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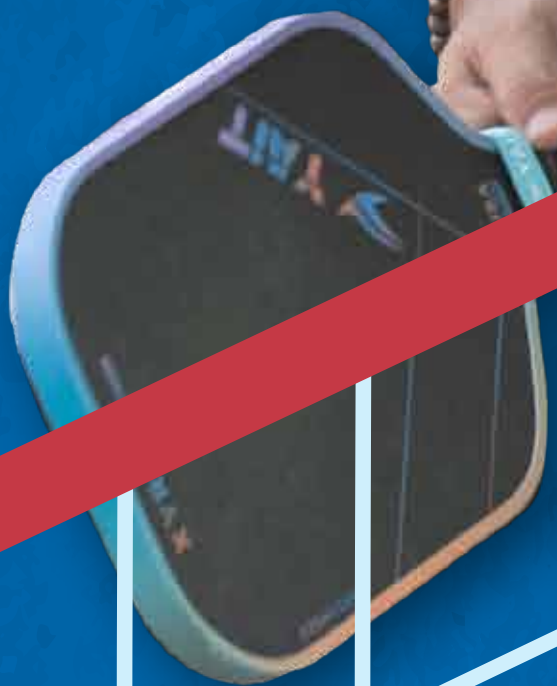
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PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

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Gudi Padwa marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year and holds profound cultural and spiritual significance, especially in Maharashtra. Celebrated on the first day of the Chaitra month, it symbolizes renewal, prosperity, and the triumph of good over evil. The festival is associated with the legendary victory of Lord Rama and the coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, reflecting courage and righteous governance.

In Maharashtrian households, a 'Gudi'—a decorated flag with a kalash atop—is hoisted outside homes, signifying victory and inviting auspiciousness. The day begins with oil baths, vibrant rangolis, and the preparation of traditional delicacies like puran poli. Neem leaves mixed with jaggery are consumed, representing life's blend of bitterness and sweetness.

Beyond rituals, Gudi Padwa inspires a spirit of fresh beginnings, unity, and hope, making it a cherished and meaningful celebration in the cultural fabric of Maharashtra.

The celebration of Deep Utsav on the eve of Gudi Padwa holds a special place. Symbolizing the transition from the old year to the new, homes are illuminated with rows of earthen lamps (dijas), representing the removal of darkness and the welcoming of light, positivity, and prosperity.

This ritual signifies spiritual cleansing and preparation—both of the home and the mind—for a fresh beginning. Lighting lamps is believed to invite divine blessings and create an atmosphere of warmth and auspiciousness. Families come together to clean, decorate, and adorn their homes, reinforcing values of unity and renewal.

Deep Utsav, thus, is not merely a visual celebration but a meaningful prelude to Gudi Padwa, embodying hope, gratitude, and the promise of a bright and prosperous year ahead.

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From the President's Desk

Pickleball is a fast-growing paddle sport that blends elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, making it accessible and enjoyable for all age groups. It originated in 1965 in Bainbridge Island, when Joel Pritchard, along with Bill Bell and Barney McCallum, created the game as a fun family activity.

Played on a smaller court with a paddle and perforated plastic ball, pickleball emphasizes agility, strategy, and quick reflexes. Its simple rules and low-impact nature have contributed to its rapid global appeal.

In India, pickleball has witnessed remarkable growth in recent years, especially in urban centers like Mumbai, Pune, and Bengaluru. With increasing clubs, tournaments, and community participation, the sport is gaining traction among both youth and senior players. Its inclusive and social nature, combined with fitness benefits, has positioned pickleball as one of the fastest-emerging recreational sports in the country today.



Rtn. Vinay Pratap Singh
President
Rotary Club Of Hiranandani IVAN

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1. PICKLE BALL TOURNAMENT – 7th March 2026

RCHI organized a **Pickleball Tournament**, as a fund raiser for Paediatric heart surgery, which happened to be for the first time of this scale in Thane. In association with All India Pickleball Association, Amateur Pickleball Association Maharashtra, Amateur Pickleball Association Thane.

The event was held under the leadership of **President Vinay Pratap Singh**, with Project Chairs Rtn. Priyank Bhatia and Rtn. Rohit Maheshwari steering the initiative. Special thanks to Rtn. Satish Deore & Dr. Siddharth.

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The tournament featured Mixed Doubles in the 18+ category, with 12 teams and 72 enthusiastic players competing across 60 exciting matches.

Teams from Mumbai, Thane, and Pune participated, including several national and district-level players, adding to the competitive spirit of the event.



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2. Gudi Padwa – WOMEN'S BIKE RALLY- 19th March 2026

Gudi Padwa was celebrated with great fervor, Organised by Arpan Foundation in association with RCHI , HE Ladies, TWD .

Gudi Padwa marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year and is celebrated as a symbol of new beginnings.

Amazing to witness the spirit and strength of our RCHians shining so brightly at Gudi Padwa programme.



Heartfelt gratitude to all our members who participated in rally: Rtn. Tejasvi & Swarneshwari, Saroj, Kavita & Aditri ,Ashwika, Priya Mahapatra, Yashwini & Myra, Rtn. Mitali, Rtn. Aditi, along with Rtn. H. K. Gupta, Rtn. C. N. Shetty, Satish, and Rtn. Mahesh.

The event beautifully reflected unity, strength, and purpose.

One of the most heartwarming moment of the day was RCH Ivan felicitating 14 special children and 45 TMC school girls who delivered a wonderful Lezim performance.

Thank you, everyone, for making this celebration so meaningful and memorable!

* A vibrant Lezim performance was presented by **Special Children** , providing them with a wonderful opportunity to showcase their talent before a large audience. Their spirited participation not only reflected enthusiasm and confidence but also made the moment truly inspiring and heartwarming for all present.



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***Lathi kathi** by girls group, a traditional folk martial art that showcases strength, discipline, and coordination. Performed especially during festivals and processions, it symbolizes bravery and the warrior spirit rooted in the legacy of the Marathas.

***Lezim** by TMC, Patlipada school girls.

*TMC School girls also presented **Tulsi procession**, where girls gracefully carry a decorated Tulsi plant on their heads and perform traditional dance steps.

*Lezim by Ladies group It is also spiritually significant as it coincides with the onset of Nav Durga, a time devoted to worshipping Goddess Durga and honoring the power of divine feminine energy (Shakti).

3. SESSION ON – SAFE – UNSAFE TOUCH – 20th March 2026

Session: 1,2,3 on Safe unsafe touch was held for children of class 1 & 2, 3 & 4, 5 & 6 at Shri Rajshri Vidyalay.

“Empower. Educate. Protect.”

Teaching children about good/safe touch and bad/unsafe touch also helps to prevent child sexual abuse. Studies have shown that children who are educated about these concepts are more likely to be able to recognize, resist and disclose abuse to a trusted adult if it occurs. The primary objective of this session is to help young students understand how to recognize and respond to inappropriate behavior, thereby equipping them with the awareness and confidence needed to protect their safety and well being.



Project Chair - Rtn. Sunil Kumar Chaudhary

It was conducted by trained teacher: **Mrs. Seema Jadav**

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4. ANNADAAN – 4 – 28th March 2026

Annapurna 4 of RCHI was organized its on 28th March 2026 at Shelter home for children. Grateful to sponsor Rtn. Mukul Srivastava.

A warm meal can bring not only nourishment but also comfort and connection.



5. MEMBERSHIP GROWTH PINS

Congratulations to **Rtn. Akshya Mahapatra** and **PPD.P. Tripathi** for introducing quality members to RCHI. Your commitment to strengthening our club with dedicated and value-driven Rotarians is truly commendable.

They were felicitated by the **President Vinay Pratap Singh** in appreciation for their invaluable support in strengthening the RCHI family. Thank you for contributing to the growth and excellence of our club.



6. WEEKLY SPEAKER MEETING – ACHARYA TEJASWINI BHOSALE - 8th March 2026

Women in Rotary Club of Hiranandani IVAN have emerged as leaders, bringing compassion, innovation, and strength to community service and global initiatives. Their participation has enriched Rotary with diverse perspectives, strengthening its mission of fellowship, service, and positive change.

Happy International Women's day !

RCHI held a 'Classification Talk ' by Acharya Tejasvi Bhosale on 8th March 2026. A renowned Astro Vastu consultant and a fellow Rotarian, she enlightened the members with her knowledge and conducted an engaging and insightful session.



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7. CLUB ASSEMBLY – 5th – 22nd March 2026



President's Note :

Thank you to all the members who attended today's club assembly. It was a very well-discussed and well-executed meeting.

We had some great suggestions and solid plans for our upcoming meetings and events. All our accounts—RCHI, (Events), Trust, and HIEP—were discussed and approved. These will be submitted again next month after being audited by our CA.

Looking ahead, we have our Cricket Tournament scheduled from 3rd to 5th April, followed by a club meeting on 5th April, and the Pre-OCV on 26th April. We will also try to schedule an additional club meeting on 29th March, if time permits.

Let's focus on membership growth over this month and the next.

We will soon be executing the Happy School Project at our adopted school in Bhiwandi, along with donating 4 water coolers across 3 schools in the coming days—please keep an eye on updates. Ticket sales for our play begin from Tuesday. Premium seats are priced at ₹1500 and ₹1000, so do book early for yourself, your friends, and your colleagues.

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8. 2nd MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR – 7th March 2026

Few members from RCHI participated in District Membership Seminar .



9. PELs & SELs – 29th March 2026

Congratulations to PE Sanjeev Chopra & SE Mukul Srivastav for completing President Elects and Secretary elects learning seminar (PELs & SELs) held on 29 March 2026 , at Ramada Navi Mumbai .For Parivartan Year .

There were fellow Presidents Elect (PEs) and Secretaries Elect (SEs) from across the district. The full-day session was engaging and insightful, covering key areas such as preparing for leadership, conducting impactful meetings, understanding TRF, financial management, strengthening clubs, enhancing member engagement, timelines, and Rotary Trust. Each session reinforced the responsibilities ahead and highlighted the importance of the next 90 days in shaping a successful Rotary year. The program concluded with the distribution of certificates to all participants.



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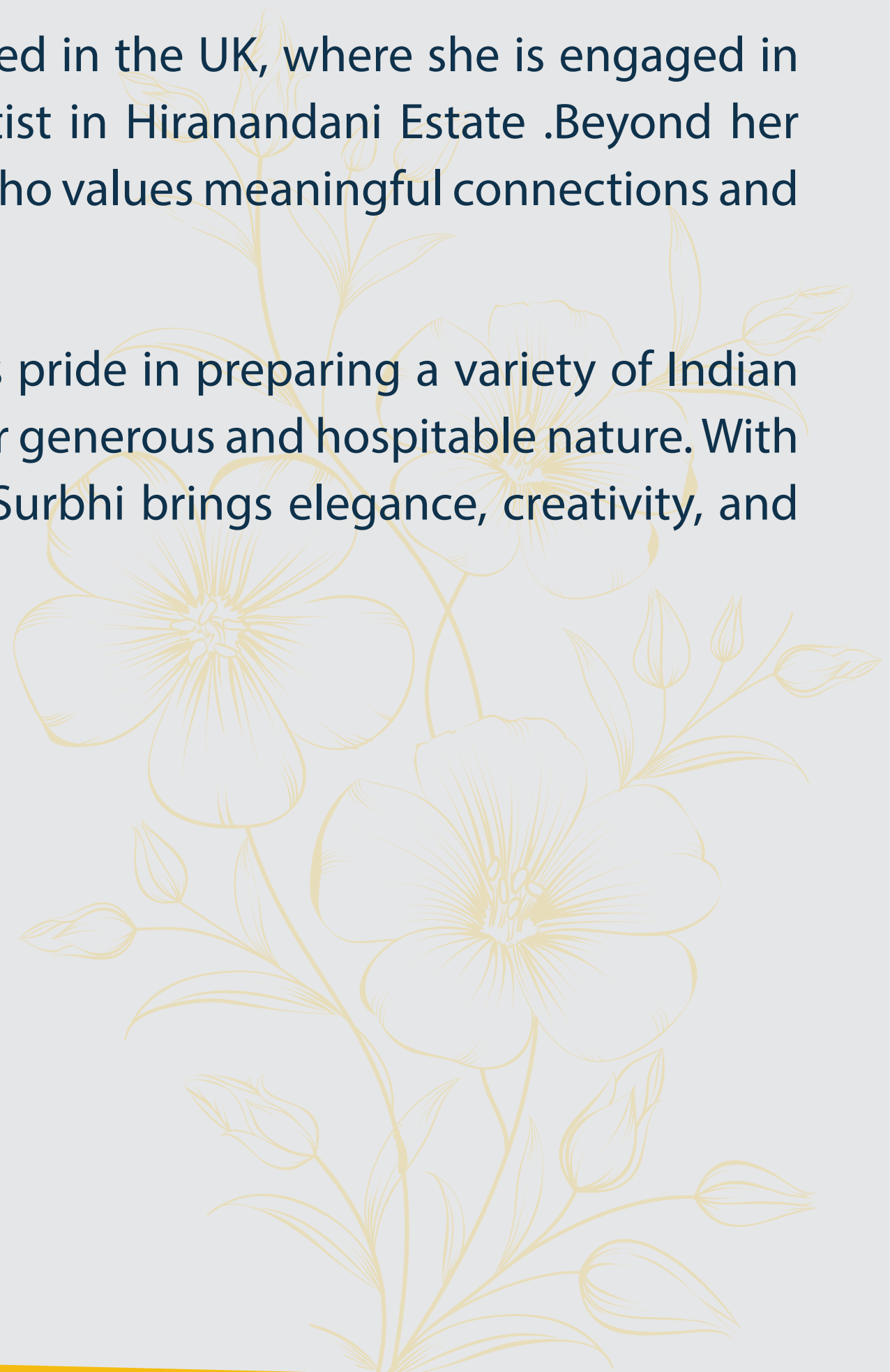


SURBHI SAXENA

Surbhi Saxena is a graceful blend of art, culture, and warmth, known for her deep passion for classical dance. An accomplished performer in both Kathak and Bharatnatyam, she has enthralled audiences with her expressive stage presence and dedication to preserving India's rich cultural heritage.

A proud mother of two, her daughter is based in the UK, where she is engaged in teaching, while her son is a practicing dentist in Hiranandani Estate. Beyond her artistic pursuits, Surbhi is a people's person who values meaningful connections and community bonding.

She finds immense joy in cooking and takes pride in preparing a variety of Indian delicacies, especially for guests, reflecting her generous and hospitable nature. With her vibrant personality and cultural depth, Surbhi brings elegance, creativity, and warmth to every space she is part of.



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