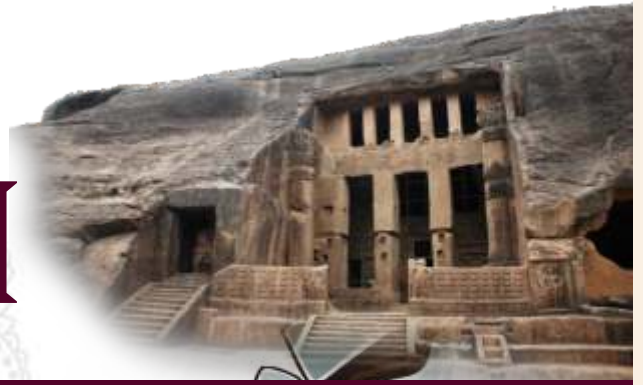


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From the President's Desk



October: A Celebration of Growth, Service, and Opportunity

October holds special significance in the Rotary calendar as it is designated as Economic and Community Development Month. This focus resonates deeply with our Club's mission of uplifting communities and creating sustainable opportunities for growth.

This month, we experienced the joy of togetherness through our flagship celebration, one of our most heartwarming annual traditions, Ratri Before Navratri, where our members came together with 175 special children. The event was filled with music, dance, and unbounded happiness, leaving behind cherished memories for both the children and Rotarians alike. It was a reminder that service is not only about projects, but also about sharing joy and love.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the vibrant days to come. Our Deepavali Celebration with 700+ students of rural Ashramshalas promises to light up their lives with festive cheer and meaningful gifts. This will be followed by our grand Deepavali Festival, bringing our community together in the spirit of light, harmony, and goodwill.

Our focus on community development also extends to empowering youth through innovation and enterprise. In line with Rotary's commitment to empowering the next generation, we are thrilled to host Startup Sutra – RYLA: Be an Entrepreneur Mumbai 2.0, a residential workshop for 32 aspiring entrepreneurs. This unique initiative not only nurtures innovation and leadership but also provides real-world opportunities. The workshop will also witness a proud moment for our club as we announce the results of Batch 1 – with two winners securing the chance of a lifetime: a Fly to Singapore - for a competition there. Their success is a testament to what determination, mentorship, and opportunity can achieve.

Friends, October is a blend of celebration, service, and empowerment. With your continued support and participation, our Club will keep working towards creating a brighter future for communities around us. Together, let us carry forward the light of Rotary.

“As we light lamps this Deepavali, may we also light the spark of opportunity, compassion, and hope in the lives we touch.”

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Ketal Tapiawala
President, Rotary Club of Borivli





Economic and Community Development: The Heartbeat of Rotary Service



Each month in the Rotary calendar carries a theme that reminds us of the breadth of Rotary's mission. October is dedicated to Economic and Community Development, one of Rotary's Areas of Focus. This emphasis didn't arise overnight—it reflects Rotary's deep understanding that lasting peace and progress are possible only when communities have the tools to sustain themselves.

The journey of this theme began when Rotary recognized that humanitarian service goes beyond immediate relief. Building strong local economies and resilient communities became central to Rotary's vision of sustainable development. Over the decades, Projects have evolved from small vocational training initiatives to large-scale programs in microfinance, skill development, entrepreneurship, and infrastructure support. The message is clear: if you strengthen the backbone of a community, you empower generations to thrive with dignity.

When Clubs embrace projects under Economic and Community Development, the results are both tangible and transformative. Families gain livelihoods, youth acquire employable skills, women become financially independent, and communities develop self-reliance. These Projects reduce poverty, curb migration, and create ecosystems where hope replaces despair. A sewing machine, a training workshop, a microcredit loan, or even the establishment of a Rural Community Corps (RCC)—each intervention ripples out to improve lives beyond imagination.

Our very own Rotary Club of Borivli has walked this path with conviction. Over the years, we have designed Projects that resonate with this month's theme, especially through our active network of Rotary Community Corps (RCCs). From skill-building programs to livelihood support, our RCC partnerships have ensured that development is not a handout but a hand-up. These initiatives have touched countless families in Borivli and beyond, reinforcing the Rotary belief that service must create lasting impact.

As Rotarians, we are reminded that economic development is not just about raising incomes—it is about restoring self-worth and dignity. Every time our Club empowers an individual or strengthens a community, we light a spark that grows into a beacon of change. This October, as we celebrate Economic and Community Development Month, let us reaffirm our commitment: to build opportunities where none existed, to nurture resilience where hardship prevails, and to always remember that when communities thrive, humanity prospers.

K.V. Premraj
Managing Editor

Two-day workshop on Tele-calling



Glad to share that the Gyan Prakash (Free of cost) Coaching Classes project of Rotary Club of Borivli, in association with Rotary Club of SkyCity Borivali and Rotary Club of Makabo, successfully organized a two-day workshop on Tele-calling and Digital Marketing for better job opportunities and a brighter future. A total of 18 students participated in this workshop. Sincere thanks to the Presidents and team members of all the Clubs for their valuable support to this project. Regards, Jaynisha Sampat Inspire Secretary 2025-26



Visit Eye Bank

On 25th September, 2025, a group of 50 students (mostly Xth Standard students) from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Vidyalaya , accompanied by 2 teachers, visited our Eye Bank – Matushree Manjulaben Dolatrai Desai Rotary Eye Bank & Processing Centre.

During the visit, PP Ashish Tapiawala delivered a session on the significance of eye donation awareness. Following this, our technician, Mr. Tushar, provided a detailed explanation of the eye processing procedures.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Dharmaji Shinde for his presence and valuable support during the program. We are sure these Gen-Z team would be our best Ambassadors in our movement of Eye Donation Awareness.

Netra Daan Maha Daan

Jaynisha Sampat



Ratri before Navratri Celebration



Like every year, this year too our Ratri before Navratri celebration was held with great enthusiasm and festive spirit. More than 160 children along with their parents and teachers participated wholeheartedly, filling the evening with joy and energy.



Hats off to the parents and teachers for beautifully managing the little ones — truly salute to their efforts!

All the Rotarians & Inner Wheel members joined in, dancing gracefully to the beats of Garba, followed by exciting prize distribution for children and parents.



Every child was gifted a steel water bottle sponsored by Mast. Paras Soham Jain, Mrs. K Haridas and Chetna Shinde, while cakes were lovingly served by our birthday girl Jenny.

A big thank you to our above and major donors Nikhil Desai and Kalpesh Mehta for their wholehearted support.



Special thanks to PP Rajulbhai Pathak for extending his help in managing the hall and catering, ensuring everything went smoothly.

And thanks to all the co-sponsorers and donors who generously donated towards this project.

Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who participated with such warmth and festive spirit, making this celebration truly memorable!

Jaynisha Sampat,
Inspire Secretary



Furniture From Mushrooms? A Mumbai Couple Is Growing Tomorrow's Design

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Step into a sunny Mumbai apartment and you might notice a sleek console table tucked against the wall. Minimal, elegant, perfectly functional—at first glance, nothing unusual. But lean in, and the surprise reveals itself: the base isn't wood, stone, or metal. It's grown from mushrooms.

That quiet shift—furniture as something cultivated rather than manufactured—lies at the heart of Anomalia, the brainchild of architects Bhakti Loonawat and Suyash Sawant. Together, the duo is turning mycelium, the root network of fungi, into furniture that's lightweight, durable, and astonishingly circular. Their mission is simple but radical: to design pieces that live their purpose and then gracefully return to the soil within 180 days.



A Client's Delight

Architect Huzefa Rangwala of MuseLAB was among the first to bring their consoles into a project. For him, the purchase wasn't just about looks. "They're light, easy to move, yet strong enough to support 70–80 kilos," he notes. "It's experimental but also familiar. And more importantly, it's honest innovation."

For his clients, the mushroom pieces sparked curiosity. Some warmed instantly to the raw, wabi-sabi aesthetic; others needed time to adjust. Yet the broader trend is clear: just as slow fashion reshaped wardrobes, sustainable furniture is nudging interiors toward responsibility.

Growing, Not Building

Bhakti and Suyash's journey began with discomfort over the waste spewed by construction and design industries. They found their answer in mycelium's regenerative potential. At Anomalia, they don't build furniture—they grow it.

Their debut collection, "Grown Not Built," features modular "microblocks" crafted from agricultural waste bound by mycelium. Each 1.5 kg block can withstand a staggering 1.5 tons of compressive load and can be assembled into stools, shelves, or partitions.

Their second line, "MycLiving," ventures into textiles, using thin sheets of mycelium as vegan leather alternatives for seating and upholstery. To enhance strength, the grown blocks are baked or sun-dried. Natural coatings like beeswax or lime plaster make them suitable for outdoor use.

More Than Green Furniture

For the couple, the material's beauty lies not only in strength but also in its circular lifecycle. Unlike conventional furniture—often destined for landfills after a decade—their pieces safely decompose, enriching the soil. "It's both strong and circular," Bhakti explains.

The approach also addresses agricultural waste. Instead of burning crop residue, which fuels air pollution, Anomalia transforms it into something valuable, elegant, and enduring. The designs often blend mushroom bases with wooden or metal tops, ensuring they feel timeless, not merely "eco-friendly."

Challenges of Living Design

Challenges remain. Working with fungi requires patience and scientific precision. Of course, working with fungi isn't simple. Contamination can ruin entire batches. Moisture remains a limitation.

And unlike predictable materials such as cement, mycelium has a mind of its own, growing in patterns that demand patience and adaptation. "It's part science, part art," Suyash reflects.

A Radical Dream

Yet, in these quirks, the couple sees boundless potential. Their dream stretches far beyond furniture: one day, they hope to grow entire homes—walls, roofs, partitions—proving fungi's power as a true architectural material.

In a world dominated by MDF, laminates, and plastic, their mushroom-grown consoles and blocks represent more than furniture. They are seeds of a new design philosophy, where sustainability isn't an afterthought but the starting point. As Bhakti and Suyash like to remind us, the future of design may lie not in what we build—but in what we choose to grow.



Fun-Filled Cricket Fellowship!



What a fantastic fellowship event it was, organized with full family participation! The exciting Cricket Tournament brought out the sportsmanship spirit, laughter, and plenty of bonding among members and their families.

The delicious food and ice cream were a delightful bonus, making an evening even more special. It was wonderful to see our new members getting actively involved along with their families, truly reflecting the Rotary spirit of togetherness.

Winner Team – Mr. Vishnu Kabra
Runner-Up Teams – Avinash Gujarathi & PP Rashmikant Sanghavi

An evening full of cricket, fun, food, and fellowship – strengthening bonds and creating memories!

Thanks to all the team owners for leading your team and making this event memorable.

Thanks to the organising team Jitendra Vora, Sanjay Shah, Mayur Joshi & Bhavesh Vora for making all the arrangements.



Service to the Community

On **06-09-2025**, the Rotary Club of Borivli, in association with Ram Roti Foundation, served free lunch to the needy at Shatabdi Hospital. This initiative benefits over 500 patients and their relatives, bringing comfort and nourishment to those in need.

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

The lunch was sponsored by **Jyoti & Rtn. Yashwant Gujaran** in memory of Jyoti's father- **Late Shri. P.R. Moily**.

The menu included:

1. Puri, 2. Sabzi, 3. Masala Khichdi, 4. Samosa, 5. Banana

Members Who Attended the Project:

Chairman Rtn. Harish Davda

Rtn. Sonal Davda

Rtn. PP Yashwant Gujaran

R/Ann. Jyoti Gujaran

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You Can Celebrate your BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY or any HAPPY MOMENTS by donating ONLY Rs.6000/-, enabling approximately 400 - 500 persons to partake of lunch. For more details of this noble Project, please connect with Annapurna Project Chairman Rtn. Harish Davda.



On **13-09-2025**, the Rotary Club of Borivli, in association with Ram Roti Foundation, served free lunch to the needy at Shatabdi Hospital. This initiative benefits over 500 patients and their relatives, bringing comfort and nourishment to those in need.

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

The lunch was sponsored by **Rtn. Mayuri Popat**.

The Menu included :

1. Puri, 2. Sabzi, 3. Masala Khichdi, 4. Samosa, 5. Ladoo & 6. Banana

Members Who Attended the Project:

Rtn. Nikhil Bhatt

R/Ann. Sonal Chandarana

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You Can Celebrate your BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY or any HAPPY MOMENTS by donating ONLY Rs. 6000/- for this Project, at Shatabdi Hospital or at Shankar Lane, enabling approximately 400 - 500 persons partake of Lunch/snacks. For more details of this noble Project, please connect with Annapurna Project Chairman Rtn. Harish Davda.



On **27-09-2025**, the Rotary Club of Borivli, in association with Ram Roti Foundation, served free lunch to the needy at Shatabdi Hospital. This initiative benefits over 500 patients and their relatives, bringing comfort and nourishment to those in need.

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

The lunch was sponsored by **Rtn. PP Nitin Majithia**.

The Menu included:

1. Puri, 2. Sabzi, 3. Masala Khichdi, 4. Samosa, 5. Boondi, 6. Banana

Members Who Attended the Project:

IPP. Harish Chandarana

Rtn. Kunal Vorra

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SUMIT PRAJAPATI



Sumit Prajapati (22) from Muzaffarnagar turned his father's rickshaw into a stage for social media. From doing odd jobs and confronting family struggles to creating viral videos, he now inspires thousands by proving that no work is small. This 22 year "young" turned his father's rickshaw into a "viral career" with 87 thousand followers.

Just two months ago, Sumit never imagined that he would be behind the wheel of a rickshaw. His dream was to become a software engineer. The turning point came when tragedy struck home. One night, after returning from his generator service job, Sumit's father tried to light the gas stove for dinner. A worn-out pipe gave way, flames erupted, and he suffered severe burns to his chest and neck.

The family of seven suddenly found themselves not only in emotional shock but also under the heavy weight of home and rickshaw loan EMIs. Out of sheer necessity, Sumit took up driving his father's rickshaw. It was never part of his plan. "We weren't financially stable, but I felt that I had to step in," he recalls.

When his father's accident forced him to drive a rickshaw, Sumit drew on his one valuable skill — social media. He noticed that while others created content around cars and bikes, no one was making videos about rickshaws. He immediately set about encashing the valuable opportunity which this lacuna opened up for him, and used social media to promote the usage of rickshaws.

The idea rapidly caught up with the result that Sumit, on an average, now earns about Rs. 25,000/- working just two days a week for a couple of hours. He receives four to five promotion requests daily. Last month alone, he earned up to Rs. 1.5 lakhs through brand promotions.

With these earnings, Sumit has cleared a part of his family's debt, bought a high-quality phone for content creation, and even given his sister pocket money.

"The most emotional milestone was taking my mother, who had never been to a restaurant, out for a meal," he says.

Verily, Sumit has overcome all odds with his resourcefulness and grit.

~ Ashish Tapiawala



AMLA RUIA



Water Warrior Who Built 814 Dams, Transforming Millions of Lives in Rajasthan.

Through traditional water harvesting and the construction of check dams, Amla Ruia has revitalised more than 100 villages across Rajasthan. By uniting local communities in the effort, she has restored water security and unlocked livelihoods.

Partnering with local communities, Amla weaves together ancestral knowledge and modern expertise to build affordable check dams. These structures transform short-lived seasonal streams into dependable water sources, breathing new life into once-barren lands.

These low-cost check dams work best in hilly regions, where the entire hill range naturally serves as a catchment for the reservoir. Unlike large dams, they offer all the benefits without the drawbacks — no displacement of people, no massive unused storage, no waterlogging, and no risk of devastating breaches. They are also highly cost-effective.

Today, 814 dams and 494 ponds are colouring the landscape of Rajasthan, bringing hope to these villages.

~ Ashish Tapiawala

