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Celebrating 96 Years of Service

This Tuesday, March 17th

Mrs. Yasmin Karachiwala in conversation with Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani on 'Staying Fit as We Age!'

UPCOMING

March 21st, Saturday

Celebration of 3rd Anniversary of Rotary HDFC Dharamshala.

March 22nd, Sunday

- The **Adult Literacy Programme** Graduation Ceremony
- Inauguration of **IVDP** Kasghar and Savarkhand
- Inauguration of **Skilling Laboratory** at Wada, Palghar

March 24th, Tuesday Meeting

Official Club Visit of DG Dr. Manish Motwani

March 29th, Sunday

Project visit and fellowship at RCB's flagship projects at Talwada

April 11th, Saturday

PE Manish Reshamwala invites all for a session for Incoming Directors, Chairs and Co-chairs and members.

PROBAL DASGUPTA IN A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH PP VINEET BHATNAGAR ON GENERAL BRASSTACKS: THE SUNDARJI STORY



PP Vineet Bhatnagar:

So I want to congratulate you first. Your book is rated as the number one bestseller on Amazon in the Public Affairs category. So congratulations.

Probal DasGupta:

Thank you. Thank you, Vineet.

I want to start this entire conversation with what I recently received, which is an endorsement from Shashi Tharoor on this book. He calls this book a fast-paced thriller. He also calls it a very serious academic work. He says that it is an exhilarating portrait of a general, an army general, in independent India, who had also seen the pre-Partition days of the colonial era. He says that you have portrayed the man behind the medals as someone with indomitable courage.

I want to dive straight into the way you start the book, by talking about the stormy decade of the 1980s, with no punches pulled. You talk about how that decade was the defining period, not only bringing out the best and perhaps the worst of General

Krishnaswamy Sundarji, but also shaping the destiny of a nation. Your take on the 1980s decade is striking, and you very aptly call it a decade with five assassinations and an arms deal.

Thank you, Vineet, and thank you everybody for this wonderful opportunity to interact on a Tuesday afternoon.

The central era of this book is the 1980s. Of course, I have also tried to pull out the early life of Sundarji, but the 1980s are central. You rightly call it the stormy decade of assassinations and an arms deal, which is Bofors scandal. Many of our personal histories and our historiographies are linked with the events of the 1980s. Not a single month passed without an event, and not a single year passed without drama. The entire decade was like a complete box office theatre, that is how I describe it.

You had the five assassinations. You had the Indian Army operating in the religious temple in Amritsar, in the deserts of Rajasthan, in the world's highest battlefield in Siachen, in the jungles of Jaffna, in the swamps of the North-



East, and even in the island of the Maldives and the plains of Punjab. All of this also had a political impact and shaped the choices of the country in that decade. It bore the imprint and the signature of General Krishnaswamy Sundarji, the mercurial and highly ambitious general who divided opinion. He was either revered or reviled.

The fact is that he left a lasting impression in the transformation of the country from a socialist form to a more modern orientation as we moved through the decade and as the world around us changed. To me, he was arguably one of the most important military leaders and who also influenced the political choices of this country.

Allow me to get into the events one by one. Operation Blue Star was initiated by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale had put together the entire force in the temple complex. Who was leading the operation from his side? I believe it was Lieutenant General Shabeg Singh. I want you to share with our audience the history of Shabeg and how he joined Bhindranwale.

Before I come to that, I will talk a little about the five assassinations. It was one decade that saw so many important political assassinations. We talk about Indira Gandhi. All of us remember what we were doing on the day when the news came in that she had been shot. Each of us has a different story to tell, so that became a shared public memory. I will tell you why I am referring to these assassinations.

The second was Rajiv Gandhi. Again, it is something we are familiar with. In 1991, which is technically part of the next decade, but it can still be counted in the continuum of the 1980s because it was connected to what had happened with the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka. Then you have General A. S. Vaidya, who had led the military campaign during the Golden Temple operation.

There are two other assassinations that I

will not talk about right now. I will keep you waiting for those because they are less well known, but they are connected to this story.

Coming back to Blue Star, you mentioned Lieutenant General Shabeg Singh. His story has always intrigued me. Shabeg Singh was a war hero of the 1965 and 1971 wars. He was revered by his troops and within his regiment. Incidentally, he also came from my regiment.

Shabeg Singh had acquired considerable glory. At the National Defence Academy, where he served as an instructor, he had a cadet named Kuldip Singh Brar, popularly known as Bulbul Brar. Shabeg Singh was the instructor, and Bulbul Brar was his cadet.

In 1971, when the Bangladesh Liberation War took place, the Mukti Bahini force was formed. It was a militia that went into Bangladesh and helped the Bangladeshi freedom fighters against the Pakistani army. Shabeg Singh led the Mukti Bahini with Bulbul Brar, who by then had become a major, as his deputy. They had first been instructor and cadet, and later colleagues in the 1971 War, fighting shoulder to shoulder.

After the war ended, Shabeg Singh returned and continued his career. He had been a brigadier in 1971 and later became a major general. A day before his retirement, he was dismissed by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. He was stripped of his pension and the retainable rank of his service. After more than three decades of service, he had nothing left to fall back on. He retired into relative oblivion in Punjab.

Around this time, the militant leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, who had risen to prominence by the early 1980s, approached Shabeg Singh and asked him to join the movement, saying that he had been wronged by the Indian government. Shabeg Singh initially refused. Bhindranwale approached him again, but again Shabeg Singh declined.

By then, Shabeg Singh had filed a case in

the High Court challenging the decision against him. Over time, he won the case. Bhindranwale returned once more and asked him if he would join. By that time, Shabeg Singh had become deeply frustrated with the system. Eventually, he agreed.

Inside the Golden Temple, when the militants had stockpiled weapons and fortified their position, Shabeg Singh was the one who designed the complex as a defensive fortress against the Indian Army. He understood how the Army would approach and how it would attack.

But the story does not end there. It also involves Bulbul Brar. When Shabeg Singh positioned his militants inside the Golden Temple in 1984, awaiting the Indian Army, a journalist came to him and said that the army had appointed General Bulbul Brar to lead the attack against him. Shabeg Singh reportedly replied that he had heard Bulbul was there and that it would be a tough fight.

The journalists who recorded this were Mark Tully and Satish Jacob. I spoke with them, and that is how I learned what had happened. Shabeg Singh and Bulbul Brar had been colleagues and friends at the academy, and now they had become adversaries.

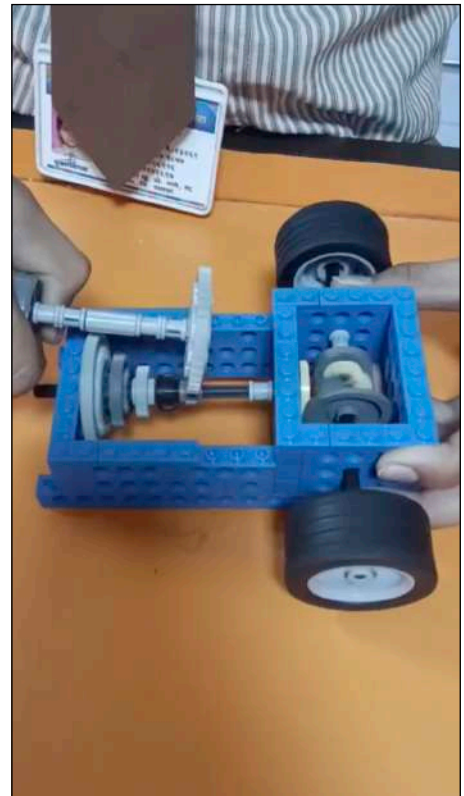
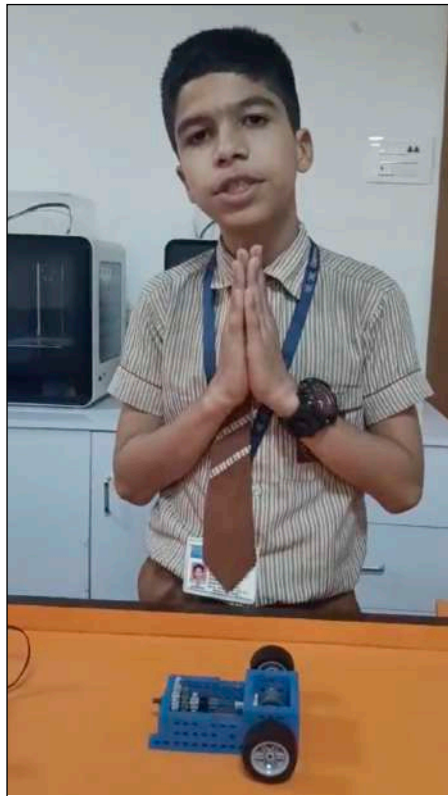
General Brar lives about 200 metres from here (Taj Hotel) in a heavily secured residence. He became India's first civilian with Z-plus security after 1984. I spent half a day with General Brar and asked him what he thought of Shabeg Singh. He said that he had the highest professional regard for him. He said Shabeg Singh had made a wrong choice, but he was a fine man and an even better soldier.

This was the ethos that prevailed between soldiers. We know the broad outlines of Operation Blue Star, and I will not go into the entire detail here, given the time. But this particular episode was one aspect of the story that I wanted to bring out...

INNOVATION LAB WADA: GEARS, GRIT AND GENIUS

At Innovation Lab Wada, Viraj Shelar, a student of Standard 7, has successfully built a gearbox model using the power of a gear system in robotics. Through this project, he demonstrated a clear understanding of mechanical concepts and explained how gear mechanisms operate in real machines.

Gearboxes are widely used in vehicles such as cars and bikes to control speed and torque, as well as in industrial machines, cranes and conveyor systems. They help regulate speed, increase power and enable machines to function more efficiently.



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Arif Lokhandwala and PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir



PP Framroze Mehta, Rotarians Hoshang
Nazir, Akhil Sanghi, Mihir Mody and
President Bimal Mehta



Rotarians Ramesh Dhir and Hiren Kara



Rotarians Rina Deora, Dr. Anand
Somaya and Nandini Sampat



Rotarians Anirudh Chowdhary, Zaheer
Memon, Gautam Doshi and Akhil Sanghi



Rotarians Akhil Sanghi, PE Manish
Reshamwala, PP Kalpana Munshi
and PP Nirav Shah



Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, Rotarians Ritu Prakash Desai, Rina Deora, PP Vineet Bhatnagar,
Speaker Probal Dasgupta and President Bimal Mehta



President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Akhil
Sanghi and Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi Sanghi



First Lady Aradhana Mehta
and Rtn. Laxmi Karnani



Rotarians Miral Shah and
Paritosh Rungta



Rotarians Rina Deora and
Swati Mayekar



MAHJONG FUNDRAISER SUPPORTS ANIMAL WELFARE INITIATIVES



Bipin Vazirani and his wife Reshma Vazirani graciously hosted a lively Mahjong afternoon at their residence on behalf of the Rotary Club of Bombay. The event brought together 60 enthusiastic participants who competed spiritedly for over two and a half hours, each hoping to secure a place among the top ten winners. Attractive prizes were awarded to the winners, generously sponsored by well-wishers of the cause.

The afternoon combined friendly competition with a meaningful purpose. Contributions from participants raised Rs. 1,50,000, while an additional

Rs. 45,500 came in through generous donations. This brought the total funds raised to Rs. 1,95,500, all of which has been directed towards the corpus of the Animal Welfare and Wildlife Conservation Committee.

The gathering was attended by Club President Bimal Mehta, along with Malti Jain and Nimisha Sheth. The event was expertly supervised and conducted by Sheetal Patel from Let's Mahjong.

The organisers expressed their gratitude to several partners who supported the initiative. Sneha from

Lotus Suutra provided the mats, while Nilkamal Plastics supplied tables, chairs and stools at a very nominal price. Catering was arranged by Aperio by Malvika Moolchandani, which supported the cause with a special lump-sum rate.

Special appreciation was extended to committee members Anand, Priyasri, Ramesh, Tara, Mudit and Aradhana for their tireless efforts.

The event was a wonderful blend of fellowship, fun and philanthropy, reflecting Rotary's enduring commitment to service above self.



SATELLITE CLUB CELEBRATES A JOYFUL HOLI GATHERING



The Satellite Holi Party was a vibrant afternoon filled with colour, laughter and togetherness. Hosted graciously by Suditi Shah and Meha Shah at their home on March 1st, the celebration brought together more than 40 members for a delightful sundowner.



Guests enjoyed a lively atmosphere with a live chaat counter and the ever-popular Bombay sandwich wala, both of which proved to be favourites. The afternoon featured entertaining games such as housie and a Bollywood song prop challenge, accompanied by refreshing drinks and lively conversations.



With pleasant weather setting the tone, members celebrated Holi in an eco-friendly manner using flowers and gulaal, along with a few playful water balloons. The gathering reflected the spirit of friendship, joy and Rotary camaraderie.



We are delighted to announce
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3rd Anniversary of Rotary HDFC Dharamshala

MARCH
SATURDAY 21 11 AM - 2 PM
2026

The occasion will be graced by



DR. MANISH MOTWANI
District Governor RID3141

along with other dignitaries from
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fellowship: 11.00 am - 11.30 am

Tour of Dharamshala: 11.30 am - 12.00 noon

Dharamshala Presentation and Team

Recognitions: 12.00 noon - 12.30 pm

Lunch: 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm

Looking forward to your presence!
Thank you

President Bimal Mehta

Rotary Club of Bombay

Rtn. Miral Shah

Project Chair, Dharamshala

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LIGHTHOUSE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATES ENERGY AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT



The Annual Sports Day of the Lighthouse programme, a community initiative by the Rotary Club of Bombay for children from the fishermen community of Cuffe Parade, was celebrated with great enthusiasm on March 8th, 2026. The event brought together students, parents, Rotarians and staff in a spirited celebration of sports, teamwork and community bonding.

The day reflected the continued growth of the Lighthouse programme, where extracurricular activities are becoming an important part of the children's holistic development. The morning began on an energetic note with a lively Zumba session conducted by Mr. Roshan Badak. Starting the Sports Day with Zumba energised the crowd instantly, with both children and parents participating enthusiastically and setting a joyful tone for the day.

The traditional March Past by students from Standard

1 to 5 showcased discipline and coordination, formally marking the beginning of the programme. A major highlight of the event was the Yoga Display, which reflected the growing emphasis on wellness and discipline within the Lighthouse activities. The presentation was structured in three parts. Senior KG children began with simple asanas, showing how even four-year-olds are confidently embracing yoga. Students from Standard 1 and 2 followed with slightly more advanced movements, while students from Standards 3, 4 and 5 performed more challenging asanas that demonstrated balance, strength and focus.

The Taekwondo display was equally impressive, highlighting the discipline and confidence the children are developing through this activity, with several students now participating in competitions. The Junior and Senior KG drill added colour and cheer to the programme, with children using colourful



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ribbon props tied around their wrists to create a vibrant visual display.

The Sports Day featured 18 races. New races introduced this year included the Balloon Pop Race, Bunny Hop Race, Tiger Race, Football Dribble Race, Hula Hoop Step Race and Mixed Relay Race. Other events included the Hawaiian Race, Sunflower Race, Backpack Race, Obstacle Race and Backward Race, along with special

races for parents, Rotarians and staff. With around 90 children and 50 parents in attendance, the event was filled with enthusiasm and encouragement. The organisers expressed gratitude to Rotarians who spent their Sunday morning celebrating International Women's Day with the Lighthouse community.

Special thanks were extended to

President Bimal Mehta, PE Manish Reshamwala, PP Ramesh Narayan, Rotarians Rajesh Shah, Awais Nooranj, S. V. Prasad, Rotarian Partners Jaya Prasad, Anushka Reshamwala and Ekta Shah for their presence and encouragement.

The Sports Day concluded as a joyful celebration of sports, participation and the vibrant spirit of the Lighthouse community.



President Bimal Mehta

and

Rtn. Runit Shah

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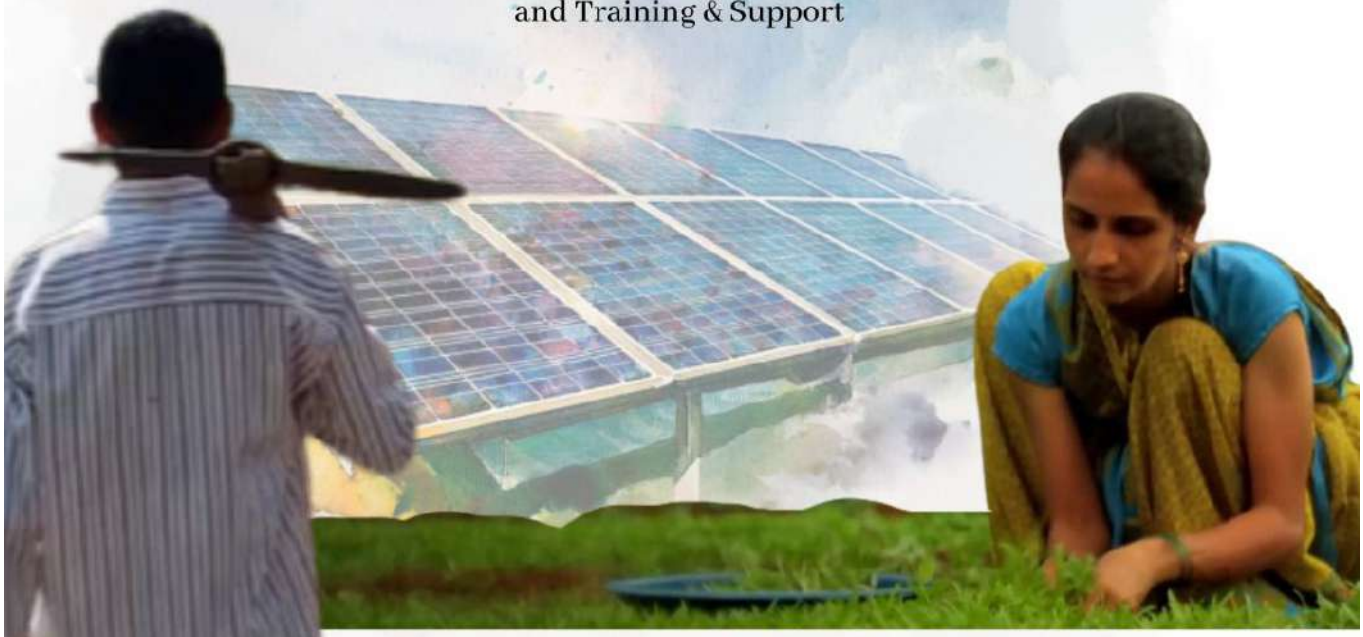
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WALK THROUGH OF TAPARIA COLLEGE

SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH, 2026

DEPARTURE TIME

6:30 AM NARIMAN POINT
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6:40AM PEDDER ROAD
(VILLA THERESA SCHOOL)

6:50 AM WORLI
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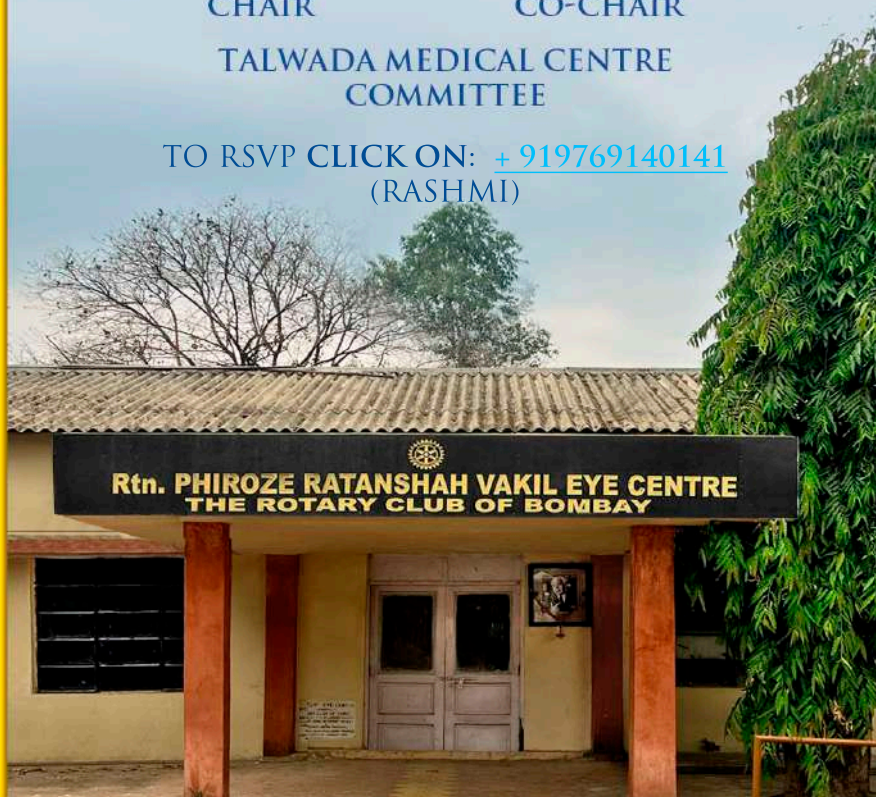
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A ROTARY SOJOURN IN JAISALMER

The Golden City of Jaisalmer takes its name from its founder, Rawal Jaisal, who built his great fort in 1156 from the shimmering golden sandstone of the region. Rising from the desert like a mirage, the fort gives the city its glowing hue — especially at sunset, when the entire skyline seems bathed in honeyed light.

Yet Jaisalmer is more than just romance and sandstone. Barely 150 km from the Pakistani border, it has long been a strategic military centre. Calm and desert-cool by day, its nights are not always so still. During Operation Sindoor, while much of India slept, Jaisalmer and neighbouring border towns lived under blackout conditions, the quiet occasionally broken by the distant drama of Indian and Pakistani Air Force aircraft in the skies above.

For many years, Jaisalmer was considered somewhat “out of the way” compared to Rajasthan’s famous tourist trio of Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur. But that changed in 2023, when Indigo introduced direct daily flights from Mumbai, Delhi and Ahmedabad. Suddenly, the desert jewel was just a short hop away.

And that was all the encouragement the peripatetic members of the Rotary Club needed.



On a crisp Thursday morning in February 2026, fifty Rotarians and their spouses boarded a flight and set off for Jaisalmer and its famed Sona Qila.

What awaited them was a beautifully curated three-day journey into Rajasthan’s desert heart. For nearly two months, PP Vineet Bhatnagar, Rtn. Ritu Prakash and First Lady Aradhana Mehta had pored over maps, hotel options, cultural experiences and culinary highlights to design the perfect itinerary. The timing was ideal: just before the festival of Holi — and there are few places in the world where Holi feels as vibrant and authentic as it does in Rajasthan.

Within days of the plan being announced, the trip was fully subscribed.

The group also experimented with something new — professional travel coordination through Tamarind — which proved to be a seamless success.

True to Rotary loyalty, the chosen hotel was Taj Gorbandh, once a royal residence and now a charming heritage property managed by the Taj Group. Cozy and welcoming, the 103-room hotel comfortably housed the entire group.

After a morning arrival, check-in, lunch and a short rest, the Rotarians prepared for their first evening’s highlight: dinner at the stunning Suryagarh hotel.

Dining at Suryagarh was an experience in itself. Spread over many acres, the “small luxury hotel” feels like a desert palace. The group arrived early enough to explore its boutiques filled



with exquisite crafts, peek into its unusual akhara-style gym, and finally gather at the elegant bar, Draksh. Pradeep and Irma Chinai, who were staying at the hotel, graciously hosted pre-dinner drinks — a gesture much appreciated by everyone.

Dinner was served under the open desert sky on the terrace. Traditional Rajasthani dishes — fiery lal maas, comforting dal bati, and delicious kulfi — were accompanied by live music. Soon the familiar strains of Mast Kalandar had guests joining in with song and dance, setting the tone for the days ahead.

The next morning began early. At 8 am, the group set off for the famed Jaisalmer Fort — one of the very few living forts in the world and a UNESCO heritage site, still home to nearly 300 families.

With the desert winter already giving way to spring warmth, an early start helped beat the heat. Five knowledgeable “storytellers” guided smaller groups through the winding ascent to the fort. While many came prepared with hats and comfortable walking shoes, a few Rotarians preferred a more inventive mode of transport — hitching short rides on the scooters constantly buzzing up and down the steep lanes.

Perched atop a triangular hill, the fort was ingeniously designed with three layers of defence. The outer walls allowed archers to fire upon approaching enemies; the middle layer was used to hurl stones at invading forces; and the innermost defences had narrow openings through which boiling oil could be poured if attackers made it that far.

Inside the fort, life unfolded in an intricate maze of homes, temples and narrow streets. The women of the royal household once observed the world through delicate jaalis, while the men looked out through open windows — a quiet reminder of the social rhythms of earlier centuries.

Among the fort’s greatest treasures are its temples: nine Jain temples and seven Hindu temples, all remarkably preserved. The Jain temples house nearly 6,600 sculptures of the Tirthankaras, carved in marble and sandstone with extraordinary detail. Temple guardians were ready for every situation — including Rotarians arriving in shorts, who were promptly handed colourful lungis to wrap around themselves before entering. The sight brought much laughter.

At the base of the fort, another local curiosity awaited: Jaisalmer’s only licensed bhang shop, offering the famous concoction in various forms — lassi, juice, biscuits and even laddoos.

Lunch that day was at Fort Rajwada, another grand heritage hotel that proudly noted its distinguished guests — including the President of Singapore and Amitabh Bachchan, who reportedly stayed there for 73 days. Like many Rajasthani properties catering to high-end visitors and weddings, the hotel featured elegant interiors, a striking outdoor stone mandap and expansive celebration spaces.

Dinner that evening was something truly special: Mandir Palace, the residence of the royal family of Jaisalmer.



Part fort, part palace, the building glowed softly under evening lights. The Rotarians gathered on the terrace, its China mosaic floors sparkling beneath fairy lights. Guests had enthusiastically followed the organizers' "suggested" dress code — traditional royal attire — and the result was delightful.

The timing could not have been better. Holi was only two days away.

Suddenly, music and singing rose from the courtyard below. The Brahmins of the town had arrived to visit the Rajkumar and ceremonially begin the Holi celebrations with him — a tradition that has endured for centuries.

Within moments the courtyard was alive with colour. White kurtas and dhotis turned pink as clouds of gulal filled the air. The Rajkumar arrived amidst the singing crowd, exchanging colours with the gathered Brahmins. Watching from the palace terraces, the Rotarians witnessed something rare: a living tradition unfolding exactly as it might have hundreds of years ago.

It felt timeless.

Later, the Rajkumar — now clean of the festival colours — joined the Rotarians on the terrace and warmly welcomed his guests. He also invited them to explore the palace museum, where the family has carefully preserved garments, furniture, kitchen utensils, weapons, jewellery and countless delicate artifacts from generations past.

The sandstone staircase of the museum soon became a favourite photo spot for couples and friends.

The next day offered free time to explore the city. Some chose sightseeing or shopping, others visited the hauntingly

beautiful abandoned village of Kuldhara, while a few explored local leather or puppet-making workshops.

Many also visited the excellent Jaisalmer War Museum, which tells the story of the 1965 and 1971 wars and the Kargil conflict — a powerful reminder of the soldiers who guard India's borders.

Back in town, most roads eventually led to Santosh's famous store by late morning. Rotarians happily browsed Rajasthani quilts, embroidered velvet jackets and silk coats. Silver jewellery proved far more affordable than in Mumbai, and the sweet shops also enjoyed brisk business.

Back with the larger group, the evening promised another unforgettable experience: dinner on the dunes of the Thar Desert.

About ninety minutes from the city, Camp Bordi offers elegant tented camps amid sweeping dunes. Guests were invited to try a gentle version of dune-bashing — either in vehicles or on camelback. The mixture of excitement and mild terror on the faces of Rotarians was captured beautifully in photographs.

Once everyone had recovered, the evening settled into a magical rhythm: charpoys, lanterns, Rajasthani folk musicians and dancers, and the vast desert sky above.

And as it happened, the date — February 28 — brought with it a rare celestial event. Six planets — Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune — were aligned across the night sky, an unusual planetary parade.

Whether inspired by the desert night or the cosmic alignment, Rotarians soon took to the stage themselves. Falguni Patode's rich voice filled the air, Dushyant Dave



offered a soulful ghazal, and Rajul Parekh and Pratap Padode delighted the crowd with their songs. Soon many others joined the performers on the circular stage, dancing beneath the stars.

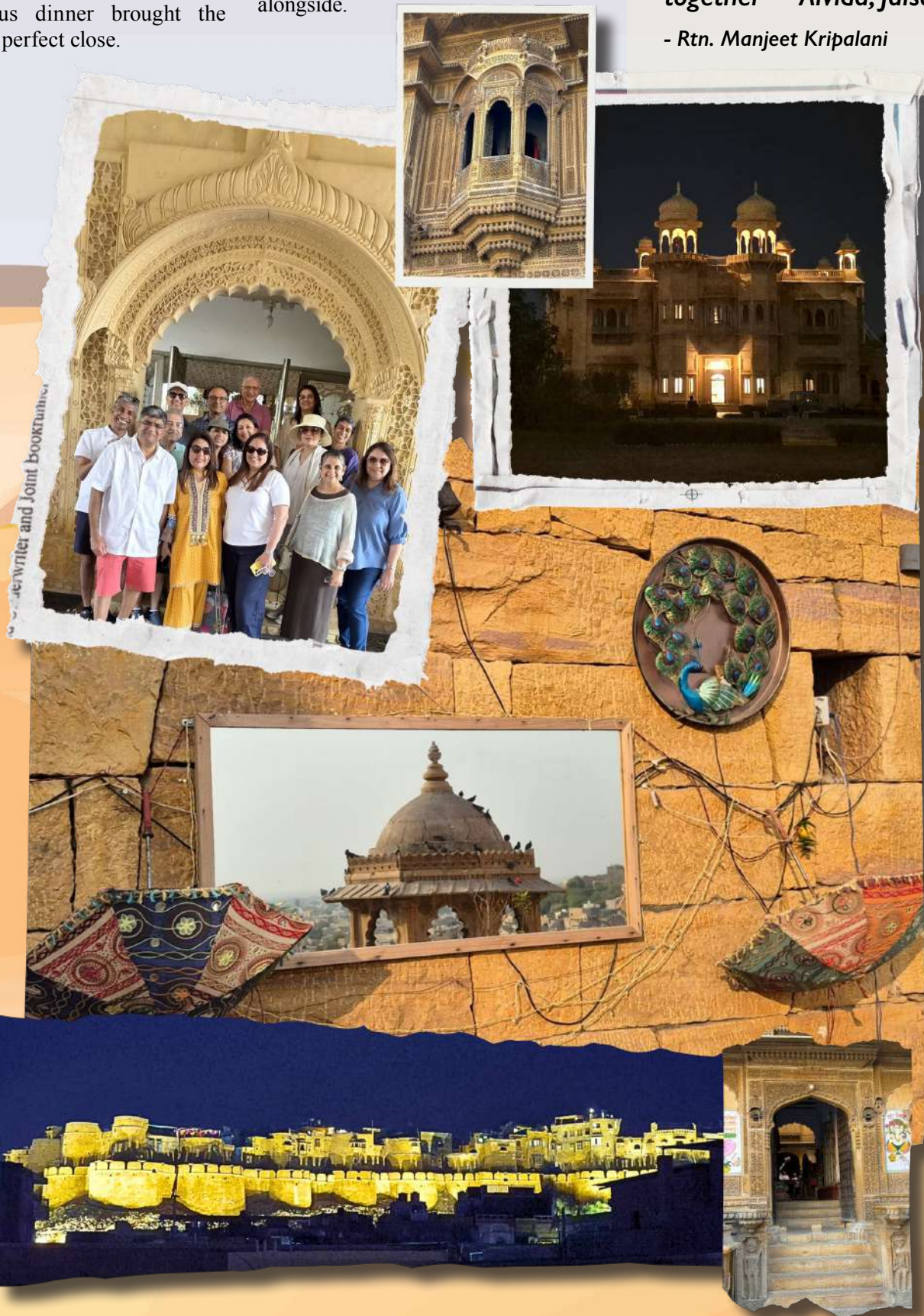
A sumptuous dinner brought the evening to a perfect close.

By the time the group gathered at the airport on March 1, a gentle melancholy had settled over everyone. In a group of fifty, there is always someone to talk to, laugh with, share a meal with, or explore history alongside.

That is the quiet magic of Rotary fellowship.

Until the next journey together — Alvida, Jaisalmer

- Rtn. Manjeet Kripalani



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY DIALYSIS CENTRES



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

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MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY '26

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Rtn. Renu Basu
Committee chair:
Rtn. Swati Jajodia
Co-chair:
PP Vijaykumar Jatia

Dialysis

PLATINUM HOSPITAL, MULUND	4
AASTHA HOSPITAL, MANOR	15
SUKH SAGAR HOSPITAL, DAHISAR	7
SHATABDI HOSPITAL, GOVANDI	104
SAMARPAN, GHATKOPAR	104
LIFELINE MEDICARE HOSPITAL CHARKOP	34
DR.M.L.DHAWALE MEMORIAL TRUST HOSPITAL, PALGHAR	29
K.J. SOMAIYA HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE, SION	37
ACHARYA SHRI RAMESH DIALYSIS CENTRE, ANDHERI	58
ROTARY YODA DIALYSIS CENTRE, SYMBIOSIS	100
SWAMI SHRADDHANAND HOSPITAL, VASAI WEST	52
MALLIKA HOSPITAL, JOGESHWARI WEST	48
ADHIKARI LIFE LINE HOSPITAL, BOISAR	32
GALAXY SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, MULUND	7
TOTAL	631

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RCB Medical Centre, Talwada

PRVEC

OPHTHALMIC OPD	1134
SPECTACLES GIVEN	108
OPERATIONS	54
PATIENT KEPT FOR TREATMENT	9
IOL	48
YAG LASER	11
GREEN LASER	-
KERATOPLASTY	-

TOTAL

1364



Director:
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Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala
Co-chair:
Rtn. Samina Khorakiwala

Cotton Green

HOMOEOPATHY	125
DENTAL OPD	56
OPHTHALMIC OPD	30
PAEDIATRICS OPD	14
GENERAL OPD	74
PATHOLOGY LAB	5
ECG	18

TOTAL

322

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ADMC

GENERAL OPD	1173
DENTAL OPD	19
PEDIATRIC OPD	24
PATHOLOGY LAB	68
TB PATIENTS	24
GYNAECOLOGY	7

TOTAL

1315

PHOOLON KI HOLI: A MORNING OF COLOUR AND CHEER

The Annual Jain Phoolon Ki Holi was celebrated with great enthusiasm and warmth on March 3rd, 2026 at Ashok Bhavan, bringing together friends and families for a beautiful morning of colour, music and fellowship.

Hosted by Rotaraisn Naresh Jain, Mohit Jain, Radhika Jain and Bhavya Jain, the gathering reflected the true spirit of Holi with a refreshing and eco-friendly twist. Instead of colours and water, guests celebrated with fragrant flowers, sandalwood and saffron hues, creating a vibrant and uplifting atmosphere.

The venue came alive as guests joyfully showered petals on one another in the traditional Phoolon Ki Holi style. The colourful floral displays and cheerful decorations created a festive backdrop that perfectly captured the spirit of the celebration.

Guests enjoyed a delightful spread that included popular Delhi chaat favourites, adding to the lively mood of the gathering. Live music filled the air, encouraging guests to sing along, dance and celebrate together. The event was marked by laughter, warm conversations and moments of genuine connection.

The photographs from the celebration captured smiling faces, colourful floral showers and heartfelt interactions, reflecting the joy shared by everyone present. It was a celebration that blended tradition, community and festive spirit, leaving guests with wonderful memories of a truly special Holi gathering.

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March 17
Rtn. Rajendra
Shah



March 19
Rtn. Anil
Harish

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March 19
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Rtn. Murad Currawalla

March 21
Rtn. Ptn. Zarine &
Rtn. Darabshaw Davar

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March 19
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24 MARCH 2026

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DR. MANISH MOTWANI
District Governor RID 3141

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Visiting Rotarian - ₹300. Guest - ₹400 (Additional charge for Lunch)



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