



Rotary  
Club of Bombay Airport  
Be Humane



# UDAAN

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN...

Rotary Club of Bombay Airport continues its mission of service and community development. This month, we launched Phase II of the Ranshet Ashramshala project, constructing a community hall cum dining hall and kitchen for 1250 students, aligning with our "Be Humane" theme. We also co-hosted a T10 Wheelchair Cricket Tournament, promoting inclusivity, and supported youth development through the "Technovate" hackathon. Additionally, we provided a Solar Water Purifier to an Ashramshala School in Kasa, Thane for a hostel of 100 boys.



A highlight of the month was an inspiring speech by Sujay Jairaj, motivating us to prioritize education and youth empowerment. Our commitment to healthcare continues with annual support for free pediatric heart surgeries and a Global Grant application to commemorate Rotary's Foundation Month. We are excited about the upcoming Rotary trip to Tehri and Rishikesh, fostering camaraderie and exploring rich heritage.

We are gearing up for the 7th Juhu Half Marathon on February 9th, 2025, a joint venture with Getfit. This event promises to be a grand success, attracting participants from all walks of life. It's a great Public Image project of Rotary. The Annual General Meeting on December 16th, 2024, marks a significant milestone as President-Elect Pragna Mehta introduces her board. We wish her success in elevating club standards.

As Swami Vivekananda said, "We must be practical idealists." Our club's dedication to service, innovation, and human welfare inspires us to strive for excellence and make a lasting difference in the world.

As we conclude this month's bulletin, we are filled with gratitude for the dedication and passion of our club members. Your unwavering commitment to service has made a significant impact on our community and beyond. Let us continue to inspire each other and strive for a brighter future. Together, we can, together we will.

President - Rtn. Apurva Patel

## TRF AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN MANISH KOTHARI

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**GIVING TUESDAY 03/12/2024**

**LET'S TRANSFORM THE WORLD THR' RADICAL GENEROSITY**

**GIVING TUESDAY** is an Annual Feature that takes place on the TUESDAY following THANKS GIVING. Started in 2012, it is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their Communities and the World. Every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building the better world we all want to live in.

The Rotary Foundation gives all Rotarians an opportunity to make a big impact on the world with a donation of any size.

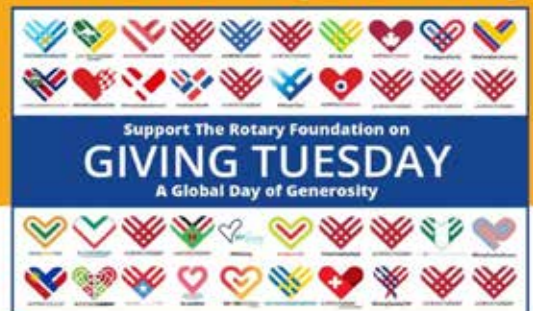
LET US SEE HOW.....(to be continued)

Contact: Dir. CA Manish Kothari | Ave. Chair R Ann. CA Bijal Merchant

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**3 DEC - A Global Day of Generosity**



Let us get ready to Donate on << 3 Dec >> to show our  
Gesture of Generosity

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TRF Awareness on GIVING TUESDAY. It's an annual global generosity movement following Thanks giving.

# EDITOR'S TIDINGS

## November, the winter's prelude



*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep."*

— Robert Frost

November greets us with its crisp charm, with the arrival of winter. There's a certain warmth in the chill of this season, a paradox that makes it uniquely magical. In India, winter is as diverse as the land itself. In the north, snow-covered mountains create a dreamlike landscape, while the south enjoys a gentler, cooler tropical breeze. The east and west have misty chilled mornings, each region showcasing nature's resplendent hues.

The nip in the air enhances the aroma of chai and adds an extra charm to simple joys like reading or heartwarming conversations with family and friends.

It's the season when tourism thrives—migratory birds, snow-clad mountains, and frosty mornings attract travellers to explore India's unparalleled beauty.

Winter is more than just a season; it's an experience. It's a time for vibrant cultural festivals, soul-stirring music concerts, and celebrations that highlight India's rich heritage. As this enchanting season unfolds, may it fill your soul with warmth, bring joy to your heart, and inspire my RCBA family to embrace its true spirit—by sharing joy with the less privileged and spreading the light of kindness.

As Robert Frost reminds us:

*"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, But I have promises to keep, And miles to go before I sleep."*

Resonating with Frost's thoughts, we Rotarians remain unstoppable, bound by our promises to create a happier and better world. Let's work together and manifest a brighter future for all.

Rtn. Ajanta Rath Mishra

## MEDICAL AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN NINA BHATIA



**AED Machine installed with CPR Training at Goregaon Railway Station By our IPP Dr. Akshay Mehta**



**Installation of AED Machine in Dadar railway station is featured in GML, the district newsletter.**



**AED Machine installed with CPR Training at Grand Road Railway Station By our IPP Dr. Akshay Mehta**



**Installation of AED machine along with CPR Training at the GM's Office, western railway by IPP Dr. Akshay Mehta**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**  
**AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN. SANJAY MERCHANT**



**Bhoomi Pujan done by President Rtn Apurva Patel, First Lady Mona Patel, Director, Rtn Sanjay Merchant for the construction of Kitchen & Community Hall in Ranshet Ashramshala in the presence of the Senior members of the school committee & trust.**

**Solar water Purifier installed in Shikshan Prasarak Mandal's Kasa School situated in Thane district. Special appreciation to Directors Rtn Sanjay Merchant & Rtn Nina Bhatia for facilitating the project.**

**ROTARACT PROJECT**  
**AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN DR. YOGINI SHETH**



**TECNOVATE, a Hackathon, was a District Rotaract event & was held at Sardar Patel Engg. College. RCBA was the Co host & promoted T10 Wheelchair Cricket Tournament.**

**INTERACT PROJECT**  
**AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN VAISHALI PARANJPE**



**10 CCTV Cameras donated to Gandhi Sikshan Kendra School.**



**Awareness about Cyber Security by Rtn Anjali Malviya at Parle Tilak English Medium School .**

# CLUB SERVICES I & II SPEAKER MEETING AVENUE DIRECTOR: RTN DHRUTI SHAH



Speaker meeting with Educationist Sujay Jairaj at JNMS School. This meeting was attended by the DG Rtn Chetan Desai & other district dignitaries as well. It was an enlightening session by Mr Sujay & was well conducted by Rtn Ann HimadriLathia. Director Rtn Dhruti Shah had put in a lot of efforts along with Rtn Amita Timbadia by taking care of every minute detail to make the event a grand success.

## CLUB ASSEMBLY

The President & the Directors threw light on the work they have been doing.



The PHF ( Paul Harris Fellow) members were felicitated with pins Kalpesh Shantilal Mehta -PHF member, Sandip Gisrith Tarkas - PHF 2, Dhruti Shah- PHF 5



**IPP Dr. Akshay Mehta won many accolades for the club in his INCREDIBLE year thus keeping the RCBA flag flying high.**

**Here's the list of awards:**

- 1. Award for Unusual Rotary activity**
- 2. Award for Best Public Relation**
- 3. Award for Significant Contribution Towards Welfare of Children**
- 4. Award for Promotion of Functional Literacy**



**RCBA team participated in the District-3141 IFCR Cricket tournament & won many trophies.**



**A cheque of 40 lacs has been received by the Dalal Foundation for the Ranshet shramshala Project**



**Our RCBA members displayed the flags they had exchanged during Rotary Friendship Exchange Program**



**The six classrooms at Ranshet Ashramshala is on the verge of completion. Please gear up for the inauguration of the same on 22nd of December, 2024**



**PE Pragna won accolades at Pre-Pels in Jaipur & held the RCBA flag high. She with her team, aced the Skit & held the second position in presenting the case study.**



# Watermelon, Couscous and Feta Salad

Recipe for 6- 8 people

## Ingredients for the Salad:

One medium size (around 2 -2,5 Kgs) Watermelon  
 Rocket/ Arugula leaves – 75-100 gms  
 Couscous – half cup  
 Feta cheese – 75 gms (may increase as desired)  
 Walnuts halves (preferably whole halves)– 1/2 Cup  
 Sugar 1/2 Cup

1/3 Cup Olive Oil  
 3-4 tablespoons Honey  
 3 -4 tablespoon Lemon Juice  
 Salt as per taste  
 1 teaspoon black pepper powder  
 Note: Please adjust all above ingredients to suit taste



## Preparation:

Caramelized Walnuts

1. Heat sugar in a saucepan on a low to medium flame till it melts. Add the walnuts and let it cool. Turn off the flame and allow it to cool completely. Lightly separate the walnuts using a pestle if they are stuck together. This may be prepared in advance and kept in an airtight container.
2. Note: You may use hazelnuts and walnuts instead of only walnuts

## For the Dressing:

Mix together all the ingredients for the dressing. Shake well and keep ready. You may prepare this in advance and keep it in the fridge.

## For the salad:

1. Cut the Watermelon in 1-to-1 1/2-inch cubes (not too small). Deseed the pieces completely
2. Wash the arugula leaves well soak in ice water. Drain and break into halves using your hands. You may keep the stems if tender (most of the time they are). Do not cut the leaves.
3. Soak the couscous in hot water for 10 mins. Do not add excess water. Fluff it using a fork. It should be soft but not pasty. In case you feel it is still hard then add some water and keep it for 5 minutes.
4. When ready to serve, in a salad bowl add the watermelon, couscous, caramelised walnuts, arugula leaves and the dressing. Mix well so the dressing coats the ingredients well. Top it with crumbled Feta and your salad is ready to be served.
5. Enjoy the refreshing salad.



Namrata Nulwala

## Forthcoming Events in the month of December :

- 16<sup>th</sup>** - **Club AGM**  
**22<sup>nd</sup>** - **Inauguration of classrooms at Ranshet Ashramshala**  
**30<sup>th</sup>** - **New Year Fellowship**



## Did you know?

The most remote rotary club is Papeete, Tahiti, in the middle of the Pacific Ocean



## Raising a Toast...

### Birthdays

- |                   |                       |                     |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Ashmi Parekh   | 07 Subodh Bohra       | 18 Vikas Khandelwal |
| 01 Neelima Mashru | 07 Roopa Amin         | 20 Bakul Shah       |
| 04 Kavita Ambani  | 08 Rita Chugani       | 24 Mohan Jain       |
| 04 Preeti Gandhi  | 10 Daksha Rahul Patel | 24 Minali Thakkar   |
| 06 Subina Tinwala | 11 Priti Doshi        | 29 Sanjay Chhabria  |
| 06 Nina Bhatia    | 13 Yusuf Lokhandwala  |                     |
| 06 Chetna Shah    | 15 Nitin Mehta        |                     |

### Anniversaries

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|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Dhiren & Chhaya | 03 Deepak & Medini     | 10 Rahul & Daksha | 15 Karishma & Pawan | 22 Sanjay & Manisha |
| 01 Kanir & Nina    | 04 Sanjay & Bijal      | 11 Ramesh & Renua | 17 Rahul & Amita    | 23 Apoorva & Alpa   |
| 01 Manish & Urvi   | 04 Rajeev & Meena      | 12 Hiren & Preeti | 17 Sanjiv & Alice   | 24 Niteen & Mukta   |
| 01 Paresh & Parita | 05 Azim & Rashida      | 13 Sitaram & Usha | 19 Amrish & Amala   | 25 Piyush & Suchita |
| 01 Quresh & Samina | 06 Samir & Meena       | 14 Hareesh & Rama | 19 Yusuf & Farida   | 27 Ashit & Himadri  |
| 02 Bharat & Nayana | 08 Phoolchand & Shanta | 14 Nalin & Chetna | 21 Hiten & Neeta    |                     |