



# Inspire

When You Change Your Thoughts, Remember to Also Change Your World

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## Why the Rotary District Conference Matters & Why You Should Be There

Rtn Kashmiri Ganatra, President RC Mulund Hill View, the Host Club

EXPERIENCE  
THE POWER OF  
ROTARY

KASHMIRA GANATRA



As Rotarians, we often ask ourselves a simple but powerful question: What more can I do to make my Rotary journey meaningful? The answer, I firmly believe, lies in experiencing the Rotary District Conference.

A Rotary District Conference is not just another event on the calendar. It is the heartbeat of the District — a space where service meets inspiration, where fellowship deepens, and where every Rotarian reconnects with the larger purpose of Rotary. It is the one occasion in the Rotary year where the entire District comes together as one family to celebrate achievements, reflect on lessons, exchange ideas and renew our collective commitment to Service Above Self.

When you attend a District Conference, you realize how wide the Rotary exists, beyond our clubs. Rotary will touch you. I have seen many new comers and first timers who attend the first time, they like it so much that they never miss a conference. You get addicted to the event! I am one of them too! There is so much to learn, so many new people to be met who can be your friend well beyond the conference!

For the District Governor, the Dis-

**District Conference Drishtikon unites Rotarians in inspiration, learning and fellowship, celebrates service excellence, shares fresh perspectives, honors leadership, strengthens friendships, energizes, and renews commitment to Service Above Self through impactful sessions, culture, networking, and vision.**



trict Conference holds a very special place. It represents the culmination of a year of vision, planning, leadership and service. It is the moment when the Governor's message, priorities and dreams for the District find collective expression. It is also an opportunity for the Governor to thank Rotarians, acknowledge outstanding service, and inspire everyone to carry forward the Rotary spirit with renewed energy. When you

attend the District Conference, you are not just attending an event — you are standing shoulder to shoulder with the Governor in shaping the District's story.

This year's District Conference has been thoughtfully themed "Drishtikon" — a word that signifies perspective, vision and the courage to look at the world differently. In a rapidly changing world, Rotary too must continuously evolve, reimagine and respond. Drishtikon invites us to pause, reflect and ask: How can we serve better? How can we lead with empathy? How can we create impact that truly lasts? The Conference promises to offer fresh viewpoints through inspiring speakers, meaningful conversations and shared experiences that broaden our outlook — not just as Rotarians, but as individuals and leaders in our communities. The Conference has been curated to be enriching, engaging and memorable. Participants can look forward to:

- Thought-provoking sessions by eminent speakers from diverse fields
- Celebrations of Rotary service and recognition of outstanding contri-

butions

- Opportunities for fellowship, networking and bonding with Rotarians across clubs
- Cultural programmes and special segments that combine creativity with purpose
- Interactive moments that leave you motivated, informed and proud to be a Rotarian

Behind the scenes, an extraordinary amount of effort is going into making this Conference a grand success. Our District Governor Dr Manish Motwani, the Conference Convenor J Ganesh, and the entire Organising Committee — a committed team of senior and dedicated Rotarians — are leaving no stone unturned. Every detail, big and small, is being planned with care, passion and a shared resolve to deliver an experience that reflects the best of Rotary.

As the Host Club President of Rotary Club of Mulund Hill View, I can say with pride that our members have embraced this responsibility with enthusiasm and humility. Hosting the District Conference is both an honour and a

**A unifying Rotary experience of vision, service, and fellowship— featuring inspiring speakers, meaningful connections, celebration of achievements, and fresh perspectives that strengthen our collective commitment to Service Above Self.**

commitment. Our Host Club members are working tirelessly — coordinating logistics, welcoming delegates, supporting programmes and ensuring that every participant feels the warmth of Rotary fellowship. It is truly heartening to witness the spirit of teamwork and service in action.

I would urge every Rotarian, spouse and family member to attend the District Conference. Come not just as a delegate, but as an active participant in the District's journey. Come to learn, to connect, to celebrate and to be inspired. The memories you create, the friendships you strengthen and the perspectives you gain will stay with you long after the Conference concludes.

Drishtikon is more than a theme — it is an invitation to see Rotary, service and ourselves with renewed clarity. I look forward to welcoming you personally and sharing this enriching experience together.

Let us come together, in large numbers, to make this District Conference truly unforgettable.

# The Largest Concrete Rotary Emblem in the World!

## DOWN MEMORY LANE



**Dr Lucky S Kasat**  
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 Speaker | Author

**Off the coast of Atimonan in Lamon Bay, an ambitious community-led initiative transformed environmental loss into ecological renewal. Faced with depleted fishing grounds and the absence of natural mangroves, Rotarians, fisherfolk, soldiers, and local authorities united to create the Philippines' largest artificial reef—reviving marine life, restoring livelihoods, and redefining coastal conservation, as chronicled by Dr Lucky S Kasat.**



### Why the reef?

In their aim to protect and rehabilitate the fishing grounds fronting this town, officials, environmentalists, fisherfolk placed reefs using bamboo only to be destroyed by illegal commercial fishers. Reefs were needed because of the natural absence of mangrove areas in the vicinity. A mangrove forest is the natural breeding ground of marine species.

### The sheer scale

Rotarians banded together and built a massive concrete artificial reef, they sank it to the bottom of Lamon Bay. It is the Philippines' biggest reef, 4 meter high and 21 meter in diameter, weighing 85 tons. It is supported by many concrete-like balusters (pillars). On top of the artificial reef is a two-inch concrete slab showing the biggest Rotary emblem in the world!

### The power of a single Rotarian

De Gracia, a Rotarian and own-



er of the De Gracia beach resort at Barangay Balubad, Atimonan, Quezon, where the giant reef was constructed, conceptualized this idea. Quezon is the most populous city in the Philippines and former capital, named after President Manuel Quezon. Rotary Club of Atimonan in a municipality in the province

of Quezon, and the local government sponsored funding activities for its construction.

### Soldiers chip in too

Soldiers from the Armed Forces' Southern Luzon Command joined in by building several sections of the reef. The cost reached P1.2 million. Rotary

Club of Madera in the USA provided half of the project cost as a Rotary Foundation matching grant.

### No styro & rubber on the bay

More than 1,000 sacks of styrofoam and rubber pieces were used to serve as floaters that were tied under the water

inside the different sections of the reef. The long coastline of the Lamon Bay in Atimonan and nearby towns had been cleaned of styro and rubber debris because of their buying frenzy.

### Return of diverse marine species

The collective effort is now bearing fruit with the return of diverse marine species to the area, as there is plenty of sur-

face area for coral to grow on and plenty of nooks for fish to shelter in. There is a reappearance of butanding whale sharks in the bay area. "Butanding" is the local Filipino name for the whale shark. The reef also became a tourist attraction that boosted the local economy. Fishermen build bamboo rafts and rent them to tourists who visit the reef to eat, rest, dive, and even feed the fishes.



## Inspired in Action: Advancing Together Toward DRISHTIKON

As our Inspired Rotary Year gathers momentum, collective effort is translating vision into visible impact. From meaningful service initiatives to professional integrity through Rotary Verified Business, the spirit of fellowship remains strong. With DRISHTIKON approaching, this is a moment to reflect, renew purpose, and move forward together with confidence and pride.

### INSPIRED MOMENTS



**Dr. Manish Motwani**  
Dist Governor, 25-26

**My Dear Rotary Family,**

**Warm greetings to each one of you and your families.**

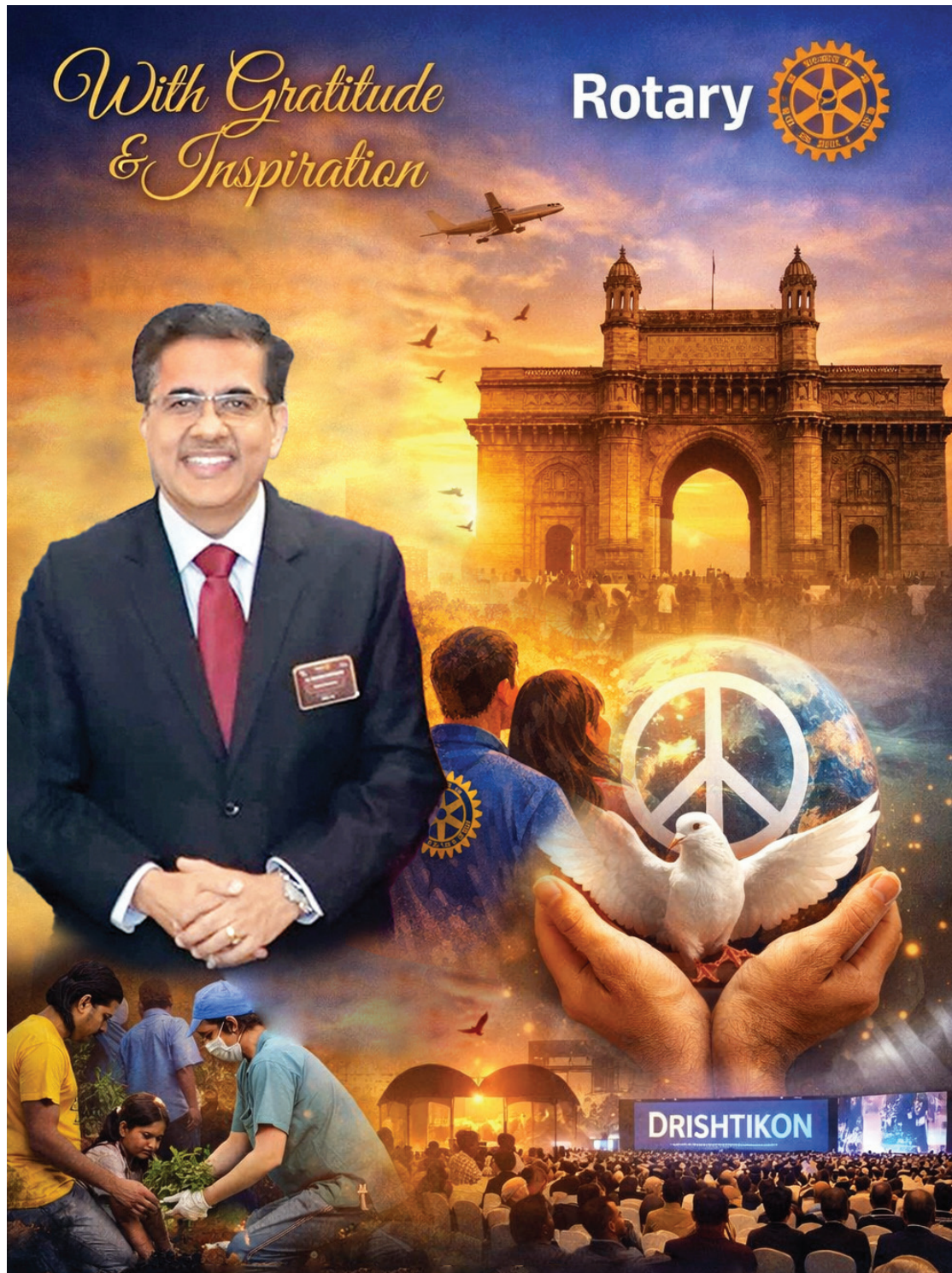
As we move steadily forward in this Inspired Rotary Year, I pause once again with a sense of gratitude and quiet pride at what we have collectively achieved so far. The past few weeks have been especially energizing — full of purposeful activity, meaningful outcomes, and visible Rotary impact. It is heartening to see how consistently our clubs and members continue to rise to the occasion, translating intent into action.

We are now truly on the cusp of a very special milestone of this Rotary year — the Governor's signature annual event, our District Conference. The District Conference is not merely another programme on the calendar; it is the one event that, in many ways, sets the tone for the success, inspiration and memories of the entire year. I have therefore dedicated a separate, exclusive message elsewhere in this bulletin to share details and excitement around DRISHTIKON, our District Conference. Through this routine message, I wish to gently but firmly urge every Rotarian — whether new to Rotary or a seasoned member — to participate in large numbers and make this celebration truly representative of our district's collective spirit.

Before we get there, let me reflect on the encouraging momentum we are witnessing across multiple fronts.

Following a highly successful Rotary Service Week and the strong initiation and progress of our Rotary Hospital initiatives, I am delighted to share that yet another ambitious initiative of this year has seen excellent execution and participation — the Rotary Verified Business (RVB) Certification.

A large number of Rotarians applied and went through the process with sincerity and commitment. Personally, one of the most fulfilling moments for me was witnessing the joy, pride and sense of achievement on the faces of those Rotarians who received their Rotary Verified Business certificates. My heartfelt congratulations for all who got certified and urge others not to be left behind. It is not merely a certificate; it is a statement of values, a mark of trust, and a powerful differentiator in today's world.



As we cruise into the second half of the inspired Rotary Year, I want to take this moment to sincerely thank each one of you for the support, encouragement and cooperation you have extended so far. Leadership in Rotary is never an individual journey — it is a collective effort, and I have been fortunate to walk this path with such committed, compassionate and capable Rotarians.

That said, let us also remind ourselves that we still have a long way to go. This is not the time to rest on our laurels. At the same time, it is equally important not to feel overwhelmed if you believe you are behind on the goals you had set for your club or for yourself.

Rotary is a marathon, not a sprint. If you are ahead — help someone who is behind.

If you feel behind — take heart, refocus, and move forward steadily. Nothing is impossible in Rotary, however daunting it may seem at first. With teamwork, clarity and persistence, even the most ambitious goals can be achieved. Remember, progress — however small — is still progress.

As we step into February, we also enter a month of deep significance in the Rotary calendar — Peace and Con-

**Inspired Rotary Year gains strong momentum with impactful service initiatives, Rotary Verified Business certification success, and growing fellowship. Members are urged to sustain progress, promote peace in February, and participate wholeheartedly in DRISHTIKON, the District Conference.**

lict Prevention/Resolution Month. The world around us today is turbulent. Conflicts — political, social, economic and ideological — dominate headlines and conversations. While many of these may seem beyond our immediate control, Rotary teaches us an important lesson: peace begins where we are. Do plan an event on February 23rd, which is the day Rotary was born 121 years ago!

Friends, as excitement builds toward DRISHTIKON, I once again exhort you to participate wholeheartedly. Whether as delegates, patrons, partners or supporters, your presence matters. The District Conference is where Rotary comes alive in its fullest form — fellowship, learning, inspiration, celebration and shared pride.

Conference Convener J Ganesh along with host club President Kashmira Ganatra are making their best efforts to give you a top class DISCON 26! They are supported by a strong core team leading various facets of the DISCON!

Dr Mahek and I are truly looking forward to meeting many of you there, interacting with you, listening to your experiences, and celebrating everything that makes Rotary such a powerful force for good.

Let us move ahead with renewed enthusiasm, balanced perspective and unwavering belief in what we can achieve together.

With gratitude, confidence and warm Rotary regards,

**Dr. Manish Motwani**  
District Governor 2025–26  
Rotary International District  
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# The Power of Women and Families in Rotary's Journey

As we celebrate the milestones of this Rotary year, we are reminded that our true strength lies in the bonds of family and the quiet power of the women among us. From impactful service projects like the Pink Auto initiative to our daily roles as mentors and leaders, we are shaping a more compassionate future. I invite you to join us as a family at the upcoming District Conference to celebrate this shared journey and the values that unite us all.

## MAHEK'S VIBES



**Dr Mahek Motwani**

Aesthetic Gynecologist and Cosmetologist  
First Lady, Rotary District 3141  
2025-26

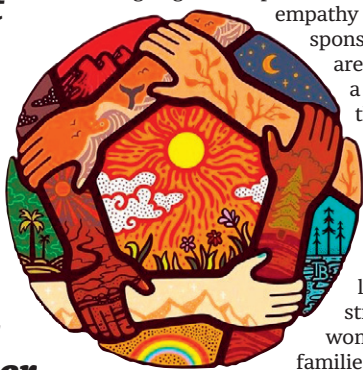
**Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotary Families of District 3141,**

As we move forward in this Rotary year, I find myself reflecting on how beautifully it has unfolded so far. From moments of togetherness and celebration to service and shared purpose, every phase has reminded us that Rotary is not merely about meetings or projects—it is about people, families, relationships and the values we live every day.

One of the most powerful strengths of Rotary is the way it brings families together and creates space for everyone to contribute meaningfully. As women connected with Rotary—whether as Rotarians, spouses, professionals, mothers or mentors—we play a very special role in shaping this journey. Women have an innate ability to nurture, balance, inspire and lead, often quietly but always impact fully.

Through Rotary, women are not only supporting service initiatives but are also emerging as confident leaders, collaborators and change makers. When women are empowered, families become stronger, children grow with confidence, and communities progress with sensitivity and purpose. Empowerment is not only about opportuni-

**Rotary is far more than meetings and projects; it is a vibrant community built on relationships, shared purpose, and the empowerment of every member.**



ty—it is also about encouragement, visibility, shared learning and standing beside one another.

I am so happy to see so many projects that are happening to empower women; like the Pink Auto Project, the Screening of Cancer! Even projects that educate girl child, providing clean water, improving school infrastructure and toilets to children, make me a proud Rotarian!

As women of the Rotary family, we influence lives every day—through our actions at home, our participation in Rotary activities, and the values we pass on to our children. By encouraging independence, self-belief, empathy and responsibility, we are nurturing a generation that is compassionate, capable and socially conscious. This collective strength of women and families is what gives Rotary its depth

and continuity.

Alongside these reflections, there is also a wonderful sense of excitement building across the District. Like Manish, I too am witnessing the energy, planning and dedication that is going into making our upcoming District Conference (Discon) a truly memorable and inspiring experience.

Behind the scenes, there is so much happening—sessions being thoughtfully curated, speakers being aligned, ideas being exchanged, and countless details being handled with care and commitment. It fills my heart with pride to see how many Rotarians and spouses are working tirelessly, often quietly, to create an event that reflects the very best of Rotary.

What I would especially like to emphasize is this—the District Conference is truly meant for families.

Discon is not just a formal Rotary gathering; it is a celebration of our Rotary life. It is a space where spouses feel included, where women feel valued, where children can see Rotary in action, and where families can create shared memories. It is where friendships deepen, bonds grow stronger, and the spirit of Rotary comes alive beyond regular meetings.

I warmly encourage you to attend the District Conference as a family.

Bring your spouse. Bring your grown-up children. Let them experience the inspiration, learning, fellowship and warmth that Rotary offers. When families participate together, Rotary becomes more meaningful, more joyful and more complete.

When women and families walk alongside Rotary's journey of service, our impact multiplies. Our projects become more heartfelt, our outreach more inclusive, and our legacy far more enduring.

Dr. Manish and I, along with Convener J Ganesh, President Kashmira Ganatra and our entire Host Club of the Rotary Club of Mulund Hill View, eagerly look forward to meeting many of you—Rotarians, spouses and families—at the District Conference. We look forward to sharing conversations, smiles and moments that we will cherish long after the Conference concludes.

Let us continue to grow together, empower one another and celebrate the beautiful spirit of Rotary—rooted in service, strengthened by families and enriched by the power of women.

**With warmth and togetherness,**  
**Dr. Mahek Motwani**

Aesthetic Gynecologist and Cosmetologist  
First Lady, Rotary District 3141  
2025-26



## Focused on Empowerment

Empowerment is about more than opportunity—it is about the visibility and encouragement we offer one another within our Rotary family. As we witness the incredible impact of our district's service projects, we see how much stronger we become when we lead with empathy and purpose. I warmly encourage you to bring your loved ones to our District Conference, where we will celebrate these achievements and the enduring legacy of Rotary District 3141.

## Advancing Together Toward DRISHTIKON

# DRISHTIKON 2026: See Rotary. Feel Rotary. Live Rotary.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Every Rotary year offers us many opportunities to serve, connect and grow. Yet, there is one event that truly captures the spirit, scale and soul of Rotary beyond our individual clubs — the Rotary District Conference. This year, I invite each one of you, with great enthusiasm and pride, to be a part of DRISHTIKON, our District Conference, to be held on 7th and 8th February at the exotic and iconic Sahara Star, Santa Cruz.

This is not just another date on the Rotary calendar. DRISHTIKON is an experience.

An experience that brings together inspiration, celebration, fellowship, learning, fun and unforgettable memories — all under one roof, over two vibrant days.

### Why DRISHTIKON Matters

Rotary is much more than weekly meetings, service projects and formal agendas. Rotary is about people, ideas, relationships, leadership and shared purpose. The District Conference is where all of this comes alive at scale.

DRISHTIKON is a must-attend event because it allows us to:

- Connect with Rotarians across the District
- Celebrate Rotary's impact and achievements
- Share ideas, projects and best practices
- Learn from extraordinary minds and achievers
- Build lifelong friendships and networks

It is here that we step back from our daily routines, broaden our vision, and gain a new perspective — a new "Drish-tikon".

### An Exotic Venue, Unmatched Convenience

The venue itself sets the tone. Sahara Star, Santa Cruz, is one



of Mumbai's most stunning and distinctive hotels. Centrally located, extremely well-connected, and easy to reach from every corner of the city and beyond, it ensures comfort, elegance and convenience for all participants.

No long travel hassles.

No complicated logistics.

Just walk in and immerse yourself in the Rotary experience.

### A Platform of Ideas, Inspiration and Learning

DRISHTIKON is designed to stimulate your mind and energise your spirit.

**Over two power-packed days, you will:**

- Listen to renowned leaders, thinkers and achievers
- Gain insights into success stories and success formulae

- Discover learnings that can be applied not only in Rotary, but also in personal life, profession and business
- Engage with fresh ideas, bold perspectives and meaningful conversations

The speaker line-up reflects the diversity and depth that Rotary stands for — spanning science, technology, finance, governance, infrastructure, media, spirituality, sports and cinema.

We are privileged to host — confirmed OR in advanced stages of confirmation — some of the most respected and admired personalities of our times! Check them out!

In addition to well-known names, you will also meet super achievers whose stories may be less publicised, but whose journeys are equally powerful, inspiring and transformative.

### Fellowship, Fun and Masti – Rotary Style

Rotary is not only about learning and service — it is also about celebration and fellowship.

**DRISHTIKON promises an unforgettable evening of:**

- High-energy entertainment
- Fellowship and bonding
- Music, laughter and joy

Get ready to party with DJ Akeel, one of India's most celebrated DJs, as we unwind and celebrate Rotary in style.

It will be an evening filled with fun, masti and camaraderie, strengthening friendships and creating memories that last long after the conference ends.

### A Special Invitation to New Rotarians

To our new Rotarians, DRISHTIKON is absolutely unmissable.

**If you have ever wondered:**

- What Rotary looks like beyond your own club
- How vast, vibrant and impactful Rotary truly is
- How friendships, leadership and service come together at the district level

The District Conference is where you will see Rotary in its full glory.

You will meet Rotarians from different clubs, professions and age groups. You will witness the power of collective action. Most importantly, you will feel a deeper sense of belonging — a stronger emotional connect with Rotary.

For many Rotarians, the District Conference becomes the moment when Rotary truly becomes a way of life.

### Business, Networking and Growth Opportunities

Rotary is also a powerful platform for ethical business networking.

**If you are a Rotarian with a**

**business, DRISHTIKON offers a unique opportunity through DISCON Stalls. These stalls provide:**

- Visibility to a high-quality audience
- Direct interaction with HNIs and decision-makers
- A credible platform to showcase your products or services

If your target segment includes influential professionals and leaders, this is an opportunity worth leveraging. For stall details, Rotarians may connect with the designated team.

### Participate in Multiple Ways – Make It Truly Your DISCON

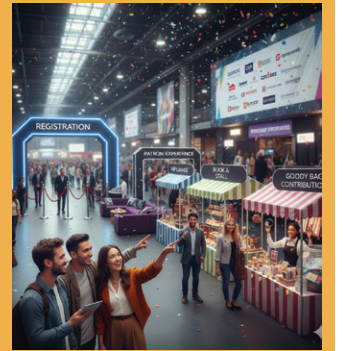
**DRISHTIKON is not just organised for you — it is organised by Rotarians for Rotarians. Hence, I urge you to participate in every way possible:**

- Register as a Participant, if you have not already
- Register as a Patron, or upgrade your registration
- Take a Stall to promote your business
- Sponsor a part of the event
- Contribute products for the goody bags

Look at the various information boxes and opportunities shared separately to see how you can partner with DRISHTIKON. Every form of participation adds value — to you and to the Conference.

### HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE

- Yet to Register? Hurry up! Missed early bird? Look for special offers!
- Be a Patron! Enjoy the superior experience up close!
- Want to promote your products? Book a stall!
- Want to give freebies of your products for the goody bags?
- Want to sponsor?



### More Reasons to Be There

- Attractive Goody Bag for every participant
- Lucky Draws with Super Prizes
- A meticulously planned conference executed by a large, experienced and passionate team of Rotarians working tirelessly to make this event truly memorable

Every detail has been thought through with one goal — to ensure that you leave DRISHTIKON inspired, energized and proud to be a Rotarian.

### In Closing

DRISHTIKON is a celebration of Rotary's values, vision and vibrancy. It is where ideas meet action, friendships deepen, and inspiration flows freely.

Do not hesitate.  
Do not postpone.  
Do not miss out.

**Register. Participate. Celebrate. Connect.**

**Because this is your District Conference.**

**This is your DISCON. This is DRISHTIKON.**

I look forward to welcoming you personally at Sahara Star on 7th and 8th February.

Warm Rotary regards,

**Dr Manish Motwani**  
District Governor

## DRISHTIKON: The Ultimate Rotary Experience

Join District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani at Sahara Star on February 7-8. Experience world-class speakers, DJ Akeel's high-energy fellowship, and elite networking. Celebrate our impact, grow your business with stalls, and gain a new perspective at this unmissable District Conference!

## Where Great Minds Meet Greater Purpose

Every year, the Rotary District Conference is distinguished by the depth of its thought leadership and the richness of its dialogue. True to this legacy, Drishtikon Rotary DisCon has consistently brought together voices that inspire, challenge perspectives, and illuminate new pathways of thinking. This year, the tradition continues on an even grander scale, with an exceptional lineup of invited speakers from diverse fields set to grace the Drishtikon stage.

Over two enriching days, delegates will have the rare opportunity to engage with these distinguished speakers and gain deeper insights into the key issues shaping their respective domains. From constitutional wisdom and public leadership to philanthropy, finance, cinema, sports, and contemporary social discourse, each session has been thoughtfully curated to offer meaningful understanding drawn from real-world experience.

### **Visionary leaders unite ideas with action for meaningful, lasting change worldwide.**

These invited interactions promise far more than information—they offer inspiration. Through compelling narratives, practical wisdom, and honest reflections, the speakers will encourage Rotarians to think deeper, lead stronger, and serve with greater purpose. Drishtikon Rotary DisCon is not merely a conference; it is a confluence of ideas, experiences, and vision that shape communities and create lasting impact.

With such an eminent panel of speakers and a spirit firmly rooted in service, Drishtikon Rotary DisCon promises to be an unforgettable journey of learning, leadership, and collective growth.



**D. Y. Chandrachud**

Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, the 50th Chief Justice of India (2022–2024), is a transformative constitutional jurist known for his progressive, human-centric interpretation of the law. An alumnus of St. Stephen's College and Harvard Law School, his career includes service as Additional Solicitor General and judgeships at the Bombay and Allahabad High Courts. He is celebrated for landmark judgments advancing privacy, gender equality, and free speech, while emphasizing institutional accountability. Beyond his judicial tenure, he is a distinguished academic and author of *Why the Constitution Matters*. His legacy is defined by a commitment to moral clarity, ethical leadership, and strengthening the democratic fabric of India.



**Kumar Mangalam Birla**

Kumar Mangalam Birla is the Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, a premier multinational conglomerate. Under his strategic leadership, the Group has achieved significant global expansion across diverse sectors including metals, cement, telecom, and financial services. A dedicated proponent of education, he serves as Chancellor of BITS Pilani and previously chaired IIM Ahmedabad. His commitment to nation-building and industry excellence earned him the Padma Bhushan in 2023. Renowned for ethical governance and a vision for sustainability, Mr. Birla integrates innovation with responsible corporate citizenship. Through philanthropy and active policy engagement, he continues to strengthen India's economic resilience while inspiring future generations of ethical leaders worldwide.



**Sudha Murty**

Sudha Murty is a celebrated author, philanthropist, and former Chairperson of the Infosys Foundation, embodying grace, simplicity, and moral strength. Renowned for her philosophy of "Service Above Self," she has dedicated decades to transforming rural education, healthcare, and community empowerment. Her journey emphasizes that true success lies in human impact rather than material wealth. Through gentle yet powerful storytelling, she shares lessons on empathy, resilience, and gratitude, encouraging a life rooted in honesty and purpose. A living example of how compassion can create lasting change, Mrs. Murty inspires generations to embrace kindness, reminding us that contentment comes from meaningful relationships and her purposeful, selfless service.



**Anand Ranganathan**

Shri Anand Ranganathan is a prominent public intellectual, scientist, and commentator known for his sharp intellect and fearless opinions. He applies rigorous logic and data-driven analysis to complex discussions regarding society, culture, and national identity. At the Rotary District Conference, his session challenges conventional thinking while promoting critical inquiry. Driven by intellectual honesty, he encourages citizens to engage with facts and open debate—the essential pillars of a healthy democracy. His articulate style sparks meaningful discourse, pushing boundaries to foster curiosity. Attendees can expect an intellectually stimulating experience that sharpens analytical skills and reinforces the value of reasoned discourse in public life. Focused on Intellectual Growth in an era of polarized narratives, his insights serve as a vital reminder of the power of the objective mind.



**Amitabh Kant**

Amitabh Kant is a powerhouse Indian bureaucrat and reformer, most famously known as the CEO of NITI Aayog and India's G20 Sherpa. As a former IAS officer, he was the primary architect of landmark national campaigns like Make in India, Startup India, and Incredible India. Respected for driving policy innovation, Kant expertly navigates the intersection of government, industry, and global institutions. His strategic leadership in Ease of Doing Business reforms has been vital in boosting India's economic resilience. Through a focus on sustainable development, he continues to enhance India's competitive global presence with truly visionary and highly impactful economic governance. Concise and punchy, his legacy is one of bold ambition and execution, bridging the gap between visionary ideas and ground-level reality.



**Bhushan Gagrani**

Shri Bhushan Gagrani, a 1990-batch IAS officer of the Maharashtra cadre, has served as the Commissioner of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation since March 2024. Previously the Additional Chief Secretary in the Chief Minister's Office, he now directs Mumbai's civic administration with a strategic focus on urban development, infrastructure, and public services. Known for his hands-on governance style, Gagrani frequently conducts on-ground inspections to ensure cleanliness and effective urban planning. His leadership is dedicated to enhancing the city's livability through sustainable growth, balancing immediate civic needs with long-term strategic development to improve the quality of life for all Mumbaikars. Beyond his administrative duties, Gagrani is instrumental in accelerating major infrastructure projects like the Coastal Road and the Mumbai Sewage Disposal Project, ensuring they meet rigorous environmental and efficiency standards.



**Deepak Vohra**

Deepak Vohra is a legendary Indian diplomat from the 1973 IFS batch, celebrated for his fearless and strategic grasp of global geopolitics. With a career spanning the Prime Minister's Office, the UN, and multiple ambassadorships, he currently serves as a Special Advisor to countries like Lesotho and Guinea-Bissau. An alumnus of St. Stephen's and Sorbonne, Vohra is a recipient of Sudan's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Two Niles. Today, he is a prominent thought leader and mentor, championing India's evolving global rise. His sharp insights and dedication to nation-building make him a powerful, highly authoritative voice in international relations and ethical leadership development. Renowned for his dynamic oratory and profound understanding of "Global South" dynamics, he continues to inspire audiences worldwide with his vision of a confident, self-reliant India.



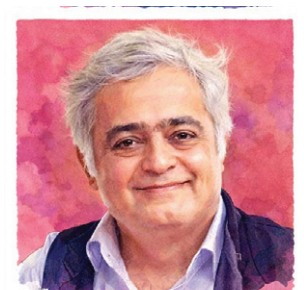
**Gen Bikram Singh**

General Bikram Singh (Retd.) is a distinguished military leader who served as the 24th Chief of Army Staff, capping a stellar 42-year career. He held pivotal roles, including leading the Eastern Command and commanding forces in the Kashmir Valley. As COAS, he prioritized operational readiness and organizational excellence. His global expertise spans UN peacekeeping missions and receiving the prestigious U.S. Legion of Merit. A recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, he remains a prominent voice on national security, military leadership, and disaster management. His legacy is defined by strategic insight, bravery, and a tireless commitment to India's defense. Beyond his military command, he is a sought-after mentor who translates battle-tested principles into actionable strategies for corporate and civic leadership.



**Om Prakash Bhatt**

Om Prakash Bhatt is a distinguished Indian banker whose 38-year career at the State Bank of India (SBI) culminated in his tenure as Chairman from 2006 to 2011. He is celebrated for modernizing SBI through pivotal technological transformations and pioneering massive financial inclusion strategies. Having led the Indian Banks Association and served in London and the U.S., his expertise is globally recognized. Post-retirement, he has held prestigious board positions at Tata Consultancy Services, Hindustan Unilever, and Standard Chartered PLC. Currently Chairman of Greenko Energy Holdings, Mr. Bhatt is widely respected for his strategic vision, governance excellence, and his enduring legacy in institutional leadership and transformative corporate governance. His impact on the financial sector is complemented by his commitment to sustainable energy and green industrial growth.



**Hansal Mehta**

Hansal Mehta is a critically acclaimed filmmaker renowned for his socially relevant storytelling and stark realism. A National Film Award winner for *Shahid*, he has directed provocative films like *Ali-garh* and *Omertà*, along with groundbreaking series such as *Scam 1992* and *Scoop*. His work is defined by an exploration of justice, truth, and human rights, often focusing on complex, marginalized characters. Beyond directing, Mehta is celebrated for nurturing new talent and fearlessly tackling uncomfortable societal questions. From his early television roots to becoming a definitive voice in contemporary Indian cinema, he remains a master of deeply resonant, culturally significant narratives. His ability to blend cinematic craft with uncompromising authenticity has established him as a vital chronicler of the modern Indian experience.

## Where Thought Leadership Serves Purpose



**Ronnie Screwvala**

Ronnie Screwvala is a pioneering Indian entrepreneur, investor, and philanthropist who has shaped the landscape of modern media and education. As the founder of UTV and co-founder of upGrad, he has built global institutions that bridge the gap between technology and talent. His visionary leadership is marked by a relentless drive for innovation, transforming how India consumes entertainment and accesses lifelong learning. Beyond his corporate success, Screwvala is a dedicated philanthropist, actively championing social initiatives in sports, education, and rural entrepreneurship. His multifaceted career reflects a profound commitment to nation-building, empowering future leaders, and driving inclusive growth across India's diverse socio-economic sectors.



**Anant Mahadevan**

Anant Mahadevan is a highly versatile Indian actor, director, and screenwriter with a distinguished career across cinema, television, and theatre. He is celebrated for his socially conscious storytelling, notably winning a National Film Award for directing and writing Mee Sindhutai Sapkal. His directorial repertoire includes acclaimed films like Gour Hari Dastaan and Bittersweet. As an actor, Mahadevan is recognized for his nuanced roles in hits like Baazigar and beloved television series such as Ghar Jamai. A multifaceted artist and published author, he masterfully bridges the gap between mainstream entertainment and meaningful, thought-provoking cinema through his diverse body of work.



**Pratik Gandhi**

Pratik Gandhi is a highly acclaimed actor who achieved national superstardom with his masterful portrayal of Harshad Mehta in Scam 1992. His journey began in Gujarati theatre, where he honed his craft for years while simultaneously working as an engineer. He gained early critical success with landmark Gujarati films like Bey Yaar and the National Award-winning Wrong Side Raju. Renowned for his versatility and authenticity, Gandhi's rise from grassroots stage performances to the national spotlight is a powerful testament to his perseverance. He remains a celebrated figure, bridging regional excellence with mainstream cinematic success. His dedication continues to redefine contemporary Indian performance.



**Navneet Munot**

Shri Navneet Munot is a premier Indian investment professional and thought leader, distinguished by his philosophy-driven approach to finance. With decades of experience as a master fund manager, he is widely respected for his intellectual clarity, market discipline, and steadfast commitment to ethical decision-making. Beyond technical analysis, Munot is a compelling speaker on long-term resilience and values-based leadership during periods of global uncertainty. His unique insights bridge the gap between financial wisdom and profound life lessons. By championing responsible leadership and sustainable success, he offers a balanced perspective on creating a meaningful, long-term impact in both professional and personal spheres.



**Mayur Puri**

Mayur Puri is a versatile Indian storyteller, screenwriter, and lyricist, renowned for his significant contributions to Hindi cinema and global film localization. He has penned iconic dialogues, screenplays, and lyrics for major blockbusters, including Om Shanti Om, Happy New Year, and the ABCD franchise. A pioneer in Indian localization, Puri played a crucial role in adapting Hollywood hits like The Lion King and Avengers: Endgame for domestic audiences. Beyond his creative output, he is a dedicated educator and mentor. As the founder of Story Circus and FilmGoa, he actively nurtures the next generation of creative talent, championing the art of storytelling across diverse platforms. His innovative approach to narrative continues to shape the evolving landscape of Indian entertainment and global content adaptation.



**Ashwini Bhide**

Ashwini Bhide Deshpande is a senior IAS officer of the Maharashtra cadre, widely known for her leadership in major urban infrastructure projects, especially as the former Managing Director of Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation, where she played a key role in advancing Metro Line 3 (Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ). She is respected for her firm administrative approach, integrity, and focus on public-interest governance.



**Vijay Kedia**

Mr. Vijay Kedia is the Founder and Managing Director of Kedia Capital Services Pvt Ltd, with over 20 years of experience in equity and commodity markets. Renowned as a successful investor and market strategist, he is widely respected for his insights into stock selection, market trends, and value investing, and for mentoring aspiring investors and entrepreneurs.



**Rajnickant Patel**

Shri Rajnickant Patel is an accomplished industrialist and visionary leader who embodies the powerful intersection of enterprise, ethics, and nation-building. His career serves as a masterclass in values-driven entrepreneurship, demonstrating how sustainable businesses can be built alongside meaningful social contributions. At the Rotary District Conference, he shares profound insights on leadership, innovation, and social responsibility, drawing from decades of professional experience. Patel emphasizes the importance of long-term vision, stakeholder trust, and inclusive growth. His philosophy mirrors the Rotary spirit, advocating that true success is measured by positive societal impact. His sessions offer practical wisdom, reaffirming that business can and should be a transformative force for good.



**Vivek Agnihotri**

Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri is an Indian filmmaker, writer, and public intellectual known for his bold, politically driven cinema. He began his career in television before directing films such as Chocolate, Dhan Dhana Dhan Goal, Buddha in a Traffic Jam, and The Tashkent Files. He gained nationwide attention with The Kashmiri Pandits (2022), which depicted the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits and sparked intense public debate. Agnihotri has since announced The Bengal Files, part of his proposed trilogy examining lesser-discussed episodes of Indian history. Through films, books, and speeches, he remains a highly influential and polarising voice in contemporary Indian cinema and discourse. He is also the founder of I Am Buddha, an initiative aimed at nurturing creative expression and ideological dialogue among youth.



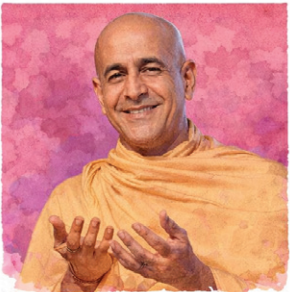
**Sanjiv Mehta**

Sanjiv Mehta is a preeminent business leader currently serving as the Executive Chairman of L Catterton India. He previously held the prestigious roles of Chairman and CEO of Hindustan Unilever Ltd and was a member of the Unilever Global Executive Board. Renowned for his expertise in consumer businesses, Mehta is a staunch advocate for people-centric culture and purpose-led growth. His leadership style emphasizes strategy, innovation, and ethical governance. Beyond corporate management, he is a dedicated mentor to future leaders, focusing on sustainable value creation and long-term impact within rapidly evolving global markets and diverse economic landscapes. His vision continues to drive excellence in the global business landscape.



**Dr. Habil F. Khorakiwala**

Dr. Habil F. Khorakiwala is a visionary Indian entrepreneur and healthcare leader, best known as the Founder and Chairman of the Wockhardt Group. A pioneer in pharmaceuticals and biotechnology, he has played a transformative role in expanding access to quality healthcare in India and across the globe. Over decades, his leadership has driven path-breaking research, global partnerships, and the growth of a world-class healthcare enterprise. Equally respected for his ethical values and long-term vision, Dr. Khorakiwala is also known for his deep commitment to philanthropy, education, and social responsibility, consistently working to create sustainable, inclusive, and impactful healthcare solutions for generations to come worldwide ahead.



**Guruji Radhanath Swami**

Shri Guruji Radhanath Swami is a globally revered spiritual leader, bestselling author, and dedicated humanitarian. He is widely celebrated for his profound teachings on devotional wisdom, compassion, and purposeful living, which have inspired millions across the globe. Beyond his spiritual discourses, he is a tireless advocate for social upliftment, education, and environmental sustainability. By seamlessly integrating spirituality with selfless service, he has spearheaded numerous humanitarian initiatives that address real-world needs. His life and work serve as a powerful testament to the belief that true spiritual growth is achieved through a deep, compassionate commitment to serving society and the planet.

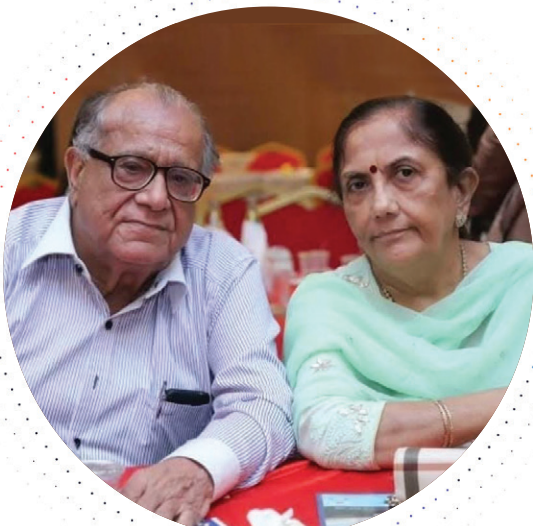


**Vedant Gupte**

Vedant Gupte is the Founder of Trackk, a platform focused on leveraging technology to drive efficiency, insight, and growth. An entrepreneur with a sharp focus on innovation and execution, he is known for building scalable solutions that address real-world business challenges, while fostering data-driven decision-making, operational excellence, and sustainable long-term value creation across industries.

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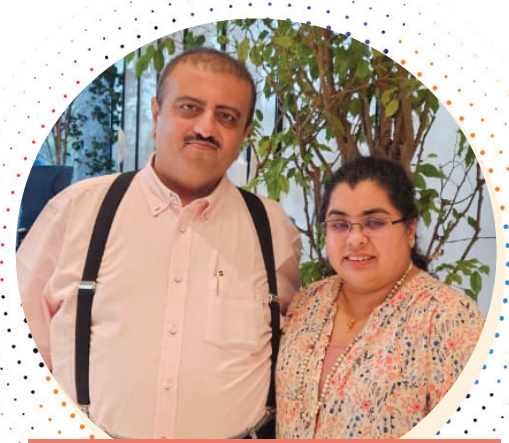
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## Where Words Become Healing

“हर मुस्कान के पीछे एक कहानी है,”

**W**rites Nayab Midha, a line that gently reminds us how every face we meet carries an unseen journey.

In a world that moves fast and speaks louder each day, poetry still finds a way to pause us. Nayab Live is one such pause an evening where spoken words become a medium of healing, connection, and quiet strength. Through her evocative verses, Nay-

**Nayab Live: an intimate spoken-word evening of healing, vulnerability, reflection, and hope in Mumbai.**

ab Midha does not merely

perform poetry; she creates shared moments of vulnerability, reflection, and hope.

Her words touch upon love, loss, resilience, and self-belief emotions that bind us all, yet are rarely spoken aloud. The power of her poetry lies in its simplicity and honesty, allowing listeners to see fragments of their own stories within her lines.

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# PDG Rtn. Shashi Kumar Sharma: Leadership with Focus at the Council on Legislation

## Team Inspire

Rotary District 3141 proudly highlights PDG Rtn. Shashi Sharma's exceptional role as Council on Legislation (COL) Representative, a position that reflects his decades-long commitment to Rotary, strategic insight, and transformative leadership. Months after his election, his representation at Rotary International's highest legislative forum continues to be a matter of distinction and pride for the district. The Council on Legislation (COL) meets once every three years and is Rotary International's supreme legislative authority. Here, representatives from around the world deliberate on enactments and resolutions that define Rotary's constitution, policies, and future direction. As COL Representative, PDG Shashi Sharma brings the collective voice of District 3141 to the global stage, contributing to decisions that shape membership, governance, and service priorities worldwide. With over 32 years of dedicated service, PDG Shashi Sharma combines experience, vision, and judicious leadership. His tenure as District Governor (2018–19) was a landmark year, achieving:

Second highest contribution to The Rotary Foundation globally

Third highest net membership growth worldwide, adding 486 new members

## Projects worth USD 20 million

*Guinness Book of World Records recognition for the district*  
A Major Donor Level 2, his commitment to Rotary's ideals goes beyond awards and recognition. Post-District Governor, his journey of service continued with significant leadership roles:

- » RIPR 2019–20, District 3160  
ARRFC 2020–21
- » Assistant Zonal Ambassador,  
Rotaract ARPIC 2022–23
- » Advisor Promotion, Kochi Institute  
2024
- » RIPR 2024–25, District 3204  
Vice Governor 2025–26, District 3141
- » Facilitator for DGN at Kochi institute  
2024
- » Facilitator for Mid year review for  
DLF 2025

His excellence has been recognised with numerous awards: Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, Avenue of Service Award, and the prestigious Service Above Self Award.

Outside Rotary, PDG Shashi Sharma's career mirrors his disciplined approach. Raised in Mumbai in a value-driven family, he holds a Master of Science (with Distinction), a Master in Management Studies from Jambhaji Institute, and a Diploma in Administrative Management. Over two decades with the TATA Group, he contributed to senior management, a joint venture with RR Donnelley USA, and launched the TATA Yellow



**Record-Breaking Service:**  
A "Service Above Self" awardee, his tenure achieved the world's second-highest Foundation contributions and third-highest membership growth, backed by 32 years of disciplined leadership and professional excellence.

Pages. A luminary in the printing and packaging industry, he has served as President of the Printing Industry of India, Chairman of PAMEX, and Editor of Printing Times, while actively pursuing new ventures including

collaborations with Indian Railways. What sets him apart is his disciplined mind and sharp focus. Every day begins with Sudoku, his personal stress-buster and mental sharpening ritual. His mantra is simple: think

**Global Legislative Leadership:**  
As COL Representative, he represents District 3141 at Rotary's highest legislative body, shaping the organization's global constitution, governance, and future direction through strategic, visionary decision-making.

clearly, act logically, and never dwell on what cannot be changed. "There is no point crying over spilt milk," he often says, embodying the principles of resilience, clarity, and rational action. As PDG Rtn. Shashi Sharma continues to represent District 3141 at the Council on Legislation, his journey stands as a testament to focused leadership, disciplined execution, and unwavering Service Above Self inspiring Rotarians everywhere to aim higher, think sharper, and serve better.

## PDG RTN. SHASHI SHARMA: GLOBAL VOICE OF DISTRICT 3141

As Council on Legislation Representative, PDG Shashi Sharma brings 32 years of disciplined leadership to Rotary's supreme legislative body. A "Service Above Self" awardee and former District Governor, he has achieved global records in membership growth and Foundation contributions, continuing to shape Rotary's future through strategic vision and rational action.



## *Celebrating Service Above Self: Rtn. (PDG) Sandip Agarwalla*

Rotary proudly honors Rtn. (PDG) Sandip Agarwalla with the “Service Above Self” Award, celebrating decades of visionary leadership and unwavering dedication. A third-generation Rotarian, his legacy is defined by record-breaking contributions that have strengthened the organization at local, national, and global levels.

It is with immense pride, deep admiration, and heartfelt gratitude that Rotary honours Rtn. (PDG) Sandip Agarwalla with the “Service Above Self” Award, the highest and most cherished recognition in the Rotary world. This honour is reserved for those rare Rotarians whose lives exemplify Rotary’s core ideal—not merely in words, but through decades of unwavering commitment, inspired leadership, and selfless service to humanity.

A third-generation Rotarian, Sandip’s Rotary journey is deeply rooted in legacy, yet defined by his own extraordinary contributions. He joined the Rotary Club of Bombay at the young age of 29 and went on to create history by becoming its youngest President at the age of 41, in the club’s 95-year history. His presidency is fondly remembered as one of the finest—marked by impactful service initiatives, vibrant fellowship, exceptional speakers, and record-breaking fundraising. What truly sets Sandip apart, however, is that his passion for Rotary did not wane after his presidency; instead, it multiplied.

Over the years, he has served the District across an extraordinary breadth of roles. He has

**Global Impact & Service**  
**A dedicated humanitarian, Sandip has led nationwide malaria eradication efforts and chaired prestigious international conferences. His diverse roles, from District Trainer to RI President’s Representative, exemplify his lifelong commitment to service.**



been entrusted with leadership across multiple Avenues of Service and is among the very few Rotarians to have been asked to head The Rotary Foundation Avenue twice. His contributions include serving as Group Head for TEACH and WinS, Chief Group Avenue Head of TRF, District Secretary, Head of Public Image, and District Endowment and Major Gifts Coordinator (DEMGC). He has also served as Assistant Governor, Assistant Trainer, Chief Coordinator, and continues to be a dependable pillar for successive District Governors.

On the international stage, Sandip’s leadership has been equally remarkable. He was honoured with Rotary’s Avenues of Service Award by Rotary International in 2016–17. As the All-India Ambassador Coordinator for Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM – Global), he played a key role in Rotary’s malaria eradication efforts nationwide. His appointments to prestigious Rotary forums include Chairing the Programme Committee of the Rotary International Presidential Conference 2022 (Hyderabad), leadership roles at RI Institutes in Visakhapatnam, Bengaluru, Kochi, and New Delhi, facilitation roles at GETS/GNTS Abu Dhabi, and advisory responsibilities at the Presidential Peace Conference in Houston. He has also served as RI President’s Representative and continues to contribute at

the zonal and global level, including as Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator. Sandip’s year as District Governor (2022–23) stands as a defining chapter in Rotary history. Under his leadership, District 3141 raised an astounding USD 6.575 million for The Rotary Foundation—the highest amount raised by any district in India, the highest in the world that year, and the third highest ever in Rotary’s global history. His ability to inspire generosity and belief resulted in 18 new or next-level Arch Klumph Society members and 108 new or next-level Major Donors, alongside 229 national recognitions, including the prestigious Nitish Laharry Trophy and Usha and

excellence, intellect, and service in all spheres of life. At the heart of Sandip’s journey stands his family. His wife Malini, an accomplished entrepreneur herself, is a Past President and former Trustee of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay. Their children, Abhimanyu and Rishika, and their families—along with grandchildren Elina and Kai Bijoy—are a source of immense joy and grounding, and partners in spirit to his service journey. Rtn. (PDG) Sandip Agarwalla truly embodies Service Above Self—not as a slogan, but as a way of life. Rotary is richer, stronger, and prouder because of him.

**Historic Leadership & Growth**  
**Sandip made history as the youngest President of the Rotary Club of Bombay. His tenure as District Governor (2022–23) saw District 3141 achieve the third-highest fundraising total in Rotary’s global history.**

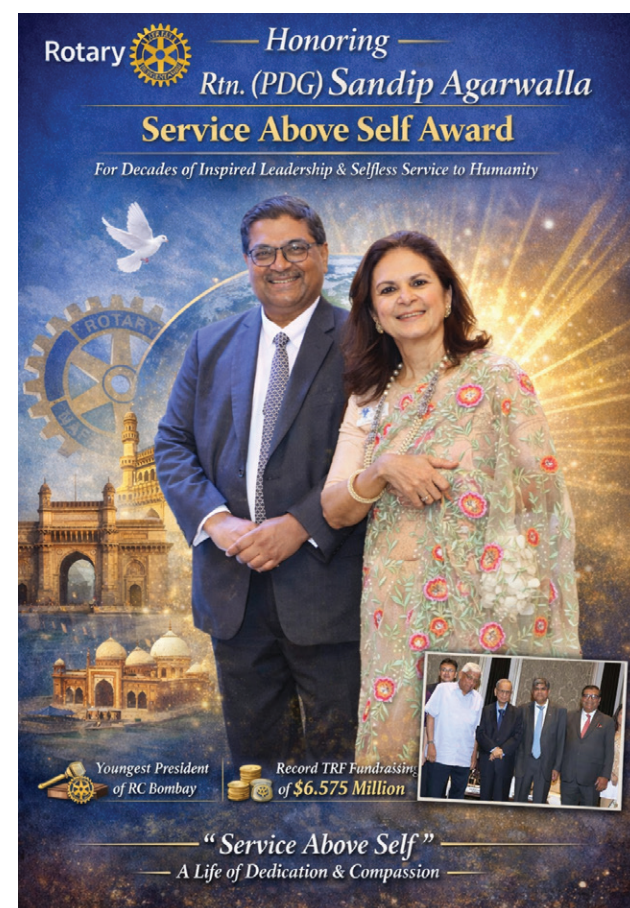
Raja Saboo Trophy.

In the current Rotary year, Sandip continues to give unstintingly as the District Trainer, playing a pivotal role in shaping leaders, mentoring clubs, and strengthening the District’s vision. His guidance, clarity of thought, and calm counsel remain a constant source of support and strength.

Beyond Rotary, Sandip is a respected entrepreneur with interests in marble mining and solar energy, a member of Mensa International, a Trustee of Operation Eyesight, and Chairman of the Mumbai Chapter of the English Speaking Union—reflecting his commitment to

excellence, intellect, and service in all spheres of life.

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# Vocational Service: When a Profession Changes a Life

**INSIGHT & IMPACT**

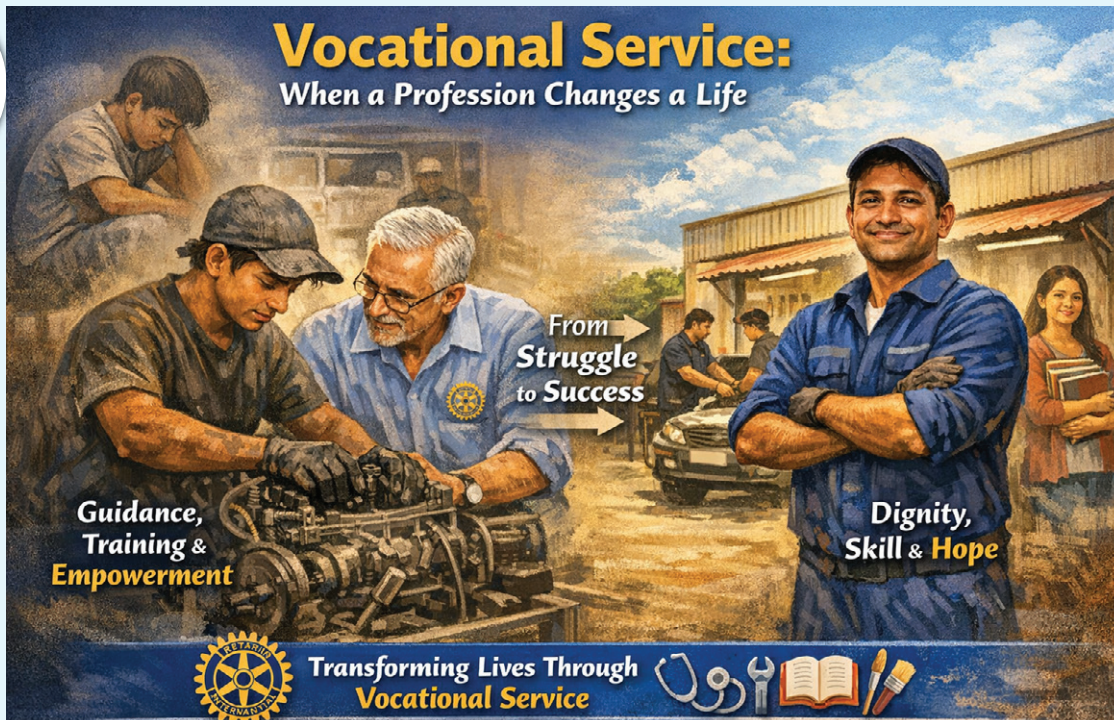


**K P NAGESH**

Rotary International Director (2025–27)

I still remember meeting Ramesh in a small automobile repair shed on the outskirts of the city. It was late afternoon, and the day's work was winding down. Ramesh was quiet, almost hesitant in conversation, yet there was a sincerity in his eyes. He told me he had left school early after losing his father and had spent years moving from one daily wage job to another, never certain about the next month, let alone the future. He was not looking for sympathy. He was simply trying to survive.

What altered the course of his life was vocational service. A Rotarian, an experienced automobile engineer, noticed Ramesh's discipline and eagerness to learn. Instead of offering financial help, he offered something far more powerful: time, guidance,



and trust. Ramesh was taken on as an apprentice, trained patiently, and encouraged to believe in his own ability. Mistakes were corrected, not

criticised. Confidence grew slowly, but steadily.

With continued mentoring and support from the Rotary club, Ramesh

eventually set up a small repair unit of his own. It was modest, but it was his. When I visited him a few years later, the change was remarkable. He spoke

with assurance, employed two young assistants, and proudly shared that his younger sister was studying in college. His income had improved, but more importantly, his sense of dignity had been restored. He stood tall, knowing he had earned his place through skill and honest work.

This is the true spirit of Vocational Service. It is not about charity, but about empowerment. It is about recognising potential where others see limitation, and using professional skills to create sustainable livelihoods. Every profession, when practised with integrity and compassion, has the power to transform lives.

District 3141 is rich in professional diversity. Doctors, teachers, entrepreneurs, technicians, artisans and professionals from every walk of life form the strength of our Rotary family. When we choose to serve through our vocation, we extend more than assistance. We offer dignity, self respect, and hope.

Vocational Service reminds us that work, when guided by ethics and empathy, becomes a force for lasting change. In those quiet moments, in workshops and classrooms, lives are shaped. That is where Rotary truly makes a difference.

# Shaping Tomorrow: A Call to Action for Rotarians

**ECHOES OF SERVICES**



**PRID Ashok Mahajan**  
Past Rotary Foundation Trustee

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

"Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose." These words carry a powerful truth as we reflect on the journey of our Rotary year. Seven months have already passed—a period marked by meaningful service, dedication, and countless efforts that have brought hope and change to our communities. We have celebrated milestones: contributions to the Rotary Foundation that empower global and local initiatives, successful service projects that touch lives directly, and the steady growth of our membership that strengthens our fellowship.

Yet, as proud as we are of these achievements, the remaining months present a critical opportunity—a moment to accelerate our efforts, push beyond our comfort zones, and leave an even greater imprint on the world around us. Every day offers a chance to turn intention into action, ideas into results, and goodwill into tangible change.

Rotary is not measured solely by the number of projects we complete or



the funds we raise. It is also measured by how we carry ourselves, how we

uphold our values, and how the world perceives us. Our credibility, integrity,

ethics, and discipline form the backbone of Rotary's reputation. Every

interaction, every initiative, every moment we serve with transparency and sincerity reflects on all of us. To the common person, Rotary is not just an organization—it is a symbol of hope, trust, and unwavering commitment to service above self.

Now is the time to move with courage, unity, and determination. The challenges ahead are real, but so are the opportunities. Let us deepen our engagement in service projects, broaden our contributions to the Rotary Foundation, and actively encourage new members to join our fellowship. Let us set ambitious goals, support one another, and work tirelessly to turn aspirations into tangible results. Each day, each effort, and each initiative brings us closer to the vision of a stronger, more compassionate, and empowered community. Fellow Rotarians, let us embrace the remaining months of this Rotary year with renewed passion and unwavering commitment. Let us serve with integrity, lead with credibility, and act with discipline. Together, we have the power to shape tomorrow, to transform lives, and to leave a lasting legacy that reflects the very best of Rotary.

In fellowship, service, and unwavering dedication.

**Ashok Mahajan**  
Director, Rotary International (2007-09)  
Trustee, The Rotary Foundation (2009-13)  
**SMILE SERVE SACRIFICE SATISFY**

## *A Regal Welcome Home: Celebrating Leadership, Fellowship and Global Rotary Vision*

A warm welcome and felicitation ceremony was organised to honour DGE Rtn. Rajan Dua and Regal First Lady Rtn. Preeti Dua on their return from the Rotary International Convention, Orlando. The evening celebrated leadership, global perspectives, and district pride, enriched by fellowship and inspiration.



**A** Warm Welcome Back and Felicitation Ceremony for DGE Rtn. Rajan Dua and Regal First Lady Rtn. Preeti Dua, who recently returned from the Rotary International Convention held at Orlando, USA, was organised on Thursday, 22nd January 2026 at Sunville Banquet Hall, Worli, Mumbai.

On this special occasion, PDG Rtn. Shashikumar Sharma was felicitated for his election as Council on Legislation (COL) Representative from our District.

The event was graciously hosted by the Rotary Club of Bombay East, with seamless planning and flawless execution. Rotary Club of Bombay

Mid Town joined as Co-Host, adding strength, fellowship and warmth to the evening. PP Rtn. Jagdish Katadia served as the Host Club Convenor, ensuring smooth coordination and hospitality throughout the program.

The program witnessed the presence of over 230 Rotarians, including senior leaders such as PDG Shrirang Prabhu, PDG Subhash Kulkarni, PDG Gopal Rai Mandania, PDG Shashikumar Sharma, PDG Sunnil Mehra, PDG Rajendra Agrawal, PDG Sandip Agarwalla, PDG (3142) Kailash Jethani, Dr Indumati Gopinathan, Rtn Dilip Mulay, Rtn Gayomard Panthki and many other senior Rotarians. Several PDGs shared their

**Warm felicitation of DGE Rajan Dua and Rtn. Preeti Dua, PDG Shashikumar Sharma honoured as COL Representative, inspiring global insights shared, strong fellowship witnessed, and a renewed commitment towards impactful service.**

thoughts, experiences and blessings, enriching the program.

District Governor Rtn. Manish Motwani and First Lady Rtn. Mehak Motwani graced the occasion as Chief Guests, adding dignity and encourage-

ment to the event.

Incoming First Lady Rtn. Preeti Dua shared her wonderful experiences from the Convention, while DGE Rtn. Rajan Dua proudly spoke about the respect and recognition that Rotary District 3141 enjoys

at the international level. He presented a comprehensive overview of Rotary International's vision, priorities and goals for the coming Rotary year. His address was both informative and inspiring, offering valuable insights on leadership, service and future initiatives.

DGE Rajan highlighted the pride he feels in representing RID 3141, one of the highest contributors to The Rotary Foundation over the years. He also appreciated the excellent organisation and warm hospitality extended by Rotary International to all Convention delegates. Sharing his learning, he spoke about the simplicity and impact of the RI

President's address and the upcoming Rotary theme, "Make Lasting Impact".

DG Rtn. Manish Motwani briefly shared the wide range of impactful activities being undertaken across the District, benefiting thousands of beneficiaries and assured his full support and cooperation during the Regal Year.

The program was ably anchored by Convenor Rtn. Ajit Dubey, ensuring a smooth flow and engaging conduct of the proceedings. The program concluded on a note of renewed motivation, unity and optimism - setting the tone for a purposeful and impactful Rotary year ahead.



# Veterans Day Parade 2026: Rotary Marches in Gratitude and Pride

BY RTN RACKHEE MEHTA

The Veterans Day Parade held on 11 January 2026 along the iconic Marine Drive, Mumbai, culminating at the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA), was a deeply moving tribute to the courage, discipline, and life-long service of India's armed forces. Organised in association with the Navy Foundation – Mumbai Chapter, the parade was conducted in the spirit of Armed Forces Veterans Day, traditionally observed on the Sunday preceding 14 January. Mumbai proudly continues the tradition of commemorating the day with a grand public parade—an initiative unique in scale and consistency to the city.

Veterans Day has its roots globally in Armistice Day, first observed on 11 November 1919 to mark the end of World War I. Over the years, many nations evolved this observance to honour military veterans for their service and sacrifice—be it ANZAC Day in Australia and New Zealand, Remembrance Day in the UK, or Veterans Day in the USA and Canada. In India, since 2017, Armed Forces Veterans Day has been observed on 14 January, commemorating the



day when Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa, India's first Commander-in-Chief, retired from service. The essence of the day is simple yet profound—yesterday's soldier is today's veteran, one who has given up his "today" so that the nation may have a safer "tomorrow".

This year's parade held special significance for Rotary, with Rotary Clubs participating collectively, reflecting Rotary's deep-rooted respect for veterans and commitment to national service. Five Rotary Clubs contributed financially and logistically towards the event. The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier played a key role by sponsoring and distributing snack boxes, ensuring comfort and care for

veterans and participants.

The parade featured over 500 veterans, including gallantry awardees from the Army, Navy, and Air Force, along with Veer Naris, NCC cadets, Sea Cadets, Police personnel, and other uniformed services. The 2-kilometre march past, accompanied by the spirited NCC band, created a powerful atmosphere of patriotism and gratitude. Veterans marching with medals—many in wheelchairs—were met with thunderous applause from citizens lining the promenade.

A historic milestone was achieved when Rotary was granted the honour of marching as an independent contingent for the first time. The special

group of Rotarians marched with banners and placards showcasing Rotary's projects in support of the armed forces, especially in border and remote regions.

The Rotary Presidents who participated and marched included Rtn. Ramesh JS Chandra (RC of Marine Drive Mumbai), Rtn. Noopur Desai (RC of Bombay Pier), Rtn. Sunil Talwar (RC of Mumbai Malabar Hill), Rtn. Chandrabhabha Khona (RC of Mumbai Downtown Sealand), Rtn. Ketki Niser (RC of Bombay Metropolitan), Rtn. Harshad Thakkar (RC of Bombay Mid-City), and Rtn. Alka Murli (RC of Deonar). Rtn. Sonal Doshi, President, RC of Bombay Sea Face, could not attend in person.



The event was graced by DG Dr. Manish Motwani and Vice Admiral K. Swaminathan, AVSM, VSM, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, as Guest of Honour. The post-parade felicitation at NCPA honoured distinguished achievers and reaffirmed a timeless truth—a nation that remembers its vet-

erans builds a stronger, more grateful tomorrow.

The Veterans Day Parade 2026 was not merely a ceremonial march—it was a powerful reminder that service transcends uniforms, and that Rotary and veterans together continue to serve the nation with pride, dignity, and purpose.

## Rotary Club of Bombay Pier Powering Healthcare with the World's First Commercial Solar Big Dish

The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier marked a historic milestone in sustainable healthcare with the successful inauguration of the Solar Big Dish project at Muni Seva Ashram (MSA), Goraj Village, Vadodara, on Saturday, 20 December 2025. Installed to provide clean energy for running the Kailash Cancer Hospital, this pioneering project stands as a powerful example of how innovation, corporate responsibility, and Rotary service can come together to create lasting societal impact.

This landmark initiative was made possible through a CSR India Grant channelised through the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier. The project represents the world's first commercial installation of Big Dish solar technology and the first such installation outside Australia, placing India at the forefront of advanced solar thermal applications.

The Solar Big Dish is a 25-metre diameter parabolic solar concentrator comprising 380 precision mirrors. These mirrors focus sunlight onto a single focal point, generating extreme temperatures of near-



1,070°C—purely through solar energy. Water circulated through a receiver at this point is instantly converted into high-pressure steam, which is then used to run a vapour absorption refrigeration system, enabling solar-powered air conditioning. In simple terms, the process follows a clean and elegant chain: Sunlight → Heat → Steam → Cooling.

A remarkable feature of the Big Dish is its dual-axis solar tracking system. Mounted on a triangular base rotating on a railway track, the dish follows the sun from east to west, while a rack-and-pinion mechanism allows north-south adjustment—ensuring maximum solar capture throughout the day. Developed originally by the Australian National University (ANU) and brought to India

by Sunrise CSP India, this technology finds its first real-world commercial application at Muni Seva Ashram.

The project includes two Big Dishes, together generating sufficient steam to operate a 200-tonne vapour absorption refrigeration plant, significantly reducing electricity consumption and carbon emissions while ensuring sustainable cooling for the cancer hospital.

Muni Seva Ashram, a renowned NGO near Vadodara, is widely recognised as a "Green Ashram" for its integration of healthcare, education, and sustainability. This installation further strengthens its commitment to environmentally responsible service.

Eleven Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier proudly attended the inauguration, sharing in the joy of witnessing Rotary enable a world-first, future-ready solution. This project truly reflects Rotary's ability—when partnered with visionary corporates—to deliver innovative, sustainable, and high-impact service, lighting the way for a cleaner and healthier tomorrow.

## Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO's Wagathon 4.0: Mumbai Comes Together with Heart, Paws, and Purpose

The Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO's Wagathon 4.0 – A City Walks for Compassion was a heart-warming reminder of the power of community and collective empathy. With over 650 participants—including pet parents, students, Rotarians, and animal lovers—the event transformed a simple walkathon into a vibrant movement celebrating kindness, responsibility, and love for animals.

At its core, Wagathon 4.0 carried a strong message of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership. The initiative was strengthened by the invaluable support of Ms Harshita Narwekar, the Federation of Cuffe Parade, My Dream Colaba, and C.A.L.M., whose belief and encouragement helped elevate the event into a meaningful civic platform for awareness and action.

A defining highlight of the day was the inauguration of the Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO Animal Lovers Club, a Satellite Club launched by District Governor Dr Man-



ish Motwani. This milestone marked a significant step forward, reinforcing Rotary's long-term commitment to animal welfare and ensuring sustained engagement beyond the event itself.

Held under the inspiring leadership of President Sargam Thakkar, Wagathon 4.0 stood out for its warmth, positive energy, and clear sense of purpose. The organising team, led by Rtn. Premal Sanghvi and Rtn. Swati Adukia, ensured flawless execution, while the enthusiastic participation of students from the Interact Clubs of Ram Ratna International School, Oberoi International School, and Ascend

International School added youthful passion, discipline, and professionalism throughout the day. The atmosphere was further uplifted by Sound Rise, whose music brought joy and a festive spirit, turning Wagathon into a true celebration. Supported by a wide network of sponsors and partners and receiving extensive media coverage, Wagathon 4.0 sent out a powerful message: when a city walks together with compassion, meaningful change follows.

Wagathon 4.0 was not just a walk—it was a collective step forward towards a kinder, more humane city, powered by heart, paws, and purpose.

## RC Bombay Seaface Leads the Way in HPV Vaccination



With the dedicated efforts of President Sonal Doshi, Dr. Pankaj Parekh, and Dr. Meena Kothari, the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface successfully completed yet another round of HPV vaccination at Vanita Vishram School yesterday. As always, seamless medical support was provided by Rtn. Anil Popat, ensuring the smooth execution of the program.

RC Bombay Seaface is proud to be the only club in Rotary District 3141 that has independently administered over 500 HPV vaccinations using its own resources. This impactful initiative was made possible solely through the unwavering support of Dr. Pankaj Parekh and the generous



contribution of our kind-hearted Rotarian, Rtn. Nilesh Suchak, who fully funded the project.

The first dose of the vaccine has been administered. As per medical protocol, the second and final doses will be given in the months of February/March and June/July respectively.

## Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas: Spreading Christmas Joy through Service



The Rotary Club of Bombay North reaffirmed its deep commitment to community healthcare through Operation Restore Camp 27, a significant medical service initiative conducted at the National Burn Centre, Airoli, Navi Mumbai. Focused on the Community – Medical area of service, the project aimed at restoring dignity, function, and hope to patients suffering from severe burn-related conditions.

Led by President Rtn. Kamal Chokshi and efficiently spearheaded by Project Head Rtn. Mehul Shah, the initiative brought together the collective strength of Rotary in action. Six members of the club contributed towards the successful execution of the project, while nine members of the Rotary Club of Bombay North were personally present at the camp, offering support, coordination, and encouragement to patients and medical teams alike. The project was implemented as a joint initiative with the Rotary Club of Deonar, showcasing exemplary inter-club collaboration in addressing a critical healthcare need.

With a total project outlay of ₹6 lakh, Operation Restore Camp enabled 15 patients to undergo much-needed reconstructive

and corrective surgeries. For these beneficiaries, the surgeries marked not merely a medical intervention, but a life-changing opportunity to regain confidence, mobility, and a renewed sense of normalcy. Each successful operation stood as a testament to Rotary's belief that service has the power to heal not just bodies, but lives.

The project was formally inaugurated in the presence of District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani, who graced the occasion as Chief Guest. His presence added immense encouragement to the Rotary teams and acknowledged the impactful work being carried out through this initiative.

Operation Restore Camp 27 was not just a medical intervention—it was a journey of healing and renewal. For the patients who underwent surgery, it meant regaining confidence, dignity, and the courage to face life anew. The compassion shown by the Rotary Club of Bombay North, in partnership with the National Burn Centre and the Rotary Club of Deonar, transformed suffering into hope and despair into possibility. Such initiatives remind us that when care is delivered with empathy and commitment, it has the power to truly change lives.

## Rotary Club of Mumbai Horizons Inaugurates Rotary Horizons KAVACH – A Landmark Dementia Daycare & Community Center

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Horizons proudly inaugurated Rotary Horizons KAVACH, a state-of-the-art Dementia Daycare Facility and Community Center, in partnership with Dignity Foundation, marking a significant milestone in the club's commitment to senior care and community welfare.

The inauguration ceremony was led by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani, who lauded the initiative as “an extremely meaningful project that identifies and addresses a true need of the society we live in.” He highlighted that the facility exemplifies Rotary's guiding principle of Service Above Self, noting its readiness to deliver professional and compassionate care from day one.

The event saw the presence of distinguished Rotary leaders including CC Rtn Deepak Chaudhary, DS Rtn Uday Shah, AGs Rtn Narendra Shah, Rtn Rakhee Sunil, Rtn Lalchand Mewara & Mamta Mewara, ALF

Rtn Iddya Dayasagar, and Rtn. Dr. Nilam Gada. Representing Dignity Foundation were Trustee Shri Gopalji Shreenivasan, CEO Javed Shaikh, and their team, underscoring the collaborative effort to promote dignity and well-being for senior citizens.

Named KAVACH, meaning “shield,” and supported by the tagline “A shield of compassion – A promise of love & dignity,” the center features accessible infrastructure, calming interiors, a dedicated vehicle for pick-up and drop, trained staff, and a serene outdoor area. Its programs include Dementia Daycare (Mon–Fri) with professional care and structured engagement, a Community Center offering wellness, educational, and digital skill programs for seniors, women, and youth, and Weekend Activities comprising wellness clinics and skill-building sessions.

The inauguration concluded with a guided tour of the facility, leaving attendees impressed



with the club's vision and execution. DG Rtn. Dr. Motwani specially commended Club President Rtn. Sunil Bhandari and his team for delivering a transformative project that embodies compassion, relevance,

and service in action.

Rotary Horizons KAVACH now stands as a shining example of Rotary's commitment to meaningful, inclusive, and sustainable community service.

## RC BOMBAY SEAFACE

### Celebrating Creative Excellence: Vocational Award to Aarsh Vora



The Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface had the honour of conferring the Vocational Excellence Award upon acclaimed Writer and Creative Producer Aarsh Vora at a special fellowship luncheon held on Sunday, 11th January 2026, at Bellissimo, Chowpatty. The hall was filled with enthusiastic RCBSF members, particularly film lovers and storytelling enthusiasts, who gathered to celebrate the inspiring creative journey of a storyteller whose work carries purpose, emotional honesty, and quiet strength. Aarsh Vora has made a meaningful mark on contemporary Indian cinema and streaming platforms through narratives that resonate deeply, emotionally, and enduringly with audiences. From the youthful candour of *Mismatched* to the chaotic romantic comedy *Dhoom Dhaam*, the lyrical magic of *Param Sundari* and *Meenakshi Sundareswar*, the intense and thought-provoking world of *Article 370*, and the



sharp, quietly witty storytelling of the comic detective *Mistry*, his body of work reflects a nuanced understanding of human emotion, conflict, and conviction across genres. His most recent and widely acclaimed work as Creative Producer, *Dhurandhar* (2025), marks a defining milestone in his creative journey, where he played a key role in bringing the makers' ambitious vision to life, uniting craft, scale, and narrative conviction in a way that signals a bold shift in the future of Indian cinema.

As a writer, Aarsh has collaborated with some of the most

respected production houses in the industry, including Netflix, Dharma Productions, Maddock Films, Yash Raj Films, Amazon Prime, Jio Studios, Hotstar, and RSVP Movies, while as a Creative Producer he has worked closely with B62 Studios under the leadership of director Aditya Dhar and Lokesh Dhar on projects defined by strong cinematic identity and ambition.

The Vocational Excellence Award was presented by PDG Nitin Mangaldas and Rtn Arun Bhai Shah in the presence of President Rtn Sonal Doshi, Vocational Director Rtn Tejal

Gandhi. A special highlight of the afternoon was the engaging interaction conducted by fellowship director Rtn Pinki Dalal, during which Aarsh, just 35 years old, impressed everyone with his humility, grounded personality, and deep love for cinema. He candidly shared his journey from being an aspiring Chartered Accountant to finding his true calling in the film industry, along with fascinating insights into the making of *Dhurandhar* and his experiences as a writer across various projects. His honest reflections, passion for storytelling, and respect for the creative process left the audience inspired and motivated. Through this celebration, the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface proudly recognised Aarsh Vora's unwavering commitment to meaningful storytelling and creative excellence, honouring a creative voice whose work continues to touch hearts and leave a lasting impact beyond the screen.

## L.A.N.S. - Learn a New Sport



L.A.N.S (Learn A New Sport) is an initiative designed to encourage participants to explore and learn a new sport every quarter. This year, we introduced an exciting twist giving clubs the opportunity to independently execute L.A.N.S sessions. For Quarter 2, the initiative was successfully conducted by:

- Rotaract Club of Ramnarain Ruia College
- Rotaract Club of Sathaye College
- Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College
- Rotaract Club of Mumbai

- Ghatkopar
- Rotaract Club of Mumbai Jewels
- Rotaract Club of Medicrew
- Rotaract club of Lala Lajpat Rai College
- Rotaract Club of Mumbai Midtown

We kicked off Quarter 2 with an energetic Hockey session at the Astro Turf- Bandra, witnessing an enthusiastic turnout of 50+ participants. The event came to life through the dedicated efforts of our Club Sports Director, who gained hands-on experience managing a large-

scale sporting activity. Meanwhile, our team focused on driving promotions, ensuring remarkable participation and excitement.

This session was more than just learning a new sport; it fostered focus, discipline, teamwork, and stronger inter-club collaboration. With such a strong start, Quarter 2 has set a vibrant tone for the months ahead, and we're excited for the many engaging and impactful sporting experiences yet to come.

## Shiksha Training Camp



The Shiksha Training Camp was successfully conducted with the objective of preparing volunteers for effective and meaningful participation in Project Shiksha. The session focused on introducing the project's vision, clarifying volunteer roles, and building a foundation in basic teaching and communication methodologies.

The camp included multiple interactive and activity-based sessions designed to ensure

that common learning mistakes made today are not passed on to children. Through a Shiksha Guru-style training approach, volunteers experienced real-time teaching scenarios guided by two trainers. This hands-on method encouraged participants to learn through practice, self-reflection, and constructive feedback.

Key sessions conducted during the camp included an Ice-Breaking Session, Art to Teach (learning concepts

through songs and dance), Building Perspective (understanding different viewpoints through a creative puppet-origami activity), Art of Listening (emphasizing empathy and teamwork), Follow Our Path, and Activity-Based Learning.

Overall, the training camp proved to be a valuable initiative, equipping volunteers with confidence, creativity, and preparedness to take Project Shiksha forward with a child-centric and empathetic approach.

## RED - Rotaract Entertainment Destination



Lights on. Curtains up. Talent in the spotlight.

RED Rotaract Entertainment Destination 2025 wasn't just an event — it was an experience, and easily one of the most iconic highlights of the year.

From powerful performances to expressive artworks and confident runway

walks, every moment echoed one message loud and clear: This is where talent belongs, at the centre stage.

The nation was creatively divided into four zones and four regions, each reflecting its own colours, cultures, stories, and artistic soul. Together, they formed a stunning picture

More than a competition, Rotaract Entertainment Destination 2025 became a celebration of voices, visions, and versatility, proving once again that when talent is given the right platform, it doesn't just perform, it shines.

## Rotarian Dr. Manoj Mishra Achieves Remarkable Marathon Milestone

The Rotary fraternity proudly celebrates an inspiring feat of endurance and commitment by Rtn. Dr. Manoj Mishra of the Rotary Club of Bombay Hanging Garden, who successfully completed his 6th consecutive full marathon of 42 kilometres.

Demonstrating exceptional discipline, physical fitness, and perseverance, Dr. Mishra's achievement stands as a testament to the Rotary spirit of determination and self-improvement. Completing a full marathon year after year requires not only physical strength but also mental resilience—qualities that Dr.

Mishra exemplifies both in his professional life and Rotary service.

Adding to this proud moment, Dr. Smita Mishra, his wife, also made a commendable achievement by completing a 21-kilometre half marathon this year. Her accomplishment highlights the couple's shared commitment to health, fitness, and an active lifestyle.

The Rotary community congratulates Rtn. Dr. Manoj Mishra and Dr. Smita Mishra on their inspiring achievements, which motivate fellow Rotarians to pursue wellness, perseverance, and excellence in all walks of life.



## Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park Serves the Community through Free Medical Camp at Rotary Medical Center

The Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park, through its Rotary Medical Center, continues to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the community by providing accessible and compassionate healthcare services. In line with this commitment, the club successfully conducted a Free Medical Camp for students of Gokhale School on 30 December 2025, reinforcing Rotary's mission of service to those in need.

The medical camp was organized with the objective of early health screening, preventive care, and creating awareness among schoolchildren about the importance of timely medical attention. The event stood out for its excellent planning and smooth execution. The students of Gokhale School displayed remarkable discipline and cooperation throughout the camp, ensuring that the screenings were conducted efficiently and systematically. Their orderly participation was truly commendable and greatly



appreciated by the medical and Rotary teams.

The camp was conducted at the Rotary Medical Center in association with Anjani Health Care and Polyclinic, whose professional support added immense value to the initiative. Comprehensive health check-ups were provided, and students benefited from expert medical guidance in a caring and reassuring environment. The smiles and sense of comfort on the faces of the children reflected the positive impact of the service

delivered.

This initiative not only addressed immediate healthcare needs but also showcased the Rotary Medical Center as a reliable and welcoming facility for schools and families in the surrounding areas. The success of the camp has encouraged the club to extend similar services to other nearby schools, thereby expanding the reach and impact of this valuable community resource.

The project was driven by the



dedicated efforts of Rtn. Priti Khanvilkar, Rtn. Amol Karekar, and Dr. Rajesh Mhatre, whose commitment ensured the smooth conduct of the camp. President CA Rajagouda Patil expressed immense pride in the project and applauded the team for their sincerity and service-oriented approach.

Initiatives like this Free Medical Camp reflect the Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park's deep-rooted commitment to community well-being and

preventive healthcare. By creating access to quality medical services in a structured, caring, and dignified manner, the club continues to touch lives and build trust within the community. The success of this camp has strengthened the vision of expanding healthcare outreach through the Rotary Medical Center, ensuring that many more children and families in the surrounding areas benefit from timely care, reassurance, and healthier beginnings.

## Rotary Club of Bombay North: Squint Eye Correction and Plastic Surgery Project



The Rotary Club of Bombay North successfully implemented the Squint Eye Correction and Plastic Surgery Project, a significant community medical initiative aimed at improving vision, restoring confidence, and enhancing the quality of life of underprivileged patients. Conducted at the Cantonment Board Hospital, Deolali, the project addressed a critical healthcare need through specialised surgical intervention and compassionate care.

The project was carried out under the leadership of President Rtn. Kamal Chokshi and was efficiently coordinated by Project Head Rtn. Abbas Arsiwala. Demonstrating strong club involvement and commitment, 15 members of the Rotary Club of Bombay North contributed towards the project. The initiative was undertaken as a joint project with the Rotary Club of Deolali, highlighting the strength of inter-club collaboration in delivering impactful community service.

With a total project cost of ₹1,85,000, the medical camp enabled the successful completion of 35 surgeries, including squint eye corrections and plastic surgeries.

The medical effort was supported by a dedicated and skilled team comprising three doctors and surgeons, four anaesthetists, paramedical staff, and two operation theatre personnel, ensuring high standards of safety, care, and professionalism throughout the procedures.

The project was formally inaugurated at Silvano Restaurant, Deolali, in the presence of Chief Guest Brigadier S. K. Saini, whose presence added significance and encouragement to the initiative. The inauguration ceremony witnessed the participation of over 125 Rotarians, reflecting strong Rotary fellowship and support.

As a thoughtful gesture of care, post-operative patients were presented with gifts from the club, offering comfort and reassurance during their recovery. The project not only delivered tangible medical outcomes but also brought renewed confidence and dignity to its beneficiaries.

Through this initiative, the Rotary Club of Bombay North once again demonstrated how focused leadership, professional collaboration, and collective goodwill can create meaningful and lasting impact within the community.

## Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview: Nourishing Inclusion at Vipla Foundation Sports Day



The Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview reaffirmed its commitment to compassion and inclusive community support through its Vipla Foundation project, focused on Nutrition and Comfort, held at the Goregaon Sports Club, Mumbai. This meaningful initiative was designed to ensure that children with special needs and their caregivers could participate fully and joyfully in the Foundation's annual Sports Day without concerns about meals or logistics.

Under the leadership of President Rtn. Sonali Shah, the project was thoughtfully spearheaded by Project Head Rtn. Vidya Moorjani, who played

a key role in identifying the need and coordinating the execution. The initiative received dedicated support through financial contribution, planning, and on-ground coordination by Rtn. Vidya Moorjani, ensuring smooth delivery of meals and effective logistical management throughout the event.

The one-line objective of the project was simple yet impactful: to sponsor lunch for over 800 special children and their support staff, ensuring nutrition, comfort, and a stress-free environment during the Sports Day. With a total project cost of ₹50,000, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview was able to serve nutritious meals to ap-

proximately 900 beneficiaries, including children, teachers, caregivers, and support personnel.

The need for this initiative was identified through direct engagement with the special-needs community and event organisers, who highlighted the challenges faced by schools and families in arranging meals during large public events. By stepping in to provide lunch, Rotary helped ease financial and logistical pressures, allowing the focus to remain on celebration, sportsmanship, and inclusion.

Beyond the immediate benefit of nourishment, the project delivered a deeper so-

cial impact. It reinforced the values of dignity, inclusion, and community support, enabling children to participate with confidence and joy. The initiative also strengthened long-term community engagement and demonstrated a sustainable model that can be replicated through continued partnerships with schools and organisations working with special-needs children.

Through this project, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview once again demonstrated how thoughtful, well-executed service can create meaningful moments and lasting impact for those who need it most.

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## Rotary Club of Bombay Harbour Brings Care and Comfort to Mothers and Newborns



The Rotary Club of Bombay Harbour demonstrated its commitment to community welfare by conducting a meaningful service project for pregnant women and mothers of newborn babies on Friday, 19 December, at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Municipal General Hospital, Tagore Nagar, Vikhroli East, Mumbai.

Maternal and neonatal care are vital to building healthy families and resilient communities. However, for many underprivileged mothers, the

period surrounding childbirth is marked by financial and emotional challenges. Recognising this need, the Rotary Club of Bombay Harbour undertook this initiative to provide timely support, comfort, and dignity to women during this crucial phase of life.

As part of the project, grocery kits and blankets were distributed to 85 patients, offering essential daily supplies and warmth to expectant mothers and mothers with newborn babies. These simple yet thought-



ful gestures helped ease immediate hardships and conveyed Rotary's message of care and compassion.

The initiative was conducted as a joint project with the Rotary Club of Bombay Powai, led by Rtn. Kamalini Pathak, reflecting strong inter-club collaboration. The project was further supported by the presence of CSR partner Bahar Infocon, whose team members actively participated in the programme.

The event saw the presence of Rtn. Jaipal Shah, President; Rtn.

Srigopal Pachisia, Secretary; and Rtn. Deepak Panjabi, reinforcing Rotary's hands-on approach to service.

With a total project cost of ₹67,000, the initiative delivered meaningful impact by addressing immediate needs while fostering empathy and human connection. Through such compassionate efforts, the Rotary Club of Bombay Harbour continues to strengthen communities and uphold Rotary's enduring mission.

## HPV vaccination camps by Rc Bombay Seaface



The Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface successfully conducted its third HPV Vaccination Camp on 6th Jan 2026, morning at Vanita Vishram School, reinforcing the club's commitment to preventive healthcare for young girls.

The camp was made possible through the dedicated efforts of PP Rtn Dr. Pankaj Parekh, with support from PP Rtn Dr. Meena Kothari, and the generous contribution of vaccines by Rtn Neellesh Suchak. During the camp, 55 doses of the HPV vaccine were administered to girl students and a few members of the teaching staff.

The club expresses its sin-

cere appreciation to the President of Vanita Vishram, PP Rtn Deepak Khambhati, and the Director of the School, PP Rtn Dr. Gool Ghadiali, for their cooperation and for facilitating the smooth conduct of the camp.

Gratitude is also extended to Rtn Anil Popat for providing the required medicinal supplies. Special thanks are due to Savita, assistant to Dr. Pankaj Parekh, for her valuable assistance in administering the vaccinations.

The camp was conducted efficiently and safely, contributing meaningfully to the health and well-being of the beneficiaries.

## RC of Mumbai Juhu Enhances Sanitation and Dignity at Adivasi Ashramshala, Ambivali

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu reaffirmed its commitment to service and social impact through the development and inauguration of a toilet block at the Adivasi Ashramshala School, Ambivali, addressing a critical need under Rotary's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) focus area.

The Adivasi Ashramshala School is a residential government institution serving tribal children from remote areas of Shahapur taluka, Thane district. With limited infrastructure and resources, the school faced significant challenges in providing adequate sanitation facilities. For residential institutions, especially those catering to tribal communities, access to safe and hygienic toilets is fundamental to ensuring health, dignity, and consistent school attendance. Recognising this urgent requirement, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu undertook this meaningful initiative with a project value of ₹3,60,000.

The newly constructed toilet block has been designed to provide safe, hygienic, and accessible sanitation facilities for students, significantly improving daily living conditions within the Ashramshala. Beyond infrastructure, the project aims to foster better hygiene prac-



tices, reduce health risks, and enhance the overall quality of life for the children who live and study on campus.

The toilet block was formally inaugurated on 24 December 2025 in the presence of Rotary members and school authorities. The inauguration was attended by Rtn. Ananthalakshmi Ramesh, Club President; Rtn. Mukul Jain, Club Secretary; Rtn. Piyush Shah; Rtn. Ramesh Rajgopal; and Rtn. Varsha Bharadiya. The Rotary team received a warm and heartfelt welcome from the children and staff, making the occasion truly memorable.

The project directly benefits 358 tribal students, along with 12 teachers and 8 staff members.

As part of the visit, Rotary members also distributed snacks and cupcakes to all students, interacted with children in their classrooms to understand their aspirations and challenges, and held discussions with school authorities to assess future infrastructural and welfare needs.

This initiative has not only improved sanitation standards but also strengthened Rotary's relationship with the Ashramshala. Encouraged by the positive impact, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu plans to undertake larger and more sustained interventions in education, health, hygiene, and holistic development, building a long-term association with the school and its children.

## Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Face

## International Fellowship & Rotary Connect Sri Lanka

The fellowship visit of the Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Face (RCSF) to Sri Lanka commenced on a truly special and memorable note. The members had the pleasure of spending a delightful evening with PDG Rtn. Pubudu of the Rotary Club of Colombo and her gracious husband, Rtn. Krish. From exchanging Club Flags to sharing inspiring conversations about our respective Rotary journeys, the interaction was a beautiful exchange of ideas, experiences, and goodwill. PDG Pubudu and Rtn. Krish also guided the members regarding onward travel plans and thoughtfully took some of the group to the serene and iconic Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple. The entire experience was enriching, warm, and memorable, laying the foundation for future collaboration.

In Kandy, a key highlight of the tour was an engaging and inspiring interaction with Rtn. Ravindra, President of the Rotary Club of Kandy. A military officer by profession and a former Rotaractor, Rtn. Ravindra's Rotary journey is a true reflection of Service Above Self. The interaction reinforced the belief that Rotary knows no bounda-



ries and that Rotarians across the world are united as one global family.

The day in Nuwara Eliya began on a deeply spiritual and divine note with Puja at the sacred Sitamaiya Temple, nestled amidst serene hills. This meaningful experience was made possible through the heartfelt gesture of Rtn. Thiyagu, Past President of the Rotary Club of Dickoya, who traveled 51 kilometres early in the morning

to personally accompany the members to the temple. As a trustee of the temple, Rtn. Thiyagu had made special arrangements for the Puja, ensuring a smooth and fulfilling spiritual experience.

In this sacred setting, RCSF had the honour of presenting its Club Flag and Club Bulletin to Rtn. Thiyagu, a moment filled with pride, gratitude, and Rotary fellowship. Such gestures of warmth, dedication, and selfless service beautifully reflect the true spirit and power of Rotary.

The Sri Lanka fellowship tour was not merely a journey across borders, but a celebration of friendship, faith, and fellowship—strengthening bonds that truly define the spirit of Rotary.

## RCSF Inaugurates Toilet Blocks for Tribal Girl Students in Wada



On 9th January 2026, Rotary Club of Seaface (RCSF) proudly inaugurated toilet blocks in five schools in Wada, primarily benefiting tribal girl students.

This impactful project was made possible through the dedicated efforts of PP Rtn Nirmal Doshi, with generous support from Narayana Hrudayalaya (SRCC).

With this initiative, the club has now successfully constructed toilet blocks in 25 schools across Palghar, strengthening our commitment to hygiene, dignity, and education for young girls.

The inauguration ceremonies were graced by

President Sonal Doshi, PP Nirmal Doshi, PP Uday Kulkarni, and Mr. Ankit Shrimali.

All the schools are located amidst lush greenery and a serene natural environment. One of the schools we



visited proudly carries a legacy of 160 years.

In these remote villages, the RCSF team received a warm and traditional welcome with lezim, drums, and a shower of flower petals, a truly heart-touching experience.

Out of the nine schools planned, our members visited five in this phase.

In March, we will inaugurate the remaining four schools in Wada and also visit two schools in Latur, where toilet blocks have already been inaugurated.

## Rotary Club of Palghar Restores Mobility and Dignity through Jaipur Foot Fitting Project

The Rotary Club of Palghar, under the leadership of President Rtn. Sanjay Mahajan, successfully conducted a Jaipur Foot Fitting Project on 23 December 2025, reaffirming Rotary's commitment to compassion, inclusion, and service to humanity. The day-long project was held from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Vitthal Mandir Hall, Mahim Road, Palghar, and proved to be a life-changing initiative for its beneficiaries.

Loss of mobility often leads to loss of livelihood, confidence, and dignity. Recognising this profound challenge, the Rotary Club of Palghar undertook this project to help differently-abled individuals regain independence and hope. Through this initiative, 45 beneficiaries were fitted with Jaipur Foot prosthetic limbs, enabling them to walk again and resume their daily activities with renewed confidence.

The project was executed at a total cost of ₹50,000 and



was made possible through the generous support of Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust, whose Trustee Mr. Rajeesh Mehta, along with his dedicated team, played a pivotal role. The Rotary Club of Bombay Warli also extended invaluable support by facilitating the donation of all Jaipur Foot prostheses. Their heartfelt contribution ensured that each beneficiary received high-quality, customised fittings at no cost.

The event witnessed active and enthusiastic partic-

ipation from Rotary members, including President Rtn. Sanjay Mahajan; Project Chairman Rtn. Kalpesh Tandel; PP Dipesh Thakur; CC Bhagwan Patil; Rtn. Amit Rajpurohit; Rtn. Jagdish Bhardwaj; First Lady Rtn. Shaila Mahajan; Vice President Rtn. Rafi Dhada; PP Dr. Sanjay Dange; Rtn. Vidula; Rtn. Kalpesh Patil; and PP Ninal Shah. Their presence reflected Rotary's hands-on approach and deep commitment to community service.

Beyond the physical restoration of mobility, the

project brought smiles, confidence, and emotional upliftment to beneficiaries and their families. The Jaipur Foot Fitting Project stands as a powerful example of Rotary's ability to transform lives through collaboration, compassion, and purposeful service.

Through initiatives such as this, the Rotary Club of Palghar continues to create lasting impact—restoring not just mobility, but dignity and hope for a better tomorrow.

## RC of Mumbai National Park Celebrates Year-End Joy through Service, Fellowship, and Smiles



The Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park concluded the year on a joyful and meaningful note by combining service, fellowship, and togetherness during a two-day outing held on 26 and 27 December 2025 at Nivant Resorts, Wada. Aptly reflecting Rotary's spirit, the event blended community outreach with recreation, creating lasting memories for members and beneficiaries alike.

As part of the journey to the picnic venue, Rotary members demonstrated generosity and compassion by stopping at Sai Orphanage, where they reached out to children in need. Under Project Smile and Project Warmth, members distributed day-to-day essential supplies and blankets, bringing

comfort, warmth, and happiness to the beneficiaries. The simple acts of sharing and caring lit up many young faces with smiles, reinforcing the belief that true joy lies in giving.

Following this meaningful service activity, members and their families proceeded to Nivant Resorts for Project Picnic, a well-deserved time of relaxation and fellowship. Over the two days, 26 Rotary members along with their families participated in the event, enjoying moments of laughter, bonding, and togetherness. The picnic provided an opportunity to strengthen relationships beyond meetings and projects, nurturing camaraderie within the Rotary family.

The atmosphere throughout the event was filled with happiness, positive energy, and a deep sense of satisfaction. Whether it was the joy of making a difference at the orphanage or the shared laughter during recreational activities, every moment reflected the core values of Rotary—service above self and fellowship through service.

This year-end initiative served as a beautiful reminder that Rotary is not only about impactful projects but also about building connections, spreading happiness, and celebrating humanity. With hearts full of gratitude and spirits lifted, the event truly embodied "Year-End Happiness" for all involved.

## RC of Bombay Bayview: Strengthening Neonatal Care with a Ventilator for NICU

The Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview reaffirmed its commitment to Maternal and Child Health through a vital healthcare initiative with the installation of a Ventilator Machine at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at Cama and Albles Hospital, Mumbai, on 28 November 2025. Cama and Albles Hospital, a premier government-supported institution for women and children, plays a crucial role in providing specialised care to high-risk newborns from underserved communities across the city.

The project was carried out under the leadership of President Rtn. Sonali Shah, with Rtn. Pranit Naheta and Rtn. Monica Shah serving as Project Heads. Active support and execution were provided by Rtn. Sonali Shah, Rtn. Pranit Naheta, Rtn. Monica Shah, and Rtn. Rajni Barasia, reflecting strong hands-on involvement by the club in addressing a critical community need.

A detailed needs assessment conducted in consultation with hospital authorities revealed an acute shortage



of life-saving ventilator support in the NICU. The unit regularly treats premature infants and newborns suffering from respiratory distress and birth-related complications, making the availability of advanced respiratory equipment essential. Responding to this urgent requirement, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview funded the procurement of a ventilator at a total project cost of ₹12,60,000.

Designed for long-term sustainability, the ventilator has been integrated into the hospital's existing NICU infrastructure and will be operated by trained medical professionals. The hospital has committed to regular maintenance, servicing, and responsible usage of the equipment in accordance with established medical

protocols. As a high-volume public healthcare facility, the hospital will ensure optimal utilisation of the ventilator over many years.

The project is expected to benefit approximately 120 critically ill neonates, significantly improving survival rates and recovery outcomes. Beyond saving individual lives, the initiative strengthens the hospital's neonatal care capacity, reduces pressure on existing equipment, and enables quicker response during medical emergencies. Through this impactful intervention, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview has made a meaningful contribution toward enhancing public healthcare delivery and giving vulnerable newborns a stronger, healthier start to life.

## Peacebuilding: When Balance Is the Real Power

Peacebuilding is more than a theme—it is a test of our global conscience. As conflicts grow complex, the gap between the language of peace and its practice becomes impossible to ignore.

### OPINION



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February Rotary's Month of Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention, invites us to pause and ask an uncomfortable question: What does peacebuilding really mean in today's world? Is it still a sincere global responsibility or has it become a convenient slogan wrapped in diplomacy?

The idea of peacebuilding emerged after World War II, rooted in the belief that lasting peace could be created through dialogue, justice, strong institutions, and social balance. Peace was never meant to be just the absence of war, but the presence of fairness, dignity, and inclusion. International frameworks promised to address the roots of conflict inequality, exclusion, and injustice, so that violence would

**Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of balance. When power replaces principle, peace loses meaning; when responsibility guides action, humanity regains hope.**

no longer be the default solution.

**Yet today, that ideal feels increasingly fragile.**

Across the world, the language of peace often coexists with actions that contradict it. Venezuela's internal crisis is shaped by external power struggles. Cuba remains under prolonged isolation. Colombia's peace process continues to face deep challenges. Even Greenland remote and icy but full of fresh water resources and rare metals has become part of geopolitical conversations driven by strategic and resource interests. These are not isolated events. They reflect a world where power often defines morality.

At the center of this imbalance stands the United States. Its contributions to humanitarian aid, diplomacy, and institution-building are undeniable. Yet history shows a pattern where "intervention" is often framed as peacebuilding, and dominance as stability. When peace becomes flexible enough to suit strategic interests, it risks losing its moral meaning.

Renowned American economist Jeffrey D. Sachs has openly stated that many European countries have not only surrendered their independent foreign policies but also their sovereignty to U.S. influence, driven by Russophobia. His point is simple: in a world without balance, powerful nations act more freely and more aggressively.

During the Cold War, the presence of the Soviet Union created a counterweight. The world was tense, but power was restrained by equilibrium. Today, that balance is weaker. Ideas like "acquiring" Greenland or openly coercing smaller nations might not have been possible in a truly balanced global order.

History offers India a powerful reminder of this reality. During the 1971 Indo-Pak War, when India was on the verge of liberating East Pakistan (now



Bangladesh), the United States sent the Seventh Fleet into the Bay of Bengal to intimidate Indian forces. The Soviet Union responded by deploying its own naval forces, including nuclear submarines, creating a tense standoff that ultimately forced the U.S. to back down. This balance of power helped India secure victory and the birth of

Bangladesh.

And today? much of that history is forgotten. Gratitude fades. Strategic friendships shift. Help, once given, loses its value in the new global order.

In this uncertain world, Rotary's relevance becomes even more profound. Born not in corridors of power but in the belief that ethical service

can change lives, Rotary practices peace where it truly begins in communities. Through Peace Centers, education, dialogue, and humanitarian projects, Rotary builds trust patiently and impartially.

True peacebuilding does not humiliate nations, redraw maps, or market power as morality. It listens. It restores dignity. It balances ambition with responsibility.

Peace and diplomacy, when misused, become sugar-coated pills, easy to swallow, hard to trust.

As we observe this month of peacebuilding, the message is clear: Peace must be reclaimed from rhetoric and returned to responsibility. Not as a strategy to be marketed, but as a shared duty to humanity.

Because peace was never meant to be convenient.

It was meant to be conscious.

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