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THIS TUESDAY

Tanvir Gill behind the headlines: My journey through the world of business and lessons learned from the most successful business leaders

COMING UP

April 16th, 2025

Beyond Face Value - Exhibition of French banknote designs from around the world. [Details inside](#)

April 18th, 2025

Scholarship Committee's Annual Awards Ceremony. [Details inside](#)

April 19th, 2025

Lighthouse Summer Camp, Quiz - Explore and Discover [Details inside](#)

April 22nd, 2025

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

April 23rd, 2025

Visit to JNPT VadHAVAN Super Port. [Details inside](#)

April 27th, 2025

Project visit to Talwada. [Details inside](#)

April 29th, 2025

Aamhi Swaach Charitable Foundation recognised with Rotary Club of Bombay's Taru Lalvani Award for Environmental Protection.

June 24th, 2025

Shukriya Nite. [Details inside](#)

July 1st, 2025

Rotary Club of Bombay's installation ceremony of incoming President PE Bimal Mehta and his Board of Directors. [Details inside](#)

RCB MEMBERS DISCOVER SYMBOLIC CEREMONIES, TEACHINGS AND INFLUENCE AT FREEMASONS' HALL

Members of the Rotary Club of Bombay entered the mysterious and secretive doors of the Freemasons at their Mumbai headquarters at Fort, for our meeting held on Tuesday, April 8th, 2025. The meeting was organised by the Heritage Art & Culture Committee and held in what is called the Temple. Due to the Freemasons being extremely conscious about their secrecy, no photos or recordings were allowed at the venue.

Worshipful Brother Shreevardhan Sinha, District Grand Director of Ceremonies, addressed our members. He was joined by Worshipful Brother Jeff George, Master, Lodge St. George No. 549, and Worshipful Brother Tehmtan Toorkey, District Senior Grand Warden (Bombay).

Freemasonry is one of the world's oldest social and charitable organisations. Mutual intellectual, social, and moral improvement are the tenets followed by all Freemasons. They do not distinguish between religions, and they emphasise the duties of citizenship. Religious or political discussions are not permitted in Lodge meetings.

Masonry offers no monetary advantages and supports a wide range of charities both Masonic and non-Masonic. From its symbolic ceremonies and moral teachings to its influence on enlightenment ideals, Freemasonry continues to intrigue and captivate individuals around the world. Freemasonry is rooted in the traditions of medieval European stonemasons. Their history can be traced back to the early 17th



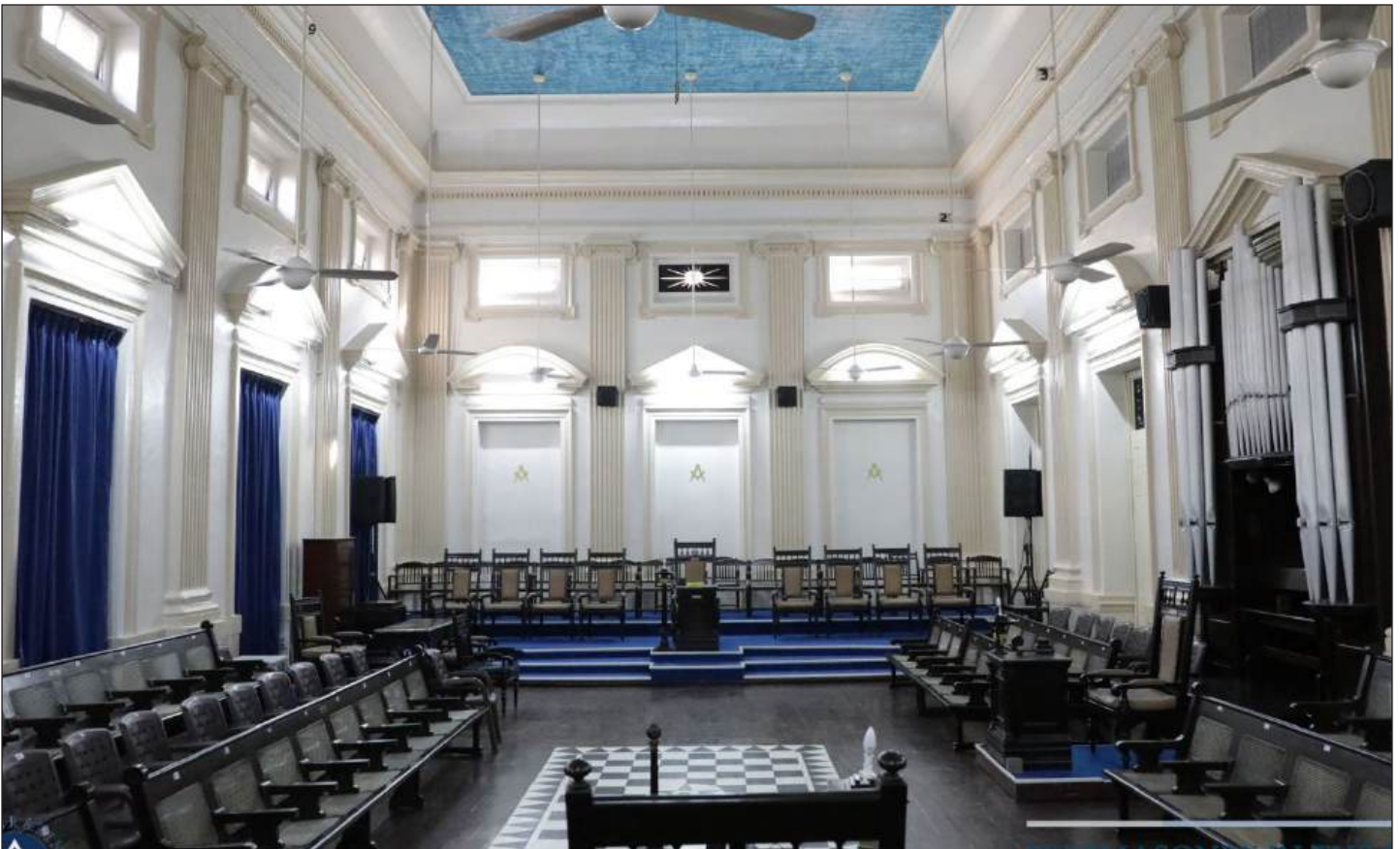
century. On June 24th 1717, four London lodges came together at the Goose and Gridiron tavern in St Paul's Churchyard to form the Premier Grand Lodge (now referred to as the United Grand Lodge of England or UGLE). The core values of Freemasonry are integrity, friendship, respect, and service.

UGLE is headquartered at 60 Great Queen Street, London. It is led by the Grand Master,

HRH The Duke of Kent, who was elected more than 50 years ago and is now its longest-serving Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master, who acts for him when his Royal duties supervene, is Jonathan Spence.

Freemasonry is organised under the United Grand Lodge of England (1717), Grand Lodge of Ireland (1725), and the Grand Lodge of Scotland (1736). The District Grand Lodge of Bombay





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was formed under the United Grand Lodge of England. The District Grand Lodge of India was founded in 1838 under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ireland in India was formed under the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

The symbolism in the Temple was explained, including the form of an eye on the top of the East wall of the Temple, which signifies wisdom, insight, power, and a capacity for seeing beyond the ordinary, but can also signify distorted perception or a focus on one perspective. The chequered or mosaic floor at the centre of the Temple, which has a pattern of alternating black and white squares, is a symbolic representation of the duality of life and the path of good and evil and is found in most Masonic lodges. There is also a table with different religious scripts of different religions, signifying that the Lodge doesn't distinguish between religions. The ceiling is painted blue to resemble the sky, with symbolic elements and featuring the letter "G" hanging from the sun, representing a Supreme Being.

SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ASKED WERE:

- 1. Whether women could become members?**
 - Yes, there were separate lodges for women as well.

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2. **How can one become a member of the Lodge?**

- Much like Rotary, the candidate is interviewed and it is ascertained if he/she has the attributes of a Freemason and if they would fit in.

3. **Are membership numbers dwindling?**

- Yes, numbers were lower, but there were still those keen to become members.

4. **Is there a correlation between Freemasonry and the Knights Templar?**

- Yes, and in fact, there is a Lodge of the Knights Templar as well in India.

5. **Is there any relation between the Lodge and the Illuminati?**

- No, it's more of a myth.



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RCB PANEL DISCUSSION ON ENVIRONMENT AND ANIMAL WELFARE



The Panel discussion on Environment and Animal Welfare on March 26th, 2025 covered the urgency for a green environment, man-animal conflict over urban and natural habitats, and how the common citizen can appeal to the animal welfare board when they witness acts of cruelty. For over a decade, RCB has been partnering with animal welfare organisations to raise awareness about the ecological imbalance caused by humanity's over-consumption. Many believe *The Scream* depicts a person crying out in anguish. But its full title, *The Scream of Nature*, reveals a deeper truth. The figure isn't screaming — it's covering its ears, overwhelmed by nature's silent, infinite cry. A cry from forest-stripped bears, from oceans choking on plastic, from the suffering of countless creatures. We've caused these screams, and it's our moral obligation to stop ignoring them.

BITTU SAIGAL (ENVIRONMENTALIST, ACTIVIST, WRITER AND FOUNDER OF SANCTUARY NATURE FOUNDATION) — Animals are Earth's maintenance engineers — from termites enriching soil to vultures preventing diseases. Our GDP-driven worldview ignores this, counting forest destruction as 'progress' while ecosystems collapse. Market failures caused the climate crisis, yet we still prioritise profit over life. Children understand this better than adults; our Kids for Tigers programme shows how youth drive change. We must stop lecturing and start listening — to nature's warnings and indigenous wisdom. Every species, even cockroaches, plays a role. The solution isn't just laws, but rewiring our relationship with nature through education and humility.

HOMI R. KHUSHRUKUN (SENIOR BUSINESS LEADER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY) — Corporate conservation works when done right. Our whale shark project with Tata Chemicals succeeded by blending science with cultural narratives — Murari Babu's '*Vahu*' (daughter-in-law) analogy made fishermen protect migrating sharks. Similarly, vulture breeding

taught us that saving species requires patience; these birds vomit when stressed! But when we released captive-bred vultures with tracking devices, entire ecosystems benefited. The lesson? Industry must go beyond CSR checkboxes. Like our abandoned Lake Natron soda ash project showed, sometimes the most profitable decision is walking away to preserve critical habitats like flamingo breeding grounds.

MEET ASHAR (LAWYER AND ANIMAL RIGHTS ADVOCATE) — India's new penal code imposes 5-year jail terms for animal cruelty, yet most don't know this. I've seen cases where children who stoned puppies transformed into caregivers after our Compassionate Citizen workshops. But systemic cruelty persists — dairy industries practise '*khal bacha*' (using dead calves to trick cows into lactation), while labs still test on animals despite superior alternatives. The link between animal abuse and human violence is proven; the FBI tracks animal cruelty as a red flag for future criminals. Strengthening laws matters, but real change requires public vigilance and teaching empathy early.

ARISH DASTUR (SENIOR URBAN PLANNER) — Yellowstone's wolves proved keystone species engineer ecosystems, yet we keep ignoring these lessons. In Mumbai, Godrej's mangroves host 211 bird species while buffering floods — a corporate-nature model we need nationwide. Our crisis stems from divorcing economics from ecology; GDP celebrates deforestation as 'growth' while ancient texts like the *Yasna* revered animal souls. Reconnecting with traditions like Jatayu's sacrifice or Zoroastrian dog reverence isn't romanticism — it's survival strategy. Policy alone won't fix this; we need cultural rewiring to see ourselves as part of nature's web, not its masters."

This powerful discussion served as a wake-up call — urging us to listen, to act, and to remember that we are not above nature, but within it.





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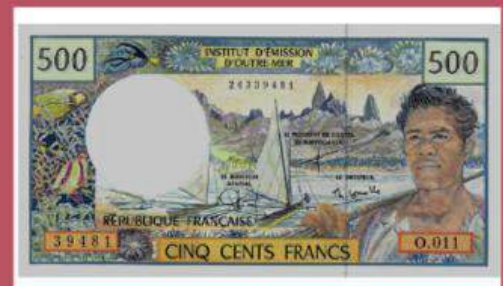
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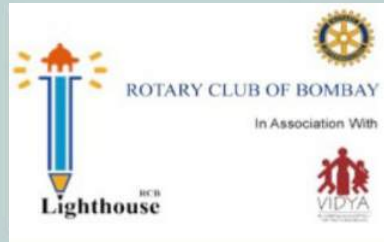
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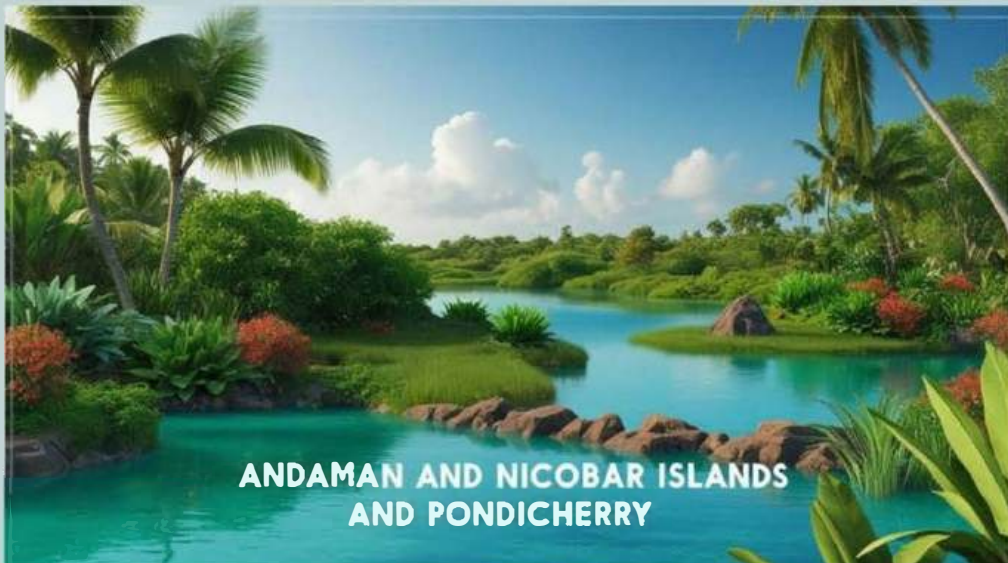
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SUMMER CAMP 2025

Lighthouse Quiz: Explore & Discover



Date : 19th April, 2025

Time: 4.30-5.30pm

Lighthouse

Opposite Bayroute, Gate No 3, Ground Floor,

Bhai Bhandarkar, Machimar Nagar,

Captain Prakash Pethe Marg,

Badhwar Park,

Cuffe Parade,

Mumbai - 400005

ELLIE THE 12 YO ROBOTIC ELEPHANT VISITS BY STUDENTS OF NMJ SCHOOL

We have had numerous workshops as part of personality building for our Bhavishya Yaan students — over and above our core teaching of spoken English, computers, and life skills. Among all these experiences, two workshops stand out as the most inspiring and impactful.

The first was when Jason Lewis, an adventurer and sustainability campaigner, visited one of our BY schools. While on his India tour, Jason took time to meet our students and share his incredible life journey. He is the first person to have circumnavigated the globe entirely on human power, and the first to reach North America on inline skates! His story left a lasting impression on us, and when we speak to our alumni who attended his session, they too fondly recall his visit and the positive impact it had on them. Clearly, he made his mark on many of us.

Then, on April 1st, 2025 at BY NMJ, Ellie, a 12-year-old robotic elephant from PETA, visited our students from standards 1 to 10 which was an unforgettable experience.

Ellie came to share her story — a tale of pain, endurance, rescue, and recovery. The students sat in two batches — primary and secondary — listening in rapt attention as Ellie narrated her journey through the voice of Dia Mirza. As Ellie blinked her eyes, moved her trunk, and flapped her ears, the children were completely captivated.

Ellie's story was deeply emotional — of her days in the

circus, being beaten, underfed, and made to perform for entertainment. It was a powerful, eye-opening session that sensitised young minds to the plight of animals who can't speak for themselves. The children learnt about the cruelty circus animals endure and the love and care Ellie finally received after being rescued during Diwali.

Now over 30 years old and living peacefully in a sanctuary, Ellie has been renamed Laxmi. The students were filled with questions—what Ellie was made of, whether Laxmi looked like her, what her family is like, and even how much water an elephant can drink! Meenakshi from PETA was there to answer all of their curious queries.

Many students were emotionally moved. Some made heartfelt promises not to attend circuses that exploit animals. A few even said they would ask their parents to release their pet parrots. It was truly a moment of awakening, and the compassion reflected in their responses was remarkable.

The session lasted an hour for each batch. And as all good things must come to an end, so did this heartwarming programme. After many joyful photo sessions with Ellie — featuring students, BY teachers, principals, BMC teachers, some parents, and other staff — Ellie received a grand send-off.

We are truly grateful for this beautiful experience and look forward to bringing more such impactful programmes from PETA that not only educate but also touch hearts.



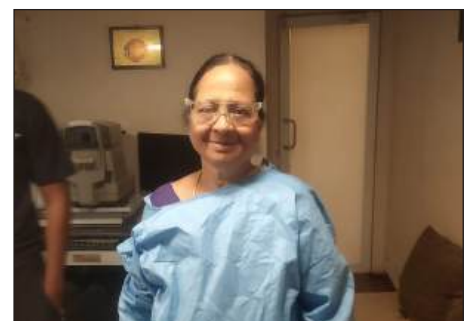
RESTORING SIGHT AND HOPE TO ANANDA YAAN ELDERS

At Ananda Yaan, RCB deeply appreciates the kindness and generosity of those who help improve the lives of our elders. Thanks to Rtn. Christopher Bluemel, several underserved elders received much-needed cataract surgeries, giving them the gift of clear vision and renewed independence.

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Sanjeev Upadhyay for performing

these surgeries free of cost and to Rtn. Rahil Shah of N. M. Medical for subsidising the preoperative tests. Your selfless contributions embody the true spirit of Ananda Seva and have brought light and joy into the lives of our elders.

We are truly grateful for your support in making this life-changing intervention possible!



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
and
PRESIDENT SATYAN ISRANI
warmly invite you to join us for the

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY 2025

Join us as we cheer on our deserving
awardees of the Scholarship Program,
enjoy some amazing entertainment,
distribute well deserved prizes and
follow that up with some snacks!

18 April 2025

5 PM – 7 PM

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Visit to JNPT–Vadhavan Super Port

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Following the talk on the India–Middle–East–Europe–Economic Corridor (IMEC) on Tuesday March 25 at the Rotary Club, a visit to the JNPT port, which is developing and operating the new **Vadhavan Super Port** has been organised.

WEDNESDAY

23 APRIL 2025 | 9.45 AM – 12 NOON

**J.N.P.T. Administrative Building, Nava Sheva,
Navi Mumbai, Juna Sheva, Maharashtra 400707**

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

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| 9.45 am | Arrival at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority Administration Building |
| 9.45 am – 10.45 am | Visit to J.N. Port Terminal (overview of facilities & operations) |
| 10.45 am – 11.45 am | Presentation on new Vadhavan Super Port followed by Q&A (conference room, JNPA Administration Building) |
| 11.45 am | Departure from JNPT |



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

BEFORE YOU VISIT

All members wishing to attend, will need to furnish the following information **by Tuesday, April 15**, for themselves and their drivers:

1. Name
2. Age
3. Occupation and designation
4. Telephone number
5. Xerox of Aadhar Card
6. Vehicle number and make

DAY OF THE VISIT

- Please carry your original Aadhar Card with you. (Digi Locker version not permissible) This includes members and their drivers.
- Members drive to JNPT directly, via the Atal Setu Bridge
([CLICK HERE FOR DIRECTIONS](#))
- Parking for members cars is available at the JNPT administration building.
- From the administration building, an air-conditioned bus will take us around the port.

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A MAGICAL EVENING AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

On April 5th, 2025, 30 excited children and four dedicated teachers were treated to an enchanting evening at the Royal Opera House for a dazzling performance of *Madagascar: The Musical*. Bursting with colour, energy, and toe-tapping tunes, the production brought to life a cast of beloved animal characters — including a lion, zebra, and giraffe — whisking the audience away on a heartfelt journey of friendship, freedom, and self-discovery.

At the heart of the story lay profound messages: the zebra's yearning to explore the world beyond captivity, and the lion's battle between instinct and loyalty, sparking conversations about empathy, courage, and compassion. One child thoughtfully reflected, "I learned that animals should not be kept in a zoo but should be allowed to

live freely in the jungle."

For our students, attending an English-language theatre performance is more than a cultural outing — it marks a significant educational milestone. It was deeply moving to witness their growing confidence as they followed English instructions, responded to humour, and engaged with the story in real time. From the early days of explaining what a theatre even was, to this moment of shared joy and understanding, the progress has been incredible.

The magic of the evening lingered long after the final curtain call. The children left the theatre with sparkling eyes and hearts full of wonder — proof that the arts can open doors not only to imagination, but to new worlds of language, learning, and self-belief.



WHEELCHAIR TO MACHIMAR COMMUNITY AT CUFFE PARADE

The Rotary Club of Bombay has once again demonstrated its commitment to service by donating a much-needed wheelchair to the RCB Lighthouse community, ensuring better access to medical care for those in need.

For many individuals in the fishermen community, reaching a hospital was a major challenge due to limited mobility and a lack of resources. This donation will provide crucial support, enabling patients to travel for medical treatment with dignity and ease.

The community expressed heartfelt gratitude for this generous contribution, highlighting how it will make a lasting impact on the lives of those facing mobility challenges. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Bombay, families no longer have to struggle to transport their loved ones to healthcare facilities.

Through this initiative, the Club continues to uphold the Rotary spirit of service above self, bringing meaningful change to those who need it most.



INAUGURATION OF JATIA SCIENCE BLOCK AT BISSAU SCHOOL

INAUGURATION OF SCIENCE BUILDING

The Rotary Club of Bombay, through our CSR grant generously funded by PP Vijay Jatia and family, has successfully constructed the science block at PM Shri Seth Durga Dutt Jatia Government Higher Secondary School, Bissau. The grand inauguration ceremony was attended by Rtn. Mudit Jatia, Rtn. Sidhant Jatia, Mahant Omnath Maharaj, Ravinath Maharaj, C.B.E.O Rajendra Khichad, Principal Garima Chahar, BJP Mandal President Pawan Dholpuriya, and Police Station in-charge Rampal Meena.

This impactful contribution to societal development marks a remarkable leap in education. With an investment of approximately ₹1.35 crore, this initiative is set to revolutionise the learning journey of students, especially those pursuing science.

A MILESTONE IN EDUCATION

The new science building represents a major step in bridging infrastructural gaps and ensuring students have access to high-quality learning environments. The building includes five state-of-the-art classrooms, separate toilet wings for boys and girls, and a water tank — facilities that will greatly enhance the daily experience of hundreds of students. Principal Garima Chahar expressed her appreciation, noting that the building would spark curiosity and foster the growth of scientific knowledge among the youth.

ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR SCIENCE EDUCATION

With around 650 students across disciplines, the school previously struggled with inadequate classroom space for science education, resorting to using the laboratory for regular teaching, thus disrupting practical learning. Recognising the urgent need, Principal Smt. Garima Chahar approached PP Vijay with a proposal to uplift the school's facilities.

PP Vijay acknowledging the importance of science education,



approved the proposal via the Mahabirprasad Jatia Foundation. The plan included building five new classrooms, toilets, and a water tank. The foundation stone was laid on July 2nd, 2024, and in under nine months, the Gauri & Vijay Kumar Jatia Science Block was inaugurated on March 31st, 2025.

A BOOST FOR PRACTICAL LEARNING

The new science block will enable 250 science students to conduct practical experiments in a structured environment, nurturing scientific temperament and technological acumen. By providing hands-on experience alongside theoretical lessons, the new classrooms ensure a well-rounded science education.

ENCOURAGING TALENT AND DIGITAL LEARNING

The inauguration event also featured delightful cultural performances by students, showcasing their talents. The Jatia family awarded cash prizes to these young performers, recognising and encouraging their creativity and dedication.

In addition to improving infrastructure, the Jatia family has further committed to enhancing digital learning by donating six computer systems and a printer, ensuring students stay connected with modern education tools.

A LEGACY OF SOCIAL COMMITMENT

The Jatia family's consistent dedication to education, healthcare, and spiritual upliftment continues to benefit not only Bissau but also 40-50 surrounding villages. Their vision and generosity are shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

This initiative stands as a shining example of community-driven progress and heartfelt philanthropy. Our gratitude and congratulations to the Jatia family for their unwavering commitment to education and for transforming the educational landscape of Bissau!

**इंडियन** 01-04-2025

जटिया परिवार ने जटिया राउमावि में विज्ञान भवन का लोकार्पण किया, 6 कम्प्यूटर व प्रिंटर देने की घोषणा

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SILVER JUBILEE OF INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BOMBAY'S COMMITMENT TO WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

On March 10th, 2025, the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay held a heartwarming celebration at Malabar Hill Club to commemorate 25 years of its profoundly impactful initiatives in adult literacy, vocational training and microcredit.

A LEGACY OF LITERACY AND LEARNING

In 2000, late Mira Mehta, Past President of IWC Bombay, initiated adult literacy classes at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar School, for mothers who came to pick up their children. This small step sparked a transformative journey. With dedicated volunteers, appointed teachers, structured exams, and certification, the programme grew steadily.

On March 10th, Subharna Nikalje, a former student, shared her remarkable journey—starting in the Adult Literacy Programme, her passion for learning led her to become a qualified advocate, a true testament to the power of education and perseverance.

Recognising the need for continuous improvement, professional educators from VIDYA were appointed this year, significantly enhancing the programme's impact.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: A PATHWAY TO SELF-RELIANCE

In 2005, vocational training was introduced under the guidance of a dedicated teacher. Over the years, skills such as tailoring, beauty treatments, mehendi application, and fabric painting have empowered countless women.

An Annual Day programme showcases their progress, and each year, new faces join the initiative, bringing enthusiasm and fresh energy to our mission.

Moreover, our vocational training extends beyond personal skill-building. Women stitch *jhablas*, bonnets, mattress covers, and nesting cushions for the Neonatal Wards of KEM and Sion Hospitals—a two-in-one project that benefits both the trainees and the hospitals. Doctors from KEM Hospital, present at the function, expressed their heartfelt appreciation for our continued support.

A special stall was set up at the event to showcase their work, and our enthusiastic Inner Wheel members made several purchases, further supporting their journey to financial independence.

MICROCREDIT SCHEME: FUELING DREAMS, TRANSFORMING LIVES

Our Microcredit Scheme, launched in 2007, has been a pioneering project, changing the lives of thousands of women. Several beneficiaries shared their inspiring success stories:

- Ashwini Kulaye started her travel and tourism business with a ₹20,000 loan and never looked back.
- Reena Kanchi set up a Chinese food stall to support her family.
- Kajal Bile started designing blouses, which grew into a successful boutique.



United in empowerment – Celebrating 25 years of impact and togetherness



A cake-cutting ceremony at the March 10th event.



Doctors of KEM and Sion Hospital attending the function applaud the team's commendable effort in maintaining a steady supply



Ladies of the vocational class showcase their learnings in annual programmes held every year.

A CELEBRATION OF IMPACT AND A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The highlight of the show was 'the empowered women,' confidently narrating their stories, performing a skit, and walking the ramp—each moment echoing pride and transformation.

The presence of Mrs. Amla Ruia, eminent water conservationist

and educationist, added gravitas. Her generous ₹1 lakh contribution and ₹10,78,000 in total donations this year reflect the trust we've earned.

Looking forward, we aim to introduce computer classes, a library, and entrepreneurship programmes to continue empowering women.

Here's to many more years of impact and progress!



A journey that began in 2000 – continuing strong today



A journey of skill development over the years



A step towards entrepreneurship in 2007 - PDC Lata Palekar at the vada pav outlet



Designed by Kajal Bile



Exams and certificates



Ladies of the vocational class showcase their learnings in annual programmes held every year



Supplies for the neonatal wards of KEM and Sion Hospitals



Ashwini Kulye - Travel and Tourism



Handing over cheques, supporting dreams, and empowering futures



Partnering with VIDYA (Integrated Development of Adults and Youth)



In 2022, students appeared for the Open Basic Education Exam at an external examination centre

A GREEN FINALE: BHAVISHYA YAAN SUMMER CAMP AT GK MARG CHAMPIONS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



As the curtains closed on another successful year of the Bhavishya Yaan programme at GK Marg, students delivered a heartfelt and inspiring finale through their summer camp showcase, themed around environmental conservation. Bhavishya Yaan, a flagship initiative of the Rotary Club of Bombay, works with underserved children, equipping them with spoken English skills, computer literacy, and life skills. This event was not just a celebration of learning — it was a powerful call to action for a greener, cleaner future.

The programme began with the youngest students of standards 1 and 2 presenting a sweet and meaningful song calling for environmental protection. Their enthusiastic performance reminded everyone that the journey towards sustainability begins with awareness from a young age.

Students of standards 3 and 4 then took the stage with a vibrant street play, creatively showcasing everyday actions that help keep our environment clean and green. The energy and passion with which they performed highlighted how even small acts can create a ripple effect in society.

One of the standout performances of the day came from standards 5 students, who delivered a gripping skit titled Stop Cutting Trees. Their message was loud and clear — the destruction of forests threatens not only the environment but the future of all living beings. This act was followed by a touching rendition of the song Save the Planet for Me and You, echoing the urgent need for conservation efforts.

The finale was brought to life by the senior students from standards 6 to 8, who performed a powerful mime on the

effects of deforestation and pollution on human life. The silent storytelling deeply moved the audience, culminating in a poetic recital on ecology conservation that emphasised the message that every step counts when it comes to protecting our planet.

To celebrate the efforts of the children and bring the camp to a cheerful close, snacks were distributed — a simple yet thoughtful gesture that added joy to a day of learning and purpose.

The Rotary Club of Bombay extends its heartfelt appreciation to the facilitators, volunteers, and most of all, the students, for making this finale a resounding success. Through initiatives like Bhavishya Yaan, we continue to empower young minds, not only with skills for the future but with a consciousness to shape a better world.

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		Mar-25
DIALYSIS	Platinum Hospital, Mulund	7
	Aastha Hospital, Manor	24
	Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar	20
	Shatabdi Hospital, Govandi	108
	Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali	18
	Samarpan, Ghatkopar	82
	Lifeline Medicare Hospital Charkop	43
	Dr.M.L.Dhawale Memorial Trust Hosp. Palghar	24
	K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion	41
	Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri E	52
	Rotary Yoda Dialysis Centre, Symbiosis Hospital	100
	Swami Shraddhanand Hospital, Vasai West	62
	Mallika Hospital, Jogeshwari West	36
	Adhikari Life Line Hospital, Boisar, Palghar	27
Total		644

BY GK MARG STUDENTS EXPLORE THE MUSEUM OF SOLUTIONS



In a heartwarming initiative that blended education with excitement, the BY students of GK Marg, supported by the Rotary Club of Bombay, were treated to a magical day at Mumbai's groundbreaking Museum of Solutions — a space dedicated to inspiring children to become thoughtful changemakers.

Located in the heart of the city, the Museum of Solutions is not just a museum; it's a vibrant, interactive environment that invites young minds to explore some of the most pressing challenges our world faces today. With a strong focus on themes like climate change, pollution, engineering, water scarcity, and sustainable living, the museum is built around one powerful concept: children can be part of the solution.

The GK Marg students, many of whom are first-generation learners, excitedly explored three floors packed with immersive exhibits and hands-on activities. From experimenting with air currents and ocean ecosystems to engaging in creative engineering challenges and thought-provoking discovery labs, the children were encouraged to ask questions, investigate

ideas, and think critically.

What made the day even more special was the way the Museum of Solutions welcomed these young visitors with open arms. The museum generously offered free entry to all the children and thoughtfully provided snack boxes at the end of the session — small gestures that made a big impact on both their minds and hearts.

In a world where access to quality education and inspiring experiences can be limited for underserved communities, this visit was a shining example of how collaboration and kindness can open doors — and minds.

The Rotary Club of Bombay extends its heartfelt thanks to the entire team at the Museum of Solutions for their generosity, their vision, and their unwavering commitment to nurturing the next generation of problem solvers.

It was not just a field trip — it was a spark. A spark of curiosity, creativity, and hope.

MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT

Director	Rtn. Renu Basu	
Committee chair/co-chair	Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala / Rtn. Reema Damani	
Name of the Committee	Cotton Green	
Patients visited / treated		Mar-25
COTTON GREEN	Homoeopathy	275
	Dental OPD	175
	Ophthalmic OPD	64
	Paediatrics OPD	30
	General OPD	121
	Pathology Lab	9
	ECG	7
TOTAL		681

Director	Rtn. Renu Basu	
Committee chair/co-chair	Rtn. Mihir Mody / Rtn. Meera Alreja	
Name of the Committee	RCB Medical Centre, Talwada	
Patients visited / treated		Mar-25
PRVEC	Ophthalmic OPD	1087
	Spect given during the month	102
	Operations	35
	Patient kept for treatment	5
	IOL	--
	Yag Laser	--
	Green Laser	--
	Keratoplasty	--
TOTAL		1264
ADMC	General OPD	875
	Dental OPD	73
	Paediatric OPD	27
	Pathology Lab	80
	TB Patients	14
	Gynaecology	6
	TOTAL	1075

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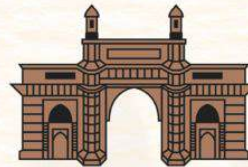
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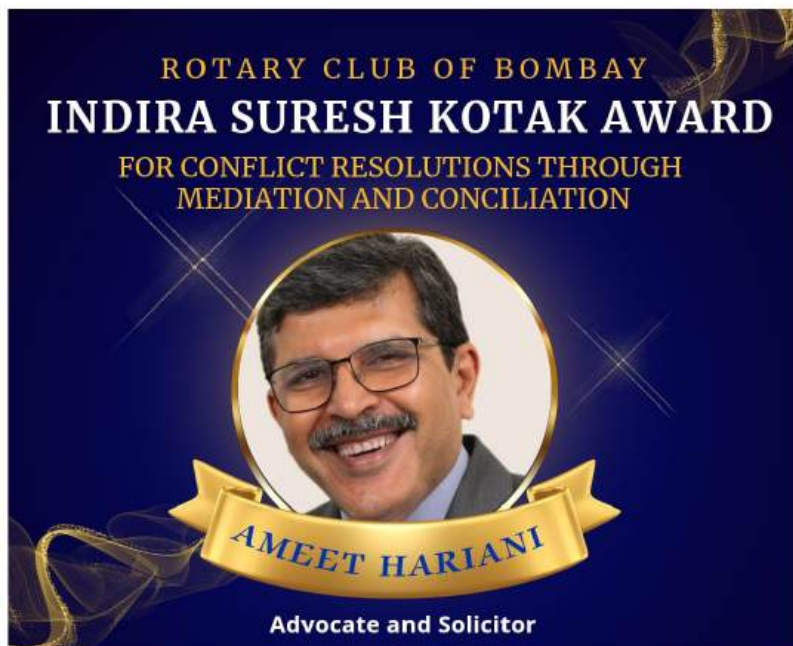
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