

OM CHAWLA IS DOING HIS BIT FOR SOCIETY WORKING FOR THE ROTARACT MOVEMENT. HE GIVES BINDU GOPAL RAO A GLIMPSE INTO HIS LIFE

# The FUTURE IS YOUNG

**G**rowing up with three sisters, Om Chawla did his schooling at Greenlawns School (Worli). Apart from values instilled at home, it was school that ensured he developed self-confidence, empathy and sympathy. "Swimming and tennis were my go to sports. I was swimming champion for three years in a row and also won a tennis scholarship from ILFS at the Maharashtra State Lawn Tennis Association (Mumbai)."

Om's turning point came when he joined H.R. College. "It was here that I was introduced to the world of Rotaract. I was taught to conceive, conceptualize, achieve, and implement. I adopted this as my way of thinking, changing my weaknesses into strengths, and competing with my own self. I completed my BMS from HR College while I was still undertaking all my Rotaract activities and moving towards becoming the District Rotaract Representative (DRR) for the Rotaract Movement."

Incidentally the Rotaract Organization is a partner of Rotary International and has an objective to help the youth develop skills and work to bring positive change in society. "It helped me stay grounded and kept me on track. The movement taught me networking skills, helped me become a leader, taught me how to be professional in my dealings, and most importantly to give back to society."

On 24th January, 2016 Om was



announced as the DRR for the Rotaract year 2017-2018 which made him one of the youngest DRR's of the movement at the age of 25. His 360-degree vision for the year included education of the underprivileged, providing support to the specially-abled, digitalization of the organization, creating future leaders with mentoring programs and training camps, collaboration with partners and celebrating 50 years of the organization. "The year in all was about planning, inspiring, motivating, decision making, being a problem

solver and most importantly being a visionary leader."

"Leadership is about having a vision and a plan and making sure that everyone on your team is on the same page. It is about listening to people and making decisions that may not be easy but must be made." Om is currently working in the real estate industry, while also finishing his higher education and hopes to set up his own business thereafter.

