















# The Editors Perspective



As we tiptoe into the new year, it's time for a retrospective wink and a nod to our achievements. Under the keen eye of our President, Ms. Chetna Singh, the Rotary Club of Hiranandani Ivan has certainly served up some serious 'service above self' moments—impacting lives in our community and beyond. From Annadanam to hosting ROTAL, blood donation drives, and the grand Azadi Ka Amritvarsh talks, our repertoire is as endless as our enthusiasm. So, as we gear up for another whirlwind year, let's seize fresh chances to innovate, collaborate, and sprinkle some Rotary magic in our pursuits. Cheers to purpose and passion!

#### Millind

Editor









# A compilation of club activities by Aditi Bhttacharjee



### **Mobile Addiction Talk Show**

RCHI organized its second talk show on mobile addiction at Muchhalla College GB Road. The speaker for the day was Rtn. Murli Sundarani. The talk was attended by students in large numbers and the college authorities lauded the effort of the Rotary Club of Hiranandani Ivan in its dedication towards working for the youth.















# Thalassemia Screening

RCHI was a co-host at the Thalassemia awareness & testing campaign organized by the Rotary Club at DBL College on 9th Dec 2024. The camp was organized by 6 clubs including RCHI (Rotary Club of Hiranandani Ivan, RCT Uptown, RCT West, RC Thane, RCT Northend, and RCT Skyline) at DBL College, Thane under the gracious presence of Chief Guest - DG Dinesh Mehta(3142), and GOH Mr Sanjay Devram Bhoir. Apart from selected members of the club, Nila Kapadia, mother of Rtn Himanshu Kapadia was also present at the event.

It may be noted that thalassemia is an inherited blood disorders that manifest as the production of reduced or zero quantities of haemoglobin. Diagnosis is typically by blood tests including a complete blood count, special haemoglobin tests, and genetic tests. Diagnosis may occur before birth through prenatal testing. If both parents carry a hemoglobinopathy trait, the risk is 25% for each pregnancy for an affected child. Genetic testing can reveal whether you or your partner carry the gene. Knowing this information can help you plan your pregnancy.











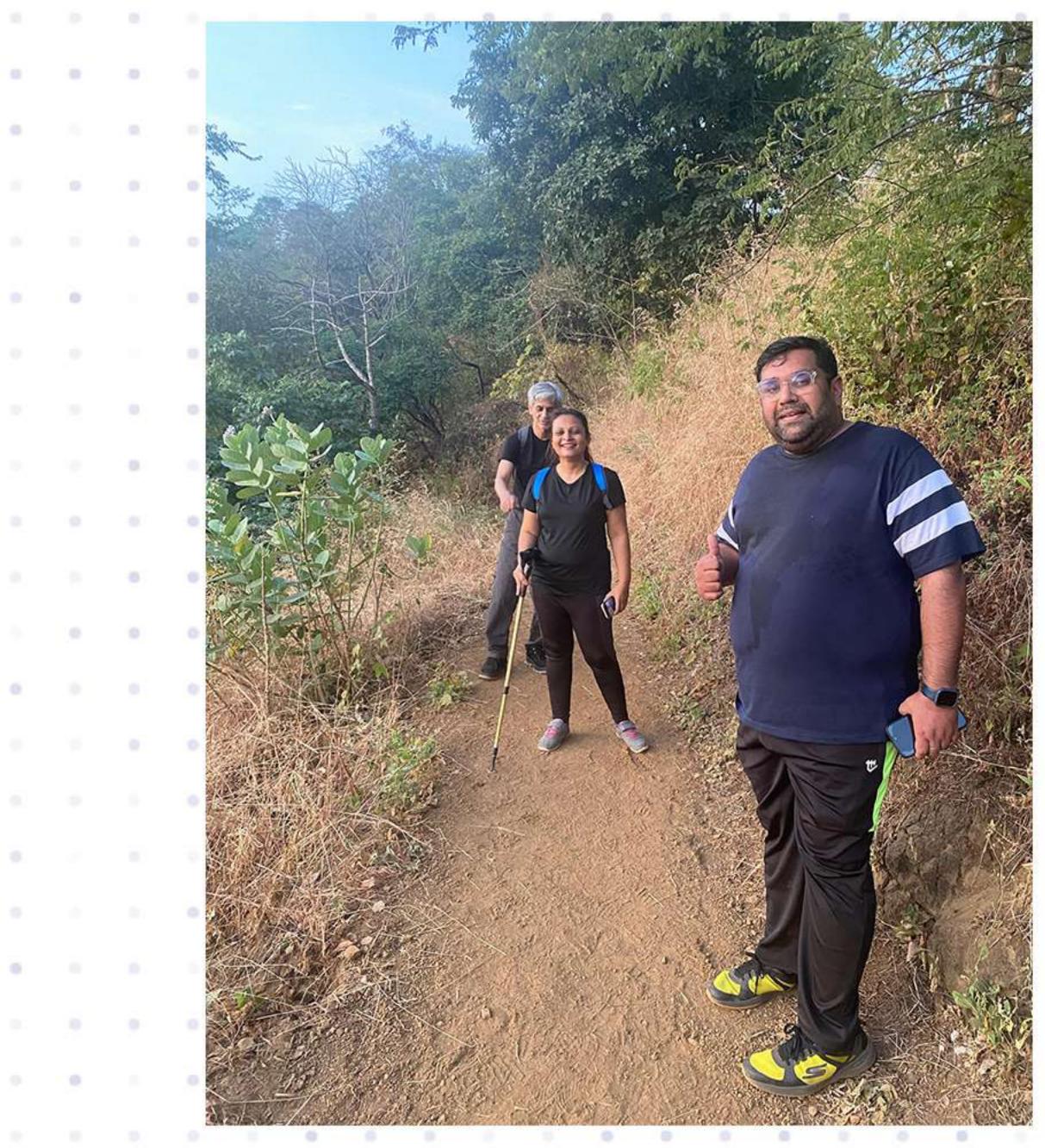




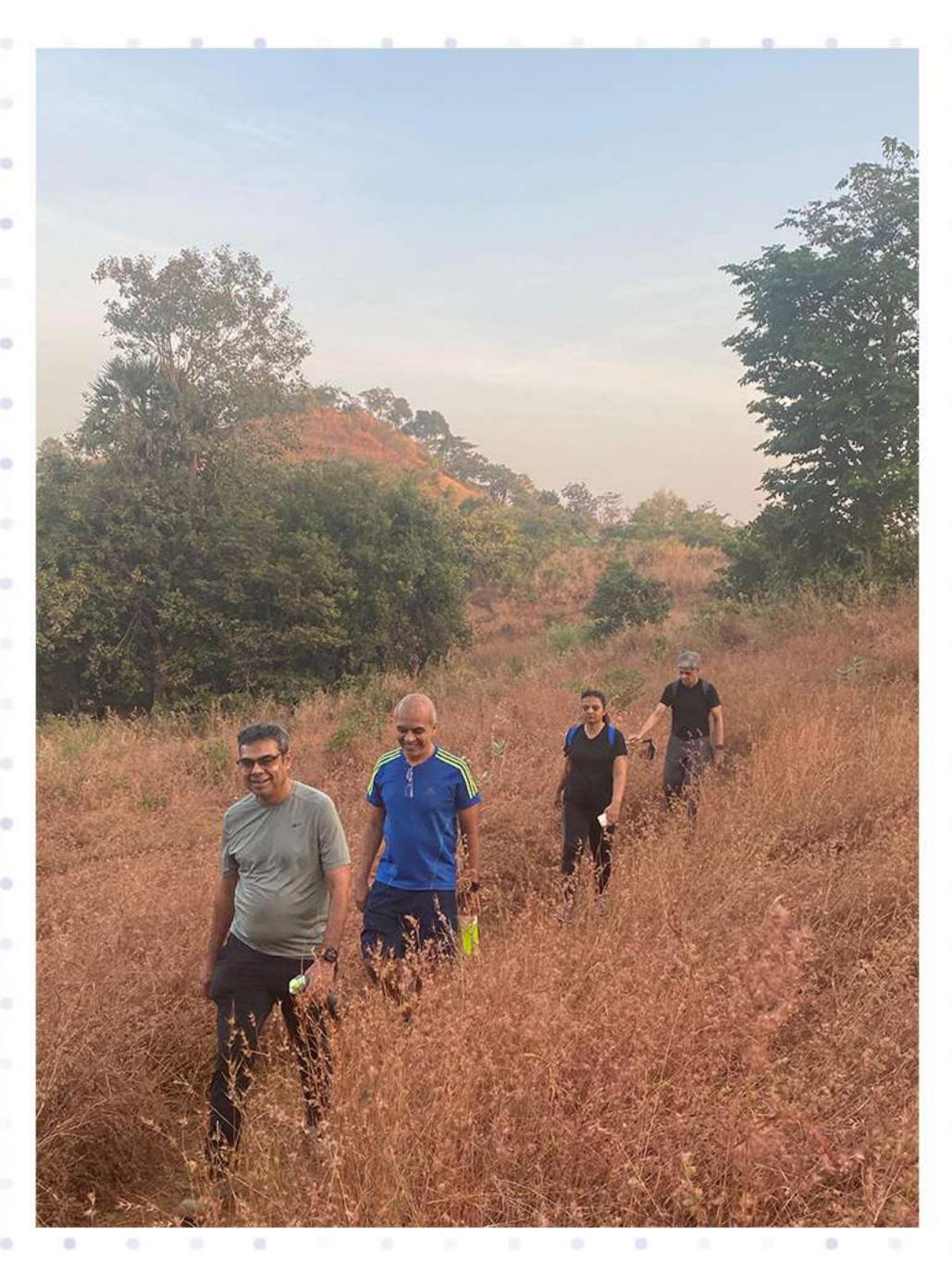


### Trek to Yeoor Hills

Adventure enthusiasts of RCHI went for a trek on 7th Dec Saturday, to Yeoor Hills. The event was an example of great camaraderie, and proved to be an awesome way to connect with nature while staying fit! All though it is moderately challenging for regular trekkers, it was well adopted by our trekking champs who created beautiful memories on the pleasant winter morning.

















# **Polio Day**

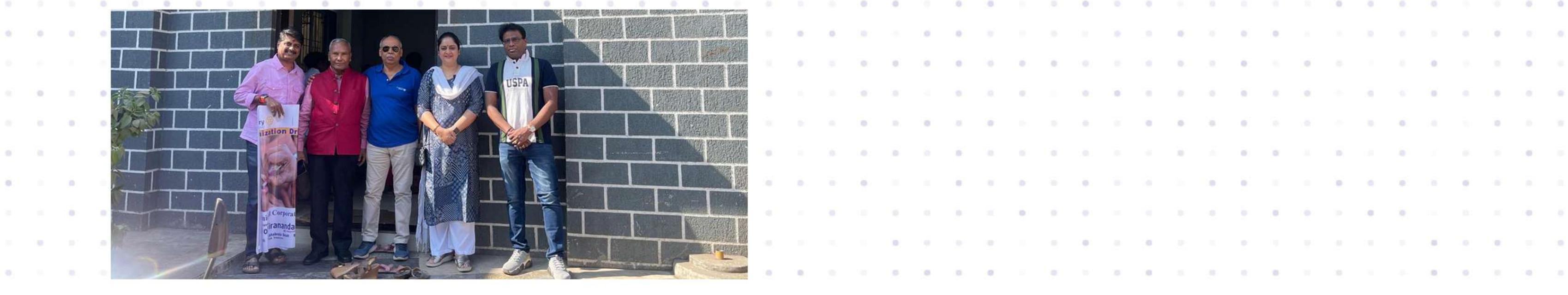
A nationwide pulse polio vaccination drive is being carried out across the country today on 8th Dec. 2024. RCHI has donated Rs. 7,70,000 towards Polio funds in RY 2024-25 by donating to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, Upgrade for More Features contribution will directly support immunization activities in developing countries or recognize the health workers and vaccinators who have incurred serious injury or lost their lives participating in polio eradication activities. Every contribution will help in our work to achieve a polio-free world. As a club, we pledge to eradicate polio because until we end polio forever, every child is at risk. RCHI members met on the 8th of December morning at 10 am in Hiranandani Club House and visited the various Polio Booths in the vicinity. It may be noted that we have organised breakfast and lunch for resources working in these 8 booths/centres.



















# Know your fellow members...

## Rtn Deepti Pandit

My name is Deepti Pandit, and I am honored to be part of the Rotary family. A lifelong Mumbaikar, I bring 27 years of banking experience and currently serve as Vice President in consumer finance at HDFC Bank. Alongside my professional journey, I am a certified life coach specializing in health and wellness, with a passion for empowering others to achieve their goals. I enjoy reading, traveling, and exploring diverse cultures, values I share with my family—my husband, Rtn. Milind Pandit, our son Arnav, and my father-in-law RG Pandit. I look forward to contributing to Rotary's mission and collaborating with all of you.

#### Rtn. Milind Pandit

Milind Pandit is a certified wines, spirits and cigar professional with over 25 years of experience erecting sales and distribution networks for illustrious corporates both in India and beyond; he's also a butterfly enthusiast, nature watcher, and Fine Art photographer whose work has fluttered its way into numerous national and international exhibitions. It's this passion for the environment that drives his commitment to conservation as a co-founder and Trustee of Green Works Trust, while proudly donning the badge of a dedicated Rotarian.

His musical inclinations? Blame them on his maternal uncle, the legendary flute virtuoso, the late Shri Malharrao Kulkarni. Milind's classical vocal training was under the skilled eye of Shri Naik guruji in Borivali, Mumbai.

And if that weren't enough, he indulges in collecting vintage 78rpm records and HMT watches while dabbling in poetry. Clearly, Milind proves that one can indeed sip fine wine while admiring butterflies and composing verses!

Milind is happily married to the talented Rtn. Deepti Pandit, and together, they are the proud parents of their budding filmmaker son, Arnav.









# Rtn. Aditi Bhattacharjee

A Mumbaikar for the past 16 years, I am a native of Assam. I completed my post graduation in Literature and Linguistics and am at present working as a part of the corporate communications team at Tata Consultancy Services.

Prior to joining TCS, I have over 15 years of experience in teaching and content management, having taught literature and soft skills in major colleges/universities of Guwahati. I have also been a journalist and have worked with national dailies like The Telegraph.

With a keen interest in Adult Literacy, I have been involved with several adult literacy programs since my school days and have served at the Gyan Vigyan Samiti Assam as a research fellow for a UNESCO funded project, 'Literacy through Mother Tongue'.

Selected for the Group Study Exchange program of Rotary International, I represented India to Nigeria as a youth ambassador in May 2008 and have contributed in promoting Indian culture, universal peace and understanding. I am an Alumnus of Rotary Foundation since 2008.

Married to Lieutenant Commander Angshuman Kotoky, we are blessed with a teenage daughter, Ananya.

My interest lies in travelling, theatre, creative writing and community service.









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