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The Samaritan Buzz

Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans

RI District 3142 | Club ID 223226 | Chartered on 28th September 2021



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Dear Awesome President Seema Khurana & members of the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans

Greetings to all of you!!!

As we approach the end of another remarkable and Excellent Rotary Year, we prepare to welcome new leadership and embrace fresh opportunities to serve. Rotary's strength lies in its ability to adapt, evolve and inspire through the commitment of its members.

July 1st, 2024 marks the advent of a new Rotary year - the Awesome Year.

It was legendary American President Abraham Lincoln who said " If you give me six hours to chop down a tree, I will spend the first four hours sharpening the axe " This is what Rotary Learning Facilitates for all of us. It prepares us for the Leadership role we are about to take on in the new Rotary Year.

Let's begin the year with renewed energy & dedication. We now have goals and plans in place and it is now time to execute them to perfection.

Friends, Only if there is Magic in Rotary, will you find it awesome to be a Rotarian and only through Awesome service will there be Magic in Rotary. I urge you, therefore to develop an Awesome Mindset for yourself to create the Magic in Rotary

The District has designed an awesome 31 Ready Made Projects, which every Club is free to choose from These are

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| 1. The Eight MEGA Projects | 2. The First Lady led COLS CPR Project |
| 3. TB MUKT RID 3142, An initiative of GOI | 4. The unique 12 Amrit Mahotsav Challenges |
| 5. The Mega Mental Health, unique, initiative | 6. The Eight JDS led Events |
| 7. The Annapurna Project that commences 1st July 2024 | |

In addition, in our drive to create Magic in Rotary, we should strive to ensure that every Rotarian donates atleast \$ 75 to the Rotary Foundation and entuses atleast one new member to ask to be invited to join Rotary

The Key is not the Will to Win, ... everybody has that. To be a Winner, you must Plan to win, prepare to win and expect to win and to remember that Success is not final, Failure is not fatal but it is the courage to continue that counts.

I truly believe that nothing of major significance is achieved by doing small acts of kindness. It is through impactful projects that make a substantial and visible difference to the life of the community that Rotary will truly gain respect.

As President, learn to embrace the journey, trust the process and believe in your abilities. Dream Big, work hard and surround yourself with good people.

Always remember that the only impossible journey is the one you never began and that what you do has far greater impact than what you say

Jyoti joins me in wishing you and the members of the Rotary Club a truly AWESOME Year.

Yours truly

Dinesh Mehta

Dist Governor, RID 3142



DIST GOVERNOR MESSAGE



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Dear Samaritan family,

As I take up the responsibility of leading the Club as the President, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you, for your trust and support and I am excited about what we can accomplish in the coming year.

Our club has a rich history of service and philanthropy, and I am committed to building on that legacy.

A club is only as strong as its members, and your active participation is crucial to our success. I encourage each of you to share your ideas, volunteer your time, and take on leadership roles within our club.

Together, we can achieve great things.

I promise you we will have lot of opportunities of fellowship as well.

Family nights & picnics to enjoy the beautiful camaraderie we share.

Rotary is not just about service; it's about building lasting relationships and supporting one another. Let us continue to foster an environment where everyone feels welcome, valued, and inspired.

As we embark on this journey together, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm. I have no doubt that, with your support, we will continue to make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you once again for this incredible opportunity. I am honoured to serve as your Club President and look forward to a year filled with purpose, passion, and progress. Let's make this a remarkable Awesome year for our Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans.

Thank you

Seema Khurana

Club President



PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Board of Directors



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Club President

Rtn Debabrata Chatterjee
Club Secretary



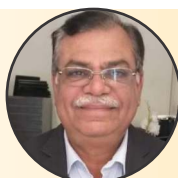
Rtn Abhijit Chaudhury
President Elect & Club Treasurer

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Vice President



Rtn Dr. Omkar Mate
Executive Secretary

Rtn Ritu Khurana
Sergeant at Arms



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Rtn Abid Nagaria
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Rtn Poornima Dhobe
Vocational Service



Rtn Sundeep Khurana
Non Medical (Service Project)

Rtn Vikas Tyagi
International Services



Rtn Vipul Gulati
Youth (New Generation)

Committee Chairman



Rtn Sundeep Khurana
Mega Projects (Thrust Areas)

Rtn Benu Kampani
Amrut Mahotsav



Rtn Dr. Omkar Mate
Strategic Planning

Rtn Gokul Prakash
Legal, Literacy & Insurance



Rtn Sushil Sharma
CSR

Rtn Ritu Khurana
Polio



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Rtn Abid Nagaria
Club Learning Facilitator

Rtn Monila Bhattasali
Bulletin Editor



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SAMARITANS IN THE DISTRICT



Rtn Abid Nagaria
District Secretary

Rtn Abhijit Chaudhury
Avenue Chair - Environment



Rtn Sundeep Khurana
Avenue Chair - Annapoorna

Rtn Dr. Omkar Mate
Avenue Chair - De-Addiction



Rtn Debabrata Chatterjee
Avenue Co-Chair
Care of Eyes & Visually Impaired

Rtn Vijay Gulati
Avenue Co-Chair
Peace & Conflict Resolution



Rtn Monila Bhattasali
Avenue Co-Chair
Club Admin - Festivals

Rtn Vipul Gulati
Avenue Co-Chair
Impactful Mega Projects



Club Members



Rtn Sriram R

Rtn Shabnam Nagaria



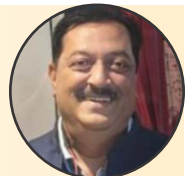
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(Honorary)

Rtn Sudhanshu Gupta



Rtn Rajkumari Singh
(Honorary)

Rtn Alok Jha



Rtn Pramod Gulati



Understanding the **FOUR-WAY TEST**

by Mark DiGiovanni

Rotary 

THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

1 Is it the **TRUTH** ?

2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned ?

3 Will it build **GOODWILL** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS** ?

4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned ?

During the Great Depression in 1932, Herbert Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, was asked to take over the near-bankrupt Club Aluminum Company. Taylor's first order of business was to draft a code of conduct to guide all its business decisions.

We know this code as the Four-Way Test.

Club Aluminum applied the Four-Way Test to all its business dealings. It declined business that failed to meet the test. The company thrived as a result. Rotary International officially adopted the Four-Way Test in 1943. When Herb Taylor became RI president in 1954, he donated the copyright of the test to the organization.

VISION STATEMENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF NAVI MUMBAI SAMARITANS

We, the Samaritans, would strive to change lives of the people, work for animal welfare and protection of environment with sustainable and measurable impact by upholding our motto of Service Above Self, while facilitating personal development and well-being of all the club members.



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PROJECT ANNAPOORNA

Nothing gives more satisfaction than feeding young underprivileged children. At RCNMS we started our Awesome year by distributing meals to 400 kids at various centres of Vishwabalak Kendra and also distributed fruits to 200 kids more children under Project Annapoorna. DG Dinesh Mehta and First Lady Jyoti very gracefully joined in serving the children.



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TREE PLANTATION

Members of RCNMS always come forward to do their best in the society and keeping the same spirits high our Club Secretary Debabrata Chatterjee participated in Tree Plantation drive on 1st July, initiated by WAY2 ISR, an aware towards conservation of our Mother Earth.



DOCTORS DAY

On 1st July on the occasion of **Doctors Day** we felicitated our own member **Dr. Vijay Kabre**



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BLOOD DONATION

1st July is a very important day in the calendar of Rotary and we try to fit in a lot of activity on that day. RCNMS participated in a blood donation drive along with other clubs.



NIKSHAY MITRA

We are doing our best to stay significant in our endeavours to help the society. Our ongoing mission of providing nutrition under Prime Minister's scheme of Nikshay Mitra to eradicate Tuberculosis is on and we have already distributed food packages in two instalments and will be doing so every month of the year.

RID 3142 has taken up this scheme as one of the thrust areas of work.



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SEED BALL

Seed ball making activity is a beautiful way to teach young minds about preservation of environment. 150 school children of Balaram Patil English School participated in this activity initiated by RCNMS. IWC of New Bombay Seaside joined us in this project.



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BLOOD DONATION CAMP

We organised a Blood Donation Camp in our support for Thalessemia patients initiated by our Director- Medical Dr. Vijay Kabre along with D Y Patil Hospital on 20th July at Shani Temple, Nerul. We collected 29 unit of blood. Our Rotaracts supported us in this drive.



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We are committed to our environment and need to act accordingly. Our members planted peepal, fruit, flowering trees at Taloja jail premises. Staff and inmates of the jail lent their hands in the plantation drive. Total number of trees were 50.



President Seema & Dr. Kabre in talks with villagers for a future medical camp at Jambur Village near Khapoli.



A satisfied BOD after a fruitful meeting.



Dear Friends,

Hope you enjoy reading the first edition of this year's Samaritan Buzz. We need to pat ourselves for starting the year by doing some good service to the society. As Aristotle said, 'Well begun is half done'... but we are buzzing with loads of plans and ideas and rearing to go.

With President Seema at the helm we are sure to touch our goals and dreams and have a wonderful year. Congratulations to the team & wishing everyone all the best.

Enjoy Rotary and stay connected.

Warm Regards,

Monila Bhattasali
Club Bulletin Editor



We got featured in a local newspaper

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Seedball-making activity promotes environmental stewardship among students



By Indrani Basu

Navi Mumbai: In an effort to educate children about environmental responsibility, volunteers from the Rotary Club Navi Mumbai Samaritan organized a 'Seedball-Making' workshop for students at Balaram Patil English Medium School. The workshop aimed to teach the young participants about environmental stewardship.

A total of 200 students from 3rd to 6th grade enthusiastically participated in the activity, creating 1000 seedballs. These seedballs will later be dispersed in open grounds to promote plant ger-

mination. Dharmendra Kar, known as the Plantation Man of Navi Mumbai, explained the seedball growth process to the students and discussed the Green campaign #EkPedh-MaaKeNaam#, initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Kar highlighted the environmental challenges posed by increasing population pressures, including the depletion of forest cover and the deterioration of green spaces.

Rtn Seema Khurana, President of the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans, emphasized the importance of sensitizing children to their environmental

responsibilities. "Children are the future of our country, and they should be aware of their responsibility to preserve the environment. The aim of this activity is to raise awareness about environmental conservation among students and the public," she said.

The seedball-making project was supported by the Innerwheel Club of New Bombay Seaside. President Daman Shergill applauded the students' efforts and remarked, "This is a very informative way to teach students about the importance of trees and protecting our environment."

Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans launches project 'Annapurna' to mark the beginning of the New Rotary Year

By Indrani Basu

The Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans embarked on the new Rotary year on July 1st with a series of impactful social welfare initiatives aimed at uplifting underprivileged communities. The day commenced with a tree plantation drive in Kharghar, where members, alongside Greenathon Champion Mr. Dharmendra Kar, planted trees to promote environmental sustainability.

Among the prominent projects of the day was the distribution of food grains to TB patients and underprivileged children under the Ni-Kshay Mitra project at the Indiranagar slum in Turbhe. This initiative, ongoing for two years, has been consistently providing essential nutrition to patients and spreading joy through the 'Joy of Giving' spirit.

At the Vishwa Balak Kendra (VBK) Rabale Centre, Samaritans

collaborated with volunteers from Bhartiya Yoga Sansthan to serve nutritious meals to 150 underprivi-



leged children. Additionally, another 250 children received meals, and 200 were given fruits as part of the Project Annapurna at VBK's MG Quarry Centre. The event was

graced by District Governor of Dist 3142 Rtn Dinesh Mehta, his wife, and District Officials, who enthusi-

astically joined in serving the children.

The day also saw RC Navi Mumbai Samaritans participating in a joint Blood Donation Camp in

Kharghar with RC Navi Mumbai Sunrise Club. Furthermore, they celebrated Doctors' Day and CA Day by felicitating distinguished professionals for their contributions to society.

Reflecting on the day's activities, Club Secretary Rtn Debarata Chatterjee expressed, "Nothing feels more gratifying than seeing smiles on those innocent faces. Rotary gives us wonderful opportunities to serve the society." Club President Seema Khurana added, "We feel blessed to bring joy to so many children, and it feels divine to be able to serve them."

District Secretary Rtn Abid Nagaria and Avenue Chairman Rtn Sundeep Khurana, along with DG Rtn Dinesh Mehta, praised the endeavors of RC Navi Mumbai Samaritans, noting that it was a perfect start to the new Rotary year, showcasing their commitment to serving the community.

