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## Club Bulletin

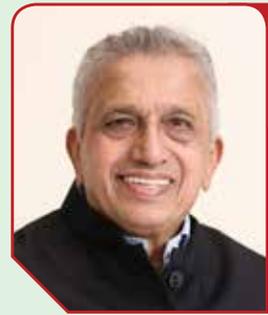
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### From the President's Desk

Dear RCBW Members & Fellow Rotarians,

As President of the Rotary Club of Bombay West, it was both an honour and a moment of immense pride to be part of KDN Shruti School's 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day celebrations, a

day that truly reflected the spirit of patriotism, discipline, and service that our nation stands for. The School celebrated India's 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day on January 26, 2026, with a flag-hoisting ceremony attended by parents of the students, various distinguished Rotarians, IW President and RCBW Trustees.

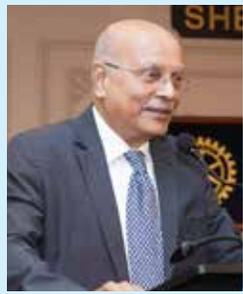
Following the school prayer, national anthem and state song, students led a spirited march past. The program showcased remarkable student talent, featuring a disciplined yoga mandala performance, musical numbers, and a dance routine on skates. A highlight was a poignant courtroom drama advocating against drunk driving, complete with a symbolic Lady Justice.

The event was a vibrant success, reflecting the immense dedication of the students, teachers, and parents in proving that talent knows no bounds. I congratulate the students, teachers, and parents of KDN Shruti School for this inspiring celebration and commend them for nurturing responsible, confident citizens who remind us that with dedication and values, there are truly no limits to what young minds can achieve. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Bombay West, I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the students, teachers, and parents of The Shruti School – may this institution continue to flourish, inspiring young minds with values, confidence, and a deep love for our nation.

Yours in Rotary,  
Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi

### Union Budget 2026!

4<sup>th</sup> February, 2026



It has been a cherished tradition of our Club to organise an insightful discussion following the presentation of the Union Budget, and this year continued that legacy. We were privileged to host a highly respected and knowledgeable speaker who guided us through the nuances of the Union Budget presented on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026 by Honourable Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Seetharaman. Adding a special touch of warmth and celebration to the meeting was the induction of a new member, architect Sonal Merchant who was warmly introduced by PP Rtn. Shirish Rege.

Our keynote speaker, Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti, who has addressed our Club on several earlier occasions, once again captivated the audience with his depth of understanding and clarity of thought. He highlighted the government's allocation of ₹12.2 lakh crore towards capital expenditure, including significant investments in urban development. He spoke about India's evolving global position through trade agreements with the UK, EU, and the USA, large-scale NRI investments in solar-powered data centres, and the emergence of five transformational forces spanning infrastructure, AI, digital governance, manufacturing, employment generation, and fiscal maturity. Drawing from his recent Davos experience, he emphasised that the Budget enables India to advance structurally, not merely financially.

The session concluded with an engaging question-and-answer interaction, which had to be curtailed due to time constraints. Overall, it was a stimulating, informative, and thoroughly enjoyable meeting.

– R/Ann Dr. Kavita Rege

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**PROGRAMMES**

25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 : Dialogues of Sharadni Sudha / Autumn's Grace

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# RCBW at the Historic Inauguration of South Asia's First Rotary Peace Center

25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026



On 25–26 January, 2026, members of the Rotary Club of Bombay West had the honour of witnessing a historic Rotary milestone in Pune, Maharashtra – the inauguration of South Asia's first Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University (SIU). This landmark event marked the eighth Rotary Peace Center globally and a significant step forward in Rotary's mission of advancing peace through education and service.

The inauguration was held at the vibrant Symbiosis campus, an institution deeply aligned with Rotary values and founded on the principle of *vasudhaiva kutumbakam* – “the world is one family.” With students from over 85 countries, Symbiosis provided a fitting home for a Peace Center dedicated to international understanding and conflict resolution.

The event was graced by senior global Rotary leadership, including RI President Francesco Arezzo, TRF Chair Holger Knaack, TRF Trustees Bharat Pandya and A. S. Venkatesh, and District Governors from RID 3141 and 3131. Symbiosis leadership, led by Founder & Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) S. B. Mujumdar, along with senior university officials, highlighted the long-standing Rotary–Symbiosis association dating back to the 1970s.

Members of the Rotary Club of Bombay West were proud stakeholders in this global achievement. Representing the Club were PP Rtn. Rajendra Ruia, PP Rtn. Krishna Kejriwal, PP Rtn. Mohan Joshi, Rtn. Dr. Rajan Saxena, Rtn. Hima Dalal, and PE Rtn. Tejas Sura. Their presence reflected the Club's deep commitment to peace, education, and global fellowship.

A special moment of pride for the Club was the instrumental role played by PP Rtn. Rajendra Ruia and Rtn. Dr. Rajan Saxena, who actively encouraged and guided Symbiosis in applying for the Rotary Peace Center. Their efforts were pivotal in helping SIU successfully navigate a highly competitive



global selection process.

The second day featured a powerful panel discussion with Rotary Peace Fellowship alumni, moderated by PP Rajendra Ruia. The panel showcased real-world impact stories – from judicial mediation and human rights education to grassroots women empowerment and public-sector innovation – demonstrating how Rotary Peace Fellows actively build peace across diverse sectors.

The event concluded with closing remarks by TRF Trustee Rtn. Bharat Pandya, who emphasised that the true success of the Peace Center would be measured by lives transformed and conflicts resolved.

For the Rotary Club of Bombay West, this inauguration was both a moment of pride and a call to action. The Club looks forward to continued engagement with the Peace Center, hosting Peace Fellows in Mumbai, and supporting future peacebuilders emerging from Symbiosis.

**– Rtn. Tejas Sura  
President Elect and Director Club Service I**

# Shruti School Escapades

## Shruti School at Musical Concert

Rotary Club of Bombay West, under the Bhavishyan Project, Mrs. Deepa Shetiya, Coordinator of Vidya Foundation, and Community Service-1 Director Rtn. Mahesh Kokate arranged free passes for the famous musical concert “The Folk Aakhyan” at Birla Matoshri Sabhagriha, Marine Lines, on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

A total of 55 students and 10 teachers of KDN Shruti School attended the program. The experience was new and memorable, and the students enjoyed the musical concert. Sincere thank you to RCBW for providing the students of KDNS with this wonderful opportunity.



## Tour to the CSMT Museum and Kala Ghoda

The students of KDN Shruti School went on an educational tour on 5<sup>th</sup> February to visit the Kala Ghoda Festival. The students left the school at 8:00 a.m. and returned safely at 4:15 p.m. On the way, they also experienced the Malabar Hill Skywalk trail and visited the Gateway of India and the CSMT Museum.

At the museum, the students were shown the Trunk Museum display, where they lifted the lid of the trunk and saw important

objects representing the history of civilizations over many years. This activity made the students very happy and helped them learn about history in an interesting way. At the Kala Ghoda Festival, the students enjoyed viewing various art exhibitions.

Overall, the students enjoyed the tour greatly, and it turned out to be a memorable and knowledgeable experience.



– Ms. Pradnya Vedak, Principal, Rotary KDN Shruti School

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“The welfare of the people is the true purpose of a kingdom.”  
– Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

# KDN Shruti School: Republic Day Celebrations

26<sup>th</sup> January, 2026

On the occasion of Republic Day, Rotary KDN Shruti School celebrated the day at the school premises. The celebration began with the flag unfurling ceremony, where RCBW President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi unfurled the national flag.

After the flag ceremony, a march past was conducted by the students. This was followed by cultural performances including a skit and dance, presented by the students of KDN Shruti School.

The event was graced by the presence of several guests including Rotarians President Jayant Sanghvi, Club Secretary Dr. Kamal D'melo, Innerwheel President Brinda Desai, Managing Trustee PP Aslam Merchant, Trustee PP Dr. Manoj Patel, PP Rajul Doshi, PP Shirish Rege, Mahesh Kokate, Nilesh Samant, Dr. Usha Jayachandran, Manish Mehta, Kishen Agarwal, R/Ann Dr. Bhavna Patel, Shahin Merchant along with many others.

Students, parents and the guests enjoyed the event, and the Republic Day celebration was memorable for everyone present.

– Ms. Pradnya Vedak, Principal



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## RCBW NEWS ROOM

Rtn. Mahesh Kokate had organised a craft exhibition cum sale at LIC office, Santacruz West. The craft items were the goods made by the students of Rotary KDN Shruti School under the initiative - PRAYAS. Thank you Rtn. Mahesh for supporting Shruti's PRAYAS!

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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rotarian Birthdays	
13-Feb.	Rtn. Nilesh Samant
13-Feb.	Rtn. Dr. Paresh Dodhiwala
14-Feb.	Rtn. Siddhant Bhide
15-Feb.	Rtn. Ameet Shah
15-Feb.	Rtn. Sandeep Vasani

R/Ann Birthdays	
16-Feb.	R/Ann Chanda Sajjan Goenka
18-Feb.	R/Ann Smita Ajay Kapoor
22-Feb.	R/Ann Dr. Bhavna Manoj Patel
23-Feb.	R/Ann Nilima Pranav Raval
24-Feb.	R/Ann Komal Satish Ranglani
25-Feb.	R/Ann Sonia Gautam Chande

Anniversaries			
12-Feb.	Rtn. Rajesh Verma & Pratibha	18-Feb.	Rtn. Mahesh Kokate & Vrushali
14-Feb.	Rtn. Anand J. Gupta & Anita	19-Feb.	Rtn. Advait Sambhare & Shivani
14-Feb.	PP Rtn. Dr. Tushar Shah & Pallavi Dr.	20-Feb.	PP Rtn. Krishna Kejriwal & Chand
15-Feb.	Rtn. Nilesh Samant & Neesha	20-Feb.	Rtn. Shailesh Dalal & Poonam
17-Feb.	Rtn. Dr. Snehal Jhaveri & Dr. Reshma	20-Feb.	Rtn. Rajiv Dave & Rupal
18-Feb.	Rtn. Kamal Narsaria & Asha	20-Feb.	Rtn. Devendra Raichura & Beena
18-Feb.	Rtn. Rakesh Saraf & Seema		