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August is Membership and New Club Development Month

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not only a celebration of freedom but also a reminder of our duties as citizens. Let us work together to build a stronger, united, and progressive India. With every heartbeat, let us say with pride -

Independence Day is

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE

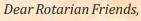
Jai Hind!

"दनिया ने देखा है हमारी ताकत, अब हमें दिखाना है हमारी एकता। जहाँ हर भारतवासी कह सके - ये देश है मेरा, और मुझे इस पर गर्व है।



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From President's Heart



Rotary gives us the privilege to touch lives and build lasting bonds of fellowship. Every project we undertake is not just service—it is a testament to our compassion, our values, and our vision for a brighter tomorrow.

This Independence Day, let us celebrate not only our nation's freedom but also the pursuit of true freedom—freedom from ignorance, disease, and inequality. Through healthcare, education, skill development, and sustainability initiatives, we are working to create a society where every individual can live with dignity and hope.

As Rotarians, our greatest strength lies in unity. Each member contributes a unique talent, a fresh perspective, and a caring heart. Together, these collective efforts transform small steps into extraordinary milestones.

Let us also recognize that fellowship is the soul of Rotary. Beyond projects and numbers, it is the friendships we nurture and the trust we build that sustain our journey. When service is blended with fellowship, the impact is not only deeper but also everlasting.

A few lines to inspire our journey:
Service is the light that clears the way,
Hope is the dawn of a brighter day.
With hands united, hearts open wide,
Rotary walks with the world by its side.

Our vision this year is to set a benchmark of excellence—to reach "Super Se Upar." It is an aspiration to dream big, act boldly, and serve selflessly, ensuring that Rotary continues to be a beacon of hope and change in society.

Let us move forward with passion in our hearts, service in our actions, and unity in our purpose. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Yours in Rotary,
Sanjay Bhalotia
President

RWM on 8th August at HHD







An Inspiring Freindship Day Gathering it was FROM BOARD GAMES TO BASE CAMP DREAMS

The recent Regular Weekly Meeting (RWM) of our club was held at Hotel Hindusthan International (HHI) and witnessed a vibrant participation of around 40 Rotarians and their spouses. The fellowship and energy in the room reflected the true spirit of Rotary. A unique highlight of the evening was an interactive board game session, curated and conducted by Rachita Agarwal from Checkmate. The session was not only engaging but also brought out the values of teamwork, strategy, and camaraderie among members, making it both entertaining and thought-provoking.



We were especially privileged to welcome a distinguished guest from the Rotary Club of Nagore, Rajasthan. An accomplished cyclist, he has already



covered an astonishing 36,000 kilometers on cycle in his journey of spreading awareness and building connections. His mission is nothing short of remarkable – to complete 60,000 kilometers of cycling, culminating in an inspiring expedition to the Base Camp of Mount Everest by 2026. His dedication, endurance, and passion left everyone deeply motivated, reminding us of the limitless power of perseverance and purpose.

The meeting was a fine blend of fellowship, fun, and inspiration, leaving every attendee enriched with new experiences and renewed enthusiasm for Rotary's ideals of service and friendship.

1st Board Meeting







Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar held its first board meeting of the year on 6th August at The Conclave, with active participation from all members. The session included valuable suggestions, meaningful discussions, and a review of July's impactful projects, setting the tone for a year of greater service and fellowship under the leadership of President Sanjay Bhalotia.

Boynala Village Flag Hosting













On 15th August, at our adopted Boynala Village, the national flag was proudly hoisted by our Chief Guest, PRIP Shekhar Mehta, in the presence of enthusiastic members and villagers. The day marked not only the celebration of our nation's pride but also the launch of impactful community initiatives, including the Adult Literacy Programme, where 40 adults have already enrolled, a Mega Annadan benefitting 1,000 people, and the distribution of chocolates, biscuits, and Maggi masala to 500 beneficiaries. Under Project GST, 20 fruit-bearing trees were also planted, symbolizing sustainability and growth. The occasion was graced by the presence of Rtn Pradeep Agarwal, Sharad Agarwal, Mahesh Sonthalia, Manju Bhabhi, Kallol Ghosh, Sanghmitra, Biswajit Malakar, Sanjay Dugar, Shyam Modi, Lalit Agarwal, Yogesh Kanoi, Renu Modi, Mohit Jain, Aparna, and Kavita, whose participation and support made the celebration truly memorable and impact.



Umbrella Distribution at Chaitanya Library





At Chaitanya Library, Sanghamitra and Kallol Da lovingly distributed umbrellas, Bournvita, and biscuits, with umbrellas specially given to the needy for protection from rain and sun. Each set of 10 umbrellas cost Rs-1,000, and this thoughtful act was made possible by the generous contributions of our well-wishers. We extend heartfelt thanks to all who supported this cause, helping bring caomfort and relief to many.

79th Independence Day Celebrations









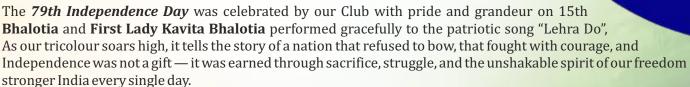












Since 1947, India has risen from the shadows of colonial rule to stand tall among the world's powers — from the Green Revo decades.

His words filled the hall with pride and emotion, perfectly setting the stage for the evening's festivities.

PRIP Shekhar Mehta along with team of our most talented singers, spouse Aparna Biyani, Rtn. Rakesh Singhania, Rtn. D About 90 new and old members, divided into four teams, took very active part in this Competitive programme, by singing all to Our of four teams 1. Maa Tujhe Salaam, 2. Vande Matram, 3. Yeh Mera India and 4. Rang de Basanti, the winner was team lead

"Independence is not just a gift of the past, it is a duty that forever will last; born of sacrifice, guarded with pride, a flame of freedom none can divide.

– Antakshari "Aisa Desh Hai Mera"



August 2025 at Haldiram Banquets. The evening began on a vibrant note as **President Sanjay** setting the perfect tone for the celebrations.

that won the right to shape its own destiny.

fighters. It is our duty to honour that legacy through our actions, our compassion, and our collective will to build a

lution to Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan, from IT leadership to sporting triumphs, while upholding democracy for over seven

r. Uday Gandhi played the role of Hosts Singers, along with eternal scorer Rtn. Naresh Jalan.

the old and new patriotic and emotional songs in their melodious voice, ranging from the era between 1960 and 2020. By **Rtn Babita Todi.** Programme was followed by sumptuous dinner.

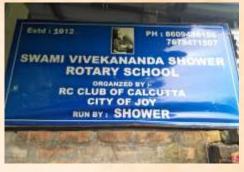
By Anand Surekha

And Rotary stands with service true, uplifting lives in all we do; for every act of care and light, makes freedom's journey ever bright."

Celebration at Swami Vivekananda Shower Rotary School



This school, founded by RC Calcutta City of Joy in collaboration with SHOWER (NGO), continues to flourish under the care of RC Calcutta Mahanagar Club, which has taken it over with renewed dedication. The Club's commitment to nurturing young minds and spreading the light of education remains stronger than ever. On 15th August 2025, the school



celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm—featuring flag hoisting, cultural performances, and heartfelt tributes to the nation. The joyous celebration reflected not only the children's pride but also RC Calcutta Mahanagar's unwavering mission to empower future generations with knowledge, values, and opportunities.

Members Corner



Empowering Dreams Through Compassion

Rotary Club Calcutta Mahanagar recently extended support to Ms. Anuska Bose, a second-year B.Tech student of Electronics and Communication Engineering at Heritage Institute of Technology. Facing financial hardship after the loss of her father and with her mother battling cancer, Anuska reached out for help. With the guidance of our club, and through the heartfelt efforts of Mrs. Sarla Totla, spouse of Rtn. Nisheeth Totla, her college fees of ₹70,000 were arranged by the Innerwheel Club of Mahanagar and other generous sources. Anuska has expressed deep gratitude and reaffirmed her dedication to her studies, a true reflection of how kindness and

service can transform lives.

Connecting the Tried with the New

"Every organization carries the wisdom of its past and the promise of its future. When experience shakes hands with fresh perspective, something powerful is born. In this special feature, we bring together the voices of those who have led before and those just beginning their journey — the past presidents who built the path and the new members who now walk it. Their questions and answers weave together insight, curiosity, and vision, reminding us that true strength lies in connecting the tried with the new."

Q. What was the most unexpected challenge you faced as President?

Rtu. Pranay Agarwal

- A. COVID would be a Challenge during our Year, But it could be so intense we were not aware...
- Q. Which project from your year still makes you proud?
- A. Neena and I were thinking What Project would help in the Tough times of Covid and then we Came up with the Idea of Serving the Basic that is Food to the Poor and that's when we Introduced ANNADAAN MAHADAAN Project where we served Food on the Roads of Kolkata and I am so happy that all the Presidents after me Kept the Project Going.
- Q. Funniest moment you had during your presidency?
- A. The funniest part of being Rotary President is realizing that everyone thinks you have all the answers
- Q. Who inspired you the most during your Rotary journey?
- A. Though Our Mahanagar Family is Filled with Inspiring Leaders and always provided me support whenever and wherever I needed but The Pride of Mahanagar Shekhar Mehta was the Pillar who Inspired me the most.
- Q. One word that describes your presidency year.
- A. ADVENTUROUS is what I would call my Tenure as President as it Excited me to do new Things and enjoyed the Tenure with the Unparalleled Support of all Members and Specially My Trio Team of Neena, Manish Biyani and Shyam Modi.

Rtu. Biswajit Malakar

- Q. Which kind of project excites you most community service, vocational, youth, or international?
- A. I am most excited by community service projects as they allow me to make a direct and meaningful difference in people's lives.
- Q. What is the most surprising thing you've learned about Rotary so far?
- A. One of the surprising thing I have learnt about Rotary is the first global network it has built, uniting people of diverse backgrounds for shared causes.
- Q. What is one hobby or interest you wish more people knew about you?
- A. One interest I wish more people knew about me is my passion for social work which adds depth in my life.
- Q. What is a cause outside of Rotary that you deeply care about?
- A. I deeply care about the outside of Rotary is environmental conservation and sustainability.
- Q. What is one word that describes how you feel about joining Rotary?
- A. 'Inspired'





Mahanagar Shines at the District Award Ceremony 2024-25



On 17th August 2025, Rotary Mahanagar once again made history at the District Award Ceremony held at Dhano Dhanya Auditorium. With a hall full of cheer, pride, and blue spirit, Team Mahanagar stood tall and brought home numerous accolades—each reflecting our passion for Service Above Self.

Under the able leadership of President Rtn. Pramila Dugar (2024-25) and with the blessings and guidance of our dynamic Past Presidents. Every trophy carried with it the dedication of our members, the vision of our leaders, and the selfless service of countless Rotarians who continue to give their time, talent, and resources for the greater good.

- "When we choose the path of service, recognition follows naturally."
- "The true award of Rotary is the smile we bring to someone in pain."
- "This is not just a trophy; it is a symbol of our commitment, unity, and love for society."

Mahanagar has always believed that awards are not just for the mantlepiece—they are milestones that remind us to do more, to serve better, and to keep shining as a beacon of hope.

Together, we celebrate not only the victories but also the spirit of Rotary Mahanagar. May we continue to walk forward, stronger and prouder, making a difference—one project, one life, one smile at a time.

~Sushma Singhania

Major Awards Won by Rotary Mahanagar



- 1st Prize Women Empowerment
- 1st Prize Heart Surgeries
- 1st Prize Blood Donation
- 1st Prize Disaster Response
- 1st Prize Vocation Service / Training
- 1st Prize + Rolling Trophy Support Towards Environment
- 2nd Prize Pediatric Cancer Support, Cataract Surgeries, District Programme Support, Concern for Intellectually Challenged
- 3rd Prize Wellness of Senior Citizens, Eyecare & Avoidable Blindness, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Cervical Cancer Awareness







Projects



Annadan Project

When someone is hungry and lacks access to food, it's a vulnerable state. I feel profoundly grateful to be able to feed the hungry through initiatives like Annadan, where we directly serve those in need. Seeing the smiles on their faces brings me immense joy. In a way, they're blessing us with the opportunity to make a difference, and it is a privilege to serve them

Neelam Singhvi





















The Annadan project was carried out regularly on 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 23rd August, benefitting 250 persons directly with a project cost of ₹5,300 and a daily manpower contribution of 2 hours. Active participation came from members including Manju Agarwal, Neelam Singhvi, Biswajit Malakar, Bhawana Sanjay Giria, Sanjay Bajaj Dokaniya, Swati Amit Agarwal, Manju Madhusudan Choudhary, Neha Alokk Mukim, Sheetal Amit Goyal, Aruna Laxmikant Balasaria, Shalini Bagaria, Jugal Agarwal, Seema Mahesh Sonthalia, Sharad Agarwal, Sunita Mahendar Singhal, Usha Agarwal and family, Kamlesh and Nidhi Agarwal, and Anju and Jitendra Surana, whose dedication ensured the success of this noble initiative.







Adult Literacy









A few Vidya centers at Kheydaha and Boynala were visited today. Despite the rainy day, a total of 80 adult learners were present across three centers. Many of them have already completed the first 30 sessions. The Akshar Sathi was trained on how to collect feedback from learners after these 30 sessions. (Global Grant 2459210 – Adult Literacy Project)

27 adult at Boynala on 20th August

On 22nd August 2025, a literacy class was conducted at Boinala RCC by teacher Himanshu Roy, benefiting 27 students in 2 hours



Dialysis Centre



As on 22nd August 2025, the Mayor's Health Clinic is actively serving patients with 15 dialysis machines provided by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC). These machines are being utilized to ensure timely and affordable treatment for patients requiring dialysis support, reflecting KMC's commitment to expanding healthcare facilities and making advanced medical care accessible to the community.



Project Dignity of Rural Toilet





M.R.Laskar visited Household Toilets at Sundarbans South 24Pgs on 7.8.25, under GG-2573194 for the NGO Aikatan Cultural Welfare Society. Project Cost Rs 112500.



E Learning



On 23rd August 2025, Boynala RCC successfully conducted two computer classes under the guidance of trainer Amaresh Manna, with five enthusiastic learners attending each

session from 2-3 PM and 3-4 PM, respectively.



A total of 300+ household toilets have been allotted in two phases to 7 partners in South and North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Of these, 110 toilets have been completed, and the rest are in progress. The beneficiaries are happy to receive the toilets, constructed with partial contribution from Rotary

Calcutta Mahanagar. The total investment for 300 toilets is approximately USD 52,000. The project commenced in full in July 2025, with a target to reach 650



families. Project staff are meeting with the project beneficiaries in regular interval.



Netralaya

















From 1st to 19th August, under the Rotary Netralaya Project, a total of 7 paid SICS, 70 free SICS, 1 NPCB, 3 Phaco, 2 Pterygium, 1 other surgery, and 25 OPD consultations were conducted, while USG cases were nil. Two outreach camps were organized—on 15th August at Rajabazar, Kolkata, where 65 patients were screened and 9 cataract cases identified, and on 19th August at Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission, where 175 patients were screened with 4 cataract cases identified—furthering the project's commitment to accessible eye care.

Eye camps held on 15th & 19th August 2025 at the Homeopathy Clinic served 44 patients, with 41 provided spectacles (21 male, 20 female) and 3 referred for operations



Blood Line



















Under Project Bloodline, multiple initiatives were carried out in August 2025. A blood grouping camp was held on 15th August at Human Care, 297 A.P.C Road, Kolkata, where 55 individuals underwent blood grouping, 18 donors registered for Virtual Bloodline, and 8 donors registered on Bloodline Plus. Another camp took place on 17th August at Aria Rabindra & Abhilasha Complex, Madarat, Baruipur, with 44 blood groupings conducted, 16 registrations for Virtual Bloodline, and 87 registrations on Bloodline Plus. In addition to these, two blood donations were facilitated—on 18th August at R.G. Kar Medical College Hospital, where donor Niziamuddin Sarder donated one unit of 0+ blood to donee Mayram, and on 21st August at Tata Medical Center, New Town, where donor Rezaul Karim Mollick donated one unit of B+ blood to donee Sujata Bardhan. The forthcoming camp is scheduled at Biplabi Sangha, West Kodalia, New Barrackpur, on 24th August 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

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Healing Little Hearts





Baby Samarjeet Patra, a 1-year-old boy from Nayagram, Jhargram, underwent TOF surgery (Tetralogy of Fallot surgery, a type of open-heart surgery performed to correct a congenital heart defect) at RN Tagore Hospital on 23.05.2024.

As of yesterday, he is completely fit, and I have photographs to share. His father, a cultivator with a monthly income of Rs. 5,000/-, works in Rajasthan as a migrant laborer.

Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar supported the surgery through the 'Healing Little Hearts Project' (Global Grant). The total

cost of the surgery was Rs. 3 lakhs (USD 3,488).



Homeopathy















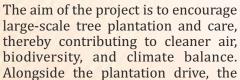
Project Homeopathy services were conducted on 7th, 14th, and 16th August, reaching 32 direct beneficiaries. Each session was supported with manpower engagement of approximately 1.5 to 2 hours.

On 21st August 2025, a Homeopathy Clinic was organized, directly benefiting 12 patients in just 2 hours of dedicated service



GST









project focuses on spreading awareness about the importance of green cover, responsible environmental practices, and long-term ecological well-being. By involving Rotarians, schools, local communities, and stakeholders, the project nurtures not only trees but also a culture of environmental responsibility and collective action for a greener future.

Project Vrishti - Umbrella Distribution



Rotary Club of Mahanagar proudly launches Project Vrishti, an initiative to support the hardworking hawkers of Kolkata.

As part of this project, 50 large umbrellas will be distributed across the city. These umbrellas will provide much-needed protection from the scorching sun and heavy rains, helping hawkers continue their livelihood with comfort and dignity.

Today, we marked the beginning of this initiative by distributing two big umbrellas to a juicewala at Southern Avenue.

Sanjay Bhalotia





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5	4	Srishti Bhalotia	NA	Sanjay Bhalotia	Kavita Bhalotia	Student Pursuing CA
6	5	Saksham Bhalotia	NA	Sanjay Bhalotia	Sanjay Bhalotia	Student Pursuing B.com, CFA
7	6	Aniket Taparia	NA	Vandana Taparia	Sanjay Bhalotia	Student Pursuing CA
8	7	Swastik Ghosh	NA	Sanghamitra Ghosh	Sanghamitra Ghosh	Self Employed Pursuing CFP
9	8	Dhruv Agarwal	NA	Anuradha Agarwal	Anuradha Agarwal	Student
0	9	Anirudha Agrawal	Sonia Agrawal	Sunil Agrawal	Sanjay Bhalotia	Business Man
1	10	Shreya Sonthalia	Shashank Sonthalia	Sandip Jain	Mahesh Santhalia	Business Woman
2	11	Anant Jain	Ananya Jain	Ajay Jain	Shashank Santhalia	Business Man
3	12	Ananya Jain	Anant Jain	Anand Bhuwalka	Shashank Santhalia	Business Woman
4	13	Anmol Sehgal Kamani	Devansh Kamani	-	Shashank Santhalia	Business Woman
5	14	Anant Agarwal	NA	Mr. Agarwal	Sanjay Bhalotia	Business Man
6	15	Vansaj Todi	NA	Babita Todi	Babita Todi	Business Man
7	16	Mehul Saraogi	Umang Kumar Saraogi		Shashank Santhalia	Business Woman
18	17	Shubham Choudhury	NA	Deepak Choudhury	Ritu Choudhury	Advocate

Chai Adda





Glimpses of Chai Adda

A delightful morning of laughter, warmth, and fellowship unfolded at Banana Leaf, Southern Avenue, on 17th August as Mahanagar members came together with boundless enthusiasm. With over 25 members joining in, the adda was brimming with energy, camaraderie, and

joyful conversations—making it a truly memorable gathering! Looking forward to many more such addas together!

Minutes of 1404th Rotary Weekly Meeting held on 8th August 2025, Venue: Hotel Hindustan International, Time: 11:30 AM, Attended by: 26 Rotarians 8 Spouses 1 Rotarian (Other Club Nagore)

Meeting called to order by President Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia.

- National Anthem sung.
- President's Address
- Recap of key projects in recent weeks
- Outline of future projectswere shared
- Shiner awards to Rtn. Mahesh Sonthalia and Neelam Singhvi
- Introduction of Special Guest: Rtn. Pappu Ram Choudhury from Rotary Club of Nagore,
- o He has cycled an extraordinary 36,000 km so far, with a mission to complete 60,000 km and reach Mt. Everest Base Camp by 2026.
- Club business by Secretary Rtn. Pradeep Agrawal
- Fellowship Activity: The gathering engaged in board games session, conducted by Ms. Rachita from Checkmate, adding fun and interaction to the meeting.
- Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Naresh Jalan

Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Events

24th August Anandutsav

24th August Medical camp at Kalyan sanity tally hung

24th August medical camp at Belvedere road

11 annadan will be happened in different locations in the city

Four way test will be done at Boynala village and Star welfare society

Aawrun project:

New cloths will be distributed to the 10000 beneficiaries in.

Finalization of new building

Big umbrella distribution to the hawkers and vendors of the city.

Cleanliness and hygiene awareness programs to the hawkers of the city.

Starting stiching course and marshal art at Boynala village,

100 MHM kit distribution at girls school

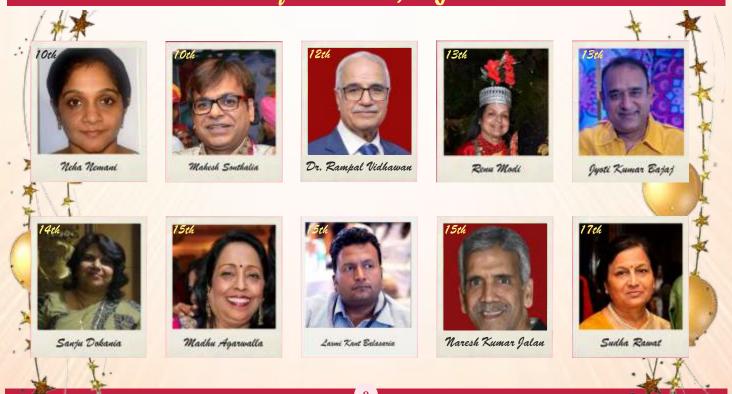
Medical camp at Bhawanipur area

200 umbrella distribution at star welfare society and food from food bank

200 umbrellas distribution at netralaya

Two Thalassemia awareness program will be held

Birthday Wishes - August 2025

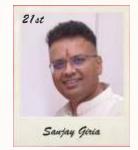


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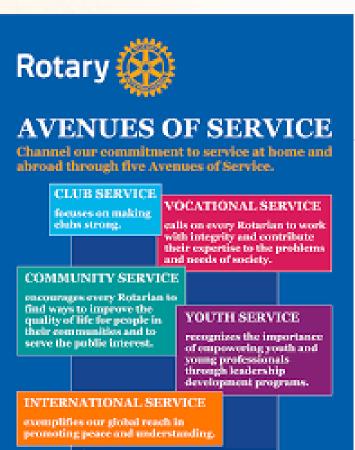


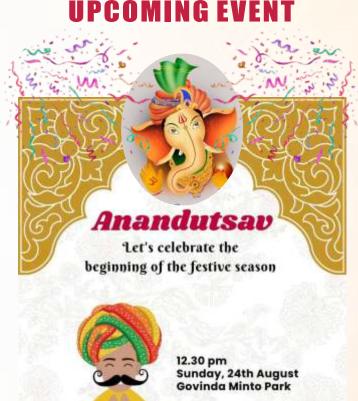












President Sanjay Bhalotia Secretary Pradeep Agrawal

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EDITOR'S VISION

Rotary

Rotary in India today stands at a remarkable juncture—expanding its footprint, embracing innovation, and touching lives in ways that resonate deeply with our motto of Service Above Self. Across the country, we are witnessing an inspiring momentum: new satellite clubs being launched, record participation in community health camps, literacy and skill-building projects reaching the unreached, and Rotary's commitment to sustainability growing stronger with tree plantations and water conservation drives.

Equally heartening is the increasing emphasis on youth engagement through Rotaract and Interact, ensuring that the next generation of leaders inherits not just responsibility, but also the spirit of fellowship. India's strong presence at global Rotary forums is another reminder of how our service initiatives are shaping international goodwill.

As editors, it is our privilege to capture these stories of impact and present them to you—not just as updates, but as reminders that every small act of service contributes to a larger movement of hope and transformation. Rotary in India is not only growing in numbers, but also in purpose, compassion, and vision.



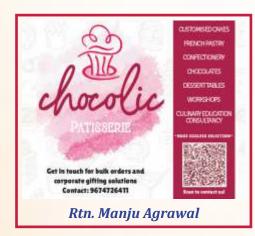


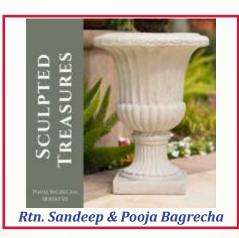






















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