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Where minds lite up, ideas shine...



"Where minds lite up, ideas shine..."

For the October edition of Rotary Mirror, the quote "Where minds lite up, ideas shine..." beautifully reflects Rotary's spirit of transformation and unity. As Rotarians unite for good, they bring together diverse minds to spark fresh ideas and lasting connections. This month's features highlight how collective inspiration transforms challenges into opportunities, demonstrating that when Rotary lights up minds, communities shine with hope, harmony, and creative action. Together, Rotarians celebrate diversity and embrace positive change, crafting innovative solutions to pressing challenges. Every inspired idea and united action strengthens the lasting legacy and magic of Rotary in the community.

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मै रोटी हूँ
 हर महफ़िल में दोस्त ढूँढ़ लिया करता हूँ
 किस्से वही पुराने रोटी के होते हैं बस..
 नए तरीके से सुन और सुना लिया करता हूँ।

मै रोटी हूँ
 बेवक़्त, बेमतलब की बातें
 तुमसे कर लिया करता हूँ
 होगा किसी और को अमीरी का नशा, होने दो
 मै तो छोटी सी चाय पर ही ..
 जिंदगी का नशा जी लिया करता हूँ।

कौन कहता है फ़िज़ूल की बातों से बचना चाहिए
 मै तो फ़िज़ूल की बातों में ही
 उसूल ढूँढ़ लिया करता हूँ।
 माना कि हम इतने हुनरमंद नहीं कि..
 तुम्हे रास्ता दिखा सकें,
 मगर फिर भी, यूँ ही..
 बस दो कदम तुम्हारे साथ चल लिया करता हूँ।

मै रोटी हूँ
 कुछ रवायतें (protocol) बना रखी हूँ
 इस दुनिया ने जीने की,
 वक़्त के साथ उन रवायतों में जी लिया करता हूँ
 मगर जब भी होता हूँ आज़ाद उन रवायतों से..
 तेरे साथ बैठ कुछ घूट बस पी लिया करता हूँ।

होंगे बादशाह वो अपनी दुनिया के, होने दो।
 मै अक्सर लोगों के दिलों में
 बादशाहत कायम कर लिया करता हूँ
 छोटी लकीर के आगे मुझे भी
 आता है बड़ी लकीर खींचना
 लेकिन मै अक्सर ये काम
 किसी और को सौंप दिया करता हूँ

मेरी बस यही हसरत है कि
 मुस्कराहट रहे कायम तेरे चेहरे पर
 इसी हसरत में मै भी मुस्करा लिया करता हूँ
 तू मुस्कराए 3142 जीवन भर
 तेरी मुस्कराहट पर तो मै खुद को भी
 फ़ना कर लिया करता हूँ।

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“ Karma Yoga in Action: Rotary’s Path to Economic and Community Growth

As we enter October—Rotary’s month for Economic and Community Development—let us reflect on the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita, which guide us to integrate spiritual values into practical action. The Gita encourages “Karma Yoga,” the path of selfless service:

"कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन"

“You have the right to work, but not to the fruits thereof.”

This shloka reminds us that the noblest deeds are those performed for the welfare of others, without expectation of personal reward. As Rotarians, our initiatives to build capacity, promote entrepreneurship, and alleviate poverty are real-world applications of this eternal truth. Every effort we make to foster economic improvement is an act of service “seva” that strengthens not just individuals, but the fabric of society. Another profound teaching:

"योगः कर्मसु कौशलम्"

“Yoga is excellence in action.”

The Gita advocates for mindful, effective work. Rotary’s mission to develop community leaders and create productive opportunities reflects this principle. By empowering others, we invest in the collective prosperity that leads to sustainable growth. The spirit of “Lokasangraha,” or welfare of all, is at the heart of both the Gita and Rotary’s vision:

**"परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम्।
धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय सम्भवामि युगे युगे॥"**

“For the protection of the virtuous, the destruction of evil, and the establishment of righteousness, I manifest in every age.”

October’s Rotary focus on Economic and Community Development finds profound resonance in the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. The Gita’s timeless wisdom urges us to act with purpose, compassion, and responsibility—not just for

individual gain but to uplift the entire community. As Rotarians, our efforts to empower entrepreneurs, generate productive work opportunities, reduce poverty, and support sustainable development echo the spiritual call to serve society selflessly.

Let us dedicate our actions this month to the upliftment of society, acting in harmony with these timeless teachings. By aligning Rotary’s ethos with the wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita, we become catalysts for enduring and inclusive growth—making a difference, one noble act at a time.



Dr Sai Vaidya
Editor

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Peace Through Education

RI President: September’s Call

When I stepped into the role of Rotary International president, the moment came swiftly and unexpectedly. It got me thinking how the world can change in an instant, and how Rotary has the power to be a steady force for good in that change. This month, Rotary’s Basic Education and Literacy Month, we have a clear call to action: to strengthen the foundation of learning in every community we serve.

Millions of people worldwide remain unable to read. Millions of children lack access to basic education. And yet, we know the solution: sustainable, inclusive, and equitable education, especially for girls and marginalized youths. Literacy is more than the ability to read and write. It is the key to human dignity, economic mobility, and peace. Every book opened, every classroom supported, and every teacher trained becomes a building block of peace.

This year, our message is Unite for Good. “Unite” speaks to the strength we find in each other. When we unite our talents and resources — not only among our clubs but across partners, organizations, and communities — we expand our reach. And when we do so consistently over time, we create lasting change. Rotary service cannot be measured only in annual goals. Our work in education must extend beyond a single year. Literacy projects take time to take root, grow, and bear fruit.

Now is the time to think boldly and creatively. New types of clubs can help us engage educators, students, and advocates in new ways. Let us use this month to welcome new members with a passion for education and empower existing ones to lead service projects that reflect local needs. Whether you’re building libraries, distributing textbooks, or mentoring students, your actions matter. Education is also peacebuilding. Every scholarship we provide, every early childhood program we support, every adult literacy class we fund is an act of



peace. And Rotary has been building peace in this way for more than a century. Let us not forget that the fight for literacy is not only about access, it’s about equity. It is about ensuring every learner, regardless of background, has the opportunity to reach their potential. And it is about standing together — across borders, languages, and generations — to say that education is a right, not a privilege.

Let’s Unite for Good by committing to literacy that lasts. Let’s dream of a world where every child learns to read. And then, as people of action, let’s work together to make that dream a reality.

Together, we can change lives, starting with the power of education. Together, we Unite for Good.

Dr Francesco Arezzo
RI President (2025-26)

“ My Dear TiTEN Rotarians,



On this auspicious occasion of Dussehra, I extend my warm greetings to you and your families. This festival reminds us of the eternal truth—good always triumphs over evil. In Rotary too, every project we undertake is a step towards defeating challenges such as illiteracy, poverty, disease, and inequality. Just as Lord Ram's victory inspires us, let us continue to create victories for humanity through service.

October is also observed as Economic and Community Development Month in Rotary. This is the perfect time to engage in projects that strengthen local economies—supporting self-help groups, guiding small businesses, empowering women entrepreneurs, mentoring our youth, and building sustainable opportunities.

Let us make this month one of action and impact, where communities see and feel the strength of Rotary.

As we look back, September ended on a beautiful note with our TRF Seminar – Dhaan Mudita: The Joy of Giving. Your presence, your generosity, and your contributions to The Rotary Foundation lit up the hall with true Rotary spirit. My heartfelt gratitude to every Rotarian, our donors, and CSR partners who made the event such a resounding success.

Now, as we move towards the festive season, I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous Diwali. May the festival of lights bring health, joy, and peace to your homes, and may we together spread that light to the lives of those in need.

Let us celebrate responsibly, safely, and with hearts full of gratitude and service.

Enjoy Rotary. Unite for Good.
Yours in Rotary Service,
Rtn. Harsh Makol
District Governor 2025–26

“ My Dear Rotarian Family members

As the nine days of Navratri come to an end, we celebrate the many strengths of Goddess Durga—courage, compassion, wisdom, and resilience. These virtues inspire us to nurture our families, strengthen our communities, and spread light where it is most needed.

On this special occasion of Dussehra, I extend warm wishes to you and your loved ones. Just as good triumphs over evil, let us also work together to overcome poverty, despair, and inequality by empowering people through Rotary's service.

October is also Rotary's month of Economic and Community Development. One of the most impactful ways we can make a difference is by encouraging Bachat Gats and Self-Help Groups. These not only create financial independence but also open doors for families to dream bigger.

With Diwali around the corner, this becomes a wonderful opportunity to support local entrepreneurs and women-led businesses while also spreading happiness in our communities.

As we celebrate Diwali, may the lights of the festival bring peace, prosperity, and joy to your homes. Let us remember that true celebration lies in sharing our blessings and making sure others too can smile this festive season.

Wishing you all a Happy Dussehra and a bright, safe, and joyous Diwali!



With warm regards,
Priya Makol
First Lady, District 3142

“ United for Good: Rotary's Call for Peace in a Divided World

In a world increasingly shaken by conflict, division, and uncertainty, it can be easy to lose sight of what connects us. But in these challenging times, Rotary stands as a beacon of hope—a global movement rooted in compassion, service, and the belief that a better world is possible.

We stand United for Good. Across cultures, countries, and communities, Rotarians are coming together to build bridges where others see walls. Through acts of service—small and large—we are proving that kindness, empathy, and unity are powerful tools in the pursuit of peace.

Rotary reminds the world that these values still matter. By choosing compassion over conflict, and cooperation over division, we help create lasting change. Together, we are not only responding to the world's challenges—we are shaping a future where peace is not just a dream, but a shared reality.


Let us carry this message forward. Let us continue to serve, to connect, and to unite—for good.

Ashok Mahajan
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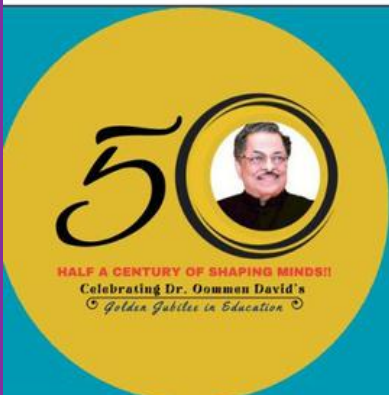
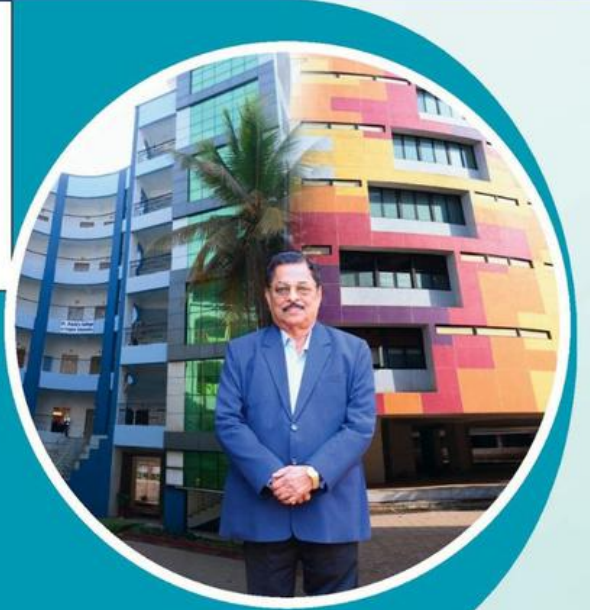
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Where Minds Lite Up and Ideas Sparkle: A Joyful Gathering

A Weekend to Remember: “JALOTSAV” RID 3142’s Grand Picnic at Palghar

On August 23rd and 24th, Rotary District 3142 proudly hosted a truly memorable District Picnic at the picturesque Fern Shelter Resort in Palghar. This distinctive event was graciously organized by the **Rotary Club of Thane Urbania**, marking a significant milestone as the first-ever district picnic hosted by this dynamic club. The occasion brought together Rotarians from across the district for two days of rich fellowship, fun, and rejuvenation amidst the serene natural surroundings of Palghar.

The event was meticulously planned and flawlessly executed under the capable leadership of Club President Dr. Deepak Aiwale and Convenor Rtn. Naveen Agrawal. Their guidance ensured every aspect of the picnic reflected thoughtful preparation and attention to detail. A critical pillar of this success was the steady support from Director – Informal Events, Rtn. Sucheta Rege, whose enthusiasm and coordination helped elevate the experience further. The entire organizing team embraced the challenge of creating a meaningful and enjoyable gathering and delivered an outstanding fellowship experience that will be remembered for years to come.

Throughout the two delightful days, Rotarians and their families indulged in a lively array of activities designed to foster camaraderie and enjoyment. Participants engaged in a variety of spirited games that brought laughter and friendly competition. Lucky draws added an element of surprise and excitement, while the musical and dance sessions offered an uplifting ambiance filled with energy and joy. The soulful singing performances provided a harmonious backdrop, enriching the festive environment.

A major highlight of the event was the highly anticipated Gala Night held on the evening of August 23rd. This special celebration included heartfelt birthday and anniversary acknowledgments for fellow Rotarians, recognition awards for dedicated contributors, and warm felicitations for the host club, Rotary Club of Thane Urbania. The moment was made even more meaningful by the personal presence and felicitations from District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol, who also distributed prizes to the lucky draw winners, adding a memorable touch to the festive evening.

The picnic beautifully concluded on the morning of August 24th with a refreshing nature trail organized for attendees. Many Rotarians took part in this invigorating walk, exploring the lush greenery around the resort, enjoying scenic trails, and visiting nearby waterfalls. This peaceful communion with nature provided the perfect finale to a weekend filled with fellowship and fun.

The event received widespread appreciation from all who attended. Rotarians praised the seamless organization, warm hospitality, and rejuvenating experiences that the picnic offered. Not only did the gathering boost friendships and fellowship within the district, but it also created cherished memories that will inspire many future district events. The success of this picnic underscored the strength of Rotary’s spirit in District 3142 and the dedication of its member clubs.



A Glow That Inspires Innovation

The “Little Red Schoolhouse” in Wallingford, Vermont



This is the place where the outgoing and incoming District 7870 Governors “Change the Gavel” in the last week of June each year!!

The Old Chapel Building in Wallingford, Vermont, the “Little Red Schoolhouse”, was built in 1818 by James Rustin, the great-grandfather of Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary International.

It is owned by Rotary District 7870 Foundation and **maintained lovingly by Wallingford Memorial Rotary Club**. The Rotary Global History Fellowship made a grant of \$3,800. It contains banners from clubs on every continent and the oceans as well. On the left wall, you will see the banner of the Rotary Club that met aboard the S.S. France. The building is also full of Rotary memorabilia, historic documents and a bust of Paul Harris. It is open to all Rotarians and other visitors at club’s weekly meeting on Mondays at 7am.

Rotarians everywhere should be grateful for all Wallingford Rotarians who have dedicated innumerable hours and funds to the preservation of our Rotary heritage which we truly began right here in Wallingford Vermont.

HOW IT ALL BEGAN?

The Rotarians of the 37th District (now District 7870) appointed a group of 8 members - known as ‘A committee’ as the first trustees of the **Paul P. Harris Testimonial, Inc** - to organize a permanent purchase and hold and control the property. The building and lands were purchased in two deeds and was legally organized on 5 September, 1928 to establish and maintain reading and writing rooms, libraries, museums, archives, athenaeums (for literary or scientific study), places of meeting and assembly, education and entertainment, rest and recreation. Additionally, to exemplify the spirit of Rotary, it was proposed to expand the original plan to include a trade school for boys.

An old fashioned lantern (see pic), in the hands of an old man, has become the symbol in our eyes of the light that guided Paul Harris. Thus the light placed over the entrance was placed as a beacon light to many a lad in his upward climb to life and light and useful service among men.



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Initial rejection by RI!

The deed from the Paul P. Harris Testimonial, Inc. to the Officers of the Wallingford Rotary Club (dated August 29, 1947) was mailed to Rotary International on February 13, 1953 with a letter requesting an annual allotment for the maintenance of the Paul P. Harris Building or to consider a plan of endowment that would insure the preservation of the Building. **The Board of Directors for RI rejected the requests made by the club.**

On February 6, 1956, the Wallingford, Vermont Club decided for disposal of the Rotary Building due to financial difficulty for operating and maintaining the building.

Apathy by District too!

The District Trustees for the Paul P. Harris Testimonial, Inc. had also not functioned properly, as they had not held an annual meeting or elected officers for many years! Thus, the membership of Paul P. Harris Testimonial Inc petitioned the Superior Court in Rutland, Vermont in 1960 for an order authorizing the holding of an annual meeting. Now as of July 1st each year, the Officers and Directors of the Wallingford Club become the Officers and Directors of the Corporation.



Later acceptance by RI!

Talks about financial support of the building commenced with Robert A. Manchester II, President of RI. At a special meeting on Dec 20, 1976 a motion was moved to petition RI for full financial support for the maintenance, upkeep and operation of the Paul Harris Memorial Building, Wallingford, Vermont. The Paul P. Harris Testimonial, Inc. will maintain title to the property and will supervise use of the property in the furtherance of the ideals of Rotary.

The Board of Directors of Rotary International agreed in its February 1977 meeting. Thus, the Paul P. Harris Testimonial, Inc. granted clear and free title of Paul P. Harris Memorial Building in Wallingford, Vermont to Rotary International which agreed to support the building by paying for any difference in the income versus expense in the operating budget up to \$3,000 annually, which was later raised to \$4,000.



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“मेरी आवाज़”

In my journey as a Civil Engineer, I had the opportunity to be with the Rural folks across the state. One common problem faced by all was the unavailability of water in the summer months. Sensing this need, I started the 'Rotary Rural Water Management Project' in 2006-07, and have completed 523 check dams projects till date.

Many moments giving satisfaction were witnessed in this journey but the real touching 'Rotary Moment' came on 7th October 2023, when I, along with students of 10th Std. from 'Smt. Sulochana Devi Singhania School' were on a field trip with their Geography teacher Rtn. Mautuli Ganguly to give the students first-hand experience of water conservation projects.

In a small village 'Sonavale' in the remote area of 'Murbad Taluka of Thane District', the team visited a check Dam on the scenic backdrop of the Sahyadri's. This check dam was filled with water and happiness was reflected on the face of the farmers accompanying us.

It was a wonderful feeling that Rotary's efforts could make a significant change in this people's life by getting water for cultivating additional crop ('Bhendi' in this area) by increased yield of water in the open & bore wells and by helping their cattle enough water to survive the summers. The students were elated by witnessing the usefulness of a small intervention made by the Rotarians.



After a long walk through the fields for 4 kms, the students, teachers and myself sought few moments of rest and we gathered in the foreground of a small hamlet.

As I sat on the steps of his thatched roof hut, I called for the owner farmer 'Vitthal', he came out with a smile of gratitude. I asked him, "Dada, can I get a glass of water to drink, the afternoon Sun has given me a dry throat." He hurriedly went inside and got a lota full of water.

I gulped it down and gave him thanks, "दादा, तुम्ही अगदी योग्य वेळेत पाणी दिलं प्यायला" He replied, "साहेब, हे तुम्हीच दिलेलं पाणी आहे. This water is a gift to us from Rotary" with water in my hand and moist eyes from his words, I got my "Rotary Moment" for the life.



PP Rtn Hemant Jagtap
RC Thane Premium

The Sounds of The Forest

We continue to draw on the work of W. CHAN KIM and RENEE MAUBORGNE from their wonderfully evocative book "BLUE OCEAN STRATEGY"

For those who came in late : Students of Management have sought for years to understand why the very same activities lead to renewal in one company and more-of-the-same performance in another. Almost always, the answer given is Leadership, the ability to inspire confidence and support amongst the men and women on whose competence and commitment performance depends. Yet, whilst we intuitively recognise leaders whenever we meet them, it has never been easy to answer the question : What is Leadership ?

In their search to capture the unseen spaces of Leadership, one of the authors decided to make use of the lessons he had learnt from Oriental Masters in the temples of Korea

The Sound of the Forest

Back in the third Century A.D., the King TS'AO, sent his son, Prince T'AI, to study under the Great Master PAN KU. Since, the Crown Prince was to succeed his father, PAN KU, was requested to teach the boy, the basics of being a good ruler. When the Prince arrived at the temple, the Master sent him alone to the MING-LI Forest. After, one year the Prince was to return to the temple to describe the sound of the Forest.

When Prince T'AI returned, PAN KU asked the boy to describe all that he could hear. "Master", replied the Prince, " I could hear the Cuckoos sing, the leaves rustle, the hummingbird hum, the crickets chirp, the bees buzz and the wind whisper and holler". When the Prince had finished, the Master told him to go back to the forest and listen to what more he could hear. The Prince was puzzled by the Master's request because he had heard every sound during his sabbatical in the forest. However, he did go back. For days and nights he sat alone in the forest listening but he heard no sounds he had not heard. The one morning, as the Prince sat silently beneath the trees, he started to discern sounds unlike those he had ever heard before.

The more acutely he listened , the clearer the sounds became.

When he returned to the temple, he responded to the Master's query with " When I listened more closely, I could hear the unheard - the sound of the flower opening, the sound of the Sun warming the earth and the sound of the grass drinking the morning the dew"

" TO HEAR THE UNHEARD, " remarked PAN KU, is a necessary discipline to be a good ruler. For only when a ruler has learnt to listen closely to people's hearts , hearing their uncommunicated

feelings, unexpressed pain and complaints not spoken of, can he inspire confidence, understand when something is wrong and meet the true need of his people.

The demise of States comes when leaders listen to superficial words , hear only the words they want to hear and do not penetrate deeply into the souls of the people, to hear their true opinions , feelings and desires

Rtn Kumar Deshpande
PP RC Thane Lake City



Upcoming District Events



OCV Schedule October

Dombivli Downtown	3 Oct 2025
Thane Urbania	5 Oct 2025
NM Industrial Area	8 Oct 2025
Dombivli Saudamini	9 Oct 2025
Dombivli Sun City	10 Oct 2025
Thane Greenspans	11 Oct 2025
Bhiwandi	15 Oct 2025
Dombivli	17 Oct 2025
New Bombay Seaside	19 Oct 2025
Navi Mumbai	24 Oct 2025
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“ये दस लाख का सोना तो मैं भूल जाऊंगा राजसिंग, मगर तुम्हें याद रखूंगा”....

डॉन की भूमिका में अमिताभ बच्चन का ये शुरूआती डायलॉग शायद इस फिल्म के बनने की कहानी बयॉ करता है। फिल्म के प्रोड्यूसर नरीमन ईरानी 1972 में फिल्म “ज़िंदगी ज़िंदगी” के फ्लॉप हो जाने से भारी कर्ज में डूब गए थे। फिल्म “रोटी कपड़ा और मकान”के शूटिंग के दौरान जब उनके दोस्त मनोज कुमार और फिल्म की कास्ट को इसका पता चला तो अमिताभ बच्चन और ज़ीनत अमान ने नरीमन ईरानी को एक और फिल्म बनाने की सलाह दी। ये तय हुआ कि वे सब कम पैसे लेकर इसमें काम करेंगे और फिल्म के हिट होने पर ही अपनी फीस लेंगे। अमिताभ के कहने पर सलीम-जावेद ने स्क्रिप्ट इस हिदायत के साथ दी कि इस स्क्रिप्ट को दो-तीन जगह से ठुकराया जा चुका है।

मनोज कुमार के असिस्टेंट चंद्र बरोट ने फिल्म को डायरेक्ट करने का फैसला किया। इसके बाद जो हुआ वह मिसाल है। डॉन 1978 की तीसरी सबसे सफल फिल्म थी और आज भी दर्शक इसे मिस्टर बच्चन की बेहतरीन फिल्म मानते हैं। दुर्भाग्यवश फिल्म बनने के दौरान नरीमन ईरानी की एक दुर्घटना में मौत हो गई। सभी कलाकारों ने फिर भी उनकी याद में इसे बनाना जारी रखा। फिल्म के सुपरहिट हो जाने पर उसके मुनाफे की राशि उनकी पत्नी सलमा ईरानी को दे दी गई। यही नहीं इस फिल्म के लिए फिल्मफेयर पुरस्कार लेते समय अमिताभ बच्चन ने सलमा ईरानी को स्टेज पर बुलाकर ट्रॉफी नरीमन ईरानी को समर्पित की।

डॉन (1978 फिल्म) एक हिंदी एक्शन थ्रिलर फिल्म है जिसका निर्देशन चंद्र बरोट ने किया है, जिसे सलीम-जावेद ने लिखा है और नरीमन ईरानी ने निर्मित किया है। गीतकार इंदीवर और अंजान हैं और संगीत कल्याणजी-आनंदजी ने दिया है। अमिताभ बच्चन, ज़ीनत अमान, प्राण, इफ्तिकार, ओम शिवपुरी, सत्येन कपू मुख्य कलाकार हैं।

इस फिल्म में अमिताभ बच्चन ने डॉन और उसके हमशक्ल विजय की दोहरी भूमिका निभाई है। फिल्म बम्बई की झुगियों के निवासी विजय के इर्द गिर्द घुमती है जो संयोग से डॉन का हमशक्ल है और उसे पुलिस मुखबिर के रूप में काम करने और डॉन के अपराधिक नेटवर्क को उजागर करने के लिए कहा जाता है।

डॉन अपने समय की एक अनोखी थ्रिलर थी जिसमें एक्शन, रोमांच और ड्रामा का अनोखा संगम था। समालोचकों ने अमिताभ बच्चन के डॉन/विजय के डबल रोल की बहुत प्रशंसा की। डॉन का ठंडा, कूल और खतरनाक व्यक्तित्व और विजय की मासूमियत के बीच का फर्क मिस्टर बच्चनने बखूबी पेश किया है। फिल्म ने सिर्फ नायक / हीरो की कहानी नहीं दिखाई, बल्कि विलेन को भी आकर्षक और स्टाइलिश तरीके से पेश किया -जिससे डॉन एक ऐसा किरदार बन गया जो खामियों के बावजूद दर्शकों को अपनी ओर खींचता था।

डॉन का पहनावा (बेज कोट, ब्राउन पैट, ब्राउन पैटर्न वेस्टकोट, सफेद शर्ट, कनेरी येलो बो टाई) उस समय के लिए काफी परिष्कृत माना गया। फिल्म के टाइटिल क्रेडिट में लिखा है - Amitabh Bachchan's Wardrobe by Kachin's जो एक प्रतिष्ठित बुटीक है। इसके बाद कई फिल्मों में इन्होंने बिग बी के कास्ट्यूम के लिए साथ में काम किया।

और अब चर्चा करते हैं “खड़के पान बनारसवाला” की। कुछ साल पहले मस्कट में एक संगीत कार्यक्रम के मंच संचालन के दौरान मुझे आनंदजी शाह (कल्याणजी-आनंदजी फेम) ने बताया था कि ये धुन उन्होंने मूलतः “बनारसी बाबू” फिल्म के लिए बनाई थी जो अस्विकृत हो गयी थी। डॉन में सेकंड हाफ में स्पीड कम करने के लिए मनोज कुमार के कहने पर आखिरी समय में ये गाना डाला गया। किशोर कुमार ने रिकॉर्डिंग के वक्त और अमिताभ बच्चन ने शूटिंग के दौरान 30-40 पान चबाए जिससे उनके मुंह में छाले आ गये थे। फिल्म की धीमी ओपनिंग के बावजूद यही वो गाना था जो दर्शकों को सिनेमाघर तक लाया और उसकी सफलता का एक मुख्य कारण बना। किशोर कुमार को इसके लिए फिल्मफेयर पुरस्कार मिला।

आशा भोंसले (ये मेरा दिल प्यार का दीवाना) भी फिल्मफेयर पुरस्कार से नवाज़ी गई। 1978 में अमिताभ बच्चन मुकद्दर का सिकंदर, त्रिशूल और डॉन ऐसी तीन फिल्मों के लिए फिल्मफेयर अवॉर्ड के लिए नामांकित हुए जो एक रिकॉर्ड है। लेकिन मुकद्दर का सिकंदर का संजीदा ‘सिकंदर’ और त्रिशूल का एंग्री यंग मैन “विजय” भी वह करिश्मा न कर पाए और अमिताभ बच्चन को “डॉन” के लिए 1979 में फिल्मफेयर पुरस्कार मिला।

क्योंकि

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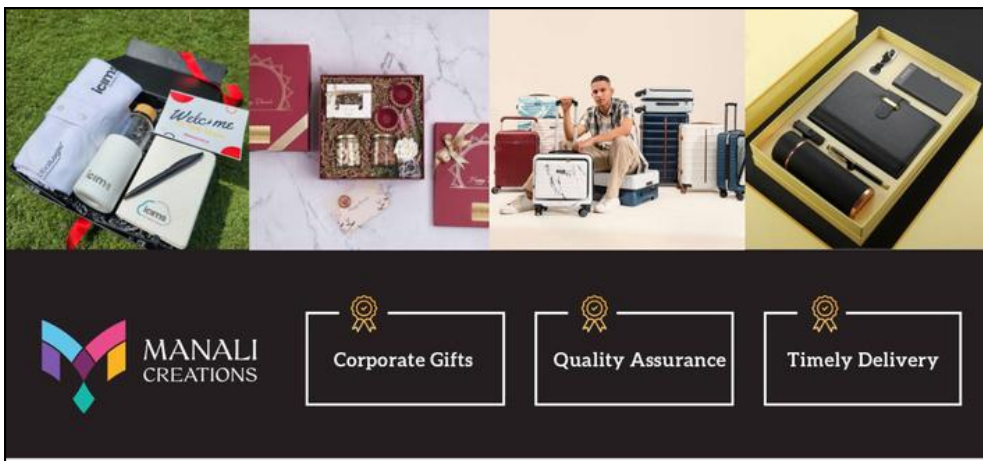
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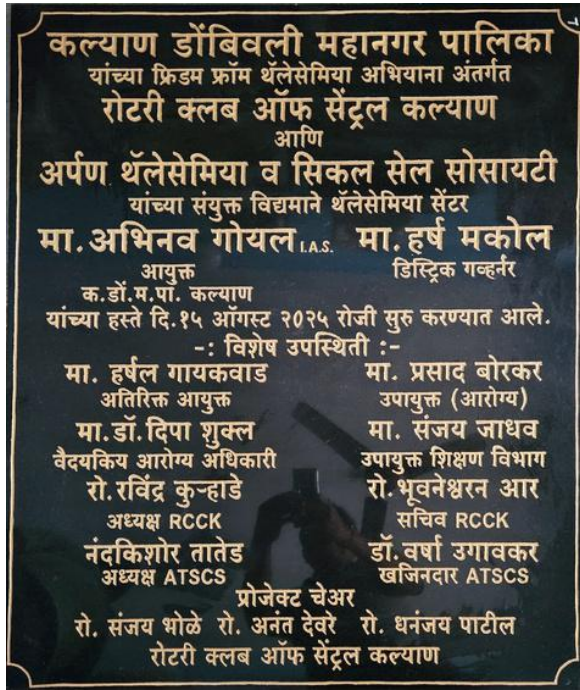


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Rotary Club of Central Kalyan Inaugurates “Arpan”: Rotary Thalassemia Center



The Rotary Club of Central Kalyan proudly launched a significant healthcare milestone with the inauguration of the Arpan Rotary Thalassemia Center at Rukminibai Hospital, Kalyan, on August 15, 2025. This center is a collaborative effort between Rotary Club of Central Kalyan, Arpan Blood Bank, and Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation (KDMC), dedicated to addressing the critical healthcare needs of thalassemia patients in the region.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries including Municipal Commissioner Shri Abhinav Goyal, District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol, alongside other District 3142 leaders, KDMC officials, and prominent social workers. The presence of these eminent figures highlighted the importance and urgency of providing specialized care for patients suffering from thalassemia and related blood disorders. Under the dynamic leadership of DG Harsh Makol, and with tireless efforts from President Ravi Kurhade, Sanjay Bhole, Anant Devre, and Dhananjay Patil, the vision of setting up this center was transformed into reality.

They worked in seamless partnership with Dr. Varsha Ugaonkar, Chief Manager of Arpan Blood Bank, and the Thalassemia Sickle Cell Society, ensuring that the center is equipped to offer timely, comprehensive, and expert treatment services.

The Arpan Rotary Thalassemia Center aims to serve as a beacon of hope for thalassemia patients, providing access to regular blood transfusions, monitoring, and supportive care to improve quality of life. This initiative is expected to reduce travel hardships for patients and enhance the effectiveness of treatment protocols through a community-focused approach.

The Rotary Club of Central Kalyan remains committed to this noble cause, continuously striving to uplift community health standards. The club extends heartfelt thanks to all supporters and volunteers whose dedication has made this project possible. Moving forward, the team plans to bolster awareness programs and regular health camps to further aid thalassemia patients and their families.

This inauguration marks not only a step forward for healthcare infrastructure in Kalyan but also reinforces Rotary's enduring commitment to impactful community service.



Rotary Brings Health and Hope to Communities



Rotary Clubs in the district reinforced their commitment to service with two impactful health initiatives in August 2025.

On 17th August, the Rotary Club of Badlapur held its first-ever Blood Donation Camp, collecting an outstanding 101 bottles of blood in association with Central Hospital, Ulhasnagar. Every unit will support children battling thalassemia, making this debut project a proud moment for the club and its 20 participating Rotarians.

On 23rd August, the Rotary Club of Thana West organized its 2nd 4-Project Medical Camp at Garden Enclave, Thane West. With support from medical partners including Dr. Rakhee's Wellness Clinics, Wavikar Eye Institute, DentAll United, and Kai. Wamanrao Oak Blood Bank (8 bottles collected), the camp offered health services ranging from eye and dental checkups to wellness tests. Over 30 beneficiaries were served, with even support staff stepping forward to donate blood.



Rotary Family Celebrates Ganeshotsav with Joy and Unity

The Rotary family came together with great enthusiasm and devotion to celebrate the ETN Ganeshotsav from 27th August to 6th September 2025 at the ETN Joy Zone Centre, Dr. D. Y. Patil Hospital. The festival brought joy and warmth to many children, as Rotary clubs from across the region participated actively in the celebrations.

The daily aarti rituals at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM created a serene and festive atmosphere, uniting all attendees in shared prayers and happiness. The presence of Rotarians added a special glow to the event, lighting up the smiles of children and enhancing the spirit of togetherness. This auspicious occasion reflected Rotary's commitment to community bonding, spreading happiness, and fostering a spirit of celebration with compassion.

Rotary Spreads Awareness on Thalassemia Among Students

In August 2025, Rotary Clubs strengthened their End Thalassemia Drive with impactful awareness programs. On 25th August, Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Millennium City held a session at Lokmanya Tilak Institute of Architecture and Design, educating nearly 100 students and faculty on thalassemia causes and prevention.



Simultaneously, the Rotary Club of Dombivli East conducted the second seminar in a series, collaborating with SIA Health Institute. Around 75 students and faculty attended, with expert talks on physiotherapy and health promotion in thalassemia. The event opened with a lamp-lighting ceremony and remarks by President Dr. Sandeep Gharat on Rotary's healthcare initiatives.

Rotary Leads the Way: Eco-Friendly Ganpati Idol Workshops Inspire Young Minds Across RID 3142



Rotary clubs across RID 3142 have united communities this Ganesh festival season by organizing a series of eco-friendly Ganpati idol-making workshops, blending creative learning, environmental stewardship, and tradition.

On August 24, **Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Flamingo City and Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers** hosted a workshop for the residents and children of NRI Complex, Seawoods Estates—a vibrant society with 1520 apartments. The event saw 38 children aged 4 to 15, guided by enthusiastic parents, learning to sculpt Ganpati idols using natural ‘Shadu mitti’ and pairing each idol with a supporting tree sapling. The objective: instill responsible eco-celebration and foster life-long environmental belonging by having every child care for a plant after visarjan, encouraging them to see the clay return to the earth and their saplings grow self-sufficient.



Earlier, on August 17, **Rotary Club of Thane Northend** completed their Ganpati Idol Making Workshop at Symbiosis Convent School, Balkum, Thane (W), drawing 25 participants. Both children and adults expressed joy as they shaped idols and were recognized for creativity—five children received prizes sponsored by President Dr. Sanjiv and Secretary Avinash, fostering young talent with encouragement and smiles.

Rotary Club of Satellite City Navi Mumbai organized a vibrant session for the students of VBS & JR College of Science and Commerce, involving approximately 200 students, 10 teachers, and 10 Rotaract members. The participants demonstrated impressive artistry, blending culture and sustainability, with every Ganpati idol a personal creative statement.

Meanwhile, **Rotary Club of Kalyan City** and Millennium English School also joined hands to promote environmental values through a hands-on idol-making workshop. Students used sustainable materials, and their enthusiasm for both the festive spirit and the planet stood as a model for young citizens everywhere. These workshops have connected hundreds of youngsters to their roots while cultivating responsibility toward the natural world. The Rotary movement continues to champion such creative, eco-sensitive traditions—making every festival both joyful and sustainable for all.



Rotary Club of Dombivli East Takes a Much Needed Step Towards Sustainability

In a progressive move to champion environmental stewardship the Rotary Club of Dombivli East has officially announced themselves as a GREEN CLUB. As a symbol of commitment 5 members of the club officially enrolled themselves for the membership in the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG), a global network that empowers Rotary members to actively contribute to environmental protection and climate stabilization.

Also club officially released and adopted GREEN POLICY at the hands of DG Harsh during the New Members Induction program on 15th August.

The newly introduced Green Policy lays down practical steps to integrate sustainability into the club’s functioning. Some of the basic key initiatives include:

- Reducing or eliminating single-use plastics and water bottles its activities and events.
- Using eco-friendly souvenirs and gifts for guests and speakers.
- Minimizing the use of non-sustainable materials such as plastic banners and disposable water bottles in all its meetings and events
- Replacing non-degradable materials with reusable and sustainable alternatives.
- Forming an annual Green Team, led by the Club President and Director-Environment, along with appointing a Green Officer to ensure proper implementation.
- Promoting environmental awareness and the Green Policy across all its partners in service and try to propagate it as much as possible in the community connect programs

- Encouraging responsible use of electricity and water and spreading awareness on conservation of all the resources

The policy is not just a list of guidelines but a long-term commitment to changing mindsets and fostering a culture of sustainability. “Our efforts today will shape a better tomorrow — for the planet, for future generations, and for our collective legacy,” said the club’s President Dr Sandeep Gharat



On 24th August 2025, Rotary Club of New Kalyan in collaboration with Rotary Club Jalgaon West and local volunteers, successfully completed an artificial limb measurement camp in Jalgaon. A total of 92 beneficiaries from nearby areas participated, receiving personalized measurements to aid in their rehabilitation. The event was supported enthusiastically by over 75 Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Anns, demonstrating strong community commitment. Following this successful measurement session, the limb fitment is done on 14th September at the same venue. This initiative is a vital step in empowering physically challenged individuals to regain mobility and independence, reflecting Rotary's ongoing dedication to service and inclusion.

Building Independence: Rotary's Artificial Limb Measurement Event in Jalgaon



Compassion in Action: Rotary's August Outreach Success



In August 2025, Rotary clubs across the region came together with heartfelt service to uplift vulnerable communities. On August 21, Rotary Club of Ambarnath Industrial Area carried out the Anandan - Shrestha Daan project at Aadhar Special Home, Badlapur, benefiting 233 specially-abled residents.

Rotary Club Dombivli Saudamini extended aid to Adivasis in Toranmal by donating clothes and food supplies on August 24.

The Annapoorna project by Rotary Club Thane Hills on August 23 provided nourishment to needy blind individuals at Yogi Hills.

Rotary Club Diva Thane ensured comfort for the elderly by donating a month's groceries to Apan Ghar old age home.

These initiatives highlight Rotary's ongoing commitment to making a meaningful difference through service and compassion.

Rotary Club Thane, along with IWCSS, sponsored the annual fees of seven students under the Basic Education and Literacy project, investing ₹21,000 to support their education. Rotary Club Kalyan City donated 200 Indian Constitution booklets for distribution at Ganesh festival pandals, promoting legal awareness. Rotary Club Amaara Thane gifted 500 diyas and acrylic colors to specially challenged children at Sanjeevan Deep Foundation, spreading festive joy.

Rotary Builds Brighter Futures



Celebrating Togetherness: Funtoosh Mela Brings Smiles to Special Kids



Rotary Club of Smart City Navi Mumbai hosted a joyful Funtoosh Mela on 22nd August at Don Bosco School for Special Children. Over 100 special children and their families participated in inclusive games, creative arts, sensory play, music performances, and resource booths. The event celebrated inclusion, bringing fun and learning.

Rotary Supports Mothers at Kalwa Hospital

Under the Mother and Child Care vertical, Rotary Club of Thane Aces organized a Breastfeeding Awareness Talk at Kalwa Hospital's PNC Ward. Along with guidance to new mothers, electric breast pumps, diapers, and sanitary pads were distributed. With a project cost of ₹10,700, the initiative benefitted 70 mothers and children.



Spreading the Gift of Sight – RC Dombivli Uptown's Eye Donation Awareness Drive

The Rotary Club of Dombivli Uptown, in collaboration with Tilak Nagar Ganapati Mandal and noted ophthalmologist Dr. Vidya Bawkar, organized an impactful Eye Donation Awareness Campaign on 30th and 31st August 2025. Held during the Ganesh festivities, the initiative highlighted the importance of eye donation as a true gift of sight that can transform lives. Over the course of



two days, the campaign inspired community participation and heartfelt discussions on how each pledge could bring light into someone's world.

The response was encouraging, with around 50-55 residents registering themselves as eye donors, reflecting the growing acceptance of this noble cause. The event was a shining example of how Rotary, when joined hands with local communities and dedicated professionals, can spread awareness and foster life-changing commitments.

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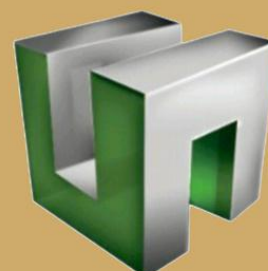
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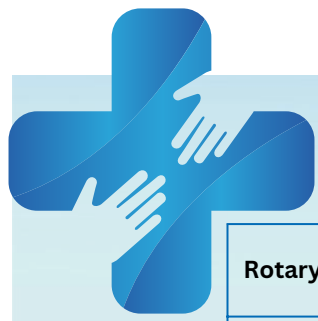
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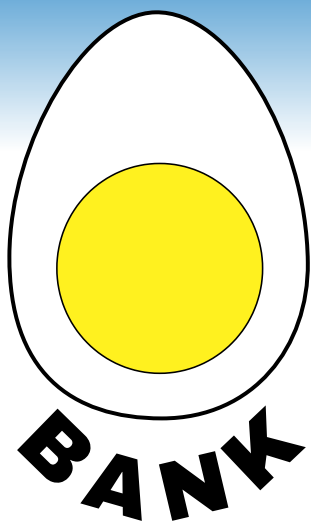
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Rotary's Medical Camps Bring Vital Health Services to Hundreds

Rotary Club & Partners	Date / Venue	Type of Camp	Beneficiaries	Key Highlights
RC Thane Aceswith KIM Hospital & Shree Ganesh Mandal	Uthalsar Naka	General health camp (body check-up, sugar, BMI, SPO2, ECG)	90	
RC Ambarnath Smart City	26 Aug 2025 Anugrah Bal Vikas Kendra	Medical & Dental camp	150 students	Hemoglobin test, full check-up, dental check-up.
RC Kalyan City with Saifee Ambulance (Kalyan Div.)	19 Aug, Burhani Masjid, Kalyan	PAP Test Camp Early Cervical Cancer Detection	43 women	Screening under Dr Anupama Verma (Gyn-Onco)
RC Ulhasnagar		General Health Camp	322 consultations, 98 direct beneficiaries	
RC Badlapur Smart City		General Health Check-up	40	Local community served
RC Dombivli Diamonds	Conducted by Dr Vandana Dhaktode at her hospital	Health Check-up with 10 tests	81	
RC Thane Urbaniawith Solaris Hospital	2 Sep, Bharat Mata Maidan, Majiwada	Health Camp	148	Eye check-up, bone density, ECG, CBC, orthopaedics
RC Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers	31 Aug, Primia Society Ganpati Pandal	Hairfall Care & Check-up	41	free hairfall kits distributed
RC Dombivli Midtown		Cataract Check-up & Detection	89	10 cataract cases detected; free operations arranged
RC Thane Creeksidewith Ummeed NGO & TMC	13 Sep, Evergreen Heights, Parsik Nagar, Kalwa	Mammography / Breast Cancer Screening	50 women	
RC Thane Creeksidewith CSR support of L&T Realty & LTPCT	14 Sep, Bhimnagar, Vartak Nagar, Thane	Comprehensive Health Camp	173 total (66 men, 107 women)	16 low Hb cases, 19 high sugar; 173 dental; 146 eye check-ups; 77 spectacles given on spot, 30 referrals including cataract
RC Thane Green City & RC Bombay Powai		Synergy Health Camp		Collaborative project between districts

Supporting Nutrition: Dombivli Midtown Rotary's Egg Bank Donation Project



The **Rotary Club of Dombivli Midtown** has been running the Egg Bank Donation Project since March 2024, supporting around 40 children at Janani Ashish Charitable Trust, Dombivli. Initiated by Rtn. Milind Mohite and now led by Project Chair Rtn. Santosh Shringarpure with guidance from Club President Rtn. Anil Hirawat, the project has donated over 3,200 eggs so far, valued at approximately ₹20,000.

Funded primarily by Rotarians and their networks, the initiative received significant contributions from

District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol, who donated 1,000 eggs during the Awesome Year and pledged 2,000 more for the Titen Year. Recognized at the District 3142 level, the club plans to expand this impactful project further to benefit more communities in the Dombivli area.



Rotary Lead the Way in E-Waste Awareness and Collection

The **Rotary Club of Smart City Navi Mumbai** and **Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers** have taken impactful steps toward promoting sustainability through dedicated e-waste initiatives.

At Bharati Vidyapeeth College, the E-Waste Collection Drive turned into a remarkable community effort. College students enthusiastically went shop to shop and door to door, gathering discarded electronics from the neighbourhood. A highlight of the campaign was student volunteer Avadhut, who managed to bring in a full-sized refrigerator from a household. The Club expressed special gratitude to Professor Shambhu Rai, whose encouragement inspired the students to participate so actively. The event showcased the power of youth engagement in driving environmental responsibility.

Complementing this effort, on August 30, 2025, the RC Navi Mumbai Valley Golfers organized an E-Waste Awareness Campaign at Primia Society's Ganpati Pandal in Palava. Conducted in collaboration with ElectroFine, the session focused on educating residents on safe and responsible methods of e-waste disposal. A team of four ladies and one gentleman from ElectroFine interacted with about fifteen residents, explaining the hazards of e-waste and the importance of recycling. A collection bin was also placed at the venue, marking a practical step towards action.



Rotary Club of Kalyan Honors Maharashtra's Fort Preservation Organizations



Preserving Maharashtra's Historic Forts

In Maharashtra, a state rich with history, numerous organizations are actively engaged in the crucial work of conserving and protecting historic forts. These forts hold immense cultural and heritage value, symbolizing the valor and legacy of past eras. Their preservation ensures that this pride is carried forward for future generations.

Achievements in Fort Restoration

Various institutions have successfully undertaken restoration activities, including structural repairs, eco-friendly tourism promotion, and educational outreach. Through guidance and proactive measures, these bodies have kept the forts accessible and safe for visitors, while also addressing environmental and safety concerns.

The Importance of Collective Effort

Fort conservation demands ongoing vigilance and participation from all stakeholders—historians, conservationists, community members, and government representatives alike. Rotary Club of Kalyan emphasizes that saving these cultural treasures requires united efforts to maintain and protect the forts' legacy and to promote their historical significance at both regional and national levels.

Honoring Dedicated Experts and Leadership

Rotary Club of Kalyan expressed deep appreciation for experts such as Mr. Pramod Mishra and various leaders of fort preservation bodies who have shown great dedication and selflessness in their efforts.

The recognition event was organized by the **Rotary Club of Kalyan**, led by President Ruita Sapkale.

Trophies were distributed by District Governor Harsh Makol to the dedicated individuals and organizations for their exemplary work in fort preservation, marking a proud moment of appreciation and encouragement for continued efforts.



Rotary Empowers Women and Youth through Skill Development Initiatives

September 2025 witnessed a series of impactful projects by Rotary Clubs across Thane district, each focused on empowering women, fostering inclusivity, and building sustainable skills.

Rotary Club of Thane Creekside, in collaboration with Ummid NGO, sponsored a 7-day Mehendi training workshop from 16th to 22nd August 2025 for 30 women and girls from Mumbra, Kalwa, and nearby areas. The program covered everything from basic designs to advanced Mehendi artistry, culminating in a certification exam on 22nd September, ensuring participants earned recognized credentials for their skills. This initiative has opened avenues for self-employment and economic independence.

On 5th September 2025, **Rotary Club of Thane West**, along with **Rotary Club of Thane Green City** and the Inner Wheel Club of Thane West, executed a remarkable Teachers' Day service project at Aarna English High School, Thane. In collaboration with Aarna Foundation, they donated 20 sewing machines with materials to empower underprivileged women and members of the transgender community. The project, aligned with Rotary's vision of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), was graced by Chief Guest PDG Rtn. Kumar Kewalramani.



In another inspiring story of transformation, **Rotary Club of Kalyan City** celebrated a milestone achievement at the Students & Principals Felicitation Program held on 4th September 2025 at Abhinav Vidya Mandir, Kalyan. As part of the program, 13 girls from the rag-picker community who completed Tailoring and Beauty Parlour vocational courses were honoured for their determination and success. This life-changing initiative was made possible through the personal sponsorship and commitment of IPP Rtn. Hycenth Bhetasiwalla, who ensured training and resources for these young women. The graduates now stand confident, skilled, and financially independent—a journey from learning to earning. The event was graced by Chief Guest DG Rtn. Harsh Makol, with strong support from Rotarians.

Through these initiatives—from vocational training in arts and tailoring to skilling marginalized communities—Rotary once again demonstrated its unwavering dedication to empowerment, inclusivity, and community transformation. Each project embodied the ethos of creating opportunities that change lives for the better.

Disclaimer: The data mentioned is based on the reporting provided by Rotary Clubs in District 3142. The information has been compiled from communications sent to the email address titengm12526@gmail.com and through the WhatsApp group of the Titan Presidents for GML till 15 th day of each month. While efforts have been made to ensure accuracy, the data is subject to verification and may be updated as new reports are received.

Celebrating Teachers – Rotary Clubs Honour Nation Builders

Nation Builder

Rotary Clubs across Thane district came together in September 2025 to mark Teachers' Day with heartfelt tributes and meaningful initiatives, recognizing the tireless contributions of educators in shaping the next generation.



On 5th September 2025, the **Rotary Club of Amaara** Thane organized the Nation Builder Award Ceremony at Khardi School. Fifteen outstanding teachers were felicitated for their dedication and lifelong service. The ceremony was led by President Rtn. Rajshri Aher and Secretary Rtn. Dhanlaxmi Nakuva, who emphasized the vital role teachers play in nation-building. The event was filled with gratitude and respect, attended by Rotarians, students, and community members.

Continuing the spirit of recognition, **Rotary Club of Ambernath Smart City** honoured teachers from government and government-aided schools on 10th September 2025, appreciating their hard work in nurturing young minds and contributing to the country's future. The event was graced by Chief Guest Mrs. Jayshree Shriram Daigude, Administrative Officer, Primary Section, Ambernath.



On 11th September 2025, **Rotary Club of Dombivli Saudamini** celebrated Teachers' Day by presenting Nation Builder Awards to teachers engaged in remarkable work. Among them were educators serving special children and those teaching in Adivasi padas despite minimal remuneration. Their commitment and passion left everyone deeply inspired.

Adding another dimension, **Rotary Club of Thane City**, in collaboration with K.G. Joshi College of Arts and N.G. Bedekar College of Commerce, hosted a Career Guidance and Skill Development Workshop on 12th September 2025 for final-year commerce students. Conducted under the leadership of Club President Rtn. Prakash Yardi, the session titled "Campus to Corporate" addressed topics including industry-readiness, internships, CV preparation, interview skills, and future skill requirements. Around 200 students benefitted from the interactive session. In continuation of the program, the Club also felicitated teachers from the college and nearby Science College with Nation Builder Awards, reaffirming the Rotary commitment to honouring educators.



RC Kalyan City Spreads Fire Safety Awareness

On 29th August, a Fire Safety Awareness Campaign was held at Joshi Baug Ka Raja, Kalyan, Residents learned vital safety tips through demonstrations.

On 30th August, a Fire Safety Mock Drill was organized at Jai Hind CHS, Bhanu Nagar. Participants witnessed live demonstrations on extinguishing fire and handling emergencies swiftly.



Clean Drinking Water for Students at Nandkar Village

Under the Happy School program, the Rotary initiative has brought much-needed relief to students of Madhyamik School, Nandkar village. A new water filter and cooler has been installed, ensuring access to safe and cold drinking water for 170 students coming from nearby villages.



'Voices That Inspire': Reader's Reflections

"The August issue of your monthly letter is in hand, and I must say—it was a pleasure to read it from cover to cover.

It is an impressive and well-curated publication, capturing not only your own installation but also those of various Rotary Clubs across the district. The thoughtful presentation of club activities adds depth and makes the Publication even more engaging and impactful.

Receiving it promptly on 1st August enhances its relevance and sets a high standard. I'm happy to see you continuing the admirable tradition established by IPDG Rtn. Dinesh Mehta in maintaining both timeliness and quality.

Please also convey my sincere appreciation to the editor, Rtn. Dr. Sae Vaidya, and the entire editorial board. Their dedication and hard work in bringing out such a well-produced issue on time deserve special mention.

Keep up the great work—your efforts are truly inspiring and set a positive tone for the year ahead."

Warm regards,

Ashok Mahajan

PRID (2007-2009), TRF Trustee (2009-2013)

"Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for the incredible GML you have given us.

The GML has truly evolved in terms of content, size, and quality. Your dedication to deliver a high-quality material is evident, as is the hard work, effort, and brainstorming that might have gone in creating it.

As the mouthpiece of the District, this year's GML stands out as the best our District has witnessed so far.

The thoughtful enhancements you have made have significantly improved the overall impact of the GML.

Notable improvements include the layout, articles, the space, the quality of the paper and visuals, which have made the GML more enjoyable to read.

Please keep up the fantastic work. The passion and creativity of your content catalysts are invaluable to our Titen team.

I eagerly look forward to seeing what you come up with next.

Compliments to the entire GML team on an outstanding job!"

Vijay Shetty

RC Thane Hills



Golden Jubilee Celebration "Amara"

Inner Wheel District 314 celebrated its **Golden Jubilee "Amara"** on 22 August 2025, marking five decades of service and sisterhood. Founder Association President Raksha Mehta graced the occasion, while the visit of International President Kay Morland added a special sparkle.

The celebrations began with IP Kay and Association President Jyoti Mahipal arriving in a vintage car, warmly welcomed by members in traditional Maharashtrian attire and dance. The Fashion Boulevard exhibition, themed dance showcasing "Aamchi Mumbai," and the golden/yellow saris worn by attendees created a vibrant atmosphere.

Key highlights included the release of a coffee table book and history book, launch of a privilege card, a lively rapid-fire round by PAP PDC Pushpa Suryamurty, and a visit to Wakdi village. The evening featured a felicitation of Past Association Presidents, a melodious musical journey, and a sparkling Bollywood night.

International President Kay inspired all with her message: "Step up and lead by example." The grand celebration was a fitting tribute to 50 memorable years of Inner Wheel District 314.



West Zone Meet "MELANGE"



Inner Wheel District 314 hosted the vibrant **West Zone Meet MELANGE** on 23 August 2025 at Hotel Sahara Star, chaired by District Chairman Lakshmi Singh. The day began with a colorful photo session and flag march, followed by a spirited drum circle energizing participants.

The meet featured an engaging line-up of speakers: Devdutt Pattanaik on mythology's relevance, a chat show on women in the armed forces, and inspiring talks by Rajinder Singh, the "Waterman of India," and wildlife crusader Bittu Sahgal. Baftaana's fashion show of upcycled attire impressed all, blending creativity with sustainability.

The evening concluded in true Mumbai style, with a dazzling Bollywood extravaganza of music, dance, and celebration, leaving attendees with cherished memories of a grand success.



ROTARY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT MIND MAZE

Across

- Building skills for leaders and professionals
- Community mutual legal structure
- Reducing this is a major goal of community development
- Improving this leads to better living for all
- Empowering people to start their own businesses

Down

- An action that supports the common good
- Economic phase: rising GDP, jobs
- Efforts to lift individuals and groups out of financial hardship
- Month in which Rotary highlights Economic and Community Development
- Creation of these leads to employment and prosperity



- 1. SKILLS
- 2. EXPANSION
- 3. MITIGATION
- 4. COOPERATIVE
- 5. OCTOBER
- 6. JOBS
- 7. POVERTY
- 8. UNITY
- 9. ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Bright Minds, Bold Contributions “Daan Mudita” : The Joy of Giving

The District 3142 family united for its **First TRF Seminar of TiTen Year** at Satkar Residency on 22nd September 2025, aptly themed **“Daan Mudita – The Joy of Giving.”** The evening was not only a celebration of generosity but also an inspirational reaffirmation of Rotary’s enduring commitment to service through The Rotary Foundation (TRF). The Event was hosted by **Rotary Club of Thane Green City** Convenor: Rtn. Dr. Aparna Walanj

The event commenced with registration and a warm announcement by Master of Ceremonies Rtn. Nikhil Dhoot. President Rtn. Suresh Kalyankar formally called the meeting to order, followed by the National Anthem that resonated across the hall. A ceremonial lamp lighting by esteemed dignitaries, coupled with a graceful invocation dance presented by Rotarians of the host club, set the perfect tone for the proceedings.

Convenor Rtn. Dr. Aparna Walanj extended a gracious welcome to distinguished guests and delegates. This was followed by an impactful keynote by District Governor Rtn. Harsh Makol, who emphasized the role of TRF in transforming lives across the globe.

A key highlight of the seminar was the participation of **TRF Trustee Dr. Bharat Pandya**, introduced by Rtn. Devendra Tomar. His reflections on the power of giving deeply resonated with the audience. Subsequently, the **chief Guest of the event Trustee Chair and Past RI President Holger Knaack**, introduced by Rtn. Pushan Vaidya, delivered an inspiring keynote address. His messages underscored Rotary’s global promise to eradicate polio, its credibility as a 4-star Charity Navigator-rated organization, and the immense impact of Rotarians’ contributions—such as the USD 385 million spent last year in service initiatives. He reminded Rotarians of the equal importance of both members and staff, who remain caretakers of Rotary’s vision and assets.

The evening also featured a series of TRF recognitions, honoring the generosity of individuals, families, and clubs. Interspersed between recognition segments were insightful presentations: EPNC by PDG Dr. Ashes Ganguly, EMGA by PDG Ashish Ajmera, RRFC by PDG Dr. N. Subramanian, and the DRFC summary by Rtn. Santosh. These focused on TRF’s global programs and local impact, with an emphasis on sustainability and the scale of Rotary’s outreach.

Top 5 TRF Contributing Clubs till 20th Sept 2025

Name	AF Per Capita	Annual Fund YTD	PolioPlus Fund YTD	Other Funds YTD	Endowment Fund YTD	-- Total --
Hiranandani Ivan	\$108	\$4,126	\$20,689	-	-	\$24,816
Thane Green City	\$84	\$5,219	-	\$10,258	-	\$15,478
Dombivli East	\$48	\$12,486	-	\$975	-	\$13,461
Navi Mumbai-Palm Beach	\$36	\$1,310	-	\$10,000	-	\$11,310
Thane Hills	\$78	\$9,000	-	-	-	\$9,000

Rtn Srijit Poothen, serving capably as both **General Secretary and District Annual Fund Sub - Committee Chair (DAFSC)**, has played an instrumental role in advancing TRF collection efforts for District 3142. His exemplary leadership in these key positions, marked by unwavering commitment and meticulous coordination, has greatly motivated Rotarians and clubs throughout the district to actively contribute towards The Rotary Foundation. Under his guidance 105 Rotarians contributed \$1000 each, thus providing the right impetus to the district 'fund raising' process, elevating the district’s fundraising to new heights. Rtn. Srijit’s strategic vision and hands-on approach have strengthened the culture of giving, elevating fundraising benchmarks and empowering Rotary’s service missions with essential resources. The district sincerely appreciates his outstanding dedication to nurturing generosity and driving TRF’s impactful work forward.



Awardees and Recognitions

Category	Awardees / Honorees
Special Recognition	D.P. Tripathi (Hiranandani Ivan), V. Chandrashekar (Thane Hill)
Major Donors	Meenal Savashe; Annie Bijoy & Bijoy Oommen; Vaishali & Ashok Sharma (Thane Amigos); Shailendra Apte (Navi Mumbai)
EREY Clubs	Thane Amigos (Prince Nagi); Thane Greenspans (Jaydeep Limaye);
Endowment	Rtn. Usha Mani (Hiranandani Legends), in memory of her late husband

Disclaimer: All information regarding Rotary membership and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) contributions has been updated as of 20 September 2025, based on data available from www.rotary.org.

Netrutva

Leadership That Inspires Rotary Future



Titan Netrutva Leadership series is a visionary concept that embodies the core values and needs of the Rotary organization. It was created with a simple question in mind: What can the district do differently to strengthen Rotary's key focus areas—Membership Growth & Retention, The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and Public Image (PR)—while also elevating DISCON participation? The result was the birth of Netrutva Leadership Series—a unique set of events designed to energize and engage Rotarians across the district. Let's explore how Netrutva supports each of these pillars:

1. Membership Growth & Retention—Netrutva events are powerful tools for attracting and retaining members. Clubs are encouraged to bring potential members to the events, while the Membership Team will actively invite local professionals and business associations., for example local IMA CA Industrial associations CSRs. The idea is simple: Showcase the scale, impact, and vibrancy of Rotary through high-quality events that leave a lasting impression. For new members—especially those from smaller or less active clubs—this exposure goes beyond the club level. They get to connect with Senior District Officers and hundreds of fellow Rotarians, making them feel part of something. This environment fosters fellowship, bonding, and engagement, which are key to long-term retention.

2. The Rotary Foundation (TRF)—To encourage contributions from non-Rotarians, Netrutva introduces a unique initiative: any non-Rotarian who donates \$10,000 or more to TRF will be recognized on stage by a celebrity speaker, in front of a thousand-strong audience. This not only boosts TRF contributions but also raises awareness and credibility of the Foundation among new audiences.

3. Public Image & Public Relations (PR/PI)—Extensive efforts are being made to ensure that the Netrutva series receives strong coverage in print, digital, and electronic media. The events, backed by high-profile speakers, are expected to draw significant attention, providing Rotary with much-needed visibility and positive PR.

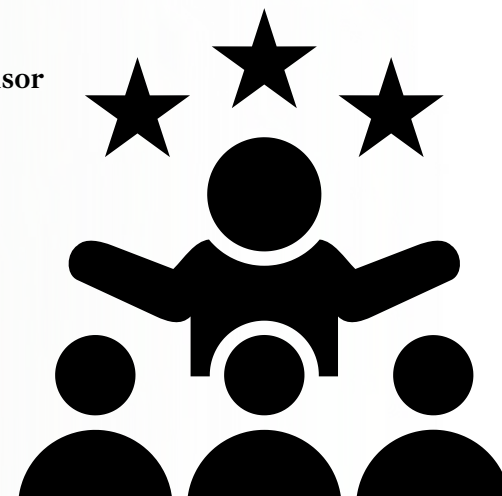
4. Speakers & DISCON Experience at Your Doorstep

Every Rotarian should experience a DISCON at least once—but not everyone gets the chance. That's why Netrutva offers a mini-DISCON experience at a very affordable price. We've branded it as DAUD – DISCON At Your Doorstep. The events will feature exceptional speakers from diverse fields such as: Armed Forces Police Entrepreneurs Scientists Explorers Sports personalities Film & Entertainment. Each speaker is a proven popular achiever, with inspiring stories that are sure to earn standing ovations. So when a Rotarian experiences Netrutva, we believe they'll be more inclined to register for the full DISCON. After all, as they say, "Yeh Dil Maange More!"

Titan Netrutva Leadership Series – Event Schedule—The Netrutva series will consist of three major events across the district: October 4, 2025 – Navi Mumbai December 7, 2025 – KABU Area and March 14, 2026 – Thane. Take advantage of the Early Bird Offer – Just ₹2000 for access to all three events, including Dinner and Happy Hours.

So Let's all come together for an unforgettable journey of fellowship, friendship, bonding, and inspiration. The Titen year promises to be one of joy, impact, and transformation—and Netrutva will be a shining example of that spirit. Join us, and be part of the change.

CA Satish Mane
District and Netrutva Advisor



Rotary Foundation (India) and CSR Grants

Rotary has partnered with
391
corporate partners

Received nearly
10.6 Million
USD CSR funds.

2,700 +
Bicycle distribution to girl students

3,500 +
E-tab distribution

125 +
Infrastructure upgradation in schools

2,000 +
E-learning systems set-up across schools

1,000 +
Pedagogical Teacher's Training

50 +
Computer labs for visually impaired students across schools



Achievements

90 +
Dialysis machines across hospitals

15 +
Mobile Medical Units (MMUs)

6
Upgradation of Primary Health Centers (PHCS)

400 +
Pediatric Heart Surgeries

11,000 +
Cataract Operations

650 +
Beneficiaries of Artificial Limbs

400+
Vocational training of students

1800+
Fruit tree plantations leading to improve livelihood in households across 60 villages

3000+
Women trained in vocational

Technical training centers for differently abled students

"Grama Lakshmi" skills A microenterprise project

234 +
Toilet construction in school

100 +
Sanitation and Hygiene, behavioral and Vocational training

200 +
Toilet construction for households

90 +
Check Dams & Water Sheds

40 +
Wash Infrastructure upgradation in schools

30 +
Low cost houses construction

86,500 +
Mangrove Tree plantations

40 +
Decentralised water treatment plants providing access to drinking water to over 2 lakh beneficiaries

30 +
Solar panels in various communities

We are excited to share that Rotary Foundation (India) has been honored as the Best Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Implementing Partner (Global Organisation) at the 14th India CSR Awards. Since 2016, Rotary Foundation (India) has built strong partnerships with over 300 Corporations, driving positive change through sustainable projects across the country.



Reasons for Using Rotary Foundation (India) for CSR Grants

1. Rotary Foundation India (RFI) is part of the parent The Rotary Foundation (TRF) based in USA manned by permanent staff. It is based in New Delhi.
 2. They are available year after year whereas the President and officers of the Club and District change every year.
 3. Please Refer to the pictures above, RFI has been recognised at various CSR forums with CSR Awards as the best CSR Implementing partner, Best NGO of the year etc. .
- They have strong stewardship policies and they vet



each project to ensure best practices are followed at various stages , right from the application stage to implementing and reporting. They have a panel of experts in various fields called Cadre who act as auditors. They may send these auditors to check on the project at different stages depending on the value of the project.

RF(I) has been honored with the following recognitions:

1. At the India CSR & Sustainability Conclave 2025, organized by BrandsGlobal Media on 2 August 2025 at the India International Centre, New Delhi, Rotary Foundation (India) received the prestigious "Excellence in Nationwide CSR Implementation" A
 2. At the Indian PSU CSR Impact Awards 2025— Rotary Foundation (India) was honored with the "Best NGO of the Year" Award.
- This award recognizes the unwavering commitment of Rotarians and Rotary clubs in initiating, soliciting, and successfully delivering impactful CSR projects

Rotary Foundation (India) is a registered body under the Societies Act with all statutory compliances like 12A, 80G, FCRA, CSR-I etc., updated annually. In 2023-24, CSR contributions exceeding USD 10 million were routed through RFI for various projects. Rotary Foundation has also earned the top Four-Star rating from Charity Navigator for 16 consecutive years, recognized for strong financial health, accountability, and transparency.



For CSR contributions, an admin fee of 5/4/3% applies depending on the size of contribution. Taking the 5% case as an example, there are three options:

1. Corporate pays Rs.100 to the project + Rs.5 as admin fee.
2. Corporate pays Rs.100 total, of which Rs.95 goes to the project and Rs.5 to the fee.
3. Corporate pays Rs.100 to the project, while the club/members pay Rs.5 separately for the fee.

Prasad Tendulkar
RC Thane Green City

‘Amrit Jal’ – A Boon for Eco-Friendly Idol Immersion

AMBERNATH: A path-breaking eco-friendly initiative is redefining the way citizens immerse their Ganesha and Navratri idols. The **Rotary Club of Ambernath North**, in collaboration with municipal councils, has successfully implemented a project that dissolves Plaster of Paris (POP) idols using an ammonium bicarbonate solution—preventing water pollution and safeguarding the environment.

The technology was originally developed in 2015 by scientists at the **National Chemical Laboratory (NCL)**, Pune—Dr. Shubhangi Umbarkar, Dr. Maruti Dongre, and Dr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma. Their research demonstrated that POP idols could be safely dissolved, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional immersion in rivers and lakes.

Direct immersion of POP idols poses a grave threat to the environment as they take years to decompose, releasing toxic substances like lead, mercury, and arsenic from paints into water bodies. This not only pollutes rivers and lakes but also desecrates the idols. The new method addresses both issues, making it a true blessing for society.

Although the Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) pioneered the use of this solution and distributed it to citizens, adoption across other municipalities was limited.

In 2023, however, Rtn. Rajesh Bhavsar, Environment Head of the Rotary Club of Ambernath North, launched a pilot project in Ambernath with the local municipal council. The solution was aptly named ‘Amrit Jal’ by the Rotary Club. The initiative received overwhelming support from the community.

Building on this success, the project expanded in 2024 to five locations in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Pen. This year, under the leadership of President Rtn. Pralhad Jadhav, the Rotary Club of Ambernath North sealed up the initiative in partnership with Ambernath Municipal Council, Badlapur Municipal Council, Kalyan Municipal Corporation, and several Rotary Clubs in Lonavala, Pen, Thane, Kalyan, Badlapur, and Murbad—covering a total of 16 immersion sites.

The public’s response has been extremely positive, with many devotees expressing satisfaction that their beloved Bappa’s idols are being immersed respectfully and ritually, while also protecting nature.



The success of Amrit Jal has attracted significant media attention. Seventeen newspapers—including Loksatta, Lokmat, Sakal, Maharashtra Times, Punya Nagari, Navbharat, and Thane Vaibhav—covered the story, along with five online media channels that broadcast the initiative through video features.

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Official Club Visits

RID 3142



RC Dombivli Midtown



RC Thane



RC Navi Mumbai Sunrise

Where Inspiration Lights the Way

Appeal to All Rotarians: Share Your Best Moments for "Pic of the Month"!

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

We are excited to announce the launch of our "Pic of the Month" section in the upcoming Governor's Monthly Letter (GML)! This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the vibrant spirit, impactful and joyful moments that make our Rotary family so special.

We invite YOU to be a part of this initiative!

If you have captured a memorable moment—be it from a club event, service project, fellowship, or even a simple act of kindness—please share your best photograph with us. Your picture could inspire others, celebrate our collective achievements, and highlight the diversity and dynamism of our district.

How to Participate:

Select a high-quality, clear photo that tells a story or captures the essence of Rotary or non Rotary. Include a brief caption (what, where, when, and who).

Email your entry to titengml2526@gmail.com by 15th of every month

Let's make our GML more colorful and engaging together!

We look forward to seeing your wonderful moments and sharing them with the entire Rotary community.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dr Sai Vaidya
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At 90 years young, my mother remains deeply engaged with the Rotary Mirror, a publication she cherishes for its inspiring stories and community spirit. Her passion for reading reflects a lifelong curiosity and dedication to Rotary's Vision of service above self, highlighting wisdom and grace in every turn of the page.

Reading it keeps her informed and connected, fueling her lifelong commitment to learning and service, demonstrating that age is no barrier to staying engaged and inspired by Rotary's mission.



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Empowering Local Economies: Small Farm Cities Project in Malawi

Rotary's commitment to sustainable community development is clearly exemplified by the innovative Small Farm Cities project in Malawi. Supported by a Rotary Global Grant and led by entrepreneur Leif van Grinsven, this initiative is transforming rural lives by creating thriving agricultural communities with affordable housing and key infrastructure.

Located west of Malawi's capital Lilongwe, Small Farm Cities provides families with access to greenhouses, fishponds, and hyper-affordable housing. Residents earn livelihoods through horticulture and aquaculture, allowing them to pay manageable mortgages and achieve homeownership—a powerful step toward economic stability.

The project goes well beyond housing. It offers clean water, Wi-Fi connectivity, communal sanitation, and recreational spaces, all of which enhance the quality of life and foster stronger community ties. Local carpenters, plumbers, and brickmakers are employed to build these sustainable neighborhoods, boosting local entrepreneurship and economies through economies of scale.

The initiative's holistic design empowers residents to focus on their health, education, and businesses while generating reliable income from efficient agriculture. The project aims to scale from small communities of 100 residents to larger hubs supporting thousands, with future plans to integrate health clinics, schools, and additional community services.

Leif's journey was made possible by Rotary's Global Grant Scholarship, which supports dedicated individuals engaged in Rotary's Areas of Focus, including Growing Local Economies.

He credits Rotary not only for financial backing but for fostering lasting relationships and shared global missions that strengthen projects like Small Farm Cities.



<https://www.smallfarmcities.com/about/mpingu-garden>

This Malawi initiative is a shining example of how Rotary nurtures local economies, uplifts communities, and creates sustainable solutions that ripple across regions. Small Farm Cities demonstrates the transformative power of combining agriculture, housing, technology, and community-led development to create lasting positive change.

For more details:

<https://rotary6270.org/stories/growing-local-economies-how-a-rotary-global-grant-scholar-supports-sustainable-growth-in-malawi>
<https://www.rotary.org/en/top-global-grant-projects>

Empowering Rural Maharashtra: Solar-Powered Village Transformation in Palghar

The Rotary Club of Bombay's Integrated Village Development Project in Palghar District, Maharashtra, stands as a beacon of sustainable rural development, benefiting over 13,000 villagers in Chandragav and surrounding areas. This trailblazing initiative addresses multiple facets of rural life by harnessing the power of solar energy to transform community infrastructure, agriculture, health, and education.

At the heart of the project is the provision of uninterrupted solar-powered lighting. More than 700 villagers receive individual solar lamps, and 23 solar streetlights illuminate the village pathways, enhancing safety after dark and reducing the risks of snake and scorpion bites—a common rural hazard. These lights transform the daily lives of villagers by extending productive and safe hours after sunset.

Water scarcity, a perennial rural challenge, is tackled innovatively through solar lift irrigation. The project enables 15 farming families to irrigate over 15 acres of land, ensuring year-round cultivation and boosting agricultural productivity. Additionally, the daily provision of 2,500 liters of safe drinking water via filtered solar-powered water systems has dramatically improved community health and hygiene standards.

Education is another pillar of this comprehensive program. Forty primary school children, including 22 girls, and 52 Anganwadi attendees benefit from continuous solar power, allowing access to smart TVs and uninterrupted learning throughout the year. This infusion of technology elevates the educational experience, fostering better engagement and outcomes.

Beyond infrastructure, the project emphasizes farmer empowerment through training in best agricultural practices and distribution of quality seeds and fruit-bearing saplings. This holistic approach aids in building sustainable livelihoods while conserving the environment.



The project's success is exemplified by its scale, reaching 40 villages with solarization of 35 educational facilities, irrigation of 360 acres, installation of 140 solar streetlights, and daily provision of 50,000 liters of clean drinking water powered entirely by renewable solar energy.

The Rotary Club of Bombay's initiative is a stellar example of how innovative, community-centered solutions can spur economic development, improve quality of life, and promote environmental sustainability in rural India.

<https://www.tribuneindia.com/news/business/rotary-club-of-bombay-achieves-milestone-with-40th-integrated-village-development-project-impacting-over-13000-lives/>

Ancient Indian Coinage: A Mirror of History and Culture

Over the past few months, this series has explored various aspects of Indian heritage. Ancient Indian coins are more than economic tokens; they are living witnesses to history, etched in metal. Each coin carries within it a story of power, faith, trade, and artistry—tiny yet enduring records of the times that produced them. From the punch-marked coins of the Mahajanapadas to the golden dinars of the Guptas, India's coinage reflects shifting empires, cultural interactions, and religious patronage.

To trace their evolution is to glimpse the rise and fall of kingdoms, the spread of ideas, and the flourishing of art and commerce—a mirror of India's civilization in miniature form. In this article, we turn to numismatics, the study of coins, which remains one of the most important sources of history. Coins are not just currency—they are miniature records of political authority, trade, religion, and culture.

The Origins: Punch-Marked Coins

The earliest coins of India, dating to the 6th century BCE, were punch-marked coins made of silver or copper. They bore multiple symbols such as the sun, trees, animals, and geometric patterns. Excavated from sites like Taxila, Ujjain, Rajghat, and Hastinapur, these coins are linked with the Mahajanapadas, the sixteen powerful states of early historic India. Their wide circulation signals the shift from barter to a money-based economy.

Hellenistic Echoes: Indo-Greek Influence

A major innovation came with the Indo-Greeks (2nd century BCE). For the first time, coins bore portraits of rulers and bilingual legends—Greek on one side, Prakrit on the other. Kings like Menander and Antialcidas issued coins showing Zeus, Athena, and Apollo alongside Indian symbols such as elephants and bulls. These issues reveal a rich blend of Greek and Indian traditions.

Imperial Splendour: The Kushanas

The Kushana Empire (1st–3rd century CE) further transformed coinage, particularly under Kanishka I, who issued abundant gold coins. They featured deities from multiple pantheons—Shiva and Buddha alongside Iranian and Hellenistic gods such as Mithra and Serapis. Written in Bactrian using Greek script, these coins highlight the empire's cosmopolitan nature and far-reaching Silk Road trade.

Southern Identity: Satavahanas

In the Deccan, the Satavahanas (1st century BCE–3rd century CE) issued lead, copper, and potin coins. Common motifs included ships, elephants, stupas, and chaityas, emphasizing maritime activity and Buddhist patronage. Discoveries at Paithan, Amaravati, and Nagarjunakonda underline the Satavahanas' role in Indian Ocean trade.

The Golden Age: Gupta Coinage

The Guptas (4th–6th century CE) elevated coinage into a fine art. Their gold coins, or dinars, depicted rulers performing rituals, hunting lions, or playing the veena, while reverses carried Hindu deities like Lakshmi, Durga, and Ganga. The artistry and abundance of Gupta coins reflect the empire's prosperity and cultural achievements.

Coins as Historical Sources

Coins are often called “portable inscriptions”. They preserve royal names, titles, symbols, and religious affiliations, serving as vital evidence where texts are silent. Ancient Indian coinage thus stands as a mirror of the subcontinent's dynamic past, narrating stories of empires, trade routes, and cultural exchanges. Beyond their monetary use, these coins endure as miniature monuments of India's civilization.



Indo Greek King Menandar



Kusha king Kanishka coin.
Buddha on Reverse side



Satvahana coin



Ashwamedh type coin of Samudragputa



Punch marked coin of Magadha

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