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THIS TUESDAY

Ananya Birla to be
felicitated with
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Uma Jain Award for
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March 22nd, 2025

Rotary Club of Bombay Shakti
Awards 2025. Details inside

March 22nd & 23rd, 2025

The Glocal Flea. Details inside

March 25th, 2025

A fireside Chat on the India-Middle
East Europe Economic Corridor:
Reshaping Trade & Connectivity
with Amit Bhandari & Sifra Lentini
moderated by Rtn. Manjeet
Kripalani

March 26th, 2025

Panel Discussion followed by Wine
& Cheese Evening. Details inside

March 29th, 2025

Rotary HDFC Dharamshala turns
2 - Project tour. Details inside

April 1st, 2025

Divyak D'Souza in conversation
with Anaita Shroff Adajania

April 10th to 14th, 2025

Bahrain Fellowship

April 22nd, 2025

Ameet Hariyani to be felicitated
with Rotary Club of Bombay Indira
Suresh Kotak Award - for Conflict
Resolutions Through Mediation and
Conciliation.

June 24th, 2025

Shukriya Nite. Details inside

July 1st, 2025

Installation Ceremony of Incoming
President Bimal Mehta and his
board of Directors. Details inside

OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT - DG CHETAN DESAI



Good afternoon, my dear friends and Rotary President — tall, dark, and handsome. Not dark, but handsome for sure — Satyan, and all protocols observed. I am not going to talk about all the officers. It is an absolute privilege to stand before you today at the Rotary Club of Bombay, the very first and foremost Club of District 3141, a Club that is not just historic but truly iconic.

I have just been told that you have crossed 382 in membership. Give yourselves a round of applause — what a wonderful Club! The highest TRF giving ever and an unmatched legacy of service. At the heart of this great Club today is your young and dynamic President, Satyan, who has been a pillar of strength, energy, and commitment.

Friends, when we began this year, I shared three attributes of a successful leader: you have to be compassionate, you have to be committed, and you

have to be consistent in your endeavours. And I am very, very happy. If the official Club visit of the governor has something to do with it, they spend a lot of money on the elected RI Officer, Rotary International. They invite us to Orlando and spend around \$20,000 just to train us on the various aspects of how to administer the entire District. And this being a premium District, you know the responsibility is even greater.

So, we're talking about why they spend so much. I have a 700-member team, some of whom are sitting here and doing a fantastic job. Our job is to resource people for the club Presidents and the Rotarians — that is our job. And when we go to OCVs, our job is to ensure financial transparency. The Club must function at the optimal level, as it should. On that note, can I request Satyan to please rise? If we were to draw a parallel to an examination — 10th, 12th, graduation, post-graduation — and the results were to be declared, I must say that "Pappu pass hogaya," and that too with distinction!

So, give a huge round of applause for Satyan. Can I request the entire Board to please stand up? What fantastic record-keeping in the area of projects! One thing that is particularly heartening is that I have seen Satyan at all the District events, which is otherwise not so common. Right? But he has attended all the training seminars, right from our Prepare Seminars. Till now, he has been a constant source of inspiration for this Club. I think he deserves one more round of applause. Satyan, fantastic job! Very, very proud of you. I am telling you, my friend, you have done fabulously well.

Needless to say, you have set a superb record in performance, governance, and meticulous record-keeping — a benchmark for others to follow. Many times, when we go for OCVs, we ask for details: what has been done, what the Rotarians should know, and whether the governor and his team are doing the job they should be doing. So, I am just giving you some insights into what all 6,600 Rotarians have achieved, and I am extremely proud of this District and all its Rotarians.

At the recently concluded District Conference, Samanvay, Gyan Vasant Swami spoke about the difference between coal, graphite, and diamond. He said that Rotarians are like diamonds. Then, the Police Commissioner, Vivek Phansalkar, spoke about how our police force is a brand. When my turn came,



I said, "District 3141 is a brand with 6,600 diamonds in it," and that is all of you together. So give yourselves a round of applause! We are so proud. I am very, very happy to report what we have done so far.

Just to give you a brief overview, and these are all verifiable facts on rotaryindia.org. Right, Nirav? You can go to rotaryindia.org and whatever, I am saying, you will find it there. So, cumulatively, what have we done so far? More than 3,500 projects. More than 1.2 million beneficiaries already impacted. And I am very happy to report that we have crossed ₹100 crore in project value over the last eight months. This is what we have already achieved in terms of the two pillars of any Rotary District: membership and foundation. With the help of my fantastic team and all the vibrant Presidents, we are doing magical work this year. I am happy to report that we are nearing \$3 million in the foundation — we are currently at \$2.95 million. I am absolutely delighted to say that, as told to me by ARRFC and your PDG, Sandip Agarwalla, by February 28th of this year, the figure was \$2.75 million. This year, we have crossed \$2.88 million. That shows we are on course. I am sure that with the help of such leaders, we are going to exceed every benchmark set before us.

In a nutshell, these are some of the projects we have undertaken, and I wanted to highlight them so that all members are aware of the impact being created. We have raised funds for 2,000 paediatric heart surgeries, out of which 1,000 surgeries have already been completed. We have transformed the lives of 26,200 toddlers in the tribal areas of Jawhar and Wada by adopting 436 Anganwadis. Now, can I ask Dilip to please rise? These are the people, along with Nikunj Javeri and Dilip, who have done a fantastic job. They have ensured that all the foundation givings they have received has been matched by their own contributions, completing projects worth ₹6 crore.



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The figure of 26,200 is a tangible number that can be verified. We are going to have a big ceremony there, Satyan. So, anyone from Bombay who wants to join is most welcome!

In the field of education, we have undertaken several initiatives, including the Vibrant Ideal Study App, which has benefited more than 20,000 students. Then we have the Life Skills Education for Adolescents through the Rotary Network (LEARN) programme with former Miss India, Swaroop Sampat — one of India's top ten educators. With her help, we have trained more than 150 teachers, who, in turn, will transform the lives of around 5,000 students. This is another huge initiative in tribal welfare, with clubs coming together to implement projects worth more than ₹10 crores.

Since this Club is a leading Club of the District, there are some projects I would like you to consider supporting. One is in your vicinity — KEM Hospital. They want to shift their Paediatric Ward from the 10th floor to the 1st floor. The entire room is ready, but they need new equipment. The project is worth ₹5 crores, and this is something doable. I request you to consider supporting it.

Another project, which came to us just two days ago, involves Rajawadi Hospital in Ghatkopar. They used to have a dialysis ward, but it stopped functioning two months ago. An NGO has taken up a place next to the hospital, but they now need 10 dialysis machines. These are some of the projects we are working on. There are many more under CSR initiatives in the tribal areas of District 3141. I will send the list to Satyan, and you can undertake any of the projects of your choice. The money you contribute will yield tangible results, which can be cross-verified with the Rotary Foundation.

Friends, I would also like to recognise some stalwarts from your Club. I must acknowledge the outstanding contribution of our AKS and TRF Director, Vijay Jatia, whose leadership in global giving is an inspiration to us all. And of course, my dear friend and Assistant Governor, AKS Nirav Shah. Can you please rise and be recognised? He is doing a phenomenal job as our District Endowment Major Gift Advisor. He speaks about endowment funds, and he himself has seven endowment funds. Nirav, fantastic job! Taking inspiration from you, I decided to set up an endowment fund myself, and I have already donated to it. Your dedication and passion for TRF are unparalleled, and I am grateful for your commitment.

Before we conclude, I would like to share about a beautiful gesture that we always perform when inaugurating any project. Jwala, my wife, and I have to do the lighting of the lamp ceremony as chief guests. I take the candle, approach the lamp, and Jwala touches me — the lamp is lit. Jokes apart, it is such a sacred and beautiful ceremony.

At a school for disabled children, after the ceremony, the principal asked me, "Chetan Bhai, do you know the meaning of this?" I said, "No." She explained that in Sanskrit, it is called Ma-ma. Ma-ma means the spirit of collaboration. It means "I am with you." It means "Together we grow." It means "Together we can, and together we will."



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OF THE TALK
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ROTARIANS AT THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA



On March 6th, thirty Rotarians attended The Phantom of the Opera, the 'world's best-loved musical', at the Nita Mukesh Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC). It was the second day of the show, and Past President Vineet Bhatnagar, Co-Chair of Fellowship, secured a block booking for Club members and their partners/friends. It was a sold-out show and indeed a rare opportunity to witness the West End production of this 1986 classic in our city.

The musical was visually spectacular, featuring outstanding production—fantastic music, captivating dances, and stunning sets and costumes. This Fellowship event was a special treat not only for Rotarians experiencing the show for the first time but also for those who had previously seen it at the West End or on Broadway and loved it just as much. Rotarians arrived with their friends and families, and many were later seen dining at the adjoining Amadeo and Indian Accent restaurants after the show.

- Rtn. Manjeet Kripalani



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TUESDAY MEETINGS AT ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



Interact Clubs at the District Governor's Official Club Visit



DG Chetan Desai wishes President Satyan Israni for his birthday



President Satyan thanks DG Chetan Desai for his time spent with the Club



Rotaract Clubs at the District Governor's Official Club Visit



President Satyan thanks Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Mehta, Chief Coordinator of the District team for her time spent with the Club



President Satyan thanks Assistant Governor Prashant Gupta for his time spent with the Club



President Satyan thanks Rtn. Dilip Shah, Assist. Learning Facilitator of the District team for his time spent with the Club



Assistant Governor Prashant Gupta with PP Nirav Shah



Rtn. Dilip Shah, Assist. Learning Facilitator of the District Team, PN Manish Reshamwala, PP Nirav Shah and Rtn. Gautam Doshi



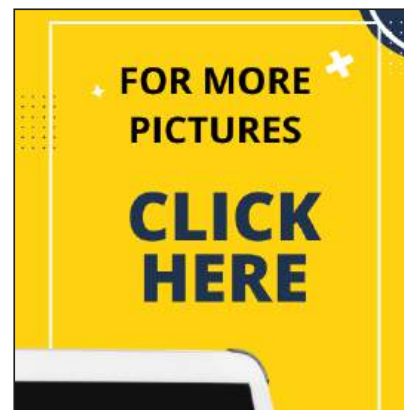
Rotarians Uday Sanghani, Robin Fernandes and Zaheer Memon



PDG ARRFC Sandip Agarwalla with Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Mehta, Chief Coordinator of the District team and DG Chetan Desai



Rtn. Mudit Jain, President Satyan Israni, Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Mehta, Chief Coordinator of the District team, DG Chetan Desai, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and AG Prashant Gupta





LETTER FROM DG CHETAN DESAI

Dear President Satyan, BOD members, and the incredible Rotarians of Rotary Club of Bombay,

Heartiest congratulations on hosting a highly successful and truly grand Official Club Visit! The warmth, meticulous planning, and vibrant energy displayed today were a testament to the leadership of President Satyan and his outstanding team. Your club's impeccable record-keeping, active participation in district events, and commitment to excellence continue to set the gold standard for all of District 3141.

A special appreciation to AKS Vijay Jatia and the entire TRF team for an extremely productive meeting that followed. Your dedication to advancing The Rotary Foundation's mission and ensuring impactful giving is truly commendable. With such leadership and vision, I have no doubt that the Rotary Club of Bombay will continue to inspire and lead the way in service and generosity.

Together, we can, together, we will— build on the Magic of Rotary!

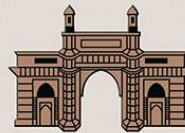
Warm regards,

DG Chetan Desai

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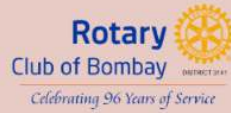
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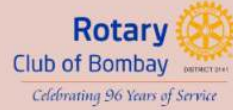
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EMPOWERING CHILDREN WITH SAFETY AWARENESS

On Thursday, March 13th, 2025, the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay partnered with Interact School Anjuman-E-Islam School and Allana Institute of English, under the Rotary Club of Bombay, to conduct an essential session on child safety.

Zainab Lokhandwalla led two impactful sessions of Sparsh – Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse. The first session was attended by approximately 60 girls, followed by a second session with around 85 boys, all from Standards 5 and 6. The students listened attentively and engaged actively, answering quiz questions with enthusiasm and accuracy.

Inner Wheel Club of Bombay President Mita Roy concluded the session with valuable insights, reinforcing the importance of awareness and vigilance. Member Niloufer Vazifdar was present to offer support, while Interact Coordinator Rizvi Ma'am ensured smooth audiovisual arrangements, making the organisers feel welcome and comfortable.

The sessions provided a safe space for children to learn about personal safety, boundaries, and the importance of speaking up. It was a truly fulfilling experience, equipping young minds with knowledge to protect themselves and fostering a culture of awareness and empowerment.



ADULT LITERACY EMPOWERS A GENERATION TO POSITIVE CHANGE

The Rotary Club of Bombay held a graduation ceremony for its Adult Literacy Program at SK Agro Hotel in Vikramgad on March 3rd, 2025. In this batch, the Rotary Club of Bombay successfully trained and certified 30,000 beneficiaries over a period of 3 months ending February 2025.

At the Graduation ceremony, the Prerikas were felicitated with certificates from the Rotary Club of Bombay for empowering community members with functional literacy. Beneficiaries were also awarded graduation certificates for successfully completing the course and attaining functional literacy. Many of them came up on stage to share their experiences and the impact the program has had on their daily lives and livelihood.

Apart from the numerous Beneficiaries and Prerikas, the attendees also included:

- Shekhar Mehta - Past Rotary International President
- Sandip Agarwalla - Past District Governor 3141
- Vineet Bhatnagar - Past President, Rotary Club of Bombay
- Satyan Israni - President, Rotary Club of Bombay
- Manish Reshamwala - President Nominee, Rotary Club of Bombay
- Runit Shah - Chairman, Adult Literacy - Rotary Club of Bombay

The Adult Literacy Program aims to make adults functionally literate using the Each One Teach Many model. The cost of making an adult functionally literate is INR 275 per person only. This includes the Primer Kit (NCERT approved) consisting of various books and flash cards, stationary, final exam facilitation costs, graduation certificates and administration costs.

The Adult Literacy Program is intended to promote and strengthen education of non-literate adults with an aim to help learners achieve functional literacy over a period of 3 months. Among other things, Learners acquire a vocabulary of around 700 key words, enough for day to-day needs such as reading destination signs on buses, filling in deposit and withdrawal slips in Banks, and newspaper headlines, besides being able to learn simple arithmetic adequate to maintain household and other accounts.

In addition to basic reading, writing and arithmetic, the introduction to the advantages of the Government Schemes such as Aadhar, Pradhan Mantri Yojanas, etc are taught to them.

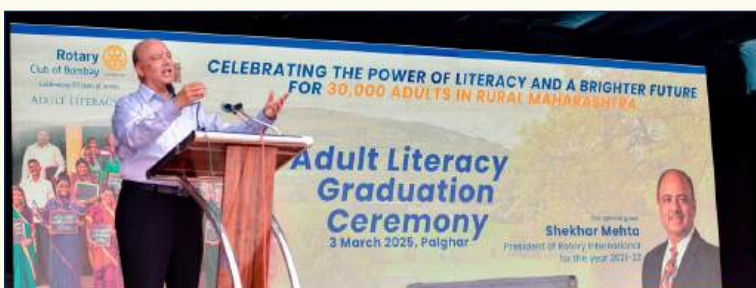
In a society plagued by poverty, casteism, gender inequality and poor education, Adult Literacy empowers a generation toward positive change within India.

Completion of the Adult Literacy Program results in confidence, employment, upliftment for family and society as a whole, improved political representation, smaller families, poverty reduction and so much more!

Since the inception of this initiative at the Rotary Club of Bombay, the club has successfully educated over 95,000 women.



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साप्ताहिक

गामीणी भागातील साक्षरता वाढविण्यासाठी रोटरी क्लब ऑफ बॉम्बेचे विक्रमगड येथे केले आयोजन

प्रौढ साक्षरता प्रमाणपत्र समारंभ

मुंबई टाइम्स टीम

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ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY OFFSITE EVENT: RISE



REALIGN INNOVATE STRATEGISE EXECUTE



On Saturday, March 8th, 2025, PE Bimal Mehta and his partner, Aradhana Mehta, organised the RISE - Realign, Innovate, Strategise, Execute event for the incoming directors, chairs, co-chairs, and members of the Rotary year 2025-26. This prestigious gathering took place at the Harvard Business School Classroom, located at the Taj Lands End in Bandra.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Fireside Chat

A captivating fireside chat featured Svetlana Pinto, former Head of Communication and CSR at Novartis India, and Amit Chandra, noted philanthropist and founder of the ATE Chandra Foundation. They discussed depth vs. multiple initiatives, the social sector ecosystem, corporate perspectives on CSR funding, and strategies for scaling large projects.

Presentation by Ankur Minz from CRISIL

Ankur Minz from CRISIL delivered an insightful presentation on the CRISIL assessment tool, explaining the key parameters for voluntary organisation grading and how this tool adds value to the sector.

Leadership Talk by ARRFC & PDG Sandip Aggarwalla

ARRFC & PDG Sandip Aggarwalla shared his wisdom on leadership within the Rotary context, providing valuable insights and inspiration for the attendees.

Interactive Sessions

In the second session, after a sumptuous lunch, the motivated directors and chairs/co-chairs spent the next couple of hours presenting their plans for the upcoming year, fostering an environment of collaboration and strategic planning.

This event not only facilitated the sharing of knowledge and experiences but also strengthened the commitment and enthusiasm of the Rotary leadership team and members for the year ahead.





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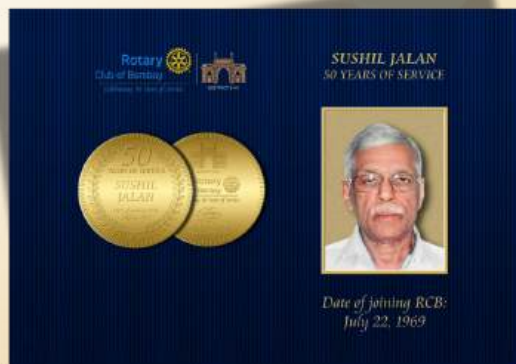
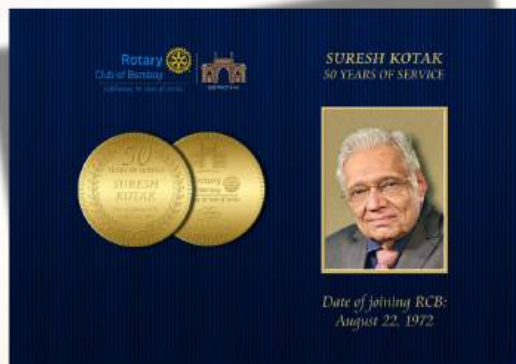
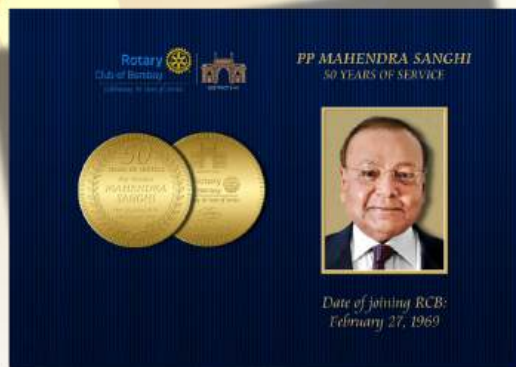
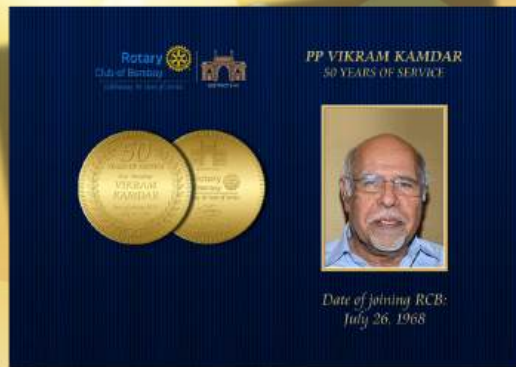
- 11 am - 11:30 am Meet & Greet
- 11:30 am A tour of the Dharamshala
- 12 noon The felicitation of Partners
- 12:30 pm Lunch

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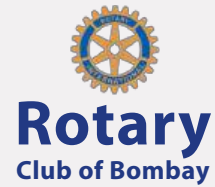
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MEMBERS' NITE - A NIGHT OF ANECDOTES, MEMORIES, FELLOWSHIP, CELEBRATION, AND ROTARY SPIRIT!



Sunday, March 9th, 2025, witnessed a truly memorable inaugural Members' Nite, a testament to the vibrant spirit and enduring camaraderie within our club. The evening, meticulously planned and executed, offered a delightful blend of fellowship, insightful stories and heartfelt celebrations.

The event commenced promptly at 7:00 PM with a warm reception, fostering a relaxed atmosphere for members to reconnect over drinks and snacks. President Satyan officially opened the evening at 7:45 PM, leading the assembly in the National Anthem, followed by a brief welcome address.

The program unfolded with a diverse range of speakers, each contributing their unique perspectives and experiences. Rtn. Aditya Somani's melodious rendition set a pleasant tone, followed by an insightful and humorous address from PP Hareesh Jagtiani. Then we had PP Shernaz Vakil and Rtn. Zinia Lawyer in conversation sharing their experiences and taking us down memory lane through the thirty outstation fellowships that they have attended over the past 25 years. This was followed by some thoughts shared by PP Rumi Jehangir on the Talwada Medical Centre. The members gave him a rousing applause for his dedication over the past forty years at Talwada.

A highlight of the evening was the heartfelt felicitation of our esteemed Golden Members (completion of Fifty years in our club): PP Vikram Kamdar, PP Mahendra Sanghi and Rtn. Suresh Kotak. Rtn. Sushil Jalan has also completed 50 years but was unable to attend due to ill health. President Satyan and

First Lady Naveena honored these stalwarts, each having dedicated decades of service to Rotary with a commemorative and personalised gold plated silver coin and a special rotary badge, adding a personal touch to the celebration. Following this, the much anticipated Roster 2025 was inaugurated by the honoured Golden Members, accompanied by a video presentation.

The program continued with further with a thought provoking addresses by Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla followed by a wonderful poetry recitation by Rtn. Sunita Mandelia and a second song by the club nightingale Rtn. Aditya Somani. A special stand up performance by Mr. Punit Pania added a touch of entertainment, bringing smiles and laughter to the gathering.

President Satyan concluded the formal proceedings at 9:45 PM with the announcement that India had won the Champions Trophy and also expressing gratitude to all performers, speakers and attendees. He then announced the opening of the bar and the serving of dinner, allowing members to continue their fellowship in a relaxed and convivial setting with a live saxophonist entertaining the gathering.

The evening was a resounding success with the presence of 165 rotarians and partners, a testament to the enduring bonds within our club and the shared commitment to Rotary's ideals. The Members' Nite provided a platform for celebrating our history, acknowledging our dedicated members, and reinforcing the spirit of fellowship that defines our club.





BY: NMJ STUDENTS VISIT DR. BHAU DAJI LAD MUSEUM



On March 11th, 2025, students from Bhavishya Yaan NMJ embarked on an enriching educational visit to the Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum. A total of 46 students from Classes 6 and 7 attended the excursion, which was designed to deepen their understanding of history, geography, and environmental conservation.

One of the most thought-provoking exhibits was centred on the Partition of the Indus River. This display underscored the significance of river systems that transcend national boundaries, influencing the lives, cultures, and economies

of millions. It encouraged students to reflect on the shared responsibility of preserving these vital water resources.

In addition to geographical themes, the museum also featured a fascinating section on water footprints across different countries. This exhibit illustrated how water consumption varies worldwide, drawing attention to alarming statistics and emphasising the urgent need for sustainable water management. The students engaged in meaningful discussions about their personal water usage and the impact of everyday activities

on global water resources.

A particularly creative exhibit reimagined Queen Victoria's crown as a tribute to freedom fighters. The display of constitutions from various nations printed on fabric highlighted universal values of justice, equality, and human rights, offering students a broader perspective on governance and democracy.

Following the museum tour, an interactive session on water conservation was conducted. Students explored different types of water sources—freshwater, saltwater, and groundwater—

and their crucial roles in maintaining ecological balance. They learned about innovative rainwater harvesting techniques and simple, practical ways to conserve water in their daily lives.

The visit to the Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum was an insightful and inspiring experience that seamlessly blended history, culture, and environmental awareness. It left a lasting impression on the students, motivating them to become more conscious of conservation and sustainability in their communities.

WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT AY MAZGAON

To celebrate Women's Day, RC Atlas Rotaractors spent a delightful afternoon at the Ananda Yaan Mazgaon Centre. The seniors were honoured with "Queen of the Day" badges, setting the tone for a joyous occasion.

The event began with a lively icebreaker game, Dog and the Bone, which the seniors thoroughly enjoyed. The highlight of the day was when they shared their proudest moments and offered heartfelt advice to the younger generation.

The celebration concluded with singing, dancing, and laughter, followed by the distribution of snacks and beverages, making it a truly memorable day.



THE TRANSFORMATION OF CHINCHPADA VILLAGE

INAUGURATION OF SOLAR WATER LIFT IRRIGATION

In a remarkable display of commitment to sustainable development, the Rotary Club of Bombay, in collaboration with HDFC Capital Limited, recently inaugurated a groundbreaking project in Chinchpada village. The installation of three solar-powered water lift irrigation systems will revolutionise agricultural practices in the region, marking a significant step towards integrated village development.

The heart of Chinchpada village now beats with the rhythm of innovation and progress. Three solar panels stand tall against the backdrop of lush green fields. Among these panels, a powerful 10hp system and two 5hp systems drive a pipeline network spanning 100 acres of agricultural land. This transformation is not just about providing water for irrigation; it represents a new chapter in the village's journey towards self-sufficiency and prosperity for approximately 689 villagers.

INAUGURATION OF THE JETTY

A transformative project by the Rotary Club of Bombay, supported by Rtn. Abhin and Vasudha Alimmchandani, is

dedicated to their mother, Nirmala Alimmchandani, bringing safety and peace to the villagers and students.

Chinchpada, a village in the heart of Maharashtra, has recently witnessed a remarkable transformation that has brought newfound safety and security to its residents. Thanks to the visionary efforts of the Rotary Club of Bombay, the village now boasts a newly inaugurated jetty and four boats that will change the lives of its inhabitants forever.

For the villagers of Chinchpada, who rely on the Sajjan Dam's backwater for their livelihoods, the boats signify a new era of safety and efficiency. They will no longer have to brave the treacherous waters on flimsy tubes, especially during the monsoon season when the river swells and becomes unpredictable. The provision of life jackets further emphasises the commitment to ensuring the well-being of the villagers, particularly the students who use the boats to reach their schools on the other side of the river.

The sight of the gleaming boats moored at the jetty instilled hope and optimism in the villagers, who had previously risked their lives on makeshift tyre tubes to cross the river.



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DATE
SHUKRIYA
NITE
TUESDAY
JUNE 24, 2025
DETAILS TO FOLLOW



SAVE THE DATE
24TH JUNE 2025

PRES. SATYAN'S
**SHUKRIYA
NITE**

AFTER-PARTY WITH
DJ SUKETU
KING OF BOLLYWOOD REMIXES



ROTARY IS NEVER FAR AWAY!



Rtn. Pilloo Aga & Rtn. Ptn. Cyrus Aga at the Rotary Club of Dhauladhar, Palampur

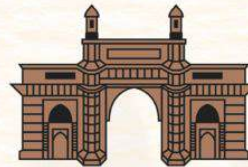


Rtn. Pilloo Aga & Rtn. Ptn. Cyrus Aga at the Rotary Club of Dharamshala





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INSTALLATION *Ceremony*

FOR INCOMING PRESIDENT
BIMAL MEHTA
& HIS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



SAVE THE DATE

01 | July
2025

NEXT WEEK:

A FIRESIDE CHAT ON THE INDIA-MIDDLE EAST EUROPE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR: RESHAPING TRADE & CONNECTIVITY WITH AMIT BHANDARI & SIFRA LENTIN MODERATED BY RTN. MANJEET KRIPALANI



Amit Bhandari has nearly two decades of experience as a public policy researcher, entrepreneur, and financial analyst. He is the author of India and the Changing Geopolitics of Oil and has extensively researched Chinese investments in India. His career includes roles at The Economic Times, ET Now, and CLSA India. He holds an MBA from IIM-Ahmedabad and a B.Tech from IT-BHU.



Sifra Lentin, a Fellow at Bombay History Studies, has authored several books and policy reports, including Bombay's International Linkages and Mumbai-Shanghai Sister Cities. She has also been a visiting fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. With a background in journalism, she has written extensively on Mumbai's Jewish history. She holds degrees in English Literature and Law.



Rtn. Manjeet Kripalani, co-founder of Gateway House, was previously India Bureau Chief of Businessweek. An award-winning journalist, she has worked in political communications and international affairs. She holds degrees in Law and Arts from Bombay University and a Master's in International Affairs from Columbia University.

ROTARIAN MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 18
Rtn. Pradeep
Mafatlal



MARCH 19
Rtn. Anil
Harish



MARCH 23
Rtn. Anand
Trivedi



MARCH 24
Rtn. Puneet
Wadhwa

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 18
Rtn. Ptn. Bhavani
Piniseti
MARCH 19
Rtn. Ptn. Navaz
Guzder

MARCH 24
Rtn. Ptn. Rashna
Cooper
Rtn. Ptn. Divyaa
Kummar

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH 19
Rtn. Ptn. Nilofer &
Rtn. Murad Currawalla
MARCH 21
Rtn. Ptn. Zarine &
Rtn. Darabshaw Davar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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