



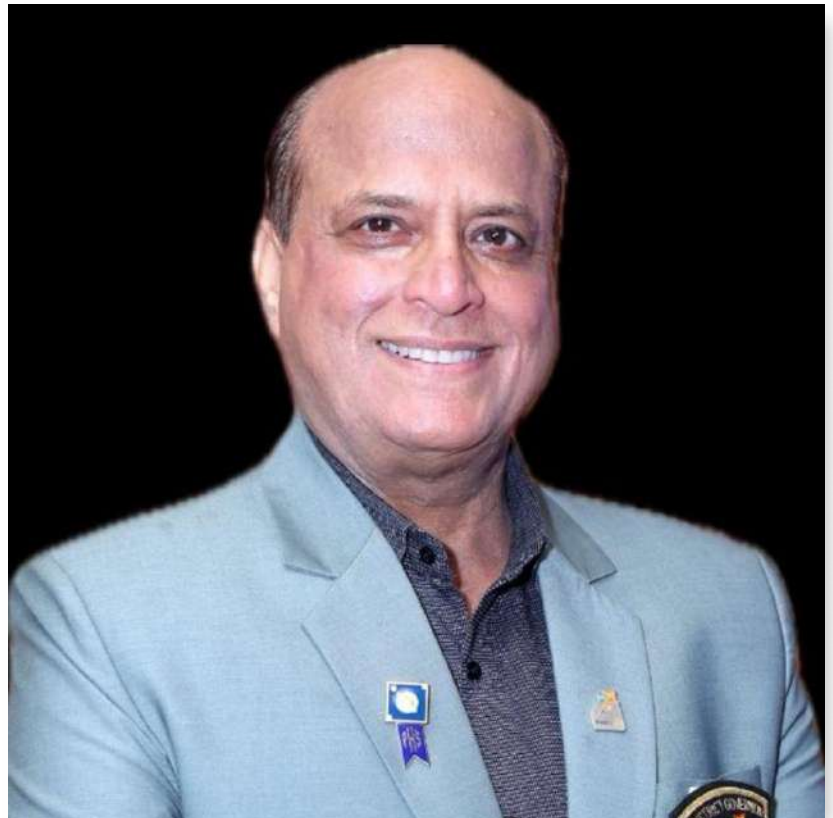
The Samaritan Buzz

Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans

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District Governor's Message



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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we prepare to usher in the second month of this Rotary Year, let us reflect on our recent achievements and look ahead to the opportunities before us. Your enthusiasm and dedication continue to inspire and drive our collective efforts toward creating a positive impact.

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way."

We did. July was a month of remarkable achievements.

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1st July: Annapurna Initiative

We kicked off the Rotary Year with our Annapurna Initiative, where we served meals to over 9000 people throughout our Rotary District. This act of service not only addressed immediate hunger issues but also showcased our commitment to alleviating food insecurity in our communities. Ann Veneman, Executive Director of UNICEF, says, "Few things have more impact than nutrition on a child's ability to survive, learn efficiently, and escape a life of poverty."

7th July: District Governor Installation

I am honored to have officially assumed the role of District Governor of Rotary District 3142 on the 7th of July. The Installation Ceremony was a testament to our unity and shared vision for the year ahead. I am grateful for the support and the implicit trust you have placed in me. That same evening, at an event organized at Hotel Satkar Residency, we felicitated Rotarians who pledged contributions of US \$1000 and more at the hands of P.R.I.D. K.R. Ravidran.

21st July: Blood Collection Drive

Our Blood Collection Drive was a tremendous success, with numerous Rotarians and community members braving the heavy rains to come together and donate blood. We collected over 1500 units. As a blood donation slogan so poignantly points out, "A mother's tears cannot save her child's life, but your blood can." This initiative significantly contributes to saving lives and meeting the urgent needs of the healthcare system.

Throughout July, I have had the honor and privilege of being invited as Chief Guest at the installation ceremonies of Rotary Clubs in all parts of the District. This has provided me with an opportunity to meet Club Members and learn about the community service projects and CSR initiatives taken up by these Clubs. It is where I see the magic of Rotary happening.

August in Rotary is designated as Membership and New Club Development Month

Membership is the lifeblood of our organization, and this month provides an excellent opportunity to celebrate the values of our members, showcase the global impact of Rotary, and infuse new blood by inviting deserving individuals to serve the community and enjoy the fellowship of kindred souls by joining Rotary.

I encourage each Club to actively engage in recruiting new members while retaining current ones. We need to emphasize the benefits of Rotary membership, including the opportunity to make a difference, build lasting friendships, and develop personal and professional skills. Let us work to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

In addition, consider innovative ways to establish new clubs in areas that can benefit from Rotary's presence. By expanding our reach, we can grow our outreach and extend and amplify the impact of our service. Together, we can strengthen our organization and continue to serve our communities with dedication and passion.

"What really matters from the point of view of social capital and civic engagement is not merely nominal membership but active and informed membership."

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and service.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Dinesh Mehta
District Governor



Rotary Trivia Did you know?

First Project of World's First Service Club

The first service project of the first Rotary Club was the installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1917. This project made Rotary the World's First Service Club.

WE ARE ROTARIANS

WE BRIDGE CONTINENTS

WE BUILD COMMUNITIES

WE SERVE ABOVE SELF

WE CURE DISEASE

WE BUILD MINDS

WE BUILD PEACE

WE BRING HOPE

WE SAVE LIVES



President's Message



Dear fellow Rotarians,

As we continue on our journey of service and fellowship, I am reminded of the power of our collective efforts to make a positive impact in our communities and around the world.

In the past two months, we have achieved some remarkable milestones, from successful fundraising event, fellowships, to meaningful service projects that have touched countless lives.

I am proud of each and every one of you for your dedication, passion, and commitment to our shared values of Service Above Self, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership.

As we move forward, let us continue to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, always striving to be the change we wish to see in the world.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Rotary family.

Together, we can achieve greatness!

Best regards,
Rtn Seema Khurana
President

Members Speak

Reflections Beyond the Mirror

by Rtn Omkar Mate

There are honest people, and there are pretentious ones.
There are people virulent, and then the sanitised ones.
There are people who have ideas to just... just really soar.
And there are those who just want to carry some bothersome sore.
There are people who win hearts with their charismatic words,
But there are those who remain true to their own honest words.
This is the world's own way to make us see the mirror and learn:
What we see in the mirror and emulate is not the world's concern.

Know Your Members



Rtn. Vijay Gulati

Rtn. Vijay Gulati, an engineering graduate with a management qualification, has been a dedicated Rotarian since 1996. A prominent figure in the Rotary community, he served as President of the Seaside Club in 2001-2002 and is now the senior-most member of our club, nearing the completion of his 28th year in Rotary.

In his very first year, Rtn. Gulati was recognized as the club's Best Rotarian in 1996, setting the tone for his active and impactful involvement in Rotary. Throughout his years of service, he has consistently participated in the Board of Directors and various club activities, making significant contributions along the way. He is also a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), reflecting his commitment to the ideals of Rotary.

Rotary runs in the family—both of Rtn. Gulati's sons are Rotarians. His elder son, Varun, also a PHF, is a member of the Seaside Club, while his younger son, Vipul, is part of our own club. His wife, Savita, is an accomplished educationist who retired as the Principal of MGM School.

Professionally, Rtn. Gulati is the Managing Director of a business media company specializing in the renewable energy and electric mobility sectors, showcasing his leadership in promoting sustainable technologies.

Installation Ceremony of the Club BOD

28TH JULY 2024



PROJECTS

Annapoorna

15TH AUGUST 2024

For students with special needs at Matimand Mulanche Shala in Karjat.



Nikshay Mitra

16TH AUGUST 2024

Our ongoing project supports patients undergoing treatment for tuberculosis (TB) by providing them with nutritious food grains. We provided assistance to 10 patients. Our club is proud to be registered as a Nikshay Mitra under the *Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan*, contributing to the national mission of a TB-free India.



Eye Checkup Camp

16TH AUGUST 2024

Conducted for 252 students and staff of NMMC School Turbhe.



District Avenue of Mental Health

7TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Train the trainer session attended by our members.



Tobacco Addiction Prevention

24TH AUGUST 2024

Session by Rtn Alok Jha for students and parents of Baram Patil School Nerul.



Mobile Addiction – Lost in Cyberspace

16TH AUGUST 2024

Awareness talk by Seema Khurana.



Ideal Study Edu App

24TH AUGUST 2024 & 31ST AUGUST 2024

As part of our commitment to quality education for underprivileged children, we distributed 59 mobile app coupons for the Ideal Study Edu App at Balaram Patil School, Nerul, and 22 coupons at ZP School, Jambure Village.



District Seminar on PR/PI

3RD AUGUST 2024

We actively participated as co-hosts in the District Public Image Seminar. Our efforts were recognized, and we received special acknowledgment for our contribution.



Mangalgaur Celebrations

30TH AUGUST 2024

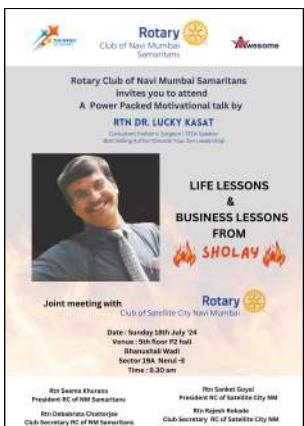
Our club's contributions to the First Lady-led Manglagaur celebration were recognized, and we received special acknowledgment for our efforts.



SAM Talks

18TH AUGUST 2024

Dr. Lucky Kasat delivered an inspiring motivational talk on life and business lessons derived from the movie Sholay. This insightful session was held as a joint meeting with RC Satellite City, Navi Mumbai.



Branding and Fund Raising

10TH AUGUST 2024

We enjoyed great fellowship and enhanced our club's branding as a Silver Sponsor for the musical program organized by Anmol Entertainment in Vashi. The event also helped us successfully raise some funds.



Vocational Training at VBK Rabale

24TH AUGUST 2024

Orientation session for stitching and tailoring classes were conducted for underprivileged women as part of our vocational training initiative.



Vocational Services

22ND AUGUST 2024

Seventy-five NCC cadets from District 3142 participated in a vocational tour, visiting the War Memorial and Paraplegic Centre in Pune. Our club proudly joined this initiative as a co-host.

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The Difference, Makes It Possible

Rotary District 3142

Awesome
Be Different

SHAURYA
Celebrating 75th year of Samvidhan (Constitution)
Vocational Tour (22nd Aug 2024)
With **75 NCC CADETS**
@ National War Memorial, Pune & Paraplegic Rehabilitation Center
Speakers: Lt. Col. Ajay Singh Kushwah & Speaker: Col. Dr. Ratan Mukherji
Chief Guest : DG, Rtn. Shital Shah (Dist 3131)

Project Chair
Rtn. Manisha Kondaskar
Project Co-Chair
Rtn. Anant Deore Rtn. Annie Bijoy Rtn. Prachi Vaidya
Project Convenor
Rtn. Ravindra Deshpande Rtn. Pravin Meneses Rtn. David Pezarkar

Lead Host Club

Rtn. Sumita Jain RC of Thane Area	Rtn. Rahul Deherkar RC of Bombay Downtown	Rtn. Priyeta Priyadarshini RC of Navi Mumbai Hillside
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Project Co-Host

Rtn. Girish Nair RC of Amara Thane	Rtn. Shantaram Shri RC of Thane Downtown	Rtn. Prasant Patro RC of Thane Green City
Rtn. Uday Dabhande RC of Thane Greenspan	Rtn. Nilesh Dhanifule RC of Thane Hiranandani Legends	Rtn. Medha Joshi RC of Thane North
Rtn. Jagdish Tarnbat RC of Dombivli Diamonds	Rtn. Sanjay Bhole RC of Central Kalyan	Rtn. Riju Unnithan RC of New Kalyan
Rtn. Madhav Singh RC of Dombivli East	Rtn. Anil Athri RC of Navi Mumbai	Rtn. Milind Sawai RC of Millenium City
Rtn. Secma Khorram RC of Samarth	Rtn. Sanjay Panigrahi RC of Navi Mumbai Sunrise	Rtn. Sanjay Mandekar RC of Dombivli City
Rtn. Arvind Shinde RC of Kalyan Diamond		Rtn. Swati Yeri RC of Thane Central

THANK YOU



Tree Plantation

15TH AUGUST 2024

We planted flowering and medicinal plants on Matimand Mulanche Shala's premises.



Know Your Members



Dr. Vijay Kabre

Dr. Vijay Kabre has been a consulting orthodontist in Chembur for the past 44 years. His wife, Dr. Sheetal Kabre, has also practiced as a consulting homeopath in Chembur for 40 years. The couple has resided in Nerul's Punit Park since 1998.

Their elder daughter, Rupali, has been working as an HR professional, specializing in recruiting doctors to Australia for the past 10 years. She currently works from home in Amritsar, India. Their son, Dr. Vishal Kabre, completed his BDS and MDS from the same institution as his father—GDC&H Mumbai—and has been practicing in the UK for the past four years.

Dr. Kabre earned his BDS in 1977 and worked at GDC&H as a dental surgeon in the orthodontics department for three years. He pursued postgraduate studies abroad, attending Adelaide University, Australia, in 1991, and later completing a St. Wire course in orthodontics in Encinitas, USA, in 1997. He also served as a lecturer at Terna Dental College for 10 years.

In 2008, Dr. Kabre started conducting workshop courses in orthodontics for practicing dental surgeons, having trained around 150 surgeons to date. His commitment to both education and service is evident in his dedication to social work. In 1995, he joined the Giants Group of Chembur and became the group's president in 2002. Under his leadership, the group has conducted over 30 medical camps in remote villages. Additionally, they have adopted Amchi Shala, a school in Chembur, where they provide uniforms, dental check-ups, and other year-round support for underprivileged students.

An active member of Maheshwari Pragati Mandal at both the branch and central committee levels, Dr. Kabre joined Rotary in 2014 with the Rotary Club of Chembur Bombay West, serving as Medical Director in 2017. In 2022, he joined the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans, with Sandeepji serving as president at the time.

Outside of his professional and social contributions, Dr. Kabre enjoys creating portrait Rangolis, traveling, playing the tabla, and gardening. He believes in living life to the fullest while contributing to society for personal satisfaction.

Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans celebrates Independence Day with meaningful initiatives



By Indrani Basu

Navi Mumbai: The Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Samaritans marked the 78th Independence Day with a series of impactful social welfare projects aimed at enhancing the lives of underprivileged chil-

dren and youth.

The day began with the Annapurna Project at the Residential Ashram Matimand Mulanchi Niwasi Shala in Karjat, where 28 young adults with mental health needs received support. Fourteen members and

their families participated in the event, providing weekly rations for the residents. The afternoon included fun activities such as singing patriotic songs, playing games, and tree planting, fostering a sense

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of joy and inclusion among the residents.

The club also extended its support to TB patients at the Urban Health Centre in Turbhe, distributing weekly rations of prescribed food grains as part of

the Project Ni-Kshay Mitra scheme, launched by the Central Government. This ongoing project, which the club has been involved with for the past two years, aims to assist patients regularly.

The day concluded with an inspirational talk session by re-

nowned TEDx speaker Dr. Lucky Kasat. Organized in collaboration with the Rotary Club Satellite City, Navi Mumbai, the session featured a motivational talk on "Life Lessons & Business Lessons," drawing metaphors from the iconic 1970s film "Sholay."

From the Editor's Desk



“Caring has the gift of making the ordinary special”

We the Samaritans believe in the above adage and are doing our best as committed Rotarians. It gives us immense pleasure and pride when we see our hard work bringing smile on the faces of those whose lives we touch. When we work as a team, we need to showcase our work to encourage our own as well as others who see our committed efforts. Bringing out our Newsletter is an attempt towards same.

I am indebted to our team especially President Seema for always lending a helping hand wherever needed.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Ganesh Chaturthi.

Monila Bhattasali