



Rotary
Club of Hiranandani Ivan

A vibrant, abstract painting of Lord Shiva. He is depicted from the back, standing in a dynamic pose. He has blue skin, long black hair with a crescent moon and a small flame on top, and is wearing a red and orange dhoti. He holds a trident (trishula) in his right hand. The background is a swirling mix of yellow, orange, and blue, suggesting a cosmic or divine realm.

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The Editors Perspective



The Essence of Shiv Tattva in Community Welfare

On the 26th of February, we celebrate Mahashivratri. In the rich tapestry of Sanatan, Shiv Tattva embodies the principles of creation, preservation, and dissolution—elements integral to both nature and human existence. This profound concept serves as a guiding beacon for our community welfare initiatives within our club. Just as Mahadev transcends dualities, we, too, must transcend barriers that divide us, focusing on unity and collaboration. The cover page is an embodiment of the union of Shiv - Shakti and the limitless possibilities that it opens up.

Shiv Tattva reminds us of the cyclical nature of life; our efforts in service today shape a healthier, more sustainable future for our communities. By embodying the values of compassion, resilience, and transformation, we can address pressing social issues like poverty, education, and health care in our communities.

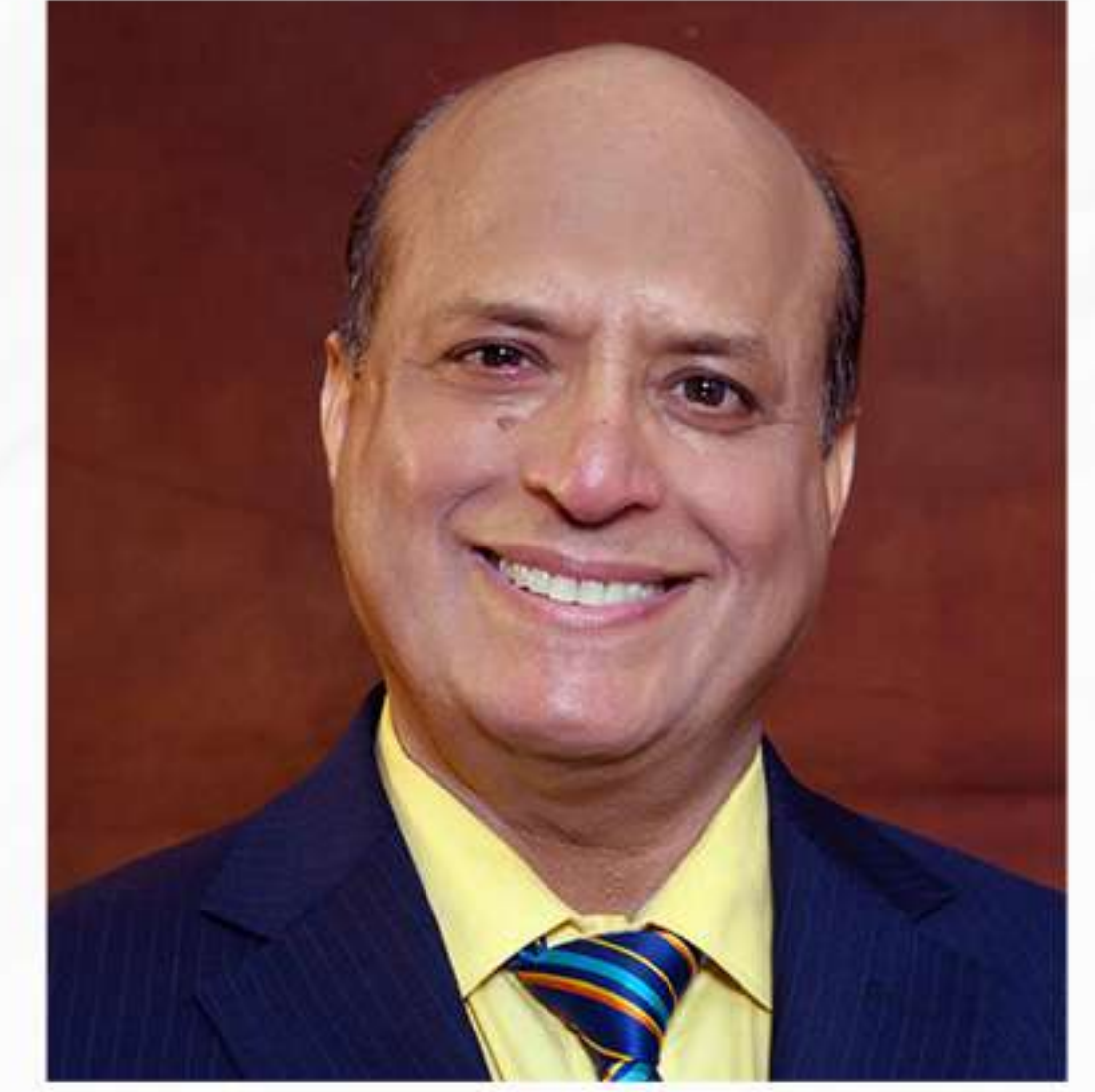
Let us, as members of Rotary Club Of “Ivan” (one of the names of Shiva) , channel the essence of Shiv Tattva—creating a nurturing environment that fosters growth and well-being for all. In embracing this philosophy, we not only uplift our communities but also cultivate a deeper sense of connection and responsibility to one another.

Rtn. Milind Pandit

Editor

A Message from the

district governor



Peace, Harmony & District Conference: A United Front

The Magic of Rotary

Whirling Dervishes & Peace Builders

The latter half of December and the first half of January has been a whirlwind of activity.

From inaugurating Mega Medical Camps and several Blood Donation drives, to presiding over and encouraging Club initiatives that promoted Chess, Cricket, TT and Marathon Runs, to Triumph Runs for the differently abled and being there for Festivities like Christmas and Makar Sankranti and Fund Raisers like a Qawwali Night and a Play staged as a Court Room Drama Thriller, I felt like a Whirling Dervish entranced by devotion to a divine cause.

Whirling Dervishes are Male Dancers and an intrinsic part of the Sufi tradition. Just like Dervishes are totally entranced by the accompanying Sufi music, so also, I tend to believe are Rotary Leaders completely immersed in the Magic of Rotary.

February is the month in which Rotary came into existence and it is celebrated in the Rotary World as the Month that we focus on Peace and Conflict Resolution. Whilst Rotary fervently believes in the saying "Think Global, Do Local, most Rotarians are unfortunately unaware of what Rotary as a global organisation does to promote peace and prevent conflict.

Are you, for example, aware that Rotary International has established seven Peace Centres in different parts of the World. These centres offer tailor-made curriculum to train individuals in peace building and conflict resolution.



A Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Bradford in England used her learning of the classes in African politics and UN Peacekeeping to set up an organisation that encourages South Sudanese women to participate in the peace process.

You can recommend worthy candidates, who may be interested in enrolling for a Rotary Peace Fellowship, to the Director entrusted with this initiative, Ms Smriti Gulwady.

The Shabdkosh defines SAMANVYA the bringing together of diverse elements into an integrated and harmonious operation - "A Confluence of Excellence."

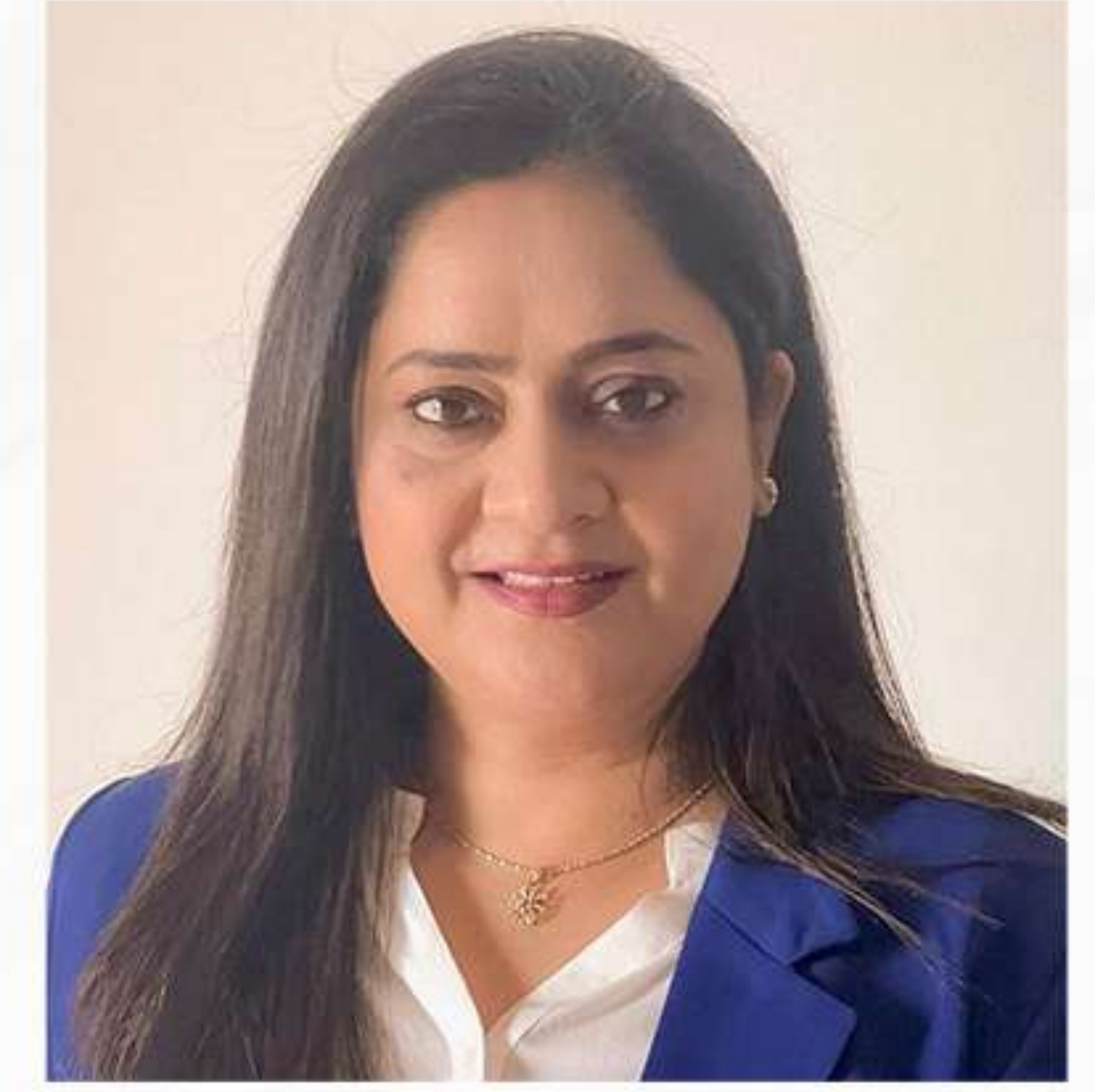
There is a very apt description of the District Conference scheduled for 1st and 2nd March at India's most acclaimed Convention Venue, the JIO Convention Centre at the Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai. It is for the first time that Rotary Districts 3141 and 3142 have united to stage an integrated and harmonious conference. This promises to be an unforgettable experience of listening to famous personnel, feasting on mouth-watering delicacies and for evening entertainment, being treated to see some foot-tapping music. It is an opportunity, that is unique - a combined District Conference. If you have not done so already, register immediately.

Rtn. Dinesh Mehta

District Governor 2024-25

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Message from the President



Dear Club Members,

I hope this message finds you all well. I would like to reflect on our activities that truly captures the essence of spirit of Rotary Club Of Ivan. We had a wonderful celebration of Patrakar Diwas, and it was a privilege to honor those who play such a vital role in our community. The Nation Builders Award was another highlight, recognizing teachers from our society who uplift those around them.

Our CPR Training Session was a great success, equipping participants with lifesaving skills, and the Safe and Unsafe Touch session advanced our commitment to keeping our community safe. Annapoorna 9 emphasized our dedication to food security.

Furthermore, our discussions on drug de-addiction and mobile addiction shed light on vital issues we must address.

Thank you for your continued support in making a positive difference

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Chetna Singh

Charter Club President, Rotary Club of Hiranandani Ivan.

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* will add few more in Q1 2025



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A compilation of club activities by
Rtn. Aditi Bhattacharjee



1. Patrakar Diwas:

RCHI was the gold partner to District JDS event – Patrakar Diwas at the Rotary Centre, TMC school, Nuapada organized on January 5, 2025. The event was attended by DG Rtn Dinesh Mehta as the chief guest and Shri Prashat Dixit as the guest of honour. This event was a joint initiative of 23 Rotary Clubs of RI 3142.



2. Nation Builders Award:

RCHI organized the Nation Builders Award ceremony at Saraswati High School on Jan 6, 2025. The awardees are selected after a detailed survey, where students were asked to fill the survey forms and nominate the teachers for the award. Our club awarded 5 teachers with this prestigious award. DS Rtn Sangram Joshi was the chief guest in this award ceremony. DG Dinesh Mehta gave away the awards to the nominated teachers.



3. CPR Training Session:

The Rotary Club of Hiranandani Ivan organized a CPR session conducted by Dr Lucky Kasat and Dr Supriya for House of Hiranandani staff and employees. Held at HE clubhouse, the session was attended by 45 participants. We are grateful to District First Lady Jyoti, Rtn Chirayush Shah, Rtn Basak, Rtn SK Chaudhary for their presence. It may be mentioned that 45 is the highest number of participants for any CPR session so far at an event organised by a single club.



4. Annapoorna 9:

RCHI organized an Annapoorna initiative at the ISCON temple, Kharghar on the auspicious day of Makar Sankranti on January 14, 2025. The club members offered shramdan, donated money and provided food to about 665 devotees. Rtn Milind Pandit and Rtn Mukul Shrivastav were the main sponsor for this Annapoorna and the latter was also the Project Chair. The event was attended by several Rotarians and Anns.



5. Drug De-addiction Talk Show:

RCHI hosted a talk show for students on Drug de-addiction as part of the Amrit Mahotsav initiative on Jan 16, 2025 in association at Mumbra College of Arts and Science. The session was taken by Rtn Murli Sundarani and was attended by about 150 participants.



6. Mobile addiction Talk show:

RCHI hosted a second talk show for students on Mobile de-addiction as part of the Amrit Mahotsav initiative on Jan 17, 2025 in association with RC Thane Uptown at Sree Narayana Guru College of Education, Chembur. The session was taken by Rtn Murli Sundarani and was attended by about 110 participants.



7. Amrit Mahotsav Award Ceremony:

RCHI club was awarded for its achievement on TRF contributions and completing overall Amrit Mahotsav challenge (to commemorate 75th year of Republic) at Satkar Residency, Thane. Amrit Mahotsav chair RCHI - Rtn. Harikishan Gupta, District Secretary - Sangram Joshi, AG - Anuja Tipnis, charter president Rtn Chetna Singh attended the session among others.

Our club was awarded first in per capita TRF. Also, we were the first in maximum giving to Annual fund in the district.



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Know your Rotary

Compiled by Rtn Chirayush Shah

Here are some Rotary nuggets on the club assembly, district assembly, and the Official Visit (OCV) of the District Governor.

What is Club Assembly?

A club assembly is a meeting of all club members, including officers, directors, and committee chairs. Club assemblies are an opportunity to discuss your club's programs and activities and educate members. Regular club assemblies ensure clear communication between club leaders and club members. Club assemblies allow club members to:

- Review goals and action plans Coordinate committee activities
- Understand how the club's action plans are being implemented
- Participate in informal discussions that stimulate creative solutions
- Learn about Rotary and its programs
- Discuss your club's strengths and opportunities for improvement

What is District Assembly?

In view of the annual turnover of Rotary leadership each year, special effort is required to provide the 45,000 club leaders with appropriate instruction for the tasks they will assume. The annual district assembly is the major leadership training event in each Rotary district of the world. The district assembly offers motivation, inspiration, Rotary information and new ideas for club officers, directors and key committee chairmen of each club. Some of the most experienced district leaders conduct informative discussions on all phases of Rotary administration and service projects. The assembly gives all participants valuable new ideas to make their club more effective and interesting.



Who is a District Governor?

The Rotary district governor performs a very significant function in the world of Rotary. He or she is the single officer of Rotary International in the geographic area called a Rotary district, which usually includes about 45 Rotary clubs. RI Dist. 3142 has 115 clubs. The district governors, who have been extensively trained at the worldwide International Assembly are responsible for maintaining high performance within the clubs of their district. Rtn. Dinesh Mehta is DG for RY 2024-2025

The District Governor Official Visit

Once a year the District Governor makes an official visit to each club in the district. The purpose of the official club visit is to allow the District Governor (DG) an opportunity to communicate directly with all the Rotarians in our district. It enables the DG to listen to the members of the club, and to gain a better understanding of the workings of that club. DG Dinesh Mehta's Official Visit (OCV) for our club is scheduled on 9th February. It is must attend event for all Rotarians.

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Tales Of Inspiration

We are proud to announce that recently our esteemed club member, Rtn Anil Banchhor was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award 2024 for entrepreneurship, contribution to NIT Golden Tower and contributions to the society in the field of education by his alma mater NIT Raipur.

Rtn. Banchhor has decades of experience in the cement and construction industry, presently he serves as the Managing Director and CEO of RDC Concrete (India) Limited. A civil engineer by qualification with a degree from International Institute for Management Development (IMD) Business Programs, Rtn Anil Banchhor is passionately involved with many initiatives. Some of his distinctions to be mentioned include:



- Member of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) committee of Civil engineering since 2006 which makes codes for civil engineering products and practices.
- Governing Council Member of Indian Concrete Institute
- Contributor for awards and donations of PC, projector, fans, shed for prayer, scholarships and fees to needy students at the government school at Ghughuwa, Dist. Durg.
- Member and contributor to NGO Badhaw Sangwari (come up friends) for helping needy students for fees, hostel fee etc. sponsoring fee for one medical and one nursing student.
- On 21st December 2023, his mother, Smt. Krishna Banchhor, constructed and donated a building named Yashoday Bhawan, in memory of her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Smt. Yashoda Bai Banchhor and Shri Uday Ram Banchhor at Govt High School, Hathkhoj, Dist. Durg, Chhattisgarh. The Bhawan costing Rs. 97 Lakhs consists of 90x40 feet hall, library, store and toilet block. This building would help in organising various programmes in the hall for the overall development of school children and become well known compassionate personalities.
- Donating to help age and give other NGOs: At organisation level, he has been involved in involving 12th pass boys and trying them with stipend and absorbing them as regular employees.
- President of Ready-Mix Concrete Manufacturers Association (RMCMA) since 2023.
- President of Mumbai chapter of NIT Raipur

You are an inspiration to all of us, Rtn Anil Banchhor!

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Know your fellow members...

Rtn. Mukul Srivastava

Mukul Srivastava is a storyteller through and through, someone whose journey blends artistry, intellect, and an incredible professional career. Born on August 9, 1961, in Lucknow, he grew up surrounded by the city's vibrant culture, which sparked his love for theatre at an early age. While building an exemplary 38-year career in the oil and gas industry, working in private and international business and traveling the globe, Mukul never let go of his passion for drama.

Over the years, he performed in plays like Bakree, O' Neeli Chatree Wale, Dr. Sukhi Mariz Dukhi (a Hindi adaptation of Molière's work), and Solah January Ki Raat (based on Ayn Rand's Night of January Sixteen). Even during the lockdown, when the world came to a standstill, Mukul stayed creative with live play readings on Facebook and short, experimental formats. However, it was after retirement that Mukul truly embraced his passion for theatre, stepping into this chapter of his life with renewed focus and energy.

Post-retirement, Mukul has not just pursued theatre but made it a central part of his life, turning a long-held dream into a tangible reality. He attended a 9-day workshop led by Atul Mongiye, spread over a month, that focused on acting for cinema. This wasn't just an exercise in refining skills but a way to dive deeper into his lifelong love for storytelling. Mukul has since taken on bold, challenging roles and returned to the stage with remarkable vigor. Whether acting, directing, or experimenting with new forms of expression, his work reflects the joy and determination of someone fully committed to their craft. His voice, a powerful tool in its own right, has brought audiobooks like Echoes of Getaway and Kashmir 365 Kms to life, along with dubbing work for documentaries and Netix projects. Through it all, Mukul's family has been a constant pillar of support, celebrating his creativity and encouraging him to follow his dreams with unwavering enthusiasm.

For Mukul, retirement isn't about taking a step back but about rediscovering and fully embracing his passions. After nearly four decades of a successful career in the oil and gas industry, marked by international business and leadership, he has seamlessly transitioned into a new chapter where his creativity takes center stage. He's living proof that it's never too late to chase a dream and make it real. With photos capturing his performances, workshops, and behind-the-scenes moments, Mukul's story is a testament to the power of determination, showing that it's possible to turn a hidden passion into something extraordinary, no matter where you are in life.



Rtn Himanshu Kapadia

When Aditi asked me to write my profile, I wondered what to write. It's the same story we all share - educated, professionals or businesses, family oriented, social creatures and committed to do something for the society. There is one thing however which only some of you will have common with me. I am a wanderer. I had already lived in three cities and studied in four different institutions by the time I completed engineering. I have worked out of seven cities and lived in twelve different houses. In the corporate life, managed business in about twenty-five countries and spent life sleeping in planes and driving to remote locations. My work has taken me to all parts of Himalayas from North to East of the country and to hundreds of miles of 'nothing' in Utah in USA.

My passion in life keeps on developing, but all of them are linked to being a wanderer. These days, I like to do long distance trekking and cycling. These hobbies have taken me to the top of Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania at 19,000 ft. I trekked 175 kms with cumulative elevation gain of 35,000 ft around Mont Blanc in Europe and peddled on the West Coast of India starting in Goa and ending in Ooty. Needless to say, understanding history and cultures, tasting local food (and drinks) has kept my passion ignited and has crept into my reading habit too.

My wife Bhakti, formerly a teacher with BEd degree now pursues her passion for cooking and dancing. She was once rooted to Mumbai but started enjoying living in different locations after we got married.

Wandering has probably altered DNA of my son Mayank as well. He has studied in four different countries until he completed MBA from INSEAD in France and now works for a consulting company in Dubai that advise governments on foreign policy and economic development. His wife Tanisha is a sustainability consultant having done her Masters in this field from Oxford university. I grew up in a tribal district in Chhattisgarh and that has probably shaped my thinking. Still not a city boy, I yearn to retire in a small place, closer to nature and contribute to society.



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Member's corner

A trekker's tale of grit and passion to Tour Du Mont Blanc.

Never Again! A thought that often strikes when you are dragging yourself to the camp after a long day of walk on the mountains. A tired body, heavy backpack, smelly and sweaty clothes and scorching sun makes it pretty daunting. It does not take long to change the mood though. Where next? This is the discussion while celebrating successful completion of a difficult expedition. Relaxed, fresh and that feeling akin to winning a war is so great that the agonising moments during the trek are quickly forgotten.

This is the story of every trekker. And after every trek, the yearning for even more difficult treks grow. It's addictive. My addiction led me to two most sought-after treks - Kilimanjaro and Tour Du Mont Blanc. Both contrastingly different, both challenging and yet fun.

Kilimanjaro was walking up and up every day to reach atop the Uhuru peak at 19,000 ft. it's nice and green until 6000 ft and barren above this elevation. We had chosen Machame route, considered as the toughest and enjoyable at the same time. There is no habitation in the park - no people living, no houses, no shops. Our crew carried supply for the whole week - Sleeping tents, cooking tents, toilet tents, supplies to last for the week and on some days water too. Not to forget, our duffle bags. All 54 of them for just 14 trekkers. Crew was so efficient, they would leave after we had left the camp in the morning, carried stuff on their back, reached before us, welcomed us with song and dance every day and cooked lovely food, So refreshing! The vast expanse of the nature, changing weather throughout the day and fun with fellow trekkers keeps one engaged all the time.

Climbing on Baranco wall was the highlight of the trek. Almost a vertical cliff mid-way to the peak, a climb on rocky, steep staircase like volcanic wall. And there was the most famous section where we had to be like spider man, facing the wall and moving inch by inch sideways on a narrow rock barely enough to stand. Behind us was the ten thousand feet deep valley. There was no room for error!

Climb to the summit was once in a lifetime experience. We walked the whole night with torches on our head, temperature below minus twenty degrees. So cold that water in pipe that sucked from water bladder in the bag would freeze. We had to blow the remaining water back and empty the pipe every time we sipped water. Oxygen is low at that height and not everybody is comfortable. Spending more than an hour can be dangerous. Continuous whirling of the rescue helicopter kept reminding us to be quick and careful.

The great feeling at the top cannot be described. Extreme cold, tired feet and mountain sickness are quickly forgotten when the rising sun makes it visible what you have achieved. Being on top of the Uhuru peak, highest mountain in Africa, 360 degree view of the Kilimanjaro mountain range is an unforgettable moment. Beautiful snow peaks, a crater formed due to volcanic activity, scores of people reaching on top and yelling in excitement makes one ecstatic. While picturing ourselves with the signboard that states 'highest point' in Africa, we were behaving like kids. Jumping and running around, hugging our fellow trekkers and flashing victory signs, as if we have achieved something real great.

Then came the 'Never Again' moment. Descending from 19,000 ft to 6,000 ft, walking continuously for twelve hours after a twenty-four-hour climb with only short breaks, descending on slippery gravel slope, large stone steps that truly test the endurance. Strength of knees and calves is truly tested. One more night in the most beautiful camp and next day we were in the hotel. Back to civilisation, clean room, nice food and drinks. We were again asking, Where next!!

That led us to Tour Du Mont Blanc a year later. More about it next time.

Rtn Himanshu Kapadia



Budget 2025: A Win for the Middle Class or a Strategic Shift?

The Union Budget 2025 has introduced one of the most significant tax changes in recent years—raising the basic exemption limit under the new tax regime to ₹12 lakh. This move simplifies taxation and offers relief to many, but it also signals a decisive shift away from the old tax system. While this may seem like a clear win for the middle class, a closer look reveals some critical caveats.

A New Tax Structure with Higher Exemptions

The revised tax slabs under the new regime are as follows:

- **Income up to ₹4 lakh – Nil**
- **₹4 to ₹8 lakh – 5%**
- **₹8 to ₹12 lakh – 10%**
- **₹12 to ₹16 lakh – 15%**
- **₹16 to ₹20 lakh – 20%**
- **₹20 to ₹24 lakh – 25%**
- **Above ₹24 lakh – 30%**

At first glance, this appears to be a significant tax break. Those earning up to ₹12 lakh will not pay any tax due to a rebate. Salaried individuals benefit even further—the standard deduction of ₹75,000 effectively raises their tax-free threshold to ₹12.75 lakh.

Other Key Changes

- Senior citizens benefit with the TDS exemption limit doubling from ₹50,000 to ₹1 lakh.
- TDS on rental income now applies only above ₹6 lakh, up from ₹2.4 lakh, preventing unnecessary tax deductions.
- Homeowners can now declare two houses as self-occupied, eliminating tax on the second home—a major relief for families with multiple properties.
- The TCS-free limit under LRS has increased from ₹7 lakh to ₹10 lakh. If the remittance is for education and funded by a loan, TCS does not apply at all.
- Taxpayers now have 4 years instead of 2 to file updated returns, allowing better course correction in case of errors.

Is the Old Tax Regime on Its Way Out?

This budget makes the new system far more appealing—higher exemptions, lower rates, but fewer deductions. The future of the old regime appears increasingly uncertain, and the coming weeks may bring more clarity.

For taxpayers, the choice is becoming clearer: continue with deductions under the old system or shift to a simplified, exemption-driven framework. The direction is set—and adaptation is now a necessity.

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