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President's Message



Dear friends,

We have embarked on a new vibrant Rotary year, let's remember our Mission: "Service Above Self." This year, we'll focus on education, health, old age homes, and environmental sustainability. Activities are already underway on the education front, medical, school development, and of course our fellowship activities.

Your active participation is the key to our success. Let's share ideas, volunteer time, and work together to create a positive impact. Together, we can make this rotary year one of significant change and a lasting legacy.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Yours in Rotary
Devsingh Shahani
President - 2024-25

From the Editor



The vibrant new Rotary year has unfolded, and several initiatives and activities are already underway, I am honoured to welcome you back to Parichay, your platform for inspiration, information, and connection. Our journey with President Rtn Devsingh Shahani at the helm is marked by a shared commitment to service, fellowship, and positively impacting our communities and the world.

Let us channel our collective energy into our projects whether through supporting education, healthcare, or environmental initiatives, let us be the catalysts for change.

Within these pages, you'll find details of the initiatives already started in some avenues whilst others are being rolled out. But this magazine is more than just a collection of articles and photographs. It's a reflection of our shared values, our aspirations, and our unwavering commitment to making a difference.

Let's work together for a better tomorrow!
Sashikala Charles

A New Year of Service Begins

The Vibrant year began with the installation of our new Club President, Rtn Devsingh Shahani and his team comprising of the Secretary, Rtn Raghunath Prabhu, Treasurer Rtn Dharmesh Sheth and the Board of Directors. This was a momentous occasion for RCKMW as we embark on a new chapter of service and community impact.

President Devsingh Shahani is an experienced Rotarian which he brings to this role. Under his leadership and with the support of a strong team, we are confident that our Club will continue to lead the way in making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Please welcome our new leadership team while expressing our immense gratitude to our incredible IPP Prithika Samani and her team for their dedicated efforts and invaluable contributions.

Together, let's build a brighter future for our community.



English Speaking And Vyakti Vikas Project

Education Director : Rtn Vrajesh Shah



English Speaking and Personality Development

Our 15-year-old English Speaking and Personality Development project continues to help underprivileged students. This year, 950 students from 16 schools are benefitting from the course taught by experienced trainers from the BM Institute of English. Rotarians and R/Anns have volunteered as coordinators and observers. BNI India is donating INR 9 lakhs to cover the project's costs. The project began on June 24th at N.D. Patil School and was subsequently launched in other participating schools Like Ambedkar School, Dev Vidyaniketan, Ekveera School , St. Mary's School , Bharat Bharati School , Raj Dev School.



Vyakti Vikas Course

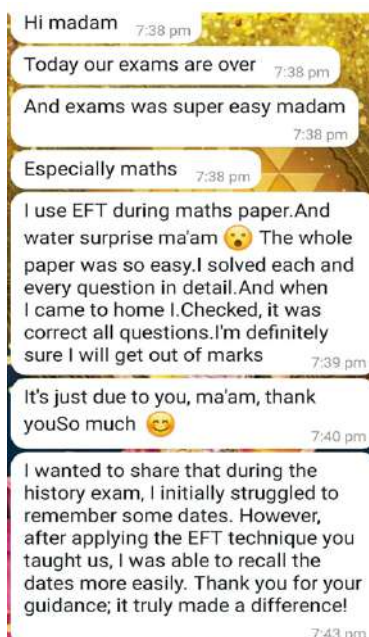


The Vyakti Vikas Course, now in its fourth year, has reached over 300 students from six schools. Partnering with The Aushadganga Foundation, it focuses on mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Four experienced trainers conduct interactive sessions using engaging examples to help students understand these concepts. We thank PP Vinay Bhat, PP Bhushan Sheth, PP Rajendra Bhatia, PP Rakesh Shah, PP Uday Shah and President Devsingh Shahani. We also thank Rotarians Firdaus Ali, Reema Wahi, Nandini Saraf, Prasanna Upasani, Raghu Prabhu, Prithika Samani, Sashikala Charles, and Anns – Jasmita Bhatt, Anjali Upasani, Manisha Shah, Anjali Doshi, Nisha Vakharia for their invaluable contributions to the success of this transformative program.

A glimpse of the meticulous schedule for the schools planned out. We thank Rtn Nandini Saraf for this.

Name of School	Medium	Coordinator & No.	Trainer	Day & Time	Next session	Module	Facilitator	Sessions completed
Dr. Anandashree	Hindi	Yashika Rao 8553331254	Jay Mehta	Saturday 10.30 to 12.30	18th July	Mind	Nandini	11
Dr. Anandashree	Hindi	Yashika Rao 8553331254	Samir Singh Chavla	Alternate Tuesdays 10.30 to 12.45	July 2nd	SEL, Anger Management	Samir	6
Dr. Anandashree	Hindi	Yashika Rao 8553331254	Leena	Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30	July 2nd	Hope	Nandini	8
Dr. Anandashree	Hindi	Yashika Rao 8553331254	Sapna Kulkarni	Completed	Aug 8, 9, 10	Spirituality	Nandini	10
BNV	English	Pratishtha 733655522	Magha Bhat	Wednesday 8 to 10	July 2nd	Mind	Nandini	7
BNV	English	Shreya 9533247808	Dr. Purni Jaiswal	2nd & 4th Thursday 10.30 to 12.30	July 2nd	SEL	Nandini	7
BNV	English	Pratishtha 733655522	Chaitali Prashu	7.30 to 9.00 Thursday	July 4th	Hope	Nandini	8
BNV	English	Shreya 9533247808	Sapna Kulkarni	Completed	Aug 8, 9, 10	Spirituality	Nandini	10
ND Path School	Marathi	Usha Laxmi 8419668884	Kirti Gawde	Friday 7.50 to 9.30	July 2nd	Mind	Jasmita	11
ND Path School	Marathi	Usha Laxmi 8419668884	Chaitali Prashu	Monday 10.10 to 12.30	Jul 1	SEL	Jasmita	7
ND Path School	Marathi	Usha Laxmi 8419668884	Kamal & Umash	Saturday 8 to 9	Jul 1	Hope	Jasmita	7
ND Path School	Marathi	Usha Laxmi 8419668884	Sapna Kulkarni	8-10 July 7.45 to 9.45	July 2nd	Spirituality	Jasmita	Completed
Divyanshu	Marathi	Shubhanshu Dr 9847113338	Kavita	Friday 10 to 12	July 2nd	Mind	Nandini	8
Divyanshu	Marathi	Shubhanshu Dr 9847113338	Chaitali Prashu	1st & 3rd Friday 10 to 12	10/7/2024	SEL	Nandini	7
Divyanshu	Marathi	Shubhanshu Dr 9847113338	Manita Mahua	Saturday 7.30 to 9.30	July 2nd	Hope	Nandini	8
Divyanshu	Marathi	Shubhanshu Dr 9847113338	Sapna Kulkarni	Completed	Aug 8, 9, 10	Spirituality	Nandini	10
RNVS	English	Devi Murali 985401481	Neelima	Thursday 12.30 to 1.30	Jul 10	Hope	Nandini	8
RNVS	English	Devi Murali 985401481	Daljit Mahari	Friday 11.30 to 1.30	Jul 10	Mind	Nandini	8
RNVS	English	Devi Murali 985401481	Manita Mahari	2nd & 4th July 12.30 to 2.30	Jul 10	SEL	Nandini	8
RNVS	English	Devi Murali 985401481	Sapna Kulkarni	2nd to 4th September 10.30 to 12.30	Jul 10	Spirituality	Nandini	8
Vijaya Niketan	Marathi	Pooja Dr 9708888412	Kavita	Monday 10 to 12	18th July	Mind	Nandini	8
Vijaya Niketan	Marathi	Pooja Dr 9708888412	Nita Jagad	2nd & 4th Sat 8 to 10 am	18th July	SEL	Nandini	8
Vijaya Niketan	Marathi	Pooja Dr 9708888412	Pooja Dr	Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30 am in 11 class	July 18th	Hope	Nandini	7
Vijaya Niketan	Marathi	Pooja Dr 9708888412	Sapna Kulkarni	30th Jul and 1st 10 to 12	July 18th	Spirituality	Nandini	Completed
Total 15 sessions		ML/Anandashree 10 sessions						

Feedback from a Student!





Entrepreneur Mindset Programme

Vocation Director : Rtn Vipul Gaglani

The purpose of this program is to prepare students to think about “Entrepreneurship” upon completion of their studies.

It is well observed that only 10% to 15% of top students get a job from campuses & the balance 85% struggle to get a job.

We aim to empower 8th and 9th-grade students to think independently, innovate, and take initiative. This program run in batches of 30-40 students will foster a growth mindset, encouraging students to explore their passions and pursue their dreams. Through 35 sessions of practical guidance and mentorship, we hope to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs and leaders. The total project cost is INR 7 Lakhs with no cost to the schools.



A Quote From Paul Harris

“Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.”

Youth Avenue

Youth Avenue Director : Rtn Reema Wahi

The Vibrant year started with new leadership in the Interact and Rotaract Clubs, followed by a series of activities. Installation ceremonies were held for various clubs, including Koshish School for Hearing Impaired, Pawar Public School, Rishi Valmiki Eco School, and Dr. N.D. Patil School.

Several events were organized, such as an awareness rally on tree plantation by Koshish School and an eco-friendly Ganeshji workshop sponsored by Mr. Ashok Chhangani. The workshop involved Interactors from multiple schools learning about the importance of eco-friendly idols and creating their own.

A Sanskar District Training Assembly was held at Rajhans School, providing training to Interactors and school coordinators. The event featured speeches from RCMKW leaders and valuable insights from Rtn Piyush Shah and Rtn Pankaj Phatarphod.

The Interact Club of Rishi Valmiki Eco School (RVES) debuted at the District Vibrant Knowledge Quest 2024, a prestigious inter-school quiz contest held in Powai. Students from Pawar Public School also participated in the quarter-finals of the Vibrant Knowledge Quest, held at Uppal Sanghavi International School Dahisar.

Other activities included a yoga session at Rishi Valmiki Eco School and a session on the benefits of being a Rotaractor and corporate etiquette conducted by Rtn Pankaj Phatarphod at Kapol College.





Old Age Homes Visit

District Thrust Area Director Rtn Deepak Israni

On August 31st, we hosted a health check-up camp with Bhakti Vedanta Hospital at the Citizens' Welfare Association. 55 of the 70 senior citizens were examined by the medical team. District Thrust Area Director, Rtn Deepak Israni, led the initiative. We thank IPP Rtn Pritika Samani, PP Rtn Dr Girish Trivedi, PP Rtn Rakesh Shah, Rtn Bharat Mistry, Rtn Rakesh Desai, Rtn Chandrabhushan Kushwa, Vibrant Club Secretary Rtn Raghunath Prabhu, and Vibrant Club President Rtn Devsingh Shahani for their support.



Club Meetings :

The first VIBRANT Club Meeting was held on 4th July, 2024, at Sarovar Hotel Banquet Hall. President Devsingh Shahani presided over an AWADH evening along with Chief Guest and Speaker Rtn Jhankar Gadkari to learn more about the vibrant Lucknow culture. The dress code of Chikankari kurti and Kurta set the tone for a delightful evening attended by 83 Rotarians and R/Anns.



The 2nd Club Assembly was held on 1st August, 2024 with AG Rtn Dr. Ranjit Bijoor. The Directors made presentations on the way forward in their avenues in the Vibrant Year. >>>>





Third 22nd August 2024 CPR and use of AED

The third Club Meeting was held on 22nd August 2024. There was a presentation on CPR Techniques and the use of AED by Medical Director Rtn Dr. Amola Parekh and R/Ann Dr Neelam Nalge supported by an experienced team of doctors. It was an informative session with hands-on training on mannequins for all present.



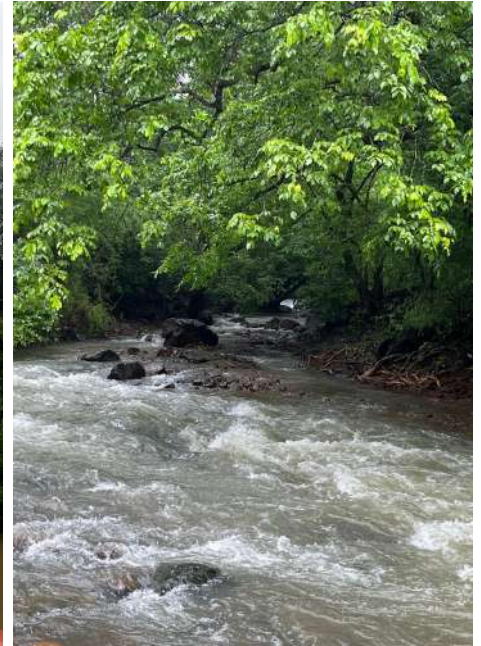
Fellowship Activities



Fellowship Director : PP Rtn Bhavna Bhadreswara

Shilonda Nature Trail

Fellowship activities were kickstarted with a nature trail to Shilonda at Sanjay Gandhi National Park on 14th July 2024. For the experienced it was an easy trail and for the newbies more tough. Two knowledgeable and experienced guides led the participants. It was a wonderful experience being amongst nature with fun and frolic.



Karaoke Nights

RCKMW let down its hair to enjoy the Karaoke nights organized. Rotary Karaoke was first formed in the year 2019/20 by Rotarians passionate about music and singing. Our recent Karaoke sessions at the residence of Rtn Parag Storewalla and Rtn Mayank Bhandari were a delightful blend of music, laughter, and camaraderie. It provided a platform for members to express themselves creatively, bond over shared tunes, and simply have fun. The mix of familiar songs, diverse vocal talents, and humorous performances created a delightful atmosphere. We eagerly anticipate more such musical gatherings hosted by our Rotary members.





School Development

School Development Director: Rtn Mitesh Shah

A donation of Furniture, drawing material, and Sports Equipment was made to Umang Special Centre for Autism, Spectrum Disorder, and Intellectual Challenge, under School Development Director Rtn Mitesh Shah and Team. IPP Prithika Samani arranged food packets for all the students. Donations were in the form of sports and educational equipment, drawing equipment and material, special table chairs, and a full-sized cupboard.



Medical Avenue

Medical Director Rtn Dr Amola Parikh



A blood donation drive was held at Borivali station.



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Rtn Pankaj Phatarphod : A Lifelong Journey with Rotary



In this inaugural edition of our vibrant year, we delve into the inspiring story of our esteemed member, PDRR Rtn Pankaj Phatarphod. Pankaj's unique journey with Rotary began at a tender age, shaping his life and career in profound ways. A dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivali West since 2003, he was among the club's youngest Rotarians. His active involvement in Rotary and Rotaract has benefited society and enriched his personal growth.

Early Life and Education



Born in Borivali West, Mumbai, in the early 1970s, Pankaj was an only child. His father, a dedicated railway employee, and his mother, a compassionate teacher, instilled strong values and a sense of purpose in him. Despite being introverted as a child, Pankaj excelled at St. Francis High School. His fascination with science led him to pursue a degree in Computer Science Engineering. A visit to BARC during his final year of engineering ignited a passion for perfection and inspired him to strive for excellence in all his endeavours. He further enhanced his academic qualifications with an MBA from NMIMS.

A Turning Point: The Rotaract Journey

While preparing for his MBA entrance exams, Pankaj joined the Rotaract Club of Dahisar Coast. This marked a pivotal moment in his life. The club provided him with a platform to develop his leadership skills, network with like-minded individuals, and contribute to meaningful community service projects. His active participation in RYLA programs and his dedication to Rotaract led to rapid advancement, culminating in the roles of ZRR and DRR within a few years.

One of the most memorable experiences of his life was his participation in a youth exchange program to Pakistan. This transformative journey fostered cross-cultural understanding and reinforced his belief in the power of human connection.

A Successful Career

Career in the banking industry. He began his professional journey at Bank of America ABN Amro. Pankaj's early involvement in Rotaract laid the foundation for a successful and quickly rose through the ranks to become one of the youngest Vice Presidents. His innovative approach to banking, coupled with strong leadership skills, led to significant achievements, including the launch of ground-breaking services like net banking, mobile ATMs, and smart chip-enabled credit cards.

Subsequently, he joined the Royal Bank of Scotland as Executive and Managing Director, once again becoming one of the youngest individuals to attain such a high-level role. His contributions to the Bank were recognized with numerous awards and accolades.



Beyond Banking

In 2020, Pankaj embarked on a new chapter in his career as a consultant and advisor in the BFSI sector. He actively teaches and mentors, sharing his knowledge and expertise with aspiring professionals. His passion for music, particularly tabla, continues to inspire him.

A Lifelong Commitment to Rotary

Pankaj's dedication to Rotary remains unwavering. He serves as the District Interact Chair and District Avenue Chair for Youth Services I, overseeing various youth programs and initiatives. His tireless efforts have significantly impacted the lives of young people across the district. As a valued member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivali West, Pankaj's contributions have enriched the club and inspired others and his journey serves as a testament to the power of Rotary in shaping individuals and communities.

Achievements by our Members

Hearty congratulations to **Rtn Jayesh Majethia** for becoming an 'End Polio Fellow' by contributing generously to the PolioPlus Fund of the TRF during the Incredible Year.

Rtn Hemant Doshi earned the esteemed recognition of 'Major Donor' for his generous donation of USD 10000 in the Incredible Year.

I am happy to have joined the Editorial team at the District with GML –
Sashikala Charles

Fun Facts about Rotary

The first service project of the first Rotary Club was installation of public toilets in Chicago in 1917. This project made Rotary the World's First Service Club.

The First Woman joined Rotary in 1987. Today we have more than 1,96,000 women in Rotary International.



Donations for our Projects

Donations for our ongoing Dialysis Project received a donation of INR 1,00,000 in August 2024. Funds have been promised and received by the Treasurer **Rtn Dharmesh Sheth** on time.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Rotary Innovation Center: Empowering Students with Technology

Our Rotary Innovation Center at Pancholia High School is successfully upskilling needy students with the latest technology. In the third year, we've expanded our program to include 9 batches of 32 students each, covering robotics, IoT, AI, and 3D printing.

Since its inception, the Center has provided hands-on training to over 600 students from various schools in our community. Our dedicated team of mentors, led by PP Rtn Rajendra Bhatia, Education Director Rtn Vrajesh Shah, Rtn Pradeep Jaini, PP Rtn Uday Shah , PP Rtn Vinay Bhat and PP Rtn Rakesh Shah who have been instrumental in guiding students through these transformative courses.

Thanks to generous support from our members, we've been able to equip the Center with the necessary tools and resources, including robotic kits, laptops, and 3D printers. By partnering with Grok Learning, we've ensured that students receive high-quality, professional instruction.

The following Schools are benefitting from this project:

1. Dnyaneshwar Vidyamandir - 2 batches
2. Ekveera - 1 batch
3. Ambedkar School - 2 batches (incl SVN)
4. ND Patil School - 1 batch
5. Mother Teresa - 1 batch
6. Bharat Bharti - 2 batches
7. St. Mary's High School – 1 batch



Dialysis Project

In its fourth year continues to help the needy. Every month we continue to sponsor 50 free dialysis patients amounting to Rs. 10000/- Thanks to **Rtn Dharmendra Gohel** for his continuous monitoring of the Project.

Medical Van Project

The Medical Van is extensively used for health camps conducted by our Club along with Bhaktivedanta Hospital, Mira Road, as well as by the Hospital with their own designated team. Our Club's involvement is only for camps in and around Kandivali.

August Report

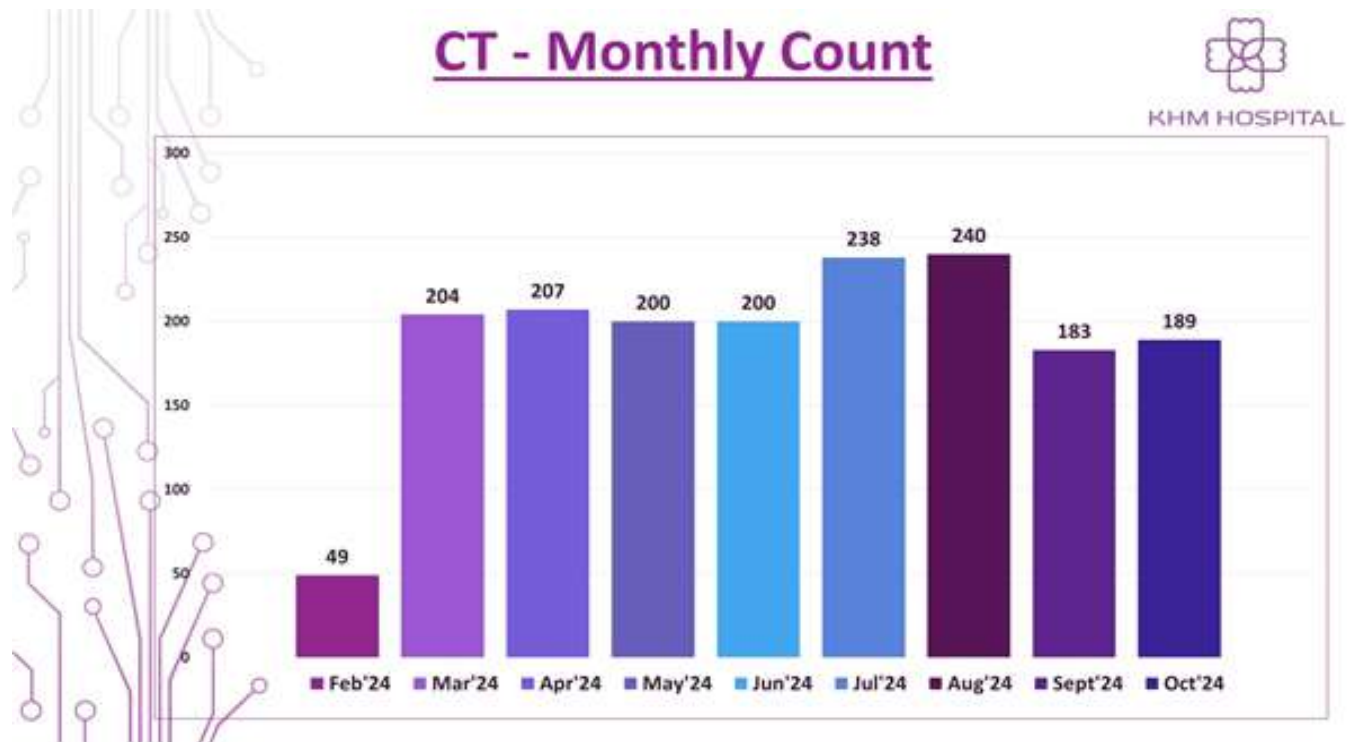
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TOTAL			1525	913	300	612	471	55



CT Scan at Hitwardak

The report of the CT Scan machine installed in Hitwardak Charitable Trust Hospital

This is a wonderful initiative where the needy get discounted rates for scans, nearly Rs. 2000 less than normal charged rates. Thanks to IPP Prithika Samani for monitoring.



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