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THIS TUESDAY

Anaita Shroff Adajania
in conversation with
Divyak D'Souza

COMING UP

April 8th, 2025

Tuesday meeting at Freemasons Hall - Discovering its symbolic ceremonies, teachings and influence. Details inside

April 10th to 14th, 2025

Bahrain Fellowship

April 15th, 2025

Tanvir Gill, Business Journalist (Former CNBC) will address the Club on Behind the Headlines: My journey through the world of Business and Lessons learned from the most successful Business Leaders

April 22nd, 2025

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

April 29th, 2025

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

June 24th 2025

Shukriya Nite. Details inside

July 1st, 2025

Installation Ceremony of Incoming President Bimal Mehta and his board of Directors. Details inside

Life's persistent and most urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'
— Martin Luther King Jr.

EXCERPTS FROM A FIRESIDE CHAT ON THE INDIA-MIDDLE EAST-EUROPE ECONOMIC CORRIDOR: RESHAPING TRADE & CONNECTIVITY



RTN. MANJEET KRIPALANI, CO-FOUNDER OF GATEWAY HOUSE

1. "We are here to discuss a significant geopolitical project that is originating in India and is a game changer for us both domestically and internationally."
2. "It's the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, or IMEC — an 8,000 km roadway, railway, and ship-rail transit network connecting India with the Gulf region and onward to Europe via Jordan and Israel."
3. "This is India's first multilateral infrastructure project and we, in Mumbai, are the originator port — a particularly sweet global positioning for our city."
4. "Gateway House is a foreign policy think tank started in Mumbai by two women."
5. "We are established as a non-profit under Section 8 of the Companies Act and are compliant for funding under CSR for the promotion of education and protection of natural heritage, art, and culture — a little bit like the Rotary Club."

SIFRA LENTON, AUTHOR AND FELLOW AT BOMBAY HISTORY STUDIES

1. "The India-Middle East Economic Corridor is nothing new in India's trading history and heritage."
2. "The old IMEC corridor preceded the Red Sea, which is better known today as the Suez Canal route, by a good 2,000 years."
3. "Sargon integrated the southern port cities of the Tigris and Euphrates river which sat at the head of the Persian Gulf with his northern kingdom, effectively linking the Persian Gulf region with the eastern Mediterranean."
4. "Trade routes operated like water, always taking the easiest path."
5. "They connected the upper sea (Mediterranean) and the lower sea (Arabian Sea) — exactly what IMEC is designed to do today."
6. "Some Egyptian mummies have been found wrapped in dyed cloth from Gujarat, proving the extensive trade networks of the time."

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7. “Frankincense and myrrh were both highly valuable incenses sourced from the Incense Route.”

AMIT BHANDARI, SENIOR FELLOW FOR ENERGY, INVESTMENT, AND CONNECTIVITY

1. “IMEC will also morph over time. Our research indicates that it will transform into an energy corridor with energy infrastructure, including oil pipelines, green hydrogen pipelines, and related facilities.”
2. “More importantly, it will also serve as a conduit for data — following the adage that ‘data is the new oil.’”
3. “One common concern about IMEC is that rail transport is more expensive than shipping, and this is a valid point. However, rail transport offers advantages that shipping cannot provide.”
4. “IMEC is a partnership of equals.”
5. “Saudi Arabia’s new leadership is decisive. They aim to transform the Kingdom — economically and socially — and IMEC is part of that vision.”
6. “We are used to thinking in physical terms — containers, oil shipments — but it is data that will hurt us much faster and on a much larger scale if disrupted.”
7. “One of the long-term visions of IMEC is to lay an optical fibre cable from the Arabian Sea, across Saudi Arabia, toward Israel, and from there to Europe.”
8. “The whole point of this corridor is to be the anti-BRI corridor. China is coming nowhere close to it.”



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ROTARIANS ASK

Do you have any numbers on what the cost of the project is and how it will be financed?

So, there are multiple legs of IMEC. There is the Vadhavan port, which will be developed over multiple phases in the next 20-odd years. I have seen multiple estimates, but \$10 billion for the first phase seems to be the most realistic. In India, over the last 20-25 years, most major infrastructure investments—whether ports or airports—have been privately funded. I think Vadhavan is also going to be developed privately.

On the side front, the railway line is a major piece of infrastructure that they want to build. In their case, money is not an object at all. In fact, they have a very ambitious plan to upgrade all their ports in the Persian Gulf, as well as their railway network, which currently covers only part of the country. This will be funded entirely within Saudi Arabia.

Haifa Port has two terminals. One of them is operated—I should use the word “operated”—by the Adani Group, but the owner, of course, is the Israeli government. The second terminal has a Chinese operator. Haifa Port will require substantial upgrades, and I believe the operator is responsible for bringing in the capital. Since Haifa Port already exists, there is no need for dredging. The cost will likely be less than Vadhavan Port, probably in the range of \$4 to \$5 billion, but again, this is a multi-year investment. I think, if we consider the post-Gaza conflict period and look at the developments over the next ten years—counting all the bits of infrastructure—the total investment would range between \$75 billion and \$100 billion, including ports and terminals.

You mentioned that when IMEC was conceived, the U.S. was supportive of it. Do you see that changing in the post-Trump era?

No, I think IMEC will continue to be a priority for the U.S. One of the things we have seen during the Trump administration was their stance towards China. They continued to perceive China as an adversary, much more so than the preceding administration. The rhetoric about China being an unfair trader and restricting its market partly reflects that stance. Regarding India, apart from specific trade issues like tariffs, the general stance has been supportive. If IMEC helps reduce key allies’ dependence on the Chinese economy and manufacturing, my sense is that it would continue to have American support.

I want to play devil’s advocate here. BRI is supposed to be completed by 2049, and IMEC is still at the ideation stage. Given China’s track record of execution, why would I go for IMEC when I know China will get things done?

BRI has two issues. First, many countries that joined BRI were already struggling economically. Those that aggressively pursued Chinese projects were often in a financial bind and saw Chinese capital as “free capital.” But we’ve seen Sri Lanka default on its debt—much of it tied to BRI. Pakistan, home to a major BRI corridor, is practically in default. Bangladesh has seen political...



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ELOCUTION COMPETITION HELD FOR BY NMJ STUDENTS



On March 24th, 2025, an inter-class elocution competition was held for the 6th and 7th standard students of Bhavishya Yaan NMJ. The primary aim of the event was to build and enhance the public speaking abilities of young learners.

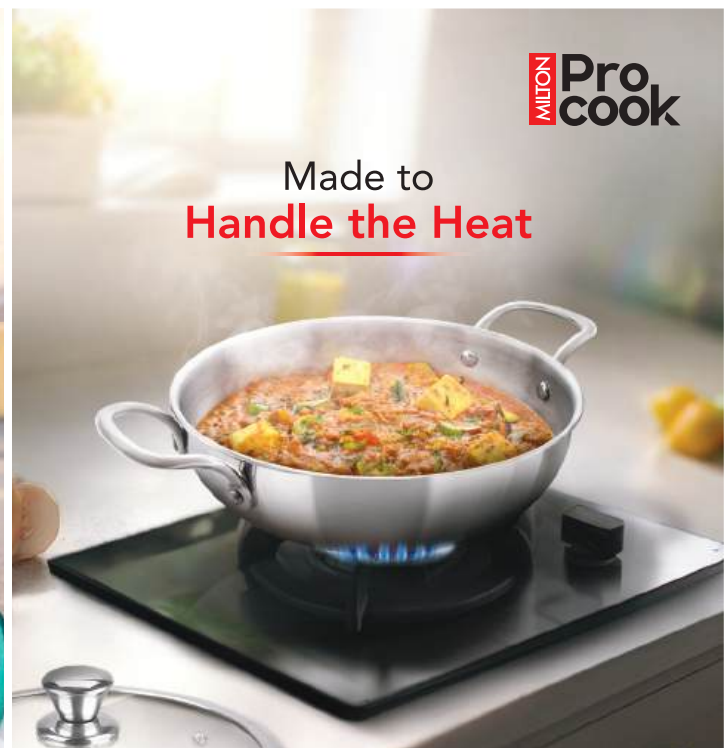
In the days leading up to the competition, students dedicated themselves to writing and practising their speeches. Topics ranged from the importance of education, the value of reading, and the challenges of child labour, to the need for water conservation and the importance of valuing time. Each student brought their own insight to these vital themes, showcasing both creativity and awareness.

The event served as an excellent platform for self-expression and confidence-building. Students spoke with clarity and conviction, and their enthusiasm was truly commendable. The supportive environment created by Bhavishya Yaan NMJ played a key role in encouraging the students to step up and share their thoughts.

All in all, the elocution competition was a meaningful and enriching experience that left both students and teachers inspired.



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TUESDAY MEETINGS AT ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



President Satyan Israni and PP Nowroze Vazifdar



Rotarians Farokh Balsara and Ratnaa Kapoor Sharma



Rotarians Hursh Meghani and Akhil Sanghi



Rotarians Jyotivardhan Jaipuria, Zaheer Memon and Akhil Sanghi



Rotarians Mudit Jain, Farokh Balsara and Mahesh Khubchandani



Rotarians Vandan Shah, Vikram Daiya and Anand Shah



Speakers Amit Bhandari, Sifra Lentin and Rtn. Manjeet Kripalani with President Satyan Israni



Rtn. Dushyant Dave, Rtn. Rina Deora, Rtn. Ptn. Malti and Rtn. Mudit Jain and Rtn. Jyotivardhan Jaipuria



Rtn. Jamshed and Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia, PP Framroze Mehta, Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala and Rtn. Hoshang Nazir



Rtn. Farokh Balsara asks a question



Rtn. Mudit Jain asks a question



Rtn. Ptn. Bina and Rtn. Ulhas Yargop



Rtn. Tara Deshpande accepts President Satyan's birthday wishes on behalf of her mother, Rtn. Leela Deshpande



Rtn. Uday Sanghani asks a question



Rtn. Aditya Somani



PRESIDENT'S MONTHLY MUSINGS

MANIC MARCH MONTHLY ROUND-UP

March proved to be another exceptionally active month for the Rotary Club of Bombay, continuing the momentum established in February. Our diverse range of projects and events reflected our commitment to community service, vocational development, and fellowship.

Highlights:

1. **Assimilation Iftaar:** The month commenced with a delightful Assimilation Iftaar hosted by the Bagasrawala family at their residence, offering a beautiful setting overlooking the Arabian Sea.
 2. **District Conference:** President [President's Name], along with Past National (PN) Manish Reshamwala and Past Presidents (PPs) Ramesh Narayan and Nirav Shah, attended the District Conference on March 1st and 2nd.
 3. **Adult Literacy Graduation:** A significant milestone was achieved with the graduation of 30,000 adults in Palghar from our Adult Literacy Program, bringing the total beneficiaries to over one lakh.
 4. **"Phantom of the Opera" Experience:** Rotarians and their families enjoyed an enchanting evening attending the Broadway musical "Phantom of the Opera" on March 6th.
 5. **Art Exhibition:** On March 7th, Artist Sujata Bajaj led members through her captivating works at the Jehangir Art Gallery.
 6. **RISE Offsite:** Future President (PE) Bimal Mehta's RISE (Realign, Innovate, Strategize, Execute) offsite, held at the Harvard Business School Classroom at Taj Lands End on March 8th, provided valuable insights into the upcoming Rotary year's vision.
 7. **Members Nite:** The Members Nite on March 9th, with 165 attendees, featured musical performances, poetry, storytelling, and stand-up comedy. A highlight was the recognition of PPs Vikram Kamdar, Mahendra Sanghi, Suresh Kotak, and Sushil Jalan as Golden Members for 50 years of service.
 8. **Chinchpada Village Intervention:** On March 10th, the club inaugurated its next village intervention at Chinchpada Village, installing three solar-powered lift irrigation systems and a water jetty.
 9. **Palghar and Boisar Project Day:** March 13th saw the inauguration of a Career Foundation Learning Centre, an IT Innovation Lab, and a new Dialysis Centre in Palghar and Boisar. The Dialysis Centre marked our 14th such initiative, with 87 machines now aiding those with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD).
 10. **Holi Celebrations:** The annual Holi celebrations at the Jain family's residence featured their renowned culinary delights.
 11. **Shakti Awards:** The Shakti Awards on March 22nd recognized 12 women achievers, with Dr. Swati Piramal as the Chief Guest.
 12. **Animal Welfare Panel Discussion:** A thought-provoking panel discussion on animal rights and welfare, chaired by Rtn. Priyasri Patodia, was held in collaboration with the Fellowship and In-Camera committee.
 13. **HDFC Dharamshala Anniversary:** The second anniversary of the HDFC Dharamshala project was celebrated with a tour, presentation by Rtn. Miral Shah, and a lunch prepared by the dharamshala kitchen.
- The weekly meetings as usual saw great participation due to the amazing variety of speakers and awardees curated by our Program and Awards committees. We had Dr. MS Kamath speak on Consumerism. We also had a fireside chat on the India Middle Eastern Economic Corridor was conducted by Rtn. Manjeet Kripalani of Gateway House. We bestowed The Rotary Club of Bombay Uma Jain Young Woman Achiever Award on Ananya Birla and were privileged to have all the three generations of the Birla family in attendance which is a rarity. The club also got an opportunity to celebrate its 96th birthday with the Birla family.
- We also had District Governor Chetan Desai visiting us on March 11th, praising the club's community work at his Official Club Visit.
- March was a month of significant achievements and impactful initiatives, reflecting the Rotary Club of Bombay's commitment to service and fellowship. We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming months.

- President

Satyan Israni



RCB INAUGURATES DIALYSIS CENTRE & EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES IN BOISAR

The Rotary Club of Bombay, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Boisar-Tarapur, marked a significant milestone in healthcare and education with the inauguration of the Rotary-Ashok & Sushila Mahansaria Dialysis Centre at Adhikari Lifeline Hospital Nagzari on March 13th, 2025.

A LIFELINE FOR DIALYSIS PATIENTS

Equipped with nine state-of-the-art dialysis machines, the new centre will provide approximately 700 dialysis sessions per month, benefiting around 60 patients. Importantly, all treatments will be offered free of cost under the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MJPJAY) scheme, ensuring access to vital healthcare for underserved populations, including tribal communities.

The centre was inaugurated by Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria and Rtn. Jagdish Vora, the generous donors whose contributions made this initiative possible. The event saw the presence of key dignitaries, including Rtn. Satyan Israni (President, Rotary Club of Bombay), PDG Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Swati Jajodia (Chairman, Dialysis Centre), Dr. Meera Adhikari (Adhikari Lifeline Hospital), Rtn. Vilas Shahapure (President, Rotary Club of Boisar-Tarapur), and Rtn. Rakesh Mishra (Past President, Rotary Club of Boisar-Tarapur).

PROJECT SPONSORS

- Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria: Sponsored five dialysis machines under Global Grant #2126537 and three additional machines.
- Rtn. Jagdish Vora: Sponsored one machine.

ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

On the same day, the Rotary Club of Bombay also launched two major educational initiatives:

- Career Learning Foundation Centre at ST Kadam School, Palghar.
- IT Innovation Laboratory & Career Learning Foundation Centre at S.D. Vartak School, Boisar.

These initiatives aim to enhance career guidance and learning opportunities for students in Palghar and Boisar, reinforcing the Rotary Club's broader commitment to community development.

IMPACT AND VISION

The Rotary-Ashok & Sushila Mahansaria Dialysis Centre represents a critical step in improving healthcare access in the region by:

- Reducing travel burden for dialysis patients.
- Providing free life-saving treatments under MJPJAY.
- Strengthening local healthcare infrastructure.

Speaking at the event, Rtn. Satyan Israni expressed gratitude, stating, "This project embodies the spirit of 'Service Above Self.' We are thankful to our donors and partners for making this vision a reality."

With these landmark initiatives, the Rotary Club of Bombay continues to make a profound difference, ensuring better healthcare and education for communities in need.



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SHAKTI AWARDS TO CHANGEMAKERS: ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY RECOGNISES 12 POWERFUL WOMEN FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE



On Saturday, March 22nd, RCB celebrated 12 extraordinary women who are shaping the future in their respective fields.

This was the 3rd edition of Shakti Awards and it was held at the iconic Taj Mahal Hotel in Mumbai to honor women of substance across diverse sectors who exemplify courage, resilience, and impact. The 2025 ceremony celebrated 12 visionary women who have redefined excellence in fields ranging from business and medicine to arts, education, and sports.

- Art: Sujata Bajaj – Internationally acclaimed artist bridging Indian traditions with global aesthetics
- Author: Meghna Pant – Award-winning storyteller advocating equality through fearless narratives
- Cinema & Television: Shefali Shah – Acclaimed actress bringing depth and power to every performance
- Education: Dr. Indu Shahani – Visionary educator transforming learning and leadership
- Entrepreneurship: Schauna Chauhan – Business trailblazer revolutionising Parle Agro's legacy
- Fashion: Gopi Vaid – Celebrated designer merging traditional craftsmanship with modern elegance
- Medicine: Dr. Anaita Udwadia Hegde – Pioneering pediatric neurologist bringing care and hope to thousands
- Performing Arts, Dance & Culture: Birwa Qureshi – Artistic innovator reviving India's heritage through art and dance



Sheereen Bhan



Jemimah Rodrigues



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Dr. Anaita Udwadia Hegde



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Chetna Gala Sinha



Rotarians Puneet Chhatwal and President Satyan Israni honor Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Rtn. Dr. Indu Shahani



President Satyan Israni thanks Rtn. Ratnaa Kapoor Sharma for her support and the support of Lighthouse Canton



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Jemimah Rodrigues, accepted by her parents on her behalf

- Social Change: Chetna Gala Sinha – Founder of Mann Deshi Bank, empowering rural women towards financial independence

- Sports: Jemimah Rodrigues – Dynamic cricketer redefining resilience and excellence in Indian sports

- Theatre: Shernaz Patel – Acclaimed actress shaping the future of India's theatre landscape

- Journalism & Media: Shereen Bhan – Journalist redefining business media and national discourse

Presided over by Dr. Swati Piramal, Vice Chairperson of the Piramal Group as the Chief Guest, the event brought together thought leaders and changemakers in a celebration of Shakti—the power that women wield to drive transformation across communities and industries.

Shakti Award was conceptualised by RCB, and we believe that empowering voices and advancing equity is essential to building a more inclusive and forward-looking world. The awards are held in March, same month when Women International Day is celebrated to acknowledge the transformative impact women leaders have across industries and communities.

RCB believes that through these Awards, we not only publicly celebrate excellence but also inspire future generations to lead.

The Shakti Awards embody the spirit of honouring women who are not only leaders in their fields, but catalysts for transformation across society.

For RCB, standing alongside these changemakers is both a privilege and a reflection of our values, focused on creating a more inclusive and empowered future.

The emcees for the evening were Rtn. Anjani Rawat and past First Lady Rangita Bhatnagar did a brilliant job of conducting the entire event very effortlessly and efficiently. Rtn. Ptn. Anita Almeida provided very impressive Voice Over introductions of every awardee.

President Satyan Israni opened the program with a heartfelt welcome message about empowering women as a continued commitment of RCB. After receiving the award from the Chief Guest & President Satyan, every awardee shared her journey in brief and expressed genuine impressions about the Shakti Award.

The proceedings of the evening were



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Sujata Bajaj



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Shernaz Patel



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Rtn. Ptn. Gopi Vaid



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Schauna Chauhan



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Shefali Shah



President Satyan Israni and Chief Guest Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Swati Piramal present awards to Meghna Pant



Rtn. Ptn. Devina and PP Nirav Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Swati Piramal, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Meera Alreja



President Satyan Israni, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Rtn. Anita Paymaster, Rtn. Mudit Jain and Rtn. Uday Sanghani

conducted seamlessly and very gracefully. PP Vineet Bhatnagar delivered a Vote of thanks and appreciated the support of all the Sponsors & Complimentary Gift Partners.

This year the Shakti Awards event was led by Rtn. Ptn. Rangita Bhatnagar. The core committee included Rotarians Rhea Bhungara, Farhat Jamal, Priyanka Jatia, Anand Dalal, Ushma Doshi, PP Vineet Bhatnagar & President Satyan Israni. Rtn. Khurshed Poonawalla assisted with all the creatives for the awards function.

The core team was very ably supported by Rtn. Priya Tanna, Amee Tanna and a team of Rtn. Partners Kavita Dalal, Madhavi Sanghi, Malti Jain, Megha Kedia, Meghal Jhaveri, Miloni Sampat, Nandini Sampat, Natasha Treasurywalla, Radhika Saraf, Yasmin Divecha.

- PP Vineet Bhatnagar



Rtn. Anita Patel, Awardee Shernaz Patel, Rtn. Ptn. Yasmin Divecha and PP Vineet Bhatnagar



Rotarians PP Arun Sanghi, Dr. Indu Shahani and Uday Sanghani



Awardee Meghna Pant, Rotarians Priyasri Patodia, PP Ashish Vaid, Christopher Bluemel, Mudit and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Rotarians Mahesh Khubchandani, Farhat Jamal, PP Vineet Bhatnagar, Puneet Chhetwal, President Satyan Israni, Anand Dalal and Rtn. Ptn. Johanna



Rtn. Ptn. Miloni Sampat, Rtn. Ptn. Meghal Jhaveri, Rtn. Priya Tanna, Rtn. Ptn. Priyanka Jatia and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



President Satyan Israni thanks PP Vineet Bhatnagar for Phillip Capital's support and Rtn. Akhil Sanghi (accepting on behalf of Rtn. Vinay Sanghi) for CarTrade's support



Rtn. Meera Alreja, Rtn. Ptn. Malini Agarwala, Rtn. Ptn. Anita Parikh, Rtn. Ptn. Devina Shah and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Rtn. Anjani Rawat



Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Ptn. Malini Agarwala, PP Ashish Vaid, Rtn. Ptn. Devina Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Arnaz and Rtn. Phiroze Soonawala



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BY SUMMER CAMP AT NMJ KICKS OFF WITH A GREEN MISSION

Bhavishya Yaan students of NMJ began their Summer Camp today, March 25th, 2025, with enthusiasm and purpose. The theme for this year's camp is Environmental Sustainability and Conservation—a topic both exciting and immensely relevant for shaping the citizens of tomorrow.

Usually scheduled post exams, the camp had to be brought forward due to BMC's extension of exam dates till April 25th. This has resulted in a staggered camp, to be conducted alongside ongoing examinations.

Despite the adjustments, the energy and engagement remained high. The day began on a soulful note with the song "We are the World" to set the mood. This was followed by an

interactive session discussing the environment's vital role in our lives. Teachers then guided students through the concept of environmental degradation and its various causes.

Children were introduced to new vocabulary, watched engaging videos, and expressed their ideas through poster-making—depicting both the damage to the environment and ways to preserve it.

It was a fulfilling experience for the 90-odd students who attended. The session ran from 9:15 am to 12:30 pm. Both students and teachers look forward to another enriching day tomorrow, building on today's momentum to help our planet breathe easier.



A FASCINATING JOURNEY INTO SCIENCE WITH BY NMJ STUDENTS

On March 21st, the students of the 8th and 9th standards of Bhavishya Yaan, NMJ School were taken on an exciting study tour to the Nehru Science Centre, Worli.

After a fun-filled bus ride, the students arrived at the venue and were first taken to the outdoor museum garden. Here, they explored fascinating relics from the past such as a vintage steam engine, a steam lorry, an electric tram, and horse carriages – all of which offered a glimpse into the transport systems of bygone eras.

They then proceeded to an interactive science gallery where several experiments were demonstrated. The children even got a chance to try a

few themselves, which added to their enthusiasm.

Next came the 3D show, which featured a mesmerising underwater world of plants, fish, and other marine creatures. With their 3D glasses on, the students were thrilled by the illusion of being able to touch the sea life on screen.

This was followed by an engaging session on sound and vibrations, the speed of sound, and Newton's First Law of Motion. The students watched real-time demonstrations and learnt through practical examples.

The tour continued with the popular 'Dinosaurs Among Us' section, where students learnt how birds evolved from

dinosaurs. Fossils and models spanning millions of years were displayed, accompanied by detailed explanations from the guide, Ms. Supriya Chaurasia. Ms. Namrata Mankad also helped explain the principles of sound in an engaging manner.

Before this, the students had visited the Mirror Maze Hall, where they explored the effects of different types of mirrors – a fun and thought-provoking experience.

The visit ended with snacks and drinks for the students. It was an informative, enjoyable, and memorable day organised by mentor Ms. Jaya Prasad, along with Shreeja Nambiar.



RCB INAUGURATES CFLC LABS AT PALGHAR AND BOISAR

On March 13th, spirits were high as the Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB) marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of two new learning centres—its second Community Future Learning Centre (CFLC) lab in Palghar and its third CFLC and IT Innovation lab in Boisar. These state-of-the-art facilities aim to provide students in these regions with enhanced opportunities in technology and innovation.

The driving force behind the success of these initiatives is the generous donor, Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria, who was present for the inaugurations. He was joined by President Rtn. Satyan Israni, PDG Sandip Agarwalla, PP Vineet Bhatnagar, Project Chair Rtn. Abhishek Saraf, Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, Rtn. Jagdish Vora, Rtn. Uday Sanghani, Rtn. Miral Shal, Rtn. Swati Jajodia, and Tanvi Golatkar. Also in attendance were partners Anagha Komawar from Grok Learning and Vivek Varshney from Teevra, both of whom have played an important role in shaping these projects.

The Club received significant support from local Rotary Clubs—Rotary Club of Palghar and Rotary Club of Tarapur Boisar—highlighting the collaborative spirit of the initiative.

The Palghar IT Innovation lab, now in its third year, showcased the incredible progress made since its inception. With over 4,400 students already benefiting, the lab has grown from serving a single school in January 2022 to now welcoming students from 11 different schools. Parents have expressed deep appreciation for RCB's vision and commitment, making it a heart-warming visit for all attendees. The local S T Kadam School trustees and community members felicitated the donor and RCB members in a touching ceremony. To further inspire students, RCB announced that any CFLC Palghar student admitted to the IIT would have their entire fees funded by the club.

Boisar was equally celebratory. The inauguration began with a spirited welcome—students of SD Vartak School greeted the guests with a tilak, dance, and sports performances. The new IT Innovation and CFLC labs were reviewed and formally opened, followed by another round of felicitation by the school trustees. These trustees noted the growing interest from nearby schools keen to emulate RCB's successful model. Matching the Palghar commitment, RCB also announced full IIT scholarship support for Boisar's CFLC students, which was met with great enthusiasm.

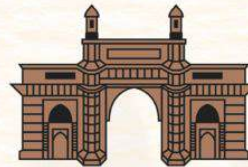
The event concluded with a delightful lunch hosted by SD Vartak School. The Boisar lab has been established under the guidance of Rtn. Anirudh Choudhary of the IT Committee.

All in all, it was a fulfilling and inspiring day!





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