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## THIS TUESDAY

**Prabhuji Gauranga Das:**  
The 3 sutras  
(Essential truth)  
of Vedic  
leadership

## COMING UP

**January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Anand Rathi Wealth -  
Rotary Golf Classic 2025  
& Phillip Capital -  
Rotary Golf Challenge  
2025 to raise funds for  
adult literacy  
Details inside

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Lunch and entertainment  
hosted by PP Kalpana  
Munshi.  
Details inside

**January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Jehangir Sorabjee on  
Wellness and the right  
approach to a long life.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Breakfast with Kapil  
Sibal - Joint meeting with  
Rotary Clubs of Bombay  
Pier and Mumbai Sion.

Happy  
New  
Year

## A MONTH OF GIVING BACK & LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

*"The only way to do great work is to love what you do." - Steve Jobs*

December was a month filled with the spirit of giving, both within our club and in the wider community. I am incredibly proud of the dedication and compassion demonstrated by each and every member. We had incredible projects, activities and fellowships during this month.

We kicked off with a beautiful artistic journey into Surrealism organised by the Heritage, Art & Culture Committee. Then we had a lovely walkthrough of wildlife photography with the renowned Bittu Sahgal, organised by Pooja Bajaj, Director of the Kamalnayan Bajaj Art Gallery, in conjunction with our Animal Welfare Committee. This was followed by the inauguration of DRX machines at the Tata Actrec Digital Radiography Center. This was a global grant project with the Rotary Club of Mumbai Royales.

While all this was happening, the Animal Welfare Committee was successful in arranging funds to sponsor the life-saving surgery and post-operative care of Bolly, a dog who had been suffering from a large tumour in his belly.

In addition, we had the Annual General Meeting of our club and trust on 10th December, 2024, wherein we adopted the annual accounts for the year 2023-24. Kudos to IPP Manoj Patodia for a stupendous year. At the AGM, we also had the election of Team 2025-26 under the leadership of PE Bimal Mehta. My best wishes to him and his team. I am sure they will perform fabulously and take our club to even greater heights.

The Heritage, Art and Culture Committee went into full overdrive in December with two more wonderful and very well-attended events – the Art Deco and Food Walk at Matunga and the walkthrough with dinner at the Keneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue. Such hidden wonders teeming with rich history exist in our beloved city, and this wonderful committee is giving us the experience of uncovering these hidden gems one by one.

Our Program Committee and Public Awards Committee organised relevant and topical speaker meetings, including a fireside chat with leading lights on the Redevelopment Madness in Mumbai, as well as the felicitation of Ashish Dhawan (the brain behind Ashoka



University) with the PV Gandhi Award for Excellence in Public Life.

During December, our community service projects like the Talwada Medical Centres, Cotton Green Medical Centre, Bhavishya Yaan, Ananda Yaan and Lighthouse steadfastly carried on working with their usual fervour.

Not only do we work hard, we also party hard! And that's exactly what we did at our rocking Christmas Sundowner amidst the breathtaking settings of the US Club. It was a very well-attended fellowship and an evening to remember.

These are just a few examples of the impactful work we accomplished together in December. Our collective efforts are making a real difference in the lives of others, and I am truly honoured to serve as your President.

As we bid farewell to 2024, I extend my warmest wishes for a joyous and prosperous New Year. May the coming year bring you and your loved ones a lot of happiness, good health and continuing success.

I am excited about the second half of the Rotary year and the many opportunities we have to continue serving our community. Let us work together with renewed energy, fervour and enthusiasm to make a lasting positive impact.

With sincere gratitude,

**Satyan Israni**  
President

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# ROTARY FAMILY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS AT LIGHTHOUSE

The Rotary family, led by Rtn. Piloo Aga and her family, brought festive cheer to the students of Lighthouse this Christmas. Her two charming grandsons, Nirvaan and Nil, enthusiastically joined in, playing games and spreading joy among the children.

The celebration began with an exciting game of "Passing the Ball" for the Jr. KG and Sr. KG students. Five lucky winners were delighted to receive lovely prizes, adding to the festive excitement. For the older students, from 1st to 5th standard, a quiz game was organised. The quiz tested their general knowledge across subjects such as history and geography. The students impressed everyone with their enthusiasm and knowledge, making the quiz a huge success.

The festivities concluded with a heartwarming gesture by Rtn. Piloo Aga and her family, who generously distributed snacks, cake, and fruit juice to all the students. Each child also received a special gift, including essential stationery items, bringing smiles to their faces.

The event was a memorable celebration of the Christmas spirit, characterised by joy, sharing, and the bonds of community. It was a day the children of Lighthouse will cherish, thanks to the kindness and efforts of Rtn. Piloo Aga and her wonderful family.



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## ANANDA YAAN CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS WITH THEIR OWN SANTA



The festive spirit was alive and kicking in Byculla as members of Ananda Yaan gathered to celebrate Christmas with great enthusiasm. Mr Vijay Parab took centre stage, delighting everyone as he arrived dressed as Santa Claus. Members joined in the fun, sporting vibrant festive colours and participating wholeheartedly in various games. The celebrations included

a captivating storytelling session about the essence of Christmas, fostering a sense of joy and camaraderie. After enjoying delicious snacks, the party concluded on a high note with cheerful dancing. Byculla's Christmas celebration was a perfect blend of laughter, sharing, and festive joy, leaving everyone in high spirits.

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# A JOURNEY THROUGH FAITH AND HERITAGE: VISITING THE KENESETH ELIAHOO SYNAGOGUE





A special and unique immersive experience of heritage, culture, culinary delights, and history! It was beautifully curated with great thought and detail.

On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we experienced beauty, an understanding of Jewish Indian culture, architectural excellence, and cuisine at one of the oldest gems in Bombay then, and Mumbai now, on the occasion of Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights.

We had the wonderful privilege of the Consul General of Israel, Kobbi Shoshani, gracing the event with his presence despite his commitments. Our host, Solomon Sopher, Chairman and Managing Director of the Sir Jacob Sassoon Trust, whose presence exuded wisdom and warmth, honoured his commitment to the Rotary Club of Bombay despite his ill health and welcomed us all. His address on the history of the synagogue and the significance of the Jewish community of Bombay was enriching. It was an enlightening journey into the rich tapestry of Jewish culture and spirituality in India. He spoke of King David's plea to God for his people: "Wisdom, wisdom, wisdom."

Hazha guided us through the details of the synagogue's structure, customs, and the significance of various festivals. An extraordinary moment was witnessing the Torah and a reading using the Yad, or reading pointer, to ensure an ordered reading. The prayer recitation was a divine moment.

The event's attendance exceeded expectations, with an astounding fifty-six members. The original numbers envisaged were around thirty, but due to unprecedented demand, additional seats were made available. We enjoyed a sumptuous Baghdadi Jewish dinner featuring an array of thoughtfully curated items reflecting the community's traditions.

This visit not only deepened our understanding of Jewish culture but also reinforced the importance of cherishing and preserving Mumbai's multicultural heritage.

The Keneseth Eliyahoo Synagogue, the second-oldest Sephardic synagogue in Mumbai, was constructed in 1884. It was designed by British Bombay-based architects Gostling and Morris, built in the classical revival style, and financed by the Sassoon family, prominent philanthropists of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Bombay.

Nestled in the bustling Kala Ghoda area, this striking sky-blue structure is one of the most prominent landmarks of Mumbai's Jewish heritage. Its stunning decorative interiors feature Victorian stained-glass windows and rich Burmese teakwood furnishings and staircase. The building continues to function as a synagogue and remains the centre of Jewish cultural and religious life in Mumbai.

The resurrection of the 'Blue Synagogue,' as Keneseth is popularly known, brings back a strong flavour of Mumbai's 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century economic and socio-cultural history. The synagogue was restored beautifully with the support of Sangita Jindal of the JSW Foundation.

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The Rotary Club of Bombay is conducting a pioneering initiative that hopes to eradicate adult illiteracy and promote adult education across India. We aim 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.

Completion of our 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!

In January 2024, Rotary Club of Bombay hosted our very first Golf Fundraiser for this cause and

we raised over INR 1 Crore thanks to our amazing patrons for helping us change the world.

Boosted by the stupendous success of the previous Golf Fundraiser, we are back with the second edition of our golfing tournament which is bigger, grander and spread over two editions in two different cities over two days – Anand Rathi Wealth Golf Classic 2025 in Pune on 11th January, 2025 and Phillip Capital Golf Challenge 2025 in Mumbai on 12th January, 2025.

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Thank you for your time, consideration, and support.

Warm Regards

Yours Sincerely,  
Satyan Israni  
President



# JOYOUS CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL AT CCI FOR BY STUDENTS

December is a much-awaited month for Mumbaikars, not just for its festive spirit but also for the pleasant weather it brings. The cool and refreshing days offer a welcome respite from the sultry Mumbai heat. For the students of Bhavishya Yaan, however, December holds special significance. It's the time when they eagerly anticipate one of the most exciting events of the year: the famous Christmas Carnival at the Cricket Club of India (CCI).

The buzz and excitement among BY students starts in November, as they begin to countdown the days to the carnival. Every year, the anticipation grows as the event draws nearer, and no one wants to miss out on the fun. The students' enthusiasm is palpable, and they are always on their best behaviour, eagerly awaiting this thrilling event.

Each year, approximately 1000 BY students from various centres such as Byculla, Colaba, GKMarg, NM Joshi, and Prabhadevi are given the privilege of enjoying the Christmas Carnival at CCI. Organised by the ever-dedicated Rotarian Suresh Agarwal, the carnival is a highlight of the BY programme, and this year, like every other year, was no exception. The event took place over three days: the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> of December.

Busloads of excited students, accompanied by their equally enthusiastic teachers, arrived at CCI, ensuring they reached the venue on time to fully enjoy their designated time slots. As the buses pulled into the grounds, the students wasted no time running towards the exciting rides awaiting them. Teachers, though just as excited, followed closely behind to ensure the students' safety while letting them enjoy the fun to the fullest.

CCI was beautifully adorned in festive Christmas colours of red and green, creating a warm, inviting atmosphere. The venue was filled with bright, colourful rides, a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and stalls offering a variety of treats. This year, some new rides were added to the carnival, much to the delight of the children. Popular attractions included the Harness Trampoline, Fun Fire Truck, Pin Wheel, Merry-Go-Round, Carnival Bouncy, Fun Blast, and Inflated Bouncing Adventure. Not to be missed were the ever-popular Candy Floss and Popcorn stalls.

After enjoying a range of exciting rides and indulging in breaks for candy floss and popcorn, the students gathered near the stage for another exciting feature—Santa! This year, a new addition to the event was the “Greet and Meet Santa” session, where students had the chance to take photos with Santa and receive Christmas chocolates as gifts. The sound of lively music filled the air, and both students and teachers danced to their hearts' content near the stage, adding to the festive joy.

As the day progressed, the students were treated to a delicious spread of snacks, including sandwiches, vegetable patties, cupcakes, juice, and ice cream, which replenished their energy for more fun. And just when they thought it couldn't get any better, it was time for the much-anticipated goodies bag at the exit gate. Each student received a bag filled with essential items like a water bottle, tiffin box, compass box, and stationery.

The carnival may have come to an end, but the smiles on the faces of the students as they boarded their buses to return were priceless. As the year 2024 drew to a close, the hope for next year's carnival was already on the horizon, bringing with it more joy and excitement for the BY students.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Sureshji for bringing this immense joy to BY students year after year, making the Christmas Carnival a treasured event for all.





# CHILD WELFARE COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS AT CCI

Rtn. Suresh Agrawal truly embodied the spirit of Christmas by spreading joy among over 1,200 children supported by RCB's various initiatives. At a lively carnival held at the CCI, children from projects like Lighthouse and Salaam Baalak, supported by CWC, celebrated Christmas in an unforgettable way.

The event was packed with games catering to every child's interests, ensuring no one was left out of the festivities. The high point of the celebration was a surprise visit from Santa Claus, who brought along delightful chocolate cookies, sparking immense excitement among the children.

What made the occasion even more special was Rtn. Suresh Agrawal's thoughtful gesture of giving a return gift to each child, leaving them beaming with happiness. His generosity and dedication turned the event into a magical experience, leaving a lasting impact on the children and reinforcing the essence of the season.





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# INNER WHEEL CLUB: OCTOBER DAYS TO REMEMBER

- October brought meaningful celebrations and impactful initiatives, showcasing creativity, compassion, and care.

## Celebrating Older Persons' Creativity

- On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the International Day of Older Persons, a heartwarming craft session was held at Parukh Dharamsala, a home for the elderly. Sarla Kothari, a spirited 91-year-old art enthusiast, led the session on crafting paper lanterns. With simple folds, imaginative cut-outs, and a touch of glitter, participants created radiant lanterns. Club members assisted, fostering an atmosphere of warmth and joy. The elderly participants, including men, were thrilled to explore their creativity. Sarla's inspiring energy proved that age is no barrier to artistic expression.



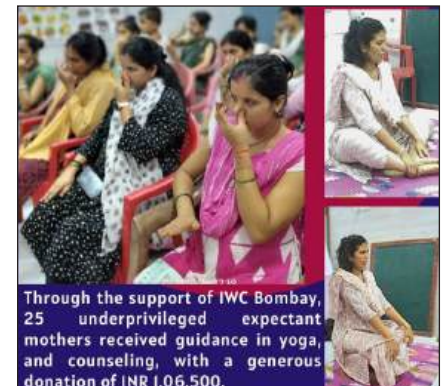
## Music for Mental Health

- On 10th October, World Mental Health Day, a music session was conducted at SPJ Sadhana School, Peddar Road, for children with special needs. Singing brought smiles and uplifted spirits, emphasising music's therapeutic power in promoting mental well-being and joy.



## Supporting Maternal Health

- India faces significant maternal and child health challenges. To address these, the club collaborated with the Bhavyata Foundation to support 25 underprivileged expectant mothers. These women received guidance on physical health, emotional balance, and self-care during pregnancy. Each was provided with a grocery kit containing almonds, raisins, jaggery, roasted chana, brown chickpeas, khichdi dal, and wheat flour, ensuring essential nutrition for themselves and their unborn children.
- These October initiatives highlighted the club's dedication to fostering creativity, mental health, and maternal wellness.





## NMJ SCHOOL - BHAVISHYA YAAN PARENT TEACHER MEETING

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, a Parent Teacher Meeting was held at NMJ School for the parents of students from classes 5 to 9. The meeting was divided into two sessions: Session 1 for classes 5, 6, and 7 from 10 am to 11 am, and Session 2 for classes 8 and 9 from 11 am to 12 pm.

Rtn. Ptn. Jaya Prasad opened the meeting by addressing the parents and sharing insights from the Literature Festival held in November-December. She highlighted the tremendous benefits the students gained in public speaking, showcasing increased confidence and their ability to face audiences. The festival, which included games, prizes, and a grand finale featuring music, dance, and drama, also focused on learning about Rabindranath Tagore and Bengal's rich culture. Videos of the festival, showcasing students performing with fluency and confidence, were shown to the parents, who watched with great interest and pride.

Rtn. Ptn. Jaya also emphasised the importance of attending Bhavishya

Yaan classes, explaining how they would help improve English language skills and equip students with valuable computer skills. She mentioned that Bhavishya Yaan also offered Life Skills classes, contributing to students' overall personality development. After the SSC exams, Bhavishya Yaan students undergo finishing school, mentorship, and are provided with scholarships for high performance. Additionally, internships and career support are offered, with financial assistance available for those maintaining a 70% or higher score.

The meeting also touched on the school's commitment to student nutrition, with fruits and biscuits provided during long school hours. Two ex-students shared their positive experiences with Bhavishya Yaan, highlighting the ongoing support they received. Teachers spoke about the importance of punctuality and attendance, and the upcoming CCI party was also discussed. The meeting concluded with Rtn. Ptn. Jaya Prasad thanking the parents for their attendance and support.



## Christmas Cheer Through Meditation and Kindness at G. K. Marg



At G. K. Marg Municipal Secondary School in Lower Parel, Mumbai, an inspiring one-hour storytelling workshop was conducted by Sarita Shetty, a certified Parenting Life Coach, professional storyteller, writer, and trainer. Titled "The Little Star and the First Christmas," the session engaged 48 primary children in a blend of joy, creativity, and personal growth.

The workshop began with interactive games, which filled the room with laughter and active participation. Sarita then narrated the heartwarming story of a little star's journey to self-discovery, highlighting themes of courage and the importance of shining one's own light. With catchy jingles and fun body movements, the children were kept captivated throughout the session.

The experience concluded with the singing of "Silent Night" and an "I Am Special" meditation, which encouraged the children to recognise and appreciate their unique strengths. The children then created their own Christmas trees adorned with a little star, symbolising themselves.

Through open-ended questions, the children shared their acts of kindness, mirroring the little star's journey. Responses included helping an old man cross the road, assisting their mothers with errands, and offering support to teachers. This beautiful session instilled the spirit of Christmas through storytelling, kindness, and reflection, leaving a lasting impact on the young participants.





## BY RAISING AWARENESS: SPARSH SESSIONS ON CHILD SAFETY

The Inner Wheel Club of Bombay, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Bombay under the Bhavishya Yaan Project, successfully conducted five impactful sessions on Sparsh – Protection of Children from Sexual Abuse at N. M. Joshi Secondary Municipal School. This initiative was made possible through the dedicated efforts of Rtn. Ptn. Jaya, who coordinated closely with the school authorities to implement this significant programme.

The sessions were led by Zainab Lokhandwalla from the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay, beginning on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. This first session catered to 68 students from classes 2, 3, and 4, featuring an engaging talk and an audio-visual presentation.

On Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, two consecutive sessions were held for 72 students from classes 5, 6, and 7. Inner Wheel Club member Ashwini Vernekar provided additional insights in Marathi, ensuring clarity for the students. Fellow member Niloufer Vazifdar was also present to lend her support.

The final sessions took place on Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, focusing on senior students from classes 8 and 9. Led by Pooja Kothari, the Sparsh Zone 1 Coordinator of Inner Wheel District 314, these sessions reached 40 students, who actively engaged with the discussions.

Despite the sensitive nature of the topic, the students demonstrated tremendous interest and interaction, leaving the organisers deeply gratified. Their enthusiasm reaffirmed the importance and value of these sessions.

The programme was further strengthened by the assistance of Ms Lima, Ms Nisreen, Ms Nikita, Ms Alka, Ms Mayuri, and Ms Rita Menon, whose efforts ensured smooth execution.

We look forward to future opportunities to propagate awareness of this critical issue, empowering children to safeguard themselves and fostering a safer environment for all.



## BY NM JOSHI SCHOOL: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS CONTINUES...

After the excitement of the Cricket Club of India Carnival on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, where students enjoyed thrilling rides, dancing, singing with Santa, and received snacks and gifts, the mood was set for the Christmas season. The festive spirit was already in full swing at NMJ School, as the BY students had been busy engaging in various Christmas-themed art and craft activities, such as making snowmen, bells, stars, and figures for a nativity scene.

On the December 23<sup>rd</sup>, students continued their Christmas preparations by decorating their classrooms with a beautiful Christmas tree, a complete nativity scene, and vibrant posters celebrating the festive season. Videos showcasing the Christmas story were played, and the students joyfully sang Christmas songs, further immersing themselves in the holiday spirit.

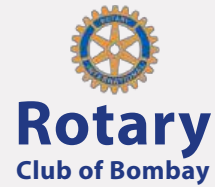
On Christmas Eve, the December 24<sup>th</sup>, the children celebrated Christmas in school with much excitement and enthusiasm. The day began with teachers playing games with the students, creating a fun-filled atmosphere of joy and laughter. The winners of the games were announced and cheered on, adding to the festive excitement.

The celebration continued with a screening of the heartwarming movie Toy Story, which the students thoroughly enjoyed.

After a day filled with games, songs, and a delightful movie, the children went home with a joyous sense of Christmas and memories they will cherish forever. It was a perfect way to usher in the Christmas season, spreading happiness and festive cheer throughout the school.



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## INTERACT CLUB OF SIR J.J. GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, the Rotary Club of Bombay, in collaboration with PETA India, hosted an engaging session featuring Elle, Asia's first robotic educational elephant. Organised by Ms Waheeda Shaikh, the event aimed to raise awareness about animal welfare and was attended by approximately 1,100 students from Sir J.J. Girls' High School, Sett R.J.J. Primary School, and Sir J.J. Boys' School.

Held in the AV Room from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, the session highlighted the challenges faced by animals due to human actions. Meenakshi Narang, PETA India's Children's Project Coordinator, led the interactive session. Elle shared her story, explaining her rescue from a circus where she endured abuse and injuries. Students learned about empathy and were encouraged to avoid circuses with performing animals, refrain from animal rides, and spread the message to others.

The session ended with a vote of thanks and memorable photos with Elle.



## MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT

|                            |   |        |
|----------------------------|---|--------|
| Director                   | Rtn. Renu Basu                                  |        |
| Committee chair/co-chair   | Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala / Rtn. Reema Damani |        |
| Name of the Committee      | Cotton Green                                    |        |
| Patients visited / treated |   | Dec-24 |
| COTTON GREEN               | HOMEOPATHY                                      | 411    |
|                            | DENTAL OPD                                      | 274    |
|                            | OPHTHALMIC OPD                                  | 119    |
|                            | PAEDIATRICS OPD                                 | 63     |
|                            | GENERAL OPD                                     | 160    |
|                            | PATHOLOGY LAB                                   | 22     |
|                            | ECG   | 4      |
| TOTAL                      |   | 1053   |

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Director                   | Rtn. Renu Basu                      |        |
| Committee chair/co-chair   | Rtn. Mihir Mody / Rtn. Meera Alreja |        |
| Name of the Committee      | RCB Medical Centre, Talwada         |        |
| Patients visited / treated |                                     | Dec-24 |
| PRVEC                      | OPHTHALMIC OPD                      | 1279   |
|                            | SPECT GIVE DURING THE MONTH         | 107    |
|                            | OPERATIONS                          | 67     |
|                            | THE PATIENT KEPT FOR TREATMENT      | 8      |
|                            | IOL                                 | 64     |
|                            | YAG LASER                           | 13     |
|                            | GREEN LASER                         | --     |
|                            | KERATOPLASTY                        | --     |
| TOTAL                      |                                     | 1538   |
| ADMC                       | GENERAL OPD                         | 1385   |
|                            | DENTAL OPD                          | 88     |
|                            | PEDIATRIC OPD                       | 30     |
|                            | PATHOLOGY LAB                       | 71     |
|                            | TB PATIENTS                         | --     |
|                            | TOTAL                               | 1574   |

# JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025: JEHANGIR SORABJEE ON WELLNESS AND THE RIGHT APPROACH TO A LONG LIFE

Dr Jehangir Sorabjee is a distinguished physician, educator, and author with a career spanning over three decades. A graduate of Grant Medical College with an MBBS and MD in Internal Medicine, he honed his expertise in the UK, earning his MRCP (UK) and DTM&H (London) before returning to India in 1991. Currently, he serves as Hon. Professor of Medicine and Head of the Department at Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences, where he has mentored over 30 MD students. An expert in Infectious Diseases, Dr Sorabjee has contributed significantly to HIV care and therapeutics, lecturing widely and authoring numerous academic publications. He was honoured with an FRCP (London) at just 40 and is the Honorary Physician to the Governor of Maharashtra. Beyond medicine, Dr Sorabjee is a celebrated aerial photographer. His book Above Bombay (2006) has been featured in exhibitions worldwide, including the Venice Biennale and Tate Modern. He is now completing a narrative history of Bombay. Active in the Baha'i community, he chairs the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Mumbai and serves on various charitable trusts, blending his passions for heritage, service, and community building.



## ROTARIAN MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY 8  
Rtn. Rhea  
Bhumgara



JANUARY 9  
Rtn. Rajan  
Gupta



JANUARY 9  
Rtn. Hoshang  
Nazir



JANUARY 10  
Rtn. Reema  
Damani



JANUARY 10  
Rtn. Mahesh  
Goenka



JANUARY 11  
PP Dr. Adi  
Dastur



JANUARY 11  
Rtn. P V Ramana  
Murthy



JANUARY 13  
Rtn. Jai  
Advani



JANUARY 13  
Rtn. Sheila  
Bulchandani



JANUARY 13  
Rtn. Pranay  
Vakil

## ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 9  
Rtn. Ptn. Vaidehi Dhoot

JANUARY 9  
Rtn. Ptn. Karishma  
Sharman

JANUARY 9  
Rtn. Ptn. Swati Rajgarhia

JANUARY 13  
Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Sheth

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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George

JANUARY 7  
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President Satyan Israni

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Dr. Mirza Asad Karim Khan

JANUARY 8  
Rtn. Ptn. Geetu & Rtn.  
Ramon Kirpalaney

JANUARY 9  
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Farhat Jamal

JANUARY 9  
Rtn. Ptn. Zainab & Rtn.  
Arif Lokhandwalla

JANUARY 10  
Rtn. Ptn. Kavita & Rtn.  
Kamal Bulchandani

JANUARY 10  
Rtn. Ptn. Niloufer & Rtn.  
Hormazdiyaar Vakil

JANUARY 12  
Rtn. Ptn. Rittu & Rtn.  
Nikhil Bhatia

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