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District Governor

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नास्ति विद्यासमो बन्धुर्नास्ति विद्यासमः सुहृत् ।



न विद्या - सा कोई भाई, न बंधु है यहाँ जग में। न विद्या - सा सखा कोई, न कोई धन यहाँ जग में।
जहाँ विद्या वहीं पर सुख सभी संसार के मिलते- वही धनवान जिसके पास है धन यह यहाँ जग में।

SEPTEMBER - Basic Education & Literacy Month



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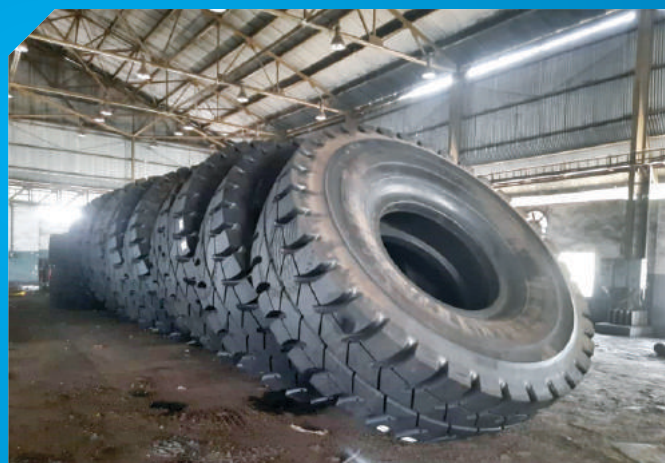
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Let's turn the page, The Incredible Way



Arun Bhargava

District Governor | 2023-24

My Dear Incredibles,

Welcome September – A month of making maximum and coordinated efforts to spread happiness among the community through facilitating Education & Literacy for those who are deprived of these treasures. The month of festivities starts with the onset of September – we just celebrated Rakshbandhan, and we Mumbaikars are eagerly waiting to welcome our favourite Lord Ganesh this month. Let this month of festivities spread the lamp of knowledge, wisdom, prosperity, enjoyment and ecstasy for everyone around us.

We celebrated our Membership and New Club Development month with full energy and enthusiasm in August – by adding many new friends and 2 New Clubs. Our Incredible journey continues with our resolve to strive for sustainable growth and put maximum emphasis on engaging and involving our members to ensure retention of all our members. I sincerely thank the membership team for working tirelessly towards our these objectives which we set together before start of our Incredible Year.

Our members are contributing generously to The Rotary Foundation and getting benefitted with this tremendous opportunity to serve and make difference in life of people who need our support to survive and flourish. We have added so many Major Donors, PHSM and PHFs in the last 2 months and we will felicitate all our large hearted Rotarians during our

upcoming TRF Seminar scheduled on Saturday, 16th September where TRF Trustee Chair PRIP Barry Rassin is the Chief Guest.

The way our Incredible journey is progressing is truly amazing and gives a very soothing and exciting feeling as our plans and efforts are yielding the desired efforts – and we are making our presence felt all around. Tremendous work is being done by all the Clubs in their respective communities and neighbourhood in all avenues and the word ROTARY is at display everywhere. I thank and congratulate our Incredible Presidents and their respective teams for making all out efforts to improve lives of those who need to be looked upon. Please keep this momentum as it is just the beginning and our journey has just started and we will not stop until we reach our Incredible destination – which is happiness, prosperity and brotherhood everywhere around us.

Our GML Team is trying to give a good combination of projects, activities, history and culture of our District and I hope you all are enjoying the articles. Please do participate in Quiz and get recognised & rewarded. Our District team is ready and eager to support you in all your endeavours. Please feel free to contact them whenever you need – we are just a phone call away.

May this festive month give you Courage, Strength, Confidence, Patience, Inner peace and you continue to make positive impact by helping and supporting the weaker and vulnerable section of the society and may your days are filled with Hope, Love, Sunshine, Energy and Optimism.

Let there be Joy, happiness, Fun and Laughter ...

Together we can, Together we will, Together Again !

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn Arun Bhargava
District Governor



Seema Bhargava
First Lady

आज मैं तुलसीदास जी द्वारा रचित हनुमान चालीसा के आरंभिक दोहों से अपनी बात शुरू करती हूँ। हनुमान चालीसा का आरंभ कुछ इस तरह होता है,

**"श्री गुरु चरण सरोज रज, निज मन मुकुर सुधारि।
बरनउ रघुकल विमल यश, जो दायक फल चारि।
बुद्धिहीन तनु जानिके, सुमिरउ पवन कुमार।
बल, बुधि, विद्या देहुँ मोहि, हरहुँ कलेश विकार"।**

अंतिम पंक्ति का आशय यह दिखता है कि बल, बुद्धि व विद्या के माध्यम से मन में स्थित क्लेश व विकारों को दूर किया जा सकता है। पर, क्या सबके अंदर यह तीनों गुण मौजूद हैं- उत्तर एक ही है- नहीं। जहाँ बल दिखता है वहाँ बुद्धि नदारद हो जाती है। जहाँ विद्या दिखती है वहाँ से बल रफूचकर हो जाता है। यही कारण है कि हम आंतरिक क्लेश, विकारों से मुक्त नहीं हो पाते हैं।

मुझे लगता है कि बल, बुद्धि व विद्या के संयोग से ही विवेक शब्द का निर्माण संभव हो पाया होगा। विवेक अर्थात् समझ और भले-बुरे का ज्ञान और यह ज्ञान बिना इन तीनों के संभव नहीं। स्पष्ट है कि यदि हम इन तीनों में से सिर्फ एक विद्या से अपना नाता जोड़ लें तो ये दोनों लगभग अनायास ही हमारी झोली में आकर गिर जाएँगे- हमारे आंतरिक क्लेश व विकारों को मिटाने में सहायक सिद्ध होंगे।

"विद्या ददाति विनयं", अर्थात् विद्या विनय को जन्म देती है। विनय से युक्त मनुष्य ही "विनीत" शब्द का सच्चा उत्तराधिकारी होता है। "अलसस्य कुतो विद्या", अर्थात् आलसियों को विद्या प्राप्त नहीं हो सकती है। विद्या कठिन तपस्या के फलस्वरूप ही मिल सकती है। साल-दर-साल अलग-अलग कक्षा से गुजरते हुए हम सालों तक विद्या को स्वयं से साधते रहते हैं- तब जाकर यह हमारे अंदर प्रस्फुटित होती है- प्रज्वलित होती है।

"नास्ति विद्यासमं वितं, नास्ति विद्यासमं सुखम्"

विद्या ग्रहण करके मिला ज्ञान व्यक्ति को जीवन के यथार्थ से परिचित कराता है, जिसके कारण वह संतोष जैसे गुणों को सीख पाता है। इन गुणों के ज्ञान के पश्चात ही व्यक्ति हर परिस्थिति में समान एवं सुखी रहता है। अतः विद्या के समानांतर संसार में और कोई सुख नहीं है। हमें सदैव स्वयं को विद्या प्राप्ति में संलग्न रखना चाहिए।

Upcoming Incredible Events



Incredible TRF Seminar

Chief Guest - PRIP Barry Rassin

16th September 2023, 6.30pm Onwards

The Ball Room, Taj President, Colaba, Mumbai

Convenor: Gayomard Panthaki | Host Club : RC Bombay Hills South



District Dandiya

**Live Music, Food, Fun &
Lots of Surprises**

12th October 2023, 7.30pm Onwards

Juhu Gym Khana

Lead Club : RCM GENX



DISCON 2024

Darpan : The Reflections

10th February 2024

NESCO Bouquets, Mumbai

Host Club: Rotary Club Of Mumbai North West

Convenor: Rtn Sandip Kedia, D.S. Events

Glimpses of District Picnic



Venue: Saya Grand Resort, Kalyan | Date: 26th & 27th August 2023 | Chief Co-ordinator - Event : Rtn. Sandeep Kedia

A new level of Patriotism Project National Integration

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

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

On behalf our entire team, I sincerely thank you for your overwhelming support to Project National Integration. It is indeed heartening to see our fellow Rotarians wholehearted supporting this National Peace Initiative of Dist 3141 led by DG Arun Bhargava.

AS ON DATE OUR LIST OF COMMITMENTS

1 School bus donated by Mrs Khorshed Dalal, sister of Incredible Assistant Trainer Rtn Gayomard Panthki	@ Rs 22 Lacs
Total Re-construction of Army Goodwill School, Raghavan	@ Rs 86 Lacs
Setting up a New Army Goodwill Secondary School upto grade XII	@ Rs 50 lacs
Setting up a new Vocational Training Centre	@ Rs 36 Lacs
74 Sponsorships for the Nursing Program	@ Rs 1 Lacs Each
2600 Sponsorships for the School Fees	@ Rs 18,000 Each

FLAG HOISTING - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS



It was our profound honour that Army had invited Rotary Dist 3141 for unfurling the Indian Tricolour at one of their highest peak in Kashmir within striking distance of LOC.

On the memorable morning 15-Aug-2023, DG Arun Bhargava , DGE Chetan Desai and LG Rajan Dua led a group of 49 Rotarians , Anns and families of Rotary Dist 3141 to hoist the Indian Flag. The sound of singing our national anthem at 12,000 ft watching the national symbol fluttering with Pakistan in the background still echoes in our ears.



DONATED BUS TO ARMY GOODWILL SCHOOL RAGHAVAN

During the trip to Machhal we handed over a school bus to the Army Goodwill School, Raghavan which was donated by RC Mumbai Queen's City , President Anupama Jalan.



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In addition to being the Chief Guest at Independence Day ceremony at 2 schools, DG Arun Bhargava also flagged off a car & bike peace rally. Our ladies had the pleasure of tying Rakhis to the jawans.



ARRIVAL OF GIRLS FOR THE NURSING & MIDWIFERY PROGRAM



We are pleased to report that 21 girls from different scattered villages of Kashmir valley arrived in Mumbai of 18 Aug , 2023. This was their 1st experience of travelling outside their villages to Srinagar and then by flight to Mumbai. The mixed emotions of anxiety and delight were palpable on their faces when we first met them. After their traditional welcome at the airport the girls were ferried directly to Manor in an air conditioned bus and the girls were given a floral welcome by Rotarians and Anns at Manor.



The girls have been settled comfortably and securely at their homes in Manor & are currently undergoing intense training and practical training at Dhanwantry Training Inst and Astha hospital respectively.



We had organized a Grand Welcome Ceremony for the girls on 23rd Aug, 2023. DG Arun and 1st lady Seema graced the occasion. This program was attended by The Local Police Inspector, 125 Rotarians from various clubs of Mumbai. DG Arun explained the nuances & difficulties in getting the project on track. He profusely complimented the efforts of LG Rajan Dua & his team working tirelessly for the Project National Integration with special mention of PP Amarjit Sabhrewal, PP Amit Sheth, PP BK Ahluwalia, PP Amit Patil, Pres Avinash Sonawane & the Navratnas of the supporting clubs.



कश्मीर घाटी से आई 25 लड़कियां, 3 महीने तक लेंगी नर्सिंग की ट्रेनिंग

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■ घाटी : घाटी-पश्चिम बॉर्डर पर बसमार घाटी से 25 लड़कियां नर्सिंग और मिडवाइफरी प्रोग्राम की ट्रेनिंग लेने आई हैं। इनमें तीन भाषाएँ हैं: एक उर्दूभाषी, एक हिन्दीभाषी और एक कश्मीर भाषी। इन लड़कियों को नर्सिंग और मिडवाइफरी प्रोग्राम में शामिल करने का उद्देश्य है कि वे अपने गाँवों में स्वास्थ्य सेवा प्रदान कर सकें।

■ घाटी कश्मीर : नर्सिंग ट्रेनिंग के लिए 25 लड़कियां का चयन किया गया है। ये लड़कियां नर्सिंग और मिडवाइफरी प्रोग्राम में शामिल होंगी।

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Rotary Community Corps: Empowering Local Change

Overview: The Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is one of the most important wings of our organisation. Established as an integral part of Rotary International, RCC's serve as a catalyst for local development and positive change. With an emphasis on grassroots participation, the RCC model empowers individuals to address pressing social issues within their communities. Through active involvement in projects and initiatives, RCCs demonstrate the immense potential of collective action in fostering sustainable growth and improving lives.

History of RCC: The origins of the Rotary Community Corps program trace back to the early 1980s, when Rotarians realized the importance of engaging residents in meaningful community projects. Recognizing that sustainable progress requires the active involvement of those directly impacted, Rotary International pioneered the RCC concept. Since its inception, RCC's have evolved from a few experimental projects to a global movement comprising thousands of local groups across nearly 100 countries.

RCCs in Rotary District 3141.

In the Alpha year, (2022-23), RCC's went into overdrive in District 3141. Spearheaded by Avenue Chair, Manish Gyani, all existing records were broken with 103 new RCC's spawned in the year. These RCCs provide an opportunity for Clubs to engage in a slew of projects spanning areas such as education, healthcare, sanitation, environment, and social welfare. Recognising the scope and importance of RCCs, our District Governor Arun Bhargava is closely monitoring the projects under RCC.

How RCC's Operate: RCC's function as self-sustaining entities within their respective communities, embodying the Rotary principle of "Service Above Self." The operation of an RCC typically follows these key steps:

Identification of Needs: RCC members identify pressing needs within their community, conducting comprehensive assessments to understand local challenges and opportunities.

Project Planning: Collaboratively, RCC members develop project proposals that address identified needs. These proposals are often tailored to the

specific context of the community.

Resource Mobilization: RCCs mobilize resources, including funds, materials, and volunteer hours, to execute their projects. This involves leveraging local partnerships, Rotary support, and community contributions.

Implementation: With dedication and teamwork, RCC members execute their projects, actively participating in construction, training, awareness campaigns, and more.

Monitoring and Evaluation: RCC's continuously monitor the progress of their projects, tracking outcomes and impact. This process ensures that projects remain aligned with community needs and goals.

Sustainability: An essential aspect of RCC's is their commitment to sustainability. Projects are designed with the long-term well-being of the community in mind, often involving training and capacity-building to ensure ongoing success.

Engagement and Expansion: Successful projects inspire broader community engagement and the potential establishment of new RCCs. This ripple effect amplifies positive change and extends the reach of the program

Rotary Community Corps epitomize the power of local engagement in driving positive change. Through a rich history of impactful projects and an expanding global presence, RCC's stand as a testament to Rotary International's commitment to grassroots development. By fostering collaboration, ownership, and sustainable solutions, RCC's continue to empower communities to create a brighter future for all.

Let us at District 3141 unleash the potential of RCC to usher in an Incredible year.

- K V. Premraj
RCC - Avenue Chair

Creative Captain & The Creative Team



Ajit Dubey

Managing Editor - GML | 2023-24

I wish to begin with deepest gratitude to all of you for your generous appreciation and positive feedback for our efforts to bring new and exciting articles in every issue. Your encouragement gives us more energy and strength to look further and impels us to explore more interesting, informative and engaging articles for you.

Our September issue covers valuable insights and guidance from our First Lady Seemaji and District Governor Arun Bhargava, features various events / activities like updates on our Flagship Project – Project National Integration, Rotary actions across the District in August month, Lovely photos of our Grand District Monsoon Picnic, articles on Mumbai - मेरी जान, Mental Health, लुप्त होती परम्पराएँ, Important Online Actions our Presidents should know and so many more important and interesting topics for you.

Our team warmly invites you to enjoy our September edition in hope that you will use this issue ज्ञानोदय as a main platform and enable it to reach out to your Club members, Partners, Friends, Community Leaders and Stakeholders at large in proudly telling what we do in this Incredible and ever dynamic district of 3141. Please encourage them to participate in the quiz as it gives them and opportunity to go through and enjoy the complete coverage – as the quiz is based on contents within the issue – also is gives them an opportunity to get recognised and rewarded.

A big thank you to all the authors for coming out again with excellent and fascinating write-ups, our co- editors for their untiring support and entire GML team for being a great unit. As usual, support from our Incredible DG Arun is unwavering and truly inspiring. I thank our Incredible Presidents and their respective teams for doing tremendous service activities and reporting them in detail. We are trying to cover as many projects as we can do, still if you feel that any important projects have been missed by our team then please bring it to our notice and we will publish them in our next issue.

Friends, our quest for bringing more and more inspiring and probing articles about Rotary, Our Projects and Events, our History & Culture continues and we will keep you engaged, involved and updated with astonishing articles and reports. If you have bubbling writing bugs within you and wish to contribute with your skills, please reach out to us, we are looking for you.

As usual we all are excited and look forward to receive your honest feedback to helping us in improving further. There is much more in store, stay tuned

- Rtn Ajit Dubey

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Action Across The District

Cardiac Arrest Awareness & CPR Training by RC Bombay Airport



A cardiac arrest awareness and CPR training with use of AED was conducted at Deviprasad Goenka College of Management of Mass Media Malad

Anti Tobacco Campaign Project by RC Addiction Prevention



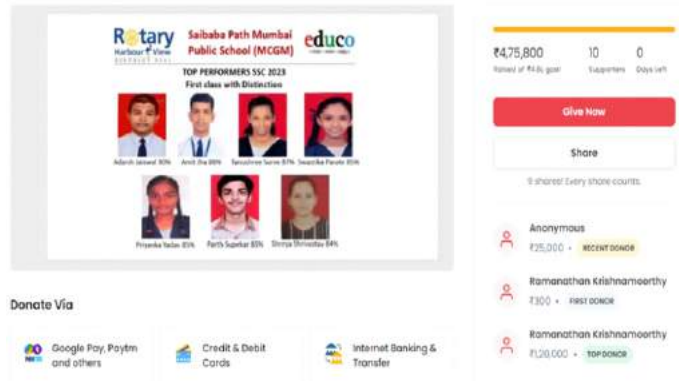
This was conducted in Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Alang, etc. in Gujarat. More than 2500 beneficiaries took the pledge to quit tobacco after giving them detailed information regarding hazards of tobacco addiction.

Green Zone School Session, Dental & Eye Checkup Camp by RC Bombay Chembur West



Green Zone School session & Dental and Eye Checkup Camp at Chembur Karnataka High School. Beneficiaries 550 students

Fund Raising for Education by RC Bombay Harbour View



Bombay Harbour View has raised Rs. 4.75 lakhs for the higher education of 7 underprivileged children

Help at Asha Sadan Orphanage by RC Bombay Pier



Bombay Pier distributed 50 lunch boxes, 20 umbrellas and served lunch to 115 girls of Asha Sadan Orphanage

First Aid Training by RC Bombay West



First aid training was organised at Sahani School in association with Red Cross society

Addiction Prevention Seminar by RC Bombay Queen City



Addiction Prevention Seminar was kept in KC College auditorium. Beneficiaries 70 Students

Hands On Training in CPR by RC Bombay Seacoast



Hands On Training in CPR for Anuyog Vidyalaya students, teachers and staff with the help of training mannequins

Action Across The District

Fund Donation & CanKids Birthday Party by RC Bombay Hills South



A cheque of Rs 22,000 given at All Saints Home for senior ladies at Mazgaon for monthly ration support



CanKids Birthday Party at Wadia Children's Hospital for cancer treatment at Haematology OPD. A cheque of Rs 23,400 was handed over

Distribution of Grocery & Sanitary Pads by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights



Distributed 50 ration packets containing 1kg sugar, 5 kg rice, & 1 Kg Daal to the needy people at Yadav Nagar in Jogeshwari west



Along with International Sister Club Rotary Club of Biratnagar Central (Nepal) distributed sanitary napkins & frooti and conducted self defence classes to 100 girls at Vidyadeep Vidyalaya

Fruit Tree Plantation by RC Bombay Powai



Fruit tree plantation at Wada which made 50 farmers self sufficient. This project is sponsored by Aurionpro company under CSR initiative

Gyan Prakash Free Coaching by RC Borivli



A formal inauguration of Gyan Prakash Free Coaching Under Rajendra Kinariwala Memorial Trust

Blood Donation Camp & Organ Donation Awareness by RC Dahanu Seacoast



Blood Donation Campaign and Organ Donation Awareness

Dental Check-up Camp by RC JVPD Mumbai



Organised Dental checkup at Rishi Valmiki Eco School in Goregaon West. Beneficiaries 205 Students

Refrigerator Donation & Felicitation of Blind Students by RC Bombay Uptown



Donated 2 Refrigerators (582 and 672 litres), 5 Dinner Tables & 10 Long Benches at Orphanage - Beneficiaries 75

Felicitation of the blind students of 10 and 12th standard

Distribution of Computers and Laptops & Waste Management and Segregation by RC Deonar



Distribution of computers & laptops at RCCs in Karjat to schools

Conducted Waste Management & Segregation at General Education Academy School Chembur.

Cataract Free Bhandup by RC Mumbai Bhandup Burns Prevention by RC Mumbai Borivali East



Organized Cataract detection camp in which 61 patients were screened and 32 were identified for cataract surgery

Burns Prevention Seminar in 2 different schools

Celebrated Global Senior Citizen Day by RC Lokhandwala Kandivali



Celebrated Global Senior Citizen Day from the township. It was an amazing evening of karaoke, dancing, food and fun.

Celebrated Rakshabandhan by RC Mumbai Iconic



Mumbai Iconic Celebrated Rakshabandhan with the staff at Ramkrishna Mission hospital

Action Across The District

Free Dental Check-up & Eye Check-up Camp by RC Mulund Hill View



Organised Free Dental and Eye check up camp at Urdu & Marathi Medium BMC school, Bhandup. Beneficiaries 200 students

Mental Health Seminar by RC Mumbai Greens



Mental Health Seminar was conducted. Beneficiary 30 participants

Shoes Donation & Music Therapy for Wellness of Seniors by RC Mumbai Kalakar



Donated shoes for budding nurses at Anandibai Joshi Shikshan Kendra, Wada, Dewli



Conducted an unique program on wellness for seniors through introduction to Music Therapy

Yoga Session by RC Mumbai Kandivali West



Yoga session conducted for the Interactors at Pawar Public School. Beneficiary 40 students

Etiquette & Grooming Class by RC Kalakaar



Etiquette and grooming class in Abhudaya BMC School Parel. Beneficiaries 50 students

Inauguration of Water Purifier and Tank & Laptop Donation by RC Mumbai Kandivali West



Inauguration and installation of Water Purifier and Water Tanks at Gandhi school



Donated two laptops at Vidya Niketan High school

Wheelchair Donation by RC Mumbai Mulund South

Annapurna Project by RC Mumbai Lakers



Wheelchair donation at BMC Maternity Hospital at Panch Rasta, Mulund West

Annapurna Project for 950 Kids at Shivam Vidya Mandir, Nahar, Powai

Fund Donation at Nair Hospital by RC Mumbai Malabar Hills

Monsoon Cycle Rally by RC Palghar



Handed over a cheque of Rs. 1,03,775/- to Nair Hospital for Daily Meal expense for visitors of Patients who come from interiors.

Organized Monsoon Cycle Rally with the theme of National Integration

TB Free Vasai by RC Vasai

Food-A-Thon by RC Mumbai Lower Parel



Every month RC Vasai distribute Medicines to TB affected children across 6 PHC

Mumbai Lower Parel organized Food-A-Thon

Butterfly Garden by RC Mumbai Mahim



Inaugurated Butterfly Garden at Shishu Vihar School by the hands of DG Arun Bhargava. The location of the Butterfly Garden is so apt that it has easy access to all the students, at the same time it is well guarded. It is so well laid out and each type of plant carries an information plate giving details of the plant and its function in attracting butterflies.

Action Across The District

Mega Health Check-up Camp by RC Virar



Mega health checkup camp

Free Eye Check-up Camp by RC Mumbai National Park



Mumbai National Park organized Free Eye check up camp

Project Muskan by RC Wada



Donated School Kits in 3 different schools in Wada

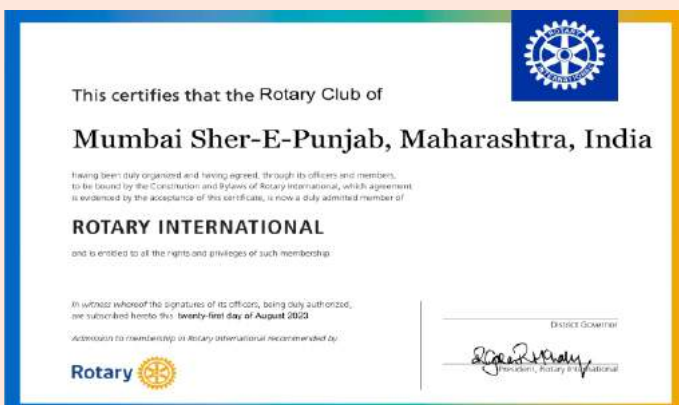
Free Eye Check-up Camp by RC Mumbai Juhu



Completion of the Audiometry room at V N Desai Hospital

Congratulations & Warm Welcome

New Additions in Our incredible Family



Independence Day

Health Check-up by RC Bombay Airport



Comprehensive health check up of 175 Cine and film artists in memory of late Shri Amrish Puri

Stationery Donation by RC Mumbai Ghatkopar



Celebrated Independence Day by distributing stationery at Vivek Vidyalaya, Parksite, Vikhroli

Uniform Distribution by RC Mumbai Juhu



Distributed uniforms to RSP students at S S S Ghatkopar

Ration Distribution by RC Mumbai Royales



Provided Ration to YMCA ANDHERI

Bike Ambulance Donation by RC Mumbai Lakers



Donated Bike Ambulance alongwith 5 Hearing Aids, 10 Wheelchairs at Alonde Village, Palghar

Distribution of Sanitary Napkin by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights



Distributed 200 Sanitary Napkins To House Staffs, Sweepers, Lady Security, Maids & Female Staffs at Rustom Jee Ozone, Malad

Blood Donation Camp by RC Palghar



Organised Mega Blood Donation Camp - Total 575 bags collected

Dance Competition by RC Boisar Tarapur



Interschool Dance competition

Celebrate Basic Education & Literacy Month!

Lets kick off a great month with the spotlight on literacy!

'रोटरी क्लब'च्या सायकल फेरीला प्रतिसाद

लोकमत्ता वार्ताहर / प्रतिनिधी

पालघर : 'शट्टीय एकात्मता' या विचारधारे 'रोटरी क्लब ऑफ पालघर'ने आहोतिलेय केल्याचा 'मान्य सायकल रेली'मध्ये २०० पेक्षा अधिक शतमेय विद्यार्थ्यांनी सहभाग घेतला. याय प्रसंगे निवृत्त अधिकारी शास्कांत भास्कराज य केळये साहसी पोलीस ठाण्याचे खेळीस नितीकधी प्रथम गायकवड या याली प्रमुख पाहुणे म्हणून उपस्थित होते.

'या परतरेडेशन'च्या दोषा फिक्के या 'पालघर मिलन'चे वनेश परतरेडेशन मध्येकांना प्रथम पारितोषिक व सर्व मध्येकांना 'केटन (स्विस)'चे प्रमाण पुजारी यांच्या हातून टोपल देणेत आले. सर्व मध्येकांना आकर्षक पारितोषिक देण्यात आली. मान्यतेने प्रथम क्रमांक रूद्र किर्गी व अंकिनेश वादवे, तर मूलोमये शाही मोरे व अस्तुंगे शिंदे यांनी पटकावला. या वेळी 'रोटरी क्लब'चे अध्यक्ष जयेश आह्लाड, सचिव धृषण सावंत, प्रकल्प आयोजक अनिल विठ्ठलाव व 'रोटरी क्लब'चे सर्व सभासद उपस्थित होते. या उपक्रमासाठी सामाजिक कार्यकर्ते प्रहासद कदम यांचे विशेष साहाय्य मिळाले.



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खुशियों में अपनी हम पर, आँसू बहा के जमान

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विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी क्रामिक पुस्तकांचे संच

पालघर : रोटी क्लब ऑफ अण्य डेव्हिडनी-मुर्धंगाखती गुरवती शिबीर एक भव्य गावतील म्यलख निक योजने पाठित भाषातिक शासकीय शाळा नववी आणि शास्वीया विद्यालयातील क्रामिक पुस्तकांचे संच उपलब्ध करून देण्याचे ठरले. शास्वीया शाळातील शास्वीया वीरनी क्रामिक पुस्तकांचे संच उपलब्ध करून देण्याचे ठरले. शास्वीया शाळातील शास्वीया वीरनी क्रामिक पुस्तकांचे संच उपलब्ध करून देण्याचे ठरले.

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Mental Health : Rotary's Concern & Priority

More than 264 million people worldwide are affected by depression. Although there are effective treatments for mental disorders, between 76% and 85% of people in low- and middle-income countries receive no treatment for their condition. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among 15- to 29-year-olds globally. Depression and anxiety disorders cost the global economy \$1 trillion per year. There are 800,000 deaths per year from suicide. Mental health conditions are especially common in populations affected by humanitarian crises.

Source: WHO

Rotary has a remarkable record when it comes to health initiatives. We've helped bring polio to the brink of eradication, and clubs have carried out myriad projects focused on preventing disease and supporting maternal and child health. Now the global pandemic has brought attention to this another aspect of health that is often overlooked: mental health. In many places, depression, anxiety, and suicide are seen as things to be ashamed of and kept quiet. But Rotary members are recognizing the gaps in understanding and are stepping up to help.

Felix-Kingsley Obialo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ibadan Idi-Ishin, Nigeria, and Wellness in a Box manager says "Mental health is an area that has been neglected by many people for too long because of the stigma associated with it. The involvement of Rotary clubs will gradually reduce the stigma, and more and more people will begin to be comfortable around the issue. Rotarians working on this project are hopeful that more clubs will focus on improving mental health. "Being a Rotarian confers a kind of legitimacy and authority on Rotarians in whatever they do," says Obialo. "Rotarians thus become a moral force against the stigmatization of people with mental health conditions."

Wellness in a Box, the school-based mental health awareness campaign that was started in 2013 by Bob Anthony, at a local high school. The program has expanded to many countries covering numerous schools. Through videos, workshops, and group discussions, Wellness in a Box presents information to students, parents, and teachers about depression and suicide, about activities to foster coping skills, and about how to seek help. Student leaders are taught to help lead a curriculum focused on preventing depression. The program promotes awareness, decreases stigma, and creates a network of teens and adults who can identify those who need help and refer them to professionals. Rotarians are helping the affected people with many such campaigns in different parts of the world such as "Don't Bottle It Up" &

"Mental health initiatives action group" etc.

Rotary Action Groups which started with 50 odd members today have hundreds of Rotarians across the world working towards a Vision to create and support opportunities for all to improve their mental health and wellness for healthy, happy and productive lives and with a mission to

- a) Break stigma
- b) Raise awareness
- c) Increase access to prevention and earlier treatment

Our Rotary International President Gordon McNally wants the Rotarians to focus on on the importance of prioritizing mental health and well-being. He says that "Challenges around mental illness and emotional health affect us all. And research shows that performing acts of kindness is the single most effective way to improve your mood over the long term. Rotary is uniquely positioned to make a global impact on this effort, and I hope you will join me in showing this new level of care to each other - and to ourselves"

He asks all the Rotarians and Clubs to help Rotary make progress towards three critical goals:

- a) Erase the stigma associated with discussing mental health
- b) Raise awareness about mental health challenges
- c) Increase access to care

and encourages you to plan, promote, and support club and district-led service projects that align with these goals.

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Rotary International invites you to share club experiences with the mental health initiative – from discussions and personal interactions to new global grant-funded projects – by writing to mindhealth@rotary.org and posting them to the Mental Health Campaign in Rotary Showcase

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INNER WHEEL DISTRICT PROJECTS



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As we celebrate the theme "Empower Girls, Enrich the Nation" this August, Inner Wheel reaffirms its commitment to fostering the growth and development of girls and women. Through our collective efforts, we can provide them with the tools, education, and support they need to become empowered individuals who contribute significantly to the progress and prosperity of our nation.



IWC MUMBAI NARIMAN POINT - DC PALLAVI CHOKSI AT INAUGURATION OF ANAESTHESIA STATION AT CAMA HOSPITAL



IWC BOMBAY FILM CITY - NUTRITION KIT TO PREGNANT WOMEN



IWC MULUND - SINGING COMPETITION OF PATRIOTIC SONGS



IWC BOMBAY WEST - SCHOOL FEES SPONSORED FOR 19 GIRLS AT M M PUPILS OWN SCHOOL, KHAR



IWC DEONAR - NUTRITION KIT TO PREGNANT WOMEN



IWC BOMBAY QUEENS NECKLACE - SPONSORED COMPLETE EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES OF 118 GIRLS



IWC BOMBAY AIRPORT TIARA - HEALTH CHECK UP OF GIRLS AND STAFF OF NANAVATI COLLEGE



IWC VASAI - DONATED SCHOOL STATIONERY TO STUDENTS OF MANICKPUR SCHOOL VASAI



IWC BOMBAY AIRPORT CENTURION - SCIENCE PROJECT WITH UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN



IWC BOMBAY HARBOUR - AID TO CANCER PATIENTS



IWC BOMBAY PIER TIARA - DC PALLAVI CHOKSI AT SRCC HOSPITAL WHERE NEUROSURGERY DONE FOR 40 CHILDREN



IWC BOMBAY NORTH - CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT SHIVAJI PARK BEACH

ROTARACT DISTRICT PROJECTS

Mega Orientation



The Hogwarts School Mega Orientation was a journey that we embarked on with 150+ members, guiding them through the world of Rotaract. During this event, we illustrated the boundless opportunities available within the realm of Rotaract and Rotary through a variety of engaging mediums.

Safar 3141



Bringing together over 700 participants, including both Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors, the one-day trek was an extraordinary event set against the stunning backdrop of RID 3141'S Shivaay Point, a cherished location in Karjat. As the participants conquered challenging terrain, connections flourished, with mutual support during the ascent and shared awe at the summit's breathtaking vistas. A highlight emerged when everyone took a refreshing pause beneath a cascading waterfall, an experience that became a treasured part of the journey. Along the way, a thoughtful touch was the establishment of a small food stall in a local village, not only providing sustenance for the trekkers but also fostering local business support, thus enriching the overall trekking experience.

Goa RYLA 2.0



From August 12th to 14th, 2023, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers, in collaboration with Rotaract District 3141, played host to Goa RYLA 2.0 on the captivating shores of Bambolim Beach. This RYLA edition gained a unique edge from the participation of two Rotary Youth Exchange students and delegates hailing from five other Rotaract Districts, creating a truly international assembly.

Spanning two dynamic days, the event comprised an array of nine engaging activities, an ideathon, and a grand award ceremony. Fondly referred to as Rylans, the participants found each session a delightful blend of enjoyment and enlightenment. Particularly, the pool games and exuberant DJ night garnered exceptional praise, infusing an extra layer of thrill into the overall experience.

Partners Corner

Installation of Ineract Club by RC Bombay Mahakali Heights



Installation of Rotaract & Interact Club by RC Mumbai Kandivali West



Installation of the Rotract and interact Ceremony at Kapol Vidyanidhi International School

Installation of 2 Interact Clubs by RC Bombay Uptown



Installation of Interact Club by RC Bombay West



Rakshabandhan Celebration by RC Bombay Film City



Bombay Film City celebrated Rakshabandhan with Interact club members tying rakhi to 65 conductors and drivers of Majas BEST Depot, Jogeshwari (East)

Tree Plantation Project by RC Dahanu



Tree plantation was organized by Interact club of St Mary's High School and planted 45 plantations in their campus

September 2023 QUIZZZZO

Hello friends..

We are 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 received our especially designed Coffee Mug!

Quiz Questions

1. Which language do Kolis speak ?
2. In which year and in which city did Vasco Da Gama first came in India ?
3. How many new RCCs were formed in Alpha year 2022-23 ?
4. Which Club sponsored the bus that was donated to Army Goodwill School, Raghavan ?
5. On which date World Polio Day is celebrated ?

So hurry friends, please mail your answers to 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

Winners of the Last Quiz receiving their GML Coffee Mug



Incredible President Rtn Ravichandran S



Rtn Rashmikant Sanghavi on behalf of Winner Rtn Ashish Tapiawala

Quiz Masters

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

Rtn Chithra Ravi, Rtn Sharmendra Jain, Anu Srrivastava, Rtn Rakhee Sunil, Rtn Sonal A Doshi, Rtn Ashish Tapiawala, Rtn Rajendra Kewat, Rtn S.Ravichandran, Rtn Deepti Salve, Rtn S B Prasad, Rtn Dr Sadhana Edvankar, Rtn. Anubha Goyal, Rtn. Anupama Jalan

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

Rtn. Rakhee Sunil

Avenue Chair - Vocational Service
RC Mumbai National Park

Rtn. Sharmendra Jain

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Rtn. Sonal A Doshi

RC Bombay Kandivali

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Incredible Actions



Honouring Veer Naaris

With the blessings of Chinmaya Mission, Jagadeeshwara zone and Rotary Club of Chandivali organised an event to Honour Veer Naris , wives & mother of martyred soldiers at Saraswati Nilayam , Sandeepani Sadhanalya Powai. Pujya Guruji, His Holiness Sw Tejomayananda (senr Monk Chinmaya Mission World Wide) graced the occasion with his ashirvachan : an aho bhagya for the devotees

Offering his Pranams to all dignitaries & the Veer Naris he said "I am a mere disciple of my Guru Sw. Chinmayanand" Quoting a real life event from the history pages, he said once when Shivaji Maharaj was proceeding for war, he saw a woman crying. On asking he was told that she was the mother of a martyred soldier, Shivaji Maharaj tried to console her, but the Veer Maata said I am crying as I wish I had another son to offer at the feet of my mother land. MOC,Tapanji welcomed all the guests, Chief Guest, Guest of honour Veterans. Col M S Patnaik (Engineer), Rear Adml DN Thukral VSM, Air Cmde Karapurkar (Retd) V S M, Commodore B K Ahluwalia VSM (Retd) & 5 Veer Naris

Rotary Club Presidents : Pr Nutan Bhalla, Rotary club of Chandivali Mumbai, Pr Shilpa Goel Rotary club of Mulund hill view, Pr Jayant Rotary club of Mumbai green city, Pr Vishwanath Rotary club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West Pr Neha Gupta, Rotary club Of Mumbai Lakers Sunil ji of Karyamati trust and all Chinmaya devotees. This was followed by the national anthem and the president of the zone Shreemati Nutan Bhalla threw light on the purpose of the event. She felt the need to give a Platform to the veer naris , and try & ease the challenges & situations life threw at them.

Veer naris were honoured by Guruji & citations were displayed on the screen and read out simultaneously by Vice President Sunil Ji & Sec Sheela Ji. Guest of honour Rtn Dilip Muley ji District trainer 3141 was invited to share his views after offering pranam to Guruji he said that event denotes peace and power which are the two essential nutrients of the event.



Chief Guest Commodore Vikram Arab India Navy HQWNC Mumbai Congratulated the Nation on 77th Independence day and appreciated the sacrifices of martyred soldiers and the veer naris. He said Chinmaya mission and Rotary clubs were the embodiment of service to community, social service a concept closer to the Armed Forces. Veer Mata Anuradha Gore thanked the mission and Rotary clubs for honouring them. This was followed by Vote of thanks, and a special blessing in the form of a prasad packet for each of the 96 attendees.

New Member Induction Seminar



Rotary Club Of Borivali organized a mega new members induction ceremony on 25th Aug, 2023 at Regalia Banquet Hall, Link Road, Borivali west. 23 new members were introduced and inducted by DG Arun Bhargava and membership Avenue chair Anand Ramnani. PDG Prafulla Sharma and DGN Chetan Desai, AG Pramod Puri and many other dignitaries. Incredible President Rtn Rashmikant Sanghavi says that they are planning to add another 10 new members by end of September 2023 and have a target to add 50 members within this Incredible year.

Incredible Actions

Project On Mental Health



RC Mumbai West Coast conducted a much-needed seminar on mental health called "Mann Shanti", on 15th August by Chairman Rtn Reena Patel. 200 policemen & officers took part in this session at Patkar college hall. 2 eminent Psychiatrist Dr Harish Shetty and Dr Gaurav Kulkarni conducted the seminar. Both the speakers were well appreciated by the participants. Police openly talked about their concerns. All policemen were given Mental Health checkup forms which will be reviewed by the Dr Gaurav and necessary help will be given to those who need it.

Legal Literacy Seminar



A legal literacy seminar was organised by Rotary Club of Palghar in association with Rotary Club of Mumbai Mulund South and Rotary Club of Ghatkopar West for the children of Bhuvanesh Kirtane Vidyalay, Mahim, Palghar. Guest Speaker Rtn Vishal Saxena, Advocate Supreme Court of India, addressed the children and enlightened them about their rights against sexual harassment and violence.

A huge number of students and fellow Rotarians attended the seminar.

After the successful completion of this remarkable project, Rtn Jayesh Avhad, Incredible President of Rotary Club of Palghar says that RC Palghar looks forward to further endeavors that will positively impact the lives of Children in need.

Project Baghbaan



On 11.08.2023 Rotary Club of Mumbai Parleshwar launched its Baaghbaan Initiative. For many years our members have been doing well received community outreach activities with senior citizen groups; in this Incredible year we decided to launch a structured initiative with useful motivational and informative sessions, cognitive skill based activities and many other engaging topics.

The first session was held in Prabodhankar Krida Sankul, Vile Parle East; sponsored by PP Rtn Unmesh Sawant and eagerly coordinated by several RCMPians who volunteered actively for the event.

120 senior citizens participated in the Turning Old into Gold Workshop focusing on health and wealth management was conducted by our own member, well known entrepreneur and social worker, Rtn Navinchandra Mehta. The Aaji Care team conducted a memory and cognitive skill game and it brought broad smiles on each and every face to see the silvers dance and rock the floor. They were super happy with their gift mugs given by Navinji and the delicious high tea; playing hooky from diet restrictions

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

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Kolis of Mumbai

The Original Inhabitant Of The City



The Kolis of Mumbai have thrived in the hidden quarters of the city, the 'Koliwadās', which essentially means “a home that opens to the sea.” The 'worli Koliwada,' 'sion Koliwada,' 'vasai Koliwada,' and 'colaba Koliwada' are also prominent.



Long ago, when Mumbai was Bombay, and the city was merely a scattered amalgamation of Seven Islands, the Kolis helped in the develop of this harbors and the coastlines.

Islands like Kolbhat (now Colaba), Palva bunder (now apollo bunder), Dongri, Mazgaon, Naigaum and Worli were named by the Kolis.



You might have heard them speaking a variant of Marathi, which is called Agri – their dialect. Originally, the community belonged to the ethnic Marathi. But after the arrival of the Portugese and their subsequent rule over Bombay led to the conversion of the Kolis to Christianity. The town of Vasai is now home to catholic settlements, which were originally ethnic Kolis.

Koli festival popularly known as “Narali Purnima”



The onset of a new fishing season is celebrated in a grand manner. This day is also called 'Narali Punav'. After this day, the wind and the waves favor fishing in the deep seas. The entire community celebrates this day as the onset of a new harvesting season, much like the farmers. Prayers are offered to the sea god, and boats are treated as sacred. Recently, the Koli folk in Versova have started celebrating their festival on a large scale, renting out a local space and hosting a weekend-long seafood festival to showcase their culture to the rest of the city.



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Unravelling the mysteries of **Mandapeshwar Caves**



Deep within the bustling city of Mumbai lies a hidden gem of history and spirituality – the Mandapeshwar Caves. Tucked away in the suburb of Borivali, these ancient rock-cut caves carry whispers of a bygone era and have witnessed the rise and fall of empires.

The Mandapeshwar caves are some of the oldest structures in Mumbai, with experts believing that they exist since the 8th century.



Historical Significance

These caves are believed to have been excavated during the 1st to 6th centuries AD, making them over a thousand years old. Initially dedicated to Buddhist monks for meditation and worship, the caves later transformed into a place of Hindu worship, as evidenced by the intricate carvings and sculptures of Hindu deities.

Architectural Marvels

The Mandapeshwar Caves boast a fascinating blend of Buddhist and Hindu architectural styles. There are 3 caves, with two large caves and one smaller one. Further on, you will see a Ganesha Idol and a Shivling as well. You will also see a carving of Lord Shiva in his Nataraja avatar. The pillars have some architectural carvings, so they give an idea of the creativity of the past. As you move about the cave structure, you will see an ancient cross. Experts say that the caves were once taken over by the Portuguese and used as a prayer hall. The rock-cut water cisterns and prayer halls reflect the remarkable craftsmanship of ancient artisans.

Legends And Myths

Mandapeshwar Caves are shrouded in myths and legends, as with many historical sites. According to local folklore, the name “Mandapeshwar” is derived from the story of Lord Rama's encounter with a sage named Mandapeshwar. It is believed that Lord Rama halted here during his exile, leaving an indelible mark on the caves' spiritual significance.

Small Note from me: The Mandapeshwar Caves might not be much to look at right now, but they are still an excellent place to visit and enjoy the calm that one seldom finds in Mumbai city.

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वरील शीर्षकात लिहल्याप्रमाणे आपण मुंबई म्हणजे कुलाबा ते माहीम व बृहन्मुंबई म्हणजे वान्द्रे ते दहिसर या भागावरील पोर्तुगीज शासन काळातील इतिहासाचा विचार करणार आहोत. हा इतिहास बघण्याआधी 15व्या आणि 16 व्या शतकात भारताच्या पश्चिम किनारपट्टीवरून होणारा व्यापार बघितल्यास भारत किती संपन्न होता याची कल्पना येईल. पश्चिम किनारपट्टीवरील कोचीन, कारवान, दाभोळ, चौक म्हणजे हल्लीचे रेवदंडा व खंबायत ही खूप प्रसिद्ध बंदरे होती. पोर्तुगीज इतिहासकार व निकितीन हा रशियन प्रवासी दाभोळ व चौल बंदराविषयी म्हणतो की, हा भाग अतिशय संपन्न असून येथे सुंदर घरे, मंदिरे व मशिदी आहेत. या बंदरात अनेक परदेशी व्यापारी दिसतात. फ्रॅन्कोझ पिरार्ड या फ्रेंच प्रवाशाने इ.स. 1601 मध्ये असे लिहून ठेवले आहे की, भारतातून त्यावेळी नीळ (खपवळसे) अफू, लाख, नारळ व मसाल्याचे पदार्थ निर्यात केले जात. आपल्याला वाचून आश्चर्य वाटेल की, पश्चिम किनार्यावरील गावातून रेशमी कापड तयार केले जात असे व हे कापड संपूर्ण भारतात वितरित केले जात होते. गोव्यामधील पोर्तुगीज भारतीय सिल्कला चिनी सिल्कपेक्षा जास्त किंमत देत होते. असे पिरार्ड लिहून ठेवतो. हे रेशमी कापड बनविण्याचा कच्चा माल चीनमधूनच आयात केला जात असे. 14व्या शतकात ठाण्यामध्ये आलेल्या एका इटालियन प्रवाशाचा हवाला देऊन कर्नल यूल म्हणतो की, 14व्या शतकात ठाणे शहर हे उद्ध्वस्त झालेले वैभव संपन्न शहर या स्वरूपात होते. तरीसुद्धा तिथे पाच हजार व्हेलव्हेटचे कापड तयार करणारे विणकर होते व 1000 पेक्षा जास्त सिल्क लूमस होते. दुसरी आश्चर्य करण्यासारखी गोष्ट म्हणजे जहाज बांधणीचे कौशल्य. इ.स. 1540 मध्ये वसईच्या पोर्तुगीजांनी आगाशीवर छापा मारून समुद्रात उतरविण्यासाठी तयार झालेले एक जहाज पळवले. या जहाजाने पुढील काळात पोर्तुगजला अनेक सफरी केल्या. इ.स. 1612 मध्ये सर एच मिडल्टन (चळववश्रीं) तांबड्या समुद्रात आला असताना त्याने 153 फूट लांब 42 बिम्ब असलेले प 31 फुट खोल असलेले एक भारतीय जहाज बघितले त्यात 1500 टन माल रहात असे. तसेच त्याने त्याच सुमारास दाभोळ बंदरातून आलेली 1200 टनाचे जहाज बघितले. ही सविस्तर माहिती देण्यामागे उद्देश हा आहे की, भारतीय कौशल्य व भारतातून किती

मोठ्या प्रमाणात निर्यात होत होती याची वाचकांना कल्पना यावी. जहाज बांधणीचे एवढे उत्तम तंत्रज्ञान भारतीयांना पोर्तुगीज भारतात येण्याआधी पासून असताना पुढील 50 ते 60 वर्षांनी छ. शिवाजी महाराजांना स्वतःचे आरमार उभे करण्यासाठी पोर्तुगीज कारागिरांची मदत का घ्यावी लागली हे एक गूढ आहे. इंग्रजांनी ढाक्यातील विणकरांचे हात तोडून भारतीय वस्त्रोद्योगाचे खच्चीकरण केले तसेच पोर्तुगीजांनी जहाज बांधणी तंत्रज्ञानाचे केले असावे का? याचा शोध घेणे जरूरीचे आहे. मी जी वर माहिती दिली आहे ती अलेक्झांडर कीड नैर्न (छरळीपश) लिखित हिस्ट्री ऑफ कोकण या पुस्तकातून घेतली आहे.

इ.स. 1498 मध्ये वास्को द गामा प्रथम कालिकत येथे आला. त्यानंतर पोर्तुगीजांनी भारताच्या पश्चिम किनार्यावर हातपाय पसरण्यास सुरुवात केली. इ.स. 1550 मध्ये अफान्सो डी अल्बुकर्क याने आदिलशाहीकडून गोवा जिंकून घेतले. गोवा अल्बुकर्कने जिंकावे ही कल्पना थिमय्या नावाच्या एका हिंदू माणसाने अल्बुकर्कला दिली कारण गोव्यातील जनता मुस्लीम अत्याचाराने लस्त झाली होती. परंतु नंतर मुसलमान परवडले इतके अत्याचार व धर्मांतरण पोर्तुगीजांनी केले. असो. 23 डिसें. 1534 मध्ये गुजरातचा सुलतान बहादूरशाहा याने पोर्तुगीज गव्हर्नर नुनो डी कुन्हा याच्याशी तह करून मुंबईची सात बेटे साष्टी (बृहन्मुंबई) व वसई व त्याच्या आजूबाजूच्या प्रदेशाचा ताबा पोर्तुगीजांना दिला. मुंबईची सात बेटे कोणती? 1 कुलाबा 2 ओल्ड वुमन्स आयलंड किंवा लिटिल आयलंड 3. मुंबई हे मुख्य बेट 4. माझगाव 5 परळ 6 माहीम 7 वरळी यासर्व बेटांवर कोळी, कुणबी व भंडारी लोकांची वस्ती होती. ह्या लोकांची मासेमारी, भातशेती व नारळ ही उत्पन्नाची साधने होती या बेटांच्या मालकीचा राज्यकर्त्यांना फारसा फायदा होत नसल्याने ती तशी दुर्लक्षित होती. राज्यकर्त्यांना फायदा मिळवून देणारा भाग म्हणजे साष्टी तालुका. ही बेटे ताब्यात आल्यावर पोर्तुगीजांनी ही बेटे निरनिराळ्या पोर्तुगीज व्यापारांना भाड्याने दिली. इ.स. 1554 मध्ये ही सर्व बेटे पोर्तुगीजांच्या राजाने गार्सिया डी ओर्टा या पोर्तुगीज माणसाला या बेटांची डेव्हलपमेंट करण्याच्या अटीवरती भाड्याने

दिली. गार्सिया डी ओर्टा हा डॉक्टर व औषधी व इतर वनस्पतींचा जाणकार होता. याने हल्लीच्या टाऊन हॉलच्या मागच्या बाजूला स्वतःसाठी मॅनोर हाउस बांधले व त्याच्याभोवती मोठी औषधी वनस्पती, फळझाडे यांची बाग केली होती. असो.

मला येथे पोर्तुगीज व इंग्रज यांचा मुंबईकडे बघण्याच्या दृष्टिकोनातील फरक दाखवून द्यावयाचा आहे. दोग्दीही दर्यावर्दी होते. दोग्दीनाही मुंबई हे एक चांगले बंदर होऊ शकते याची कल्पना होती. इ.स. 1534 ते 1665 पर्यंत म्हणजे सुमारे 130 वर्ष मुंबईच्या सर्व बेटांचा ताबा पोर्तुगीजांकडे होता. परंतु या 130 वर्षात पोर्तुगीजांनी या बेटांचा बंदर म्हणून विकास करण्याचा प्रयत्न केलेला दिसून येत नाही. त्यांनी फक्त माहीम, वान्द्रे, मढ, वरळी येथे किल्ले बांधून संरक्षण व जकात वसुली करणे एवढेच काम केले. या मागील महत्त्वाचे कारण म्हणजे पोर्तुगीज व इंग्रज यांचा वसाहतीकडे पाहण्याचा दृष्टिकोनातील फरक. पोर्तुगीज भारतात मसालाचा व्यापार करण्यासाठी जरी आले असले तरी रोमन कॅथलिक धर्माचा प्रसार करणे हा सुद्धा त्यांचा महत्त्वाचा उद्देश होता. पुढे पुढे व्यापाराला दुय्यम स्थान मिळून धर्मप्रसार करणे यावरच जास्त भर दिला गेला. याच्या उलट इंग्रज हे पक्के व्यापारी होते. इंग्रजांचे मुख्य ठाणे जे सुरत या बंदराला नैसर्गिक संरक्षण नव्हते. कोणीही जमिनीवरून या बंदरावर हल्ला करू शकतो इंग्रजांचा हा समज छ. शिवाजी महाराजांनी जाने. 1664 मध्ये सुरत लुटून खरा ठरविला. इंग्रजांच्या दूरदृष्टीचे आपण कौतुक केले पाहिजे. व अनुकरणही करायला हवे कारण सुरतेचा गव्हर्नर 1652 पासून इंग्लंडच्या राजाला पत्र लिहून कळवत होता की, पोर्तुगीजांकडून मुंबईचा ताबा मिळविण्याची खटपट करा. ब्रिटिशांनी मुंबई कशी मिळविली याची कथा पुढील लेखात येणार आहे. असो.

पोर्तुगीजांचा दृष्टिकोन व्यापारापेक्षा धर्मप्रसाराचा असल्याने त्यांनी मुंबईत अनेक चर्चेस बांधली. आज मुंबईत जेवढी चर्चेस आहेत त्यापैकी 80 टक्के चर्चेस पोर्तुगीजांनी बांधलेली आहेत, त्यापैकी काही प्रसिद्ध चर्चेसची यादी व त्यांचे सन पुढे देत आहे. 1) सेंट मायलेक चर्च माहीम इ.स. 1534, 2) सेंट जॉन बापटिस्ट चर्च अंधेरी, इ.स. 1579, 3) सेंट अँड्र्यू चर्च वान्द्रे, 4) माउंट मेरी चर्च वान्द्रे, 5) ग्लोरिया चर्च भायखळा इ.स. 1632, 6) पोर्तुगीज चर्च दादर इ.स. 1596.

पोर्तुगीज जरी इंग्रजांच्या आधी भारतात आले तरी त्यांना आपली सत्ता वाढवता आली नाही कारण त्यांच्या धर्मप्रसाराच्या हट्टापायी त्यांनी स्थानिक जनतेवर अनन्वित अत्याचार केले व त्यामुळे त्यांनी स्थानिक जनतेची सहानुभूती गमावली. चिमाजीअप्पाने वसईवरती स्वारी करण्यामागे हेच कारण आहे.

माझ्या मते पोर्तुगीजांचा राज्यविस्तार न होण्यामागे एक भौगोलिक कारण सुद्धा आहे. ते म्हणजे शेती. पोर्तुगाल हा शेतीप्रधान देश नसला तरी तिथे शेती हा एक महत्त्वाचा उपजीविकेचा धंदा आहे. अनेक तर्हेची फळे, द्राक्षे, ऑलिव्ह, कडधान्ये, भाजीपाला आजसुद्धा तिथे पिकविला जातो. असे नेहमीच दिसून आले आहे की, जिथे शेती नीट होत नाही त्याभागातील माणसेच स्थलांतर करतात. पोर्तुगालमध्ये शेती चांगली असल्याने भारतातील पोर्तुगीज वसाहतींना पोर्तुगीज माणसांचा तुटवडा पडू लागला त्यामुळे अल्बुकर्कने वसाहतीतील पोर्तुगीज तरुणांना स्थानिक बायकांशी विवाह करण्यास प्रोत्साहन दिले. अशा तरुणांना जमिनी दिल्या जेणे करून आपल्याशी एकनिष्ठ राहणारी माणसे मिळतील व धर्मप्रसारही होईल. इंग्रजांना ही समस्या आली नाही कारण इंग्लंडमध्ये शेतीला महत्त्व नाही.

पोर्तुगीजांचे शेतीप्रेम अनेक बाबतीत दिसून येते. 1) शहरांचे टाऊन प्लॅनिंग, गोव्यातील प्रत्येक घराभोवती बाग असावी असा त्यांचा दंडक होता. 2) त्यांनी भारतातील अनेक झाडे, मसालाच्या वनस्पती ब्राझिलला नेल्या तसेच पपया, चिकू, सीताफळ, अननस, पेरू, काजू ही फळझाडे ब्राझिलहून भारतात आणली. टोमॅटो, बटाटा व मिरची या आपल्या रोजच्या जेवणातील भाज्या ब्राझिलहून भारतात आणल्या. असो. भूगोल इतिहासावर कसा परिणाम करतो याचे हे एक उत्तम उदाहरण आहे.

इतिहासातील घटनांचे विश्लेषण करणे हा या लेखामालेचा उद्देश असल्याने मी वरील विवेचन केले आहे ते आपल्याला आवडेल अशी आशा आहे. यापुढील लेखात इंग्रजांच्या मुंबईवरील राजवटीचा आपण विचार करणार आहोत.

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बिना गुरु के हम सब शून्य हैं। संस्कृत की एक सुभाषित कहती है, "गुरुब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णु गुरुर्देवो महेश्वर। गुरुः साक्षात् परंब्रह्म, तस्मै श्री गुरुवे नमः"। इस सुभाषित ने संसार को एक सत्य तो दिखला ही दिया कि सच में इन तीनों देवताओं के ऊपर भी कोई एक नियंता है, जिससे खुद ये तीनों देव संचालित हैं और उस निराकार या आकार तक जाने का मार्ग हमें सिर्फ और सिर्फ यह गुरु ही बता सकता है।

साँई ने भी इसी बात को प्रामाणित करते हुए कहा, "सबका मालिक एक"। कबीर ने गुरुसत्ता को सिद्ध करते हुए लिखा, "राम-कृष्ण से को बड़ो, उन्हीं भी गुरु कीन्ह। तीनों लोक के वे धनी, गुरु आगे अधीन"। गुरु ही आदि हैं और अंत भी वही हैं। यह सृष्टि गुरु की परिधि लिए ही घूम रही है। श्री मद्भागवत कहता है, "आत्मनो गूरुरात्मैव पुरुषस्य विशेषतः", अर्थात् वास्तव में मनुष्य आप ही अपना गुरु है। सूरदास ने अपनी सगुण उपासना के संदर्भ में अपना मत स्पष्ट करते हुए लिखा, "रूप रेख गुन जात जुगुत बिन निरालंब कित धावै। सब बिधि अगम बिचारहिं ताते, सूर सगुन पद गावै"। साकार की उपासना कर निराकार को प्राप्त करो-यही हमारी संस्कृति का रहस्य है और इस रहस्य को सुलझाने में गुरु ही हमारा सहायक है।

सर्वप्रथम यह जानना आवश्यक है कि गुरु क्या है, कौन है और हमें या समाज को किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति की आवश्यकता क्यों महसूस हुई? इस प्रकार के मनःमंथन से यह बात स्पष्ट हुई कि जो सब प्रकार के ज्ञान से सुसज्जित है-संपन्न है-वह गुरु है। जिसमें सबके लिए कल्याण की भावना हो-जो मोह-माया आदि के बंधनों को काट चुका हो-गुरु है। "धर्म की जय हो-अधर्म का नाश हो-विश्व का कल्याण

हो-प्राणियों में सद्भावना हो", का शंखनाद एक गुरु ही कर सकता है।

वैदिक युग में महापुरुषों ने जीवन को चार बराबर भागों में विभक्त कर उनका नामकरण भी कर दिया था-जिसमें प्रथमतः ब्रह्मचर्य आश्रम आता था। इसकी अवधि २५ वर्ष तक मानी गई। यज्ञोपवीत संस्कार के साथ ही बालक ब्रह्मचर्य आश्रम में प्रवेश करता था-नगर के कोलाहल से दूर प्रकृति की गोद में शांत, निर्जन जंगलों में स्थापित गुरुकुलों में भेजा जाता था-गुरु की देख-रेख में वहाँ ज्ञान प्राप्त करता था। इन २५ वर्षों तक गुरु ही उसका सर्वस्व होता था। गुरुकुल के प्रति जनमानस में अपार श्रद्धा थी और गुरु को समाज में एक विशेष व सम्माननीय स्थान प्राप्त था।

गुरुगीता कहती है, "गुकारश्चान्धकारो ही रूकारस्तेज उच्यते। अज्ञानग्रासकं ब्रह्म गुरुरेव न संशय", अर्थात् जिससे हमें ज्ञानरूपी प्रकाश मिले-हमारा अंधकार दूर हो-वह गुरु है। गुरु मूलतः दो शब्दों के योग से बना है। "गु" का अर्थ है-अंधकार (गुकारश्चान्धकारो हि) और "रू" का अर्थ है-प्रकाश (रूकारस्तेज उच्यते)। सत्य ही तो है, अंधकार से प्रकाश की ओर उन्मुख करने वाला ही गुरु शब्द का सच्चा उत्तराधिकारी हो सकता है।

परिवर्तन प्रकृति का शाश्वत नियम है। समय बदला-जंगलों में स्थित गुरुकुल धीरे-धीरे किसी न किसी कारणों से बंद होते गए। विदेशी आक्रांताओं ने भी गुरुकुल परंपरा को काफी चोट पहुँचाई। शहरों में विद्यालय और महाविद्यालयों ने इस कमी को पूरा करने का वीणा उठाया। गुरु अब अध्यापक व शिक्षक के नाम से जाने जाने लगे।

हमारा गुरु कैसा हो-इस बात पर भी शास्त्रों ने मौन नहीं साधा है। कोई भी ऐरा-गैरा गुरु नहीं हो सकता। लिखा गया है, "गुरु कीजै जान के, पानी पीजै छान के", जिस तरह पानी को पीने से पहले छान (फिल्टर) लिया जाता है उसी तरह बहुत ही सोच-विचार करके किसी को अपना गुरु बनाना चाहिए। कबीर ने भी कहा, "जाका गुरु भी अंधला, चेरा खरा निरंध। अंधे अंधा ठेलिया, दून्यौ कूप पड़ंत"।

रामकृष्ण परमहंस ने एक जगह कहा है, "हर एक गुरु नहीं

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हो सकता। कीमती शहतीर पानी में स्वयं भी बहता हुआ चला जाता है और अनेक जीव-जंतु भी उस पर चढ़कर जा सकते हैं किंतु मामूली लकड़ी, घुन लगी लकड़ी पर चढ़ने से वह लकड़ी भी डूब जाती है और जो उस पर चढ़ता है, वह भी डूब जाता है।

गुरुगीता के 'सिद्धसिद्धांत संग्रह' में लिखा है,

"ज्ञानहीनो गुरुस्त्याज्यो मिथ्यावादी विकल्पकः।

स्वविश्रान्ति न जानाति परशान्ति करोति किम्", अर्थात् ज्ञानरहित-मिथ्यावादी एवं भ्रम फैलाने वाले गुरु का त्याग कर देना ही उचित है- जो स्वयं शान्ति नहीं प्राप्त कर सका-दूसरों को शान्ति कैसे दे सकेगा।

अफसोस! आज सिर्फ अच्छे गुरु ही नहीं मिलते वरन् एकलव्य या एकनाथ जी महाराज की तरह अच्छे शिष्य भी नहीं रहे। गुरु-शिष्य की यह परिपाटी अब विलुप्तता के चरम पर है, जो मानव व प्रकृति दोनों के लिए अत्यंत ही घातक है। तुलसीदास जी ने मानस में लिखा है, "हरइ शिष्य धन सोक न हरई। सो गुरु घोर नरक महुँ परई"। शिष्य के धन का हरण करने वाले गुरु तो आज बहुत हैं परंतु उनके हृदय का ताप हरण करने वाले गुरु आज दुर्लभ हैं। "सर्वभूतहिते रताः"-यही गुरु का ध्येय रहना चाहिए।

- अमित शिवकुमार दुबे

HUMOR IN SCHOOL IS SERIOUS BUSINESS



Humor related to basic education and literacy in India often touches upon various aspects of the education system, the challenges faced by students, teachers and the broader societal context. Here are a few humorous observations and jokes:

- **Classrooms Punishment** : "In India, we have a unique form of social distancing in schools - it's called 'stand out of my classroom!'"
- **Homework Excuses**: "Why didn't you do your homework?" "Sir, my dog ate my textbook, and then the cow ate my notebook!"
- **Innovative Studying**: "Indian students have mastered the art of 'last-minute studying.' They're like, 'Why waste

time studying for the exam when you can just pray for a miracle?"

- **Parental Pressure**: "In India, children have two birth certificates - one from the hospital and the other from their parents' high expectations."
- **English Pronunciation**: "The Indian education system teaches us 'elephant' is spelled E-L-E-P-H-A-N-T, but pronounced 'Ee-le-faunt.' Because why make it easy, right?"
- **Math's Confusion**: "Why do Indian kids fear math? Because it stands for **M**entally-**A**ffected-**T**eachers-**H**arassing-**S**tudents."
- **Exam Stress**: "In India, the three stages of life are birth, death, and exam results. And they're all equally stressful!"
- **Teachers' Wisdom**: "Teachers in India are like Google. They have all the answers, but you have to ask the right questions."
- **Library Dilemma**: "In India, libraries are the quietest places, but finding a quiet place to study at home is like trying to find a needle in a haystack!"
- **Spelling Bee Challenges**: "In the Indian Spelling Bee, contestants are asked to spell words like 'pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis' while their parents struggle with 'wifi password.'"
- **Group Study**: "Group study in India is like a potluck dinner. Everyone brings what they have, but nobody really knows what's going on!"
- **Uniform Troubles**: "Indian school uniforms are like fashion statements. You have to wear the same thing every day, but make it look different somehow!"

These jokes highlight some of the quirks and challenges of the education system in India, but they are meant in good humor. Education is a serious matter, but laughter can help people cope with its pressures and idiosyncrasies.

- Rtn S. K. Sengupta

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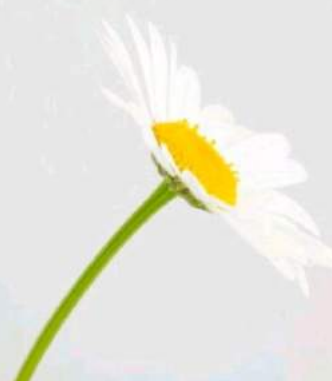
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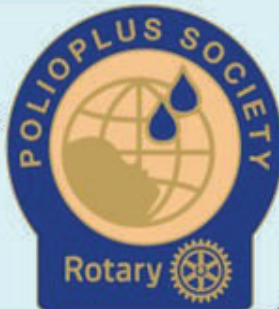
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All Club Admins having access to www.rotaryindia.org – President, Secretary and other members who may have been assigned admin roles by the President and Secretary in their respective clubs.

Where to Upload?

1. Login to www.rotaryindia.org -> E-Governance / Reporting -> OCV/GOV (OCV = Official Club Visit and GOV = Governor's Official Visit)
2. Click on Static Documents and Select Document to be uploaded from the drop down list and then click on 'Upload'. In case the document is not listed in the drop down menu, click on 'Others', type title of the document and then click on 'Upload'. Follow the on-screen instructions and click on “Save” icon before clicking on the 'Back' icon.
3. Follow the steps listed in 2 above by clicking on other folders viz. Financial Documents, Trust Documents, Grants, Additional Documents and Dues folders and upload documents as listed in the Pre-OCV Checklist by District Team.

When Can the Documents be Uploaded?

As and when the documents are available / ready, they can be uploaded in the respective folders under OCV/GOV module on rotaryindia.org. You don't have to wait till the last moment to compile the documents for OCV. All the club admins can access the documents uploaded and monitor the progress. Your Club's Assistant Governor too will have access to the OCV Report and can assist you in completing the work smoothly.

How to Generate OCV Report?

Once all the applicable documents as per the District Check-list are uploaded and saved on OCV/GOV module, click on 'Generate OCV Report' and then click on [Download] OCV Report appearing on top of the screen. Follow on-screen instructions. Save the Report on your computer. Open the file in excel and Save As .xls file. This file can now be emailed to your assigned Assistant Governor at least 7 working days before the Pre-OCV date for him to scrutinize and revert with his comments ./ remarks / additional requirements / clarifications.

Your Assistant Governor will be able to use the links on the OCV Report and download all the documents for verification.

Landmark Project of Rotary Club of Borivali

VOCATIONAL LOAN SCHOLARSHIP



Dr. S. S. PANDYA MEMORIAL ROTARY BORIVLI VOCATIONAL LOAN SCHOLARSHIP

'Dr. S. S. Pandya Memorial Rotary Borivli Vocational Loan Scholarship' is a vocational service project of Rotary Club of Borivli which has been initiated with the generous donation from TRF Trustee VC PRID Dr. Bharat Pandya in fond memory of his father Late Dr. Surendra S. Pandya. This project is formulated to help the needy brilliant students of our society.

Scholarship is granted as interest free loan to students who are academically sound but economically weak. The loan given is then repaid in easy installments after applicant completes course of study and is capable of repaying the loan. This makes project self-financing.

This project was launched in July 2007 under the leadership of Rtn. Mahesh Mistri as Project Chairman and many deserving students are benefited since it's launch. Some of the other active committee members are Harish Chandarana, Nitin Majithia, Chetan Desai, Manish Gyani, Rajendra Mehra and Ashok Shetty.

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