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This Tuesday, March 10th

Probal DasGupta in a fireside chat with PP Vineet Bhatnagar on General Brasstacks: The Sundarji Story.

UPCOMING

March 11th, Wednesday

A visit to Ambeghar for a **water resilience initiative** by RCB's Rural Development Committee.

March 15th, Sunday

Bhoomi Poojan of the New Wing at Anusaya Devi Taparia College, Talwada

March 16th, Monday

The upgradation of **Gokhale Dialysis Centre**, Parel

March 17th, Tuesday Meeting

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

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

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.

PRID & TRUSTEE ELECT OF TRF A.S. VENKATESH IN CONVERSATION WITH ARRFC & PDG SANDIP AGARWALLA



ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla: I have prepared a few questions that touch on your vision for the Foundation's future, the evolution of membership, and your personal leadership journey. Dwelling on vision and future impact, how is The Rotary Foundation adapting its funding priorities or global grant structure to address emerging world challenges such as climate change or post-pandemic recovery that might not fit neatly into the current seven areas of focus?

PRID & Trustee-Elect, TRF, A.S. Venkatesh: Thank you, Sandip. First, let me thank everyone here for inviting me, especially Sandip, my good friend, and for giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts. It is always a privilege to be invited to the Rotary Club of Bombay. It is also a chance to meet some of my old friends. I am seeing Saurabh Sonawala after a long time. Those of you who may not be aware, Saurabh and I did our engineering together years ago. If I tell you the number of years, you will guess my age, so I am not going there. We were classmates at IIT Madras long back, so it is nice to see Saurabh here.

Going back to the question, Sandip, adaptability is one of our Action Plan focus areas. So we can adapt to emerging needs and emerging requirements. However, let us not forget that The Rotary Foundation is an elephant. It takes time to move. It is not a cheetah that can turn around quickly. It takes time because we are a large establishment present in over 150

to 200 countries with 1.2 million members. So it takes time to make some changes. But having said that, we have never been found wanting in times of crisis, emergencies, or immediate needs. For example, post-COVID, we had COVID grants immediately disbursed. Almost 175 districts got COVID grants immediately. So we were quick to adapt. Even during the Ukraine war, we created a fund on humanitarian grounds, not political grounds. So we have demonstrated our ability to adapt, which we have done in the past and will do in the future as well.

Coming to areas of focus. Honestly, till date, I have not come across a project other than building construction that could not fit into an area of focus because they are so all-encompassing. Even what you mentioned about climate change fits in because we now have Environment as one of our areas of focus, which was not there about 10 to 15 years ago. We realised the need for adding that, and we did so. Right now, other than building construction, I cannot think of any project that does not fit into an area of focus. If you do come across any such project, I will be happy to take it to the Trustees and create another area of focus if need be. Our aim is to ensure humanitarian needs are met, and whatever it takes to do so, we will do.

Sandip Agarwalla: I have always...

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BOOK REVEAL OF 'TIRELESSLY YOURS; AUTHORED BY PRIP KALYAN BANERJEE IN CONVERSATION WITH ARRFC & PDG SANDIP AGARWALLA



ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla:

Kalyan da, your book isn't just a memoir, it is a roadmap of a life dedicated to service. Welcome, and thank you for sharing *Tirelessly Yours*. I will dive straight into the questions, with your permission.

First, the genesis of the book. You have seen Rotary from every possible angle, from a Club member to the world President. What was the spark or specific moment that made you realise these stories had to be captured in a book now? And what do you hope readers, both Rotarians and non-Rotarians, will take away from this book?

PRIP Kalyan Banerjee:

Truth to tell, it was my Club members who, one day... the Immediate Past President for example, decided that we should have a book and let the Club members put it in place. So he and a few other Rotarians got together.

They engaged a writer from Bangalore. I do not know how he managed it. The writer went around all over the place. He interviewed me a couple of times. He interviewed my friends, my family, my son and daughter, both of whom were abroad, business people, Rotarians and non-Rotarians. That is how the book came through.

It has a little bit about my childhood. I asked Ganesh,

"Why are you writing about my childhood?" He said, "Just to show where you come from in the beginning."

What is the takeaway? Perhaps that while working in a group, you can do the impossible. At Club level, you can achieve anything. At the international level too, you can achieve whatever you set out to do.

Two themes that highlight my Rotary journey come from Past Presidents: Imagine, and Make Dreams Real. Once you imagine, go ahead and make your dreams real.

Sandip Agarwalla:

Moving on to India's role in global Rotary, during your presidency, you were a fierce advocate for India's potential. How has the Indian identity within Rotary evolved from your early days to what you see in clubs today?

Kalyan Banerjee:

India has evolved unimaginably. Today, the USA may still have larger numbers or give more to The Rotary Foundation annually, but we are number two in the world in both membership and contributions.

The growth of members from India is absolutely amazing, maintained year after year. Sometimes I feel we need to control this growth a little, but I will not get into that.

I remember in my year as

President we raised \$300 million, the first time that happened. I think it will approach \$500 million in the next couple of years. I can see the Trustee nodding his head.

Sandip Agarwalla:

Coming to the polio legacy, you played a pivotal role during the years when India finally became polio-free. Looking back at those Rotary days spent in that struggle, what is the one lesson in persistence you want the new generation of Rotarians to carry forward?

Kalyan Banerjee:

If it is PolioPlus you are talking about, remember, polio has not yet been eradicated from the world. It is still there, and sometimes increasing in certain places.

We must immunise the children of the world regularly and without fail. Pakistan and Afghanistan still face challenges. Nigeria too had polio until recently. They honoured PRIP Raja Saboo and me for taking special efforts in making Nigeria Polio-free.

Polio can return at any time. So we must remain vigilant. At the same time, Rotary continues to work in literacy, water management, healthcare, and peace initiatives across the world.

Sandip Agarwalla:

Leading 1.2 million Rotarians across diverse cultures must have

presented unique challenges. What was your most difficult moment as RI President, and what did it teach you?

Kalyan Banerjee:

One of the most difficult tasks was persuading leaders in Pakistan and Afghanistan to prioritise immunisation. Meetings were difficult to secure and outcomes uncertain. For example, the then President of Pakistan told us to speak to the leader of the opposition party regarding immunisation. We waited for him till 2am at night and when he came, he said, we will immunise the kids, but what will you do about these Americans who are bombing our nation? We said that is on government level, but at least do something for the kids. He said okay, but nothing happened.

Perhaps the most dangerous experience was visiting President Hamid Karzai in Afghanistan. Many advised against it. Even Rotary colleagues said I would have to go alone if I insisted. I travelled via Dubai. Security conditions were tense. I stayed in a guarded guest house, basic and heavily restricted.

On the third day, the army escorted me through Kabul, a war-torn city with shuttered...

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RTN. PILLOO AGA INSPIRES THE NEXT GENERATION THROUGH SERVICE

Rtn. Pilloo Aga is nurturing the values of compassion and respect by taking her grandchildren to RCB Alibag and teaching them, from a young age, to respect, interact with and care for the elderly.

Through these meaningful experiences, she is instilling in them the importance of empathy, service and social responsibility.

Rtn. Pilloo Aga has also

encouraged her daughter, Khursheed Aga, to join the Rotary movement, further strengthening the family's commitment to service and community engagement.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I trust you enjoyed the Holi celebrations this week.

My February monthly message begins on a sombre note. This month, we mourn the loss of two esteemed senior members, Rtn. Devendra Kothari and Rtn. Prem Nath Malkani. I have been fortunate to know both Devendrabhai and Prem Nath personally. On behalf of RCB, I extend my deepest condolences to their families and pray that their souls rest in peace.

On February 24th, we had the distinct honour of hosting Trustee-Elect of Rotary International and Past Rotary International Director, A. S. Venkatesh, as well as Past Rotary International President, Kalyan Banerjee. During a discussion moderated by our own member ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla, PRID Venky (as he is fondly referred to) shared valuable insights regarding his vision as the incoming Trustee of The Rotary Foundation. Additionally, RCB had the privilege of launching the book *Tirelessly Yours*, authored by Kalyan Da, Past President of Rotary International. The event was attended by numerous district dignitaries, including DG Manish Motwani and several Past District Governors. We extend our gratitude to Sandip for organising this exceptional meeting, which stands out as a highlight of this Rotary year.

Rotary News Editor Rasheeda Bhagat joined us as a guest. Following the meeting, several Rotarians escorted Rasheeda to visit two of our leading

initiatives: the RCB ITI Innovation Lab and the RCB Dharamsala Centre.

We welcomed an engaging speaker this February, beginning the month with a session focused on understanding the Budget. Our panel featured our own Rotarians Shailesh Haribhakti, Anil Harish and Gautam Trivedi. Shaileshbhai offered an overview of India's growth narrative and described the Budget as marking India's quiet progression. Anil explained the tax implications, while Gautam provided interesting insights into how the Budget could impact capital markets.

Our meeting on February 10th featured an engaging fireside conversation with Dr. Avinash Phadke and Dr. Manisha Talim, joined by Ekta Batra, Senior Editor at CNBC-TV18. They discussed Semaglutide, new weight loss medications and current developments in the field. Dr. Phadke and Dr. Talim addressed numerous questions, dispelled myths and clarified common misconceptions.

This year, Ronnie Screwvala received the Rotary Club of Bombay's Citizen of Mumbai Award. Afterwards, he held an inspiring conversation with Hon. Secretary Farhat Jamal. Ronnie discussed his journey as an entrepreneur, covering his failures, successes and lessons learned, which provided valuable insights, especially for younger Rotarian entrepreneurs.

We had a busy time with our community service projects. We held our annual RCB-YMCA Night Study Centre get-together, where our NSC students treated us to captivating musical performances. High academic achievers were recognised, and notebooks were distributed to all students. On February 11th, we hosted the ever-popular Ananda Yaan musical event, which featured several renowned artists. Our own Rotarians also danced alongside the seniors, making it an evening to remember. Special thanks go to PP Ramesh Narayan, AY Chair Kaushal Mehta, the entire committee, and, last but not least, our partners at the Shankar Mahadevan Academy.

Our efforts to drive transformation in

the rural Palghar district are ongoing. On February 14th, we installed solar-powered infrastructure across homes, schools and Anganwadi centres, positively impacting more than 310 families. I extend my gratitude to Sumitomo Chemicals for their generous support and to the Chirag Foundation for their effective implementation of this initiative.

On February 20th, our annual AY Sports Day was held. Although I was unable to attend due to work commitments, I was told that it was an enjoyable event, particularly witnessing the elders participate in the activities with great enthusiasm. Our BY, AY, Urban Heritage, IT Innovation, Interact and Satellite Clubs have several ongoing projects this month.

A major highlight this month was the Mahjong Tournament organised by Rtn. Bipin and Reshma Vazirani. More than 60 people enjoyed fantastic food and a wonderful ambience during the event. All proceeds were contributed to the Animal Welfare Fund. Many thanks to Bipin and Reshma for generously welcoming everyone into their lovely home and for their kindness.

We wrapped up the month with our outstation fellowship trip to Jaisalmer. More than 50 members and their families enjoyed breathtaking sights and sand dunes, but above all cherished meaningful moments of bonding, laughter and friendship under the golden skies. Thank you to Vineet, Ritu and Aradhana for organising a well-crafted trip with flawless execution. These fellowship journeys are wonderful opportunities to connect, and I encourage all members to join our future trips.

March tends to be a busy month as we complete many scheduled projects ahead of the summer holidays. I encourage all members to participate in project inaugurations and visits in large numbers, supporting the outstanding work our clubs have accomplished over the years.

Warm Resgard,

Bimal Mehta

President, 2025–26

PROJECT IMPACT REPORTS

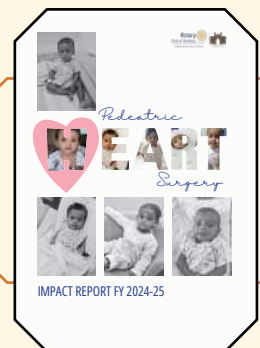
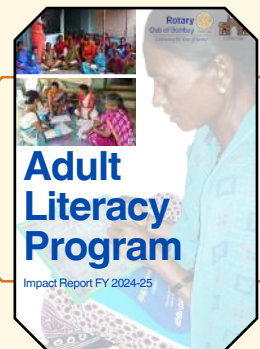
BY PRESIDENT BIMAL MEHTA, ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

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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BHAVISHYA YAAN N.M. JOSHI MARG SCHOOL

CELEBRATING MARATHI RAJYA BHASHA DIN

On February 27th, 2026, Friday, from 9.00 pm to 10.00 pm, students of Classes 5 to 8 at NMJ BY celebrated Marathi Rajya Bhasha Din with pride and enthusiasm. Although the SSC Board examinations are ongoing and school timings have been adjusted from 8.30 am to 10.30 am on exam days, the celebration was conducted with equal dedication.

Marathi Rajya Bhasha Din is observed on February 27th each year to mark the recognition of Marathi as the official language of the state of Maharashtra. The day holds great significance for Marathi

speakers and serves as an opportunity to celebrate the rich cultural heritage, literature and history associated with the language.

The teachers shared valuable information with students about the importance of the day and why it is celebrated. The programme concluded with everyone singing the beautiful Marathi songs 'My Marathi My Boli' and 'Hee My Bhumi Hee Janm Bhumi'.

The celebration was a heartfelt tribute to linguistic roots, instilling pride and cultural awareness among students.



CELEBRATING NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



Bhavishya Yaan NMJ School marked National Science Day with enthusiasm on February 27th and 28th, 2026. Despite the ongoing SSC Board examinations, it was fortunate that February 28th fell on a day when the full school was functioning, allowing students and teachers to celebrate together.

The day began with informative videos, followed by teachers explaining the significance of National Science Day and why it is observed. Students were introduced to Sir C. V. Raman and his groundbreaking discovery, the Raman Effect. To make the learning experience engaging, videos of simple science experiments were shown, and students were asked to select experiments to prepare and present the following day.

The students independently chose and distributed their experiments. The 5th standard presented the Solar System, the 7th standard demonstrated a Windmill, and the 8th standard showcased a Hologram, Density Experiment, Volcano, Turmeric pH Indicator and Photosynthesis.

With special permission from the Principal, students prepared their models after their Life Skill session. Participation was excellent, and the celebrations were both educational and inspiring.

BHAVISHYA YAAN N.M. JOSHI MARG SCHOOL

POSITIVE THINKING AND SELF AWARENESS SESSION



On February 28th, 2026, Saturday, students of Classes 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th at NMJ Bhavishya Yaan participated in an enriching Life Skill session on the topic “Positive Thinking: Body, Mind and Thoughts”.

The objective of the session was to help students understand how the body, mind and thoughts work together and why it is important to remain in a positive state. The discussion explored human beings from both biological and spiritual perspectives. While science focuses on the body, spirituality emphasises thoughts and feelings. Students learned that breath acts as a bridge connecting the body, brain and mind.

The teacher explained that thoughts play a powerful role in shaping behaviour. Both positive and negative thoughts were discussed with practical

examples. Emotions such as anger and jealousy were identified as negative thoughts, and students were guided on how to manage them constructively. They were encouraged to adopt a positive approach, such as believing that a tough task requires patience and can be handled with effort and determination.

Students were reminded to express gratitude to God through prayer, to respect their parents and to value their teachers for imparting knowledge. They were also taught that life is about choosing the right path and balancing responsibilities towards studies, family and friends. Importantly, emphasis was laid on self care. Students were told that constantly studying without play can cause stress, while excessive time on social media at the cost of homework can affect academic performance. A

balanced routine of study, exercise, games, sleep and nutritious food leads to a healthy body and positive thinking.

Simple stress management techniques were introduced. Students practised deep breathing exercises to calm the mind. The teacher described the body as a delicate machine that requires balance to function well. A finger exercise was conducted, asking students to hold their fingers tightly and then release, demonstrating how physical awareness strengthens focus and reduces anxiety. Sitting straight and erect was also encouraged to promote calmness.

The session concluded with a short meditative activity, reinforcing the message that our body is sacred and that thinking positively fosters peace and emotional balance.

STUDENTS EXPLORE LUNAR ECLIPSE THROUGH CREATIVE LEARNING

On Wednesday, March 4th, while many were celebrating Holi in the morning, the world witnessed a Lunar Eclipse from 3:00 pm IST onwards. Seizing this timely opportunity, the students of BY NMJ School engaged in an interactive learning session centred on Chandra Grahana.

Teachers began by sharing key information about the Lunar Eclipse and discussing the concept in detail. Students were explained when and how both Lunar and Solar Eclipses occur. A simple diagram was drawn on the board to illustrate the positions of the Sun, Earth and Moon during

an eclipse, making the scientific explanation clear and easy to understand.

To make the session practical and engaging, teachers guided the students step by step in creating a PowerPoint presentation on the topic. They demonstrated how to add animations to show the Earth blocking sunlight, as well as how to apply design themes and transitions to enhance the slides.

The students actively participated, asked questions and created their own presentations, strengthening their understanding, creativity and digital skills.



CELEBRATING ACTIVE AGEING: SPORTS DAY FOR ANANDA YAAN ELDERS



The Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College organised a heart-warming and energetic Sports Day for the senior citizens of Ananda Yaan, creating a day filled with laughter, movement and meaningful companionship.

A total of 175 underprivileged elders from all three centres participated with great enthusiasm. The event stood as a powerful reminder that age is never a barrier to joy or participation. Regular physical activity plays a vital

role in helping senior citizens remain fit, confident, socially connected and mentally healthy, and the day reflected this spirit beautifully.

The programme began on a lively note with an energetic Zumba drill conducted by Mr Roshan. His vibrant session immediately lifted spirits, encouraging the elders to move, smile and embrace the day with excitement. The atmosphere was electric as participants joined in wholeheartedly.

The initiative was led by Club President Rtr. Aneri Samtani along with a dedicated team of Rotaractors: Rtr. Anvita Thorat, Rtr. Ved Prabhu, Rtr. Soham Shukla, Rtr. Aaliya Luswala, Rtr. Vanshika Mishra, Rtr. Naqiya Paisawala, Rtr. Arya Shah and Rtr. Nitanshi Bhageria. Their thoughtful planning and constant encouragement ensured that every elder felt valued, supported and celebrated throughout the event.



The elders joyfully participated in a variety of specially curated activities, including the Lemon and Spoon Race, Book Balancing, Relay Race, Saree Draping Activity, Ball in a Bucket, Transfer the Gems, Sort the Beads and Cup Stack. The venue echoed with cheers as participants supported one another, demonstrating that the true spirit of sport lies in togetherness rather than competition. Many elders shared that they had not played games for decades, and the event rekindled fond childhood memories while filling

them with renewed energy.

The Sports Day was about far more than winning or losing. It celebrated dignity, inclusion and happiness. The college students thoughtfully arranged food and drinks to ensure that the elders remained comfortable and well hydrated throughout the day.

Special thanks were extended to Mr. Dilip Chauhan, who led the Dignity team in organising the event. A heartfelt appreciation also goes to the Rotarians Ramesh Narayan,

Manish Reshamwala, Ajai Kumar, Vikram Daiya, Azim Tapia, Anand Shah, Ekta Shah, Chhaya Mehta and Kaushal Mehta. The support of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Queens Tiara, represented by President Gopika Doshi, Past President Kavita Waghani, Secretary Sejal Kanakia and Treasurer Rakhee Reshamwala, added immense warmth to the occasion.

The day concluded with proud moments, wide smiles and heartfelt gratitude, truly exemplifying Service Above Self.



BOMBAY FRAMED UNVEILED AT DELHI ART GALLERY

Saturday, February 21st, 2026 marked the unveiling of *Bombay Framed*, a compelling collection of photographs and paintings capturing the city and its people, both constantly reinventing themselves through time.

Hosted at the Delhi Art Gallery, the event began with the formal book launch and transitioned into an engaging and in-depth discussion. Historian and volume editor Gyan Prakash and architect and urbanist Rahul Mehrotra shared their inspiration and perspectives in conversation with journalist Naresh

Fernandes. Together, they explored how artists and historians have long treated the city as their muse, documenting its layered history and evolving identity.

The audience, which included select members of the Rotary Club of Bombay, gained valuable insights into the cultural and historical fabric of the city from a bygone era.

This event forms part of an ongoing series of engagements organised by the Heritage, Art and Culture Committee of the Rotary Club with DAG, with more enriching programmes planned for the year ahead.



YOUNG INNOVATORS SHINE AT WADA SCIENCE EXHIBITION

The Innovation Lab, Wada, proudly celebrates the achievements of students from P. J. High School, Wada, at the Science Exhibition held on February 28th, 2026 at Govardhan Kaushalya Kendra, Govardhan.

Aditya Patil and Hardik Patil, students of the 9th Standard, presented an impressive IoT-based project titled

“Smart School”. Their innovative concept demonstrated how technology can be effectively integrated into educational environments. In recognition of their creativity and technical understanding, they were awarded a Certificate of Appreciation.

Adding to this success, Chaitanya Kailas Patil, a student of the 7th

Standard, successfully built a working Forklift model using a pulley system in Robotics. Applying key mechanical concepts, he showcased how forklifts lift and transport heavy materials in warehouses, factories and ports.

Heartiest congratulations to all three students on their outstanding accomplishments.



RTN. UDAY SANGHANI RECEIVES BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD



Rtn. Uday Sanghani's research paper was declared the Winner of the Best Research Paper Award at the ICSSR International Conference on Digital Marginalisation and AI Bias: Redefining Business and Society (ICDMAI-BS 2026). The paper was recognised in the Academics Category and was based on a detailed case study of the Rotary Club of Bombay's IT Innovation Lab initiative.

The ICSSR sponsored international conference was organised to promote global research collaboration in the field of social sciences. It was affiliated with Mumbai University and supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research under the Ministry of Education.

The conference was graced by Shri Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Cabinet Minister and Founding Chancellor, who has also served as the Prime Minister's Sherpa for the G20 and G7 summits. The keynote address was delivered by Shri Vivek Sawant, Chief Mentor of Maharashtra Knowledge Corporation Limited.

The conference featured several distinguished international speakers including Dr. Mohammad Rami Al

Jundi and Dr. Ahmad Al Kurdi from Syria. The global panel also included Dr. Shad Ahmad Khan of the American University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Dr. Kyung Ki Eun of Tongmyong University, Busan, South Korea, Mr. Nick Hutton, CEO of MasterSoft ERP Solutions Asia and former CEO of Universitas 21 Global, and Prof. Dr. Ravi Dissanayake from the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

The award winning research paper was based on an in depth case study of the RCB IT Innovation Lab operating across five centres located in Palghar, Boisar, Wada, Dahanu and Mumbai ITI. The study documented a structured, multi year digital capability intervention across these regions of Maharashtra.

Titled "Digital Marginalisation and AI Bias in Education and Capability Formation: The IT Innovation Lab Story", the research examined how early and sustained exposure to emerging technologies can act as a preventive strategy against digital exclusion and the resulting risk of AI bias.

The case study highlighted the transformation of more than 10,000

students, many of them first generation learners, from passive users of technology into confident creators and innovators. Across the five centres, students were introduced to robotics, IoT enabled systems, 3D modelling and 3D printing, automation projects, computational thinking and real world prototyping rooted in local realities. Their projects ranged from smart agriculture monitoring systems to IoT based public safety solutions and 3D printed anatomical models, demonstrating practical innovation addressing community challenges.

A central concept in the research was the Preventive AI Bias Framework, which proposes a shift from correcting algorithmic bias after it occurs to preventing bias at the stage of digital capability formation. The research emphasises that AI bias is often not merely a technical flaw but a consequence of structural digital exclusion. When communities lack access to technology and digital fluency, they remain under represented in data ecosystems, leading to algorithmic blind spots and institutional inequities.

The findings demonstrate that addressing digital marginalisation at the earliest stage can disrupt this cycle. Increased participation improves representation, and improved representation helps build fairer and more inclusive AI systems over time. Each empowered student becomes a catalyst of digital participation within their household and community.

The recognition highlights the importance of practice driven scholarship where research emerges from field implementation and lived experiences. Rtn. Uday Sanghani expressed deep gratitude to the Rotary Club of Bombay and the Indian Council of Social Science Research for recognising work that connects education, technology and societal transformation.



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BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS: 3-DAY SPORTS DEVELOPMENT TRAINING AT S.T. KADAM SCHOOL, PALGHAR

Under the aegis of the Sports for All Committee, chaired by Rtn. Abhishek Saraf and co-chaired by Rtn. Naresh Pachisia, a comprehensive three-day Sports Development Programme was conducted at S.T. Kadam School, Palghar. The 3-Day Capacity Building on Motor Skills and Recreation-Based Learning training was organised by the Dani Sports Foundation in partnership with the Rotary Club, Mumbai, from February 17th to 19th, 2026.

The training was led by Vijay Kumar, Senior Associate in Capacity Building and Design. A total of 25 participants attended the programme, including 12 males, 13 females, one sports trainer and 20 enthusiastic 11th-grade school students. The programme combined theoretical learning with hands-on practice, creating an engaging environment that strengthened participants' understanding of motor skill development and recreation-based learning in school settings.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

The training programme focused on several key objectives:

- Building rapport and teamwork among participants through icebreakers and group activities to create a positive learning environment.
- Developing a clear understanding of Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS), their types, importance and application in schools.
- Enhancing knowledge of FMS assessment to identify students' current skill levels and plan need-based activities.
- Training participants in structured session design, including Introduction, Warm-Up, Main Drill and De-briefing for effective delivery.
- Strengthening understanding

of four key principles: Fun and Fearless Learning, Maximum Participation, Maximum Play Time and Problem Solving.

- Improving session facilitation skills with focus on communication, classroom management,

or measurable skill outcomes. This can affect body coordination, movement skills, confidence and participation.

To address these gaps, the training programme was designed for teachers and trainers to strengthen their understanding of FMS, structured



observation, feedback and safety.

- Providing practical experience through demonstrations and field activities to connect theory with classroom practice.
- Introducing scientific talent identification and physical fitness assessment techniques to recognise potential athletes.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Many students possess natural ability but lack structured guidance and assessment-based learning opportunities. Observations in several schools show that physical education sessions are often conducted without clear planning, structured facilitation

session facilitation, assessment methods and talent identification. The sessions combined classroom discussions with field practice to improve facilitation techniques, introduce assessment tools and build the capacity to conduct well planned school sessions.

Why This Training Was Essential

The programme addressed key challenges within school-based physical education. Many sessions lacked a proper structure such as Introduction, Warm-up, Main Activity and De-briefing. Participants also had limited knowledge of FMS and its importance in child development. The absence of assessment-based learning

made it difficult to design activities suited to students' skill levels.

Teachers and volunteers also required guidance on communication, observation and providing feedback during sessions. Low participation among students due to limited inclusive activities was another concern. The training emphasised the principles of Fun, Participation, Play Time and Problem Solving to create engaging learning environments. It also introduced scientific assessment tools to help identify and nurture sporting talent.

KEY OUTCOMES OF THE TRAINING

The programme resulted in several important outcomes:

1. Enhanced understanding of Fundamental Motor Skills and their role in child development.
2. Improved ability to design and deliver structured physical education sessions.
3. Increased confidence in conducting practical FMS and physical fitness activities.
4. Better understanding of the principles of Fun and Fearless Learning, Maximum Participation, Maximum Play Time and Problem Solving.
5. Strengthened facilitation skills, including communication and classroom management.
6. Improved knowledge of FMS assessment for planning skill-based sessions.
7. Clear understanding of talent identification through assessment-based approaches.
8. Hands-on experience in leading session demonstrations with real students.
9. Greater readiness to implement structured and outcome-oriented physical education sessions.

Way Forward Plan

To ensure sustained impact, the

programme has outlined a clear way forward:

1. Handholding and Continuous Support

Two months of handholding support will be provided to participants, along with monthly review meetings to track progress.

2. Action Plan and Reporting

Teachers and sports trainers will prepare weekly and monthly session plans, supported by photographs and attendance records.

3. Implementation of Structured PE Sessions

Participants will conduct FMS-based sessions using the structure of Introduction, Warm-up, Main Drill and De-brief.

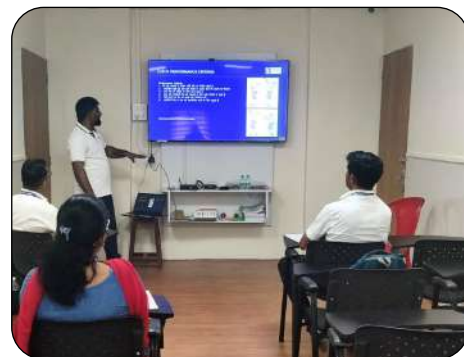
4. Use of FMS Handbook

Teachers will refer to the FMS Handbook to design age-appropriate and skill-based sessions.

5. Online Capacity Building Sessions

Regular online sessions will continue to support teachers and trainers in further skill development.

The Sports Development Programme at S.T. Kadam School, Palghar represents an important step towards strengthening school sports. By equipping teachers and trainers with knowledge, structure and scientific assessment tools, the initiative aims to create long-term benefits for students and support the development of a stronger sporting ecosystem.



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Members joyfully applied colours to one another, symbolising love, unity and togetherness. The significance of Holi was also shared during the celebration, highlighting that the festival marks the victory of good over evil and encourages the spread of positivity and harmony in society.

The celebration concluded with delicious snacks served to all, adding warmth and sweetness to the occasion. The event beautifully reflected the true spirit of festivity, bonding and shared happiness.





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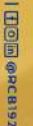
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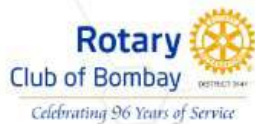
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INNER WHEEL CLUB OF BOMBAY ENCOURAGES SPORTING EXCELLENCE

On February 17th, 2026 at 5:00 pm, during the General Body Meeting held at the Race Course, an inspiring celebration of women's football unfolded as Mumbai Knights Football Club joined us for a special cheque presentation ceremony.

Mumbai Knights FC is a Mumbai-based women's football club built on excellence, inclusion and grassroots development. What began as a competitive team has evolved into a full-fledged academy nurturing girls across age groups from Under-12 to Senior level. The club is not only building athletes but also shaping confident, disciplined and high-performing young women through sport.

Their achievements reflect both dedication and consistency. Mumbai Knights FC are Western India Football

Association Women's Football League Champions for the seasons 2021–22, 2022–23 and 2024–25. They have also emerged as Mumbai Women's Football League Champions across multiple seasons. Several players have progressed to reputed clubs such as East Bengal FC, Gokulam Kerala FC and Sethu FC. The team has also earned representation at the Indian Women's League qualifiers and National Youth Championships, marking their growing presence on larger competitive platforms.

Recognising the transformative role of sport in empowering young women, and under the leadership of President Roopal Thakkar (2025–2026), the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay presented a cheque of Rs. 5,00,000/- to Mumbai Knights FC to support the nutritional needs and sponsorship of the girls

in the team. Proper nutrition and sustained support are critical to long-term athlete development, especially at the grassroots and competitive youth levels.

This initiative is not merely a sponsorship. It is an investment in structured training, long-term athletic growth, and in shaping empowered young women who carry dignity, resilience and purpose both on and off the field.

The contribution included generous donations of Rs. 60,000/- by Pratima Bansal, Rs. 60,000/- by Arin Master and Rs. 1,20,000/- by Jyoti Doshi. The remaining amount was supported through additional member contributions. The project was thoughtfully coordinated by Bhavna Daftary, whose efforts ensured meaningful collaboration and smooth execution.

The event was made even more special as the girls of Mumbai Knights FC addressed the gathering, sharing their journeys, aspirations and experiences in football. Their coach was present, along with Mumbai Knights Manager Imran, whose leadership continues to guide the club's progress. The interaction created a powerful moment of connection between supporters and athletes, reinforcing the shared belief in nurturing women's sport.

Bhavna, Pratima and Arin were invited on stage with the girls of Mumbai Knights FC as the cheque was presented. The atmosphere overflowed with pride, encouragement and collective commitment.

Supporting women's football goes beyond funding a team. It strengthens opportunity, builds confidence and creates pathways for young women to dream bigger. Through partnerships like these, the future of women's sport in Mumbai continues to grow stronger, one determined player at a time.



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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

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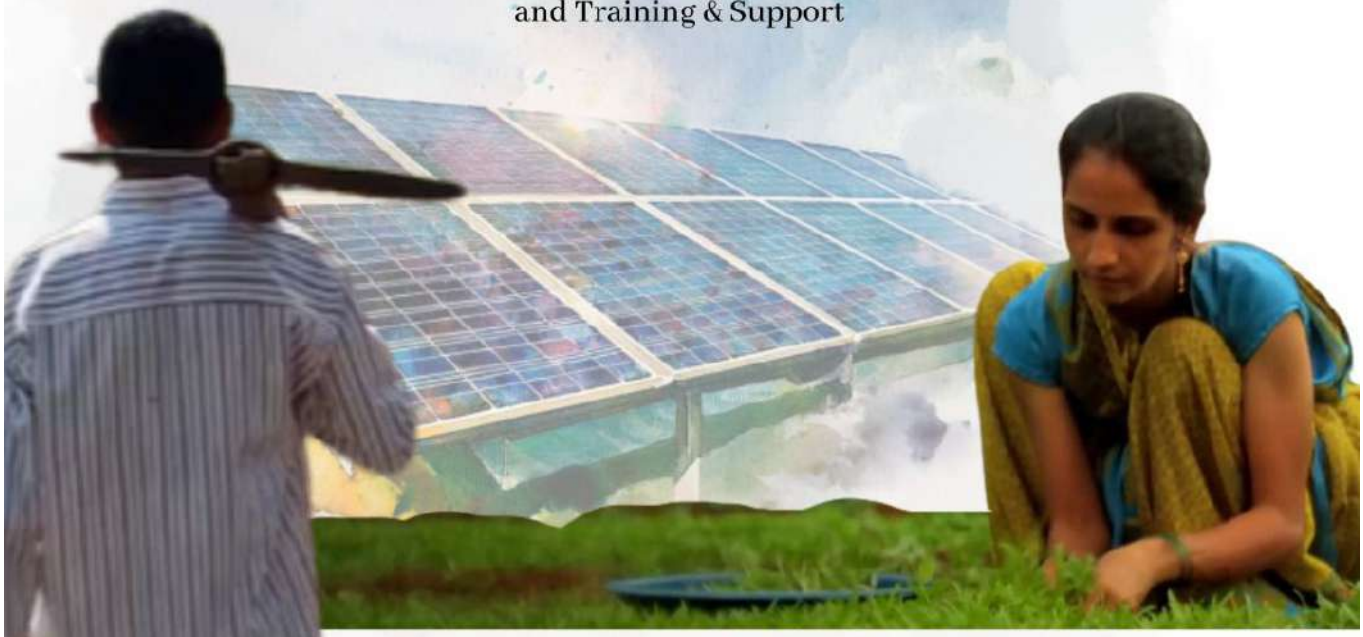
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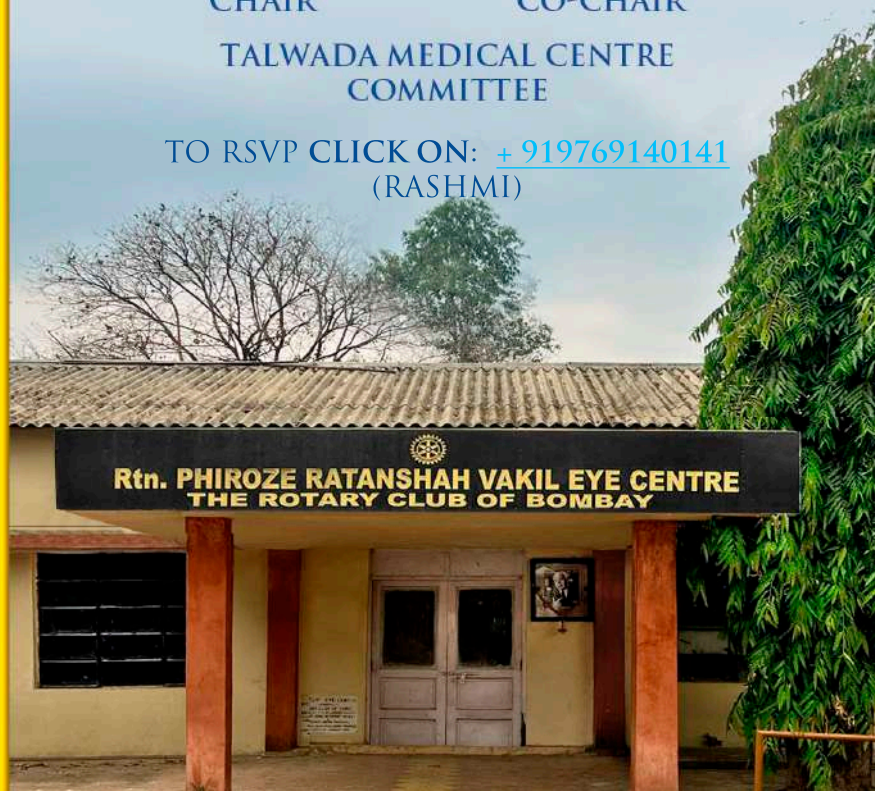
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