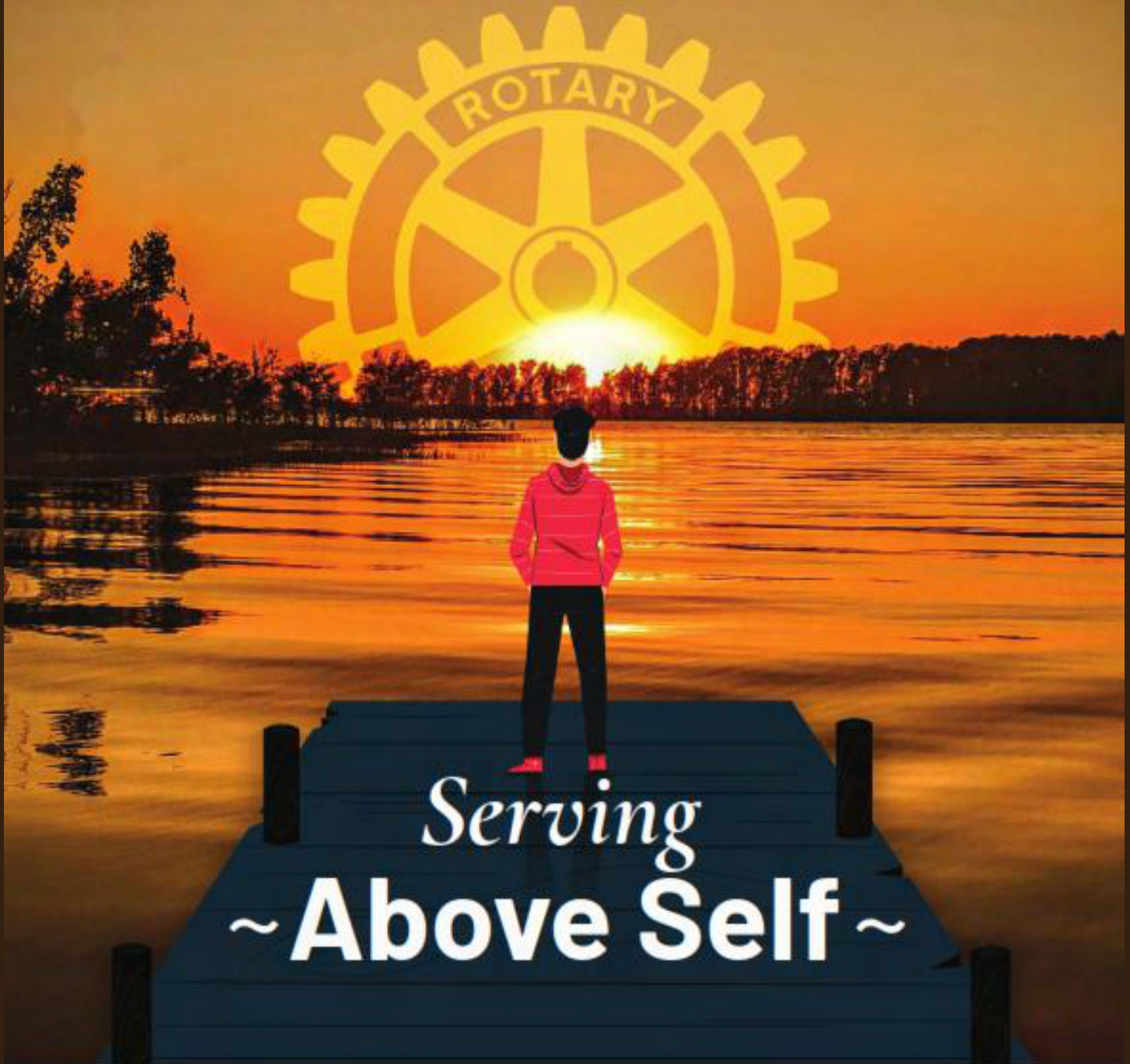




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~ Above Self ~

“The Human Contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live” – Ethyl Percy Andrus

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From the President's Desk



Rotarians, Friends, and Well-wishers,

As we step into November, I look back with deep gratitude on a truly vibrant and meaningful October. Life itself is a celebration — a precious journey filled with love, laughter, and endless opportunities to grow. Our Rotary journey beautifully reflects this philosophy, where every project, every smile, and every act of kindness adds color and purpose to our shared mission of service.

The month of October was filled with such moments of celebration and impact. Our Deepawali celebration reminded us that true light comes not only from lamps and festivities, but from the warmth we share with others. Bringing joy to our community and spreading happiness in every corner reminded us that Rotary's essence lies in compassion and togetherness.

Equally inspiring was our Startup RYLA – Entrepreneurship Development Workshop, which brought forward the spirit of creativity, courage, and leadership among the youth. It was heartening to witness young minds igniting their entrepreneurial spark, ready to shape a brighter and more self-reliant future. Their enthusiasm reaffirmed our belief that when guided and encouraged, the next generation can truly transform society.

As we move into November — Rotary Foundation Month, let us carry forward this same spirit of gratitude and service. Each contribution to The Rotary Foundation is a step toward creating sustainable change — in education, health, sanitation, and peace. The Foundation is not just a fund; it is the heart of Rotary that beats with compassion for humanity.

Life, after all, is about finding joy in small moments — a shared smile, a kind word, or the satisfaction of helping someone in need. Even challenges, when embraced with hope, teach us strength and resilience. Let us celebrate life by living with gratitude, serving with purpose, and spreading kindness wherever we go.

Together, as Rotarians, we continue to make our world brighter — one project, one smile, and one act of service at a time.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Ketal Tapiawala
President, Rotary Club of Borivli



The Rotary Foundation: Doing Good in the World



Each November, Rotary clubs around the globe pause to celebrate one of our organization's greatest legacies — The Rotary Foundation (TRF). What began as a modest idea in 1917, when Rotary President Arch C. Klumph proposed setting up an endowment “for the purpose of doing good in the world,” has today grown into one of the most respected and impactful humanitarian foundations worldwide.

The first contribution to the Foundation was just \$26.50 — a humble beginning that has since multiplied into billions of dollars of hope, transforming lives across continents. Over the decades, TRF has funded countless projects promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, supporting education, growing local economies, and protecting the environment. Its flagship initiative — PolioPlus, launched in 1985 — has brought the world to the brink of eradicating polio, reducing global cases by over 99.9%.

The Foundation's strength lies in its unique model — funds contributed by Rotarians are invested for three years, and the earnings help cover administrative costs, ensuring that every rupee and every dollar donated directly benefits service projects. It is a system built on trust, transparency, and the unshakable belief that collective giving can change the course of humanity.

Closer home, Rotary District 3141 has consistently been a shining example of generosity and commitment. Year after year, our district has ranked among the top contributors globally, and in recent times has proudly held the No. 1 position in the entire Rotary world. This achievement is not just a statistic — it reflects the spirit, compassion, and service-minded leadership that define every Rotarian in our district.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, let us reaffirm our pledge to keep this legacy of giving alive. Let us continue to open our hearts and wallets so that District 3141 remains at the top — not just in contributions, but in compassion.

Together, we will keep doing good in the world.

K.V. Premraj
Managing Editor

STARTUP SUTRA 2.0 RYLA



Dear Members,

It is indeed a proud moment for our club that this year's signature project — STARTUP SUTRA 2.0 RYLA: Be an entrepreneur (2nd Batch) — was successfully conducted from 24th to 26th October 2025.

Start-Up Sutra: Be an entrepreneur, a flagship RYLA initiative, is our step towards realizing one of the highly aspirational slogans given by our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi — "Start-up India." This three-day residential workshop was meticulously designed and executed to ignite entrepreneurial thinking among the youth.

The second batch of this pioneering project was launched in Mumbai as well as Maharashtra by our zealous PP Rtn. Ashish Tapiawala and President Rtn. Ketan Tapiawala, in association with Rotary Club of Virudhunagar and Punch Gurukulam.

Following the inspiring inaugural address by Shri Y. I. Shah, Officer on Special Duty, Directorate of Technical Education, Maharashtra (also a Government-appointed Start-up Promoter and Jury member for Gujarat, Karnataka, and Kerala), the participants — 6 girls and 20 boys — were guided by the dynamic training team led by Mr. Jayaraman and his team from Tamil Nadu.

The workshop imparted tremendous knowledge, confidence, and motivation to the participants, inspiring them to dream big and consider launching their own start-ups. The energy was electrifying at the finale as all teams were recognized and honoured with medals, certificates, and prizes for their grit, teamwork, and resilience throughout the program.

The sessions were intense yet engaging — filled with practical insights, interactive activities, and fun learning moments. Every aspect of the workshop offered unique experiences that pleasantly surprised participants; details are purposefully withheld here to retain the element of surprise for upcoming batches!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Systems+ Cares for their generous support and best wishes. Special thanks also go out to our dedicated organizing team, trainers, sponsors, guest speakers, guests of honour, and all Rotarians who contributed their time, energy, and enthusiasm to make Start-Up Sutra 2.0 a resounding success — a project now on its way to becoming a recognizable brand in itself!

Chronology of Events

Day 1 – Inauguration

Chief Guest: Shri Y. I. Shah, Officer on Special Duty, Directorate of Technical Education, Maharashtra.

His insightful address set an inspiring tone for the days ahead.

Day 2 – Knowledge & Transformation

The morning began with an energizing Meditation & Aerobics session by Rtn. K. C. Guruswamy.

Day 3 – Learning & Grand Valediction

Chief Guest: Mr. Bhavik Thakkar, MD of Bhavik Enterprises Ltd.

He shared his inspiring journey — from his early days at Adani Exports handling wheat exports to becoming a successful entrepreneur. His words deeply resonated with our Gen Z participants.

Power Speaker Session – Rtn. Dr. Sameer Tamhane

He recounted his transformation from humble beginnings to leading a highly profitable enterprise, sharing thought-provoking real-world business insights.

Valediction Ceremony

The grand finale celebrated the spirit of entrepreneurship — with awards, recognitions, and moments of joy filling the air.

A proud highlight was the announcement of the Top 2 "Race to Singapore" winners — **Rashi Wairagde and Nandini Miglani**, who will soon fly to Singapore for advanced entrepreneurial training.

The entire event was beautifully captured in photographs, etching unforgettable memories in the hearts of all participants and organizers.

Jaynisha Sampat, Inspire Secretary

YOUNG ACHIVERS



Vihaan Talya Vikas

Just 10 years of age, this Bengaluru Whiz Kid became 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year'.

The winner of 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year', Bengaluru-based Vihaan Talya Vikas' stunning pictures are a testament to his love of nature.



In 1964, London's Natural History Museum launched a competition - 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year'.

Since its inception, the magazine competition has scaled to what is now one of the most prestigious photography awards in the world. Today, the competition boasts of over 45,000 entries every year. The love and adulation by wildlife photographers who brave deep forests, remote areas and harsh terrain, are creditworthy.

And this year, it was the photograph clicked by Bengaluru native - Vihaan Talya Vikas - that grabbed eyeballs. The 10 year old's winning shot is telling in, and of itself — an ornamental tree trunk spider preventing its prey from escaping, with a carving of Lord Krishna in the frame.

Vihaan's first thought was, how well-positioned the arachnid was. It almost seemed entranced by Lord Krishna's flute. Insects, particularly spiders, had always held a fancy for Vihaan — "The way they spin webs, and hunt their prey, isn't it so cool?" — He recalls spending hours capturing their images during his childhood summer holidays.

So it was only natural that the young boy sat down, and watched the spider weave a wheel-shaped web, entangling any prey that dared to come too close. And soon he got clicking. "I must have clicked over 200 pictures," he shares.

Vihaan's winning shot in the '10 years and under' category of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year

What caught the judges' eye was the composition of the image. As Dhritiman Mukherjee, Wildlife and Conservation Photographer and Competition Judge, commented, "This image conveys so many interesting things to me. It talks about coexistence very nicely."

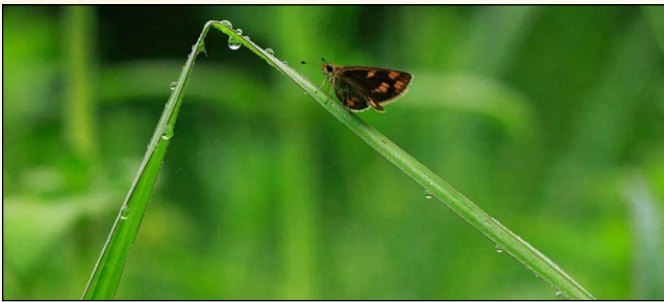
The inclusion of a historic sculpture, he noted, adds a different dimension to the concept. "Then here we are, seeing a spider — a smaller and less attended life form. So, for me, this one served the purpose of art, concept, conservation and science very nicely."

The award means that Vihaan's winning shot will become a part of the prestigious WPY59 collection and be prominently featured in the upcoming Wildlife Photographer of the Year Exhibition at the Natural History Museum.

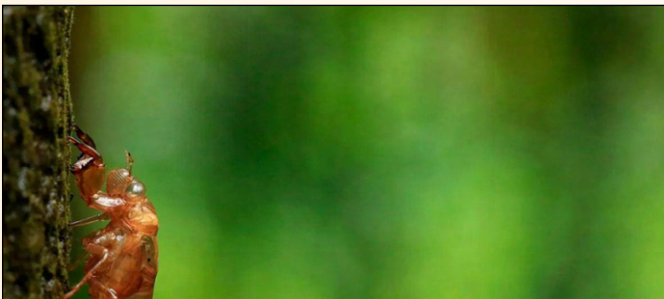
The road ahead is exciting for Vihaan who says, "The prize made me aware of the fact that the award is not the end but just the beginning of my photography journey."



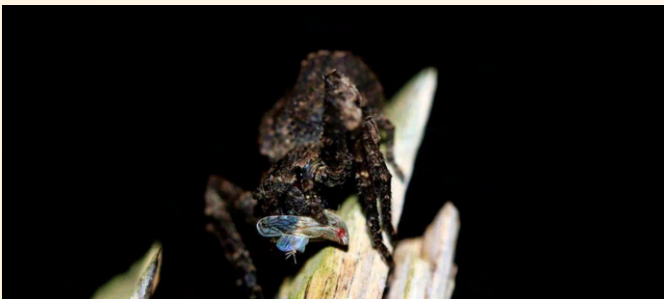
European Robin



Wide Band Grass Dart



Cicada Exoskeleton



Spider with kill



Egret

Dussehra Celebration at Rotary Club of Borivli

Rotary Club of Borivli members came together to celebrate the auspicious festival of Dussehra in true festive spirit. The highlight of the morning was the mouth-watering spread of traditional delicacies – crispy Fafda, sweet Jalebi, and soft, fluffy Khaman Dhokla, lovingly prepared by our very own President Rtn. Ketan Tapiawala.

The celebration was not just about food, but also about togetherness and bonding. Members enjoyed engaging conversations, laughter, and the joy of celebrating festivals as one big Rotary family. The fellowship created a warm and festive atmosphere, strengthening our bond of friendship and service.

On this special occasion, we also reaffirmed the message of Dussehra – the victory of good over evil and truth over falsehood – which truly resonates with the spirit of Rotary.

Congratulations to Khushi & Helly D/o RTN. Bhairavi Hetal Desai for their official announcement for the launch of website today at our get together... TANDAV.xyz

Thanks to Sanjaybhai Shah for arranging Fafda & Jalebi and Bela Desai for arranging tea and coffee.

A big thank you to President Ketan Tapiawala for making the morning extra special with her culinary skills and thoughtful gesture.



Service to the Community

On 04-10-2025, 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, 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. IPP Harish Chandarana.

Menu Served:

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

Members Who Attended the Project:

IPP Harish Chandarana

Prafulbhai Jobanputra

Kunal Vorra

We remain committed to Service Above Self.

You Can Celebrate your BIRTHDAY - ANNIVERSARY or ANY HAPPY MOMENTS by donating for this project at Shatabdi Hospital or at Shankar Lane, wherein Approx 400 - 500 persons will have Lunch/snacks.

You may connect with Annapurna Project Chairman Harish Davda for the same.



Diwali at Ashramashala

Diwali Celebration at Ashram Shala is a truly heart-touching project that our members look forward to every year. The children eagerly await our visit, and it brings immense joy to celebrate this festival of lights with them.

This year, our club installed four solar lights with poles in the Ashram Shala premises — lighting up the school ground and ensuring that the children can move around safely even in the evenings.

These solar lights were generously sponsored by:

- Rtn. Ruma Nikhil Desai
- Vibrant E Technologies
- Shree Sai Leela Charitable Trust
- Shri. Sadashivji Vaidya (referred by PP Rtn. Rashmikant Sanghavi and Dr. Vilas Gujjar)

The inauguration ceremony began with the lighting of diyas and a pooja, followed by the formal inauguration of the solar lights.

The school principal warmly acknowledged all our guests — including the President, Secretary, Past Presidents, Donors, and members by presenting them with beautiful handmade flowers and pens crafted by the children as a token of appreciation.

After the ceremony, the children were served delicious festive food, followed by a joyful firecracker display. The smiles, laughter, and pure happiness on their faces were truly heartwarming. The children danced with boundless energy to festive tunes, and our members too joined in, sharing beautiful moments filled with fun, music, and togetherness.

It was a memorable Diwali celebration — one that illuminated not just the school grounds but also our hearts.

Thanks to PP Umesh Soni for arranging firecrackers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the generous donors for their support in making this project a success and for bringing light and joy to the lives of these children.

Warm Regards,

Rtn. Jaynisha Sampat

Inspire Secretary 2025–26



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Diwali at POSAT

Deepawali Celebration with Special Children of POSAT Foundation on 15th October 2025! We celebrated the Festival of Lights with joy, laughter, and togetherness at Rustomjee School, Dahisar West and SVP School, Kandivali West. The celebrations were filled with smiles as we distributed crackers and sweets, spreading happiness and light all around. The joy on the children's faces truly made our day brighter! We extend our Best Wishes to these children.



Visit to Anand Dham Gaushala on 17th October, 2025



We visited the Anand Dham Gaushala at Virar and donated two grooming brushes for the cows there. These brushes were immediately put to use by the staff, and we could witness the relief these brought to the cows.

It was also a very special day at the Gaushala – a baby calf was born there that day. We performed a small Puja to herald her birth.

Rtn. Dr. Dharmaji Shinde suggested a beautiful name for her: Surbhi. Feeling truly blessed to witness such pure and divine moments.

The Grooming brush was donated by:

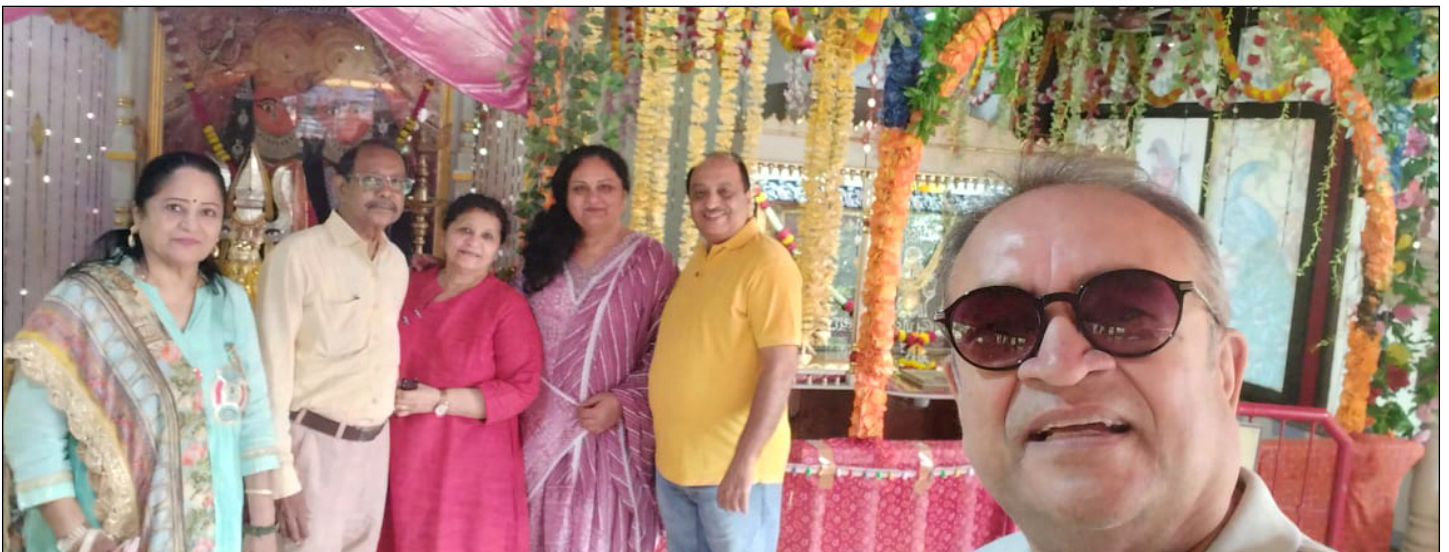
Chetna Shinde

Pratik Shah

A heartfelt thank you to the donors as well as PP Ashish Tapiawala, Dr. Dharmaji Shinde, and Chetna Shinde for joining this project. Our special thanks also to PP. Rashmikantji and Ashabhabhi for being with us at the Gaushala on their wedding anniversary day — their presence made it even more meaningful.

Ketal Tapiawala

President- RCB.





Shalini Roberts



At age 19, she lost her father in a road accident — today, though, she's 'Amma' to more than 100 girls across Tamil Nadu.

After witnessing her father's tragic demise, Shalini Roberts channelled her grief into compassion, building a community that heals through presence, purpose, and quiet strength. She turned to social media — not for sympathy but to heal through helping others. Today, she has impacted over 100 lives by providing financial aid, emotional support, and unconditional love.

For most of us, our teens and twenties are a chaotic adventure, where emotions run high, and every minor inconvenience feels like the end of the world. However, Shalini Roberts chose a different path. She opened her arms and heart to the world, eager to ensure that nobody would feel as lonely as she once did.

She started visiting the nearby orphanage often, to talk to the children there, understand their needs, and help them in whatever financial capacity she could.

Shalini started reaching out to young girls who had lost their parents. She listened to them and did her utmost to help in whatever way she could. "Some girls just needed a textbook. Others just wanted someone to call Amma," she shares.

Over time, her efforts culminated into The Roberts Trust Foundation, which now supports over several needy people across Tamil Nadu, by sponsoring education, helping women start small businesses, and creating a safe space for emotional healing. "One girl gave me the first piece of cake she had saved for her late mother for 15 years," Shalini remembers. "Love is presence; it's showing up."

Today, she has built a community rooted in compassion and support, offering financial assistance, emotional encouragement, and a reminder that even in the depths of pain, kindness can bloom.

~ Ashish Tapiawala



Kashvi Jindal



Kashvi Jindal, a 17-Year-Old Entrepreneur Who Helps Underprivileged Gain Financial Literacy.

Kashvi Jindal grew up listening to talks about the financial world from her father Gaurav Jindal who runs his own hedge fund.

This paved the way for her remarkable journey in the business world, but with a difference.

Driven by a passion for entrepreneurship coupled with social work, Kashvi envisioned a unique blend in order to make an impactful change while embracing business strategies. She knew that driven by circumstances, persons in the lower income strata focus mainly on day to day survival, rather than on long term planning. Most of them are ignorant of basic financial concepts, leaving them vulnerable to exploitation by unscrupulous elements.

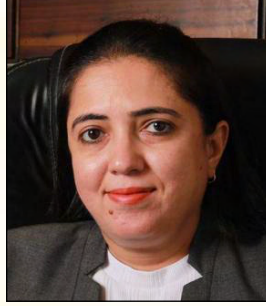
Recognizing this critical gap, she founded the platform 'Invest the Change', and is using the same to empower blue-collar job workers gain financial literacy, thereby transforming their lives. Her platform also assists them in availing the benefits of various Government schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), and Atal Pension Yojana.

Kashvi's vision has helped more than 3,000 domestic workers, bus drivers, and wage workers gain financial literacy.

May her initiative help many more underprivileged amongst us.

~ Ashish Tapiawala





Hon. Secretary

Dear Rotarian Members,

Our Club has celebrated Indian Festivals with various joyful projects and fellowship events.

Every year, we celebrate Ratri before Navratri with special children from various schools, and this year was no different. We recognized the children for Best Costume, Best Dancer, and Best Parent-Child Dress-up. It was a heartwarming experience, and I had the privilege of celebrating my birthday with them, dancing together to the lively tunes of Garba.

We also celebrated Dussehra with our members, enjoying a delicious brunch of Jalebi, Gathiya, and Dhokla lovingly prepared by our President- Rtn. Ketan Tapiawala. We exchanged festive wishes and shared moments of joy and togetherness.

Continuing the celebrations, our Deepawali Project was held at Dhawane Ashram Shala, Vasai Kaman, with over 550 students. As part of the initiative, our Club installed a solar light pole with four side lights, illuminating the campus. After the festivities, the children were served a delicious meal, followed by an exciting firecracker display. The happiness and smiles on their faces were truly priceless. The children danced joyfully to the music, and our members joined in, creating unforgettable memories filled with warmth and laughter.

Seasons Greetings to One and All.

Rtn. Jaynisha Sampat
Honorary Secretary