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War, Oil, and a Planet Paying the Price: When Power Struggles Turn the Earth Into a Battlefield

A child's eyes stare through rust and ruin one frame holding innocence, the other holding a world already burning. Outside the broken window, fire consumes cities; inside, silence consumes a generation. The image captures what statistics cannot: the quiet terror of those who did not choose this conflict, yet must breathe its consequences. Oil burns, skies darken, and somewhere between power and profit, the future sits watching trapped between what was and what will never be the same again.

PINKI DALAL

History Repeating, Only Worse

In 1991, the world watched in horror as retreating Iraqi forces set fire to hundreds of Kuwaiti oil wells. The sky turned black. The sun disappeared for weeks. Temperatures dropped. Seasons shifted. Ecosystems hundreds of miles away felt the wound. That catastrophe was not an accident it was a weapon. And though those fires occurred 35 years ago, their environmental damage still persists in Kuwait today.

We swore we had learned something. We hadn't.

Tehran, March 2026 Black Rain:

On March 8, 2026, Israeli airstrikes hit oil storage facilities across Tehran and the surrounding Alborz province. Videos showed oil leaking onto the streets and massive plumes of smoke and flames over Tehran. The following morning, rain fell and Iran's Department of the Environment advised residents to avoid going outside, as the country's Red Crescent warned that toxic chemicals in the air could lead to acid rain capable of causing skin burns and serious lung damage.

Ten million people live in Tehran. Another five million in its suburbs. The Iranian Red Crescent Society warned that the smoke contains high concentrations of toxic hydrocarbons, sulphur, and nitrogen oxides. Environment specialists called it plainly what it is: a blatant act of ecocide, with the environment remaining the silent victim of the war. This is not a military statistic. This is fifteen million human beings breathing poison.

A Region Already on Its Knees Ecologically

The cruelty runs deeper when



you understand what was already happening before the first missile struck. Iran entered this conflict with deep ecological vulnerabilities already struggling with severe air pollution and chronic water shortages, having pulled so much water from the ground that it has caused land subsidence, with supplies sometimes running out at night in major cities.

War didn't arrive in a healthy land. It arrived in a land already gasping.

By March 3, environmental monitors had already identified 120 "incidents of environmental harm" related to the conflict spanning Iran, Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Jordan, Cyprus, Bahrain, Qatar, the UAE, Saudi Arabia

and Oman. The destruction is not contained. It never is.

The Ghost of Iraq, the Echo of Kuwait:

The pattern has a grim historical rhythm. During the battle against ISIS in Iraq, the burning of the Qayyarah oil fields created what became known as a "Daesh Winter" blocking out the sun for months, releasing vast quantities of toxic residues including sulphur dioxide and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, causing severe respiratory illnesses, soil acidification, and long-term carcinogenic risks.

When America went into Iraq in 2003, it didn't just wage war on a government. It waged

war on soil, on water, on air, on children who would grow up breathing the legacy of burning fields. These aren't side effects of war. They are war felt for generations, long after the ceasefire is signed and the politicians move on.

A Planet Strangled at Its Energy Throat

The conflict has now spread far beyond borders. Strikes on the Ras Tanura refinery in Saudi Arabia, Ras Laffan in Qatar, and refineries in the UAE, combined with Iran's blockage of the Strait of Hormuz, have resulted in a drop of Gulf oil production by 10 million barrels per day compared to a year ago, with the amount of oil passing through

the Strait of Hormuz falling to less than 10 percent of pre-war levels.

The head of the International Energy Agency described the situation as "the greatest global energy security challenge in history."

And who pays? Not the generals. Not the presidents. Less-wealthy, food- and fuel-importing countries face acute stress as wheat prices rise and energy costs feed inflation across nations as far from the battlefield as Chile and Poland. A war in the Gulf becomes hunger in South Asia. It becomes cold homes in Europe. It becomes riots in India.

The Deeper Madness:

This crisis reveals a systemic tension at the core of the global energy system, where reliance on oil, climate vulnerability, and international power rivalries are tightly linked and increasingly unpredictable. As long as strategic decisions are tied to fossil fuel supply chains, climate goals remain exposed to geopolitical instability.

The planet is already struggling under the weight of climate change disrupted monsoons, catastrophic floods, vanishing glaciers, dying coral reefs. And yet here we are, powerful nations torching oil infrastructure in densely populated cities, poisoning the air over millions of civilians, and throttling the energy arteries of the entire global south all in the name of power, deterrence, and geopolitical leverage.

Oil spilled during the Iran-Iraq war of the 1980s has been linked to the near-total annihilation of hawksbill sea turtle populations and the loss of a major portion of green turtle populations in the Gulf. Ecosystems don't negotiate ceasefires.

What This Really Is Call it what it is: The powerful gam-

When power overrides humanity

» "This is the consequence of two egos, armed to the teeth, with no one powerful enough to say: enough."

» "Trump gave the cover. Netanyahu gave the order. Fifteen million people breathed the poison. Two men decided. Eight billion are paying."



bling with the planet because they can. Every oil well set ablaze is a crime against the atmosphere. Every refinery struck in a city of millions is a public health catastrophe wrapped in the language of military necessity. And the Earth, the soil, the water, the air, the animals, the children absorbs it all silently.

History keeps warning us. The smoke from Kuwait in 1991. The "Daesh Winter" over Iraq. The acid rain over Tehran in 2026. The pattern is not a coincidence. It is a choice. And until the world decides that no geopolitical ambition is worth poisoning a planet, we will keep watching the sky turn black and calling it war.

How far can you travel farthest to make-up in another Rotary club's meeting?

DOWN MEMORY LANE



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If you attend one Rotary meeting per day, it would take more than 80 years to visit all 34,000 clubs in the world, and by then, no doubt there would be thousands more new clubs to visit!



The remotest Rotary club in the world Rotarians traveling the farthest to make-up in another Rotary club's meeting are members of Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti, which is the most unusual and remotest Rotary club in the world, geographically isolated club from any other club in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

The largest maritime Rotary district in the world

The club is a part of the vast District 9920, a geographic area covering half of Auckland, New Zealand and the 7 Pacific nations of American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Samoa and Tonga. THIS IS THE LARGEST MARITIME DISTRICT IN ROTARY and this unique Pacific influence provide Rotarians with wide ranging and interesting service opportunities. In this area there are 51 Rotary clubs and 7 Rotaract clubs, of which, a third are in the



Pacific countries.

The island geography

Marina Taina, Papeete
 Tahiti is composed of two

roughly circular land masses joined by an isthmus: Tahiti Nui and Tahiti Iti. Both are the eroded remnants of now extinct shield volcanoes. The terrain of Tahiti is mostly mountainous,

with the beaches and coral reefs that surround the island supporting tourism and fishing industries. The club is such a region.

Papeete is the capital city of



French Polynesia which is an overseas collectivity of France and its sole overseas country, comprising of 121 islands and atolls over 2,000 kilometres in Pacific Ocean. The name Papeete means "water from a basket".

French Polynesia is 3,521 sq kms with a population of 282,000 as of 2025, of which at least 205,000 live in the 75 inhabited islands called Society Islands, of which Tahiti is the largest & most populous island. The French established a protectorate in 1842 and made it its overseas territory in 1946.

RC of Papeete, Tahiti

RC of Papeete, Tahiti (17141) is

the club requiring the longest travel for members or visitors. Established in 1959, the club operates within a unique, multicultural French Polynesian setting, often blending traditional Rotary service with local maritime and island-specific projects, such as partnering with the Papeete Navy base. They are 34 members & meet Mondays at 06:30 PM.

High-Profile Fundraising

The club often conducts high-profile, luxury events for charity on ships. Papeete-Tahiti's 60th celebration was a Gala Night in the prestigious setting of ARANUI 5 at the Port of Papeete.

Last Mile, Maximum Impact : Powered by TRF

With April upon us, we are reminded not just of our service, but of the strong bonds of fellowship that make Rotary truly special. This is a time to come together, celebrate our shared journey, and carry forward the spirit of unity and purpose.

INSPIRED MOMENTS



Dr. Manish Motwani
Dist Governor, 25-26

My Dear Rotary Family,
Warm greetings to each one of you and your families.

As we step into April, I write with immense pride and gratitude. We have traversed nearly 75% of our Rotary year, and the impact we have collectively created far outweighs the time elapsed. Your commitment, energy, and consistency have made this not just a year of activity, but a year of meaningful outcomes and visible change. My heartfelt compliments to each one of you.

We now enter the final quarter of this Inspired Rotary Year—a phase not to slow down, but to consolidate, sharpen our focus, and ensure that every goal we envisioned is achieved with excellence. I urge all clubs to give focused attention to key priorities—especially The Rotary Foundation (TRF), along with CSR projects, Global Grants, and legacy initiatives that define your club's long-term impact.

April, in many ways, is about reaffirming our commitment to The Rotary Foundation—the very engine that powers Rotary's global impact. Our district has always set and surpassed benchmarks, and I am confident that this year will be no different. Let us come together to make this effort even bigger and more meaningful.

Why does TRF matter so deeply? Because every dollar contributed transforms lives—

Together We Achieve

Our journey continues with renewed energy. Let us collaborate, inspire, and act with commitment to create lasting, meaningful, and sustainable change in our communities and beyond.

United in purpose and powered by collective action, we are creating meaningful, lasting and sustainable change where it matters most.

whether in our district, across the country, or anywhere in the world. The Foundation continues to earn the highest trust ratings for transparency and impact. Over 90% of contributions go directly into service projects, guided by strong stewardship and technical expertise, ensuring sustainability and real change across Rotary's seven areas of focus.

Some may wonder whether we should prioritize giving locally. My answer is simple—do both. Serve your community wholeheartedly, but also take pride in being part of a global force for good. India itself has been one of the largest beneficiaries of Foundation grants. Ultimately, what matters most is that help reaches those in need—wherever they may be.

At the start of the year, we set an ambitious target of USD 7 million. I am delighted to share that we have already achieved USD 4.47 million, and we are well on track. However, reaching this goal will require collective effort. I urge every Rotarian to contribute generously and also inspire friends and family to be part of this noble mission. There are still 21 clubs who have not yet contributed to TRF, please consider!

CSR is another source for funding your projects!. So you can also do CSR grants for projects which are not accessible under the Global Grants route. For example, if some your work involves construction and infrastructure, CSR may be the route. We have noticed now many clubs are already doing CSR grants. Has your club done? Look at your own circles. We are in Mumbai and it is the financial capital of the country! All you need to do is ask!

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all our donors and the dedicated TRF team. This year, we have seen remarkable growth in our donor base, with several members progressing across Major Donor levels and new recognitions in the Arch Klumph Society. Each contribution, big or small, is a step toward a better world. Thank

you, and may your tribe continue to grow.

To all our Presidents—your leadership has been exemplary. As we approach the year-end, please ensure that your club's achievements are accurately updated on Rotary Club Central. This is vital for recognition and ensures that your hard work receives the acknowledgment it truly deserves.

Friends, Rotary is not only about service—it is also about fellowship, joy, and celebration. You have earned the right to come together and celebrate your journey.

Our much-awaited District Picnic at Nashik in early April promises to be a wonderful blend of fellowship, relaxation, and bonding with fellow Rotarians and families. I hope many of you have registered, and for those who haven't, I warmly encourage you to join. These are the moments that strengthen our Rotary family and create lasting memories.

April is also Environment Month, reminding us of our shared responsibility towards the planet. I am confident that clubs across the district will undertake meaningful initiatives—be it tree plantations, water conservation, waste management, or awareness campaigns. Let us reaffirm our commitment to a greener and more sustainable future.

As always, Rotary is a journey of collective effort. If you are ahead, extend a helping hand. If you feel behind, take heart—there is still time, and together we can achieve everything we set out to do.

Let us move forward with renewed focus, positive energy, and unwavering commitment.

Dr. Mahek and I look forward to meeting many of you during the picnic and at various club initiatives this month.

Enjoy Rotary. Celebrate fellowship. Finish strong.

With warm Rotary regards,
Dr. Manish Motwani
District Governor 2025–26
Rotary International
District 3141





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Carrying the Spirit Forward: Reflection, Continuity & Compassion

As April unfolds, it invites us to pause, reflect, and carry forward the warmth and togetherness that define our Rotary journey. It is a time to deepen connections, celebrate meaningful impact, and continue serving with compassion and purpose.

MAHEK'S VIBES



Dr Mahek Motwani
Aesthetic Gynecologist
and Cosmetologist
First Lady, Rotary District 3141
2025–26

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotary Families of District 3141,
Warm greetings to each one of you.

As we step into April, there is a quiet shift in the air. After the energy, excitement, and togetherness of the past few months, this feels like a time to gently pause, reflect, and carry forward all that we have experienced.

In my earlier messages, I spoke of togetherness, anticipation, and gratitude. This month, my thoughts turn toward continuity — how we carry those moments forward and allow them to shape our everyday lives.

What we experienced was not limited to a few days or an event. It was a reminder of what Rotary truly stands



for — connection, warmth, and a deep sense of belonging. The real beauty now lies in sustaining that spirit in

the days ahead. Alongside this, I find myself deeply moved by the meaningful impact of our

work in women empowerment. Across our District, initiatives like Pink Auto are not just creating livelihoods, but restoring dignity and independence. Equally inspiring are the efforts toward early detection of cervical and breast cancers through screening programs — initiatives that are touching and transforming the lives of many women, especially those from less privileged backgrounds. Seeing awareness turn into action, and action into empowerment, has been truly humbling and close to my heart.

Rotary, for many of us, is woven into the rhythm of our lives. But for our families, it is often experienced through moments — conversations over meals, stories shared after meetings, friendships formed during gatherings, and the quiet pride of seeing service in action. These are the moments that stay long after events conclude.

April also reminds us that we are entering the final phase of this Rotary year. While much has been accomplished, there is still great meaning in how we finish — not just in achieving goals, but in the spirit we carry forward.

As families, this is a wonderful time to reconnect with the simple joys that Rotary brings into our lives. A call to a friend, a small get-together, or even a shared reflection — these small gestures keep the warmth alive.

I would also like to pause and reflect on something very close to my heart — balance. In the midst of service and commitments, it is important to care for ourselves and our loved ones. When we nurture our own well-being, we are able to serve with greater compassion and purpose.

What continues to inspire me most is the quiet strength of our Rotary families — the encouragement, the understanding, and the unwavering support that often goes unspoken, yet forms the foundation of every meaningful initiative.

As we move through this month, let us carry forward not just memories, but a continued commitment to kindness, inclusion, and empathy — values that define Rotary and give true meaning to our service.

If the past months brought us closer, let the coming weeks deepen those bonds even further — and inspire us to continue making a difference where it matters most.

With warmth, reflection, and continued affection.

Dr. Mahek Motwani
Aesthetic Gynaecologist
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First Lady, Rotary District 3141
(2025–26)

Lotus Juhu Half Marathon – 8th Edition



RTN. KALA SHRIDHAR

The first Sunday of March 2026 was vibrant, energetic, and memorable as the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport, in association with Get Fit Organisation, successfully hosted the 8th edition of the Lotus Juhu Half Marathon at JVPD Grounds.

The marathon's inspiring tagline, "Keep Your Heart Fit, Let Another Heart Beat," perfectly reflected the spirit of the event. Blending fitness with philanthropy, the marathon raises funds to support paediatric heart surgeries, making every

step taken by participants a contribution toward saving young lives.

This year, Lotus Developers joined as the Title Sponsor, along with valued supporters including Nanavati Max Hospital, Vimal, Chandulal Nanavati Vidyamandir, Jhaveri Flexo, NBS International (Mahindra), Aditya Birla Capital, Zandu, and several other partners. Despite challenges such as permission delays and last-minute uncertainties, the event achieved the highest sponsorship kitty to date.

The marathon featured three race categories —

- 21 km Half Marathon



- 10 km Run
- 4 km Fun Run

The support team expanded significantly, with nearly 90 Rotarians, Rotractors, volunteers, vendors, service providers, and police personnel, bringing together over 300 individuals who worked tirelessly to execute this mega event.

The event was a resounding success, breaking previous participation records with over 6,400 registered runners, compared to 5,300 last year. Participants greatly appreciated the overall marathon experience. Runners received commemorative T-shirts and medals, and

a hot breakfast was served to all runners and support teams.

The morning began with an energetic Zumba and warm-up session, which added excitement and enthusiasm before the runs commenced.

The event was driven by a dedicated organizing team—Rtn. Bharat Kapadia, Rtn. Atul Parekh, Rtn. Ashmi Parekh, and Rtn. Sandip Tarkas—along with a committed core group and 26 committees of the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport. Each sub-committee managed specific responsibilities, ensuring smooth execution through excellent coordination and



teamwork.

Several selfie booths were set up for runners to capture memorable moments. A special highlight this year was the enthusiastic participation of around 90 Interactors, marking their first large-scale involvement in the marathon.

All winners were awarded trophies based on race results, while the event was lively and engagingly hosted by Rtn. Anjali Malviya, who served as the Emcee.

The event was further honoured by the presence of Mrs. Diana Fox Carney, wife of the Prime Minister of Canada, who

graced the occasion. District Governor Manish Motwani and members of the district leadership team were also present and proudly flagged off the marathon, along with other distinguished guests.

The Rotary Club of Bombay Airport extends heartfelt thanks to all sponsors, partners, Rotarians, volunteers, and family members who contributed their time, energy, and support to make the Lotus Juhu Half Marathon 2026 a grand success. The event truly exemplified self-belief, teamwork, resilience, cooperation, friendship, and the collective spirit of Rotary.

Trust: The Cornerstone of Rotary Service

ECHOES OF SERVICES



PRID Ashok Mahajan
Past Rotary Foundation Trustee

Trust is one of the most precious things we build in life, yet one of the easiest to lose. It does not appear overnight. It grows slowly—through years of consistency, honesty, and dedication. These are the very values that define the spirit of Rotary International. Yet, sadly, trust can be undone in a single moment.

A single lie, a broken promise, or a careless decision can erase what time and effort have patiently built. Trust is fragile because it lives not merely in our words, but in our actions. Apologies may be spoken, but trust listens quietly to what we do.

In Rotary, we proudly uphold the principle of Service Above Self. Our service is not only measured by the projects we complete or the funds we raise, but by



the integrity with which we conduct ourselves. Trust shapes every relationship we nurture—within our clubs, among our fellow members, and with the communities that welcome our service. It is the silent

force that binds us together and gives meaning to our fellowship.

When trust flourishes, clubs flourish. Members feel respected, valued, and inspired. Leadership becomes stronger,

collaboration becomes effortless, and service projects grow in both scale and impact. Trust transforms a group of individuals into a united force for good. It is this shared confidence that allows Rotary to touch millions of lives across the world.

But trust must be protected with constant care. It is strengthened when leaders are transparent, when decisions are fair, and when success is carried with humility. Every Rotarian—regardless of role or recognition—shares the sacred responsibility of safeguarding the reputation and credibility of Rotary.

Around the world, communities place their faith in Rotarians. Partners, donors, and volunteers believe that when Rotarians make a commitment, it will be honoured. They believe that our service is sincere, our actions are ethical, and our intentions are pure. This confidence is not granted automatically—it is earned through years of unwavering dedication and principled leadership.

Rebuilding trust, however, is never easy. Even when forgiveness is extended, the memory of a breach often remains. The relationship may continue, but something delicate has changed. That is why protecting trust must always be our first

instinct—through honesty in our words, responsibility in our actions, and accountability in every promise we make.

Trust also deepens when we listen with empathy and respect. Rotary is a global family enriched by diversity—of cultures, professions, and perspectives. When we value each voice and embrace these differences, we strengthen the bonds that unite us and enrich the spirit of fellowship that defines Rotary.

For Rotarians, trust is far more than a virtue—it is the cornerstone of our service and the soul of our fellowship. By nurturing it every day, we build stronger clubs, inspire greater confidence in our communities, and create a legacy of service that future generations can proudly continue.

Let us remember that every action matters. Every promise carries weight. Every act of integrity strengthens the foundation upon which Rotary stands.

Together, let us continue to build trust, inspire hope, and serve humanity with unwavering commitment.

Ashok Mahajan
Director, Rotary International (2007–09)
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation (2009–13)

SME Bharat Conclave 2026 – A Knowledge Initiative by RMB Mumbai Numero Uno

Over 325 entrepreneurs, Rotarians, industry leaders, and policymakers gathered at Hotel Novotel, Mumbai, for the SME Bharat Conclave 2026 organised by Rotary Means Business (RMB) Mumbai Numero Uno, to discuss business growth, innovation, and the evolving economic landscape. Rotary Means Business (RMB) is an international Rotary fellowship that promotes ethical business networking among Rotarians, combining enterprise with Rotary values of trust, integrity, and service. RMB Mumbai Numero Uno, established in 2018 as the city's first chapter, continues to actively promote knowledge-driven business engagement within the Rotary community. The conclave was built on the belief that while networking opens doors, knowledge sharing provides direction. In today's environment of technological disruption, economic volatility, and changing regulations, business leaders need platforms that go beyond transactional networking to encourage meaningful dialogue and informed decision-making. The initiative was led by Rtn.



Arun M. Wadhwa, President of RMB Mumbai Numero Uno, with Rtn. Hemang Jangla serving as Convenor. In his address, Arun Wadhwa emphasised that networking alone is no longer sufficient; business leaders require platforms that combine knowledge, collaboration, and ethical enterprise to navigate uncertainty and build sustainable growth. Hemang Jangla highlighted the collaborative spirit of the conclave, describing it as a platform for "coming together, thinking together, and growing together." The conclave featured an eminent lineup of speakers addressing diverse aspects of enterprise and economic development. R. Gopalakrishnan spoke about managing uncertainty, noting that unpredictability is constant across organisations. Sonali Deore from the Government of Maharashtra highlighted policy incentives and support

schemes for MSMEs. Economist Gopal Krishna Agarwal discussed the broader economic outlook and the need to align growth with long-term values and sustainability. Sanjay Arora shared insights on brand building and the importance of leadership systems that enable businesses to scale beyond the founder. Ashish Shankar spoke about long-term wealth creation through disciplined participation in equity markets. Pradyuman Sharma addressed the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence and encouraged entrepreneurs to adopt its practical applications for improving efficiency and competitiveness. PDG Rahul Timbadia spoke about land as a long-term asset class and outlined structured approaches to land investment. DGE Rajan Dua highlighted the strong relationship between Rotary and RMB, emphasising

how trust-based networks strengthen ethical enterprise and collaboration. A panel discussion featuring Manish Panchal, Kishore Masurkar, and Sagar Gosalia explored exponential growth strategies, sustained R&D, innovation, and the importance of peer learning ecosystems in overcoming decision-making isolation. Beyond knowledge sessions, the conclave enabled meaningful business engagement. An exhibition hall allowed enterprises to showcase their offerings, while a curated Buyer–Seller Meet facilitated structured interactions between corporate buyers and SMEs, opening avenues for procurement partnerships and future collaboration. The initiative echoed the vision of Rotary founder Paul Harris, who viewed enterprise and service as complementary forces in building stronger communities. The SME Bharat Conclave ultimately reflected the growing importance of platforms where enterprise, knowledge, and Rotary values intersect, helping entrepreneurs strengthen both business outcomes and their commitment to ethical leadership.

Event: Empowering Women Through Awareness, Protection and Self-Defence



BY KALA SRIDHAR

On the eve of International Women's Day, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim, under the leadership of President Rtn. Shailla Rege, in collaboration with Manav Sparsh Charitable Trust, organised an awareness programme titled "Empowering Women Through Awareness, Protection and Self-Defence" for nursing students.

Rtn. Deepa Mani, IPP of RC Chembur (W) and Trustee of Manav Sparsh Charitable Trust, Advocate and Notary appointed by the Government of India, shared valuable legal insights on women's rights and protection laws. She spoke about equal remuneration, property rights, access to education, maternity benefits, workplace harassment laws, and legal safeguards against dowry and domestic harassment.

PSI Rupali Salunkhe from Kherwadi Police Station, Bandra,

spoke about the Nirbhaya Squad, a state initiative working round the clock to ensure women's safety. She also explained legal provisions relating to crimes against minors and shared information on helplines and online resources to address cyber harassment and prevent online blackmail.

A practical self-defence demonstration was conducted by Kyoshi Syed Abusad, an international karate instructor with over 25 years of experience. Nursing students actively participated and learned simple yet effective techniques to protect themselves in unsafe situations. The programme was highly interactive and empowering, with around 70 nursing students and teachers attending. The event was also supported by members of Manav Sparsh Charitable Trust, police officers from Kherwadi Police Station, a self-defence expert, and several Rotarians and Rotectors, making it a meaningful and impactful initiative.

Escape to Nature: 2-Day Picnic at Grape County, Nashik

Friends... After 1.5 months of deliberations and going over the choices... We have finally closed the deal with one of the finest properties in our vicinity...
2 day picnic to Grape County

Eco Resort & Spa, Nashik
» only 4 hours drive using the "new samruddhi highway"
» 200 acre property
» Living in the greens
» lot of activities including Boating, Cycling, Trekking, Nature

Trails, Wine Tasting, StarGazing, Movie Nights
Check out the video of the property...
<https://youtu.be/B2F12eknzul?si=yj7sOGLicZcXpuh5>
Such a marvelous property at

this rate... Its a challenge if you can get such an awesome deal... Thanks to our Inner core to be able to manage it!!!
And above all... The company of all the Inspire team and Rotarians of our District 3141...

Activities available for free there..
» peddle boating,
» Kayaking,
» Cycling
» nature trail
» bird watching



RC of Bombay Pier: When Generosity Takes the Stage at Whale Tank 2026

On a warm February evening in Prabhadevi, the All Seasons Auditorium at Ravindra Natya Mandir was filled not merely with people, but with purpose. The occasion was Whale Tank 2026, a distinctive initiative of the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier that reimagined how philanthropy can be envisioned, presented and supported.

Held on 26 February as part of the Club's Social Impact Awards, Whale Tank introduced a compelling new format of fundraising to District 3141. Inspired by the well-known television format Shark Tank, the event retained the immediacy and energy of live pitching but replaced commercial ambition with a deeper purpose — enabling meaningful social impact. Here, the investors were



“Whales”, individuals whose commitment to philanthropy was matched by their willingness to mentor and strengthen transformative ideas.

Seven carefully curated organisations presented their work across diverse and pressing sectors including education, community development, disability and inclusivity, environmental sustainability, animal

welfare, water and sanitation, and public health. Each organisation shared not only the urgency of the challenges they address but also the hope and innovation that guide their work.

Moderated by Convenor Rtn Prakash Chawla, the evening unfolded as a thoughtful exchange rather than a competitive contest. The panel of

Whales engaged with the presenters through probing yet constructive questions, examining the sustainability, scalability and long-term impact of the initiatives. The dialogue reflected a shared understanding that meaningful philanthropy requires both empathy and discernment.

The outcome was both immediate and significant. Each

Awardee organisation received ₹2,00,000 from the Whale Members along with ₹25,000 from the Club. Equally valuable was the commitment of year-long mentorship from the Whales, ensuring that these initiatives would benefit not only from financial support but also from guidance and strategic insight.

The event was further elevated by the presence of Chief Guest Dr Manish Motwani, District Governor of RID 3141, and Guest of Honour Ronnie Screwvala, co-founder of up-Grad and Swades Foundation, whose participation affirmed the importance of innovative and collaborative approaches to social change.

The evening also celebrated Rotary's own culture of giving as nineteen Satellite Club Members were honoured with

Paul Harris Fellow pins and certificates. With 132 attendees — including district dignitaries, Rotarians, awardees, Rotaractors and distinguished guests — the event reflected a vibrant community united by a shared commitment to impact.

As conversations continued over dinner about collaboration, mentorship and scaling solutions, Whale Tank 2026 left behind more than the success of a single evening. It demonstrated that when generosity is paired with thoughtful structure and sustained engagement, philanthropy becomes a catalyst for lasting change. For the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, the initiative marks the beginning of a powerful new platform for nurturing ideas that can shape a better future.

OCV

OCV RC Ghodbunder



RC Ghodbunder hosted the Official Club Visit of District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani on 16th March 2026 at Zaika Fun Dining, Borivali, in the presence of key district leaders and club members, under the leadership of President Rtn. Ujwala Babar; the club showcased its impactful service initiatives through an audio-visual presentation, reflecting strong teamwork and commitment, while the District Governor appreciated the efforts, shared targets for the coming months, and offered constructive guidance for further growth, making the session engaging and motivating for all.

OCV RC Bombay Harbour



Under the leadership of President Rtn. Jaipal Shah and Secretary Rtn. Srigopal Pachisia, hosted its Official Club Visit on 5th March 2026 at Bellissima, Opera House, in the presence of District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani and district leaders; the meeting featured interactions with the Interact Club and Inner Wheel, a closed-door leadership discussion, and a Club Assembly outlining goals for membership growth, fireside meetings, and impactful projects, while the District Governor appreciated the club's work, emphasized retention and fellowship, and encouraged participation in key initiatives like the Pink Auto Project and water projects, making the session engaging and motivating for all.

OCV RCM Neo



OCV was held on 10th Jan at The Club. DG Dr Manish interacted with the Rotrats from L S Raheja college and the Interacts from Jawahar Vidyalaya before the Club Assembly. During the Club Assembly, DG Manish praised the Club for the work done so far and the perfect documentation. He motivated the members to find beneficiaries for Pink Auto and also HPV Vaccines. AG Rakhi Sunil, DS Vikas Goel and CC Deepak Choudhary were present at the event.

OCV RC Bombay Seaface



On 21st March, the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface held a well-attended Official Club Visit in the presence of District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani and district dignitaries, beginning with a closed-door Board interaction, followed by presentations from Interact and RCC partners, and a Club Assembly where President Rtn. Sonal Doshi shared the club's work and future plans; the District Governor appreciated the efforts, certified the club as 100% compliant, and offered valuable guidance, making the visit engaging and motivating for all.

Holi Celebration Brings Colors of Joy and Friendship to District 3141



Holi, the Festival of Colors and Festival of Love, celebrates the spirit of togetherness, as people strengthen relationships through joyful and colorful festivities.

Life is more beautiful when it is filled with the colors of joy, love, and friendship. Keeping with this wonderful spirit, the gathering came together to celebrate Holi on March 3rd, at Hotel Taj Ginger with great enthusiasm and warmth. The celebrations began with everyone joyfully playing with flower petals and colorful organic powder, creating a lively and cheerful atmosphere. The air was filled with laughter as friends greeted one another, exchanged colors, and shared the happiness that the festival brings.

The use of flower petals added a graceful and refreshing touch to the festivities, making the celebration both vibrant and elegant. The festive mood was further elevated by the rhythmic beats of live dhol players, which encouraged everyone to dance and celebrate with great

energy. Adding to the joyous atmosphere were live singers, whose lively songs created the perfect backdrop for the colorful celebrations. Guests also enjoyed the traditional Holi drink, thandai, which added an authentic festive flavor to the occasion and was appreciated by all. Later, everyone gathered for an amazing and sumptuous lunch, where members and guests relaxed, shared conversations, and continued the festive spirit over delicious food.

The event concluded on a delightful note with a lively game of Housie, bringing ex-

citement and friendly competition among the participants. DG Manish was an enthusiastic participant pulling out the nose one by one. The cheerful participation and joyful moments made it a perfect ending to a memorable celebration.

District 3141 Holi celebrations were organised by the lead hosts President Bhavna Pandya of RC of Bombay Juhu Beach and President Sanjay Patel of RC Bombay Mulund Valley. Special thanks to Convenor Rtn Prakash Patel and Rtn Chetan Kotak, and Avenue Head Rtn Meenakshi Khosla.



Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park: Walkathon 2K26 Unites Community for Cancer Awareness



In a vibrant demonstration of community collaboration and public health advocacy, the Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park joined hands with Thakur Ramnarayan College of Arts and Commerce and PMK Foundation to organise Walkathon 2K26. The initiative was designed to promote cancer awareness while also marking the spirit of International Women's Day, creating a meaningful platform where health, education and social responsi-

bility came together.

The event represented a true "Triveni Sangam" of purpose — the combined strength of educational institutions, social organisations and Rotary working in partnership to advance a shared cause. The walkathon aimed to spread awareness about early detection, prevention and the message that cancer, when identified in time, can be treated successfully.

The programme was inaugurated in the presence of distinguished guests in-

cluding Manisha Chaudhary, along with Corporator Shri Ganesh Khankar and Corporator Mrs. Diksha Karkar. They were joined by Principal Dr. Sanmati Rajkumar, faculty members, students of the college, trustees of PMK Foundation, and Rotarians with their families, reflecting strong institutional and community participation.

Walkathon 2K26 witnessed an enthusiastic turnout, with more than 500 participants walking togeth-

er in solidarity for the cause. Students, community members and Rotary volunteers participated with energy and commitment, transforming the event into a lively movement of awareness and encouragement.

Beyond the physical walk, the event served as an important platform to emphasise that awareness and timely action can save lives. Participants were reminded that cancer is not merely a challenge to be feared but a disease that can often be

treated successfully when detected early.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates and mementos to participants, acknowledging their involvement and support. More than just a walk, Walkathon 2K26 became a collective expression of hope, awareness and community responsibility — a reminder that when people come together with a shared purpose, meaningful change begins with every step forward.

RC of Bombay Powai: Advancing Community Health Through Preventive Screening Initiatives

Access to timely healthcare remains one of the most significant determinants of community wellbeing. Recognising this need, the Rotary Club of Bombay Powai has been leading an impactful community health screening initiative that has reached thousands of beneficiaries across Mumbai and surrounding areas.

Under the leadership of President Rtn. Anju Ahluwalia, the club has adopted a focused and compassionate approach to improving healthcare accessibility. With the belief that good health forms the foundation of dignity and opportunity, the initiative aims to ensure that preventive medical services reach individuals who often remain outside the formal healthcare system.

Working closely with the President is Medical Director Rtn. Yogesh Gupta, whose professional guidance has been instrumental in designing and executing these camps with clinical discipline and care. Together with the club's medical team, they have built a programme that combines systematic screening with appropriate follow-up care.

The initiative has already achieved a significant milestone with 106 health screening camps conducted, benefiting 14,846 individuals. These camps provide general health screenings and eye check-ups, enabling early detection of medical conditions and guiding beneficiaries toward appropriate treatment. The programme has been strengthened through CSR support from L&T Public Charitable Trust, which has helped expand both the scale and quality of the initiative.

Health camps are strategically organised in underserved neighbourhoods and community spaces such as schools, community halls and local centres. An innovative aspect of the programme is the inclusion of camps within residential housing societies, ensuring that the urban support workforce—including domestic workers, drivers, security personnel and maintenance staff—also receives access to preventive healthcare.

Eye screenings conducted during these camps have identified numerous cases of cataract, many of which are subsequently treated through support from L&T Public Charitable Hospital. For many beneficiaries, such interventions restore not only vision but also independence and livelihood.

With more than 14,000 lives already touched, this initiative reflects the strength of collaboration between Rotary, medical professionals, CSR partners and local communities. As the Rotary Club of Bombay Powai continues to expand its efforts, the programme stands as a powerful example of how sustained commitment and thoughtful partnerships can make quality healthcare accessible to those who need it most.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu: Supporting Tribal Girls in Their Journey

Toward NEET and JEE Aspirations

Education has the power to transform lives, especially when opportunities reach students from underserved communities. Recognising this potential, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu (RCMJ) has extended meaningful support to a unique initiative aimed at empowering tribal girls through advanced academic preparation for competitive examinations.

The Tribal Affairs Department, Government of Maharashtra has undertaken a commendable programme to identify academically talented tribal students and prepare them for national-level entrance examinations. Through a rigorous selection process involving academic records, entrance tests and interviews, 100 tribal girls from across the state have



been chosen to participate in a specialised residential coaching programme.

The training centre located in Bhiwandi, Thane district provides these students with two years of intensive preparation for highly competitive examinations such as the NEET and the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE). The programme focuses on strengthening their knowledge in core subjects including biology, chemistry,

physics and mathematics, enabling them to pursue professional careers in medicine and engineering.

Understanding the importance of providing the right academic tools, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu stepped forward to support the learning environment at the training centre. As part of this initiative, the club donated a printer and photocopy machine to assist faculty in preparing and distributing study

materials, practice papers and worksheets essential for exam preparation. In addition, subject-specific academic books were distributed to all 100 students, ensuring that they have access to quality reference material aligned with the prescribed curriculum.

This initiative was made possible through the generous CSR support of Crystic Resins India Pvt Ltd, whose contribution enabled the procurement of these academic

resources.

The effort was warmly appreciated by Mr. Pavan Patil, Assistant Project Officer of the Tribal Affairs Department, who acknowledged the timely support extended by the club. Through this initiative, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu continues to help create pathways for talented young students to pursue their dreams and build a future shaped by education, opportunity and determination.



Escape to Nature: 2-Day Picnic at Grape County, Nashik

Friends... After 1.5 months of deliberations and going over the choices... We have finally closed the deal with one of the finest properties in our vicinity...

2 day picnic to Grape County

Eco Resort & Spa, Nashik

- » only 4 hours drive using the "new samruddhi highway"
- » 200 acre property
- » Living in the greens
- » lot of activities including Boating, Cycling, Trekking, Nature

Trails, Wine Tasting, StarGazing, Movie Nights
Check out the video of the property..

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Such a marvelous property at

this rate... Its a challenge if you can get such an awesome deal.... Thanks to our Inner core to be able to manage it!!!

And above all... The company of all the Inspire team and Rotarians of our District 3141...

Activities available for free there..

- » peddle boating,
- » Kayaking,
- » Cycling
- » nature trail
- » bird watching



The walk of courage at Drishtikon Discon



Rotary District 3141 continues to set benchmarks in public health with unwavering dedication to women's wellness. At the Discon, Rtn. Twinkle Sanghvi and Rtn. Shrutika Dharmasi delivered a comprehensive presentation spotlighting the district's remarkable achievements over the past seven months in this focus area.

Key Impact Highlights:

4,317 breast screenings conducted across diverse communities, enabling early detection and timely interventions.

2,078 cervical screenings performed, breaking barriers to accessible healthcare in un-



derlined areas.

2,859 girls aged 9-14 vaccinated against HPV, a proactive step to protect future generations and curb cervical cancer at its roots.

In a momentous launch, District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani unveiled a powerful multilingual awareness video. Crafted to resonate nation-

wide, it passionately advocates for cervical cancer vaccination and the vital importance of early screening. This resource will be disseminated widely across India via social media, community networks, and health campaigns to amplify preventive healthcare messages. PRID Ashok Mahajan and Rotarian Sudhir Joshi

were felicitated for their generous support, fuelling these life-saving initiatives.

The Emotional Pinnacle: The Walk of Courage

Tears, applause, and inspiration filled the air as our brave survivors and warriors graced the ramp: Rtn. Meenakshi Khosla, Rtn. Mary Francis, Ketna Shah, Para-athlete Geeta Chauhan, Rtn. Dr. Rameet, Indira Mehta. Their poised strides symbolized resilience, hope, and triumph over adversity—reminders that Rotary's service is not just about numbers, but about empowering lives and fostering a cancer-free future.

Rotary Club of Palghar Bus Stop Inauguration at Haranwadi Naka Brings Comfort and Safety to Students



In a thoughtful step towards improving daily life for local students, the Rotary Club of Palghar inaugurated a newly constructed bus stop at Haranwadi Naka on 24th February 2026 at 4:00 pm. This meaningful initiative reflects the club's commitment to creating safer and more supportive community spaces, especially for children who rely on public transport for their education.

Led by President Rtn. Sanjay Mahajan, the project was made possible through the generous support of the Sarita & Suresh Bhupal Bahirsheth Trust, with Project Chairman Sagar Patil playing a key role in driving the initiative forward. Secretary Rtn. Manish Pimpale and other club members extended their support to ensure smooth execution and successful completion of the project.

The newly inaugurated bus stop is more than just a physical structure—it serves as a much-needed shelter for school children who previously had to wait in harsh weather conditions,

whether under the scorching sun or during heavy rains. With this facility in place, students now have a safe and comfortable space while waiting for their buses, significantly improving their daily commuting experience.

The project highlights how small yet thoughtful interventions can have a meaningful impact on the community. By addressing a simple but critical need, the Rotary Club of Palghar has contributed to enhancing the well-being and safety of young students and their families.

The initiative also stands as a testament to the power of collaboration between Rotary and generous donors like Sagar Patil, whose contribution made this project possible. Such efforts inspire others to come forward and participate in building better, more inclusive communities.

This bus stop at Haranwadi Naka will continue to serve as a symbol of care, responsibility, and community spirit—benefiting countless students for years to come.

Empowering Women Through Awareness, Protection and Self-Defence



● KALA SHRIDHAR

On the eve of International Women's Day, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim, under the leadership of President Rtn. Shaila Rege, in collaboration with Manav Sparsh Charitable Trust, organised an awareness programme titled "Empowering Women Through Awareness, Protection and Self-Defence" for nursing students.

Rtn. Deepa Mani, IPP of RC Chembur (W) and Trustee of Manav Sparsh Charitable Trust, Advocate and Notary appointed by the Government of India, shared valuable legal insights on women's rights and protection laws. She spoke about equal remuneration, property rights, access to education, maternity benefits, workplace harassment laws, and legal safeguards against dowry and domestic harassment.

PSI Rupali Salunkhe from Kherwadi Police Station, Bandra, spoke about the Nirbhaya Squad, a state initiative

working round the clock to ensure women's safety. She also explained legal provisions relating to crimes against minors and shared information on helplines and online resources to address cyber harassment and prevent online blackmail.

A practical self-defence demonstration was conducted by Kyoshi Syed Abusad, an international karate instructor with over 25 years of experience. Nursing students actively participated and learned simple yet effective techniques to protect themselves in unsafe situations.

The programme was highly interactive and empowering, with around 70 nursing students and teachers attending. The event was also supported by members of Manav Sparsh Charitable Trust, police officers from Kherwadi Police Station, a self-defence expert, and several Rotarians and Rotractors, making it a meaningful and impactful initiative.



Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park: A Women's Wellness Initiative to Mark International Women's Day

Celebrating the strength and wellbeing of women, the Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park organised a comprehensive Women's Wellness Initiative at its Rotary Medical Centre to mark International Women's Day. The free health check-up camp brought together medical expertise, community participation and Rotary leadership to create a meaningful platform dedicated to women's health and awareness.

The initiative was designed to provide holistic healthcare services to women from the community. Participants had access to a wide range of medical screenings including dental check-ups, blood tests, heart health consultations, stress assessments, skin care consultations, mental health guidance and pranik healing sessions. The objective was not only to diagnose health concerns but also to encourage preventive care and greater awareness of women's physical and emotional wellbeing.

The camp was supported by the dedicated efforts of doctors from within the club as well as the medical panel associated with the Rotary Centre. Among those who offered their expertise were Dr. Kavita Khankar, who provided skin care consultations, and Dr. Vaidehi Rewandkar, a club

member who conducted heart health and general wellness assessments. Rtn. Manisha Shah contributed by offering pranik healing sessions, while the panel doctors of the Rotary Medical Centre extended their services with enthusiasm and compassion to the women who attended.

The project also witnessed active participation from the families of Rotarians. First Lady of the Club, Mrs. Sujata Rajagouda Patil, along with Mrs. Smita Tari, wife of Charter President Rtn. Sanjay Tari, and her daughter, were closely involved in organising and supporting the initiative.

The programme was made possible with the invaluable support and coordination of Medical Director Rtn. Priti Khanvilkar. President Rtn. CA Rajagouda Patil, Charter President Rtn. Sanjay Tari and Rtn. Rakhee Suneel expressed deep satisfaction with the initiative, appreciating the unity and dedication of the women who came together to make the project successful.

Through this initiative, the Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park reaffirmed the importance of prioritising women's health and wellbeing, demonstrating how collective effort and compassionate outreach can create lasting benefits for the community.

Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Drive Conducted at Canossa School, Mahim



The Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim, under its "Masik Chakra" project, successfully conducted a menstrual hygiene awareness session at Canossa School for Girls, Mahim, benefiting 325 students of Std. VII.

The session was led by gynaecologist Rtn. Dr. Sneha Venkateswaran, who addressed the students in a simple, clear, and interactive manner. The initiative aimed to create awareness, dispel myths, and promote healthy menstrual practices among adolescent girls.

Dr. Venkateswaran spoke about key aspects of adolescence, including physical changes, menstrual health, hygiene practices, nutrition, and the importance of seeking timely medical advice. Her approachable style helped students engage openly on what is often considered a sensitive topic.

Following the session, 325 sanitary kits were distributed to the students, reinforcing the club's commitment to promoting menstrual health and hygiene among young girls.

Holi celebration by RC Bombay Seaface



On 10th March, the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface celebrated a beautiful and unique Holi with flowers along with the trainees of Shree Vallabh Vishwa Rudra Mahayagna Trust. It was truly a heartwarming experience. The smiles on their faces said it all they enjoyed every moment, and that joy made the entire effort deeply meaningful.

PP Rtn. Rajen Desai and R'ann Rupa Desai, PP Rtn. Dr. Gool Ghadiali, PP Rtn. Purna Mehta, IPP Rtn. Minal, Rtn. Preeti Joshi, R'ann Gopi were present to share the celebration with the trainees. To make the occasion even more special, lunch was also served to all the trainees, adding warmth and joy to the



afternoon.

A heartfelt thank you to PP Rtn. Rajen Desai and R'ann Rupa Desai for initiating this beautiful tradition in 2017 and for nurturing it with the same dedication, commitment, and love year after year. Their continued efforts have made this celebration a truly meaningful Rotary fellowship and service initiative.

RC Bombay Seaface: HPV Vaccination

The Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface successfully administered the second dose of the HPV vaccine to eligible girl students and female teachers across multiple schools, reaffirming its commitment to preventive healthcare and the well-being of young girls in the community.

On 10th March, the vaccination drive was conducted at Chanda Ramji School and Vanita Vishram School, where eligible students and teachers received their second dose. The project continued with another successful vaccination session at Modern School, ensuring that beneficiaries at different locations could complete their vaccination cycle.

A special highlight of this initiative was the wholehearted support of our dedicated medical team. The project was carried out under the professional guidance of Dr. Pankaj Parekh, Dr. Raksha Mangaldas, and Dr. Meena Vora, along with



the enthusiastic participation of Dr. Shruti Vora, daughter of Rtn. Manishi and Dr. Meena Vora, who generously contributed her time and effort to this noble cause. Their expertise ensured the smooth and effective execution of the vaccination program.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Rtn. Anil Popat for arranging the medicinal supplies and ensuring the seamless implementation of the project. A special note of appreciation goes to Rtn. Nilesh Suchak for generously funding this impactful initiative. Their support has played a vital role in safeguarding the health of young girls and advancing Rotary's commitment to community service.



Sangam at Rishikesh : A Landmark Multi-District Fellowship Meet



A historic and grand gathering of the Rotary fraternity unfolded in the spiritual city of Rishikesh with the two-day international conference "Sangam at Rishikesh" – the First Multi-District Fellowship Meet of Rotarians. Hosted at Nirvana River Resort under the aegis of the Rotary Club of Haridwar, the event stood as a testament to unity, collaboration, and the evolving spirit of Rotary fellowship. This remarkable initiative, conceptualized by AG Rtn Narendra Shah of Rotary Club of Borivli (District 3141), garnered widespread appreciation and quickly gained momentum across districts. The presence of Rotarians from diverse regions of India added vibrancy and depth, making the conference both memorable and inspiring.

The event was coordinated by IPP Rtn Sanjeev Sethi (Rotary Club of Yamunanagar), District Executive Secretary Rtn Pankaj Pandey (Rotary Club of Haridwar), PP Rtn Prashant Martin (District 3191), along with Rtn Alok Saraswat, President of Rotary Club of Haridwar. They emphasized that this initiative marked the first time that office bearers from multiple Rotary districts across the country convened on a single platform dedicated purely to fellowship. Distinguished



dignitaries including Past Rotary International Director Rtn Kamal Sanghvi, Rtn V.K. Raju, Founder President of the Eye Foundation of USA & UK, and District Governor Rtn Ravi Prakash (District 3080), along with numerous leaders and members, graced the occasion. The conference witnessed participation from over 85 representatives spanning nearly 20 Rotary districts, including Districts 3056, 3250, 3191, 3142, 3080, 3011, 3060, 3110, 3141, 3070, 3262, 3090, 3170, 3291, 3181, 3040, 3120, and 3240.

Through engaging sessions focused on service initiatives, social impact projects, and leadership development, the conference fostered meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas. Set against the serene and sacred backdrop of Rishikesh, the event beautifully embodied Rotary's guiding principle — "Friendship through Service and Service through Friendship."

Rotary Club of Bombay West – An Evening of Inspiration and a Championship to Remember



The Rotary Club of Bombay West experienced a truly memorable and inspiring phase on 25th February 2026, marked by an extraordinary weekly meeting followed by a remarkable sporting achievement. In a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport, the evening was elevated by the presence of legendary cricketer Harbhajan Singh, whose warmth, humility, and engaging personality left a lasting impression on everyone उपस्थित.

From signing countless caps

to patiently posing for photographs, Harbhajan Singh exemplified grace and humility. The interactive session, skillfully anchored by Rtn. Anjali Malviya, brought out his witty and reflective side as he shared anecdotes from his illustrious career, including the iconic 2011 ICC Cricket World Cup victory and his historic 2001 hat-trick against Australia. His reflections on teamwork, perseverance, and gratitude resonated deeply with the audience, reminding all present that true greatness is rooted



in character.

Adding a heartfelt touch to the evening, Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran presented a Hindi poem dedicated to the cricketer legend, making the occasion even more special. The event stood as a perfect blend of fellowship, inspiration, and celebration.

Continuing this spirit of excellence, the Rotary Club of Bombay West went on to achieve sporting glory by winning the prestigious Diamond Cup T20 3141 Championship. The victory symbolised resili-

ence, unity, and unwavering team spirit. From disciplined gameplay to strong camaraderie, the team showcased what can be achieved when individuals come together with a shared purpose.

This dual celebration—of inspiration through interaction and triumph through teamwork—beautifully reflects the essence of Rotary fellowship. It serves as a reminder that whether on stage or on the field, dedication, humility, and unity create moments that are cherished for years to come

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RC of Mumbai Kandivli West: Transforming Learning Spaces through School Development Initiative

In a significant step towards strengthening educational infrastructure for under-privileged children, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West successfully completed and inaugurated the renovation of two schools on 10th March 2026. The inauguration was graciously led by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani, whose presence added inspiration and encouragement to this impactful initiative.

The two schools—Shakti

Seva School, Ravalpada, Dahisar, and Shrimati Rajdevi School, Laljipada, Kandivli—are located in densely populated slum areas and cater to children from economically weaker sections. Recognising the urgent need to improve learning environments, the club undertook a comprehensive renovation of these institutions, creating safer, cleaner, and more conducive spaces for education.

This meaningful project was made possible with the



generous support of MAIT India Foundation Equipment Pvt. Ltd., whose contribution played a vital role in bringing the vision to life. The club also

extended heartfelt gratitude to PP Rtn. Jatin Parikh for his valuable support and involvement in the initiative.

The project was led with dedication by School Development Director Rtn. Mitesh Shah and

his committed team, under the leadership of President Rtn. Shashikala Charles and Secretary Rtn. Parag Storewala. Their collective efforts ensured timely execution and high-quality outcomes, directly benefiting the students and staff of both schools.

The presence of DG Dr. Manish Motwani at both locations brought enthusiasm and recognition to the initiative, highlighting the importance of investing in education as a

foundation for long-term community development.

By upgrading these schools, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West has not only improved infrastructure but also created an environment that nurtures learning, confidence, and aspiration among young minds. This initiative stands as a meaningful step towards empowering children with better opportunities and building a brighter future for the community.

The Rotary Club of Bombay East: Sustaining a Legacy of Healthcare Through the Shri Ramjibhai Kamani Medical Centre

For over six decades, the Rotary Club of Bombay East has nurtured one of its most meaningful contributions to society the Shri Ramjibhai Kamani Medical Centre. More than just a healthcare facility, the Centre represents a living legacy of compassion, foresight, and sustained community service.

Inaugurated on 23rd October 1966, on the auspicious day of Vijaya Dashami, by the then Governor of Maharashtra, Dr. P. V. Cheria, the Medical Centre was established under the Nitish Laharry Project through the Bombay East Rotary Charitable Trust. At a time when organised and affordable diagnostic healthcare was scarce, this initiative was visionary. It created an institutional model dedicated to delivering reliable, subsidised medical services to the underserved a mission that remains unchanged even today.

Guided by Rotary's timeless motto, Service Above Self, the Centre has grown into a multi-disciplinary healthcare hub. Supported by 36 experienced doctors and 16 committed staff members, it functions with remarkable efficiency while ensuring that every



patient is treated with dignity and care. Across more than sixteen departments, it provides a wide spectrum of services — from spectrography, X-ray imaging, and pathology diagnostics to general medicine, gynaecology, dermatology, orthopaedics, dental care, and ophthalmology.

Particularly noteworthy are its physiotherapy units, among the busiest departments, helping patients regain mobility and independence. Preventive healthcare counselling and early-detection diagnostics further strengthen its role as a community health safeguard rather than merely a treatment facility.

The Centre's annual impact speaks volumes: over 40,000 patients are treated each year, supported by an operational outlay of

approximately ₹2.5 crores. Yet, beyond these numbers lie stories of reassurance families relieved of financial strain, illnesses detected early, and lives restored through timely intervention.

Aligned with Rotary International's focus on Disease Prevention and Treatment, the Medical Centre bridges critical public healthcare gaps through affordable diagnostics, chronic disease management, rehabilitation services, and community awareness initiatives. It also serves as the backbone for several humanitarian outreach programmes such as Jaipur Foot camps, police health check-ups, blood donation drives, and medical camps that extend Rotary's care far beyond clinic walls.

The Centre's endurance is the

result of decades of stewardship by dedicated Rotarians who have regarded this project not as an assignment, but as a mission. Continuous modernisation, expansion of services, high professional standards, and financial sustainability have ensured that the institution evolves while remaining rooted in its founding values. Today, the Shri Ramjibhai Kamani Medical Centre stands as a pillar of trust a place of healing, hope, and human connection. As it steps into its next decade, it remains a shining example of how disciplined, long-term service can transform communities. This is not merely the story of a medical centre; it is the story of Rotary at its finest — quietly, consistently serving humanity, decade after decade.

Rotract - Reizen, Rotasia, RISE & Bombay bazar



What began as a simple trip to North India soon transformed into an unforgettable journey filled with purpose, bonding, and lifelong memories. This trip was undertaken with a dual motive to raise funds for the Rotract Movement and to expand its membership by connecting with people, sharing our values, and experiencing the true spirit of fellowship. Our journey started in Delhi, setting the tone for the adventure ahead.

From there, we headed towards the serene mountains of Manali, where we spent two refreshing days surrounded by breathtaking landscapes, pleasant weather, and moments of pure joy. Manali gave us not just scenic views but also thrilling experiences like paragliding, which filled everyone with excitement and a sense of freedom, and river rafting in Kullu, where teamwork and adrenaline brought us even closer together. The journey continued to Kasol, where we spent a day embracing calmness and spirituality.

A visit to the Manikaran Temple and Gurudwara was a deeply peaceful experience, offering moments of reflection and gratitude amid the beauty of nature. Each destination added its own charm, culture, and memories to our journey.

An overnight drive to Amritsar led us to experiences that were both emotional and patriotic. Visiting the Golden Temple was truly soul-stirring, filling everyone with peace and humility. The Attari-Wagah Border ceremony ignited feelings of national pride, while the visit to Jallianwala Bagh reminded us of the sacrifices made for



our freedom, leaving a deep impact on all of us. With a group of 168 enthusiastic participants, the trip was also packed with fun and entertainment. Multiple DJ nights with themed parties brought endless laughter, dancing, and bonding, creating memories that will be cherished for years to come. These moments strengthened friendships, built new connections, and truly reflected the unity and spirit of Rotract.

More than just a trip, this journey became a platform for learning, leadership, and collaboration. It successfully contributed towards fund-raising efforts and helped in spreading awareness about the Rotract Movement, while also giving everyone a chance to grow

personally and collectively. One of the most enriching aspects of the trip was exploring local cuisines at every place we visited. From street food in Delhi to regional delicacies in the hills and authentic Punjabi flavors in Amritsar, every meal became a celebration of culture and togetherness.

As the trip came to an end, we returned not just with photographs, but with stories, friendships, lessons, and a renewed sense of purpose. This North India trip will always remain a beautiful chapter in our Rotract journey one that blended travel with meaning, fun with responsibility, and memories with impact.

Rimjhim 4.0 : When Shakti Meets Art, Creation Becomes Power

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Kalakar organised an unforgettable evening, celebrating the spirit and power of women through art, culture and service.

Graced by our Chief Guests Dr. Manish Motwani, District Governor, and Dr. Mahek Motwani, the event brought together powerful performances and a powerful purpose.

Under the leadership of Club President Rtn Poojaa Mehhta, and Show Convener Rtn Sree Nandy, the evening featured:

- Ganesh Vandana, Shakti Dance and the unique Shakti Walk by the powerful ladies and Past & Upcoming First Ladies of Rotary, with showstopper Dr. Mahek Motwani, choreographed and presented by Sree Nandy Dance Productions
- Durga Stuti by Kalakar singers



Dibyendu Sensharma, Suparna Chakravarty and Archita Bhattacharjee

- A mesmerizing Nav Durga Bharatanatyam performance by Chitra Dalvi
- A captivating live painting by Dr. Vaishali Das - to be auctioned - pl connect to President Poojaa Mehhta - Proceeds to go for the cause of women empowerment!
- Live singing performance

by Rtn Kunal Kaushal and Playback singer Sanjeevani Belande

- Shakti poetry by Rtn Vishal Saxena RC Bombay Powai
- The most meaningful moment of the night was when RC Kalakar handed over the cheque for establishing a Vocational Center to the first batch of beneficiaries — made possible through CSR support, with special efforts by Rtn Chandrasekaran Iyer and other

generous sponsors, Project under Urban vocational chair Rtn Rajendra Unnikrishnan, RCMK chair Rtn Haima Deshpande

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From emceeing to backstage management, the entire RCMK team came together to make the evening truly special, including Rtn Anasuya Banerjee, Club Secretary Rtn Suparna Chakravarty, Club Treasurer Rtn Malabika Bose, IPP Rtn Haima Deshpande, Rtn Ayesha Dodeja, Rtn Debarati Lahiri, Rtn Madhubanti Sharma, Rtn Madhumita Manna and friends of RCMK like Sudipta Mukherjee Mandal.

An evening where Shakti met Service, and art created impact.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab: SPARKLE 2026 – Walk for a Cause for Cancer Awareness & Early Detection



Blending purpose with participation, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab, along with co-host clubs—Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers, Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, and Rotary Club of Mulund Hill View—successfully organized SPARKLE 2026 – Walk for a Cause, a unique initiative dedicated to cancer awareness and early detection. Held on 21st and 22nd February 2026 the event brought together commu-

nity members in an inspiring display of confidence, compassion, and collective responsibility. Conceptualised as a beauty pageant and fundraiser under the theme “Walk for a Cause”, the event witnessed an enthusiastic response with 125 participants across three age categories—18–30, 31–50, and 51+. A complimentary grooming session conducted on 15th February equipped participants with

skills in make-up and ramp walk, building both confidence and engagement. The event was graced by distinguished guests including DG Dr. Manish Motwani and Dr. Mehak Motwani, along with several Rotary leaders and community dignitaries. The event successfully raised ₹7,50,000, underscoring the power of innovative fundraising for meaningful causes. The funds will support cancer screening

camp and early medical intervention, addressing a growing need identified through interactions with doctors, community members, and Rotary networks. Beyond the glamour and celebration, SPARKLE 2026 delivered a powerful message on the importance of early detection and preventive healthcare. By encouraging dialogue, participation, and awareness, the initiative aims to foster a more informed and

health-conscious society. With the dedicated efforts of members including Minishaa Oberoi, Arun Bhoocher, Seema Bhoocher, Jotinder Ahluwalia, Monica Menon, Aarti Jadhav, Manoj Sinha, Jasbir Nagi, and the entire team, SPARKLE 2026 stood as a shining example of how creativity and purpose can come together to create lasting impact—lighting the way toward healthier communities and hopeful futures.

Let's Save Lives by Reviving Hearts

When Dr. Akshay Mehta, Past President of the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport (RCBA) and the driving force behind this initiative, received a request from Arthur Road Jail to install an AED machine within its premises, it was a welcome surprise. The jail houses over 3,500 inmates, and incidents of cardiac arrest do occur from time to time, making CPR training and AED machines critically important.

On 26 August 2025, RCBA installed its 61st AED at Arthur Road Jail in the presence of PDG Rajendra Agarwal, PP Girish Agrawal, RCBA President Pragna Mehta, generous donors PP AKS Shachin and PDC Hima Nanavati, Dr. Snigdha Mehta, and Rtn Swapna John, who regularly provides dental care services to inmates.

The training session conducted for the medical staff and inmates was inspiring. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and

eagerness to learn reflected a strong desire to help others and be prepared for emergencies. Earlier, with the installation of an AED at the Lower Parel Railway Workshop on 14 August 2025, RCBA completed AED installations at 54 railway stations, covering all stations along the Western Railway route from Churchgate to Virar. Installations have also extended along the Central Railway line, reaching stations such as Lonavala and Ulhasnagar.

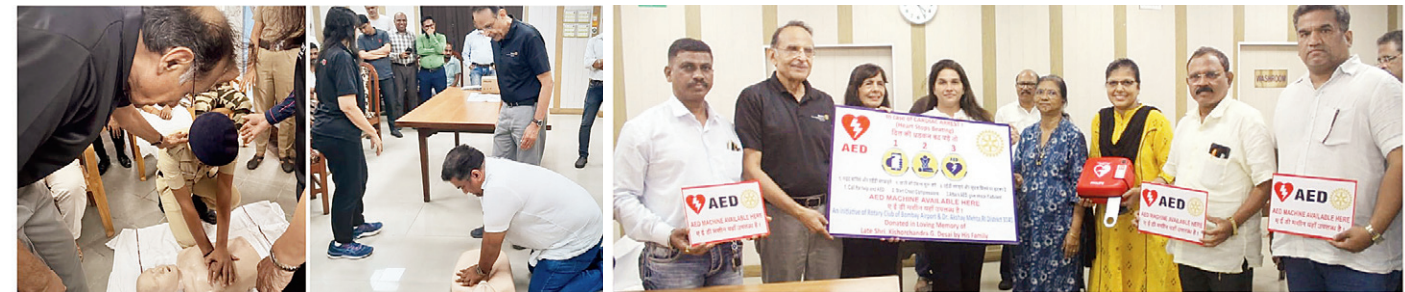
At every station, extensive training sessions were conducted to help railway officials, vendors, porters, and other staff recognize cardiac arrest and respond quickly with CPR and AED use.

The true success of this initiative lies in the outcomes — three lives have already been saved thanks to this training: two by railway staff at stations and one by a trained staff member who used the knowledge to save a life

in her neighbourhood. Beyond railway premises, RCBA has installed AED machines at police stations and chowkis, office premises, the SRPF ground, Mount Mary Church, and the Freemason Lodge, among other locations. CPR training programs also continue across schools, colleges, and housing societies. This impactful initiative has been made possible through the generous support of RCBA members and donors, along with valuable assistance from PDG Rajendra Agarwal and PP Girish Agrawal in facilitating installations across Western Railway stations. As RCBA continues expanding AED installations and CPR training, we invite everyone to spread awareness and support this life-saving mission. Because in a cardiac arrest, every second counts — and a pair of trained hands can make the difference between life and death.



By Rtn Kala Sridhar with inputs from Pres Pragna Mehta, RCBA.



Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas Empowering Young Girls through Vocational Training at Saksharta Foundation



In a meaningful step towards building a more inclusive and self-reliant future, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas launched its Vocational Training Charity Program at the Saksharta Foundation, Juhu, on 17 February 2026. Focused on empowering young girls through skill development, the initiative reflects a deep commitment to creating opportunities where they are needed the most.

Led by President Rtn. Sunita Goyal and spearheaded by Project Head PE Rtn. Nupur Lohia, the project was made possible through the generous contributions of Rtn. Sunita Goyal, PE Rtn. Nupur Lohia, Rtn. Rachna Jhunjhunwala, and Rtn. Shishim Kedia. The initiative was further supported by volunteers PE Rtn. Nupur Lohia and Rtn. Shikha Goyal, who ensured smooth coordination and implementation at every stage.

The program aims to sponsor a one-year vocational training course for 10 young girls who have completed their education up to the 8th grade. By equipping them with practical skills, the initiative seeks to enhance their employability and foster financial independence. The need for such an intervention was identified by PE Rtn. Nupur Lohia, who recognised the challenges faced by girls in continuing education and accessing skill-based opportunities.

With a total project cost of ₹50,000, the initiative may be modest in scale but is powerful in impact. It provides these young girls with the tools and confidence needed to shape their own futures, breaking cycles of limitation and opening doors to new possibilities.

Beyond skill-building, the project carries a larger message—that education and opportunity can transform lives when supported with intent and care. By investing in these young girls today, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas is helping build a generation of confident, capable individuals ready to contribute meaningfully to society.

This initiative stands as a testament to how focused efforts and collective goodwill can create lasting change—one opportunity, one life at a time.



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Environment 2026: India at a Turning Point

OPINION



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India in 2026 stands at a critical environmental crossroads. The latest State of India's Environment (SOE) 2026 report paints a stark picture: our planet's life-support systems are under unprecedented stress, and India is firmly within what scientists now describe as the "danger zone."

Seven of the nine global planetary boundaries the ecological limits that keep Earth stable have already been crossed. These include climate change, biodiversity loss, freshwater depletion, land degradation, pollution, disruption of nutrient cycles, and now even ocean acidification, which has risen by nearly 30–40 percent in recent decades. When such boundaries are breached, the consequences ripple through every aspect of life from agriculture and health to economic stability. For a nation like India, where development aspirations remain high and millions still depend directly on natural resources, the stakes are especially significant.

Climate Change Arriving Faster Than Expected:

The global 1.5°C warming threshold once seen as a distant alarm is now increasingly being exceeded in recent yearly averages. India has already begun experiencing the consequences. Early 2026 witnessed unusually high February temperatures in parts of North India, touching 30°C, an anomaly that signals the possibility of harsher and longer summer heatwaves.

Rising temperatures are not the only concern. Changing rainfall patterns are creating a troubling imbalance: intense rainfall events in some regions, while others face prolonged dry spells. The Himalayan glaciers, which feed many of India's major rivers, are melting faster than before, increasing the risk of Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) sudden and devastating floods triggered by collapsing glacial lakes.

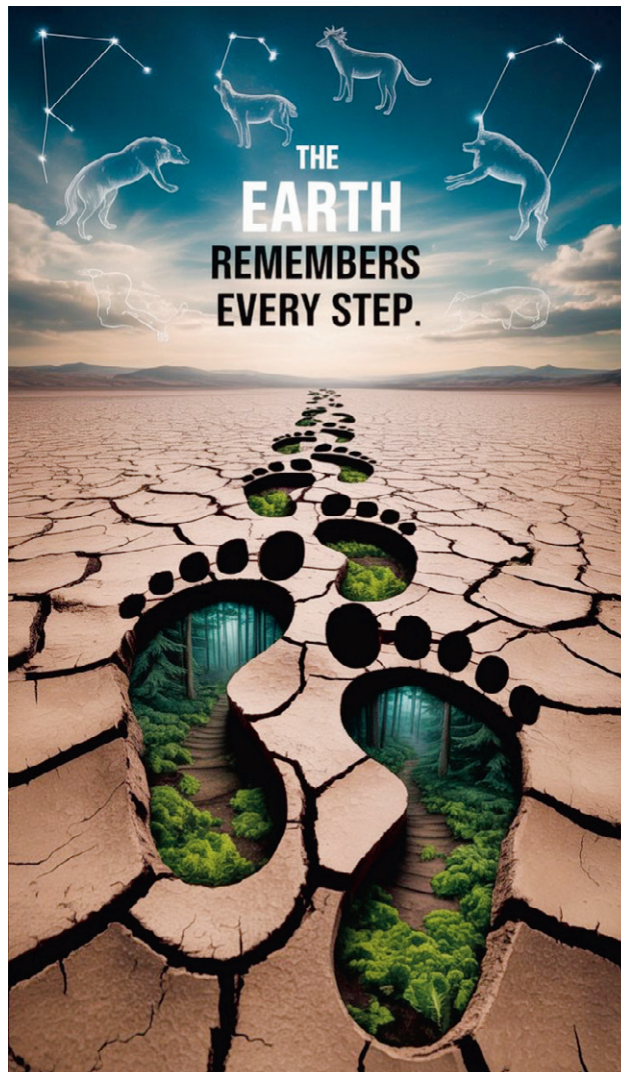
These shifts directly threaten food security, water availability, and rural livelihoods.

Air Pollution: A Continuing National Emergency

Despite growing awareness, air pollution remains one of India's most persistent environmental crises. Alarming, nearly 85 percent of the population lives beyond the reach of continuous air quality monitoring stations, leaving large gaps in understanding the true scale of the problem. Northern India continues to suffer from the so-called "bowl effect," where winter atmospheric conditions trap pollutants close to the ground. The Indo-Gangetic plains, surrounded by mountain ranges and experiencing stagnant winter winds, become a giant basin holding smoke, dust, and emissions. Another challenge is the legacy of old landfills. Many cities still struggle with mountains of untreated waste, and remediation projects have progressed slower than planned. These sites continue to release toxic gases, contaminate groundwater, and occupy valuable urban land.

Biodiversity Under Pressure:

India remains one of the world's biodiversity hotspots, yet the pressures on wildlife and ecosystems are mounting. Habitat fragmentation, invasive plant species such as Lantana camara, and declining prey bases are altering animal behaviour.



In several regions, this has increased human-wildlife conflict, particularly involving tigers moving beyond protected areas. At the same time, conservation initiatives such as Project Tiger and international efforts like the Global Big Cats Summit scheduled in 2026 demonstrate India's continuing leadership in wildlife protection.

However, conservation today must go beyond protecting isolated sanctuaries. It must focus on restoring ecological corridors and landscapes where

humans and wildlife coexist.

Energy Transition: Progress with Complexities:

India has made notable progress in expanding renewable energy. By late 2025, nearly half of the country's installed power capacity came from non-fossil sources, a significant milestone in the global energy transition.

Yet coal remains a major component of the energy mix, reflecting the challenge of balancing development needs

with climate commitments. The proposed launch of a national carbon market in 2026 could be a major step toward reducing industrial emissions. However, renewable energy expansion itself is beginning to create new challenges. Large solar and wind projects sometimes require vast land areas, occasionally leading to habitat loss and local conflicts, a phenomenon often described as "green versus green."

The Policy Challenge:

Perhaps the most important lesson emerging from the 2026 environmental outlook is that reactive responses are no longer sufficient. For decades, environmental management has often focused on damage control compensating for deforestation, treating pollution after it occurs, or responding to disasters.

The future demands proactive ecological restoration rebuilding forests, restoring water systems, protecting biodiversity corridors, and designing cities that work with nature rather than against it.

This shift is also essential for India's long-term national vision of "Viksit Bharat @ 2047." Economic growth and environmental stability are not competing goals; they are deeply intertwined. A degraded environment ultimately weakens economic progress, public health, and social well-being.

A Role for Civil Society and Rotary

This is where civil society organizations, including Rotary, have an important role to play. Rotary clubs across India have already contributed through tree-plantation drives, water conservation projects, waste management initiatives, and environmental awareness campaigns.

But the challenge ahead requires scaling up these efforts and integrating them with scientific knowledge and com-

munity participation. Projects that restore lakes, reduce plastic use, promote sustainable agriculture, and educate young citizens can create powerful local impact.

Environmental stewardship is not only a scientific or governmental responsibility it is a civic duty.

A "Now or Never" Moment:

The message from the State of India's Environment 2026 report is clear: the coming decade will determine whether humanity stabilizes the planet or crosses irreversible tipping points.

India's path forward must combine economic ambition with ecological wisdom. If development is pursued with sustainability at its core, the country can become a global model for balancing growth with environmental responsibility.

For Rotarians committed to the ideals of service above self, protecting the environment is not just an environmental cause. It is a commitment to safeguarding the future of the communities we serve.

As environmentalist Rachel Carson once warned:

"In nature nothing exists alone."

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