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This Tuesday, Nov 25th

Jesh Krishnamurthy in conversation with Rtn. Manjeet Kripalani on Advanced Nature: The World Our children will inherit.

UPCOMING

November 30th, 10.30 am

Inauguration of 4th IT Innovation Lab and 4th Career Foundation Learning Centre @ Dahanu

December 2nd, Tuesday Meeting



Feroz Abbas Khan in conversation with Rtn. Vita Dani on Directing Timeless Dreams!

December 9th

RCB Annual General Meeting

December 12th, 7.30 pm

Christmas Dinner

December 16th, Tuesday Meeting





Rotary Club of Bombay Social Service Award to **HT Parekh Foundation** & Rotary Club of Bombay Arvind Jolly Award for Excellence in Sports to **Ms. Jiva Rai**





MS. NYRIKA HOLKAR, ED GODREJ ENTERPRISES GROUP, IN CONVERSATION WITH MS. DEVNA VORA ON THE NEW CONSUMER.

Let's start with the Godrej legacy and the wonderful Godrej name. Growing up with it, what did it mean to you? What were conversations like? Your father, your grandfather, and of course, anecdotes about your great-grandfather, who launched the first product, which was the lock.

Thanks, Devna. It's a pleasure to be with you all today. Thank you so much for inviting me. Reflecting on conversations around dinner, I think the ethos of the company has always been very closely tied with India, the Independence movement, and building self-reliance from an economic perspective. My grandparents and great-grandparents were very much involved in the freedom movement and in building up a manufacturing backbone for the country. That is what drove them.

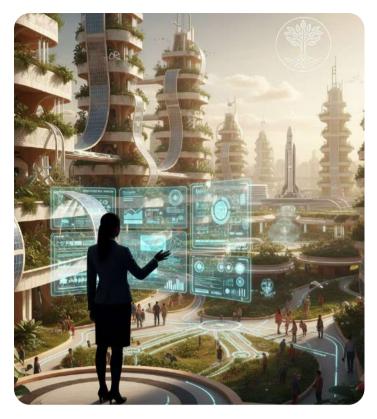
I remember a story my grandmother always used to tell: once, on the radio, there was a call just before Independence for people to give up all jewellery and gold, as we needed money. She immediately, without blinking, gave up whatever she had. I think that was an incredible story, not only of her belief in the freedom movement, but also how much of an impact it had on every Indian and how invested everyone was. That made a very big impact on me growing up.

Also, I feel like the legacy of the Godrej

name, like some other legacies, is inherited, but there is also a responsibility within family members to uphold the name with integrity. That's not extremely common. Of course, you were a lawyer; you qualified as a lawyer, you worked as a lawyer. Then why the transition into the group? And what is the training process like to undertake a leadership role of a group of this magnitude as a young girl entering the business?

I was always very fascinated by law and wanted to study it. My parents said it was better to have a broader education and do it later if I wished. I finished my undergrad and still felt I wanted to study law, so they said fine. I remember speaking with my uncle Adi, and he said that if I wanted to join the business, I should do an MBA instead of law. So I studied corporate law and worked in M&A when I came back.

I think the idea of bringing a different skill set and perspective was important, because law sits at the intersection of everything and is always useful — more importantly, as a way of thinking. It has helped a lot. It always comes up in one way or another in everyday work. When I first joined the business, I was thrown into the deep end. We were in energy distribution and transmission as EPC projects, and the company had taken up contracts it was unable to execute. Coming in with a legal background helped in



looking at contractual arrangements, negotiations, and tightening those processes, which doesn't naturally come to engineers or salespeople who want to get business at any cost.

In long-cycle businesses, where risks come up five or six years later, being able to mitigate risk without losing business is very important for us.

So, after the realignment — or split, or whatever you call it — your group, Godrej Enterprises, owns Godrej & Boyce and a vast tract of land. Godrej & Boyce is now 14 businesses, including appliances, engineering, and furniture. But you're a privately held company. In terms of valuation, there are so many numbers doing the rounds. It's incredible that you've been private all this time and remain so, and can fund all your needs internally. Was that a definitive strategy that you wanted to follow?

To date, we've always been able to fund whatever the requirements were. We are not opposed to listing if the need arises in the future. The idea is that if there is a financial requirement, then we would look at it. If there isn't, then the focus remains on having a vision that isn't overly bold but also not purely centred on shareholder value.

Shareholder value remains important, but not the only requirement. As India develops — hopefully towards Viksit Bharat — our MSMEs, suppliers, vendors, and larger stakeholders also need support. The ecosystem today requires one to look at profit but also at other elements of development that may not directly benefit a particular shareholder.

If we're able to balance those needs and fund our requirements, then this approach works for us. When it doesn't, we would reconsider.

And it's an enviable position to be privately held and grow at this pace as well. Kudos to you! Tell me about the new consumer now, post-COVID in India. What the demands are — you operate across so many sectors. You know the Indian consumer inside

out. What has changed post-COVID, not just in urban India but also in tier-2 towns?

The demographic in India has changed rapidly since COVID. The access to technology and rising aspirations are very evident. We conducted research across India over the last year and a half to understand how people use their homes. It was palpable when I visited many of these homes: it wasn't a question of if — it was when. It wasn't "Will I move into a 2BHK?" or "Will I have this appliance?" People believe it will happen.

Aspiration is strong. Being relevant and providing products that truly serve a need is top of mind. There is so much competition, and though we've been around for nearly 128 years, one must constantly pivot and stay relevant.

We've had longstanding relationships with families. People talk about the Godrej almirah being passed down through generations, holding the family's valuables, or symbolising the space of a newly married couple in a joint family. It had a deep emotional connect. To recreate that today and address the needs of a young demographic — who may not be buying yet but are definitely influencing decisions — is vital.

Understanding their mindset is important. We may not fully understand it, but we must provide what the younger generation needs.

_And you would also be hiring people of that age to help you navigate the mindset of a consumer that age.

Yes, and it's fun. Many people speak about the negatives of Gen Z — not having routines, not wanting a nine-to-five job — but the ability to capture and inspire them is powerful. Working with them brings energy, creativity, and curiosity. If one can leverage that, it becomes very compelling.

Absolutely. And Gen Z today has a voice which many of us growing up did not, at home. The middle-class consumer in India has always loved Godrej. There are certain segments, like furniture, where you're the leader, which is incredible given players like Neelkamal and even IKEA. But there are also segments like ACs and refrigerators where you have a great share but are at #4 and #5. I know you're trying to change that. So tell me what the strategy is there, Nyrika.

So I think for appliances and interior, the starting position is very different. With furniture, 70% of the market is unorganised. So there's a lot of unorganisation driven by carpenters, driven by customisation, and people want that, people need that. And as an established brand in the space, I think being able to also provide, moving beyond just products, configurable solutions where you can personalise at scale, where you can customise to a certain level. Because Indians are creative. We like to have our personal touch in our spaces. To be able to give people the tools to create that for themselves, I think, is our objective. We've just relaunched the brand and changed the retail format, the online experience, a strong emphasis on service because...



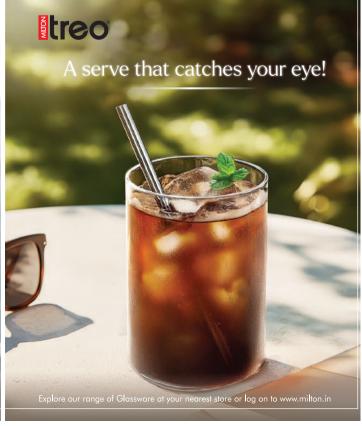
BY GK Marg School – ITM Volunteer Support Programme

Bhavishya Yaan GK Marg School is pleased to welcome an ITM volunteer who will be supporting students of Grades 8, 9 and 10 over the next two weeks. The volunteer will assist learners with maths doubt-solving and conduct informative workshops on cybersecurity and financial literacy, helping students build essential life skills. In addition, the programme includes personalised career guidance to help students explore future academic and professional pathways with greater clarity and confidence. This initiative aims to strengthen students' foundational knowledge while encouraging informed decision-making for their future.









TUESDAY MEETINGS AT ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



Rtn. Rina Deora, Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai and Rtn. Ptn. Khulood Noorani



Rtn. Arish Dastur, President Bimal Mehta, First Lady Aradhana Mehta, Guest speaker Ms. Nyrika Holkar, Rtn. Jagdish Malkani and Guest speaker Devna Vora Gandhi



Rotarians Uday Sanghani, PN Vineet Suchanti, Rekha Tanna and Amee Tanna



Rotarians Uday Sanghani, Sharad Lohia and President Bimal Mehta



Rtn. Gautam Doshi, President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Ptn. Khulood Noorani, Rtn. Murad Currawala, Rtn. Anirudh Choudhary, Rtn. Zaheer Memon



Rotarians Dr. Sheela Kerkar, Arish Dastur, President Bimal Mehta, Ritu Prakash Desai and PP Nirav Shah



Guest Kunti Oza, Rotarians Uday Sanghani, Pilloo Aga, Arish Dastur, Guest speaker Devna Vora Gandhi, and Nyrika Holkar, Guest Pheroza Godrej, Rtn. Rina Deora, President Bimal Mehta, Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Anand Dalal, Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain & Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Natasha Khubchandani



Rotarians Paritosh Rungta, Uday Sanghani & Miral Shah



Rotarians PN Vineet Suchanti, Gautam Doshi, Rekha Tanna, SV Prasad, IPP Satyan Israni and Madhusudan Daga



IPP Satyan Israni, PP Dr. Mukesh Batra and PP Framroze Mehta





President Bimal Mehta, Rotary Club of Bombay
Rtn. Uday Sanghani, Co- Chairperson, Centre-in-Charge
and President Dipesh Bari, Rotary Club of Dahanu
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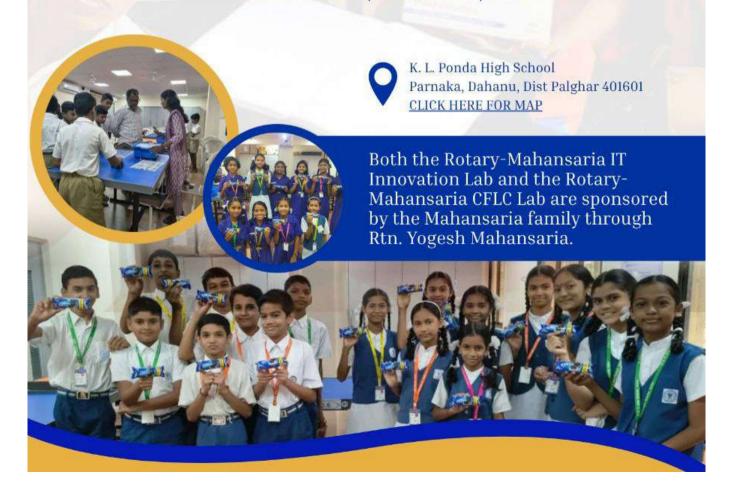
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and

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"Festa di Amicizia" Celebrating Friendship and Service in Rotary

The Rotary Clubs of Bombay and Bombay North, under Rotary District 3141, came together on November 9th, 2025 to host 'Festa di Amicizia'—an evening dedicated to friendship, fellowship, and the spirit of Rotary. Held at the Trident Hotel, Mumbai, the event honoured Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo and Signora Anna Maria Criscione. The evening was hosted by President Bimal Mehta of the Rotary Club of Bombay and President Kamal Chokshi of the Rotary Club of Bombay North, in the presence of District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani and Convenor ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla.

The programme began with a warm welcome by President Bimal Mehta, followed by the National Anthems of India and Italy. A significant highlight was the launch of the Rotary Verified Business (RVB) initiative, with certificates handed over by RI President Francesco. The evening concluded with an inspiring fireside conversation with President Francesco and a vote of thanks by President Kamal Chokshi.

President Bimal Mehta set the tone with an address filled with warmth and gratitude. He paid tribute to the global leadership of President Francesco and Signora Anna Maria and acknowledged past Rotary leaders, governors, and dignitaries for their unwavering service. Welcoming the gathering, he said, "As hosts, we take great pride in showcasing the warmth, hospitality, and community spirit that defines our district." His message emphasised friendship, meaningful conversations, and renewed commitment to Rotary's mission.

District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani reflected on the high-impact Rotary Service Week, during which the district conducted cancer screenings, cybercrime awareness drives, major blood donation efforts, and initiatives for senior citizens. He highlighted the launch of ten Pink Autos under the ambitious 1,000 Pink Auto project for women's empowerment. DG Dr. Motwani also announced two landmark healthcare initiatives—a Rotary District Heart & Multispecialty Hospital and a Rotary District Eye Hospital. Stressing the importance of retention and member















engagement, he introduced two new networking platforms: the Rotary Internship Employment Program and Rotary Verified Businesses, urging clubs to ensure every Rotarian feels valued and empowered.

Past RI Director and Past Trustee Ashok Mahajan delivered an eloquent address tracing Rotary's inspiring journey in India—from the first club chartered in Calcutta in 1920 to the present 170,000 Rotarians across 40,000 clubs. He spoke of India's leadership in polio eradication, its extraordinary generosity to The Rotary Foundation, and its success in producing four RI Presidents. Underscoring India's ethos of service, he invoked Gandhi's words: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

In conversation with PDG Sandip, RI President Francesco shared thoughtful reflections on Rotary's future. He reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to polio eradication, acknowledged the need for continuity across leadership terms, and recounted moving lessons from projects in India—especially one involving children whose courage and leadership deeply inspired him. Calling Mumbai "a vibrant and sparkling city", he praised the generosity of its people. When asked which value he wished to instil in every Rotarian, he answered simply: "Compassion—the ability to suffer with another."

Audience questions brought further insights. President Francesco encouraged young Rotarians to be bold and revolutionary, just as Rotary's founders were. On motivating new members, he urged clubs to rethink traditional formats and create modern, relevant spaces for younger generations. Addressing global membership decline, he identified stronger retention and regionalisation as Rotary's most vital priorities for the future.

Festa di Amicizia was ultimately a celebration not only of friendship, but of Rotary's enduring ideals—compassion, courage, and the collective resolve to build a better world.



















PUNEET CHHATWAL HONOURED WITH GLOBAL LEADERSHIP ACCOLADES

Congratulations to our Rotarian, Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, MD & CEO of IHCL, on receiving two prestigious honours: The 101 Icon Hotelier of the World – Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 and India's Best CEO in Hospitality at the Fortune India Best CEOs 2025 Awards.

In less than a decade, Mr. Chhatwal has steered one of the most significant transformations in the global hospitality sector. Under his visionary leadership, IHCL's iconic brand Taj has been rated four times as the World's Strongest

Hotel Brand, achieved 14 consecutive record quarters, and expanded its portfolio from 150 to over 590 hotels.

These accolades recognise leaders who shape the future of hospitality with pathbreaking ideas and unwavering resilience, especially while navigating an unpredictable global environment.

Mr. Chhatwal's dedication to excellence, innovation and service has elevated IHCL to new heights and set benchmarks admired across the world.







RTN. RASHMI JOLLY BACKS CATARACT CARE IN GOA

In a commendable effort to enhance public healthcare, the Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera, in partnership with its CSR collaborator Jollyboard Limited, has donated a state-of-the-art Phacoemulsification machine worth Rs. 25 lakh to the South Goa District Hospital, Margao. The contribution was made on November 17th, 2025, alongside an additional cataract equipment donation through the Govindram Jolly Charitable Trust

This advanced machine will facilitate free cataract surgeries, significantly benefiting underprivileged families across Goa. With this latest support, Jollyboard Limited and the Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera have contributed medical equipment valued at Rs. 1.28 crore to the hospital, strengthening the region's healthcare infrastructure.

"This initiative in particular will help restore vision, independence, and quality of life for countless individuals, marking a step towards a healthier Goa," said IPP Tanvi Attreya Sawant of the Rotary Club of Panaji Riviera.



Enhancing Vision: Cataract Aid for Ananda Yaan











Ananda Yaan extends heartfelt gratitude to Rtn. Vandan Shah for his Ananda Seva in facilitating cataract surgeries for members in These procedures have significantly improved their vision, independence, and confidence. We also sincerely thank Rtn. Rahil Shah for providing essential medical tests, and Eye Q Vision Care's Dr. Sanjeev Upadhayay for his dedicated and compassionate service.

Together, these contributions have made a meaningful difference to the well-being of our senior members, and we deeply appreciate the continued commitment to their care.

Science Comes Alive for CWC Lighthouse Children

Forty children from Classes 1 to 5, accompanied by three volunteer mothers and four teachers, enjoyed an exciting and enriching outing to the Nehru Science Centre on Sunday. Their adventure began aboard the Aqua Metro, which became a moving classroom, offering lessons on sustainable travel, public behaviour, discipline, and respect for shared community spaces. It also gave the children a first-hand experience of Mumbai's modern transport infrastructure.

At the Nehru Science Centre, the children eagerly explored a variety of interactive exhibits and hands-on experiments. They discovered new scientific concepts through observation, curiosity, and touch-and-try learning, making the experience both educational and enjoyable.

A major highlight was the captivating 3D show, where immersive visuals created the illusion of objects floating towards them. The children's laughter, excitement, and wide-eyed wonder made this moment truly unforgettable.

This outing also marked the conclusion of the Diwali Camp, during which the children had explored themes such as Science, Food, and Nutrition. At Lighthouse, experiential learning remains central to our approach, and this memorable trip beautifully demonstrated how joyful exposure, exploration, and real-world experiences foster deeper and happier learning.











COMMUNITY IMPACT THROUGH RECYCLING: INTERACT CLUB AND THE MILK BAG PROJECT

The Milk Bag Project, recently awarded first prize for community participation in plastic recycling for 2025, stands as a remarkable example of collective action. Launched in 2019 by Clean Mumbai Foundation, Garbage Free India and Har Ghar Hara Ghar, the initiative began modestly with just 5 kg of milk bags per month—around 2,000 bags. Today, it proudly collects over 50,000 bags monthly, receiving contributions not only from Mumbai residents but from across India.

Rotarians and, notably, many Inner Wheel Club members have been key supporters since 2023. Special appreciation goes to Centurion President Parul Gandhi of the Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai North Island, who recommended the project to Centurion District Chairman Pallavi Choksi. Her enthusiastic endorsement encouraged Inner Wheel Clubs across Mumbai and Thane (District 3141) to participate. Clubs such as Mumbai, Mumbai Midtown, Hanging Garden, Bombay North Island, Kharghar, Dahisar Mid West, Santa Cruz, East Thane, Bombay Bayview, Kalyan and Tiara now

contribute regularly. We extend heartfelt thanks to all these dedicated women.

Equally inspiring is the involvement of young Interactors from J. J. Girls High School, Scholar School, Bharda High School and others, whose participation strengthens the project's mission.

We express our sincere gratitude to all Rotarians, Inner Wheel members and our enthusiastic Interactors for their invaluable support.





Celebrating Craft and Fellowship at Nilaya Anthology



On November 19th, 2025, the Heritage, Art and Culture Committee of the Rotary Club of Bombay organised an evening for Rotarians, family and friends to experience the concept and the expansive, eclectic installation at Nilaya Anthology, followed by a warm and jovial dinner at Fireback.

The evening started with Rotarian Priya Tanna in conversation with her friend, Ragini Vakil of Asian Paints. Ragini shared her wonderful vision for Nilaya with us.

An important point she emphasised is "har ghar kuchh kehta hai": that styling a home according to one's own taste and personality is the best way to design a home. She also discussed the strategic paradigm shift Asian Paints is making: moving from a share of walls to a share of home space, working with top brands, designers like Sabyasachi, and local artisans from across the world.

One of Ragini's designer-curators, Kajal, noted how the entire idea is driven by a passion to give Indian craft the same exposure as international design, mentioning that "craft is the soul of Nilaya".

After hearing about this wonderful vision, Rotarians, along with family and friends, were taken on a guided 90-minute walk-along through Nilaya to experience the fantastically curated succession of concept spaces. After feasting their minds and then their eyes and appreciating the detail and design that have created such an inspiring space in Mumbai, all that was left was for the group to feast on the flavours of Thai cuisine at Fireback and enjoy a delicious meal in warm fellowship and conversation.

The event, originally planned for 30 people, was swiftly sold out – and eventually expanded to accommodate 51 people!!



















CHRISTMAS DINNER

12.12.2025 | 7:30 PM ONWARDS

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BY NMJ School – Literature Festival Finale 2025









The Bhavishya Yaan NMJ School Literature Festival Finale 2025, held on November 15th, was a vibrant celebration of multilingual storytelling. theatre, debate and the beloved classic The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. This grand finale marked the culmination of dedicated work undertaken by students and teachers throughout the Diwali vacation, during which they spent three hours each day immersing themselves in stories, films, general knowledge and creative writing. Their enthusiasm and commitment shone through as they prepared to perform before guests from Rotary, Vidya, Infotrooper, BMC authorities, their principals, and teaching staff.

The finale was conducted twice—first for esteemed guests from Rotary and Vidya, and again for school authorities at midday. The programme, centred entirely on storytelling, embraced English, Marathi and Hindi to highlight the linguistic strengths of the students.

The event opened with a Marathi Powada performed by Primary student Shivanya, celebrating the valour of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in a tradition over 750 years old. This was followed by a creative retelling of the



story of the Sun and Moon, narrated by Bhavesh and Anmol from Class 7, who transformed into Rajasthani Kavadias and presented their handmade Kavad—a centuries-old wooden storytelling box.

A delightful puppet show written by Trupti (Class 8), featuring characters Bhola, Rahul, Eena, Meena and Deeka, entertained the audience as the children encountered Mr Bachchan singing the iconic song from Don. Class 8 student Snehal presented her self-written and designed book, The Vanishing Necklace, which President Bimal Mehta graciously offered to print.

A charming dance drama by Vibhavari and Manushree from Class 4 depicted the classic tale of the elephant and the rabbit. This was followed by a full theatrical performance of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe by students from Classes 5 to 9, narrated by Janavi from Classes 8. The final act, introduced by Class 4 students Sidhant and Vibhavari, showcased a powerful Kathak sequence on Draupadi's vastra haran, with Neel as Shakuni and performers from Classes 7 and 8.



Both shows were highly appreciated, and the seamless flow of the programme was ensured by excellent compering from Sneha (Class 9) and Disha (Class 8).

The presence of President Bimal Mehta, Director BY Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, and Chair Rtn. Jagdish Malkani greatly motivated the students. Rtn. Piloo Aga distributed biscuits, Frooti and prizes, while Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain offered KitKats. Ms Jhanvi Vissanji from Vidya attended with her grandson, delighting in the performances.

During the second show, BMC officials expressed admiration for the students' English-speaking abilities and the rich cultural content of the festival. BMC Principals and Jadhav ma'am praised Bhavishya Yaan, noting that its quality rivalled prestigious Englishmedium private schools. They thanked the Rotary Club of Bombay for its continued support.

The festival concluded with a well-deserved, delicious snack for all students. A heartfelt thank you goes to the esteemed guests, performers, teachers and mentors who contributed to this inspiring literary journey.



Innovative Success for IT Innovation Labs

The Innovation Labs Committee is delighted to share that students of Jeevan Vikas Shikshan Sanstha's Shree S. T. Kadam Vidvalaya, Palghar participated in the Build Ideathon - Viksit Bharat National Level Competition. Class 9 students Suraj Athare, Daksh Prajapati, Naitik Patil, Pratigya Prajapati and Gargi Shelwale presented an impressive IoT-based project titled Smart Eco Dustbin. Featuring 3D-printed prototypes designed by the students, the project showcased a smart waste management system promoting environmental sustainability. Their efforts were recognised with a Certificate of Achievement, celebrating their creativity, teamwork and dedication.









BY NMJ School - Organic Farming Initiative







Students of Class 4 at NMJ School, all part of the Bhavishya Yaan programme, recently had an enriching hands-on experience in organic farming, thanks to the initiative of Primary School Principal and Building Incharge, Mrs. Sumitra Yamgekar. Determined to make meaningful use of the school terrace, Mrs. Yamgekar introduced the children to each stage of organic farming.

The students learnt to prepare compost using kitchen waste, sow seeds of carrots, tomatoes, beans and flowers, and maintain daily growth records of their seedlings. They also

understood the importance of correct watering practices to ensure healthy plant growth.

Their efforts culminated on November 8th, when excitement filled the school as the children harvested the carrots they had grown themselves. They then prepared the soil for the next cycle by planting turmeric.

The students were delighted and proud to see their hard work transform into thriving plants and vegetables. Kudos to Mrs. Sumitra Yamgekar for nurturing environmental awareness through this inspiring initiative.



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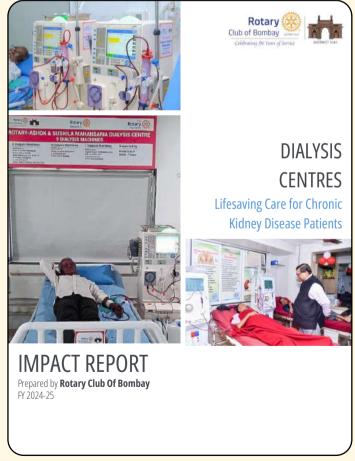
BY PRESIDENT BIMAL MEHTA, ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

This year, we have taken a significant step towards strengthening our relationship with those who make our work possible – our donors. I have initiated a proactive approach of sending detailed impact reports of our projects to every donor. These reports highlight how their contributions have been utilised and the tangible outcomes their generosity has enabled.

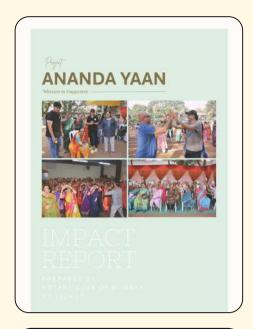
Transparency is not just a value we uphold; it is the foundation of trust. By sharing the story of every rupee spent and the lives it has touched, we reaffirm our commitment to accountability. These donor-specific reports are in addition to the independent impact assessments we already conduct for all our major projects, ensuring that every initiative we undertake meets the highest standards of efficiency and effectiveness.

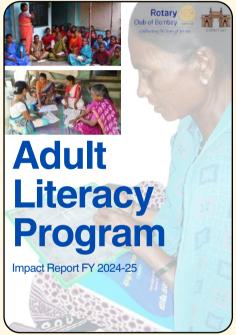
Our aim is simple: to make our donors partners in change, not just contributors. When they see the difference they help create, their belief in our mission deepens, and together we can achieve far greater impact. This initiative is a key part of my vision for this year – to build enduring relationships based on to build enduring relationships based on transparency, trust and impact measurement

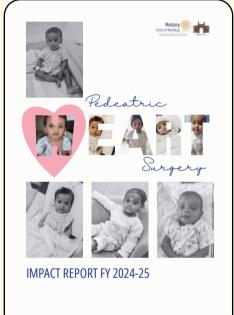




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SECONDARY PARENTS' MEETING AT BY NMJ SCHOOL

The Secondary School Parents' Meeting for Bhavishya Yaan NMJ students from Grades 5 to 9 was held on November 12th, 2025, soon after the successful meeting conducted for Primary parents. The session aimed to update parents on their children's progress and to share highlights of the recently concluded Literature Festival, which took place during the Diwali holidays and ended on 1 November.

Teachers and the Bhavishya Yaan mentor explained in detail what students had learnt during the festival, including enhanced general knowledge, new vocabulary and exposure to a wide range of topics covered through stories, activities and creative sessions. Parents whose children had participated expressed satisfaction, as they were already aware of the enriching experience their children had enjoyed. Parents whose









children had travelled to their villages and missed the festival regretted the absence and assured that they would ensure their children did not miss such opportunities in future.

The mentor also reminded parents of the importance of punctuality and regular attendance for all Bhavishya Yaan classes, emphasising how regular engagement contributes significantly to academic development. Teachers of Spoken English and Computer Studies reiterated the value of consistent attendance, especially given the critical importance of English communication skills.

Parents were also briefed on the new AI-based learning initiative, which includes the use of individual tablets—an innovative feature unique to the Bhavishya Yaan classroom at NMJ. This development generated considerable excitement and curiosity among the parents.



A special highlight of the meeting was the opportunity for students to present their final rehearsals for the upcoming Literature Festival Finale. What began as a practical arrangement soon became the most memorable part of the gathering. Students enthusiastically performed songs, speeches, dances and drama pieces with confidence and fluency. Parents were delighted to witness their children speaking in good English and showcasing the skills they had developed.

The meeting concluded on a positive and encouraging note, with parents expressing happiness and pride in their children's progress and reaffirming their support for the Bhavishya Yaan programme.



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Gold ₹7,100

Includes all Silver tests plus: HbA1c; Electrolytes (Na, K, CI); Full LFT (adds ALP, GGT, Total Protein/Albumin/Globulin); Ferritin; hs-CRP. FOR APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS AND ASSISTANCE CONNECT TO:

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Diamond ₹12,000

Includes all Gold tests plus: Thyroid Profile (FT3, FT4); Vitamin D; Vitamin B12; Fasting Insulin (HOMA-IR with fasting glucose); Apolipoproteins (ApoB, ApoA1); Lipoprotein(a).

Platinum ₹15,300

Includes all Diamond tests plus: Homocysteine; Serum Magnesium; Infectious Screens (HBsAg, Anti-HCV).



RCB SPORTS PROGRAMME AT TALWADA ASHRAM SCHOOL

RCB's Sports Development Programme at Talwada Ashram School and S. T. Kadam School focuses on three key areas: capacity building through learning programmes for students and coaches, with the aim of making Ashram School a hub for sports; promoting recreational sports among all students through an engaging programme; and developing a pathway for talented athletes to excel in sports. Additionally, the schools are involved in community outreach by implementing Sports Development programmes in underserved schools and communities, in collaboration with supported government schools.

RCB's vision is to start holistic sports training for Grades 1 to 12, with 1,124 students at Ashram School Talwada and over 2,500 students from S. T. Kadam School.

Intended Impact of the Project:

- 1. Holistic Development Through Play: Leveraging play to enhance children's physical, social, cognitive, and emotional skills.
- 2. Increased Participation and Inclusivity: Striving to boost children's engagement in sports, with a special focus on increasing participation among girls, while contributing to the achievement of SDGs 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), 4 (Quality Education), and 5 (Gender Equality).

3-Day Training on Motor Skills Development, Recreation-Based Learning, Session Facilitation, and Talent Identification Through Physical Fitness Assessment

RCB, in collaboration with the Dani Foundation, organised a three-day training programme at Ashram School, Vikramgad, Palghar. Held on November 13th, 2025, it included 27 participants, including Rotary Club of Bombay's Project Director, teachers from Ashram School and Taparia College, trainers, and students from Grades 11 and 12.

Day 1: Building Foundations

The programme began with icebreakers promoting rapport, teamwork, and communication, including name games and







the "Spider Web" activity. Sessions highlighted the importance of Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS)—gross, fine, locomotor, non-locomotor, and manipulative—for overall physical and mental growth. The value of FMS assessments for planning development activities was emphasised through practical exercises.

Day 2: Structuring Successful Sessions

- Recap and reflection opened the day.
- Trainers introduced a four-part structure for physical education sessions: Introduction, Warm-Up Drill, Main Drill, and Debriefing.
- Four principles—fun and fearless learning, maximum participation, maximum play time, and problem solving—were stressed.
- Facilitation techniques were demonstrated, focusing on motivation, observation, discipline, and communication.
- Participants conducted real sessions for Grades 7 and 8.

Day 3: Talent Identification and Assessment

- Trainers demonstrated fitness tests for strength, speed, endurance, flexibility, and agility.
- Participants practised assessments, improving their instruction, safety, data recording, and interpretation skills.
- Trainers offered feedback for further improvement

Key Outcomes

- Participants reported enhanced confidence, teamwork, and facilitation skills.
- The programme equipped teachers and trainers to conduct structured, inclusive physical education sessions and identify sports talent using scientific tools.























ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY DIALYSIS CENTRES



Sr.No.	Centre / Location	Address	No. of Machines	Charges for Poor Patients
1	Aastha Hospital, Manor	First Floor, Rais Arcade, Palghar-Wada Road, Manor District Palghar 401403	3	Free
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 Fir. 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 Rustomjee 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, Vasal	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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NEXT TUESDAY: Feroz Abbas Khan in conversation with Rtn. Vita **Dani on Directing Timeless** Dreams!

Feroz Abbas Khan is an acclaimed film and theatre director and screenwriter, recognised with national and international honours. His film Gandhi My Father-described by Nelson Mandela as "deeply moving and a rare achievement"—won three National Awards and the Best Screenplay Award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards. His landmark theatre works include Tumhari Amrita, Salesman Ramlal, Mughal-E-Azam, Raunaq n Jassi, and Civilisation to Nation. His television series Main Kuch Bhi Kar Sakti Hoon reached over 300 million viewers in 14 languages.



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