



**Rotary**  
District 3141



# Bulletin of the Rotary Club of **MUMBAI SION**

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**Shekhar Mehta**

District Governor  
**Rajendra Agarwal**

Club President  
**Surendra Bhagat**

Hon. Club Secretary  
**Satish Shah**

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## President's Message



*Hello friends,  
I am thrilled at this opportunity given to me to lead the club in these tough times. But, since I am a new Rotarian, I am a little anxious for*

*my performance in the forthcoming year. Also, as I succeed IPP Kishore Rajeshirke, who firmly held fort and gave the club a memorable year during the worst times in the history of Rotary, I once again feel I need to brace up and do my better than the best.*

*Without much fanfare or celebration, we had a simple on line installation ceremony, on 26 th June, with PDG Dr Jayant Kulkarni, as our chief guest. Eager and smiling Rotarians were visible on the zoom meeting which gave me tremendous assurance and confidence. I could feel that the club support will be with me, now and always.*

*Unfortunately this year started with our club losing one of our senior Rotarians Jitesh Vora. Jitesh, was a kind, helpful soul, always smiling and ready to support all club activities. He will be greatly missed.*

*The club schedule has started off well, with regular meetings and good attendance. Slowly, we are trying to convert the online meeting to physical + zoom. Trust our PP. Tony Singh to help out and as always, has very generously accommodated this requirement also, taking extra care of safety protocol. I am grateful that, though hesitatingly, the members have started coming in and seems like old times now.*

*Every morning, during my work with*

*cancer patients, near Tata Hospital at Parel, I realize that more than the requirement of food and clothes, what the patients require is a reassurance that they are not alone in their battle against the adversities in their lives. One can realize that they are scared and unsure of life. A voice in me, spontaneously responds, "Main hoon na, why are you worried". I want to reach out to as many as possible and help in whichever way I can. I realize that we can give only if we can feel. Rotary, is one such platform where, we will be able to reach out to the most in the maximum ways possible. I hope, as President, I get maximum opportunities to serve the community. I salute Covid 19 frontliners and everyone who went beyond their call of duty, working 24/7. Without a care or worry of their own self.*

*As for everyone else I request, get vaccinated, follow the usual safety protocols, and stay safe.*

*I have realized that serving Rotary as a Club President is a wonderful journey of opportunities and of personal growth. With these firm beliefs I wish to serve and lead the club to the Golden Jubilee year in near future.*

*I request all members to attend regularly and revive our great club to its past glory and stature.*

*With a will to serve,*

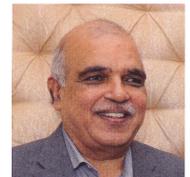
*Yours in Rotary*  
**Surendra Bhagat**

## Mark your Diary

- Only For members
- 7th October : Special General Body Meeting
- 14th October : Pre OCV
- 21st October : OCV



Shekhar Mehta  
R. I President



Rajendra Agarwal  
District Governor

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

### OCTOBER

- 1 BD Rtn. Ramnath Pradeep
- 12 BD R/Ann Dr. Meena Amrut Vora
- 14 BD Rtn. Vishnu S. Dingwaney
- 15 BD Rtn. Mahendra M. Chheda
- 15 WD R/Ann Payal & Rtn. Dhruveer Gandhi
- 23 BD Rtn. Dr. Radhika Krishnan
- 26 BD Rtn. Lalitkumar R. Chadha
- 26 BD Rtn. Amardeep Tony Singh
- 31 BD R/Child Atul A. Gupta

### Board of Directors for 2021-22

President	Surendra Bhagat
IPPresident	Kishor Rajeshirke
Secretary / President Elect	Satish Shah
Treasurer	Deepak Kanulkar
Club service	Hiren Chande
Vocational service	Ravi Chawhan
Comm. service Medical	Rohit Sivan
Comm. service Non Medical	Ravi Chawhan
Membership	Kiran Shete
Rotary foundation	Yogesh Prabhu
International services	Jigger Goel
Youth service	Girish Jawle.
Club Trainer	Vijay Mody
Bulletin	Ms. Shashi Parekh
Sgt. At Arms	Mukesh Kothari



Zoom Installation on 26th June 2021

## Compassionate project for flood affected Chiplun Residence

On the night July 21st, the inhabitants of Chiplun, in Dist. Ratnagiri, Maharashtra went to sleep oblivious of the menacing rise of the waters of river Vaishishti. The waters rose scarily and continuously till 3 am and flooded the small town to a height of 10 to 12 feet. The lives of the local came to a fearsome halt. In the dark, without light and with water all around, all belongings floating away, people screaming all around, helpless and clueless many succumbed to this fate. The survivors gathered courage and through few functional mobile phones started messaging and calling for help. This river is also known for the maximum crocodile population in India. This also added to the boundless fear of the victims.

One request was received by pp Vishwas Kale through his CA Mr. Hemant Modak, who was marooned for 6 days on the third floor of a building along with his family and extended family. He pleaded for immediate support in whatever and whichever way possible.

All of Chiplun like other coastal cities of Maharashtra, has lost everything and requires aid in all forms. Political parties have provided for food grains and clothes. Their immediate need is of household utensils (25 sets), medicines, stationary to write insurance claims(300 sets), tool kits (30) of various workers like electricians, carpenters, auto mechanic etc. Almost everything to start life from the scratch.

This project was taken up by the Club instantaneously as a compassionate response to the tragic situation wrought by a natural calamity in lives of Chiplun inhabitants for which they

were least prepared

The club made an immediate donation of Rs. 1 Lakh to Chiplun Shop Owners Association and RSS volunteers who are working non stop.

In all, as on date we have dispensed medicines of about 25,000/- rupees to the needy patients through Dr. Deepak Modak, who is a MBBS doctor and gives medicines free of cost.

Items provided by us include:

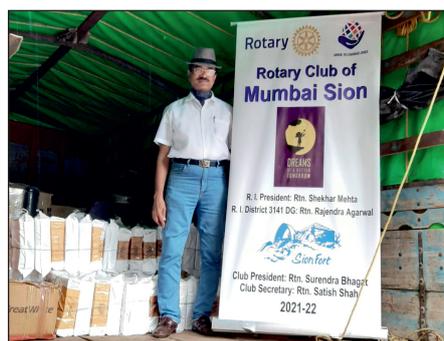
1. Stationary kits 100 sets
2. Electricians Tool kits 25 sets
3. Automobile Tool Kits 10 sets.
4. Household items Comprising following,

- Refrigerator 200 L
- 8 nos. Cupboards of various sizes.
- 2 nos. Sofas.
- Printer
- Gas oven
- Mattresses, Bed sheets, bed covers
- Chairs 8 nos.
- 1 no. double bed

This was possible with the generous donations from following Rotarians,

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| 1. PP Gautam Dey   | Rs. 25,000/- |
| 2. Surendra Bhagat | Rs. 15,000/- |
| 3 Ravi. Chauhan    | Rs. 15,000/- |
| 4. Satish Shah     | Rs. 15,000/- |
| 5. Jigar Gohel     | Rs. 15,000/- |
| 6. Hiren Chande    | Rs. 15,000/- |
| 7. Vishwas Kale    | Rs. 25,000/- |
| 8. Vishnu Dingwany | Rs. 15,000/- |
| 9. Ramnath Pradeep | Rs. 25,000/- |
| 10 Rohit Shivan    | Rs. 15,000/- |
| 11 Ratan Wadhvani  | Rs. 19,500/- |
| 12. Arjun Dingrani | Rs. 10,000/- |
| 13. Girish Jawle   | Rs. 10,000/- |
| 14. Gaurang Jawle  | Rs. 10,000/- |

We are happy that the club could stand by immediately for some of the needs of Chiplun residence.



Truck Loaded for Chiplun Flood Relief

## DRIVEN BY PASSION AND THE THIRST FOR A LIMCA RECORD!



"The question isn't who is going to let me;

it's who is going to stop me"

These words kept ringing in Rotarian Dhruveer Singh Gandhi's mind from the time his father passed away in 2019 .

Rtn. Dhruveer Singh Gandhi, of Rotary club of Mumbai Sion, a partner in great Punjab Restaurant, Dadar, Mumbai , drove into Limca Book of World Records for the fastest solo drive from North to South India in car was the Skoda Octavia 1.8 TSI 2019 model.

He set off to break the earlier record on 10th September, 2021, covering a daunting distance of 3819 kms. between Leh and Kanyakumari in a mere 56 hours and 20 minutes including rest time and refueling stops. On 12th September, 2021 he literally gate crashed into the previous record of 63 hrs and 34 minutes by a huge difference of 7 hours and 14 minutes.

Dhruveer, belongs to a family of automobile and motor sport enthusiasts. His father, Mr. Maninder Singh Gandhi, attempted to break the previous Limca record from Leh to Kanyakumari in 2015. However, an accident enroute ended his endeavor and he returned home crest fallen. One of the last conversations Dhruveer had with his father, before he passed in 2019, was about this unrealized dream. And ever since, his late father's desire became the driving force behind Dhruveer's passion.

As it was not an easy task, lot of planning was required to be done to prepare him for this adventurous achievement. Of course, his grit,

determination, single minded focus and courage helped him during this grueling journey.

The Limca Book of Records has a set route that has to be followed for this rally. However, on his way to Leh, rather than choosing the fastest route via Gujarat, he decided to add 10 hours to his journey from Mumbai to Leh via Nagpur so that he could get well oriented with at least half of his route. This proved to be a very smart move and gave him the required confidence to beat the earlier record. The journey had many challenges in the form of inclement weather, landslides, poor visibility, hazardous roads and precarious hairpin bends. Dhruveer, not only had to stay calm and focused, but use his acute driving skills to overcome any eventualities.

He does not want to claim the victory alone and generously acknowledges the role played by all his well-wishers and supporters. Here, first and foremost, he accepts his father Mr. Maninder Singh Gandhi's role, whose unrealized dream became Dhruv's must fulfill ambition. Payal, his wife was a major support in this venture, who spent sleepless nights tracking him during his drive, along with his mother, Harinder Kaur Gandhi (Dimple Gandhi). Whilst everyone was afraid for his safety, his 91 year old grandfather, sardar Trilok Singh Gandhi, his sister, Kanika Gandhi, brother in law, Devrath Sagar and Mother in Law, Paru Narang all joined into actively to encourage and support Dhruveer. His close friends, well wishers and the alumni of his schools Mayo College, Ajmer and les Roches, Switzerland, further motivated and helped him to take up this challenge.

He is indebted to Mr. Hari Singh, COO of JK Tyre Motorsport and multiple time Indian rally champion, for providing the fabulous JK 'Ranger' tyres which made the journey smooth. Dhruveer drove through harsh terrain like slush and rocks without a single puncture or flat tyre. But above all, he was grateful to Mr. Hari Singh for having tracked his entire journey and constantly motivating and guiding him.

Mr. Karan Singh, owner of KS Motorsport, is Dhruveer's friend, mentor and who is also like an elder brother in his life. He provided unwavering support and even procured certain parts from USA and UK to ensure that Dhruveer's car performed at its peak.

Mr. Omkar, D and O Motorsport, customized Dhruveer's car for maximum safety and specially designed the metal underbody to counter the harsh terrain in Leh. Moreover, he appreciated Mr. Omkar's gesture of installing his own car's fog lamps onto Dhruveer's car which proved very useful whilst negotiating the hilly areas.

MapmyIndia, who provided GPS support which helped him navigate his way especially in the mountains where mobile network failed .

Indian Oil for providing the necessary assistance at strategic points to refuel his vehicle all along the journey. Mr.Nishant Gulati gets a special mention for all his hard work and support.

A victorious Dhruv, on reaching his destiny, excitedly exclaimed his abundant happiness at fulfilling his father's dream and breaking the previous Limca record. Humbly, he admitted his gratitude for his family and friends and his sponsors without whom this feat would not have been possible.

Dhruveer has shown how a passion fueled by a determined and focused effort, can turn a dream into reality. He adds that with the constant inspiration and motivation from those who pride in your achievement, anything is possible.

And as for going solo, we can hear him say with confidence "If you never go, you will never know!"



## Speech By Mr. Nikhil Verma



Mr Nikhil Verma S/O of our Rtn. Ramnath Pradeep made a presentation on 26th August

2021 on his indigenously developed application LIVWELL launched in Vietnam with the theme of HEALTH, WELLNESS & PROTECTION. With Livwell.

He explained how health wellness have become important after Covid 19 pandemic and how one should take measure and take preclusion to be healthy through livwell

LivWell Asia- A Blockchain-based Health, Wellness and Insurance distribution platform now in Vietnam have over 80 thousand active users in a year.

LivWell Asia was started by the Ex DCEO of Aviva Life Vietnam and has over 18 years in the financial services industry with HSBC, Prudential, AXA, General, and Aviva. LivWell's vision is to make insurance accessible, rewarding, and low cost for Millennials, starting with Vietnam and India in Oct'21.

LivWell rewards its users in cash and other rewards for adopting healthier habits and connects seamlessly with wearable watches or smartphones. The vital health data collected from these devices is then used to provide customised Insurance solutions in partnership with Fitness chains. LivWell Health Score (LHS), a score for leading a healthy life with LivWell. LHS is a score that helps you know how you are doing to keep up with your Health and adopt healthier habits. LHS is calculated daily and helps you form habits like sleeping early, sleeping 7 hours, daily meditation, water intake management, keeping

track of eating, and other practices.

In India, LivWell plans to be an insurance facilitator and offer personalised insurance health and other insurance solutions purchased via the LivWell application in partnership with reputed insurance group Allianz Worldwide Partners. LivWell members can use LivWell coins generated via steps on the application to redeem against Insurance solutions and other attractive rewards for self and family members, thereby ensuring monetisation of your Health for better protection.

This link between health-conscious clients and the underpenetrated insurance market underpins the core of the LivWell proposition

Mr. Verma was introduced by Rtn Mr Vishwas Kale and vote of Thanks was proposed by Rtn Kiran Shetye



Our Club President with R. I. President

### District officers for 21-22

- PDG Kishor Jobalia : College of Governors.
- Chairmen for Zonal Co-Chair – East
  - Vijay Mody : Punar Nirman
  - Dr. Surendra Manjarekar. : Punar Nirman
  - Ms. Shashiben Parekh : Painting competition.
  - Girish Jawle : Youth service I (Rotaract, Interact & new Generation.)
  - Dr. S. Natarajan, : Maternal & Child Health, Care of child Maternal Healthcare and Malnutrition.
  - Gaurang Jawle : Public Image 1



Weighing Machines to Blind Students



Food For Cancer Patient, Parel

Date	Speaker	Subject
1st July	Rtn. Hiren Chande	Art of digital Photography.
8th July		Condolence meeting to mourn late Rtn. Jitesh Vora.
18th July		SGM
22nd July	Mr. Jashvi Savla	Exploring Nature through Adventure Tourism.
29th July		Club assembly
5th August	Dr. Ananya Chitale	Dealing with changing times in Pandemic.
12th August	CA Hemant Modak	Sharing experience of 6 days in Chiplun floods.
26th August	Mr. Nikhil Verma	Health Welfare and Protection with Livwell.
2nd Sept	Ms. Lata Mishra	Covid 19 Pandemic from the eyes of a News Reporter.
9th Sept	Dr. Uma Dave	Prevention of Childhood Disabilities by New born's screening.
16th Sept	Rtn. Dhruveer Gandhi	Felicitation for completing Leh-Kanyakumari by entering Limca Book of record in record time.
23rd Sept	Ms. Priya Khandelwal	Face Yoga
30th Sept	Teachers award	Ravi Chauhan & his team.



Blood donation camp at Wadala Rly Station



Eloucation competition on Zoom



D.G. Rajendra Agarwal addressing to club



Blood donation camp at Dadar Rly Station



District training at Della Lonavala



Dhruveer on way to enter Limca Book of record