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From the EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

ROTARY'S LEGACY OF PEACE: A HISTORIC MILESTONE FOR INDIA

Rotary's unwavering commitment to peace has been one of its most profound contributions to humanity. Beyond the mere absence of conflict, true peace is about building societies where diversity is embraced, understanding prevails, and opportunities flourish. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) has been at the forefront of this mission, pioneering transformative initiatives. Today, as we celebrate Samanvay DISCON 2025—A Confluence of Excellence, we mark a historic milestone: the establishment of the ninth Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International (Deemed University), Pune—the first of its kind in India.



SAMANVAY DISCON 2025: A CONFLUENCE OF EXCELLENCE

Samanvay DISCON 2025 is set to be the biggest district conference in our history—a convergence of ideas, leadership, and service. This grand event will bring together visionary Rotarians, global influencers, and distinguished leaders to reflect on our collective impact and inspire new initiatives for a better tomorrow. "A Confluence of Excellence" perfectly embodies the essence of Rotary—a platform where service meets innovation and passion meets purpose.

A MILESTONE IN ROTARY'S PEACEBUILDING LEGACY

This groundbreaking achievement would not have been possible without the relentless efforts of TRF Trustee PDG Dr. Bharat Pandya and PP Rajendra Ruia. Their dedication to peace and education has placed India at the forefront of Rotary's global peace initiatives. Their vision, perseverance, and strategic collaborations with Rotary International have turned this dream into reality, paving the way for a new generation of peacebuilders from South Asia.

For over two decades, Rotary's Peace Centers have trained scholars worldwide in conflict resolution, diplomacy, and sustainable development. With the Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis, India joins an elite network fostering global peace and understanding.

THE ENDURING IMPACT OF TRF

The Rotary Foundation remains the driving force behind transformative global change. Through its peace programs, global grants, and humanitarian projects, TRF has positively impacted millions of lives. The establishment of the Peace Center in India stands as a testament to Rotary's enduring commitment to service, made possible by generous donors and selfless leaders like Dr Bharat Pandya and Rajendra Ruia. Their dedication continues to inspire us all.

A CALL TO ACTION: BUILDING A MORE PEACEFUL TOMORROW

As we celebrate this remarkable achievement, we recognize the responsibility that accompanies it. This Peace Center is not just an institution—it is a commitment to nurturing leaders who will bridge divides, resolve conflicts, and champion the cause of peace globally.

On behalf of Rotary District 3141, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr Bharat Pandya, Rajendra Ruia, and every Rotarian who has contributed to this historic milestone. Let us remember that peace is not a destination but a journey. Together, we are shaping a world that future generations will be proud to inherit.

As we convene at Samanvay DISCON 2025—A Confluence of Excellence, let us reaffirm our pledge to peace, service, and progress. Let us continue to be Champions of Peace—because together, we can, and together, we will!

Chetan Desai
Rotary District 3141 (2024-25)

"Together we can, Together we will."



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Upcoming Events and Initiatives

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we embrace the vibrant month of March, I am excited to share key updates and initiatives shaping our district.

With the arrival of spring, we witness a season of renewal and transformation, much like the continuous evolution of Rotary District 3141. March serves as a bridge between winter's chill and summer's warmth, mirroring the dynamic growth within our Rotary community.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to all participants of the District Conference 2025 at Jio World Convention Center. This event marks a historic moment as two districts, after a decade of bifurcation, unite for the biggest-ever District Conference of their respective districts. With approximately 2,000 attendees, **DISCON 25 – Samanvay: Confluence of Excellence** is set to be a grand success, thanks to your unwavering support.

A special mention goes to the dedicated GML team for their consistent efforts in publishing the GML on the 1st of every month during the Vibrant Year. It is an honor to release this edition during the District Conference on March 1, 2025.

This month also highlights Rotary's focus on **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)**. Clean water, a basic human right, remains inaccessible to millions worldwide. Many faces daily struggles, walking miles for unsafe water and living in fear of waterborne diseases. As Rotarians, we have the power to change this reality by providing sustainable solutions and educating others about the importance of clean water.



Additionally, March also celebrates International **Women's Day** on the 8th. We proudly recognize the 43 women leading their clubs as Presidents this Vibrant Year. Women have played a crucial role in Rotary's growth since their inclusion in 1989. Their leadership continues to inspire, with two women having served as Rotary International Presidents in the past five years. Women are not just participants in Rotary—they are driving forces behind our success, proving that true progress is impossible without their contributions. We are proud to cover an Article on Pivoting Role Woman play in Rotary's Mission and making profound impact in the Rotary world. Through their unwavering dedication and service, they continue to create magic, overcoming challenges and inspiring us all with their resilience and leadership.

As we celebrate **Holi**, the festival of colors, I extend warm wishes for happiness, prosperity, and harmony. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Rotary's ideals. Together, let's continue creating magic through service and unity.

Ashish Tapiawala,
District Coordinator, Publications

From the MANAGING EDITOR'S Desk

Women in Rotary: Inclusion and Impact

The journey of women in Rotary has been one of resilience, determination, and transformation. For decades, Rotary remained an all-male organisation, but in 1987, following a landmark US Supreme Court ruling, Rotary International officially welcomed women into its ranks—marking a historic shift towards inclusivity.



Since then, women have not only contributed meaningfully but have also risen through the ranks in their service portfolios. Today, women have served as Rotary International Presidents, District Governors, and changemakers, driving initiatives across all Avenues of Service. I belong to a club where over 80 percent of members are dedicated women Rotarians, and our District GML team has more than 50 percent representation by women.

As we celebrate this Women's Day with Rotary, we also reaffirm our commitment to a future where leadership knows no barriers, and where every individual, regardless of gender, can serve and lead with equal passion and purpose.

Sree Nandy
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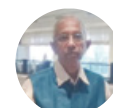
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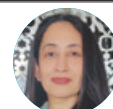
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A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO SAMANVAY DISCON 2025—A CONFLUENCE OF EXCELLENCE



Dear Vibrant Rotary Family,

It is with immense joy and pride that I extend my warmest welcome to each one of you at Samanvay DISCON 2025—A Confluence of Excellence. This landmark event is not just a celebration of our achievements but also a testament to the magic of Rotary—the power of collective goodwill, selfless service, and unwavering commitment to a better world.

Rotary, for me, has always been more than an organisation; it is a family bound by a shared vision of service and fellowship. As the First Lady of Rotary District 3141, I have had the privilege of witnessing first-hand the dedication, passion, and relentless efforts of Rotarians who work tirelessly to transform lives. This journey has been deeply inspiring, reaffirming my belief that Rotary's greatest strength lies in its people—individuals who lead with their hearts and serve with purpose.

Samanvay, meaning harmony and integration, truly reflects the spirit of this DISCON. It is a grand confluence where leaders, change-makers, and visionaries from across the globe come together to exchange ideas, celebrate milestones, and chart the course for an even brighter future. This event will showcase our district's incredible projects, honour those who have gone above and beyond in service, and inspire new avenues for impact and collaboration.

As we gather at the prestigious Jio World Convention Centre, let us take a moment to appreciate the journey that has brought us here. The success of this event is a tribute to the unwavering dedication of our Rotary family, the generosity of our benefactors, and the spirit of service that drives us forward.

My heartfelt gratitude goes out to each and every Rotarian, spouse, and well-wisher who has made this journey meaningful. Your presence at Samanvay DISCON 2025 will not only make this event special but will also reinforce the values that make Rotary a force for good in the world.

Let us celebrate, inspire, and create lasting memories together.

Welcome to Samanvay DISCON 2025—A Confluence of Excellence!

Jwala Desai
First Lady of Rotary District 3141

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES:

The vital role of women in Rotary's mission

Women's Day special



WHEN Rtn Stephanie A. Urchick, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, U.S. began her journey as the President of Rotary International (RI) in July 2024, she had the distinction of being the second woman to be at the RI's helm of affairs in a span of three years. A member of Rotary since 1991, Urchick is well travelled and is active on numerous community boards and committees. Over the years as Rotary grew, its women power too picked up in numbers serving as a barometer to the world of the famed gender equality that exists within the organisation.

In 2022, when Rtn Jennifer Jones began her term as the first female President of RI (2022-2023), her election marked a historic milestone showing the commitment of Rotary to gender equality.

From struggling to be a part in the yesteryears, to being an integral part of the organisation's operations across the world, the women in Rotary contribute in various leadership roles and service initiatives from local community projects to global humanitarian efforts.

Pan to District 3141 where DG Rtn Chetan Desai has women power in sizeable numbers as part of his team. Given his commitment to strengthening gender equality within Rotary, it is no surprise that there are 62 women Presidents across 62 Clubs in the District.

In decades since RI opened its doors for women to be active participants, they have essayed leadership roles and showcased their potential and capability.

Despite women being a big part of Rotary now, it was not always so. Until May 4, 1987, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Rotary Clubs in the U.S. "may not exclude women from the membership on the basis of gender" it was an uphill battle for women to be a part of the Rotary, as members. By 1990, a

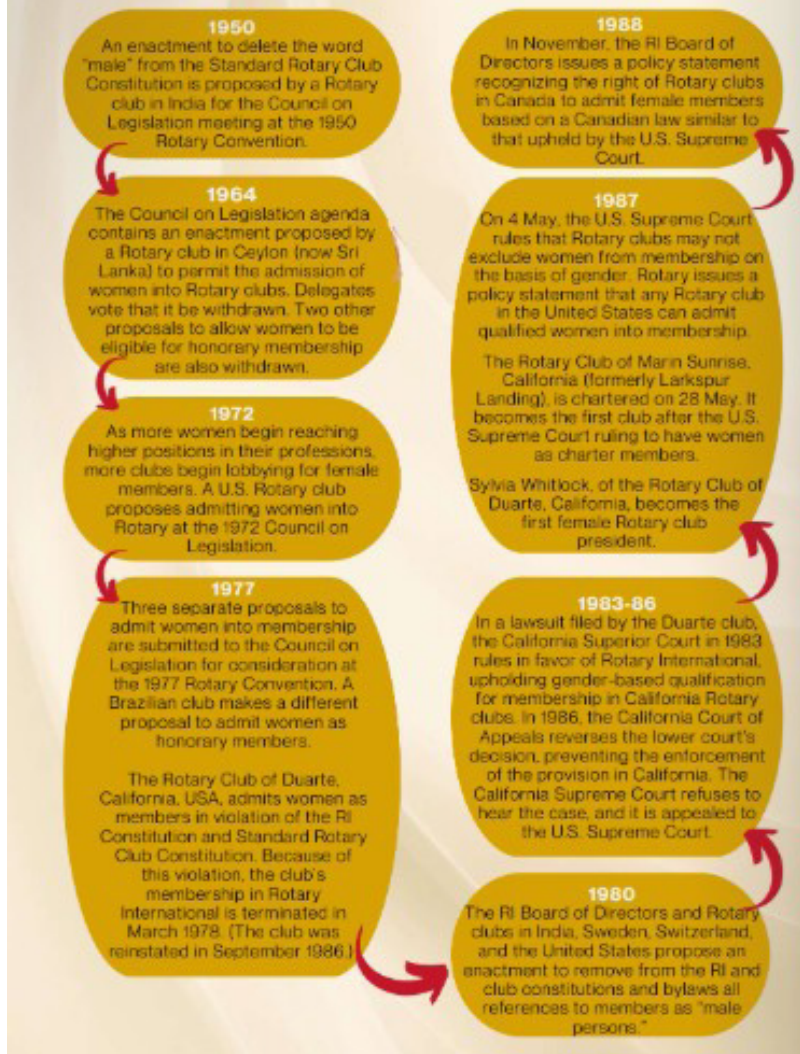
year after RI opened its doors wide for women, their numbers stood at 20,000 (see box).

Newsletter, The Rotarian, when writing on the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Rotary (1905-1930), gave sizeable space to the impact of women in Rotary. "The change was long overdue in the opinion of many male U.S. Rotarians, but it stirred feelings ranging from sadness to rage for others, who viewed it as death knell to the masculine camaraderie they had enjoyed for more than eight decades", wrote The Rotarian.

Though women have been involved



Timeline of Women in Rotary



in Rotary for several decades, their participation was officially allowed starting in 1989. Since then, numerous women Rotarians have served on the RI BOD bringing their expertise in business, education, health and public service to guide the organisation's strategic direction. Women Rotarians have played a crucial role in the global effort to end polio with several serving as ambassadors and volunteers for the Rotary's PolioPlus program.

A sizeable number of women

Rotarians are a part of Rotary's Peace Fellowship programs, which train leaders in conflict resolution and peace building.

Many women-led Rotary projects focus on addressing the specific needs of women and children in local communities, including awareness about domestic violence, access to health care, clean water and sanitation. Entrepreneurship and economic empowerment, environmental initiatives, mentorship and encouragement, advocacy for

gender equality etc., are some of the major areas impacted by the work of women Rotarians.

Incumbent District Secretary (3141), Rtn Sunita Sainani confesses that Rotary has given her the confidence to work with top leaders since 2003, when her journey here began.

. Every member in Rotary is an expert in their field and each one contributes to make a positive impact. I am proud and honoured to be a Rotarian." She has been a Rotarian since 2003.

Narrating her journey as Rotarian from 2007, Shruti Dharamsi (President, Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West) says that each role she has essayed has been a stepping stone enriching her both professionally and personally.

Whatever their influences may be and whatever changes they may bring about, women Rotarians are here to stay. In the concluding paragraph of the article on women,

TIMELINE OF HISTORICAL MILESTONES & LEADERSHIP FIRSTS FOR WOMEN IN ROTARY

1950: An enactment to delete the word "male" from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution is proposed by a Rotary Club of India for the Council of Legislation Meeting at the Rotary Convention in 1950.

1964: The Council on Legislation Agenda contains an enactment proposed by a Rotary Club in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to permit the admission of women into Rotary Clubs. Delegates voted for it to be withdrawn.



1972: As more women reach higher positions in their professions, more Clubs begin lobbying for women members. A Rotary Club in U.S proposes admitting women into Rotary at the Council on Legislation meeting in 1972.

1977: Three separate proposals to admit women into the membership are submitted to the Council on Legislation at the Rotary Convention in 1977. A Rotary Club in Brazil makes a different proposal to admit women as honorary members.

The Rotary Club of Duarte, California, UAS, admits members in violation of the RI Constitution and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Due to this violation, the membership of the Club in Rotary International is terminated in March 1978.

1980: The RI BOD and Rotary Clubs in India, Sweden, Switzerland and the US propose an enactment to remove from the RI, Club Constitutions and Bylaws all

references to members as "male persons".

1983-1986: In a lawsuit filed by the Rotary Club of Duarte, the California Supreme Court in 1983, rules in favour of RI upholding gender-based qualification for membership in the Rotary Clubs of California.

In 1986, the California Court of Appeals reverses the order of the Lower Court, preventing the enforcement in California.

1987: On May 4, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that the Rotary Clubs in the U.S. may not exclude women from the membership on the basis of gender. RI issues a policy statement that qualified women can be admitted as members into any Rotary Club in the United States.

The Rotary Club of Marin Sunrise (formerly Larkspur Landing), on May 28, 1987, becomes the first Club after the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court to have women as Charter members.

Timeline of Women in Rotary



We're all Rotarians

A woman Rotarian—a contradiction in terms as short a time ago as June 1987. That was the date of a Rotary International Board policy statement, in response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision, to the effect that any Rotary club in any U.S. state could admit qualified women into membership.

The change was long overdue in the opinion of many male U.S. Rotarians, but it stirred feelings ranging from sadness to rage for others, who viewed it as a death knell to the masculine camaraderie they had enjoyed for more than eight decades.

In November 1988, the Board recognized that Canadian law has a similar effect on membership. The membership rule was changed and clubs in Canada were allowed to admit women. Then, in January 1989, the R.I. Council on Legislation voted to permit Rotary club membership to women worldwide—at the option of the individual club.

Now that women members are a fact of Rotary club life—some 20,000 strong in 30 countries—what has been the effect? Have women destroyed the old clubby atmosphere? Have they turned club meetings into baby showers and Tupperware parties? Have they trivialized programs and interfered with tradition? Have they upstaged the time-honored role of wives of Rotarians?

Or—have women refreshed the atmosphere, letting in the sunlight of fresh ideas? Have they brought new warmth and kindness and a gentler tone to club meetings? Have they introduced new programs and projects and added vivacity to ongoing ones? Have they worked harmoniously with club members and spouses in club endeavors?

In preparing this special feature, your editors went back to some of the people who have spoken out to us strongly on the subject of women in Rotary in the past, either pro or con, and we asked if their fears—or their optimism—have been borne out.

"Well, I've mellowed a bit," confessed a past district governor in California, U.S.A., who had been an outspoken opponent. "Now that I see the caliber of women who are coming into the clubs—including my own fine daughter-in-law, for example—I guess it was a better idea than I thought."

"No, I'm still opposed," says a long-time Rotarian in eastern Canada. "We have a couple of women members, but they don't seem to do anything."

"I don't enjoy my club as much any more," says a past president in the U.S. Midwest, once among his club's most active members. "It just doesn't seem the same. I can't tell you exactly why . . . but it's different. I make up in clubs that don't have any women when I can—but they're getting harder to find."

"We are attracting real community leaders," says a



Legislations votes to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in the Rotary Clubs be limited to men. Women are welcomed into the Rotary Clubs across the world.

1990: By June 1990, there are about 20,000 female Rotarians worldwide. The newsletter, Rotarian, runs a feature on women in Rotary.

1985: Eight women become District Governors – the first elected to this role include Mimi Altman, Gilda Chirafisi, Janet W Holland, Reba F Lowrien, Virginia B Nordby, Donna J Rapp, Anne Robertson and Olive P Scott.

2005: Carolyn E Jones begins her term as the first woman appointed as trustee of the Rotary Foundation.

2008: Catherine Noyer-Riveau begins her term as the first women elected to the RI BOD

2012: Elizabeth S Demaray begins her term as RI Treasurer, the first woman to serve in this position.

2013: Anne L Matthews begins her term to serve as the first woman RI Vice President.

2019: Brenda Marie Cressey begins her term to serve as the first woman Vice Chair of the Rotary Foundation. In April-June 2019, she serves as the Chair of the Foundation, making her the first woman to serve in this role.

2022: Jennifer Jones begins her term as the first female president of RI.

WRITTEN BY HAIMA DESHPANDE

ROTARY'S Silver Jubilee Celebration 1905-1930

OFFICIAL CALL—Twenty-first Annual Convention of Rotary International

Rotarians:

WE shall soon be gathering to celebrate twenty-five years of growth and progress in the city where the first Rotary club was organized. This anniversary is a notable milestone for all of us. In this quarter century Rotary's untiring efforts have enriched the globe. Let us give to the world as this great occasion a message of friendship and a demonstration of our world fellowship which will point the way toward lasting peace.

It is my great pleasure, as well as my duty, to issue this, the Official Call, for the Twenty-first Annual Convention of Rotary International, to be held June 25, 26, 27, and 28, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

Each Rotary club assumes the obligation, upon being granted membership in Rotary International, to be represented at the Annual Convention. These could many delegates and some are represented by proxy, but in detail the character each Rotary club must be represented at the convention. The requirement is to send one delegate by each unit in forwarding the plan and policies of Rotary International for the coming year. Any Rotary club failing to be represented at this important convention of Rotary International without excuse acceptable to the International Board of Directors, forfeits its charter in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International.

Attest:

Shirley R. King, Secretary

Marjorie Harrison, President

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Sylvia Whitlock, of the Rotary Club of Duarte in California, become the first female president of a Rotary Club.

1988: In November, the RI BOD issues a policy statement recognizing the right of the Rotary Clubs in Canada to admit female members based on the Canadian Law akin to that upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

1989: At its first meeting, after the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1987, the Council On

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Vibrant Rotal 2024-25: A Celebration of Talent and Togetherness

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This year's Vibrant Rotal was a spectacular two-day event meticulously organised by the Vibrant Rotal team in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim. The program was a true showcase of the incredible singing and dancing talents of Rotarians and their families, reflecting the spirit of camaraderie and creativity that defines our Rotary community.

We received an overwhelming 161 entries—120 in singing and 41 in dancing. It was heartening to witness immense enthusiasm, particularly from participants above the age of 35. However, the event did see a noticeable absence of younger participants, something we hope to change in future editions by encouraging more Rotaractors and youth to join in.

A special highlight this year was the participation of many new

faces, adding fresh energy and vibrancy to the event. It is our sincere hope that this tradition of active involvement continues to grow, with Rotarians, their families, Rotaractors, and members of the Inner Wheel joining in year after year.

The preliminary round for singing was held on January 5, inaugurated by District Governor-Elect Rtn. Manish Motwani. The grand finale of both singing and dancing competitions took place on January 25, culminating in an exciting prize distribution



ceremony in the evening. We were honoured by the presence of District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai and District Governor Nominee Designate Rtn. Deepak Jiandani, who graced the occasion with their inspiring words and support.

A heartfelt thank you to Rtn. Varsha Parulekar, Avenue Chair for Vibrant Rotal, my dedicated team members, the co-hosting clubs, and our generous gift sponsor JSJ (Rtn. Jayesh Khemka) for their unwavering support in making Vibrant Rotal 2024-25 a grand success.



EDITED BY MAHERA GOEL

The Rotary Club of Mumbai LAKERS Hosted the **13th POWAI RUN**



Project, women's empowerment, and school infrastructure upgrades, RCML continues to make a meaningful impact.

This year's run saw thousands of participants, including NGOs, IIT runners, CEOs, and families, completing 4km and 10km routes. Memorable moments included 80-year-old Usha Joshi, Amarjeet Singh completing his 249th run as a blind runner, and wheelchair basketball players showcasing their skills.

Capt. Geeta Anu Chauhan, captain of the Indian Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team, Chandivali

MLA Mama Lande, Niranjana Hiranandani, and RCML President Palvi Agarwal, Chetan Desai, District Governor 2024-25, flagging off the event and overseeing the prize distribution.

Palvi Agarwal remarked, "Our success today is a testament to the collective spirit and years of community service."



EDITED BY NARESH BAJPAI

THE Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers (RCML) hosted the 13th edition of the Brookfield Properties Powai Run 2025, celebrating a year of service focused on education, healthcare, and empowerment.

Known for initiatives like Little Heart Surgeries, the Medical and Vocational Centre, Bike Ambulance

Vibrant Magic Spell At Rotary Powai Fest: Fun Street- A Rotary Powai Extravaganza!

WRITTEN BY: RTN. HANUMAN TRIPATHI, DIRECTOR – PUBLIC IMAGE , ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY POWAI



POWAI Fest by Rotary Club of Bombay Powai (Rotary Powai) has been a landmark event for over 12 years, bringing together the community while raising funds for impactful Rotary projects. On December 21, 2024, the festival returned with a spectacular showcase of music, dance, culture, and inclusivity, attracting over 10,000 attendees from 4 PM to 11 PM.

The evening was packed with energetic performances—from Zumba, Garba, and fire artists to an electrifying live band that kept the audience dancing until the very end. The Kids' Zone buzzed with excitement, while families enjoyed creating street art and graffiti. The vibrant food stalls and shopping booths drew massive crowds, making it a memorable street carnival.

District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai and First Lady Jwala Desai inaugurated the event,

joined by dignitaries from CSR partners and sponsors like L&T Realty, L&T Charitable Trust, WNS Global Services, Electronic Payments and Services, CRISIL, M&M, and Duroflex World.

A major highlight was the Sanskriti Carnival Walk, themed around Rotary District 3141's focus on inclusivity. The parade featured female Pink Auto drivers, paraplegic participants, transgender artists, students from Interact Clubs, and children from supported NGOs—all coming together for a dazzling cultural ensemble. The Powai English School Band and Bhangra artists added to the magic, while

mascots and performers energized the audience. The parade also showcased 15 Rotary service areas championed by President Rtn. Susan Tripathi and her dedicated team.

Beyond celebrations, Fun Street had a meaningful impact—Rotary Powai handed over five wheelchairs to NGOs, with 35 more to be donated in the coming weeks. The Voice of Powai Awards, featuring over 100 talented singers, added a musical charm to the night.

President Dr Susan Tripathi expressed gratitude to members and their families, sponsors, partners, and volunteers, emphasizing that funds raised will support women's empowerment and girl child development. With Rotary's magic and a vibrant community spirit, Powai Fest: Fun Street 2024 was a resounding success, leaving an unforgettable mark on all who attended.

EDITED BY ANU SRRIVASTAVA



Para Sports: Empowering Athletes, Inspiring Communities



ROTARY Club of Borivli recently executed a remarkable initiative, the Para Sports Games - Season 2, for children with disabilities, offering them an incredible platform to display their sporting talent. The event has grown exponentially since its inception last year and gained recognition under the Fit India Government Initiative, marking a significant milestone in its second edition.

The event began with an inspiring march past, where children from various schools proudly participated. The Chief Guest, Rtn Chetan Desai, District Governor 3141, officially inaugurated the games. The event was graced by several dignitaries, including actor Varsha Usgaonkar, Dr Manju Mangal Prabhat Lodha, Chairperson of the Lodha

Foundation, and political figures such as Shri Gopal Shetty, Shri Nikhil Vyas, and Mrs Deepa Patil.

A highlight of the event was the diverse sports competitions in which the children with disabilities competed. For many, the event was not just about winning but overcoming personal barriers and demonstrating incredible

perseverance. The joy and pride on the winners' face as they received their medals and certificates were priceless, illustrating the true spirit of sportsmanship and determination.

The Para Sports Games - Season 2 also offered children an opportunity for selection under the Fit India Government Initiative for further training at the Gandhinagar facility, reinforcing the importance of providing support and encouragement to disadvantaged children. Such initiatives not only uplift their confidence but also inspire them to reach for greater heights in sports and life.

The event was managed by PP Viren Jethwa and supported by the dedicated Rotarians of Borivli. The success of this mega project was a testament to the power of sports in empowering individuals, regardless of their challenges, and it celebrated the Spirit of Para-Athletes in the most heartfelt way.



WRITTEN BY K V PREMRAJ

Anand hi Anand: A Celebration of Music, Joy, and Service

INFORMATION COURTESY: RTN SATYAN ISRANI, PRESIDENT RC OF BOMBAY

The Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB), in collaboration with Rotary District 3141 Avenue of Disability to Ability and Baghban, hosted the fourth edition of its annual musical event, Anand Hi Anand, at the Y.B. Chavan Auditorium, Mumbai, on February 5, 2025. This heartwarming event is part of Ananda Yaan, RCB's acclaimed Elder Day Care Program dedicated to enhancing the lives of underprivileged seniors in Central Mumbai.

Addressing a packed auditorium, RCB President Satyan Israni highlighted that Anand Hi Anand is not just an event but a "mission to happiness." He proudly shared the program's growth from a single center to three thriving hubs over seven years, offering essential services like monthly doctor visits, free medicines, and cataract surgeries. He also expressed gratitude to the Shankar



Mahadevan Academy for its continuous support in enriching the lives of the elders.

The evening was a vibrant celebration of music and community spirit. It began with heartfelt performances by differently-abled youth and children from underserved backgrounds, setting an emotional tone. The lineup featured soulful renditions by teachers from the Shankar Mahadevan Academy, Rotarians Falguni and Pratap Padode, journalists Prasad Sangameshwar and Rohit, and culminated with

dynamic performances by Laxmi Soni and Kamal Somaiya.

A standout moment was the electrifying act by the talented Siddhant Bhosle, son of renowned singer Sudesh Bhosle, whose captivating songs had the audience dancing with joy in the aisles.

Anand Hi Anand was not just a musical event—it was a testament to Rotary's commitment to service, inclusivity, and spreading happiness through the universal language of music.



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VES-HACK-IT 2025: Pioneering Sustainability Through Innovation

INFORMATION COURTESY: PRESIDENT SHRUTI DHARAMSI



THE Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West, in collaboration with Vivekanand Education Society's Institute of Technology (VESIT), Chembur, successfully organised VES-HACK-IT 2025, a premier intercollegiate hackathon on sustainability. Held as part of VESIT's Ruby Jubilee and the centenary of Hashu Advaniji, the event was graced by DG Chetan Desai, First Lady Jwala Desai, DGND Deepak Jiandani, and Ujwala Jiandani.

RECORD-BREAKING PARTICIPATION & EVENT STRUCTURE

A total of 437 teams (390 software, 51 hardware) registered, with 30 software and 17 hardware teams advancing to the 30-hour finals on 15-16 February 2025. The event spanned three months, culminating in:

- » 20 January: Registration closed
- » 15 February: Initial prototype presentations
- » 16 February: Final judging, including the Power Judging Round

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE: WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

To enhance technical skills, workshops on STM32, Raspberry Pi, FPGA, and Vivado were held from 20-22 January, drawing 172 participants.

Participants tackled six software and twelve hardware challenges across key fields:

- » **Healthcare:** Smart Fall Detection, Smart Pill Dispenser
- » **Agriculture:** Precision Farming, Automated Animal Species Detection
- » **Industry 4.0 & IoT:** Smart Writing Pen, Enhanced Ham Radio
- » **Disaster Management:** EV Battery Management, Railway Crack Detection
- » **Robotics & Engineering:** Maze-Solving Micromouse, Coin Sorting, Robotic Inspection



HACKATHON STATISTICS

- » 43,000 impressions on Unstop
- » 390 software teams and 51 hardware teams participated
- » 30 software teams and 17 hardware teams reached the finals
- » 25 judges
- » Total on-site participants: 181 students
- » Participating colleges: 60 colleges
- » Volunteers: 70 students wearing T-shirts branded with RCM Ghatkopar West
- » Total prize pool: ₹1,50,000
- 1st Prize: ₹50,000 (each category)
- 2nd Prize: ₹25,000 (each category)

WINNERS & RECOGNITIONS

Software: Team MangoDB (SPIT) – Winners, Team Bournvita Smugglers (DJ Sanghavi) – Runners-up

Hardware: Team VisionCreator (VESIT) – Winners, Team alt F4 (VESIT) – Runners-up

LEADERSHIP & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

This impactful initiative was conceptualised by Dr Anjali Yeole, from VESIT and Rtn Arun Ganapathy, Secretary and coordinated by Rtn Shruti Dharamsi, President and Rtn Kumar Pillai.



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Mumbai Wheelers Triumph at Women's WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

WRITTEN BY KALA SHRIDHAR, AVENUE CHAIR-DISABILITY TO ABILITY



THE Women's Wheelchair Basketball Tournament, organised by Rotary District 3141 Disability to Ability Avenue with Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West as the lead host, showcased an inspiring display of skill, determination, and sportsmanship on 1st February 2025 at YMCA Ghatkopar. The event brought together athletes from across Maharashtra to celebrate inclusivity and resilience.

The Mumbai Wheelers emerged as the Winning team, demonstrating exceptional teamwork, while the Pune Ryder team secured the Runner-up position. Both teams played with skill, determination,

grit, and great team spirit. The players did their best. Sometimes, they fell out of their wheelchair due to speed, but they were up and about in seconds. It was a memorable evening to applaud the great spirit of both the teams.

The event was supported by PROJECT MUMBAI by contributing towards the Prize money, Accessibility partner ACC-RED and YMCA Ghatkopar was the venue partner.

It was held under the guidance of Wheelchair Basketball Federation of India and Wheelchair Basketball Association Maharashtra in association with Wheelchair Sports

Association.

The organising team consisted of Rtn Kala Sridhar, Rtn A V Suresh, and Rtn Shruti Dharamsi.

The co-hosts were Rotary Club of Deonar, Mumbai Neo, Bombay Pier, Neo Mulund Valley, Juhu Beach and Sobo along with Rtn Ramesh Narayan and Sonav Foods.

The event concluded with a commitment to further promote sports for people with disabilities, celebrating inclusivity and the remarkable talents of all participants with a will to win and be successful in life.



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SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION AND MEAL DISTRIBUTION FOR THE LESS-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN BY ROTARY CLUB OF GARDEN CITY MUMBAI

Club President: Rtn Priyanka Talreja

Area of Focus: Child health

Location of Project: Goregaon East

Date of Execution: 26th January 2025

Project Description

Rotary Club of Garden City and the Interact Club of Garden City partnered with an NGO to organize a Sports Day on Republic Day. The event, held for less-privileged children, received an overwhelming response, with over 150 participants. Interactors organized games and supported the NGO in conducting activities. Additionally, Rotary Club members sponsored a special lunch. This initiative significantly contributed to our mission of fostering children's overall development and well-being.

Number of Beneficiaries: 150

Rotarian-hours Spent: 20

Value of the Project: INR 25,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded



BLANKET DISTRIBUTION BY ROTARY CLUB OF UMROLI

Club President: Rtn Sagar Gharat

Area of Focus: Child health

Location of Project: Umroli

Date of Execution: 28th January 2025

Project Description

Blanket Distribution to Zilla Parishad school

Number of Beneficiaries: 100

Rotarian-hours Spent: 02

Value of the Project: INR 15,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Ganesh Avhad and Associates



FREE EYE AND DENTAL HEALTH CAMP FOR THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND THEIR MOTHERS BY ROTARY CLUB OF GARDEN CITY

Club President: Rtn Priyanka Talreja

Area of Focus: Maternal and child health

Location of Project: Angel Express Centre at Goregaon East

Date of Execution: 17th January 2025

Project Description

A free eye and dental health camp was organized for underprivileged children at Angel Express NGO and their mothers. The camp received an overwhelming response, benefiting over 160 people with check-ups, counseling, and treatment recommendations. A team of five dentists and their staff conducted thorough dental examinations, raised awareness about oral health and hygiene, and distributed toothbrushes. Meanwhile, eye specialists from Shri Venkatesh Eye Institute conducted eye exams and provided counseling and treatment recommendations.

This initiative was a significant step toward enhancing health and accessibility for those in need.

Number of Beneficiaries: 160

Rotarian-hours Spent: 10

Value of the Project: INR 71,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded



INTERACT-ROTARACT CONVERGENCE: A GET-TOGETHER ORGANISED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI KANDIVALI WEST

Club President: Rtn Devsingh Shahani

Area of Focus: Youth development

Location of Project: Kandivali West

Date of Execution: 11th January 2025

Project Description

The Interact-Rotaract Get-Together brought together four Interact Clubs and one Rotaract Club, beginning with the National Anthem, followed by Ganesh Vandana and a welcome song by the Interactors. Each club president showcased their projects, emphasizing their impact and key learnings. The event featured vibrant folk dance performances on the theme Veer Ras, followed by an engaging quiz covering Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact knowledge, along with general knowledge and riddles. The gathering concluded with an interactive group activity, where Interactors and Rotaractors collaborated to promote vital causes such as tree conservation, noise pollution reduction, electricity conservation, and water preservation.

Number of Beneficiaries: 150

Rotarian-hours Spent: 35

Value of the Project: INR 25,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Members of Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivali West; Pawar Public School



BHARAT KE VEER JAWAN ORGANISED BY ROTARY CLUB OF BORIVLI

Club President: Rtn Harish Chandarana
Area of Focus: Community Development
Location of Project: Borivli West
Date of Execution: 26th January 2025

Project Description

The event Bharat Ke Veer Jawan was organized to honour and celebrate the spirit of Indian armed forces on the 76th Republic Day. The highlight was a patriotic musical orchestra. A cheque was presented to Mrs. Indrani Yadav, Commandant of CRPF, as a gesture of support and solidarity for the welfare of army wives. Chief Guest was District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai. Co-host clubs included Rotary Club of Bombay North West, Mumbai National Park, Mumbai MaKaBo, Borivli Wonders, Mumbai Borivali East, Lokhandwala Kandivali, SkyCity Borivali. The event saw significant contributions from principal donors Rtn Ajit and Chetna Vasani, supported by other Rotarians and logistical assistance from Rtn Dr. Dharmaji Shinde. Director Rtn. Rakesh Sheth.

Rotarian-hours Spent: 500
Value of the Project: INR 2,14,500/-
Sponsors/Partners: Rtn Ajit and Chetna Vasani along with RC Borivli club members and neighbouring Rotary Clubs



JYACHI TYACHI LOVE STORY- A FUNDRAISER BY ROTARY CLUB OF PALGHAR

Club President: Rtn Arun Patil
Area of Focus: Public Relation
Location of Project: Palghar
Date of Execution: 24th January 2025

Project Description

Rotary Club of Palghar hosted a spectacular fundraising event on 24th January, featuring the Marathi play *Jyachi Tyachi Love Story*. With 900 attendees from Palghar and beyond, the event received an overwhelming response. Honourable Shri Govind Bodke (Palghar District Collector), DGND Deepak Jiandani, and other esteemed dignitaries graced the evening and were felicitated for their contributions. A grand PR showcase highlighted the Club's impactful initiatives, fostering awareness and appreciation. The audience enjoyed a captivating performance while supporting a noble cause, making the fundraiser a resounding success.

Number of Beneficiaries: 900
Rotarian-hours Spent: 15 days
Value of the Project: INR 7,00,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Ostawal Builders, Raymond, Shri Prabhakar Patil, Raj Milan Sarees, V Square Academy, Veena Fashion, Sleepwell Mattress, Bhavani Paints, Centre Line Consultants and Bafna Builders



LOKHANDWALA KANDIVALI'S 15TH ANNUAL DRAWING AND PAINTING SPECTACLE

Club President: Rtn Priya Shenoy

Area of Focus: Art and Culture

Location of Project: Alica Hall, Kandivali East

Date of Execution: 2nd February 2025

Project Description

Designed to inspire young artists, the Rotary Club of Lokhandwala Kandivali (RCLK) hosted its 15th Annual Drawing and Painting Competition, Different Strokes! Different Expressions!! With 250 children from 16 schools, Alica Hall buzzed with creativity. All participants from Std. 1 to X received certificates, while ten trophies and five consolation prizes were awarded. Judges were honoured with mementoes, and snack boxes distributed. Led by Past President and Project Director Rtn Anu Srivastava, this vibrant event thrived with the enthusiasm of RCLK members and the Interactors of Lokhandwala Foundation School.

Number of Beneficiaries: 250

Rotarian-hours Spent: 50

Value of the Project: INR 59,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Alica Charitable Trust, Suvidya Institute of Technology, Investor Shoppe, Jayaleela Banquets, and RCLK members.



EDUCATIONAL PROJECT BY ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND EAST

Club President: Rtn Ananthlakshmi Iyer

Area of focus: Education

Location of project: Municipal corporation schools, Mulund West.

Date of Execution: 4th January 2025

Project Description

SSC ideal study app was distributed to the students of MPS school Goshala road, Mulund West. The app will help the students to study the syllabus for their board exams.

Number of Beneficiaries: 160

Rotarian- hours Spent: 2

Value of the project: INR 10,400/-



MULTIPLE PROJECTS AT AMAR JYOTI SCHOOL BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DAHISAR

Club President: Rtn Avinash Naimpally

Area of Focus: Education

Location of project: Virar

Date of Execution: 29th Nov 2024

Project Description

Amar Jyoti School in Dahisar, serving underprivileged children, received multiple upgrades. RCMD built a tin roof over the open assembly area, protecting students from harsh weather. They also renovated the dilapidated science lab, installed much needed water coolers, and repainted the courtyard. LEAP India Pvt Ltd provided CSR funding for the project spearheaded by Rtn Rajkumar Chadha.

Number of Beneficiaries: 600

Rotarian-hours Spent: 80

Value of the Project: INR 4,25,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: LEAP India Pvt Ltd



ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST SUPPORTS SPECIAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY

Club President: Rtn Shruti Dharamsi

Area of Focus: Physical and mental education

Location of Project: Jolly Gymkhana, Ghatkopar

Date of Execution: 7th February 2025

Project Description

The Annual Sports Day and Prize Distribution at Gurukul Centre for Special Children, held at Ghatkopar Jolly Gymkhana, celebrated determination, inclusivity, and joy. Chief Guests Dr. Medha Somaiya (President, Special Olympics Bharat-Maharashtra) and Mrs. Lalitha Mahadevan (Ex-Principal, Gurukul Centre) graced the event. Children participated enthusiastically in running races, cycling, and ball throwing.

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West contributed by providing certificates and inspiring confidence and resilience. Parents, teachers, and organizers applauded the children's achievements, making the event a powerful testament to the unifying spirit of sports.

Number of Beneficiaries: 135 students

Rotarian-hours Spent: 10

Value of the Project: INR 25,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Gurukul Centre for Special Children

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST
Organizing
**NATIONAL LEVEL 24X7 HELPLINE
ON STRESS MANAGEMENT**

Helpline Number : **9875188075**

Date :
15th February 2025
to 15th June 2025

Highlights of Helpline:

- ▶ Teenager having complain of stress, Anxiety or Depression
- ▶ Poor Decision Making skills
- ▶ Lack of confidence & Poor concentration
- ▶ Students who preparing for any competitive exam

Rtn. Dr GAURANG JOSHI
Psychologist & Scientist (New Delhi)

Rtn. Shruti Dharamsi
President & Project Coordinator

Rtn. Arun Ganapathy
Secretary

"Mental Health Matters: Speak Up, Reach Out, and Break the stigma"

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST LAUNCHES 24x7 NATIONAL STRESS MANAGEMENT HELPLINE



ROTARY CLUB OF LOKHANDWALA KANDIVALI SPREADS AWARENESS ON SAFE MENSTRUAL HYGIENE



ROTARY CLUB OF PALGHAR LAUNCHES SELF DEFENCE KARATE TRAINING FOR GIRLS



HARMONY PEACE MARCH ORGANISED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia

Area of Focus: National Integration, Peace Promotion, and Conflict Prevention

Location of Project: Sher-e-Punjab Gymkhana, Andheri East

Date of Execution: 26th January 2025

Project Description

The Harmony Peace March, from Guru Nanak High School to Sher-e-Punjab Gymkhana, saw enthusiastic participation from members, guests, teachers, Interactors, and Rotaractors. Led by the President, RCMSEP members, and the Guru Nanak School band, the march resonated with patriotic fervor as participants carried banners, placards, and chanted Bharat Mata Ki Jai. Three skits and a dance performance captivated the audience. Chief Guest MLA Anant Bala Nar and Guest of Honour Sandeep Kedia applauded the initiative. Medals, certificates, and snacks were distributed, ensuring a memorable event.

Number of Beneficiaries: 150

Rotarian-hours Spent: 64

Value of the Project: INR 55,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Interact Club of Guru Nanak Brave Hearts, Interact Club of Maruti Veers and Rotaract Club of JES College - Parivartan



KESARIYA- A BEAUTY PAGEANT ORGANISED BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia

Area of Focus: National Integration, Peace Promotion, and Conflict Prevention

Location of Project: R.C. Maruti High School, Andheri East

Date of Execution: 26th January 2025

Project Description

A unique beauty pageant celebrating the beauty of mind & soul was organized to mark the 76th Republic Day, with 20 students from R.C. Maruti High School participating. Each contestant showcased confidence through a ramp walk and shared their vision for India's future growth. Guided by professional choreographers and makeup artists, the event was judged by Rtn Pinky Rajgarhia (Mrs. Asia Universe 2017, IPP) and Mr Raadhveer Aarya (Actor & Model), with Rtn Pinky as the showstopper. Participants, judges, and artists received medals, certificates, and mementoes, while the school and audience lauded the event's excellence.

Number of Beneficiaries: 150

Rotarian-hours Spent: 24

Value of the Project: INR 43,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Interact Club of Maruti Veers; Management of R.C. Maruti High School



BREAST CANCER AND ANAEMIA SCREENING CAMP BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DIVAS

Co-host Club: Rotary Club of Mumbai Raising Star

Club Presidents: Rtn Sonali Desai- Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas; Rtn Anushree Agarwal- Rotary Club of Mumbai Rising Star

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Location of Project: SWES School, Santacruz

Date of Execution: 24th August 2024

Project Description

To ease the concerns of the women undergoing the tests, two PTA meetings were held at the school, featuring informative videos. We managed every aspect—registration, guiding them through the anaemia test and assigning cabins. Our top priority was making them comfortable and explaining each step. A heartfelt thanks to Dr Nilima Inamdar for her invaluable support in the Anaemia Camp and Rtn Ram Kotak for his outstanding assistance in the Breast Cancer Detection Camp. Their contributions, along with members of both the clubs and 4 Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Pearl Mumbai, made this initiative a success.

Number of Beneficiaries: 156 underprivileged women

Rotarian-Hours Spent: 320

Value of the Project: INR 75,000/-



MEGA MEDICAL CAMP BY ROTARY CLUB BOMBAY QUEEN CITY

Club President: Rtn Ajay Agrawal

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Location of Project: Near Phoenix Mills, Lower Parel

Date of Execution: 11th and 12th January 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City (RCBQC) successfully organised a Free Medical Camp on 11th and 12th January at Parel, offering quality healthcare and promoting early diagnosis and preventive care. A dedicated team of doctors, nurses, and volunteers provided services including general health check-ups, BP and sugar testing, BMI analysis, acupuncture, cancer detection, physiotherapy, skincare, eye check-ups with free spectacles, Ayurveda medicines, yoga guidance, and multiple diagnostic tests. Over 2,000 people benefited, receiving free medicines and consultations. Informative sessions on healthy living and chronic disease management made the camp both impactful and educational.

Number of Beneficiaries: Over 2000

Rotarian-hours Spent: 800

Value of the Project: INR 25,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Ruchika Club, PD Hinduja Hospital



STEEL PLATES AND SPOONS DISTRIBUTION BY ROTARY CLUB OF UMROLI

Club President: Rtn Sagar Gharat
Area of Focus: Community development
Location of Project: Aagarwadi-Saphale
Date of Execution: 26th January 2025

Project Description

Steel plates and spoons were distributed to Primary school at Aagarwadi-Saphale in Rural area by Rotary Club of Umroli benefitting 360 children and their families.

Number of Beneficiaries: 360
Rotarian-hours Spent: 2 hours
Value of the Project: INR 48,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island



EMPOWERING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI COASTLINE

Club President: Rtn Nishant Mehta
Area of Focus: Youth Development
Location of Project: KJ Somaiya Institute of Management, Mumbai
Date of Execution: 4th December 2024

Project Description

A mock interview drive with Young Indians, Mumbai, prepared MBA students through expert interviews, feedback, and guidance to enhance readiness and confidence.

Number of Beneficiaries: 70-90 MBA students
Rotarian-hours Spent: 28
Value of the Project: INR 40,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Young Indians (YI), Mumbai



MULTIPLE PROJECTS AT KHUPRI AND CHARANWADI, WADA BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DAHISAR

Club President: Rtn Avinash Naimpally
Area of Focus: Economic and Community Development
Location of Project: Wada Taluka, Palghar District
Date of Execution: 20th December 2024

Project Description

Two Wada village projects improved lives thanks to CSR funds from SITA INC India Pvt Ltd. In Khupri village, RC Mumbai Dahisar replaced a hand pump with a solar-powered underground pump and an overhead 2000-litre tank. In Charanwadi village, 500 fruit tree saplings (mango, cashew, guava, lime) were planted across five underprivileged farms with guidance from Keshav Shrushti. Thanks to Project Chair: CPP Rajendran Unnikrishnan.

Number of Beneficiaries: 350
Rotarian-hours Spent: 90
Value of the Project: INR 3,51,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: SITA Information Networking Computing (India) Pvt Ltd



FROM DISABILITY TO ABILITY BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY METROPOLITAN

Club President: Rtn Ketki Nisar

Area of Focus: Differently Abled Children

Location of Project: Tardeo

Date of Execution: 7th January 2025

Project Description

On January 7, 2025, the "From Disability to Ability" event showcased the talents of differently abled children at Hotel Shri Krishna Palace, Tardeo. District Governor Chetan Desai attended.

Children from 4 NGOS performed.

1. **Society for the Vocational Rehabilitation of the Retarded (1965)** Mentally challenged children receive free vocational training. They sang Ganesh Vandana and Stuti. Members contributed INR 78,000/- to the NGO.
2. **ADAPT, formerly Spastics Society of India (1972)** Children with neuromuscular and developmental disabilities performed to "Jai Ho" and "Chak de India." A donation of INR 1,00,000/- was made.
3. **Rotary Sanskar Dham Academy (1995)** Deaf and mute students, trained in life skills and computers, presented a gym dance and a scene from "Hera Pheri." Donations totalled INR 3,25,000/-
4. **Smt. Kamala Mehta Dadar School for the Blind (125 years old)** Visually challenged girls performed a Maharashtrian folk song and a Rajasthani dance. A donation of INR 1,00,000/- was made. All students received tokens of appreciation and food packets from Rtn President Ketki Nisar.



ROTARY DREAM RUN BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY QUEEN CITY

Club President: Rtn Ajay Agrawal

Area of Focus : Baghbaan and Disability to Ability

Location of project : Fashion Street, Cross Maidan, Mumbai

Date of execution : 22nd December 2024

Project Description

1,000 runners of all ages participated. Arrangements included water stations, restrooms, energy drinks, excellent traffic control, food boxes, medals, music, and dance. The Dream Run's success was driven by members PP Rakesh Agrawal, Rtn Surendra Ruia, Rtn Vijay Singhal, Rtn Suresh Todi, PE Shyyam Singhania, Rtn Dr. Arun Kumar Gupta, PP Anup Gupta, Rtn Vinay Khandelwal, Rtn Dinesh Sharma, Rtn Hiren Gosalia, PP Vinod Bhimrajka, Rtn Ramesh Jain, PP Girish Agrawal, and Rtn Sukhesh Shah.

Rotarian-hours Spent : 100

Value of the project : INR 40,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners : Elegant Marbles and Grani Industries Ltd, Zero B, RSG Chemicals, SRE, T World, Ezee, K-10 Wires and cables, Bhimrajka Impex Group, Kaya Kalp, Bright Outdoor Media, PD Hinduja Hospital, Adams Wylie Physio Rehab Centre.



CREATING SAFE SPACES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT RAILWAY STATIONS BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY BAYVIEW

Club President: Rtn Rajni Barasia

Area of Focus: Women Empowerment

Location of project: Churchgate Station

Date of Execution: 30th January 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview sponsored a dedicated makeshift cabin at Churchgate railway station, offering a secure space for women police officers to change and rest. This cabin also functions as a sanctuary for lost or vulnerable women and children, providing shelter and support until they are reunited with their families or assisted by NGOs.

Daily, nearly 100 women police officers and 20 children benefit from this initiative, which upholds their safety, dignity, and comfort. Special recognition goes to Railway Police Commissioner Mr. Ravindra Shisave for his invaluable support. Together, they are making a meaningful difference in the community.

Number of Beneficiaries: 3000 per month

Rotarian-hours Spent: 50 hours

Value of the project: INR 2,70,000/-



FLAMINGOS AMIDST FILTH: A WAKE-UP CALL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY BAYVIEW

Club President: Rtn Rajni Barasia

Area of Focus: Environment

Location of project: Navi Mumbai

Date of Execution: All Sundays of January

Project Description

A breathtaking sight of flamingos wading through the mangroves was overshadowed by plastic waste choking their habitat—a stark reminder of human negligence.

Acknowledging the urgency, our team participated in a mangrove cleanup drive in Navi Mumbai, removing piles of discarded garbage. In addition to our physical efforts, we also made financial contributions to support ongoing conservation efforts.

Our oceans reflect our actions, returning what we give. To secure a cleaner, greener future, we must take responsibility. Through consistent waste management, awareness campaigns, and community clean-ups, we can restore these fragile ecosystems.

Number of Beneficiaries: Countless

Rotarian-hours Spent: 40

Value of the project: INR 30,000/-



PAEDIATRIC HEART SURGERIES OF TWO BOYS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND HILLS

Club President: Rtn Shankar G

Area of Focus : Disease Prevention and Treatment

Location of Project : Wadia Hospital, Matunga

Date of Execution : 6th January 2025

Project Description

Aarav (1 year and 4 months old) and Akhil (1 year and 5 months old), two charming children with heart conditions, were in urgent need of support and were admitted to Wadia Hospital, Matunga. Their parents were overwhelmed with emotion, as they were unable to afford the cost of treatment. The cost of each surgery was INR 1,00,000/-. Fortunately, the surgeries were funded through a combination of angel donors and contributions from the Club. Additionally, medicines were generously sponsored by Parth Malhotra, the son of Rtn Sneha Malhotra of the club.

Thanks to the kindness of the angel donors, Aarav and Akhil received the necessary treatment and surgeries. Both children are now in good health and doing well.

Number of beneficiaries : 2

Rotarian-hours Spent : 20

Value of the Project : INR 2,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners : Donations and Club funds



PINK ANGELS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND EAST

Club President: Rtn Ananthlakshmi Iyer

Area of focus: Vocational

Location of Project: Kashaba Jadhav Garden, Rotary Centre, Mhada colony, Mulund East

Date of Execution: 29th January 2025

Project Description

A meeting was held to formally distribute licenses to 20 beneficiaries of the Pink Auto initiative. Several esteemed Rotary dignitaries, who are leading this project, spoke about the process and the journey ahead. During the session, the women received a thorough briefing on their responsibilities and duties as auto drivers. The event was well-attended, with many future beneficiaries also present.

Total Beneficiaries: 20

Rotarian-hours Spent: 6

Value of the Project: INR 25000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rtn Ambika Dani, Rotary Club of Deonar and Rotary Club of Mumbai Bhandup.

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OCV HIGHLIGHTS:

Strengthening Bonds and Vision



ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI BHANDUP

Thursday, 23rd January 2025

Chief Guest: DG Chetan Desai & First Lady Jwala Desai

Attendance: 38 (Members 21, Guests 9, & District Dignitaries 8)

TRF Announcement: 9 Members Contributed USD 200

Major Project/Event Announcement

- ✧ **Cataract-Free Bhandup:** 1,000 eye surgeries successfully completed.
- ✧ **Pink Auto Initiative:** Training for 28 beneficiaries to be completed by March under the Synergy Project by IW District 314 and Rotary District 3141.



ROTARY CLUB OF UPPER KANDIVALI

Sunday, 5th January 2025

Chief Guest: DG Chetan Desai,

Attendance: 30 (Rotarians & Anns) & District Dignitaries

- DGND Deepak Jiandani, DS Rtn Milind Patil., TRF Chair

Rtn Manish Gyani, AG Ninad Save, and Membership

Chair Rtn Sandeep Kedia

TRF Announcement: 9 Members Contributed USD 200

Major Project Announcement

- ✧ Regular Breast Screening Camp at Shlokam Healthcare.
- ✧ Teachers' Training Program on STEM Courseware for Rotary District 3141 schools, led by Dr. Rtn. Saurabh Mehta.

Key Takeaways and Recommendations from the District Governor:

DG Rtn Chetan Desai's address focused on several key areas for club development:

- ✧ **Meeting Frequency:** The DG stressed the importance of holding at least two club meetings per month to enhance member engagement and facilitate effective planning.
- ✧ **Board of Directors Elections:** He recommended implementing a formal, transparent election process for the Board of Directors, overseen by an election officer.
- ✧ **Club Assemblies:** The DG suggested organizing four club assembly meetings annually, in conjunction with the Assistant Governor, to foster open

communication and strategic alignment.

- ✧ **TRF Support:** He encouraged all members to actively contribute to The Rotary Foundation to support international projects and initiatives.
- ✧ **Club Assessment:** The DG proposed utilizing a "Club Strength Chart" (a 45-question assessment tool) to identify club strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.
- ✧ **Website and social media:** He emphasized the need for regular updates to the club's website and social media platforms to enhance communication and outreach.
- ✧ **Membership Growth:** The DG recommended prominently displaying the Membership Director's contact information on all online platforms to encourage membership inquiries and growth.
- ✧ **Community Service:** He suggested organizing a "Clean Society Contest" as a meaningful community service project.
- ✧ **Fellowship:** The DG encouraged the club to prioritize and increase fellowship activities to strengthen member bonds.
- ✧ **Interact Club Engagement:** He recommended hosting quiz competitions for Interact Clubs on various topics to promote youth engagement and knowledge sharing.
- ✧ **Community Outreach:** The DG encouraged members to engage in community outreach by visiting hospitals and eye banks.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY BAYVIEW

Friday, 14th February 2025

Chief Guest: DG Chetan Desai,

Attendance: 64 (Rotarians, Anns & Dignitaries)

Major Projects & Announcements

Global Grants

- ✧ Pediatric Brain Surgery at SRCC Hospital – Funding for pediatric brain surgeries at SRCC Hospital. (₹14,152)
- ✧ Spine Surgeries in Rural India – Collaboration with RC Mumbai SOBO to support spine surgeries in underserved areas. (₹8.5 lakh)
- ✧ Hospital Beds for Railway Hospital – In partnership with the Rotary Club of Mid City, providing hospital beds to the Railway Hospital. (₹4.5 lakh)
- ✧ Support for 10 Aanganwadis – Enhancing facilities for 10 Aanganwadis in collaboration with the District. (₹8.5 lakh)
- ✧ RO Plants for Rural Schools – Installation of RO water purification plants in 70 rural schools across Rajasthan. (₹55 lakh)

Other Notable Projects

- ✧ Renovation of Cama & Albless Hospital – Upgrading the postnatal ward and operation theatre. (₹30 lakh)
- ✧ MAHAN TRUST Hospital OPD Building – Construction of a new outpatient department (OPD) in Melghat near Amravati. (₹30 lakh)
- ✧ Ambulance Donation to MAHAN TRUST – Donation of a 20-seater ambulance for healthcare services in Melghat. (₹30 lakh)
- ✧ Ambulance Donation to Sane Guruji Rugnalaya – Providing an ambulance for Sane Guruji Rugnalaya in Kinwat, Near Nanded. (₹15 lakh)
- ✧ Phaco Machine for BMC Eye Hospital – Donation of a Phaco machine to BMC Eye Hospital, Bombay Central, to enhance eye surgery capabilities. (₹24 lakh)
- ✧ E-Learning & Playground Equipment – Donation of 27 e-learning systems and playground equipment for 20 Zilla Parishad schools in Dahanu and Talasari. (₹25 lakh)
- ✧ Rainwater Harvesting & Wells – Construction of two wells and one rainwater harvesting borewell in the drought-prone regions of Dahanu and Vikramgarh. (₹14 lakh)

Projects & Impact

- ✧ 184+ projects completed
- ✧ 47,700+ individuals benefited
- ✧ Total project cost: ₹1.77 crore
- ✧ 4,560 Rotarian hours dedicated to project planning and execution



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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 MUMBAI GOREGAON WEST: RTN GAURI BHADKAMKAR

- Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To achieve my goal of serving the Society.
- The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the happiness on the faces of the children (and their parents) when we distributed Wheelchairs to them.
- What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Helping the needy in a Pada in Nashik through our Projects. Collaborations sought.
- Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Inclusive, because it resonates with our Club's ethos.
- What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Executing more impactful projects, with focus on Education, for the benefit of the community.



Profession: General Insurance Agent.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Goregaon West

Membership Strength: 26 .

Key Projects: Distribution of Wheelchairs.

Family: Sumedh Bhadkamkar – Husband.

Kaushal Bhadkamkar – Son.

Sudha Bhadkamkar – Mother – in – law.

Favourite Cuisine: Indian Chinese.

Favourite Holiday Destination: Hatgad – Near Saputara.

Favourite Music: Songs sung by Kishore Kumar.

Quote I live by: Choose To Be Better Instead Of Bitter.

ROTARY CLUB OF GEN X: RTN DENISH SHAH

- Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To bring a change for the better in the Society, through our Club's efforts.
- The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far:** Witnessing the smiles of the specially abled children, after they received our gifts and played Dandiya with us.
- What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure:** Basic Health checkup for the needy - up to 1000 beneficiaries.
- Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why:** Trustworthy, since this attribute represents reliability, and forms the cornerstone of our Club's activities.
- What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Health care for the needy.



Profession: Diamond Merchant.

Club Name: Rotary Club of GEN X.

Membership Strength: 35.

Key Projects: Basic Health checkup for the needy – up to 1000 beneficiaries.

Family: Monali Shah – Wife. Dweet Shah – Son. Dhriya Shah – Daughter.

Favourite cuisine: Italian.

Favourite Holiday destination: Norway.

Favourite Music: Techno music.

Quote I live by: Service Above Self, and Live & Let Live.

ROTARY CLUB OF JVPD: RTN RAKSHA SHALABH POKHARNA

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To lead with purpose, serve with heart, and connect with the world through action.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** The JPL-JVPD Premiere League (where our members became a close-knit family).
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Bright Futures – Empowering Children For Tomorrow. Collaborations sought to create a network of support that ensures every child has the tools to thrive.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why:** Visionary - because our Club believes in innovation, designing for the future – in short - painting for tomorrow, today.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Paediatric Heart Surgeries, and treatments for Breast & Cervical Cancer .



Profession: Entrepreneur.

Club Name : Rotary Club of JVPD.

Membership Strength : 72 .

Key Projects : Child Health & Skill development, Women Empowerment, Diwali Bazar, and Distribution of food to the needy.

Family: Shalabh Pokharna – Husband.

Rian Pokharna - Son.

Rianshi Pokharna – Daughter.

Favourite Cuisine : Pan Asian .

Favourite Holiday Destination : Dubai.

Favourite Book : Dare To Lead - by Brene Brown

Favourite Music : Soulful Bollywood.

Quote I live by : Dream Big, Burn Bright, And Never Let Anyone Dim Your Light.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GREEN CITY : RTN S.P. TIWARI

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To serve the society in an impactful manner, and with a Vibrant approach.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Receiving thanks from Blood Donees and Donors at the blood donation camps organized by our Club. Blood donation is a cause close to my heart.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Impactful usage, for charitable purposes, of Two acres of prime land donated to our Club by our Green City's Charter President – Rtn Abani Das .
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Bold - because it resonates with our Club's ethos.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Anganwadis, donation of an ICU bed (under Global Grants) with RC Bombay Mid City.



Profession: Direct Plan Mutual Fund Portfolio Manager.

Club Name: Rotary Club of Mumbai Green City.

Membership Strength: 14 .

Key Projects: Organizing Blood Donation camps.

Family: Bindu Tiwari – Wife.

Sunil Tiwari – Son. Shikha Tiwari : Daughter-in-Law.

Anil Tiwari – Son. Dr. Manish Tiwari – Son. Dr. Gargi Tiwari : Daughter-in-Law.

Favourite Cuisine : All vegetable laden dishes .

Favourite Holiday Destination : Goa.

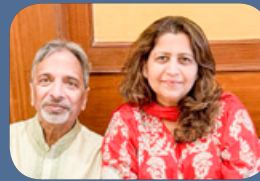
Favourite Book : Rich Dad Poor Dad – by Robert T. Kiyosaki.

Favourite Music : Classical music, songs sung by Mukesh.

Quote I live by : It Is Easy To Stand In A Crowd, But It Takes Courage To Stand Alone.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI BRAVEHEARTS : RTN TASNEEM MUN

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To bring fresh ideas to the table, inspire action, and foster deeper connections amongst the members.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the pure joy on the face of a child on hearing his mother's voice, post the cochlear implant surgery performed on him under the auspices of our Club.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Gift of Sound (Cochlear implant), Organ Transplant, and Touching Little Hearts Project. Global grants applied for Cochlear Implant . Touching Little Hearts Project is a part of Global Grants.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why:** Resilient - because our Club believes in overcoming obstacles, adapting to change, and staying committed to our mission even in difficult times.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Anganwadis, Maternal and Child health, Environment sustainability.



Profession: Home maker.

Club Name: Rotary Club of Mumbai Bravehearts.

Membership Strength : 32 .

Key Projects: Pride (Menstrual hygiene), Annapurna, Soles to Soul (Green soles), Har Haath Kitaab, Nutrients to children battling with cancer, Aanchal (child and mother care programmes).

Family: Siraj Mun – Husband - Rotarian.

Yasmeen Mun Mehta - Daughter.

Masuma Mun Anajwala – Daughter.

Favourite Cuisine : Mexican .

Favourite Holiday Destination : Europe.

Favourite Book : Novels written by Sidney Sheldon.

Quote I live by : A River Cuts Through Rocks Not Because Of Its Power, But Because Of Its Persistence (by James Watkins).

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI ANDHERI : RTN ARUN KRISHNAMOORTHY

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To sustain and grow our Club, as well as to develop vibrant and dynamic leaders for the future.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the joy on the faces of 70 orphan children, when our Club took them out for a picnic.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Providing essential equipment and library facilities to a school for the underprivileged children. Collaborations sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Resilient - because our Club is reinventing itself for Gen Z, backed by a 34 year old legacy.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Neo Natal facilities for the underprivileged at Government hospitals.



Profession: Management Consultant.

Club Name: Rotary Club of Mumbai Andheri.

Membership Strength: 10 .

Key Projects: Providing facilities at an Autism school, lunch for patients' attenders at a Government hospital, Eye check up camps & Polio camps.

Family: Hema Krishnamoorthy – Wife.

Akshay – Son. Ashwin – Son.

Favourite Cuisine : South Indian.

Favourite Holiday Destination : Kashmir.

Favourite Book : Thinking Fast And Slow – by Daniel Kahneman.

Favourite Music : Hindustani and Carnatic music.

Quote I live by : Not All Of Us Can Do Great Things – But We Can Do Small Things With Great Love (Mother Teresa).

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI ELEGANT: RTN NIDHIKA BAHL

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To serve the society in an impactful manner, and leave a chapter of inspiration and meaningful change, along with the unwavering commitment to create a legacy which will endure.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** The launch of a new Rotary Club: RCME Plus – witnessing the passion with which young leaders embraced the concept of Service to society.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Taricha Pada Tribal Upliftment Project, Donation of Medical Equipment to Mallika Hospital, Nair Hospital, and Lion Tarachand Bapa Hospital.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why:** Resilient- because true service requires perseverance in overcoming obstacles, and staying committed to making a difference, no matter what.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Healthcare, Education, Community empowerment, and fostering future leaders through mentorship.



Profession: Success Coach & Relationship Coach.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant.

Membership Strength: 129.

Key Projects : Tarichapada Tribal Upliftment, Baghbaan, Annapoorna, Participation in three global grants projects, Anganwadi, Donation of medical equipment to hospitals, and supporting disabled persons in their quest for financial independence.

Family: Subhagya Bahl – Mother. Ajay Bahl - Brother.

Favourite Cuisine: Italian .

Favourite Holiday Destination: Switzerland.

Favourite Book: The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership – by John C. Maxwell.

Quote I live by: The Best Way To Find Yourself Is To Lose Yourself In The Service Of Others (by Mahatma Gandhi).

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DIVAS 110: RTN SONALI CHETAN DESAI

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To serve the Society and encourage our members to put their best efforts in our Club's endeavours.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries of our Projects.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure:** Donation of Ambulance dedicated to palliative care and cancer screening, and a Blood Analyzer Machine to Tata Hospital Khargar (ACTREC) under CSR India Grant..
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why:** Visionary - because our Club believes in looking ahead.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Empowering the needy to become self-reliant.



Profession: Home maker.

Club Name : Rotary Club Of Mumbai Divas 110

Membership strength : 110

Key Projects : Sewing machines at Govardhan Skill Centre, Donation for Isha Vidya, Ambulance donation, adult education promotion, donation of benches and sports equipment to school, and breast cancer screening - Collaborations sought.

Family: Chetan Desai : Husband

Ishani Desai: Daughter, Priyanshu Desai : Son

Favourite Cuisine: Oriental, and wood fired pizzas.

Favourite holiday destination : India

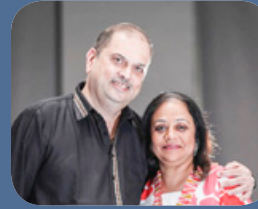
Favourite book : Ikigai (by Francesc Miralles & Hector Garcia)

Favourite music : Ghazals

Quote I live by : Live Each Day As It Comes.

ROTARY CLUB OF SKYCITY, BORIVALI, RTN JITEN MEHTA

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** Frankly, I was told to lead the club. I was always interested in Rotary, but I wanted to be a part of a new club. So, the day the message was floated in Skycity group I was the first one to show interest and then was chosen to lead the group.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far.** Receiving the Charter Certificate of our Club during my installation.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure.** "Women Empowerment, and Girl Education".
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a club, most relate to and why?** Visionary - because our newly installed Club believes in looking ahead".
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Woman empowerment.



Profession: Business in IT system Integration

Club name: Rotary Club of SkyCity Borivali

Membership strength: 42 Charter Members

Key projects: "Medical Camps for the underprivileged, and Blood donation camps at Sky City".

Family: Jaina Mehta Spouse, Ronil Mehta Son, Tanvi Mehta Daughter in Law, Hridhaan Grand Son, Jiyaa Mehta Grand Daughter, Niket Mehta Son, Kshama Mehta Daughter in Law, Yohan Grand Son

Favourite Cuisine: Indian and Chinese

Favourite Holiday destination: USA

Favourite Book/Music: Songs from Bollywood movies

Quote I Live By: Service Above Self

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI COASTLINE: RTN DR NISHANT S. MEHTA

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To strengthen "Members And Youth Connect" by bridging generations, fostering collaborations, and create a service driven club.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Seeing the joy & gratitude on the faces of the beneficiaries.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure:** Anganwadis, Paediatric Heart Surgeries, Toilet blocks at Ranshet. Collaborations sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Visionary because our Club believes in moving forward to create a better future for the underprivileged.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Youth Empowerment, Financial Literacy, Digital Upskilling, Healthcare, Environment & Sustainability.



Profession: Finance & Legal Professional (CA, Law , MBA, Doctorate in Fintech & Bank Audits).

Club Name: Rotary Club of Mumbai Coastline.

Membership strength: 65

Key Projects: Breast cancer screening camps, MUNZIL, Anganwadis, Health & Sanitation initiatives.

Family: Anshu Mehta - Wife : Rotarian, Anand Mehta - Son : Jt. Director - Professional Development - Rotaract Club of Atlas

Favourite cuisine: Pav Bhaji, Poha etc.

Favourite Holiday destination: Europe & Singapore.

Favourite Book: Novels by John Grisham and Jeffrey Archer.

Favourite Music : Arijit Singh songs.

Quote I Live By : Live Life King Size And Sab Maya Hai.

From Business to Benevolence: **FEATURING AKS TAIZOON KHORAKIWALA**



VIBE-X: Your family has been a beacon of generosity for The Rotary Foundation. How has this legacy influenced your philanthropic journey?

TK: My parents instilled in me the values of simplicity. My life journey and Islam's emphasis on zakat as a wealth purifier have been instrumental in building my value system in this area.

VIBE-X: How does philanthropy align with your values?

TK: I come from one of the world's poorest countries and a city of extremes. It's impossible to live in awareness without helping others. Wealth is largely a result of birth and genetics ... it's in our self-interest to build a fairer society.

VIBE-X: Rotary focuses on key areas such as disease prevention, education, and economic development. Which of these causes resonates most with you, and why?

TK: As a businessman, I seek value from philanthropy. My focus is on mothers and children. I've funded medical care, including paediatric surgeries—200 cardiac and 1,000 orthopaedic. Additionally, I have equipped the KEM ophthalmology department to make it a truly world-class teaching center.

VIBE-X: As a successful business leader and philanthropist, how do you see corporate social

responsibility and personal giving working together to create meaningful change?

TK: CSR, now a legal obligation for Indian corporations, forms 10% of our 2025 philanthropic budget. We would like to increase it to 50% of our global profit.

VIBE-X: How do you decide which causes or initiatives to support, and what factors influence your philanthropic choices?

TK: Maximizing RTS (Return to Society). Identifying niches in society where others are not actively engaged and where the societal return on investment is high.

Currently, we focus on three areas:

- (i) Paediatric orthopedic surgery
- (ii) Maternal and child nutrition
- (iii) Advocacy for women's rights and marginalized communities

VIBE-X: Beyond financial contributions, how can donors actively engage with the projects they support to ensure a greater impact?

TK: Visit the projects, gain a deeper understanding of India, and engage with our children and grandchildren. Commit a day or two every month.

VIBE-X: If you could champion one new initiative within The Rotary Foundation, what would it be and why?

TK: Paediatric surgeries. These

children will contribute to society for 70 years rather than being a burden to their families.

VIBE-X: As an AKS donor, how do you measure the true impact of your contributions beyond numbers and reports?

1. Fostering humility, gratitude, and simplicity within my immediate family.
2. Earning a good name in society.
3. Seeking the purification of my wealth by the Almighty.

VIBE-X: What message would you like to share with fellow business leaders about the importance of supporting global humanitarian efforts through Rotary?

TK: It is a journey that rewards us far more than we donate ... provided we engage as a family.

VIBE-X: What legacy do you hope to leave through your contributions to The Rotary Foundation and beyond?

TK: To serve as a role model, just as my ancestors were to me.

VIBE-X: What keeps you motivated and inspired to continue your journey of giving, even as the world faces new challenges?

TK: "To give is to live. To withhold is to perish." – Khalil Gibran

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



OUR impact begins with our members—individuals who envision a world united in action to create lasting change, both globally and within our communities. District 3141 emphasises the importance of having quality members rather than merely focusing on quantity.

We proudly announce that we have 6,557 dedicated Rotarians from various fields. With the continuous support of our District Governor, Chetan Desai, our Membership Team has achieved a net growth of 757. It brings us great joy not only to welcome new members but also to retain our existing ones. Through regular membership meetings and seminars at different clubs,

we have been able to strengthen our clubs' membership. We fulfil our purpose and achieve our goals thanks to the unwavering dedication of our members.

ROTARY'S MISSION

Rotary's mission is to "provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace." The core values of Rotary include service, fellowship, diversity, integrity, and leadership.

Rotary clubs demonstrate their value by maintaining connections with members and responding to the evolving needs of the community. Engaging current members is essential—

membership engagement and retention should be viewed as an ongoing process rather than a one-time effort implemented in desperation to boost numbers.

Recruitment is only one part of the membership equation. The other crucial aspect is retaining members by convincing them that joining was a wise decision. It may seem simple, but members who feel welcomed, engaged through involvement, informed, and recognised—and who perceive that the organisation benefits them—are more likely to remain members. They will also want to share their positive experiences with friends and business acquaintances.



Contact Us:

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The Corporate Advantage: In a CSR-Rotary partnership

WRITTEN BY DC CSR AKSHAY MEHTA

CORPORATE Social Responsibility (CSR) has evolved from a regulatory obligation to a strategic business function that enhances brand reputation, engages employees, and creates lasting social impact. However, many corporations face challenges in executing impactful CSR initiatives due to a lack of community connections, inadequate expertise in implementation, or a poor sustainability framework. Partnering with Rotary provides a unique opportunity for corporates to overcome these challenges and maximize their CSR potential.

Here are some key advantages for Corporates in partnering with us (Rotary Clubs) for their CSR activities:

1. ACCESS TO ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY NETWORKS

We have a widespread presence across urban and rural areas, with trusted relationships built over decades. This enables companies to implement CSR projects with ease, as we can help identify the most pressing community needs, ensuring resources are directed where they are needed the most.

Example: A company supporting rural education can collaborate with us to identify schools in underserved regions and facilitate infrastructure improvements or digital learning programs, etc.

2. EXPERTISE IN PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

We have experience in executing small and large-scale service projects, sometimes in partnership with governments and NGOs, which can ensure that CSR initiatives are efficiently planned and implemented.

Example: Corporates aiming to fund medical camps or sanitation projects can rely on our expertise in organizing logistics, mobilizing volunteers, and ensuring long-term sustainability.

3. EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

CSR is most effective when employees are actively involved. We can provide corporates with structured volunteering programs, boosting employee morale, teamwork, and a sense of purpose.

Example: A financial institution partnering with us can involve employees in financial literacy sessions for underprivileged youth, enhancing their leadership and mentoring skills.

4. ENHANCED BRAND REPUTATION AND CREDIBILITY

We are a globally recognized organization known for our integrity



and commitment to service. Associating with Rotary elevates a company's credibility and enhances its corporate image.

Example: A healthcare company sponsoring Rotary-led vaccination drives can showcase its commitment to public health, improving stakeholder trust and brand reputation.

5. GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY AND MEASURABLE IMPACT

Corporates need to track the effectiveness of their CSR initiatives for reporting and compliance. We can ensure a structured implementation, transparent fund utilization, and measurable impact reports.

Example: A manufacturing company investing in water conservation can rely on our monitoring framework to track the project's success in terms of water

saved and community benefits.

6. SUSTAINABILITY AND LONG-TERM LEGACY

Many corporate CSR initiatives face sustainability challenges after initial funding ends. We can ensure continuity by integrating projects into community structures and securing additional resources when needed.

- Example: A tech company funding digital literacy programs can work with us to train local educators, ensuring knowledge transfer and long-term benefits.

7. STRENGTHENING GOVERNMENT AND NGO COLLABORATIONS

Rotary has established partnerships with governments, NGOs, and international organizations like WHO and UNICEF, enabling corporates to participate in especially in large-scale, multi-stakeholder CSR initiatives.

Example: A pharmaceutical company supporting maternal healthcare programs can benefit from Rotary's network to

access regulatory guidance and government support for larger impact.

8. COST-EFFECTIVE CSR EXECUTION

Companies often struggle with the high costs of setting up CSR programs from scratch. By leveraging our existing projects and community connections, corporates can achieve high impact with optimized costs, sometimes with additional funding from Rotarians too.

Example: Instead of launching an independent education initiative, a corporate partner can support our existing literacy programs, reducing administrative overhead.

9. CRISIS RESPONSE AND DISASTER RELIEF

Our rapid response capabilities – due to direct connects / presence in most Districts of India, make us an ideal partner for corporates looking to contribute to disaster relief efforts. Our established disaster response network ensures that aid reaches affected communities efficiently.

Example: A consumer goods company can work with us to distribute essential supplies in disaster-stricken areas, ensuring quick and effective relief. This capability made us an ideal partner to distribute food packets / medicines, provide relief, etc during COVID.

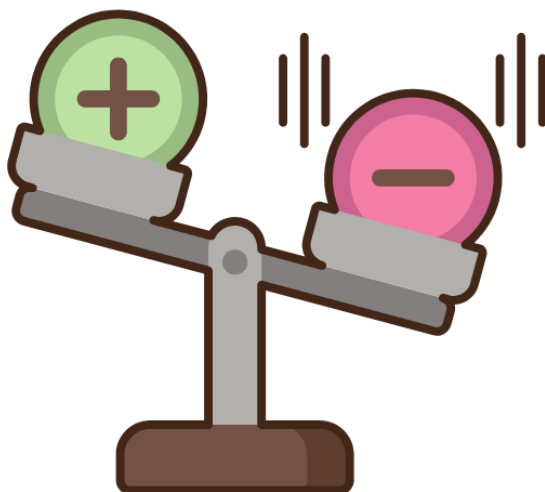
CSR INDIA GRANTS CAN BE A WIN-WIN PARTNERSHIP FOR LASTING IMPACT

A collaboration between corporates and Rotary creates a mutually beneficial relationship that maximizes CSR impact. Rotary provides the local expertise, project execution skills, and credibility, while corporates contribute financial resources, employee engagement, and innovation. This synergy results in well-executed, sustainable, and high-impact CSR initiatives that benefit both businesses and communities.

For corporates, partnering with Rotary is not just an act of social goodwill—it is an opportunity to create meaningful change while strengthening their corporate values, employee engagement, and public trust. For us, these collaborations help expand service initiatives, bringing greater impact to the communities that need it most.

Together, Rotary and corporate partners can drive transformative change, leaving a lasting legacy of service and sustainability.

Together, we can really make a meaningful, positive and long term impact on Society.



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RYPEN-2025

Interact

WRITTEN BY DISTRICT AVENUE CHAIR FOR YOUTH SERVICES III RTN. ANAND RAMNANI

ROTARY Club of Boisar Tarapur organised a unique RYPEN on 19th January 2025 at TIMA (Tarapur Industries Manufacturers Association Hall) under the leadership of Project Chairman Rtn. Dr Parag Kulkarni, President Rtn. Vilas Shahpure, First Lady Sandhya Shahpure, Club Secretary Rtn. Prashant Kadam, Rtn. Smita Jadhav, Rtn. Alka Jain, and Rtn. R. Goyal. This RYPEN was honoured by the presence of Rtn. Anand Ramnani, District Avenue Chair, Youth Services – 3, and Assistant Governor Rtn. Ninad Save from Rotary District 3141.

The logo for RYPEN 2025 was designed by Rtr. Vaishnavi Santosh Shinde, daughter of IPP Vaishali Shinde.

A total of 14 schools from Tarapur participated. The students were from Years 7, 8, 9, and 11. Approximately 10 students from each school, totalling 140 students, along with 14 teachers, 25 Rotarians, 15 students from the Interact Club, and 6 Rotaractors, attended this enrichment programme.

There were two learning sessions, namely:

Emergency Response Training, conducted by Mr K. R. Kurkute, Deputy Controller, Palghar – a

President's Award winner, Civil Defence Corps, Palghar District, and Mr Nilesh S. Vaze, Divisional



ROTARY CLUB OF BOISAR - TARAPUR

Rotary District 3141 | Club ID: 30218 | Chartered Date : 06th June 1994

Emergency Response Training Logo

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR ENRICHMENT (RYPEN)

Designed With Purpose

The logo is crafted to effectively communicate the workshop's core theme: equipping students with the skills to respond confidently and effectively to emergencies.

Elements Of Logo

- Shield:** A symbol of protection and preparedness, embodying the foundational principles of safety and emergency response.
- Heart with Pulse Line:** Represents the focus on health, CPR training, and life-saving first aid techniques.
- Fire Icon:** Highlights the importance of managing fire-related emergencies and staying calm under pressure.
- House with Cracks:** Depicts disaster response, including structural crises such as earthquakes or collapses.
- Drowning Hand Symbolizes:** water-related emergencies, emphasizing rescue and recovery techniques to save lives during drowning incidents.
- Safety Helmet:** Positioned at the base, symbolizing practical readiness and the hands-on approach of the workshop.
- Students & Growth:** Represent teamwork, collaboration, and the shared journey of acquiring essential knowledge and skills.

Logo Design


RYPEN 2025

"Every element of the logo has been thoughtfully designed to reflect the workshop's objectives and key focus areas"

Designer Behind the Visuals

Vaishnavi Santosh Shinde

(UI/UX Designer | Visual Communicator | Graphic Designer)

I am passionate about translating ideas into impactful visuals that convey meaning and purpose, ensuring every design element tells a story and connects with its audience.

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Field Officer, Honourary Officer,
Civil Defence Corps, Palghar.

Fire Safety Awareness, conducted by the Tarapur Fire Brigade Team, led by Mr P. B. Patil, with team members P. C. Raut, R. R. Jadhav, S. K. Jadhav, and P. S. Jagtap.

There were live demonstrations on:

- ◆ How to respond in emergencies such as road accidents, snake bites, and how to control bleeding in case of a fall, perform CPR, etc.
- ◆ Understanding different types of fires, their handling, and the proper use of fire extinguishers.
- ◆ How the fire brigade team responds to and controls fires.
- ◆ The functions of a fire engine.
- ◆ Hands-on training on using fire extinguishers.



Breakfast and lunch were arranged by the club for all. The session started at 9:00 am and ended at 5:00 pm. The students were extremely grateful to Rotary for organising this programme. The teachers accompanying the students requested the club to conduct more such training sessions, as it is essential to create awareness among young people.

Rtn. Anand Ramnani, District Avenue Chair, Youth Services - 3, commended and thanked President Rtn. Vilas Shahpure, First Lady Rtn. Sandhya Shahpure, and other club members for organising this valuable initiative for the youth.



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ROTARACT ACTION

Multiple events were conducted by the District Rotaractors in January:

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MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE 2025



The Mental Health Conference 2025, held on 18th January at Ramnarain Ruia College, brought together over 325 participants for a transformative day of learning and dialogue. Expert-led sessions on stress management, trauma recovery, and life transitions empowered attendees with practical strategies to enhance their well-being. In the run-up to the conference, more than 65 individuals benefited from free virtual consultations, setting the stage for deeper engagement. This impactful event not only sparked vital conversations but also strengthened the community's commitment to breaking the stigma surrounding mental health.

LANS Q3 – 18TH JANUARY 2025

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: THE LEGACY OF R.I.D. 3141

The "Learn a New Sport – Beach Volleyball" event, organised by District 3141, provided an exciting opportunity to engage in this fast-paced Olympic sport. Beyond athleticism and strategy, the



event fostered social connections, community engagement, healthy competition, leadership, and networking.

Coaches introduced participants to the fundamentals, ensuring a structured learning experience. With over 85 members eager to develop their skills, clubs were divided into batches with designated time slots for training, culminating in competitive and engaging matches. This initiative offered a great platform for newcomers to enjoy both the physical and social benefits of beach volleyball.

ROTASIA



3141's clan took Rotasia 2025 by storm in Daman and Silvassa from 9th to 12th January! With around 30 of them, the energy was unmatched—endless laughter, unforgettable memories, and pure Rotaract spirit. From bonding over sessions to exploring together, every moment was a blast.

Here's to friendships, fun, and representing 3141 with pride!

DRR PRESSEC 3.0



DRR PresSec 3.0 took place on 26th January 2025 at Sathaye College, where the DRR, District Executive Committee, and District Council members joined Presidents and Secretaries to share insights on ongoing projects and avenues.

The Finance Report for 2023-24 was passed, and the Half-Yearly Financial Report was presented. Updates were shared on upcoming RIDEs, Project Milaap, and Rotasia 2025, along with Project RIO, Placement Meetup, the Rotaract Skill Programme, and Oracle. A statistical update on Interact Week was presented, followed by the release of Project WRY and the announcement of the next SMPL event date.

Team Publications announced the winners of Chronicles Quarter 2, and the District Conference was officially introduced. Team Sports released the video for RISE, and Project R-Boss and its team were officially launched.

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INNER WHEEL IMPACT

Inner Wheel fosters change by supporting projects and extending aid globally

WRITTEN BY JYOTI KOTAK – DISTRICT EDITOR – INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 314



IWC Bombay Hanging Garden was honoured at the inauguration of Uttar Pradesh's largest eye hospital by Kalyanam Karoti Mathura. Club member Payal Grover, Trustee of Manav Seva Sansthan, Mumbai, made a generous contribution.

Beneficiaries: Numerous | **Amount Spent:** INR 2.5 Cr



IWC Bombay Mid-Town donated ₹3,05,000 to Umeed Development Centre for therapies and teaching aids for 1,500 differently abled children.



IWC Bombay Airport Tiara Donated a craniotomy machine to the neurosurgery department at R. N. Cooper Hospital.



IWC Bombay Queen's Tiara donated 360 clothing sets to children at Tata Memorial Hospital's paediatric cancer centre. The sets were stitched by women in need at Anusya Mody Women's Empowerment Trust, providing them with employment.



IWC Bombay Central arranged for dialysis for BPL patients at Shanmukhananda Health Centre in Sion.



IWC Mumbai Ghatkopar donated 82 water wheels to Murbad village, easing water collection. This was sponsored by member Trupti Shah.

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GILBERT HILL:

A Hidden Gem of Mumbai's Heritage

WRITTEN BY RTN K V PREMRAJ, TEAM SANSKRITI



Tucked away in the heart of Andheri East, Gilbert Hill is a geological and historical treasure known to few visitors to Mumbai. This towering 200-foot basalt rock formation, believed to be around 66 million years old, is one of only three such places on Earth, making it an extraordinary natural wonder. What makes Gilbert Hill so special is that it is one of the rarest geological formations, formed when volcanic lava cooled and solidified into these striking vertical columns.

Gilbert Hill was named after Captain Gilbert, a British engineer who conducted surveys in the area during the 19th century. The hill's formation is a result of volcanic eruptions that took place millions of years ago, leaving behind a stunning columnar structure. These formations, though rare, are examples of how nature has

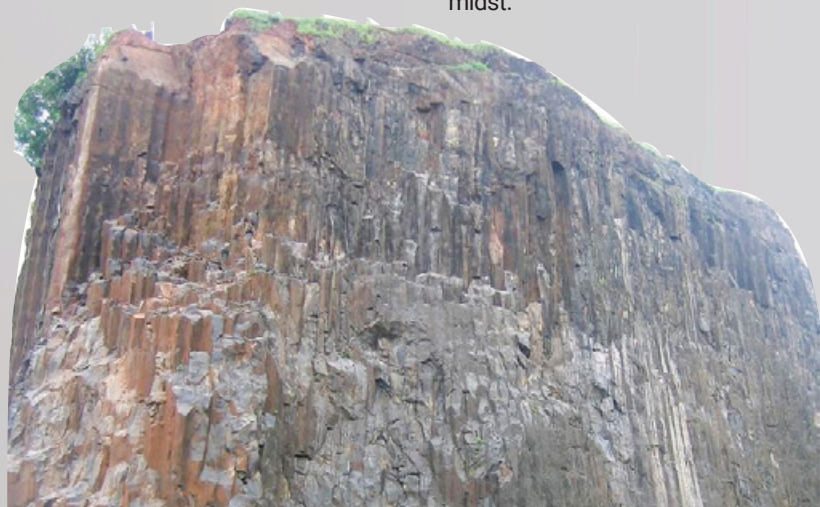
sculpted the earth in its myriad ways

At the summit of Gilbert Hill, visitors can find the ancient temple of Durgadi Mata, which adds a spiritual element to the site. Pilgrims and locals frequently visit the temple, contributing to the cultural significance of the hill,

which has long been a centre of local heritage.

Despite its historical and geological value, Gilbert Hill has faced challenges in preservation. Urbanization, encroachments, and lack of awareness have threatened the site's integrity, leaving it in need of better conservation efforts. Nonetheless, it remains a peaceful escape offering a panoramic view of Mumbai, alongside an opportunity to witness a rare natural spectacle.

For those interested in history, geology, or simply exploring Mumbai's hidden gems, Gilbert Hill offers an unforgettable experience. As we navigate the demands of modernity, it is crucial to cherish and protect such irreplaceable landmarks that speak to the ancient past and connect us with the planet's natural heritage. Let us all take a moment to appreciate and preserve these treasures in our midst.



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