

**Prafull Sharma - District Governor 2017-18**  
**Rotary Club of Borivli**

An avid nature lover, Prafull has been born and brought up in Mumbai. His family originates from Rajasthan. He did his schooling from Podar School, Santacruz and then studied Science at K J Somaiya College, Ghatkopar. Later, after studying Printing Technology from Government Institute of Printing Technology and Photography at J J School of applied Arts Campus, Mumbai, he went to Germany to specialise in Advanced Printing and studied there for two years.

While in Germany, he was offered a job at Thomson Press. He took it up and moved to Faridabad. Five years later, he moved to Indore to join the prominent Nai Dunia Printery. Since 1993, he is a partner at an offset printing unit, Scanna Graphics, in Mumbai. He also runs a content agency, Content Creators, with his wife.

A Paul Harris Society member, Prafull was invited to the world of Rotary in 1992 (during his brief stay at Indore) and the very next year, was declared the Best Rotarian of the Year by RC of Indore Central. On relocating to Mumbai in 1993, Prafull was invited to join the Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar. In 1995 he shifted to Borivli and became a member of Rotary Club of Borivli. During his tenure as the President of Rotary Club of Borivli in 2000-01, he began the much acclaimed mega project of Plastic-free Sanjay Gandhi National Park. The Innerwheel Club of Borivli was formed and Chartered the same year. And so was the Rotary Club of Borivli Charitable Trust which also became active that very year. The foundations of two new Rotary Clubs - Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli and Rotary Club of Mumbai Borivli East, too were laid in the same year.

Prafull has been instrumental in the formation of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Kandivali. He has served District 3140 in various capacities in all the Avenues of Services and is a recipient of Rotary International's 'Four Avenues of Service Award'. In June, 2009, he was our District's GSE Team Leader to RI Dist 1940 in Berlin, Germany. A Hindi lover, Prafull has translated a script, 'Astronomy of the Millennium' in Hindi for Nehru Planetarium, and is a voracious reader with a keen interest in travelling, trekking, cycling and performing arts.

Better half Vidyottama, a senior media professional (print, television, digital and films), has been a journalist for two decades. At present, she is Business Head - Content with major media group. Daughter Aavrutti, an RYE student to RI Dist 1940 (Berlin, Germany) in 2011-12, was national daily DNA's youngest blogger in the same duration as she shared her experiences as an Exchange student from Berlin through her blog, Gypsy in Germany. She was mentioned in the RI newsletter for New Generation for the same. She is, at present, pursuing her undergrad studies as a Bachelor of Mass Media (BMM) student in Mumbai and is an active Rotractor of Rotaract Club of Mumbai Borival. Both Vidyottama and Aavrutti are Paul Harris fellows.