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## Rotary Club of Borivli

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## From the President's Desk



As we step into the month of April, it gives me immense pride and gratitude to reflect on the remarkable journey we continue to build together as a club. The recently concluded Official Club Visit of our District Governor was a moment of great honour for all of us. The appreciation and praise received for the impactful work carried out during the year is truly a testament to the dedication, unity, and passion of each member. I extend my heartfelt thanks to every Rotarian for your unwavering support and commitment that made this recognition possible.

The month of March, celebrated as WASH Month, witnessed two meaningful initiatives that exemplify Rotary's spirit of service. The construction of 8 girls' toilet blocks at Saraswati School in Virar is progressing rapidly and is almost ready for inauguration, promising improved sanitation and dignity for young girls. Additionally, our Water Wheel project for Shahpur Village will soon be distributed, bringing much-needed relief to families. My heartfelt thanks to all members for their generous support and involvement in making these projects a reality.

I would also like to thank each one of you for the overwhelming response to our unique "KYC – Know Your Club Members" series. Your cooperation in sharing details has made this initiative highly engaging and informative. It is heartening to note that this concept was very well appreciated by our District Governor during the OCV, adding yet another feather to our club's cap.

As we move into April, Rotary's designated Environment Month, let us renew our commitment towards protecting and preserving our surroundings. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to initiate impactful projects focused on sustainability, conservation, and environmental awareness. I urge all members to actively participate and contribute ideas that can create a lasting positive impact on our environment.

Looking ahead, after two successful Startup Sutra Entrepreneurship Development Workshop for age group 18-28, we are excited to announce, yet another one, scheduled on 29th, 30th, and 31st May. This initiative is specially designed for individuals in the age group of 30 to 50 years, aiming to inspire and empower aspiring entrepreneurs in this age group category. I encourage all members to spread the word and support this initiative wholeheartedly.

Adding to the excitement, we have planned a mega fellowship family event, "Hungama Night," in the first week of June. This will be a fantastic platform for members and their families to showcase their talents, whether solo or in groups. I urge everyone to register early and begin preparations to make this event a grand celebration of fellowship and joy.

Let us continue to serve with passion, embrace new opportunities, and strengthen the bond that makes our Rotary family truly special.

**Rtn. Ketali Tapiawala**  
**President, Rotary Club of Borivli**



## *Environment Month – A Call to Sustain Our Shared Future*



April, observed across the Rotary world as Environment Month, is more than a thematic alignment—it reflects Rotary’s evolving conscience. The roots of this emphasis can be traced back to 1970, when the first global Earth Day sparked worldwide environmental awareness. Rotary, always responsive to global needs, gradually deepened its engagement—beginning notably in 1990 when RI President Paulo V.C. Costa launched the Preserve Planet Earth initiative, urging clubs to integrate ecological responsibility into service.

This long-standing commitment culminated in a landmark decision in 2020, when Rotary formally declared Supporting the Environment as an Area of Focus, elevating environmental sustainability to a global priority alongside peace, health, and education.

Across the world, Rotary’s environmental footprint is both diverse and impactful. From mangrove restoration projects across Asia to plastic waste reduction initiatives like EndPlasticSoup in Europe, Rotary’s interventions are deeply local yet globally connected. Clubs have planted millions of trees, restored fragile ecosystems, and partnered with organizations like the United Nations to protect freshwater resources. The Rotary Foundation has backed this intent with over \$18 million in environmental grants, empowering sustainable, community-led solutions.

Bringing the lens closer home, District 3141 has consistently demonstrated leadership in environmental stewardship. From large-scale tree plantation drives and beach clean-ups to water conservation and plastic-free campaigns, the district has embraced sustainability not as an obligation, but as a culture. The increasing integration of environmental themes into flagship projects reflects a clear alignment with Rotary International’s global vision.

At the grassroots level, the Rotary Club of Borivili continues to exemplify this commitment. Through initiatives such as plastic free zones, urban afforestation, awareness campaigns on waste segregation, and community participation drives, the club has translated Rotary’s global priorities into tangible local impact. Each project reinforces a simple yet powerful philosophy—that meaningful change begins in one’s own neighbourhood.

As we mark Environment Month, the message is unequivocal. Rotary’s journey—from awareness to action, and now to strategic focus—reminds us that sustainability is not a one-time project but a continuous responsibility. The environment is not merely one of Rotary’s causes; it is the foundation upon which all other causes depend.

The question, therefore, is not what Rotary can do—but what each one of us will choose to do.

**K.V. Premraj**  
**Managing Editor**

# CSR INDIA GRANT PROJECT worth \$21000



We are delighted to share that Sapna Library, our Club's CSR India Grant Project worth \$21000, was successfully inaugurated on 19th March, 2026, in a warm and inspiring ceremony. The occasion was graced by our esteemed Chief Guest, Dr. Manish Motwani (Inspire District Governor), and Guest of Honor, Dr. Bharat Pandya (RI Trustee).

Sapna Library is a thoughtfully designed, quiet, and soundproof reading space, created to provide a peaceful and motivating environment for readers and learners alike.

We extend our sincere thanks to Bhavik Enterprises Ltd., in association with Matushree Jayaben Himatlal Shah Charitable Trust, and our CSR Director, Rtn. Mukeshbhai Thakkar, for their invaluable support, and for reflecting a shared commitment to education, knowledge, and community development.

The library is equipped with modern amenities, including a comfortable cafeteria, free high-speed Wi-Fi, and an on-site

attendant to ensure a seamless and enriching experience for all visitors.

Many members from our Club as well as AG Dr. Durgesh Aroor and CC Bhawan Patil, joined for this wonderful project. Many trustees from Matushree Jayaben Himatlal Shah Charitable Trust were also present to welcome everyone.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for joining us in celebrating this new venture and made the occasion truly special.

Friends,

DG Manish also visited the Rambhoben Shah Dialysis Centre, which is supported by the Rotary Club of Borivli through a generous donation from Rtn Mukeshbhai Thakkar.

**Jaynisha Sampat**



## Visit to the Rambhoben Shah Dialysis Centre



## Breast Screening Camp

Report of Breast Screening Camp carried out on 10-03-2026.

A Breast Screening Camp was organized at Bhansali Maternity, Dahisar, where 90 women underwent breast screening. One case was found suspicious and was advised to undergo further investigation.

The camp aimed to promote awareness and early detection of breast health issues.

We appreciate Dr. Dharmaji for arranging this camp on the occasion of Women's Day. Special thanks to Medical Director Rtn. Chetna Shinde, Secretary Jaynisha, Club Admin Jigna, and President Ketal for their active involvement throughout the day.

Thanks to Bhansali Hospital staff for spreading a message of breast screening to nearby hospitals and in vicinity.



## Startup Sutra RYLA

Dear Members,

We are happy to inform you that our two winners of Startup Sutra RYLA (Rashi and Nandini) have safely started their session at Singapore along with the other winners.

Wishing them a wonderful learning experience and great success.

**Jaynisha Sampat.**



## Bhoomi Poojan ceremony

On 13th March 2026, we carried out the Bhoomi Poojan ceremony at Saraswati Vidyalaya, Vajreshwari for a meaningful project. We will be constructing 8 toilet blocks for 280 schoolgirls, ensuring better health care, hygiene, and sanitation facilities for them.

A special thanks to all the donors and members for their generous support and for attending in large numbers to make this initiative successful.

Jaynisha Sampat,  
Secretary



### Members who attended the Bhoomi Poojan:

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| 1. Pres. Ketal Tapiawala                         | 2. Sec. Jaynisha Sampat  |
| 3. Project Chair. Dr. Dharmaji Shinde            | 4. PP Ashish Tapiawala   |
| 5. Jigna Mistry                                  | 6. PP Hemant Mehta       |
| 7. Chetna Shinde                                 | 8. PP Ruma Desai         |
| 9. PP Rashmi Bhai                                | 10. Asha Sanghvi         |
| 11. Sanjay Mistry                                | 12. Chetan Kothari       |
| 13. Trupti Sampat                                | 14. PE Aarti Parekh      |
| 15. Kunal Vorra                                  | 16. R/Ann. Monalli Vorra |
| 17. Sumedha Rao                                  | 18. Spouse Harsh Rao     |
| 19. Sudhir Mehta (Friend of Dr. Dharmaji Shinde) |                          |

# Jaman Patta

On 13th March, we donated Jaman Patta for 550 students of Kaman Ashramshala. This meaningful initiative was supported by Rtn. Chetna Shinde, who has specially arranged and donated the Jaman Patta made from Tadpatri type material on the occasion of Dr. Dharmaji's Birthday. This jaman patta will help the students seat comfortably while having their meals. The quality of jaman patta was really very good and hand stitched perfectly which will last for many years. We sincerely appreciate this thoughtful gesture and dedication towards supporting the students of Kaman Ashramshala.



## Service of the Community

**On 14-03-2026**, the Rotary Club of Borivli, in association with Ram Roti Foundation, proudly served free lunch to the needy at Shatabdi Hospital. This initiative benefits over 500 patients and their relatives daily, bringing comfort and nourishment to those in need.

Going forward, our club will be participating in this noble cause every Saturday.

Lunch was sponsored by Rtn. Trupti Sampat.

Menu Served:

Puri, Sabzi, Khichdi, Samosa & Banana

Members Who Attended the Project:

Rtn. Trupti Sampat and her relatives Kavitaaben

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Pankajbhai Modi.

We remain committed to Service Above Self.

You Can Celebrate your BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY or ANY HAPPY MOMENTS by Giving Donation for this project at Shatabdi Hospital or at Shankar Lane, wherein Approx 400 - 500 persons will have Lunch/snacks inclusive of Pregnant Women's Joy of Giving.

You may connect with Annapurna Project Chairman Harish Davda.



**On 28-03-2026**, the Rotary Club of Borivli, in association with Ram Roti Foundation, proudly served free lunch to the needy at Shatabdi Hospital. This initiative benefits over 500 patients and their relatives daily, bringing comfort and nourishment to those in need.

Going forward, our club will be participating in this noble cause every Saturday.

Lunch was sponsored by Alpa Anil Thakrar (Ref:IPP Harish Chandarana).

Menu Served:Puri, Sabzi, Khichdi, Samosa & Banana

Members Who Attended the Project:

Rtn. IPP Harish Chandarana

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You may connect with Annapurna Project Team RMM.

Rtn. Jaynisha Sampat

Secretary 2025-26



# OCV Meeting Report



At our Club OCV, President Ketal Tapiawala extended her warm greetings to all members on the auspicious occasion of Gudi Padwa and the New Year.

\* She presented an engaging audio-visual showcasing the activities carried out over the past nine months of the 'Inspire' year.

\* She felicitated the generous donors who contributed towards the Toilet Blocks and Water Wheel Project. A special note of appreciation was extended to Secretary Jaynisha Sampat for successfully executing the Toilet Blocks project at a very reasonable cost.

\* Special recognition was given to:

- Rtn. Jobanputra for contributing 50 water wheels
  - Dr. Dharmaji Shinde for contributing 35 water wheels
- Additional contributions included:
- Inner Wheel – 10 water wheels
  - RC Sky City – 50 water wheels
  - Project Chairman Rashmikantbhai – 15 water wheels

\* In her address, President Ketal also highlighted the performance of the IFCR teams, proudly announcing that two of our club teams have already won the finals, with anticipation for a third victory.

\* She recognized the Change Maker Awards recipients:

- January 2026: Kunal Vorra and Jaynisha Sampat
- February 2026: Jigna Mistry and PP Ruma Desai

\* A heartfelt thanks was extended to Mukeshbhai Thakkar for facilitating a CSR India Grant of USD 21,000.

\* Special appreciation was expressed to PP Manishbhai Gyani for securing a Global Grant of USD 75,000, approved for Pediatric Heart Surgery at Kokilaben Ambani Hospital. His tireless efforts in bringing this grant to the club were highly commendable.

\* Gratitude was also conveyed to all TRF donors for their continued support.

\* Dr. Dharmaji Shinde and Rtn. Rakesh Sheth extended their support towards a special athlete, Joanna, for the Paralympics—an inspiring gesture by the club members.

\* The club warmly welcomed two new members into the RCB





family:

- Mr. Ulhas Rahate

• Mr. Siddharth Shah

\* PP Narendra Shah attended a Multi-District Fellowship event at Rishikesh and exchanged flags, which were later presented to the President.

\* PP Mayank Desai and Bela participated in the RFE Programme and also exchanged flags, which were handed over to the President.

\* Assistant Governor Rtn. Durgesh Aroor appreciated President Ketal and her team for their commendable work.

\* The DG also praised the President and all members for their dedicated efforts in executing meaningful projects.

\* The District Governor praised pres. Ketal Tapiawala for the projects carried out in 9 months. He specifically mentioned Start up Sutra RYLA, Road Rage, Sanjeevani Kit and all our permanent projects.

\* The District Governor encouraged the club to initiate a Dispensary project, and it was heartening to see enthusiastic support from donors ready to take this forward.

\* Chief Coordinator Rtn. Bhagwan Patil made announcements regarding upcoming district events.

\* The Secretarial announcements were presented by Secretary Jaynisha Sampat.

\* The meeting concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks by Aarti Parekh, who expressed gratitude to each and every member present.

The meeting was formally adjourned by President Ketal Tapiawala.

Regards,

Jaynisha Sampat

Inspire Secretary 2025-26



# Rotary Meal Mission

Permanent Project – Annapurna

We are delighted to share that our club has launched Rotary Meal Mission – Nourishing Lives With Love (Annapurna Project), which has been approved by the RCB Trust as our Permanent Project.

On the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami, we proudly inaugurated the Annapurna Project under the theme “Serving Humanity.” This initiative is taken by IPP Harish Chandarana.

We were honoured to have TRF Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya as our Chief Guest, and the project was formally launched at his auspicious hands. We were also privileged by the presence of IPDG Chetan Desai, RCB Trustees Chaimran PP Prakashbhai Desai, Sec. PP Nitinbhai Majithia, and Treas. Bhadrash Nathwani on this special occasion.

The wonderful day began at Sai Baba Temple with the blessings of God, followed by soulful Bhajans and the noble act of serving food to the community.

A heartfelt thanks to PP Rajul Pathak for all arrangements and also thanks to the RMM Committee Members and RCB Members for your gracious presence and support in making this launch meaningful and memorable.

Warm regards,

**Jaynisha Sampat**, Inspire Secretary



# Inner Wheel Club of Borivli Silver Jubilee Celebration

On 27-03-2026, Rotary Club of Borivli organised a meeting which was truly a very special one for our club and a memorable milestone for Inner Wheel Club of Borivli as they celebrated their Silver Jubilee Year.

On this wonderful occasion, we had the privilege of felicitating all the Past Presidents and members of Inner Wheel Club of Borivli in recognition of their dedicated service and contribution.

We also had the honour of felicitating PP Mona Gyani, who will be taking charge as District Chairman from 1st July 2026, becoming the second District Chairman from our Inner Wheel Club—a truly proud and inspiring moment for all of us.

Our heartfelt thanks to TRF Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya, IPDG Chetan Desai, and PDG Praful Sharma for gracing

the meeting with their presence.

A special thanks to PDC Dr. Madhavi Pandya for gracing the occasion.

A sincere thank you to our MOC Rtn. Ruma Rao, Rtn. Mehul Parekh and Rtn. Dhaval Pandya for introducing each past president of the Inner Wheel club of Borivli with a distinctive and memorable touch. A special thanks to R/Ann. Monalli Vorra for helping in making the script.

We also sincerely thank IWCB President Sarita Gujarathi, all the Past Presidents, and Inner Wheel members who graciously attended the meeting.

A warm thank you to all the Rotarians for attending in large numbers and making the meeting even more memorable.

Jaynisha Sampat

Inspire Secretary 2025–26





## Ranu Khade



This woman entrepreneur is pioneering the development of a fully flushable sanitary pad

Through Flawsome, a fully flushable sanitary pad, Ranu Khade seeks to tackle one of the most overlooked

aspects of menstrual hygiene—ensuring dignified disposal.

Ranu Khade has spent over two decades reflecting on a problem that often goes unspoken—dignified disposal of menstrual hygiene products. What began as a personal concern has now evolved into Flawsome, a menstrual hygiene brand preparing to launch a fully flushable and biodegradable sanitary pad. Her journey, from Sangli in Maharashtra to establishing a presence in Noida, is rooted in a simple belief she learned early in life: when faced with a problem, find a way to solve it.

A high achiever in academics and sports, Khade's early life was shaped by financial constraints. Growing up in a modest one-room home, access to basic necessities was limited, and she relied on scholarships to pursue her education. She went on to complete her B.Tech in Computer Science Engineering from COEP, Pune, where she simultaneously led sanitary pad distribution initiatives and built a strong technical foundation through research projects and collaborations.

After earning her MBA in Finance from IIM Bangalore, Khade chose to join Procter & Gamble over a global banking opportunity, gaining deep insights into FMCG manufacturing, distribution, and consumer behaviour. Her professional journey expanded through roles at Snapdeal and the Max Group, where she helped build the assisted care business Antara from concept to execution. At Shiprocket, she led India fulfilment operations, scaling the network from a single warehouse to forty, showcasing her operational leadership.

Her interest in menstrual hygiene was not new. Years before launching Flawsome, she conducted extensive research in rural India to understand why sanitary pads, even when distributed, were often underutilised. While affordability and awareness played a role, one issue stood out—disposal. Conventional sanitary pads take centuries to decompose, and the process of disposing of them



often compromises privacy and dignity. In many cases, women are forced to carry used pads outside washrooms or resort to unsafe disposal methods.

This insight led Khade and her co-founder Hitesh Narula to rethink the category entirely. Their goal was to create a flushable sanitary pad that could disintegrate across different sanitation systems, ensuring both convenience and dignity. The development process was hands-on and experimental, involving manual prototyping, extensive testing, and collaboration with textile research institutions, eventually leading to incubation at NITRA.

By March 2025, they had developed a viable prototype. The challenge, however, extended beyond functionality—it required ensuring the product was biodegradable, plant-based, and free from synthetic polymers. While continuing their research, they launched Flawsome with an 80% biodegradable product, now available across multiple online and offline platforms.

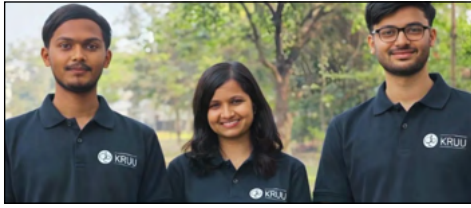
The Flawsome Flushable pad is designed to work across both rural and urban sanitation systems and can naturally disintegrate within 28 days, even if not flushed. The product holds an Indian patent, with global filings underway. Recognising the absence of regulatory standards in India, Khade and her team also contributed to developing guidelines for flushable menstrual products, currently under review by the Bureau of Indian Standards.

Funded initially through personal savings and supported by a government grant, Flawsome is now preparing for wider adoption. Khade's vision extends further, as she continues to work on developing flushable, biodegradable solutions for diapers, reinforcing her mission to address disposal challenges with dignity and sustainability.

**Contributed by Ashish Tapiawala**



## Vaishnavi Rajkumar Patil, Abhishek Shivprasad Patil, and Ganesh Ramchandra Mahadik



College Trio  
Creates AI Tool to  
Provide Real-Time  
Guidance on  
Autism

When a friend  
shared his family's  
struggle with

autism, three students from Sangli's Rajarambapu Institute of Technology took action by developing an AI chatbot that provides parents with real-time guidance between therapy sessions.

It is early morning at the Rajarambapu Institute of Technology campus in Sangli, Maharashtra. While most of the campus is just beginning to stir, inside a computer lab, three young engineers are already immersed in their work—refining code, testing outputs, and training an AI system designed to do something deeply human: provide support. For 21-year-olds Vaishnavi Rajkumar Patil, Abhishek Shivprasad Patil, and Ganesh Ramchandra Mahadik, known as Team Neurostars, this project is more than an academic exercise—it is a personal mission shaped by empathy and real-world need.

Their AI-powered chatbot, created to assist parents of children with autism in managing everyday challenges, recently earned national recognition by winning GRASP 2026, an AI hackathon conducted in partnership with ASME India. Competing against more than 5,000 participants, the trio secured first place in the "AI for Social Good" category, along with prize money, mentorship, internship opportunities, and a pathway to collaborate with a European university. Their achievement reflects a growing shift among young innovators in India who are choosing to build technology that prioritises people and impact.

All three students come from small towns in Maharashtra, where agricultural life and limited resources shape everyday experiences. Vaishnavi, who grew up in Karve village, discovered her interest in technology during the pandemic while observing a family member working remotely. That curiosity gradually evolved into a passion for computer science. Abhishek's journey began earlier, sparked by his first computer in school, while Ganesh followed a similar path, balancing academics with responsibilities at home. Their shared background gave them a grounded understanding of real-life challenges and the importance of practical, accessible solutions.

Their introduction to autism came through a deeply personal story shared by a classmate about his sister. Until then, the condition was largely unfamiliar to them, especially in rural contexts where awareness remains limited. Hearing firsthand about the family's struggles transformed their perspective. What had once been an abstract concept became a lived reality that demanded attention and action.

In 2022, they initiated a youth-led movement called "United for Autism," conducting awareness campaigns in schools and communities. This effort later evolved into the Dream Udaan Foundation, a registered NGO through which they continue their outreach. As they engaged more deeply with families, they began to understand the systemic challenges surrounding autism care in India—limited access to therapists, high costs, and infrequent sessions. While

therapy might occur weekly or monthly, the challenges parents face are constant, ranging from managing behavioural episodes to addressing communication and emotional needs.

This gap between professional sessions became the foundation of their innovation. They envisioned an AI-powered chatbot that could act as a continuous support system for parents. Developing the solution, however, required overcoming both technical and conceptual challenges. With guidance from mentors, they explored advanced technologies like Retrieval-Augmented Generation and agentic AI to ensure that the chatbot delivered reliable and context-aware responses.

Their work was further strengthened through collaborations with organisations and experts, including therapists who helped validate the system. Over time, the chatbot evolved into a more comprehensive platform called DreamConnect. It integrates an AQ-based screening tool to personalise responses and includes a daily behavioural tracker that allows parents to log key observations such as mood, sleep, communication, meltdowns, and sensory triggers. These inputs are converted into weekly insights, helping families and therapists better understand patterns and improve care strategies.

The system is designed to provide real-time responses while remaining a supportive companion rather than a replacement for professional therapy. Built using modern technologies, it combines a user-friendly interface with a robust backend that ensures accurate, data-driven guidance. The underlying AI model draws from curated datasets, community insights, and expert inputs, reducing the risk of misinformation and improving reliability.

Their breakthrough at GRASP 2026 validated both their technical approach and their human-centred vision. Today, the chatbot remains in its prototype stage, but plans for scaling are already underway. The team is exploring multilingual capabilities to extend its reach beyond English-speaking users and aims to deploy it as a scalable solution with institutional support.

As co-founders of the Dream Udaan Foundation, the trio envisions using AI as a force for social good, expanding their work into broader applications that address real societal challenges. Their journey reflects a powerful idea—that technology, when guided by empathy, can create meaningful change.

Back in their campus lab, the code continues to evolve, but their purpose remains clear: to ensure that no parent feels alone in navigating the complexities of autism, and that help is always within reach.

**Contributed by Ashish Tapiwalaa**



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