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Official Newsletter of Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli



Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli (RCBK) team with DG Dr. Manish Motwani during Installation Ceremony of President and Board of Director.

Dear Members,

It gives us immense joy to present the first edition of our newsletter for the Inspire Year. This edition reflects the energy, creativity, and spirit of our inspired community. Within these pages, you'll find stories/ update of meaningful projects, voices of our members, and glimpses of moments that inspire us all to do more, share more, and grow together.

We believe every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for being part of this journey and for continuing to add your spark to our shared story.

Warm regards,
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President's Message

I am deeply honoured and feel truly privileged to lead the Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli in its 25th year—its Silver Jubilee year.

When I joined the club eight years ago, I never imagined becoming the president of this prestigious club. However, as time passed and my hair turned completely silver, I realized that wisdom often outweighs knowledge. So, when I was asked if I would like to lead this illustrious club in its silver year, I embraced the opportunity as a chance for growth and learning at this stage of life.

With that mindset, I began preparing for this role almost nine months ago, and it has been an incredible journey so far.

Then came the preparation time, and what I learned from my fellow presidents taught me that this role is truly an opportunity to fulfill the goals of our club members. It's about providing a platform for members to contribute to service projects—a goal often difficult to achieve alone—and making them feel fortunate to be part of it.

I also realized that every service project we undertake must be carried out with smiling faces and a sense of joy among our club members. It's important that they never feel it's a compulsion or mandatory but rather an enjoyable experience shared as a family.

This sense of camaraderie is especially vital in today's world, where nuclear families are becoming more common. Together, we can create a close-knit community that cherishes every moment spent in service and fellowship.

I visited several executed projects and also revisited some that, over time, have either lost their sheen or are now struggling to sustain their existence. I explored new, technology-based initiatives and gained an understanding of how the post-Covid era has reshaped priorities—what becomes immensely significant and what gradually loses its relevance.

These observations have been invaluable in shaping my perspective on how we can adapt and align our efforts to make a lasting impact in the current times.

Leaving all theories aside, I started the year on July 1st and decided to simply go with the flow for the first three months. During this time, I set aside my own ideas and focused on not being harsh or overly aggressive with my members. Instead, I chose to listen—to understand what they feel is good and what their desires truly are.

This approach has helped me connect better and build a stronger foundation for the year ahead.



President's Message continue....

There were numerous statutory tasks to address, such as reinstalling Rotaractors and Interactors, while ensuring they felt the care and support of a parental bond. I focused on bringing the team together with a unified approach, giving them a sense of direction and clarity about what they could achieve in their respective avenues.

Additionally, I suggested individual members who could assist them in their endeavors, enabling them to pursue their goals with confidence and support.

In order to activate the youth, I focused on convincing the nearby schools and colleges that they share an equal responsibility in guiding these young minds. The goal was to help them lean towards moral and social responsibility, shaping them into role models for their peer groups within their institutions.

Meanwhile, our Medical, Community Services (including work with orphanages, old age homes, villages, and the less privileged), and Environment & Vocational teams worked diligently on need assessments and deploying resources to fulfill those needs. One of the key initiatives I sought support for was the formation of a Miracle Team—a dedicated group focused on long-term projects. The idea was to give members an extended timeline of three years to work on sustainable projects, especially those aligned with modern, theme-based concepts that cater to the needs of contemporary times and the new age.

We initiated work on a much-needed initiative: Mental Health. I gathered all the inputs from what had been done in the past and carefully considered how these efforts could be adapted and implemented effectively in the current year. Additionally, I aimed to position RCBK and key members as an advisor to such institutions, ensuring long-term impact and meaningful collaboration. You will soon hear more on this in quarter 2.

The second initiative is to set up a skilled vocation teaching center under RCBK. Having been deeply involved in skilled vocation programs for many years, I can never forget the challenges I faced when I visited the slums, the padas, and the rural centers.

My dream is to develop a center that trains 50 students every three months, running 3 to 4 batches a year. The goal is to Empower these skilled individuals and their families, while preparing a generation of budding entrepreneurs and nation builders.

Another dream of mine is to elevate the work of two Past Presidents to a meaningful and impactful level, with their support. One focuses on integrated village development, and the other on water resources—both crucial areas where we can make a significant difference.

In my current Board of Directors, I've witnessed a passion for empowering the physically challenged by equipping them with skills and creating employment opportunities. Their dedication lies in providing the means for these individuals to achieve a sustainable livelihood and gain a sense of status and dignity in life.

Together, I will work to redefine this ecosystem and bring light into their lives, creating opportunities that truly make a difference.

Rtn Prashaant Mishra
President
Inspire Year 2025-26

Editor's Note

Hello Friends,

Rotary is more than just an organization, it is a collective spirit of service, fellowship, and impact. Every project that our members take up, whether big or small, carries within it a story of compassion, effort, and transformation. Yet, the true value of these initiatives is realised only when they are shared.

By documenting and showcasing the projects led by our members, we not only celebrate their dedication but also inspire others to take part, replicate, or even scale up similar ideas. Sharing creates visibility, builds credibility, and helps strengthen partnerships with the community, corporates, and even fellow clubs worldwide. Most importantly, it reminds us that each drop of effort contributes to a larger ocean of change.

This magazine serves as a bridge, connecting stories of service with readers who care, and igniting new ideas among those who wish to serve. I encourage every member to contribute actively, ensuring that no initiative remains unnoticed and no effort unappreciated.

Together, let us continue to write stories of service that inspire, and share projects that multiply impact.

Yours in Rotary,
Editor-in-Chief

Rtn CA Laxman K Prasad
Director – PR/PI & President Elect
Inspire Year 2025-26



Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 1 : Homeopathy Medical Camp at Anjuman School, Goregaon East.

Impact – Multiple camps benefitting dozens of patients every month for many years without gap, ensuring continuity.

This is RCBK flagship project, and it's continued to flourish. In the first quarter of Rotary Year, it was conducted on following days

July – 13th and 27th

Aug – 24th

Sept – 7th & 21st

The Homeopathy Medical Camp served underserved communities with free consultations by practitioners. The project also assisted in dispensing medicines and creating awareness on homeopathic care as an accessible health-option.



Our Member Rtn Afzal Khatri is in action during the camp

Project 2 : An Evening for Senior Citizens on the first day of the Inspire Year i.e 1st July.

Impact – 8 beneficiaries • 8 Rotarians • 48 man-hours.

A joyful evening marking the first day of the Rotary year. Senior members were treated to a free cultural program, transport, and support. Their laughter and enthusiasm made it a divine beginning.



President and other RCBK members enjoying the event

Project 3 : Jeevandhara – Blood Donation Initiative & CPR (1st Jul 2025).

Impact – 364 beneficiaries • 21 Rotarians • 74 man-hours.

RCBK was the Gold Sponsor for this district-wide drive, contributing 91 units of blood out of 926 collected. The camp included CPR training, organ donation awareness, and even a flash mob. Truly living Rotary's motto Service Above Self..



President, District dignitaries and other RCBK members donating blood

Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 4 : My Tree – Sapling Distribution

Phase 1 at Thakur Village on 1st July 2025 | 200 beneficiaries • 19 Rotarians • 50 man-hours

Phase 2 at St Lawrence High School on 26th Jul 2025 | 200 beneficiaries • 19 Rotarians • 54 man-hours

This is another legacy project of RCBK, continuing at Thakur College and further expanded this year to St Lawrence High School. Both locations, 200 saplings were distributed to students to raise awareness of plant life. Students committed to nurturing their plants as part of the green initiative and Recognition will be given to students for the same.



RCBK team with Thakur College administration team at the event



RCBK team with St Lawrence High School

Project 5 : Chakra Healing Session – 4th July 2025

Impact – 75 beneficiaries • 45 Rotarians • 150 man-hours.

Organized with Inner Wheel Club, the session guided participants through chakra alignment for mental, emotional, and financial well-being. A spiritual and transformative evening.



RCBK and Inner Wheel members in the session

Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 6 : Education for Special Children (7 Jul 2025)

Impact – 1 beneficiary • 3 Rotarians • 9 man-hours.

RCBK sponsored the entire year's education and therapy of Master Wasi Danish Khan, a specially-abled child at Punarvas Special School. This reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to inclusion.



President, Secretary and Rtn Jyot with Master Wasi Danish Khan

Project 7 : Donation of Old Clothes & Essentials – 22nd Jul 2025

Impact – 52 beneficiaries • 3 Rotarians • 18 man-hours

Visit to Sai Aadhar Orphanage in Virar to donate clothes contributed by members. The 52 children benefitted greatly, and Rotarians engaged with them personally.



Project 8 : Annapoorna – Serving Smiles Through Every Meal – 27th Jul 2025

Impact – 50 beneficiaries • 12 Rotarians • 23 man-hours



A food distribution drive at Asisi Old Age Home, enhanced by musical performances by IFRM Swara, brought dignity and joy to senior residents.



Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 9 : Digital Addiction Awareness and Addiction talk session at various places

Venue	Location	Date	Beneficiaries	Rotarians	Man-hours
Swami Vivekanand School	Jogeshwari East	14-Jul-25	150	5	10
Sharada Gyanpeeth International School	Malad East	14-Jul-25	500	6	12
St Theresa School	Jogeshwari East	15-Jul-25	200	5	15
Thakur Sham Naryan School	Kandivli East	15-Jul-25	100	5	10
Total			950	21	47



In association with Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention – District 3141, RCBK conducted an impactful awareness program for students at **Swami Vivekanand School, Jogeshwari East** on the psychology of digital dependency and healthier offline habits. Expert speaker Dr. Kruti Trivedi Abhyankar engaged the audience with practical tips, reflective prompts, and open Q&A—helping young minds understand why screens often outcompete books, sports, and real-world connection. Rotarians supported coordination and on-ground facilitation, making it a memorable INSPIRE YEAR initiative.



This is the second event with 'Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention', RCBK conducted impactful awareness sessions on Digital Addiction for over 500 students at Sharada Gyanpeeth International School Malad East, Dr. Mansi Jain engaged the students with insights on digital vs. real-world experiences.

Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 9 : Digital Addiction Awareness and Addiction talk session at various places



Another session by RCBK on transformative awareness sessions for 200+ students from Grades 9 to 12 at St Theresa School Jogeshwari East, Topics covered included psychology of digital dependency, substance abuse, good touch & bad touch, and reproductive health. Led by Dr. Chinmey Kulkarni.



Yet another awareness session for 100+ students on the same day at Thakur Sham Naryan School Kandivli East , covering digital dependency, substance abuse, and sensitive health topics. Delivered by Dr. Pratik Surandash with strong student engagement.

Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 10 : Kitabon Ka Safar – Book Donation Drive – 30th Jul 2025.

Impact – 80 beneficiaries • 9 Rotarians • 45 man-hour

Donation of 20 sets of scholarship books to Std. 5 and 8 students at Ashramshala School, Kaman. The smiles reflected the impact of this thoughtful educational support.



Project 11 : Digital Literacy Day – 6th Aug 2025.

Impact – 30 beneficiaries • 5 Rotarians • 20 man-hour



Spoken English classes for 30 mothers at St. Theresa School Jogeshwari (E) uncovered deeper social issues and strengthened Rotary's resolve for women empowerment through language and dignity.

Project 12 : Blood Donation Camp | Western Edge 2 | 14 Aug 2025



In partnership with Tata Memorial Hospital, 119 units of blood were collected to support cancer patients. Donors received Tulsi pots as a symbol of life.

Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 13 : Independence Day Celebration at BMC School – 15th Aug 2025.

Impact – 200 beneficiaries • 8 Rotarians • 32 man-hours



Celebrated with cultural performances, patriotic activities, and donations of 20 chairs, 300 biscuit packets, food boxes, and a computer. A day of pride and inspiration for all.



Project 14 : E-Waste Awareness & Collection Drive | 3rd – 27th Aug 2025.

Impact – 1000 beneficiaries • 20 Rotarians • 40 man-hours



RCBK collected 350+ kilos of e-waste with enthusiastic participation from residents and students. The campaign reinforced sustainable practices and environmental responsibility

Project 15 : Signature Analysis Session – 3rd Sep 2025

Impact – 80 beneficiaries • 6 Rotarians • 12 man-hours



An interactive session at GD Jalan College on signature analysis, led by Rtn. Sonal Mishra. Around 80 students, Rotractors, and teachers participated in exploring personality insights through handwriting.

Section 3 => Key Projects Update : Jul – Sept 2025

Project 16 : Manav Seva Donation Drive – 14 Sep 2025

Impact – 72 beneficiaries • 2 Rotarians • 6 man-hours



At Manav Seva Old Age Home, Sakwar, NSS students and Rotarians donated essential groceries and spent quality time with elders. A touching example of empathy and Service Above Self.

Project 17 : Rehabilitation of Disabled – 16 Sep 2025

Impact – 1 beneficiary • 3 Rotarians • 12 man-hours



RCBK supported Policewoman Rani Sanap's rehabilitation after sudden disability, donating an electric wheelchair (by PP Rtn. Deepa Goenka in memory of her father). This enabled her reinstatement in service and secured her livelihood.

Section 4 => New Members Joined since 1st July 2025



Join us in welcoming 13 new members (including 3 Ghar Vapsi).

Name : Natwar Agarwal
Resides at : Prayaan Tatva Complex, Borivali West
Qualification : FCA
Profession : Builder & Contractor
Purpose of joining Rotary : Friendship & Social Cause



Name : Hemendra Dave
Resides at : White City, Lokhandwala, Kandivali East
Qualification : M. Com, MBA,
Profession : Sr. Vic President, HDFC Bank
Purpose of joining Rotary : Making small Difference to Society with my efforts



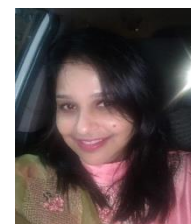
Name : Dhara Dutia
Resides at : LA-Bellezza, Rishivan, Kajupada, Borivali East
Qualification : MCA (Master Computer Application)
Profession : Therapist (past life regression/ Inner Child Healing)
Purpose of joining Rotary : Contributing to Society



Name : Meenakshi Sasmal
Resides at : Wadhva Tas Gardens, Kandivali East
Qualification : MB Finance
Profession : VP HSBC
Purpose of joining Rotary : Giving Back to Society



Name : Sapna Choradia
Resides at : Serenity Raheja Reflections
Qualification : B. Com
Profession : Jewelry Design
Purpose of joining Rotary : Giving back to society



Name : Shailendra Mishra (Ghar Vapsi)
Resides at : Gokul Gagan, Thakur Village, Kandivali east
Qualification : B. Com
Profession : Travel Agency, Businessmen
Purpose of joining Rotary : Giving Back to Society



Section 4 => New Members Joined since 1st July 2025

Name : Dr. Pallavi Chaturvedi (Ghar Vapsi)
Resides at : Oberoi Park View, Thakur Village, Kandivali East
Qualification : MD (Homoeopathy)
Profession : Consultant Homoeopath
Purpose of joining Rotary : Giving back to society



Name : Deepali Vora (Ghar Vapsi)
Resides at : Dheeraj Presidency
Qualification : B. Com
Profession : Travel Business
Purpose of joining Rotary : Giving Back to Society



Name : Utkarsh Arora
Resides at : Ekta Meadows, Siddharth Nagar, Borivali East
Qualification : B. Tech
Profession : Owner- Urban Trekkers & Spanish Teacher
Purpose of joining Rotary : To Connect with likeminded People



Name : Vijay Khandelwal
Resides at : Krishna, Vasant Sagar Society, T. Village, K. East
Qualification : B. Com, LLB
Profession : Head- Priso Johnson Ltd.
Purpose of joining Rotary : Meeting people & Social Activities



Name : Sonu Arora
Resides at : Siddharth Nagar, Borivali East
Qualification : M.A. , B.Ed
Profession : Principal at Gundecha College
Purpose of joining Rotary : Community Engagement



Name : Anjesh Kanchanwala
Resides at : Raj Arcade, Mahavir Nagar, Kandivali West
Qualification : B. Com
Profession : Jewelry Showroom at Borivali west
Purpose of joining Rotary : Service to society, friendship & fellowship.



Name : Ramesh Chandra Upadhyay
Resides at : Alpine Tower, Samta Nagar, T. Village, K. East
Qualification : B. Tech (Mech), MSC (MIDP)
Profession : VP (Operation) Shapoorji Pallon ji
Purpose of joining Rotary : Giving Back to Society, Meeting People and fellowship



Section 5 => Fellowship and RFE

From the Land of High Passes:- A Journey to Leh- Ladakh | 10-19 August 2025

Our Rotarian family had the privilege of exploring the breathtaking landscapes of Ladakh, a land where every turn unfolds a new wonder of nature.

Our journey began in **Leh**, where the charm of the mountains embraced us and we explored **Leh Palace, Hall of Fame, monasteries, Gurudwara Pathar Sahib, and the peaceful Sindhu Ghat, Sangam** each place adding its own charm to our Leh journey.

We ventured into the serene **Nubra Valley**, crossed mighty passes, and finally reached the spellbinding **Pangong Lake**, whose changing shades of blue felt like nature's own masterpiece.

A moment etched forever in our hearts was **15th August at Khardungla Pass**. There, amidst icy winds and towering peaks, we stood together to sing our **National Anthem**. The sight of the tricolor flying high at the world's highest motorable road filled us with immense pride and emotion.

The journey also took us to Baltistan region, where we explored **Turtuk Village**, and enjoyed authentic Balti cuisine at the Balti Kitchen.

Adding to the delight was the simple joy of plucking crisp apples and sweet apricots straight from the trees-a taste of freshness that no market could match.

Our journey extended to **Thang Village**, the last Indian village on the Indo-Pakistan border.

Adding a modern twist to our adventure, we watched **War 2** under the vast Ladakhi sky, inside an inflatable cinema hall, which is called "**Balloon Theatre**" was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience- **blending Bollywood with the high Himalayas**.

Our home in Leh was the **Grand Chubi Hotel**, where hospitality became warmth, thanks to our gracious host, **Regzine Bhaiya**.

His support and care ensured our stay was as memorable as the journey itself.

This expedition was not just about visiting places—it was about fellowship, unity, and carrying the *Spirit of Rotary* to one of India's most majestic corners.

Truly, Ladakh gave us memories that will remain alive in our hearts forever.



Section 5 => Fellowship trip and RFE

Fellowship Picnic at Rajwada Resort, Boisar on 13th July – A Super Start to the Inspire Year!

Our first fellowship event of the Inspire Year was an absolute super-duper success! Held at the scenic Rajwada Resort in Boisar, the day was packed with dance, games, fun, music, and non-stop masti!

The bus ride itself was a laughter riot—filled with singing, antakshari, and loads of camaraderie that truly set the tone. Gratitude to *Rtn Teresa Almeida* for arranging it.

A total of 48 Rotarians, guests, and family members joined in, making it a truly memorable gathering of bonding and joy.

We had a small pre-birthday celebration of our Inspire President Rtn Prashaant Mishra. Thank you, Rtn Teresa Almeida, for mesmerizing dance performance.

A hearty thank you to all enthusiastic Rotarians to be part of this picnic and fellowship director **Rtn Sunit Shah** who had planned and executed this fantastic event. Gratitude to **Rtn Shikha Nair**, **Rtn Rohan Shah**, **PP Rtn Tribhuvan Kapdi**, **CS Rtn Anubha Goyal** for the entertainment with games. Special thank you to **Tripti Shah** for amazing musical Tambola (we all played for first time).

All of your efforts ensured that the Inspire Year fellowship kicked off with infectious energy and unity!

Here's to many more such moments of togetherness!



Section 6 => Member Speak

Why Join Rotary? By our member Dr. Mamta Jain

Why Join Rotary? The Benefits of Rotary Membership

Transform Your Life While Transforming Your Community

In a world where individual success often takes precedence, there exists an extraordinary organization that believes in something deeper: Service Above Self. Welcome to Rotary – where your personal growth and community impact converge to create something truly meaningful.

If you have ever wondered what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself while advancing your own personal and professional journey, Rotary membership offers a unique answer to that question.

Build Meaningful Connections That Last a Lifetime

Rotary is not just about attending meetings – it is about joining a family of like-minded individuals who share your values and vision for a better world. Our Horizon Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli brings together professionals from diverse backgrounds, creating an environment where lasting friendships are forged over shared purpose.

What this means for you:

- Connect with business leaders, professionals, and community champions.
- Expand your social circle beyond your usual professional networks.
- Experience the joy of genuine fellowship with people who care about making a difference.
- Build relationships that extend far beyond business cards and LinkedIn connections.

Accelerate Your Professional Growth

Rotary membership is one of the most powerful yet authentic forms of professional development available. Through our club, you will have access to a network that spans industries, generations, and continents.

Professional benefits include:

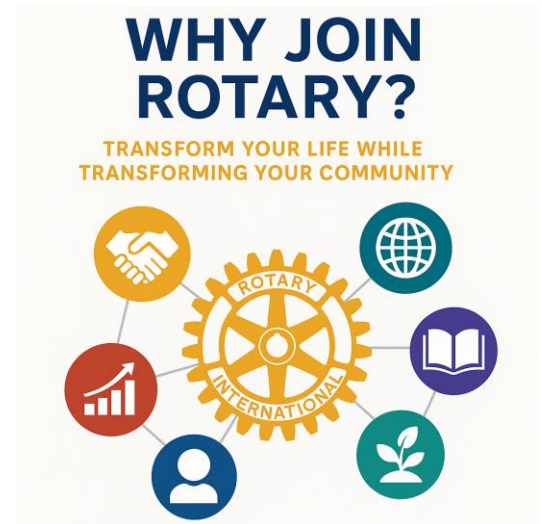
- Leadership Development: Take on meaningful roles in projects that matter.
- Public Speaking Skills: Regular opportunities to present and engage with diverse audiences.
- Business Networking: Connect with potential clients, partners, and mentors in a trusted environment.
- Global Perspective: Understanding international business and cultural dynamics through Rotary's worldwide reach.
- Reputation Building: Association with one of the world's most respected service organizations

Create Lasting Impact in Your Community

There is something profoundly satisfying about seeing the direct results of your efforts. Through Rotary, your time, skills, and resources create tangible change in Kandivli and beyond.

Your impact areas:

- Education: Supporting local schools and literacy programs
- Healthcare: Organizing health camps and awareness drives
- Environment: Tree plantation and sustainability initiatives
- Youth Development: Mentoring programs and scholarship opportunities
- Community Infrastructure: Supporting local development projects.



Section 6 => Member Speak continue...

Why Join Rotary? By our member Dr. Mamta Jain

Every project you participate in creates ripple effects that benefit families, children, and entire communities for years to come.

Experience Personal Growth Like Never Before

Rotary challenges you to step outside your comfort zone and discover capabilities you never knew you had. Whether you are organizing a fundraiser, leading a community project, or representing your club at district events, you will find yourself growing in ways that surprise you.

Personal development opportunities:

- Project Management: Learn to coordinate complex community initiatives.
- Cross-Cultural Communication: Engage with diverse community members and international Rotarians.
- Problem-Solving: Address real-world challenges with creative solutions
- Empathy and Understanding: Develop deeper appreciation for different perspectives and needs.
- Confidence Building: Regular opportunities to lead, speak, and make decisions.

Access Global Opportunities

When you join Rotary, you are not just joining a local club – you are becoming part of a worldwide network of 1.4 million members across 200+ countries and geographical areas.

Global connections offer:

- International Service Projects: Participate in worldwide initiatives like polio eradication.
- Cultural Exchange: Host international visitors and potentially travel to other Rotary communities.
- Professional Opportunities: Access to international business networks and partnerships
- Friendship Exchange: Build relationships with Rotarians from around the world.
- Global Perspective: Understanding of international issues and solutions.

Find Purpose and Fulfilment

In our busy professional lives, it is easy to lose sight of what truly matters. Rotary membership provides a constant reminder of the importance of service and gives you regular opportunities to contribute to something meaningful.

The fulfilment factor:

- Sense of Purpose: Know that your efforts are making a real difference.
- Work-Life Balance: Engage in activities that nurture your soul, not just your career.
- Legacy Building: Create positive change that will outlast your lifetime.
- Role Modelling: Inspire your family and colleagues through your service.
- Personal Satisfaction: Experience the unique joy that comes from giving back.

Develop Skills That Matter

Rotary projects provide real-world training ground for skills that are increasingly valuable in today's workplace and society.

Skills you will develop:

- Collaborative Leadership: Working with diverse teams toward common goals.
- Community Engagement: Understanding and addressing local needs effectively.
- Event Management: Planning and executing successful community events.
- Fundraising: Learning to secure resources for important causes
- Communication: Articulating vision and inspiring others to action

Section 6 => Member Speak continue...

Why Join Rotary? By our member Dr. Mamta Jain

Make Every Meeting Count

Our Horizon Rotary Club meetings are not just social gatherings – they are dynamic sessions where you will hear from inspiring speakers, plan impactful projects, and engage with community issues that matter.

What to expect:

- Inspiring Programs: Guest speakers who will broaden your perspective.
- Project Planning: Direct involvement in shaping community initiatives
- Fellowship: Enjoyable social interaction with fellow members
- Learning Opportunities: Continuous education on community issues and solutions
- Recognition: Celebration of achievements and contributions

Join a Legacy of Excellence

Rotary has been changing lives and communities for over 118 years. When you join, you become part of a proven track record of success in areas ranging from disease eradication to education, from disaster relief to environmental conservation.

You will be part of:

- The organization that led the fight against polio, reducing cases by 99.9%
- A network that has provided clean water to millions worldwide
- Communities that have supported countless students through scholarships
- Projects that have strengthened local economies and infrastructure
- Initiatives that have brought peace and understanding to conflict areas

Ready to Begin Your Rotary Journey?

The question is not whether you can afford to join Rotary – it is whether you can afford not to. The personal growth, professional development, meaningful relationships, and community impact that await you as a member of Horizon Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli represent an investment in both your future and your community's future.

Rotary membership is for people who want more from life than personal success alone – it is for those who understand that the greatest achievements come when we lift others as we climb.

Your community needs your unique skills, perspective, and passion. Are you ready to answer the call?

To learn more about joining Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli, contact Rtn Jatin Lakhani (+91 98202 04281). Come to one of our meetings as a guest and experience firsthand what it means to be part of an organization where Service is Above Self.



Rtn Dr Mamta Jain, Medical Advisor
Inspire Year 2025-26

Rotary connects the world. Will you be part of that connection?

Section 6 => Member Speak continue...

Manav Sewa: A Journey of Service, Dignity, and Heart

Yet another story narrated by Dr. Mamta Jain

Some journeys do not begin with a plan. They begin with a chance.

It was in 2020, during the uncertainty of the pandemic, when Rotarian Raj Verma mentioned to Rotarian Mahindra Modi ji about a modest old-age home near Sakwar. Out of concern, Modi ji drove down himself. What he saw was heartbreaking: a depleted structure, frail men and women living in cramped rooms, food in short supply, medicines missing, and dignity almost absent. This was *Manav Sewa* — an old-age home that had existed for years, but had withered into neglect.

That visit became the seed of a journey that continues to this day. At the time, the Club was led by President Jyoti, and the first response was simple yet urgent: to provide food, essentials, and medicines. Under Project Annapurna, meals and grains were arranged, clothes were distributed, and the Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli made its first promise to the forgotten elderly of Manav Sewa. It was never meant to be a one-time donation. It was the beginning of a relationship.

From Small Acts to a Larger Vision

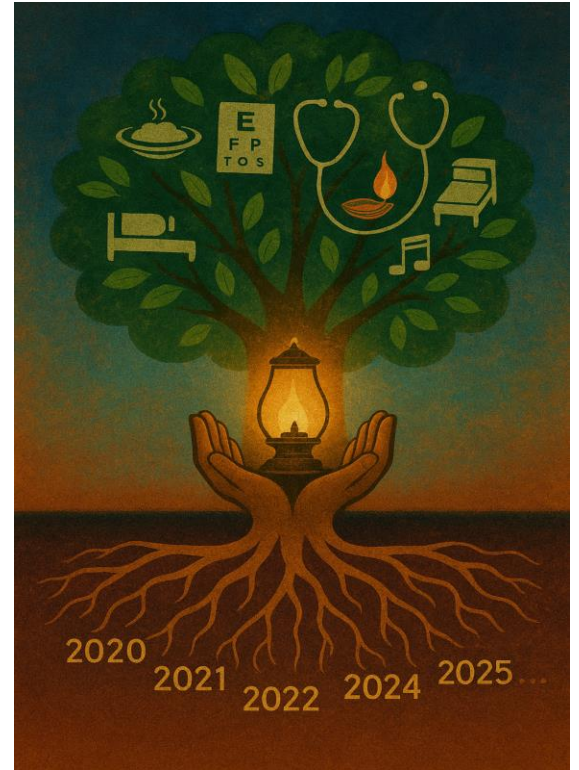
As days turned into months, members kept returning. What began with food and medicines deepened into something more. Festivals were celebrated so the residents never felt left out of joy — clothes were distributed every Diwali so each elder could feel the dignity of wearing something new. For the last three years, Rtn Mamta Jain has ensured this tradition continues, though the thoughtfulness was seeded by Modi ji at the very start. Music and companionship too became part of the service. Under Sur Sewa, led by Rotarian Sunit, members spent time with residents in song and laughter. The last such evening saw the frailest of bodies rise to dance, voices once silenced join in chorus.

It was not only about celebrations. Health became a constant focus. Rtn Dr. Neeta Dodwad organized free eye check-ups and cataract surgeries, restoring sight to those who had resigned themselves to darkness. Rtn Dimple Sinha, with her husband, conducted free blood tests and health camps, ensuring illnesses were caught early and treated with care. Physiotherapy camps were also arranged to ease pain and stiffness that age had brought. Rotarians ensured food supplies continued regularly, keeping the bond alive month after month. Each initiative was different, yet together they formed a circle of care.

Building with Compassion

Infrastructure needs, however, could not be ignored. During the presidency of S. Ravichandran, with CSR support mobilized by Rotarian Lakshman, the dining space was extended — a simple hall where residents could finally gather to share meals together. Later, as numbers grew, it became painfully clear that toilets were inadequate and the living quarters too cramped. Under the steady hand of Modi ji, who by now had become the constant companion of Manav Sewa, the project to build new toilet blocks and expand nearly 2,000 square feet of living space was undertaken.

A budget of ₹15 lakhs was set, and a CSR deck was prepared by Rtn Mamta Jain. The appeal went out to the business community. Among those who responded was Mr. Natwar Agrawal, who donated ten lakhs with remarkable generosity. The balance was contributed by Dr. Mamta Jain herself, ensuring the project had complete funding. Day after day, Modi ji and Rtn Sanjay Patkar drove to the site, supervising work, negotiating costs, and ensuring deadlines were met. The CSR funds covered every detail — from construction to toilets, from fittings to lights and fans — so that nothing was left unfinished.



Section 6 => Member Speak continue...

Manav Sewa: A Journey of Service, Dignity, and Heart Yet another story narrated by Dr. Mamta Jain

When the expanded space was completed, it was made complete with every detail. Rotarian Nitin Modi came forward to provide new beds, so the frail bodies of Manav Sewa could finally rest in comfort. Lights, fittings, and other necessities were arranged so that the new quarters were bright, functional, and welcoming. Secretary Bandana ensured coordination with the trust, Treasurer Vishal maintained compliance, and every member gave their time and energy to see the work through. Above all, Modi ji remained the thread connecting each year and each effort — visiting tirelessly, driving long distances, never letting the project slip out of sight.

What moved Mr. Agrawal most was not just the project, but the spirit of Rotary itself — the way members worked shoulder to shoulder, each playing their part quietly and wholeheartedly. So inspired was he that he chose not only to support the cause, but to become part of it, by joining the Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli himself.

A Living Bond

Today, the residents of Manav Sewa live in conditions that are cleaner, brighter, and more dignified than what was once imaginable. They eat together in a dining hall built with care. They rest in expanded living quarters, on proper beds donated with love. They undergo health checks and surgeries arranged by Rotary hands. They dance during festivals, sing during *Sur Sewa*, and wear new clothes with pride.

And yet, the story is far from over. Rotary continues to walk alongside Manav Sewa — whether through Project Annapurna, constant food support by members like Rtn Sonal, upcoming cleanliness drives by Rotaractors, or future infrastructure needs. It is not a project that began and ended. It is a relationship that grows year after year.

The Spirit of Rotary

The story of *Manav Sewa* is not about one act of charity. It is about how a chance visit in 2020 turned into a constant bond of service. It is about how presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and members — each in their own way — gave time, resources, and love. It is about how festivals, health camps, toilets, dining halls, and expanded spaces came together to form something bigger than the sum of their parts.

It is about dignity. It is about humanity. And above all, it is about Rotary.

For the elderly who once lived in shadows, it is the difference between abandonment and belonging. For the members who gave without counting, it is the reminder that *Service Above Self* is not a motto but a way of life. And for all who read this, it is an invitation: come, see what happens when hands join, hearts open, and service continues — year after year, quietly, steadfastly.

This is Manav Sewa. This is Rotary.



Section 7 => Blast from Past

Kunde Village – A Project Par Excellence.... Storyteller PP S B Prasad

Kunde Village is located in Taluka Bhiwandi, Dist Thane. It has a population of around 2700 and includes 4 tribal Padas.

RCBK has adopted Kunde Village for various programmes and projects aimed at bringing improvements in the lives of the residents and develop infrastructure for the benefit of the villagers. RCBK has been involved with this village since 2015. In the past we developed a crematorium, few borewells and a water conservation project. For any village project, Rotary constitutes a Rotary Community Corp (RCC) which comprises of 15 to 20 members from the village. The prime objective of the RCC is to coordinate between the village needs and RCBK and facilitate execution of projects and activities.



During the year 21/22, we formed a new RCC, which comprised of 16 women and 2 men, since the focus is on women empowerment and we have experienced that women members tend to be more reliable with high integrity.

During the Rotary Year 21-22 (July'21 to July'22) RCBK planned and successfully executed the project “Happy School”, whereby the local Zilla Parishad (Govt) school was completely transformed from a run down to a smart school. A lot of new facilities were added too. Given below are the various work done in the school:

- 1) New Toilets for boys, girls and handicapped
- 2) Water drinking facility with RO filter
- 3) Stage on the ground for events
- 4) Playground upgraded with new Play equipment's – four of them
- 5) Complete painting of the interiors and exterior wall
- 6) A special painting for all the boundary walls
- 7) A computer lab with 4 computers and a printer
- 8) Upgraded the library with many relevant books.
- 9) An auditorium with sound system for various school and cultural programmes

To develop the above facility RCBK spent around Rs.30 lacs and most of the funds were raised thru corporate and individual funding

In addition to the above RCBK also conducted various activities like :

- a) Two Medical Camps and one specially for the Eyes
- b) Free Operation for 20 cataract patients
- c) Distributed 600 innovative and recyclable Sanitary napkins
- d) Conducted workshop for Kathak dance for school girls
- e) A seminar on career plan for the students
- f) Distributed 25 cycles for High School Girl Students
- g) Facilitated nomination of 5 village boys for integrated training of different vocations at Ramakrishna Mission Training Centre at Sakhawar, near Virar

We have now planned to move from “Happy School” towards developing a “Happy Village”

Sharing Few Pics (Before and After) of the school and other Projects executed this years

Section 7 => Blast from Past... Kunde Village 'Before' and 'After'



Before



After



Section 8 => RCBK Ke Recipes....

Festive Gulkand Phirni by Sunita Mishra...

Celebrate Diwali with a royal indulgence!

This rose-kissed Gulkand Phirni blends the timeless charm of traditional phirni with the fragrance of roses and the sweetness of gulkand. Rich, aromatic, and garnished with festive flair, it's a dessert that will light up your table and delight every guest.

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 35 - 40 minutes

Serves: 10 - 12

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup rice, soaked
- 1.5 liters full-cream milk
- 2 tablespoons custard powder
- 150 g sugar (or to taste)
- 4-5 tablespoons gulkand (rose petal preserve)
- 5-6 tablespoons Rooh Afza syrup
- 1 tsp rose water or a few drops of rose essence
- 1/2 tsp cardamom powder
- 2 tbsp finely chopped dry fruits, for garnish
- Dried rose petals, for garnish

Instructions/ Method:

1. Drain the soaked rice and grind with 1/4 cup milk into a coarse, grainy paste (retain some texture for authentic phirni).
2. Heat the remaining milk in a heavy-bottomed pan and bring to a gentle boil, stirring often.
3. Reduce the flame, add the rice paste gradually while stirring, and let it cook slowly.
4. In a small bowl, mix custard powder with 4 tbsp milk to make a smooth paste. Add this to the simmering phirni.
5. Keep stirring until the mixture thickens and the rice is fully cooked, about 15-20 minutes. Scrape the sides of the pan for all the creamy goodness.
6. Add sugar, followed by Rooh Afza, gulkand, rose water, and cardamom powder. Stir well to infuse the festive flavors.
7. Let the phirni cool, then pour into traditional kasoras or small bowls. Chill in the refrigerator for 3-4 hours until perfectly set.
8. Garnish with a generous sprinkle of dry fruits and dried rose petals before serving.



Sunita Mishra
Spouse of Rtn Shailendra Mishra

Indulge your guests this Diwali with a rose-kissed phirni - a timeless dessert reborn with festive grandeur.

Section 9 => Our Regular Meetings

In the first three months of the Inspire Year, our club successfully held six regular meetings. These gatherings play a vital role—not only in keeping us informed about ongoing activities and projects, but also in strengthening our fellowship and learning from inspiring speakers on diverse topics.

We warmly encourage all members to participate in these meetings regularly, connect with one another, and truly enjoy the spirit of Rotary.

Meetings	Date	No. of Attendees			Session (if any)	
		Members	Guest	Total	Speaker	Topic
1	6th July	34	3	37	Dt. Prerna Gedia	Talk Show with Nutritionist
2	20th July	47	2	49	Club Assembly	
3	3rd Aug	35	4	39	Mr. Pranav Rao	Rotary Zones Websites
4	24th Aug	36	3	39	Mr. Satish Sharma	Meeting/Salsa workshop
5	14th Sept	30	7	37	Rtn.Dr. Nilam Gada	Mental Health Talk Show
6	28th Sept	24	4	28	Team visited Leh Ladakh	Experience of Leh Ladakh trip



Section 10 => Quiz

Our Magazine Horizon is created with a lot of effort and thought, so that everyone is kept abreast of our various Club's activities and articles. Hence, we have introduced a quiz, which has all the answers in the magazine. The best 3 correct answers would get special prizes. So, get ready and **submit your answers to the E Admin Director, Rtn Atul Ghadigaonkar before 8th October, he will share google form for the same.**

The winners will be announced in our next club meeting. The Quiz is open to all, except the President, Editor and E Admin Director. Good luck to everyone.

1. Who has written the recipe for "The Royal Gulkand Phirni"?
2. Who are the members of the Editorial Team?
3. What was the amount of money spent on Kunde School Project?
4. What is the name of the beneficiary who received the electric wheelchair?
5. Who has written the article "Why Join Rotary" ?
6. How many years back did our President, Prashant Mishra join RCBK?
7. Where was our first Fellowship trip during the Inspire Year?
8. How many Units of blood were collected during our Blood Donation Camp at Western Edge?
9. Where is our Homeopathy Camp conducted every fortnight?
10. Which member has played a very Pivotal Role in our project "Manav Sewa"?
11. What is the profession of our new member, Rtn.Meenakshi Sasmal?
12. What is the name of the Special Child who has been sponsored by RCBK for education?
13. Where did our Fellowship Group members celebrate the "Independence Day" in Ladhak?
14. What is the no of beneficiaries thru our Project "Digital Addiction Awareness"?
15. When was the "Jeevandhara Blood Donation Initiative" conducted?
16. How many Saplings were distributed during our Project "My Tree" – Sapling Distribution?
17. What was the quantity of E Waste collected during our "E Waste Collection Drive"?
18. What is the profession of our new member Rtn.Dhara Dutia?
19. Which member donated Rs.10 lacs for our Project "Manav Seva"?
20. What is the date of the installation of Inspire President, Rtn. Prashant Mishra?

Thank you, friends, for taking the time to read this edition of Horizon. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Your active participation makes each issue more meaningful, and we warmly welcome your feedback and suggestions for the upcoming editions. Please feel free to **share your thoughts** with the undersigned at 'laxmankprasad@gmail.com'.

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