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**May the auspicious occasion
of Diwali brighten your life
with new dreams, new hopes
and new success stories.**



Rtn. Mona & Rtn. Manish Gyani

From the EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Celebrating November as TRF Month A TIME FOR GIVING AND GROWING TOGETHER



Dear Rotarians,

As we step into November, we are reminded of the power of our collective goodwill and our commitment to creating a lasting impact through The Rotary Foundation (TRF). This month is a special time to celebrate TRF Month, and I cannot emphasize enough how proud I am of each and every one of you for making our achievements so remarkable.

Our district, RID 3141, stands tall today, breaking records and setting new standards of generosity and service. This wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and passion of our vibrant Presidents and the tireless support of all Rotarians. Your contributions reflect our shared belief in "Service Above Self," and together, we are not only reaching but exceeding our goals. From supporting paediatric heart surgeries to funding vibrant Anganwadis and constructing water check dams, the impact of our work resonates deeply within communities that need us the most.

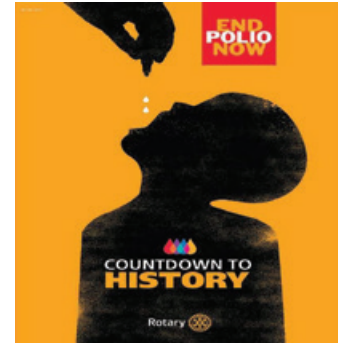
Yet, while we celebrate our remarkable progress, let us not lose sight of our lofty targets. The need around us is vast, and our mission is ongoing. November is a reminder that there is still much to be done, and each contribution, large or small, brings us one step closer to transforming lives. Let's continue to embody the essence of TRF—sustainability, stewardship, and service—and push ourselves to go further, to dream bigger, and to keep making a difference.

Thank you all for your unstoppable drive to "Do Good in the World." Your efforts inspire me, and I am grateful to stand alongside you as we continue to create magic through our collective impact.

Together, we can—and together, we will—build a better, brighter future.

Yours in service,

Chetan Desai
District Governor, RID 3141



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Dear Rotarian Friends in District 3141,

Warm greetings to you and your loved ones on the joyous occasion of Diwali, the festival of lights. This Deepavali, let us reaffirm our commitment to ensure goodwill and positivity triumph over darkness and evil. I trust have enjoyed the festive season and family reunions as much as I have. It is heartening to see many clubs celebrating this festival with the underprivileged in both rural and urban areas in unique ways. A big salute to all involved!

As we approach the New Year, let us reflect on the past with gratitude, celebrate the present with joy, and look forward to the future with hope. Let's renew our commitment to service, friendship, and making a positive difference.

The Official Club Visits (OCVs) by the District Governor commenced last month, and I'm sure you've all been busy showcasing your amazing projects. We wish you all the best for your OCVs. It's truly inspiring to witness the exceptional work our clubs are doing for their communities, and we're eager to receive project details to feature in the GML. Please continue sharing your wonderful humanitarian efforts.

In Rotary, the celebration never stops. As we observe November as Rotary Foundation Month, it's crucial for club leaders to focus on Foundation activities. The Rotary Foundation transforms contributions into life-changing projects around the world, addressing challenges like poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition. Your ongoing support is essential for sustaining these efforts.

Through our foundation, we have the power to live the words of our Foundation's motto: Doing Good in the World. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Our district has a proud history of contributions to the Foundation, ranking among the top districts globally. This year also, we were amongst the few first to surpass all the TRF contribution challenges put towards us during the year by the TRF trustee. Let's continue this legacy by opening our hearts, not only to celebrations but to the needs of those around us, spreading light and hope where it's needed most.

Wishing you a month filled with purpose, connection and the joy of giving.

Ashish Tapiawala,
District Coordinator, Publications



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From the MANAGING EDITOR'S Desk

Light a Heart!

THE cover story in our November issue celebrates the indomitable Rotary spirit and the relentless fight to end Polio. It's a countdown to an unfinished battle to eradicate Polio from the face of the planet. This month also celebrates the spirit of generosity through contributions to The Rotary Foundation that transform lives every day worldwide.

With this issue, we also bring in the festivities. This Diwali, as we light up our homes and hearts, let us spare a thought for those who may experience the festival in solitude—especially the elderly and those without family nearby. Let us make an effort to brighten their Diwali by offering them something priceless: our time.

Whether through a heartfelt conversation, sharing a meal, or simply being present to listen, these moments of connection offer companionship and remind them that they are valued and cherished. By extending our presence, we bring the true light of Diwali into their lives.

Here's to a brighter, more inclusive festival for all. Happy Diwali!

Sree Nandy
Managing Editor



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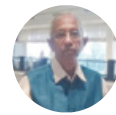
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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



A Perspective from Rotary's First Lady

Wishing all of you a very Happy Diwali and a Prosperous New Year!

As we enter the season of light, joy, and gratitude, and with November marking The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month, I am inspired by the unique ways we, as Rotarians, can deepen our impact through simple yet meaningful gestures. TRF is a powerful vehicle for change, and by contributing to it, we are directly enhancing lives and communities.

This Diwali, and throughout TRF Month, I encourage all Rotarians and their families to consider making contributions to TRF on life's special occasions—birthdays, anniversaries, festivals, or any moment of celebration. These are times we gather to reflect on our blessings, and what better way to share our gratitude than by making a difference? A contribution on these special days not only strengthens our personal commitment but also brings us closer to the people we serve, creating a ripple effect of goodwill.

Let us all make our celebrations resonate with purpose. Together, we can help transform lives while making our cherished moments truly unforgettable.

Warm regards,

Jwala Desai
First Lady of Rotary District 3141





In Gratitude...Team VIBE-X

Its scary.

@Rtn Chetan Desai,

@Rtn Chetan, @Sree Nandy and the Team Vibex.

When I saw the soft copy of latest VIBEX, I realised its first day of new month - दूध का हिसाब करना है, इस्त्री वाले का हिसाब करना है, cook को, cleaning person को, watchman को तनख्वाहा देनी है Scary ? Nop.

I glanced through the Vibex till end with a foonote of apology - not being able to publish all the pictures of गणराया sent by the Rtns, simply got up from my chair and flipped our wall calender... yes its new month.

Many Cheers Team VIBEX for the well designed - dot on time GML. And yes, keep reminding us every (till June' 25) 1st day of new month with well packaged GML.

तब तक...

स्वस्त रहो, मस्त रहो ।

सबका,

प्रफुल्ल शर्मा

PDG Prafull Sharma

Congratulations DG chetan & vibrant publication team for this excellent publication - on time , every time.

PDG Harjit Singh Talwar

Compliments to you and your team for the excellent issue and the timely publishing of Vibex. Well done.

Rtn. Deepak Jiandani

Well designed issue with so many informative articles.. Well done Team GML.

Rtn. Aslam Merchant



WORLD POLIO DAY 24 OCTOBER



Rotary International brings together leaders who step up to take on the world's toughest challenges, locally and globally.

The eradication of polio is one of our longest standing and most significant efforts.

Several reasons why we must support EndPolio:

1. KNOW THE DECADES OLD HISTORY OF ROTARY IN POLIO ERADICATION

1894: The first major documented polio outbreak in the United States occurs in Vermont; 18 deaths and 132 cases of permanent paralysis were reported.

Let's Fast Forward by 85 Years...

1979: Rotary International began its fight against polio with a multi-year project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines.

1985: Rotary International launched PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of US\$120 million.

1988: Rotary International and the World Health Organization launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. There were estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries then.

1994: The International Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication announced that polio has been eliminated from the Americas.

1995: Health workers and volunteers immunized 165 million children in China and India in 1 week. Rotary launched the PolioPlus Partners program, enabling Rotary members in polio-free countries to provide support to fellow members in polio-affected countries for polio eradication activities.

2000: A record 550 million children – almost 10% of the world's population – received the oral polio vaccine. The Western Pacific region, spanning from Australia to China was declared polio-free.

2003: The Rotary Foundation raised \$119 million in a 12-month campaign. Rotary's total contribution to polio eradication exceeded \$500 million. Six countries remained polio-endemic – Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan.

2004: In Africa, synchronized National Immunization Days in 23 countries target 80 million children, the largest coordinated polio immunization effort on the continent

2006: The number of polio-endemic countries dropped to 4 - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, Pakistan.

2009: Rotary's overall contribution to the eradication effort neared \$800 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$355 million and issued Rotary a challenge grant of \$200 million. This announcement was to ensure a combined \$555 million in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

2011: Rotary welcomed celebrities and other major public figures into a new public awareness campaign and ambassador program called "This Close" to ending polio. Program ambassadors included Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Desmond Tutu, violinist Itzhak Perlman, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates, Grammy Award- winning singers Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley, and environmentalist Dr. Jane Goodall. Rotary's funding for polio eradication exceeded \$1 billion.

2012: India surpassed 1 year without a recorded case of polio and was removed from the list of countries where polio is endemic. Polio remains endemic then in just 3 countries. Rotary surpassed its \$200 Million Challenge fundraising goal more than 5 months earlier than expected.

2014: India goes 3 full years without a new case caused by the wild poliovirus, and the World Health Organization certified the South-East Asia region polio-free. Polio cases were down over 99% since 1988.

2019: Nigeria goes 3 full years without a new case caused by the wild poliovirus.

2020: The World Health Organization certified the African region wild polio-free.

2. THE RESURGENCE FEAR IS ALWAYS THERE

Although, the World Health Organization certified the African region wild polio-free, there were new cases in Africa thereafter:

1 in Malawi in 2021

8 in Mozambique in 2022

Polio Anywhere

Polio Everywhere

3. DID YOU KNOW THAT?

- a. \$3 is an average cost to fully protect a child against



polio

- b. \$100 million is the cost to conduct polio surveillance worldwide
- c. 400 million children are immunized each year and every vaccination counts. Every vaccination helps safeguard a child's life and deliver a world without polio.

National Immunization Days (NID) reach all children and educate parents where routine immunization protects children for life. Also, cross-border immunizations protect children on the move

4. YOUR \$1 HAS A VALUE OF \$3

Your contribution is tripled. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and the mathematics is very simple $1+2=3$

a. Your contribution...\$1

b. Contribution by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation...\$2

Totals to...\$3

DISEASE PREVENTION

AND TREATMENT

5. WHY 24TH OCTOBER 2024 AND WORLD POLIO DAY?

The world observes World Polio Day on 24th October, the birth date of Dr. Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis

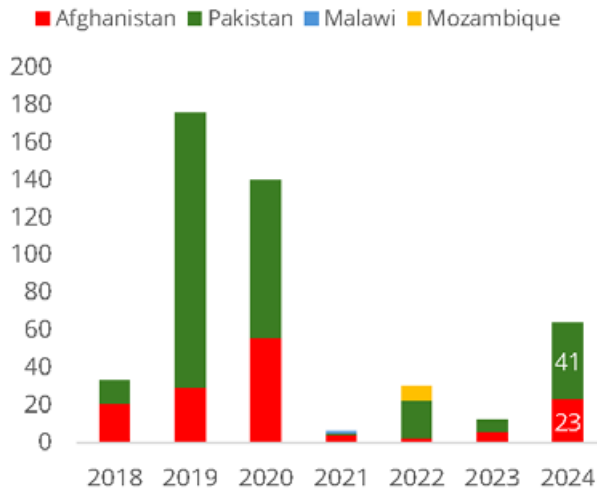
World Polio Day every year reminds and promotes:

- a. Continued Vigilance
- b. Policy-making, and
- c. Public health initiatives to ensure the disease doesn't make a resurgence.

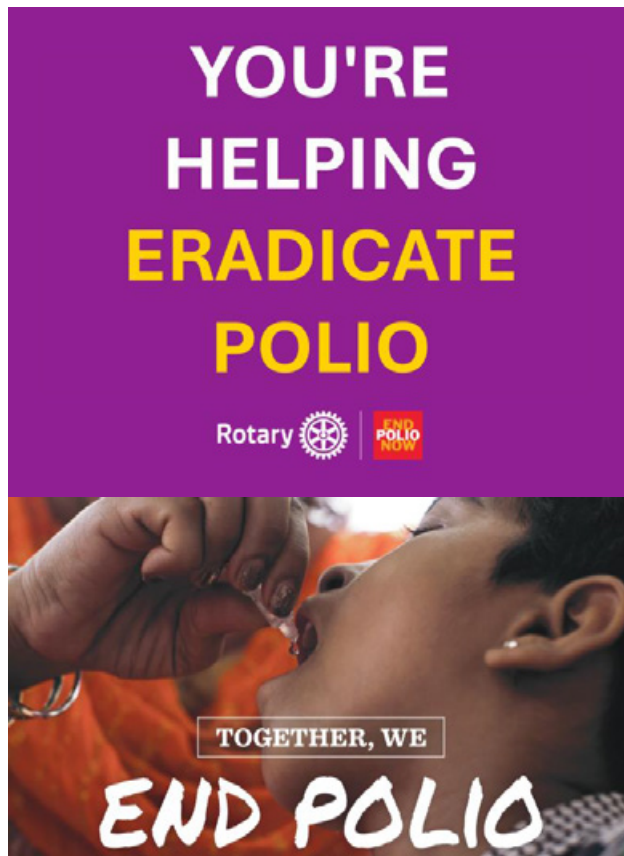


World Polio Day 2024 is celebrated with the slogan: **"Let's #EndPolio"**

6. THE # OF NEW CASES HAVE INCREASED RAPIDLY



In 2024, in the past 10 months we have seen a surge in Polio cases to 64.



Let's not forget Pakistan is our neighbour and not too far away from some states of India. Outbreak response STOPS the spread of poliovirus.

Polio Anywhere

Polio Everywhere

Together let's #EndPolio

One Day One Focus

Ending Polio.



PDG Rtn. Harjit Singh Talwar
RID 3141, Mumbai



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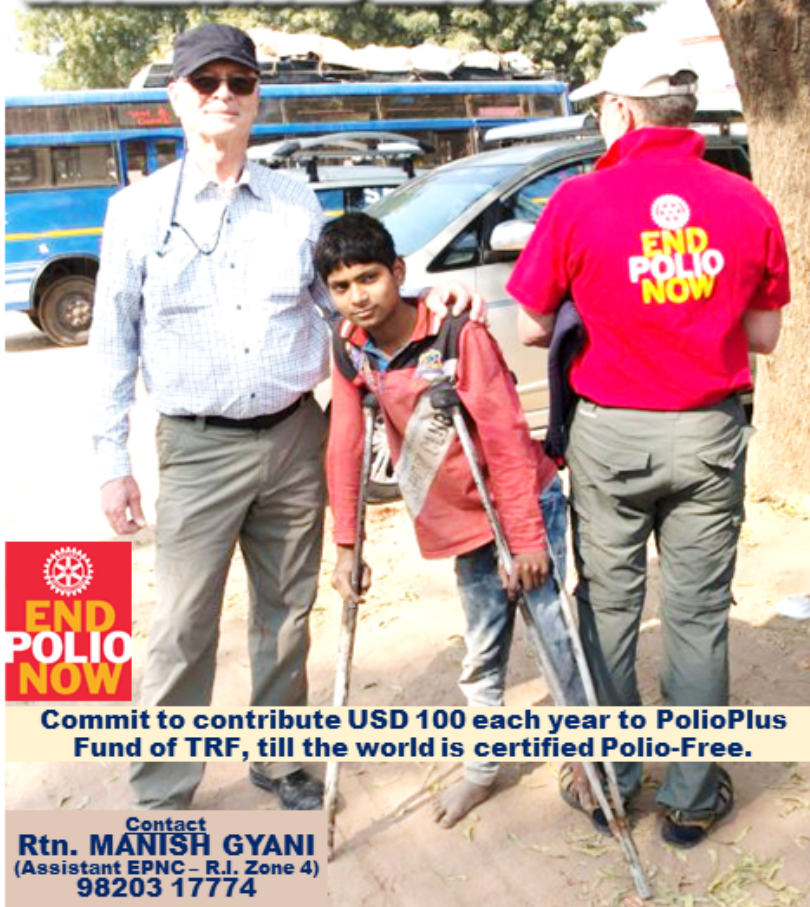
Congratulations for achieving POLIO CHAMPION CLUB

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| RC Bombay Kandivli | - President Dr. Sadhana Edvankar |
| RC Bombay Mulund Valley | - President Sankara Ramnath |
| RC Mumbai Elegant | - President Dr. Nidhika Bahl |
| RC Mumbai Malabar Hill | - President Pallavi Sanghvi |
| RC Mumbai Sobo | - President Rajiv Goenka |
| RC Queen's Necklace, Mumbai | - President Shilpa Mehta |

Congratulations for achieving END POLIO NOW CLUB

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| RC Bombay Airport | - President Apurva Patel |
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POLIOPLUS SOCIETY MEMBER



Commit to contribute USD 100 each year to PolioPlus Fund of TRF, till the world is certified Polio-Free.

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COUNTDOWN TO HISTORY

POLIO CHAMPION CLUB

Contribute INR 1,000 per capita to PolioPlus Fund and get this Zonal level recognition certificate for club.

END POLIO NOW CLUB

Contribute USD 1,500 or more to PolioPlus Fund and get this R.I. level recognition certificate for club.

POLIOPLUS SOCIETY MEMBER

Commit to contribute USD 100 each year to PolioPlus Fund of TRF till the world is certified Polio-Free.



END POLIO FELLOW

Contribute INR 1,00,000/- to PolioPlus Fund of TRF and get recognized with this national level recognition.



New Leaders, New Horizons INSTALLATIONS OF VIBRANT PRESIDENTS



Rotary Club of Mumbai Lokhandwala Andheri

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Lokhandwala Andheri proudly installed Rtn. Surajit Basu as the Vibrant President along with his Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 18/04/2024.



Rotary Club of Bombay Pier

The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier proudly installed Rtn. Kamlesh Shroff as the Vibrant President along with his Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 27/06/2024.





Rotary Club of Mumbai Millenials

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Millenials proudly installed Rtn. Onkar Sarang as the Vibrant President along with his Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 07/07/2024.



Rotary Club of Mulund

The Rotary Club of Mulund proudly installed Rtn. Seema Joshi as the Vibrant President along with her Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 16/07/2024



Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island

The Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island proudly installed Rtn. Neeta Anand as the Vibrant President along with her Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 19/07/2024.



Rotary Club of Bombay Bay View

The Rotary Club of Bombay Bay View proudly installed Rtn. Rajni Barasia as the Vibrant President along with her Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 21/07/2024.



Rotary Club of Mumbai Salt City

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Salt City proudly installed Rtn. Sabu Sathyan as the Vibrant President along with his Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 27/07/2024.



Rotary Club of Mumbai Shivaji Park

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Shivaji Park proudly installed Rtn. Avinash Naik as the Vibrant President along with his Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 05/08/2024.



Rotary Club of Mumbai Rising Stars

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Rising Stars proudly installed Rtn. Anushree Gupta as the Vibrant President along with her Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 09/08/2024.



Rotary Club of Mumbai City

The Rotary Club of Mumbai City proudly installed Rtn. Vikash Agarwal as the Vibrant President along with his Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 31/08/2024.



Rotary Club of Bombay Up-Town

The Rotary Club of Bombay Up-Town proudly installed Rtn. Suman Agarwal as the Vibrant President along with her Board of Directors for the Vibrant Year 2024-25 on 06/10/2024.

COMPILED AND EDITED BY NARESH BAJPAI

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*Vibrant action meets the magic of Rotary:
uplifting communities together.*



SELF-DEFENCE PROGRAM BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY MID-CITY

Club President: Rtn Ajay Mishra

Area of Focus: Women and Child Empowerment

Location of Project: Municipal English Secondary
School, Dharavi, Mumbai

Date of Execution: 24th to 28th September 2024

Project Description:

In a world where children face abuse daily, it is our duty to empower them. The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-City had organised self-defence training for 157 girls from Dharavi Municipal School, equipping them with courage and confidence over five days. Success stories abound: Shaima now stands up to her brother; Naaz feels safe on her way to school; Laxmi speaks her mind fearlessly. This flagship program, led by Women & Child Empowerment Director Ratna Betala, has trained over 6000 girls, helping them not only defend themselves but also overcome fear and build mental strength.

Number of Beneficiaries: 157 girls

Rotarian-hours Spent: 10

Value of the Project: INR 20,350/-

Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded



T-SHIRTS DISTRIBUTION BY ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND

Club President: Rtn Seema Sudhir Joshi

Area of Focus: Uphar - Basic Essentials

Location of Project: One old age home and slum area surrounded by 7 Anganwadis

Date of Execution: Entire month of September

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Mulund distributed 320 new branded T-shirts to senior citizens in areas like Indra Nagar, Vidyapati Nagar, and others. Provided by the District Committee of Baghbaan - Disability to Ability, the initiative, led by President Seema Joshi, brought joy to the elderly, many of whom wore the T-shirts immediately. This project, supported by Savita Govilkar, Ujwala Jiandani, Sudhir Joshi, Ansuyaben Shah, Tara Malde, and Amruta Gandhi, offered a glimpse into the challenging living conditions of the beneficiaries. The gratitude and happiness of the recipients made the effort truly rewarding.

Number of Beneficiaries: 320

Rotarian-hours Spent: 40

Value of the Project: INR 2,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Ratan Nidhi Trust



MEDICAL CAMP BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI MULUND EAST

Club President: Rtn Ananthlakshmi Iyer

Area of Focus: Medical

Location of Project: Shiv Ganesh Mandir, Nanepada Centre, Mulund East

Date of Execution: 21st September 2024

Project Description

A mega medical camp, co-hosted with the Rotary Club of Bombay Powai, received an excellent response from Nanepada residents. Health services included haemoglobin and blood sugar tests for 138 individuals and eye screenings for 139. On-the-spot spectacles were provided to 80 people, with 24 made to order and 21 cataract cases detected. Additionally, 160 beneficiaries received counselling through the Family Planning Association of India. The camp raised awareness of critical health issues such as anaemia, diabetes, hypertension, oral and breast cancer, cervical cancer, and family planning.

Number of Beneficiaries: 172 males; 70 females

Rotarian-hours Spent: 20

Sponsors/Partners: Larsen and Toubro Realty



RAISING AWARENESS WITH RECYCLED PLASTIC CLIPBOARDS BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY MID-CITY

Club President: Rtn Ajay Mishra

Area of Focus: Environment

Location of Project: Seva Sadan School and Worli village children

Date of Execution: 25th September 2024

Project Description

Ahead of Swachhta Divas on 2nd October, Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-City launched its "Dekho Bhi, Seekho Bhi" campaign by distributing clipboards made from recycled plastic and pens from recycled paper to students. Recognising that awareness requires constant reinforcement, the initiative aimed to instil sustainable habits in young minds by providing eco-friendly daily-use items. The idea was simple: as students used these items, they would be reminded of their responsibility toward the environment. Two campaigns were already completed in schools, with many more planned for the future.

Number of Beneficiaries: 500 students

Rotarian-hours Spent: 04

Value of the Project: INR 35,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Pace India Foundation



EYE CHECK-UP CAMP BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI MULUND EAST

Club President: Rtn Ananthlakshmi Iyer

Area of Focus: Medical

Location of Project: Rotary Centre, Kashaba Jadhav Garden, Mhada Colony, Mulund East

Date of Execution: 22nd September 2024

Project Description

An eye check-up camp, in collaboration with Bachoo Ali Hospital, was organized to detect cataracts among senior citizens from low-income groups and offer free cataract surgeries. The camp received an excellent response from the residents of Mhada Colony, helping those in need access vital eye care services and improving their quality of life.

Number of Beneficiaries: 61

Rotarian-hours Spent: 10

Sponsors/Partners: Bachoo Ali Hospital



FLAGSHIP INITIATIVE: ONGOING MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAM BY ROTARY CLUB OF LOKHANDWALA KANDIVALI

Club President: Rtn Priya Shenoy

Area of Focus: Annapoorna

Location of Project: St Thomas Malankara School, Dahisar West

Date of Execution: Ongoing since 2012

Project Description

Initiated in 2012 by the charter member and PP Rtn Anu Srrivastava, the mid-day meal program in partnership with the Annamrita Foundation (formerly ISKCON Food Relief Foundation) has significantly expanded its reach. Starting with 220 children receiving meals thrice a week, the project now nourishes 380 children at St. Thomas Malankara School daily.

On 3rd October 2024, the first vibrant day of Navratri, a special touch was added with suji halwa served alongside the usual meal. Heartfelt gratitude to AG Dr Ranjit Bijoor for his presence and to RCLK past presidents and fellow Rotarians for sustaining this impactful initiative annually.

Number of Beneficiaries: 380

Rotarian-hours Spent: 05

Value of the Project: INR 4,00,000/- (annually)

Sponsors/Partners: Fellow Rotarians of the club and community funding



DENTAL CHECK-UP FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST

Club President: Rtn Shruti Dharamsi

Area of Focus: Health and Hygiene

Location of Project: Gurukul School for Special Children, Ghatkopar West

Date of Execution: 14th October 2024

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West successfully organized a dental check-up camp at Gurukul School for Special Children, benefiting 95 students. Led by Dr Sanjana Rachh, a gold medallist in paediatric dentistry with over six years of experience treating special needs children, the camp focused on raising dental health awareness. Dr Rachh, who works with the Jai Vakeel Foundation and Special Olympics Bharat, and her team presented two educational skits for students and parents. One-on-one checkups were conducted, with each child's dental concerns thoroughly explained to their parents, ensuring ongoing care and awareness.

Number of Beneficiaries: 95 students

Rotarian-hours Spent: 12

Value of the Project: INR 5,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Kidodontist



AED (AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR) INSTALLATION AND CPR TRAINING BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY AIRPORT

Club President: Rtn Apurva Patel

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention

Location of Project: Dadar Western Railway Station

Date of Execution: 5th September 2024

Project Description

An AED machine was installed at Western Railway's Dadar Station, accompanied by hands-on CPR training for 50 participants. The event was inaugurated by DG Chetan Desai in the presence of PDG Rajendra Agrawal, District Lifestyle Diseases Avenue Head Dr Krishna Kumar, and other district officers. President Apurva Patel and several Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport also joined the initiative. Dr Akshay Mehta delivered a clear and accessible explanation to the audience, ensuring everyone grasped the life-saving skills. This critical installation and training aim to enhance emergency preparedness and potentially save lives.

Number of Beneficiaries: Over 50 railway staff and railway police

Rotarian-hours Spent: 03

Value of the Project: INR 1,40,000/- (approximately)

Sponsors/Partners: AKS PP Nitin and Harsha Mehta



INAUGURATION OF FIRST TATA SWACH WATER PURIFIER BY ROTARY CLUB OF LOKHANDWALA KANDIVALI

Club President: Rtn Priya Shenoy

Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation Hygiene

Location of Project: St Thomas Malankara School, Dahisar West

Date of Execution: 3rd October 2024

Project Description

We are delighted to share that the Rotary Club of Lokhandwala Kandivali installed the first Tata Swach water purifier under the Tata Chemicals initiative. Inaugurated by the Chief Guest AG Dr Ranjit Bijoor, the event was graced by the benevolent donor, Mrs Hina Panchasara, President Priya Shenoy, Secretary Sharbani Banerjee, Community Services Director Anu Srrivastava, Club Service Director Sanjeev Kotkar, and Youth Services Director Dr Ambujam Iyer. The heartfelt gratitude expressed by the staff and students highlighted the impact of this initiative, providing them with clean, safe drinking water. This marks a significant step toward improving community health and well-being.

Number of Beneficiaries: 380 students and 21 staff members

Rotarian-hours Spent: 10

Value of the Project: INR 47,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Mrs Hina Panchasara



SMART GIRL WORKSHOP FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia

Area of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy

Location of Project: 1. Guru Nanak English High School, Sher-e- Punjab Society
2. R C Maruti High School, Andheri East

Date of Execution: 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 27th September 2024

Project Description

A two-day SMART GIRL workshop was organized for adolescent girls, featuring seven transformative sessions on self-awareness, communication, relationships, health, self-esteem, self-defence, decision-making, friendships, and temptations. Held at two schools, the program aimed to empower young girls with essential life skills. On the second day, parents joined in, enriching the experience. Many participants shared how the workshop instilled positivity and self-confidence, reshaping their outlook on life. Teachers and parents praised the initiative's impact, recognizing its transformative value. All participants received completion certificates, marking a successful conclusion to the empowering program.

Number of Beneficiaries: 68 students from two schools

Rotarian-hours Spent: 26

Value of the Project: INR 8,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Bhartiya Jain Sanghatna



CHAI FOR CANCER BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI GHATKOPAR WEST

Club President: Rtn Shruti Dharamsi

Area of Focus: Fund Raising for Blood Cancer patients

Location of Project: Panorama Hall, opposite R city Mall, Ghatkopar West

Date of Execution: 2nd October 2024

Project Description

The "Chai for Cancer Adda" fundraiser, hosted by Sunder Krishnan, Treasurer of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar West and Trustee of Friends of Max, aimed to raise awareness and funds for cancer patients, especially those with Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia (CML). Initiated by Viji Venkatesh from The Max Foundation, the event raised over INR 192,000. These funds will support medical testing, educational materials, and doctor-patient meetings for underprivileged patients. Donations and proceeds from Chai for cancer merchandise, such as T-shirts and mugs, will further assist with diagnostic costs, travel, and educational needs.

Number of Beneficiaries: 300 Blood Cancer Patients

Rotarian-hours Spent: 100

Value of the Project: INR 50,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Friends of Max



120 NUTRITION RATION KITS FOR TRANSGENDER AND HIV COMMUNITY BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER-E-PUNJAB

Club President: Rtn Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia
Area of Focus: Community Economic Development and Annapoorna
Location of Project: Hamsafar Trust, Vakola, Santa Cruz East
Date of Execution: 30th September 2024

Project Description

In response to a request from Humsafar Trust, 120 Nutrition Ration kits were distributed to 120 families of HIV patients and transgender individuals. These marginalized communities, often misunderstood and shunned, face heightened vulnerability to health issues, mental trauma, and societal atrocities. Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-e-Punjab and Rotary Club of Mumbai Kalakar joined forces to provide essential grain kits. The recipients expressed immense gratitude, showering blessings on the Rotary members for their compassionate support in uplifting these often-overlooked communities.

Number of Beneficiaries: 120 families (480 individuals)
Rotarian-hours Spent: 12
Value of the Project: INR 82,355/-
Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Mumbai Kalakar (Partner)



TEACHERS TRAINING WORKSHOP ON DIGITAL EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI KANDIVLI WEST

Club President: Rtn Devsingh Shahani
Area of Focus: Basic Education and Literacy
Location of Project: In and around Kandivli West
Date of Execution: 28th September 2024

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Bombay Northwest Malad, organised a comprehensive day-long workshop for 52 teachers and principals from 22 schools, focusing on Digital Emotional Intelligence. Led by professional trainers from Equipoise Learning, Thane, the session covered crucial topics such as emotional awareness, cyberbullying prevention, digital identity, mindful technology use, social media disorders, peer pressure, privacy, and cyber safety. Avenue Chair Literacy Rtn Nargis Kaur inaugurated the event. At the same time, AG Rtn Dr Ranjit Bijoor presided over the closing session, emphasizing the importance of fostering emotional intelligence in the digital age.

Number of Beneficiaries: 52 teachers/Principals from 22 schools
Rotarian-hours Spent: 200
Value of the Project: INR 1,00,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West; Rotary Club of Bombay Northwest Malad; Equipoise Learning Academy



TRF GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY QUEEN CITY

Club President: Rtn Ajay Agrawal

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Location of Project: Ganeshpuri

Date of Execution: 20th September 2024

Project Description

On 20th September 2024, the Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City donated HPV DNA PCR Testing Equipment worth INR 30,00,000/- to Prasad Chikitsa, Ganeshpuri, Palghar, through the Rotary Foundation Global Grant. The inauguration was honoured by RI Director T.N. Subramanian (Raju), with international partners from Oakland and club members including PP Rtn Alok Mohatta, Rtn Ravi Harlalka, PP Rtn Ralph Jhirad, Ann Rajni Mohatta, Rtn Vijay Singhal, Rtn Shailendra Khandelwal, PP Rtn Pankaj Bhargava, and Ann Anju Goel. This contribution will enhance healthcare services in the region.

Number of Beneficiaries: Economically backward rural population residing in Tansa Valley, Ganeshpuri

Rotarian-hours Spent: 08

Value of the Project: INR 30,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: RC Oakland, Fremont Morning Rotary, Fremont Rotary, Niles Fremont Rotary, Mission San Jose Rotary, F.U.N. Rotary



WATER PURIFIER CUM COOLER DONATION BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI DAHISAR

Club President: Rtn Avinash Nairpally

Area of Focus: Water and Sanitation

Location of Project: Dahisar

Date of Execution: 2nd October 2024

Project Description

Water purifier cum cooler was donated at BMC eLibrary, Borivali West on 2nd October 2024.

The library has a strength of 650+ registered students coming from nearby slums. At any given point of time, there are at least 50-60 students in the library. There was no drinking water supply in the library. Hence the above equipment was donated by PP Vikram and PP Harsha Davawalla, in the loving memory of their respective fathers.

The lead was given by AG Ninad Save and Nilam Save of Rotary Club of Palghar.

No. of Beneficiaries: 650+

Rotarian-hours Spent: 12

Value of the Project: INR 44,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: PP Vikram and PP Harsha Davawalla



BOMBAY BAYVIEW REVITALISES RAJASTHAN'S FADING TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Club President: Rtn Rajani Barasia

Area of Focus: Sanskriti and Heritage

Location of Project: Jaisalmer in Rajasthan

Date of Execution: 25th August 2024

Project Description

Gunsar Lok Sangeet Sansthan, based in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, is committed to preserving the region's dying folk art and culture. Focused on Manganiyar traditions, the organization identifies talented children who lack access to formal training and provides them with education in Rajasthani folk music. To support this noble mission, the Rotary Club of Bombay Bayview donated musical instruments, empowering these children to hone their skills and sustain this rich cultural heritage. This initiative not only nurtures young talent but also plays a vital role in safeguarding Rajasthan's traditional music for future generations.

Number of Beneficiaries: Minimum 200 kids per year

Rotarian-hours Spent: 05

Value of the Project: INR 2,00,000/-



BOMBAY BAYVIEW GOES NATIONAL

Club President: Rtn Rajani Barasia

Area of Focus: Upgrading Health Infrastructure

Location of Project: Kargil in Kashmir

Date of Execution: 15th September 2024

Project Description

The Club donated 15 high-quality foetal heart monitors as part of the project to upgrade healthcare infrastructure and combat anaemia and malnutrition in women and children in District Kargil. These monitors will play a critical role in saving the lives of unborn children and mothers by providing early detection of complications that often go undiagnosed due to inadequate infrastructure and the absence of sonography machines. This contribution will significantly improve maternal and child health outcomes in the region.

Number of Beneficiaries: Minimum 200 kids and mothers per year

Rotarian-hours Spent: 05

Value of the Project: INR 40,000/-



NATION BUILDER AWARD 2024 BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI WEST COAST

Club President: Rtn Seemaa Negi

Area of Focus: Education

Location of Project: Sanjeevani World School, Dahisar

Date of Execution: 28th September 2024

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast hosted its prestigious Nation Builder Award Ceremony on 28th September 2024, celebrating 225 outstanding educators from 92 cities across India for their remarkable contributions to education. With 879 nominations, the event honoured these trailblazers with the Nation Builder and Professional Excellence Awards. A special Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to four individuals for their enduring impact on society. Chief Guest Dr Manjula Pooja Shroff launched her book *Safe Teen Steps* and engaged in an insightful fireside chat. "Educators are the architects of the future, shaping young minds to build a better world." The event radiated inspiration and gratitude.

Number of Beneficiaries: 250 Educators

Rotarian-hours Spent: 280

Value of the Project: INR 3,50,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded



TRF GLOBAL PROJECT BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY QUEEN CITY

Club President: Rtn Ajay Agrawal

Area of Focus: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Location of Project: Kharghar, Navi Mumbai

Date of Execution: 19th September 2024

Project Description

On 19th September 2024, the Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City donated ultrasonography equipment worth INR 34,00,000/- to Sri Satya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai, through a TRF Global Grant. The inauguration was led by District Governor Chetan Desai, with international partners from Oakland in attendance. Club members Rtn Ravi Harlalka, PP Rtn Sharad Gupta, PP Rtn Pankaj Bhargava, PP Rtn Ralphy Jhirad, Rtn Ooshhin, and Ann Yale Jhirad also graced the occasion. This valuable donation will enhance diagnostic capabilities, supporting the hospital's mission of providing quality healthcare.

Number of Beneficiaries: 100 to 499 mothers receive prenatal care every month

Rotarian-hours Spent: 08

Value of the Project: INR 34,00,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Basel - Dreiländereck, Anurag Jain and Sri Satya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital



RATRI BEFORE NAVRATRI BY ROTARY CLUB OF BORIVALI & INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BORIVALI

Club President: Rtn Harish Chandarana
Area of Focus: Community development
Location of Project: Borivali East
Date of Execution: 29th September 2024

Project Description

"Ratri Before Navratri" is an inclusive celebration organized by the Rotary Club of Borivali and Inner Wheel Club of Borivali in collaboration with Urja Foundation, Posat Foundation, and Junoon Foundation. The event aims to provide differently abled students with a joyful experience through cultural activities, games, and festivities, fostering a sense of community and inclusion. This initiative highlights the importance of embracing diversity and ensuring everyone can participate in cultural celebrations.

Number of Beneficiaries: 400
Rotarian-hours spent: 450
Value of the project: INR 1,43,000/-
Sponsors/Partners: Urja Foundation, Posat Foundation, Junoon Foundation



INAUGURATION OF REFURBISHED RAM KRISHNA HIGH SCHOOL BY ROTARY CLUB OF BORIVILI

Club President: Harish Chandarana
Area of Focus: Education
Location of Project: Borivali East
Date of Execution: 21st September 2024

Project Description

The Inauguration of the renovated Ram Krishna High School marks a significant milestone in enhancing educational infrastructure in the community. This event aims to celebrate the improvements made to the school facilities, ensuring a better learning environment for students. With the esteemed presence of Chief Guest Rtn DG Chetan Desai and Guest of Honour Rtn PP Nitin Majithia, the inauguration reflects the commitment of Rotary Club of Borivali to uplift local education.

Number of Beneficiaries: 476 students
Rotarian-hours spent: 100
Value of the project: INR 6,80,000/-



PLANTATION DRIVE PHASE -II CONDUCTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY KANDIVLI

Club President: Rtn Dr Sadhana Edvankar

Area of Focus: Environment

Location of Project: Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Borivali

Date Of Execution: 2nd October 2024

Project Description

The Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli, in partnership with the Jain Chartered Accountants Federation (JCAF) and the Rotaract Club of Bombay Kandivli, successfully planted 611 trees in Sanjay Gandhi National Park. The initiative aimed to cultivate a diverse range of trees that would provide essential sustenance for various animal species, including fruits, leaves, and insects. To ensure the trees' survival and growth, a specialized agency has been contracted to care for them for the next three years. The tree-planting event was a resounding success, with enthusiastic participation from Rotarians, students from the Interact Club of Gundecha Education Academy, and members of the Rotaract Club of Bombay Kandivli, as well as the JCAF.

Number of Beneficiaries – Innumerable animals who are no longer reliant on foraging.

Rotarian-hours Spent – 270

Value of the project – INR 9,16,500/-

Sponsors/Partners – Self-Funded + CSR Donors RCBK In association with the Jain Chartered Accountants Federation (JCAF) and Rotaract Club of Bombay Kandivli



CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION & ENGAGEMENT WITH TRIBAL CHILDREN BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI LAKERS

Club President: Rtn Palvi Nikhil Aggarwal

Area of Focus: Youth

Location of Project: Tribal Community Centre, Jogeshwari

Date of Execution 1st September 2024

Project Description

On September 1, 2024, the Rotaract Club team, embarked on a heart-warming mission to a tribal community centre. Their goal was to distribute clothing to the children, ensuring that each one received a new outfit.

A total of 250 clothing items were distributed, bringing smiles to the faces of the young community members. The team spent quality time interacting with the children, fostering a sense of connection and camaraderie.

Dodgeball, a high-energy game, ignited excitement and teamwork among the children and Rotaractors. The laughter and joy continued with "Passing the Parcel," brought out the children's infectious enthusiasm. Sharing songs and dances, the children showcased their vibrant culture with an impromptu performance.

Number of Beneficiaries: 50+

Rotarian-hours Spent: 30

Value of the project: INR 50,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers



TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION WITH UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND THEIR TEACHERS CONDUCTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI LAKERS

Club President: Rtn Palvi Nikhil Aggarwal

Area of Focus: Youth

Location of Project: GODS Foundation, Sangarsh Nagar

Date of Execution: 6th September 2024

Project Description

The Interact Club of Mumbai Lakers visited the GODS Foundation in Sangarsh Nagar to celebrate Teacher's Day. The event, themed on happiness and joy, focused on honouring the dedicated teachers who work with special-needs children at the centre. To express our gratitude, we gifted the teachers' beautiful saris, and a collaborative painting created by one of our members. Interacting with the teachers and learning from their experiences managing the centre and caring for the children was both inspiring and informative. We look forward to organizing more events at the GODS Foundation in the future.

Number of Beneficiaries: 50+

Rotarian-hours Spent: 20

Sponsors/Partners: Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers



HINDI DIWAS CELEBRATION BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI NORTHEND

Club President: Rtn Arun Kumar Khetan

Area of Focus: Youth

Date Of Execution: 15th September 2024

Project Description

The Club's Hindi Diwas Project celebrated its 25th anniversary with resounding success. Over 500 students from various schools, participated in three competitions: Mono Acting, Kavya Pathan, and Bhasan Pratiyogita. Hundreds of parents, teachers, and Rotary members attended the event. In addition, 25 educators from various schools and 7 club members/ spouses served as judges for the competitions.

Rtn Ashish Tapiawala and team from the Matushree Manjulaben Dolatrai Desai Rotary Borivali Eye Donation Trust provided valuable information about eye and organ donation to the audience.

The Hindi Diwas Project is one of the most significant initiatives of its kind, serving the true spirit of Rotary.

Number of Beneficiaries: 500 students

Sponsors/Partners: Self-Funded



SUPPORT FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN: DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL AND COLLEGE FEES BY ROTARY CLUB OF MULUND HILL VIEW

Club President: Rtn Shankar G

Area of Focus: Education and Literacy

Location of Project: Aastha Hospital Ground/Conference Room

Date of Execution: 20th July 2024

Project Description

The Club invites applications from underprivileged parents for assistance in paying school or college fees for their children (Grades 1 to 12) and professional courses. Applications are carefully screened by a Club Committee based on family income and the child's academic progress. After screening, fees for 120 students were paid directly to schools via online transfers or cheques. Additionally, stationery and snacks were provided to the children. The Club also recognised 50 outstanding Grade 10 students from underprivileged schools, along with their teachers, for their performance in the 2023-24 exams, celebrating their hard work and success.

Number of Beneficiaries: 170

Rotarian-hours Spent: 90

Value of the Project: INR 10,50,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Donations and Self-funded



EMPOWERING VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS WITH CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SOUTH

Club President: Rtn Dr Keiki Mehta

Area of Focus: Community Service (non-medical)

Location of Project : NAB Workshop for the Blind, Worli, Mumbai

Date of Execution: 10th October 2024 (World Sight Day)

Project Description

On World Sight Day, the Rotary Club of Mumbai South, led by President Padmashree Prof. Dr. Keiki R. Mehta hosted a heartwarming event at the NAB Workshop for the Blind in Worli. The event, attended by Rotary officials and DG Chetan Desai, highlighted the club's commitment to supporting the visually impaired. The Club donated 12 Jyoti AI Smart Glasses and 5 Smart Canes to visually impaired students, bringing the total number of AI glasses donated to 31, valued at INR 5,58,000/-. These AI-powered devices offer text-to-speech, object recognition, currency identification, and navigation assistance, greatly enhancing independence and mobility for users.

Number of Beneficiaries: Direct - 17; Rotarians - 30

Rotarian-hours Spent: 60

Value of the Project: INR 3,06,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Self-funded



VIBRANT SANGEET UTSAV: VIRTUAL ENTERTAINMENT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY JUHU

The first Online Entertainment Program for Senior Citizens, part of the Vibrant Utsav initiative by District 3141 – Baghbaan and Disability to Ability Avenue, organized on 17th October, was a tremendous success. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Bombay Juhu Beach, the event featured a delightful Bollywood musical evening with performances by talented singers, captivating an audience of over 450. The program commenced with a warm welcome by Avenue Chair Kala Sridhar, followed by DC Mona Shah outlining the event's purpose and an address from DG Chetan Desai.

Coordinated by Sanjeev Zaveri, the event showcased nostalgic Bollywood hits that were thoroughly enjoyed by senior citizens from several old age homes.

Avenue Chair Savita Govilkar expressed deep gratitude to the senior citizens, old age homes, and organisers, while President Manasi Thakkar delivered the vote of thanks. The event's success promises many more exciting initiatives ahead.



LIFE-SAVING SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY SEACOAST

Club President: Rtn Nitin Shah

Area of Focus: Life Saving Skills

Location of Project: Valia College of Arts, Commerce and Science, Andheri West

Date of Execution: 24th September 2024

Project Description

In a vital initiative, the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Bombay Seacoast organised a workshop on Acute Myocardial Infarction and hands-on CPR training for over 350 students from Cosmopolitan Society Education School and College. Led by PP Dr Surendra Soneji, with support from Sushil Chaurasia of Criticam, the session equipped students, teachers, and staff with essential life-saving techniques. This impactful event aimed to empower the community with skills to respond effectively in medical emergencies, fostering a culture of preparedness and safety.

Number of Beneficiaries: 350

Rotarian-hours Spent: Gracious

Value of the Project: INR 45,000/-



GAMES AND ENGLISH BOOKS DISTRIBUTION AT MACHHAL BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY SEACOAST

Club President: Rtn Nitin Shah

Area of Focus: Samavesh - Project National Integration

Location of Project: Army Goodwill School, Machhal

Date of Execution: 21st September 2024

Project Description

Our PP Ankush Jain returned to his beloved Machhal, leading a meaningful contribution to the Army Goodwill School Raghavan. Under the guidance of the Director of National Integration Harish Shaniji, 100 board games and 50 Rapidex English learning books were donated to benefit the children. The games were generously provided by PP Ankush Jain's friend, Gaurav Jain of Ajanta Games, and the books were donated by Umar Farrokk. This initiative fosters educational growth and recreational development, enhancing the learning environment for the students.

Number of Beneficiaries: 450

Rotarian-hours Spent: Graciously spent by PP Ankush Jain

Value of the Project: INR 73,000/-

Sponsors/Partners: Friends - Gaurav Jain from Ajanta Games and Umar Farrokk of Farrokk Constructions

District Bollywood Beats and Dandiya Delights

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

INFORMATION COURTESY: RTN DR ARUN GARG, DISTRICT COORDINATOR, EVENTS / SPORTS / ROTAL





This year's *Vibrant Bollywood Dandiya Night* was an absolute hit, held on October 2, 2024, at the lively Juhu Gymkhana. Hosted from 7 PM to 11 PM, the night was about energetic dancing, dazzling lights, and unforgettable fellowship.

The lead host for the event was RC of Mumbai GenX, with RC of Mumbai North Island as the Joint Lead Host.

The festivities were co-hosted by several enthusiastic clubs: RC of Mumbai Khar, RC of Mumbai North End, and RC of Mumbai West End as Diamond Co-Hosts, and RC of Mumbai Horizons, RC of Makabo, and RC of Mumbai Juhu Elite as Silver Co-Hosts.

Thanks to the brilliant coordination by District Coordinator Dr Arun

Garg, Avenue Chairman Neeha Khetan, and Event Convenor Jinesh Chokshi, the evening was a sold-out success, with more than 425 Rotarians and their families grooving to the beats.

The event was made possible through the generous support of our Lead Sponsor, Roman Group, along with Co-Sponsors Options and Dhanani Jewels and Gifting Partners JUICE and J S Jewellers. We are deeply grateful for their contributions.

The dance floor was buzzing with energy when the music started as Rotarians showcased their finest dandiya moves, decked in colourful Bollywood-inspired attire. The event was a perfect mix of vibrant music, sumptuous food, and spirited fellowship.



District Governor Chetan Desai and First Lady Jwala Desai graced the event, staying for the entire celebration and joining the fun. The presence of four RYE students added a special touch as they immersed themselves in the Indian culture, spinning dandiya sticks with the best of them!

The *Bollywood Dandiya Night* was a sold-out, dance-packed extravaganza that left everyone wanting more. Here's to more nights of rhythm, colour, and unforgettable memories!

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Vibrant Rotarians Weave Magic at MUMBAI CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION



INFORMATION COURTESY
GIRISH AGARWAL
AVENUE CHAIR
COMMUNITY SERVICE (RAILWAYS)



Mumbai, India – 2nd October 2024 – In a remarkable display of community spirit and dedication, Rotary International District 3141, Mumbai, transformed Mumbai Central Railway Station, a bustling

hub catering to both local and national trains, into a beacon of cleanliness and hope. This transformation took place during the “Swachhata Pakhwada” on 2nd October 2024, under the

passionate leadership of District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai.

“This initiative not only highlights our commitment to cleanliness but also demonstrates the power



of community action. Together, we can inspire change and create magic. What better way than music to make a real difference?" expressed District Governor 2024-25 Rtn. Chetan Desai.

The event resonated profoundly with everyone present, underscoring the vital importance of a cleaner environment for our collective well-being. The soulful melodies performed by IFRM Rotarians and the powerful flashmobs by Rotaractors from K C College, Churchgate, captivated the hearts of passengers and onlookers, reminding them of the significance of maintaining hygiene and cleanliness in public spaces.

Rotarians distributed 'Safethoo Pouches' to highlight the importance of avoiding single-use plastic. They also handed out Pure Cotton Reusable Cloth Bags and ORS sachets to emphasize the necessity of staying hydrated and promoting a sustainable lifestyle. In just three hours, the message of promoting a clean, hygienic, and healthy lifestyle reached thousands.

The initiative, hosted and

spearheaded by the vibrant Rotary Club of Bombay Queen City, stands as a testament to the power of unity and the enduring commitment of Rotarians and Rotaractors to enhancing public awareness. The tireless efforts of project advisor Past District Governor Rtn. Rajendra Agarwal, the visionary behind this concept, Avenue Chair (Event In-charge) Rtn. Girish Agrawal, and the team cannot be overstated—they turned the vision of a cleaner, more conscious community into reality.

"Our goal was to create a lasting impact and elevate public consciousness about cleanliness. The year-on-year success of this event shows we are on the right path," added Rtn. Rajendra Agarwal. Avenue Chair for Community Service projects with Railways, Girish Agrawal noted, "The enthusiasm and participation from everyone involved were incredible. It's amazing what we can achieve when we work together with our partners for bigger goals."

Lead Host Club President Rtn. Ajay Agrawal reflected, "Rotary is truly an organization with a network. If the cause is right and touches your

heart, from planning to execution, everything falls in place with just a few calls. I'm grateful to my co-presidents from other clubs who came forward and supported us."

The event was co-hosted by Rotary Clubs of Bombay Pier (President Kamlesh Shroff), Bombay Bay View (President Rajni Barasia), Bombay Mid-City (President Ajay Mishra), Bombay Kandivli (President Dr. Sadhna Edwankar), Marine Drive (President Arvind Katakdhond), Mumbai Mahim (President Vidula Kshirsagar), Mumbai Millennials (President Onkar Sarang), Mumbai Nariman Point (President Aditya Nemani), Mumbai Parmeshwar (President Avinaash Mishra), and Mumbai Sion (President Kiran Shetye).

The true Magic of Rotary shone brilliantly, as this event not only beautified one of Mumbai's busiest hubs but also reinforced Rotary's role in uplifting public image and fostering community engagement.

Together, the Rotarians from Rotary International District 3141 Mumbai demonstrated that through determination and solidarity, extraordinary change is possible.

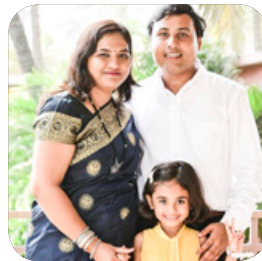
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One Year TO INSPIRE!

Let us get to know the Movers and Shakers of 24-25, the Vibrant Presidents who are all set to lead with passion and resolve.

ROTARY CLUB OF DAHANU SEA COAST: RTN. NILESH JITITHOR

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President?** To inspire engagement with the society at large and drive a meaningful impact through our Projects across the community.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far:** Witnessing the transformative impact of our Projects, and the lasting friendships formed along the way.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure?** Establishing an Eye Bank and promoting solar power solutions.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why?** Visionary. Reason : Our Club believes in looking forward.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Community health, Youth empowerment, Environmental sustainability, and educational initiatives.



Profession: Contractor.

Club Name: Rotary Club of Dahanu Sea Coast.

Membership Strength: 28

Key Projects: Green Energy.

Family: Bhaskar Jitithor – Father. Kanta Jitithor – Mother. Sonali Jitithor – Wife. Amayra Jitithor - Daughter

Favourite Cuisine : Indian.

Favourite Holiday Destination : Goa.

Favourite Music : Bollywood songs.

Quote I live by : Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth (Muhammad Ali).

ROTARY CLUB OF LOKHANDWALA KANDIVALI: RTN PRIYA PRASHANT SHENOY

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To use my vocation as an Educator in creating a positive and lasting impact in Society through our Projects, and to create sustainable development in Vibrant focus areas.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far?** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the children in a nearby school when we installed a Water Purifier.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure?** Setting up of a Skill Development Centre. Place is available in Lokhandwala, Kandivli East. Collaborations sought for financing the running of this Centre.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why?** Trustworthy. Reason : Our Club believes in utilizing its funds in a fair and transparent manner for the development of the community.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Literacy, Health & Hygiene, and Baagbhan.



Profession: Educator.

Club Name: Rotary Club of Lokhandwala Kandivali.

Membership Strength: 22

Key Projects : Mid-day meals, Mental Health, Tree Plantation, Eye & Dental Check-ups, Primary Infrastructure in schools, Collection of E-Waste, and Deepavali Mela.

Family: Prashant Shenoy – Husband.

Supriya Shenoy – Daughter.

Favourite Cuisine: Indian.

Favourite Holiday Destination : Goa.

Favourite Book: The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari (by Robin Sharma).

Favourite Music: Bollywood songs.

Quote I live by: Where There Is a Will, There Is a Way.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI ELITE: RTN NILESH HINDURAO

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To lead the Club towards impactful service, strengthen community engagement, and inspire members to contribute meaningfully to Society.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far?** Witnessing the joy on the faces of those impacted by our Projects and realizing the profound difference that Rotary can make in peoples' lives.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure?** Distribution of fruit trees to farmers in the rural areas for increasing their incomes. Collaborations sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why?** Inclusive. Reason : Our Club believes in equipping our community members with the right resources and skills thereby facilitating their all-round growth.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on ?:** Literacy, Health & Hygiene, and Environmental sustainability.



Profession: Labour Law Consultant

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Elite

Membership Strength : 22

Key Projects : Child Education, Tree Plantation, Blood Donation Camps, and Promotion of Financial Literacy.

Family: Kadambari – Wife. Saumitra – Son.

Favourite Cuisine : Indian.

Favourite Holiday Destination : Konkan.

Favourite Book : Marathi Literature.

Quote I live by : Live Simply, Dream Big and Be Grateful.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI LAKERS : RTN PALVI AGGARWAL

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President?** To make a lasting impact on the society through collective efforts under the auspices of Rotary.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** The smiles on the faces of school children on seeing their school painted by our Club; as well as the beautiful moments spent with these children.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure?** Making three toilet blocks for a school nearby our Club.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why?** Visionary – We believe in looking ahead.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Making our Vocational Centre a success by continuously imparting varied skill sets to underprivileged children to help them in their future careers.



Profession: Makeup artiste.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers.

Membership Strength : 69

Key Projects : Vocational Centres, and Toilet Blocks for a nearby school.

Family: Nikhil Aggarwal – Husband. Rena Aggarwal, Anaisha Aggarwal – Daughters. Vinod Kumar Aggarwal -Father-in-law- Rotarian.

Favourite Cuisine : Indian.

Favourite Holiday Destination : London.

Favourite Book : The Immortals of Meluha (by Amish Tripathi).

Quote I live by : Live Each Day to The Fullest.

ROTARY CLUB OF MANOR HIGHWAY: RTN DR SHRADDHA V PAWADE

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President?** For an impactful service to society including in Vibrant focus areas.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far:** Witnessing the joy on the faces of the beneficiaries of our Projects.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure?** Collection and management (including recycling) of plastic waste. Collaborations sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why?** Trustworthy. Reason: Trust is a vital element in the functioning of our Club.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Environment, and Prevention of Conflicts in the Society.



Profession: Doctor.

Club Name : Rotary Club of Manor Highway.

Membership Strength : 16.

Key Projects : Dialysis Centre, Blood Storage Unit, Janani Vandani Project, Medical camps, Collection and Management (including recycling) of Plastic Waste.

Family: Hitendra K. Tiwari – Husband. Sharvari H. Tiwari – Daughter.

Favourite Cuisine: Sizzlers.

Favourite Holiday Destination: Any hill station.

Favourite Music: The songs of the 90's.

Quote I live by: Life is about three things : Winning Others' Hearts, Sharing Happy Moments, Avoiding Negative Feelings.

ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SALT CITY: RTN SABU SATHYAN

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To implement wonderful, meaningful , and sustainable Projects.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far:** Being felicitated by Rtn. Mark Maloney in CSR Conclave 2024 .
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure:** Anganwadis, Providing Hyper Baric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) machine to Hira Mongi Hospital, Mulund West. Collaborations sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why :** Visionary. Reason: Our Club believes in looking ahead.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Healthcare, Education, and Prevention of Malnutrition.



Profession: Entrepreneur.
Club Name: Rotary Club of Mumbai Salt City.
Membership Strength: 30.
Key Projects : Anganwadis.

Family: Sudha Sathyan– Mother.
Favourite Cuisine: Kerala cuisines.
Favourite Holiday Destination: Goa.
Favourite Book: Awareness (by Osho).
Favourite Music: Songs of Michael Jackson.
Quote I live by: Live Life King size.

ROTARY CLUB OF DAHANU: RTN DR ADITYA AHIRE

1. **Why did you choose to become the Vibrant President:** To drive a meaningful change in our community especially in the area of health care. It also allows me to leverage our collective strengths in tackling the pressing issues related to health care access for the needy, through a multi-speciality hospital in Dahanu.
2. **The most beautiful moment of your Rotary journey so far :** Witnessing the positive impact of our health camps on local families, especially the women folk and the youth.
3. **What will be the signature project of your Presidential tenure?** Health For All initiative aimed at widening the spread of health care accessibility for the needy, through our multi-speciality hospital. Collaboration sought.
4. **Which is the Vibrant Year attribute that you, as a Club, most relate to and why?** Inclusive. Reason : Our Club believes in spreading access to health care to all the needy in our area.
5. **What are the Vibrant Focus Areas that you would like to work on?** Health & Wellness (physical and mental health), Skill development for the local youth, and empowerment of Women.



Profession: Doctor.
Club Name : Rotary Club of Dahanu
Membership Strength : 42
Key Projects : Medical Camps, Distribution of Notebooks, Distribution of Calendars, Sponsoring social functions such as Dramas etc.

Family: Rajeshri Ahire – Mother- President Dahanu IWC. Rashmi Ahire – Sister.
Favourite Cuisine : Vada Pav.
Favourite Holiday Destination : Natural Habitats.
Favourite Music : Songs composed by A.R. Rahman and Arijit Singh.
Quote I live by : Neki Kar Dariya Mein Dal.

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Rajendra & Sarita Ruia
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USD 250,000 and above)



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RC of Mumbai Elegant
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DG Rtn. Chetan & Jwala Desai

The poster features a background image of a young girl with long, curly hair, looking up and reaching out her hand towards a lit Diya (oil lamp). The overall theme is festive and celebratory, with warm orange and yellow tones.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

JOIN ROTARY

Rotary is for you if

- ♦ You care about your community and want to be involved with like-minded people.
- ♦ You want to make a difference and believe in service.
- ♦ You have talents to share and enjoy being around people passionate about their work and volunteering.

Rotary needs talented leaders like you to serve the community and bring new energy and ideas. Join Rotary, a highly regarded international organization that makes a difference locally, nationally, and internationally.

District 3141 continues to top the leaderboard worldwide in membership. We have achieved a net membership growth of 615 within the first 113 days of the Vibrant Year, which is a remarkable feat. Congratulations to all the Vibrant Presidents and their membership teams for increasing their club's strength.

We have added 3 new clubs – Rotary Club of Bombay Cosmopolis, Rotary Club of Elegant Plus and Rotary Club of Umbroli bringing our total number of clubs

to 121. Additionally, there are plans for more new club formations soon. We request that all presidents keep adding their new members to Rotary.org.



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To learn more about Rotary membership and how to get involved, please reach out to DC Membership Sandip Kedia - +91 93246 11931

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Pitching for CSR FUNDS 101

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WE are thrilled to see the strong interest among Vibrant Presidents in leveraging CSR as a significant avenue for funding their service projects through CSR India Grants, establishing it as a long-term, sustainable source of funds for all their clubs' needs.

It is clear among Presidents and CSR Directors that, to increase their chances of success, they need to establish a strong connection with decision-makers in the corporate sector when pitching for CSR funds. However, after securing the opportunity for such a pitch, many often struggle with how to deliver an impeccable presentation. Here's your guide to pitching for CSR funds effectively:

UNDERSTAND THE CORPORATE

Study the company's CSR preferences, past CSR spending, current CSR budget, and any volunteering initiatives. This information can typically be found in the corporate balance sheet or online. Being fully prepared with this knowledge before the meeting will greatly enhance your pitch.

PRESENT A STRONG CASE FOR RFI AND YOUR CLUB

Prepare a compelling presentation on Rotary Foundation's background, experience, accolades,



and recognitions. Keep the Rotary introduction PPT handy and carry a printed copy to leave with the corporate team. Include your club's service projects, CSR grant experiences, and other relevant details. This presentation should position your club as the ideal partner for the company's CSR spending.

HIGHLIGHT RELEVANT SERVICE PROJECTS

Share examples of past service projects that align with the company's preferred areas of

focus. If your club lacks experience in that area, share the success stories of other clubs with rich experience in that focus area. Use pictures, details, and key learnings to support your case.

USE TESTIMONIALS

One sure way to impress corporates is by sharing testimonials from other companies that have collaborated with your club or projects. Secure written or video testimonials from past corporate partners, including the contact information of the

person giving the testimonial for transparency.

OFFER A PROJECT PORTFOLIO

Prepare a portfolio of projects, focusing on those that align with the company's areas of interest, and offer a few additional options from other focus areas. Present only the most relevant details during the initial meeting and follow up with more specific information on projects where the company expresses greater interest. Open the door for a subsequent meeting to discuss project specifics.

BE PREPARED WITH AN ACTION PLAN

Before concluding the meeting, set a date for the next meeting and outline a brief agenda. Be clear on the deliverables expected from your side in the follow-up meeting and plan accordingly. Bring project domain experts to the next meeting. Provide a clear



timeline for project rollout and carry documented processes and prototypes to ensure they meet the company's requirements.

ESTABLISH A CLUB CSR AND PROJECT TEAM

Form a Club CSR Team and a Club Project Team to manage and sustain the relationship with the corporate. These teams

should have multiple members working together on each project. Schedule the project and delegate responsibilities within the team as needed. Engage as many club members as possible and make the project a shared responsibility of the entire club.

PROVIDE POST-PROJECT UPDATES AND SHOW GRATITUDE

Send quarterly updates to the corporate partner on the project's progress, including data and photos. Regularly express gratitude for their support and contribution to making a difference. This level of communication and appreciation may help secure a long-term CSR partner for your club!

By following these steps, you'll create a compelling pitch that's hard to resist and build long-term, meaningful CSR partnerships.

Happy pitching!



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Inner Wheel IMPACT



The mission of Inner Wheel is to foster initiatives, services, and exemplary practices aimed at enhancing the lives of women and children worldwide. This is achieved through a global network of members who voluntarily offer their dedication and compassion to others.

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IWC Mumbai Ghatkopar

The club donated an eye check-up van to K.B.H. Bachooali Charitable Trust Hospital. This van, equipped with doctors and instruments, travels to various locations in Mumbai and surrounding areas to examine patients and bring them to the hospital for further free treatments and surgeries. The inauguration was conducted by DC Prerana Raichur. Beneficiaries: Many
Cost: INR 8 lakhs



IWC Bombay Airport

The club donated a Flexi Ureteroscope to Hitwardhak Hospital, Kandivali. Beneficiaries: Many
Cost: INR 50 lakhs



IWC Bombay Shivaji Park

At the BMC clinic in Mahim, the club distributed groceries to five TB patients (Cost: INR 5000). Additionally, they donated three computers to Dadar Madhyamik Vidhya Mandir. Cost: INR 58,500



IWC Bombay North

The club distributed bicycles and solar light panels as part of the Diamond Jubilee Integrated Village Project. Beneficiaries:

- 18 bicycles were given to girls and boys.
- 30 solar panels were provided to homes without electricity

Cost:

- Solar panels: INR 1,08,000
- Bicycles: INR 86,400



IWC Borivli

"Honor our Ancestors, Nourish our Future" - Grocery Kit Distribution at Various BMC Schools

In observance of Pitru Paksha, a time to honour and remember our departed loved ones, the Inner Wheel Club of Borivli distributed 161 complete grocery kits to school children. This heartwarming initiative was made possible through generous donations.

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UDAAN:

The 20th District Interact Conference

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The Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu successfully organized the 20th District Interact Conference at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hall, Vile Parle (East) on September 20, 2024.

This prestigious flagship event of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu witnessed enthusiastic participation from 23 schools across Rotary International District 3141, with around 500 students in attendance. The event was supported by 44 dedicated volunteers from the Rotaract Club of Valia College. In addition, 15 Rotarians from various clubs and 23 members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu were present, offering their support and guidance.

Despite the challenges posed by

a new format and last-minute changes to the venue and dates, the event was a phenomenal success.

The event was graced by District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai, who delivered an inspiring address to the participants and attendees. The keynote speaker, Dr. Anjana Vinod, captivated the young audience with her thought-provoking speech.

Throughout the day, several exciting competitions took place, judged by a panel of 12 distinguished judges. The competitions included:

Dheen Taal: Folk Dance Competition

Drameebaaz: Skit Competition

E-Bulletin: Newsletter Competition

Interact Service Projects:

Presentation Competition

Vaad Vivaad: Team Debate Competition

Kalakari Haat: Painting Exhibition

Drums & Strings: Solo Instrumental Music Competition

The event was spearheaded by Youth Director Rtn. Sumana Menon, whose leadership, along with the guidance of Vibrant President Rtn. Subhashish Mazumdar, ensured the smooth execution of the day's activities. Their efforts were instrumental in maintaining the high energy and spirit of UDAAN.

This 20th edition of UDAAN stands as a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu. It continues to set new benchmarks and inspire the youth, solidifying its significance in the community.

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Leadership, Tradition, and Innovation: ROTARACT'S JOURNEY IN OCTOBER



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MIPS



The Model Indian Parliamentary Session (MIPS) was a mock parliament for Rotaractors, offering hands-on experience with legislative debates. Participants were trained by Adv. Rtr. Yash Savla at SPIT College, Andheri, where they learned parliamentary procedures.

The main event took place on 6th October 2024 at Singhad College of Commerce, Powai. Judges for the session were Rtn. Anand Ramnani and Rtn. Paritosh Rungta, with Mr. Anas Dhorajiwala as the speaker. The debate centered around "The Skill-Based Census Act of 2004."

Participants assumed roles as government, opposition, and independents, engaging in stimulating discussions on national issues. Despite their efforts, the government fell. MIPS helped develop leadership, critical thinking, and teamwork, giving participants valuable insights into governance and policy-making.

NAVROTSAV



Navrotsav was a vibrant celebration of Navratri held on 2nd October, 2024 at Param Keshav Baug hall, bringing together Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors for an evening of Garba, fostering unity and cultural exchange. The event aimed to promote participation in a fun, traditional setting while raising awareness of the Rotaract movement.

The evening began with a lively three-hour Garba session, filled with energy and excitement. Beverages, food stalls, and a

photobooth, organized by the host clubs, added to the entertainment. During the session, awards and felicitations were presented, and the host clubs were acknowledged for their support. The event concluded with a DJ party and a closing ceremony.

STARTUP



The Start Up Meet on 22nd September 2024 was an event where over 400 attendees, including entrepreneurs and industry experts, gathered for a day of innovation and collaboration. Featuring keynote speeches from Rushabh Vasa, Shubham Pille, Jay Maroo, and Devansh Lakhani, the event provided valuable insights and real-world experiences. Engaging activities like entrepreneurial bingo kept the energy high, offering a vibrant platform for networking, idea-sharing, and addressing business challenges.

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Lesser-Known Facts about **BOMBAY CASTLE**

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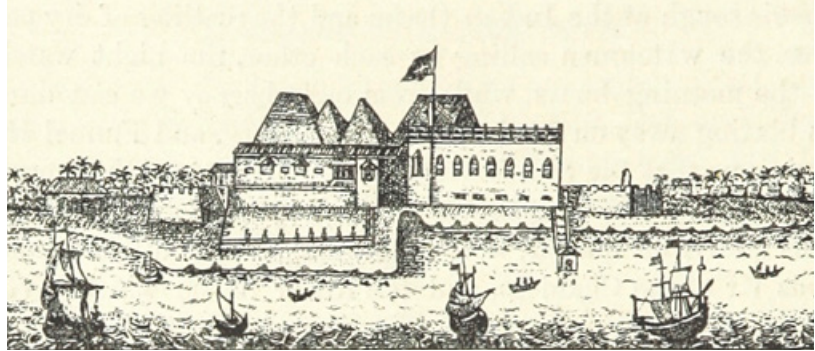
Statue of Garcia de Orta at the Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Lisbon

DID you know that Garcia de Orta was the first foreign inhabitant of Bombay?

He leased Colaba from the Portuguese. Garcia de Orta was a Portuguese physician, herbalist, and naturalist who worked mainly in Goa and Bombay, which were part of Portuguese India at the time.

He built the first 'pukka' house on the island and named it "Manor House." He lived there during his stay in Bombay. While one of the seven islands, Colaba, was leased to him by the Portuguese Crown, many of the other islands were also leased to wealthy Portuguese families. For example, Trombay and Chembur were granted to Roque Tello de Menezes.

The Manor House was later taken



Old Photo of Bombay Castle

over by the British and renamed Bombay Castle. The structure was built using stone from the local quarry in Kurla, known as 'Kurla Stone,' which has a yellow hue and is also called 'yellow basalt.' This stone was commonly used during the colonial era and was extensively employed in constructing many iconic colonial buildings in Mumbai, including the Rajabai Clock Tower, the central dome of the museum, and other prominent structures.

The islands came under English control in 1665, and in 1668, the East India Company took possession of the castle. Over the next ten years, they built a defensive structure around the Manor. Two gates of the Manor are still located within INS Angre, a naval station in South Mumbai. A sundial, believed to date back to the Portuguese era, is also present there.

It has been refurbished and reconstructed, and now serves as



Gate of Bombay Castle, still standing as the gate of INS Angre

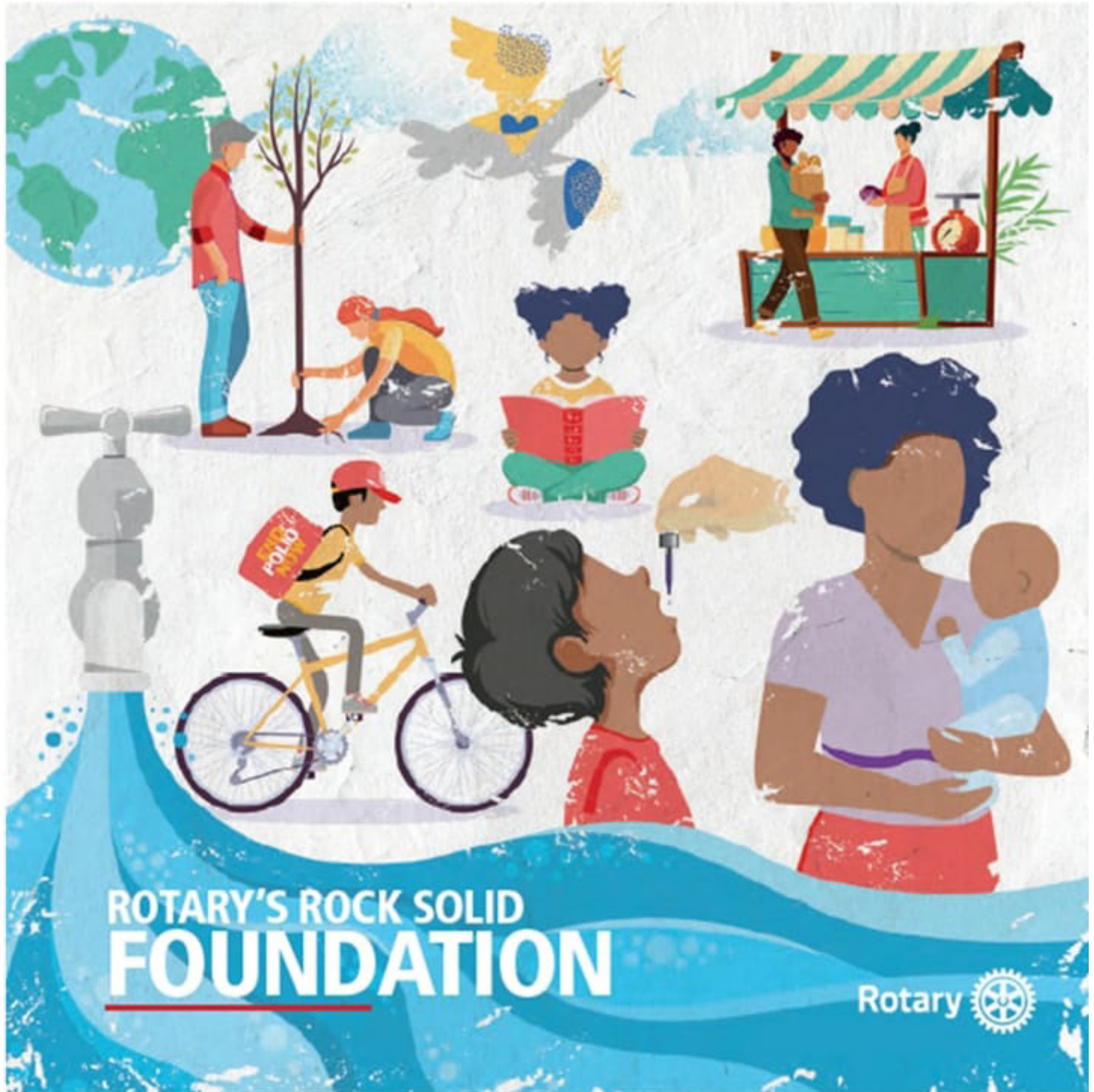


the main gate for INS Angre. The two figures on top are Grenadiers, members of one of the oldest regiments of the 'Bombay Army', who were experts in throwing grenades during sieges. The gate still exists, open to the public as the first 'pukka' (permanent) structure of Bombay, now Mumbai.

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