



ROTRY CLUB OF BOMBAY WORLI DISTRICT 3141

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WORLI WHISPERS

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dear Fellow Rotarians ,

September has truly been a month of service, learning, and togetherness for our club. Each activity reflected the spirit of Rotary – giving back to the community, learning from inspiring individuals, and strengthening our fellowship bonds.

We began the month on **4th September** with a very engaging speaker meeting with Purvi Zaveri, a Chartered Accountant who has carved a unique path as a handwriting and signature analyst. Her session gave us new insights into how signatures and handwriting reflect personality traits and subconscious patterns – a fascinating way of looking at human behavior.

On **7th September**, we combined health and fellowship with our “Walk with a Doc” program led by Dr. Pigush Gujrathi, Audiologist at Gleneagles Hospital. His interactive session on hearing health was extremely informative. The day concluded on a high note with our fellowship brunch at Yazu, which was a roaring success. More members attended than expected, making it a joyful morning of laughter, bonding, and camaraderie.

Service took center stage on **8th September**, when our members visited the Old Age Home in Borivali. We handed over a refrigerator, kitchen appliances, clothes, and bedsheets, ensuring the residents’ daily lives are a little more comfortable. The smiles on their faces were the best reward for our efforts.

The **11th of September** brought another enriching speaker meeting, this time with Raja Krishna Menon, the acclaimed director of films such as Pippa. His journey and stories from the world of cinema gave us a fresh perspective on creativity and determination.

On **12th September**, we continued our commitment to healthcare by making our monthly cancer donation to Tata Memorial Hospital. During the visit, we also took time to understand their evolving needs. It became evident that beyond our monthly contributions, there is a pressing requirement to support patient surgeries directly. This is a cause we must collectively consider, as these interventions can save lives and bring hope where it is most needed.

On the SRCC hospital front, from July 2025 till date we have covered the surgeries of 35 children for pediatric orthopedic surgeries and 5 pediatric neurosurgery in line .

We closed the month on **30th September** with a very meaningful initiative – the handover of a sewing machine to a senior citizen at Rtn. Prerna Vora’s residence. This gift enables vocational activity and independence, aligning beautifully with Rotary’s focus on sustainable support.

September reminded us that service is not only about donations or events, but also about empathy, presence, and collective effort. I thank each one of you for your participation, generosity, and enthusiasm. Together, we are making a difference – one step, one smile, one project at a time.

Warm regards
DR Paula Goel
President RCBW

EDITORIAL

September 2025

As September arrives, it paints our calendars with vibrant colours, festivals, and unwavering dedication to service. This month, we embrace a unique blend of compassion, culture, and community spirit—hallmarks of both Rotary and our great Indian traditions.

Navratri – Nine Nights of Devotion & Dance

Navratri, the festival of nine nights, is more than a celebration—it's a symbol of feminine strength, unity, and joy. Each day brings a new colour, a new energy, and a renewed purpose. From grey to orange, red to royal blue, these colours resonate with the values we cherish—courage, purity, knowledge, and vibrancy.

As we twirl in the rhythm of Garba and Dandiya, let us also remember the deeper essence of Navratri—victory of good over evil, discipline in devotion, and community in celebration.

Let Rotary embody these colours:

- Red for Service
- White for Peace
- Blue for Trust
- Green for Growth

Let's not just wear the colours; let's live them.

Lifelines in Action – Blood Donation Camps

Throughout September, our Club has taken immense pride in organizing continuous blood donation drives. These camps are not just events—they are lifesaving missions. With each unit collected, we aren't just storing blood; we are restoring hope.

Thanks to the leadership of Rtn. Pankaj Tanna's continuous and meaningful efforts, our tireless volunteers and generous donors, we've touched hundreds of lives. Let this momentum not slow down. The need is constant—the gratitude is everlasting.

"You don't have to be a doctor to save lives. Just donate blood."

Let's keep the Rotary bloodline flowing!"

Service Above Self – The Rotary Way

In between the beats of Dandiya and the beats of hearts revived by our blood drives, lies the spirit of Rotary. We've initiated community clean-up programs, health awareness sessions, and youth engagement projects—each one echoing our motto: Service Above Self.

Let us carry this forward—not just as a monthly goal but as a lifelong mission.

Festivity Meets Philanthropy

This festive month gives us an opportunity to merge celebration with contribution. Host a Navratri night with a cause. Dance to raise funds. Celebrate with purpose. Let's redefine what it means to celebrate: not just in song and dance, but in service, smiles, and solidarity.

Wishing you a colourful, compassionate, and culturally rich September!

In Service & Fellowship,
Yeshwant Datay
Editor (Worli Whispers)

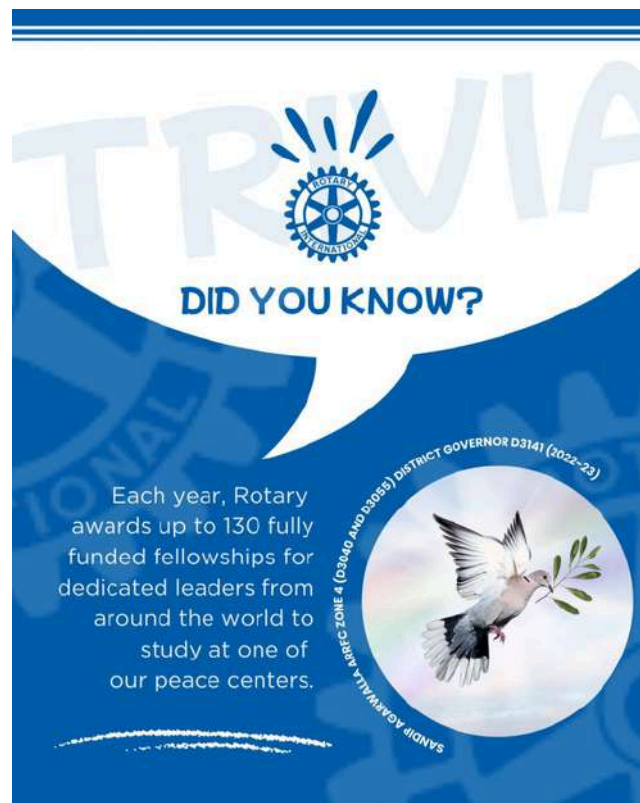
KNOW ROTARY

Did you know?

Each year Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded Peace Fellowships - up to 50 master's places and up to 80 certificate places - at Rotary Peace Centres.

Since 2002, more than 1,800 fellows from 140+ countries have graduated and now serve in governments, NGOs, education, peacekeeping and international bodies such as the UN and the World Bank.

Fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, return travel and field study so leaders can focus on building peace.



COURTESY: Courtesy: Rtn. Ashwin Vasu Shetty

September – Back to School, Back to Serve

The start of a new school year is more than just fresh notebooks and sharpened pencils — it's a fresh start, a renewed promise of learning, growth, and opportunity. For many children, it's a moment filled with excitement. But for others, especially in underserved communities, it's a time marked by missing resources, worn-out classrooms, and limited access to books.

This is where community support becomes powerful.

Around the world, countless volunteers, organizations, and individuals step up during the back-to-school season to bridge the gap. From school renovation projects and supplies drives to book donations and reading programs, these efforts go far beyond materials — they restore dignity, inspire hope, and open doors.

Literacy, in particular, remains one of the most powerful tools in fighting poverty and inequality. A child who can read is a child who can learn, imagine, question, and lead. And literacy isn't just for children — adult education and digital literacy programs continue to empower people of all ages to participate more fully in society.

Supporting education is not just about academics. It's about giving every learner — young or old — a fair chance to succeed. It's about ensuring that a lack of resources doesn't mean a lack of dreams.

As the school year begins, let's all be reminded of the role we can play. Whether it's donating books, volunteering time, or helping improve a local school, every effort matters. Because when we support education, we invest in something far greater than knowledge — we invest in brighter, more equitable futures.

Back to school means back to serve. And in that service, we help learning thrive where it's needed most.

Meenakshi Singhvi

Creative, Designing Support Team (Worli Whispers)

Rotary Travels

Mawlynnong, a serene mountain village nestled in the East Khasi Hills of Meghalaya, is famously known as the “cleanest village in Asia.” Located about 90 kilometers from Shillong near the India-Bangladesh border, this small village is a model of cleanliness, sustainable living, and community effort. The residents, belonging to the Khasi tribe, follow a matrilineal culture and take collective responsibility for maintaining the village. Every household contributes to keeping the surroundings spotless—bamboo dustbins line the pathways, and plastic use is minimal. Regular community clean-up drives and eco-friendly practices have helped Mawlynnong earn international recognition. The village also emphasizes education, hygiene, and conservation, making it a leading example of grassroots environmentalism.



Beyond cleanliness, Mawlynnong enchants visitors with its natural beauty and cultural richness. Traditional bamboo and wooden houses are surrounded by lush gardens and stone-paved lanes. Tourists can explore the unique living root bridges nearby—natural wonders created by training rubber tree roots over years. Another major attraction is the Sky View tower, a bamboo platform offering stunning views of the surrounding hills and the plains of Bangladesh. Mawlynnong’s peaceful atmosphere, combined with its strong community values, makes it not just a destination but a lesson in harmony between humans and nature.

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Empowering Mobility: A Generous Donation to Central Railway



25 Wheelchairs Donated to Central Railway On **September 4, 2025**, In a heartwarming gesture of social responsibility the Siraslewala Foundation, Mumbai, donated 25 wheelchairs to the Central Railway, Mumbai Division.

The initiative was coordinated by the Rotary Club of Mumbai, Worli and Bharatiya Rail Pravasi.

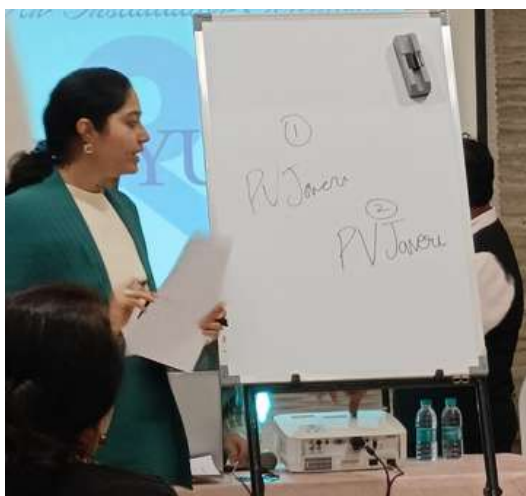
Sr. DCM Shri Pravindra Wanjari accepted the donation on behalf of the Mumbai Division

Speaker: Signature Analyst Purvi Javeri on 4th September, 2025

Every signature tells a story — a glimpse into the subconscious mind & art of decoding identities.

Purvi, a renowned Signature Analyst and speaker, unveils the hidden traits behind every stroke of a signature. Her sessions blend science, psychology, and intuition into a powerful tool of self-discovery.

A signature isn't just a name — it's a window to the soul. Through her talks, Purvi helps decode these hidden messages with clarity and insight.



WALK WITH THE DOC



Walk with a Doc
Topic : Save EARS for YEARS: Hearing Loss can be an Emergency

Piyush Gujarathi
Senior Consultant - Audiologist & Speech Language Pathologist
Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai.

Dr Shirish M. Hastak
Regional Director - Neurology, Stroke & Neurocritical Care
Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai.

☐ Sunday | 07 September, 2025
🕒 7 am onwards
📍 Mahalaxmi Race Course (Next to Polo Gate)

Gleneagles Hospital PAREL, MUMBAI

Walk with a Doc

Rotary Club of Bombay World District 3141

A public health awareness campaign under the banner - 'Walk with a Doc' was organised on Sunday, **September 07, 2025** with Dr.Piyush Gujarathi, Audiologist & Speech language Pathologist at Gleneagles Hospital at 7 am Mahalaxmi Race Course. Dr. Shirish Hastak introduced the speaker and the event was attended by over 40 people.

"AGING WITH GRACE: CREATING A WORLD WHERE NO ELDERLY FEELS ALONE"

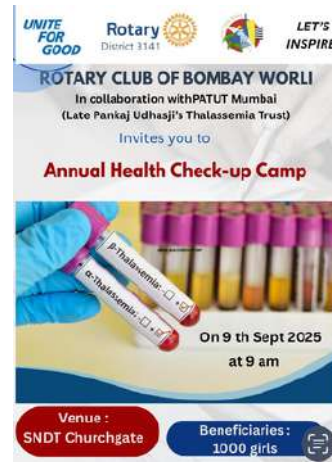


Visit to Matoshree Old age home at Borivali West on **8th September 2025** by Dr Paula Goel , Dipti Rajda, Mala Swaroop, Perna Vora , Netra Nairi , Amar Parekh . Godrej fridge , prestige mixer & chopper, bedsheets was donated on behalf of the RCBW .

"Respect, Support, Repeat: The Pillars of Elderly Care"

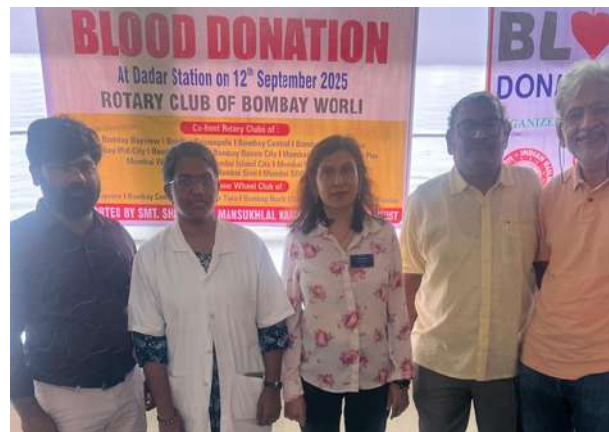
"Love Beyond Age: A Call to Serve Our Senior Citizens"

ANEMIA AND THALESSEMIA SCREENING



Thalassemia screening was conducted at SNDT college Churchgate **9th September, 2025** in collaboration with PATUT, Mumbai. About 500 girls were screened.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP



Rotary Club of Bombay Worli had organised a Blood Donation drive on **12th September, 2025**, at Dadar Railway Station, with other Rotary clubs and Inner Wheel Club. NSS students of Khalsa college actively participated

SPEAKER: RAJA KRISHNA MENON



From Conception to Consummation: A Director's Journey Through Cinema — An Evening with Raja Krishna Menon

Raja Krishna Menon, known for *Airlift* and *Chef*, recently captivated audiences with an insightful session. Menon walked through the intricate process of filmmaking — from the initial spark of an idea, to scripting, pre-production, the chaos of the shoot, and finally the delicate art of post-production.

"A film is born from emotion or a question," he said, "but it only becomes real through discipline, collaboration, and constant adaptation." Emphasizing the director's role as both a visionary and a team leader, he offered personal anecdotes and practical wisdom from his own filmmaking journey.

Menon ended with a message to budding filmmakers: "Stay true to your story. The applause will follow — or not. But the honesty of your vision is what lasts."



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS



On **12th September, 2025**, two new members were inducted where an oath-taking, introductions, and words of encouragement from senior members. The beginning of new journeys rooted in collaboration, learning, and leadership. With fresh energy and shared purpose, the new inductees are set to contribute meaningfully to the organization's growth. Each new member brings unique strengths, fresh ideas, and a shared commitment to excellence — and we can't wait to see the impact they'll create.

Here's to growth, teamwork, and a future built together!



EMPOWERING WOMEN



A beautiful initiative unfolded as two senior citizens received sewing machines to support their craft on **30th September**. Deep gratitude to Bhakti for donating one, and to Perna Vora for curating an elegant ladies' get-together, complete with soulful tea and meaningful connections.



LUNCH FELLOWSHIP AT YAZU: A TASTE OF CONNECTION



A recent lunch fellowship at Yazu, on **14th September**, the city's go-to spot for modern Asian cuisine, brought together a diverse group of individuals for an afternoon of connection, conversation, and culinary delight. Amid beautifully plated dishes like sushi and dim sum, guests enjoyed more than just a meal — they shared stories, laughter, and a refreshing break from routine.

Set in Yazu's elegant, contemporary space, the fellowship reminded everyone of the value of pausing, breaking bread, and building meaningful bonds. It was a simple gathering that turned into something special — proof that great food and genuine company are always worth coming together for.



ONGOING PROJECTS



Daily Nutrition Boost at Zugrewadi School, Karjat: Eggs and Bananas for Every Child

Cheque of 2 lakh donated to Tata Memorial Hospital today afternoon (12th September 2025) at 3 pm . thanks Pankaj T for always being there



Groceries for the month given to the children of Adhar Tirth Ashram



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**LET'S
INSPIRE!**

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY WORLI

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CLUB CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

4th October 2025	Charter Night	7:30 PM Princess Hall, NSCI Club, Haji Ali
5th October 2025	Walk with Doc Dr. Shankar Zanwar Senior Consultant Gastroenterologist and Therapeutic Endoscopist. Topic : What does a gastro treats- beyond acidity!	7:30 AM at Mahalaxmi Racecourse
14th October 2025	SRCC Hospital Visit	Venue at SRCC Hospital Haji Ali
16th October 2025	Speaker Meeting - Unlock with Kunal Jaisingh	Venue at Sunville Banquet Worli . 6.30-7 pm - Fellowship 7 pm - Speaker talk
27th October 2025	Cancer Donation	Venue at Tata Memorial Hospital
30th October 2025	Speaker Meeting : Col . Tushar Joshi Topic : Operation Sindoor	Venue at Sunville Banquet Worli . 6.30-7 pm - Fellowship 7 pm - Speaker talk

PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025

1. Cancer patients Donation Rs. 1,00,000/-
2. Walk with the DocSpeaker Meeting

President. Rtn. Dr. Paula Goel

Club Secretary: Rtn. Sanjay Dosi