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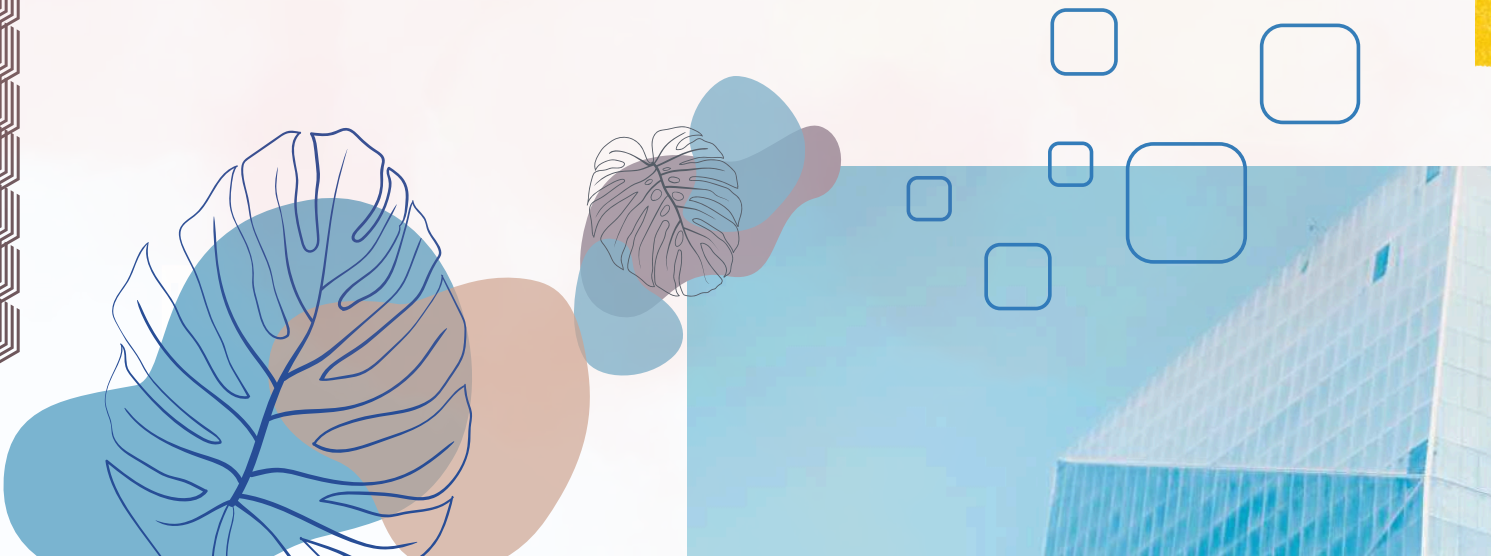


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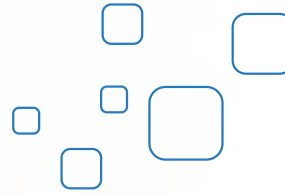
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## EDITOR'S MUSINGS



# Rotary Reflections of October: Service, Celebration and Community

Dear Readers,

October has been an incredible journey for the Rotary Club of Regency Estate, filled with meaningful action, vibrant celebrations, and community connection. As I look back, I am deeply inspired by our shared commitment to service and tradition.

We began the month with a Swachhata Abhiyan, reinforcing our collective responsibility towards a cleaner, healthier environment. This campaign reminds us that change begins with small steps, and together, we can strive for a sustainable future.

Our Navratri festivities added a splash of color and energy to the month, bringing members together in joyful celebration of tradition and unity. The spirit of service continued with our Anndan initiative at Sadhna Vriddha Seva Kendra, where we were privileged to share moments of compassion and companionship with elderly residents.

This month also marked our participation in a District Mental Health Awareness program, a valuable opportunity to advocate for well-being in our community. Our Diwali Pahat, celebrated alongside the Regency Senior Citizen Sangh, and the Regency Fort Competition, honoring our cultural heritage, rounded off the month with warmth and camaraderie.

Finally, I am proud to spotlight our District Governor Nominee Designate, Chandrahas Shetty, whose leadership continues to inspire us all. Thank you, dear Rotarians, for your dedication and energy. Here's to a future filled with even greater impact and fellowship.

*Nivedita*

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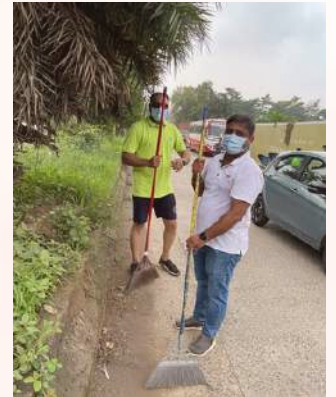
# Swacchata Abhiyan: A Collective Step Towards a Cleaner Future

## Swacchata Abhiyan: A Collective Step Towards a Cleaner Future

On Gandhi Jayanti, the Rotary Club of New Regency Estate, in collaboration with Jyestha Nagrik Sanstha and the Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC), spearheaded a Swacchata Abhiyan—a focused cleanliness drive—outside the KDMC Ward Office. This initiative aligned with Rotary's commitment to environmental service, drawing volunteers and community members in a shared effort toward creating a cleaner, greener community.

Notable participants included Charter President Vikram, NCA & Past President (PP) Sameer, PP Yogesh, PP Nivedita, Club Secretary Abhishek, and Rotarians Pratibha and Kedar, whose dedication and enthusiasm energized the event. Their collaborative efforts left a tangible impact, underscoring the power of unity in promoting public health and environmental care.

The success of this Swacchata Abhiyan echoes Rotary's message: by working together, we can build a healthier, more sustainable world for future generations. Let's continue to be catalysts for positive change, one step at a time.







# CELEBRATING NAVRATRI IN VIBRANT COLORS WITH ROTARY CLUB OF NEW REGENCY ESTATE

## Celebrating Navratri in Vibrant Colors with Rotary Club of New Regency Estate

The Rotary Club of New Regency Estate has embraced the festive spirit of Navratri with a vibrant 9-day Colors Day celebration, spearheaded by Past President Nivedita. Each day, club members come together in a different color, symbolizing unity, joy, and the energy that defines their Rotary spirit.

Adding excitement to the celebration, First Lady Rani Gade serves as the esteemed judge, recognizing members for their creativity and festive spirit. This colorful initiative reflects both the joy of Navratri and the deep connections within the Rotary family. Wishing everyone a season filled with joy and unity!

नवरात्री रंग २०२४		
Day 1	3 Oct Thursday	Yellow : पिवळा
Day 2	4 Oct Friday	Green : हिरवा
Day 3	5 Oct Saturday	Gray : करडा
Day 4	6 Oct Sunday	Orange : भांगरा
Day 5	7 Oct Monday	White : पांढरा
Day 6	8 Oct Tuesday	Red : लाल
Day 7	9 Oct Wednesday	Blue : निळा
Day 8	10 Oct Thursday	Pink : गुलाबी
Day 9	11 Oct Friday	Purple : जामळा





## ANNDAN SERVICE AT SADHNA VRIDDHA SEVA KENDRA: SPREADING CARE AND COMPASSION



### Anndan Service at Sadhna Vriddha Seva Kendra: Spreading Care and Compassion

On October 20th, the Rotary Club of New Regency Estate completed its September Annandan initiative at Sadhna Vriddha Seva Kendra, supporting its senior residents with essential provisions. Led by Project Chair Rtn. Kedar Phadke, who generously donated 45 kg of grains, the donation included wheat, rice, sugar, peanuts, and tur dal.



Special thanks to Club President CP Vikram for his leadership in guiding this initiative, which exemplifies Rotary's commitment to serving vulnerable communities. With each effort, the Rotary family spreads warmth, compassion, and support, keeping the spirit of Annandan alive. Thank you, Kedar, for your heartfelt contribution.





# AWESOME CELEBRATIONS

## Anndan Service to Orphanage Kids : Celebrating Service on PP Sameer Gaikwad's Birthday

### Anndan Service to Orphanage Kids: Celebrating Service on PP Sameer Gaikwad's Birthday

In celebration of Past President Sameer Gaikwad's birthday on October 27th, the Rotary Club of New Regency Estate completed a meaningful Anndan project at Avdhoot Society for Orphanage Children in Dombivli. This heartfelt initiative provided essential supplies, including grains, spices, toiletries, and cleaning products, reflecting Rotary's commitment to community care and service.

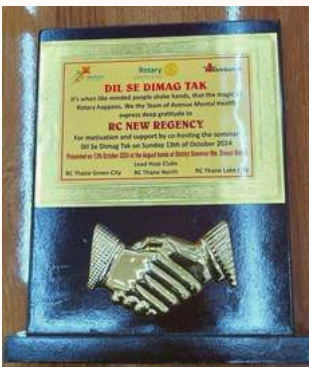
A special thanks to Club Secretary Abhishek, Rtn Pratibha, and Rtn Nivedita for their active participation. Club President CP Vikram's leadership was instrumental in bringing this project to life, allowing us to make a positive impact and spread compassion in the community.





# DISTRICT EVENT PARTICIPATION

## A Mental Health Awareness



### Our Club participation in District 3142 Event

Rotary Club of New Regency Estate Co-Hosts “Dil Se Dimag Tak” – A Mental Health Awareness Initiative

On October 13, 2024, the Rotary Club of New Regency Estate co-hosted “Dil Se Dimag Tak,” a mental health seminar aimed at breaking the stigma surrounding mental wellness. Partnering with Rotary District 3142 and the Avenue of Mental Health team, the event gathered Rotarians and community members dedicated to fostering awareness and support.

Our sincere gratitude goes to District Governor Dinesh Mehta, Dr. Kaushik Deshpande, Dr. Ashish Deshpande, and other esteemed speakers who highlighted key mental health topics, community resources, and the importance of collective support. This successful event underscores Rotary’s commitment to Service Above Self, nurturing wellness and open dialogue for a healthier community.

Thank you to everyone involved for making this meaningful event a success.





# DIWALI CELEBRATIONS

## Diwali Pahat Celebration with Rotary Club of New Regency Estate and Regency Senior Citizen Sangh

The Rotary Club of New Regency Estate, in collaboration with the Jijau Pariwar Senior Citizens' Organization, hosted a vibrant Diwali Pahat celebration on October 31st, bringing together Rotary members and community elders for a morning of traditional Marathi Sugam Sangeet, camaraderie, and festive joy.

Our heartfelt thanks to Charter President Vikram and Secretary Abhishek for their leadership, Club Advisor Sameer for his guidance, and members like Yogesh, Kedar, Ekta, and PP Nivedita for their enthusiastic participation. A special thanks to Pratibha Kaku for her stunning Rangoli, adding beauty and warmth to the event.

Filled with music, colors, and unity, this memorable Diwali Pahat embodied Rotary's spirit of togetherness and joy. Here's to a bright Diwali and the enduring bonds in our community.





# FORT COMPETITION

## Fort Competition at Regency Estate: Celebrating Culture and Community

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On October 31, 2024, Regency Estate came alive with creativity and tradition during the Fort Competition, where over 200 enthusiastic participants crafted stunning forts that showcased our rich cultural heritage. This event, envisioned by Project Chair PP Nivedita Chaskar, exemplified her dedication to building a strong cultural foundation in our community.

Heartfelt thanks to Club President Vikram and Secretary Abhishek for their flawless coordination, and appreciation to Rtn NCA & PP Sameer, PP Yogesh, Pratibha Kaku, Kedar, Dr. Amruta, Rajesh Bhai, and Viraj for their invaluable support. This remarkable celebration of unity and artistry was a true Rotary family affair, bringing our community closer than ever.







# in the Spotlight

## *District Governor Nominee Designate Rtn Chandrahas Shetty*



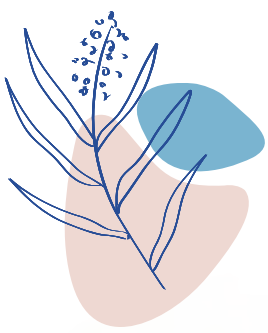
### **1. Background and Rotary Journey**

I joined the Rotary Club of Thane North End, then part of RI District 3140, in July 1995, invited by my friend Vilas Prabhulkar. I was drawn to Rotary by its emphasis on fellowship and the opportunity to meet members from diverse professional backgrounds like bankers, CEOs, restaurateurs, builders, and more. Service, though vital, often felt like a byproduct of these meaningful interactions. My background as a “salesman turned businessman” quickly helped me integrate into the club, leading me to become involved in impactful projects such as the Pankhanda village adoption, Polio Vaccination drives, and tree plantation initiatives, etc.,

My journey in Rotary progressed rapidly. I became a Secretary in 1998–1999 and then President in 1999–2000, under PDG Rajkumar Bagadia. I was later privileged to work with several distinguished PDGs, including Kumar Kewalramani, Gulam Vahanavaty, Nitin Mangaldas, Rahul Timbadia, Dr. Bharat Pandya, Dr. Ulhas Kolhatkar, and Raju Subramaniam, contributing to various avenues of service as District Chair. After District 3140 split into 3141 and 3142, I continued my work with PDGs like Dr. Ashes Ganguly, Dr. Mohan Chandavarkar, Dr. Sandeep Kadam, Dr. Mayuresh Warke, and Kailash Jethani, as well as DG Dinesh Mehta in roles such as AT, AG, AC, DS, and DAFSC. I am honoured to have been elected as DGND and look forward to leading the district in the future.







# in the Spotlight

## 2. Professional Insights

My career began with a supplier of analytical instruments, providing imported equipment for quality control and research applications in various industries, including pharmaceuticals, chemicals, food, and environmental sciences. These instruments enhance product quality, reduce costs, lower pollution, and support sustainable innovation. Working with multinational corporations and interacting with esteemed scientists has been instrumental in my professional and personal growth.

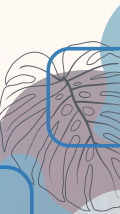
## 3. Memorable Experiences

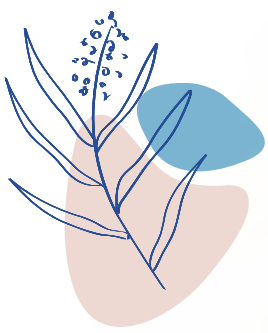
While Rotary offers countless memorable projects, some stand out vividly. One is a mega medical camp organized by PP Dr. Govind Patkar in 1997 at the village of Ovala, attended by over 600 villagers. Managing the crowd and directing them to various health check-up sections was a challenging yet rewarding task.

Another lasting memory is from the annual Pulse Polio drives, which I participated in since 1995. These drives involved not only administering vaccines but also conducting surveillance visits with government officials to ensure every child was reached. Engaging with young children, encouraging them to open their mouths, and vaccinating them was a significant experience, especially in a time when polio was still prevalent in India.

As Avenue Chair, I also led a remarkable project in 2002-03: the adoption of railway stations by Rotary clubs in District 3140. Clubs provided benches, clocks, electronic indicators, waste bins, and water coolers across Central and Western Railway stations, enhancing public amenities for daily commuters. This project, blending community service and public relations, remains one of my unforgettable achievements.

More recently, I have focused on administrative roles at the district level, supporting newly formed clubs as AG, creating an e-directory and publishing e-GML during the "Smile" year as DS, and raising funds for TRF. These activities continue to be fulfilling.





# in the Spotlight

## 4. Challenges and Solutions

Rotary is a dynamic, action-oriented organization, and working alongside diverse leaders can sometimes lead to differences in opinion, creating strain. I believe the solution lies in listening to all suggestions and building consensus around the best ideas. Engaging members in activities aligned with their interests also helps reduce friction, as everyone has a role to play. While these principles are not always easy to apply, they are essential to fostering harmony and productivity.

## 5. Community Impact

I've had the privilege of contributing to many impactful community initiatives through Rotary. For example, we previously ran an adult literacy program for parents of children from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Over a year and a half ago, one of the parents came to thank us, sharing how the program had benefited her and her family. While not all projects are continued year after year, the lasting impact of such efforts is deeply gratifying.

## 6. Family and Rotary

My family has been consistently supportive of my Rotary journey. My wife, Bharti, joined Rotary a few years back, and my daughter was also a Rotaractor for a couple of years before her studies required more focus. They frequently assist with my district responsibilities, making this journey a shared endeavour.







# in the Spotlight

## 7. Vision for the Future

I am thrilled to be elected DGND, as it gives me the chance to pursue my vision of deepening Rotary engagement within clubs. Currently, only about 20-30% of members actively participate in club activities. My goal is to inspire more members to be involved, fostering a more engaged and vibrant Rotary community.

## 8. Personal Insights

In my free time, I enjoy traveling, singing, and watching movies and documentaries, all of which help me relax and stay rejuvenated.





## **PROJECTS**

Regency Temple Renovation

Annadan Project

TRF Seminar

Trek with Youth



## **BIRTHDAYS**

Tushar Mane – 9th November

Chintan Thakkar – 16th November

Pari – 23rd November

Amit Bhosale – 24th November

UPCOMING







# Glimpses of the Month

