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“Be grateful for what you have and strive to make a difference.”

– Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary

These words are a call to action. Gratitude is not just a feeling, it's a responsibility. When we acknowledge our blessings, the natural next step is to use them—for good, for change, for someone else's better tomorrow.

Rotary stands on this very principle. We are fortunate to serve, and in doing so, we honour the vision of our founder.

If Once You've Slept on an Island

“If once you have slept on an island
You'll never be quite the same;
You may look as you looked the day before
And go by the same old name,
You may bustle about in street and shop
You may sit at home and sew,
But you'll see blue water and wheeling gulls
Wherever your feet may go.
You may chat with the neighbors of this and that
And close to your fire keep,
But you'll hear ship whistle and lighthouse bell
And tides beat through your sleep.
Oh! you won't know why and you can't say how
Such a change upon you came,
But once you have slept on an island,
You'll never be quite the same.”

- Rachel Field



"I shall be telling this with a sigh
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
 I took the one less traveled by,
 And that has made all the difference."

-Robert Frost

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President

My Dear Fellow Rotarians and Spouses,

As I pen this note, my heart is filled with deep gratitude and quiet pride — gratitude for the privilege of serving as President of RCBC, and pride in the extraordinary spirit, commitment and compassion that each of you brings to our club every day.

For me, Rotary has always been about far more than meetings and projects. It is about people, purpose and the privilege of making a meaningful difference. This year, RCBC has continued to uphold these values with sincerity and strength. From impactful community initiatives and meaningful service projects to vibrant fellowship and strong youth engagement through Interact and Rotaract, every effort has reflected our shared belief in Service Above Self.

Our projects have touched diverse lives and communities — from Shelter for Stray Dogs, Badlapur, work with the Sulochana Foundation, installation of a Digital Board at Bhavnagar Deaf & Dumb School, a Transgender Empowerment Project with NGO Aarohi, and a World Soil Day Tree Plantation Drive, to medical initiatives such as multiple blood donation camps, an eye care camp, and the Artificial Limbs & Caliper (Jaipur Foot) Project, bringing healing, dignity and hope to many. We were equally enriched by inspiring speaker meetings with Dr. Pratit Samdani, Rtn. Jayprakash Kabra, and Subhas Talekar (Dabbawala), whose insights motivated and energised us. Fellowship remained at the heart of our journey, with memorable celebrations including the Diwali Party at Imaara Banquets, the Vocational Awards at Y. B. Chavan Hall, and the Christmas Party at Keval Mahal, strengthening bonds and nurturing friendships across the club.

One of the most affirming moments of the year was our Official Club Visit by District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani, during which RCBC earned a perfect 100/100 score. This achievement belongs to every Rotarian of our club and stands as a testament to your dedication, teamwork and unwavering commitment to Rotary ideals. Equally heartening was the DG's appreciation of our Interactors and Rotaractors, who continue to inspire us with their enthusiasm, leadership and service mindset.

Our journey this year has been enriched not only by projects and achievements, but also by moments of fellowship that strengthened our bonds — reminding us that service is most meaningful when rooted in friendship. Whether through thoughtful meetings, joyful celebrations or quiet acts of kindness, RCBC has truly functioned as one family.

As we move forward, we do so with clarity and purpose. One of our key aspirations, as suggested by our DG, is to further strengthen our contributions to The Rotary Foundation, with the collective goal of becoming a PHF Club, thereby extending our service beyond borders and into Rotary's global mission.

I sincerely thank every member of the Board of Directors, Trustees of RCBC Charitable Trust, committee chairs and our ever-supportive families for their trust, time and tireless efforts. Your belief in Rotary and in one another is what gives RCBC its unique strength and soul. Let us continue to serve with compassion, lead with integrity and make a difference that truly matters.

With warm Rotary regards,
Rtn. Ashit Mehta
President, Rotary Club of Bombay Central



Message from our

Hon. Secretary



Dear Friends,

As we step into the end of the first half of this Rotary year, I'm struck by how quickly time is flying — and how proud I am of what we've already accomplished together.

Taking on the role of Hon. Secretary at RCBC has become more than just a title — it's been a journey of growth, learning, and collaboration, made possible by the unconditional support of each one of you who make this club so extraordinary.

What stands out most is our shared energy. It's not just about ticking boxes — it's about creating impact. Real, tangible, and often life-changing. Watching our work ripple out into communities far beyond our own, extending a helping hand to those who help the animals safety and wellbeing and seeing the joy on a child's face as they open a new book through our library initiatives with my NGO, Aarohi, is a powerful reminder of why we do what we do.

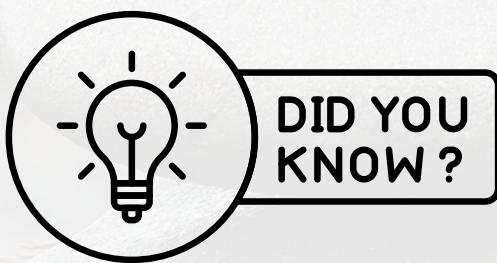
Looking ahead, I'm excited for the projects to come and for deeper collaborations — especially under the leadership of our ever-energized and always-ready-to-help.

Let's continue to dream big, work hard, and serve more. The best is truly yet to come.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,

Rtn. Divya Barmecha

Hon. Secretary, RCBC



The Rotary wheel has served as a powerful symbol of the organization since its earliest days. The first version, created in 1905 by Chicago Rotarian and engraver Montague Bear, was a simple wagon wheel meant to depict civilization, movement, and service in action. As Rotary expanded, various clubs used different versions of the wheel until 1922, when a unified design—a gear wheel with 24 teeth and six spokes—was adopted to represent collective service. The gear teeth symbolize work to be done, while the six spokes illustrate the direction of Vocational Service and the outward spread of Rotary's ideals. In 1923, engineers recommended adding a keyway to make the wheel mechanically sound, signifying that each Rotarian is the "key" to powering service. In 1929, blue and gold were adopted as the official colors, with four blue bands representing the Four Avenues of Service. Today, the wheel stands proudly as Rotary's "Mark of Excellence."

Message from our

Editor

Wow — what a journey it's been! As we wrap up an incredible 2025, RCBC continues to soar, powered by service, fellowship and plenty of fun along the way.

In this vibrant edition of RCBC Magazine – Central Chimes, we invite you to relive our most impactful projects — initiatives that touched hearts, transformed lives and strengthened our community. From meaningful outreach to innovative service ideas, this year has truly been one to remember.

And that's not all. Our speaker meetings sparked inspiration, shared powerful stories and created connections that mattered. Missed a few? Don't worry — the highlights await you inside.

A heartfelt thank you to all our contributors, changemakers and champions — you are the true heartbeat of RCBC, and your passion continues to fuel everything we do. As we look ahead to 2026, the excitement is real — more projects, more connections and even more fun, all with you by our side.

Here's to making the future even brighter.

With love and gratitude,
Ashit Mehta
Editor, Central Chimes

P.S. Watch out for our 2026 calendar — it's going to be nothing short of legendary!



Rtn. Mukesh Sanghvi, our Rotarian Vice President, proudly represented the Rotary Club of Bombay Central at the 60th IGFR World Golf Championship held in Hyderabad.

The prestigious tournament—organized by the International Golf Federation of Rotary—aims to promote integrity while fostering global understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship among golfing Rotarians. This year's championship witnessed an impressive participation of 180 golfers from 24 countries, making it a truly global event. The tournament spanned five days, with matches played across three different golf courses in Hyderabad.



Rtn. Mukesh brought immense pride to our club by securing First Place in the Handicapped Golf Tournament, emerging as the winner of Division 2 (12-19 handicap). Adding to the glory, India won the team championship, with Rtn. Mukesh being one of the three members representing the country. His outstanding performance stands as a shining example of excellence and Rotary spirit.

“Service Above Self” means choosing compassion, even when it's hard & giving, even when no one's watching. In those selfless moments, we don't just help others, we remind ourselves what it truly means to lead with heart, to live with purpose, & to leave behind a legacy of kindness.



Joint Initiative by Sulochana Foundation and RCBC

5th Oct, 2025

A meaningful collaboration between the Sulochana Foundation and RCBC brought hope and support to 31 deserving college students—both girls and boys—through the awarding of educational scholarships.

This generous initiative was led by our senior member Rtn. Dr. Srinivasan and his spouse Mrs. Sulochana Srinivasan, who have been personally supporting the education of young adults for over a decade. Their commitment began when these students aged out of support from MSWC at 18, and since then, the Srinivasan family has continued to fund their academic journeys selflessly and wholeheartedly.

This year, the tradition continues with the entire Srinivasan family—Dr. Srinivasan, Mrs. Sulochana Srinivasan, their son Mr. Sreedhar Srinivasan, and daughter-in-law Mrs. Sujata Srinivasan—coming together to support these students, turning their dreams of higher education into reality.

Additionally, RCBC generously sponsored backpacks for all 31 scholarship recipients, further equipping them for their academic endeavors.

The event was graced by President Rtn. Ashit Mehta and First Lady Mrs. Fanny Mehta, along with the presence of Rtn. Kartik Jhaveri and Past President Rtn. Nirupama Khandke.

This initiative stands as a shining example of how continued commitment and compassion can transform lives. The Srinivasan family's dedication to empowering youth through education remains truly inspiring.





Speaker Meeting: Dr Pratit Samdani

3rd Oct, 2025

Our speaker, Dr. Prateek Samdani, delivered a highly insightful talk on Ozempic (semaglutide)- 'Take it or Junk it', a drug that had, in recent years, become widely discussed for its role in both type 2 diabetes management and weight reduction. Dr. Samdani explained that Ozempic belonged to the class of GLP-1 receptor agonists, which not only helped lower blood sugar but also slowed stomach emptying and acted on the brain to reduce appetite. This unique mechanism meant that patients often experienced both better diabetes control and significant weight loss. Through a clear and well-presented PowerPoint presentation, he highlighted several positives, including its effectiveness in lowering blood sugar (HbA1c), supporting meaningful and sustained weight reduction, lowering the risk of heart attacks and strokes in diabetic patients, and improving blood pressure, cholesterol, and overall metabolic health. At the same time, Dr. Samdani cautioned the audience about the downsides, such as side effects like nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, or constipation; the potential for dehydration, gallstones, or worsening of diabetic eye disease; and more serious but less common concerns such as pancreatitis or thyroid-related issues. He also pointed out the tendency for weight to return once the drug was discontinued, making long-term use often necessary. Dr. Samdani emphasized that Ozempic was not suitable for everyone, particularly for patients with type 1 diabetes, pregnant women, or individuals with a history of thyroid cancers or severe gastric problems. He also briefly touched upon Mounjaro, another promising drug in this class. His key message was clear: both Ozempic and Mounjaro could be game-changers when prescribed responsibly. They offered real benefits for people with type 2 diabetes and obesity but had to be taken under strict medical supervision and with a clear understanding of their potential risks. The afternoon proved extremely informative, offering deep insights into what many regarded as a "wonder drug" that addressed two of the world's most pressing health challenges—diabetes and obesity.



12th Nov 2025

60 Interactors from Bai R.F.D. Panday Girls School visited the Mumbai Panjrapole and gained a firsthand experience of cow care — feeding grass and food to cows and calves themselves. RCBC team planned the visit beautifully — students were divided into groups, each with a helper, grass, and food to feed the animals. RCBC arranged food packets, snacks and cake for all the kids.



8th Nov, 2025

Our President, Rtn. Ashit Mehta, brought immense pride and glory to our club at the AKS Meet held at the St. Regis Hotel. It was a remarkable gathering of AKS members, along with the RI President, District Governor, Past RI Director, District TRF Directors, PDGs, and District CSR and Membership Directors.

The District Governor was delighted to share updates about the Cath Lab project sponsored by our President Rtn. Ashit Mehta during the meeting and was personally recognized by the RI President, receiving an enthusiastic applause and standing ovation from all present. DG Dr. Manish Motwani also highlighted the progress of the three Rotary hospitals, including ours.

We eagerly look forward to its inauguration in the coming weeks, as we celebrate the only first active AKS member of our club since inception—adding yet another feather in the cap of RCBC this year and filling us all with immense pride.

10th Oct, 2025

Blood Donation Drive at Nerul Station
 Rotary Club of Bombay Central proudly participated in a Blood Donation Drive organized jointly with the Rotary Club of Bombay Worli at Nerul Station. Our members actively supported the initiative and were present throughout the camp, encouraging donors and assisting the team. The drive received an excellent response from the public, resulting in 113 units of blood being collected for Sion Hospital. This collaborative effort reflects our continued commitment to community service and saving lives through meaningful initiatives.

5th Nov, 2025

RCBC joined hands in a noble initiative by participating in the GNKC Railway Station Mega Blood Donation Drive held on the auspicious occasion of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Gurpurab. The drive was organized by the NSS Unit of G.N. Khalsa College, Matunga, and sponsored by Rotary Club in collaboration with LTMG Hospital.

The event was a heartfelt tribute to Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings of compassion, selfless service (seva), and humanity. Embracing the message of "Naam Jappo, Kirat Karo, Vand Chhakko" — meditate, work honestly, and share with others — RCBC members contributed to spreading the light of kindness through this impactful act.

A total of 140 donors came forward, reflecting the community's commitment to helping those in need. Through this meaningful participation, RCBC upheld the true spirit of seva and celebrated Gurpurab with devotion and purpose.



5th Dec, 2025

Rotary Club of Bombay Central convened its Pre-OCV on 5 December 2025 at the Babubhai Chinai Committee Room of the Indian Merchant Chambers, Churchgate, where Assistant Governor Rtn. Preeti Gada graciously presided as the chief guest. During the assembly, the various directors of the club presented detailed outlines of their proposed initiatives and strategic plans for the Rotary Year 2025-26, highlighting both ongoing commitments and new projects aimed at strengthening community service and organizational growth. The proceedings reflected a strong spirit of collaboration and transparency, reaffirming the club's dedication to effective governance and impactful outreach. On the same day, the club also conducted its Annual General Meeting, offering members an opportunity to review the year's activities, assess progress, and discuss future priorities. The occasion concluded on a warm and congenial note, with members gathering for Hi-Tea and snacks to foster fellowship and continued dialogue.

RCBC at RSW

On 2nd November 2025, RCBC illuminated another path of service through a highly impactful Eye Care Project conducted as part of Rotary Service Week. The initiative was held across two venues — Lower Parel and YMCA — ensuring wider outreach and greater community impact.

At Lower Parel, over 500 individuals were examined with dedication and compassion by the medical team led by IPP Rtn. Dr. Sunil Vasani. Free eye drops and essential medications were provided, offering immediate relief to many. Simultaneously, at the YMCA venue, more than 75 individuals were screened by the Rotaract Club of Medico Marvels under the leadership of IPP Rtr. Dr. Yash.

Across both camps, over 450 pairs of free spectacles were distributed following thorough examinations. For those needing advanced care, arrangements were made for free cataract surgeries at KEM Hospital, ensuring that every individual received the gift of renewed hope.



3rd Nov, 2025

RCBC participated as volunteers on 3rd November at the Cyber Awareness Camp held at Wilson College, where the Rotary Club of Downtown Sealand took the lead. The event proved to be truly eye-opening, emphasizing the importance of cyber safety and the common mistakes people unknowingly make in their daily lives. Our volunteers enjoyed a nostalgic “back to college” experience. Inspired by the session, plans were made to invite the speaker to our club to educate members about cyber crimes and empower them with the knowledge to stay safe online.



RCBC proudly took centre stage as the Supremo Club during the District Vocational Award Function held on 7th November 2025 at YB Chavan Hall, Nariman Point. It was a moment of immense pride for our club, with members and their spouses joining in large numbers to honour the extraordinary contributions of the city's unsung heroes.

The event celebrated individuals who have made a profound impact on society through their dedication, courage, and selfless service. Each Rotary club was invited to nominate two deserving individuals, and RCBC was overjoyed when one of our own nominees was selected to receive this prestigious honour.

Adding to the occasion, RCBC's past achievements and forthcoming projects were showcased on the big screen, highlighting our continued commitment to meaningful service. Our members were also felicitated on stage for their contributions, making the evening even more special.

In a gesture of fellowship, RCBC sponsored snack boxes for all attendees. The celebration was further elevated by a captivating musical performance by "Tuning Folks," a talented band of medical doctors whose soulful renditions left a lasting impression on the audience.

It was truly a memorable evening celebrating service, dedication, and community spirit.



24th Oct, 2025

RCBC has extended meaningful support to Shri Khimchand Laxmichand Institute for the Deaf in Bhavnagar by providing four specialized Digi Boards designed specifically for children who are deaf and mute. These advanced learning tools will greatly enhance the teaching process and make classroom learning more interactive, accessible, and effective for the students.

This initiative plays a vital role in promoting the welfare, development, and rehabilitation of hearing- and speech-impaired children by empowering them with improved educational resources. The enhanced learning environment will help the 60 beneficiaries develop stronger communication and academic skills, supporting their overall growth.

The project, costing Rs. 4,79,480, was fully supported through the generous contributions of RCBC members amounting to Rs. 4,80,000. Through this effort, RCBC continues its commitment to inclusive education.

RCBC Champions Inclusivity



8th Nov, 2025

RCBC proudly co-hosted a meaningful wheelchair donation project with Rotary Club of Mumbai Downtown Sealand as part of District 3141's Rotary Service Week. The initiative focused on supporting specially abled children at ADAPT (Spastic Society of India), an organization dedicated to empowering children with developmental and physical disabilities.

As co-hosts, RCBC played an important role in gifting wheelchairs to spastic children, ensuring greater mobility, comfort, and independence in their daily lives. President Rtn. Ashit Mehta and Rtn. Nikhil Parikh were present at the event, extending their wholehearted support and interacting with the beneficiaries and their families.

The project, with a cost of Rs. 70,000, successfully provided 10 children with customized wheelchairs tailored to their needs. This impactful initiative reflects RCBC's ongoing commitment to inclusivity, compassion, and meaningful service, bringing hope and improved quality of life to children who need it most.



What's the
difference between
an outlaw and an in-
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Outlaws are wanted.

Oktoberfest Word Search Puzzle

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Supporting Voiceless Lives

15th Oct, 2025

Rotary Club of Bombay Central's (RCBC) commitment to community service extends beyond human welfare, embracing the care and well-being of voiceless animals. In a heartwarming initiative, RCBC has supported an animal shelter home in Badlapur, managed by Shweta Rao and her dedicated team. RCBC will be giving Rs 50000 per month starting in October, to provide food and medicine for the shelter's residents. The shelter offers critical care and treatment to ailing stray dogs, providing them with a safe haven. Recognizing the importance of population control, this shelter home has focused on sterilizing stray dogs to reduce suffering and mishaps. To date, they have successfully sterilized over 3,000 dogs, making a significant impact on animal welfare in the community.





Diwali Celebrations

17th Oct, 2025

The Diwali celebrations held on the evening of 17th October at Imaara Banquets were nothing short of spectacular. The venue looked breathtaking, adorned with vibrant décor and illuminated with festive lights that perfectly captured the joy and spirit of Diwali. The warm and welcoming ambience set the tone for a memorable evening. One of the highlights of the celebration was the delightful musical performances by the young singers. Their soulful and melodious renditions added an enchanting charm to the event, lifting everyone's spirits and keeping the audience thoroughly engaged.

The evening was further enriched by a delicious spread of food that delighted every palate. The delectable dishes complemented the elegant setting, making the celebration even more enjoyable for all present.

Every element of the event—from décor to entertainment to hospitality—reflected a wonderful blend of warmth, charm, and festive cheer. It was also a great opportunity for members to reconnect and spend quality time together, strengthening the bond of fellowship within the club.

With its beautiful ambience, enchanting music, and sumptuous dinner, the evening turned out to be an unforgettable celebration, truly embodying the essence of Diwali.



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Service becomes meaningful when it is shared—Rotary turns individual goodwill into collective impact.



13th Nov, 2025

A project providing artificial limbs, knee joints, and hearing aids was carried out on 13 November 2025 at Shree Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahara Samiti, located on the KEM Hospital campus in Mumbai. The initiative enabled individuals with amputations to regain mobility, independence, and confidence. A contribution of ₹4,00,000 from Rtn. Nikhil Parikh supported the provision of assistive devices to approximately 65 beneficiaries.

25th Nov 2025

RCBC Hosts 'Flavours of Innovation – No Cook Cooking Challenge' for Interactors

On 25th November 2025, RCBC organized an exciting No Cook Cooking Competition for the students of Bai Ruttonbai F. D. Panday Girls School, our Interact School at Mumbai Central. The theme, "Flavours of Innovation – No Cook Cooking Challenge," encouraged creativity as participants prepared dishes without the use of gas, ovens, or any form of heat.

A total of 36 students from Standards 7, 8, and 9 participated, divided into eight enthusiastic teams. Each team prepared two dishes of their choice, ranging from salads and savoury items to delightful sweets. The competition was judged by Ms. Nikita Dembla, a professional baker, and Mr. Chetan Shah, an interior designer and food enthusiast. The young participants impressed everyone with their catchy team names, creative menu cards, recipe books, and beautifully presented dishes. RCBC members, including President Rtn. Ashit Mehta, PP Rtn. Nirupama Khandke, Rtn. Allen Kotian, Rtn. Sunil Malpani, Rtn. Geeta Kapadia, Suman Malpani, and Razia Patel, graced the event with their presence.

With a project cost of Rs. 21,128, supported by Rs. 22,000 contributed by members, the event successfully benefitted 36 young Interactors, nurturing creativity, teamwork, and confidence.

Rotary's 4 way test:

The Rotary Four-Way Test is an ethical guide used by Rotarians worldwide as a moral compass for their personal and professional relationships. It was adopted by Rotary International in 1943. The test encourages Rotarians to consider the ethical implications of what they think, say, or do.

first
Is it the TRUTH?

second
Is it FAIR to all concerned?

third
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

fourth
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?





RCBC Hosts Inspiring Meeting with Rtn. Jaiprakash B. Kabra

On 28th November 2025, Rotary Club of Bombay Central had the privilege of hosting a captivating meeting with Rtn. Jaiprakash B. Kabra, the visionary founder of MindMovers Management Consultant PLtd, at Bellissimo Banquet. Known for his strategic acumen, motivational insight, and an impeccable sense of humour, Rtn. Kabra turned the evening into a memorable learning experience for all attendees.

The gathering began with warm fellowship over a delightful spread of chaats, setting a relaxed and convivial tone. Rtn. Kabra then took the stage for an engaging talk that spanned over 75 minutes, blending wit, real-life anecdotes, and profound insights. His discourse explored themes of leadership, man-management, positive attitude, motivation, work ethics, and the transformative power of emotional intelligence at work.

Drawing on his rich experience steering multinational teams and his personal journey from a General Manager role to founding MindMovers, he illustrated each point with vivid examples that resonated deeply with the audience. His stories of unlocking untapped human potential and fostering high-performing, motivated teams left everyone inspired and eager to apply these lessons in their personal and professional lives.

The evening concluded with a well-curated dinner and heartfelt expressions of gratitude. With 60 attendees, the session not only enriched minds but also strengthened the bonds of fellowship, leaving a lasting impact and the promise of many more such insightful encounters in the future.

On 30th November 2025, Rtn. Kartik Jhaveri brought pride to the Rotary Club of Bombay Central by winning the Best Speaker – Best Debater Runners-Up Trophy at the Rotary Rotaract Model United Nations (RRMUN) 2025. The event, attended by 90 Rotarians and Rotaractors from District 3141, was a full day of intense and high-level debate.

Representing the delegation from Columbia, Rtn. Jhaveri spoke passionately in favour of the motion: "Loss and damage caused by climate change should be funded by developed countries." His articulate arguments, persuasive delivery, and quick thinking impressed both judges and peers, earning him the prestigious runners-up recognition.

The day-long event tested knowledge, diplomacy, and public speaking skills, and RCBC emerged victorious with this notable achievement. This accolade highlights the club's commitment to fostering leadership, global awareness, and active participation in meaningful dialogue among its members.



RCBC Creates Joyous Learning Experience



On 2nd Dec, 2025, the students of Grades 3 and 4 from New English Secondary School, Sion, enjoyed an enriching and unforgettable educational trip to KidZania, generously sponsored by Rotary Club of Bombay Central. A total of 18 students, accompanied by 3 teachers, participated in this learning experience. During the visit, the children were fully engaged in a variety of role-play activities. They earned KidZania currency, managed their spending, and practiced budgeting—allowing them to apply their classroom math skills in a real-life setting. It was particularly rewarding to observe how consciously and thoughtfully they made financial decisions based on the money they had earned.

The students enthusiastically explored a wide range of professions, including dabbawala, delivery personnel, pilot, radio host, supermarket staff, police officer, dentist, doughnut decorator, and firefighter. These activities helped them develop essential life skills such as teamwork, independence, decision-making, and confidence.

The trip not only broadened their understanding of different careers but also gave them the joy of completing tasks on their own. This hands-on learning experience left a lasting impression on the children.

The school gratefully acknowledges the Rotary Club of Bombay Central for sponsoring the trip and contributing ₹25,000 towards transportation, ticket charges, and snacks for all participants.

The Rotary India CSR Award Ceremony was held on 8th October at the Sky Lounge, Motilal Oswal Towers, and was graciously hosted by the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier. The event was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Motilal Oswal and Guest of Honor, actor Mr. Sonu Sood, who together presented awards to the distinguished awardees of the Western Zone. Representing our club, the Hon. Secretary Rtn. Divya Barmecha and President Elect Rtn. Chandresh Ambani were also in attendance, adding to the significance of the occasion. The ceremony was a memorable celebration of impactful CSR initiatives and the remarkable contributions of organizations and individuals dedicated to community service.

Speaker Meeting: Mr Subhash Talekar



Our speaker meeting on 19 December 2025 featured an inspiring and engaging talk by Mr. Subhash Talekar, President of the Mumbai Dabbawalas. A third-generation Dabbawala, Mr. Talekar continues the legacy of his father, the late Shri Gangaram Talekar, the management guru who laid a strong foundation for this iconic organization.

He shared insights into the functioning of the Dabbawala network of over 5,000 people who deliver more than two lakh lunches every single day with remarkable precision. He also spoke about their service to society through initiatives such as the Dabbawala Roti Bank, which rescues surplus food from weddings and parties and ensures it reaches the hungry with dignity, and the Dabbawala Kapda Bank. The audience also learned about how the Dabbawalas act as additional eyes for the Mumbai Police through their extensive daily presence across the city.

The talk was light-hearted, humorous, and highly engaging, with several memorable anecdotes, including how the Dabbawalas became widely known after King Charles met Mr. Talekar's father on the Churchgate station footpath. The session concluded on a warm note with high tea, making it a truly enjoyable and enriching experience for all present.



Providing Solar Lights to Transgender community at Ambarnath

9th Dec, 2025



RCBC has provided solar-powered lights to the transgender community living in Ambarnath. The lights are specially designed to illuminate their home and importantly, to deter snakes and other insects—an essential feature given the area's proximity to the forest.

These solar lights run on clean energy, require no wiring and stay on automatically after dusk, creating a safer environment for everyone. RCBC's kindness is lighting up more than just a pathway; it's fostering safety, dignity and hope.





RCBC's Tree Plantation Drive at Bombay Panjrapole, Sahad

On Sunday, 14th December, RCBC successfully carried out a meaningful tree plantation drive at the Bombay Panjrapole land in Sahad/Kalyan, where green fodder is grown daily for more than 700 cows. A total of 100 trees—50 mango and 50 coconut palms—were planted as part of the club's long-term commitment to environmental sustainability.

The land offers vast potential, with the capacity to accommodate over 2,000 trees in phases over the next two years. RCBC undertook this initiative independently, planning to continue plantation efforts across internal plots and boundaries.

The cost of plantation, including digging, fertilization, pit preparation, and leveling, was estimated at ₹550 per mango or coconut tree and ₹850 for premium species, bringing the total cost for the 100 trees to approximately ₹55,000–₹85,000. RCBC's expenses were limited to saplings and plantation work, while the ongoing maintenance and care were entrusted to the dedicated 20+ staff members of the Panjrapole. This initiative marked another step toward creating a greener, healthier environment.



RCBC stands as a committed advocate of public health, having built a strong and enduring partnership with the Government Hospital at Mangaon, Raigad, since Rotary Year 2021-22, consistently strengthening the hospital's ability to deliver essential and life-changing care to vulnerable communities. A significant milestone in this ongoing project was marked on 13 December 2025, when RCBC donated 200 premium intraocular cataract lenses at a cost of Rs. 60,000, substantially enhancing the hospital's vision-restoration capabilities. The donation was formally received by Dr. Shantanu Doiphode, Medical Superintendent, in the presence of Dr. Deshmukh and Dr. Mehta, who conveyed their heartfelt appreciation to the RCBC family for this timely and impactful contribution. This initiative was made possible through the visionary leadership and generous support of our members whose collective dedication has enabled the continuous provision of critical medical equipment, consumables, and patient-care resources. To date, over 500 cataract surgeries have been performed and approximately 7,500 general OPD patients are served annually, reaffirming RCBC's unwavering commitment to advancing accessible, affordable, and high-quality healthcare through sustained collaboration with public institutions.





A Day of Distinction, Fellowship and Festive Joy

December 24th unfolded as a truly special and memorable day for Rotary Club of Bombay Central — one that beautifully wove together excellence in service with warmth in celebration, purpose with pleasure, and reflection with rejoicing.

The day began with the Official Club Visit (OCV), a proud and affirming milestone for the club. In the distinguished presence of District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani and under the dynamic leadership of President Rtn. Ashit Mehta, the closed-door meeting reflected RCBC's clarity, confidence and organisational strength. President Rtn. Ashit Mehta presented the club's initiatives with precision and purpose, showcasing impactful projects, robust governance and meaningful community engagement. Dr. Motwani's insightful observations, coupled with his encouraging words, added both direction and inspiration, reinforcing the club's strong foundation and forward momentum.

A major highlight of the visit was the engaging and highly fruitful interaction between the DG and the club's Interact and Rotaract Clubs (with one Interact Club unable to attend due to a school picnic). The enthusiasm, discipline, confidence and service orientation displayed by the young leaders delighted Dr. Motwani, reaffirming his belief in RCBC's strong commitment to youth leadership and the future of Rotary. Their energy and ideas stood as a powerful reminder that the spirit of service continues to thrive across generations.

The review concluded on a celebratory high as RCBC achieved a perfect 100/100 score, a remarkable endorsement of the club's governance, impactful projects, vibrant fellowship and adherence to Rotary ideals. The only forward-looking emphasis shared by the DG was the need to further strengthen contributions to The Rotary Foundation, with the inspiring goal of elevating the club to the stature of a PHF Club — a challenge the club embraced with pride, optimism and determination.



As daylight gently faded into dusk, the spirit of achievement seamlessly transitioned into celebration with a magical Christmas Eve gathering hosted on the beautiful seaside terrace of President Rtn. Ashit Mehta. With the Arabian Sea whispering softly in the background, twinkling lights overhead and a cool ocean breeze in the air, members came together in an atmosphere filled with warmth, laughter and festive cheer. The gracious presence of District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani and First Lady Rtn. Mahek added both elegance and heartfelt warmth, making the evening feel complete and deeply meaningful.

Conversations flowed effortlessly over a sumptuous spread of food and drinks, as friendships were rekindled, new bonds were quietly formed and the joy of togetherness filled every corner of the terrace. The evening came alive with live music by Mark and Lynn — melodies that began softly and soon soared, blending beautifully with the sound of the waves and inviting feet to tap, hearts to sway and spirits to rise. What began as a gathering soon transformed into a celebration filled with rhythm, movement and merriment.

As the night deepened and lights shimmered against the endless sea, it became clear that this was more than a festive party. It was a celebration of who we are — a Rotary family bound by service, friendship, shared purpose and genuine joy. From excellence in service to warmth in fellowship, Christmas Eve, 24th December, stood as a perfect reflection of Rotary Club of Bombay Central — energised, inspired and ever committed to Service Above Self.



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A Rotarian's strength lies in
seeing possibility where
others see obstacles.

