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ROVEX ROTARY VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD TO MADHURI SARODE SHARMA

On 7th November 2024, the Rotary Club of Kalyan City proudly presented the ROVEX Rotary Vocational Excellence Award to Madhuri Sarode Sharma, a transgender woman celebrated for her exceptional contributions to the LGBTQI+ community. This annual award, presented by Rotary's Vocational Service Committee, is one of the club's highest honors and is given to an individual who has achieved notable success in their professional field and demonstrated an unwavering commitment to serving the community through their vocation. The Vocational Service Committee and the Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Kalyan City thoroughly reviewed the nominations for this prestigious award. Madhuri was selected for her impactful service, dedication to her profession, and her outstanding role in supporting marginalized communities across India. For over 25 years, Madhuri has been actively involved in supporting and empowering the LGBTQI+ community, working alongside various NGOs and organizations. Her efforts span multiple domains, from healthcare and financial empowerment to skill development and social acceptance.

Currently, Madhuri serves as a counselor at MITR Clinic, India's first healthcare center dedicated to transgender individuals. In this role, she provides vital guidance and emotional support to individuals navigating the complex challenges of identity and societal acceptance. Her work at MITR Clinic is crucial in bridging the gap between marginalized transgender individuals and the healthcare they need, positioning her as a role model within the LGBTQI+ community.

In a groundbreaking achievement, Madhuri became India's first transgender LIC (Life Insurance Corporation) agent. By entering a traditionally conservative industry, she broke significant barriers, challenging stereotypes and advocating for inclusive professional opportunities for the transgender community. Her role in this field serves as a reminder that transgender individuals are capable, skilled, and deserving of equal professional respect.

Madhuri co-founded DEY Taali, a skill development initiative in Talao Pali, aimed at equipping transgender individuals with practical skills for better employment opportunities. This program has empowered many community members, giving them the tools to earn independently and live with dignity. Through DEY Taali, Madhuri continues to support her community, advocating for economic independence and reducing stigma against transgender workers.

The Rotary Club of Kalyan City takes great pride in presenting the ROVEX Rotary Vocational Excellence Award to Madhuri Sarode Sharma. Her courage, dedication, and achievements serve as a source of inspiration to Rotarians and the broader community. As she continues her journey, Madhuri's legacy reminds us of the power of vocational excellence when it is used to champion human rights and uplift the underserved. This award highlights Rotary's commitment to advancing humanity, fostering inclusion, and making meaningful contributions to society. In recognizing Madhuri Sarode Sharma, the Rotary Club of Kalyan City reaffirms its dedication to values of compassion, equality, and service, encouraging all to follow in her footsteps to make a positive difference.



ANNAPOORNA - Food Distribution to the Ragpicker Community on Children's Day

On the occasion of Children's Day, the Rotary Club of Kalyan City undertook a heartwarming initiative to bring joy and nourishment to the Ragpicker Community of Uंबरदे, Kalyan, through its "Annapoorna" project. The event was held on 14th November 2024, beginning at 10:00 AM, and was organized with the intention of celebrating the day by giving back to one of the most underprivileged communities. With a strong turnout of over 700 beneficiaries, the event was a testament to the club's commitment to community service, particularly focusing on the children and families who are part of the Ragpicker Community.

As part of the Annapoorna project, the club distributed wholesome and freshly prepared vegetarian meals, including Veg Pulav and Chole, to all residents of the community. The distribution included not only children but also their families, ensuring that every individual present had the opportunity to enjoy a nutritious meal. The delicious food was prepared by Ms. Santosh, who managed to deliver the meals at a very reasonable cost, allowing the project to reach an extensive number of beneficiaries without compromising on quality.

The event was led by the Rotary Club of Kalyan City's President, Hycenth Bhetasiwala, along with Secretary Nikhil Parmar and Project Chair Trupti Malichkar, who meticulously planned and executed the program. They were joined by Past Presidents (PP) and other dignitaries, including DPIC PP Yakub Bhetasiwala, IPP Ramchandra Mandhane, PP Madan Shanklesha, and Sushma Patel, who actively participated in the distribution process. Their presence and active involvement highlighted Rotary's dedication to making a positive impact on society.

This Annapoorna project on Children's Day was indeed a gratifying experience for all involved. Feeding over 700+ individuals from an underserved section of society provided immense satisfaction to the Rotary Club members, fulfilling Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." President Hycenth Bhetasiwala commented on the success of the event, stating, "It was truly a heartening experience to witness the joy and gratitude of the community. Knowing that our efforts have made a difference is what motivates us to continue these projects."



YOGA ASSOCIATION'S TEAM AT NATIONAL YOGASANA SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024



The Rotary Club of Kalyan City takes immense pride in co-sponsoring the Maharashtra State Yoga Association's team at the prestigious National Yogasana Sports Championship 2024, part of the Pro Yogasana League Season 2, organized by the Indian Yogasana Sports Federation (IYSF). Held at Anurag University, Hyderabad, on November 16th and 17th, 2024, the event witnessed the participation of over 400 athletes from 17 states across the country. The Maharashtra team, under the exceptional leadership of Dipesh Bhoir, Devendra Ajgolekar, Minal Joshi, and

Sheetal Patil, delivered an exemplary performance, securing Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals in various categories.

Traditional Yoga: Demonstrating the essence of classical postures with precision and control. Artistic Yoga: Mesmerizing the audience with synchronized and creative yoga routines. Rhythmic Yoga: Displaying impeccable flow and coordination in dynamic sequences.

Anushka Chitre, Reva Chitte, Amon Chatterjee, and Rishika Kadam, who proudly brought home multiple Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, further elevating the Maharashtra team to new heights of success.

President Hycenth Bhetasiwala and Secretary Nikhil Parmar of the Rotary Club of Kalyan City congratulated and deeply appreciated the dedication and commitment of the team and their leaders. Special thanks were extended to Project Chair PP Madan Sankhlesha, whose active support and encouragement played a pivotal role in this Championship.



WOMEN IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NOVEMBER 2024 VIRTUAL MEETING



MANTHAN : MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR



INSTALLATION OF SANITARY NAPKIN VENDING MACHINE

The Rotary Club of Kalyan City continues its commitment to fostering community well-being through initiatives that promote health, hygiene, and empowerment. On 22nd November 2024, a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine was installed at Narendra Convent High School, Kalyan. This project was undertaken with the goal of providing female students with easy access to sanitary napkins, ensuring their comfort and dignity during school hours.

President Rtn Hycenth Bhetasiwala, Secretary Rtn Nikhil Parmar, and other members of the Rotary Club of Kalyan City were present to inaugurate the machine. The event was graced by the school's Chairman, Rtn S K Mishra, and Principal, Ms. Ajantha Rajan. The Rotary Club of Kalyan City expressed its gratitude for their collaboration and support in making this project successful. Project Chairman Rtn Nilesh Kuwar spearheaded the initiative, demonstrating dedication and efficiency in its execution. Rtn Kashyap Raja, the Interact Coordinator, provided significant support by ensuring the smooth coordination between the school and the club. PP Rtn Yakub Bhetasiwala, DPIC was acknowledged for his guidance and contribution to the project. Additional sanitary napkins were also provided free of cost to the school to further support this initiative.

The installation of the vending machine is a meaningful step toward addressing a critical issue faced by many young girls: limited access to menstrual hygiene products. The initiative aims to empower female students by:

- Promoting Hygiene:** Ensuring access to sanitary napkins fosters better health and hygiene practices among students.
- Reducing Absenteeism:** By providing easy access to essential products, the club aims to reduce school absenteeism during menstruation.
- Encouraging Dignity and Confidence:** This effort supports the emotional well-being of students, helping them maintain confidence and focus during school hours.

The Rotary Club of Kalyan City remains dedicated to creating meaningful change in the community. The sanitary napkin vending machine at Narendra Convent High School is a small yet impactful initiative aimed at improving the lives of young girls and promoting a more supportive educational environment. The club extends its heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this project specially Rtn Nilesh Kuwar, including the school administration, club members, and volunteers, for their support and commitment to this cause. This initiative reflects the club's ongoing mission to serve the community and empower individuals to lead healthier and more dignified lives.



The CHARTER PRESENTATION of INTERACT Club of L.D. SONAWANE JUNIOR COLLEGE

The Charter Presentation of Interact Club of L.D. Sonawane Junior College, Kalyan took place on 25th Nov 2024. The event was attended by the President of Rotary Club of Kalyan City, Rtn Hycenth Bhetasiwala, Secretary Nikhil Parmar, Interact Advisor Purva Kulkarni, DPIC PP Yakub Bhetasiwala, PP Madan Shankhlesha & Adv Sushma Patel, teachers, and all the Interact Club students. The ceremony marks a significant milestone in the life of a Rotary-affiliated community. This event not only celebrates the induction of new members into these youth-led organizations but also reinforces the values of service, leadership, and fellowship that underpin the Rotary mission. DPIC Yakub briefed the students about Significant Rotary Projects & also about Interact in the world. Interact Advisor Purva Kulkarni shared projects that can be taken up by Interactors and RC Kalyan City. The students made a prominent embark on a new journey towards community service along with the Rotary club of RC KALYAN CITY. The ceremony created a positive atmosphere among all the interactors. It was such a profound moment for all those who witnessed the whole event.



The CHARTER PRESENTATION of INTERACT Club of Mohindar Singh Kabal Singh School

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SPANDAN : SECOND TRF SEMINAR RID 3142



LAUNCH of CITY KALYAN NISARG MELA 2024

The much-awaited CITY KALYAN NISARG MELA was officially launched on 30th November 2024 at the picturesque venue of Kala Talao, Kalyan. This event was organized collaboratively by the Rotary Club of Kalyan City, Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal and National Urdu High School & Junior College. The launch marked the beginning of an initiative aimed at promoting environmental awareness, learning, and active engagement with nature through various activities and competitions.

Nature Photography Competition : An engaging competition that brought together budding photographers to capture the essence of nature. Orientation was conducted by Abhishek Edke, a renowned photographer from Zee 24 Taas, and Suhas Pawar, a nature photography expert. They provided valuable insights on photography techniques and tips to capture compelling nature shots. A total of 60 students enthusiastically participated in this competition, showcasing their creativity and passion for nature.

Plant Identification Contest : A hands-on contest designed to enhance participants' knowledge of plant species and their importance in the ecosystem. Training sessions were conducted by Dr. Shreya Bhanap and Minal Manjrekar, celebrated environmentalists. Participants learned the art of identifying and understanding various plant species through this interactive and educational session. Students demonstrated keen interest and curiosity, making the event both educational and enjoyable.

Participants and Attendance : In total, 60+ students participated in the competitions, representing various schools and institutions. Members from the Rotary Club of Kalyan City who attended included: President Hycenth Bhetasiwala ?Secretary Nikhil Parmar ?Treasurer Purva Kulkarni ?DPIC PP Yakub Bhetasiwala (Project Coordinator) ?PP Madan Shankhlesha? IPP Ramchandra Mandhane ? Archana Mandhane ? Fatechand Shah ? Malan Abnave ?Mayur Popat

The Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal team, led by Rupali Shaiwale, efficiently managed the registration process and the overall coordination of the competitions. Their efforts ensured the smooth execution of the event. Outcome and Future PlanThe launch event was highly successful, fulfilling its objective of engaging students and encouraging active participation in nature-based activities. The enthusiasm and energy displayed by the students and attendees set the tone for the upcoming events in the CITY KALYAN NISARG MELA 2024. The results of the competitions will be announced, and prizes distributed during the grand finale of City Kalyan Nisarg Mela and Art Mela 2024, scheduled for 7th December 2024. This concluding event promises to be an exciting culmination of creativity, learning, and celebration.



ROTARY Club of Kalyan City in ROTARY NEWS



RC Kalyan City president Hymesh Bhatnagar (3rd from left) at a Project Positive Health camp.

Impactful projects in Kalyan

V Muthukumar

More than 80 patients were screened, had undergone medical tests, and received consultations at the Project Positive Health camp conducted by RC Kalyan City, RID 3142, at the Lourdes and St. Jude's Community Centre.

As part of El chevrack-han, Akar Ladon age, a district-wide healthcare campaign, a panel of doctors led by Dr. Samalhas Chakor from SKV Manasa Hospital screened the patients for blood sugar, BP, body mass index and other health parameters.

They also gave consultations to patients after check-up. The second phase of Project Pustadaan (donating utensils) was done at the Narayani Centre where the less privileged children were given food plates to have their meals with dignity. Club secretary Nikhil Patwar had sponsored the project which was supported by all the club members.

A workshop on 'Innovative Thinking' was held for 20 students from the Intraact Club of Narayani English School at the Nehru Science Centre, Mumbai.

The event, coordinated by Intraact advisor Kalyanbhai Raja and led by project chair Ritesh Gokulwad, offered students an opportunity to explore the world of science through hands-on experiments. The participants were engaged in numerous activities like learning problem-solving skills and fostering innovative thinking. The workshop was held in partnership with the Nehru Science Centre and Marathi Vidyan Parshad. Educational app coupons were given to students at Mahamandir English School



Club members at Project Pustadaan at the Narayani Centre.

which will enable them to access a suite of interactive modules that were designed to simplify the learning concepts and make it enjoyable for those appearing for Class 10 board exams. A 'good touch no bad touch' seminar was conducted by trainer Greta Kane for the students of Mahamandir English School. It enabled them to recognize the inappropriate physical contact and respond suitably. The seminar addressed the growing concerns over rising harassment cases, particularly involving girls, who were taught about personal safety and the need to take precautions.

In a three-in-one programme, Nation Builder Awards were given to 11 teachers, 63 top-ranking students from various schools were felicitated, and four new members were inducted by the club at the Kalyan Mahal, Mahal Hall. D.C. Doshi's Mahal shared



Food being served to children under Project Annapoorna.



Interactors at an Innovative Thinking workshop at the Nehru Science Centre.

announcing awardees that highlighted the critical role of teachers in shaping the future of the nation.

Four new members were inducted in a simple ceremony led by membership chair Kalyanbhai Raja and its development coordinator Mahesh Shambhoo. Club president Hymesh Bhatnagar detailed the projects being done across the focus areas, and assured the gathering that the focus would continue to be on youth, schools and teachers for the betterment of the communities.

More than 200 participants, including teachers, students, Rotarians and other dignitaries made the event a success, lifting the public image of the club in the neighbourhood. In a beautiful gesture, food was distributed to 150 ragpickers

and their children under Project Annapoorna with sponsorship from Rita Sakuma Patel and Ramchandra Mandhane.

Hindi Diwas
A range of competitions in oratory, poetry, poster making, handwriting, singing and drama was conducted for students at the National Urdu High School and Junior College. Top performers were given prizes for their efforts in promoting the Hindi language.

Project chair Abdulhali Khan took care of logistics and coordinated for the success of the day-long events. Teachers spoke on the importance of Hindi as national language that signifies the Bharatnatya culture. Club president Hymesh and secretary Nikhil Patwar wished the students a bright career in their lives.

Club president Yash Bhatnagar shared insightful stories about Hindi's role in the freedom movement, and gave a peek into some of the awe-inspiring stories of nationalist Manohar Prasad.

Congratulations!



Dear Rotarian Mansi Sonawane and Melvin congratulations on your wedding! Wishing you a lifetime of love, happiness, and service to humanity. Rotary Club of Kalyan City is thrilled to celebrate with you.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- 1st December 2024 : Blood Donation Camp
- 1st December 2024 : Street Play On World Aids Day With NSS
- 7th December 2024 : City Kalyan Nisarg Mela & Art Mela 2024
- 10th December 2024 : Voice Of Wetlands (Clean Creek Movement 25)
District Level Street Play Competition
- 15th December 2024 : Annapoorna At : Jeevan Samvardhan
Foundation, titwala
- 15th December 2024 : Paatradaan At Titwala
- 15th December 2024 : Annadaan At Ghoshala At Panjarapol
- 23rd December 2024 : Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine
- 28th December 2024 : Merry Christmas And New Year 2025 Celebration