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Why the Rotary District Conference Mattered— and Glad you were there!

Rtn Kashmira Patel, President RC Mulund Hill View, the Host Club, reflects with pride on a District Conference that truly became the heartbeat of Rotary fellowship.



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

When I wrote to you last month about why the District Conference matters and why each one of us should be a part of it, I spoke with hope, excitement and deep faith in the Rotary spirit. Today, as I look back at the just concluded Conference, my heart is filled with immense gratitude and quiet joy — because what we all experienced together went far beyond an event. It truly became the heartbeat of our District, just as we had envisioned.

The Conference has been a grand success, not merely in numbers or programmes, but in the warmth, fellowship and spirit that every Rotarian brought with them. From the very first session to the closing moments, there was an unmistakable energy in the air — the energy of connection, inspiration and belonging.

One of the most heartening sights for me as Host Club President was witnessing past attendees from different clubs reconnecting with such genuine happiness. Many of you met friends whom you had last seen at the previous District Conference, and it was beautiful to see conversations resume as if no time had passed at all. Some even expressed their eagerness to secure early bird bookings for the next year's Conference! That, to me, is the true testimony of the Conference's impact — when memories are created so meaningfully that people begin looking forward to the next gathering even before the current one concludes.

I sincerely hope that during these days, you met new friends, deepened old bonds, and experienced the larger Rotary family in its truest sense. Conferences come and go, but relationships built here must continue to grow. I would gently urge all of you — please do not wait for the next Conference to



reconnect. Stay in touch. Call each other. Visit each other's clubs. Collaborate, share ideas and continue nurturing the beautiful bonds that were strengthened here. That is where the real magic of Rotary lies.

As I had mentioned earlier, a District Conference is where service meets inspiration and fellowship deepens. This year's theme Dristhikon truly came alive through thought-provoking sessions, enriching interactions and moments of collective pride. The speakers inspired us, the recognitions motivated us, and the shared experiences reminded us why we chose Rotary as our journey of service. The learning was immense, and the perspective we gained will surely guide our work in the months and years ahead.

On a personal note, this journey of hosting the District Conference has been one of the most enriching experiences of my Rotary life. Organising an event of such scale was both a privilege and a great responsibility. I have learnt so much — about planning, teamwork, co-

ordination, patience and above all, humility. More importantly, I have gained countless new friends, well-wishers and mentors through this process. My Rotary journey feels deeper, more meaningful and more connected than ever before.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support and guidance of our beloved District Governor Dr Manish Motwani and our gracious First Lady Dr Mahek. Their vision, encouragement and constant presence were a source of strength for all of us. Their trust in the Host Club motivated us to give our very best at every step. We are deeply grateful for their leadership, inspiration and affectionate support throughout this journey.

I must also express my heartfelt thanks to the District Core Team, the Organising Committee, the Convenor, and every leader who stood shoulder to shoulder with us. The Conference may appear seamless on the surface, but behind it lies months of planning, coordination and selfless effort. Each

suggestion, each helping hand and each word of encouragement made a significant difference.

To my dear members of the Host Club, words truly fall short. You embraced this responsibility with enthusiasm, dedication and humility. From logistics to hospitality, from coordination to on-ground execution — you worked tirelessly and silently, ensuring that every delegate felt welcomed and cared for. Your teamwork reflected the finest values of Rotary, and I am immensely proud of each one of you.

My sincere gratitude also goes to all Presidents, Assistant Governors, club members and volunteers from across the District who supported us in countless ways. Your cooperation, participation and presence gave life to the Conference. A programme of this scale is never the effort of one club alone — it is the collective strength of the entire District that makes it successful.

I would also like to thank every delegate who attended with an open mind and a warm heart. Your participation,



Because the Rotary District Conference mattered, it inspired gratitude, fellowship, unity, service, trust, and belonging.

your enthusiasm during sessions, your appreciation for the efforts and your active engagement made the atmosphere vibrant and meaningful. You did not just attend the Conference — you contributed to its spirit.

As I reflect today, I realise that this Conference was not only about sessions and schedules; it was about reaffirming our shared values of Service Above Self, fellowship, and purposeful leadership. It reminded us that Rotary is not limited to our individual clubs — it is a vast, caring and inspiring family.

This journey has further deepened my faith in Rotary and in Rotarians. I have witnessed kindness in action, teamwork without ego, and service without expectation. These experiences will remain with me long after the Conference concludes.

Let us carry forward the spirit we experienced here. Let the inspiration translate into action. Let the friendships grow stronger. Let the perspectives we gained guide our service initiatives. And most importantly, let us continue to stand united as one District, one family.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your trust, your support, your presence and your love. Hosting this District Conference has been an honour, a learning journey and a deeply fulfilling experience.

With immense gratitude and warm Rotary fellowship, I look forward to meeting you all again — not just at the next Conference, but through many meaningful interactions in the days ahead.

Together, let us continue to serve, connect and grow.

The 'Wow' man of Rotary was never allowed to join!

DOWN MEMORY LANE



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She stood beside Rotary's founder at every turning point—yet was never allowed to join. Jean Thomson Harris shaped Rotary's early soul through quiet strength, sacrifice, and unwavering belief in its mission.

Denied formal recognition, she became its moral anchor, travelling, nursing, speaking, and sustaining the movement in its most fragile years.



JEAN THOMSON HARRIS

The Unseen Pillar of Rotary

Behind Rotary's global rise stood Jean Thomson Harris—a woman whose dedication, compassion, and courage helped build a movement that once excluded her. Her legacy lives not in membership rolls, but in the spirit of service Rotary carries forward.



Jean Thomson Harris supported the Rotary organization but was never allowed to join because she was a woman! She eventually joined the Inner Wheel and she was the first honorary member of the Inner Wheel Club of Edinburgh.

Jean Harris's family

Jean Thomson Harris (6 Nov 1881– 9 Nov 1963) was the wife of founder Paul Harris.

She was born in 1881 at 9 Cumberland Street in the New Town of Edinburgh, the capital city of Scotland. Her father, John Thomson, was a



furniture packer from Logie Pert in Forfarshire in Scotland and later a minister in the Church of Scotland. Ironically, Ann Jean's mother's name was Ann Youngson. She was from Peterhead town, the busiest fishing port in the UK.

Work as Nanny

In 1892, they rented a flat in the newly built Comely Bank Avenue in Edinburgh. When she left school, Jean worked as a lady's maid for a number of families in Edinburgh. She moved to the US with her family, to her sister who already lived there, in order to work as a nanny.

Loving Paul Harris

She met Paul Harris during a ramble (walk); his sleeve had ripped off and she offered to stitch it. After a brief court-

ship, they married 3 months later on 2 July 1910 in Chicago. The couple would never have children. Rotary would be their only child.

Why 'Comely Bank'

The couple bought a house on Longwood Drive in Morgan Park, a suburb of Chicago. Paul named it 'Comely Bank' after a road in Scotland where his wife Jean stayed! They stayed at their Chicago residence for 35 years.

Nanny for life?

A month after their marriage, Paul was elected President of the national Rotary organization. Jean recalled "We wives played a very small part at convention in those days; our young men were struggling to

find themselves." After that term, after 7 rigorous years to spread Rotary in 4 countries, he retired, as his activities were nearly over & his ill health also took a toll on him.

When Paul began to take time off from his job as a lawyer to travel to Rotary conventions, Jean accompanied him. Whilst on a Rotary visit to Melbourne, Australia, Paul was tired and asked Jean to speak on his behalf, which she did. Paul would attend 1930 "Silver Anniversary" Convention in Chicago - his first convention since leaving office in 1912 (after 18 years)! He would deliver his message in person for 1st time in 18 years to 10,000 Rtns!

In these 18 years of absence, he was nursed by Jean for major ill health.

Denied Rotary membership, Jean Thomson Harris nurtured its growth—travelling worldwide, nursing founder Paul Harris, speaking in his stead, inspiring service ideals, and earning Inner Wheel recognition honoring her unseen legacy.

Never a Rotarian

Jean was never allowed to join Rotary because she was a woman! She became a member of the Inner Wheel, and in 1946 was made the first honorary member of the Inner Wheel Club of Edinburgh.

Her death

After Harris died in 1947, Jean

briefly continued to live at Comely Bank but then sold the house and returned to her native Edinburgh, and died in Scotland on 9 Nov 1963. She is buried in Newington Cemetery, Edinburgh. A memorial is found on its gate. A plaque was erected at her birthplace at 9 Cumberland Street, Edinburgh, by RC of St Louis (No 11), Missouri, US.



DRISHTIKON: Where Vision Transformed into Unforgettable Reality

INSPIRED MOMENTS



Dr. Manish Motwani
Dist Governor, 25-26

My Dear Rotary Family,

Warm greetings to each one of you and your families.

In my last message, I had written with great excitement about the approaching milestone of this Rotary year — our District Conference, DRISHTIKON. I had called it the moment where Rotary comes alive in its fullest form. Today, as I write this March column, my heart is full of emotion, gratitude and an indescribable sense of fulfilment — because DRISHTIKON is no longer an anticipation... it is now a cherished memory.

And what a memory it has been.

For any District Governor, the District Conference is nothing less than the final examination of the year — a culmination of months of planning, dreaming, coordinating and believing. It tests our planning, our teamwork, our patience and our collective spirit. I can say with complete honesty that DRISHTIKON exceeded not only expectations, but also touched hearts. Dr Mahek and I, along with our family, will carry the memories of these two magical days for the rest of our lives.

What made this DISCON truly special was not just the scale, the speakers, the venue or the flawless execution. It was the spirit of Rotary that was visible in every corner — in every smile, every handshake, every applause and every moment of fellowship.

From the very first concept to the final standing ovation—the powerful speakers, the seamless flow, the stunning fashion show, and every high-octane on-stage moment—you were the intellectual and emotional heartbeat of this DISCON. The flawless transitions and the thunderous applause in the hall were a direct reflection of your dedication and countless hours of hard work!

A very special, heartfelt shout-out to our pillars of strength: Jhankar Gadkari Sunil Haribal K.K. Ji

Our deepest gratitude to this stellar lineup: PDG Shashi Kumar Sharma, PDG Sunnil Mehra, PDG Sandip Agarwalla, Vijay Lazarus, Ganesh, Mayuri Bhasin, Sharat Jain, Hirachand Dand, Deepak Choudhary, Noopur Desai, Monica Grover, Dr. Nilam Gada, Meenakshi Khosla, Prathana Menda, Mahima Menda, Alka Murlji, Dr. Indumati Gopinath, Vinaya Chougule, Kashmiri Ganatra, Nikunj Jhaveri, Akshay Mehta, Shruti, and every single person who contributed their genius.

To Our Fashion Show Team!

A big shout out to our Fashion Show team led by Monica!

An event which was conceived in short time and executed to T! It really enhanced the DISCON experience! What grace, what professionalism! It was no less than any



professionally organised fashion shows! Everything was put in a short time and every one came out with wonderful themes, colours and costumes! Wow! I believe this will be henceforth a standard event in future District Conferences!

To Our Silent Heroes & Backstage Powerhouses!

Many of you even missed the sessions yourselves to ensure the rest of us could enjoy them—that is the true Rotary spirit!

A massive round of applause for our Backstage & Technical Warriors:

Front & Back Stage Management: Deepak Choudhary, Rakhee Sunil, Sneha, Mahima, Dr. Kruti, Bhuskute, Shelza, Swati, Mrunal Patil, Vidya, and Vidhi Motwani.

Tech Support, AVs & Creatives: Saurabh, Ravi, Kirti, Sridhar, and Rohit.

Photography: Sanjay Agarwal.

Speakers' Aides: Cmdr Ahluwalia, Capt Ashok, Neha Doshi, Jayah Sooda, Amit Patil, Amit Ganatra, Mrunal, Aparna, Suhit Jhaveri, Pankaj Desai, Mehernosh, Sidharth Daftary, and Sharat Jain.

Executive Lounge Care: Raman Abrol, Deepak Motwani, Shashi Chachia, Prakash Ruia, and Puspita Suryamurthy.

Sgt-at-Arms: Rajesh Shroff, Shruti Dharamsi, Nilesh Suchak, and Tejaswini.

Sponsor Coordination: Deepak Chaudhary, Rajendran Unnikrishnan, Kanderp Khandwala, Khuzem Sakharwala.

Citations & Awards: Jhankar, Sunil Haribal, KK ji, and Shilpi!

Your work may not always have been visible to the crowd, but it was absolutely indispensable to our success. You helped build an experience that will be remembered forever!

To the Foundation of Our Success: The Support & Operations Team!

A massive heartfelt thank you to our incredible team: KK ji, Kishore Parekh, Shelza Chaudhary, Arvind Gadia, CK Mohan, Dr. Mary, G. Shankar, Bhagwan Patil, Monica Grover, Deepak Motwani, Deepak Lilani, Jyoti Golani, Prakash Golani, Sudhir Chougule, Ajay Chhaya, Manali, Nikita Oza... and all the members and spouses from my own club!

You managed the registrations, hospitality, and club mobilization with such

grace that every guest felt truly special. You were the silent force that ensured everything moved like clockwork!

To Our Powerhouse Presidents & The Unstoppable Admin Team!

My Dear Inspire Presidents, Assistant Learning Facilitators, Assistant Governors, and District Secretaries,

You motivated your members, mobilized your clubs, and ensured that our DISCON was a true collective celebration of our District family.

Your leadership ensured this wasn't just another event—it was a landmark experience that we will all cherish!

To My Lifelines: The Heart & Soul of Drishtikon - DISCON 2026!

To District First Lady and my partner Mahek, our powerhouse President Kashmiri Ganatra, Convener J Ganesh, Co-Convener and District Secretary Mahima Menda, Co-Convener Sneha Malhotra, and every single member and spouse of my home club, Rotary Club of Mulund Hill View—you were truly the LIFELINE of this conference!

A massive, heartfelt salute to our Mulund Hill View heroes: Dr. Mary, Vidhya and G Shankar, Deepak and Vidhi Motwani, Deepak Lilani, Jyoti and Prakash Golani, Vinaya and Sudhir Chougule, Ajay Chhaya, Manali, Nikita Oza, Amit Ganatra, and all our wonderful club members and spouses!

You set a new gold standard for the District. I am the luckiest Governor to have this “Dream Team” by my side. Thank you for your tireless hours, your selfless dedication, and for making our vision a reality!

BIG HUGS, endless love, and a massive THANKYOU to the best club in the world!

I must also acknowledge the stall owners and sponsors who supported the Conference with immense enthusiasm and trust. Your participation not only added vibrancy to the venue but also strengthened the spirit of collaboration and Rotary fellowship.

A very special mention to Krishna's Team led by Abhishek Abrol, whose precision, discipline and execution support played a crucial role in the smooth functioning of the Conference. The camera team, photographers, designers, sound and light professionals — each of you

helped capture and create moments that will live on forever in our memories.

Friends, one of the most heartwarming aspects of DRISHTIKON was the overwhelming participation of Rotarians and their families. Your presence transformed the Conference from a formal event into a true Rotary celebration. The energy in the halls, the enthusiasm during sessions, and the fellowship during breaks reflected the vibrancy of our District. Hope you all enjoyed as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you!

The evening entertainment programme was an absolute highlight, be it the Fashion Show, The DJ or the Nayab Midha Show!

What an event the Fashion Show was! This has set a new tradition now on for future District Conferences. What professionalism, finesse and charm...! the audience was blown over! I really applaud all the zonal teams for sweating it out early and making a tremendous impact and an event that added to the success of DRISHTIKON! Thank you all the participants, organisers and Leader Monica Grover! YOU ALL ROCKED!

Then came DJ Aqueel! It was great to see a lot of fellow Rotarians shake their leg and enjoyed spirited dancing all the way into mid night! It was full of joy, bonding, laughter and celebration. It was Rotary fellowship at its finest.

On the last day, the Nayab Midha fundraiser segment was deeply appreciated and loved by the audience, not just as a performance but as a meaningful initiative that resonated with Rotary's spirit of service and compassion.

I cannot thank enough my College of Governors for blessing this event and for their gracious presence for the Pre-Conference dinner as well as the meeting to seek their blessings. Thank you each of the PDGs who came and blessed! And also to DGN Deepak for his gracious presence,

I am also grateful to RI President Francesco Arezzo for having sent RI Director Daniel Tanase and gracious Marlena as his Representative. We were extremely delighted to have the couple. Daniel's participation was truly remarkable. His thoughts, the ideas he expressed touched the hearts of the Rotarians of our District. Thank you Daniel and Marlena. Acknowledgements

are due to PDG Sunnil Mehra and Shilpi for being outstanding aides for them.

If any name was missed, it is only due to oversight! Please know that your contribution was a vital brick in this strong structure!

As I reflect on the Conference, I am reminded once again that Rotary leadership is never an individual journey. A District Governor may be the face of the year, but the strength of the year comes from its people. DRISHTIKON was not “my” Conference — it was “our” Conference. It belonged to every Rotarian who registered, participated, supported, sponsored, volunteered and believed in the vision.

To the Assistant Governors, District Team, Presidents, Secretaries, volunteers and every single Rotarian who encouraged members to attend — thank you for making the halls vibrant and the sessions meaningful. Registrations and attendance are the true lifeblood of any DISCON, and your wholehearted participation made all the difference.

Even the smallest contributions — a suggestion, a connection, a follow-up call, a word of encouragement — collectively built the success we all witnessed.

Amidst all the celebrations and inspiration, we also witnessed a historic and emotional milestone! I had the privilege to inaugurate of the Rotary Heart Hospital at the KHM Hospital, Kandivli. For me personally, this was a dream come true. What once began as a vision has now taken shape into a reality that will serve countless lives. This is not just a project; it is a legacy of compassion, commitment and collective Rotary will. I congratulate and thank every Rotarian who contributed in any way to make this dream a reality.

At the time of penning this note, RI am happy to share that on the 23rd February, I would be again privileged to inaugurate another milestone! The Rotary Cancer Hospital, a unique joint initiative of the Rotary and the Lions! When two of the world's largest NGOs come together, the impact cannot be anything but huge! I am grateful to the team of Lions for coming together and make this happen!

As we now move ahead in this Inspired Rotary Year, let us carry forward the energy of DRISHTIKON into our service projects, club initiatives and district goals. Let the inspiration we felt during the Conference translate into stronger service, deeper fellowship and greater impact.

If the Conference showed us anything, it is this: when Rotarians come together with a shared vision, nothing is impossible.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart — thank you.

Thank you for your trust.

Thank you for your love.

Thank you for making DRISHTIKON a grand success.

And thank you for giving Dr Mahek and me memories that we will cherish for a lifetime.

Let us continue this journey with the same enthusiasm, unity and Rotary spirit.

Dr Mahek, I and my family are deeply filled with immense gratitude, pride,

Warm Rotary regards,
Dr. Manish Motwani

District Governor 2025-26
Rotary International District 3141

DRISHTIKON Reflections: A Celebration of Bonds, Belonging & Beautiful Togetherness

The memories of DRISHTIKON continue to linger as a heartfelt reminder of the warmth, unity, and joy that define our Rotary family. Beyond a Conference, it was a beautiful coming together of relationships, shared experiences, and genuine connections. These moments have left behind a lasting feeling of gratitude and belonging.



MAHEK'S VIBES



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Rotary Families of District 3141,

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



DRISHTIKON reflections celebrate belonging, family bonding, heartfelt connections, Rotarian warmth, shared joy, meaningful conversations, unseen teamwork, service with purpose, emotional unity, gratitude, inclusiveness, cherished memories, and the true spirit of Rotary fellowship.

Warm greetings filled with affection to each one of you. As I write this month's message, my heart is still gently reliving the beautiful moments of DRISHTIKON. In my previous note, I had shared how eagerly I was waiting to experience the coming together of our

Rotary families. Today, after those unforgettable days, I can only say — what I experienced was not just a Conference, but a feeling of belonging.

For me personally, DRISHTIKON was less about the stage and more about the people behind it. It was in the warm smiles in the corridors, the spontaneous conversations between sessions, the affectionate greetings from spouses, and the joyful reunions of friends who met after months — or even years. Those moments quietly created the true soul of the Conference.

One of the most touching aspects for me was the genuine warmth extended by Rotarians and their families. So many of you came forward with kind words, blessings, and heartfelt encouragement. Each interaction, whether brief or long, left a deep impression on me. I felt welcomed not just as the First Lady, but as a member of one large and loving Rotary family.

What stood out beautifully was the presence of families in such large numbers. Seeing spouses attending sessions with enthusiasm, friends bonding over shared Rotary experiences was truly

heartwarming. It reaffirmed my belief that Rotary becomes even more meaningful when it is experienced as a family journey rather than an individual one.

While everyone saw the grace and smoothness of the Conference, what moved me deeply were the countless unseen efforts that made it possible. Months of quiet dedication, late-night discussions, thoughtful planning, and selfless teamwork came together with remarkable harmony. There was a sincerity in every small detail, and that sincerity could be felt throughout the event.

The fellowship moments during the evenings were especially delightful. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, joy, and a sense of carefree togetherness. It was refreshing to see Rotarians stepping away from their busy schedules and simply enjoying the spirit of companionship. Those moments of bonding, in my view, are just as important as the sessions themselves, because they strengthen the emotional fabric of our District.

I was also deeply touched by the meaningful segments that combined

creativity with compassion. Initiatives that blended entertainment with purpose reminded us that Rotary's heart always beats for service, even in moments of celebration. That balance of joy and purpose is what makes our Rotary gatherings truly unique.

On a more personal note, this Conference gave me the opportunity to connect with so many Rotarians and spouses, who shared their experiences of Rotary life. Listening to their stories, their journeys, and their perspectives was incredibly enriching. It made me realize once again that behind every dedicated Rotarian stands a supportive family that silently contributes to the larger Rotary mission.

Another moment that filled me with quiet pride and emotion was witnessing milestones that reflect long-standing dreams taking shape into reality. Seeing visions transform into initiatives that will serve society is always deeply moving, and it reinforces the deeper purpose behind all our collective efforts.

As we now move forward in this Rotary year, I carry with me not just memories of a grand gathering, but a lingering feeling of warmth and gratitude. Gratitude for the affection we

received, the bonds that strengthened, and the beautiful sense of unity that was visible everywhere.

If my earlier messages spoke about anticipation and togetherness, this month my heart speaks only of appreciation. Appreciation for the love that was so generously expressed. Appreciation for the respect and kindness shown to our families. And appreciation for the spirit of inclusiveness that defines our District so beautifully.

You did not just attend the Conference — you enriched it with your presence, your positivity, and your warmth. Thank you for every smile.

Thank you for every blessing. Thank you for making these moments so special and memorable.

Most importantly, thank you for making Rotary feel like a home filled with affection, respect, and heartfelt connections — not only for Rotarians, but for their families as well.

With warmth, gratitude, and sincere affection.

Dr. Mahek Motwani
Aesthetic Gynaecologist and
Cosmetologist
First Lady, Rotary District 3141-
2025–26

DRISHTIKON: A FEELING BEYOND A CONFERENCE

DRISHTIKON was not merely an event, but a heartfelt experience of belonging, unity, and shared joy. It brought Rotarians and their families closer through meaningful interactions, warm connections, and collective purpose. These cherished moments beautifully reflected the spirit of Rotary, where service, fellowship, and togetherness create lasting memories and deeper bonds.

RETRO TO RUNWAY AT DISCON



DISCON COVERED BY KALA SHRIDHAR

NORTH ZONE

LOOMS OF LEGACY.....A CELEBRATION OF INDIA'S TEXTILES

The participants were draped in Indian looms from all the corners of India. Kanjeevaram, Chanderi, Kota-Doria, Pashmina, Ikat, Ajrakh, Kalamkari.

FASHION SHOW PARTICIPANTS

Ujwala Babar	Swati Patil	Sonali Patil	Shaila Mahajan
Ketal Tapiawala	Jaynisha Sampat	Jayant Bhatia	Urmila Katkar
Sonali Patil	10 Priya Purandare	Gazal Mohanti	Dr. Deepali Aroor
Mamta Mewara	Deepa Pareek	Alka Manjrekar	Dr. Dimple Modi

WEST ZONE

CINEMA PARADISO

60s-70s Glamour brought alive on stage with heroes and heroines. The stars on stage included

Bhavna Pandya	Smita Shah
Mona Shah	Yogini Shah
Ashmi Parekh	Pushpa Suryamurty
Sunita Padwal	Rashmi Patil
Seema Patole	Shaila Rege

NORTH WEST ZONE

COLLEGE CAMPUS REWIND

The collegians with satchel bags, and notebooks set to Bollywood tunes brought the stage alive. The participants included

Kruti Bhuskute	Alka Bhandari	Daksha Bastawala
Sunil Bhandari	Aparna Garud	Shivshankar Agarwal
Mamta Agarwal	Reha Storewala	Bhakti Sachdeva
Anubha Goyal	Deepak Choudhary	

CENTRAL ZONE

BARAAT REIMAGINED

The Great Indian Wedding re-defined was a vibrant fusion of traditions, where a bold Punjabi kudi and her Marwari choro came together. The celebration, presented by The Mavericks from Central Zone, was infused with Gen Alpha style, sound, and spirit, redefining what a baraat looks and feels like. The participants included

Jagruti Parekh	Ambika Dani	Kalpna Jaishankar
Smita Madgavkar	Varsha Kolhatkar	Kiran Talreja
Anju Ahluwalia	Farida Thakur	Monica Menon

Ashok Singh	Sunita Sharma	Shaline Sherpes
Sangeeta Grover	Minishaa Oberoi	Jasbeer
Kiran Srivastava	Sapnesh Neema	Trapti Neema

Kajal Waghela	Nalini Raghavan
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SOUTH ZONE

MUMBAI BY NIGHT

Bollywood disco and funk grooves on stage with sparkle, swagger, and strobe set the stage on fire.

The participants included

Dr Nilam Gada	Ketki Nisar	Ashit Mehta	Fanny Mehta
Namrata Poddar	Divya Barmecha	Vidya Mukund	Heena Mehta
Nayna Desai	Rupen Doshi	Neha Doshi	Aditya Singh
Nilima Singh	Rupal	Noopur Desai	Priti Gada
Sonal Doshi	Sonal Pagariya		

There was a surprise entry by the Host Club Mulund Hill View.

Host Club performance at the fashion show included the following participants:

Mary Francis	Anitha	Manali Arora
Kashmira Ganatra	Sneh Malhotra	Jyoti Golani
Roma Jeswani	Vidhi Motwani	Vinaya Chougule
Nilu Kewalramani	Mahima Menda	Nikita Oza
Vidya Shankar	Kirti Mishra	

Convenor J Ganesh, DG Dr Manish, First Lady Dr Mahek, RIPR Daniel and Spouse Marlena also joined the host club ramp walk.

THE WINNERS OF THE FASHION SHOW WERE

RTN DR NILAM GADA: SHOW STOPPER AWARD

1ST PRIZE - RTN. DR. NILAM GADA - South Zone

2ND PRIZE - RTN. UJWALA BABAR - North zone

Zonal Awards

1ST PRIZE - Central zone - Mavericks group - Theme: Baraat Reimagined

2ND PRIZE - North zone - Pioneer group - Theme: Looms of legacy

3RD PRIZE - West zone - Titans group - Theme: Cinema Paradiso

Rtn Kala Sridhar with inputs from Mahima Menda, Swati Patil, Kalpana Jaishankar, Shaila Rege and Nilam Gada

A Grand Showcase of Style, Spirit and Storytelling

A vibrant runway celebration uniting diverse themes, cultures, creativity, and talented participants across all zones.



GLAMOUR UNLEASHED : A dazzling lineup takes the spotlight, celebrating elegance, unity, and the spirit of style on a radiant runway.



A MOMENT TO REMEMBER : A heartfelt surprise on the runway turns into pure magic, blending love, joy, and unforgettable celebration.



REGAL GRACE: A stunning blend of tradition and elegance, walking the runway with timeless poise and pride.



RETRO VIBES: Strumming nostalgia and charm, bringing timeless melodies alive on the runway.



CLASSIC SWAGGER : Stepping in with timeless charm and effortless confidence, redefining style with every stride.

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LEADING WITH ELEGANCE: Own the stage, own the moment. When the vision is clear, every step feels like a victory lap. Grateful for the journey and the incredible team behind us.



STYLE IN EVERY STRIDE: Work hard, play harder, and never go out of style. Trading the boardroom for the spotlight and bringing that unstoppable energy to the stage.



TRADITION REIMAGINED : Work hard, play harder, and never go out of style. Trading the boardroom for the spotlight and bringing that unstoppable, high-octane energy to the stage. Where heritage meets the hustle.



SPOTLIGHT STATE OF MIND Owning the stage where heritage meets the hustle. Bringing that unstoppable energy from the boardroom to the spotlight.



HERITAGE IN HIGH DEFINITION : From the boardroom to the spotlight, bringing unstoppable energy to the stage where heritage meets the hustle.

From Looms to Lights: A Spectacular Style Showcase

A vibrant runway celebration uniting diverse themes, cultures, creativity, and talented participants across all zones.



LEADING WITH FLARE :

Redefining leadership through a lens of vibrant style. From boardroom strategy to cultural legacy, we're owning the stage with purpose and unstoppable energy.



GLOBAL VISION, LOCAL SOUL :

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LEGACY IN THE SPOTLIGHT :

Redefining leadership through the vibrant lens of 'Mumbai By Night.' From heritage to the hustle, we're owning the stage with style and purpose.



RETRO REINVENTED :

Taking it back to the 'Campus Rewind' era with a modern twist. Bringing that classic cool to the stage while leading the way forward.



RETRO REVIVAL, MODERN IMPACT :

Stepping back in time with a 'Campus Rewind' that celebrates our roots and our journey. From the elegance of the 70s to the bold energy of today, we're honoring the legacy of Rotary District 3141 with every stride.



TIMELESS TRENDS :

From '70s retro to rich cultural roots, we're celebrating the legacy of Rotary District 3141. Owning the stage with timeless grace and modern leadership energy.



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A Vibrant Runway Journey Through Themes & Talent

A vibrant runway celebration uniting diverse themes, cultures, creativity, and talented participants across all zones.



A GRAND UNION OF GRACE :

Celebrating love and legacy on the grand stage. A beautiful showcase of tradition, elegance, and the vibrant spirit of our Rotary family.



TIMELESS ELEGANCE :

Where every stride celebrates our rich tradition and every moment defines a lasting legacy.



STRIKERS IN STYLE :

"Where campus cool meets a wedding celebration—the Northwest Zone Strikers owning the stage with a double dose of charm."



DRAPED IN VALOR :

A monumental moment in the 'Attire with Style' showcase. With the saffron flag held high and traditional elegance on full display, we celebrate the cultural soul of the Northwest Zone Strikers. Proudly honoring our roots at DISCON 2026



RETRO SOUL, ROTARY HEART :

"Reliving the '70s with a modern mission—where every retro stride celebrates a future of service and style."

A Grand Showcase of Style, Spirit and Storytelling

A vibrant runway celebration uniting diverse themes, cultures, creativity, and talented participants across all zones.



HERITAGE IN MOTION :

A powerful tribute to our roots in the 'Attire with Style' segment. With the saffron flag high and the elegance of traditional sarees, we're celebrating the strength and grace of our heritage.

FROM LOOMS TO LIGHTS: A SPECTACULAR STYLE SHOWCASE

A dazzling journey from heritage textiles to disco glamour, where India's rich cultural threads met Bollywood's timeless energy in a magnificent fusion of tradition, fashion, and spirited performance.

Inspiring change through action, celebrating the visionary spirit of Rotary District 3141 at Drishtikon.

Fashion Show Concept by Chief Coordinator Monica Grover



THE ULTIMATE SHOWSTOPPER :

"Ending on a high note—where grace takes the lead and excellence steals the spotlight."



RETRO REVIVAL SHOWSTOPPER :

"Rewinding the clock for the 'College Campus Rewind' at DISCON 2026. The Northwest Zone Strikers brought the energy, the flared styles, and the classic vibes back to the main stage. A nostalgic journey through our golden days, celebrated with modern leadership.



LEGACY OF THE BRAVE:

"Draped in tradition, armed with grace—honoring the warrior spirit of our heritage."

DISCON RETRO TO RUNWAY HIGHLIGHTS

A spectacular showcase of India's rich textiles, Bollywood's golden era, and vibrant wedding fusion, featuring high-energy performances from across all zones and host club leadership.

Service as a Way of Life: The Siraslewala Family's Rotary Journey Across Generations

AKS MEMBERS FROM THREE DIFFERENT CLUBS:

RTN Sunil Siraslewala & RTN Saroj Siraslewala – Rotary Club of Worli
RTN Divya Kumar Siraslewala – Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview
RTN Rashi Siraslewala – Rotary Club of Mumbai SoBo

HERITAGE & LEGACY

Some families inherit wealth. Some inherit businesses. A rare few inherit values so deeply ingrained that service becomes not an activity, but a way of life.

One Family. Three Generations. One Belief.

BY RTN RACKHEE MEHTA

The Siraslewala family belongs to this rare category.

For Sunil Siraslewala, philanthropy did not begin with Rotary, structured charity, or recognition. It began much earlier, shaped quietly within the home he grew up in. His parents believed in helping anyone in need. It was never spoken of as charity; it was simply the way the family lived. So natural was this practice that even today, Sunil ji reflects that he does not know how much his parents gave during their lifetime. Whatever he has done, he says with humility, feels far less in comparison.

There was no single moment that drew him to a specific cause. Life itself became the teacher. The loss of both his parents to cancer left a deep imprint and naturally guided the family towards supporting cancer-related initiatives, particularly patient wards and care at Tata Memorial Hospital. Yet emotion never overtook clarity. For Sunil ji, the cause has always mattered more than the credit, and the beneficiary more than the banner.

When he first joined Rotary, he admits he was unaware of its vastness. He did not realise how many Rotary clubs existed within Mumbai. He simply joined the club his friend suggested, without intention or expectation. Over time, Rotary became a bridge that allowed him to support projects that resonated with him. Whether the initiative came from Worli, Bombay Bayview, SoBo, Mulund, or even Chennai or Kashmir made little difference. What mattered was sincerity, efficiency, and trust.

Sunil ji has an instinctive ability to read people. He believes the success of any project depends largely on the integrity of the person executing it. If he feels the individual is genuine and capable of delivering impact efficiently, he supports the cause wholeheartedly. At the same time, he is firm about what he does not believe in. If a donation comes with expecta-

tions of visibility or compulsory inaugurations, he chooses to step away. Charity, in his view, must remain free of ego.

Among all avenues of giving, The Rotary Foundation holds a special place in his heart. A firm believer in systems, structure, and transparency, Sunil ji feels TRF offers the most effective way to ensure that every rupee is utilised wisely. Interestingly, his first donation to TRF happened by accident. In 2018, while intending to donate to his club trust, he mistakenly contributed USD 1,000 to TRF. That unintended act became a turning point. The gratitude and sense of blessing he experienced stayed with him, and from that moment onward, giving through Rotary became a natural extension of his life.

What followed was an extraordinary journey. Sunil ji and Saroj ji, members of the Rotary Club of Worli, became Arch Klumph Society members. This spirit of structured giving soon extended to the next generation when their son Divya Kumar, a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview, and daughter-in-law Rashi, a member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai SoBo, became AKS members in June 2025. Today, the Siraslewala family represents three generations of Arch Klumph Society members, with their grandson Anay soon to join, his papers already submitted and recognition awaited. Alongside Anay, his sister Nishkka represents the youngest generation growing up in a home where generosity, gratitude, and service are lived values rather than spoken ideals.

Rotary entered their lives almost by chance. Sunil ji's brother-in-law had been a Rotarian for over three decades, and Sunil ji often recalls with a smile that he once laughed at his dedication. Later, during a meditation camp, a friend encouraged Sunil ji and Saroj ji to join Rotary simply for friendship. There was no intention of donating or leading. Sunil ji joined Rotary in 2016 and became President the very next year. Rotary, he says, changed



Three generations of the Siraslewala family embody philanthropy through Rotary, valuing friendship, integrity, and giving, proving service is not charity, but a way of life.

his life completely. It gave him courage—to lead, to speak, and to serve.

For Saroj Siraslewala, Rotary soon revealed itself as a powerful platform to give back to society. What began as a social association evolved into a source of deep fulfilment. Through the Rotary Friendship Exchange programme, the family has built lasting relationships across the globe, hosting Rotarians from Brazil, South Africa, and beyond. On one occasion, when Saroj ji fell ill during a visit to Frankfurt, support from the local Rotary club reaffirmed their belief that Rotary is not merely an organisation, but a global family that ensures one is never alone.

Born on 19th April 1959 in Mumbai, Sunil Siraslewala joined the family textile business in 1979 after completing his B.Com and LL.B. In 1992, he founded Divya Global Pvt. Ltd., laying the foundation for what is today the Divya Group, a vertically integrated home textile export enterprise operating in over twenty countries. The Group supports thousands of livelihoods, directly and indirectly, while adhering strictly to ethical and social compliance norms. Despite the scale of operations, Sunil ji believes deeply in delegation combined with meticulous monitoring, enabling him to remain connected to every aspect of the

business.

What makes the Siraslewala story particularly compelling is the way the family works together. In a time when many family businesses struggle with fragmentation, the Siraslewalas function as one unit, bound by trust and shared responsibility. Saroj ji leads creatively, Sunil ji provides strategic direction, Divya Kumar drives growth and innovation, and Rashi strengthens the group's digital and international presence. Each contributes without competition, united by common values.

Sunil ji is also a trained and passionate musician, known for playing the rare Hawaiian Lap Steel Guitar and the mouth organ. Rotary rekindled this passion after a gap of thirty-five years, giving him the confidence to perform professional solo concerts. His perfectionist nature eventually led him to step back from public performances. Missing even a single note, unnoticed by others, disturbed him deeply. Today, his humour remains intact, and when asked about his hobbies, he jokes that he enjoys irritating his family members—much to the delight of Anay and Nishkka.

When asked what he receives in return for all this giving, Sunil ji pauses.

“Blessings,” he says. “You feel their power. And that is enough.”
When asked if there is any mes-



sage he would like to share with Rotarians, his response is immediate and deeply reflective. “Friendship,” he says. “We are losing the values of friendship.”

He reminds us that Rotary itself began not as an institution, but as a simple gathering of four friends—meeting in rotation at one another's homes, coming together purely for friendship and fellowship. “That is how Rotary was born,” he reflects. “And that core value of friendship is something we should never forget.”

While Rotary today does remarkable work for causes across the world, Sunil ji believes that genuine fellowship is sometimes overlooked. “We do a lot in Rotary for service,” he says, “but what we really miss is friendship. Friendship is the key. If you are friends, charity will automatically follow.”

For him, friendship is not a by-product of Rotary—it is its foundation. When people trust each other and are united by a

common purpose, service becomes effortless and impactful. “When you have a shared purpose,” he adds, “better projects will automatically happen.”

His message to all Rotarians is simple, yet profound: believe in the value of friendship, be a true friend, and stand by one another.

There are no targets. No ambitions for legacy or recognition. Only a quiet philosophy he wishes to pass on to future generations:

“Be a good human being. Be ethical. Use wealth wisely. Live simply. Be grateful.”

Through Rotary, service has become the shared language of the Siraslewala family, quietly binding generations together. In their journey, The Rotary Foundation is not merely a channel for giving, but a trusted promise—that compassion, anchored in friendship, structure, and integrity, can truly change lives. For the Siraslewalas, Rotary is not an activity or a role. It is a way of life.

Character, The True Strength of Rotary

ECHOES OF SERVICES



PRID Ashok Mahajan
Past Rotary Foundation Trustee
Dear Fellow Rotarians,

“Reputation is what people think you are. Character is what you really are.”

Rotary’s strength is not measured only by the projects we complete or the funds we raise, but by the character we demonstrate every day.

Character is the reflection of our values, ethics, and the consistency between our words and our actions. It cannot be hidden for long. It reveals itself in how we speak, how we act, and just as clearly in how we respond during moments of challenge, disagreement, and adversity. When circumstances are difficult, character speaks the loudest.

People trust Rotarians not because of our titles or eloquence, but because of our integrity. Relationships are built not on appearance or position, but on honesty, reliability, and moral courage. A Rotarian’s word,

Character, The True Strength of Rotary



grounded in upright character, carries enduring weight.

Character is more valuable than wealth, more meaningful than office, and more lasting than recognition. Long after our service projects end, our character remains our true legacy.

As Rotarians, much is expected of us. We are expected to lead by example, uphold ethical standards, and stand for what is right—within Rotary and in the wider world. In times when trust is fragile, Rotarians must stand tall as beacons of integrity.

In Rotary, character is also what unites us across cultures, professions, and generations. It is the common thread that binds a Rotarian in one corner of the world to another thousands of miles away. When we act with integrity and humility, we strengthen not only our own clubs, but the global trust placed in Rotary as an institution. Our shared commitment to character ensures that Rotary remains respected, relevant, and resilient in a rapidly changing world.

We promote character by living our values daily, making ethical choices, respecting others, mentoring through example, and fostering a culture of integrity within our clubs and

Rotary’s true legacy is character—integrity, ethics, and moral courage—shown daily, especially in adversity, building trust, unity, and lasting service impact.

communities.

“Character is doing the right thing even when no one is watching.”

Let us renew our commitment—not only to service, but to the character that gives our service meaning. When character leads, Rotary’s impact becomes deeper, stronger, and truly lasting.

**Yours in Rotary Service,
Ashok Mahajan**

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

An Avid Collector, A Lifelong Rotarian

• PINKI DALAL

In an age of fleeting digital messages, there are still individuals who preserve history in its most tangible form through stamps. Among them is Rtn. Bharat Merchant of RC Bombay Seaface, whose remarkable journey as a philatelist mirrors his equally enduring commitment to Rotary.

For over three decades, he has passionately collected Rotary stamps and First Day Covers from more than 50 countries across five continents. What began as a curiosity during his Rotaract days soon evolved into a lifelong pursuit one that blends history, travel, culture, and service into a single, meaningful narrative.

Having served as President of the Rotaract Club of Bombay and played a pioneering role in establishing one of the city’s earliest Rotaract clubs alongside his brother, Rtn. Merchant’s association with Rotary spans an extraordinary 100 months as a Rotaractor alone. Even when professional responsibilities later took precedence, his Rotary connection remained steadfast. When he formally joined RC Bombay Seaface in 1997, he rekindled both his service journey and his distinctive passion

A Lifetime in Stamps, A Legacy in Service



Bharat Merchant preserves Rotary International history through rare stamps, blending passion, travel, culture, and lifelong service into a meaningful global legacy.

Rtn Bharat Merchant proudly showcases his treasured collection of rare Rotary stamps and postal covers, reflecting a lifetime of passion for philately and service.

for Rotary-themed philately.

Today, Rtn. Merchant is the proud custodian of over 500 Rotary stamps and around 100 First Day Covers. His oldest Rotary stamp dates back to 1948 and originates from Brazil, a prized possession that anchors his collection historically. Over the years, he and his friends would search diligently for Rotary issues during their travels abroad, often making special visits to philatelic bureaus and collectors’ shops. Dealers who came to recognise his dedication would even alert him when rare Rotary stamps surfaced. The thrill of discovering an unusual or older issue, he says, has never diminished if anything, rarity only heightens the excitement.

His collection features stamps issued to commemorate significant Rotary milestones, including Silver, Golden, and Diamond Jubilee celebrations in different countries. Some issues mark Rotary conventions, while others highlight special initiatives such as the PolioPlus campaign and even unique thematic releases connected with events like expeditions and global gatherings. A substantial number of commemorative stamps were issued around 2005, during Rotary’s centenary year, reflecting worldwide celebrations of a

hundred years of service.

Each piece in his archive is far more than a collectible, it is a miniature chronicle of Rotary’s global footprint and ideals of fellowship, goodwill, and humanitarian action.

Despite witnessing a gradual decline in traditional stamp collecting, Rtn. Merchant firmly believes the hobby retains timeless relevance. To him, stamps are “miniature ambassadors” that document history, geography, and human connection. Rather than keeping the collection hidden away, he actively shares and exhibits it so that others especially younger generations can appreciate this unique confluence of heritage and service.

Now in his seventies, Rtn. Bharat Merchant reflects that while many hobbies bring personal joy, this one has enabled him to remain deeply connected to Rotary’s worldwide family. Every preserved cover, cancellation mark, and commemorative issue stands as a reminder that service transcends borders and that even the smallest artefacts can carry the legacy of a global movement.

His story is a testament to unwavering dedication: to Rotary, to history, and to the belief that passions pursued with sincerity can become a lifelong legacy.

Rotary club of Bombay Central***A New Lifeline for the City – State-of-the-Art Cath Lab Inaugurated at Kandivali Hitwardhak Hospital***

● RACKHEE MEHTA

In a landmark development for cardiac and vascular healthcare in Mumbai's western suburbs, a state-of-the-art Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory (Cath Lab) was inaugurated at Kandivali Hitwardhak Hospital by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani. The inauguration ceremony, held in the presence of hospital trustees, senior medical professionals, and members of the Rotary fraternity, marked the beginning of a transformative chapter in affordable, advanced medical care for the community.

This world-class Cath Lab has been generously donated by Rtn. Ashit Mehta, President of the Rotary Club of Bombay Central. With a total project cost of ₹6.04 crore—of which ₹3 crore was personally contributed by him—the facility is envisioned as a service-driven initiative dedicated to ensuring that life-saving cardiac and vascular interventions are accessible to all, irrespective of financial background. The facility is estimated to benefit around 2,000 patients every year, significantly expanding access to critical care in the region.

Equipped with next-generation flat-panel digital angiography systems, high-resolution fluoroscopy, real-time haemodynamic monitoring, and advanced catheter-based interventional platforms, the Cath Lab enables precise, image-guided, minimally invasive procedures. These include coronary angiography, angioplasty with drug-eluting stents, complex percutaneous coronary interventions (PCI), and structural heart procedures such

**A GIFT OF HEALING, A LEGACY OF CARE**

- Donated by Rtn. Ashit Mehta, this 6.04 crore Cath Lab brings cutting-edge cardiac care at minimal cost, ensuring equitable access to life-saving treatment while honouring a legacy rooted in compassion, service, and community welfare.
- Equipped for advanced interventional radiology and stroke care, the facility ensures faster emergency response and improved patient outcomes locally.

as Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI). The advanced technology significantly reduces procedural risks, hospital stays, and overall treatment costs while improving clinical outcomes.

Beyond cardiology, the facility also supports interventional radiology and endovascular services. Peripheral vascular interventions for limb salvage, emergency mechanical thrombectomy for acute ischemic stroke, renal artery

angioplasty, and embolization procedures for complex vascular conditions are now available locally—bringing tertiary-level, multidisciplinary care closer to the people of Kandivali and neighbouring regions.

What truly distinguishes this Cath Lab is its mission. Treatment will be offered free of cost or at highly subsidised rates, described by the hospital's Medical Director as “rock-bottom prices.” The initiative ensures that no patient is denied timely,

State-of-the-art Cath Lab inaugurated at Kandivali Hitwardhak Hospital, enabling affordable cardiac care. Advanced technology, subsidised treatment, and life-saving interventions will benefit 2,000 patients annually across Mumbai's western suburbs.

life-saving treatment due to financial constraints—restoring both health and dignity.

The Cath Lab is dedicated to the cherished memories of the donor's grandfather, Balchand, whose quiet generosity shaped his values, and to Surabhi, remembered lovingly by Ajitbhai. The project stands as a bridge between generations, embodying compassion, gratitude, and purpose.

Special appreciation was extended to Rtn. Nikunj Jhaveri for his steadfast guidance, as well as to the hospital trustees, doctors, technicians, and supporters. The donor also acknowledged his family for their unwavering encouragement.

With its doors now open, the Cath Lab represents more than medical advancement—it is a promise of hope, healing, and humanity. Through this initiative, Kandivali Hitwardhak Hospital has added not just infrastructure, but a lifeline for thousands of families who seek quality care with dignity and compassion.

With inputs from Rtn Pannkaj Ghadiali

Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview – Strengthening Safety and Infrastructure at Yusuf Meherally Vidyalaya

Safe and dignified learning spaces are fundamental to a child's growth and development. With this belief, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview undertook a vital infrastructure improvement project at Yusuf Meherally Vidyalaya, located at Narayan Tawade Chowk, Tulsiwadi, Tardeo, Mumbai. The project was carried out from 10th December to 21st January, with a total investment of ₹3,32,785.

An on-site assessment revealed urgent safety and hygiene concerns within the school premises. A rickety staircase posed a significant risk of accidents, while an unusable bathroom created

serious sanitation challenges for students and staff. Recognizing the immediate need for intervention, the club initiated comprehensive repairs using durable materials and improved construction standards to ensure long-term safety and reduced maintenance requirements.

The project directly benefits 265 individuals, including approximately 250 children and school staff. By restoring structural stability to the staircase and renovating the bathroom facilities, the club has created a safer, more hygienic, and functional environment that supports uninterrupted learning.



The improved infrastructure significantly reduces the risk of injury and illness, contributing positively to students' well-being and attendance.

The initiative was executed with 10 man-hours of dedicat-

ed effort, with three Rotarians actively involved in overseeing coordination, logistics, and implementation. Their hands-on participation ensured quality execution and timely completion of the repairs.

This project reflects Rotary's commitment to sustainable community development through practical and impactful solutions. By strengthening the physical foundation of the school, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview has reinforced a secure environment where children can learn, grow, and thrive with confidence for years to come.



Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview – Restoring Mobility, Renewing Dignity



In January, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview undertook a meaningful community outreach initiative focused on restoring mobility and dignity to those in need. With a project outlay of ₹2,00,000, the club partnered with multiple trusted NGOs to distribute durable and reusable mobility aids, including walkers and wheelchairs, to underserved beneficiaries.

The need for mobility support was identified through close coordination with NGOs serving senior citizens and persons with disabilities. These organizations highlighted that many individuals lacked access to basic assistive devices, significantly

limiting their independence and affecting their daily functioning. Recognizing this urgent requirement, the club stepped in to bridge the gap by providing high-quality mobility aids designed for long-term use.

Approximately 100 beneficiaries directly benefited from the initiative. By routing the distribution through credible NGOs, the club ensured proper allocation, accountability, and sustained usage of the equipment. The mobility aids have not only enhanced physical movement but have also restored confidence, safety, and dignity to the recipients. For many, these devices represent

renewed independence — enabling them to move freely within their homes and communities.

Beyond immediate assistance, the project reflects a thoughtful and sustainable approach to community economic development and social inclusion. By empowering individuals with improved mobility, the initiative contributes to their overall well-being and participation in everyday life.

Through this impactful January project, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview once again demonstrated how focused collaboration and compassionate action can create tangible, lasting change in the community.

Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island – School Renovation at Virar: When Education

Education flourishes in environments that are safe, dignified, and inspiring. With this vision, the Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island inaugurated the renovated Primary Panchayat School at Village Sakwar near Virar on Sunday, 18th January 2026, bringing renewed hope to nearly 100 young students.

The comprehensive renovation project addressed critical infrastructure gaps within the school. Civil work was undertaken to fully refurbish one classroom and construct a functional girls' toilet, ensuring improved hygiene and privacy. Safety grills were installed, and electrical systems were upgraded to create a secure and well-lit learning space. Beyond structural enhancements, the club equipped the school with essential educational infrastructure including benches, cupboards, teachers' chairs, shoe racks, a classroom board, lights, fans,



and a proper electrical board.

Understanding that holistic support extends beyond classrooms, the club also distributed lunch boxes, compass boxes, blankets, staff essentials, and a computer to enhance both learning and comfort. These additions aim to foster a more engaging and supportive academic environment for students and teachers alike.

The project, executed at an approximate cost of ₹5 lakhs, witnessed the presence of around 15 Rotarians, with transportation thoughtfully arranged by the club to ensure strong participa-

tion and smooth coordination. The initiative received appreciable media coverage, highlighting its meaningful contribution to community development and rural education. Through this impactful intervention, the Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island has not merely renovated a school building—it has strengthened the foundation upon which young dreams are built. By restoring infrastructure and dignity to the learning space, the club has helped create brighter opportunities and a more confident future for the children of Village Sakwar.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Greens – Empowering Vision Through Livelihood Support

On 20th December, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Greens undertook a focused and meaningful initiative aimed at promoting self-reliance and dignity among visually impaired individuals. With a project cost of ₹25,000, the club organized the distribution of sewing machines and a weighing machine to beneficiaries at the National Association for the Blind (NAB).

The project was conceptualized following a needs assessment survey conducted by a club member, which highlighted the urgent requirement for sustainable livelihood tools among visually impaired beneficiaries. Recognizing that financial independence is key to empowerment, the club iden-



tified sewing machines and a weighing machine as practical resources that would enable self-employment and income generation.

Four beneficiaries directly benefited from this initiative.

The sewing machines will allow recipients to undertake tailoring assignments and small-scale stitching work, while the weighing machine supports micro-enterprise opportunities. These tools are not merely



equipment but instruments of confidence, stability, and hope. By enabling individuals to earn with dignity, the project supports both Basic Education & Literacy and Community Economic Development.

The initiative saw active participation from dedicated Rotarians including Rtn. Poonam Panjwani, Rtn. Amol Telavane, Rtn. Aditi Sharma, Rtn. Ramkumar, Rtn. Prajakta Bagwe, Rtn. Shweta Mohite, Rtn. Pooja

Telavane, Rtn. Shilpa Bhansali and Rtn. Renuka Palande, along with strong leadership from Rtn. Bharath Jadhav and Project Head Rtn. Gauri Rane. Support extended through funds, volunteer efforts, logistics coordination, and materials management. Volunteers, Annets, and generous sponsors such as Dsync Architects and other well-wishers further strengthened the initiative.

Through thoughtful planning and collaborative effort, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Greens has created a pathway for independence and opportunity. The project stands as a testament to how focused action can illuminate lives and build a more inclusive, empowered community.

Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park – Project Warmth Continues



As winter sets in, the need for basic warmth becomes a pressing reality for many vulnerable communities. Continuing its compassionate outreach under Project Warmth, the Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park organized a blanket donation drive to support those living on the streets and children residing in orphanages who lack essential comforts and family support.

Recognizing that warmth is not merely physical but also an expression of care and dignity, the club extended its efforts beyond street dwellers to include two orphanages. Through this thoughtful initiative, blankets were distributed to ensure that children could experience comfort and protection during the harsh winter months. The project was driven by the



belief that even a simple gesture can bring reassurance and hope to those facing difficult circumstances.

A total of 400 blankets were distributed, along with additional support based on beneficiaries' needs. The success of this initiative was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Rtn. Manish Shah, Rtn. Ajay Bharat, and Rtn. Satish Dipnalk,

whose commitment and coordination ensured smooth planning and effective distribution.

President CA Rajagouda Patil expressed deep satisfaction with the continued impact of Project Warmth, emphasizing that such humanitarian initiatives reflect the club's commitment to standing beside the underserved during times of need. The collective effort of the members transformed a seasonal challenge into an opportunity to spread kindness and solidarity.

Through Project Warmth, the Rotary Club of Mumbai National Park has once again demonstrated how empathy, when translated into action, can make a tangible difference — bringing comfort, care, and a sense of belonging to those who need it most.

Rotary Club of Bombay West – Kala Ghoda Experience for Rotary KDN Shrutu School for the Deaf

Learning extends far beyond classroom walls, and experiential education often leaves the deepest impact. With this spirit, the students of Rotary KDN Shrutu School for the Deaf embarked on an enriching educational tour on 5th February 2026 to the vibrant Kala Ghoda Arts Festival, supported by the Rotary Club of Bombay West.

The day began with excitement as students departed from school at 8:00 a.m., returning safely at 4:15 p.m. En route, they experienced the scenic Malabar Hill Skywalk trail and visited two of Mumbai's iconic landmarks — the Gateway of India and the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMT Museum). These visits offered valuable exposure to the city's cultural and historical heritage.

At the museum, the students particularly enjoyed the interactive Trunk Museum display. By lifting the lid of the trunk and exploring objects representing various civilizations across history, they engaged in hands-on learning that made history both accessible and exciting. The activity sparked curiosity and joy, creating meaningful educational moments.

The visit to the Kala Ghoda Festival further broadened their horizons, as students viewed diverse art installations and creative exhibits. The colourful atmosphere and artistic expressions provided



inspiration and a deeper appreciation for visual storytelling and culture.

Such excursions provide invaluable exposure for socially abled children, fostering confidence, awareness, and inclusion. The school remains committed to organizing similar opportunities,

made possible through the steadfast support of the Rotary Club of Bombay West.

The tour was not only memorable but transformative, reinforcing the belief that inclusive experiences empower students to explore the world with confidence and curiosity.

RC of Mumbai Mulund East – “Yeh Shaam Mastani” Fundraising Event for Rural Education



When music meets a meaningful cause, it creates harmony that resonates far beyond the stage. The Rotary Club of Mumbai Mulund East, under the leadership of President Ambika Dani, organized a grand fundraising musical evening titled Yeh Shaam Mastani on 18th January 2026 at the renowned Kalidas Auditorium. The event was dedicated to strengthening educational infrastructure at primary and secondary schools in Jambrung and Kharwai villages near Khopoli. The objective of the initiative was to raise funds for essential improvements, including kitchen renovation, water facilities, sanitation upgrades, toilet repairs, and painting of existing school premises. These enhancements aim to provide a safer, cleaner, and more supportive learning environment for Adivasi students, ensuring that basic infrastructure supports their academic journey.



The evening witnessed an overwhelming response, with a jam-packed audience reflecting strong community support. DGN Rtn. Deepak Jiandani graced the occasion as Chief Guest, adding

encouragement and inspiration to the gathering. The program blended entertainment with purpose, and lucky draw gifts added excitement and engagement for attendees. The event achieved remarkable success, raising approximately ₹23 lakhs for the cause. This accomplishment was made possible through the generous support of sponsors including Agio Pharma, Contech Inst Ltd, SRUDO, Oxyzo Fin Ser Ltd, Magnum Homes, Ani Integrated Services, Richmond Foundation, and Abhijeet Dani.

More than just a musical celebration, Yeh Shaam Mastani demonstrated how collective goodwill can translate into meaningful change. Through creativity, collaboration, and commitment, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mulund East has taken a significant step toward building better educational opportunities and brighter futures for rural children.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab – Mega Medical Health Check-Up Camp: Service Above Self in Action



Access to preventive healthcare can transform lives, especially in underserved communities. Demonstrating true compassion and commitment, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab organized a Mega Medical Health Check-Up Camp on 4th January 2026 at Sri Guru Nanak Darbar Gurudwara, in collaboration with Chingari Shakti Foundation and CACR. The initiative stood as a powerful example of Service Above Self in Action.

The camp focused on preventive care and early diagnosis, attracting an encouraging response with 238

beneficiaries registered. A wide spectrum of free medical services was offered, including Blood Pressure, CBC, Thyroid, Blood Sugar (Fasting & Random), Vitamin D, Vitamin B12, Cholesterol, TSH, ECG, Dental, Eye, and Anemia screenings. Dr. Samiksha provided medical consultations, while dental examinations were conducted by Rtn. Dr. Vaishali. ECG facilities were arranged by Ms. Sheela Yadav, and free medicines and reading spectacles were distributed to those in need.

With a project expenditure of ₹30,000, the camp was meticulously coordinated under the leadership of Rtn.

Minishaa I. Oberoi, supported by dedicated Rotarians and volunteers. The need for accessible preventive healthcare was identified through discussions with Gurudwara authorities and direct engagement with local residents.

By enabling early detection of health conditions and reducing financial burdens, the initiative fosters awareness, timely treatment, and healthier lifestyles. More than a one-day event, the camp reinforced Rotary's enduring commitment to community well-being — truly reflecting Service Above Self in Action.

Rotary Club of Bombay Harbour – Inauguration of Malegaon Seva Dham Trust School Boys’ Hostel Building

Celebrating fellowship alongside meaningful community engagement, the Rotary Club of Bombay Harbour marked a memorable milestone on 17th January 2026 with the inauguration of the Boys’ Hostel Building at Malegaon Seva Dham Trust School. Blending fellowship with purpose made the day was both meaningful and joyous.

A total of 24 members gathered at a Rotarian’s residence at 9:00 a.m. before proceeding to



the school at 10:00 a.m. Upon arrival, the group received a warm and traditional welcome from students dressed in sarees, vibrant costumes, and colourful pagris. Tilak was applied to all

guests, who were then escorted to the dais amidst the rhythmic beats of an energetic Lezim dance, creating an atmosphere of celebration and respect. The cultural programme fea-



tured enthusiastic performances by over 300 students across various classes, reflecting remarkable talent, discipline, and pride in their institution. The gathering was addressed

by the Club President and the School Principal, both emphasizing the transformative role of education and the importance of creating supportive residential facilities for students. The

newly inaugurated Boys’ Hostel Building stands as a vital addition to the school’s infrastructure, providing a safe and structured environment that will benefit numerous students in the years ahead. The day beautifully blended camaraderie, cultural richness, and meaningful service, reinforcing the club’s continued commitment to strengthening educational opportunities and nurturing brighter futures for the children of Malegaon.

RC of Boisar Tarapur – Grand Inauguration of Thalassemia Ward at Kanta Hospital

In a significant step toward strengthening healthcare infrastructure in Palghar district, the Rotary Club of Boisar Tarapur proudly supported the grand inauguration of the newly constructed and upgraded Thalassemia Ward at Kanta Hospital under the Maharashtra Blood Bank. The ceremony was conducted with dignity and community participation, reflecting a collective commitment to improving care for patients battling thalassemia.

The event was graced by incoming District Governor (2026–27) Rtn. Rajan Dua as Chief Guest and Yoshihisa, Senior Vice President of Sumitomo Chemical India Limited, as Guest of Honour. Distinguished attendees included Civil Surgeon Dr. Ramdas Mard and other respected medical professionals. The renovation and upgradation of the ward were made possible through the generous financial support of Sumitomo Chemical India Limited, ensuring improved treatment fa-



ILITIES, enhanced safety standards, and a more comfortable environment for patients.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Guest emphasized the need for society to unite in combating lifelong genetic disorders like thalassemia and lauded the corporate partner’s exemplary commitment to social responsibility. Medical experts provided valuable insights into the causes, symptoms, and management of thalassemia, highlighting the importance of awareness and timely intervention.

The ward’s design and upgradation plan were thoughtfully pre-

pared by Dr. Parag Kulkarni and Past President Rakesh Mishra, who also anchored the program efficiently. Rotarians from Boisar Tarapur, Palghar, and Umroli Clubs attended in strong numbers, demonstrating solidarity and shared purpose.

Concluding the ceremony, the Hospital Director expressed heartfelt gratitude to all contributors and extended wishes for improved health and brighter futures for patients. The initiative stands as a powerful example of collaborative effort in advancing compassionate and quality healthcare for the community.

RC of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab – Shaheedi Run 2026



Blending patriotism with purpose, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab proudly supported the Shaheedi Run held on 26th January 2026 at Gurudwara Sri Guru Nanak Darbar. Organized to commemorate the 350th martyrdom year of Guru Tegh Bahadur, the event stood as a tribute to sacrifice while promoting health, unity, and social responsibility within the community.

With approximately 300 enthusiastic participants aged 18 and above—including several inspiring senior runners—the 4 km run commenced from the Gurudwara and concluded at Guru Nanak Mission High School, passing through

Mahakali Road. The atmosphere reflected pride, discipline, and collective spirit as participants ran and walked in remembrance and solidarity.

Under the leadership of President Rtn. Minisha I. Oberoi, the club actively contributed to the planning and seamless execution of the event. Rotary provided BIBs, wristbands, ambulance services, and complete logistical support to ensure participant safety and smooth coordination. Medals and certificates were awarded to all participants, while winners were felicitated with trophies and cash prizes, making the occasion both memorable and meaningful.

The initiative addressed important focus areas including peace-building, disease prevention, and community development. Through collaboration with Gurudwara leadership and local residents, the need for promoting fitness and community engagement was clearly identified. Beyond the day of the run, the Shaheedi Run encourages a sustained culture of preventive health awareness and active living. It strengthens bonds within the community, reinforces shared values, and inspires continued participation in constructive initiatives—leaving behind not just memories of a run, but a renewed spirit of unity and purpose.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu – Dental Health Check-up & Oral Health Education Initiative

Good oral health is the foundation of overall well-being, especially when nurtured from an early age. With this guiding principle, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu, in association with MGM Dental College, successfully conducted a Dental Health Check-up and Oral Health Education Program on 27th January 2026 at Adivasi residential schools in Ambivali and Dahagaon, District Shahapur, Thane.

The initiative focused on promoting oral health awareness and providing essential dental screenings for tribal school children. The program included comprehensive dental examinations, interactive oral health awareness sessions, and practical demonstrations on correct brushing techniques. Emphasis was placed on preventive dental care and instilling healthy oral hygiene habits at a young age. To further reinforce these practices, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu sponsored dental kits for every student who underwent the check-up.

A total of 585 children benefited from the camp, with 305 students screened at Ambivali and 280 at Dahagaon. The program was conducted efficiently through the dedicated efforts of five dental interns and ten student volunteers from MGM Dental College, along with ten committed volunteers from the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu. Their coordinated teamwork ensured seamless screenings, engaging education sessions, and meaningful interaction with the children. The initiative also received valuable support from District representatives Rtn. Dr. Pankaj Maheshwari and



Rtn. Mehernosh Engineer. The children participated enthusiastically, showing genuine curiosity and eagerness to adopt healthier habits. This impactful outreach reflects the club’s

steadfast commitment to community health and preventive care, particularly in tribal and underserved regions, helping build healthier smiles and brighter futures.

Steps of Hope: Jaipur Foot Camp Transforms 53 Lives in Palghar



Mobility restores not just movement, but dignity, confidence, and independence. With this purpose at heart, the Rotary Club of Palghar successfully organized a Jaipur Foot Fitting Project on 23rd December 2025 at Vitthal Mandir Hall, Mahim Road, Palghar, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The initiative brought renewed hope to individuals with physical disabilities by providing them with life-changing assistive devices.

With a total project cost of ₹5,75,000, the camp benefited 53 individuals. The distribution included 22 calipers, 12 below-knee Jaipur Foot prostheses, 6 above-knee Jaipur Foot prostheses, 2 artificial hands, and 11 crutches. Each beneficiary received customized support to improve mobility



and enhance their ability to lead more independent lives. The project was led by Pres-

ident Sanjay Mahajan and Project Chairman Kalpesh Tandel, supported by a committed team. Their collective effort ensured smooth coordination, proper fittings, and personalized attention to each beneficiary.

A heartfelt note of gratitude was extended to Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust Trustee Rajeev Mehta and his dedicated team, along with the Rotary Club of Bombay Worli, for their generous donation of all Jaipur Foot prostheses that made this impactful initiative possible.

The Jaipur Foot Fitting Project stands as a powerful reminder that when compassion is combined with action, it can transform lives—helping individuals step forward into a future filled with possibility and renewed self-belief.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Horizons Inauguration of Rotary Horizons KAVACH

Responding to the growing need for structured senior care and dementia support, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Horizons proudly inaugurated Rotary Horizons KAVACH – a Dementia Daycare Facility and Community Center – on 7th December 2025. Developed in association with Dignity Foundation, this landmark initiative reflects the club's steadfast commitment to community welfare and inclusive care.

The centre was formally inaugurated by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani, who praised the project as a meaningful and timely response to an urgent societal need. He commended the club for establishing a fully operational and thoughtfully designed facility that was ready to serve beneficiaries from day one. The event was graced by several distinguished district leaders, along with Trustee Shri Gopalji Shreenivasan and CEO Javed Shaikh from Dignity Foundation, reaffirming a strong and purposeful partnership dedicated to enhancing the dignity and well-being of senior citizens.

True to its tagline, "A shield of compassion – A promise of love & dignity," Rotary Horizons KAVACH has been designed



with calming interiors, accessible infrastructure including ramps and wheelchair provisions, trained staff, a dedicated vehicle, and serene outdoor spaces. The Dementia Daycare operates Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering pick-up and drop services, nutritious meals, professional supervision, and structured engagement activities. The Community Center further extends its reach through wellness programs, digital literacy ses-

sions, educational initiatives, Saturday clinics, and Sunday skill-building activities for seniors, women, and youth.

The well-curated inauguration and guided tour left a lasting impression on all attendees. Under the leadership of President Rtn. Sunil Bhandari and his team, Rotary Horizons KAVACH stands as a compassionate, forward-looking initiative—creating a safe, supportive environment where dignity and care remain at the forefront.

Rotary Club of Borivali – Road Rage 2026



Energy, enthusiasm, and strong community engagement marked the morning of 25th January 2026 as the Rotary Club of Borivali, in association with the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCF), successfully organized the much-anticipated "Road Rage" event. The initiative witnessed spirited participation from 25 teams, transforming an ordinary Sunday into a vibrant celebration of fellowship and public outreach.

The event flagged off from Borivali and concluded in Goregaon, with twenty-five cars proudly driving across the route, prominently



adorned with Rotary banners and displays showcasing the club's flagship projects and community initiatives. The colorful convoy attracted significant public attention, effectively amplifying Rotary's presence and reinforcing its impact within the community. The moving display created excellent public relations visibility, drawing curiosity and

appreciation from onlookers along the way.

Public Image being one of Rotary's core focus areas, Road Rage served as a dynamic platform to strengthen awareness about the club's ongoing service efforts. The coordinated planning, enthusiastic participation, and seamless execution reflected the dedication and teamwork of the

members. Beyond the competitive spirit of the rally, the event fostered camaraderie among participants and reinforced a shared sense of purpose.

The overwhelming response and positive energy throughout the drive underscored the success of the initiative. Road Rage was not merely a rally—it was a powerful statement of Rotary's active presence in society. With strengthened visibility and renewed motivation, the Rotary Club of Borivali continues to move forward with confidence, driven by unity, purpose, and a commitment to meaningful community engagement.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas – Sankranti Donation for Rural Girls' Education



Festivals are a time for gratitude, generosity, and meaningful action. Embracing the spirit of Sankranti, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas undertook a heartfelt initiative to uplift and empower girls from rural areas through education and essential support. On 15th January, the club contributed ₹3,12,000 toward the education, uniforms, food, and other necessities for 12 deserving girls at Isha Vidhya, an initiative of Isha Foundation.

The objective of the project was simple yet profound — to enable rural girls to continue their education with dignity and confidence. Recognizing that financial limitations often interrupt schooling for young girls, the club stepped forward to bridge this gap and create opportunities for sustained learning. The need for the initiative was identified by IPP Rtn. Sonali Desai, who high-

lighted the importance of timely intervention to secure these girls' academic futures.

The project was supported through club donations, with active participation from President Rtn. Sunita Goyal, Treasurer Rtn. Priyambada Mittal, IPP Rtn. Sonali Desai, PP Rtn. Pooja Poddar, Rtn. Vinita Agarwal, and Rtn. Suruchi Kabra. Their collective effort ensured that the contribution was thoughtfully directed toward comprehensive support, covering educational fees as well as daily essentials.

By investing in education, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas has invested in confidence, independence, and brighter futures. This Sankranti initiative stands as a reminder that when communities come together with compassion and purpose, they can transform lives — one girl, one opportunity, and one future at a time.

RC of Mumbai Divas – CSR India Grant Project at ARCTEC, Tata Hospital Kharghar

Strengthening critical healthcare infrastructure for vulnerable cancer patients, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas successfully implemented a major CSR initiative under Grant No. CS2600776. The project focused on equipping the Interventional Radiology (IR) Recovery Room at ARCTEC, Tata Memorial Hospital, with advanced medical equipment to enhance post-procedure care for critically ill cancer patients. With a total project cost of



₹64 lakhs, generously supported by corporate donor JMF Performance Materials Pvt. Ltd., the initiative aims to benefit ap-



proximately 300–500 cancer patients every month. The need for upgrading the IR Recovery Room was identified through a

detailed assessment. The upgraded facility now enables improved post-procedure monitoring, timely clinical in-

terventions, enhanced patient safety, and reduced complications. By strengthening the recovery infrastructure, the project significantly improves outcomes for patients undergoing complex interventional procedures, many of whom come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The initiative ensures equitable access to high-quality cancer care while supporting doctors and medical staff in delivering efficient and responsive treatment.

The project was led by President Rtn. Sunita Goyal and Project Head IPP Rtn. Uma Jajodia and has succeeded in creating a lasting impact on critical cancer care services in Navi Mumbai.

Through this transformative healthcare intervention, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Divas has reinforced its commitment to meaningful, sustainable community impact—bringing hope, dignity, and improved recovery outcomes to hundreds of patients each month.

General Medical Check-up Camp for ST Workers and Rickshaw Drivers



Demonstrating its continued commitment to community health and preventive care, the Rotary Club of Palghar organized a General Medical Check-up Camp on 21st January 2026 at the ST Depot, Saphale West, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The camp was specially arranged for ST depot workers and local rickshaw drivers, ensuring accessible and comprehensive healthcare services at their workplace.

The medical camp was conducted in collaboration with Swasthyam Multi-speciality Hospital, Rotary Eye Centre Adhikari Hospital, Lupin Diagnostic Lab, and Path Life Diagnostic Centre. A total of 54 beneficiaries underwent general health check-ups, while 20 individuals received free ECG screenings. One 35-year-old patient with irregular ECG readings and high blood pressure was promptly shifted to the hospital for immediate medical attention, highlighting the importance of early detection.

The eye screening camp examined 55 individuals, with three cases of cataract identified for further treatment. Additionally, 54 participants benefited from free blood tests, including blood group identification, haemoglobin levels, and cholesterol screening. The camp was led by President Rtn. Sanjay Mahajan, along with Secretary Rtn. Manish Pimpale, PP Rtn. Dipesh Thakur, Vice President and Medical Director Rtn. Kalpesh Patil, and PR Director Rtn. Smittej Purbab. Their coordinated efforts ensured smooth execution and maximum outreach. The initiative not only addressed immediate health concerns but also reinforced awareness about regular health monitoring. Through timely intervention and collaborative partnerships, the Rotary Club of Palghar once again demonstrated its dedication to safeguarding community well-being and making healthcare accessible to those who serve society daily.

Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu – UTKARSH RYPEN 2026

● KALA SHRIDHAR

Empowering young minds and nurturing future leaders formed the heart of UTKARSH – RYPEN 2026, a two-day residential youth enrichment programme hosted by the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu (RCMJ) on 27th and 28th January 2026. Conducted simultaneously at the Adivasi Ashramshalas in Dahagaon and Ambivali, the initiative reached over 700 tribal school children, creating a vibrant platform for learning, self-discovery, and growth.

Supported by CSR partner Crystic Resins Pvt. Ltd. with a project cost of ₹ 2,50,000, UTKARSH was designed as a holistic programme integrating Community Service, Youth Service, Education, Health & Wellness, and Leadership Development. The sessions were conducted by expert speakers from Badlaav Social Foundation, SewaConnect, and Reachout, who engaged students through interactive and experiential learning modules. The programme covered a wide spectrum of topics



including health awareness and menstrual hygiene, emotional well-being, stress management, leadership skills, financial literacy, de-addiction awareness, sustainability, and the importance of education. Activities were thoughtfully curated to encourage participation and build confidence. Emotional bonding exercises, motivational talks, and engag-

ing group activities fostered trust and teamwork among the children. The evenings concluded with a lively campfire filled with music and dance, leaving students with joyful memories.

Under the leadership of President Rtn. Ananthalakshmi Ramesh and a dedicated team of Rotarians, UTKARSH achieved remarkable impact.

The enthusiastic participation and positive feedback from students reflected the programme's success in inspiring hope and ambition. UTKARSH – RYPEN 2026 stands as a powerful testament to Rotary's unwavering dedication to youth empowerment, shaping confident, informed, and resilient young citizens for tomorrow.

Rotary Club of Bombay Airport – RYPEN at Ganjad & Ranshet Ashram Shalas

● KALA SHRIDHAR

In a meaningful outreach initiative focused on education, health awareness, and life skills, the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport (RCBA) conducted a RYPEN programme on 26th December 2025 at the Ashram Shalas in Ganjad and Ranshet, District Palghar. With a project value of ₹20,000, supported by generous contributions from RCBA Rotarians, the programme reached an impressive 1,900 students from Classes 1 to 10 across both schools.

The highlight of the programme was an insightful session by Dr. Madhubala Chinchalkar, who addressed crucial topics such as menstrual hygiene for girls and Good Touch-Bad Touch awareness for primary students. Delivered in Marathi, the session created a safe and open environment for discussion, helping break social taboos while encouraging



students and teachers to clarify sensitive concerns. Dr. Chinchalkar also screened a short film on her Antarctica Expedition, sharing photographs and videos from her one-year tenure as a Medical Officer representing India, inspiring students with her remarkable journey.

Adding a strong practical dimension, CSO Rajesh Shirke, an Ex-Indian Navy officer, conducted engaging sessions on fire safety and basic CPR training, equipping students with essential emergency response skills. Under RCBA's PADHO INDIA ini-

tiative, books in Marathi literature, language, and grammar—collected from R. N. Shah International School and Parle Tilak Vidyalaya—were distributed to enrich the students' learning resources.

Led by President Pragna Mehta and supported by Rtn. Bijal Merchant and Rtn. Dr. Urvi Kothari, the initiative received high appreciation from trustees, principals, teachers, and students. The programme successfully blended awareness, inspiration, and empowerment, leaving a lasting and positive impact on young minds.

Rotary Club of Palghar – Seminar on Soft Skills for NSS Students

Recognizing the growing importance of personality development and communication abilities in today's competitive world, the Rotary Club of Palghar organized an engaging Seminar on Soft Skills on Wednesday, 21st January 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Shitala Devi Hall. The session was specially curated for NSS students from SDSM College and G.S.I. Degree College, with a total of 95 enthusiastic students in attendance.

The interactive session was delivered by PP Rtn. Ninad Save Sir, who brought his experience and dynamic approach to the subject. The seminar focused on essential soft skills such as effective communication, confidence building, leadership qualities, teamwork, time management, and professional etiquette. Through practical examples, real-life scenarios, and interactive discussions, students were encouraged to reflect on their strengths and areas of improvement.

The programme witnessed active participation, with students engaging in dis-



ussions, asking questions, and sharing their perspectives. The lively exchange of ideas created a positive and motivating atmosphere, making the session both informative and impactful. The initiative aimed not only to enhance employability skills but also to build self-assurance and clarity of thought among young learners.

Under the leadership of President Rtn. Sanjay Mahajan, the Rotary Club of Palghar continues to focus on empowering youth through meaningful educational initiatives. The seminar proved to be a valuable learning experience, equipping students with practical tools that will support their academic journey and future professional endeavors, while inspiring them to strive for personal excellence.

Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai – Tribute, Remembrance and Green Commitment (14–15 February 2026)

The 14th and 15th of February 2026 marked two deeply significant and meaningful days for the Rotary Club of Marine Drive, blending solemn remembrance with purposeful community action.

On 14th February, while much of the world observed Valentine's Day, India marked the day as Black Day in memory of the martyrs of the Pulwama attack, in which more than forty brave Indian soldiers laid down their lives. A dignified candle-light vigil was organised to pay homage to the fallen heroes. The ceremony was led by Defence Veteran and Club President Ramesh J.S. Chandra, along with fellow veterans from Mumbai Defence Veterans and All India Defence Veterans Forum.

Rotarians and distinguished guests, including Past President Rtn. Raj Kamal Verma, Rtn. Prakash Gupta, Rtn. Sanjay Patkar (RC Kandivli), Charter



President Sanjay Agarwal (MO KABO), and Chandrakala R. Chandra from RC Marine Drive Mumbai, joined hands with social workers, prominent citizens, and political representatives to offer floral tributes and observe a moment of silence. The atmosphere reflected unity, gratitude, and unwavering respect for the nation's heroes.

Continuing the spirit of collective responsibility, 15th February was observed as Green Mahashivratri under the theme "Har Vriksh Mein Mahadev." A plant distribution drive was

organised, during which over 100 saplings were distributed to community members. The initiative symbolised hope, sustainability, and a shared commitment to environmental stewardship.

Through remembrance and renewal, the Rotary Club of Marine Drive demonstrated that patriotism is not only about honouring sacrifice but also about nurturing a better future. The two-day observance stood as a powerful reminder of unity, responsibility, and enduring national pride. Jai Hind.

Bollywood Maha Aarogya Shivar 2026



Healthcare becomes truly meaningful when it reaches those who form the backbone of our society. On 18th January 2026, a landmark initiative—the Bollywood Maha Aarogya Shivar—was successfully conducted at Chitrakoot Ground, Andheri West, Mumbai. Spearheaded by Rotary District 3141, the mega camp was led by the Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island as the Lead Host Club, in association with DRVA Charitable Trust and Doctor 365 Haleness Services Private Limited.

The camp was inaugurated at 10:30 a.m. by District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani, alongside noted actress Shilpa Shetty and other dignitaries. Designed to provide comprehensive healthcare support to Bollywood workers and their families, the initiative offered free medical consultations, diagnostics, essential aids, and medicines under one roof.

The response was overwhelming, with approximately 30,000 beneficiaries attending the camp. Nearly 900 doctors and technicians rendered their services tirelessly until 7:00 p.m., making



it one of the largest healthcare outreach programs in the district. The camp facilitated preventive and curative healthcare services on a massive scale, including cancer screenings supported by six technicians sponsored by Rotary Clubs.

A total of 986 wheelchairs were distributed, of which 249 were sponsored by Rotary Clubs, significantly enhancing mobility for physically challenged beneficiaries. Spectacle distribution reached an impressive 8,712 individuals, including 5,000 sponsored by Rotary Clubs, addressing

critical vision-related concerns. Approximately 37,000 units of medicines were dispensed, and meals for 141 individuals were sponsored. Collectively, Rotary Clubs raised ₹12.52 lakhs toward the initiative, reflecting extraordinary commitment and generosity.

The project was strongly supported by multiple co-host clubs, including Rotary Clubs of Queen's Necklace, Metropolitan, Bombay Pier, GenX, Mahim, Mulund Hills, Nova, Neo, Divas, Khar, Virar, Bombay Airport, and Elegant. The event was efficiently coordinated by DS Kala Sridhar, Counsellor Harish Chokshi, and GSA Rajendran Unnikrishnan, ensuring seamless execution of this large-scale operation.

The Bollywood Maha Aarogya Shivar 2026 stands as a shining example of collaboration between Rotary, healthcare professionals, charitable trusts, and corporate partners. By extending accessible and inclusive healthcare to thousands, Rotary Clubs have once again created a lasting impact—bringing care, dignity, and hope to the very community that enriches our cultural landscape.

Rotary Club of Bombay North – Operation Restore Camp 27



Reaffirming its commitment to meaningful medical outreach, the Rotary Club of Bombay North successfully executed Operation Restore Camp 27 at the National Burns Centre. This impactful initiative, undertaken as a joint project with Rotary Club of Deonar, focused on providing critical reconstructive surgical care to burn survivors in need.

With a total project cost of ₹6 lakhs, supported by contributions from six dedicated club members, the camp enabled life-changing surgeries for 15 patients. These procedures not only addressed physical deformities caused by severe burns but also restored confidence,

mobility, and dignity to the beneficiaries. The initiative highlights Rotary's sustained efforts in community-focused healthcare, particularly for economically disadvantaged patients who may otherwise lack access to specialized treatment.

The inaugural ceremony was graced by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani as Chief Guest. Nine members from the Rotary Club of Bombay North were present, demonstrating strong club participation and collective responsibility. Under the leadership of President Kamal Chokshi and Project Head Mehul Shah, the event was meticulously planned and

executed in coordination with experienced medical professionals at the National Burns Centre.

Operation Restore Camp 27 stands as a testament to the power of collaboration and compassion. By addressing both the medical and emotional rehabilitation of burn survivors, the project has created a lasting impact on the lives of patients and their families.

Through initiatives like these, the Rotary Club of Bombay North continues to bring healing and renewed hope to those who need it most, transforming lives one surgery at a time.

Mahashivratri, An Evening to Remember with Devotion



RC Bombay Seaface celebrated Mahashivratri this year with a mesmerising and melodious evening that beautifully blended devotion, music, and fellowship.

Our guest speaker, Mr. Anurag Patil, offered a fascinating insight into how different ragas can help balance physical and mental well-being. Through soulful rendi-

tions of Bollywood songs rooted in classical ragas, he demonstrated how subtle variations such as komal and madhyam swars can instantly transform not only the raga but also the entire atmosphere.

Set in a serene, candle-lit ambience, the experience was deeply calming, reflective, and uplifting for all

present. The evening concluded with delicious farali cuisine followed by an enjoyable cricket match screening creating a perfect harmony of spirituality, music, and camaraderie. It was truly a celebration of devotion, music, and togetherness, an evening that will remain cherished in our memories.



Urban Vocational Upliftment: A Collaborative Dual Project for Community Empowerment and Skill Development

In a commendable step toward inclusive growth, multiple Rotary clubs came together to launch impactful educational and vocational initiatives in Mumbai. The project reflects a shared vision of empowering youth and women through modern learning tools and skill-based opportunities.



On Tuesday, 27 January 2026, Sharada High School, Sakinaka, Andheri (Mumbai) witnessed the inauguration of two impactful community initiatives under the District's Urban Vocational Upliftment program. The projects—two Smart Classrooms (with interactive boards) and Jewellery-Making Classes—were inaugurated by District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani, marking another successful example of inter-club collaboration.

The Smart Classrooms were sponsored through the joint efforts of ten Rotary clubs: RCB Metropolitan, RCB Pier, RCB Powai, RCM Dahisar, RCM North Island, RCB Seaface, RCB Hanging Garden, RCB Midwest, RCB Cosmopolis, and RCM Sher-e-Punjab.

The Jewellery-Making Classes were supported by RCB Airport, RCB Metropolitan, and RCM Dahisar, with ten girls receiving imitation jewellery-making kits to begin their skill development journey.



The presence of DG Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani as Chief Guest added immense encouragement to the initiative. Heartfelt appreciation is also extended to CPP Rtn. Rajendran Unnikrishnan for his continuous guidance and for successfully completing the third and fourth projects under this avenue.

Sincere thanks are due to the Presidents of the participating clubs—Rtn. Ketki Niser, Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. Anju Ahluwalia, Rtn. Pragna Mehta, Rtn. Sonal Doshi, Rtn. Minishaa Oberoi, Rtn. Haresh Thakkar, Rtn. Narendra Panani, Rtn. Hitesh Fozdar, Rtn. Pushkar Choudhary, and Rtn. Jayant Pawar—for their wholeheart-



ed support and active participation.

Special gratitude is extended to Mrs. Vanita Shetty, Principal of Sharada High School, for providing the platform to commence the Jewellery-Making Classes at the school's skill development centre and for her continued cooperation.

This initiative highlights the

strength of unity and collaboration, creating meaningful educational and livelihood opportunities. The joy on the students' faces reflected the true impact of the Smart Classrooms, while the Jewellery-Making Classes marked another step toward women empowerment through a Learn and Earn approach.



Appreciation is also extended to the beneficiaries of the Pink Auto project for facilitating transportation despite challenging access conditions.

Rtn. Sharad Jain
Avenue Chair –
North Zone
Urban Vocational
Upliftment

BOMBAY MERI JAAN



Bombay Meri Jaan was a multi-district exchange successfully hosted by Rotaract International District 3141.

BMJ witnessed 3 International Districts and 15 Domestic Districts, with 55+ incoming delegates from various parts of India and abroad participating in this event. Bombay Meri Jaan brought together the Rotaract Clubs of Mumbai to host the incoming Districts, allowing one of the greatest Cultural amalga-



mations to take place in India.

Rotaractors from various Districts took turns exploring rich architecture and traditional and new-age icons with their Bombay counterparts.

The event was highlighted at the BMJ DG-DRR's Dinner, which was held on 17th January at NSM School, Vile Parle East, to officiate the Welcome of Rotaractors from various districts to RID 3141.

Rotary Club of Boisar Tarapur Concludes Three-Day Free Breast Cancer Screening Camp at Viraj Profiles, Boisar



The three-day free breast cancer screening camp organized by the Rotary Club of Boisar Tarapur concluded successfully on February 18 at the Zurich Plant of Viraj Profiles Private Limited, located in the western part of the industrial town of Boisar. The camp was held from February 16 to February 18 with the objective of raising awareness about women's health and ensuring early detection of the disease.

Health Check-ups Conducted for 408 Women

During the three-day camp, around 408 women from different areas of Boisar city underwent free medical screening. A significant number of women were present even on the final day. Expert doctors conducted preliminary breast cancer examinations with great care and provided necessary medical consultations to the participants.

Effective Treatment is Possible with Early Detection

Specialists emphasized that breast cancer can be successfully treated if detected in time. Early screening and appropriate medical care can help prevent se-



rious consequences. During the camp, 14 women tested positive. It was also announced that if any woman's report is found positive, the Rotary Club will bear the full cost of her treatment and, if required, surgery as well. This initiative stands as a highly commendable and inspiring example of social responsibility and humanitarian service. Inauguration Held in a Dignified

Atmosphere.

The inauguration ceremony held on February 16 was conducted in a dignified atmosphere. The program was smoothly and cordially anchored by company official Harish Ahuja. On the occasion, senior officials from Viraj Profiles, including Vivek Chauhan and Executive Director Pradeep Jadhav, along with other dignitaries, were

present. Representing the Rotary Club of Boisar Tarapur were President Ram Narayan Goyal, Project Director Smita Jadhav, Project Coordinator Dr. Sonam Khandejod, Rtn. Aarti Shinde, Past President Dr. Parag Kulkarni, Vinayak Padamwar, Ramesh Mittal, Vaishali Shinde, and Rtn. Suman Mittal, whose presence was especially noteworthy. During the program, Vivek Chauhan from Viraj honored Rotary Club President Ram Narayan Goyal with a bouquet, shawl, and coconut. Executive Director Pradeep Jadhav and other officials of Viraj Profiles also welcomed the visiting Rotary Club dignitaries with bouquets. Refreshments were beautifully arranged for the guests.

Public Welfare Efforts to Continue in the Future On the closing day, February 18, the Rotary Club President expressed confidence in continuing to organize similar public welfare health camps in the future. This three-day free breast cancer screening camp was successfully concluded as a significant, inspiring, and commendable initiative toward strengthening awareness of women's health.

SAPHAL Takes off @ DISCON



Saphal, an interactive Rotary app-based platform designed to help Rotarians connect for business, internships, and employment opportunities for their family members, was launched at DISCON-26 in a truly spectacular manner.

In a memorable moment, a drone carrying the app's clicker flew from the back of the hall to the stage, hovered briefly above the audience, and gently delivered the clicker into the hands of DG Manish Motwani. He then handed it over to RIPR and Rotary International Director Daniel, who officially launched the app with the click of a button.

Rupen Doshi, who heads the Saphal project, explained the vision and functionality of the platform. Saphal is designed to encourage regular engagement by Rotarians, as it promotes business networking, new commercial ideas, professional growth, and meaningful connections within the Rotary community.

The employment module is a key highlight. It enables Rotarians to hire interns and employees from within the Rotary family, thereby

supporting their businesses while also creating career opportunities for Rotarians' family members.

For example:

- A Rotarian posting a vacancy for a Sales Intern can make the opportunity visible to all Rotarians, Rotaractors, and their family members, who can then apply directly.
- If a member is looking for a Wedding Planner or an Architect, simply typing the requirement into the app will generate a list of Rotarians in that profession, making it easy to connect and collaborate.

Saphal fulfills DG Manish's vision of connecting Rotarians more closely and strengthening bonds within the Rotary network. All Rotarians are encouraged to download the Rotary Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7 app, register, log in, and complete their profiles with all relevant details. This initiative is not a one-year project but a legacy program — a permanent, club-led District initiative of RID 3141, with RC Bombay Pier serving as the Lead Host.

ROTA 2026: A Grand Cultural Showcase Hosted by RCM Mahim

Rotary Club of Mumbai Mahim was the Lead Host for ROTA 2026.

Under the leadership of President Rtn Sheila Rege, it was held on Sun-

day 4th January 2026 and 11th January 2026. It was held at Swatantryaveer Savarkar Hall, V S Marg, Cadel Road, Dadar. The Singing elimination round was held on 4th Jan with 120 entries

with 19 Categories as per age, solo and duet separately for male and female participants. The finalists included 56 entries for singing, 35 for dancing and 5 clubs participated in group singing.

The prize distribution happened at hands of DG Dr Manish, Principal Chief Coordinator K K Choudhary, Group Avenue Head Meenakshi Khosla and Avenue Chair Varsha Parulekar.

The active participation and support from the members of Host Club RCM Mahim ensured that the event was a grand success. More than 250 Rotarians and their families attended the event.



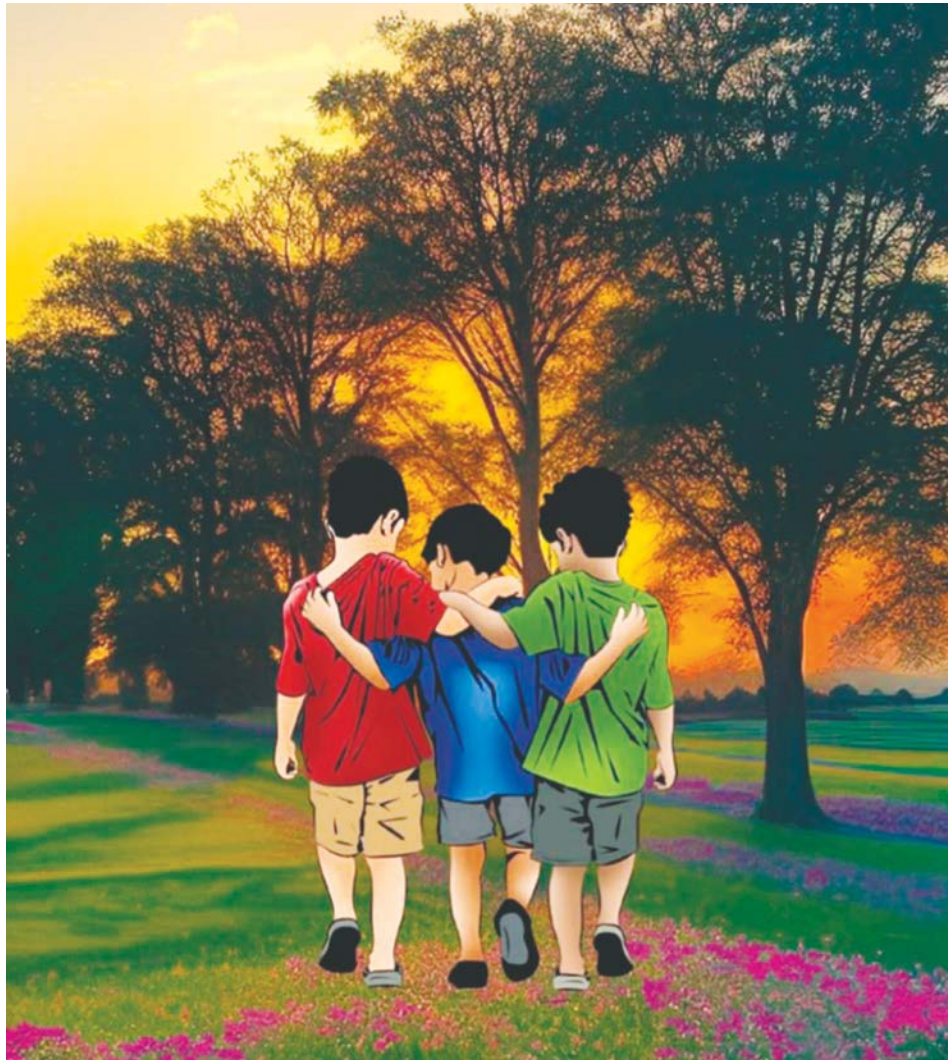
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Sanaya Kedia	RC Mumbai Rising Stars	3
Hindi-Solo Male-5-12		
Basudev Balaram Behara	RC Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab	1
Marathi-Solo Female-5-12		
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Hindi-Solo Male-13-20		
Akshay Santosh Bhaktha	RC Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab	1
Dhruv Umesh Beradiya	Interact Club of GPP High School	2
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Partners in service: A symbiosis, a synergy



BY TEJASWINI MODAK

One of the most enduring contributions Rotary makes to society is its investment in young people. Through its youth programs—most notably the Rotaract and Interact clubs—Rotary creates meaningful opportunities for leadership development, community service, and global citizenship among young minds. The exposure to community and society helps youngsters to view a world beyond themselves and learn the value of compassion. Programs like RYPEN, RYLA, and youth exchange result in tremendous self-development as well as sensitivity towards society. Interactors and Rotaractors grow into able, strong adults who become champions of compassion and role models for others. The avenue of partners in service of Rotary Clubs is more than just a stepping stone; it is a launchpad that help youth discover their potential while living out Rotary's motto, Service Above Self. Rotary teaches them to build bridges that transcend the barriers of age, gender, and location, reminding the

Future in Service

Rotary's youth programs empower Interactors and Rotaractors to lead with compassion, serve communities, build skills, and grow into responsible global citizens, ensuring Service Above Self continues through mentorship, teamwork, and meaningful action worldwide.

world that humanity is one big family.

Interact Clubs:

Catching them young

As a Rotarian of District 3141, I have seen for myself how Interact clubs (designed for youth aged 12 to 18), introduce school students to the value

of community involvement early in life. I have seen them learn to keep themselves cyber safe, learn how to deal with plastic ways, and find joy in planting trees. It is the duty of every parent club to offer them a model to follow, to provide the impetus required to create, innovate, and extend their skills for the benefit of the community. The range of activities is unlimited.

Today's youth face a number of challenges. They have their own set of pressures ranging from cyber safety, peer pressure, to academic competition. These experiences often shape students' personalities and aspirations. The Interact Club gives them a healthy platform to express themselves, helping them grow into confident and responsible citizens. Rotarians who mentor Interact clubs often witness firsthand how even the quietest student blossoms into a motivated change-maker.

Rotaract: Shaping Future Leaders

For young adults aged 18 and above, Rotaract offers a deeper engagement with Rotary's

values and mission. Rotaractors design and lead projects, engage in professional development workshops, and collaborate with Rotarians on larger service initiatives—both local and international.

Rotaract serves as a dynamic bridge between youth and Rotary. Many Rotaractors transition into full-fledged Rotarians, bringing fresh energy, innovative ideas, and digital fluency to the movement. Their participation ensures the continuity and evolution of Rotary in a rapidly changing world.

By becoming a member of the Rotaract Club, adolescents learn professional development, entrepreneurship, and commitment. Moreover, Rotaract offers a global network of peers, promoting cross-cultural exchange and lifelong friendships. For many young people, being part of a

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.

Rotaract club is not just an extracurricular activity—it's a life-shaping experience.

A Shared Responsibility

As Rotarians, we have the privilege and responsibility to mentor and guide the youth. By supporting Rotaract and Interact clubs, we are not only strengthening our communities today but also building the foundation for a better tomorrow. Each meeting we

attend, each young mind we encourage, and each project we support adds to a legacy of service that spans generations.

In nurturing the next generation of leaders, we reaffirm Rotary's enduring commitment: to create lasting change—not only in our communities, but in the world.

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The Impact of Interior Design on Your Living Space

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Interior design is often associated primarily with aesthetics; however, its true impact extends far beyond visual appeal. A thoughtfully designed living space influences how we feel, function, and connect within our homes.

The layout of a room determines movement and comfort. Well-planned circulation creates openness, while appropriate furniture placement encourages interaction and ease of use. Lighting plays a transformative role—natural light enhances well-being, and layered artificial lighting adds warmth and adaptability for different times of the day.

Material choices and colour palettes also contribute significantly to the atmosphere of a space. Calm, balanced tones promote relaxation, while clutter-free environments support mental clarity.

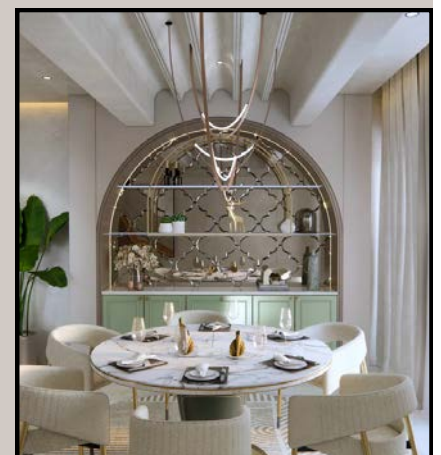
Adequate storage ensures organisation, allowing the home to remain both functional and visually harmonious.

Ultimately, interior design shapes daily experiences in subtle yet meaningful ways. When spaces are created with intention and sensitivity, they support comfort, efficiency, and emotional well-being—quietly enhancing the quality of everyday living.

Poojaa Mehntaa
Designing Dreams



A well-designed living space does more than look elegant—it quietly shapes our daily experiences. From the way natural light enters a room to how furniture encourages comfort and conversation, thoughtful interior design enhances functionality, emotional well-being, and a sense of harmony. When spaces are planned with intention, they support not just living, but living well.



Why We Still Have to Teach Sanitation

In a city surrounded by water, too many children still grow up without safety, hygiene, or choice. When poor sanitation becomes “normal,” its harm goes unnoticed—and unchallenged.

OPINION



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In Mumbai, water is everywhere and yet, for many children, safe water and clean sanitation are not. They grow up watching drains overflow every monsoon. They fill bottles from shared taps. They wash their hands quickly because the bell is ringing and the line is long. This is normal to them. Not good or bad, just normal.

And that is exactly the problem.

Because when something becomes normal, we stop questioning it. Even when it makes us sick.

For many students in municipal schools and crowded neighbourhoods, stomach infections, skin rashes, and missed school days are part of growing up. No one panics. No one asks why. It is quietly accepted, like humidity or traffic.

- This is why sanitation cannot be assumed.
- This is why it must be taught.
- Knowing Is Not the Same as Understanding
- We often tell ourselves, “Children already know all this.”
- They know how to open a tap.
- They know where the toilet is.
- They know they should wash their hands.
- But knowing of something is not the same as understand-

ing why it matters.

- A child may wash hands but not with soap.
- A child may use a toilet but avoid it when it is dark or dirty.
- A child may drink water without knowing how easily it can make them ill.
- Sanitation is not instinct. It is learning. And learning needs time, repetition, and care.

What Poor Sanitation Silently Takes Away:

When a child falls sick again and again, the loss is not just physical. They miss lessons. They fall behind. They stop raising their hand in class. For girls, the absence of clean toilets and menstrual hygiene support often means discomfort, embarrassment, and eventually staying home.

- These things don't always show up in records.
- But they settle quietly inside a child.
- Teaching sanitation is not about rules.
- It is about giving children a fair chance to stay well.

Why Schools Matter So Much:

- In many Mumbai homes, space is limited. Water supply is uncertain. Toilets are shared. Children have very little control over their surroundings.
- School becomes the one place where things can be different.
- When sanitation is taught in schools not as a lecture, but as a daily habit something shifts.
- Children wash hands together.
- They learn why soap matters.



- They talk about toilets without fear or shame.
- They understand how water can be clean or dangerous.
- Slowly, these lessons travel home.
- Children remind parents to boil water.
- They ask for soap.
- They question unsafe practices.
- Change does not come through arguments.
- It comes through children who simply know better.
- Dignity Is Part of Hygiene
- Sanitation education is also about dignity especially for girls.
- When schools speak openly about menstrual hygiene, girls stop feeling that something is “wrong” with them. When toilets are clean and usable, they stop planning their day around fear and discomfort.
- These may seem like small improvements.
- But for a child, they mean

everything.

Why Buildings Alone Don't Work:

- Mumbai has built toilets. Pipes. Water systems.
- Yet without understanding, these things fail.
- A clean toilet stays unused if it feels unsafe.
- A water purifier is wasted if storage is careless.
- A system breaks when habits don't support it. Rotary's WASH work understands this deeply. That education is not extra it is essential. Because what we teach stays longer than what we build.

Why Rotary Teaches What Should Have Been Obvious:

- In a fast-moving city like Mumbai, sanitation is often brushed aside as “basic”. Something everyone should already know.
- But children don't learn what no one takes the time to teach.
- That is why Rotary conducts sanitation classes.
- That is why Rotarians return to schools again and again.
- That is why we talk about soap, toilets, and clean water patiently, repeatedly, kindly.
- Not because children are careless.
- But because they deserve better.

A Rotary Call to Action:

- When we teach a child how to care for their health, we are not just preventing illness.
- We are protecting their confidence.
- Their attendance.
- Their dignity.
- Clean water systems matter. Toilets matter.

Education vs. Infrastructure: Buildings and pipes are secondary; lasting change happens when habits are taught through repetition and care.

- But habits, once learned, travel further than pipelines ever can.
- As Rotarians, let us continue to teach what should have been obvious, until sanitation is no longer something children endure, but something they understand, practice, and pass on.
- Because in Mumbai, and everywhere else, real change begins with a child who knows why it matters.

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