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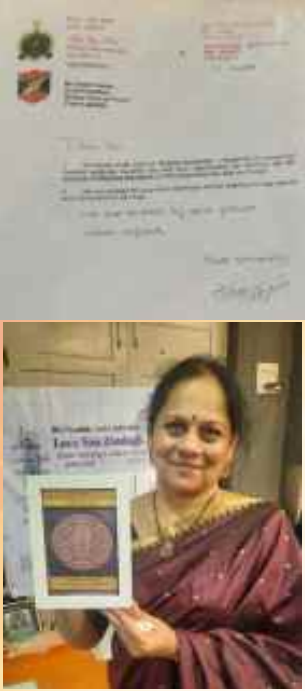


Dear All,

Good Afternoon. I wish to express my gratitude to one and all for the wonderful support given by you for yesterday's event. The OCV CORE group has really worked very hard for the past so many weeks and I was really overwhelmed by their dedication, tenacity and meticulousness in gathering and compiling data for our OCV Manual -and bow to all of them for their efforts and their pivotal role in a successful OCV.

Warm regards,

Girish Vartak



नमस्कार ! ९ ऑगस्ट २०२५ चा रक्षाबंधनाचा दिवस आमच्याकरता म्हणजे (Rotary Anns) सौ. ऋचा वर्तक आणि सौ. कल्याणी काळे यांच्याकरता खूपच अनोखा आणि अविस्मरणीय होता. सज्जन शक्ती न्यास ह्या सेवाभावी संस्थेमार्फत राजस्थान मधील कोटा इथल्या सैनिकी तळावर जाऊन सैनिकांना प्रत्यक्ष राखी बांधायचे भाग्य आम्हाला मिळाले. ह्या उपक्रमाच्या प्रमुख सौ. सुनीता केणी ह्या होत्या. त्यांचे सुपुत्र मेजर जय केणी हे सध्या कोटा येथील रसद युनिटचे कमांडिंग ऑफिसर आहेत. सुनीताताई गेले १० वर्षांहून अधिक वर्ष सैनिकांसाठी रक्षाबंधन आणि दिवाळी फराळ हे उपक्रम राबवत आहेत. भारतातील जवळपास ८-१० ठिकाणी साधारण ५० महिलांना त्या प्रत्यक्ष सैनिकी तळांवर घेऊन जातात. सामान्य नागरिकाला सैनिकी तळावर नेणे नक्कीच जिकिरीचे आणि कटकटीचे काम आहे. पण हेतू एकच, कि सैनिकांचे मनोबल वाढावे आणि काही मायेचे क्षण त्यांना अनुभवता यावेत. ह्या व्यतिरिक्त देशभरात सैनिकांना राखी आणि लाडू पाठवले जातात. केवळ रु. १५० प्रति सैनिक इतके ह्याचे मूल्य आहे. आपल्या रोटरी

क्लब ने ह्या उपक्रमासाठी र. १०,०००/- देणगी दिली होती. इतरही सभासदांनी जवळजवळ रु. १५,०००/- इतकी देणगी दिली होती. आम्ही दोघी सर्वांच्या वतीने कोटा येथे गेले होतो. भारतात अनेक ठिकाणी सुनीता ताई लाडू आणि राखी पाठवतात. केवळ मुंबईतून १०००० लाडू पाठवले गेले. त्याचे पॅकिंग हा एक अजूनच वेगळा अनुभव होता . आम्ही कोटा येथे एकूण ८ जणी गेलो होतो. इंजिनीरिंग, रसद, फर्स्ट मराठा infantry आणि नागा infantry च्या जवळपास ३५० सैनिकांना आम्ही राखी बांधली, औक्षण केले आणि त्यांच्या सुरक्षिततेसाठी, सौख्यासाठी प्रार्थना केली. ह्या सैनिकांमध्ये एक महिला कमान्डींग ऑफिसर सुद्धा होती. तिला आम्ही सर्व महिलांनी राखी बांधली. केवळ हद्द असा हा अनुभव होता. अतीव गर्व आणि कृतज्ञतेच्या पलीकडे कोणतीही भावना मनात नव्हती. सैनिकांनी अतिशय प्रेमाने आमचे आदरातिथ्य केले. निघताना अशी प्रतिज्ञा केली कि ह्या सैनिकांच्या त्यागाच्या लायकीचे नागरिक तरी आम्ही बनूच.

जय हिंद!



गुनून

सीना ताने सरहद पे खडे हो तुम
तभी मना पाते हैं सगुन से त्योहार हम |
मनाते हैं हम, दिवाली दशहरा होली,
हसते हसते झेलते हो तुम सीने पे गोली |
लहेराते तिरंगे के लिए दाव पर लगाते हो अपनी जान
वतन हिंदुस्थान ही आपकी आन बान और शान |
शौर्य, विरता, धीरता, प्रेम, तुझं मे है समाया,
साहस के दम पे सहजता से तुने शत्रू को है झुकाया |
मर मिटते हो तुम अपने वतन के लिए
सलाम आपको आपके गुनून के लिए |
गर्व है हमे विरता पे तुम्हारी
सलामत रहे, आप, यही दुआ है हमारी |

कल्याणी काळे 15/8/25

Previous Meeting Reports

5th August 2025

Today we had a pre-OCV meeting. President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the dias.

AG - Zone 8 Rtn. Ramesh Pallavoor attended as an observer for the preparation and printing of the OCV Book. Collection of data, projects and district projects were discussed by Mr. Ramesh as a representative of DG. He went through the OCV Book prepared meticulously by Rajeev, Parag, Aparna, Neha and Girish. The OCV Book is 192 pages with still more pages to be added. The Trust material was contributed by PP Achyut and Ameya.

Mr. Ramesh said the book is meticulously prepared and leaves no further suggestions.

Kedar announced the further programmes and gave vote of thanks.

Attendance : Rtns. only - 18

12th August 2025

President Girish and Secretary Kedar were on the dias.



Today we had Satyanarayan Puja on the auspicious Shravan Month. Mrs. Sneha and Dishiet Thakkar performed the puja under the guidance of Guruji Kamlesh Swami (our member). The puja was attended and helped by many Rotary Anns.

Later on the hall was cleared or the furniture. The ladies in Mangalagour dresses and 9 yard sarees

prayed and danced to the tune of traditional songs sung by Bharati, Vidya, Aparna and Sunita.

First Lady Vandana and Shubha narrated the significance of the festival. Secretary Kedar played the Dholak adding to the gaiety of songs and dance. President Girish and First Lady's Fugadi was appreciated by all.

Every one appreciated the festival vegetarian food on this occasion. First Lady Vandana distributed the gifts to players and Ranns.

Attendance : Rtn. 32 • Ranns 26 • Guests 12 • Total 70

Thursday, 21st August 2025

Official Club Visit of District Governor Harsh Makol

Rainy season havoc postponed our OCV from 19th August, Tuesday to 21st August, Thursday.

The hall was appropriately decorated for the visit of DG Harsh Makol. He came to the RCT Office at 5.30 pm to have the closed door meeting, discussions and going through the OCV Book and interviewing Innerwheel President, Interact and Rotaract post holders.

The meeting went on well, thanks to Parag, Rajeev and others for prompt files presentation. The fellowship and club assembly was held in the hall. All the members in line welcomed DG Makol. The general meeting went on well.

The hall was decorated with Warli Paintings and Vachak Katta, which DG visited and signed the register. The Rangolis were eye-catching. District dignitaries Mishraji, DS Madhavi Kharote, AG Ramesh graced the meeting.

During the assembly part, the club directors Nitin, Vijay, IPP Manish, Rajeev, Tushar and Ajay Kelkar presented their future projects and programmes. Mandar, the membership director said "we are more interested in good rotarians, rather than more members". Treasurer Aparna presented the budget.



Pranay Kulkarni and Vaidehi Gupte were inducted as members. Rajeev gave the rotary information.

Kalyani spoke about her Sainik Rakhee experiences in Kota. Major Kini and his teammates were the recipient of the Rakhees.

DG said "the club of your seniority and stature should have a Rotary Monument in

the city like they have in Navi Mumbai". DG spoke about his happiness during the closed door meeting with directors. He praised President Girish for his audio-visual presentation for the future years. Secretary Kedar announced the future programmes. PE Kane gave the vote of thanks.

Attendance : Rtns. 38 • Ranns 15 • Others 16 • Total 69



Shadu Ganapati Idol Making Workshop

Rotary Club of Thane and Innerwheel Club, proudly organised an Eco-friendly Shadu Clay Ganapati Idol Making Workshop on 15th August at Sahayog Mandir Hall.



The event received an overwhelming response with 50+ enthusiastic participants ranging from age 5 to 60.

Guided by our talented mentors Bharati Paranjape, Rajlaxmi, Seema Ram, Rhucha Vartak, Tilak, Swapna Pradhan and supported by the entire core team. Each participant received special attention and encouragement.



Newly Elected President of IFRM Priti honoured by First Lady Rhucha and PP Smita

Installation Ceremony of Interact Clubs

Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Saraswati Vidyalaya, Kavesar was held for the year 2025-26.

Song and classical dances were well done.

Total 70 students of 8th std. participated in the event.

Rtn. Vishwanathji and Ann. Medha Tilak along with Neha attended the function.



Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of Saraswati Vidyalaya, Rabodi was held for the year 2025-26.

The guests were welcomed with melodious band and musical National Anthem and Vande Mararam.

Group song by Students was very impressive. About 80 students of 8th std. participated in the event.

President Girish, PE Kane and Ann Medha Tilak attended the function.



Hepatitis B Vaccination Camp

Hepatitis B Vaccination Camp was organised at Shivaji Hospital, Kalwa in 3 phases. In second phase total beneficiaries were 120. Thanks to initiative by Dr. Ulhas Vaidya and arranging for the vaccines and strong support by Dr. Ajit Pradhan and Dr. Vijay Patil.



Mr. Varad Kane was honoured by BOD and President Girish for his success in BBA/ LLB EXAMS



Our esteemed member PP Vilas Bhandarkar was appreciated as "Pride of Maharashtra" for his professional achievements and success in his multiple business ventures.



I (on behalf of our Club) was at BalVikas (where we have an Interact Club) this morning for the Flag hoisting and Independence Day celebration. The function was very well organised and there was an active participation from the students and teachers. Around 60 students participated. Three students who are toppers in the school in the recent 10th Std exam were felicitated on this occasion. Sharing with you some of the pics from the event.

- Girish



District Picnic at Palghar on 23rd August