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From President's Desk

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.”

Hello Rotarians and Rotary family,

The incredible year started in July with awesome Installation which was not possible without your support. In last two months we did many projects on club level but the one that left mark is Project Machil. Here I got an opportunity to spend time with people who live their lives in fear and uncertainty. Who are isolated from the rest of the India because of its location and closeness to the India Pakistan border. Terrorist infiltration, boundary firing has become part of their daily lives. So here we got an opportunity to add colors to their mundane life. Introducing Machhil / Macchal to you all...

August is the month of freedom, mint of patriotism and I have learnt the importance of what freedom has given us through my Machil visit.

The Machil Valley lies on the Northern fringes of the Kashmir Valley in the District of Kupwara. It is the last Indian Army outpost from the Kashmir side, seldom visited by tourists. Sitting at an altitude of 2450 mts, Machil is a cluster of villages with Machil itself holding the central place of the valley. For most of Kashmir, Machil is a border sector where the rival armies shell each other's positions.

Machil is basically a Dardic word meaning fish. Local folklore is that the name was given to the place on account of the abundance of fish in Matchil streams. I did not observe any fish in the stream but I did find many stone diversions laid down by locals to funnel fish into traps. These diversions were visible across the entire stretch of the Machil stream, an important left bank tributary of Kishanganga. It originates from the higher reaches of Poshwari, one of the last Valley villages.

Z-Gali, lies at an altitude of 3150 Mts. This is the place where all entries are to be recorded with the army authorities. The pass is home to a large army garrison which is the base camp for logistics to the forward positions in Machil. At Zamindar Gali, the most delightful part of the view is that one can see Nanga Parbat, an 8126 -meters peak in the greater Himalayas.

We had have been invited to Z Galli by the INDIAN ARMY to hoist the Indian Tricolour on the morning of 15th August 2023. and I would say that, it's the most amazing and best time of my life.



From Editor's Desk

“Alone We Can Do So Little; Together We Can Do So Much”

Being pledged as a Rotarian in the Year 2013-14 from a completely rawfrom being just a member to now a hard core Rotarian.... it's been a long journey of observing and learning. I thank President Rtn Prithika, my dear friend, for recognising my potential and giving me opportunity to take up this prestigious position of Editor once again in this year. Its bringing out the creative side of me and I am so very enthusiastic once again this year

In our 21 years of Leadership, Membership and Fellowship, at RCMKW, there's one thing that has not changed, that is, GROWTH. Our club has given us leaders with vision and compassion and yet another very important ingredient, STYLE, which has made each President very unique. We take pleasure in welcoming our Club's 22nd President, Passionate and Go Getter Rtn. PrithikaSamani We have had a great start with The BNI donation of 6.5 Lakhs our major achievement. This year, the Club will witness a Major Project of CT Scan Machine installed at Hitwartak Charitable Hospital along with the other ongoing flagship projects.

Witnessing the tremendous hard work put in by every Rotarian, I have realised that Rotary is a way of living one's life, a lifestyle. Though this bulletin brings forth all the major projects executed in the past two months, it can in no way, exhibit the directors/chairpersons' emotions attached to their projects. I hope this bulletin brings a smile to your face just like you, my fellow rotarian, have brought to hundreds!!



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Installation Ceremony - 19th June 2023

19th JUNE witnessed the Installation of the Incredible President Rtn Prithika Samani and her Team. The MAIN FOCUS of the President would be Installation of CT Scan Machine at Hitwartak Hospital Kandivli in the Incredible Year, along with all the other Club projects.

3 new members were Introduced on the very First day. The Grand ceremony was witnessed by 190 plus people which was Held at Sai Palace Grand. Introduction of the President was done by Rtn Pankaj Phatarphod

Some memories captured Handing Over of the President Batch and Charter by the outgoing President Rtn Rakesh Shah to the incoming President, RCMKW Family, Presidents' Family and Friends.



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ONE YEAR ENGLISH SPEAKING AND PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN VERNACULAR MEDIUM ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTION SCHOOLS

In Kandivali west there is a sizable population living in slum areas, there are more than 20 to 30 schools which are imparting education in vernacular medium of Marathi, Hindi & Gujarati in these areas catering to more than 20000 children. Most of the schools have no concretized building structure & the children of these vernacular schools quit their education after 10th standard as the college & higher education are in English language. Therefore this project aims to equip the student of these schools to teach, cope up and learn the English language in the 9th standard more intensely, which will help them to reduce or remove the fear of English from their mind & will encourage them to pursue their career. The project is to coach a batch of 50 students of 9th standards in English language and personality development for 2 hours every week for eight months for a duration of 50 hours by a professionally trained trainers of M/S B.M. English Speaking Institute ,a professional English Speaking Institute

The Schools where this course is being done this year are as follows

1. Hilda castelino Hindi/marathi medium school
2. Bharat bharti high school
3. Shri Vidya Niketan High School
4. Dr B.R. Ambedkar high school
5. S.V.N. High School
6. Shri Gandhi Vidyalaya Hindi/English School
7. Rishi Valmiki Eco school
8. Dr N.D. Patil Vidyalaya
9. Shree Ekveera Vidyalaya



This year is 13th year and we have in the current year 2023-24 15 batches in 12 schools with 750 students. Thus in all the project has impacted more than 6000 students so far.

The project is under Education Director Rtn Reema Wahi and the education team consisting of rotarians and Rotary Anns and is mentored by PP Vinay Bhat



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Vyakti Vikas Project

A course to build the mental, emotional, spiritual and physical faculties for a batch of the secondary school students to enable them to bloom in life, spread fragrance and live life to the fullest

As today's education curriculum does not focus on personal development and growth, imparting life skills which is so essential to live life in all its facets is found to be absent in the curriculum. This course intends to fill the gap by having 2 hours of coaching in school in a week for 30 weeks to a batch of 50 students which is aimed at developing their consciousness and educate them on preventive health care ie taking care of body, developing their mind intellectually, spiritually and emotionally and is also educated in financial mind set and attitude so as to be a prosperous being and an asset to his family, community, country and the world

The various institutes who will be taking the classes by sending their trainers are

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| 1. For Mind Development – Rising Mind Foundation | 3. For Physical health and Yoga - Rotary Yoga Teachers Team |
| 2. For Emotional Well Being, Development and Intelligence – Equipoise Learning P. Ltd | 4. For Spiritual Quotient – The Art Of Living Foundation |

The 8th Std students of the following schools are undergoing the course for the Incredible year 2023-24

Schools Participating

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| 1. Dr N.D. patil Vidyalaya | 3. Rishi Valmiki School | 5. S.V.N. High School |
| 2. Dr B.R. Amnedkar Vidyalaya | 4. Ekveera Vidyalaya Charkop | |



Entrepreneurship Mindset Program



There is a big mismatch for youths graduating and job creation for them, hardly 10% to 15% of graduates get jobs from campuses.

To address this challenges and to create a owner mindset rather than serving mindset, Rotary Club of Mumbai Kandivli West has designed the course called "Entrepreneurship Mindset" a 30 session course for 8th, 9th & 11th standard students (basic, inter & advanced).

The curriculum & training to the Faculty/Trainers is facilitated by Udhyam Foundation. The trainers are provided by Rise Mind Foundation.

A Pilot project was Conducted last year by 2 schools & 2 colleges which had very encouraging results. This year we have planned to introduce this course to 3 schools & 3 colleges.

Total Beneficiaries: 300+ students. Total project cost Rs.7.00 lac.



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Projects



President intends to do Unique Navdoorga Project specially for Women Empowerment under which Umbrellas were distributed to 50 needy women



Donated Books, Biscuits, Stationery at Nd Patil School to around -300 Children



Bag And basic stationery distribution in Hilda school Courtesy Rtn Nirav Vakharia who got this donation from Eiensramper



Donated 2 laptops in Vidya Niketan High School (Courtesy—Rtn Nirav Vakharia)

We have 4 Medical Camps every month and it began with one at Ambedkar school, Mustafa compound and at Ekveera School



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SSC Students Felicitation



Under Education Literacy Avenue SSC students felicitation program was held on 10 th August 23 in Thatai Bhatia hall Kandivali West

This year our Rotary Theme is **Creating Hope**

We recognised **17 students** from different vernacular schools, those who faced challenging situations and passed SSC exam. By doing so we not only created hope for their future endeavours but created hope for their parents too.

Students faced challenges like challenging economic backgrounds, with covid hitting hard couple of years back some of their parents lost their jobs, few even lost their lives, these children had to cope up with emotional trauma and mental stress at the same time, had to support their families with house hold chores or doing odd jobs and giving a helping hand in earning their livelihood. Most of them didn't even have a proper & quiet place to study. In spite of all these difficult situations they have come up as winners. So indeed they were all **INCREDIBLE Students**

Chief Guest was Rtn Dilip Muley District Trainer and Guest of Honour Dr Meera Krishnappa. Looking at the work in Education field and being educationist Dr Meera Donated Rs 1 lakh for Education project. MOC was conducted by our Smart Youth Director Rtn Raghu Prabhu and spouse R/Ann Chaitali Prabhu Guided by PP Sunita Hirlekar and Rtn Reema Wahi



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Club Meetings

1st Club Meeting

Chief Guest: Mr Rishi Nanda | Topic: Learning's from Ramayana



2nd Club Meeting (Club Assembly)

Chief Guest: Assistant Governor Rtn Mona Gyani



Happy Moments

Diya Vakharia Daughter of Rtn Nirav Vakharia under Short term Youth Exchange program to Italy



Rtn PP Vinay Bhats Daughter Maitri Bhat Exchanging flag with Rotary Club of Istanbul



Congratulations to Rtn Pankaj Phatarphod for being awarded for his contribution under Rotary Avenues of Service at District level

Flag Exchange by PP Rtn Bhavin Toprani with Rtn Madhu of Rotary Misty Hills Madikeri RI District 3181 referred by PP Rtn Bhavna



PP Rtn Girish Trivedi being in news for his exemplary services to community



Rtn Yagnesh Bhatt having brunch With past president of Chennai Port city, Rtn Arunachalam at Chennai

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Nature Trail

It's said that "Morning walks are rejuvenating and healing Incredible Fellowship team kick started it's first program with Nature Trail at BHNS exclusively for members Short trek was enjoyed by around 50 Members



District Project-Tree Plantation BASERA

Club participated in District tree Plantation Project Basera
We contributed plantation of 25 trees at SGNP



Fire Side Meet

First Fire Side Meeting was held at Rtn Vipul Shahs residence which was followed by Dinner. Membership Director Rtn PP Raju Bhatia took the initiative and Rtn PP Uday Shah briefed about the activities of Rotary

Rtn Bhaven Selarka with R/Ann Akshaya and Rtn Yogesh Selarka with R/Ann Rupal we're excited to get more information and understand how Rotary works



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2 Day Fellowship Picnic



The second event of the fellowship Team ; ably led by Rtn Mitesh Shah conducted a wonderful overnight picnic at the Grand Welcome Hotel at Igatpuri- The fun began from 6:30 am when all of the 45 passengers assembled at Dmart to board the bus ...over hot cups of Tea & Coffee...The ride was front loaded with members enthusiasm with singing & games along with supply of delicious home made bread cutlets ; dry fruits etc ...The huge resort had lush green fields; the incessant rains made the climate so amazing alongwith yummy food; off course with some drinks too - The evening had super stars Mitesh & Shilpa Shah conducting a musical game & Dhaval with a mythological quiz making the evening so enjoyable - each and every member got involved with all the zeal ...

All in all it was truly a memorable picnic & Yes truly Incredible one



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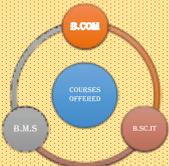
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Interact/Rotaract Activities

Incredible year started with Installation of all our Interact and Rotaract Clubs

Interact Club of RVES, YB Chauhan, Pawar Public School and Kapol Vidhyanidhi and Rotaract Club of Kapol Vidhyanidhi

All the Installations were so well pre-planned and executed by Youth Director Rtn Raghu well guided by Mentors -PP Rtn Sunita Hirlekar and Rtn Vikas Hirlekar, Rtn Pankaj Phatarphod and Rtn Reema Wahi



The SANSKAR 12th Interact District Training Assembly was held on August 4th, 2023, was an extraordinary and insightful event that left a lasting impact on the Interactors who attended this session

The training session not only provided valuable knowledge about the respective roles within the Interact Club but also emphasized the importance of motivation, leadership, teamwork, and time management. All our 4 Schoolq Interactors and Teachers participated @Sanskar DTA organised by District



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Independence Day Celebrations

Members of District 3141 had been invited to Z Galli by the INDIAN ARMY to hoist the Indian Tricolour on the morning of 15th August 2023.

Our Incredible President Rtn Prithika Samani had a great opportunity to be present at the MOU signing on the eve of Independence Day which unfurled our Rotary 3141's peace programme and thereby she celebrated Independence Day at Kashmir Border with Locals



Incredible Secretary Rtn Vipul Gaglani was invited to hoist the Flag at Gandhi School Kandivli West Rtn Vipul had a great time witnessing the great energy of Students and Teachers

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