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Celebrating 96 Years of Service

This Tuesday, Dec 9th

Rotary Club of Bombay Annual
General Meeting

UPCOMING

December 12th, 7.30 pm

Christmas Dinner hosted by
Ms. Anita Parekh, PE Manish and
Rtn. Ptn. Rakhee Reshamwala and
PN Vineet and Rtn. Ptn. Rinku
Suchanti

December 13th

Inauguration at Pimpurna Village

December 16th, Tuesday Meeting



Rotary Club of Bombay Social
Service Award to **HT Parekh
Foundation**; **Ms. Ziaa Lalkaka** will
accept the award



Rotary Club of Bombay Arvind Jolly
Award for Excellence in Sports to
Ms. Jiya Rai

December 17th

Charity art exhibition: When Light
Touches, Dr. Zirak Marker

December 20th, 11 am

Inauguration of 3 floors of the New
Dharamshala



Rtn. Vita Dani: Good afternoon, everyone. Our guest today is a man whose stories have made us laugh, think, and reflect — sometimes all three at the same time. Of course, you've heard enough about 'Gandhi, My Father', 'Tumhari Amrita', 'Dekh Tamasha Dekh', and 'From Nation to Civilization' — I can go on and on. But today is not about anything else but him and his work. Feroz has agreed to come here, which he never does, so thank you, Feroz, for this special appearance. It's such a pleasure to have you here. You've told so many stories about the heart of India, and we'd love to hear more about the story of the storyteller.

So, let's start with your personal journey. You set out to go to Germany for further studies — what happened?

Actually, honestly, this is the first time I'm doing something like this because it's rather

narcissistic and very self-centred to talk about yourself. So I would, with due respect, not talk about myself but about the work that perhaps I have done. Because when you do your work, that's something that instructs you in life — you get from your work, and the work gets from you.

My journey, to put it briefly: I would have been an accountant. I had graduated from Narsee Monjee College and was going to do my CA. I did two years of articleship and handled public issues as well. That was the life chosen for me.

However, somewhere along the line, I must thank Mrs. Jennifer Kapoor. I met her at Prithvi Theatre when it was just coming up. I started as an actor, and some of the productions caught her attention. She said I should be doing more work in theatre. That's when I abandoned everything and took a journey

into completely uncharted territory.

When family members asked what I did, and I said "Theatre", they would say, "That's fine, but what else?" Because saying you do theatre is unacceptable in our society — they see poverty, destitution, irresponsibility. But after graduation, I tried to become a chartered accountant, dropped out, wanted to go to the USA to do an MBA — that also failed. Prithvi Theatre was just coming up, so I got very involved with it.

I became the first festival director; Jennifer and I started the Prithvi Theatre Festival. In between, I worked for a corporate house and handled two huge public issues because I needed to make some money. Then I abandoned everything and joined Prithvi Theatre fully. After the first festival, we learnt that Jennifer was suffering from terminal cancer. The family felt I



should take care of the theatre, so one thing led to another — I became the artistic head of Prithvi Theatre.

Those were heavy days. Eventually, I had to choose between making a lot of money and being happy. I decided that if I could just make enough to live comfortably, I would pursue my passion. My first major production — actually the third play, but the one that changed everything — was Tumhari Amrita with Shabana Azmi and Farooq Shaikh.

It had a terrible beginning. During the technical rehearsal, eight out of ten people went to sleep. I thought it would be a huge disaster. Only Javed Akhtar said otherwise, that it was bad today, but would be great during the show, and that brought some comfort. Then Tumhari Amrita became history. That's when I decided to become a full-time director.

Talking about working with legends, Anupam Kher, Shabana Azmi, Farooq Shaikh, Naseeruddin Shah and so many others, what's the secret to bringing out the best in performers who already have such rich legacies? How do you do it so effortlessly?

Most of the big names you mentioned, Naseeruddin Shah, Anupam Kher, Shabana Azmi, Farooq Shaikh, Satish Kaushik, Seema Biswas, Boman Irani, and many others, were fundamentally theatre people. My rule with them was clear: when you come to rehearsals, you enter as actors. The star persona must be left outside.

Theatre cannot work without discipline. You have to be on time, rehearse, and work long hours. If you bring the ego of a star, it won't work. A star comes with paraphernalia — assistants, support staff. I said there would be none of that. They would work as they did when they first came to theatre.

They were paid for their market value, but in rehearsals they were actors. If they ever slipped, I reminded them. My aim was to create a performance they had not given before. I pushed them. When you're very famous, everyone praises you, and you stop getting a reality check. The actor diminishes because they lose insecurity — and an actor must embrace insecurity and uncertainty. If you feel you know everything, that's the beginning of the end.

So, I pushed even the best actors to a place they had not gone before. That's where the best work comes from.

Let me share something that happened around 2008. We were about to see 'Gandhi, My Father' before its release, as critics. We watched it at about 1:00 in the morning and asked Feroz if he would do another screening for our friends a few days later. Much to my delight, he said, "Of course". That is his humility. But talking about 'Gandhi, My Father' — it gives such a powerful human portrait of not only Gandhiji but also his son. What drew you to that emotional core? And did it change how you personally looked at family, ambition, forgiveness, or the messages of Gandhiji?

Before 'Gandhi, My Father' the film, some of you know I had done a play called Mahatma vs Gandhi. So I was familiar with the terrain. I had travelled a lot in South Africa, where Gandhi is still very alive. We pay a lot of lip service here, but abroad, especially in South Africa, there is extraordinary reverence. Nelson Mandela famously said, "You gave us a barrister, and we gave you a Mahatma."

Some of the things Gandhi did in South Africa were extraordinary. I met people close to Mandela and people who continue Gandhi's legacy there. The play came about when I met members of the Gandhi family

and others. With Gandhi, the problem is that there is either hagiography or undiluted hatred. We are ideologically skewed — Gandhi is seen as either flawless or entirely flawed. The truth lies somewhere in between.

Gandhi was not Gandhi from day one. If you watch David Attenborough's film, you see a great man from the beginning. But great men evolve. He was an ordinary person. He was, in fact, a very bad lawyer when he came to Bombay. He went to South Africa not even as a practising lawyer but as a translator for a Gujarati family dispute.

In South Africa, he saw apartheid. He himself, being from a then-British colony, was not treated as badly as the African population. But as he saw discrimination, he kept improvising himself. Gandhi became Gandhi through a process. Many things he said or did can be controversial or unpalatable, but you must look at him holistically. All the tools of protest he used in India were first experimented with in South Africa.

His family life, however, was troubled. His relationship with his first son was very difficult. He was only 18 when he became a father. There is a very interesting Gujarati biography of Harilal Gandhi, Gandhi Ek Dukhadatma (English version titled "Mahatma Vs Gandhi").

It was important for me to know what happened to Gandhi. I wanted to humanise Gandhi — make him real and accessible — without damaging the idea of Gandhi. The heart of 'Gandhi, My Father' is the conflict between a parent's values and a child's aspirations. Gandhi was a loving father, but when his values were challenged, he stood firm.

I wasn't making a museum piece. I was telling a contemporary story. Because standing up for your values is very difficult. Lecturing others is easy; but living your values — that's where Gandhi was different from others.

You've spent decades creating stories that touch everyone's hearts, from 'Gandhi, My Father' to 'Mughal-E-Azam'. What is it about theatre — the magic of theatre — that keeps you coming back?

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Rtn. Prof. Dr. Cyres K. Mehta Honoured at SOI Congress in Rome

On November 29th, 2025, Rtn. Prof. Dr. Cyres K. Mehta delivered the prestigious Benedetto Strampelli Medal Lecture of the Società Oftalmologica Italiana at the SOI Congress in Rome, held at the Rome Cavalieri Waldorf Astoria. This distinguished keynote,

one of the highest honours in Italian ophthalmology, recognised his exceptional contributions to the field.

Dr. Mehta's lecture focused on managing complications in hard cataracts and complex surgical

situations, further reinforcing his reputation as a global pioneer in refractive and cataract innovation. His recognition at this international platform stands as a proud moment for the Rotary Club of Bombay.



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TUESDAY MEETINGS AT ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



Rotarians Ish Rungta (Satellite Club) and Paritosh Rungta



Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, President Bimal Mehta, guest speaker Feroz Abbas Khan, Rtn. Rina Deora, PP Dr. Mukesh Batra and Rtn. Ajai Kumar



Rtn. Sabira Merchant, guest speaker Feroz Abbas Khan, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Rajyalakshmi Rao Meka



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Guest speaker Feroz Abbas Khan, Rtn. Ujjwala Singhanian, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Rtn. Rajyalakshmi Rao Meka, Rtn. Anushka Jagtiani and Rtn. Hita Tolia



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Rotarians Meher Vakil Taff, Dr. Sharukh Golwalla and PP Shernaz Vakil



PP Ramesh Narayan, Rotarians Rina Deora and Alok Sekhsaria



Hon. Secy. Rtn. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala Jatia, Rtn. Ashok Jaita, President Bimal Mehta and Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala





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12.12.2025 | 7:30 PM ONWARDS

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A Curated Art Encounter: RCB at Art Mumbai 2025

Art Mumbai 2025 formally partnered with the Museum and Contemporary Art Committee of the Rotary Club of Bombay, extending exclusive VIP viewing invitations to 30 members on November 14th, 2025. Members were also invited to the special opening celebrations held on November 13th at Snowball Studios and on November 14th at the Rusi House Anthology.

Many Rotarians expressed interest in attending Art Mumbai, and upon request, the Art Mumbai team generously provided additional invitations. Considering that each VIP pass is typically priced at approximately Rs. 7,000, the total value of all invitations exceeded Rs. 2,00,000 — a cost that was fully waived by Art Mumbai in a remarkable gesture of support and partnership.

As part of this collaboration, Art Mumbai organised a specially curated VIP private tour conducted in association with Art and Wonderment, who graciously acknowledged both the Rotary Club of Bombay and the Museum and Contemporary Art Committee during the walkthrough. The tour offered members an enriching experience, with guided insights into contemporary artworks, artistic practices and the broader cultural landscape.

Committee members and Rotarians who attended have shared enthusiastic feedback, praising the quality of the event and the thoughtful curation. This partnership not only strengthened RCB's engagement with the city's vibrant art ecosystem but also provided members with an exceptional cultural experience.



Legal Rights Programme for Tribal Women and Village Communities

On November 21st, 2025, the Rotary Club of Bombay's Legal Aid and Awareness Committee conducted a powerful and far-reaching legal awareness programme at Ausarkar Complex in Vikramgad. Designed to empower tribal women and rural communities with essential knowledge of their legal rights, the initiative marked one of the Committee's most impactful outreach efforts of the year.

The programme brought together three significant legal and human rights authorities: the Maharashtra State Human Rights Commission, the Mumbai District Legal Services Authority, and the Maharashtra State Commission for Women. Members of Diganta Swaraj also collaborated in facilitating the event. The session was attended by Rtn. Tahera Mandviwala, Chair of the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee, representatives of each participating organisation, and more than 150 community members from surrounding villages.

The objective of the project was clear: to provide free, accessible legal education to communities that often lack exposure to such resources. The programme aimed to strengthen understanding of human rights,

constitutional safeguards and welfare schemes; equip women with knowledge of protection laws; and bridge the gap between rural citizens and statutory authorities.

The State Human Rights Commission led the first session, offering an overview of fundamental human rights, mechanisms for grievance redressal, and step-by-step guidance on filing human rights complaints. Their emphasis on recognising and reporting violations resonated strongly with the audience.

The District Legal Services Authority followed with a practical session on legal aid entitlements, procedural awareness, and how individuals can access free legal services. This was particularly valuable for participants who were unaware that they were eligible for government-supported legal assistance.

The Maharashtra State Commission for Women concluded the programme with an engaging discussion centred on gender-based violence, sexual harassment, marital rights, and child protection laws. Using real-life examples, the speakers explained inheritance rights, domestic violence remedies and the importance of

timely reporting. They also shared helpline numbers, welfare schemes and protection mechanisms available to women and children.

All sessions were conducted in Hindi and Marathi to ensure complete accessibility. Participants actively engaged with the speakers, raising personal queries and seeking guidance on legal concerns. The interactive nature of the programme allowed attendees not only to learn about their rights but to receive practical, immediately applicable advice.

The overwhelmingly positive feedback from participants underscored how rare and valuable such direct engagement with legal authorities is in remote areas. For many tribal women and villagers, this was their first opportunity to have their questions answered directly by experts.

This initiative stands as a testament to RCB's commitment to empowering marginalised communities through knowledge and access to justice. By collaborating with respected legal institutions, the Legal Aid and Awareness Committee has taken a meaningful step toward creating informed, confident and rights-aware rural populations.



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PIMPURNA VILLAGE

SATURDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2025

INAUGURATION ITINERARY



6:30 am - Departure from Bandra Worli Sea Link Toll Nak - [Link](#)
9:00 am - Arrival at Shree Dutt Snacks, Manor - [Link](#)
9:30 am - Departure from Shree Dutt Snacks
11:30 am - Arrival at Pimpurna and Traditional Village welcome - [Link](#)
11:45 am - Visit to Z.P. School Pimpurna
12:00 pm : Visit to Community Center and interaction with villagers and light refreshment.
1:00 pm - Departure from Pimpurna

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President Bimal Mehta & The Rotary Club of Bombay is delighted to invite you to A Charity Art Exhibition

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PREVIEW
17 DECEMBER 2025 WEDNESDAY

TIME
5.00 PM 9.00 PM

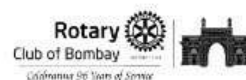
A curated walkthrough by Art Historian Nikhil Purohit with artist Zirak Marker

A collaboration of Museum & Contemporary Art Committee & Animal Welfare Committee of RCB (50% of the sales will go towards welfare for animal and child care organisation affiliated to RCB.)

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Exhibition continues till 30 December, 2025
(Sunday Open)
Time 10.00 AM- 7.00 PM

Venue
The Lobby
Free Press House, Free Press Journal Marg,
215, Nariman Point Mumbai - 400 021



Acrylic on Canvas 20" x 16"

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY DIALYSIS CENTRES



Sr.No.	Centre / Location	Address	No. of Machines	Charges for Poor Patients
1	Aastha Hospital, Manor	First Floor, Rais Arcade, Palghar-Wada Road, Manor District Palghar 401403	3	Free
2	Platinum Hospital, Mulund	Neptune Colorscape, Dumping Rd, Siddharth Nagar, Mulund West, Mumbai 400080	2	Free
3	Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar (Rotary Dialysis Centre)	Lokmanya Tilak Rd, Mhatre Wadi, Dahisar West, Mumbai 400068	2	800
4	Shatabdi Hospital, Govandi (Rehbar Foundation)	Rehbar Foundation Malik Rakia Khatoon Dialysis Centre, 1st Flr. Shatabdi Hospital, Centenary Building, WTP Marg, Deonar, Govandi East, Mumbai 400088	3	Free
5	Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali	Swami Vivekananda Rd, Kandivali, Fateh Baug, Kandivali West, Mumbai 400067	2	Free
6	Samarpan Dialysis & Thalassemia Centre, Ghatkopar	Aaradhya Edu-Health Centre, , H-wing, 3rd Flr., Aaradya One Earth, Naidu Colony, Pant Nagar, Ghatkopar East, Mumbai 400077	14	300
7	Lifeline Medicare Hospital, Charkop	Near Rustomjee Meridian, Charkop Gaon / Village, Kandivali West, Mumbai, 400067	10	300
8	Dr. M.L. Dhawale Memorial Trust Hospital, Palghar	Boisar Rd, Opp. S.T Workshop, Industrial Co-Op Estate, Palghar 401404	3	250
9	K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion, Mumbai	Somaiya Ayurvihar, Eastern Express Hwy, Sion East, Mumbai 400022	10	Free
10	Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri East, Mumbai	316 B-Wing, Dattani Plaza, near Safed Pool, Sakinaka, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri(East), Mumbai 400072	10	Free
11	Mallika Hospital, Jogeshwari	Sharma Estate, S V Road, Jogeshwari west, Mumbai Maharashtra 400102	4	Free
12	Rotary Yoda Dialysis Centre, Symbiosis University Hospital & Research Centre, Pune	Building #1, Mulshi Rd, Lavale, Pune 412115, Maharashtra	8	Free
13	Swami Shraddhanand Hospital, Vasai	Near Shankaracharya Samadhi Mandir Navale, Nirmal, Vasai (W, Vasai-Virar, Maharashtra 401304	6	Free
14	Adhikari Lifeline Hospital, Boisar	Adhikari Lifeline Hospital, Nagzari, Boisar	9	Free
15	Galaxy Superspeciality Hospital, Mulund	CTS No. 1124, Ambedkar Nagar, 90 Feet Road, Mulund East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400081	2	Free

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A NEW DAWN OF INNOVATION IN DAHANU

Rotary Club of Bombay launches its 4th ITIL (IT Innovation Lab) & CFLC

Where Technology Meets Rural Imagination — and Young Minds Learn to Dream in 3D

On November 30th, 2025, the Rotary Club of Bombay inaugurated its state-of-the-art ITIL (IT Innovation Lab) and CFLC (full form) at K. L. Ponda High School, Dahanu, marking not just a new chapter — but a new era.

This is the fourth Innovation Lab in Rotary's digital mission after Palghar, Boisar and Wada — with the fifth already envisioned for 2026. What began as an idea has now evolved into a movement — a ripple of transformation spreading across Maharashtra.

The inauguration unfolded in the presence of distinguished Rotarians whose guidance and support have been pivotal to this mission. The ceremony was deeply honoured by the presence and blessings of ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agawalla and PP Vineet Bhatnagar — the visionary architects and driving forces behind the ITILs and CFLCs. Their commitment to empowering rural youth through technology and academic advancement stood as the spiritual centre of the occasion.

Adding ceremonial grandeur to the moment were President Bimal Mehta, PE Manish Reshamwala, PN Vineet Suchanti, Rotarians Akhil Sanghi, Piloo Aga, Paritosh Rungta, Miral Shah, along with IT Innovation Lab Co-Chairperson Rtn. Uday Sanghani, each signifying leadership, continuity and shared purpose.

We were further privileged to be joined

by our partner clubs, whose presence reflected unity in service. The Rotary Club of Dahanu, led by President Dipesh Bhari, graced the event in full strength. Also present were President Sagar Gharat representing the Rotary Club of Ulmora, and Mr. Shashank Thakkar representing the Rotary Club of Wada, together demonstrating the collective commitment to nurturing innovation across regions and generations. Rotarian Coordinator Bhagwan Patil, Assistant Governor Prashant Patil and District Secretary Amit Patil from the Rotary Club of Palghar, whose presence further elevated the occasion and reaffirmed district-wide support for the digital transformation movement.

A special note of gratitude is reserved for Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria, whose sponsorship of all the IT Innovation Labs and CFLC Centres has made it possible for thousands of rural children to step into a future they once could not imagine. His contribution is not merely financial — it is visionary. Each lab stands today as a living legacy of his belief that opportunity belongs to every child, regardless of geography or circumstance.

Inside this newly built ITIL, learning does not stop at theory. It sparks, powers on, prints, blinks and moves. Students work with Robotics, IoT (Internet of Things), 3D Design and 3D Printing — not as distant concepts, but as tools in their hands. They assemble circuits, write code, build structures layer by layer, and watch imagination emerge into reality on a glowing print bed.

Across Rotary's Innovation Centres in Palghar, Boisar, Wada and now Dahanu, over 8,000 students have stepped into this technological revolution. These young minds have collectively created 400+ innovations; 300 3D-printed models, 50 IoT applications, and over 50 robotics prototypes. Talent was always here, it only needed access.

ITIL Builds Skill

When Talent Meets Tools — Innovation Takes Birth

The inauguration ceremony was more than ribbon and applause. It was evidence — proof of what becomes possible when technology enters the lives of children who have never before touched it. Within hours, the answer was visible everywhere.

CFLC Builds Futures

Shaping Scholars, Makers & Leaders

Alongside the ITIL, the CFLC (Career Foundation Learning Centre) was inaugurated — a powerful academic bridge for students preparing for IIT-JEE and NEET. CFLC brings structured learning, mentoring and discipline to children who have brilliance but lacked access.

With both initiatives working hand-in-hand, Rotary is shaping innovators, scientists, doctors, technologists and community leaders.



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OPHTHALMIC OPD	1076
SPECTACLES GIVEN	102
OPERATIONS	46
PATIENT KEPT FOR TREATMENT	7
IOL	21
YAG LASER	-
GREEN LASER	-
KERATOPLASTY	-

TOTAL	1252
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RCB Medical Centre, Talwada

ADMC

GENERAL OPD	1467
DENTAL OPD	48
PEDIATRIC OPD	34
PATHOLOGY LAB	87
TB PATIENTS	24
GYNAECOLOGY	12

TOTAL	1672
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Cotton Green

HOMOEOPATHY	356
DENTAL OPD	320
OPHTHALMIC OPD	90
PAEDIATRICS OPD	38
GENERAL OPD	292
PATHOLOGY LAB	27
ECG	104

TOTAL	1227
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INTERACT COMMITTEE INSPIRES GREEN ACTION AT THE ST. AGNES SCHOOL



The Interact Club of St. Agnes Girls' High School undertook a thoughtful and impactful environmental initiative, reflecting the compassion and teamwork of its young members. Students from Grades 8 and 9 joined together with a shared purpose: to clean their surroundings and raise awareness about reducing plastic waste.

With commendable enthusiasm, the students collected 15 kilograms of plastic waste from the school premises and nearby areas. Their efforts not only contributed to reducing pollution but also encouraged their peers and the wider community to adopt more sustainable habits.

The initiative demonstrated the Interact Club's strong commitment to community service and environmental responsibility. Through this hands-on activity, students gained a deeper understanding of waste segregation, recycling, and mindful living.

This collective effort stands as a powerful reminder that meaningful change can begin with small steps — and that young changemakers can inspire an entire community towards a cleaner, greener future.

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- Progress tracking

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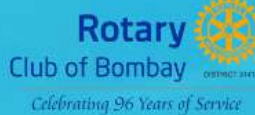
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- Dr. H.L. Chavale Memorial Trust Hospital, Palghar **(Subsidized)**
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CWC Brings Christmas Cheer to Mankhurd Centre

On December 4th, 2025, members of the Early Intervention Committee, Rtn. Dr. Viraj Sanghvi, Ms. Ami Narichania, Rtn. Niloufer Lam, Meher, and the author, accompanied by Sunny, visited the Mankhurd Centre for Early Intervention for neurodivergent children. The visit offered an opportunity to engage with the dedicated staff, children and their parents, while celebrating the festive season together.

The committee organised a special Christmas lunch for the children and their families, along with thoughtful gifts for every child. The team spent time reviewing the programme with the highly trained staff, discussing

ways to strengthen individualised routines. A key focus was exploring how children might receive additional time with the occupational therapist. Dr. Viraj immediately made calls to identify potential support through his professional network.

Meanwhile, the centre continued its invaluable work of teaching parents essential skills to support their children — children who, without such intervention, may not have received the specialised guidance they need to progress towards appropriate schooling. During the visit, the children were joyfully colouring and creating Santa portraits.

Christmas songs were sung around a cake as the children gathered excitedly. Snacks were distributed, enjoyed equally by children, parents and Rotarians. Special gifts and bubble cakes donated by Ami were then handed out, with each child coming forward to receive their present before heading home. A Biryani lunch, packed for families to share, added to the warmth of the celebration.

A touching moment was reconnecting with Afroze, a gentle young boy whose beautiful smile reminded the team of the profound impact empathy and consistent support can have on these young lives.

Thank you AWMH team for your valuable time you have spend with our children..to make them happierthis kind of events is very valuable for our children....most of the time we are not invited in gatherings...because of our children are hyper active...but AWMH center is working with lots of efforts to make our children more knowledgeable and happy go lucky..these kind of small or big celebrations give them a chance to know more about different cultures ...and keep their spirits high...thank you all of you...for your help and support...👍

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A heartfelt parent letter received afterwards reaffirmed the value of this meaningful visit.



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Dec 9
Rtn. Huzaifah
Bagasrawala



Dec 9
Rtn. Tara
Deshpande



Dec 10
PP Vikram
Kamdar



Dec 12
Rtn.
Hiranmay
Biswas



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December 9
• Rtn. Ptn. Subhabrata
Basu

December 10
• Rtn. Ptn. Shreelekha
Damani
• Rtn. Ptn. Niti Desai
• Rtn. Ptn. Shailaja Mogul

ANNIVERSARIES

December 9
• Rtn. Ptn. Miloni &
Rtn. Mehul Sampat
• Rtn. Ujjwala & Rtn.
Ptn. Akshay
Singhania

December 10
• Rtn. Amrita & Rtn.
Ptn. Rishabh Saraf

December 11
• Rtn. Ptn. Neeta &
Rtn. Sunish Anand
• Rtn. Ptn. Honey &
Rtn. Anil Harish
• Rtn. Ptn. Radha &
Rtn. Vishal Vora

December 12
• Rtn. Ptn. Kanan &
Rtn. Ravindra Fotedar
• Rtn. Ptn. Dipti &
Rtn. Mahesh Goenka

• Rtn. Ptn. Divyaa &
Rtn. Mayank Kumar
• Rtn. Ptn. Poonam &
Rtn. Ajit Surana

December 13
• Rtn. Ptn. Sudesh &
Rtn. Ramesh Dhir

December 14
• Rtn. Ptn. Swati & Hon.
Rtn. Ajay Piramal

December 15
• Rtn. Ptn. Dina &
Rtn. Dr. Sharukh
Golwalla
• Rtn. Swati & Rtn. Ptn.
Dr. Sandesh Mayekar
• Rtn. Ptn. Sandhya &
Rtn. Jaidev Merchant
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Rtn. Jairaj Purandare
• Rtn. Ptn. Arwa &
Rtn. Sameer Tapia

NEXT TUESDAY: Rotary Club of Bombay Social Service Award to the HT Parekh Foundation, with Ms. Ziaa Lalkaka accepting the award, and the Rotary Club of Bombay Arvind Jolly Award for Excellence in Sports to Ms. Jiya Rai



Ziaa Lalkaka is a Chartered Accountant with 30 years of experience across corporate finance, banking, and development. After roles at KPMG, ICICI, BNP Paribas, and the HDFC Group, she led the HT Parekh Foundation for a decade, driving major social investments and shaping impactful initiatives in education, healthcare, environment, and climate resilience.

Jiya Rai, a 16-year-old para swimmer with Autism Spectrum Disorder, is a world record-holding open-water athlete. She became the youngest and fastest female para swimmer to conquer the English Channel and the Palk Strait, earning major national and international awards, including the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar and the National Award of Disability.



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Dialysis	Swati Jajodia
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