

# FLAMINGO FOCUS

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ROTARY CLUB OF NAVI MUMBAI FLAMINGO CITY



**DINESH MEHTA**  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Dear Club President

Congratulations on assuming the role of President of your club! Jyoti and I extend our heartfelt wishes to you and your spouse for an enjoyable and impactful year ahead.

We are confident that under your leadership, the club will thrive and make a significant difference in our community. The theme 'Magic of Rotary' perfectly encapsulates the spirit of service and fellowship that we hold dear. Together, we can achieve remarkable things and create lasting change.

Please know that you have our full support as you embark on this exciting journey. We look forward to witnessing the Awesome contributions and positive transformations your tenure will bring.

Warm regards,  
Dinesh Mehta  
District Governor  
RID -3142



## **Address by Club President** *Acceptance Speech*

**Honourable DG, distinguished district dignitaries, fellow Rotarians, and friends,**

Good evening.

I am deeply honored to address you today as I step into the role of President of our Club. This is more than just a title to me; it's an opportunity to be a companion on our shared journey of service, fellowship, and transformation. I am filled with immense gratitude and a profound sense of responsibility. The trust and confidence you have placed in me are both humbling and inspiring.

I offer my heartfelt gratitude to Immediate Past President Rekha Sankhala for her outstanding contributions to society during her excellent year of service. Noteworthy projects under her leadership included Thalassemia awareness sessions, Thalassemia testing, awareness sessions on organ donation, a dental screening project for street children, awareness sessions on the benefits of blood donation, and a story-telling session. These initiatives have had a significant impact and are a reflection of her dedication and commitment.

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am excited and optimistic about what we can achieve together. Our theme for this year, "The Magic of Rotary," perfectly encapsulates our mission to make a meaningful difference. On 1st July, our club had a membership strength of just 9.

We have successfully added 4 members, bringing our total membership to 13, marking an approximate 40% increase. As a young club, just two years old, our primary focus is on expanding our membership, retaining our valued members, and fostering strong fellowship. Additionally, we are committed to ensuring that our projects align with the spirit of the Amrit Mahotsav initiative.

To streamline our activities, various committees have been made, each headed by a dedicated director. For The Rotary Foundation (TRF), I aspire to contribute \$100 per capita from our club.

It is my pleasure to introduce my esteemed Board of Directors:

**Vice President:** Rtn R.K. Pugalia, who also serves as Sr. Vice President at Reliance.

**President Elect:** Rtn Vandana Kushwaha, who also serves as Membership Director.

**Club Secretary:** Rtn Meenakshi Bhalla, who also serves as Director Medical.

**Club Treasurer:** Rtn K.K. Kushwaha, who also serves as TRF Director.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Rtn Samir Kant Shamshery, who is also Director of Public Image/Public Relations.

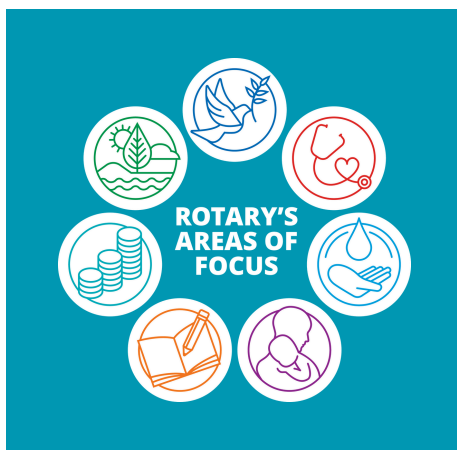
In closing, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each member of this club. Together, we will continue to make a profound difference in our community and beyond. As we embark on this journey, let us remember the words of the great Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore: "Ekla Chalo Re".

This reminds us that even if we walk alone at times, we should continue our mission with courage and determination. However, in Rotary, we are never truly alone; we have each other, united by our shared purpose and commitment to service.

Thank you, and let us move forward with purpose and passion.

Yours in Rotary Service

**Rajni Shamshery**  
President 2024-25  
RC Navi Mumbai Flamingo City



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NAVI MUMBAI FLAMINGO CITY

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*Vice President*

**R K Pugalia**

*Secretary*

**Meenakshi Bhalla**

*Treasurer*

**K K Kushwaha**

*Sgt. in Arms*

**S K Shamshery**

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**Vandana Kushwaha**

*Director TRF*

**K K Kushwaha**

*Director Youth Services*

**S K Shamshery**

*Director Projects*

**K K Kushwaha**

*PI & PR*

**S K Shamshery**

## Editorial

# Building Bridges of Service and Fellowship

**Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,**

As we begin another chapter in the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City, I am filled with pride and enthusiasm. Our club stands as a beacon of hope and service, striving to positively impact our community and beyond. The essence of Rotary is service above self, and this ethos drives us to new heights.

Our club has recently undertaken projects that have touched lives. Each project reflects our commitment to making a difference. The smiles we bring to those we help are the true measure of our success.

Fellowship is the cornerstone of our club. It binds us together, turning acquaintances into friends and friends into family. This camaraderie fuels our passion for service and keeps us motivated. Together, we can achieve extraordinary things and create lasting change.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each member of our club. Let us continue to build bridges of service and fellowship, inspiring others to join us.

Yours in Rotary,

**Samir Kant Shamshery**

Josh President





# Empowering Women through Annapurna Day Initiative

## Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City Distributes Ration Kits on Annapurna Day

On Annapurna Day, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City distributed 51 dry ration kits to the hardworking lady workers of the NRI Complex. This initiative aimed to support single-earning women with essential food supplies sufficient for 15 days.

Each kit included rice, wheat flour, pulses, salt, sugar, tea, desi ghee, cooking oil, and dry spices. The distribution event took place at a central location in the NRI Complex for easy access.

Club members, dressed in bright yellow shirts, actively participated, symbolizing hope and positivity. The smiles on the beneficiaries' faces reflected the success of the initiative and the club's commitment to making a difference.

Our club president and other members personally handed over the kits, engaging with the workers and understanding their struggles. This personal touch added empathy and reinforced the bond between the club and the community.



## The Relevance of Annapurna Day

*Annapurna Day, named after the Hindu goddess of nourishment, is dedicated to providing food and support to those in need. Annapurna Day fosters a culture of generosity and compassion, encouraging communities to support one another and build a healthier, more nourished society.*

# Nourishing Minds and Bodies

## Rotary's Roti Machine Transforms Karjat Tribal School

The Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City (RCNMFC) recently made a significant impact at a tribal school in Karjat through our Project Roti Making Machine. This initiative aimed to address a pressing issue at the boarding cum day scholar school, which accommodates over 650 students from underprivileged tribal communities.

Despite the government's provision of free midday meals, the school faced a major challenge in preparing sufficient food due to a shortage of kitchen staff. With only six staff members, it was nearly impossible to prepare the 2,400+ chapatis needed within the limited lunch break time. Consequently, the students often had to settle for meals consisting solely of rice, dal, and curry.

Our solution was to donate a state-of-the-art roti making machine capable of producing 600 chapatis per hour. This machine has revolutionized meal preparation at the school, enabling the staff to provide a full, nutritious meal that includes chapatis. The impact of this contribution was immediately evident in the gratitude expressed by the school community.

On a rainy Sunday, over 60 students, along with the Headmaster, Principal, and members of another NGO, Saath Saath, gathered to thank the RCNMFC team. Their heartfelt appreciation and the overwhelming sense of gratitude they showed were truly touching. It was a powerful reminder of the good work being done by our club and the difference we can make in the lives of these children.

As Rotarians, witnessing the positive change brought about by our efforts reaffirms our commitment to service above self. The smiles and gratitude of the students and staff at the Karjat school are a testament to the impact of our collective generosity and dedication. This project has not only provided a practical solution to a significant problem but also strengthened the bonds between our club and the community we serve.



# Honoring Heroes of Healthcare and Finance



***The Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City celebrated the exceptional contributions of doctors and chartered accountants in felicitation ceremony on 1st July.***



On 1st July, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City, led by President Rajni Shamshery and her team, hosted a grand felicitation event to honor the contributions of doctors and chartered accountants (CAs). Esteemed guests, including prominent figures from the medical and financial sectors, gathered to celebrate the invaluable services rendered by these professionals. The honored doctors included Dr. Aneeta Bajaj, Dr. Sangita Srivastava, Dr. Radhika Kalyanshetti, Dr. Shubhangini Sharma, Dr. Ganesh Kalyanshetti, Dr. Ashok Kalyanshetti, Dr. Rashmi Agrawal, Dr. Amit Saxena, Dr. Rahul Kadam, and Dr. Sanjeevkumar R. Kalkekar. Recognized CAs included Mr. Raj Kumar Pugalia, Mr. K. Suryanarayan, Mr. Ajay Madan, Mr. V.K. Gandhi, and Mr. Arvind Gupta. Each honoree received mementos and certificates of appreciation, with special awards given for extraordinary dedication and impact.

The event also featured a networking session, creating an atmosphere of joy and collaboration. This successful ceremony reinforced the spirit of service and excellence championed by the Rotary Club, leaving a lasting impact and inspiring attendees to continue their pursuit of excellence in healthcare and finance. This celebration set a high standard for recognizing professional excellence, highlighting the importance of acknowledging those who make significant contributions to society.





# Building Safe Boundaries

## Asha Kiran School's Good Touch, Bad Touch Awareness Session

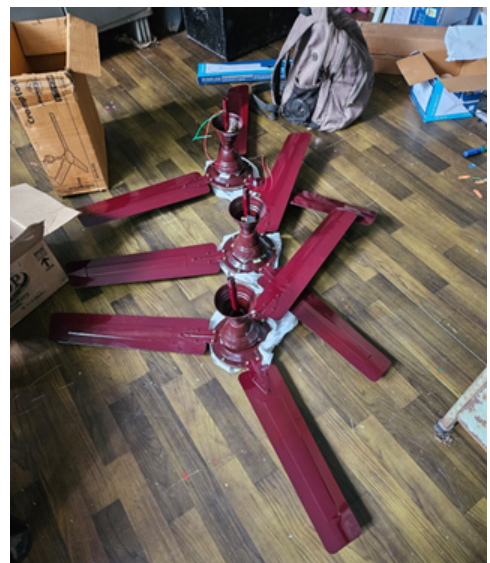
A "Good Touch Bad Touch" awareness session was conducted at Asha Kiran School in Nerul to educate children about personal safety, recognising inappropriate behaviour, and how to respond if they encounter uncomfortable situations. This session aimed to empower children with the knowledge to protect themselves.

The session at Asha Kiran School was a significant step in empowering children with the knowledge to protect themselves. By understanding the differences between good and bad touch and feeling confident to speak up, children can better safeguard their well-being and build a foundation for healthy relationships in the future.

By fostering awareness and open communication, we can help children navigate these critical aspects of personal safety, ensuring they grow up in a secure and supportive environment.



**Ceiling Fans  
provided to  
Asha Kiran Bal  
Gurukul**





# Rotary Club Drives Lifesaving Blood Donation

***On 25th July 2024, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City, alongside local partners, successfully collected 60 units of blood at Belapur Railway Station, significantly boosting community health resources.***

On 25th July 2024, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Hillside, the Innerwheel Club of New Bombay, and the NMMC Blood Center, Vashi, organized a successful blood donation camp at Belapur Railway Station (East). The event, led by Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Jadhav, Project Director of the Maharashtra Blood Transfusion Academy, Kharghar, resulted in the collection of 60 units of blood, significantly contributing to community health.

Blood donation plays a crucial role in maintaining public health. It ensures a steady supply of blood for emergencies, surgeries, and for patients with chronic conditions like cancer and anemia. Regular donations help meet the demand for various blood components, which are essential for different medical treatments. Furthermore, blood donation fosters a sense of community and altruism, as donors provide a life-saving resource that has no substitute.

This initiative by the Rotary Club not only highlighted the importance of blood donation but also demonstrated the power of community collaboration in addressing critical health needs. The success of this event underlines the ongoing commitment of the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City to support and enhance community well-being through active participation and service.



# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY



## Membership Report

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