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AMAR CHAKRA

Service Above Self

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From the Desk of the District Governor



Dear Rotarians,
Warm Rotary Greetings!
At the outset, I would like to congratulate the Editor Rtn. Dr. Pallavi Dharmadhikari and the entire bulletin team for bringing out such a beautiful quarterly club bulletin Amar Chakra. A club bulletin is not just a publication; it is a reflection of the energy, service, and fellowship that your club stands for. Your efforts in documenting the journey of the club are truly commendable.

As we have now completed eight months of the TITEN year and step into the ninth month, let me congratulate the club President Mukesh for a great work he had carried in past 8 months by serving

the community, this is the time when the hard work, dedication, and planning of the entire team begin to show visible results. The foundation laid in the earlier months now transforms into impactful service and meaningful achievements. Your club has always been known as a club of leaders and one of the strongest clubs in the Ambarnath region. The excellent projects and initiatives undertaken by your members clearly

reflect the commitment to service above self. I am confident that with the same enthusiasm and unity, the coming months will bring even greater milestones.

I would also encourage the club leadership to explore the possibility of making your club a "100% Paul Harris Fellow Club" this year. Such an achievement would truly showcase your collective commitment to The Rotary Foundation and the spirit of giving, while also highlighting the strong leadership within your club.

As we enter the month of March, which is dedicated to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, I would request the club to plan and execute meaningful projects in this important area. Clean water and sanitation remain one of Rotary's key focus areas, and your club has the capacity to create impactful initiatives that can benefit the community and set an inspiring example for others. I once again congratulate the Editor and the club leadership for their wonderful efforts and wish the entire team continued success as you move forward in this TITEN year of service and leadership. Let us continue to Dream, Dare and Do... and truly Unite for Good.

With warm Rotary regards
Rtn. Harsh Makol
District Governor 2025-26
Rotary District 3142



From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,
A very warm and heartfelt welcome to our newest member Rtn. Ashish Moholkar into the Rotary family. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to your active participation in our journey of service. I also extend my sincere thanks to Rtn. Dr. Rahul Chaudhary for introducing him to Rotary and strengthening our fellowship.

As we complete eight months of this Rotary year, I express my deep gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support, cooperation, and commitment.

I would also like to appreciate our Bulletin Editor, Rtn. Dr. Pallavi Dharmadhikari, and all members who contributed in various ways towards the release of this club bulletin. Your efforts ensure that

our service story reaches every member with pride.

Continuing our club's rich legacy of impactful service, I am proud to share that in the last eight months, we have successfully completed over 66 projects. Some of the major initiatives include:

- Distribution of over 2000 Ideal Mobile Apps to SSC students from Thane, Palghar, and Chiplun districts.
- Shravan Mahotsav in association with Ambarnath Jai Hind Co. Op. Bank Ltd. and media partner Maharashtra Times.
- Eco-friendly Ganesh Idol Making Workshop.
- Two Musculoskeletal Surgery Camps at Sastur and Nandurbag under the leadership of PDG Dr. Mayuresh Warke.
- Career Guidance Seminar in association with Maharashtra Times.
- Vocational Tour for students of Mahatma Gandhi Vidyalaya.
- Diwali Bazar in association with Inner Wheel Club of Ambarnath.
- Sankranti Bazar in association with Inner Wheel Club of Ambarnath Hills.
- Inter-School Marathi Ekankika Spardha.

This year, for the first time, our club organized RYPEN for school students, which received tremendous appreciation from participating schools.

Under District Service Month, we distributed 78 Ayushman Bharat cards and 38 Senior Citizen Cards.

Under the Happy School Project, we have undertaken the renovation of Bal Vikas Vidyalaya, for which we have applied for a District Grant.

In addition to these, we organized blood donation camps, tree plantation drives, CPR

demonstrations, dental and eye check-up camps, Anna Daan, polio vaccination camps, and promotion of the Four-Way Test in corporates.

Friends, our club's contribution to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) stands at \$6550 so far. I sincerely thank all the donors for their generous contributions and humbly request every member to contribute at least \$100 towards TRF, strengthening our global impact.

I am also pleased to inform you that our club has successfully formed a new Rotary club - RC Ambarnath Heritage. PP Nitin More will serve as the New Club Advisor. I extend my heartfelt thanks to PP Nitin More for his dedicated efforts in the formation of this new club.

From 7th March to 14th March 2026, we will celebrate Women's Week on the occasion of International Women's Day. A series of impactful programs have been planned, including:

- Women's Slogathon
- Women's Awards
- Seminar on Mental Health
- Lactation Awareness Seminar for underprivileged pregnant women
- Seminar on Menstrual Hygiene for school girls
- Women's Cricket Tournament
- Mrs. Ambarnath (in association with Kinikar Prasththan and Title Sponsor - Lookwell Salon)

Maharashtra Times will be our Media Partner for all these events.

I would also like to take this proud moment to congratulate Ann Dhriti Vivek Chaudhary for receiving the prestigious Keith & Kin Award on 1st March at DISCON held at Hotel Sahara Star. This recognition brings immense pride to our club, and we celebrate this remarkable achievement wholeheartedly.

I take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol, District Secretary Rtn. Adv. Swapnil Varma, and Assistant Governor Rtn. Prashant Galkal for their constant support, visionary guidance, and unwavering encouragement.

Friends, with your continued support and cooperation, we will strive to accomplish even more in the remaining four months of this Rotary year. Let us move forward with renewed energy, keeping our motto "Service Above Self" in our hearts and truly Unite for Good for the upliftment of society.

Thank you once again and wishing you all a very happy Gudi Padwa and A Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Best Wishes,
Yours in Rotary
Rtn. Mukesh Vispute
President 2025-26



We Meet Every Wednesday at 20.30 Hours at Rotary Community Centre Vadavli Ambarnath (E)

Message from the Secretary



Namaskar my fellow Rotarians.

A few weeks ago, our club had the privilege of hosting the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), a truly transformative initiative dedicated to the personality development of young adults. The project was not just an event—it was an experience that empowered participants to discover their strengths, build confidence, and embrace the values of leadership and service.

Through the interactive sessions, dynamic group activities like Zumba dance exercises by International level Zumba instructor Ann.Dhriti Chaudhari and most importantly motivational guidance by our inspiring TITEN President Rtn. Mukesh Vispute, RYPEN created a safe and inspiring space for youth to explore their potential. We witnessed remarkable growth in communication skills, teamwork, and self-awareness among the participants. Their enthusiasm and willingness to learn reaffirmed our belief that investing in youth is investing in the future of our community.

This success was possible because of the collective effort of our dedicated Rotarians, facilitators, and volunteers who ensured every detail resonated with the spirit of Rotary. As Secretary, I extend heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed. Together, we have planted seeds of confidence and character that will continue to flourish in the years ahead.

With Regards,
Rtn. Dr. Shrikant Garje
Secretary
Rotary Club of Ambarnath.



From Editor's Desk Rtn. Dr Pallavi Dharmadhikari



As we reflect on the year gone by, it fills me with immense pride to acknowledge the breadth and depth of projects our club has undertaken. From initiatives that touched the lives of youth and empowered their growth, to service activities that strengthened community health, education, and environmental awareness, each effort has been a shining example of Rotary's ideals in action.

Our journey this year has encompassed every facet of Rotary's goals—fostering peace, supporting education, promoting health, and uplifting communities. Each project, whether large or small,

carried the unmistakable spirit of dedication and compassion that defines us. Together, we have not only met objectives but also created lasting impact that resonates far beyond our immediate circle.

It is indeed a privilege to be part of the Rotary Club of Ambarnath—a club that stands out for its genuine commitment, tireless energy, and unwavering fellowship as was experienced at our District Conference few days back. The enthusiasm and sincerity of our members make us one of the most dedicated clubs, and this collective spirit is our greatest strength. Let us continue celebrating our achievements while embracing new opportunities to serve.

In Rotary Service,
Rtn. Dr. Pallavi Dharmadhikari
Editor,
Rotary Club of Ambarnath.



Know Your Rotary



BIRTH OF ROTARY

The roots of Rotary trace back to the vision of Paul P. Harris, a Chicago attorney, who had a unique dream. Born in 1868 in Racine, Wisconsin, Harris spent much of his early life moving around and experiencing different communities. When he eventually settled in Chicago, he longed for the same sense of camaraderie and fellowship that he had encountered in smaller towns during his youth. He believed that professionals in large cities often led isolated lives, focusing solely on their careers without building strong, meaningful relationships.

Paul Harris met with three other businessmen: **Gustavus Loehr** (a mining engineer), **Silvester Schiele** (a coal merchant), and **Hiram Shorey** (a tailor). On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. They gathered in Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in Chicago to discuss Harris's idea of forming a club where professionals from different industries could come together. Harris wanted this group to rotate meetings among members' offices, hence the name "Rotary." **On February 23, 1905, Rotary Club of Chicago** was born. The first Rotary meeting was held in the office of Gustavus Loehr, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago.

Silvester Schiele served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905.

Each of the first four Rotarians, and Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian," brought different professional perspectives to the organization. In October 1905, the club had grown to 21 members, including two honorary members.

The concept behind Rotary was simple yet powerful: **fellowship and mutual support among professionals**, with the added purpose of serving the community. Harris and his fellow members quickly realized the potential of the group to not only foster friendships but also to create positive change in the local community.

The idea resonated with others, and the Rotary Club of Chicago grew rapidly. Within a few years, clubs started forming in other cities, transforming Rotary from a small group into a movement. By the end of the decade, the idea of **Service above Self** became central to Rotary's mission and a humble beginning in Chicago marked the birth of what would become a global service organization.

The first four Rotarians, from left: Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram E. Shorey & Paul P. Harris.



Insightful article by First Lady Kavita Vispute

PERSONALITY

Is it a looks, physical body, fair look, branded clothes, expensive accessories, advanced gadgets, etc...

NO

It's your thought process, your kindness, your gesture, your behaviour, your politeness, your commitment, your responsibility and attitude of forgiveness. Your thought process defines you, your family, your background, your profession, your belief system, it's defining complete you.

Your kindness gives a smile on your face which makes others also smile and make them feel comfort in your company.

Your gesture defines the real character in you. Your purity, your truthiness, your simplicity and vision towards the life.

Your behaviour brings confidence in you, defines your social circle, respect in society, you're caring and helping nature.

Your politeness brings calmness and peace on your face, defines the type of civilized you are, your contribution towards nation and society.

Your commitment and responsibility bring courage on your face which defines the level of trust one can keep on you in any circumstances.

Last and very important is forgiveness will make you different, unique and great human being, this attitude will always help you to remain positive and energetic.

So the personality cannot be taught but need to be develop and nurture.

So no you design your own PERSONALITY and become a ROLE MODEL FOR OTHERS

Article by Ann Ashwini Kulkarni

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दोष मात्र जिभेला मिळतो.

मन तर स्वतःच असतं.

झुरावं मात्र दुसऱ्यांसाठी लागतं.

ठेच तर पायाला लागते

वेदना मात्र मनाला होतात.

आणि रडावं मात्र डोळ्यांना लागतं.

असंच नात जपत जगणं,

हेच तर खरं जीवन असतं.

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माणसाला बोलायला शिकण्यास (किमान) २ वर्ष लागतात ...

पण काय बोलावे हे शिकण्यास पूर्ण आयुष्य निघून जाते ...

Please, donate generously to The Rotary Foundation

CLUB PROJECTS

President Mukesh presenting Rotary Four way test to Om Techno Engineers



Interschool One-Act play competition. Winner team enacted the need to create awareness about including technological innovations in agriculture.



Sports day celebration at RCT's PMM School



Flag exchange and welcome to Rtn. Jamie Johnstone from RC Montreal West & NDG, Canada, Rtn. Susan Tulk from RC Gananoque, Canada, Rtn. Vijay Wani, Rtn. Bhavna Wani from RC Thane North End, and Rtn. Kirti Vadalkar from RC Dombivli Saudamini at RC Ambarnath.



RYPEN event encouraging youth leadership



Dental checkup camp conducted by Sec. Dr. Shrikant Garje at Discoverkidz preschool



Musculoskeletal surgery camp conducted at Nandurbar.



Memorable fellowship at DISCON 2026



Gesture of Kindness by RCA



A small gesture of care for a big loss. Utensils were distributed by RC Ambarnath, NCT to the family in the Kanauj section who lost their home in a tragic fire. Standing with them as they begin their journey of rebuilding their home.



Induction of New Member Rtn. Ashish Moholkar



President Mukesh conducted a session on 4 Way Test for the staff of Infrasyss Techno Consultants, Belapur and presented the frame to Directors.



Inauguration Sankrant Bazaar by Mayor of Ambarnath Municipal Council, CA Tejashrii Karanjule-Patil



Events this Month



Birthdays & Anniversaries



VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS नारीशक्ती गौरव पुरस्कार
on 8th March 2026 at Rotary Community Centre, Ambarnath
Chief Guest
District Governor Harsh Makol

Mr. Mukesh Vispute (President), Mr. Shrikant Garje (Project Coordinator), Ann Kavita Phadke (Project Coordinator), Mr. Dr. Shankar Garje (Secretary)

- Menstrual hygiene awareness session in schools.
- Lactation counselling for lactating mothers in hospitals.
- Psychological counselling for new mothers in hospitals.

Mrs. Ambarnath
WOMEN'S SLOGATHON
FREE MEMBERSHIP CAMP
WOMEN'S TURE CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Wishing A Very Happy Birthday to our all our Following Fellow Rotarians

Rtn. Dr. Rakesh Bakshi	18th March
Rtn. Dr. Swapna Chaudhary	31st March

Wishing A Very Happy Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. PP Vijay and Ann Vaishali Patkar	2nd March
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Wishing A Very Happy Birthday to our Anns

Ann Aarti Rane	13th March
Ann Hemlata More	13th March
Ann Tejas Dhande	20th March
Ann Leena Bendale	28th March



We Wish A Very Happy Rotary Anniversary to our following Fellow Rotarians for their dedicated Service to Community

Name	Date of joining Rotary	Years completed
President Mukesh Vispute	2th March	10th
Rtn. Dr. Neal Jatale	5th March	1st
Rtn. Dr. Swapna Chaudhary	8th March	14th
Rtn. PE Jayant Kulkarni	11 March	11th
Rtn. PP Leena Dhande	18 March	11th

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CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

Rtn. IPP Parag Patil for receiving the Best Community Service Award.



Rtn. PP Nitin More receiving the Rotary Foundation Award.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Annets



Annette Ms. Saanvi Shrikant Joshi receiving best athlete award.



Annette Ms. Saanvi Shrikant Joshi receiving young achievers award in Arya Gurukul school.

Personal achievements of Rotarians



Congratulations to Rtn. Vishal Patkar on inauguration of one more branch of Visa computer institute at Katrap, Badlapur.



प्रा. श्री. डॉ. गुणवंत भंगाले सर यांची लेवा पाटील समाज मंडळ, अंबरनाथ शहर यांच्या अध्यक्षपदी निवड झाल्याबद्दल अभिनंदन



Rtn. Subhash Thorat receiving Business Icon Award.



Ann's Achievement



Ann Dhriti and Rtn. Adv. Vivek Chaudhari receiving Kith and Kin Award at DISCON - 2026.



सौ. हेमांगिनी चोपडे यांचे लेवा पाटील समाज मंडळच्या अध्यक्षपदी निवड झाल्याबद्दल अभिनंदन

