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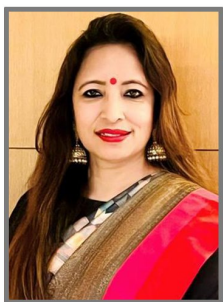
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President writes....



The Magic Of Rotary : *A Year Of Service About Self*

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As I pen down this message, I do so with immense pride, gratitude, and a renewed sense of purpose. The journey of this Rotary year has been nothing short of extraordinary, and the spirit of camaraderie that binds us together continues to be our greatest strength.

This past month, we witnessed one of the most defining moments of our Rotary calendar – the Official Club Visit (OCV). It was more than a protocol; it was a celebration of who we are and what we stand for. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every

member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast for making the OCV an overwhelming success. Your dedication, meticulous planning, seamless coordination, and the warmth with which we hosted the dignitaries reflected the true spirit of Rotary.

From impactful presentations to meaningful interactions, from showcasing our community service projects to engaging with grace and confidence – we left an indelible mark. Let us take pride in knowing that our club was recognized not only for its projects but also for its passion and people.

As we look ahead, let us remind ourselves that Rotary is not just a club we belong to—it's a way of life. A way that encourages us to think beyond ourselves, to serve beyond limits, and to lead by example. Each of us is a leader in our own right—carrying forward the torch of service, compassion, and transformation.

Let this month be a call to action:

- Let us reach out to someone in need.
- Let us involve a young mind in our mission.

• Let us revisit our goals and stretch them just a little more.

• Let us continue building a club that empowers not only through service, but also through inspiration.

Together, we are not just shaping projects—we are shaping futures.

Thank you once again for your trust, commitment, and heart. Let us continue to uphold the values of “Service Above Self” and bring smiles, support, and solutions wherever we go.

With Rotary pride and warm regards,

Dr. Seemaa Negi

President, Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast

The Editor's Desk



**Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors,
Greetings!**

As we approach the end of another Rotary year, let us reflect with pride on our collective achievements and the lives we've touched through service. June is not only a time to celebrate our milestones but also to renew our commitment to the values that define Rotary.

In the words of our founder, “Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.” – Paul Harris.

Let this be our reminder that every act of service, no matter how small, carries the power to inspire change and strengthen communities. Together, we are more than a club—we are a family with purpose, passion, and perseverance.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and the difference you make every day.

Yours in Rotary,

Machindra Borhade
CNN Editor

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CNN Co-editor

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The Month That Was

7th April 2025: CPR Workshop at Saraf College, Malad

On the occasion of World Health Day, our club organized a CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Workshop for college students at Ghan-shyamdas Saraf College, Malad.

A skilled team of doctors from Wockhardt Hospital, Mira Road, led the session, demonstrating the complete CPR process, proper techniques, and highlighting its life-saving importance. A live demonstration was conducted, followed by a hands-on training session, where nearly 50 students had the opportunity to practice CPR techniques under expert supervision.

The event was co-hosted by the Rotaract Club of Ghanshyamdas Saraf College, making it a collaborative effort toward youth empowerment and health awareness.

Special thanks to Rtn. Ganesh Kadam, who served as the Project Chair, for his dedicated efforts in coordinating this impactful workshop.



A team of doctors shares insights with students



Rtn. Ganesh Kadam felicitates the doctors for their contributions

7th April 2025: PRE-OCV and Club Assembly at Trento, Goregaon

The PRE-OCV and Club Assembly of the Rotary Club was held on 7th April 2025 at Trento, Goregaon. President Dr. Seema Negi called the meeting to order and warmly welcomed all guests and club members.

Rtn. Anamika Gursahani introduced the guest of the evening. Project presentations were made by Rtn. Rajesh Kushte, Rtn. Saurabh Patel, Dr. Neelam Navagare, Rtn. Meghna Kushte, Rtn. Ganesh Kadam, and Rtn. Dharmendra Arya—each showcasing the impactful work carried out by the club throughout the year.

President Dr. Seema Negi then presented a comprehensive review of a vibrant Rotary year and outlined the roadmap for the journey ahead.

Assistant Governor (AG) Bhavna Bhadreswara addressed the club, offering valuable insights and encouragement. She also felicitated senior club members in recognition of their dedicated service.

A heartfelt thanks was extended to Hon. Secretary Rtn. Saurabh Patel and Club Treasurer Rtn. Vishal Mundra for maintaining meticulous and up-to-date records.

Special appreciation to PDG Rtn. Dr. Bal Inamdar and Rtn. Dr. Nilima Inamdar for gracing the event with their esteemed presence.

The meeting concluded with a warm vote of thanks delivered by Rtn. Anjali Karandikar.

Glimpses of the PRE-OCV



Rtn. Ganesh Kadam felicitates the doctors for their contributions



AG Bhavna Bhadreswara addressing club members with insightful guidance and heartfelt encouragement



A moment of honour. Felicitation of AG Bhavna Bhadreswara by club stalwarts

10th April 2025: Anemia Mukt Abhiyaan at Aadhaar Trust

On 10th April 2025, a successful Anemia Testing Camp was organized at Aadhaar Trust under the Anemia Mukt Abhiyaan initiative. A total of 121 individuals benefited from this health drive, which aimed at creating awareness and early detection of anemia.

The hemoglobin testing was carried out under the expert guidance of Advisor PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar. Among the participants, 25 individuals were identified with low hemoglobin levels. To address this, they were provided with essential iron supplements along with proper dietary guidance and counseling to help improve their health.

We express our sincere gratitude to President Dr. Seema Negi, Saurabh Patel, Vishal Mundra, and Dr. Neelam Navagare for their valuable support in making this project a success. Special thanks to Bal Sir and Dr. Nilima for their expert guidance throughout the camp.

We also acknowledge the presence and support of Rtn. Vishnu Bhat, Rtn. Dhansukh Panchal, and Rtn. Kalpana Panchal. The project was ably led by Rtn. Rashmi P. Mahajan as the Project Chair.

Together, we continue to work towards a healthier, anemia-free community.



Dedicated team of doctors at work during the Anemia Testing Camp

10th April: Anemia Mukt Abhiyan at Silvassa

On 10th April 2025, our club successfully organized three Anemia Mukt Abhiyan health camps—two in Silvassa and one in Udvada. These camps were conducted in alignment with the Government of India's Anemia Mukt Bharat Abhiyan initiative.

The program was expertly guided by Dr. Nilima Inamdar, with valuable assistance from Dr. Neelam Navgare and Dr. Vijaysinh Parmar (Past President, Rotary Club of Silvassa).

At all locations, hemoglobin (Hb) testing was conducted, and free Iron and Albendazole tablets were distributed to those in need.

Rtn. Dhansukh Panchal, Rtn. Rajendrasinh Chauhan, and Rashmi Mahajan served diligently as Project Chairs, ensuring smooth and impactful execution of the initiative.



PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar visits the Anaemia Camp, witnessing dedicated doctors in action



Dr. Nilima Inamdar and Project Chair Dhansukh Panchal at the Anaemia Camp, Silvassa

14th April 2025: OCV at Lemon Tree Hotel, Malad West

Spotlight on Service

A Memorable OCV Evening with DG Chetan Desai

A Night of Recognition, Reflection & Renewed Commitment

The Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast proudly hosted its Official Club Visit (OCV) and Club Assembly on the 14th of April at the elegant Lemon Tree Hotel, Malad. The evening was graced by the presence of District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai, Assistant Governor Rtn. Bhavna Bhadreshwara, senior Rotarians, enthusiastic Rotaractors, and partners in service.

The event was a celebration of the club's relentless spirit of service, strategic leadership, and community impact – anchored by the dynamic vision of President Dr. Seemaa Negi.

Closed-Door Meeting: Quiet Conversations, Loud Impact

The evening commenced with a high-impact closed-door meeting between DG Chetan Desai and the club's leadership team. This private assembly set the stage for open, honest, and forward-looking discussions. The District Governor was deeply impressed by the transparency, strategic clarity, and innovative mindset demonstrated by the board members.

In particular, the Rotaract Clubs affiliated with RC Mumbai West Coast left an indelible mark. Each Rotaractor presented their projects with passion and poise, showcasing remarkable work in areas such as youth education, community development, and creative outreach.

DG Chetan Desai remarked:

"The Rotaractors of this club are future-ready change-makers. Their confidence, articulation, and sense of purpose filled me with immense pride. They are not just supporting Rotary – they are redefining its future."

DG's Heartfelt Appreciation: A Moment to Remember
In his address, District Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai lauded the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast as a powerhouse of purpose and compassion. He was effusive in his praise, applauding the club for:

- Executing innovative projects with measurable impact
- Empowering youth through mentorship and active engagement
- Fostering a culture of excellence, inclusivity, and dignity in service

He extended special commendation to President Dr. Seemaa Negi, calling her a "vibrant, visionary, and magnetic leader" whose energy and empathy uplift everyone around her. DG Desai also appreciated the entire board of directors and project teams for setting an exemplary standard of what true Rotary spirit looks like.

Presentation of the Vibrant Year

A riveting presentation followed, featuring key projects of the Rotary year, delivered by:

- Rtn. Rajesh Kushte
- Rtn. Saurabh Patel
- Rtn. Machindra Borhade
- Rtn. Dr. Nihar Thakkar
- Rtn. Meghana Kushte
- Rtn. Nagraj Shetty

The highlights included:

- Project Swaroop – Hair donation for cancer patients
- Sustainable Environment Drives
- Women Empowerment Initiatives
- Senior Citizens Engagement Programs
- Youth and Child Education Campaigns

Each project told a story – of hope, innovation, and the club's unwavering commitment to building a better world.

Felicitations, Reflections & Fellowship

The evening progressed with the warm introduction of AG Bhavna Bhadreshwara by Rtn. Dharmendra Arya, followed by DG Desai's inspirational "Pearls of Wisdom." A flurry of heartfelt felicitations followed – honoring district officials, appreciating the DG, and recognizing the oldest member who donated hair for Project Swaroop.

The Vote of Thanks was eloquently delivered by Rtn. Mithoon Gada, expressing deep gratitude to every hand and heart that made the evening unforgettable.

The night concluded with dinner and fellowship, as members celebrated their journey with renewed energy and joy.

A Legacy in Motion

This OCV wasn't just an official meet – it was a celebration of everything Rotary stands for. As DG Chetan Desai rightly said:

"Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast is a lighthouse in our district – lighting up lives, inspiring generations, and leading by example."

With a visionary President, a passionate team, and a rising wave of Rotaractors, the club is not only moving the district forward – it is reimagining the very future of Rotary.



President Dr. Seemaa Negi extends a warm welcome to dignitaries and club members, setting the tone for a memorable gathering



An inspiring address by DG Rtn. Chetan Desai during the Official Visit to our club – a moment of motivation, unity, and shared purpose



AG Rtn. Bhavna Bhadreswara addresses the club with insightful words and inspiring guidance during the OCV



A moment of honour and camaraderie as PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar felicitates DG Rtn. Chetan Desai during the Official Club Visit



16th April 2025 | Health Check-up Camp at Vidarbha Vidya Mandir, Kurar Village, Malad (E)

The Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast successfully conducted a Dental and General Health Check-up Camp at Vidarbha Vidya Mandir, Kurar Village, Malad (E) on 16th April 2025. The camp benefitted 320 students from Grades 3 to 9. As a token of care and encouragement, our club also distributed gift items and stationery to all participating students.

A heartfelt thank you to President Dr. Seemaa Negi, Medical Director Dr. Nihar Thakkar, and all BOD members for their unwavering support and dedication.

Special thanks to our team of doctors for their valuable service:

Dr. Neelima Inamdar

Dr. Neelam Navagare

Dr. Nihar Thakkar
Dr. Rupali Thakkar
Dr. Anamika Gursahani
Dr. Rajesh Murudkar
Dr. Shaikh

Dr. Tushar Vichare and his dental team

We also extend our gratitude to Rtn. Anjali Karandikar, Rtn. Vishnu Bhat, and Rtn. Ajay Balan for their continued support.

A special note of appreciation to Project Chair Rtn Jyotsna Gaikwad and Medical Director Rtn. Dr. Nihar Thakkar for the smooth planning and execution of this impactful project.

Our dedicated doctors in action, caring for young lives during the Health Check-up Camp by Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast



Dr. Neelima Inamdar felicitates the Medical Officer



Promoting wellness together – Dr. Nilima Inamdar with students and club members at the health check-up camp

April 23, 2025: Handover Ceremony of Fully Automated Biochemistry Analyser at Topiwala National Medical College & BYL Nair Hospital

On April 23, 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast proudly handed over a Fully Automated Biochemistry Analyser to Topiwala National Medical College and BYL Nair Hospital as part of a CSR initiative by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Dr. Shailesh Mohite, Dean of the hospital; Mr. Sanjib Ranjan, Senior Manager, IOCL; Dr. Bina Dias, HOD; our esteemed Chief Advisor Rtn. Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar; and several dedicated Rotarians.

This project came to fruition through the exceptional efforts of Rtn. Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar, Dr. Neelam Navagare, and Rtn. Abdul Baig. Special thanks are also extended to Rtn. Renu Bhat, Rtn. Ajay Naik, Rtn. Jyotsna Gaikwad, Rtn. Sunita Shetty, and all club members for their unwavering support. The project was ably led by Project Chair Rtn. Anjali Karandikar.



At the heart of service – PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar addressing the gathering at the Biochemistry Analyser handover ceremony



A proud moment – PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar with Project Chair Rtn. Anjali Karandikar and team at the handover event



Nair Hospital medical staff attending the ceremony

May 3, 2025: Launch of Endoscopic Unit at Cooper Municipal Hospital and Medical College

A landmark achievement in public healthcare was celebrated on May 3, 2025, with the inauguration of a state-of-the-art Endoscopic Unit at Cooper Municipal Hospital and Medical College.

This transformative project was made possible through a remarkable collaboration: the Endoscopy Room was generously donated by the Lions Club, while the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast contributed advanced diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy instruments. For the first time, Cooper Hospital is now equipped to perform endoscopic surgeries – a major leap forward in patient care, particularly for the underserved communities it serves.

With endoscopic procedures often being prohibitively expensive, the establishment of this fully functional unit ensures access to advanced surgical care at minimal or no cost for patients in need.

Valued at Rs. 3 Crore, this CSR initiative stands as a shining example of collective impact, made possible by the partnership between the Municipal Corporation of Mumbai, Rotary, Lions, and a leading corporate CSR sponsor.

This milestone adds another feather in the cap of the Rotary Club of Mumbai West Coast under the leadership of President Rtn. Seema and the dedicated CSR team. Special thanks to Dr. Bal Inamdar for his invaluable guidance throughout the project.

Gratitude is also extended to Project Chair Satish Thakur, Dr. Neelam Navagare, Dr. Nihar Thakker, and the entire CSR team for their outstanding efforts.



Inauguration of the Endoscopic Unit by PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar, Dr. Neelam Navagare, and Cooper Hospital leaders – a leap forward in patient care

Inspire Year DOP – 10th & 11th May 2025 | Zara Resort, Khandala

The Inspire Year DOP was successfully held at Zara Resort, Khandala on 10th & 11th May 2025, under the guidance of mentors Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar, Dr. Arun Chaudhary, and Dr. Nilima Inamdar. The event was charged with enthusiasm, especially with the vibrant energy of PP Vishnudas Bhat.

All directors and chairs participated actively in the sessions, making it a truly engaging and learning-filled weekend.

Special appreciation to Satish Karandikar for his impactful sessions on Team Building and Leadership, as well as the highly interactive Management Game. Noteworthy contributions included:

Ajay Balan – Dynamic, activity-based session on Leadership

Rajesh Kushte – Strong insights on Public Image

Saurabh Patel – Impressive expertise on Online Tools

Dr. Nilima Inamdar – Clear guidance on Roles & Responsibilities and Cancer Awareness

Dr. Arun Chaudhary – Thought-provoking Case Studies and expert navigation of club structure and governance

Dr. Neelam Navagare – Insightful session on CSR

Prof. Nilesh Vedant – Focus on Basic Education & Literacy

President Elect Rtn. Mithoon Gada – Shared creative ideas and goals, and led a heartfelt talk on Fellowship

Congratulations to President Elect Rtn. Mithoon Gada and Secretary Rajesh Kushte for flawlessly organizing the event. Their teamwork and coordination ensured a seamless experience.

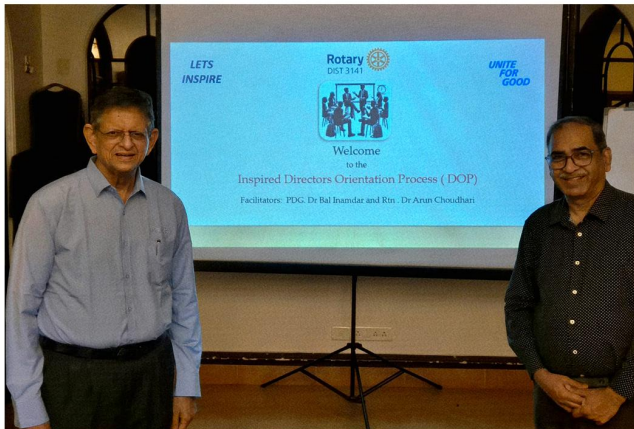
The DOP blended work and play beautifully, ending on a high note with a memorable karaoke session, showcasing the passion and talent of our members.

A weekend of inspiration, learning, and camaraderie – truly a DOP to remember!

Glimpses of DOP



President Elect Rtn. Mithoon Gada inspiring the team of directors with vision, purpose, and passion – setting the tone for an impactful Rotary year ahead



An inspiring moment as our esteemed mentors, Dr. Bal Inamdar and Dr. Arun Chaudhary, share their vision and wisdom with the directors at the DOP



Leadership and Vision: Dr. Nilima Inamdar, Rtn. Mithoon Gada, and the Directors United in Purpose

21st May 2025: Handover of Cardiac Ambulance & Blood Donation Van to Thane Civil Hospital

A meaningful milestone was marked on 21st May 2025 with the handover of a Cardiac Ambulance and Blood Donation Van to Thane Civil Hospital. The event was graced by Ms. Supriya Namaye, Branch Manager of GICHFL Thane, along with her colleagues.

The vehicles were formally received by Dr. Kailash Pawar, Civil Surgeon of Thane Civil Hospital, along with the hospital staff. PDG Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar expressed heartfelt gratitude to GICHFL for their generous contribution to the healthcare sector.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Neelam Navagare, Ms. Neelam Patil, Mr. Ganesh Kadam, and Mr. Abdul Baig for their presence and support at the ceremony.

Special appreciation to President Dr. Seemaa Negi and the West Coasters for their continuous encouragement, and to Rtn. Pankaj Tike, who served as the Project Chair, for leading this impactful initiative.



A proud moment of service and collaboration — PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar, Dr. Kailash Pawar, Ms. Supriya Namaye, Project Chair Rtn. Pankaj Tike, Dr. Neelam Navagare, and dedicated club members at the handover ceremony of the Cardiac Ambulance and Blood Donation Van to Thane Civil Hospital

31st June 2025: Annual Joint Meeting of Rotary, Rotaract & Interact

The Annual Joint Meeting of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact was successfully held on 31st May 2025, fostering a strong connection between the Parent Rotary and its dynamic youth partners.

The meeting began with the Rotaract Club of Mumbai Sky City presenting its Annual Report, highlighting key accomplishments from the past year. This was followed by insightful presentations from the Rotaract Club of Ghanshyamdas Saraf College and the Interact Club of Bangur Vidya Bhavan.

A Panel Discussion followed, featuring panelists with varied levels of experience:

Rtn. Nilima Inamdar – the most senior and experienced panelist

Rtr. Nirav Joshi – with 6 years of Rotaract experience

Rtr. Krishi Mutha – with 2 years of experience

The session was moderated by Rtn. Ganesh Kadam, who skillfully led the discussion focused on leadership, personal growth, and intergenerational collaboration.

The event concluded with engaging retro-themed games and activities, adding a fun and memorable touch to an already inspiring gathering.



United in service across generations at the Annual Joint Meeting.

Birthdays and Anniversaries Of April

April

Birthdays

1st June - Machindra Borhade

2nd June - Renu Bhat

4th June - Vishnu Bhat

6th June - Meghana Kushte

6th June - Jayant Apte

6th June - Sadhna Gosavi

7th June - Sangita Chauhan

8th June - Meenakshi Mundra

16th June - Dhanskukh Panchal

28th June - Sunita Shetty

Anniversaries

1st June - Raju and
Bharati Mehandadkar

10th June - Manak Khanna

23rd June - Roopa Prabhu
and Vivek Prabhu



Recognition



**Heartiest
Congratulations,
PDG Dr. Bal Inamdar Sir !**

The District Learning Assembly was held on 20th April 2025 at the Yashwantrao Chavan Centre, Churchgate. PDG Dr. Balkrishna Inamdar delivered an inspiring keynote address on the thought-provoking topic, "Be Unreasonable." His powerful words challenged conventional thinking and deeply motivated all participants to push boundaries and lead with purpose.



**Heartiest
Congratulations,
IPP Rajendra Chauhan!**

Rajendra Chauhan delivered an insightful talk on the topic "Why Training?" during the DOP (District Orientation Program) held at the Rotary Club of Borivali on 27th April 2025 as Dist Assistant Learning Facilitator for Inspired Rotary year 25 -26

His session emphasized the importance of continuous learning and capacity building within the Rotary movement, inspiring members to grow both personally and professionally.

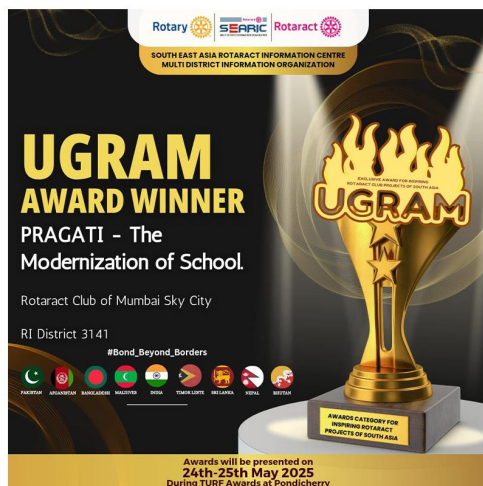
Congratulations Rotaract Club of Mumbai Sky City !

We are thrilled to share that the Rotaract Club of Mumbai Sky City has been honoured with the Best Project Award for Project Pragati: Modernisation of a Girls' School in Dahanu, among all Rotaract clubs in South East Asia!

The award was presented at a prestigious ceremony held in Pondicherry on 24th April 2025.

Project Pragati focused on the comprehensive modernisation of a girls' residential school in Dahanu, which houses and educates nearly 1,000 young girls. Our efforts aimed to provide a safer, more equipped, and inspiring learning environment to help shape a brighter future for these students.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work, vision, and unwavering commitment of our team to drive meaningful change through education.



Congratulations, Rtn. Ganesh Kadam !

Rtn. Ganesh Kadam was invited as a Guest Speaker by the Rotaract Club of Saraf College for their event GenZ Forum, held at the Rotary Center, Malad on 31st May 2025. He shared valuable insights from his journey and experiences as an entrepreneur, inspiring the next generation of leaders.

Success, Thy Name Is Rotarian



Rtn. Ganesh Kadam
Founder, Yammunas Travels

After completing my graduation, I pursued a professional degree in Travel Management, determined to turn my passion into a career. I was fortunate to begin my journey in a reputed travel company, where I received invaluable guidance from experienced mentors. This helped me gain deep insights into the technical and logistical aspects of the travel industry.

Then came the pandemic, bringing everything to a standstill. But rather than stepping back, I chose to step forward—and founded Yammunas Travels, named lovingly in honor of my beloved grandmother.

At Yammunas Travels, I treat every client's holiday as if it were my own. I specialize in domestic travel, crafting experiences across India—from the snow-capped Himalayas of Himachal, Kashmir, Leh, and Uttarakhand, to the serene backwaters of Kerala, vibrant culture of Karnataka, and beaches of Goa and Maharashtra. I also curate quick get-aways to Mahabaleshwar, Matheran, Bhandardara, and treks through the Sahyadri mountains.

Some highlights of my journey include organizing my first post-COVID group trip with 90 students to Himachal, a thrilling bike expedition from Jammu to Leh, and adventure-packed journeys to Gokarna and Dandeli.

What I cherish most, however, are the spiritual tours. There is something profoundly grounding about traveling through the spiritual heart of India. I regularly lead group pilgrimages to Kedarnath, Badrinath, Tungnath, and beyond—to sacred destinations like Varanasi, Ayodhya, Ujjain, Omkareshwar, Dwarka, Somnath, and Tirupati. Each visit brings a new layer of meaning, even to familiar places.

At Yammunas Travels, I don't just plan trips—I immerse myself in every journey, ensuring my clients receive an unforgettable and deeply personal experience.

Rtn. Ganesh Kadam
Founder, Yammunas Travels

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Special Feature



CYBER SECURITY

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In today's Interconnected world, cybersecurity has emerged as a critical concern.

With technology increasing the reliance on digital platforms grow, the vulnerabilities associated with cyber threats have escalated significantly.

Cybersecurity encompasses measures and practices designed to protect systems, networks, and data from unauthorised access, attacks, and damage.

With cybercrime on the rise, including ransomware and phishing scams, underscores the importance of cybersecurity. Cybersecurity requires a multi-layered approach, combining technical solutions with training and awareness programs for users. Organizations must proactively identify vulnerabilities in their systems, implement security protocols, and respond quickly to incidents. As technology evolves, so must cybersecurity strategies to stay ahead of emerging threats. Internet of Things (IoT). The growth of IoT has further increased the need for robust cybersecurity. With billions of devices connected for communicating and sharing data, each device presents a potential entry point for cyberattack. Many IoT devices does not have proper security features, making them vulnerable to exploitation. For example, poorly secured smart home devices can be hacked to invade privacy or infiltrate home networks. Therefore, implementing security measures at the device level is crucial for creating a resilient network.

Cyber threats are continuously evolving hence there is a need for organisations to adopt to a multi-layered approach to cybersecurity. This includes implementation of advance technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning for deduction of anomalies and respond to threats in real-time. Security audits need to be conducted on a regular basis and vulnerability assessments can help identify weaknesses in systems and networks, enabling organisations to address potential risks proactively. Moreover, the implications of inadequate cybersecurity are not confined to individual entities. Often there is indulgence in cyber warfare to achieve strategic objectives. Such attacks highlight the necessity for institutions to enhance their cybersecurity posture and collaborate on an international scale. Sharing threat intelligence and best practices can strengthen global cybersecurity defences, making it more challenging for cybercriminals to exploit vulnerabilities.

In essence, cybersecurity is not just a technical issue; it's a critical aspect of ensuring a safe and stable digital environment. It protects our personal information, our businesses' operations, and even our national security. By prioritizing cybersecurity, we can mitigate the risks of digital threats and build a more resilient and secure future.

Rotary Stories (National and International)



Symbiosis University, Pune, to host the Asia Peace Centre

Peace is important for society because it allows people to live safely and without fear of violence. It also promotes economic stability, national security and the sustainable development of nations.

Peace building matters today; because the effects of conflict are far reaching, shattering lives and stunting development. Peace building approaches, including mediation and diplomacy, dialogue and participation, are an essential part of the toolkit of Rotary's Peace Scholar programme. These scholars are and will continue to make a difference to the communities they work with.

The TRF trustees have selected the university and country in Asia which will host the new Asia Peace Center starting form 2027. I am excited and happy to report that the trustees have selected Symbiosis University, Pune, India to host the new Rotary Peace Center in Asia. That is great news and a feather in the cap for Rotary in India. Compliments to the Symbiosis team for putting up a superb application and thanks to the Symbiosis management for all their support. Congratulations to Rotarians and leadership of RID 3131 for their dedicated efforts for this. Compliments to PP Rajendra Ruia (RID 3141) who initiated the process, and to the peace alumni and leadership of RID 3141 for their support. Well done all!

In today's world peace is needed more than ever. The new centre will be a boon not just for scholars from India but from all over Asia. Now is the time to put our might to support the Endowment Fund of TRF. This will ensure a bright future for the peace scholar programme and for TRF too.

The joy of giving lasts longer than the joy of receiving. Studies conducted at the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management found that participants' happiness did not decline or declined much slower if they repeatedly bestowed gifts on others versus receiving those same gifts themselves.

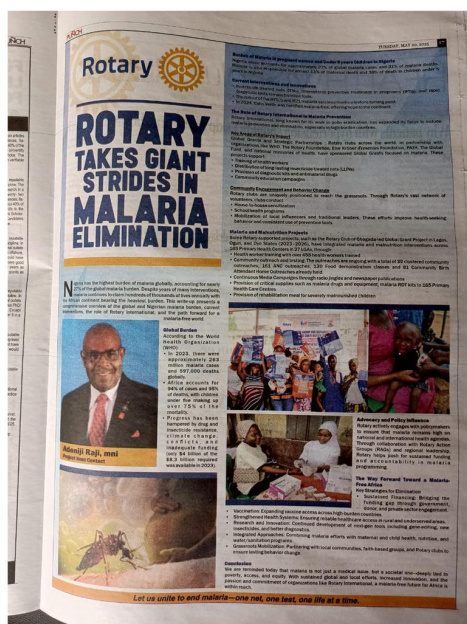
The intention behind our giving and receiving is the most important thing. The act of giving is joyful when it is unconditional and from the heart, and the energy behind the giving increases many times over.

One of the best giving is to The Rotary Foundation. It's effective, efficient, transparent and can do most good in the world. As we approach the last quarter of the Rotary year,

now is the time to give our 'all' to TRF. Let's do it to create the Magic through TRF.

Dr. Bharat Pandya
TRF Trustee

Rotary International is making significant progress in malaria eradication efforts



Through programs like "Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia" which is funded by The Rotary Foundation and other partners, it aims to empower community health workers to test, diagnose, and treat malaria, ultimately reducing the disease's impact in targeted areas. Rotary's approach includes training community health workers, strengthening local health committees, and promoting awareness through various communication channels. Key aspects of Rotary's efforts:

• Training and Supporting Community Health Workers (CHWs)

Rotary programs focus on training and equipping CHWs to provide essential malaria services, including testing, diagnosis, and treatment, directly in their communities.

Strengthening Local Health Infrastructure:

By supporting local health committees and promoting community participation, Rotary aims to build a sustainable and resilient system for malaria prevention and treatment.

• Improving Awareness and Education

Rotary utilizes various communication strategies, such as radio talks and educational skits, to raise awareness about malaria prevention and treatment.

Data-Driven Approach:

Rotary emphasizes the importance of data collection and analysis to monitor progress, track malaria cases, and adjust interventions accordingly.

• Scaling Up Success

Rotary's "Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia" program, and other initiatives like the "Rotary Healthy Communities Challenge," showcase a commitment to scaling up

successful models to address malaria in different regions, particularly in countries with high malaria burden.

• Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia:

This program, supported by The Rotary Foundation, World Vision USA, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, aims to reduce malaria cases by 90% in 10 target districts in Zambia.

Rotary's experience in eradicating polio has provided valuable insights and lessons that are being applied to malaria eradication efforts.

Thank you!