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This Tuesday, May 5th

Rotary Club of Bombay Indira Suresh Kotak Award for Conflict Resolution through Mediation and Conciliation to Justice Akil Kureshi.

UPCOMING

May 9th, Saturday

Bhoomi Poojan Ceremony of the Gauri Vijaykumar Jatia Community Care Complex and the Vijaykumar Jatia Integrated Health Centre at **Vikramgad, Talwada.**

May 12th, Tuesday meeting



“What’s the Good Word?”, a lively vocabulary quiz hosted by Rtn. Sabira Merchant.

June 30th, Tuesday

Shukriya Nite.

July 7th, Tuesday

Installation Ceremony for Incoming President Manish Reshamwala and his Board of Directors.



KALPANA SHAM MUNSHI AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMING ARTS & CULTURE TO MR. ANUPAM KHER

Good afternoon. Thank you so much. To look important on an occasion like this, where I think people are more qualified than I am, I dressed up differently. I rarely wear a suit. I do not usually wear a suit in the daytime, but I spoke to Mr. Jamal. I said, “Jamal, what am I supposed to wear?” He said, “*Kuch bhi pehen lo.*” And then he took a little pause and said, “*Jacket jaroor pehen lena.*” That is the hotelier in him. First, he makes the guest comfortable, and then he sort of says, “This is what we need.”

I think it is a wonderful feeling. Also, this is not the right time to make a speech, because you have just finished your lunch and some of you are already suppressing your yawns. I am not here to give you any gyan. I always believe that people on this side of the town are much more qualified than people on that side of the town.

I never got more than 38% marks in my life. Never, in my whole education. I was also very bad at sports. In fact, once my PT teacher saw me running, he said, “Stop it. Even if you run alone, you will come second.”

But I will justify why I am here. So let us just play a small game that I play with my guests and my audience. How many of you got more than 60% marks in school? It is a stupid question to ask. The lady over there said, “Is

he an idiot? He is asking us this question.”

Okay, let us take it a little further. Remember that I got 38%. How many of you got more than 70% marks? Again, the same expression. What are you talking about? We live in South Bombay. How many of you got more than 75% marks?

Okay, you are still sitting in the audience, and I am standing here. So that justifies it. But I do not want to take away from the great achievements of your lives. I think I just lived life in a certain manner. I lived life on my own terms. God was kind, life was kind, that I could achieve whatever I have achieved, for the reason that I have been given this citation.

Earlier, there were only one or two very popular clubs. Rotary was one of them. I remember in Shimla, where I come from, the Rotary Club was very popular. I could never become a member of that. But now it is a great achievement that I am being honoured by Rotarians.

When you come from a small town, you dream a lot because the day does not end, it stretches. There was no transport there. In Shimla, there was no local transport, so you had to walk, especially in the late 50s and early 60s. You walk, you talk, you meet people, you actually see a sunrise, you see the shadow of the sun through the trees. You notice nature, you



notice everything. If somebody stood alone and started looking at the sky, five or six people would gather and also start looking at the sky, just like that.

So you grew up as a person should grow up. You had the luxury of being bored. You had the luxury of having nothing to do. You had the luxury of teachers who were human beings, in the sense that they were like parents, like uncles.

In this whole system, I was growing up with dreams. When you are very poor, you dream a lot. I came from a very poor family. My father was a clerk in the Forest Department. There were fourteen of us, not in a big house. The house was maybe double this stage. We had one room, one kitchen, and one veranda. Fourteen of us were staying together.

Because we were so many people, and there was one bathroom and very little space, we used to bump into each other. I saw my childhood like that. My grandfather had made a very interesting rule. He said, "Whenever you bump into each other, hug the person." So I grew up hugging people, my uncles, my aunts, my cousins.

We also noticed that we were very poor, but we were very happy, which was a little odd. Now we have various definitions of poverty: economically deprived, lower middle class, upper middle class, and so on. At that time, it was simply poor and rich.

So one day I asked my grandfather, "Dadaji, we are so poor, why are we so happy?" He gave a brilliant answer. He said,

"When you are very poor, the cheapest luxury available is happiness."

Now I will also do one thing. If I think I

have said something very important, I will scratch my head. That means it is time for you to clap. So let us rehearse.

So I grew up with this feeling that it is okay to be poor, because my grandfather said that when you are very poor, the cheapest luxury available is happiness.

Then my father took away the fear of failure from my life. As I said, I was a very bad student. We had to get our report cards signed by our fathers. Because I had very low marks, I used to make sure my father was in a hurry. I would quickly give him the report card, he would sign it, and go away.

One day, when I was in the 9th standard, I gave it to him, and he realised he had forgotten his store key. So he came back and actually looked at my report card. He said, "Oh, you are 59th in your class." I said, "Yes, Papa." He said, "How many students are there?" I said, "60."

I thought he would get upset. He never scolded us, but when a father does not scold you and just gets disappointed, that is the worst punishment.

He said, "There is one thing. A person who comes first always has the tension of staying first. Even if he comes second, he feels demoted. But a person who comes fifty-ninth can always come forty-eighth, thirty-sixth, twenty-fourth, or eighteenth. Do me a favour. Next time, come forty-eighth."

Then he said a sentence which became the most important sentence in my life: "Remember one thing, my son. Failure is an event, never a person. The event fails."

Thank you, Farhat. You are a real friend. Without scratching, you actually did it. Also, this side of the city does not really believe in

clapping, because clapping is for that side of the city. I can feel it, but why do you not, right now, think that I am on that side?

So, for a 13 or 14-year-old boy, two major fears were taken away. One by my grandfather, that it is okay to be poor, because the cheapest luxury is happiness. And one by my father, that ***failure is an event, never a person.***

So no power on earth could now frighten me. These two statements, these two philosophies, came from my grandfather and my father. My father was not very highly educated. My grandfather was relatively more educated.

Because in a small town, there is a lot of time to think and a lot of time to dream, I wanted to be famous. Now, there was no way I would become famous because I was the most studious boy in the class. There was no way I was going to be famous because I was the most dynamic athlete in school or college. So what do I do?

I started copying my teachers, my grandparents, and my father. Every family, especially a joint family, and I am sure many of you here come from joint families, has very typical relatives. Frankly speaking, all of you talk about those relatives.

So I had... I was going to say the worst relatives. No, I had the most comical relatives in my life, especially my father.

My father had this habit... can you imagine...

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ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY SATELLITE VISIT TO BSPCA

On March 29th, 2026, members of the Rotary Club of Bombay Satellite spent a meaningful and insightful day at the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals, one of Mumbai's oldest and most respected institutions dedicated to animal welfare.

The visit began with a comprehensive tour of the hospital, where members were introduced to its various departments and facilities. They gained first-hand insight into how animals are admitted, treated, and cared for with diligence and compassion. The BSPCA team explained treatment protocols, methods of containment, and the processes involved in rehabilitating injured and unwell animals.

Members witnessed a range of cases, including cows recovering from severe

wounds, birds unable to fly due to injuries, and several dogs and cats undergoing treatment. The experience was both eye-opening and deeply moving, highlighting the level of commitment required to care for vulnerable animals.

Interactions with the hospital staff provided valuable perspectives on the challenges of animal welfare, as well as the empathy that drives their work. Members engaged actively, asking questions and deepening their understanding.

In support of BSPCA's efforts, the Rotary Club of Bombay Satellite contributed Rs. 75,000 towards food, fodder, and medical supplies. The visit proved to be an enriching experience, leaving a lasting impact on all involved.



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ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY TUESDAY MEETINGS



Rotarians Naresh Pachisia, PP Manoj Patodia,
Guest Speaker Anupam Kher and
President Bimal Mehta



Guest Speaker Anupam Kher,
Visiting Rotarians Pransh Khemka and
Jayesh Khemka



Rotarians Dushyant Dave, Guest Speaker
Anupam Kher and Dr. Tanushree Pandey



President Bimal Mehta thanks
Guest Speaker Anupam Kher for
addressing the Club



Rotarians Dr. Jyothi Kapadia, Meera Alreja,
Guest Speaker Anupam Kher and
Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi Sanghi



Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Paritosh Rungta,
Rtn. Rina Deora, Guest Speaker Anupam Kher
and Visiting Rtn. Dilip Mehta



IPP Satyan Israni, Rtn. Anand Dalal, Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, President Bimal Mehta,
Guest Speaker Anupam Kher, Rtn. Ptn. Arti Sanghi and Rtn. Akhil Sanghi



Visiting Rtn. Pransh Khemka, Jayesh Khemka,
ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla, Guest Speaker
Anupam Kher and Visiting Rtn. Dilip Mehta



Visiting Rtn. S P Tiwari, Rtn. Miral Shah,
Guest Speaker Anupam Kher, Rtn. Uday Sanghani



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I trust everyone is staying cool in the hot summer months.

April began on a high note for our club when ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla was honoured with Rotary International's Service Above Self Award—its highest individual recognition. Only 150 people receive this distinction each year, and it was presented by President-elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola as an acknowledgment of Sandip's exceptional commitment. We extend our congratulations on behalf of the club and deeply value his exemplary service to both RCB and the Rotary world.

This April, we had three brilliant speakers at our weekly meeting.

On April 7th, we had actress and entrepreneur Tamannaah Bhatia in an engaging conversation with Rtn. Priya Tanna, where Tamannaah talked about her film career across industries—Bollywood, Telugu, and Tamil cinema—and her move into entrepreneurship with her brand, Tamannaah Fine Jewellery. She reflected on identity and the era of “poly-professionalism”, explaining that her versatility comes from not being too attached to a single self-image.

The next meeting on April 23rd was another fascinating session with former Mumbai Police Commissioner Rakesh Maria, in conversation with former Editor of Femina, Sathya Saran. He described a career-long obsession with crime in his home city, sharpened by the 1993 serial blasts, which pushed him from underworld investigation into unravelling international terrorist conspiracies. Thank you to Rtn. Rashmi Jolly for inviting Rakesh Maria.

We were privileged to present the Kalpana Sham Munshi Award for Excellence in Performing Arts and Culture to acclaimed actor and director, Padma Bhushan Anupam Kher, on April 28th. During his acceptance speech, Anupam Kher recalled his grandfather's belief that happiness is “the cheapest luxury” and his father's encouragement after setbacks: “Failure is an event, never a person.” He credited these views for freeing him from fears and considered the Rotary honour a dream come true from his youth.

Amid the ongoing Middle East crisis, we held two interesting in-camera sessions. On April 10th, Rtn. Ravi Sheth discussed

the Israel–Palestine conflict's history and its relevance to current events. Thanks to PP Nandan Damani and Shreelekha Damani for hosting. The next session featured Iran specialist Burzin Waghmar presenting on Tehran Rising and the War in West Asia, moderated by Sifra Lentin of Gateway House. Appreciation goes to Rtn. Manjeet Kriplani and Gateway House for organising, and Rtn. Aditya Somani for inviting Burzin.

On Easter Sunday, April 5th, 2026, the RCB and Satellite Club hosted their first pickleball tournament at Jai Hind College. Rtn. Gautam Doshi and Ish Rungta finished first, followed by Puneet Wadhwa and Ujjval Jaipuria in second. Thanks to Rtn. Macy Khubchandani and Sports Committee Chairperson Moy Biswas for organising this fun event.

On Saturday, April 11th, we held our Annual Offsite for the 2026–27 Rotary year, bringing together club leaders and members to reflect, align, and plan ahead. Under the theme “Where Service Becomes a Legacy”, we focused on setting long-term goals as we approach our centennial year. Best wishes to PE Manish Reshamwala and his team for a successful year.

We had impactful community services this month.

On April 4th, we inaugurated a newly upgraded Dental Department at the Cotton Green Medical Centre, equipping it with a modern dental chair and a portable X-ray machine, thereby improving the quality of care. The upgrade was funded through generous contributions from the Hirani Foundation (Rtn. Akil Hirani), Asiatic Oxygen (PP Ajay Kanoria), and Rtn. Venkat Ramaswamy. A big shout-out to the Chairperson, Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala, Co-Chair Rtn. Samina Khorakiwala, and the entire Cotton Green team for making this happen.

On April 18th, 2026, we launched a Spring Rejuvenation and Water Supply Project in Waroli (Tal. Chiplun), addressing rural water scarcity with soil-and-water conservation, a 4-km pipeline, and six storage tanks. The project irrigates 15 acres, expands green cover, and benefits every household. Thanks to the Diganta Swaraj Foundation for implementation and to Rtn. Venkat & Aparna Ramaswamy for their support.

The Heritage, Art and Culture Committee



organised a visit for 35 Rotarians to Raudat Tahera and Saifee Masjid, highlighting the masjid's history and architecture. The event ended at Al Raihaan Building, where participants received personalised Arabic calligraphy mementos. Thanks to Rtn. Sherebanu Baldiwala for curating the experience.

This month, the Transformational Learning Committee initiated a Gender Equality and Sensitivity Programme at two BMC schools in Fort, implemented by the Raell Padamsee Academy. The programme aims to instil values of gender equality in children to influence families and communities.

On April 27th and 28th, we set up seven dialysis machines at Aarogyam Multispeciality Hospital in Palghar and Chavan Hospital in Kandivali. This brings our total to 105 dialysis machines installed since the start of our impact project. I am deeply grateful to Rtn. Swati Jajodia, who has been the key driver behind this project from its inception.

May is typically a quieter month due to the onset of summer. The highlight this month is the Bhoomi Poojan ceremony for the Gauri Vijaykumar Community Care Complex and the Vijaykumar Jatia Integrated Health Centre, scheduled for May 9th. This event marks our single largest investment to date and represents a significant enhancement to the infrastructure at Talwada Medical Centres, advancing our mission to provide affordable healthcare to the communities we serve. I encourage all members to attend this important milestone in the club's history in large numbers.

**Best wishes,
President, Bimal Mehta**

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY LEADS SUSTAINABLE WATER TRANSFORMATION AT WAROLI



On April 18th, 2026, the Rotary Club of Bombay inaugurated the Spring Rejuvenation and Sustainable Water Supply Project at Waroli, Taluka Chiplun, Ratnagiri district, addressing a long-standing challenge faced by villages across the Konkan region. Despite heavy monsoon rainfall, communities like Waroli endure acute water scarcity during summer, often walking kilometers for drinking water.

Funded by the Rotary Club of Bombay and implemented by our partner, Digant Swaraj Foundation, the project represents a shift from short-term water solutions to a sustainable, ecosystem-based approach. It combines conservation, engineering, and community ownership to deliver long-term impact.

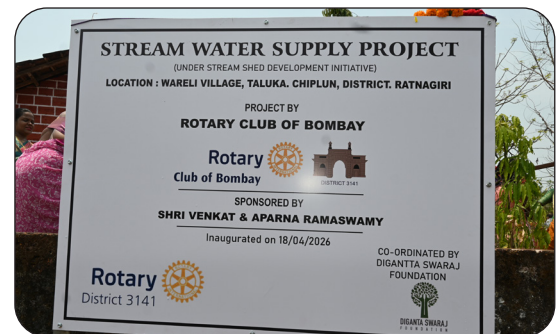
Waroli was selected following a detailed hydrological and socio-economic assessment. The presence of a perennial spring in the upper hills, strong community demand, and terrain typical of many Konkan villages made it an ideal and replicable site. The intervention also complements existing livelihood initiatives, including cashew plantations supported by the Digant Swaraj Foundation.

At the heart of the project is spring rejuvenation. Through targeted soil and water conservation in the recharge zone, the natural spring's capacity has been enhanced to store and gradually release water across the year. This approach mimics natural hydrological processes and avoids over-extraction.

Supporting this is a four-kilometre gravity-fed pipeline that transports water to the village, feeding into six strategically located storage tanks. These tanks ensure equitable distribution across households, regardless of location, while efficient design minimises water loss.

The environmental benefits extend beyond water availability. Improved groundwater recharge sustains wells and handpumps during peak summer. Soil conservation reduces erosion and preserves agricultural fertility. Increased moisture supports biodiversity, while reduced dependence on distant water sources lowers pressure on surrounding forest areas, allowing regeneration.

Agriculturally, the impact is transformative. With irrigation now reaching 15 acres, farmers are no longer restricted to single-season cultivation. Opportunities for horticulture, vegetable farming,



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Inaugurated on April 18th, 2026 at Waroli, Taluka Chiplun, Ratnagiri
- Spring rejuvenation ensures near year-round water availability
- 4-kilometre pipeline with six storage tanks for equitable distribution
- Benefits 15 acres of agricultural land with irrigation support
- Enhances groundwater recharge, soil conservation, and biodiversity
- Reduces daily water-fetching burden on women and girls
- Enables multi-cropping, horticulture, and improved livelihoods
- Strong community participation ensures long-term sustainability
- Scalable, eco-sensitive model for rural water security across Konkan

and multi-cropping have emerged, improving income stability and food security. This shift is particularly significant for women, who play a central role in agriculture and household management.

The project has also delivered strong social outcomes. Women and girls, previously burdened with spending three to five hours daily collecting water, now have time for education, livelihoods, and community participation.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by the Chairman of Panchayat Samiti Chiplun, a Standing Committee member of Zilla Parishad Ratnagiri, and the presidents of the Rotary Club of Chiplun and Rotary Club of Ratnagiri. Sarpanches from Ramgad and neighbouring villages were also present, reflecting growing local ownership and interest in replicating the model.

Crucially, the project places the community at the centre of planning and implementation, ensuring long-

term sustainability. It is not merely an infrastructure intervention but a system that villagers understand, value, and are motivated to maintain.

The Waroli initiative stands as a strong example of the Rotary Club of Bombay's commitment to meaningful, scalable CSR. By restoring natural water systems while strengthening livelihoods and community resilience, it offers a practical blueprint for addressing water insecurity in ecologically sensitive regions.





President Bimal Mehta, Rotary Club of Bombay,
Chairman of Talwada Medical Centre, **Rtn. Mihir Modi**
Project-in-Charge, **PDG Sandip Agarwalla**
and **Gauri & PP Vijay Jatia** and family
cordially invite you to,

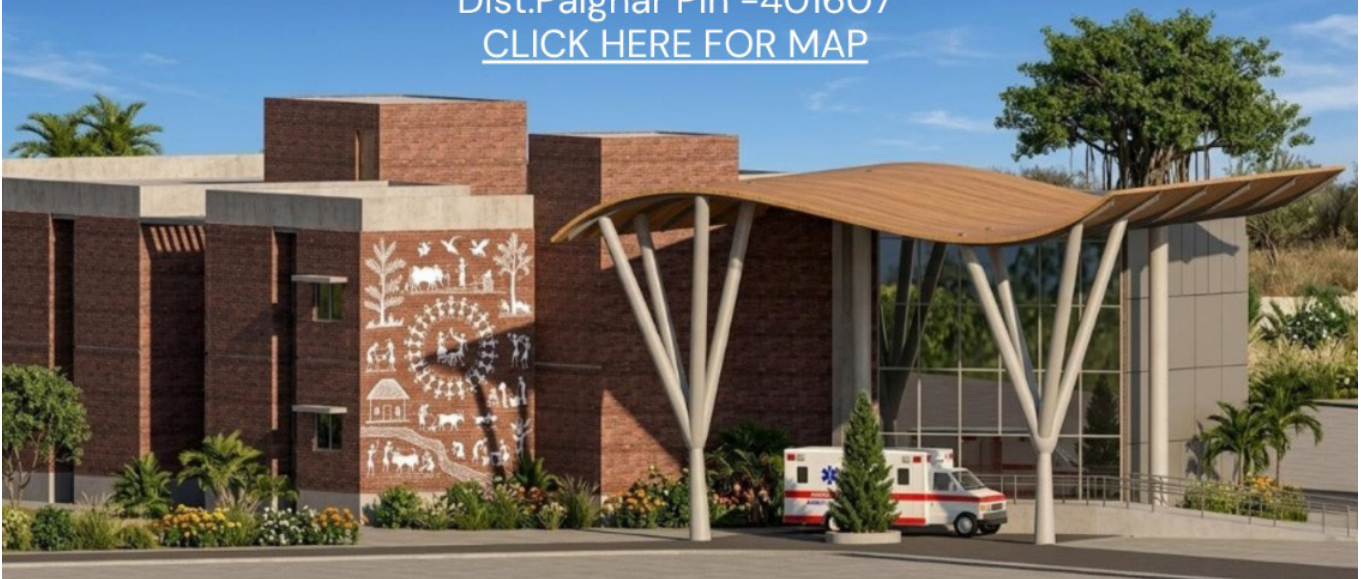


The Bhoomi Poojan Ceremony of the
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Sahay

Paediatric Neurosciences Project

The Rotary Club of Bombay

RCB HAS INITIATED THE SAHAY PAEDIATRIC NEUROSCIENCES PROJECT, a focused effort to support children from low socio-economic backgrounds who are affected by complex neurological disorders. The project seeks to bridge critical gaps in access to timely diagnosis, treatment, and long-term care. The initiative is being led by Rtn. Dr. Viraj Sanghi, Chair of the project, whose vision and sustained efforts have been the driving force behind its development.

The initiative provides financial assistance across four key areas of care. These include diagnostic services such as MRI scans, EEG, EMG, and genetic testing; outpatient medical care, including long-term medication; inpatient medical and surgical treatment; and rehabilitation services such as physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, special education, counselling, and assistive devices.

The project is designed not only to offer curative and supportive treatment, but also to significantly improve the quality of life of these children. A key objective is to enable their rehabilitation into mainstream life while also extending meaningful support to their families, who often face considerable emotional and financial strain.

The beneficiary group includes children under the age of 18 suffering from neurological conditions such as epilepsy, cerebral palsy, autism, global developmental delay, genetic neurological disorders, muscular dystrophies, head injuries, spinal dysraphism, brain tumours, and brain malformations.

The project aims to support approximately 250 patients and their families each year. Partner hospitals and centres will be selected based on their demonstrated commitment to social responsibility, reputation within the medical community,

patient accessibility, and willingness to provide treatment at concessional rates, as well as timely appointments.

Financial assistance will be capped per patient across various categories. Support includes up to Rs. 30,000 for diagnostic services, Rs. 50,000 annually for outpatient medication, Rs. 50,000 for inpatient medical treatment, Rs. 100,000 for surgical care, and up to Rs. 25,000 per year for rehabilitation and assistive devices. Therapy sessions will typically be supported at a frequency of three to five sessions per week, depending on clinical need.

Through this structured and compassionate approach, the Sahay Paediatric Neurosciences Project represents a meaningful step towards equitable healthcare access for vulnerable children, reinforcing the Rotary Club of Bombay's commitment to service and community impact.

1

Provide Curative and / or Supportive treatment to underprivileged patients

2

Improve the Quality of Life for patients

3

Enable Rehabilitation into mainstream life

4

Support families of children with complex neurological diseases

INNER WHEEL CLUB SRCC EPILEPSY PROGRAMME

WHEN AWARENESS MEETS ACTION



Epilepsy is a neurological condition that continues to be swept under the rug despite significant medical advancements. Many children are left to battle not only the condition itself but also the stigma and silence surrounding it. The condition is neither rare nor untreatable, yet limited awareness forces families to navigate a difficult journey filled with uncertainty and unanswered questions. Every so often, however, an initiative emerges that seeks to change this narrative.

Under the leadership of President Roopal Thakkar (2025–26), the Inner

Wheel Club of Bombay organised the SRCC Epilepsy Programme on March 12th, 2026. This impactful initiative not only shed light on epilepsy but also rekindled hope for what is often perceived as a daunting disease. Roopal strongly advocates for purpose-driven change, embodying a promise to take meaningful steps in the right direction.

The club gratefully acknowledges the remarkable generosity of PDC Indira Kotak, whose contribution of Rs. 12,00,000 has significantly strengthened this initiative. Her support has been instrumental in improving

access to consistent care for children who might otherwise face considerable barriers in receiving treatment.

Equal gratitude is extended to PDC Jyoti Doshi for initiating this meaningful project at SRCC. Her vision and determination have been vital in bringing this initiative to fruition.

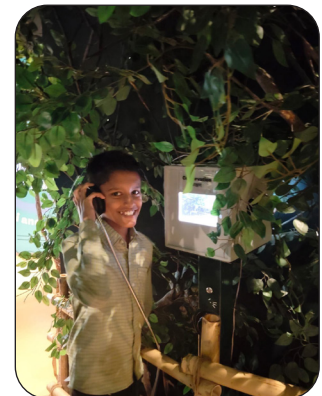
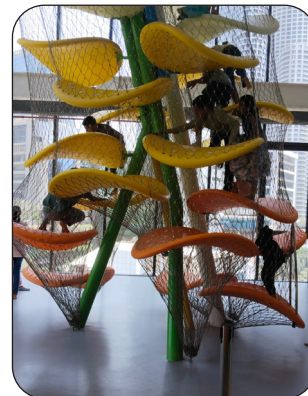
This programme will go a long way in ensuring timely diagnosis, medication, and continued treatment for affected children. By easing financial burdens and reinforcing support systems, it ensures that no child is left behind.

LIGHTHOUSE PICNIC AT MUSO

The Lighthouse children of the Rotary Club of Bombay Gateway enjoyed a delightful end-of-year educational picnic at the Museum of Solutions (MuSo), Mumbai.

The visit offered an interactive science experience, introducing children to the seven simple machines—pulley, inclined plane, lever, wheel and axle, screw, and wedge—through engaging, hands-on activities. These demonstrations made complex concepts easy and enjoyable to understand. The children also took part in simple science experiments, enhancing their practical learning.

The day concluded with a delicious lunch of veg fried rice, Manchurian, and gulab jamun. Overall, the picnic blended learning with fun, leaving the children with joyful memories and curiosity.



TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING COMMITTEE PROMOTES GENDER EQUALITY AWARENESS



The Transformational Learning Committee, under the guidance of ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla, extended its support to the Gender Equality and Sensitivity Programme conducted by Raell Padamsee for two BMC schools in Fort.

At the English medium school, students presented engaging performances in English, thoughtfully conveying the message that girls and boys are equal. The children participated with great enthusiasm, fully immersing themselves in the activities while absorbing this vital value at an early age.

The programme was also attended by a few parents, who observed Raell Padamsee's team demonstrate how creativity and simple props can be used to encourage children

to think beyond traditional stereotypes. This interactive approach ensured that learning remained both enjoyable and impactful.

One particularly meaningful performance depicted a working woman returning home tired and concerned about cooking dinner, only to find that her husband had already prepared the meal and encouraged her to rest while he completed the household chores. Such role-play enabled children to understand empathy and perspective in a practical manner.

By reaching young minds early, the programme has the potential to influence families and communities, fostering a future where equality is actively practised.



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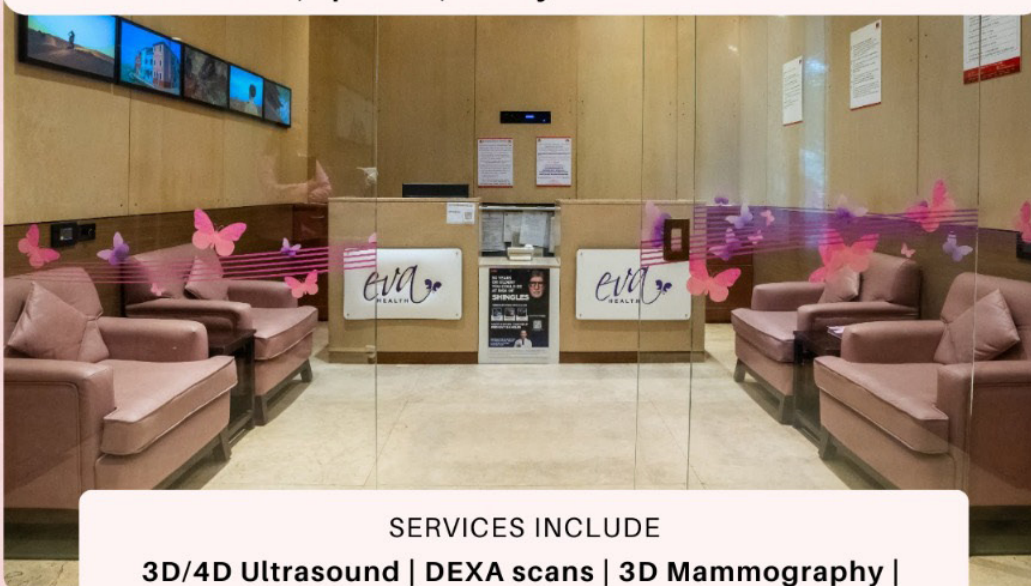


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RCB'S ANAEMIA MITIGATION PROJECT

In line with the Government of India's Anaemia Mukh Bharat programme introduced in 2018, the Rotary Club of Bombay has initiated an Anaemia Mitigation project that has recently commenced in collaboration with Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Trust (SRMT) and on-ground implementation partner Diganta Swaraj Foundation.

The Anaemia Mitigation project by the Rotary Club of Bombay extends beyond simply providing medical assistance. By focusing on education, awareness,

and sustainable solutions, the project aims to create a long-lasting impact on the communities it serves.

The Rotary Club of Bombay aims to reach tribal and rural districts with a high prevalence of anaemia and limited accessibility to medical care facilities. By focusing on school children, we are dedicated to making a significant impact on the lives of children in these communities.

SRMT initiated a holistic approach to Anaemia mitigation in the South Gujarat

area. So far, they have conducted over 450,000 screenings. The objective of the Anaemia testing initiative across various boys' and girls' hostels was to identify the prevalence of anaemia among students, understand gender-wise distribution, and provide timely intervention through the distribution of IFA (Iron Folic Acid) and Albendazole tablets. The testing and treatment drive aimed at promoting better health, reducing anaemia prevalence, and ensuring students' overall well-being.

Post-Screening Impact Status Table

Sr.No	Category (Initial)	No of Post Screening	Converted to Normal	% of Impact	Converted to Mild	% of Impact	Converted to Moderate	% of Impact
1	Mild	8146	66	0.81	524	6.43	121	1.49
2	Moderate	5612	123	2.19	845	15.06	168	2.99
3	High Risk	125	0	0.00	23	18.40	5	4.00
4	Normal	1436	52	3.62	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Total	15319	241	1.57	1392	9.09	294	1.92

BY FINANCIAL LITERACY FUNFAIR 2026

The Byculla Bhavishya Yaan Centre successfully organised a Financial Literacy Funfair on April 24th, 2026, bringing together over 50 students along with parents, teachers, and alumni for an engaging and practical learning experience.

A key highlight of the event was the vibrant, student-led stalls showcasing handmade crafts such as bookmarks, bracelets, envelopes, and greeting cards. Food stalls offering bhel, fruit salad, chocolate fondue, juices, and Monaco chaat added to the festive atmosphere. Through these activities, students gained valuable hands-on exposure to essential financial concepts, including costing, pricing, budgeting, and profit calculation.

The funfair also featured interactive game stalls such as Toss the Ring, Coin in the Bucket, and the Electric Wire Game, alongside an art and craft corner. These activities reinforced financial literacy through play, using coupon-based transactions to simulate real-world financial decision-making.

Rotary Partner Ms. Ekta Shah and project partners Mr. Girish and Mr. Niranjana, founders of Infotroopers, attended the event and actively participated, encouraging the children.

The initiative aimed to build essential life skills and promote financial awareness. The event concluded with takeaway gifts, snacks, mehendi, and lasting memories.



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Save the Date

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Join us as we celebrate
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May 9
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May 7
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Thakkar



May 9
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Katgara



May 8
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Dastur

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May 5
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Rtn. S. V. Prasad

May 6
Rtn. Swati &
Rtn. Ptn. Vishal Jajodia

May 7
Rtn. Ptn. Mina &
Rtn. Shyamniwas Somani

May 8
Rtn. Ptn. Suman &
Rtn. Kishore Bang

May 9
Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi &
Rtn. Suhail Nathani

May 9
Rtn. Ptn. Asha &
Rtn. Rajesh Shah

May 10
Rtn. Dr. Nisheeta &
Rtn. Ptn. Sanjay Agarwala

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WHERE & WHEN:
TUESDAY, 12th MAY @ 1PM

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THE WEEKLY MEETING

TRUSTEES	
ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwala	PP Nandan Damani
PP Ashish Vaid	PP Framroze Mehta
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President Bimal Mehta	
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CENTENARY YEAR COMMITTEE	
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Fund Raising	PP Vineet Bhatnagar
Investments	Mehul Sampat
CSR, Reporting & Compliance	IPP Satyan Israni
PN Vineet Suchanti	
Classification & Membership	PP Nandan Damani
Information	ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwala
Overseas Scholarships	Rtn. Niloufer Lam
Director Pradeep Chinali	
Attendance	Mahesh Khubchandani
Programmes	Rina Deora
Sergeant-at-Arms	Khurshed Poonawala
Director Shreebanu Baldiwala	
Public Awards	Anand Dalal
International Programmes	Christopher Bluemel
Water Resources	Siddharth Bhimrajka
Animal Welfare & Wildlife Conservation	Bipin Vazirani
Legal Aid and Awareness	Tahera Mandviwala
Director Siddharth Bhimrajka	
Child Welfare	Meher Vakil
Elder Day Care Centre, Alibaug	PP Ashish Vaid
Urban Nature Habitat	Jamshed Vakharia
Ananda Yaan	Kaushal Mehta
Transformation Salon	Ratna Kapoor Sharma
Director Renu Basu	
Rural Development	Pulin Shroff
Heritage, Art & Culture	Aditya Somani
Museum & Contemporary Arts	Priyasri Patodia
RCB Medical Centre, Talwada	Chairman Emeritus PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir
	Mihir Mody
Sports for all	Abhishek Saraf
Anusuya Devi Taparia College	PP Pradeep Saxena
Director Akhil Sanghi	
Bhavishya Yaan	Jagdish Malkani
IT Innovation Labs	Nikhil Sanghai
Adult Literacy	Runit Shah
ESS Curriculum	Gautam Doshi
Scholarships	PP Preeti Mehta
Night Study Centre	Jamshyd Vazifdar
Director Swati Jajodia	
Cotton Green Clinic	Dr. Mehernosh Dotiwala
Cancer Aid	Farokh Balsara
Early intervention in Neurodivergent Children	PP Shernaz Vakil
Dharamshala	Miral Shah
Dialysis	Swati Jajodia
Director Mudit Jatia	
Website, Social Media & Public Image	Laxmi ManeKlal
Bulletin	Abhinav Aggarwal
Fellowship & In-Camera	PP Vineet Bhatnagar
Assimilation	Akhil Sanghi
The Rotary Foundation	PP Vijaykumar Jatia
Director Jaymin Jhaveri	
Sports / Yoga	Hiranmay Biswas
Paediatric Heart Surgeries	Natasha Treasurywala
Rotaract Clubs	Ameer Tanna
Satellite Club	Murad Currawalla
Interact Schools	Mudit Jain



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