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Rotary
District 3141



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ROTARY STANDS UNITED AGAINST TERROR

We strongly condemn the heinous terrorist attack in Pahalgam. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families. Rotary **District 3141** stands in solidarity with our nation in this hour of grief.

“अमन और इंसानियत पर वार,
हम सबको है नहीं स्वीकार।”

A Rotary family united by peace, compassion, and unwavering commitment to a better tomorrow.



The Magic of Rotary Unfolds on Paul Harris's Birthday

The Vibrant CSR & TRF Awards witnessed an extraordinary act of generosity by District Coordinator – TRF Support & Assistant End Polio Now Coordinator (2023 - 2026) Rtn. Manish Gyani, in the true spirit of honoring the birthday of Rotary's Founder, Paul Harris, on 19th April 2025.

RC Mumbai Kalakar hosted Vibrant Rimjhim 3.0 on March 30 at the Veer Savarkar Auditorium, Mumbai. The event, a tribute to India's rich cultural heritage, culminated in a powerful thematic dance performance by AG Rtn. Sree Nandy's troupe. The performance explored the interplay of human emotions and colours, ultimately merging into white — a symbol of peace and unity.

Adding to the artistic expression, a captivating live painting was created by Rtn. Dr. Vaishali Das. Her artwork beautifully captured the vibrant yet serene essence of the performance. The painting was later auctioned at the Vibrant TRF and CSR Conclave.

In a remarkable display of generosity and commitment to The Rotary Foundation, Rtn. Manish Gyani placed the winning bid of USD 5,000 for the artwork, with the entire amount being donated to TRF. His gesture not only underscored the spirit of giving but also set an inspiring example of service above self.



From the EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



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Dear Vibrant Family,

As the world around us awakens to summer, we in Rotary dedicate the month of **May to our youth**—the heartbeat of our future. Rotary's **Youth Service Month** reminds us that the leaders of tomorrow are shaped by the experiences we offer today.

At the outset, our hearts go out to the **innocent lives lost in the recent attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir**. On behalf of the Rotary family of District 3141, I extend **our deepest prayers and condolences** to the victims and their families. Even in times of sorrow, our shared humanity must shine brighter than hate.

Back home, our focus on the **young minds of Rotary** continues to bear fruit. From energetic Interact and Rotaract events to leadership seminars and skill-building workshops, the month has been buzzing with youthful spirit. A particularly touching moment was the **farewell we hosted for our inbound Youth Exchange students**. They came as strangers and left as family—each carrying a part of India with them, and leaving behind a part of themselves in our hearts. Their journey was not just about cultural exchange; it was a masterclass in peacebuilding and friendship.

While our eyes are on the future, our actions must also support the present. The **2024-25 Annual Fund Challenge**, introduced by TRF Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya and RRFCs of Zones 4 to 7, gives each of us a chance to fuel Rotary's mission. Through levels of recognition — **Silver, Gold, Platinum, and Champion** — this initiative encourages clubs and districts to step up their giving and participation. Let us rise to this challenge with the same enthusiasm that our youth bring to every service project.

As we celebrate our youth and deepen our impact through TRF, let us remember: **Rotary is not just a club for people to join, but a platform for people to grow**—and there's no better time to nurture that growth than in the month of May.

Yours in Rotary,

Chetan Desai
Rotary District 3141 (2024-25)

"Together we can, Together we will."

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BREAKING NEWS

Vibrant DG Rtn. Chetan Desai has been appointed as **AEMGA** (Assistant Endowment and Major Gift Advisor) for **RID 3141** and **RID 3070** by TRF for **RY 2025-26**. Congratulations to Vibrant DG and first lady Jwalaji!

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Nurturing Youth

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Summer has arrived with some of the hottest days ever recorded in various parts of the country. Mumbai is no exception; I urge everyone to stay safe and mindful. While natural factors play a role, human actions such as global warming, biodiversity loss, and plastic pollution continue to disturb our planet's delicate balance. As Rotarians and responsible global citizens, it's our duty to reduce carbon emissions and lead by example with sustainable lifestyles.

Each month, our GML aims to deliver meaningful content that reflects the vibrant service spirit of the Rotary community. In the annals of Rotary District 3141's history, the past 10 months will stand as a testament to the power of collaboration, dedication and the indomitable spirit of Rotarians. As we bask in the glow of our collective achievements, it's impossible not to mention exhilarating journey we all had. Over the past 10 months, we've achieved remarkable milestones, with every club working tirelessly to elevate the impact of their service.

May is Rotary International's Youth Service Month, a time to focus on empowering young people through leadership development and meaningful opportunities. The elevation of Rotaract as official partners in service further strengthens our collective mission. With new policies in place, Rotaractors are now equipped to work alongside Rotarians to drive sustainable change in their communities.

Rotary's commitment to developing future leaders is reflected in programs that nurture leadership and promote service as a core value. Our young leaders — and the young at heart — have embraced this responsibility with passion. Through fellowship, innovation, and community engagement, they've shown us that the future of Rotary is indeed bright.



As we prepare for a leadership transition, we extend our best wishes to the incoming teams of Rotary Year 2025-26. With the District Learning Assembly and Grant Management Seminar already held, the stage is set for a seamless handover.

As we approach the conclusion of the 2024-25 Rotary year in the next two months, let us not merely mark the passage of time, but rather ignite a fervent flame of Rotary spirit that will continue to burn brightly in the hearts and minds of all who are touched by our organization. Now, more than ever, is the time to rally together, to reignite our passion for service, and to reaffirm our commitment to making a tangible difference in the world. Now, let's come together for one final, united push — to reach even greater heights, make history for our club and district, and create lasting magic through Rotary.

Though there's always a tinge of nostalgia as a Rotary year ends, we take pride in the memories we've made and the lives we've touched. Let's continue to entrust, empower, and inspire the next generation to carry our mission forward.

**Ashish Tapiawala,
District Coordinator, Publications**

Errata: We regret that Governor's Monthly Letter was printed as Global Monthly Letter in the Counselor's Column in the previous issue.

From the MANAGING EDITOR'S Desk

In Turbulent Times, Let Us Rise

The world today stands at a crossroads of rising uncertainty. The ongoing tariff wars between major global powers have triggered waves of economic instability, disrupting trade, inflaming markets, and shaking the confidence of nations and individuals alike. As financial systems struggle to adapt, livelihoods are impacted and the gap between economies widens—leaving the most vulnerable at even greater risk.



Closer home, the brutal terrorist attack in Kashmir has left the nation reeling with grief and anger. It is a chilling reminder of the persistent threat of violence that undermines our collective pursuit of peace and security. Such acts not only cause irreparable loss but seek to divide and destabilize us as a society.

In moments like these, we are truly tested. Service Above Self becomes more than a motto—it becomes a guiding principle. Peace must begin in our communities and echo across our nations.

Let us stand together to build a world where compassion overrides conflict, and where the will to serve becomes stronger than the forces that seek to tear us apart.

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YOUNG TORCHBEARERS



Dear Vibrant Rotary Family,

Every May, as Rotary celebrates Youth Service Month, I find myself reflecting not just on programs or projects—but on the young lives we've touched and how deeply they've touched us in return.

Our home was blessed this year with the presence of Leonnie, our RYE student from France. She came into our lives with curiosity, laughter, and a heart wide open to India. She became a part of our family—celebrating festivals, sharing stories, and bringing us glimpses of a world beyond our borders.

Last year, our own son had his RYE experience in Brazil, and I saw first-hand how a teenager left home with nervous excitement and returned transformed—with a broader worldview, lifelong friendships, and immense gratitude.

But perhaps what has moved me most is watching Chetan—before he was DG—serve as District Chair for RYE from 2011 to 2013. I saw a different fire in him then. He wasn't just leading a program; he was building a bridge between cultures, creating young ambassadors of peace. That passion hasn't faded—it's only grown. And now, as First Lady, I understand more deeply what RYE stands for: not just exchange of culture, but exchange of values, humanity, and hope.

This month, as we bid farewell to our inbound students, I want to thank every host parent, every club, and every volunteer who makes the Youth Exchange possible. Your kindness creates ripples that touch the world.

And as we grieve the recent Pahalgam tragedy, let us reaffirm our commitment to raising a generation that chooses understanding over hatred, and unity over fear.

Youth may be our future—but in Rotary, they are very much our present. And through them, peace isn't just a dream. It's a journey we've already begun.

Jwala Desai
First Lady of Rotary District 3141

LET HOPE BLOOM: A CALL FOR PEACE AND ACTION

PRID ASHOK MAHAJAN
DIRECTOR, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL (2007–09)
TRUSTEE, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (2009–13)

In the hearts of billions around the world, there exists an eternal hope—a hope that peace will one day prevail. But peace cannot truly blossom when the essential needs for coexistence remain unmet. It is this undeniable truth that drives Rotary's mission: to provide the fundamental resources that sustain life. Peace cannot take root in a world where hunger prevails. It cannot thrive where communities are torn apart by the struggle for survival. It cannot flourish in hearts burdened by the hardships of poverty and strife. Through its transformative programs, The Rotary Foundation seeks to answer the urgent call of these needs. Across the globe,

countless communities benefit from Rotary's life-changing service initiatives—many of which are made possible by the support of The Rotary Foundation. Rotary Districts worldwide receive vital financial assistance to implement service projects that uplift communities, change lives, and sow the seeds of lasting peace. By helping communities overcome life's harshest trials—poverty, illness, and conflict—Rotary nurtures happiness and cultivates peace. Together, we hold onto the shared belief that our hope for a more peaceful world will not only endure but triumph. However, for this vision to become a reality, funding is essential. The lifeblood of this movement is the



generosity of Rotarians and their networks. We must dig deep, tap into our connections, and raise the resources needed to support the work of The Rotary Foundation. You have the power to make a difference. The Rotary Foundation stands with you—ready to support, encourage, and inspire your efforts. Now is the time to act.

Thank you PRID Ashok Mahajan!

I recently had the privilege of reading your latest publication, The Governor's Monthly Letter, from cover to cover. I must say, I was thoroughly impressed by its thought-provoking and uplifting content. The articles are not only informative but also incredibly inspiring, offering perspectives that resonate deeply with me. It's clear that this publication serves as both a vital source of information and a powerful source of inspiration for Rotarians everywhere.

The way in which it highlights the incredible work being done throughout our District is truly remarkable. It sheds light on the numerous contributions being made, inspiring each of us to redouble our efforts in service

to the world. It's a reminder of the profound impact we can have when we come together for a common cause.

I would also like to take a moment to commend your excellent choice of team members. They are clearly dedicated and skilled in their work, and their efforts are evident in the high quality of the publication. Please extend my sincere appreciation to everyone involved, both directly and indirectly, in bringing such a fantastic resource to life each month.

Congratulations once again on this achievement, and I eagerly look forward to the next issue on May 1st.

CSR & TRF Awards Night

April 19, 2025 | Four Seasons Hotel, Worli, Mumbai.

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ON the evening of April 19, 2025, we had the privilege of celebrating the **CSR & TRF Awards** in commemoration of the birth anniversary of Rotary's founder, Rtn. Paul Harris.

The event was distinguished by the presence of:

- ♦ 31 esteemed corporate partners
- ♦ 17 co-host Rotary Clubs
- ♦ Chief Guest, PTRFT PDG Gulam Vahanvati

Lead Host: Rotary Club of Bombay Pier

This elegant occasion unfolded under the visionary leadership of **District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai**, ably supported by **Rtn. Manish Gyani (District Chair - TRF)** and the **District CSR Team**.

The evening celebrated and recognized the magnanimous

contributions of **TRF donors** — including **Arch Klumph Society members, Major Donors, and Paul Harris Society members** — who exemplify the spirit of giving. We also honoured our **CSR Partner Corporates** for their invaluable collaboration with Rotary in furthering our mission to "Do Good in the World."

In his keynote address, **Chief Guest Gulam Vahanvati** provided a historical perspective on the Rotary Foundation's engagement with corporate CSR initiatives. He highlighted the significant growth in corporate partnerships over the past three to four years and affirmed the mutually beneficial nature of these alliances, which continue to expand and strengthen annually.

A senior representative from **Sanathan Textiles Ltd.** shared their experience of working with

the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, describing a highly successful CSR partnership over the past two to three years. This collaboration has resulted in projects valued at approximately **₹6 crore**, with further initiatives currently underway.

District Governor Chetan Desai also reported on the District's impressive contributions to The Rotary Foundation, which have reached approximately **USD 3.6 million** during the current Rotary year. He called upon all attendees to sustain and enhance their commitment to TRF and CSR initiatives over the remainder of the Vibrant Year.

The evening was marked by **meaningful recognitions, inspiring narratives, and impactful pledges**, embodying the true spirit of **service, philanthropy, and Rotary fellowship**.





UNNATI SKILL ENHANCEMENT SCHEME: Empowering Women, Transforming Futures

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THE Seva Mandal Education Society (SMES) campus in Matunga, Mumbai, recently witnessed an uplifting celebration on **March 29, 2025**—the certificate distribution ceremony of the **Unnati Skill Enhancement Scheme**, a transformative initiative that has changed the course of many young women's lives. Over a span of three years, the Rotary Club of Queen's Necklace (District 3141), in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Germantown, Memphis (District 6800), joined hands with the four colleges under SMES to launch and nurture this impactful project, supported by a global grant of ₹1.44 crore.

The Unnati Scheme, launched in **2022**, was designed to address a critical gap: the employability of

women students. With over **965 women** successfully completing various job-oriented courses, the initiative has now empowered hundreds of young women with market-ready skills and confidence to chart their own career paths. At the certificate distribution event, Chief Guest **District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai** personally handed out certificates to graduates and honoured top rankers.

The ceremony was also graced by several dignitaries, including:

- ❖ **Dr. Bharat Pathak**, Hon. Secretary, SMES
- ❖ **Shri Atul Sanghavi**, Treasurer, SMES
- ❖ **Rtn. Radhika Mehta**, **Rtn. Shilpa Mehta**, and **Rtn. Sanjeev Mehta**

- ❖ **Dr. Archana Patki**, Principal, Smt. MMP Shah College of Arts & Commerce
- ❖ **Prof. Dr. Mala Pandurang**, Principal, Dr. BMN College of Home Science
- ❖ **Mrs. Shilpa Shettigar**, Principal, SPG Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science
- ❖ **Mrs. Rakhee Gadhvee**, Principal, Smt. KG Shah Law School

A total of 11 specialised courses were offered across the fields of:

- ▲ Money Management
- ▲ Media
- ▲ IT
- ▲ Beauty & Wellness
- ▲ Health & Nursing
- ▲ Law



These courses were curated after an in-depth needs assessment and aligned with real-time industry expectations. More than **30 seasoned industry experts** and training partners collaborated to deliver practical, job-oriented instruction.

To facilitate job readiness, the participating colleges also established **dedicated placement cells**, which connected students with recruiters. The results were remarkable: over **70% of the students** secured placements in reputed organisations such as:

- ❖ **Finance & Media:** ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, Motilal Oswal, HDFC Life, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, Mid-day, Hawkins, TCS
- ❖ **Healthcare:** Fortis Hospital, Global Hospitals, Reliance Hospital
- ❖ **IT:** Deloitte, Capgemini, Infosys
- **Beauty & Wellness:** Bliss Salon, Lakme Salon
- ❖ **Law:** Little & Co., HNT Legal
- ❖ **Retail and F&B:** Starbucks

The program was driven by an incredibly committed team led by **Chief Coordinator Mr Dattatray Gawade** and a set of dedicated course coordinators:

- ▲▼ **Mr. Shahajahan Khan** (IT)
- ▲▼ **Dr. Shubhangi Kulkarni** (Retail)
- ▲▼ **Ms. Shagufta Memon** (Media)
- ▲▼ **Ms. Rehana Bepari** (Beauty)
- ▲▼ **Ms. Delphina Gaurav** (Health)
- ▲▼ **Ms. Aditi Saxena** (Law)

The Rotary-supported grant not only ensured quality training but also funded smart classrooms and online platforms like Zoom, making it possible for students to attend live sessions with experts even remotely.

Hearing directly from the students was one of the most heartwarming aspects of the event. Their testimonials offered a real glimpse into how deeply the program has impacted their lives:

Ms Kimaya Patil, an IT student, shared:

"Unnati has helped me and many other needy students enhance our skills. I especially loved the hands-on IoT workshops and cybersecurity sessions. They helped me develop problem-solving skills and sparked innovative thinking. Today, I'm placed at **Deloitte** as an Associate Analyst with a package of ₹3.25 lakh per annum."

Ms. Yukta Mehta, a Media and Marketing student, said:

"Being part of the first batch has been life-changing. I gained so much confidence and skill—and secured a role at **Midday InfoMedia**. I am so grateful to the Rotary Club of Queen's Necklace for making this possible."





Ms. Nuzhat Shaikh, a final-year LL.B student, said:

"The Cyber Law course was a blessing. Such programs usually cost a lot, but we were given this opportunity free of cost. It has sparked my interest in pursuing cyber law further."

Ms. Srushti Shinde, from the Wealth Management stream, spoke movingly:

"My father is a driver, and my mother is a housewife. Thanks to the Rotary-funded courses taught by real Chartered Accountants, I learned GST and Tally. I was offered a manager's role at **CPL Distribution** with a CTC of ₹2.4 lakhs before even getting my hall ticket. **For the first time, my family listens to me.** This is a win not just for me—but for all of us."

Another subtle but telling outcome has emerged from many informal student-teacher conversations. Several girls shared that **marriage proposals from families significantly improved** once they started earning. "When families see that the girl is working—and with a branded corporate—they feel more confident and inclined. It changes how they view the girl's potential."

This speaks volumes about the wider social transformation Unnati is fostering—where women are

seen not just as homemakers but as professionals, decision-makers, and equal contributors to their families.

Notably, the program was inclusive at its core. Students from economically challenged backgrounds received full scholarships for these training modules. This reflects the deep commitment of both Rotary and SMES to **equal opportunity and empowerment through education.**

The Unnati Skill Enhancement Scheme is not just a skill-building project but a **movement**. A mission to uplift, empower, and enable young women to take charge of their futures with pride, confidence, and dignity.

As District 3141 celebrates milestones like these, we are reminded of what's possible when vision, collaboration, and purpose come together. Unnati is a shining example of Rotary's power to create meaningful, measurable, and lasting change.

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Vimukti Yatra

10,000 Kilometres of Purpose, Prevention, and Possibility

CONTRIBUTED BY PREZ DR. SIDDHARTH UDESHI



VIMUKTI Yatra, a 10,000 km road trip focused on addiction prevention and mental health awareness, was flagged off on 26th January 2025 from Sion, Mumbai, traveling across 17 Indian states and 26 Rotary districts under the guidance of **DG Chetan Desai** (3141) and **DG Mohan Parashar** (3055).

The Yatra was organized by the Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention 3141, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mulund East (3141), and the Rotary Club of Mandvi Kutch (3055). On behalf of all the above clubs, Rotary Charitable Society Mandvi facilitated the entire Yatra. This initiative was conceptualised by Rtn Dr. Siddharth Udeshi, President 2024–25 of RC Addiction Prevention 3141.

The Yatra aims to break the stigma surrounding addiction and mental health, promote open conversations, and provide crucial resources to individuals and communities. It works to bring together Rotarians, professionals, educators, students, and policymakers to create a

nationwide movement for a healthier future.

GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE & ROUTE:

The Yatra traversed diverse regions of India, covering rural and urban landscapes to maximise outreach. The journey spanned across 17 states, reaching thousands of individuals through direct engagement and digital outreach. The entire Yatra was divided into four legs:

Leg 1: Mumbai to Kanyakumari

Covering: Pune – Kolhapur – Hubali – Bengaluru – Tirupur – Nagercoil – Kanyakumari

Leg 2: Kanyakumari to Kolkata

Covering: Madurai – Perambalur – Puducherry – Chennai – Nellore – Kavali – Vijayawada – Rajamahendravaram – Visakhapatnam – Bhubaneswar – Kolkata



Leg 3: Kolkata to Atal Tunnel (Manali)

Covering: Dhanbad – Bodh Gaya – Lucknow – Mathura – Delhi – Yamunanagar – Chandigarh – Rupnagar – Mandi – Manali

Leg 4: Manali to Mumbai

Covering: Jalandhar – Amritsar – Atari – Barnala – Jaipur – Ajmer – Udaipur – Palanpur – Deesa – Nadabet (border) – Bhachau – Bhuj – Mandvi – Gandhidham – Ahmedabad – Bharuch – Vapi – Palghar – Mumbai

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- » PDG Rtn Harshad L. Udeshi (RC Mandvi Kutch–3055)
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- » Rtn Vishal Patwa (RC Addiction Prevention 3141)



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- » Rtn Nilam Gada (RC Addiction Prevention 3141)
- » Rtn Amish Sanghvi (President, RC Mandvi Kutch)
- » Rtn J.D. Shah (President, Rotary Charitable Society, Mandvi)

Yatra Co-Hosts – Powered By:

- » RC Yamunanagar Riviera (3080)
- » Sharad Advertising Pvt. Ltd.

Gold Hosts:

- » RC Mumbai Ghatkopar West (3141)
- » Club of Jalore (3055)
- » Jankalyan Medical Society, Mandvi Kutch
- » PDG Harshad Udeshi (3055)

Silver Hosts:

- » RC Mumbai Island City
- » RC Mumbai Malabar Hill
- » RC Deonar
- » RC Mumbai Ghatkopar
- » RC Mumbai Mulund Valley
- » RC Lokhandwala Kandivali
- » RC Bombay Powai
- » Rtn Vijay Rao Cavale (3141)



- » Rtn Sandeep Kedia (3141)
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- » VishwaCARE – The World of Ayurveda

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- » Enjin Experiences Pvt. Ltd.

Print Partner:

- » Sacheti & Company

KEY ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED:

Public Awareness Campaigns:

- » Interactive sessions were organised at schools and colleges with over 10,000+ students.

Institutions included:

1. New High School, Kolhapur
2. Bal Bhavan Global High School, Tirupur
3. AVP High School, Tirupur
4. Jesuit Ministry to Alcohol & Drug Dependency Centre
5. Carmel Higher Secondary School, Nagercoil
6. Guhan Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Madurai
7. PB Siddhartha College of Arts & Sciences, Vijayawada
8. Shri Lakshmi Institute of Medical Sciences, Kavali
9. Dafne Civil Academy, Rajamahendravaram
10. GITAM School of Business, Visakhapatnam



11. Kalinga Institute of Dental Sciences, Bhubaneswar
 12. Saraswati Dental College, Lucknow
 13. Sardar Patel Post Graduate School of Dental Sciences, Lucknow
 14. Kendriya Vidyalaya 2, Camp, Delhi
 15. Gurunanak College of Pharmacy, Yamunanagar
 16. GMN Senior Secondary School, Rupnagar
 17. Govt Senior Secondary School, Kullu
 18. IIS University, Jaipur
 19. Pacific Dental College
 20. Gokul Arts College
 21. Adani Medical College
 22. Khimji Ramdas Schools (3 schools)
- » Social media campaigns ran parallel to on-ground activities, amplifying the message to a larger audience.
 - » Distribution of educational materials highlighting the dangers of addiction and the importance of mental well-being. Around 2,000 pledge certificates against tobacco were distributed during these sessions.
 - » Personal stories of recovery and resilience were shared, inspiring participants to seek help without hesitation.



(Bhuj), also available on their YouTube channel.

Collaboration with Stakeholders:

- » Partnerships were established with 104 Rotary Clubs, 4 Rotaract Clubs, 2 Interact Clubs, 1 RCC, and 15 other NGOs to create sustainable support systems. Sixteen Rotary Club meetings were addressed. Nearly 1,000 Rotarians across 26 districts contributed to the project.
- » Local influencers, youth icons, spiritual leaders, local political leaders, and media personalities joined the movement, drawing more attention and engagement.
- » Government agencies were engaged in discussions on policy improvements for mental health and addiction recovery programs.

Media Engagement:

- » Real-time updates were shared via social media, blogs, and videos, ensuring nationwide engagement.
- » Press conferences and digital media bytes were provided to local news (print and digital).
- » Nineteen newspapers across India covered the Vimukti Yatra. News and interviews of the Vimukti Yatra featured on nearly 11 local news channels. A special two-part interview was featured by All India Radio

IMPACT & OUTCOMES

- » **Direct Outreach:** Thousands of people were reached through in-person events and awareness sessions.
- » **Digital Reach:** Social media campaigns gained significant traction, spreading awareness to an even larger audience.
- » **Community Empowerment:** The initiative empowered youth, educators, and healthcare professionals with the knowledge and resources to combat addiction and promote mental health.
- » **Sustainable Support Networks:** Partnerships formed during the Yatra will continue to support addiction prevention and mental health awareness in their respective communities. Rotary District leaders—including DGs, DGEs, DGNs, DGNDs, and PDGs—have agreed to actively participate in addiction prevention projects and form committees for the same in their districts.

CONCLUSION

Vimukti Yatra is not just a road trip—it was a transformative movement that laid the foundation for a long-term battle against addiction and mental health stigma in India and South East Asia. By bringing together diverse

stakeholders and ensuring community participation, this initiative made a significant impact across the nation.

FUTURE PLANS & CALL TO ACTION

Building on the success of the Vimukti Yatra, the Rotary Clubs involved plan to:

- » Expand the outreach program through continuous awareness campaigns.
 - » Create trainers across India through training-of-trainers programs and resources for projects focused on addiction and mental health.
 - » Strengthen support groups and networks for addiction recovery and mental health counseling.
 - » Advocate for policy changes and increased government support for mental health initiatives.
- Rotary Clubs, organizations, institutions, and individuals are encouraged to join this mission and take forward the legacy of Vimukti Yatra. Together, we can continue to make a difference and create a healthier, addiction-free society.

10,000

Key highlights:

- 10,000+ kms covered
- 10,000+ direct beneficiaries
- 10,000+ Rotary man-hours

EDITED BY SREE NANDY

Celebrating Women of Impact:

Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Face Honours Vocational Excellence of Six Women

CONTRIBUTED BY RTN. MANISHI VORA (DIRECTOR - VOCATIONAL SERVICE RC OF BOMBAY SEAFACE)



Empowering stories, inspirational journeys, and a night of recognition

Date: 8th March 2025

Venue: IMC Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mumbai

On the occasion of International Women's Day, the Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Face (R.I. District 3141) hosted its prestigious Vocational Excellence Awards Function for the Rotary Year 2024-25. The event celebrated and recognized exceptional women professionals for their exemplary achievements, dedication, and societal impact.

The evening commenced with a warm welcome by Club President Rtn. MinalTurakhia, who underscored the significance of vocational recognition. This was followed by the national anthem and a prayer to Lord Ganesha. Director of Vocational Service Rtn. Manishi Vora anchored the event, guiding the audience through a heartwarming and inspiring program.

The highlight of the evening was

the presentation of Vocational Excellence Awards to five remarkable women:

1. **Dr. Sadhana K. Desai** – A trailblazer in IVF and Assisted Reproduction, honoured for her lifetime achievements spanning over six decades as a pioneering gynaecologist.
2. **Suvarna Raj** – A polio-affected, wheelchair-bound athlete who has won multiple national and international medals in powerlifting, table tennis, and athletics. She was recognized for her relentless advocacy for Divyaang (differently-abled) rights.
3. **Archana Chandra** – Celebrated for her contributions to inclusive education for the intellectually disabled, transforming countless lives through compassion and commitment.
4. **Chinu Kala** – An inspiring entrepreneur who rose above personal adversity to establish one of India's most popular imitation jewellery brands.

She was honoured for her entrepreneurial vision and perseverance.

5. **Laina Emmanuel & Dr. Rimjhim Agrawal** – IT professionals awarded the Start-Up Award for their innovative AI-based device that aids in the treatment of brain disorders.

Each awardee received a commemorative plaque and certificate. Their stories, shared through moving video testimonials, left an indelible impression on all present.

District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai lauded the club's initiative in shining a spotlight on women's achievements across diverse spheres.

The evening concluded with a vibrant networking session over cocktails and a sumptuous dinner, leaving guests inspired and energized.

The Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Face remains steadfast in its mission to promote vocational excellence and engage meaningfully with the community.



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Annapoorna:

A Movement of Compassion and Commitment

Under the leadership of Project Head Rtn. Hemang Jangla



WITH immense joy and pride, the Rotary family continues to drive forward the “Annapoorna” Ration and Meal Distribution Program – an initiative rooted in compassion, community, and an enduring commitment to serve the underprivileged.

In a city as vibrant as Mumbai, many families still struggle to meet basic nutritional needs. Through Annapoorna, we are not just delivering food—we are delivering hope, dignity, and solidarity. This ongoing initiative, led by Project Head Rtn. Hemang Jangla, has made a lasting impact:

- △ The project team successfully distributed 87+ family ration kits on April 5, reinforcing the continuity and scale of the mission.
- △ Jogeshwari (Bandra to Andheri

stretch): 25 kg ration kits were distributed to needy families, with support from Rtn. Arun Wadhwa and other dedicated Rotarians.

- △ Bhayander (Dahisar to Vasai): Ration distribution continued with the involvement of the Lead Host Club – Rotary Club of Mumbai North.
- △ Virar: At Shree Trust’s Swami Parijnanashram Educational & Vocational Center, 250 specially-abled children were supported with 250 kg of ration, 30 liters of oil, and 500 packets of biscuits.
- △ Ongoing Meal Program – “Annapoorna Kitchen”: On every alternate day, 100 freshly prepared meals are distributed to the poor and underprivileged.

Each ration kit and every hot meal symbolize our collective humanity and the promise that no one in our community should go to bed hungry.

District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai, who has closely supported this project, expressed heartfelt appreciation and reaffirmed his commitment to Annapoorna, calling it “a cause close to my heart.”

This is not a one-time effort. Annapoorna is a continuing mission—a movement powered by generosity, compassion, and action. We invite you to join us in our upcoming distributions on 18th, 24th, and 25th August 2024

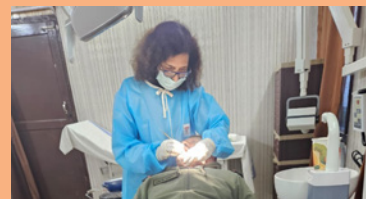


and help us build a future where every plate is full.

Let’s keep the Rotary spirit alive—vibrant, united, and always ready to serve.

Jai Hind!

ROTARIAN IN ACTION: EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE AND COMMITMENT



Rtn. Dr. Arti, President-Elect of Rotary Club of Bombay Uptown, displayed inspiring dedication amid the recent developments in Kashmir. On April 23, instead of returning to safety, she travelled from Srinagar to Macchal, overcoming police barriers and immense logistical challenges to continue her service mission. Dr. Arti frequently journeys from Mumbai to Kashmir, delivering vital dental care to underserved communities and army personnel. Through RCBU support, she helped set up a dental clinic in the region, ensuring its sustained operation. Her actions truly embody Rotary’s ethos of “Service Above Self,” reminding us that leadership thrives on passion, resilience, and purpose.

INPUTS COURTESY PDG MUKESH ARNEJA,
DISTRICT 3012, DELHI

COMPILED AND EDITED BY NARESH BAJPAI

Beat by Beat:

Juhu Half Marathon's Surplus Funds Life-Saving Heart Surgeries

CONTRIBUTED BY: PREZ APURVA PATEL



FROM fitness to philanthropy, the Juhu Half Marathon 2025 went the distance—literally and metaphorically. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport and Getfit's Sports Foundation, this beloved community event transformed steps into life-saving support for children in need of heart surgeries.

Now in its 7th successful edition, the Juhu Half Marathon has become a cherished annual event in Mumbai's sporting calendar. Held on February 9, 2025, the marathon welcomed over 5,100 runners, including spirited senior citizens in their 70s and 80s, showcasing a vibrant display of unity, fitness, and compassion.

Jointly organized by Getfit's Sports Foundation and the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport (RCBA), the event was much more than just a run—it was a powerful movement with a purpose.

This year's heartfelt theme, "Keep your heart fit, let another heart beat," encapsulated the dual objective: promoting heart health and funding paediatric heart surgeries for children suffering from congenital heart disease (CHD). The surplus funds from the event are directed toward these life-saving procedures, turning every stride into a step of hope.

RACES FOR EVERY RUNNER

From seasoned athletes to first-time participants, the marathon offered a range of categories:

- 21 km Half Marathon
- 10 km Timed Run
- 4 km Dream Run

A special highlight of the Dream Run was the participation of over 500 members of the Bohra Community, demonstrating collective strength and solidarity for a noble cause.

POWERED BY PEOPLE

The day began with energetic Zumba and aerobics sessions, setting a lively tone. The route was praised for its clear markings, ample hydration stations, and hot breakfast for participants. Behind the scenes, a dedicated team of Rotaractors, volunteers, and Mumbai Traffic Police ensured a seamless and safe experience.



Nanavati Hospital's medical team remained on standby, adding a layer of reassurance for runners and spectators alike.

A FESTIVE FINISH



Every participant was awarded a finisher's medal, celebrating their effort and contribution. The prize ceremony featured Bollywood actor Vardhan Puri and MLA Ameet Satam, adding glamour and goodwill to the occasion.

As the morning drew to a close, there was a shared sense of achievement—not just for the kilometers covered, but for the lives touched. Participants hailed the event's energy and organization, with many already committing to return in 2026.

The Juhu Half Marathon continues to inspire and unite—a testament to how communities can come together to create impact, one heartbeat at a time.

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Rebooting Dreams

The Rotary Club of Bombay is dedicated to digitally empowering underprivileged children and making them future ready through two initiatives:

- 1. IT Innovation Laboratories - helping the students embrace cutting-edge technologies and*
- 2. Career Learning Facilitation Centres - building a strong foundation in core STEM subjects thereby getting the students ready for competitive exams.*

INPUTS FROM PREZ SATYAN ISRANI

IT INNOVATION LABORATORIES



Set up in the Palghar district, these labs serve rural and tribal high school and college students, offering hands-on exposure to 3D technology, IoT, Robotics, AI, and Data Science. The programme, supported by Grok Learning Pvt. Ltd. as a knowledge partner, features a curated curriculum and trained lab staff, boosting students' technological skills, confidence, and job readiness.

The labs operate in three-month batches, with students attending weekly 2-hour sessions across multiple time slots, six days a week. Of 18 batches, 15 are pre-scheduled while others are reserved for extra support and project work.

Key Features

- ❖ 24 students per batch, working in pairs.
- ❖ 12 custom-designed tables with socket panels arranged in a U-shape.



- ❖ Learning resources include laptops, Grok IoT Kits, LEGO sets, guidebooks, 3D printers, and more.
- ❖ Additional infrastructure includes a projector, Wi-Fi, and staff laptop.
- ❖ Impact Since January 2022, over 5,000 students across ST Kadam School (Palghar), PJ High School (Wada), and SD Vartak School (Boisar) have benefited from these state-of-the-art labs, gaining confidence, communication skills, and real-world problem-solving abilities.

CAREER LEARNING FOUNDATION COURSE



This year-long programme supported by Speed Labs as a knowledge partner, strengthens foundational knowledge in Maths, Science, and English while preparing students for post-12th competitive exams. With 320 sessions per grade (120 each for Maths and Science, 80 for English), it supports deep learning and skill development and gears the students to be ready for competitive exams like JEE and NEET.

Key Features

- ❖ Structured syllabus aligned with academic goals.
- ❖ Small batch size (max. 30 students) for personalised guidance.
- ❖ Admission based on a scholarship exam to select dedicated learners.
- ❖ Impact Supported by the Rotary Club of Bombay, 464 students from BMC School (Prabhadevi), PJ High School (Wada), ST Kadam High School (Palghar), and Dr. SD Vartak High School (Boisar) have participated in this transformative programme.

EDITED BY SREE NANDY

Siyaram's National Blind Cricket Tournament

Organized by Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City | President: Rtn. Ajay Agrawal

UNDER the Rotary focus area of Baghbaan and Disability to Ability, the Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City successfully hosted the Siyaram's National Blind Cricket Tournament from 19th to 21st March 2025 at Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai.

Eight inspiring teams participated, with Gujarat clinching the championship title and Goa finishing as runners-up. The tournament was graced by Hon'ble Minister Girish Mahajan, DG Rtn. Chetan Desai, and AG Rtn. Purna



Mehta. The event saw enthusiastic support from President Rtn. Ajay Agrawal, club Rotarians, and Anns, showcasing extraordinary teamwork and commitment.

The closing ceremony at Hindu Gymkhana was a grand celebration where winners and participants were felicitated. With 120 beneficiaries, over 750 Rotarian-hours, and valued at ₹17.50 lakhs, the project was generously supported by Siyaram Silk Mills Ltd.

This initiative beautifully demonstrated Rotary's vision of transforming disability into ability, creating lasting impact through the power of inclusion and sport.

Striking Success : Carrom Champs Maharashtra



THE Rotary Club of Mumbai Parleshwar (RCMP), in association with the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Smarak Samitee, Juhu, proudly hosted the 5th RCMP Maharashtra State Ranking Carrom Tournament 2024-25 from 29th to 31st March 2025 at the Prabhodhankar Thakare Kreedha Sankul, Vile Parle East.

The tournament witnessed a phenomenal response with 300+ entries pouring in from all corners of Maharashtra, making it a grand sporting celebration.

The venue was abuzz with enthusiastic players, certified referees, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators for all three days—truly a packed house reflecting the growing popularity of carrom at the state level.

The event was inaugurated on 29th March by Rotary District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai, adding prestige and momentum to the opening ceremony. On 30th March, RCMP President Rtn. Avinaash Mishra inaugurated the Ladies Carrom Tournament, celebrating the power and presence of women in sports. The grand Closing Ceremony and Prize Distribution held on 31st March was graced by District Governor Elect Rtn. Manish Motwani, who commended the flawless execution and community spirit of the event.

A special mention and heartfelt thanks go to Rtn. Nagesh Ping

for securing sponsorship from Utkarsh Small Finance Bank, Vile Parle East, now proudly associated with the tournament for the third consecutive year.

Gratitude is also extended to our trusted partners—the Maharashtra State Carrom Association and PrabhodhankarThakareyKrida Sankul—whose support has been instrumental in the tournament's continued success.

Kudos to Rtn. Prasad Deorukhkar, Rtn. Vivek Pai, and team for making this a landmark event. Thanks to Shri Arvind Prabhu and the Krida Sankul team for their support, and to all RCMP members for their enthusiastic presence and Rotary spirit.

This tournament wasn't just a competition—it was a celebration of precision, passion, and unity through sport

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Ripples of Good

Impactful initiatives by D 3141 clubs



RIMJHIM 3.0 CELEBRATING CULTURE WITH PURPOSE

Amidst all musical events, Rimjhim, hosted by the Rotary Club of Mumbai Kalakar, has stood apart as a rich tribute to India's cultural heritage. The third edition, Vibrant Rimjhim 3.0, held on March 30, continued its legacy with a celebration of diverse artistic expressions. DG Rtn. Chetan Desai graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The presence of the First Lady, members of the College of Governors, district dignitaries and D 3141 Rotarians made the event a huge success.

Vibrant Rimjhim 3.0 featured a soulful bhajan, a Manipuri dance performance by underprivileged

children, classical dances by maestros, a mellifluous flute recital, a fusion performance of Carnatic percussion with Warkari folk, a nuanced and thematic dance act with live painting, a stirring rendition by a blind orchestra, and comic relief by a stand-up act.

Staying true to Rotary's spirit of service, the evening also supported Vision Against Blindness, a key district initiative. AI-powered glasses were donated to five visually impaired youths besides over a hundred white canes to the National Association for the Blind. "Many can benefit from this transformative technology of AI powered glasses. With Rotary's support, its impact will only grow,"

said Prez Rtn Haima Deshpande.

The event also honoured exceptional women with the Rotary Vocational Excellence Awards, recognizing their contributions across various fields.

Rtn Sree Nandy, the convener for all three editions, noted, "The strength of Rimjhim lies in its curation—its authenticity and ability to represent India's cultural tapestry in a cohesive and compelling way."

More than just an evening of entertainment, Rimjhim 3.0 brought together art, empathy, and purpose—emerging as a beacon of meaningful celebration rooted in India's vibrant legacy.

SMART SUPPORT FOR THE SIGHTLESS: THE FUTURE IS HERE

RID 3141 is harnessing technology to empower the visually impaired



with its Vision Against Blindness vertical . On April 6, the Rotary Club of Bombay Uptown also donated 21 AI-powered glasses, handed over by DG Rtn Chetan Desai. “These glasses will enable our beneficiaries to experience greater mobility, confidence, and independence,” said Club President Rtn Suman Agarwal.

These smart glasses offer features such as object and facial recognition, text reading, navigation, scene description, currency and barcode identification, and voice interaction—bringing the world closer to those with limited sight.

Together, both clubs are opening new doors to inclusion and dignity.

VOCATIONAL CENTRES FOR WOMEN AND LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

The Rotary Club of Bombay Powai inaugurated a new Vocational Center at the Manjhi Skilling Centre, Sangharsh Nagar, on February 17, 2025. Supported by CSR funding from CaratLane, a Tata Group company, the initiative



aims to equip 50 young women with professional skills through a Beautician Training Program, empowering them towards self-employment.

The club is actively monitoring student progress and supplementing the program with training in digital promotion, financial literacy, business setup, and customer engagement to foster entrepreneurial capabilities. This effort is part of Rotary Powai's flagship Women Empowerment initiative, with CaratLane supporting multiple such projects.



At the inauguration, Rotary District Secretary Rtn. Sunil Warriar emphasized Rotary's global commitment to vocational development. Rotary Powai President Dr. Susan Tripathi acknowledged Ms. Seema Bakshi, Founder of the Manjhi Skilling Centre, for her dedication to women's empowerment and recalled Rotary Powai's earlier contributions, including donating sewing machines for tailoring programs in 2018-19.

Separately, on February 10, Rotary Powai launched a special-purpose Vocational Center at Yuva Parivartan, Bhandup, also supported by CaratLane. This initiative provides training in kundan jewelry-making and essential business skills for 50 transgender individuals from the LGBTQ+ community. Currently, 25 students are enrolled in the program.

Chief Guest Rtn. Rajendra Datye reaffirmed vocational service as a core Rotary focus. CaratLane's Benjamin Felix praised the project's impact, while Dr. Tripathi extended her gratitude to CaratLane, Rtn. Sudha Ajit (Project Director), and Shomali Johri of Yuva Parivartan for their tireless support.



INPUTS FROM RTN HAIMA DESHPANDE, RTN SUMAN AGARWAL, RTN HANUMAN TRIPATHI.

Rotary Club of Bombay Film City Brings Smiles to Arthur Road Jail

RESPONDING to a heartfelt request from Arthur Road Jail, the Rotary Club of Bombay Film City donated a dental chair for the use of approximately 3,800 inmates. Further extending our support, one of our esteemed members, a professional dentist, has volunteered to offer free dental care every week for two hours.

The inauguration of the dental chair was conducted by Jail Superintendent Shri Harshad Ahirrao, in the esteemed presence of our District Governor Shri Chetan Desai and fellow Rotarians. As a rare privilege, Shri Ahirrao graciously offered our members a guided tour of the high-security facility—a space rarely accessible to the public.

The jail staff expressed their heartfelt gratitude by warmly welcoming us with beautifully decorated rangoli and floral arrangements in the hospital. DG Shri Chetan Desai humorously remarked, *"Sharmendra is the only president who took me to jail!"*



Breast Cancer Screening Camps by RC Bombay North West Malad

RECOGNIZING the urgent need for women's health awareness, RC Bombay Northwest Malad, led by President Mangla Joshi, organized two impactful Breast Cancer Screening and Body Composition camps.

The first camp was held on 16th February 2025 at Charkop, Kandivali West, benefiting 120 women. The second camp took place on 27th March 2025 at the Rotary Centre, Malad West, where 190 women were screened.

Both camps witnessed an overwhelming response, with long queues of women waiting to be examined. The entire team of lady Rotarians actively volunteered and

ensured smooth execution.

The camps highlighted the pressing need for more such initiatives to promote early detection and awareness. District Representative Dr. Ram Kotak attended the event and praised the relevance of the initiative and the commendable teamwork demonstrated by the club.



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Rotary Club of Deonar's Rural Impact: A Day of Service, Sports & Celebration

In association with RCCs Shelu, Borgaon, Humgaon, Kalamb & Bhivpuri



ON vibrant occasion of International Women's Day, the Rotary Club of Deonar, under the leadership of President Dr. Rajashri Mokashi, hosted a dynamic and impactful event that beautifully blended service, empowerment, and community celebration, all in the gracious presence of Chief Guest DG Rtn. Chetan Desai.

HEALTHCARE FOR ALL – MEDICAL CAMP:



Led by Medical Director Rtn. Manju Phadke, in collaboration with Neeta More and her team from CPAA, a cancer detection and health screening camp was held for rural women in Humgaon. A total of 160 women were screened, ensuring

critical access to early detection and preventive care. Financial counseling sessions were also conducted for the women who participated in the healthcare camp.

CYCLE DISTRIBUTION – MOBILITY FOR EDUCATION:

As part of the club's commitment to supporting the girl child, 250 bicycles were distributed to schoolgirls from RCC villages



(standards 5th to 10th), enabling better access to education. The initiative also included a menstrual hygiene awareness session, along with the distribution of 150 period panties, further promoting dignity and health.

KABADDI TOURNAMENT – ENERGIZING YOUTH THROUGH SPORT:



The spirit of community sports came alive with a Kabaddi tournament featuring five RCC teams: Bhivpuri, Kalamb, Shelu, Humgaon, and Borgaon. After a thrilling contest, Team Shelu emerged victorious, igniting pride and enthusiasm in the local youth.

This power-packed day reflected the Rotary Club of Deonar's deep commitment to holistic rural development—uplifting health, education, and community spirit, one initiative at a time.

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Vibrant



In the echo of every effort lies a legacy. As we approach the final lap, we carry not just our plans but every story, every smile, and every silent victory along the way.



PAEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY CAMPS BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY BAYVIEW

Club President: Rtn Rajni Barasia
Area of Focus: Health Care in remote areas
Location of Project: Nanded, Maharashtra
Date of Execution: 20th March 2025

Project Description

Bayview's rural medical camps, in collaboration with the Jai Vakeel Foundation, delivered crucial paediatric neurological care to 2,400 individuals. This initiative provided timely diagnosis and treatment for children with neurological disorders, significantly enhancing their quality of life and ensuring continued access to essential healthcare in underserved regions.

Number of Beneficiaries: 2400
Rotarian-hours Spent: 30
Value of the Project: INR 4,00,000/-



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY BAYVIEW STRENGTHENS HEALTH CARE WITH AMBULANCE DONATION

Club President: Rtn Rajni Barasia
Area of Focus: Emergency Health Care
Location of Project: Kinwat- Nanded, Maharashtra
Date of Execution: 6th April 2025

Project Description

Guruji Rugnalaya, the sole modern hospital in Kinwat's tribal region, struggles to transport patients from remote villages, with the nearest cities 150–300 km away. Timely medical care is often compromised. Addressing this critical need, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview generously donated an ambulance, ensuring faster, safer patient transport. This contribution significantly strengthens the hospital's capacity to deliver timely, quality healthcare and bridges a crucial gap in services. It stands to greatly benefit the local tribal community, offering them improved access to life-saving treatment and emergency medical support.

Number of Beneficiaries: 100 per month
Rotarian-hours Spent: 50
Value of the Project: INR 15,15,000/-



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY QUEEN CITY ORGANISES SIYARAM'S NATIONAL BLIND CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Club President: Rtn Ajay Agrawal

Area of Focus: Baghbaan and Disability to Ability

Location of Project: Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai

Date of Execution: 19th to 21st March 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City successfully organized the Siyaram's National Blind Cricket Tournament, featuring eight teams. Gujarat emerged as champions, with Goa as runner-up. The event was graced by Hon'ble Minister Girish Mahajan, DG Chetan Desai, and AG Purna Mehta. President Ajay Agrawal led an enthusiastic team of Rotarians, including Ramesh and Pawan Poddar, Arjun Mudda, and others, along with Anns Kamlesh Makharia, Rachna Singhal, Kavita Todi, and Arun Bhaireskar. The spirited closing ceremony at Hindu Gymkhana celebrated the inspiring athletes, honouring both winners and runners-up for their exceptional performance.

Number of Beneficiaries: 120

Rotarian-hours Spent: 750

Value of the Project: INR 17,50,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Siyaram Silk Mills Ltd



DISTRIBUTION OF NUTRITIONAL RATION KITS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia

Area of Focus: Annapoorna

Location of Project: Humsafar Trust, Vakola, Santa Cruz East

Date of Execution: 24th March 2025

Project Description

Based on a need assessment with Humsafar Trust, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-e-Punjab distributed nutritional ration kits to 50 families from the HIV-positive and transgender community—groups often misunderstood, marginalized, and vulnerable to health risks and social exclusion. Alongside grain kits, snacks were served to all beneficiaries. Club member Rtn Jasbeer Nagi celebrated her birthday with them by cutting a cake, adding warmth to the occasion. The gesture brought immense joy to the recipients, who expressed heartfelt gratitude and blessings, deeply moved by the care and compassion shown by the club members.

Number of Beneficiaries: 200 (50 families)

Rotarian-hours Spent: 21

Value of the Project: INR 36,000/-



AI SMART GLASSES DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED BY ROTARY CLUB OF BORIVLI

Club President: Rtn Harish Chandarana

Area of Focus: Disability to Ability

Location of Project: Borivali West

Date of Execution: 28th March 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Borivli, in collaboration with Surti Modh Vanik Jagruti Mandal, hosted the Rotary AI Glass Distribution Program for the visually impaired. Spearheaded by PP and Eye Bank Chairman Rtn Mayank Desai, who also serves as District Avenue Chairperson, the event featured a live demo showcasing the glasses' capabilities. A beneficiary shared a heartfelt testimony. Eleven AI glasses, each worth INR 18,000/-, were donated, reinforcing Rotary's dedication to inclusive, tech-driven empowerment.

Number of Beneficiaries: 11

Rotarian-hours Spent: 09

Value of the Project: INR 1,98,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Surti Modh Vanik Jagruti Mandal



ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND ORGANISES PICNIC FOR STUDENTS OF DAYANAND VEDIC MAHAVIDYALAYA

Club President: Rtn Seema Sudhir Joshi

Area of Focus: Basic Education

Location Of Project: Nehru Science

Centre, Jijamata Udyan & Museum

Date Of Execution: 27th February 2025

Project Description

The students were taken to the Nehru Science Centre after a sumptuous breakfast in their school. Singing and dancing to Bollywood songs, two busloads of students and accompanying adults reached the Centre. In the centre they saw three effective 3D science shows. One was in the dome theatre. Post lunch the second stop was Jijamata Udyan. After observing the animals and the penguins in their special enclosures, the children played outdoor games. Then third stop was the museum. After tasty snacks, these underprivileged students headed home.

Number of Beneficiaries: 100

Rotarian-hours Spent: 24

Value of the Project: INR 40,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rtn Pradeep Rane and Rotary Club of Mulund



TRANS CAFE: ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI KANDIVLI WEST EMPOWERS THE TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY THROUGH CLOUD KITCHEN INITIATIVE

Club President: Rtn Devsingh Shahani
Area of Focus: Community Development
Location of Project: Malad West
Date of Execution: 14th April 2025

Project Description

Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West's pioneering initiative for the transgender community champions inclusion and empowerment through a cloud kitchen run by talented individuals from the community. By creating employment opportunities and promoting economic independence, the project breaks stereotypes, fosters dignity, and celebrates diversity. With ongoing support, it aspires to spark lasting change and wider acceptance.

Number of Beneficiaries: 30
Rotarian-hours Spent: 30
Value of the Project: INR 4,50,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Tegral India Pvt. Ltd and Akshar Dhara Foundation



SPORTS DAY CELEBRATION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GARDEN CITY

Club President: Rtn Priyanka Talreja
Area of Focus: Health and nutrition for the children
Location of Project: Goregaon East
Date of Execution: 26th January 2025

Project Description

On Republic Day, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Garden City and its Interact Club partnered with an NGO to organise an exciting Sports Day. 150 underprivileged children participated enthusiastically in the event. The Interactors helped organise various games for the children and supported the NGO in conducting all activities. Additionally, members of Rotary Club sponsored a special lunch for the children.

Number of Beneficiaries: 150
Rotarian-hours Spent: 20
Value of the Project: INR 25,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded



EMPOWERING EDUCATION SUSTAINABLY: MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST'S BOOK REUSE PROGRAM

Club President: Rtn Shruti Dharamsi
Area of Focus: Education for all- Shiksha Setu
Location of Project: Vikhroli West
Date of Execution: 15th April 2025

Project Description

Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West launched a thoughtful initiative at MPS CBSE Hariyali Village BMC School, Vikhroli, by collecting and distributing used Class 10 CBSE textbooks, guides, and study materials. Led by Rtn Kumar Pillay, Director – Vocational Services, the project supported underprivileged students while promoting sustainability through material reuse. By easing financial burdens and reducing reliance on external aid, the initiative made education more accessible and is set to become an annual endeavour.

Number of Beneficiaries: 37 students
Rotarian-hours Spent: 20
Value of the Project: INR 80,000/-

BENCH DONATION BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DIVAS

Club President: Rtn Sonali Desai
Area Of Focus: Happy School - Infrastructure Upgradation
Location of Project: Guru Nanak English High School, Andheri(E)
Date Of Execution: 7th January 2025

Project Description

The Club donated 25 benches, each seating three children, to Guru Nanak English High School, Andheri(E), supporting the education of children from low-income families. The school's trustees and club members witnessed the students' joy and confidence, expressing heartfelt gratitude for this meaningful contribution.



Number of Beneficiaries: 75
Rotarian- hours Spent: 10
Value of the project: INR 1,03,000/-



NOURISHING CARE: FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia
Area of Focus: Annapoorna and Baghbaan
Location of Project: Jogeshwari Day Care Centre, Dignity Foundation
Date of Execution: 7th April 2025

Project Description

Recognizing the needs of senior citizens at Dignity Foundation, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-e-Punjab organized a heartwarming Annapoorna event. Members shared joyful moments with the elders, who showered them with heartfelt blessings, making the day both meaningful and memorable for all involved.

Number of Beneficiaries: 70
Rotarian-hours Spent: 14
Value of the Project: INR 5,600/-



JAL PURTI BY ROTARY CLUB OF PALGHAR

Club President: Rtn Arun Patil
Area of Focus: Community Service
Location of Project: Ram Mandir, Palghar
Date of Execution: 2nd April 2025

Project Description

Water is life—and through unity, we create lasting change! The Rotary Club of Palghar, in partnership with the Inner Wheel Club of Palghar, proudly launched its flagship project, *Jal Purti*, dedicated to providing clean, safe, and refreshing drinking water to the community. This impactful initiative promotes health, well-being, and sustainability, addressing a vital need with compassion and commitment. Members are invited to actively support this noble cause and be part of a collective movement toward a healthier, more resilient future for all. Together, we quench thirst and inspire hope—one drop at a time.

Number of Beneficiaries: 300
Rotarian-hours Spent: 30
Value of the Project: INR 2,65,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Palghar and Inner Wheel Club of Palghar

PAD VENDING MACHINES DONATED BY ROTARY CLUB OF BORIVLI

Club President: Rtn Harish Chandarana
Area of Focus: Women Empowerment
Location of Project: Vikramgad
Date of Execution: 6th March 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Borivli, with CSR support from Alvita Pharma Pvt. Ltd., successfully donated 15 sanitary pad vending machines to empower women in rural Vikramgad. Special thanks to PP Rtn Nitin Majithia for his steadfast coordination and Director Rtn Bela Desai for her dedicated involvement, making this impactful initiative a success.



Number of Beneficiaries: Mass
Rotarian-hours Spent: 20
Value of the Project: INR 1,12,500/-
Sponsors/Partners: Alvita Pharma Private Ltd.



INAUGURATION OF ROTARY COMMUNITY CENTRE BY ROTARY CLUB OF UMROLI

Club President: Rtn Sagar Gharat
Area of Focus: Community Development
Location of Project: Umroli
Date of Execution: 13th April 2025

Project Description

Rotary Club of Umroli, chartered in December 2024, has made a remarkable stride in community development with the inauguration of its Rotary Community Centre. Donated by Smt Meenaben Shah and Family, the centre was inaugurated on Sunday, 13th April 2025, in the esteemed presence of DG Rtn Chetan Desai, Mrs Kirti Tare, AG Rtn Ninad Save and fellow Rotarians.

Number of Beneficiaries: 250
Rotarian-hours Spent: 04
Value of the Project: INR 6,50,00,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Santosh Meenaben Shah and Kirti Tare and family



DONATION OF TYPE C 2 AMBULANCES AND POINT CARE BLOOD ANALYSER MACHINE AT ACTREC (TATA HOSPITAL KHARGHAR) BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DIVAS

Club President: Rtn Sonali Desai

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Location of Project: ACTREC, TATA Hospital, Kharghar Foundation

Date Of Execution: 25th March 2025

Project Description

With the generous support of Rtn Vishal Jhunjunwala and family, we donated two ambulances for palliative care and preventative cancer screening along with a point-of-care ICU monitor. This initiative ensures timely medical assistance and early cancer detection, especially for underserved communities. Heartfelt gratitude to the donors and Dr Pankaj Chaturvedi and the ACTREC team for their invaluable support.

Number of Beneficiaries: 100

Rotarian- hours spent: 30

Value of the Project: INR 61,00,000/-

Sponsors: Rtn Vishal Jhunjunwala and family



30TH CHARTER DAY CELEBRATIONS BY THE ROTARY CLUB MIRA ROAD

Club President: Rtn Anand Bhatkal

Area of Focus: Charter Day and Vocational Excellence Awards

Date Of Event: 30th March 2025

Event Description

The Rotary Club of Mira Road commemorated its 30th Charter Day on March 30th, marking three decades of dedicated service and fellowship.

In keeping with the annual tradition, the Vocational Excellence Awards were presented during the Charter Day celebration. PDG Prafull Sharma was the Chief Guest. His presence enriched the event, and his address was inspiring and memorable.

The recipients of the Vocational Excellence Awards were:

- ♦ Dr. Bhaskar Shetty: Healthcare
- ♦ Mr. Anil Khedekar: Journalism
- ♦ Mrs. Sri Vidya: Social and Community Services
- ♦ Mr. Samraat Gill: Entertainment
- ♦ Ms. Khadija Motorwala: Special Award
- ♦ Mr. Praath Dubey: Rising Star Young Adult Author

Value of the Project: INR 90,000/-



BREAKING CHAINS: LOKHANDWALA KANDIVALI'S DRIVE FOR ADDICTION PREVENTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

Club President: Rtn Priya Shenoy

Area of Focus: De-addiction and Mental Health

Location of Project: Anudatt Vidyalyaya and Junior College, Kandivali East

Date of Execution: 17th April 2025

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Lokhandwala Kandivali (RCLK), in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention 3141, organized two engaging 55-minute sessions for secondary and junior college students. Led by President Dr Siddarth Udeshi and Rtn Vishal Patwa, the sessions focused on substance abuse and digital de-addiction through an interactive format. Students actively participated, raising thoughtful questions and taking a pledge to stay addiction-free. The initiative was launched by President Priya Shenoy and PP Rtn Anu Srrivastava, with seamless coordination by Rtn Kailas Mahajan. Special thanks to PE Rtn Sharbani Banarjee and Rtn Dr Ambujam Iyer for their valued presence.

Number of Beneficiaries: 180 students

Rotarian-hours Spent: 08

Value of the Project: INR 4,635/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention 3141; Rotary Club of Lokhandwala Kandivali



ROTARY CLUB OF PALGHAR ORGANISES ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Club President: Rtn Arun Patil

Area of Focus: Youth Services and Medical

Location of Project: NJOY, Agriculture Farm and Retreat, Palghar

Date of Execution: 27th February to 5th March 2025

Project Description

Fifty final-year B.A.M.S. students from the NSS Unit of R.A. Podar Medical College actively participated in RYLA 2025, led by Dr Bhavesh Patil in collaboration with the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Palghar. A five-day multispecialty medical camp at Mahim and Vadarai treated 544 patients. Students performed impactful skits on menstrual hygiene and de-addiction across villages and schools. Expert-led post-lunch sessions enriched participants with insights on finance, leadership, communication, and soft skills. This dynamic initiative not only empowered 50 future medical professionals but also positively touched the lives of over 2,500 rural community members.

Number of Beneficiaries: 2500 community members and 50 RYLA participants

Value of the Project: INR 1,75,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: R.A. Podar Ayurved Medical College; Inner Wheel Club of Palghar



HEROES ON THE PLATFORM: VOCATIONAL AWARDS FOR LIFE-SAVING BRAVERY

At its regular meeting on September 23rd, 2024, the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport (RCBA) proudly felicitated Mr Pradip Biswas and Mr Subrata Kumar Roy, station masters at Marine Lines Railway Station, with Vocational Awards for their heroic act of saving a life. On August 29th, 2024, the duo responded swiftly to a cardiac arrest emergency on Platform 3, using an AED machine and CPR skills they had acquired just a week earlier through RCBA's initiative.

The AED machine had been recently installed, generously donated by IW IPDC Pallavi Choksi, and training was facilitated by IPP Dr Akshay Mehta. Mr Biswas shared a gripping account of the rescue, highlighting how timely action and training made the difference between life and death.

This unprecedented event marked the first time in Mumbai suburban railway history that a life was saved by non-medical staff using CPR and an AED. Special thanks to President Apurva Patel, Vocational Director Rtn Sandip Tarkas and IPP Dr Akshay Mehta for identifying these real-life heroes.



CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED AND LESS-PRIVILEGED GIRLS BY ROTARY CLUB OF GARDEN CITY MUMBAI

Club President: Rtn Priyanka Talreja

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention

Location of Project: Vallabhdas Dagara Indian Society for the Mentally Challenged

Date of Execution: Over six months during 2024-25

Project Description

Rotary Club of Garden City Mumbai (RCGC), led by Medical Director Rtn Dr Urmila Sureka, conducted a Cervical Cancer Vaccination camp. In this initiative, the Cervical Cancer Vaccine Cervavac was administered to the less-privileged girls of the Vallabhdas Dagara Indian Society for the Mentally Challenged. Three doses of Cervavac vaccine were given to each of the 11 beneficiaries, who were in the age group of 14 – 23 years. This project is a key milestone in our mission towards disease prevention and increased accessibility & availability of healthcare for all.

Number of Beneficiaries: 11

Rotarian-hours Spent: 10

Value of the Project: INR 72,600/-

Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded

COMPILED BY K.V. PREMRAJ
EDITED BY ANU SRRIVASTAVA, SASHIKALA CHARLES, AND
HAIMA DESHPANDE
PROOF READING BY ANU SRRIVASTAVA

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE MAGIC!

LET'S transform the lives of children by adopting 50 Vibrant Anganwadis. With just \$1000 (₹86,000), you can uplift an entire Anganwadi—and here's the best part: DC AKS Nikunj Jhaveri will match \$500 (₹43,000) for every adoption!

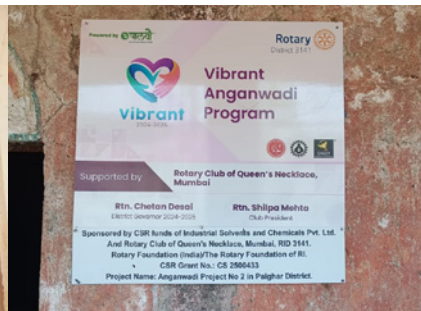
Every contribution doubles in impact! Empower the future, one Anganwadi at a time! Together, we can make a lasting difference!

Don't miss out—step forward and be a changemaker!

Let us celebrate all the 33 clubs who have already joined this noble endeavour. The leaderboard is shared below:

Rotary Club of Queen's Necklace, Mumbai	165
Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview	10
Rotary Club of Bombay Hanging Garden	13
Rotary Club of Bombay Midtown	16
Rotary Club of Bombay Pier	30
Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island	12

#MagicOfRotary #VibrantAnganwadi #TogetherWeCan



NEON BOAT PARTY

A Night to Remember!

INFORMATION COURTESY : RTN. DR. ARUN GARG, VIBRANT DISTRICT COORDINATOR – EVENTS
ORGANISED BY THE VIBRANT DISTRICT EVENTS TEAM WITH LEAD HOSTS, ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI PIONEER



In a spectacular celebration of fellowship and fun, the Vibrant District Events Team, led by the Rotary Club of Mumbai Pioneer, hosted the much-awaited Neon Boat Party – an evening that truly lit up the Rotary calendar!

The night was a radiant fusion of colour, music, and camaraderie, as Rotarians, families, and friends gathered on board to celebrate the spirit of Rotary in glowing style. The boat shimmered under neon lights and was buzzing with high energy, laughter, and warm Rotary connections.

The event was honoured by the presence of District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai and First Lady Jwala Desai, whose gracious presence added to the sparkle of the night. Several other district

dignitaries also joined in, creating an atmosphere of unity and joy that reflected the very essence of Rotary.

A special shoutout to Rotary Club of Bombay East for their enthusiastic participation – the highest among all clubs! Their vibrant energy brought an unmatched vibe to the celebration.

Guests were treated to a delectable array of starters and a wide selection of cocktails that kept spirits high. From spontaneous karaoke that brought out hidden talents, to high-octane

dance performances and a DJ spinning crowd favourites, the evening had everyone singing, dancing, and celebrating like never before.

This flawless evening was orchestrated by a stellar team:

Convenor: Rtn. Rohan Dalmia

President: Rtn. Yash Shah

Avenue Chair – Events: Rtn. Neeha Kedia Khetan

Avenue Co-Chair – Events: Shalini Serpes

Their efforts transformed the evening into more than just a party – it was a Rotary experience to cherish.

Here's to more such glowing nights of fellowship and celebration with Rotary!



EDITED BY MAHERA GOEL

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 JUHU ELITE: RTN. JAYHESH B. KHEMKA

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To serve the Society in an impactful manner, and use the leadership skills for the benefit of the community.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the beneficiaries of our Club's various Projects.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Harvesting of Rain Water.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Inclusive – because it aligns with our Club's mission for service with an outreach.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Water Conservation, & Sanitation.



Profession: Entrepreneur- Jeweller.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu Elite.

Membership Strength :18.

Key Projects: Harvesting of Rain Water.

Family: Meeta Khemka – Wife : Rotarian – RCM Western Elite.

Mitul Khemka – Son; Pransh Khemka – Son.

Favourite Cuisine : Rajasthani.

Favourite Holiday Destination : Switzerland.

Favourite Music : Ghazals.

Quote I live by : Do Not Worry About The Problem; Find A Solution (by Late Shri Bhawanishanker Khemkaji).

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI JEWELS- RTN. CHARUL SHARMA

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To serve the community in an impactful manner.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Spending time with elderly people and witnessing their joyous moments.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Supporting the girl children for their higher education.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Trustworthy because it aligns with our Club's philosophy.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Education for the girls, cancer care for children, Projects for the specially abled, and animal welfare projects.



Profession: Entrepreneur.

Club name: Rotary Club of Mumbai Jewels.

Membership strength:25.

Key projects: Camps for detection of breast cancer, Old age homes, Anganwadis, Projects for St. Jude's institution, Welfare of stray animals, Saturday seva.

Family: Spouse : Rtn. Manoj Sharma

Children : Ronak – Son. Priyanshi – Daughter (Interact)

Favourite Cuisine: Italian.

Favourite Holiday destination: Miami.

Favourite Music: Jagjit Singh's ghazals.

Quote I live by: Service is what life is all about.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY UPTOWN - RTN. SUMAN AGARWAL

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To contribute to the society in an impactful way in order to make World a better place to live in.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far.** Witnessing the happiness on the faces of beneficiaries when they received the AI glasses, as a part of our Club's Project.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure.(Mention if you are looking for collaborations for any project?** To make visually impaired people independent by providing them AI glasses year by year.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a club, most relate to and why?** Trustworthy, as it is of utmost necessity for winning the heart of all stake holders; be it donors, beneficiaries, Rotarians or general public.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** All areas of service where our Club can make an impact, as and when the opportunity arises.



Profession: Retired as Operations Consultant :
Earlier - Lecturer in the faculty of Chemistry.

Club name: Rotary Club of Bombay Uptown.

Membership strength: 51.

Key projects: Carnival, AI Vision, Anganwadis.

Family: Parmanand Agarwal-Husband.

Sahil Agarwal -Son .

Dr. Shweta Agarwal Narang- Daughter, Dr. Rahul Narang - Son in Law.

Master Krish Ayan Narang - Grand Son

Favourite Cuisine: South Indian.

Favourite Holiday destination: Switzerland.

Favourite Book: SrimadBhagavad Geeta.

Favourite Music: All Devotional Songs.

Quote I live by: One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI KANDIVLI WEST : RTN. DEVSINGH SHAHANI

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To make a positive difference in the community through leadership and initiatives.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Being blessed to lead our United Vibrant Club in serving the community .
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** "Touching Little Hearts" Project, in which our Club will contribute towards the costs of paediatric heart surgeries being done at Kokilaben Ambani Hospital, Mumbai.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Trustworthy - because our Club believes that Trust is the foundation of all activities
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Education and Health.



Profession: Insurance Adviser.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West.

Membership Strength :85.

Key Projects : Paediatric heart surgeries, Robotics project, School development, Khari Kamai Project, Vyakti Vikas Project, Entrepreneur Mindset Project etc.

Family: Ashwin - Brother.

Favourite Cuisine : Rice & Fish curry.

Favourite Holiday Destination :Sweden.

Favourite Book : The Magic of Thinking Big(by David J. Schwartz).

Quote I live by :Tough Times Do Not Last, But Tough People Do.

ROTARY CLUB OF MIRA ROAD: RTN. ANAND BHATKAL

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To make a meaningful difference in the lives of the less fortunate children, and the underprivileged in the community.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the school children when we installed a Computer lab at the Gramin School in Wada.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Sponsorship of the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award to individuals in recognition of their sheer dedication, grit and efforts in pursuit of excellence ; and who set an example in Society, for others to emulate.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Trustworthy – because our Club believes that Trust is a vital aspect in every sphere of life.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Education and Health (including mental health), development of Youth and community development (especially the underprivileged in the community).



Profession: Travel Consultant.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mira Road.

Membership Strength :31.

Key Projects :Cataract operations for the needy, free of cost dialysis a day, Annadanseva for the elderly, hosting of National festivals at schools adopted by our Club, Vocational Excellence Awards etc.

Family: Shanthi Bhatkal– Wife. Neha & Vishal – Daughter & Son-in-law. Nita & Mahesh – Daughter & Son-in-law. Vihaan & Rudransh – Grandsons.

Favourite Cuisine :South Indian.

Favourite Holiday Destination :Coorg.

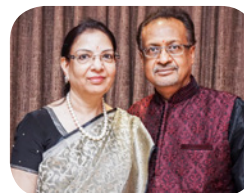
Favourite Music :Ghazals by Pankaj Udhas.

Favourite Book : You Can Win(by Shiv Kherra).

Quote I live by :Contact And Connect.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI HORIZONS : RTN. VINOD GOYAL

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To make a positive impact in the community, leveraging the Club's resources & network to drive meaningful change.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the underprivileged individuals who were the beneficiaries of our Club's Cataract Operations Project in Vrindavan- UP, covering 300 cataract surgeries.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** The continuation & expansion of our Club's efforts to bring light in the eyes of the underprivileged persons through cataract surgeries. Collaborations- both medical and financial sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Inclusive – because it aligns with our Club's mission to serve more, serve further, and serve better.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Medical Projects.



Profession: Entrepreneur.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Horizons.

Membership Strength :37.

Key Projects :Cataract operations for the needy.

Family: Nirmala Goyal – Wife : Rotarian.

Favourite Cuisine : Indian Vegetarian.

Favourite Holiday Destination : All religious places.

Favourite Music :Indian Classical Music.

Quote I live by :Rotary is not just a Club; it is a way of life.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI JUHU - RTN. SUBHASHISH MAZUMDAR

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** My passion for service to the Society, and a desire to make a meaningful impact in the community through our Club's initiatives. My corporate background coupled with an MBA from IIM (Ahmedabad) has helped me serve the society in an impactful manner.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the underprivileged beneficiaries (including the visually & hearing impaired) of our Club's various Projects.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Heritage Forts Walk. 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 Innovation and moving forward to create a lasting impact for the community at large.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Education & Literacy, Community Development, Youth Development, and promoting Inclusivity & Accessibility.



Profession: CXO Leadership in the Corporate sector, and Professor of Practice for MBA in NMIMS University.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu.

Membership Strength :27.

Key Projects :Youth District Interact and ROTARACT Leads, Fort Trek for the Specially Abled, Annadaan, RIPE and RIPN.

Family: Shubhra Mazumdar – Wife.

Favourite Cuisine : Lucknowi Biryani & Galouti Kababs.

Favourite Holiday Destination : Europe.

Favourite Book :SrimadBhagawad Gita.

Favourite Music : Songs of the 1950s and 1960s rendered by Lata Mangeshkar.

Quote I live by :Arise, Awake, And Stop Not Until The Goal Is Reached (by Swami Vivekananda).

RC MUMBAI NOVA- RTN. ASIM SHAH

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** My Club mandated me to be the Vibrant President.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Our project for Breast Screening being selected by our dynamic DG Chetan Desai as a Focus Area project for the District in the Vibrant year.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Breast Screening project by patented IBreastExam device, which is painfree and radiation free device & having successfully touched lives of more than 8000 women this year. We have been ably supported by more than 65 clubs from the District so far & hope to have other clubs joining in too.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Visionary because the Breast Screening project will last for a long time to come.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Health & Education.



Profession: Entrepreneur - Exports of Pharmaceuticals.

Club name: RC Mumbai Nova.

Membership strength: 14.

Key projects: Breast Screening Camps, Education, Annadaan.

Family: Spouse :Rtn. Nipa Shah

Children :Kunal & Pranit

Favourite Cuisine: South Indian.

Favourite Holiday destination:Italy.

Favourite Book/Music:Any book by Jeffrey Archer & Robert Ludlum.

Favourite Music – Kenny G.

Quote I live by: Live every day as your last day.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI NORTH ISLAND :RTN. HARNEET ANAND

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** It is a great opportunity to lead from the front.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the underprivileged beneficiaries of our Club's various Projects.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Building a school in a rural area.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Inclusive – because it aligns with our Club's mission.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Women empowerment.



Profession: Business Administrator .

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island.

Membership Strength :67.

Key Projects : Maha Arogya Shivr (a medical camp impacting more than 32,000 beneficiaries), Construction of a school in Wada, Donation for 12 Anganwadis, and Synergy for an Anganwadi in Pune District in collaboration with Rotary Club of Pune West.

Family: Pritpal Singh Anand– Husband.

Ashween Anand – Daughter;

Sanmeet Anand – Son.

Favourite Cuisine :Indian.

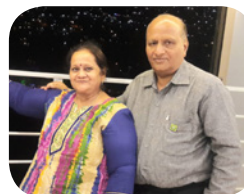
Favourite Holiday Destination : Bali.

Favourite Book :A Thousand Splendid Suns (by Khaled Hosseini).

Quote I live by :You Only Live Once; But If You Do It Right, Once Is Enough.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI KHAR : RTN. KIRTI H. AJMERA

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To make a meaningful impact in the community, and inspire our members to actively participate in service projects that bring about a change for the better in peoples' lives.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the Dabbawallas in Mumbai when our Club distributed them high quality raincoats on the day of my installation.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure :** Building check dams in satellite areas to provide a reliable source of water to the villagers, especially the women folk who have to travel long distances searching for clean water. Collaborations sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Visionary, Inclusive & Trustworthy – because all three attributes resonate with our Club's ethos.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?** Education for the underprivileged children, and Breast Cancer Awareness Programmes .



Profession: Entrepreneur : Real Estate & Wealth Management.

Club Name: Rotary Club of Mumbai Khar.

Membership Strength :36.

Key Projects: Raincoats to Mumbai's dabbawallas, and breast cancer awareness programmes.

Family: Raksha Kirti Ajmera–Wife.

Ami Kirti Ajmera – Daughter;

Rushabh Kirti Ajmera – Son, PinkyRushabh

Ajmera : Daughter-in-law.

Virat Rushabh Ajmera – Grandson.

Favourite Cuisine : Kathiyawadi.

Favourite Holiday Destination : USA & Dubai.

Favourite Book :The Seven Habits Of Highly Efficient People (by Steven Covey).

Quote I live by :Be Positive And Have No Fear Of Death.

MUSINGS OF A RYE PARTICIPANT

LÉONIE FROM FRANCE



FACILITATED BY DISTRICT AVENUE CHAIR FOR YOUTH SERVICES II (RYE) RTN. HIMA DALAL.
CONTRIBUTED BY PANKAJ PHATARPHOD, AVENUE CHAIR FOR YOUTH SERVICES I AND DISTRICT
INTERACT CHAIR



Dear Rotary Members,

Today, I'd like to share a small part of the incredible adventure I'm living here in Indira, thanks to you.

Since my arrival, I've had the chance to experience unforgettable moments, discover a country full of beauty and richness, and most importantly... meet people who have truly changed my life.

In Mumbai, where I'm currently living, I've formed a deep bond with two amazing friends who now feel like family. But what amazes me even more are the other exchange students I've met during trips organized to explore different parts of India. We come from all over the world, and yet we've shared such meaningful experiences that I'll

carry with me forever.

I often think about how unlikely it is that we all met. We don't live in the same city, the same country, or even the same continent. And yet, here in India, our paths crossed — and that's one of the greatest gifts this exchange has given me.

Indian culture amazes me every single day. The festivals are magical — the colours, the atmosphere, the music — there's a unique energy here that I've never felt anywhere else. And the food — wow! I've completely fallen in love with dosa, and pani puri has definitely become one of my favorite treats.

I've also had the joy of being welcomed by wonderful host

families. Thanks to them, I've felt safe, supported, and above all, loved. They've shown me India from the inside — from the heart.

Thank you, Rotary, for making all of this possible. This experience is shaping me deeply. It's teaching me to see the world differently, to value diversity, to step out of my comfort zone, and to grow every single day.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Warm regards,
RYE participant -Léonie, French
Exchange Student

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ROTARACT ACTION

A glimpse into the dynamic initiatives led by our Rotaractors in March 2025

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ROTARACT INSTITUTE OF ORATORS



An empowering initiative by RID 3141, Rotaract Institute of Orators (RIO) was designed to transform Rotaractors into confident and impactful communicators. Through expert-led sessions, personalized feedback, and practical exercises, participants honed essential skills in public speaking, voice modulation, body language, and improvisation.

RIO went beyond technical training by nurturing critical thinking, confidence, and idea advocacy—empowering individuals to lead, inspire, and influence both on and off the stage. More than just speaking, RIO enabled participants to create meaningful impact through their voice.

WORLD RESPONSIBLE YOUTH (WRY)

World Responsible Youth (WRY) 2024-25



Rotaract District 3141's flagship PR initiative, World Responsible Youth (WRY), celebrated annually on World Rotaract Day, showcased the collective spirit of service through WRY: Mumbai's Version.

Key highlights included:

Beach Blitz 3141 – a beach cleanup at Girgaon Chowpatty

WRY-on-Wheels – a cancer awareness bike rally

Humans of Rotaract – a digital campaign spotlighting 30 inspiring Rotaractors

A hoarding at Andheri Station to boost visibility

Club-led service projects across health, education, environment, and innovation

The initiative concluded with WRYvolution, honoring changemakers and recognizing

9 exceptional individuals as Unstoppable Rotaractors. WRY continues to exemplify youth-driven leadership, unity, and impact.

MAHADAN 10.0



Mahadaan 10.0, the monumental inter-district blood donation drive led by RID 3040, became a historic chapter in Rotaract history — and RID 3141 rose as a shining star. With unmatched passion and purpose, RID 3141 delivered an extraordinary impact by collecting over 2,200 units of life-saving blood and organizing a record-breaking 22 camps — a feat never before achieved in our district. This was not just participation; it was leadership, innovation, and service at scale. RID 3141 didn't just contribute — we led from the front, setting new standards, inspiring change, and proving that when we come together, we don't just make a difference — we make history.

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INNER WHEEL IMPACT

Inner Wheel is committed to implementing impactful initiatives and offering support that enhances lives across the globe.

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IWC Bombay Pier Tiara organized a Health Camp for underprivileged women in Cuffe Parade at Machimarnagar, offering essential screenings for women aged 40–70. Services included breast cancer awareness, diabetes testing, BP monitoring, eye and dental check-ups, and BMI assessment. Spectacles were also distributed.



IWC Bombay Hanging Garden proudly donated prosthetic limbs to six underprivileged children. Witnessing their struggles—some unable to even sit without help—was deeply moving. We feel humbled to contribute to their journey toward mobility and independence.



IWC Mumbai Nariman Point proudly introduced the revolutionary Vscan Air ultrasound technology at Tata Memorial Hospital, marking a significant advancement in cancer care. This state-of-the-art device enables high-clarity, whole-body bedside scans, greatly benefiting immobile patients. It is the first of its kind at the hospital, enhancing diagnostic efficiency and transforming patient care.



IWC Bombay organized a Beach Cleaning Drive to mark the beginning of National Week, honoring Mahatma Gandhi's vision of cleanliness and community service. Sponsored by Gandhi Smarak Nidhi and Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya, the event saw enthusiastic support from Change in Us, a youth-led movement for social change. The initiative promoted awareness, participation, and the spirit of Swachh Bharat, celebrating Gandhiji's legacy through meaningful action.



IWC Bombay Central donated 10 labor tables to the Gynecology Department at KEM Hospital—a significant contribution that will benefit countless expectant mothers for years to come. This impactful initiative was made possible through the generous support of our members. It stands as a meaningful and lasting service to society, bringing comfort and care to those in need.



IWC Palghar inaugurated a water hut equipped with an advanced filtration plant and cooler at Ram Mandir, Palghar, to promote a healthier and stronger community. This initiative ensures access to clean, safe, and refreshing drinking water for the public. We are grateful to our generous donors for their invaluable support in making this project a reality.

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EMBRACING THE DIVINE PULSE:

Lessons of Hope and Resilience from the Gudi

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WHILE the vibrant celebrations of Gudi Padwa may have gracefully drawn to a close, the 'Gudi' continues to rise with quiet strength - a timeless emblem of hope, prosperity, and spiritual renewal. Far beyond the festive ritual, it stands as a profound reminder of sacred beginnings - inviting us to pause, reflect and realign with the rhythms of nature and life itself.

Each element of the Gudi is layered with deep symbolism, gently guiding us toward peace, purpose and positive energy. Let us, together, reflect on its essence - to understand not just what we do, but why we do it.

The bamboo pole upholding the Gudi symbolizes resilience - strong yet flexible. It teaches us to bend without breaking, mirroring our ability to endure life's challenges. Positioned at the entrance of the home, it allows the smooth flow of positive energy while blocking negative vibrations, safeguarding inner balance and harmony.

The inverted copper pot (kalash) atop, when touched by the morning sun radiates warmth and positivity. Its inversion signifies a conscious letting go, an inner

shift to empty pride, fear, ego & negativity making space for clarity, compassion, and divine inspiration - a true transformation.

The garland strung across the Gudi harmonizes contrasts - sweet candy (battasa), bitter & healing neem leaves, purifying mango leaves, and vibrant flowers. Together, they reflect life's blend of sweetness and struggles, joy and pain, healing & grace. They remind us to cleanse our inner world regularly and to continue spreading joy, even in transient moments.

The brocade saree adorning the Gudi is more than visual richness. It embodies legacy, abundance, and protection - a symbol of continuity passed down through generations. It reflects both inner

and outer beauty and the blessings carried forward through karmic ties.

Gudi Padwa calls us not just to celebrate, but to internalize its wisdom. Are we, like the bamboo, grounded yet adaptable? Have we emptied our inner kalash to receive what truly matters? Do we carry beauty and strength into the spaces we inhabit?

As we carry these reflections into the year ahead, may we live mindfully, act meaningfully, and become quiet beacons of peace and purpose in our homes and beyond.



RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS

Rotary District Announcement

RI Club Excellence Award | DG's Citation | Rotary and District Awards & Trophies

Recognizing Club Excellence in 2024–25

We are pleased to announce three prestigious opportunities for Rotary Clubs to gain recognition this year:

- RI Club Excellence Award
- District Governor's Citation
- Rotary and District Awards & Trophies

These recognitions not only bring honour to your club but also celebrate commitment, impact, and innovation in service. Let's make this a year of achievement and celebration across the district!

RI Club Excellence Award

Formerly known as the RI Citation, this award honours clubs that demonstrate excellence aligned with Rotary International's strategic goals.

To Qualify:

- Log in to **Rotary Club Central**
- Set at least **50% of available goals**
- Achieve and report goals by **30 June**
- Ensure **all club invoices are fully paid**
- **Rotaract and Interact Clubs** may apply separately

Let's support **DG Rtn. Chetan Desai's** vision of every club in our district earning this award!

District Governor's Citation

This citation is awarded in **four tiers: Platinum | Gold | Silver | Bronze**

Details are available in the District Directory (pages 532–534).

An Excel-based submission form will be provided to ease data entry and auto-calculate points.

Deadline for submission: 30 June

Rotary and District Awards & Trophies

Celebrate club excellence across seven categories.

Refer to the District Directory (pages 529–530 & 535–537) for full award listings.

Clubs can apply for multiple awards using the prescribed format (to be shared soon).



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