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Sanitation and Water Transform Lives

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From the President's Desk



AAs we step into this new Inspire month, I extend warm greetings to all members of the Rotary Club of Borivli.

This is the month of Holi—the festival of colors. Holi is not just about colors, but about joy, enthusiasm, love and togetherness. Just as different colors blend to create a beautiful rainbow, our diverse thoughts, talents and experiences come together to make our Rotary family strong and meaningful. Red symbolizes love and energy, yellow reflects happiness and hope, green stands for growth and new beginnings, and blue represents peace and trust. This Holi, let us forget past misunderstandings, spread positivity and fill every life around us with harmony and happiness. Happy Holi!

At Rotary, March is dedicated to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), a cause that directly impacts dignity and health. In alignment with this focus, we are committed to building eight toilet blocks for girl students of Saraswati Vidya Mandir, this month. This initiative is not merely about construction; it is about ensuring safety, restoring dignity and empowering young girls to continue their education with confidence. Clean water and proper sanitation are basic rights, and through this effort we take a meaningful step toward a healthier and more equal society.

We will also actively promote water conservation in every household. Responsible usage of water must begin at home. As part of our outreach, we will strive to provide water wheels to families in need at Shahpur, easing the burden of carrying water—especially for women and children—and encouraging efficient storage and usage.

We are equally proud that our sister organization, the Inner Wheel Club of Borivli, completes 25 years of service and celebrates its Silver Jubilee. We shall honor their inspiring journey this month.

Adding to the significance is the upcoming Official Club Visit of our District Governor in mid-month. This is an important occasion for our club to present our vision, projects and accomplishments. It is also a moment of introspection and inspiration—an opportunity to showcase the strength of our membership, the diversity of our service avenues and the quality of work we have delivered across community development, youth engagement, education, health and environment initiatives.

I urge every member to participate wholeheartedly in the preparations and be present in full strength during the OCV. Let us demonstrate our unity, discipline and enthusiasm. Let us proudly present the impactful projects we have undertaken, the partnerships we have built and the lives we have touched.

Together, let us celebrate milestones, welcome guidance and continue our journey of Service Above Self with renewed energy and collective pride.

Rtn. Ketal Tapiawala

President, Rotary Club of Borivli



Clean Water, Healthy Communities – Rotary in Action



March is observed in the Rotary world as Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month, reminding Rotarians that access to safe drinking water and hygienic surroundings is fundamental to health, dignity, and development. Rotary's global efforts in this area focus on building sustainable water systems, improving sanitation infrastructure, and promoting hygiene awareness. These initiatives help communities manage their water resources independently and reduce the risk of waterborne diseases.

Across Rotary District 3141, clubs have consistently acted in this field through water management initiatives, sanitation facilities in schools and community-based projects that improve public health and environmental sustainability.

The Rotary Club of Borivili has long been part of this movement and has supported community projects that reflect Rotary's commitment to clean water and sanitation. Over the years, the Club has participated in initiatives that improve access to safe drinking water and contribute to healthier living conditions in surrounding communities. Rotary Club of Borivili members have worked through service projects that include support for clean water access and community health, reflecting Rotary's broader commitment to improving quality of life at the grassroots level.

Within the Borivili region and neighbouring areas, Rotary clubs have installed water purification facilities and drinking water systems in schools serving underprivileged communities, ensuring that hundreds of children have access to safe drinking water every day. Such initiatives demonstrate how relatively simple interventions can have a profound impact on health and school attendance.

The spirit of water conservation has also been reflected in District 3141 initiatives such as rainwater harvesting projects that help recharge groundwater and improve water availability for both institutions and surrounding communities. These projects benefit not only students and residents but also contribute to long-term environmental sustainability.

For the Rotary Club of Borivili, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month is therefore not merely a theme on the Rotary calendar but a reflection of work that has been quietly conducted over decades. From ensuring clean drinking water to supporting sanitation and conservation initiatives, the Club continues to demonstrate that meaningful service often begins with meeting the most basic human need — clean and safe water.

K.V. Premraj
Managing Editor

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 'DRISHTIKON'.

Friends, it gives me immense pleasure to share with you all that Zone-4 has won the 2nd Prize in the Ramp Walk held today at the Rotary District Conference "Drishtikon".

Our President, Rtn. Ketan Tapiawala, beautifully portrayed a Gujarati lady, while our Secretary, Rtn. Jaynisha Sampat, gracefully represented a Kashmiri girl.

The theme showcased the textiles and looms of different states of India, highlighting our rich and diverse cultural heritage.

Proud moment for our club and Zone-4.

Regards,

Jaynisha Sampat



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'Stars of Borivali'



Raj Jhaveri

Raj Jhaveri, our new member, had the privilege of delivering a Keynote at the World BFSI Congress & Awards and was recognised as Most Admired BFSI Professional 2026.

He says, Such milestones reinforce the responsibility to give back to the community – something Rotary exemplifies so beautifully. I look forward to contributing wherever possible.

Congratulations Raj Jhaveri for wonderful achievement.



Pre-OCV meeting



Dear Friends

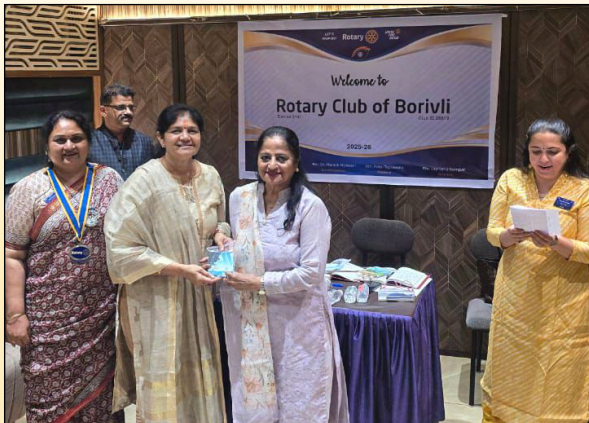
RCB's Pre-OCV meeting was held on 27.02.2026 with AG Dr. Durgesh Aroor as the Chief Guest.

The Assistant Governor reviewed the Club's documents & records, and appreciated the efforts taken to maintain proper documentation & transparency.

During the meeting, all Inspire Club Directors gave detailed presentations on the projects completed during the Rotary year. They also shared insights on the forthcoming projects and action plans, explaining these in great depth. The discussions reflected the dedication, teamwork, and commitment of our members towards meaningful service and Club growth. Overall, the meeting was productive and very encouraging. Dr. Aroor's speech was truly inspiring to all present.

A Big Thanks to all involved, for their preparation, participation, and continued support in strengthening our Club activities.

Jaynisha Sampat



Books to Library

The Rotary Club of Borivli provided 350 library books to the students of M.K. School/College, located at Factory Lane, Borivali West, on 02-02-2026, with an assurance of more books to be added in the near future.

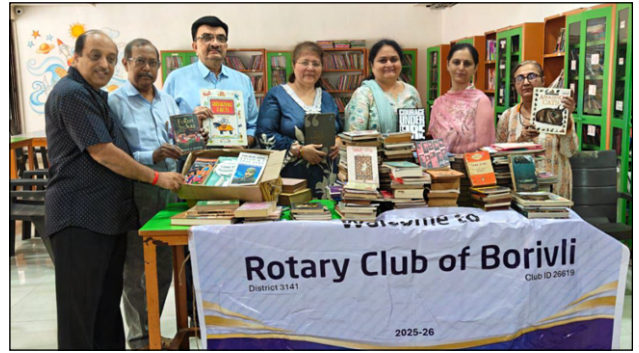
The request for this project was received through PP Rajul Pathak.

Out of the total collection, more than 100 books were contributed from the personal library of Dr. Dharmaji Shinde. Our Vocational Awardee, Mr. Vraj Patel, generously contributed around 100 books. Rtn. Sumedha Rao contributed more than 50 books, while Rtn. Viresh Vora contributed approximately 30 books. The remaining books were arranged through the personal contacts of Dr. Dharmaji Shinde and Chetna Shinde. In total 350 books were provided to them.

The entire project, from coordination to execution, was efficiently handled by Dr. Dharmaji Shinde. A special thanks to him for always working tirelessly and wholeheartedly for every worthy project.

Members present:

1) Pres. Ketal, 2) Dr. Dharmaji Shinde, 3) PP Rajul Pathak, 4) PP Ashish Tapiawala, 5) PP Ruma Desai



POSAT Foundation



On 8th February 2026, POSAT Foundation organized a wonderful dance performance presented by the children of their school.

The Rotary Club of Borivli was invited for this special occasion. Our club has always been front runner for any projects for special children. We sincerely appreciate Dr. Dharmaji Shinde for generously contributing for the venue for the event.

The members present at the event were:

PE Aarti Parekh, Dr. Dharmaji Shinde & Chetna Shinde.

We are extremely proud to share that Joanne Rodrigues, a student from POSAT Foundation, has been selected in Powerlifting for the Para Olympics to be held in Chile in 2027. This is a moment of immense pride for all of us!

The Rotary Club of Borivli extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Dharmaji Shinde for his generous gesture towards sponsorship, supporting Joanne Rodrigues for the upcoming Para Olympics.

We wish Joanne great success and glory as she represents with determination and strength.

Jaynisha Sampat.



Visit of nurses from Bhaktivedant Hospital

Dear friends,

On 9th February, 2026, 22 students accompanied with a head Nurse from Bhaktivedant hospital and Nursing School visited Matushree Manjulaben Dolatrai Desai Rotary Borivli Eye Bank and Processing Center.

The students were given detailed explanation by PP Ashish Tapiawala about eye donations, eye enucleation, processing and documentation procedures, benefits of eye donation to the society highlighting dire need of awareness of eye donation etc. The students were very curious and asked many questions at the end of the session.

Students were then given in-person visit to the processing Lab by our able Technician Tushar who explained them the entire gamut of activities from processing of Cornea to preservation of Cornea.

Please support the cause of bringing vision to the corneally blind by spreading the eye donation awareness message as much as possible.

Ketan Shah



Eye Bank Visited By RFE Guests From Canada

For Manjulaben Dolatrai Desai Rotary Borivli Eye Bank and Processing Center was quite a remarkable day, as 8 RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange) members from the different Rotary Clubs from Canada visited our eye bank and spent considerable time understanding the workings of the eye bank.

Eye Bank Chairman SJP Mayank Desai welcomed all the RFE members along with members from the host clubs - Rotary Club Of Powai and Mira Road as well as Rotary club of Dombivali Saudamini. Amongst the visiting RFE members were PDG and DGN from the District 3070, Canada. Followed by morning snacks and tea, overall briefing about the working of the Eye Bank was given by SJP Mayank Desai. Tushar, our technician with the help of PP Ashish Tapiawala explained the technical and processing part of the cornea enucleated from the donor. It seemed some of them were deeply interested in understanding the process as they put across many questions which were explained in detailed manner.

Later Presidents of respective host clubs spoke about their important projects and also felicitated the guests with memento and Rotary club flag.

SJP Mayank Desai highlighted the main flagship projects and few of the other important projects of our club, which inspired our guests to donate Rs. 16000/- for 40 Sanjeevani kits and handed over the amount to the Club President Ketan Tapiawala.

Finally guests enthusiastically posed for photos and asked to share those photos with them.

Our eye bank sincerely thanks the following Rotarians from our club for their presence and support -

President Ketan Tapiawala, Secretary Jaynisha Sampat, Chairman Mayank Desai, PP Ashish Tapiawala, PE Aarti Parekh, Rtn. Dr. Dharmaji Shinde, Rtn. Bela Desai and yours truly also DS Deepak Chawla, AG Dr. Durgesh Aroor and other Rotarians from the host clubs, totaling 20.

Ketan Shah - Vice Chairman



The Sanjivani Medical Kit

The Sanjivani Medical Kit plays a vital role in ensuring basic healthcare support for families, especially in remote and underserved areas. It provides immediate relief in emergencies and promotes a sense of security and well-being.

Heartfelt appreciation to Mr. Dinesh Rege for his generous initiative of distributing 30 Sanjivani Medical Kits to the families of deaf and dumb students studying at Divya Vidyalaya, Jawhar. Special applause to him for thoughtfully identifying the deserving beneficiaries, ensuring that this meaningful support reaches the families who truly need it. He personally explained the use of each medicine to the beneficiaries, as per the details provided inside the kits.

This thoughtful contribution will go a long way in supporting the health and safety of these families. Your compassion and commitment to community welfare truly reflect the spirit of service.

Jaynisha Sampat

A cricket player's performance card for Aayush Jethwa. The card features a photo of the player in a white shirt. The statistics are:

MATCHES	7	RUNS	659
100S	2	50S	4
AVERAGE	65.90	HS	151

*Congratulations to
Aayush Jethwa
and proud parents
Rtn. Viren Jethwa*



Chandrababha Parihar



At 73, Mumbai's Chandrababha Parihar is proving that ambition has no expiry date. What began as a quiet creative pursuit during the lockdown has blossomed into a flourishing crochet brand that delivers across India and to six countries worldwide. With a growing Instagram community of over 1.68 lakh followers and an average of 50 orders each month, she lovingly handcrafts customised jackets, bags and accessories—demonstrating that it is never too late to build something of your own.

Her days are rarely idle. Whether completing an order or exploring a new pattern, Chandrababha's hands are constantly at work. One of her most challenging creations was a jacket inspired by Alia Bhatt. It was her first attempt at designing one, and perfecting the neckline patterns tested her skills. Yet, with patience and determination, she delivered it successfully—an achievement she recalls with a proud smile.

Her home is a vibrant canvas of colour—reds, oranges, blues and purples scattered in the form of yarns, half-finished designs and neatly packaged products ready for dispatch. Though she learned crochet in school and had long practised stitching and embroidery, she only began pursuing crochet seriously as a business in 2021. Encouraged by her daughter-in-law Swati, who started sharing her creations on Instagram, Chandrababha soon found an enthusiastic audience online.

Swati, who left her IT career in 2020 to focus on family, played a pivotal role in transforming the hobby into a digital enterprise. With more time at home during the lockdown, Chandrababha rediscovered her creative spark. One of her earliest pieces was inspired by the iconic hat worn by Kajol in Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge.

Though she works at her own pace, Chandrababha maintains an active lifestyle and remains energised by the love she receives from customers. In March 2025, she was honoured with the Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar Award in the Senior Entrepreneur category. In a world of fast fashion, she is crafting a brand woven with memory, resilience and passion.

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Rohit Manavadiya



Dustbin with trapped animal indicator

Monkey, squirrel, birds, etc., sometime get trapped in big dustbins while looking for food and are not able to come out. Rohit's idea is to have a device, which indicates if an animal has got trapped in the dustbin and alert people nearby to rescue it. He got this idea after seeing several reports of trapped animals on TV.

Rohit Manavadiya achieved a significant milestone in urban wildlife protection by inventing a Dustbin with a Trapped Animal Indicator, uniquely designed to prevent accidental deaths of small creatures like dogs or cats in deep trash containers. His standout achievement lies in the integration of a counter-weighted internal sensor plate and an external visual alert. Unlike standard bins where animals remain hidden and perish, this innovation uniquely triggers a high-visibility mechanical flag or LED signal when the weight and movement of a trapped animal are detected. By providing an immediate "distress signal" to sanitation workers. Mandavadiya uniquely turned a common urban hazard into a life-saving smart utility.

Rohit loves watching cricket, National Geographic Channel and other animal related channels on TV. He wants to become a bank manager and also wants to go abroad for higher studies. He just graduated from Gandhinagar. He received IGNITE Award for his innovation.

The idea took root during a casual conversation with his father, who encouraged him to channel his innovation into

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