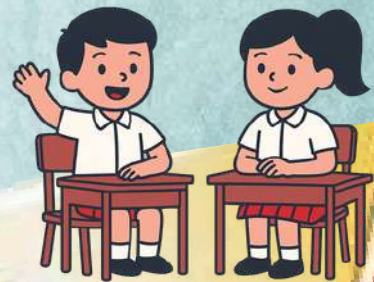




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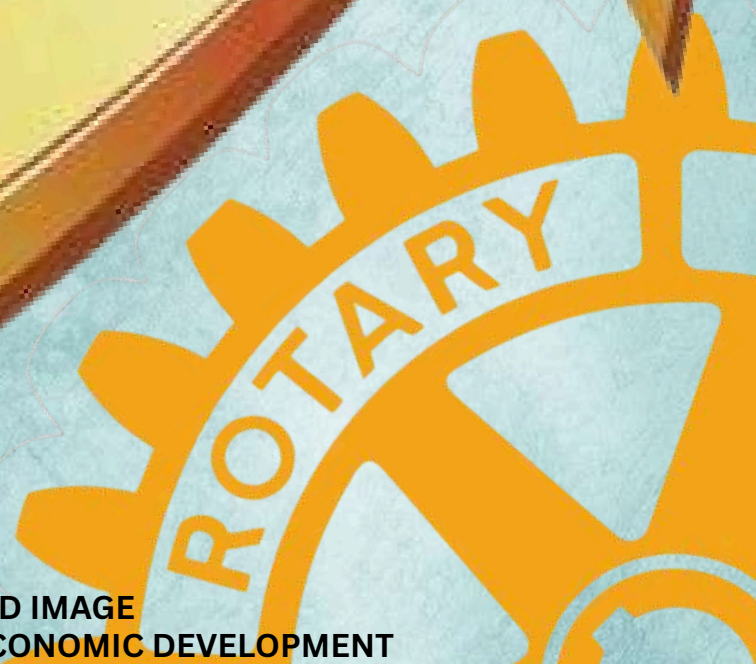
AMBULANCE



TOILET BLOCKS



COMPUTER LAB



AI GENERATED IMAGE
THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

September Numbers

RCBP

Projects :43

Beneficiaries : 3561

Man Hours Spent : 484

Rotarians Involved : 197

Total Cost of Projects : Rs. 11,98,140

Club Meetings : 4

Fireside Meeting: 1

Speaker Meeting : 1

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Note from the editor



Hey RCBP Family!

Hope you all had a joyous Diwali! As the lights fade but the spirit continues to shine, may the season ahead bring abundant health, happiness, and prosperity to everyone. May the coming year bless us with more opportunities and resources to undertake projects that create lasting, positive impact on humankind.

The cover page of this edition beautifully reflects the essence of RCBP — a glimpse into the many meaningful initiatives we've carried out and completed year after year for the betterment of our community. Projects like toilet blocks, ambulance, school desks and bicycles donations and computer labs stand as shining examples of our collective effort and compassion.

The design may look a little playful, but I love how it captures the confluence of a corporate arrow with the spirit of community growth, symbolizing the economic and social development that RCBP has championed over the years. The contributions and dedication of all our President and past Presidents truly shine through these milestones.

We had even planned to feature the commemorative plaques of these projects, but time wasn't quite on our side this time!

On a personal note, I always enjoy meeting our power couples and fashionistas. Every interaction gives me a chance to know them better (and enjoy some delicious food along the way!).

As always, I've poured my heart into curating this edition, and I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed creating it. Thank you all for your constant support and encouragement. It inspires me to explore new ideas, design more creatively, and keep pushing boundaries.

And yes, RCBP truly rocks!

Krutee Ranpara

Inside the mind of **PRESIDENT**



Dear Members,
Namaskar,

Community Economic Development is at the heart of Rotary's mission. It is about empowering people to build sustainable livelihoods, and creating opportunities that uplift entire communities. When individuals gain access to skills, resources, and fair opportunities, they not only improve their own lives but also contribute to the growth and resilience of society.

As Rotarians, we believe service is not just about charity—it is about enabling dignity, self-reliance, and hope. By supporting vocational training and education, we help communities stand stronger together.

As per the Rotary theme for the October Month Community economic development, The Rotary Club of Bombay Powai has upheld its commitment to inclusive empowerment by delivering skill-standardized, hands-on training programs rooted in professional excellence. These initiatives are designed to ensure consistent quality and real-world readiness, specifically supporting women from underprivileged communities, survivors of human trafficking, second generation of community sex workers and individuals from the LGBTQ and transgender communities.

These efforts reflect our belief that true service uplifts, includes, and empowers. We are proud to stand by Rotary's timeless motto Service Above Self, and to live our club's Inspire theme: सब का साथ क्लब का विकास —a call to unity, progress, and shared purpose.

Let us continue to walk this path together, with compassion in our hearts and action in our hands.

With gratitude and pride,

I rest my pen,

Rtn. Anju Ahluwalia

Inspire President

fashionista.

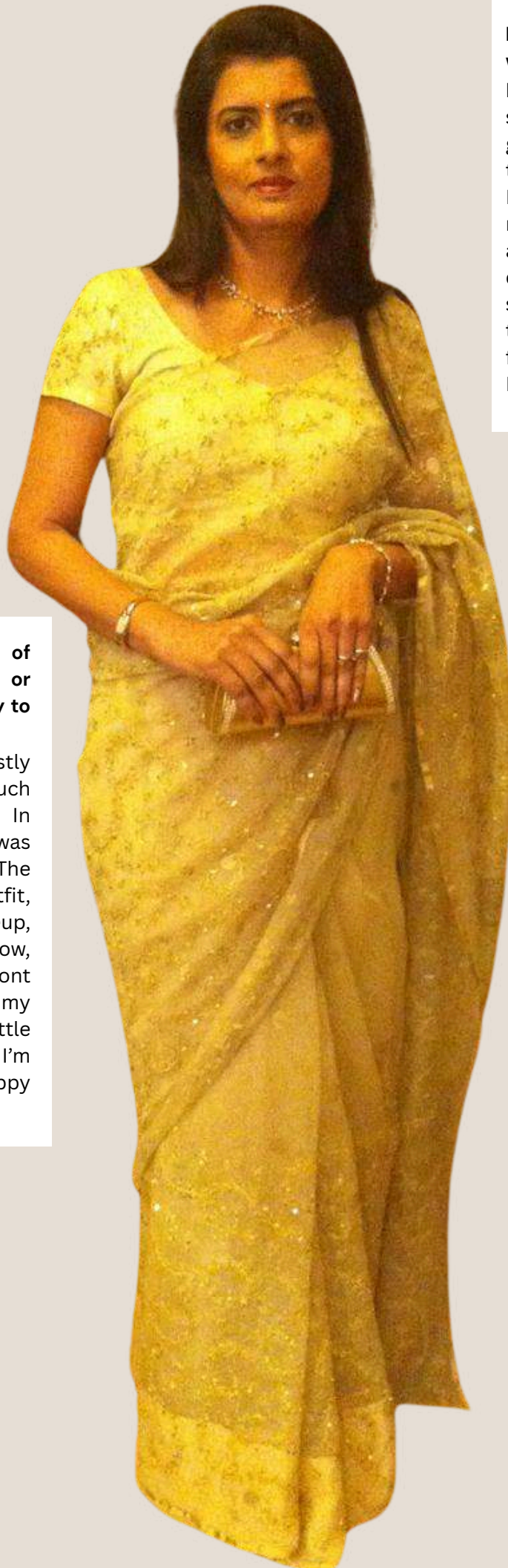
Nalini Raghavan

Nalini's beauty is effortless — she looks just as radiant in casuals as she does in a saree or gown. With her natural grace and easy confidence, she proves that true style lies in simplicity.



What does fashion mean to you?

N: For me, fashion is about being comfortable in your own skin — still looking presentable and beautiful. It's not about trends; it's about feeling good and confident in what you wear.



Do you put in a lot of effort to dress up, or does it come naturally to you?

N: Of late, I've honestly not been putting much effort into anything! In my younger days, I was very particular. The perfect outfit, accessories, makeup, high heels... Now, comfort takes the front seat. I don't care if my shoes are flat or a little worn out — as long as I'm comfortable, I'm happy wearing them.

How have you maintained yourself so well?

N: I owe it completely to my mother's side of the family. Just good slim genes! I'm quite active by nature, though I don't enjoy gymming. Regular walks are my thing. I eat normally, like to have ghee ke parathe and all, no restrictions! I usually skip dinner, just have chai and some snacks after work, which actually turns out to be a sort of intermittent fasting for me. But if I feel like eating, I don't stop myself either.

One moment when you became the center of attention for your dressing?

N: Oh yes, I remember this so vividly! I had just joined as a management trainee. A colleague had booked an appointment for an expensive haircut she'd been dreaming about. I tagged along just to keep her company. On the way back, I spotted a simple black dress at an export surplus shop — it costed just ₹40! I paired it with a nice belt and heels and my colleague and I met the rest of our group for an evening out. Everyone started complimenting me for the sasta LBD and didn't even notice my colleague's hair cut! Having splurged on her haircut, she was furious. That moment has stayed with me ever since!

Are you brand conscious?

N: Not at all. If I like what I wear and it feels good, that's enough for me. Brand or price doesn't matter — comfort and confidence do.



Do you select your outfits based on color or fabric? Do you plan the look with accessories?

N: I shop only when it's necessary. If there's a themed party or a specific occasion, I focus on color. Otherwise, I just go by what feels and looks good when I try it on. Living in Mumbai means dealing with humidity, so breathable, cool fabrics are a must. Earlier I could wear anything; now I gravitate toward easy, airy comfort.

How did you join Rotary?

N: My father-in-law introduced me to Lions - I gave up my membership after moving to Mumbai - couldn't manage the time with young kids. Came into the Rotary fold after Powai Fest and discovered Rotary's role in polio eradication. Relate to the Rotary motto- Rotary opens opportunities.

let's play!!

SUDOKU

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SUDOKU RULES (STANDARD 9X9 GRID):

1. EACH ROW MUST CONTAIN THE NUMBERS 1 TO 9, WITHOUT REPETITION.
2. EACH COLUMN MUST ALSO CONTAIN THE NUMBERS 1 TO 9, WITHOUT REPETITION. THE GRID IS DIVIDED INTO NINE 3×3 BOXES (ALSO CALLED REGIONS, BLOCKS, OR SUBGRIDS).
3. EACH 3×3 BOX MUST ALSO CONTAIN THE NUMBERS 1 TO 9, WITH NO REPEATS

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POLISHED MINDS, PLAYFUL SOULMATES

Married for 35 years, **Meenakshi and Punit Jain** still share the kind of chemistry and nok-jhok that can make newlyweds blush. A “well-educated” clan where IITs, IIMs, and PhDs are the norm, they bring intellect and mischief in equal measure. Forever young at heart — whether it’s travel, new adventures, or grandparenting — here’s our power couple, the Jains!



One strength you give each other

P: She brings energy and connection wherever she goes — she can light up a room and a relationship both.

M: He’s my calm center. Always there, solid and steady, even when I’m all over the place!

Where did you meet? Who fell for whom? How long did the courtship last?

P: Fresh out of IIM Bangalore and barely a month into my first job in Delhi, marriage was the last thing on my mind, though my parents clearly thought otherwise. What began as an unplanned visit soon turned into a life-altering decision. Without prior intimation—her father just arrived, chatted for barely ten minutes, and left. Soon after, my parents announced they were coming to Delhi—to “see a girl.” I wasn’t keen on marriage, nor was I opposed to it; it simply wasn’t on my mind. Yet, when I met her on July 7th, 1989, something clicked. There was no reason to say NO. After two days, I simply said, “Okay, fine.” And just like that—after a 15-minute conversation—we were engaged on July 9th.

I got very impressed by the fact that she had read a book by an author called Ayn Rand. She read Ayn Rand, means she has to be intellectual types. I need not hear “only” domestic stuff once I am back home.

M: I was 21, and my parents were in mission-marriage mode, faster than I could finish my BA! So, I joined a journalism course with a brilliant backup plan: if forced to marry, I’d simply run away to Bombay. But then I met him. He was educated, sensible, not a businessman and suddenly, there was no reason to run anymore!

Our courtship lasted about 7–8 months, made easier (and definitely more exciting) because his office and my college were close by. We met for lunch every day. I’d bring my tiffin, he would have home food and I would have the famous dosas from the local joint. All this was top secret, of course.

My mother would have exploded if she knew I was meeting Punit, so we had to be creative. Once, he was “specially invited” to make me shop for Teej. We bought the first saree we saw and still had loads of time left. They did not know we meet daily, going home early, we would have looked suspicious! So, we bought tickets for Chalbaaz, watched half the movie, and got home right on time. Mission successful!

Who's more romantic? Give an instance.

M: Oh, he is — quietly but completely. Just after we got married, I mentioned once that I wanted to do a pottery course. He actually researched it, found one (35 years ago, mind you!) and enrolled me. That gesture still melts my heart. And I wasn't even a talker before marriage — it's his support and encouragement that gave me the confidence to speak up. He still wakes me up every morning just so I can take my thyroid medicine and makes me tea almost daily.

P: For me, romance is about caring. Not in words, but in actions. We both believe in quiet effort and results, not grand gestures. When I turned 60, she insisted on throwing a big celebration in Delhi, after we'd already done one in Mumbai. I wasn't keen, but she handled everything — venue, guests, food, the works. Watching her do all that just to make me happy — that's romance to me.



One annoying habit of each other

P: She hogs every conversation! Sometimes I open my mouth to speak, but she's already on paragraph three of her story.

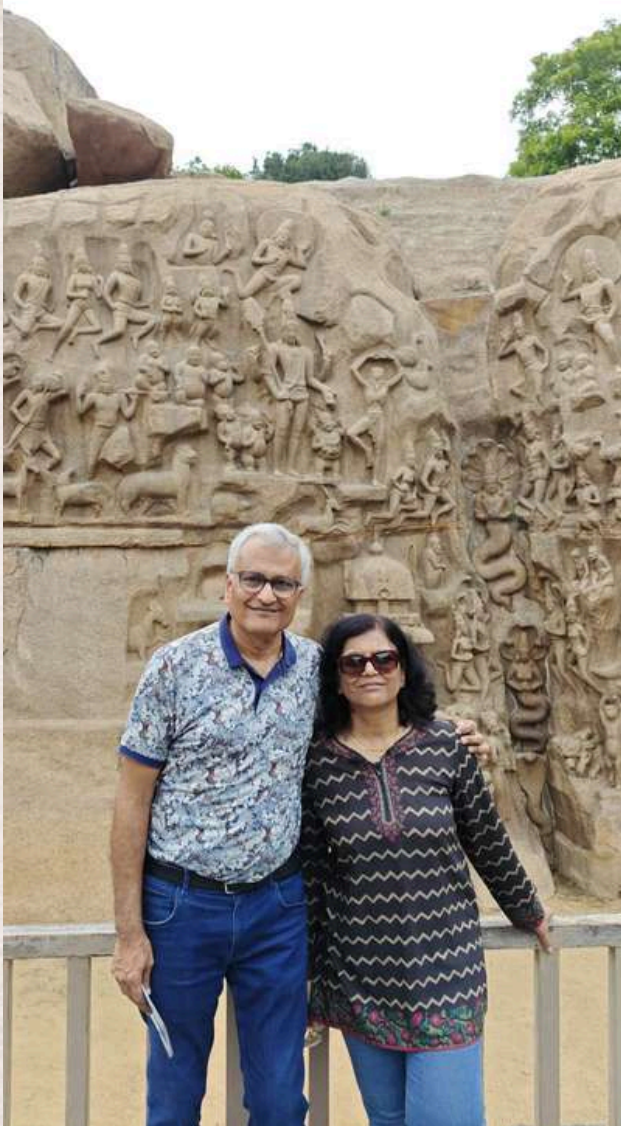
M: He just has to find the root cause of everything — even when there's no need! I keep saying, "First fix the problem, investigate it later!"



How does your ecosystem work? Who takes care of what?

P: We've divided responsibilities quite clearly. I handle things outside the house.

M: (cuts in) Excuse me! I handle everything inside — and a fair bit outside too! Groceries, bills, kids' needs, shopping for social causes — you name it. (Punit is again silent) The only thing he takes complete charge of is travel. He researches everything, books the perfect place, and I don't even ask where we're going. I just check the weather — only to pack accordingly! I actually love it that way — landing in a new place with zero expectations and loving every bit of it.



What is Rotary to you?

P: I joined Rotary because Rtn. Hanuman invited me to. He said it is a good place, and I would enjoy it. I trusted him, having known him for 10 years. I did not think much of it at that time - though I must mention that I was somewhat familiar with Rotary, having been a member in a South Delhi club for a short time during 2008-09, just before I shifted to Mumbai. Now I enjoy it. Meenakshi and I have friends to have fun with, while also serving and contributing meaningfully. But the true highlight has been Suhani Shaam – I always loved singing. Rotary gave me a monthly stage and appreciation. Now I even have a YouTube channel with all my songs, again thanks to Meenakshi—it's pure joy!

M: For me, Rotary filled a big social gap. Since we don't have our close friends and family in Mumbai, I missed that everyday connection. Rotary became that extended family. Here, every small effort is appreciated, our special friends group is so supportive and the positivity is infectious. And the best part – no one forces you to do anything. You do it because you want to.

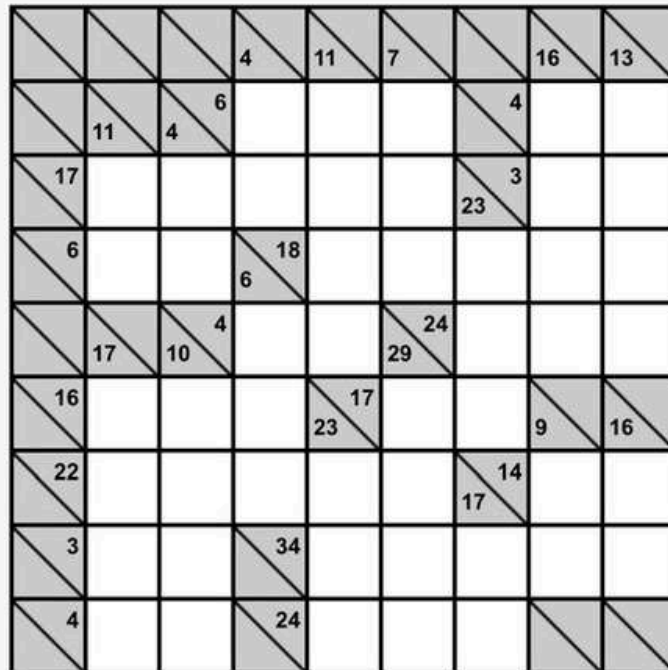
L-R:
Punit, Nupur, Dan,
Baby Kavi, Tanya,
Meenakshi



let's play!!

KAKURO

You are playing 8x8 challenging puzzle 74609



Kakuro Rules

Kakuro or Kakkuro is a kind of logic puzzle that is often referred to as a mathematical transliteration of the crossword. Kakuro puzzles are regularly featured in many math and logic puzzle publications.

Standard play and terminology

The canonical Kakuro puzzle is played in a grid of filled and barred cells, "black" and "white" respectively. Apart from the top row and leftmost column which are entirely black, the grid is divided into "entries" -- lines of white cells -- by the black cells. The black cells contain a diagonal slash from upper-left to lower-right and a number in one or both halves, such that each horizontal entry has a number in the black half-cell to its immediate left and each vertical entry has a number in the black half-cell immediately above it. These numbers, borrowing crossword terminology, are commonly called "clues".

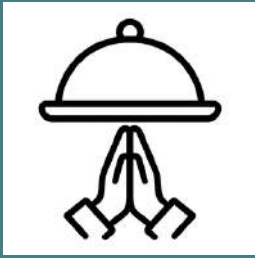
The object of the puzzle is to insert a digit from 1 to 9 inclusive into each white cell such that the sum of the numbers in each entry matches the clue associated with it and that no digit is duplicated in any entry. It is that lack of duplication that makes creating Kakuro puzzles with unique solutions possible, and which means solving a Kakuro puzzle involves investigating combinations more, compared to Sudoku in which the focus is on permutations. There is an unwritten rule for making Kakuro puzzles that each clue must have at least two numbers that add up to it. This is because including one number is mathematically trivial when solving Kakuro puzzles; one can simply disregard the number entirely and subtract it from the clue it indicates.

In discussing Kakuro puzzles and tactics, the typical shorthand for referring to an entry is "(clue, in numerals)-in-(number of cells in entry, spelled out)", such as "16-in-two" and "25-in-five". Rules adapted from content available at Wikipedia. Licensed under the GNU Free Documentation License.

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SEPTEMBER PROJECTS



ANNAPURNA PROJECTS

SEPTEMBER 2025



3. Akshay Chaitanya



4. Akshay Chaitanya



10. Asha NGO



11. Rathod



18. Saidham



17. Ekata



24. Seed



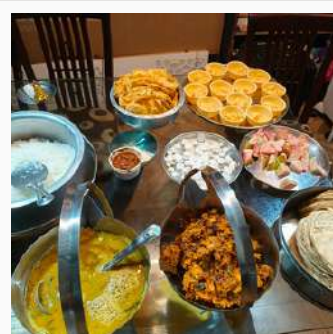
25. Nityanand



26. Saidham



27. Saidham



28. Saidham



29. Saidham



30. Saidham



HEALTH SCREENING

SEPTEMBER 2025



7th Sept Eternia



10th Sept Adonia



13th Sept Golden Oak



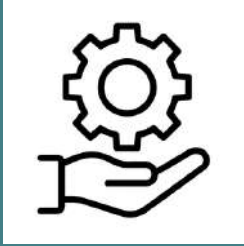
14th Sept Emerald Isle 14th Rajhans Buddhavihar 16th Sept Jalvayu Vihar



19th Sept Jetvan Buddhavihar



28th Sept Ganga CHS



OTHER PROJECTS



11th Sept
Distribution of
Gowns at Old age
home Kandivali



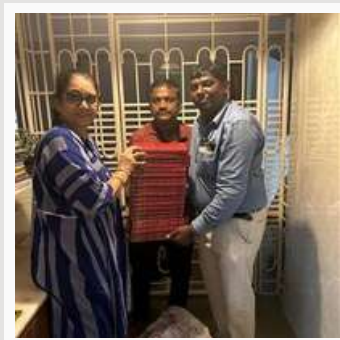
20th Sept
Nutritious Food Kits distribution
for Mother and Child Health
Care



28th Sept
Punjab Disaster Relief Fund
Cheque handed over to DG



29th Sept Ekata
Distribution of Assorted
Items



29th Sept
Distribution of books
under Padho India
Initiative

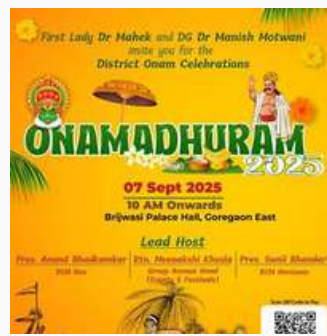


CLUB ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 2025



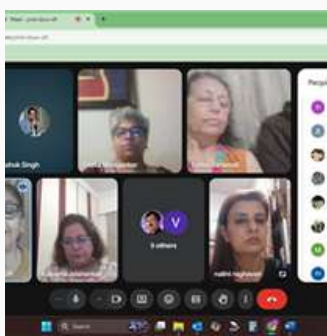
1. Speaker Meeting



7. Onamadhuram



8. Board Meeting



8. Board Meeting



15. Club Meeting



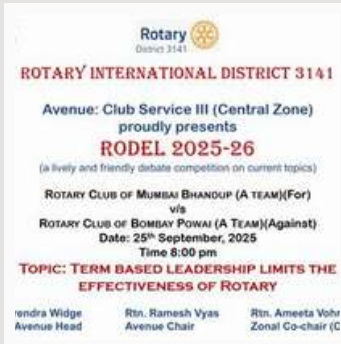
20. Rangilo Raas



22. BOD Meeting



23. Trustee Meet



25.RODEL Debate competition



28. Fireside Meet

KNOWLEDGE QUEST

Knowledge Quest is one of the flagship events of RCBP, this year, it was conducted on a grand scale with enthusiastic participation from Rotary Districts 3141 and 3142. Let's hear from our Youth Director **SMITA MADGAVKAR**, under the leadership of President **ANJU AHLUWALIA**, shares how the event unfolded and what made it truly special.

When did the preparation for Knowledge Quest begin?

The seeds for Knowledge Quest 2025 were sown in January 2025—right in the vibrant year, well before President Anju took over. What began as a concept soon turned into a detailed action plan. Numerous brainstorming sessions, reviews, and fine-tuning of ideas helped shape this event into the large-scale success it became.

Our volunteers from RCBP took charge of connecting with schools. Using the lists provided, they reached out to confirm participation. Since it was the previous academic year, schools could only confirm participation—not share student names yet.



Preliminary round- children discussing



Semi -finalists

Who were the participants, and how were teams formed?

Each team comprised one student each from Standards 7, 8, and 9. To streamline the process, Google Forms were created, which made registration smooth and efficient. Two categories were defined—English Medium and Non-English Medium. Some schools offered both mediums, and in such cases, they submitted two separate forms and presented two teams.

Preliminary Rounds

Group B (Non-English Medium)

- Date: 13th September 2025
- Venue: Hiranandani Foundation School

The written preliminary round saw participation from various schools. Questions were displayed on-screen by the quiz master, and students wrote their answers on paper sheets. Rotarians evaluated the papers on the spot, ensuring a quick and fair process. The semi-final round was also conducted on the same day with shortlisted teams.

Group A (English Medium)

- Date: 14th September 2025
- Venue: Hiranandani Foundation School

With large number of schools participating, two preliminary rounds were conducted to accommodate everyone. Results were evaluated promptly, and the semi-finalists were informed online. 12 schools advanced to the semi-final stage.

Semi-finals & Finals

- Venue: A. M. Naik School
- Date: 21st September 2025

The semi-finals for Group A took place in the morning. Four finalists emerged and competed in the grand finale later in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, the finals of Group B were conducted post-lunch, where the teams competed fiercely, displaying quick thinking and teamwork.

One winning team emerged victorious from each group.

Winners and semi-finalists were felicitated with trophies and gift hampers, celebrating their knowledge, confidence, and team spirit.

How was this year different from previous editions?

This was the first year Knowledge Quest was organized on such a grand scale, with participation from both Districts 3141 and 3142.

Everything was conducted offline, with a written preliminary round that made evaluation faster and more transparent. Each year brings new learning—and this year's experience has set the stage for an even better version next time.



Lighting the diya



Semi-final round



Award ceremony

What would you like to carry forward?

Without doubt—Teamwork! The collective energy, collaboration, and commitment of everyone involved made this event truly remarkable.

Gratitude:

A heartfelt thanks to President Anju who, like a true leader, placed her complete trust in me and gave me a free hand to conceptualise, plan, and execute the entire program. That faith and freedom truly empowered the team to deliver their best. And to an incredible team that made Knowledge Quest 2025 a success story:

- Initial Team: Sudha Ajit, Ruchi, Kiran, Sadhana, Davina, Farida, and Tejal.
- Planning Support: Susan, who spent nearly two hours helping structure the quiz timelines.
- Quiz Team: Pradip for curating the quiz and his dynamic team of quizmasters—Varsha, Kishore, Punit, Davina and Vanamali.
- Scorekeepers: Latha, Dipa, and Davina, with digital scorekeeping by Vivek and Punit.
- Buzzers Team: Jaishankar and Kalpana.
- Timekeepers: Vivek, Meenakshi, Tejal, and Krutee.
- Hospitality: Snacks, lunch, and tea arrangements by Nandy and Tanu, assisted by Dhanu and Korti.
- Design & Creatives: Nalini (digital invites), Mangesh (backdrop and standees), Farida (certificates and medals).
- Coordination & Logistics: Meenakshi for managing updated Excel sheets, emails, and certificates.
- Photography: In-house photographers—Zill, Yogi, and Mangesh.
- Volunteers: Nikhil, Savita, Priyanka, Divyesh, Nita, Ranjana, and Neeraj—for their on-the-spot assistance.

SUDOKU

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WINNER:
KIRAN TALREJA

Opple - Opposite puzzle

ANSWERS:

1. BOY X GIRL
2. YOUNG X OLD
3. UP X DOWN
4. WOMAN X MAN
5. RIGHT X LEFT
6. COME X GO
7. DAY X NIGHT
8. RAINY X SUNNY
9. WINTER X SUMMER
10. CITY X VILLAGE

WINNER:
KIRAN TALREJA



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