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## Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar's Bulletin March-2025

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From Editorial Desk: Editorial Team

Greetings, Friends!

As March 2025 approaches, the Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar reflects on impactful projects such as the Vocational Visit, DEI Distrit Event and Mahashivratri celebrations, numerous youth activities, and many more. Over its vibrant eight-year journey, the club has made remarkable strides in education, healthcare, and community development, transforming countless lives through its outreach efforts.

Our initiatives have provided crucial support and resources to those in need, leaving a lasting positive impact on the community.

The club bulletin, GRAPEVINE, is more than just a monthly publication—it is a rich source of Rotary knowledge, a window into our activities, and a platform celebrating the creativity and expertise of our members. Through this bulletin, we aim to keep our members and well-wishers informed, inspired, and engaged in our mission of Service Above Self.

We are delighted to present the March 2025 edition of GRAPEVINE and extend our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support in making these initiatives a success. Happy Reading!

Yours in Rotary,  
The GRAPEVINE Editorial Team

**March is Rotary's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month**

March marks Rotary's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month, a time to focus on one of humanity's most critical needs: access to clean water and proper sanitation. For millions worldwide, the lack of these basic necessities poses serious health risks and hinders community development. As Rotarians, we have the power to make a difference by supporting WASH projects that provide sustainable solutions, such as building wells, installing sanitation facilities, and promoting hygiene education.



This month, let us renew our commitment to addressing water and sanitation challenges, both locally and globally. By collaborating with communities, leveraging partnerships, and utilizing Rotary grants, we can create lasting change and improve the quality of life for countless individuals. Together, let's ensure that everyone has access to clean water and sanitation—a fundamental step toward healthier, more equitable communities.

In the spirit of Service Above Self, let's make WASH Month impactful and transformative!



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Dear Rotarians,

February was a truly remarkable month for the Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar, filled with impactful initiatives that reflected our unwavering commitment to Service Above Self. We began with an insightful Vocational Visit, fostering professional growth and camaraderie among members. Our participation in the DEI District Event highlighted our dedication to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, reinforcing the values that bind us as Rotarians. The month culminated in vibrant Mahashivratri celebrations, where we embraced cultural traditions and strengthened community bonds. Each event underscored our collective efforts to make a meaningful difference, both within our club and in the wider community. As we move forward, let us continue to inspire, innovate, and serve with the same passion and purpose. Together, we are truly shaping a better world.



March marks Rotary's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) Month, a cause deeply aligned with the Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar's commitment to creating a more harmonious and equitable society. In India, where millions still lack access to clean water and proper sanitation, our efforts in WASH initiatives are not just a service but a necessity. By addressing these fundamental needs, we are paving the way for healthier communities, improved education, and economic opportunities, especially for women and children.

This month, let us reaffirm our dedication to WASH projects that provide sustainable solutions—whether it's building water filtration systems, constructing toilets, or promoting hygiene education. Through collaboration with local communities, government bodies, and global partners, we can amplify our impact and bring about transformative change.

In February, we joyfully celebrated Rtn. Shyamala Kulkarni's **75th birthday!** Her dedication to Rotary's ideals and her tireless service inspire us all. This milestone reflects her remarkable journey and commitment to *Service Above Self*. Let's honor her contributions and wish her continued health and happiness!

March is a vibrant month, blending festivities and meaningful observances. We celebrate Holi, the festival of colors, symbolizing joy and unity; World Water Day, reminding us of the importance of water conservation; and Gudipadwa, marking the New Year and new beginnings. Let's embrace these occasions with enthusiasm and a renewed commitment to service!

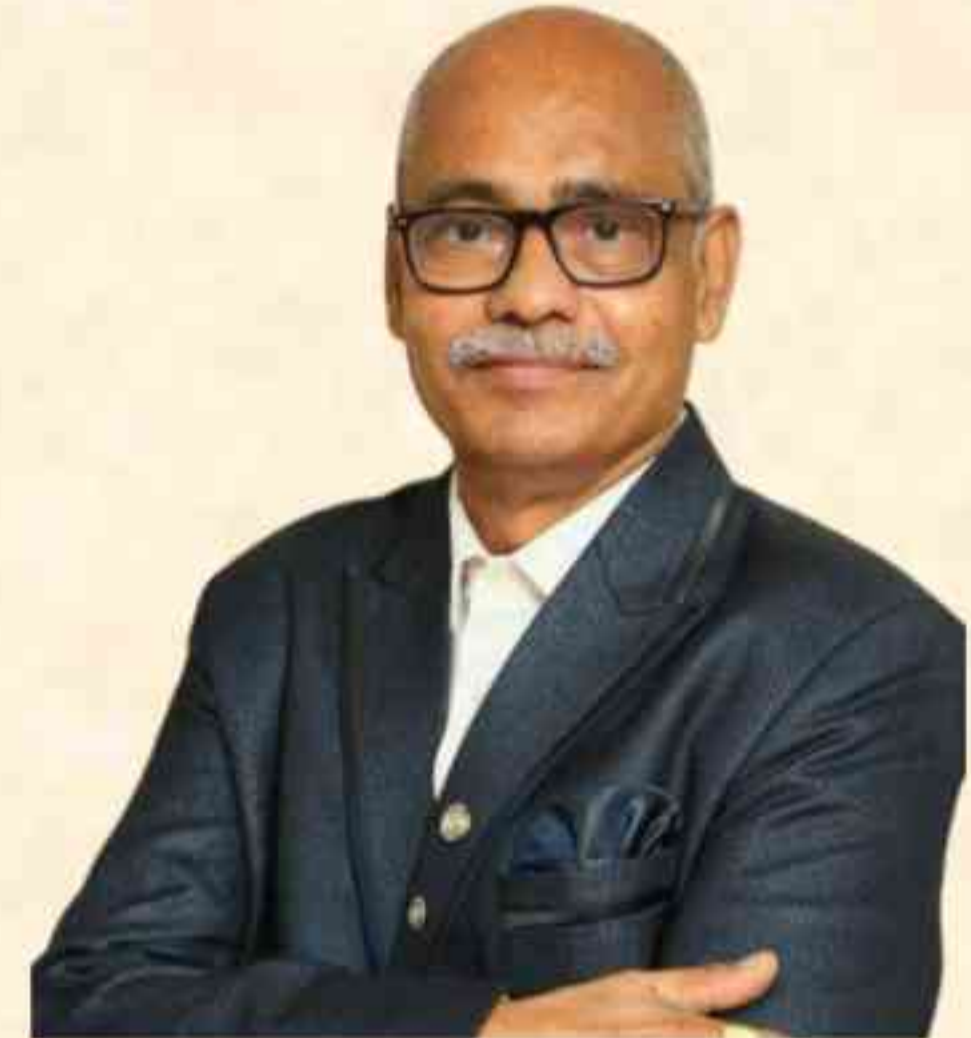
Thank you,

**Rtn. Arun Khedwal | President | Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar |RID3131| India**



Secretary's Report for Last Month : Rtn. Mukund Chaudhari

During the last month, the Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar successfully conducted a series of meetings, including our Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, weekly gatherings, and a strategic planning session. The BOD meeting focused on evaluating ongoing projects, approving budgets, and aligning club objectives with Rotary's core mission. Our weekly meetings provided a platform for members to share updates, discuss community initiatives, and strengthen fellowship. The strategic meeting was pivotal in setting long-term goals, enhancing member engagement, and planning upcoming projects. Collectively, these meetings reinforced our commitment to service and community development.



Water, Sanitation And Hygiene: Rtn. Ashish Atre

March is recognized as Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) month, and the Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar has taken the initiative to create a significant impact through small, consistent steps. Understanding the importance of clean water, proper sanitation, and hygiene practices, the club has planned a series of activities aimed at raising awareness and driving community action.

The club will organize workshops and seminars to educate locals about the importance of safe drinking water, effective waste management, and personal hygiene. They will also distribute hygiene kits containing soap, sanitizers, and informational pamphlets to underprivileged communities. Additionally, the club plans to collaborate with local schools to teach children the basics of handwashing and sanitation through interactive sessions.



To address water scarcity, the club will initiate rainwater harvesting projects and repair existing water infrastructure in rural areas. They will also conduct cleanliness drives to promote proper waste disposal and reduce pollution in water bodies.

By focusing on these small yet impactful steps, the Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar aims to foster long-term behavioral change and improve the overall health and well-being of the community. Their efforts during WASH month will not only address immediate needs but also lay the foundation for a sustainable and healthier future.



**Birthday, Anniversaries and Project Plans:**

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Occasion	Date	Name
Birthday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	Sudhir Chakole
Birthday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Ramachandra Vani
Anniv.	1 <sup>st</sup> April	Ravi Naik
Anniv.	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Mukund and Sunita
Anniv.	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Kishor Narkar
Birthday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	Alka Koli

**Project Plan:**

Date	Project
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Women's Day
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Holi
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Water Day
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Gudi Padwa
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Ram Navami
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Ambekar Jayanti
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	World Bicycle Day

**Celebrating a Life of Service and Inspiration – Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**



Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar recently celebrated the 75th birthday of our beloved member, Rtn. Shyamala Kulkarni. A senior social worker and a true pillar of our community, Rtn. Shyamala has dedicated her life to serving others with unwavering compassion and commitment. Her work has touched countless lives, and her legacy continues to inspire us all. The celebration was graced by members of our club, bachat gats, self-help groups, COPS, and many well-wishers who came together

to honor her remarkable journey. It was a joyous occasion filled with love, gratitude, and heartfelt memories. Here's to Rtn. Shyamala Kulkarni – a beacon of kindness, strength, and service. May she continue to inspire us for many more years to come! Happy 75th Birthday, Rtn. Shyamala!





President Elect : Rtn. Sakina Gadiwala



We are thrilled to announce that Rtn. Sakina Gadiwala has been elected as the President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar! With her extensive experience in environmental initiatives and her unwavering commitment to community service, Rtn. Sakina is the ideal leader to guide our club toward a greener, more sustainable, and impactful future. Her dedication to waste reduction, water conservation, and environmental advocacy has already left a significant mark on our community, and we are confident that her leadership will take our efforts to new heights.

As a senior social worker and a passionate advocate for environmental causes, Rtn. Sakina has consistently demonstrated her ability to inspire and mobilize people toward meaningful action. Her innovative ideas and collaborative approach have been instrumental in driving positive change, and we look forward to seeing her vision come to life during her tenure.

Let us come together to congratulate Rtn. Sakina Gadiwala on this well-deserved achievement and extend our heartfelt wishes for a successful and fulfilling journey ahead. Under her leadership, we are excited to embark on new initiatives, strengthen our impact, and continue making a difference in the lives of those we serve. Here's to a brighter, greener future with Rtn. Sakina at the helm!

Join us in congratulating her and wishing her a successful journey ahead!



Service Project : February-25



🚗 Rotary Car Rally - Eye C Magic! 🚗

The Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar proudly participated in the District 3131 Eye C Magic Car Rally, a groundbreaking initiative held at Phoenix Market City, Viman Nagar, Pune. This unique event brought together 175 visually impaired students from the Blind Men's Association of Pune, who served as navigators alongside drivers for a 21 km rally.

The rally, organized to celebrate 120 years of Rotary International, was a powerful demonstration of inclusivity and empowerment. By placing visually impaired individuals in the navigator's seat, the event challenged stereotypes and highlighted their capabilities, leaving Pune residents inspired and amazed. ❤️

The Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar was honored to be part of this transformative experience, which not only raised awareness about the potential of differently-abled individuals but also fostered a spirit of collaboration and understanding. The rally symbolized Rotary's commitment to creating a more inclusive world, where everyone has the opportunity to shine.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants, organizers, and supporters who made this event a resounding success. Together, we continue to drive change and make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Here's to many more initiatives that inspire, empower, and unite! 🌟🚗



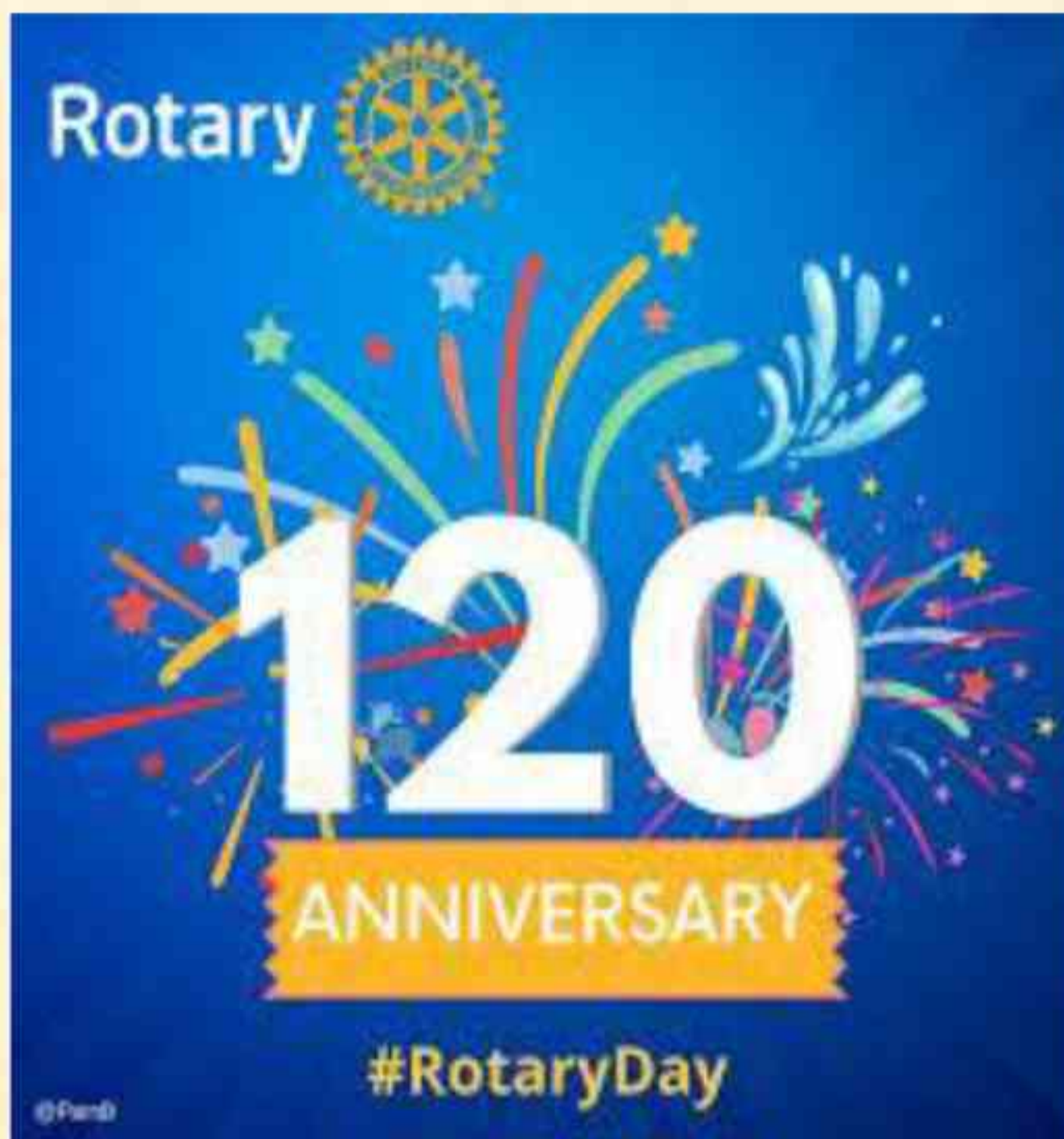
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✦ Celebrated 120 Years of Rotary International! ✦

This year marked a monumental milestone as Rotary International celebrated 120 years of service, unity, and impact. Since its founding in 1905, Rotary grew into a global network of 1.4 million members across 46,000 clubs, dedicated to creating lasting change in communities worldwide. From eradicating polio to promoting peace, advancing education, and providing clean water, Rotary’s legacy of service continued to inspire and transform lives.

The Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar was proud to be part of this incredible journey. Over the decades, Rotary not only addressed critical global challenges but also fostered a culture of collaboration, and celebrated this anniversary, we achieved our commitment to Service Above Self.

To mark this special occasion, we organized events that honored Rotary’s rich history while looking ahead to a brighter future. From community awareness service projects to campaigns, we aimed to amplify Rotary’s impact and inspire the next generation of leaders.



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Service Project : February-25



The Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar recently had the divine privilege of offering Bheeling (Bilva Patra Abhishek) to Lord Shiva at the historic Apta and Gulsunde Shiva Mandir, two of the most revered temples in our region. This spiritual initiative was a heartfelt expression of devotion, as we sought the blessings of Mahadev for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of our community. The act of offering Bilva Patra, sacred to Lord Shiva, symbolized our commitment to aligning our service projects with values of compassion, humility, and selflessness.

This visit to the ancient temples was not only a moment of spiritual reflection but also a reminder of the importance of preserving our cultural heritage and traditions. As Rotarians, we believe that service to humanity is a form of devotion, and this experience reinforced our dedication to making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. We prayed for Lord Shiva's guidance to inspire us in our mission to address community needs, promote harmony, and work toward a brighter future.

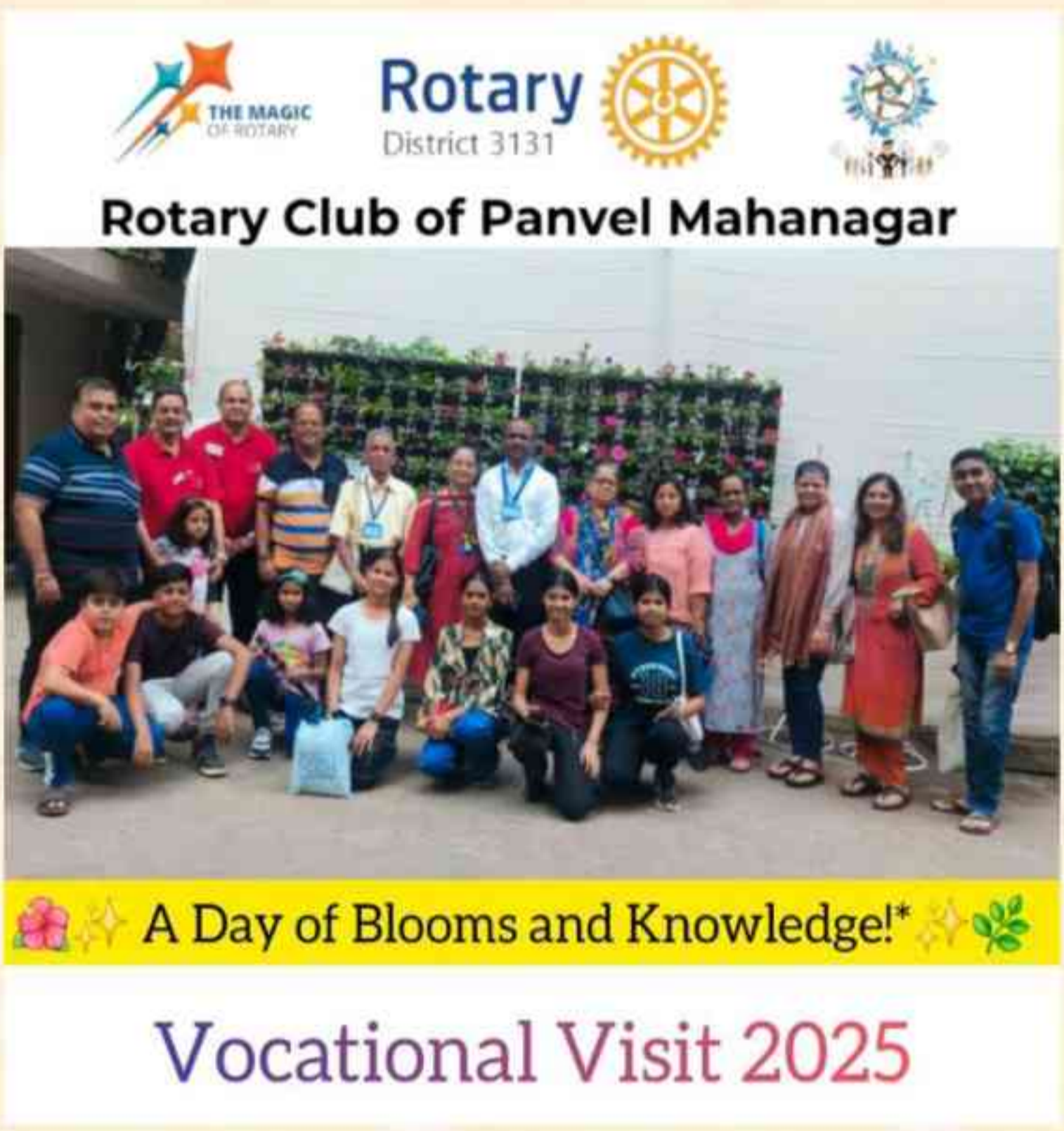
The event brought together members of the club in a shared moment of reverence and unity, strengthening our resolve to continue serving with sincerity and dedication. Har Har Mahadev!



**Vocational Visit : February-25**

The Rotary Club of Panvel Mahanagar embarked on an enriching journey to one of Mumbai’s largest flower, fruits, and vegetables exhibitions. The event provided a unique opportunity for our members and children to learn about innovative plantation techniques, explore rare plant species, and gain valuable insights into sustainable agriculture. The exhibition was a treasure trove of knowledge, inspiring us to incorporate eco-friendly practices into our community projects.

Following the exhibition, we visited Ranibaug Zoo, where we enjoyed observing diverse wildlife and learning about conservation efforts. The day concluded with a visit to the iconic Gateway of India, a symbol of Mumbai’s rich history and cultural heritage. These experiences not only brought us closer to nature but also strengthened the bond among our members.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Friends of Trees for inviting us to this remarkable event and to Rotarian Sakina Gadiwala for organizing an insightful session with a botany professor. Her efforts made the day even more educational and memorable.

The day was a perfect blend of learning, laughter, and unforgettable experiences, reminding us of the importance of connecting with nature and each other. We look forward to applying the knowledge gained

to create a greener and more sustainable future for our community.



### Story Time : A Story from India

In a small village nestled in the heart of rural India, life was a daily struggle for 12-year-old Priya and her family. The village lacked access to clean drinking water, and the nearest school was miles away. Priya's parents, farmers by profession, could barely make ends meet, and her dream of getting an education seemed impossible.

One day, a team from the Rotary Club of a nearby city visited the village. They had come as part of a project to address water scarcity and improve access to education. The Rotarians installed a rainwater harvesting system and built a water purification plant, ensuring clean water for every household. But their work didn't stop there. Recognizing the need for education, they partnered with local authorities to set up a small school in the village.

Priya was among the first to enroll. The Rotary Club provided her with books, uniforms, and even a bicycle to make her commute easier. Over time, the school became a hub of learning, empowering not just Priya but dozens of other children in the village.

Years later, Priya graduated with honors and became a teacher in the same school that had transformed her life. She often shares her story with her students, inspiring them to dream big. "Rotary didn't just give me an education," she says, "they gave me hope and a future."

This is just one example of how Rotary changes lives in India. From providing clean water and education to empowering communities, Rotary's impact is profound and far-reaching. Through service and compassion, Rotary continues to create ripples of change, one life at a time.

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