

ELEGANT EXPRESS

VIBRANT TALES OF LEGACY OF SERVICE IN ACTION



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIDHIKA BAHL

As we embark on the third month of our Rotary year, I am filled with profound pride and gratitude for each member of RCME. 'Service Above Self' is more than a motto—it is the guiding principle that you exemplify through your unwavering dedication to our community initiatives and fellowship events. September brings new opportunities for growth and service, and your unique talents and steadfast commitment continue to be the driving force behind our club's impact. As we navigate both the challenges and successes ahead, let this newsletter serve as a source of inspiration, information, and unity. I encourage you all to actively engage in our upcoming endeavors, as it is the collective strength of our diverse community that defines who we are. Together, we will continue to build a lasting legacy for future RCME members. Here's to another month of meaningful service and keeping the Rotary spirit alive!



NEON WORKSHOP BRINGS VIBRANCE AND FELLOWSHIP

The Techno & Paint Neon Workshop was a glowing success, sparking creativity and camaraderie among the members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant. The afternoon was filled with vibrant colors and even more vibrant connections as everyone came together to create stunning neon art.

A special thanks to Fellowship Directors Sarika Sureka for expertly coordinating the entire workshop and Poonam Tibrewal for handling all the props and decor with flair. You both exceeded expectations, and I couldn't be prouder of your efforts.

Our gratitude also goes to Club Secretary Priya, Chairperson Sushita, and Pallavi Agarwal for arriving early to assist with the setup. Your commitment and teamwork truly set the stage for the event's success.

To all who attended, thank you for making this neon workshop a bright and unforgettable afternoon. Your energy and enthusiasm lit up the day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

4 SEPTEMBER
PROJECT ANEMIA DETECTION CAMP

4 SEPTEMBER
PROJECT DIGNITY

6 SEPTEMBER
RCME PLUS INTEREST MEETING

8 SEPTEMBER
FLAGSHIP PROJECT ECO VISARJAN

12 SEPTEMBER
PROJECT RAY OF HOPE

13 SEPTEMBER
GLAMOUR & STYLE OJAS RAJANI

13 SEPTEMBER
TRF SEMINAR

22 - 29 SEPTEMBER
INTERNATIONAL CRUISE

BIRTHDAYS

3 SEP: SHEETAL VIJAN

6 SEP: SUDHA BAJAJ

6 SEP: SHWETA MALPANI

9 SEP: DEEPA RUPANI

9 SEP: DR PANKTI SHAH

12 SEP: SANGEETA CHOKHANI

12 SEP: NEELAM JAIN

13 SEP: MADHULIKA AGARWAL

18 SEP: SUSHITA GUPTA

20 SEP: REENA AGARAWAL

26 SEP: RESHMA PATEL

27 SEP: RACHANA KABRA

ANNIVERSARIES

NONE THIS MONTH

BREAST CANCER SCREENING CAMP @ COLABA MILITARY STATION



We are thrilled to announce the success of our Breast Cancer Screening Camp, held on 21st August 2024 at the Colaba Military Station. With 165 scans conducted, the event proved to be a deeply rewarding experience, made even more meaningful by the opportunity to collaborate with the Military and the Army Wives Welfare Association. A special thank you to Medical Director Sangeeta Jain and her husband Mohan Jain for identifying the beneficiaries and facilitating this invaluable connection. Your efforts were key to making this camp possible. We would also like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Joint Secretary Disha Bathija, who stepped up as the primary donor during our last Board of Directors meeting, and to Madhavi Parekh for her generous contribution, which played a vital role in ensuring the project's success. Additionally, we are deeply grateful to President Nidhika Bahl, Medical Director Dr. Pankti Shah, and Club Secretary Priya Parikh for attending the camp and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Your dedication and leadership were essential to the event's success. With the success of this initiative, we are inspired to plan an even larger camp in the near future. Let's keep the momentum going as we continue to make a positive impact in our community.



PROJECT DIGNITY 1 & 2



Project Dignity, on 28th and 29th August, made a significant impact by distributing 10,000 sanitary pads at Tata Compound School and Vidhyanidhi School, promoting menstrual health and hygiene. Thanks to Shweta Malpani's generous donation and talks by her and Dr. Pankti Shah, this initiative empowered many women. Special gratitude to Women Empowerment Director Mala Kabra, Pres. Nidhika Bahl, Treasurer Pooja Jain, and our dedicated directors, chairpersons, and members for their commitment and coordination. Together, we are equipping women and girls with essential resources and knowledge for a healthier future. Let's continue making a difference!



AI WHISPERER UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES OF AI & CHAT GPT



Glimpses from Neeraj Shah's insightful session, where he masterfully integrated AI into both our professional and personal lives. His approach not only empowered us with advanced business strategies but also demonstrated how AI can simplify everyday tasks—making it accessible to all, whether crafting marketing plans or organizing daily routines. Neeraj's ability to distill complex AI concepts into practical, actionable steps has truly equipped us to leverage technology in every facet of our lives. Thank you, Neeraj, for this enlightening and transformative experience.



FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY

On August 20th, we held our First Club Assembly at the club, marking a highly interactive and engaging meeting. The presence of AG Ruma Desai added significant value, and members truly appreciated the session. Each director had the opportunity to present their respective reports, showcasing the diligent work being done across all areas of our clubs activities. The assembly fostered a strong sense of collaboration and commitment among members, setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

PROJECT - ANNAPOORNA

SUPPORTING TRIBAL GIRLS KHO KHO TEAM

We are excited to launch Project Annapoorna, an initiative by the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant to sponsor the monthly protein diet for 50 tribal girls from the Smt. Surekhatai Bhosale Nivasi Kho Kho Prabodhini in Nashik. These young athletes are training to compete at the national level in Kho Kho, and our support will provide them with the essential nutrition they need to excel. Through Project Annapoorna, we are not only fuelling their athletic journey but also contributing to their overall growth and success. Thank you Vocational Director for identifying the project, and its beneficiaries, as well as sponsoring the August Food Grains.



AUGUST FIRESIDE HOSTED BY MANISHA SARAF

August saw an incredible cruise fireside event! A huge thank you to our wonderful host Manisha Saraf for the warm hospitality and the scrumptious spread. From tasty starters to refreshing mocktails, tiramisu, and everything in between, it was a feast to remember. Grateful to Nina ji, our fabulous International Director, for managing all the cruise bookings and formalities so smoothly. Also, a big shoutout to Sanket from Royal Caribbean and our travel buddy Renu Kacholia for answering all our questions and making the event so meaningful for everyone traveling. We're all so excited to start this adventure, and the stage is set for an unforgettable journey. Can't wait to make memories with all of you!



VIBRANT LIFE SAVING EXPRESS



BLOOD DONATION CAMP - 22nd August

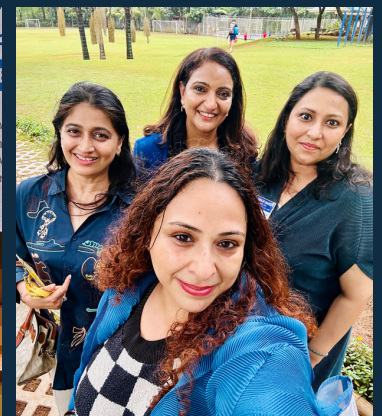
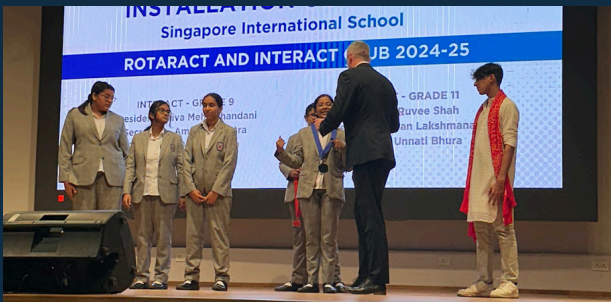
We co-hosted the second BLOOD DONATION CAMP at Andheri West station on 22nd August 2024 with 18 clubs, IWC and rotract club. Pres. Nidhika Bahl, Club Secretary Priya Parikh, Medical Director Sangeeta Jain enthusiastically participated in the Blood Donation camp at Andheri on behalf of RCME. Several senior District officials visited the camp, with the Avenue Chair Dr Nilima Inamdard inaugurating the project formally. We collected 102 bottles by closing time. Congratulations to the Vibrant Team.



REMARKABLE ROTARACT & INTERACT INSTALLATION @ SINGAPORE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, MUMBAI



30th August marked a special day of leadership and new beginnings as we installed the new Rotaract and Interact Clubs at Singapore International School. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUTH DIRECTOR YOGITA JAIN! The ceremony was graced by Principal Mr. Stephen, DRR Nikita Sunil, President Nidhika Bahl, Youth Director Yogita Jain, PE Pooja Soni, and Club Admin Poonam Agarwal. Outgoing presidents showcased their remarkable projects, expressing gratitude for the unwavering support from Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant, especially from Nidhika, Priya, and Sejal. We proudly introduce the new leaders for the upcoming year: Rotaract Club (Grade 11): President: Ruvee Shah, Secretary: Aaryan Lakshmanan, and Treasurer: Unnati Bhura. Interact Club (Grade 9): President: Diva Meharchandan, Secretary: Amolikka Mittri, and Treasurer: Aarya Sojitra. President Nidhika Bahl's inspiring words left a lasting impact, motivating the young leaders to take on their roles with passion and dedication. Here's to a vibrant year ahead filled with growth, service, and impact!



PROJECT - SCHOLAR IN YOU

A SCHOLARSHIP UNDER THE CSR INITIATIVE OF D'DECOR EXPORTS PVT. LTD.

We are thrilled to announce that through the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of D'Decor Exports Pvt. Ltd., we have successfully supported the higher education of a talented student. A generous donation of ₹19,990 was received into our trust account, which has been utilised to cover the child's tuition fees at Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University. A heartfelt thank you to IPP Alka Chaturvedi for the connect and to Club Advisor Anita Pansari for her dedication and successful execution of this project. Your efforts have made a significant impact!

PROJECT - L.E.A.R.N

LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION FOR ADOLESCENTS THROUGH ROTARY NETWORK

RCME IS THE PLATINUM HOST CLUB FOR THE L.E.A.R.N PROJECT



Vocational Director Madhulika along with Pres. Nidhika, Club Secretary Priya Parikh and Chairperson Komal Shah, had the privilege of visiting the project site and meeting with the dedicated team responsible for training the BMC teachers. As we speak, 45 teachers are nearing the completion of their training, and they will soon be equipped to positively impact the lives of 10,000 students. The next batch of teacher training is set to begin in October 2024, and we are eager to continue this important work.



MAJOR DONORS – TRF

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Rotary District 3141

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Congratulations!

Dr. Nidhika Bahl

NEW MAJOR DONOR LEVEL 2
USD 25,000 DONATED TO TRF FOR NAMED
ENDOWMENT FUND ON 4TH AUGUST 2024

PRES. NIDHIKA BAHL

Heartfelt congratulations to Major Donor Level 2, President Dr. Nidhika Bahl, on her remarkable donation of 25000 USD to The Rotary Foundation to establish the Subhagya Awtar Legacy Endowment Fund on her dad's 16th death anniversary, 4th August 2024. This endowment fund, named in honor of her parents, is a testament to Nidhika's profound dedication to creating a lasting impact. The annual interest from this fund will empowering us to undertake global grants and District Designated Fund (DDF) projects every year ...year after year!

MAJOR DONORS – TRF



Heartiest congratulations to Major Donors Madhulika & Manoj Agarwal on achieving Major Donor Level 1 status with a generous contribution of USD 10,000 to The Rotary Foundation! Your magnanimous support profoundly impacts our mission and inspires us all. Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Your dedication exemplifies the true spirit of Rotary, and we are incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity. Keep shining and inspiring us with your unwavering support and compassion! Together, we continue to make the world a better place.

NEW INITIATIVE *MOVIE CLUB*



RCME Launches Movie Club with a Blockbuster Start!

In an exciting new initiative, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant (RCME) launched its very own Movie Club in August, bringing members closer through their shared love for the silver screen and the performing arts. The club's first outing took place on 15th August, with members gathering to watch the gripping film *KHEL KHEL MEIN*, marking a fantastic start to this cultural adventure.

JOIN THE CLUB

The Movie Club is all about creating memorable moments and deepening fellowship within RCME. Whether it's movies, theatre, or even a bit of dancing after a show, the club offers an opportunity to unwind and bond over shared entertainment. We invite all members to join the Movie Club, as we look forward to enjoying more films, plays, and, of course, creating lifelong memories together. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements and join us for an enriching cultural experience! Let's watch, laugh, and grow together!

Thank YOU!

VIBRANT BOD IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN AUGUST

In Alabetic Order

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

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ALKA MODI
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MADHAVI PAREKH
MANISHA SARAF
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PRIMARY DONORS

DISHA BATHIJA - PROJECT BREAST SCREENING CAMP
MADHULIKA AGARWAL - PROJECT ANNAPOORNA
SHWETA MALPANI - PROJECT DIGNITY

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