

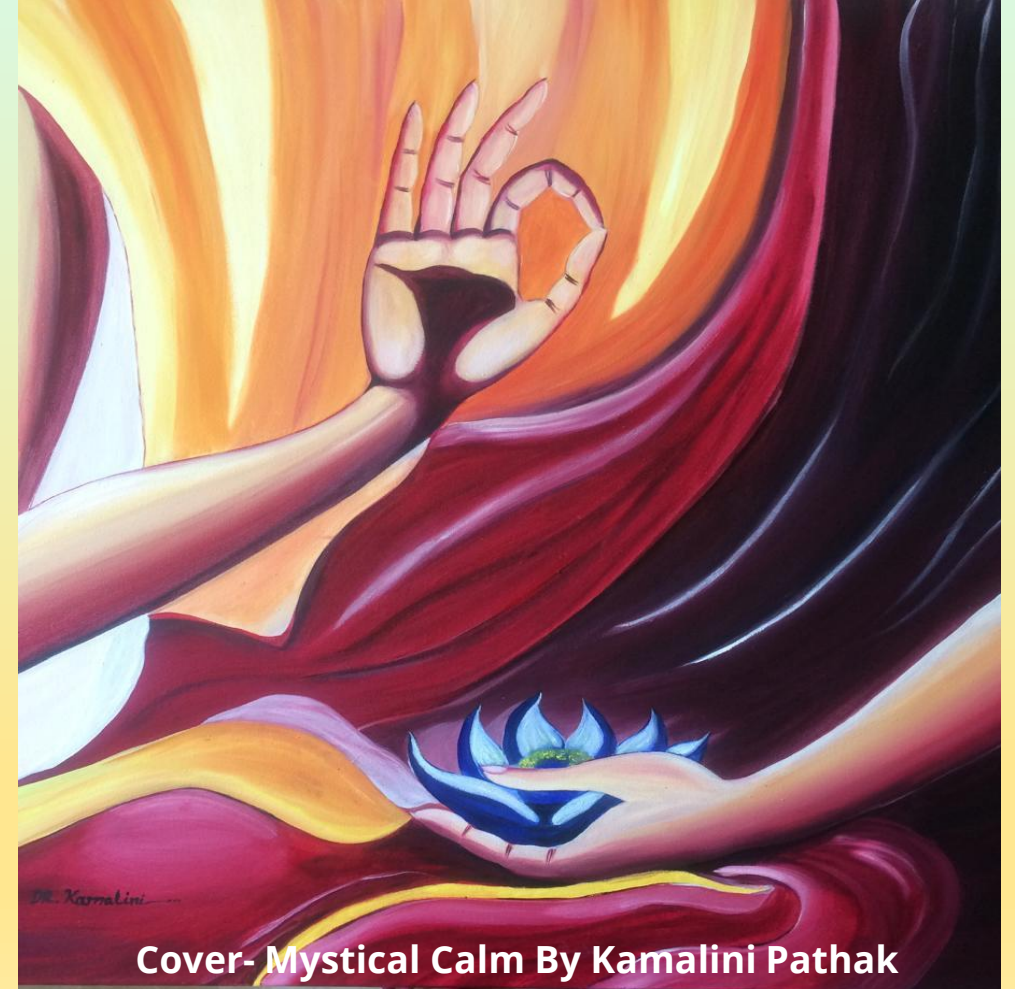


Rotary
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District 3141



POWAI TARANG MAY 2025

*Youth Service Month
Sanskriti Theme - Budh Purnima*



Cover- Mystical Calm By Kamalini Pathak



PRESIDENT *Speaks*



Rtn. Dr. Susan Tripathi
Club President

Dear RCBP Family,

In Rotary, the theme for **May** month is "**Youth Service**", one of the seven areas of focus in Rotary.

Rotary's Youth Services programs empower youth and young adults through leadership development, service projects, and international exchange opportunities. These programs, like Interact and Rotaract, aim to build future leaders and Rotarians while fostering global citizenship and community involvement.

The Theme of **Sanskriti** this month is **Budh Purnima**. Budh Purnima, also known as Vesak or Budh Jayanti, is a major Buddhist holiday commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and death of Gautama Buddha. It's a time for spiritual reflection, celebration, and the practice of Buddhist principles.



PRESIDENT *Speaks*

In April-25, we completed a total of 26 nos. projects, fellowship events, meetings including the Club meet with ACP Pradeep Mirale as an external speaker at Prasad Divine, BoD and Trustee meet.

We completed the inauguration of the Physio, Sensory & Music therapy equipments provided to Vihang Special School at Aurangabad. We completed the inauguration at Z P Takichiwadi School at Murbad and the handing over of Certificates to 50 Young Women who completed their beautician program and 25 transgenders who completed their Jewellery making program. We also completed 8 Annapurna services in April sponsored by our members.

We've successfully done many projects, programs and events with the enthusiastic support of our members and spouses and we've together kept our RCBP flag flying high. My gratitude to all our member families.

I look forward to your involvement, contributions & motivation as always.

Yours In Service,
Rtn. Dr. Susan Tripathi
Club President



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR RID 3141

Dear Vibrant Family,

As the world around us awakens to summer, we in Rotary dedicate the month of May to our youth—the heartbeat of our future. Rotary's Youth Service Month reminds us that the leaders of tomorrow are shaped by the experiences we offer today.

At the outset, our hearts go out to the innocent lives lost in the recent attack on tourists in Pahalgam, Kashmir. On behalf of the Rotary family of District 3141, I extend our deepest prayers and condolences to the victims and their families. Even in times of sorrow, our shared humanity must shine brighter than hate.

Back home, our focus on the young minds of Rotary continues to bear fruit. From energetic Interact and Rotaract events to leadership seminars and skill-building workshops, the month has been buzzing with youthful spirit. A particularly touching moment was the farewell we hosted for our inbound Youth Exchange students. They came as strangers and left as family—each carrying a part of India with them, and leaving behind a part of themselves in our hearts.



Rtn. Chetan Desai
District Governor
RID 3141



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR RID 3141

Their journey was not just about cultural exchange; it was a masterclass in peacebuilding and friendship. While our eyes are on the future, our actions must also support the present. The 2024-25 Annual Fund Challenge, introduced by TRF Trustee Dr. Bharat

Pandya and RRFs of Zones 4 to 7, gives each of us a chance to fuel Rotary's mission. As we celebrate our youth and deepen our impact through TRF, let us remember: Rotary is not just a club for people to join, but a platform for people to grow —and there's no better time to nurture that growth than in the month of May.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Chetan Desai
District Governor
Rotary District 3141 (2024-25)

"Together we can, Together we will."



MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT



May 2025

No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn. — Stephanie Urchick

I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in — it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25



MESSAGE FROM RI PRESIDENT contd/-

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way — challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is The Magic of Rotary, emerging through the actions of youth. These

programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world. But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders — it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

VITOR JOVENTINO
Rotaract Club of Penápolis, Brazil



IN LOVING MEMORY



Rtn. Vijayalaxmi Reddy
18 Mar 1968 – 8 May 2025



Ruchi Agarwal
7 Feb, 1969 – 8 May 2025



Radha Agarwal
5 Aug, 1946 – 8 May 2025

No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye... You were gone before we knew it and only God knows why...
8th May, 2025 was one of the saddest day for us at RCBP... It was most devastating to know the tragic news that our dear friends Vijaya & Ruchi and Radha Aunty have perished in the helicopter crash in Uttarakhand Chardham yatra, near Yamunotri. Two beautiful friends and a caring soul just gone forever... All were so full of life and ever ready to help. It is a great loss for all of us.

RCBP family stands with Rakesh, Shivaank & their entire family and Pooja & Pranay, Dr. Harsh & Rashmi and their extended families always.



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Eulogy to Vijaya Reddy & Ruchi Agarwal (by Rtn. Harish Iyer)

The recent loss of our dearest friends Vijaya & Ruchi has left a void in RCBP that words can scarcely capture - aptly said — our club will never feel the same again. And truly, it won't. Their presence, energy, and spirit defined so many of our memories together.

Ruchi, our ever-smiling green warrior, was deeply committed to nature and the environment. Her love for sustainability wasn't just a cause — it was a way of life. Whether planting trees, promoting eco-awareness, or simply reminding us to tread lightly on this Earth, she made the world a little greener, a little kinder.

Vijaya, having endured the heartbreaking loss of her beloved Subba, showed us what resilience looked like. Through her sorrow, she rediscovered laughter, purpose, and friendship — and her friends in RCBP played a big role in that healing. Her energy at club events, her banter, her zest — they lit up the room. It is cruel that fate should silence that laughter so soon, and in such a tragic way.

Yet, even in grief, there is purpose. And as RCBP, we must rally. We owe it to them to keep their spirits alive. Let us take up an environmental project that Ruchi would have championed — perhaps a tree plantation drive or a sustainability initiative that echoes her beliefs.



IN LOVING MEMORY

And let us remember Vijaya by keeping joy alive in our gatherings — not with tears, but with the laughter, dance, and togetherness she always brought to the floor. This is how we honor them — by continuing the good work, carrying forward their light, and staying true to the bond that Rotary gave us. Love you both ViRu 🌹 🌹

Though Vijaya, Ruchi & Radha Aunty have moved on their onward journey, we will remember them on all occasions and their memories will remain in our minds forever.

With all our prayers & condolences.



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RI SPECIAL OBSERVANCE THEME-Youth Service Month – By Rtn Ashok Singh

Rotary International recognizes Youth Service as one of its five Avenues of Service, highlighting the organization's commitment to empowering the next generation. Rotary and its members contribute significantly to youth development through various programs aimed at fostering leadership, community involvement, international understanding, and personal growth. Here are some key aspects of Rotary's youth services and contributions:

Core Youth Programs:

Interact: These are service clubs for young people aged 12-18, sponsored by local Rotary clubs. Interact clubs undertake community service projects and activities that promote leadership development and global understanding. They organize at least two projects annually, one benefiting their school or community and another fostering international understanding.





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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA): RYLA is a leadership development program for young people (ages can vary but often include those up to 30). These events, ranging from one-day seminars to week-long camps, focus on building communication and problem-solving skills, ethical leadership, and community/global citizenship. Rotary clubs and districts organize and facilitate these events.

RYPEN- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Rypen is a weekend residential experience for youth aged 14-16 years designed

To develop skills that will assist them in the transition to adulthood. Participant are involved in a variety of workshops and activities which provide an opportunity for them to personally develop, gain self-confidence, communication skills, challenge themselves, build friendships & develop life skills. Rypen, titled Eklavya organized by Palghar club since 2019 for around 200 tribal students is one fine example.

MUNA- MODEL United Nations Assembly

Muna is a Rotary district project designed to create an awareness of the role of the United Nations in mediating international issue.

MIPS- Model Indian Parliament session

Mips simulate the working of the Indian Parliament



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Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE): This program provides students aged 15-19 with the opportunity to live and study in another country for a short term (weeks to three months) or a long term (full academic year). Participants experience a new culture, learn a new language, and develop into global citizens. Host families and Rotary clubs provide support during the exchange.

Rotaract: These are clubs for young adults aged 18-30, often university-based or community-based. Rotaract clubs focus on leadership development, professional networking, and service projects, working in partnership with their sponsoring Rotary clubs.





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Broader Contributions and Impact:

Mentorship and Role Modeling: Rotarians often serve as mentors and role models for young people involved in these programs, sharing their professional expertise and life experiences. The slogan "Every Rotarian an Example to Youth," adopted in 1949, underscores this commitment.

Community Service Involvement: Rotary encourages the involvement of youth and young adults in their various community and international service projects, fostering a sense of civic responsibility from a young age.

Financial Support: Rotary clubs and districts often provide financial support for youth programs, including scholarships, exchange program costs, and project funding. The Rotary Foundation also offers grants that can support youth-focused initiatives.

Promoting Peace and Understanding: Many Rotary youth programs, particularly Youth Exchange, are explicitly designed to foster international understanding and contribute to a more peaceful world by building bridges between cultures.

Developing Future Leaders: Rotary's youth programs are crucial in nurturing the leadership potential of young people, equipping them with the skills and values necessary to become future community and global leaders.

Creating a Safe Environment: Rotary emphasizes youth protection and implements guidelines and training to ensure a safe environment for all young participants in Rotary activities.

Collaboration and Networking: These programs provide opportunities for young people to connect with peers locally and internationally, building lasting friendships and networks.



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In Mumbai, like in other parts of the world, local Rotary clubs actively engage in these youth service programs, adapting them to the specific needs and opportunities within their communities. They might sponsor Interact and Rotaract clubs in local schools and universities, organize RYLA events focused on regional challenges, and facilitate youth exchanges with other countries.

By investing in youth, the Rotary community aims to create a positive and lasting impact on individuals and society, embodying their motto of "Service Above Self" and fostering the next generation of engaged and ethical leaders.



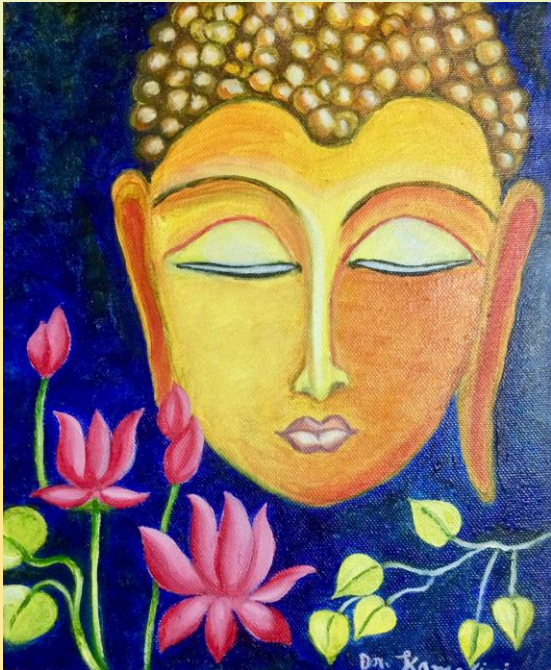


SANSKRITI- Budh Purnima in Pics By Kamalini Pathak

Buddha Purnima: A Celebration of Love of Compassion, is the most important of festivals of the Buddhists all over the world.



Buddhists are reminded of their role and responsibility to live in harmony with people of other faiths and to respect the beliefs of other people as the Buddha had Himself taught.



It is celebrated on the Full Moon Day of May (Vaisakh) and is celebrated as the thrice blessed day as all the important events in the life of Lord Buddha — His birth in Lumbini, His attainment of Enlightenment in Buddhagaya and entering into Mahaparinirvana in Kusinagar took place on this eventful day.





ROTARY FAMILY- Unleashing Hidden Talent - By Devank Garg

Unleashing Hidden Talent

Sometime earlier, Indian classical music was discarded for western music which is a bit of irony as we were ruled by western country people (Britishers) for almost 3 decades! Still we were following their music and culture but now many people have realized the importance of our traditional music, maybe not completely because even though Indian Classical music is booming, still all the songs, all the beats and rhythm is mashed with the western music.

There are very few people who play or listen traditional raagas and traditional instrumentals. Whenever, someone hears tabla player he thinks of tabla in accompaniment of a western song not with Indian raagas or other instruments like Sitar, Sarangi, harmonium or even another tabla etc.



Devank Garg
Son of Rishabh & Nidhi Garg





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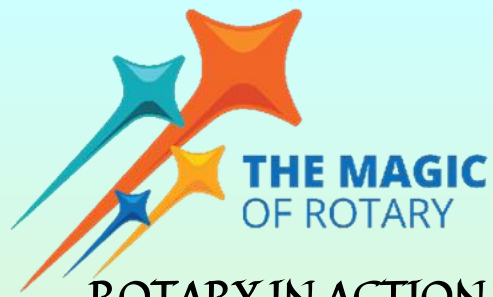
My parents always believed that we should be connected to our cultural roots. Our language, our music, our traditions and our culture is the part of us. It is this that makes us whole. I am not degrading western music, I am just uplifting Indian Classical Music in the minds of my fellow Indians. Earlier, before tabla I learned traditional vocal music for 7 years.

After that I started tabla, because whenever I used to hear it, it sounded exciting and fascinating that how the Tabla artists are able to play it so fast. I have been learning tabla from past 4 years but then I have participated in CTSS (Cultural Talent Search Scholarship) which is Scholarship exam for young aspiring musicians and creative writer) conducted by Centre for Cultural Resource Training (CCRT) an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Culture of India.

From that, I have won that scholarship for tabla from Uttar Pradesh. I just love to play tabla (even though sometimes I get lazy for practicing it). And I am proud to learn the traditional art of playing Tabla from my guruji.

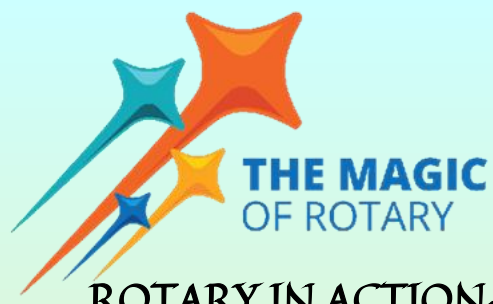


Devank with his sister Aarna



Nine Annapoorna services were held during the month of April - 22 at Asha NGO and one each at SEED Foundation, Sneha Sadan, and Ekta Mahila Samiti, benefitting 450 children and at Little Sisters of the Poor, Rathod Home, Saidham Home and Nityanand Home benefitting 150 seniors.





ROTARY IN ACTION- Free Financial Literacy Camp

RCBP organized a Free Financial Literacy camp led by Rtn. Punit Jain, ably supported by Rtn. Jyoti Shiralee and Meenakshi Jain, along with Rotary District 3141 and implementation team of Suryoday. This camp was done in Palatial Heights, Chandivali-Powai on 4th April, 2025. The total participants were 62. Suryoday team explains various Govt. schemes, on why and how to save, banks and different bank products, insurance and pension schemes etc. For every product they give information about it's benefits as well to the beneficiaries. We thank Punit, Jyoti and Meenakshi for organizing this very helpful camp and PE Anju for visiting the camp.





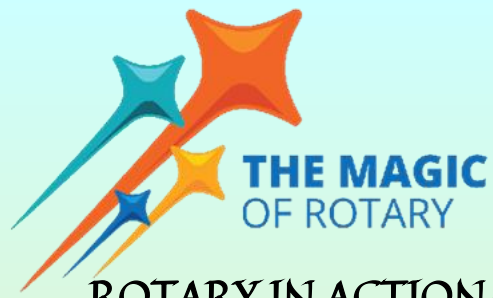
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ROTARY IN ACTION- Therapy Rooms At Vihang Special School, Aurangabad

RCBP has been instrumental in setting up Physiotherapy Room, Sensory Therapy Room, Music Therapy room and a Gymnasium for the Divyang kids of Vihang Special School run by Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal. The inauguration was held on April 7th. The innovative rehabilitation equipments provided in all the therapy rooms will help these Special children to become confident and learn in a fun exploratory way. It has been a grand collaborative initiative of Vihang, RCB Powai, CaratLane, Parents and society to increase positive acceptance of the kids.





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ROTARY IN ACTION- Computer Lab at Z P Takichiwadi school Murbad

RCBP members joined the inauguration ceremony at ZP Takichiwadi school, Murbad on, Tuesday, 15th Apr, 25 at 10.30 am. We have provided 9 computers and 9 tables with the CSR support (Rs.4.40 Lakhs) of SmartTrade Fintech Securities Ltd. The schools 150 students will now get to use these 15 PCs most effectively to learn Computer subject as part of their regular curriculum. Our Rtn. Vijay Singhania, Chairman & Promoter of STFSL was the Chief Guest of this ceremony. Smt. Shobha Singhania and Rtn. Cmdr. S C Korti also joined us in this inauguration. It was great to meet the students of the school and interact with them. It was good to see the Computer lab, now fully equipped with 15 computers and the students were very eager to start using the PCs under the supervision of thier Computer faculty. Many young minds would be using this facility for years to come and keep themselves updated and in sync with the current digital times.



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ROTARY IN ACTION- Providing Daily Requirements to Transgenders

This was a community development program held on April 16th for providing the transgenders few items as per their needs. Rtn. Hanuman & Dr. Susan Tripathi purchased a Music system for them worth Rs. 15000/ and 6 Neelkamal Chairs. Rtn. Archana Bagaria had donated new Sarees with Jewellery to 16 Transgenders and snacks boxes to everyone. Rtn. Dr. Kamalini led this Project had managed everything and coordinated with everyone to complete the project. She also donated a new carpet, transport charges and gave cash to them. This project was also supported by Rtn. Ameeta Vohra and Smita Bhide, who donated a carpet each. We thank Ganesh Gandhi for getting all the items collected and for his help in this project. It was overall a very satisfactory project and we could see the transgenders feel very happy that we spent some time with them.





ROTARY IN ACTION- Renovation Of Toilet Block at Geeta Nagar Slum Colaba

On April 17th we held inauguration of 12 toilet blocks at Geeta Nagar Slum Colaba. Rtn. Dr. Kamalini has supervised the whole project right from appointing contractor and material supply etc. it has been funded by Rotary club of Bombay harbour. Dr. Kamalini Pathak for leading this project from start to end and also coordinating for the inauguration with RC Harbour. RCBP was represented by PE Anju Ahluwalia, Rtn. Archana Bagaria ji who joined IPP Rtn. Dr. Kamalini Pathak. President Susan also attended the session but had to leave early due to ill health. It was inaugurated by PDG Rtn. Sunil Mehra.

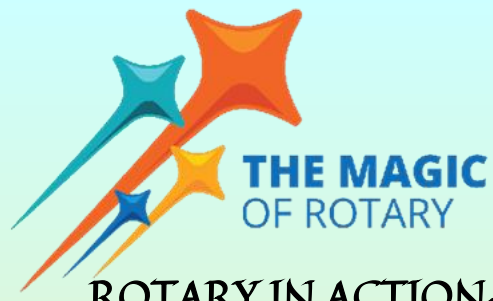




ROTARY IN ACTION- Renovation Of Toilet Block Hari Om Nagar, Powai

Inauguration was held on April 26th of 2 toilet blocks renovated (total of 24 toilets), one for Females and the other for Males of 12 toilets each. DGN Rtn. Rajan Dua joined us as the Chief Guest of this inauguration function. IPP Rtn. Dr. Kamalini Pathak has managed the implementation end to end as the Project Director. There were 7 members who joined from RCB Harbour, including Rtn. Jaipal Shah, Pres. Pawan Mehr & club members and RCB Powai was represented by Rtn. Hanuman, Rtn. Cmde. Bijenderji, Rtn. Latha, Rtn. Amit, Rtn. Dilip ji, Rtn. Archana, Rtn. Rajkumar ji, Rtn. Cmdr. Korti ji & Danu, Rtn, Dr. Kamalini and President Susan.





ROTARY IN ACTION- Bicycle Distribution At ZP School, Palghar

Thankful to Rtn. Smita Madgavkar for leading this project end to end. Her society, Paradise CHS, had unused bicycles to donate. We reached out to other societies, and West End CHS also joined. Smita arranged a vendor to refurbish the cycles. We partnered with Shikhar Foundation, who shortlisted 47 students from 5 ZP schools based on school performance and distance from home. On April 23rd, IPP Dr. Kamalini Pathak, PN Nikhil Madgavkar, Smita, and President Susan left Powai at 8 AM with the Shikhar team and reached Govt. Ashram School, Nanivali by 11:30 AM for the distribution. The students were thrilled, and their joy was evident as they rode their cycles home. I thank Dr. Kamalini, Nikhil, Smita, and team Shikhar—Mentor Chanda Kathuria, Trustee Chetan, and Secretary Suresh—for their support. Special thanks to Chanda for her warm hospitality, packed breakfast, and for arranging a lovely lunch hosted by a village family. A fulfilling and heartwarming day for all





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