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Rtn. Arun Bhargava
District Governor

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सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः



सुख-दुःख हो या धूप-छाँव, आपस में खिलता प्यार रहे । हर मौसम संग-संग मुसुकाएँ, खुशियों से भरा संसार रहे ॥
जीवन की इस पगडंडी पर हाथों को थामें साथ चलें । है यही कामना जीवन में सबके ही अमित बहार रहे ॥

OCTOBER - Community Economic Development Month



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Arun Bhargava

District Governor | 2023-24

My Dear Incredibles,

As we connect again after a month, I have been overwhelmed with the Incredible work being done throughout the District. Seema and I are truly overwhelmed with the volume of activities and involvement of Rotarians with zeal & enthusiasm in all those activities across the District.

Our first TRF seminar was a huge success – thanks to the untiring efforts of TRF Team & District Events Team. Presence and recognition of our large hearted Rotarians who walked the extra mile and donated generously for the Rotary Foundation added more colours to this seminar. TRF Trustee Chair PRIP Barry Rassin was truly delighted and impressed with the performance of our TRF Team and having an opportunity to hear him was truly amazing & enriching experience. This is just the beginning and we will have to step up our efforts to add more and more people to our TRF movement. Please organise speaker meetings at Club level on TRF, its efforts and outreach for the benefits of community world over.

The festival season has already started with Ganapati Bappa blessings. Many clubs took up projects to ensure that the less privileged may also enjoy the festival in the same way that we Rotarians will. We had the privilege to attend few Aarti and seek blessings of Lord Ganesha. We also attended Visarjan

proceedings. Navaratri festival will start soon and many Clubs across the District will be venturing into Dandia fellowships. Our Incredible Club Service 1 team had organised District Dandia on Thursday, 12th October. It was a true happiness for us to meet again and enjoy the fellowship.

October is Community Economic Development Month when we renew our commitment to helping the local economy to grow and celebrate success of that journey. Let us direct our efforts towards uplifting the quality of living for the people who are deprived of the basic amenities and work together towards making positive changes in their lives. They deserve better education, better livelihood, better healthcare and improved living standards and Rotarians have the power to facilitate these changes. I know that every Club is working towards betterment of the community. The District team is together with you in all your efforts. Please feel free to contact them whenever you need and support Or assistance and they will be happy to help.

The OCVs have started well, and I look forward to meet you all once again. Understanding strengths and weaknesses of every Club and motivating them towards excellence is the mantra of this year and I look forward to working closely with you all and helping you to reach the heights you deserve.

With all the festivals lined up - Navratri, Dussehra and then Diwali, we wish you all happiness, good health and prosperity. Wishing you all Happy Navaratri, may Goddess Durga shower you with her blessings.

Let there be Cheer, contentment, excitement, hope and Mirth forever.

Together we can, Together we will, Together Again !

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn Arun Bhargava
District Governor



Seema Bhargava

First Lady

जीवन और आशा दोनों ही एक-दूसरे के पूरक हैं। सकारात्मक दृष्टिकोण हमारे जीवन को खुशियों से भर देता है जबकि नकारात्मक-निराशा से। निराशा हमारे जीवन को दीमक की तरह चाट जाती है। कोशिश से आशा को बल मिलता है और यह दोनों हमारे अंदर एक अटल विश्वास पैदा करते हैं- जिसे आधार बनाकर हम हर कठिनाइयों पर विजय प्राप्त कर लेते हैं। बच्चन जी ने ठीक ही लिखा है, "कोशिश करने वालों की हार नहीं होती।

दूसरों के लिए किया गया कार्य उपकार कहा जाता है। इस जगत में सभी लोग अपना-अपना ही सुख चाहते हैं। इस

जगत में ऐसे भी व्यक्ति हैं जो लाभ-हानि से परे होकर दूसरों का कल्याण करते हैं। यही परोपकार है। परोपकार दैवभाव है। इस भाव के उदय से समाज और देश की प्रगति होती है। इस जीवलोक में स्वयं के लिए कौन नहीं जीता? परंतु, जो परोपकार के लिए जीता है, वही जीना सच्चा जीना है।

आपके निष्कर्ष एक हों या एक जैसे हों, आपके दिल एक हों- या एक जैसे हों ताकि "हर कोई" समाज में एक ही विशेष बुराई/बीमारी को समान तीव्रता से महसूस करे। यह सामान्य अनुभव हो सकता है कि सभी लोग एक ही समस्या को उस 'तीव्रता' में महसूस नहीं करते जैसा कि हम एक व्यक्ति के रूप में महसूस कर सकते हैं। इसके कारण उस समस्या को हल करने के लिए 'सामूहिक' प्रयासों की कमी हो सकती है। अपने दिमाग को एक जैसा-एक समान सोचने दें। ये सभी कारक आपकी संगठन-शक्ति को प्रभावशाली बनाएंगे। आईए, हम सभी मिलकर एक साथ दुनिया के विकास और प्रतिव्यक्ति की खुशहाली के लिए कदम बढ़ाएँ।

Upcoming Incredible Event

Incredible ROTAL

Saturday, 13th, 20th & 27th January 2024

Veer Savarkar Auditorium, Shivaji Park, Mumbai

Incredible ROTAL Registration: <https://bit.ly/ROTALJan24>

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI PARLESHWAR
LEAD HOST

Title: Platinum Co - Hosts - Charges: Rs.50,000/-
Benefits: Name on stage backdrop, Felicitation by DG during Finale
10 entries free in Solo Singing or Dancing
25 Citation points as given by District

Title: Gold Co - Hosts - Charges: Rs.30,000/-
Benefits: Name on stage backdrop, Felicitation by DG during Finale
5 entries free in Solo Singing or Dancing
20 Citation points as given by District

Title: Silver Co - Hosts - Charges: Rs.20,000/-
Benefits: Name on stage backdrop, Felicitation by DG during Finale
3 entries free in Solo Singing or Dancing
15 Citation points as given by District

Title: Bronze Co - Hosts - Charges: Rs.10,000/-
Benefits: Name on stage backdrop, Felicitation by DG during Finale
1 entries free in Solo Singing or Dancing
10 Citation points as given by District

Date: 13th, 20th & 27th January 2024
Venue: Veer Savarkar Auditorium, Shivaji Park, Dadar Mumbai
Time: 08:00 am till 08:00 pm

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ARUN BHARGAVA
DIST GOVERNOR

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

Dear Fellow Rotarians & Patriotic Indians,

With every passing day, the scale and diversity of Project National Integration is growing leaps and bounds. We are touching more and more lives and the goodwill of District 3141 is increasing to more and more villages of Kashmir Valley thereby further strengthening our association with the Indian Army.

I am very happy to report that a team led by DGE Chetan Desai and PP Comm BK Ahluwalia visited Kashmiri forward operation areas of Machhal, Doodhi, Zamindar Gali from 23-25 Sep



We would like to sincerely thank PP Gayomard Panthaki and his family for donating a school bus of Rs. 22 lacs. The Jubilant School authorities and children shall forever bless the Panthaki Family



During this visit our team also visited the New Site for our School, Vocational Training Centre, Dental Clinic, etc.



We would like to sincerely thank Rtn Nikunj Pravin Jhaveri and his family for donating medicines and medical equipment to MCHs in Kupawara region AGAIN this year worth Rs 12 Lacs. This much needed support shall support the stockpile of medicines as the tough winter months set in.



The team also met with Ms Khalida and her family. We are pleased to apprise you that Khalida is on the path of recovery and recuperating well. Regretfully she has contracted an infection and the cost for her additional hospitalization and medications is around Rs 5 lacs which will be donated by our large hearted Rotarians of Dist 3141.



Congratulations Incredible Membership Team



Out of 12 Districts in Zone 4 and our RID 3141 has got the award for the highest growth in Membership and second highest in new clubs formed.

- We have formed 4 new clubs
- R C Mumbai Juhu Elite
 - R C Mumbai Sher E Punjab
 - R C Mumbai City
 - R C Organ Donation International (E Club)

The R C Organ Donation International is cause based and first of its kind in the entire Rotary World. It will create awareness on Organ, Skin & Body donation.

The Rotary Foundation - Seminar



Our 1st TRF seminar of incredible year under the Leadership DG Arunji Bhargava & Chief Guest TRF Trustee Chair PRIP Barry Rassin was a grand success. TRF Trustee VC PRID Dr. Bharat Pandya, RID T. N. Subramanian, RRFCC Zone 4 - PDG Dr. N. Subramanian, DTF Dilip Mulay, EMGA Zone 4 PDG Deepak Gupta, EPNC Zone 4 – PDG Dr. Aresh Ganguly, PDG Gopalji Mandhania, RISAO Sanjay Parmar, DGSC Manish Gyani were the speakers for TRF session in presence of august gathering & many District Dignitaries.

Commitments from our Clubs soared to USD 1.50 Million Dollars in first 3 Months itself and this is just the beginning. It was heartening to note that many individual Rotarians and Non Rotarian members committed to become Major Donor Level I, II, III, IV, PHS, PHF, POLIO & Benefactor. All our large hearted donors were recognised and honoured by DG Arunji Bhargava & Chief Guest TRF Trustee Chair PRIP Barry Rassin.

Rotary Foundation is Blood line and Contributions to Rotary foundation help various projects to do long term sustainable and measurable projects and helping community at large. Our incredible Presidents and Rotarians came forward for generous contributions and made us proud. We look forward towards making our Incredible year to be memorable with large hearted donations to foundation wherein members also get recognitions of various levels as per contributions and support in all avenues of Rotary Foundation.

More importantly our focus is to achieve excellence in TRF contributions for RY 2023-2024. Request all to

focus on below contributions:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 CSR projects | All Clubs to be: |
| 2 Global Grants Projects | 1 100% Erey Club |
| 3 Annual Fund | 2 100% TRF Giving Club |
| 4 Polio Fund | 3 100% PHF Club |
| 5 Named Endowment Fund | 4 PHS contributions |

Lastly to contribute and become prestigious AKS Status with contributions of USD 2,50,000 .

Once again thanks to all for Donors for their whole hearted support to TRF Foundation.

Prakash Ruia

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 Avenue chair - Rotary Foundation Support (Giving, AKS & Endowment) & District Annual Fund Sub- Committee Chair





Venue: Hotel Taj President, Colaba | Date: 16th September 2023 | Convenor : Rtn. Gayomard Panthaki
Host Club: RC Bombay Hills South | Host Club President: Rtn Rajendra Bhinge

Updates From Our RYE Student Yash Desai From Brazil, RI Dist 4420



I went to an island near Santos with 2 other exchange students Sophie and Amelia. Collected some rocks there and some seashells. Didn't bring any home though. I also went to the Sao Paulo downtown walk with Rotex where we mostly just walked for 4 hours or something. But it was really fun because then we had a small picnic thing at the end. Still going to the gym every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so it's all going well. Oh and I went to a wedding here so that was my first Catholic wedding I've ever been to.

Congratulations

PDG Rtn. Subhash Kulkarni



Hearty Congratulations and best wishes to PDG Subhash Kulkarni for being appointed as the Plan Lead for Zone 4, to develop a three year rolling goal plan for all Districts and clubs and guide the teams in the strategic vertical of Public Image and Communications. This is a three year assignment for 2023-26 period.

Incredible Vibes



The Kashmiri girls heart surgery at SRCC organised by PDG Rajendra ji Agarwal under Project National Integration Donated by Savita Jalan & Incredible President Rtn Anupama Jalan - Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City.

Rotary's Helping Hand: Micro-Credit Program

Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty. We create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially



Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day which indicates that 1 in every 9 people in the world — do not have enough to eat, about 60% of the world's hungry people are women and girls. Through micro-credit loans, occupational training, and partnering with local communities, Rotary helps provide sustainable solutions to poverty around the world.

This project is about “helping those who are trying to help themselves.” It addresses and responds to the entrepreneurial spirit of individuals who need a helping hand. Rotary's goal is to attract motivated, focused people who are willing to work hard to uplift their life and that of their families. The Rotary Micro-Credit Program offers these key features: It is for smaller amounts, it focuses on creating new sources of income, and it is personalized and customized to the opportunity at hand. Our motivation is to provide opportunity – not charity – for people who wish to start or expand an income generating business venture by offering seed money in the form of a loan.

Rotary Clubs must do proper due diligence before selecting a beneficiary for this Micro-Credit program.

The following checks would help in identifying a proper candidate

- Does the Applicant show commitment, dedication, and perseverance?
- Does the business venture have a reasonable chance to succeed?
- Is there enough cash flow for the loan to be repaid?

Once the Micro-Credit loan is granted, each beneficiary must be assigned Rotary members to serve as Mentors. The Rotarians working as Mentors for a particular beneficiary shall frequently talk to them, assess their progress, and offer advice or support as and when required.

Our Micro-Credit program is not just about money, it is about unlocking human dreams. Rotary seeks to employ financial capital to unleash human potential. Through this program Rotary attempts to break the cycle of poverty for women and girl child by empowering them through various financial literacy courses, foster skill development and provide proper business training, and promote sustainable farming through imparting skills required to improve soil fertility, control soil erosion, and market their produce resulting in increased crop yields and profits.

Once the money is repaid, you can choose to recycle the loan to support another entrepreneur. Rotary encourages Clubs to adopt Micro-Credit programs and support the less privileged people around you to work their way out of poverty, feed their families, send their children to school, reduce their vulnerability to economic stress, can have improved living conditions and a dignified life.

- Rtn Ajit Dubey

Role of R.C.C. in Community Economic Development

The month of October is designated as 'Economic and Community Development Month' in the Rotary calendar. This is a time when Rotary clubs focus on creating sustainable solutions for the economic betterment of their communities. This annual observance emphasizes the importance of economic development as a key driver of positive change. In this article, let us delve into the concept of community economic development, explore the various ways Rotary clubs can make a meaningful impact.

CED - A Holistic Approach

Community economic development (CED) is a multifaceted approach aimed at improving the economic well-being and quality of life of a community's residents. It goes beyond just creating jobs; it involves addressing underlying issues like poverty, access to education, healthcare, and infrastructure development. CED recognizes that economic growth should be inclusive and sustainable, benefiting all segments.

Rotary's Role in CED

Rotary clubs play a pivotal role in community economic development by initiating and supporting projects that address various aspects of economic well-being. Here are some ideas for Rotarians to consider:

Skills Development: Organize vocational training programs to enhance the employability of community members. This could range from IT skills to agricultural techniques.

Infrastructure Projects: Collaborate with local authorities to improve infrastructure, such as sanitation facilities, and clean water access, which are essential for economic growth.

Support for Small Businesses: Offer mentoring and financial support to small businesses, helping them thrive and create jobs.

Financial Literacy Workshops: Conduct workshops on financial management and entrepreneurship to empower individuals with the knowledge to make informed economic decisions.

Promoting Digital Inclusion: Support initiatives that provide access to digital technology, enabling individuals to access online resources and markets.

RCCs a vehicle for community development

Our District has been in the forefront in promoting RCCs in a big way. In the last Rotary year, we had over 100 new RCCs opened. Clubs can activate these newly

opened RCCs for their projects. The District RCC team's help can be sought for these activities.

Some of the activities that has happened in relation to community development in the first quarter of this Rotary year are as below:

- *An Entrepreneurship Development Awareness Seminar was organised on 19th August where our DG was the Chief Guest.*
- *'Know your RCC' talk organised by Bhandup Club on 5th September 2023. This was addressed by Rtn Manish Gyani, the Coordinator: RCCRID 3141.*

Some of the projects reportedly done for RCC were:

- *Borivili Club through their Devlapada RCC distributed 500 note books to needy students.*
- *Ghatkopar Club through Amrut Nagar RCC also distributed note books.*
- *Mumbai Juhu Club at Oshiwara RCC distributed wheat flour to an old age home, orphanage and poor and underprivileged people costing Rs.2.42 lakhs. Mumbai Juhu Club through their RCC in Goregaon distributed cookies to school children.*
- *At Amrut Nagar RCC monthly grocery needs of a family whose head is suffering from cancer was supplied.*

The details of the new RCCs formed during the first quarter of the year are as under:

| Name of Club | Name of RCC |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| RC Film City, Goregaon | Vakola Bridge |
| RC Film City, Goregaon | Kurla 165 |
| RC Film City, Goregaon | Kurla 166 |
| Chandivali | Chandivali |
| Powai | Powai Star Foundation |
| Powai | Aarey Unit 31 |

Conclusion

Community Economic and Development Month is a time to reflect on the profound impact that economic well-being has on communities. Our clubs can play an instrumental role in promoting inclusive and sustainable economic development. Through skills development, infrastructure improvement, and other initiatives, Rotarians can work together to uplift their communities, making a tangible difference in the lives of those they serve. Together, we can build a world where economic prosperity is accessible to all.

Rtn K V Premraj
RC Borivli - Avenue Chair, RCC

Creative Captain & The Creative Team



Ajit Dubey

Managing Editor - GML | 2023-24

As we enter the 2nd quarter of our Incredible Rotary Year 2023-24, I take this opportunity to thank our devoted Rotary & Non Rotary readers, our innovative and talented authors, distinguished co-editors and our Enthusiastic Quiz Masters for being a part of this Incredible journey of IGML. This Incredible year led by our Charismatic leader DG Arun could be characterized as a year of initiating fearless, bold and pathbreaking ideas which are yielding the desired results and fuelling multidimensional success in all spheres of community service drives.

October is Community Economic Development month and this issue “भायोदय” covers articles related to Rotary's efforts to enhance the quality of life for people who are deprived of even the basic amenities and to uplift them towards a better & dignified living. Our authors offer articles covering history, culture and traditions of Mumbai and India, updates on our Flagship project – PNI, blessings from our Incredible Governor Arun & First lady Seemaji and many other interesting stories & topics. This issue includes a special section on our 1st TRF Seminar as well.

Many thanks to our Incredible Presidents and their respective teams for helping us with timely submission of reports / data. We have tried to accommodate as many projects we could have covered in this issue. If you feel that any important project(s) have been missed by our team, please bring it to our notice and we will publish the same in our next edition. We once again invite you all to participate in the Quiz and get recognised & rewarded.

With your active support, positive & uplifting feedbacks our IGML team continues to work harder to win your heart with exciting articles & depth of contents and we will love to have your suggestions to make it even more apt and complete. All of this could not be done without the support of our authors, readers, designers and our elite editorial board. Thank you all. Please drop us an email at incrediblegml@gmail.com

whenever you feel that your suggestions could be helpful, useful, and insightful to the common good of the GML & Rotary. Our plan for the GML is evolving and we will carry on with our efforts to bring more appealing, captivating and intriguing articles and stories in future editions. There is so much more in store for you. Enjoy reading & Stay connected

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- Rtn Ajit Dubey

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September Theme - IILM-Inner wheel India literacy mission SHIKSHA 360 Degree – It is a vital initiative aimed at 1.Support Programme for Teachers 2. Hybrid Learning 3. Infrastructural and E-learning Facilities 4. Knowledge and Assessment Tools Development 5.Serve to Each one Teach One 6. Happy school 7. Adult Literacy. Through our mission, Inner Wheel India aims to light the flame of knowledge and opportunity, paving the way for a more educated, empowered, and enlightened society. Together, we can make a difference, one word at a time.



IWC BOMBAY SHIVAJI PARK – FEES FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN



IWC CHEMBUR TIARA- IILM – PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL AID



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IWC KALINA – SAY NO TO PLASTIC -SAVE THE PLANET



IWC PALGHAR- BASIC SKILL TRAINING GIVEN TO WOMEN



IWC MULUND. HILLS- I AM KALAM I AM KALPANA SCIENCE PROJECTS



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IWC BOMBAY SEA COAST- COMPUTER EDUCATION FOR NEEDY



IWC MUMBAI BBHANDUP- WORKSHOP WITH CHILDREN ON GANPATHY IDOL MAKING



IWC BOMBAY MID WEST- TALK ON ILL EFFECTS OF TOBACCO



IWC BOMBAY NORTH WEST- SPECIAL TRAINING TO HANDMADE ITEMS BY WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

ROTARACT DISTRICT PROJECTS

RYPEN - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment



DRR Aastha Parekh & our Tiny Minions with their Infinity!

Team RYPEN, all happy faces and smile as big as the minions.

Kids engrossed in the session at RYPEN

Minions make a million memories by dancing their hearts out

Rotaract Mumbai spearheaded a transformative Rotary mandate project, custom-tailored for students aged 12-16. This dynamic two-day symposium provided a stage for experts spanning diverse fields to impart priceless wisdom, nurturing profound learning and personal development in these budding minds.

Over the course of these enlightening days, we had the honor of engaging with more than 450 exceptionally bright young individuals, our treasured participants! The program featured a rich tapestry of captivating sessions, including Mandala, Graphology & Paper Craft, Speech & Drama, Communication 101, Frisbee, and Team Building Activities. This holistic approach aimed to not only enrich their knowledge but also cultivate essential life skills, leaving an indelible mark on their educational journey.

Technovate: A 24-hour Hackathon



Judging Panel at Technovate 2023

Infinity DRR Aastha Parekh with Team Technovate - Chair, Chairpersons & Core Team

Winners of Technovate - Team MingWx86

Team Technovate 2023

Technovate marked a historic milestone in Rotaract Mumbai's journey, hosting its first ever 24-hour hackathon. The event garnered overwhelming interest, with a staggering 1362 applications pouring in from across 45 cities. After rigorous evaluation, 45 teams earned their spot as shortlisted contenders. In the heat of competition, 10 teams advanced to the final judging round, showcasing their innovative solutions addressing pressing social causes. The pinnacle of this exhilarating journey revealed the top 3 victors who secured their places in the winners' circle.

Powered by GenAI in partnership with Google Developers and supported by Co-Host & Support Host Rotary Clubs, Lead Host Rotaract Club, Platinum & Silver Host Rotaract Clubs, Gold & Silver Sponsors & various Partners. Technovate awarded a commendable cash prize of INR 50k to the deserving champions. This remarkable event not only fostered technological creativity but also channeled it towards making a positive impact on society, setting the stage for future innovation in Rotaract Mumbai.

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Infinity DRR & Team Jashn-E-3141 with Incoming Districts

Infinity Presidents & DRR

Closing Ceremony

Rotaract District 3141 created history at Jashn-E-3141 by hosting 15 Rotary Districts out of which 2 International Districts were from Russia & Bangladesh, 62 Rotaractors and 6 days of Infinite fun, networking and fellowship.

The project, aimed at bringing forth the various aspects of the City which never sleeps - Mumbai. Jashn-E-3141 celebrated people engulfed in the Spirit of Mumbai by the end of their excursion. We covered majority of Mumbai wandering and exploring with our friends; who now have turned into family!

Our Incomings found their Infinity!

Exploring & Wandering in Mumbai

RID 2223 Russia at Jashn-E-3141 visiting Gateway of India



October 2023 QUIZZZZO

Hello friends...

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

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

Quiz Questions

- 1) What is the last date of availing 15% DDF against Club Contribution ?
- 2) Population of Mumbai in year 1661 ?
- 3) How much (in Kgs) is the total collection of E-Waste in 1st quarter of Incredible Year 2023-24 ?
- 4) How many Rotary Districts participated in “Jashn-E-3141” hosted by Rotaract District 3141 ?
- 5) Which RI District and Country is hosting our RYE student Yash ?

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

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

Quiz Masters

Rotarians who responded with the answer (Sequence as per receipt of email)

Rtn Tila Patel, Rtn Adv Deepak Sawle, Rtn Dr Sadhana Edvankar, Rtn Anand Ramnani, Rtn Rakhee Sunil, Rtn S. Ravichandran, Rtn Ashish Tapiawala, Rtn Dr Meena Singh, Rtn Sneh Malhotra

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

Rtn. Tila Patel
RC Mumbai Dahisar

Rtn. Dr. Sadhana Edvankar
RC Bombay Kandivali

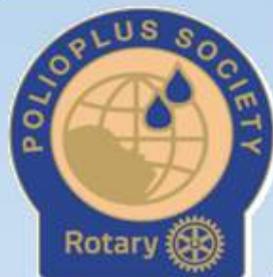
Rtn. Anand Ramnani
RC Mumbai Parleshwar

Celebrate WORLD POLIO DAY on 24 October 2023
by contributing generously to **PolioPlus Fund** of TRF

Recognitions for Individuals

PolioPlus Society Member

To be a member of the PolioPlus Society, Rotarians commit to donate US\$100 each year to PolioPlus Fund of TRF until the world is certified Polio-Free.



Donate USD 1500 or ₹ 1 Lakh to

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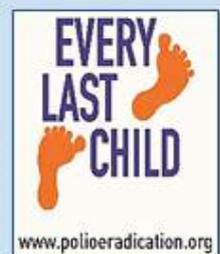
END POLIO FELLOW



Recognitions for Clubs **POLIO CHAMPION CLUB**

Contribute Rs. 1,000/- per capita to PolioPlus Fund of TRF and get recognized as **POLIO CHAMPION CLUB**

**COUNTDOWN
TO HISTORY**





Action Across The District

Training Workshop by RC Addiction Prevention



Addiction Prevention conducted Training workshop for Higher Secondary students at Billabong International School to understand CPR, its use and gave practice on demo mannequins

AED Machine Installation by RC Bombay Airport



Bombay Airport installed First AED machine at Mumbai Suburban Railway Station Andheri at the hands of District Governor Arun Bhargava

Beach Cleanliness Drive by RC Bombay Bandra & Rotaractors



Bombay Bandra conducted Beach Cleanliness Drive with Rotaractors where they removed 980 kgs of plastic

Cycles Donation by RC Bombay Bay View



Club donated Cycles to 18 poor students from the interiors of Vikramgarh, who travel 4-5 km everyday on foot/bus to attend school

Digital Classroom by RC Bombay Bay View



Digital Classroom helping students in academics by Bombay Bay View at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya

Special Meals by RC Bombay Hills South



Bombay Hills South hosted special meals for 100 family members of patients at Wadia hospital

Blood Bank Box Donation by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights



Donated 20 blood bank boxes to Aastha Hospital, Manor thus committing to save lives & ensuring a stable supply of blood for needy

Toilet Blocks Donation by RC Bombay Powai



Donated two toilets blocks to the workers and drivers and labourer in US Club, Colaba

Action Across The District

Donated A Van & Medical Equipments by RC Bombay Queen City



Donated a van which will be used for the transportation of goods at ACTREC Hospital (Tata Memorial) Kharghar



Medical equipments to ACTREC Tata Memorial Hospital

Heart Surgery by RC Bombay Queen City



Heart surgery has been done of two girls from Kashmir

Blood Donation by RC Bombay Uptown



Blood Donation drive at ICT with Tata Memorial Hospital. 111 units collected which will be used for cancer patients

Eco-Friendly Ganesh Idol Making Workshop by RC Bombay West

Team Rural and Environment committee had organised an Eco Friendly Ganesh Idol making workshop from River Clay



Klassroom Edutech Modules by RC Borivli



Installed Klassroom Edutech Modules at Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Gujarat to promote digitisation & modernisation in education for the underprivileged students

Teacher's Day by RC Ghatkopar West



Teacher's day celebration in 2 Abhyasikas (Parksite & Tagore Nagar) honouring teachers & interaction with the kids

Drawing Competition by RC JVPD Mumbai



Organized drawing competition in Rishi Valmiki Eco School



Action Across The District

Right Career Attitude by RC Lokhandwala Kandivali



Organised a session on Right Career Attitude for 12 Std students of Anudatt Vidyalaya and Junior College

Janani Vandana (ANC Check-up) by RC Manor Highway



Organised an ANC Ante-natal care check up camp for High Risk Pregnant Women at PHC, Durvesh Village

Mental Health Seminar by RC Mira Road



National Awardee Mrs Abha Dharam Pal (Principal & CEO) Retd. was invited to speak on Make Yourself Mentally Strong at RBKGS along with RCMR team and Interact Club of RBKGS

Mental Health Seminar by RC Mulund Hills



Mental Health Seminar for college students of Jai Bharat College. The students and the teachers all had a good interactive session with Physciatrist Dr Diplakshmi Dopeshwarkar

Burns Prevention Seminar by RC Mumbai Borivli East



Burns Prevention Seminar at St. Annes High School & Shri Dayanand Vidyalaya Hindi Medium, Borivali

Teacher's Day Celebration by RC Mumbai Cuffe Parade



Teachers Day Celebration was organized in which 4 Principals and 2 teachers from different schools were awarded

Blood Donation by RC Mumbai Ghatkopar West



Blood donation Drive by RC Mumbai Ghatkopar West in association with Tata Memorial hospital

Utility Item Donation by RC Mumbai Goregaon West



At Pranab Kanya Sangha donated fans, dress materials, snacks, bedsheets and sanitary pads

Action Across The District

Eco-Friendly Ganpati Idol Making by RC Mumbai Greens



Organised EcoFriendly Ganpati Idol Making Workshop

Eye Checkup Camp by RC Mumbai Horizons



Organised an eye checkup camp at St Anthony High School

Career Guidance Seminar by RC Mumbai Kalakar



Conducted vocational course with 145 students of grade 9 and 10 on career guidance in Anjuman Islam School

ENT Surgical Equipments Donation by RC Mumbai Kandivali West



Donated ENT Surgical equipments worth Rs 107000 to Aastha Hospital Manor

Teacher's Day Celebration by RC Mumbai Lakers



Celebrated Teachers' Day at MBA foundation lunch was arranged under monthly Annapurna drive and honoured teachers and staff for their dedicated work with specially abled children

Food A Thon by RC Mumbai Lower Parel



Food A Thon distributed Vada Pav and Tea to approx 200 people

Grand Parents Day by RC Mumbai Mahim



Celebrated Grand Parents Day at Bhagini Samaj, Dadar

Women Empowerment by RC Mumbai Malabar Hill



A helping hand project towards Women Empowerment. A Sewing Machine for a hearing & speech impaired woman, and an oven & a laptop for 2 needy girls for earning livelihood was donated.

Action Across The District

Fund Raiser - Movie Show by RC Mumbai Mulund East



The Club raised fund by organising special show of Jawan movie. The collected funds to be used to bring 25 kids from Bal Snehalaya Orphanage, Thane to school.

Electrical Items & Computer Donation by RC Mumbai Mulund South



Donated 5 tube lights, 5 fans & Computer for training & teaching the handicapped children of Swayam Sidh NGO

Inauguration of Lung Rehab Centre by RC Mumbai Nariman Point



Lung Rehab Centre Inaugurated At The People's Mobile Hospital

Medical Checkup Camp by RC Mumbai North Island



Organised Eye check up, Blood Sugar & BP check up camp

Mega E-waste Project by RC Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab



Under Mega E-waste District Project collected total 156 kg E-waste

Youth Month Celebration by RC Mumbai South



Inaugurated flagship program - Youth Month Celebrations which was attended by 600 students. Drawing kits & Snacks was distributed among them.

Table Tennis Tournament by RC Mumbai Versova



Table Tennis Tournament for specially abled children wherein 430 special children from all over Maharashtra participated

Guruvandana - Teachers Day Celebration by RC Palghar



Felicited 12 Teachers in and around Palghar for their special devotional work by Chief Guest Prajesh Trotsky Trainer & TEDx Speaker

Action Across The District

Inter School Science Quiz by RC Bombay Pier & RC Bombay Queen City



Inter-School Science Quiz was organized at Nehru Science Centre. It was jointly sponsored by Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, by Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City on 4th September 2023. DG Arun Bhargava graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Blood Donation Drive by RC Mumbai Kandivali West & RC Malad North West Club



Blood Donation Drive was Jointly organized by Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivali West and Rotary Club of Malad North West Club

Mega Medical Camp by RC Addiction Prevention & RC Bombay Chembur West



RC Addiction Prevention in collaboration with RC Bombay Chembur West conducted Mega Medical Camp at 4 different locations in Malad. 350 Beneficiaries.

Mental Health Awareness by RC Lokhandwala Kandivli & RC Bombay Hanging Garden



RC Lokhandwala Kandivali & RC Bombay Hanging Garden conducted Mental Health Awareness among 7th to 12th Standard Students at Anudatt School.

Free Medical Camp by RC Chandivali Mumbai & RC Mumbai North



RC Chandivali Mumbai & RC Mumbai North organized Free Medical Checkup Camp, which includes talk on Breast Cancer Awareness by Dr. Jennifer from RC Mumbai West

Feeding Cows & Other animals Joint project by RC Bombay Queen City & RC Bombay Hanging Garden



On the auspicious occasion of Janmashtami, 400 cows & other animals at Historical Animals Shed Panjrapol were fed Lapsi, Ladoos, and Grass

International Project - Women's Wellness by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights & RC Biratnagar Central (Nepal)



RC Bombay Mahakali Heights in collaboration with RC Biratnagar Central (Nepal) organised a Gynaecology Health Camp in a slum area Biratnagar, Nepal



Walk With The Doc by RC Dahanu Sea Coast



Organised "Walk with the Doc" at Dahanu Beach. Dr Bhavesh Kansara discussed various aspects of Heart Health including precautions, diet, benefits of exercise & dispelled common myths.

Walk With The Doc by RC Mumbai Mahim, RC Bombay Uptown & RC Chembur West



On World Health Day A Walk with the Doc and CPR training session was conducted. Cardiologist Dr Prafull Kelkar & Dr Akshay Mehta attended this event and guided the participants.

Interact Club of Lilavati Podar School Installation by RC Bombay West



RC Bombay West installed Interact club of Lilavati Podar School

Rotaract Club of PPSIJC Installation by RC Mumbai North Island



RC Mumbai North Island Installed Rotaract Club of PPSIJC

Action Across The District

Walk with Doc & CPR Training by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights



Organised a successful walk with the Doc and CPR Training Session to raise awareness for world Health Day. The event led by Cardiologist Dr Akshay Mehta

Smart Classroom by RC Mumbai Dahisar



Donated the fifth Smart Classroom at Vidya Mandir School, Dahisar. Total cost of the project was Rs 2.25Lakhs.

Water Purifier Donation by RC Virar



Water purifier to Arnala police station

Rotaract Club of SPCE Installation by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights



RC Bombay Mahakali Heights installed Rotaract Club of SPCE

Path to Mental Wellness



The impact of anxiety, depression, social media, substance abuse, exam stress, etc is causing considerable mental stress in the 21st century. Since 2020, Rotary Club of Bombay Hanging Garden has been facilitating free mental health initiatives, for Rotary schools, colleges and related communities through MPOWER (an initiative of Aditya Birla Education Trust). Founded by Mrs. Neerja Birla, Mpower champions mental health causes, creates awareness and provides services with a holistic approach.

A series of 33 mental health awareness programs were coordinated for Host Club Rotary Club of Lokhandwala Kandivali from September 14th to October 11 for Anudatta Vidyalaya and Junior College and Saraswati Vidyalaya. These programs, conducted by a team of 5 Mpower psychologists, benefitted over 900 students from Standards VII-X. On October 4th and 5th, Host Club Rotary Club of Dahanu organised 7 sessions for 300 students and a teacher training programme for Ghadge Maharaj Ashram Shala and Ashagad Kanya Ashram Shala.

Per the feedback from Mpower, the participants were very enthusiastic, interacted with the trainers and opened up about the challenges they were facing and were open to exploring various strategies and options to address their concerns.

For further information, please coordinate with the project director as under:

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Rotary Club of Bombay Hanging Garden

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Legal Literacy Seminar



Incredible Avenue Vocational Service - 1 along with RC of Dahanu organised a hugely successful seminar for the students of St Mary High School on 20-Sep- 23. Avenue Chair PP Vishhal Saxxena (Advocate Supreme Court of India) addressed over 1500 school going children on the very sensitive topic of good touch - bad touch. Many of the children came and shared their personal horrific experiences with PP Vishhal - all of which are being attended sternly through the local police station.

Program was organised under the guidance of DG Arun Bhargava in association with RC of Mumbai Mulund South, RC of Mumbai Ghatkopar W, Society for Fast Justice and Interact Club of St. Mary's High School.

Hindi Diwas



RCMR had organised, under the guidance of Youth Service Director Rtn. Dr. Sandhya Raj Mehta, HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATION for RBKGS along with Interact Club of RBKGS. The program consisted of Pure and beautiful writing in Hindi. The event included National Anthem writing activity, dance, Nukad Natak and recitation of self-written poems by the students of class 6th to 10th. Around 138 students had participated in the event.

Trimonthly Report for Collection of E Waste all over Rotary Dist 3141

Date: 1st October 2023

Prepared by: Environment Support 2

Executive Summary: This is an ongoing project for last 5 years, with Improvisations as per the governor's vision. The idea is to tie up with an eminent company which has the most state of the art plant to reduce, reuse, and recycle the waste as per the Government compliance, 100% recycling of all the E-waste with a firm assurance that 0% land filling. We as Rotarians collect the Data from Rotarians and arrange for a collection campaign.

An E Waste collection drive was introduced, by the Governor Rtn Arun Bhargava and the Avenue chair Rtn Ameeta Vohra. The word was spread through zonal coordinator Rtn Ujwala Jiandani, Rtn Yash Kolpe, Rtn Anil Kumta, Rtn Sunil Kariwalla to all the presidents throughout Dist 3141. Co-Chair Rtn Patrick Gomes took special efforts to make flyers and messages to be circulated among the Clubs and community.

The objective was to spread awareness about reducing E waste and to arrange for collection by the Clubs.

Flyers, Circulars, messages were sent across the district to gather information on the collection. Collection Centres were organized by RC Bombay

uptown, RC Palghar, RC Bombay Mulund Valley, RC Mumbai Mulund East, RC Mumbai Shere Punjab.

Resurrect pvt Ltd, a franchise of Cerebra Integrated was finalised for collection from various points and transported to the segregation and recycling division.

1. Results and Impact 4.1. E-Waste Collected 4.2. Community Participation 4.3. Environmental Impact. Totally three pickups were carried out.

- The first pick-up was held on the first day of the Rotary year 1st of July North zone RC Palghar, RC Dahanu, RC Boisar Tarapur, RC Manor area. The collection was 323kg, with a lot of household items like Washing machines, Televisions laptops etc in the collection.
- The second collection was Pre Ganapati festive season. The collection was pan district. The pickups were carried out on three separate days.
- 9th September North Zone RC Dahisar, RC Palghar, RC Boisar Tarapur, and RC Virar. Total collection was 328.200kg
- 16/17 September Collection from South zone RC Bombay Uptown, with RC Cuff Parade -161.000 kg, West Zone, RC Mumbai Sher e Punjab - 156.000 kg, Central Zone RC Powai- 82.000 kg, RC Bombay Mulund Valley 410.650kg, RC Mumbai Mulund East- 495.000kg

There was a total collection of 1955.850 kg.

The collection drives will be conducted throughout the year 2023-24.



MEGA E-WASTE COLLECTION DRIVE

On Sunday, 17th September 2023 from 10 am onwards

Central Zone, Mumbai

ACTION-LED AWARENESS PLAN TODAY

DAYS LEFT 1

A HOPE FOR AN INCREDIBLE ENVIRONMENT TOMORROW



Gordon McNally President, Rotary International



Arun Bhargava District Governor, District 3141

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

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

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

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

Let us continue the journey with well known
Ganesh Idol Immersion

The Significance of Ganesh Immersion



On Thursday, 28th September 2023 the streets of Maharashtra were turned into a mega congregation of people, dance, music, and color. It's a day of long processions filled with pomp and splendour when the Ganesh idols are taken to the sea and immersed in the waters.

The arrival of our loved ones to our home makes us beam with joy, and their departure leaves us teary-eyed. Devotees, who bring home an idol of Lord Ganesha (on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi), endure similar sentiments on his arrival and departure. Ganpati Bappa is not just the God who arrives but a member of the family, who visits his people annually, stays for a few days at their homes and then leaves for his heavenly abode. The farewell ceremony of Lord Ganesha or any other deity is called Visarjan.

Significance of Celebrating this festival

Ganesha is the lord of all the good qualities in us. So when we worship him, all the good qualities blossom in us. He is also the Lord of knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge dawns only when we become aware of our Self. When there is inertia, there is no knowledge, no wisdom, nor is there any liveliness (Chaitanya) or progress in life.

It is also believed that Lord Ganesha was born on the fourth day of the bright half of the Bhadrapada month.





That is why on the day of Ganesh Chaturthi the idol is installed and worshipped for 10 days. On the day of Anant Chaturdashi, the idol of Lord Ganesha is immersed in a river or a pond, seeking his blessings.

Mythological Stories behind Ganpati Visarjan

According to Puranas, a sage named Maharishi Ved Vyas once needed help to write the epic Mahabharata. He turned to Lord Ganesha for assistance, and Lord Ganesha agreed but with an unusual condition: "I won't stop writing once I begin. If the writing stops, I'll stop too." Ved Vyas accepted this condition, and with closed eyes, he started narrating the Mahabharata. Lord Ganesha faithfully transcribed it without pause.

After 10 days of continuous work, Ved Vyas noticed that Lord Ganesha's body temperature had shot up due to the intense effort. To cool him down, Ved Vyas advised him to take a dip in water. And that's how the tradition of Ganpati immersion began.

Moreover, It is also believed that Ganpati Visarjan also symbolizes Lord Ganesha's journey back to Mount Kailasha where his parents, Lord Shiva & Lord Parvati reside. The Visarjan celebrates Lord Ganesha's journey from 'Aakar' to 'Nirakar'. This is the only festival where people pay reverence to the spiritual as well as physical form of the almighty.

Why is Visarjan carried out and why shouldn't one use the same idol for the puja next year??

The visarjan ritual symbolises the cycle of birth and death. It celebrates the reality of life that revolves around these do facts. Moreover, the visarjan epitomises the concept of destruction, because nothing is permanent, and that change is the only constant. Therefore, the tradition of visarjan is a reminder that everyone who is born on this planet or that exists shall perish one day.

Moreover, the reason why the idols are immersed in a water body also has a profound meaning. The ocean or the water body represents the infinite (God), and the idol is the soul seeking salvation. The immortal soul leaves behind its mortal body to unite with the absolute by surrendering itself.

Thus, the tradition of visarjan reminds everyone that everything they possess is temporary and that they shall have to do away with it sooner or later.

- Rtn. Poonam Bijoer

मुंबईचा इतिहास भाग ४

(ब्रिटीशांचा काळ सन १६६१ ते १८००)



मुंबईचा खरा विकास कोणी केला असेल तर तो इंग्रजांनी केला. मागील लेखात आपण पोर्तुगीज व इंग्रज यांच्या दृष्टीकोनातील फरक समजून घेतला आहे. मुंबईची सात बेटे व त्याला लागून असलेला साष्टी तालुका म्हणजे आताचा बृहन्मुंबईचा प्रदेश १३४ वर्षे पोर्तुगीजांच्या ताब्यात होता. परंतु त्यांनी मुंबईचा बंदर

म्हणून विकास केला नाही. त्यांनी फक्त चर्चिस बांधली. परंतु इंग्रजांना मुंबई हे उत्कृष्ट सुरक्षित बंदर होऊ शकते याची कल्पना होती. सन १६५२ पासून त्यांचे तसे प्रयत्न चालू होते. इंग्रजांनी मुंबईची बेटे पोर्तुगीजांकडून विकत घेण्याचाही प्रयत्न केला परंतु तो यशस्वी झाला नाही, असो.

परंतु सन १६६१ मध्ये पोर्तुगालचा राजा ४था जॉन याची मुलगी कॅथरीन ब्रॅगान्झा हीचे लग्न इंग्लंडचा राजा चार्ल्स २ रा ह्याच्याशी ठरले त्यावेळी इंग्रज व पोर्तुगीज यांच्यामध्ये हुंडा म्हणून पोर्तुगालच्या राजाने इंग्लंडच्या राजाला काय द्यावयाचे याच्या वाटघाटी होऊन भारतातील मुंबईची बेटे, मोरोक्को मधील टॅन्जीएर बंदरात व्यापारा विषयीच्या सवलती व तीन लाख पौंड पोर्तुगीजांनी इंग्रजांना घावेत असे ठरले व त्याबदल्यात इंग्रजांनी पोर्तुगीजांना डचांविरुद्धच्या लढाईत मदत करावी असा रीतसर लेखी करार झाल्यानंतर २३ जून १६६१ मध्ये लग्न पार पडले. सन १६६८ मधे चार्ल्स २ रा याने मुंबईची बेटे ब्रिटिश ईस्ट इंडिया कंपनीला वार्षिक १० पौंड भाड्याने दिली. परंतु या भाड्याचे सिक्युरिटी डिपॉझिट म्हणून इंग्लंडच्या राजाला पन्नास हजार पौंड ६% व्याजाने ईस्ट इंडिया कंपनीने द्यावेत असा करार होऊन २८ मार्च १६६८ रोजी मुंबईची बेटे ईस्ट कंपनीच्या ताब्यात येतात. पोर्तुगालचा राजा याच्याशी १६६१ साली झालेल्या कराराप्रमाणे मुंबईची बेटे इंग्रजांना मिळायला हवीत परंतु स्थानिक पोर्तुगीज अधिकारी सन १६६६ पर्यंत फक्त मुंबई बेटाचाच ताब इंग्रजांना देतात. परळ, माहीम, वरळी व माझगाव या बेटांचा ताबा पोर्तुगीज आपल्याकडेच ठेवतात, परंतु १६६७ मध्ये हम्प्रे कूक वरील या चार बेटे बळजबरीने पोर्तुगीजांकडून आपल्या ताब्यात घेतो.

मुंबईचा विकास - मुंबईचा विकास आणि तो विकास कसा करायचा?

याचा आराखडा तयार करणाऱ्या व्यक्तीचे नांव आहे मुंबईचा दुसरा गव्हर्नर जिराल्ड ऑजिए याने केलेल्या कामाचा थोडक्यात आढावा घेऊ.



- मुंबईला लागू होणारे पोर्तुगीज कायदे रद्द करून ब्रिटिश कायदे लागू केले.
- जमीन मोजणी, जमीनीची मालकी, जमीनीचा सारा याची नव्याने आखणी केली. Aungier's Convention 1672 म्हणून या सुधारणांची इतिहासात नोंदल्या आहेत.
- ऑजिएने मूळ मुंबई बेटांच्या समूहात नसलेली मोठा कुलाबा व छोटा कुलाबा (ओल्ड वुमन्स आयलंड) ही दोन बेटे सन १६७४ मध्ये कोळी लोकांकडून नगद पैसे मोजून विकत घेतली. त्यामुळे मुंबई हा सात बेटांचा समूह तयार तयार झाला. १) मुंबई २) माझगाव ३) परळ ४) माहीम ५) वरळी ६) छोटा कुलाबा व ७) मोठा कुलाबा (कृपया नकाशा पहावा) यापैकी मुंबई हे सर्वात मोठे व मुख्य बेट. आजचा फोर्ट, बॅलार्ड पिअर हा भाग त्यात येतो.
- ऑजिएने जहाजांसाठी पक्का धक्का बांधला, टाकसाळीची (मिंट) स्थापना केली. पोलिस व्यवस्थेची व न्यायदानाची व्यवस्था केली. आज मुंबईल आपण ज्या व्यवस्था किंवा सिसटीम्स अनुभवतो आहेत त्याचा पाया जिराल्ड ऑजिएने ने घातला ५) या सर्व गोष्टींमुळे व्यापार वाढू लागला. याशिवाय त्याने व्यापार वृद्धीसाठी व्यापाऱ्यांना सवलती दिल्या, मालाच्या सुरक्षेची खात्री दिली. सर्वात महत्वाचे म्हणजे मुंबईत येणाऱ्या प्रत्येकाला आपापला धर्म व धार्मिक कृत्ये करण्याची मुभा दिली. या धार्मिक सहिष्णुतेचा परिणाम असा आहे की मुंबई हे जगातील एकमेव असे शहर आहे की जेथे हिंदू, ज्यू, सुन्नी मुस्लीम, बोहरी, कॅथलिक ख्रिश्चन, प्रोटेस्टेंट ख्रिश्चन, जपानी बौद्धपंथ, थेरवादी बौद्ध, जैन धर्मातील सर्व पंथ अशी सर्व धर्म व पंथांची मंदिरे/ प्रार्थना स्थळे मुंबईल आहेत. त्यामुळे सुरत व दिव येथून गुजराथी बनिया, पारशी व्यापारी, दाऊदी बोहरा, ज्यू असे सर्व धर्माचे व्यापारी व वाडिया सारखे जहाज बांधणारे कुशल कारागीर मुंबईत झाले, मुंबई कॉस्मॉपॉलिटन होण्यामागे धार्मिक सहिष्णुता हे महत्वाचे कारण

आहे. इंग्रजांनी पोर्तुगीजांसारखा धार्मिक कडवेपणा कधीच दाखविला नाही. त्यांचा सर्व भर व्यापार वाढवून आपली तिजोरी भरणे यावर होता.

वरील धोरणांमुळे मुंबईची वस्ती वाढू लागली. सन १६६१ मध्ये मुंबईची लोकसंख्या फक्त १० हजार होती ती सन १६७५ पर्यंत साठ हजार झाली. त्यामुळे जागेचा प्रश्न निर्माण झाला. याशिवाय बेटांच्या मधील उथळ भागात समुद्राच्या भरतीचे पाणी शिरत असल्याने रोगराई वाढत होती. यावरचा उपाय म्हणून दोन बेटांमधील जागा बंधारा घालून बंद करणे व समुद्राच्या भरतीचे पाणी आत घुसण्यास अटकाव करणे अशी योजना आकाराला आली. या योजनेचा जनक जिराल्ड ऑजिएच असला तरी त्याची कार्यवाही पुढील गव्हर्नरांनी केली. कारण ऑजिए ३० जून १६७७ साली मरण पावला व ही योजना राबविण्याची जबाबदारी होती तो इंजिनिएर कर्नल हर्मन बेक याचे जाने १६७७ मध्ये निधन झाल्याने ही योजना लगेच अंमलात येऊ शकली नाही. सन १६८० ते सन १७०० ही २० वर्षे राजकीय अस्थिरतेची होती, या काळात मुस्लीम, डच व पोर्तुगीज यांनी मुंबईच्या बेटांवर हल्ले केले. सन १७०८ मध्ये गव्हर्नर विल्यम आयलबी याच्या कार्यकाळात ईस्ट इंडिया कंपनी सायन-धारावी व धारावी-माहीम असा बांध घालण्याचा निर्णय घेते व सन १७११ मध्ये हे बांध घालण्याचे काम पूर्ण होते. या बांधाच्यामुळे परळ व माहीम ही दोन बेटे जोडली जातात. सन १६९५ ते सन १७०० या काळात मुंबई बेट व माझगाव बेट यांच्या मधील उमरखाडी ही बांध घालून बंद केली जाते. आजचा डोंगरीनजीकचा रामचंद्र भट्ट मार्ग व सरदार विठ्ठलभाई पटेल रोड याच बांधावरून जाणारे रस्ते आहेत. त्याचप्रमाणे माझगाव व परळ या दोन बेटातील खाडीसुद्धा याच सुमारास बांध घालून बंद करून बुजवली गेली. कॉटन ग्रीनकडे जाणारा दत्ताराम लाड मार्ग आणि त्याच्या डाव्या-उजव्या बाजूच्या जागेतून पूर्वी समुद्राचे पाणी आत येत असावे. माहीम व वरळी बेट जोडणारा बांध म्हणजेच आजचा वीर सावरकर मार्ग किंवा कॅडल रोड, सन १७१४-१५ पर्यंत पाच खाड्यांपैकी चार खाड्या म्हणजे १) उमरखाडी २) माझगाव-परळ मधील खाडी, ३) सायन- धारावी-माहीम म्हणजे परळ-माहीम मधील खाडी ४) माहीम- वरळी मधील खाडी बांध घालून बंद करण्यात आल्या परंतु जोपर्यंत मुंबई- वरळी मधील खाडी बंद होत नाही तोपर्यंत मुंबईमधील दलदल व पाणथळपणा कमी होणार नसतो परंतु ही खाडी खोल व लांबीला जास्त असल्याने या खाडीला बांध घालणे हे एक त्याकाळातील तंतज्ञान लक्षात घेता एक आव्हान होते.

वरळीच्या बांधाची अद्भूत कथा-ही अद्भूत कथा सांगण्याआधी आज हा बांध कुठे आहे ते पाहू हा बांध म्हणजे हिरा-पन्नाच्या



सिग्नलपासून नेहरू प्लॅनेटोरियम पर्यंतचा रस्ता म्हणजे हा बांध आहे. पूर्वी याला हॉर्नबी व्हेलार्ड स्ट्रीट म्हटले जात असे. असो.

११ एप्रिल १७२० मध्ये ईस्ट इंडिया कंपनीचा इंजिनिएर कॅप्टन बेट्स गव्हर्नर चार्ल्स बूनला वरळी बांध घालण्याचा प्रस्ताव देतो. कॅप्टन बेट्सच्या प्रस्तावाप्रमाणे या बांधाला रुपये लाखभर खर्च येणार असतो व हे काम ९ महिन्यात म्हणजे सन १७२१ पर्यंत हे काम पूर्ण होणार असते परंतु हे प्रत्यक्षात हे काम सन १७२८ पर्यंत जेमतेम पूर्ण होते व त्यावर रु.३,२०,०००/- रुपये खर्च होतात. या सर्व प्रकारामुळे कॅप्टन बेट्सची भयंकर नालस्ती होते आणि त्याला बांध घालण्याचे श्रेय सुद्धा मिळत नाही. ते श्रेय मिळते १७७७ ते १७८४ या काळात गव्हर्नर असलेल्या विल्यम हॉर्नबीला. कारण सन १७२८ ते १७७७ पर्यंत दरवर्षी या बांधावर दुरुस्तीसाठी बराच खर्च होत असतो. हे दुरुस्तीचे काम ईस्ट इंडिया कंपनीत नोकरीवर असलेला जुना जाणता कारागीर (इंजिनिएर?) रामजी शिवजी प्रभू हा करत असतो, दुरुस्ती करणे हे काम सुद्धा मोठे जिकीरीचे असते कारण समुद्राच्या लाटांच्या तडाख्याने काम टिकत नसते, अशावेळी रामजी प्रभूच्या स्वप्नात महालक्ष्मी येते आणि सांगते की, "मी माझ्या बहिणींसह सागराच्या तळाशी आहोत. तू आम्हांला बाहेर काढ तरच हा बांध पूर्ण होईल, रामजी प्रभू ही गोष्ट गव्हर्नरला सांगतो व मूर्तीचा शोध घेण्याची परवानगी मागतो. गव्हर्नर हॉर्नबीचा असल्या भाकड कथांवर विश्वास नसतो परंतु या स्वप्नाप्रमाणे खर्च काही घडलं तर बांधावर होणारा खर्च तरी थांबेल असा व्यापारी विचार करून मूर्तीचा शोध घेण्याची परवानगी देतो आणि आश्चर्य म्हणजे खरोखरच महालक्ष्मी, महासरस्वती व महाकाली अशा तीन मूर्त्या सापडतात. रामजी प्रभू या मूर्त्यांच्या स्थापनेसाठी हॉर्नबीकडे जागा देण्याची विनंती करतो. हॉर्नबी आनंदाने जागा देतो, ती जागा म्हणजे आजचे महालक्ष्मीचे मंदिर. त्यानंतर वरळीचा बांध कोणताही अडथळा न येता पूर्ण होतो. तात्पुरत्या दिलेल्या जागेवरच रामजी प्रभू मंदिर बांधतो. त्यामुळेच बांधाला-हॉर्नबी व्हेलार्ड हे नांव पडते. व्हेलार्ड म्हणजे

पोर्तुगीज भाषेत बांध किंवा फेन्सिंग असो, या दंतकथेबद्दल संशय घेतला जातो. परंतु मूर्ती मिळाल्य ही वस्तुस्थिती आहे. रामजी प्रभू हा इंग्रजांचा इतका विश्वासपात्र नोकर होता की, त्याला इराणच्या अब्बास बंदराच्या बांधकामावर देखरेख करण्यासाठी ४ वर्षे इराणला पाठविले होते. यावरून रामजी प्रभूच्या हुशारीची कल्पना येते, वरळीचा बांध पूर्ण झाल्याने मुंबईतील दलदलीच्या जागेत मुंबईतील टेकड्या फोडून भराव टाकला गेला. त्यामुळे वस्तीसाठी हजारो एकर जमीन उपलब्ध झाली. याच जमिनीवर रेसकोर्स, वल्लभभाई पटेल, स्टेडियम महालक्ष्मी रेल्वे स्टेशन, सात रस्ता, वगैरे गोष्टी आहेत. यावरून खरोखरच महालक्ष्मी मुंबईवर प्रसन्न झाली असे म्हणता येईल असो.

याच हॉर्नबीच्या काळात " सन १७७९ साली पुण्याजवळील 'वडगांव' येथे १ ले मराठा-इंग्रज युद्ध झाले. त्यात महदाजी शिंदे व तुकोजी होळकर यांनी इंग्रजांचा दणकून पराभव केला. त्यावेळी गव्हर्नर जनरल वॉरन हॅस्टिंगने मुंबईचा गव्हर्नर हॉर्नबी याला पराभव का झाला? व तुम्ही मराठ्यांना तोफा का विकल्या? याबद्दल जाब विचारला. या प्रश्नांना हॉर्नबीने ने उत्तर दिले आहे ते भारतीय व विशेषतः मराठ्यांची मान उंचावणारे आहे. हॉर्नबी म्हणतो.

"आम्ही शिवाजीच्या काळापासून मराठ्यांना तोफा व बंदुका विकत आलो आहोत. आम्ही नाही म्हटले तर ते पोर्तुगीजांकडून व आता फ्रेंचांकडूनही ते तोफा विकत घेतात. मग आम्ही नाही का म्हणावे?

आम्ही शक्यतो भंगारात काढायला झालेली शस्त्रास्त्रे विकतो. (नको असलेली शस्त्रास्त्रे विकणे हा पाश्चिमात्यांचा धंदा किती जुन्या काळापासून चालू होता याची यावरून कल्पना येईल) परंतु मराठे इतके बुद्धिमान आहेत की, ते ही हत्यारे स्वतःचे डोके वापरून अद्ययावत अवस्थेत आणतात. वडगांवच्या लढाईत अशाच तोफा-बंदुका वापरून त्यांनी आमचा पराभव केला. तेव्हां रामजी शिवजी प्रभूयाची हुशारी हा काही अपवाद नव्हता. योग्य व प्रोत्साहित करणारे वातावरण मिळाल्यास भारतीय उत्तम काम करू शकत होते हे लक्षात येईल.

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मुंबई व बृहन्मुंबई या भागाचा जुना इतिहास जो सर्वसामान्यपणे ज्ञान नसतो तो उलगडून दाखविण्याचा मी प्रयत्न केला. तो तुम्हाला आवडला असे समजून मी हा विषय संपवितो.

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न उदास हो मेरे हमसफर !

उदास होना, निराश होना, हतोत्साहित होना या ना-उम्मीद हो जाना मनुष्य का स्वाभाविक गुण है और आश्चर्य देखिए! नित्यप्रति वह स्वयं इनसे लड़ता रहता है। परिस्थितियों से लड़ते-लड़ते जब मनुष्य जब अपना धीरज खोने लगता है तो स्वभावतः उसके अंदर ये गुण जाग्रत होने लगते हैं। हम शीघ्र परिणाम की चाह रखते हैं। पलभर की देरी हमें शंका से भर देती है। यह सारी क्रियाएँ सिर्फ और सिर्फ धैर्य की कमी के कारण उत्पन्न होती हैं। इसी को ध्यान में रख हमारे पुरुषों ने लिखा होगा, "धैर्य का फल मीठा होता है"।

मन को चंचल कहा गया है। गीता में कहा गया है, "चंचल ही मनः कष्ण" अर्थात् चित्त का स्वाभाविक गुण ही प्रतिपल भटकना है। मन की यही चंचलता हमें धैर्य से दूर करती है-शास्त्रों ने शायद इसीलिए प्रथमतः मन को वश में करने के लिए कहा है। जिसने भी मन रूपी घोड़े की लगाम कस कर पकड़ ली-समझ लो वैतरणी पार कर गया। "मन रे! तू काहें न धीर धरे"-सभी इंद्रियों में मन को ही सर्वाधिक चंचल और तीव्रगामी माना गया है।

मस्तमौला-अपनी ही धुन में रमा-एक जगह पर ठहरने का नाम ही नहीं लेता-यह मन। संयम से मन को नियंत्रित किया जा सकता है। संयम को विभिन्न प्रकारों में विभक्त किया गया है और हर भेद किसी न किसी रूप में मन को ही नियंत्रित करता दिखता है। योग-व्यायाम, खेल-कूद आदि क्रियाएँ कहीं न कहीं मन को संतुलित करने के लिए ही शुरू की गयी होंगी-ऐसा मेरा मत है।

**"यक्ताहारविहारस्य युक्तचेष्टस्य कर्मसु ।
युक्तस्वप्नावबोधस्य योगो भवति दुःखहा" ॥**

संयम में सौंदर्य है-संयम में निरंतरता है-संयम में प्रवाह है-गति है-संयम में विकास है। प्रकृति को ही ले लीजिए-सर्वत्र संयम ही दिखेगा। नदी की सुंदरता उसके किनारों में है और किनारों के कारण ही नदी में गति है-गहराई है-गंभीरता है। किनारों के साथ नदी का यही संयम उसे सागर से जोड़ता है। जहाँ संयम नहीं-वहाँ उदासी है-वहीं निराशा अपना डेरा डालती है। संयम तो आशा को जन्म देता है और आशावान व्यक्ति निराश नहीं होता-उदास नहीं होता-हतोत्साह नहीं होता।

हिंदी के प्रसिद्ध लेखक व कवि श्री रामधारी सिंह 'दिनकर' की ये पंक्तियाँ मनषु को स्फूर्तिवान हो आगे बढ़ने के लिए आज भी

ललकारती दिखती हैं,

"दिशा दीप्त हो उठी प्राप्तकर
पुण्य--प्रकाश तुम्हारा,
लिखा जा चुका अनल-अक्षरों
में इतिहास तुम्हारा ।
जिस मिट्टी ने लहू पिया,
वह फूल खिलायेगी ही,
अम्बर पर घन बन छायेगा
ही उच्छ्वास तुम्हारा ।

और अधिक ले जाँच, देवता इतना क्रूर नहीं है।
थककर बैठ गये क्या भाई! मंजिल दूर नहीं है।"

या हरिवंशराय 'बच्चन' की ये पंक्तियाँ

'शक्तियाँ गति की तुझे,
सब ओर से घेरे हुए हैं,
स्थान से अपने तुझे,
टलना पड़ेगा ही मुसाफिर,
सांस चलती है तुझे,
चलना पड़ेगा ही मुसाफिर'

भी हमें कुछ कर गुजरने के लिए ही ललकार रही हैं।

सुंदर विचारों से भरे व्यक्ति कभी उदास नहीं होते-कभी निराश नहीं होते। "नर हो, न निराश करो मन को", मैथिली शरण गुप्त जी की यह पंक्ति भी मनुष्य को निराश नहीं होने का ही संदेश देती है। हर उद्भव का कोई न कोई कारण होता है और हमारे सुख-दुःख या हमारी खुशियों का राज भी उसी में छुपा होता है-पर, आज आधुनिकता में हम उसे भूल गए हैं। लक्ष्य की अस्पष्टता ही हमारी निराशा का कारण है। यदि हम धैर्य पूर्वक अपने जीवन के बारे में विचार करें तो निश्चित जानिए मार्ग प्रशस्त हो जाएगा। संयम के आते ही संशय मिट जाएगा-उदासी मिट जाएगी-चहुँ ओर उल्लास ही उल्लास दिखेगा। "ये सफर बहुत है कठिन मगर, न उदास हो मेरे हमसफर"-सदैव ही स्फूर्तिवान हो सकारात्मक विचारों के साथ अपने जीवन को आगे बढ़ाएँ-निराशा पास नहीं आ पाएगी।

-अमित शिवकुमार दुबे

Landmark Project of Rotary Club of Borivali



RAJENDRA KINARIWALA MEMORIAL ROTARY BORIVLI EDUCATION CENTRE



GYAN PRAKASH FREE COACHING CLASSES

Year 2014-15 saw rise of "GYAN PRAKASH" an initiative to provide "FREE COACHING" TO STUDENTS whose parents belonged to economically backward strata of society. The thought kindled in mind of **RTN. HARISH CHANDARANA**, who observed that std. X th is the milestone in a student's life from where career options opens & from where the students starts realizing their dreams. The privileged students can pursue degree in any course as there is no monetary constraint. The story is different for underprivileged children. The monetary constraint can barely meet basic needs of family where child's education is put on a low cadre in their budgeting. Hence the thought of "Gyan Prakash". Rtn. Harish started tapping the needy by visiting Schools & explaining principals, the thought & how Rotary would be able to support these children to achieve desired results. Very ably supported by PP Rajul Pathak (Pres. RC Borivli : 2014-15) & Preeti Abhani (Pres. IWC Borivli : 2014-15), "GYAN PRAKASH" was launched.

Rtn. Viren Jethwa, an educationist, designed the program as per the SSC Board curriculum in Maths, Science & English at two centers, to start with. This initiative saw a change in the results of the students rise by 5-7%. The principals, teachers, parents observed the benefit as this extra coaching provided supplemental teaching support to teachers as well.

During 2020-22, when whole world had to come to a standstill due to outburst of COVID, Gyan Prakash members put their best efforts & started providing online coaching.

In 2022-23 in loving memory of PP Late Rajendra Kinariwala, the "Rajendra Kinariwala Memorial Rotary Borivli Education Centre", Rajendra Nagar, Borivali East was started.

As of date there are total ELEVEN centers wherein 650 students are taking benefit under this project and since inception about 4,000+ students are benefitted by the project of "GYAN PRAKASH FREE COACHING CLASSES" which shaped the future of these students.



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