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Dear Fellow Rotarians,



As I pen down my thoughts for this edition of our bulletin, I feel immense pride and gratitude for the journey we've undertaken together.

This Rotary year has been a tapestry woven with purpose, passion, and the unwavering spirit of service that defines our Club — the Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade.

From President Desk

We began the year with a shared vision: to make a tangible difference in the lives of those around us. And together, we've transformed that vision into action.

From organ donation awareness campaigns and walkathons, to feeding the voiceless at Panjrapole, from distributing water wheels to tribal communities in Wada

to participating in the grand Samanvay DisCon 25 — every initiative has been a reminder of Rotary's incredible reach and the good that comes from unity. What stands out most to me is the spirit of inclusivity and empathy that our members bring to each cause. Be it a large-scale public event or a quiet act of kindness, your involvement goes beyond duty — it reflects a deep commitment to values we hold dear.

We've also shared in each other's joys and sorrows — celebrated milestones, welcomed new beginnings, and stood by one another in times of loss.

That, to me, is the true essence of Rotary — not just a club, but a family that serves with its heart. Our joint meetings with sister clubs have not only strengthened our Rotary network, but also brought rich diversity to our programs. And our consistent community outreach continues to reflect our pledge to "Create Hope in the World."

The recognition received by members like Rtn. Ashok Bhansali in national media inspires us all to aim higher and serve deeper. As we move into the final stretch of this Rotary year, let us carry forward this momentum.

Let us reaffirm our commitment to sustainable impact, to nurturing youth, to preserving our environment, and above all, to uplifting humanity. I am truly honored to serve as your President.

This journey would not be as meaningful without your support, participation, and belief in Rotary's mission. Let us continue to serve with joy, act with purpose, and lead with compassion. With heartfelt gratitude and Rotary fellowship,

THE 4 WAY TEST:

of the things we think, say
or do

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
- Will it Build GOODWILL & Better Friendships?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL



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Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade and Rotary Club of Mumbai South Celebrate the Magic of Mathematics with Mr. Minoo Jokhi



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In a delightful joint meeting held recently, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Mumbai South, hosted a fascinating session celebrating the beauty of numbers with renowned mathematician Mr. Minoo Jokhi.

The event was graced by Padma Shri Dr. Kaiki Mehta, President of the Rotary Club of Mumbai South, along with several enthusiastic members from both clubs.

The atmosphere was one of awe and admiration as Mr. Jokhi captivated the audience with his incredible memory, quick calculations, and entertaining presentation of mathematical wonders. Known for turning numbers into an engaging story, Mr. Jokhi demonstrated complex calculations with ease, shared fun mathematical tricks, and left everyone amazed with his mental math abilities.

His session highlighted how numbers can be both practical and magical, drawing admiration from young and old alike. This collaborative event underscored the Rotary spirit of fellowship and learning, bringing members together in appreciation of talent and knowledge. It was truly an inspiring evening that reminded us how numbers, much like Rotary, connect and empower people in the most unexpected ways.



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DisCon 25: A Celebration of Rotary Spirit and Synergy
Samanvay – District Conference 2025 | 1st & 2nd March | Jio World Convention Centre
The Rotary District Conference – Samanvay, DisCon 25, held on the 1st and 2nd of March at the magnificent Jio World Convention Centre, was an extraordinary celebration of Rotary's values of Service, Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity, and Leadership.

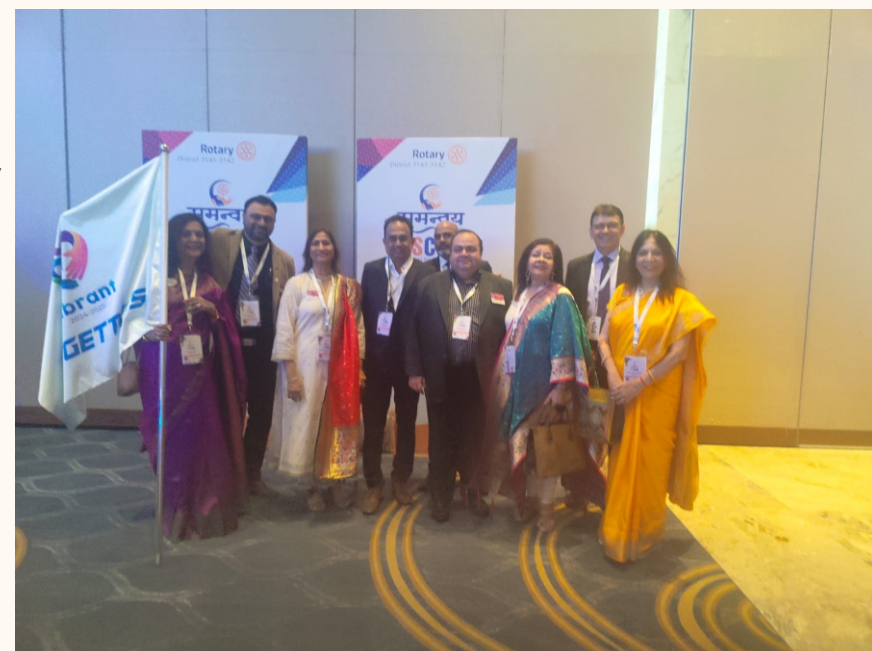
Set against the backdrop of one of Mumbai's finest venues, the two-day event proved to be a remarkable confluence of thought, action, and unity. DisCon 25 lived up to its name – Samanvay – which means coordination, harmony, and synergy. From the flawless event execution to the thoughtfully curated sessions, every element reflected the meticulous planning and deep passion of the organizing team.

It was a weekend where Rotarians not only reconnected with old friends and fellow changemakers, but also drew new inspiration for the path ahead. The conference featured a stellar lineup of speakers, including global thought leaders, business icons, Rotary leaders, and inspiring changemakers. Each session was designed to spark dialogue and reflection—ranging from social entrepreneurship to innovation, sustainability, and the evolving role of Rotary in today's world.

The keynote speeches, panel discussions, and interactive segments resonated deeply with the audience, creating moments of learning and emotional connection. Our very own Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade was proudly represented by: President Rtn. Errick Elavia, Secretary Rtn. Rajesh Dubey, Past President and Charter Member Rtn. Darshana Doshi, and Past President Rtn. Sonal Somaiya. Their enthusiastic participation reflected our club's strong commitment to the Rotary mission and its enduring engagement at the district level.

They returned enriched, inspired, and even more motivated to lead impactful projects within our community. A special note of gratitude and congratulations goes out to Rtn. Chetan Bhai and the entire organizing committee, whose relentless dedication brought this event to life. Every detail—from hospitality and event flow to stage design and delegate experience—was handled with excellence. DisCon 25 wasn't just a conference; it was a celebration of the Rotary family.

It reminded us of the strength we possess when we come together, the potential we unlock when we share ideas, and the lasting impact we create when we act with heart and purpose. Here's to many more such celebrations of Rotary's spirit—and to walking the path of service, together.



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A Joyous Fusion of Traditions and Togetherness



Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade & Rotary Club of Mumbai South Celebrate Holi, Gudi Padwa & Sindhi New Year
Venue: Bahá'í Centre, Marine Lines
Date: March 2025

In the true spirit of "The Magic of Rotary," the Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade and the Rotary Club of Mumbai South came together for a dazzling celebration of Holi, Gudi Padwa, and the Sindhi New Year — an event that radiated color, culture, and camaraderie! Held at the serene Bahá'í Centre in Marine Lines, the celebration was a beautiful fusion of India's rich traditions. The venue came alive with vibrant decorations, music, dance performances, and the warm energy of Rotarians and guests who gathered to embrace unity in diversity.

One of the highlights of the evening was a mesmerizing folk dance performance that captured the audience's heart — portraying the festive spirit of Gudi Padwa and the joy of the Sindhi community. The performer, adorned in traditional attire, gracefully transported everyone into a cultural reverie.

President Rtn. Errick Elavia of Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade and President Rtn. Rajesh Dubey of Rotary Club of Mumbai South addressed the gathering, sharing words of fellowship and reflecting on how festivals remind us to spread happiness and build stronger bonds within and beyond Rotary.

The evening was a perfect reflection of Rotary's ideals — celebrating cultural heritage while fostering inclusivity. Members shared laughs, festive treats, and reaffirmed their commitment to Service Above Self in a joyful setting.

This joint celebration not only marked the start of a new year in many Indian calendars, but also echoed a renewed spirit of collaboration between clubs — setting the tone for more such vibrant and meaningful gatherings in the future.



Compassion in Action: Cow Feed Donation at Panjrapole

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On President Errick Elavia's Birthday On ____ March, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade marked a special day with a meaningful act of kindness.

In celebration of President Rtn. Errick Elavia's birthday, the club organized a cow feed donation drive at the historic Panjrapole Gaushala in Bhuleshwar, Mumbai—a gesture that beautifully combined compassion with community service. Panjrapole, a sanctuary for hundreds of cows and other animals, has long stood as a symbol of kindness and care in the heart of Mumbai. On this special occasion, Rotary Club members gathered to donate nutritious fodder and essential feed, ensuring the well-being of the gentle residents of this shelter.



This thoughtful initiative reflected not only President Errick's personal values but also the club's ongoing commitment to "Service Above Self." It was a heartfelt way to celebrate a life of leadership, generosity, and service to society. "There's no better way to celebrate than by giving back," said President Errick Elavia, as he humbly participated in the donation, surrounded by fellow Rotarians and the serene presence of the cows.

The event was filled with warmth, smiles, and a shared sense of purpose. Members offered their blessings and birthday wishes to President Errick while engaging in the seva that brought both joy and peace. A big thank you to all the members who joined hands to make this celebration truly special—not just for our president, but for the voiceless lives we pledged to care for. Here's to more such thoughtful birthdays that celebrate not just milestones, but meaning.

Heartfelt Gratitude to Rtn. Ashok Bhansali for His Compassionate

Rolling Hope to Wada: Rtn. Ashok Bhansali's Water Drum Donation Brings Dignity and Relief In a remarkable act of compassion and service, Rtn. Ashok Bhansali, a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade, took a heartfelt initiative to address one of the most basic and urgent needs—access to clean water. Through his personal commitment, he provided 204 water wheel drums to the tribal Van Bandhu community in Wada, ensuring that water collection, once a daily struggle, now becomes a task of dignity and ease.

These specially designed water wheel drums are more than just containers—they are a lifeline. Built for rugged terrain and heavy capacity, they enable women and children, who often bear the burden of collecting water, to transport it easily and safely over long distances.

By transforming the way water is fetched, Rtn. Bhansali has uplifted the quality of life for many, especially in these underserved tribal belts.

This impactful project exemplifies the true spirit of Rotary – 'Service Above Self.' It reflects not just generosity, but deep empathy and a drive to find practical solutions for real-world problems. "Access to clean water is not a privilege—it's a right," shared Rtn. Bhansali, whose commitment to humanitarian work continues to set an inspiring benchmark for us all. We extend our heartfelt gratitude and admiration to Rtn. Ashok Bhansali for this noble initiative. His contribution is a shining example of how one person's dedication can ripple into hundreds of lives, creating comfort, empowerment, and hope. As the wheels roll in Wada, so does the spirit of Rotary—in action, in service, and in solidarity.



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9th Annual Diabetes Awareness Cycling Rally: A Ride of Inclusion, Impact & Inspiration

The Rotary District 3141 Cycling Rally for Diabetes Awareness, now in its 9th year, once again proved to be much more than just a ride. Held with the enthusiastic participation of 1,257 cyclists, including tandem riders and visually impaired participants, the event radiated a powerful message: health and hope belong to everyone.

Jointly organized by the Mehta International Eye Institute, Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade, and the Rotary Club of Mumbai South, the rally was spearheaded by none other than Padma Shri Professor Dr. Keiki R. Mehta, whose tireless vision and leadership continue to bring focus to vital healthcare issues through dynamic community engagement.

Cyclists young and old, professionals and beginners, all came together in bright yellow T-shirts, symbolizing energy and awareness. The camaraderie was evident as riders posed proudly with their bikes, sharing smiles and the common goal of spreading awareness about diabetes prevention and control.

A memorable moment as Dr. Keiki Mehta, Hon. Sec. Nargis, Rtn. Sonal Somaiya From Rotary Club Of Mumbai Cuffe Parade And Rotarians greets riders at the starting point, encouraging them to champion the cause. The backdrop proudly displays the rally's theme and Rotary branding, reinforcing the collaborative spirit of this massive awareness campaign. The event wasn't just about riding—it was about breaking barriers.

Seeing visually impaired cyclists confidently ride alongside their companions on tandem bikes was a stirring reminder of how inclusion and support can create magic on wheels. Every pedal stroke carried with it a message: stay active, stay informed, stay united. Special thanks go to the Mumbai Police for their outstanding cooperation in ensuring a secure and



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CONGRATULATIONS

The awards that cherish fairness and reward integrity

The recent CFBP Jamnalal Bajaj Awards saw the leading lights of the corporate world in attendance

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The recently concluded 37th Jamnalal Bajaj Awards, curated by the Council for Fair Business Practices (CFBP) in Mumbai, saw the who's who of the corporate world in attendance.

The Jamnalal Bajaj Awards or JB Awards is one of CFBP's flagship events, which has seen many dignitaries in the past — API Abul Kalam, Manmohan Singh, Nandan Nilekani and Narayana Murthy to name a few. Ravi Kant, the former



managing director of Tata Motors, was the chief guest this year.

CFBP invites applications from major conglomerates, SMEs, charitable associations

every year, and an eminent jury decides the winners on the basis of presentations made by the short-listed applicants. All applicants are tested by the jury on criteria such as employee satisfaction, diversity and inclusion, consumer

satisfaction, environmental sustainability etc. thereby ensuring that strict standards are adhered to.



The CFBP team with all the winners

Swarnil Kothari, a senior lawyer and president, CFBP, said, "In today's competitive times, fair business practices being imperative, we endeavour to touch every spectrum of society — be it industry, medicine, law, women empowerment, education, etc."

Rich history
The council was primarily founded by JRD Tata, Ramkrishna Bajaj, Soli Godrej, Arvind Mafatlal, PT Khorakiwala, JN Quaker, Keshub Mahindra and other top industrialists and professionals in 1966.

Since its foundation, CFBP has had some of the country's forerunners on its advisory board and its executive committee or invitee teams. "The JB Awards lay down the roadmap for future generations to emulate their great predecessors and make a difference to society. Given its stratospheric growth both in size and stature in the past four years, CFBP is spreading its wings nationwide and looks to go global in a few years in accordance with its illustrious legacy," Kothari added.

Kant observed, "I thank Swarnil Kothari for inviting me and am

honoured to be present here as the chief guest. The awards honour organisations that demonstrate unwavering commitment to fairness, integrity and responsible business practices. If value systems are in place, fair business practices become the very mantras of the organisation. The council is doing great work and it should expand its reach, so that more people get enthused to follow fair practices."

Shikhar Bajaj, a founder member and chairman, Advisory Board, CFBP, observed, "JB Awards is a commemoration of my family's, especially my father Ramkrishna Bajaj's, staunch commitment to fair practices both in business and public life. It reinvigorates the faith of the common man in the industry as it lays down strict criteria with zero compromise on the same."

Honouring the best
• Manufacturing enterprises large: Hindalco Industries and Sachin Masala
• Service enterprises SME: Kauvery Hospital, Nandus Foods and PNCs Garip Fashion Jewellery
• Charitable association: Aakar Charitable Trust, YUVA Unstoppable and Pratiksha Jaiswar Foundation (Matri Chaya)



(From left) Swarnil Kothari, Vinod Swaraj, Shikhar Bajaj, Ravi Kant, Justice B. L. Hansotia, Jayal Kothari and Ashok Bhansali

HAPPY birthday!



Rtn. Tarun Gadia
8th February

March



Rtn. Errick Elavia
8th March



Rtn. Dr. Sujata Dalvi
14th March

April



Dr. Abhay Dalvi
14th April



Rtn. Ramesh Israni
21st April

Heartiest Congratulations to Rtn. Ashok Bhansali! The Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade proudly extends its heartfelt congratulations to our esteemed member Rtn. Ashok Bhansali on being featured in The Economic Times for his incredible contributions through his NGO. Your unwavering dedication to humanitarian service and commitment to creating lasting impact in the community is truly inspiring. This well-deserved recognition is a shining moment not just for you, but for all of us at Rotary who are privileged to work alongside you. Your journey reflects the true spirit of "Service Above Self." May your efforts continue to inspire many more! — Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade

CONDOLENCE MESSAGE



Shri Girdharilal Sachdev

Loving Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather

The President, Office Bearers and Members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Cuffe Parade express their deepest condolences to

Rtn. Bharti Bhatijja

We share in your grief and pray that the Almighty grant eternal peace to the departed soul and give you and your family the strength to bear this irreparable



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**Speaker Meeting
Date 7 May 2025**



**Speaker meeting
Dt:21 May-2025**

Speaker Meeting



**Book Donation Project
Cmputer Donation
Water Tank Donation
Masik Chakra Project
further details
announced soon**



Speaker Meeting



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The foundation upon which
Rotary is built is
friendship; on no less firm
foundation could it have
stood.

Paul P. Harris

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