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Monthly Newsletter

# Rotary's Coastal Chronicles



## THE FOUR-WAY TEST Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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# Slow Learner's Project

**T**eachers' Training Workshop on Understanding Slow Learners and Learning Disabilities was conducted by Rotary Club of Umbergaon on 7th January at MK Mehta school, Umbergaon.

This was one-of-its-kind workshop and conducted first such workshop in Umbergaon, focusing specifically on slow learners and learning disabilities. A total of 19 teachers from 8 different schools actively participated in the session. The training covered key aspects of identifying learning challenges, classroom strategies, and supportive teaching methods. The session was interactive, informative, and highly engaging for the participants.

Teachers appreciated the relevance of the topic and expressed that the workshop was much needed and highly beneficial for their professional growth and for supporting students more effectively.

A teachers' felicitation ceremony was conducted to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of the participating educators. Members of the Rotary Club were present during the ceremony, adding grace and encouragement to the event.

Special thanks to Rtn. Ann Kirti Jethwa for her exceptional dedication and support. From approaching schools to planning and executing the entire workshop, her efforts played a major role in making this project a success.

Special thanks to Rtn. Ann Mansi Shah for efficiently handling all arrangements at the venue. The school and the team were excellent hosts, ensuring smooth coordination and a comfortable learning environment.

Heartfelt thanks to all Rotarians who were present during the teachers' felicitation ceremony and supported the initiative.

The workshop not only enhanced teachers' understanding but also set a strong foundation for future initiatives in this area.







# Rotary Family Meet

The Rotary Club of Umbergaon successfully organised a Rotary Family Meet - Winter gathering at the Rotary Plot on 16th January.

The objective of this project was to promote fellowship, bonding, and togetherness among Rotary members and their families in a warm and informal setting.

Members and their families gathered from 7:30 PM onwards and enjoyed a pleasant evening filled with fellowship and camaraderie.

A delicious dinner was arranged for all. Rtn. Ann Savita Bhati prepared the special Haldi ki Sabji, which was highly appreciated by everyone. The dinner menu also included Dal Baati and the local winter delicacy Umbadiyu, adding

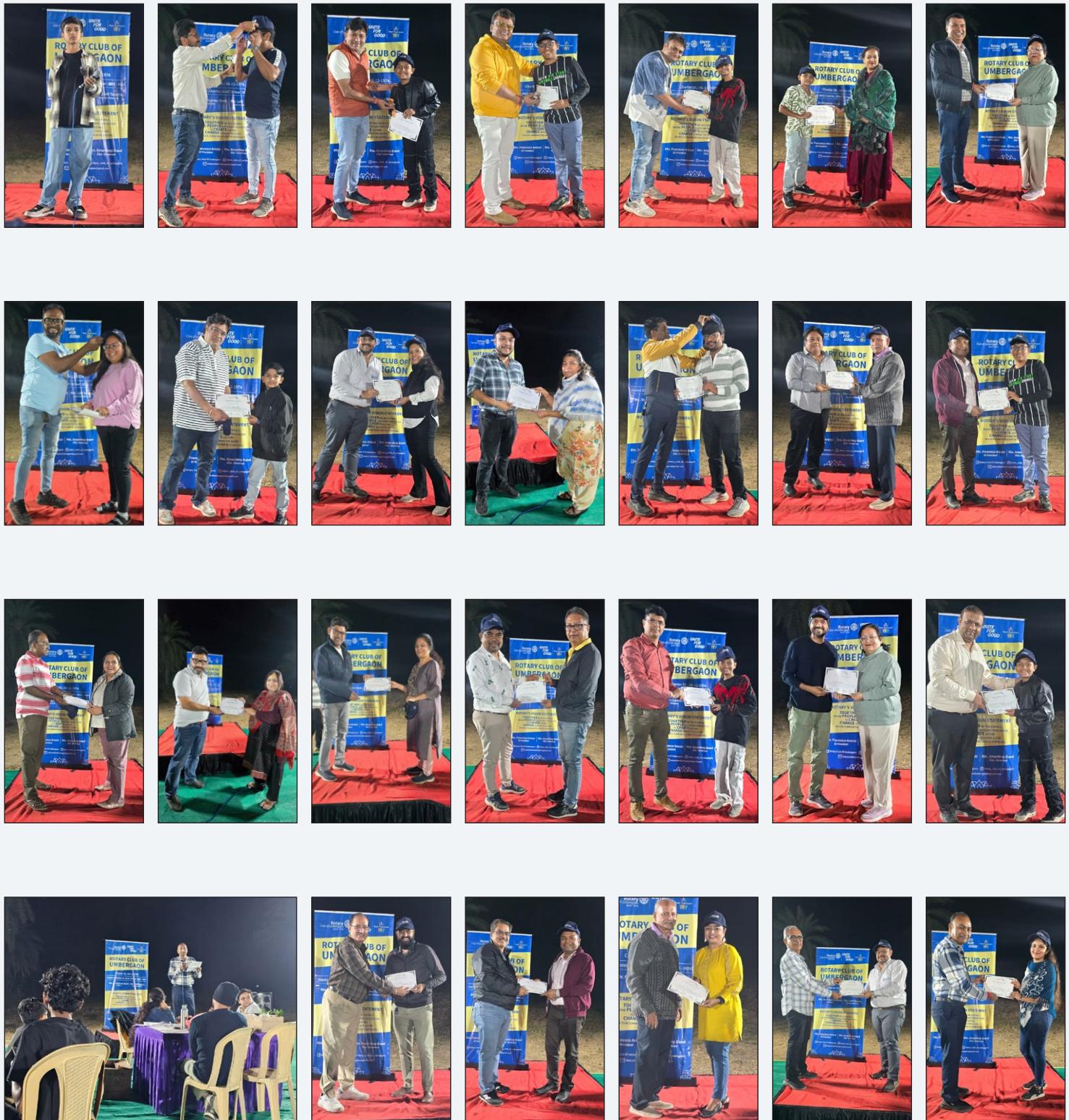
a traditional and festive touch to the gathering.

During the event, participants and special achievers of the Rotary Health Challenge were felicitated for their commitment and dedication towards maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Their efforts were acknowledged and applauded by all members.

The best part was the Rotary Annets actively carrying forward the event with management and MOC.

The Rotary Family Meet - Winter Gathering was a successful fellowship event that strengthened bonding among members and families. The warm atmosphere, delicious food, and recognition of health challenge achievers made the evening memorable and enjoyable for everyone present.







## RIPL – Rotary Industrial Premier League

### Umbergaon's First-Ever Inter-Industrial Cricket Tournament

**R**otary Club of Umbergaon organised the Rotary Industrial Premier League (RIPL) with the objective of strengthening bonding among local industries, promoting sportsmanship, teamwork, and fostering goodwill within the industrial community of Umbergaon. The event also aimed at increasing Rotary's visibility and community engagement through a well-organised sporting platform.

The RIPL was successfully conducted on 19th January, 2026 at Dehari Ground, Umbergaon. A total of 8 industries from Umbergaon actively participated in the league. The event commenced at 8:00 a.m. and witnessed enthusiastic participation from players, supporters, and Rotary members.

The event included breakfast, Lunch and High Tea for team members and the owners.

To extend the reach of the event beyond

the ground, live streaming was done on YouTube, allowing people to watch the matches online and stay connected with the event.

Approximately 300 viewers were seen on the ground and around 500 viewers online.

The strong turnout, both offline and online, reflected the popularity and success of the event.

The project was efficiently planned and executed under the leadership of Project Chairman Rtn. Arul Raj, with support from Rotary members. Proper arrangements were made for match management, ground facilities, and live streaming, ensuring smooth conduct of the event throughout the day.

With excellent participation, enthusiastic audience response, and seamless execution, the event fulfilled its objectives and set a strong benchmark for similar initiatives in the future.



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# Republic Day Celebration

The Rotary Club of Umbergaon celebrated Republic Day on 26th January at Vanganpada School, commencing at 7:30 a.m. The program began with flag hoisting, followed by the singing of the national anthem, creating a patriotic and respectful atmosphere.

The event included cultural programmes performed by the students, showcasing their talents and expressing love for the nation through dance, speeches, and performances. Rotary members gave Poha, Paper boat, Muffins and distributed to 250 students and local tribal people. The programs were well appreciated by teachers, students, and Rotary members present at the event.

As a gesture of gratitude and appreciation, the teachers of

Vanganpada School presented a handmade painting to the Rotary Club of Umbergaon. This heartfelt gesture symbolised mutual respect and strengthened the relationship between the school and the Rotary Club. It Promoted patriotism and national pride among students, encouraged cultural expression and student participation and strengthened Rotary's connection with the local school.

The Republic Day celebration at Vanganpada School was a successful and meaningful project undertaken by the Rotary Club of Umbergaon. The event fostered national spirit, community bonding, and left a lasting positive impression on students, teachers, and Rotary members alike.







## Rotary Family Premier League (RFPL) 3.0

The Interact Club of Umbergaon organised the Rotary Family Premier League (RFPL) 3.0 in coordination with the Rotary Club of Umbergaon with the objective of promoting fellowship, unity, and bonding among the entire Rotary family. The project aimed to provide a common platform for Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, and Inner Wheel members, while also giving Interactors an opportunity to showcase their leadership, planning, and execution skills.

The Interact Club of Umbergaon played a pivotal role in the planning and execution of RFPL. The Interactors took complete ownership of the project and were actively involved in conceptualising, organising, coordinating, and managing all aspects of the event.

From conducting the player auction in December, coordinating with the 8 team owners, managing team allocations, scheduling matches, handling ground arrangements, and ensuring smooth on-field execution, the Interactors demonstrated exceptional teamwork, discipline, and leadership. Their enthusiasm, commitment, and sense of responsibility were clearly reflected in the seamless flow of the entire tournament.

The RFPL tournament was successfully conducted on 26th January, 2026 at USF Turf, commencing at 2:30 p.m. onwards. A total of 8 teams were formed, each comprising members from Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, and Inner Wheel, thereby truly representing the spirit of the Rotary family.

The matches were played in a lively and sportsmanlike environment, with Interactors efficiently managing scorekeeping, time management, coordination between teams, and overall discipline on the field.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, where winning and runner-up teams were felicitated. All participants were given participation certificates. This was followed by a dinner, giving all participants an opportunity to relax, interact, and celebrate the success of the event together.

The Rotary Family Premier League (RFPL) 3.0 stood out as a well-planned and flawlessly executed project, largely due to the dedicated efforts of the Interact Club of Umbergaon and its Interactors. Their ability to manage the event independently, with guidance from Rotary, showcased the true spirit of Interact and set an excellent example for future projects.





# Project Report: HUMF

**R**otary Club of Umbergaon organised the HUMF Project on 16th January 2026 at Ahirwas Anganwadi with the objective of improving maternal nutrition and supporting high-risk pregnancies in the community.

The project focused on identifying pregnant women who were underweight and categorized as high risk. In coordination with Anganwadi workers and healthcare staff, 14 such beneficiaries were identified. Each of them was provided with specially prepared ration kits containing essential nutritious food items to support a balanced diet during pregnancy.

In addition to the distribution of ration kits, awareness was created about the importance of proper nutrition, regular health check-ups, and prenatal care. Rotarians interacted with the beneficiaries and encouraged them to follow healthy dietary and hygiene practices for safer pregnancies and better maternal and child health outcomes.

The project was successfully executed with active participation from Rotary members and Anganwadi staff. The initiative had a positive impact on the beneficiaries and demonstrated Rotary Club of Umbergaon's continued commitment to maternal and child welfare and community development.





# Project Report: Ray of Hope (ROH)

**R**otary Club of Umbergaon organised the Ray of Hope (ROH) project on 16th January 2026 with the aim of addressing child malnutrition and promoting better health among underprivileged children. The project was conducted at two Anganwadi centres — Dehari and Ahirwas.

A total of 64 malnourished children were identified and benefited through this initiative, including 49 moderately malnourished and 15 severely malnourished children. The project focused on improving their nutritional intake and creating awareness about proper nutrition and health practices.

Rotary members coordinated with Anganwadi workers to identify the children in need and ensured effective implementation of the project. Nutritional support and essential supplements were distributed to the beneficiaries. Guidance was also provided to caregivers regarding balanced diets, hygiene, and child care practices to support long-term improvement in the children's health.

The project was successfully executed with active participation from Rotarians, Anganwadi staff, and community members. This initiative reinforced Rotary Club of Umbergaon's commitment to community service and its ongoing efforts to combat child malnutrition and support holistic child development.





## Birthday Celebrations

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| 02nd Jan 2026 | Rtn. Siddharth Mehta |
| 04th Jan 2026 | Rtn. Vinod Dedhia    |
| 10th Jan 2026 | Rtn. Milind Sonpal   |
| 14th Jan 2026 | Rtn. Ajay Patel      |
| 14th Jan 2026 | Rtn. Virendra Patni  |

## Anniversary Celebrations

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| 25th Jan 2026 | Rtn. Rahul Jethwa |
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## ROTARY'S VISION STATEMENT



## Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus

PEACEBUILDING AND  
CONFLICT PREVENTIONDISEASE PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENTWATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENEMATERNAL AND  
CHILD HEALTHBASIC EDUCATION  
AND LITERACYCOMMUNITY ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

ENVIRONMENT