricks to go anywhere, observe & click a good picture from the seemingly ordinary.

Environmental Science Studies



A two-days training camp for teachers on "Environmental Science Studies" jointly organized by Rotary Club of Bombay and Rotary Club of Palghar at S.T.Kadam Vidyalaya, Palghar completed successfully.

One Master Trainer & total 22 Teachers from 17 different schools participated in this training camp. The camp was inaugurated by Jayesh Avhad, President of Rotary Club of Palghar. On this occasion, Environmental Science Studies Coordinator PP Bhagwan Patil, Non Medical Director Rafik Dhada, Principal of S.T.Kadam Vidyalaya Mrs.Sangeeta Gaikwad etc. were present.

For the academic year 2022-23, this course has been started on a pilot basis for class VII and this course is being started for class VIII in this academic year and for class IX in the next academic year. Dr. V.Shubhalakshmi, Prof. Kaustubh Bhagat and Meenakshi Paul trained the teachers very well for two days. During the training period, one day visit was planned at Kelwa for the observation of various plants & mangroves. Master trainer Namdev Kavale sir coordinated with teachers and saw the entire planning of two days. The certificates were distributed to all teachers after completion of the training.

“Navchetna” A Module for Early Prevention of Substance Use among Children

In a pioneering and unique initiative, RC Addiction Prevention 3141, in collaboration with Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and Ministry of Education, Govt. of India organized Certified Trainer Program on 16th and 17th December 2023 on “Navchetna- A Module for Early Prevention of Substance Use among Children”

This program was launched by GoI last year and was to be implemented by different states . However, it is yet to be implemented by Maharashtra. RC of Addiction Prevention became the first ever non – Government entity with which GoI partnered to relay the trainings



in order to boost the campaign against drugs.

In this training 50 participants were successfully trained which included Teachers, Doctors, Lawyers, Counsellors, and several individuals associated with NGOs dedicated to addiction prevention and deaddiction, in and around Mumbai. These participants are now Certified to conduct further trainings in their respective areas.

If you wish to conduct awareness sessions for school teachers, parents or children in your area, please contact Rtn. Dr. Nilam Gada, Incredible President - RC Addiction Prevention 3141, Mobile No: 9167845488

Renovation of Regional Traffic Office



On December 22, 2023, the Rotary Club of Borivali, in collaboration with Amba Enterprises Ltd., inaugurated the newly renovated Regional Traffic Office at Nation Park. A computer was also handed over during the event, which was graced by the presence of DCP Nitin Pawar (IPS). Recognizing the invaluable services provided by the Transport Department in challenging situations, the Rotary Club

acknowledged their dedication.

DCP Nitin Pawar expressed appreciation for the longstanding support from the Rotary Club of Borivali, anticipating continued cooperation in the future. During the event, various traffic challenges in the area were discussed, and he committed to promptly resolving them.

Musical Night: Ek Sham Rotary Ke Naam



Rotary Club Of Mira Road organised a musical night "EK SHAM ROTARY KE NAAM... For a Cause" on 9th Dec 2023 evening 6 PM to 9 PM at Lata Mangeshkar Auditorium, Mira Road. This program was a fund raiser and conceptualised by Rtn. Vivek Damani. This was an entertaining, enthralling and captivating event. The Audience clapped, danced, whistled and enjoyed every moment of it. Between the program, a 5 min video on Rotary and glimpses of RCMR Projects right from its inception was screened and explained in detail by PP Rtn Pramod Puri.

Distribution of Waterwheels & Solar Light



Rotary Club Of Bombay Hanging Garden distributed 678 Waterwheels in Karjat. The distributes Waterwheels every year since many years under leadership of Director and Incredible District Avenue Chair Rtn Amrish Daftary. The Club also distributed 58 solar light systems in Karjat and more will be distributed in coming months. The Club regularly distributes these lights under the guidance of Incredible President Rtn Vandana Mehta's spouse Shri Vijay Mehta.

Powai Fest



Rotary Club of Bombay Powai conducted its flagship fund-raiser, Powai Fest on December 23, 2023. Events included Fun Street – fun-fair and food fiesta, Powai Night Run- 4km family run and Voice of Powai- singing competition. The title sponsor was Maple-Apple premium reseller.

The Powai Night Run was flagged off by DG Arun Bhargava and senior executive of Maple. Foot-fall at the event was approximately 10,000/- The surplus from Powai Fest will be used for the cause of women empowerment and girl child development.



Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is The Magic of Rotary and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

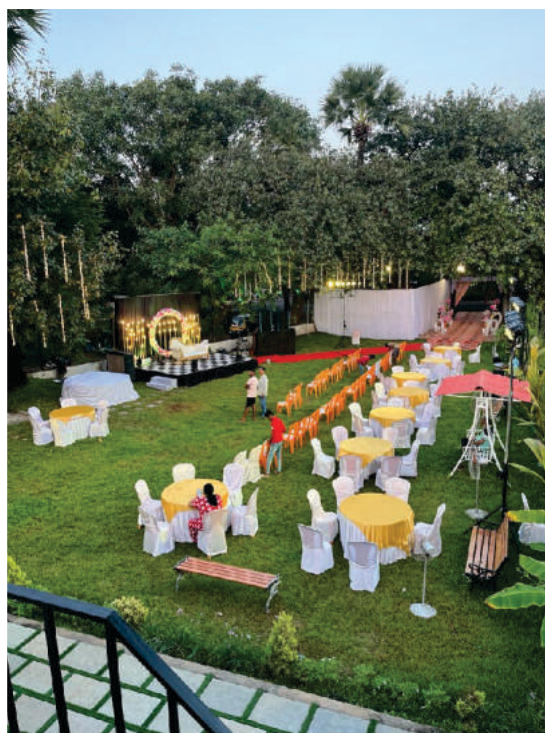
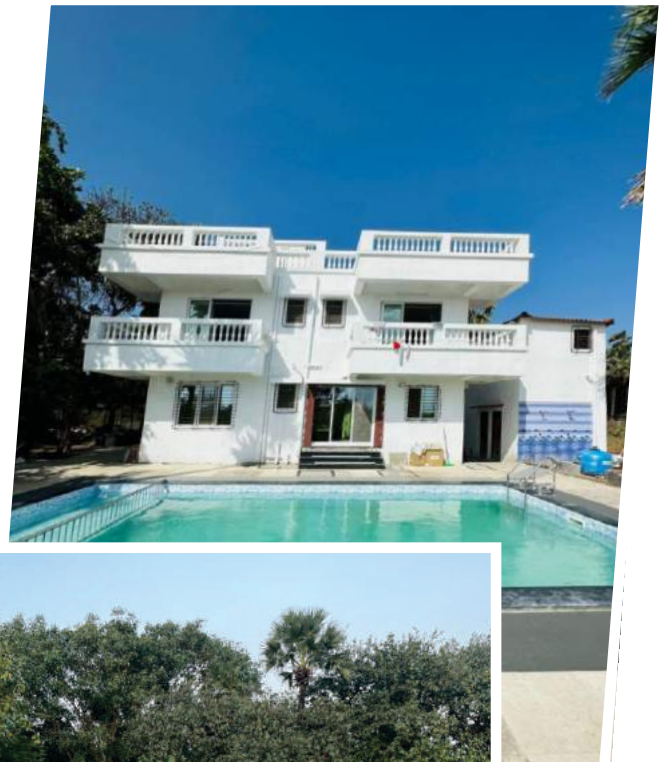
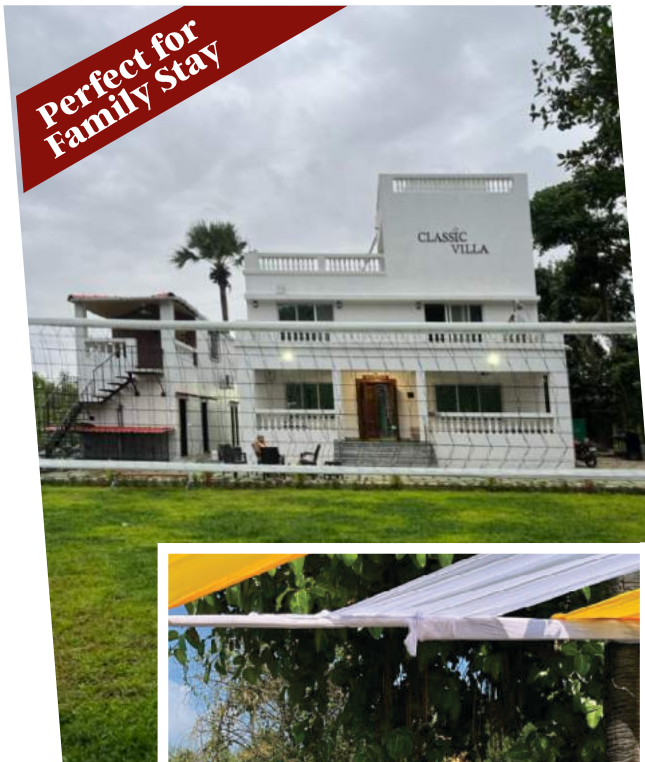
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Rotary District 3141 stretches all the way from Cuffe Parade in the South to all the way upto Dahanu in the North. To most it is the Metropolis of Mumbai along with its extended suburbs and some rural pockets. Very few know that our Geographical Area of District 3141 has a glorious history stretching back to centuries and has Monuments/ forts/ palaces/ caves and religious places which are Internationally famous but less known to us. In the GML issues of the Incredible Year, we shall make a modest effort to unravel these lesser

known Gems of District 3141. A lot of Rotarians will definitely have even more interesting stories and facts which will make amazing & interesting reading material.

We request you all to share any information you may have with us on poonam@opportunitiesindia.com

Together lets celebrate the History of the geographical areas of our Incredible District 3141!

Let us continue the journey with little known
The Lost Port of Sopara.

*The Lost Port of **Sopara***



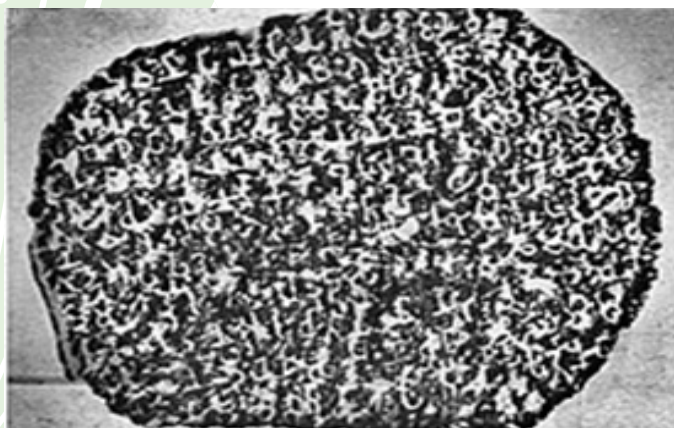
If I tell you that the unfashionable suburb of Nalla Sopara was one of the coolest townships in Emperor Asoka's sprawling empire, would you believe it?

Well, roll over Malabar Hill, for the port of Sopara is where the action was - it had the ships, the tourists and what's more, it had style! This town has not only been renowned for its splendid and magnificent past but is also famous for the numerous tourist places.

Nallasopara or Nala Sopara formerly known as Sopara or Supara, is a town within the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.



Sopara or Surparaka, as it was known in the past, had a glorious run not only as an important port on the western coast of India and but also as a major trade center. It had trade links with the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans, and the Middle East so much so that it finds mention in a 2000-year-old book Periplus of the Erythraean Sea which describes the navigation and trading opportunities along the coastal region of Red Sea with the Egyptian, African and Indian subcontinents.



It is also believed to be the capital of Apranta (old name for Konkan) and is also the oldest historical testament of Mumbai, in the form of Ashokan Edicts. Sopara is thought to be synonymous with the legendary port of Ophir, from where biblical kings bought sandalwood, ivory, and peacocks in the 8th century BCE. It is also the Suraparaka mentioned

in the Mahabharata as well as the Supparaka of the Buddhist Jataka tales.

Around the time of the Buddha, it would have been the largest city on the west coast — the end point of caravan routes from Ujjain, converging with sea routes from Mesopotamia and Egypt. Ships capable of carrying upwards of 500 merchants docked at this bustling port. It was also from Sopara that Vijaya, who was to become the first king of Sri Lanka, departed with some 700 settlers to colonize and kick-start Lankan early history in the 3rd century BCE. Two Ashokan rock edicts (one of the major ones) have been unearthed here, suggesting that this port was thriving in Mauryan times too.

It seems that Ashoka strategically used this city to spread his message all over the world, as it was a flourishing port being used for overseas dealings. He sent a Greek Buddhist messenger, Dharmarakshita, to propagate the faith in the north-western region of India. This city is also believed to be the place from where Mahendra, the son of Ashoka, left for Sri Lanka with a bodhivriksha.

In April 1882 noted [archaeologist, numismatist and epigraphist](#) Bhagwan Indrajai excavated at the Burud Rajache Kot mound in Merdes village, near Sopara. The ruins of a Buddhist Stupa was found. Gazing up close at the colossal Sopara Stupa, one will be amazed to see the bricks were of such superior quality that this structure has survived for millennia just a few kilometres from the Nalasopara suburban train station. According to estimates the stupa may be an astonishing 2,200 years old!

The Sopara Stupa might well qualify as India's least visited tourist sight, despite its proximity to Bombay. A stone coffer was found from the center of the Stupa, which contained 8th to 9th century AD old eight bronze images of Maitreya Buddha. The artefact chest contained four more caskets of stone, crystal, silver and gold and there were plenty of gold flowers along with the thirteen pieces of earthenware, which seem to be the remains of a begging bowl.

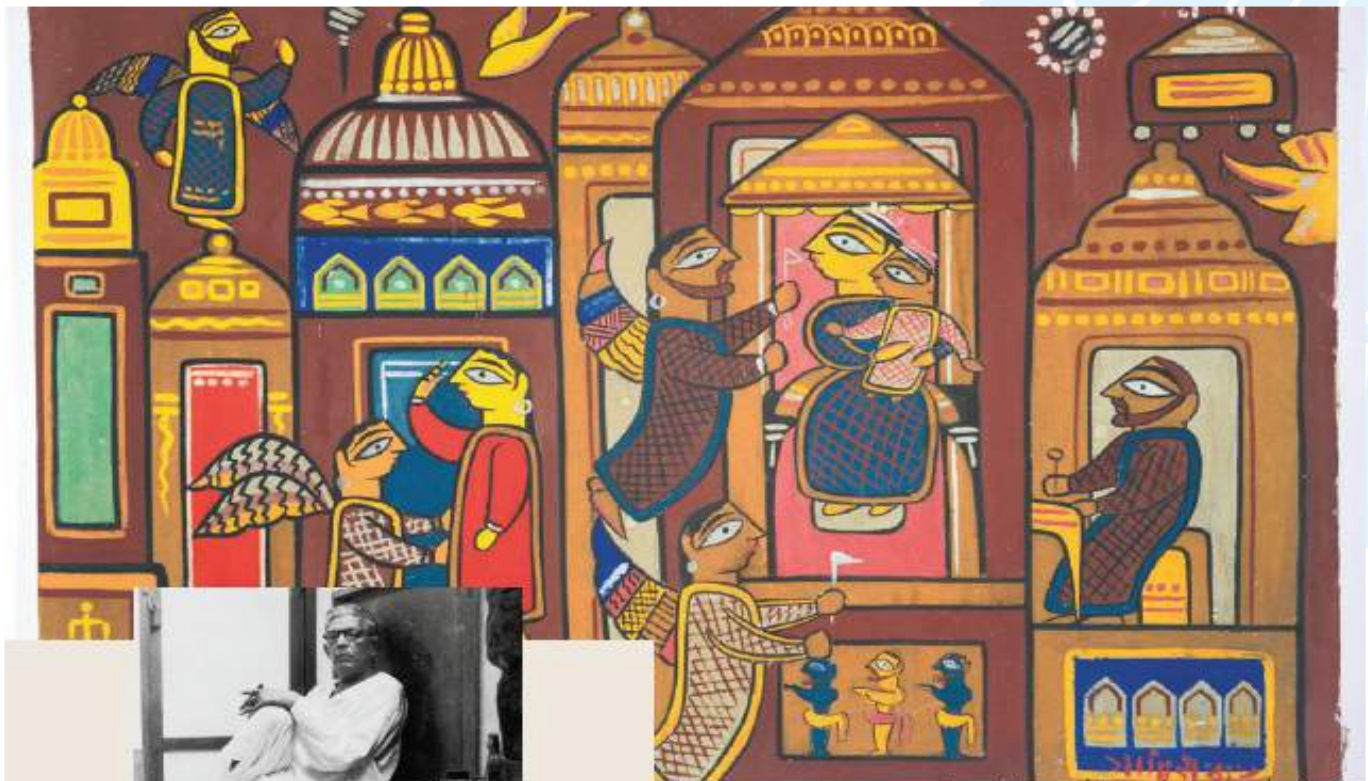
These days Nallasopara is a not so-famous place, the Stupa is lying abandoned and eroding day by day. Instead of all the negligence, the city secures an eternal place in the ancient Hindu, Jain, and Buddhist literature.

The glorious history of Nallasopara calls for restoration and preservation work to retain the reminiscence of the nostalgic era.

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Jamini Roy is one of the major artists from the 20th century in the Indian art history and is regarded as the early masters of modernism in Indian art. He was the first Indian artist whose work was both quintessentially Indian and modern at the same time. He has experimented with Bengali folk paintings which were inspired by the Kalighat paintings along with the different village patuas. The main theme of his paintings was lives of rural Bengali and Indian festivities, celebrations like marriages. Throughout his works, his brush strokes were largely bold and sweeping. He used to paint on materials like cloth, mats and even wood coated with lime. The artist experimented with natural colors and pigments derived from mud, chalk powder and flowers. Roy, born in 1887 in Beliatare in West Bengal, India. He studied under Abanindranath Tagore, the founder of Bengal school and vice-principal at the institution at the Government College of Art, Kolkata, at age of 16. He received a diploma in Fine Arts in 1908. After graduating, Roy adopted the simple forms, flat colors, and humble paints of Bengali folk artists. Roy was honoured with Padma Bhushan (1955), by The Indian Government. Roy's works can be found in the collections of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida, and the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, among others.

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