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This Tuesday, Jan 20th

IPS Officer Brijesh Singh, Principal Secretary of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra will address the Club.

UPCOMING

January 24th, 10.30 am

Grand Opening Ceremony of the RCB and ITI Mumbai Centre of Excellence.

January 27th, Tuesday Meeting

Rotary Club of Bombay to confer the Sohrab P. Godrej Science & Technology Award on **Dr. Arun Kumar Nayak**.

January 29th

Eye check up Camp for neurodivergent Children

January 31st, Saturday

Bhavishya Yaan Sports Edition, Football and Box cricket

February 3rd, Tuesday Meeting

PP Shailesh Haribhakti & Rtn. Anil Harish will decode the Budget 2026.

February 15th

Lighthouse Sports Day

“Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality.”

~ Warren Bennis



Dr. Pheroza J. Godrej and Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree in conversation with Rtn. Arish Adi Dastur on The Circle of Time: Recreating the Past for the Future- The F. D. Alpaiwalla Museum.

Rtn. Arish Adi Dastur:

Dear Rotarians and friends, welcome to what promises to be an inspiring afternoon in conversation with Dr. Godrej and Mrs. Mistree. Dear Pheroza and Firoza, given how warmly you have welcomed so many of us Rotarians to the museum on various occasions, it is indeed our genuine pleasure to welcome you today to our meeting.

The title of the talk today, Recreating the Past for the Future, draws focus to how vital our collective heritage and culture are in giving us a sense of identity, orientation, and purpose, especially in an age that seems to be moving towards a somewhat uncertain and tenuous future. Could both of you, in turn, please tell us a little bit about what brought you to work in the field of heritage and cultural preservation?

Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree:

If I have to speak for myself, as a person living in the city of Bombay, when you wander

around the streets and see these magnificent buildings, both from the colonial as well as the pre-colonial periods, and you see the mix of all kinds of people who lived in Bombay over a period of time, you begin to associate yourself with these things.

You look at little images, little structures, special buildings, and you feel akin to them. Once you begin to relate to certain buildings and structures, this feeling of wanting to preserve things and look after them emerges. You feel that you have a stake in that future. And that is really how I got into heritage.

We took a very big step as a community when a couple of us formed an organisation that helped to put all the Parsi fire temples on Bombay's notorious heritage list. That is how I came into it. And, of course, working with Pheroza for many years, since the 1990s, it was inevitable that some of her passion for heritage would rub off on me.

Dr. Pheroza J. Godrej:

Thank you for that question. It is a very good question, one that would require many Rotary meetings to answer, but I will try to be brief.

When I first came into this field and was asked to work with the community, my response was that I was really a picture researcher and did not know much about this area. I am a devout Zoroastrian, and I am a Parsi because I was born in this country and live here, but it was a



subject that I knew I would need to give a great deal of thought to.

Like Firoza, I have always wondered why we neglected the architecture of this truly fantastic city—not only the built architecture, but also the natural architecture. I am referring to the harbour on one side and the Arabian Sea on the other.

To be brief, Arish, because we love our city so much, we wanted to see a positive change. I remember when we started listing all the heritage buildings, categorising into Grade I, Grade II-A, Grade II-B, and Grade III. I will not go into the ramifications, rules, and regulations, but that was when we discovered the immense wealth of built architecture we had here. And we had to ask ourselves: what were we doing about it?

The best thing was to get it listed, and I am really glad that we did. It was a battle. I will give you just one example of a battle we lost, but which allowed us to prevail elsewhere.

Everybody knows where the State Government Guest House, Sahyadri, is located — on BG Kher Marg, also known as Ridge Road, also known as Malabar Hill. It was torn down years ago. In allowing that one to fall, we saved more than 600 buildings, because the State Government was absolutely adamant that they

needed a state-of-the-art guest house. They had visualised it as a very tall building, sticking up like a needle between Raj Bhavan, Doongerwadi, and Malabar Hill.

Thanks to the good offices and sensitivity of Mr. I. M. Kadri, it was decided to go ahead. As Firoza said to all of us, “Let Sahyadri go, otherwise the whole list will go.” So, sometimes, we do have to make sacrifices in order to bring about change. This had nothing to do with Zoroastrianism; it had everything to do with the city.

My involvement with Zoroastrianism was something that simply fell into my lap. I took it on without fully knowing what I was getting into, but I had the support of many scholars, starting with the late Professor Richard Fry of Harvard University, and Professor James Russell, who had almost given up hope about the Parsi community. There are anecdotes attached to all of this. But yes, a picture person walked into the field of Zoroastrianism.

Rtn. Arish Adi Dastur:

Through the years, both of you have collaborated on a wide range of fascinating initiatives. Whenever you collaborate, the results are tremendous, and sometimes even once-in-a-generation outcomes emerge.

Could you speak a little about your earlier collaborations before we move into discussing the F. D. Alpaiwalla Museum?

Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree:

I will start, and then you can take on Zoroastrian Tapestry. It is rather strange, but in the 1990s we were organising something called the Naoroji Godrej Memorial Lecture, the first of its kind after Naval Godrej passed away. I was asked to liaise with someone called Pheroza Godrej on the invitation.

I did not realise at the time that this invitation would take me decades down the path of working with her on many, many projects. What I noticed was that even for a simple invitation, she spent an enormous amount of time checking the fonts, the colour, the paper — adding a squiggle here, improving something there. I learned from her, and that is how our association truly began, although we had met before that.

Dr. Pheroza J. Godrej:

Yes, it did start with Zoroastrian Tapestry: Art, Religion, and Culture. It was a project envisaged by our publisher to focus on just that — art, religion, and culture — but they did not specify how many centuries we could work on.

In our typical style, trying to do justice to the subject, we realised we could not limit ourselves to just the last 600 years. We had to go back and ask: where did we come from, and who are we? Very often the community hears questions like, “You are from Kashmir, aren’t you?” or “You came from Afghanistan, didn’t you?” And we would say, no, we were originally from Iran. That story has a historical, cultural, architectural, and religious context.

We decided to take this opportunity and not divide the book into the usual ten or eleven chapters that everyone expects, including Parsi food. Yes, there is ‘Jamva Chaloji’ that you hear at weddings and now even at jobs, but there is also a whole Iranian section to our cuisine.

So it became an all-encompassing book, and I am pleased that we did it. Unfortunately, it is now out of print. Much of its content has been shared the world over. Sometimes I watch a film till the very end, just to see whether the book has been acknowledged, and then, in very small type, it appears.

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Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala, Rtn. Renu Basu, Guest Speaker Dr. Pheroza J. Godrej, President Bimal Mehta, Guest Speaker Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree, Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal and Rtn. Arish Dastur



Rotrians Paritosh Rungta and Miral Shah



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Guest Speaker Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree, PP Framroze Mehta, Guest Speaker Dr. Pheroza J. Godrej, PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir, Rtn. Ptn. Pervin Jehangir, Rtn. Jamshed Banaji and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



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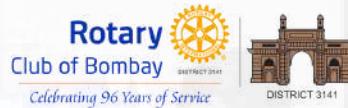
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Rotary history was created on January 12th, 2008, when 17 Rotarians teed off at the United Services Club for the first Golf Tournament of the Rotary Club of Bombay, initiated by Moy Biswas. Since then, this tournament has been held annually, and its ever-growing popularity has led to a roster of no fewer than 32 competitors.

On January 10th, 2026, the Seventeenth Golf Fellowship for the Trophy instituted by the Biswas family in 2008 was held

Pradeep Chinai,
Dinesh Lal,
Pashupati
Advari
and Gautam
Doshi

Anand Shah,
Sanjay Desai,
Ajay Kanoria
and
Madhup
Vaghani

Mohit Jain,
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Lalvani)
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Jain (son of
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Ali Merchant
and
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once again at the Willingdon Sports Club. The trophy has been fondly rechristened in honour and loving memory of Moy's wife, Mrudula, since 2023.

President Bimal Mehta officially began the tournament with a ceremonial tee-off at 8.15 a.m. This marked the start of the serious business, with participants aged between 25 and 84 years playing in the following groups:



While the camaraderie among players was excellent, their competitive spirit remained high, with all the golfers playing to the best of their abilities. Eagles, birdies and pars—along with a few unwanted bogeys—kept appearing. Fortunately, the weather was ideal, with a cool winter morning easing the golfers' exertions.

Although the game was highly competitive, it was played in a spirit of friendliness, facilitated by the meticulous planning and faultless execution of the indefatigable Moy Biswas.

As exciting and electrifying as the tournament was, the fellowship that followed at the Cabbage Patch was equally engaging and exhilarating, with the presence of several past presidents, stalwart Rotarians and family members.

Following a group photograph featuring a large number of Rotarians and family members present for the event, the presentation ceremony began, with

Moy entertaining everyone through quips delivered with his trademark sense of humour, surrounded by display boards depicting the history of all the golf tournaments.

Moy narrated the history of the tournament and acknowledged the Rotarians who have contributed year after year to its success.

He thanked Arvind Agarwal for the carry bags, Pradeep Chinai for facilitating arrangements at the Willingdon Sports Club (WSC) as well as hosting breakfast for the participants, and Bimal Mehta for the display boards. He also thanked Madhup Vaghani for his generous contributions and for sparing no effort in making the fellowship most enjoyable. Moy mentioned that this was his seventh time sponsoring the fellowship and also thanked Fali Mehta for gifting Madhup a special bottle of champagne every year.

In appreciation of the non-participating ladies who have attended year after

year to motivate and encourage the participants, a lucky draw was organised, and Rashmi Kotian eventually declared Isha Jain from the Satellite Club as the "Young Lucky Lady".

"Young Lucky Lady" Isha Jain then presented the award for the longest drive at Hole No. 01 (250 yards) to Sohel Lalvani (son of Ajit Lalvani), and the award for nearest to the pin at Hole No. 06 (10 feet) to Gautam Doshi.

Finally, it was time to declare the runner-up and the winner. First Lady Aradhana Mehta presented the runner-up prize to Sohel Lalvani (son of Ajit Lalvani), who scored 39 points.

Parsh Chokshi (45 points) from the Satellite Club was crowned the winner of the Rotary Club of Bombay Seventeenth Golf Fellowship.

Loud applause greeted the announcement as President Bimal Mehta and Moy Biswas presented the winner's trophy, and all those present congratulated the champions.



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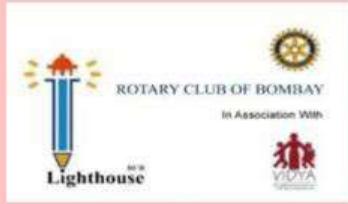


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Rtn. Miral Shah expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Leadership Institute for conducting a wonderful and enriching two-day leadership workshop.

He shared that the two days were truly insightful, engaging and inspiring. The sessions were well structured, thought-provoking and rich in practical learning. Each topic not only enhanced the participants' understanding of Rotary but also contributed to their growth as leaders, team players and responsible Rotarians.

A special word of appreciation was extended to the resource persons and facilitators, who shared their knowledge, experience and wisdom with passion and clarity. Their dedication, patience and interactive approach made the learning both enjoyable and meaningful.

He also thanked the organising team and coordinators for their meticulous planning, smooth execution and warm hospitality. From start to finish, the programme was managed seamlessly, allowing participants to focus entirely

on learning and interaction.

The workshop, he noted, strengthened the participants' commitment to Rotary values and motivated them to serve their communities with greater leadership, vision and enthusiasm. Rtn. Miral Shah thanked the Rotary Leadership Institute for investing time and effort in shaping future leaders and expressed eagerness to apply these learnings in his Rotary journey, while looking forward to many more such impactful programmes in the future.



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14	Adhikari Lifeline Hospital, Boisar	Adhikari Lifeline Hospital, Nagzari, Boisar	9	Free
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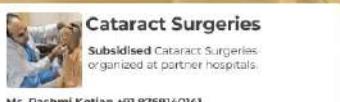


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AASTHA HOSPITAL, MANOR

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SUKH SAGAR HOSPITAL,
DAHISAR

8

SHATABDI HOSPITAL,
GOVANDI

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SAMARPAN, GHATKOPAR

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**LIFELINE MEDICARE
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**ROTARY YODA DIALYSIS
CENTRE, SYMBIOSIS**

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**SWAMI SHRADDHANAND
HOSPITAL, VASAI WEST**

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**MALLIKA HOSPITAL,
JOGESHWARI WEST**

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**ADHIKARI LIFE LINE
HOSPITAL, BOISAR**

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TOTAL

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January 20
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January 24
Rtn. Gautam Trivedi



January 21
Rtn. Meera Kumar



January 25
Rtn. Dr. Akshay Batra



January 21
Rtn. Ashok Minawala



January 25
Rtn. Pradeep Chinai



January 23
Rtn. Albert Almeida



January 25
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January 23
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January 26
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27th January, Tuesday: RCB to confer the Sohrab P. Godrej Science & Technology Award on Dr. Arun Kumar Nayak.

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