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THIS TUESDAY

**Dr. Firuza R. Parikh
to be felicitated with
Sohrab Pirojsha
Godrej Science
Technology
Award**

COMING UP

January 25th to 30th, 2025
Kaziranga Fellowship.

January 28th, 2025
Subahoo Chordia will address the
club on Energy Transition.

February 1st, 2025
16th Golf Fellowship. Details inside

February 2nd, 2025
Walk around Kalina Biodiversity
Park. Details inside

February 4th, 2025
Lunch and entertainment hosted
by PP Kalpana Munshi.
Details inside

February 4th, 2025
Tuesday Meeting - Decoding the
Budget: A deep dive into the key
announcements, their implications
for economic growth, inflation,
and employment

February 5th, 2025
Ananda yaan musical show.
Details inside

February 8th, 2025
Breakfast with Kapil Sibal.

February 9th, 2025
Lighthouse Sports day.
Details inside

February 23rd, 2025
Talwada Medical Camp.
Details inside

March 8th, 2025
RISE - a session for incoming
Directors, Chairs and Co-chairs.
Details inside

March 9th, 2025
Members' Nite. Details inside

Dr. Jehangir Sorabjee, distinguished physician, educator and on wellness and the right approach to a long life



We can trace human existence back to the last maybe half a million years, 500,000 years, and then bring it into this last century, and I ask you what was the average life expectancy of an Indian a hundred years ago, say in 1925, you'll be shocked to know that it was just 25 or 26 years. That was it. And that was probably the same life expectancy that had been there half a million years ago.

By Independence, the average life expectancy of Indians moved up to 32 years. Right now, it's crossed 70. And, the world's average life expectancy is about 72 years. So, India is not doing too badly. But to put that in perspective, one in three people born in the UK today will live to be a hundred. So, the question that you want to ask yourself is, is it sensible for people to be living so long, utilising the resources of the planet, spewing toxic gases into the atmosphere, burning holes in the stratosphere, and causing global warming? Or, should we just follow nature and die at the right time?

What we also need to look at is: what's caused this huge change? Why is it that in the last 100 years, we have moved from 26 years to 70? And, are we going to stop there, or are we going to keep on living longer and longer? So the first thing that seems to have caused the increase in longevity is our capacity to control infections and infectious diseases. Infections and infectious diseases used to just wipe out entire populations. The British, when they ruled India, were more terrified of epidemics of cholera than they were of fighting Indians anywhere because suddenly you'd get an outbreak of cholera in the camp and there'd be hundreds of people who died within the same day.

Slowly, with the discovery of vaccines, with more modern science coming in to understand how to diagnose infectious diseases, and then, finally, with the advent of miraculous antibiotics, things changed as far as infections were concerned. I remember my grandmother telling me that when chloramphenicol was first available for typhoid in around 1950-51, there were riots all over Bombay because, prior to chloramphenicol's advent, typhoid was an illness which lasted three months. Half the people died; those who recovered lost half their body weight, lost their



hair, everything. But once you got chloramphenicol, you were better in a week. This recognition and control of infectious diseases has made a big change. And, we are on top of it even now. I point out to you the example of HIV, which is an infectious disease that is relatively recent. It's come up in the 1980s and 1990s.

Even today, it is remarkably controlled. People take one pill a day, and they're practically like normal individuals. We don't even advise them to use condoms when they have sexual contact with their partners. And they go ahead and have children without any necessary protection. Just one pill a day has done that, with no side effects. In fact, there's a joke that when you look at the statistics, people with HIV are living longer than normal people, purely because of the fact that they're so well monitored. And everyone's looking, "OK, what's your creatinine? What's your lipids?" Nobody does that with normal people. So, we've been able to get on top of that. We've been able to get on top of COVID. We have excellent surveillance systems for infectious diseases. So, if three people die somewhere in Rwanda or somewhere of some strange disease, suddenly the whole planet knows about it. And all the systems kick into place to find out exactly what that is and what needs to be done to address it.

So infections, by and large, have been controlled. And it's probably brought the lifespan up from the 30s to the 50s. But then what has happened is that, and also the other thing which goes with infection, is that countries have tackled malnutrition and poverty. Malnutrition and poverty actually caused people to die because of infections, because they had no defence against them and were poorly nourished. I remember, as a kid in school, we were given cards and told, "Famine in Bihar — go to everyone's house, collect 10 rupees, and get them to sign there."

There are no more famines of that nature anymore. And it's very odd, I think, even in our country at this point, to find that people would actually die of significant malnutrition and poverty on the scale that happened 50 years ago. But what's happened as a result of that and the prosperity that's occurred is that we've started developing a lot of what I would call lifestyle diseases. And now we've begun to accept the fact that it's, "Yeah, yeah, people get heart attacks, they get strokes."

Heart attacks and strokes are part of life. But actually, that's not necessarily true. I remember when we were studying pathology, there were comments by pathologists that when they did examinations of the blood vessels of African natives who'd lived for a long time, they found nothing in the blood vessels. There were no blockages, no deposition of fat, no accumulation of cholesterol. And this is something which has come about only with industrialisation, prosperity, and over-nutrition.

So from malnutrition, we've now swung to the other side of the pendulum, where we're over-nourished. And because we're over-nourished, we're ending up with all kinds of problems. If you're prosperous, you eat a nice meal at the Rotary club on Tuesdays, and then afterwards who knows what. But the answer is that we've been able to tackle that as well. So, the lifestyle diseases where you heard of people dropping dead in their 50s and 60s of heart attacks, that has also now become relatively uncommon. I often hear people say, "Oh, a 25th wedding anniversary." But 25 years — what's so big about it? When you understand that people didn't live that long, 25 years was a long period of time. It's just now that everyone's living to be 80 and 90 that you feel that, "OK, this is just one silly little number that you pass on the highway of life."

As far as the control of lifestyle diseases is concerned, one of the things I notice the most is obesity in prosperous people. I often tell my residents, "I can't examine people's abdomens anymore because they're just so filled with fat." Whereas, when I was in JJ Hospital and I used to examine labourers, it was so easy to feel all the organs in the body because you didn't have to plunge through six inches of thick lard to actually get there. We now know that smoking is a killer, so we've stopped smoking. We know how to control high blood pressure. We know that diabetes is a big factor. We know cholesterol needs to be controlled. We know that sedentary lifestyles can cause problems. And we know that family history is a big factor in all of these things.

So, to some extent, we are on top of understanding whether we have self-control or not, whether we're getting the right medication from doctors. That's a different matter. Medication is constantly evolving and improving, as are the recommendations on when and at what age to take them, and how often to test. These things change, and that's part of the process. However, the fact remains that with these tools, I'm sure we've once again extended our lifespan — not just with medication, but also with procedures like the new clot-busting drugs that dissolve clots as soon as you have a heart attack. Now, people talk about the "symptom-to-table" timeframe.



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TEAMWORK LIFE SKILLS SESSION WITH LIGHTHOUSE



At the Lighthouse programme, children explored essential life skills through an engaging session that focused on teamwork. The children were introduced to questions such as:

- What are life skills?
- Why learn life skills?
- How do life skills help us?
- Why is it fun to learn and grow together?

The highlight of the session was a skit titled “The Relay Race Challenge”. The story showcased a group of children attempting to organise a relay race, encountering challenges like arguments and rule-breaking. Through the experience, they learned the value of

teamwork and fairness in achieving shared goals.

Characters included:

1. Leader – guiding the group.
2. Helper – solving problems.
3. Complainer – highlighting perceived unfairness.
4. Overeager participant – skipping rules.

Mothers and children then formed four groups to play their own relay race using teamwork skills. The session concluded with a recap of key terms like co-operation, communication, problem-solving, and leadership.



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TUESDAY MEETINGS AT ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



President Satyan Israni wishes Rotarians Gaurav Nevatia and Farhat Jamal for their birthdays



President Satyan Israni wishes PP Haresh Jagtiani for his birthday



President Satyan Israni wishes Rtn. Ratan Tankha for his birthday



Rotarians Bipin Vazirani and Ramon Kirpalancy



Rotarians Jaymin Jhaveri, Mihir Mody and Rahil Shah



Rotarians PP Paul George and PE Bimal Mehta



Rotarians Pulin Shroff and Mohit Jain



Rotarians Sherebanu Baldiwala and Karl Divecha



Rotarians Vishal Vora and PN Manish Reshamwala



Audience at the weekly meeting



Rotarians PP Shernaz Vakil and Zinia Lawyer



Rotarians Hiren Kara, Hormusji Cama, Rina Deora, Ritu Prakash Desai and PP Framroze Mehta



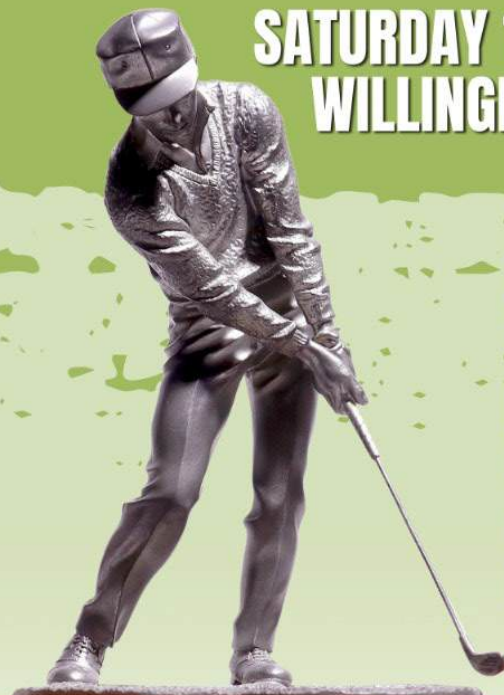
PP Arun Sanghi poses a question to the speaker





16TH GOLF FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2025
WILLINGDON SPORTS CLUB



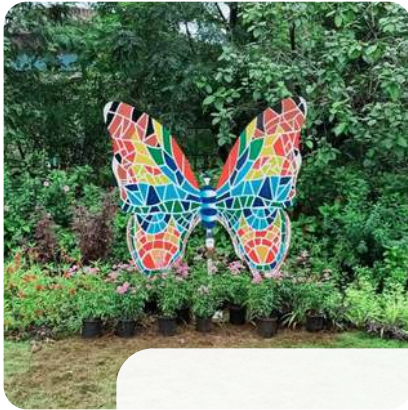
**Tee off at the 16th
Golf Fellowship, a
flagship RCB Event.**

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**Fellowship over Drinks
& Lunch hosted by
Rtn. Madhup Vaghani**

The Rotary Club of Bombay
Mrudula Biswas Golf Trophy

To register contact Rtn. Moy Biswas
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URBAN NATURE HABITAT COMMITTEE

Join us for an enchanting morning at the

Kalina Biodiversity Park

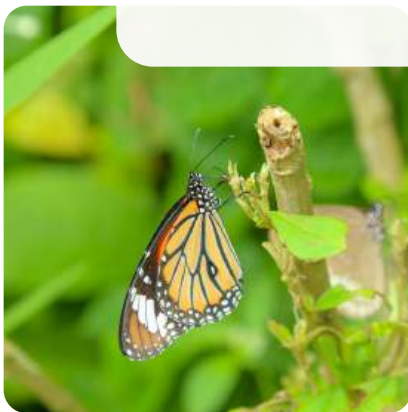
*Enjoy a rejuvenating walk around the park and experience the beauty of nature,
from sunbathing turtles to lush greenery and serene waters.
BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.*

Sunday, 2nd February 2025

10:00 AM

*Kalina Biodiversity Park,
University of Mumbai, Kalina*

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INTERACT CLUB'S ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS SESSION AT BHARDA NEW HIGH SCHOOL



On January 10th, 2025, Mrs. Kunti Oza delivered an enlightening educational talk and presentation at Bharda New High School and Junior College, Fort. The 45-minute session, attended by 110 eager students, focused on the importance of milk bag collection and segregation, emphasising its role in environmental sustainability.

Mrs. Oza provided a comprehensive overview of the environmental benefits of recycling milk bags, shedding light on how proper collection and

segregation can significantly reduce plastic waste. She encouraged students to become active participants in creating a sustainable future by adopting simple yet impactful habits.

The session was interactive, with students engaging enthusiastically, asking insightful questions, and sharing their perspectives. Inspired by the discussion, the students collectively decided to launch a milk bag collection initiative within their school. This project aims to instil a

sense of environmental responsibility while contributing positively to waste management efforts.

Bharda New High School applauded Mrs. Kunti Oza for her invaluable guidance and impactful session, which has sparked enthusiasm among the students. The school is optimistic about the successful implementation of this initiative, recognising its potential to make a meaningful difference in the local community and beyond.

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS SESSION AT ANANDA YAAN



Senior Inspector Suwarna Shinde, a distinguished expert on cyber security, addressed members of the Ananda Yaan Elder Day Care Centre in Byculla.

The talk, organised by Rtn. Rina Deora on behalf of the Ladies Wing of the Indian Merchants Chamber (IMC), focused on raising awareness about cybercrime and prevention. Inspector Shinde captivated the audience with her engaging

presentation, explaining various types of cybercrimes and outlining simple yet effective measures to avoid becoming a victim.

Her passionate delivery and clear communication established an instant connection with the seniors, who listened intently throughout the one-hour session. Inspector Shinde's practical advice and relatable examples kept the

audience informed and reassured.

The session concluded with heartfelt gratitude from the attendees, who appreciated the valuable insights shared. The initiative underscored the importance of empowering the elderly with the knowledge to navigate the digital world safely.

GOLF FOR GOOD: SWINGING TOWARDS LITERACY



This year the Club hosted 2 golf tournaments to support Adult Literacy. Held over the weekend of the 11th and 12 of January, the events brought together golf enthusiasts and philanthropists to champion our cause. These tournaments — the Anand Rathi Wealth Rotary Golf Classic and the Phillip Capital Rotary Golf Challenge — showcased the perfect blend of sportsmanship, camaraderie, and a shared commitment to making a difference.

ANAND RATHI WEALTH ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC, 2025

Held on January 11th at the picturesque Oxford Golf Resort, Pune, this tournament kicked off with participants arriving the previous afternoon to practice at the driving and putting range. The evening saw a lively poolside dinner accompanied by soulful live music, setting the tone for an exciting tournament day.

On Saturday morning, the action began with breakfast, followed by detailed instructions at the Tiger Tee, courtesy of Convenor Rtn. Hiranmay (Moy) Biswas. The shotgun-format tournament teed off at 7:30 am, with players navigating the lush greens in friendly competition. The day concluded with cocktails, a gala lunch, live music at the Ballroom, and a prize distribution ceremony.

Winners for the Classic included:

- Winner: Mr. Rohit Bhatia
- Runner-up: Mr. Sanjay Jhavar
- Closest to the Pin (Hole No. 3): Mr. Vinit Patel
- Longest Drive (Hole No. 16): Mr. Ishan Bhatnagar

Trophy winners received accolades, and luxury stays at premier hotels in Goa and Pune, ensuring their efforts on the course were well-rewarded.

PHILLIP CAPITAL ROTARY GOLF CHALLENGE, 2025

The following day, the Willingdon Sports Club in Mumbai hosted the Phillip Capital Rotary Golf Challenge. Participants gathered early, fuelled by a sumptuous breakfast, before honing their skills at the driving range. Convenor Rtn. Moy Biswas provided a detailed briefing at the Cabbage Patch Tee before the 9:00 am start.

Players competed with gusto until the tournament wrapped up by mid-afternoon, followed by a gala lunch, cocktails, and a lively awards ceremony. A DJ and saxophonist provided vibrant entertainment, ensuring the event ended on a high note.

Winners for the Challenge included:

- Winner: Mr. Shashi Kapoor
 - Runner-up: Mr. Rajiv Srivastava
 - Closest to the Pin (Hole No. 6): Mr. Kailash Monga
 - Longest Drive (Hole No. 1): Mr. Aryaman Himatsingka
- Luxury stays in Mumbai, Goa, and Pune were among the prizes, presented by President Satyan Israni and Rtn. Moy Biswas.

Celebrating the Best Players

Two special trophies honoured the overall best players across both tournaments:

• Best Player:
Rtn. Parag Seth

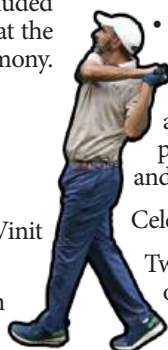
• Second Best Player:
Rtn. Gautam Doshi

A GRAND SUCCESS FOR LITERACY

Together, these tournaments raised over ₹1 crore to fund the Rotary Club of Bombay's Adult Literacy initiatives, a testament to the unwavering support of participants and sponsors. Special thanks to title sponsors Anand Rathi Wealth and Phillip Capital for their generosity.

We thank the organising committee consisting of Chairman PDG Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, Convenor Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas, Co-Convenor Rtn. Gautam Doshi, Rtn. Amay Merchant, Rtn. Nikhil Sanghai and PE Rtn. Bimal Mehta for doing a stupendous job in organising the event. Rtn. Pradeep Chinai and Rashmi Kotian from the Rotary Office along with her entire team as well as Freyan Bhathena whole heartedly supported the organising committee in making the event a grand success.

These tournaments beautifully embodied the Rotary spirit of combining leisure and giving, proving that every swing can make a difference. Here's to more such impactful events!





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Lunch & a musical afternoon hosted by

PP Kalpana Munshi



The first woman President of Rotary Club of Bombay.
Michelle will entertain with his guitar and violin.

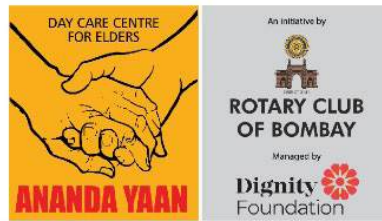
TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2025 | 12 NOON
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ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED

Regards

President Satyan Israni

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**DG Chetan Desai and
RCB President Satyan Israni.**

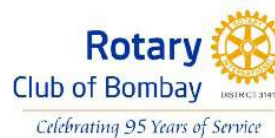
and the members of Ananda Yaan centres, For



Experience the Joy of Music.

**Date: 5th February 2025,
Time: 5pm to 7pm,
Y B.Chavan Auditorium**

**Kaushal Mehta
Chairperson
Ananda Yaan Committee.**





LIGHTHOUSE SPORTS DAY



Join us for an exciting day
of sports, competition, and fun!

DATE- 9TH FEBRUARY 2025,

TIME: 9.00AM

**venue - Lighthouse, Opp Bayroute,
Gate no.3, Bhai Bhandarkar,
Machimar Nagar, Badhwar Park,
Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400005.**



BY: FIRELESS COOKING COMPETITION AT NMJ SCHOOL

On January 15th, 2025, Dr. Jabeen organised a life skill activity for Grades 7, 8, and 9, featuring an engaging fireless cooking competition.

The competition, judged by three teachers, evaluated participants on taste, presentation, neatness, teamwork, use of healthy ingredients, and adherence to the time limit. Four groups participated with enthusiasm, bringing their own ingredients and tools, while one group was absent.

Students showcased exceptional creativity, crafting delicious recipes with attention to hygiene and teamwork. The judges

were impressed by the students' culinary skills, neatness, and innovative use of ingredients.

The winning team was rewarded with pens, which added to the excitement and sense of achievement. The activity concluded with students expressing their joy and requesting more such interactive events in the future.

This hands-on experience highlighted the importance of teamwork, time management, and healthy eating, making it a memorable and valuable learning opportunity for all involved.

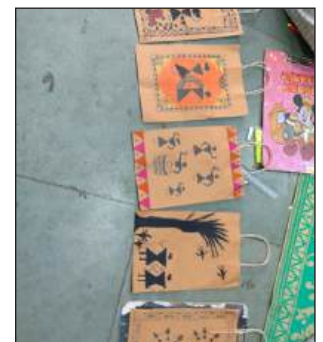


BY: SANKRANTI CELEBRATED AT GK MARG WITH WARLI ART AND KITES

Makar Sankranti was celebrated at GK Marg with a creative focus on Warli art, a traditional folk art originating from the Warli tribe of Maharashtra. As part of Republic Day activities, the children explored the cultural heritage of Indian states, focusing on Maharashtra and Kerala.

Students from grades 6, 7, and 8 were introduced to the history and significance of Warli art. Guided by their talented primary teachers, Ms. Fatema and Ms. Sunita, who are both skilled artists, the children tried their hand at replicating Warli designs on paper bags.

The younger primary children celebrated the festival by crafting vibrant kites, adding to the festive atmosphere. The activities not only encouraged creativity but also helped the children connect with India's rich cultural diversity. The celebration was a perfect blend of art, tradition, and learning, leaving everyone inspired and joyful.



HEALTH IS WEALTH - A VISIT TO TALWADA EYE CENTRE

On January 12th, 2025 Committee Chair Rtn. Mihir Mody, Joint Secretary Rtn. Akhil Sanghi along with Rotary Anns Pratiksha and Madhavi visited Talwada and distributed Hygiene Kits to the families of over 100 patients. It was heartening to see the joy on the faces of those who otherwise were visiting the centres for their medical needs with concern in their eyes for the well being of their near and dear ones. The committee on behalf of the Rotary Club of Bombay would like to thank Private Donors Jagruti & Anand Tanna for their generous donation and for supporting the cause.

Also on the same day the Committee was pleased to welcome Dr. Pranjali Padwale (Gynaecology Department) and Dr. Yogesh Padwale (Pulmonary Department) to the Talwada family, both of whom shall be rendering their services at ADCMC every month.



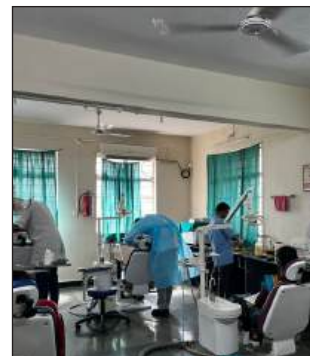
RTN. DR. DINESH DAFTARY FELICITATED WITH HEALTH AWARD BY THE GUJARATI GAURAV AND GIRNAR AWARD, 2025



MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT

Director	Rtn. Renu Basu	
Committee chair/co-chair	Rtn. Swati Jajodia/ PP Vijay Jatia	
Name of the Committee	Dialysis	
Patients visited / treated		Dec-24
DIALYSIS	Platinum Hospital, Mulund	7
	Aastha Hospital, Manor	17
	Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar	20
	Shatabdi Hospital, Govandi	104
	Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali	21
	Samarpan, Ghatkopar	75
	Lifeline Medicare Hospital Charkop	38
	Dr.M.L.Dhawale Memorial Trust Hosp. Palghar	22
	K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion	35
	Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri E	59
	Rotary Yoda Dialysis Centre, Symbiosis Hospital	100
	Swami Shraddhanand Hospital, Vasai West	6
	Mallika Hospital, Jogeshwari West	39
Total		601

VISIT BY PE BIMAL AND PP PRADEEP SAXENA TO TALWADA MEDICAL CENTRE AND TAPARIA COLLEGE



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SAVE THE DATE

23RD FEBRUARY, 2025

TALWADA MEDICAL CAMP

DETAILS TO FOLLOW

MIHIR MODY

CHAIRPERSON

RCB MEDICAL CENTRE - TALWADA



IWC: NOVEMBER OF INCLUSIVITY FOR CHILDREN



Smile that shines brighter than Diwali lights



Armed with colourful acrylic color pens they concentrate on carefully painting the Rangoli patterns



Children gathered around tables, painting beautiful terracotta diyas, and adding icing on cup cakes



A tantalizing duo of bhel puri and pani puri



SPREADING SMILES AMONG CHILDREN IN SLUM COMMUNITIES

November, celebrated as the month of Children's Day, was dedicated to fostering inclusivity among children from diverse backgrounds, including those from slum areas and children with physical or educational challenges. The aim was to make every child feel valued, cherished, and supported.

The Inner Wheel Club of Bombay partnered with Makes Meal Matter, a student-

led initiative from DY Patil University, to bring Diwali cheer to children in the Worli slum community.

This collaboration achieved two key goals: it brightened the lives of underprivileged children, making their smiles rival the brilliance of Diwali lights, and it inspired the students, recognising their empathetic efforts in shaping a more compassionate future.

The celebration was a

heartfelt affair, with activities meticulously planned by the students. Children enjoyed engaging games such as Toss the Ring, 1-Minute Cup Stacking, and 7 Up 7 Down. Creative stations allowed them to paint terracotta diyas, design rangoli patterns, decorate cupcakes, and craft paper lanterns. The enthusiasm and joy on their faces were palpable.

The festivities concluded with a delightful spread of traditional

treats like pani puri, sev puri, samosas, and jalebis. Return gifts and prizes ensured the children left with lasting memories.

IWC Bombay's sponsorship and active participation motivated the students and greatly amplified the event's success. Together, they made a meaningful difference, spreading joy and hope.

A JOYFUL PICNIC FOR SEC SCHOOL CHILDREN

On November 28th, 2024, a delightful picnic was organised at Acres Club, Chembur, for students from SEC centres at Agripada, Antop Hill, Khar Danda, and Naigaon.

District Chairman Prerana Raichur graced the occasion, which was filled with joy and camaraderie. Students from Green Acres Academy showcased captivating dance performances and bonded with the SEC children on the merry-go-round

and swings, fostering an atmosphere of empathy and understanding.

Children of Green Acres Academy engaged in meaningful interactions with the children with disabilities, fostering understanding empathy.

Gifts were distributed, and all participants enjoyed a hearty breakfast and lunch. The day was a heart-warming success, leaving everyone with cherished memories.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT SRCC

Children's Day was celebrated with great warmth and enthusiasm on November 14th, 2024 with the children of SRCC. The event fostered heartfelt connections and joyful moments.

Each of the 200 children received a specially prepared backpack containing a stationery kit, a moon ball, a lollipop, and a snack box from Avarya. The snack box featured mini Punjabi samosas, khaman dhokla, ghugra, jalebi, and wafers. These thoughtful gifts brought immense excitement and added a special touch to the day's celebrations.



MAHARASHTRA OLYMPIAD MOVEMENT (MOM) EXAM FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN

On November 20th, 2024, S.H.E.D (Society for Human and Environmental Development) supported 200 underprivileged students from its three centres to participate in the Maharashtra Olympiad Movement (MOM) Exam, conducted by the Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited (MKCL).

SHED was felicitated by MKCL for the exceptional performance of its students. A teacher receiving the award expressed heartfelt gratitude to IWC Bombay for sponsoring the students, enabling them to participate in this valuable academic initiative.

The MOM program not only tested the students' knowledge but also prepared them to confidently tackle similar challenges in the future. A special acknowledgement was given to the top-performing child, who was celebrated with great pride at S.H.E.D Andheri.

MEDICAL CAMP AT EEE SASOON SCHOOL

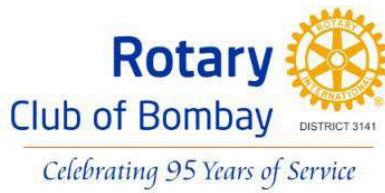
On November 26th and 27th, 2024, a medical camp was conducted at EEE Sasoon School to promote the health and well-being of children from disadvantaged communities. A total of 288 students participated, including 142 from primary and 146 from secondary sections.

The camp featured 3 General Practitioners, 2 Dentists, 2 Optometrists, 1 Ophthalmologist

The doctors dedicated ample time to each child, addressing their medical concerns. The care and attention provided left parents feeling deeply satisfied and grateful.



SAVE THE DATE



It is time to prepare
for 2025-2026 with
PE Bimal Mehta

SATURDAY
8th March
2025

**HARVARD BUSINESS
SCHOOL CLASSROOM
TAJ LANDS END, BANDRA**

9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM



RISE

REALIGN | INNOVATE | STRATEGIZE | EXECUTE

**A SESSION FOR
INCOMING DIRECTORS, CHAIRS,
AND CO-CHAIRS**

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

REALIGNMENT & ADAPTABILITY

Realign and Adapting to Change

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Committee Presentations for 2025-26

ASSIMILATION COMMITTEE DINNER: BUILDING BONDS ACROSS GENERATIONS

The Assimilation Committee organised a delightful dinner hosted by Rtn. Ptn. Sweta and Rtn. Pranay Vakil at their charming home. The evening brought together a well-curated mix of new and senior Rotarians, fostering camaraderie and connection.

Conversations flowed effortlessly among the

guests, creating an atmosphere of warmth and inclusivity. A highlight of the evening was a Rotary quiz introduced by Rtn. Ptn. Sweta, which the new Rotarians enthusiastically participated in and answered with impressive accuracy. This display of knowledge and enthusiasm filled the senior Rotarians with confidence in the club's bright future.

The event showcased the potential of young Rotarians to bring fresh energy and innovative ideas to the Rotary Club of Bombay. The evening was a resounding success, filled with delicious food, engaging conversations, and a shared sense of purpose. It was a perfect blend of fun and fellowship, leaving everyone inspired for future contributions.



Pratima: Rotary's public image seminar

The seminar, aptly titled “प्रतीमा” (Pratima), underscored the significance of Rotary's Public Image and its influence on growth, engagement, and community service. With a strong focus on branding, communication, and public relations, the theme was both pertinent and timely. The seminar imparted practical knowledge on public image, highlighting the measures, steps, and initiatives clubs must adopt for impactful branding and outreach. This insight is vital for enhancing Rotary's public perception.

Dynamic Leadership: The presence of Vibrant DG Rtn. Chetan Desai as the Chief Guest set the stage for an inspiring and transformative session. It was truly delightful to meet him again. His visionary perspectives on the future of Rotary's branding were exceptionally motivating.

Expert Coordination: PDG Rtn. Subhash Kulkarni's stewardship as the Forum Lead brought immense value to the event. His extensive experience as Rotary Public Image Coordinator (2025–2028) offered actionable strategies for elevating Rotary's visibility and impact.

Exceptional Support Team: The dedicated contributions of Rtn. Ravi Jaswani (District Coordinator Public Image), Rtn. Bhalachandra Barve (District Secretary), and Rtn. Sandeep Kedia (District Coordinator Membership) ensured a flawlessly executed event with a well-structured programme.

Diverse Club Representation: The participation of all Presidents of Platinum, Gold, and Silver Co-Host Clubs fostered a sense of unity and collaboration. Their involvement highlighted the

collective power and solidarity of Rotary's expansive network.

Engaging Discussions – Innovative Ideas & Strategies: Interactive sessions encouraged attendees to actively participate, sparking dynamic conversations about enhancing Rotary's image through storytelling, impactful projects, and strategic communication.

Focus on Collaboration: The seminar underscored the value of clubs working collaboratively to create a cohesive and unified public image for Rotary. This spirit of teamwork was evident throughout the event.

Commitment to Excellence: The event epitomised Rotary's dedication to sustainable community engagement and service through effective branding and public relations, leaving attendees energised and equipped to implement these insights in their respective clubs.

Networking and Fellowship: The seminar offered an excellent platform for networking and fellowship among Rotarians from diverse clubs, fostering stronger relationships and creating new opportunities for collaboration.

This seminar set a new benchmark for professionalism and synergy in District 3141's public image initiatives. Heartfelt congratulations to the organisers and participants for a truly outstanding event! Thank you once again for the opportunity.

- Rtn. Uday Sanghani



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Members Nite

Sunday | 9 March | 7pm

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SUBAHOO CHORDIA TO ADDRESS THE CLUB ON ENERGY TRANSITION

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Kumar



JANUARY 21

Rtn. Ashok
Minawala



JANUARY 23

Rtn. Albert
Almeida



JANUARY 23

Rtn. Subhash
Sagar



JANUARY 24

Rtn. Gautam
Trivedi



JANUARY 25

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Rtn. P.V. Ramana Piniseti
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Rtn. Nikhil Sanghai

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Rtn. Aditi Shah
Rtn. Ptn. Rinku &
Rtn. Vineet Suchanti

JANUARY 25

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Mahendra Sanghi

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