

ELEGANT EXPRESS

VIBRANT TALES OF LEGACY OF SERVICE IN ACTION



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIDHIKA BAHL

Dear RCME Club Members, As we bring you this newsletter covering the months of February, March, and April, my heart is filled with immense pride and gratitude for the unwavering commitment each one of you has shown. As we step into the final chapter of our Rotary year, I reflect on a journey that has been nothing short of extraordinary. Every project, event, and moment of fellowship has been a testament to our shared commitment to Service Above Self. The past few months have been especially vibrant—brimming with meaningful initiatives and spirited celebrations that capture the essence of who we are as a club. This newsletter is more than a record of events; it is a tribute to your energy, dedication, and the incredible synergy we share. With May & June marking the final two months of my presidency, I feel a blend of nostalgia and hope—grateful for the journey we've walked together and optimistic about the path ahead under new leadership. Thank you for walking this path with me—with passion, purpose, and a spirit of togetherness. Here's to closing the year on a high note and setting the stage for an even brighter future.



DOP FOR INSPIRED YEAR 2025-26

The Directors Orientation Program (DOP) for the Inspired Year 2025-26 was held on 26th-27th March at The White Resort & Spa, bringing together 22 members—20 Board Directors and 2 Chairpersons—for a weekend of learning, laughter, and connection. The event was enriched by district dignitaries: PDG Rtn. Sandeep Agarwala, Rtn. Vineet Bhatnagar, Rtn. Indumati Gopinath, Rtn. Kanderp Khandwala, and DGE Rtn. Manish Motwani, who shared powerful insights. Learning Facilitator Tehmina Khandwala set the tone with "Culture of Elegant," supported by wisdom from PPs Prachi Ajmera, Nilima Jhunjhunwala, and Alka Chaturvedi. President Nidhika Bahl conducted a motivational session, PE Pooja Soni inspired with her vision, and VP Manjari Thanawala emceed gracefully. Highlights included live music, a pool party, water Zumba, and a special photoshoot. Special thanks to Deepa Rupani, Swapnil Tayal, Poonam Tibrewal, Deepika Gupta, and Reshma Patel for flawless execution. The DOP left everyone energized for the Inspired Year ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5 MAY**
THE GAME OF LIFE MEET
- 8 MAY**
VITALITY CIRCLE MEET
- 9 MAY**
STYLING MEET (MOVIE CLUB EVENT)
- 13 MAY - 19 MAY : DOMESTIC TRIP TO LADAKH**
- 22 MAY**
CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION & ANNUAL AWARDS

BIRTHDAYS

- 04 MAY: SWATI KOTAK**
- 05 MAY: SANGEETA RATHOD**
- 05 MAY: RINKU SHAH**
- 11 MAY: INES GUPTA**
- 23 MAY: POONAM AGARWAL**
- 24 MAY: BABITA RATHOD**
- 27 MAY: NIDHI LOHIA**
- 29 MAY: PRAGNA BHARWADA**

ANNIVERSARIES

- 04 MAY: SHRUTI DEORA**
- 06 MAY: PUSHPA JAIN**
- 06 MAY: YOGITA JAIN**
- 06 MAY: SUNITA MUKIM**
- 07 MAY: SANGEETA JAIN**
- 08 MAY: RACHNA AGARWAL**
- 09 MAY: VIJUSHA KHATRY**
- 09 MAY: DR TWINKLE SANGHAVI**
- 09 MAY: ASHOO SHARMA**
- 14 MAY: SARITA JHUNJHUNWALA**
- 14 MAY: RESHMA PATEL**
- 16 MAY: SUNITA MEHTA**
- 18 MAY: SWATI KOTAK**
- 18 MAY: PRIYA PARIKH**
- 23 MAY: MONICA DOSHI**
- 25 MAY: KAJAL KUMAR**
- 27 MAY: NIDHI LOHIA**
- 28 MAY: DEEPIKA GUPTA**
- 30 MAY: SHWETA MURARKA**

THE PERFECT MURDER



WEALTH TO WELLNESS WORKSHOP



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JOLLYWOOD WIVES - BLING IT ON! @ MEGUMI



LUXURY FLORAL & GIFT DECOR WORKSHOP



PRE-OCV OF AG RUMA DESAI



A heartfelt salute to President Nidhika Bahl, Club Secretary Priya Parikh, Treasurer Pooja Jain, and our vibrant BOD for a seamless and well-executed Pre-OCV. AG Ruma Desai was truly moved by the precision, preparedness, and passion on display! Special thanks to IPP Alka Ji, Rachna, and Bela for stellar documentation that made reporting effortless for the previous year. Gratitude to Priti Parekh for bringing in such an inspiring speaker, Fellowship Director Sarika Sureka for the flawless hospitality, and Club Admins Poonam Agarwal and Swapnil Tayal for managing the flow with such grace. It was a beautiful blend of teamwork, elegance, and excellence—truly unforgettable!

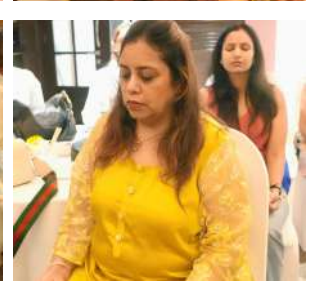
OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT (OCV) OF DG CHETAN DESAI



It was a privilege to host District Governor Chetan Desai for our Official Club Visit. His encouraging words and appreciation for our precision, documentation, and impact left us inspired. Heartfelt thanks to Club Founder & Trainer Tehmina Khandwala, Charter President & Advisor Anita Pansari, CSR & TRF Advisor PP Nilima Jhunjunwala, Fellowship Advisor PP Prachi Ajmera, and Finance Advisor Shiwani Modi for their unwavering support and mentorship. Deep gratitude to PP Twinkle Sanghvi, PP Vinita Pratap, and IPP Alka Chaturvedi for their constant encouragement. Special thanks to Club Secretary Priya Parikh and Treasurer Pooja Jain for flawlessly managing all updates and documentation. Kudos to Fellowship Directors Sarika Sureka and Poonam Tibrewal for warm hosting, and Club Admins Swapnil Tayal, Poonam Agarwal, and Kanchan Chadha for smooth registration management. A truly memorable and impactful OCV, thanks to the collective efforts of our vibrant team!



CHAKRA MEDITATION WORKSHOP



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DISTRICT TRF & CSR AWARDS



RCME SHINES BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND!

Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant was proud to be the Diamond Co-Host at the District TRF & CSR Awards held on 19th April 2025 at the Four Seasons, Worli—and what a spectacular evening it was! It was a night of celebration, recognition, and pride as our club brought home six prestigious awards. In the TRF category, Sarita and Ravi Jhunjhunwala were honoured as Arch Klumph Society (AKS) members, Neeti and Amardeep Arora received the Major Donor Level 4 recognition, and Sangeeta and Mohan Jain were felicitated as Major Donor Level 1 contributors. In the CSR Partner category, our club's impactful collaborations with Euro Pratik Sales Pvt. Ltd., Meridian Chem Bond Pvt. Ltd., and Sangeeta Poly Pack Pvt. Ltd. were also recognized. This milestone evening was a true testament to the spirit of generosity, purposeful partnerships, and our shared commitment to making a meaningful difference.

DREAMSCAPES : A VISION BOARD WORKSHOP

BY PRESIDENT NIDHIKA BAHL



PROJECT JYOTI WITH MISS INDIA WORLD NANDINI GUPTA



Project Jyoti, an inspiring initiative by Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant in collaboration with Femina Miss India World 2023 Nandini Gupta and the Kalki Foundation, brought together 36 visually impaired cricketers from the Cricket Association for the Blind of Maharashtra (CABM) at the iconic MCA Ground in Mumbai. This extraordinary tournament celebrated talent, resilience, and inclusion through sports. The winners were awarded Jyoti AI Glasses—a transformative assistive technology that enhances independence and mobility. The project was facilitated by Non-Medical Director Ruchika Suri. We thank our generous donors—Non-Medical Director Dr. Arlene Ghosh, who donated 3 AI Glasses, and Ruchika Suri, who contributed 9 AI Glasses. Project Jyoti reaffirmed that disability is not a limitation but a triumph of spirit—reminding us that true vision is powered by passion, courage, and determination.



BELGAON DHAGA SCHOOL PROJECT BY MUNGI PARIVAR



We proudly marked a milestone with the inauguration of the Belgaon Dhaga School Project on 24th March 2024 in Nashik. Led by Praful Mungi, Founder of Mungi Engineers Pvt Ltd, and powered by the dedication of our member Kavita Mungi and the Mungi Parivar, this visionary project brings holistic education to underprivileged children in Belgaon Dhaga village. The school, designed with five innovative courtyards, fosters self-learning, skill development, and co-curricular engagement—redefining the educational experience in rural India. Elegant members joined in to celebrate this inspiring initiative, which promises to empower young minds with both academic and practical tools for a self-sufficient future. A proud moment for RCME, as we continue to light the path of learning and community transformation.





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PROJECT - ANNAPOORNA FEB, MAR & APR

SUPPORTING TRIBAL GIRLS KHO KHO TEAM

We are thrilled to continue Project Annapoorna, a heartfelt initiative by the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant to sponsor a monthly protein diet for 50 tribal girls from the Smt. Surekhatai Bhosale Nivasi Kho Kho Prabodhini in Nashik. These talented young athletes are training to compete at the national level in Kho Kho, and our support will ensure they receive the essential nutrition needed to thrive and excel. Through Project Annapoorna, we aim to empower these girls not just in their athletic journey but also in their overall growth and success. A special thank you to Vocational Director Madhulika for identifying this impactful project, as well as the generous donors for Feb: Sarika Sureka & Swapnil Tayal, Mar: Poonam Agarwal & Shiwani Modi, Apr: Nipa Shah. Together, we are making a real difference in shaping their futures!



VIBRANT LIFE SAVING EXPRESS

BLOOD DONATION CAMP ON 13th January 2025. We co-hosted the 7th BLOOD DONATION CAMP at Andheri West station with 10 clubs. We collected 41 bottles by closing time.



PROJECT SHWABHIMAN



A movie outing may seem ordinary to many, but for the women of Kamathipura, it was a moment filled with dignity, joy, and renewed confidence. For most, visiting a theatre had always been a distant dream—too costly, too exposed, and far too risky. But thanks to the heartfelt generosity of our RCME family and the unwavering dedication of Director Rani Wankawalla, that dream became a beautiful reality. The most powerful moment came when four of these women, who had always lived in fear, found the courage to travel back on their own—carrying not just memories, but a newfound sense of freedom. This simple act of kindness left a profound impact. A heartfelt thank you to all our donors whose support brought smiles, strength, and hope to lives that needed it most.



GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT : EYE HOPE



Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant is proud to contribute USD 11,111 towards the EyeHope Global Grant Project, enabling the installation of advanced ophthalmology surgical equipment at Sion Hospital. This initiative marks a significant step forward in restoring vision and transforming lives. A heartfelt thank you to Sarita Jhunjhunwala's family endowment fund for their generous contribution of USD 1,700, which played a vital role in supporting this mission. Special gratitude to our CSR & TRF Advisor, Nilima Jhunjhunwala, whose unwavering dedication and foresight were instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. Together, we are not just funding equipment—we are bringing hope, dignity, and the priceless gift of sight to those in need.

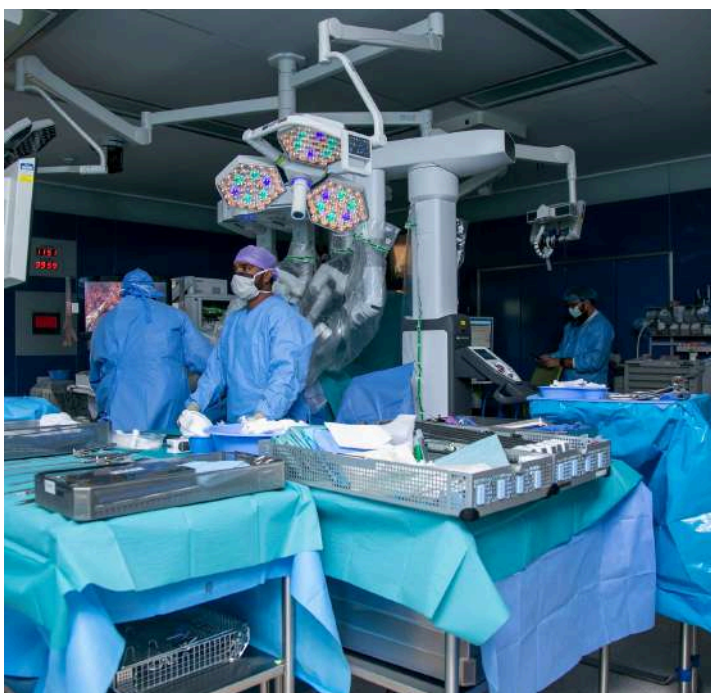
PROJECT LIVER TRANSPLANT

Under its CSR healthcare initiatives, D'Décor Exports Pvt. Ltd. generously funded the entire ₹25,00,000 required for the robotic liver transplant surgery of Mr. Kumar Guglani at Sir H. N. Reliance Foundation Hospital, Mumbai. This life-saving intervention was made possible through the meaningful connect by IPP Alka Chaturvedi, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to her. Kudos to Club Advisor and Charter President Anita Pansari for her leadership and commitment in steering this impactful project from start to finish. Together, we continue to serve with compassion and purpose

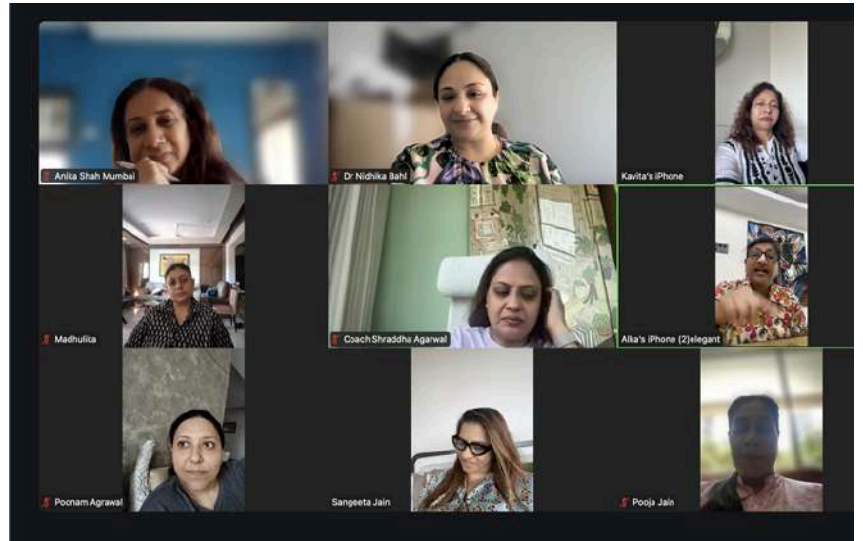


MEDICAL FUNDRAISER FOR AMEYA KANE

Through an urgent fundraising appeal, members and well-wishers were encouraged to contribute via a verified donation platform, ImpactGuru. The campaign highlighted the power of collective compassion and community-driven support, ensuring complete transparency. All funds raised were transferred directly to the hospital, providing critical financial assistance for Ameya's medical treatment. This effort reaffirmed our club's unwavering commitment to standing by those in need during their most vulnerable moments.



RCME BOOK CLUB ONLINE ZOOM MEET



The RCME Self-Help Book Club had a truly enriching session on 17th April 2025, diving deep into *Love and Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs and *Ask and Esther and Jerry Hicks give it*. Members shared heartfelt stories of personal transformation and discussed how both books powerful principles influence their lives. It was an inspiring exchange of wisdom, fueling our collective journey toward self-mastery and lasting success!

VALENTINE BOD HOSTED BY POONAM AGARWAL

The 8th Vibrant Year BOD Meeting was successfully held at Director Poonam Agarwal's Residence in Goregaon. The agenda included planning and discussing upcoming projects and events for February and March 2025.



PROJECT KHEL KATHA

RCME proudly provided a platform for Khel Katha to showcase and sell their handmade creations. Thanks to Manjari Thanawala, Komal Shah, and Adya for managing the table with such dedication! Together, we create opportunities for joy and impact!



VITALITY CIRCLE - A SEASON OF WELLNESS, WONDER & WALKS!



From February to April, the RCME Vitality Circle curated three unique experiences that blended health, history, and heritage. February began with a transformative Skin Analysis and Consultation session by our new member, Dr. Priti Shenai, founder of Skinworks Clinic, Juhu. Using an advanced analyzer, members gained insights into hydration, pigmentation, and skincare routines—leaving empowered with expert advice. In March, members explored the soul of Bandra through a Heritage Walk curated by Shraddha Agarwal, uncovering charming bungalows and Indo-Portuguese stories that brought the past alive. April took us through the iconic streets of Kalaghoda, where 15 enthusiastic members enjoyed a vibrant walk steeped in colonial architecture, local lore, and shared camaraderie. Each event was a beautiful reminder of the joy of learning, discovery, and connection—one meaningful step at a time.



RCME MOVIE CLUB

STORIES THAT TOUCHED OUR SOULS



Lights, Camera, Connection! RCME's Movie Club Moments

From light-hearted laughter to soul-stirring stories, the RCME Movie Club delivered a vibrant cinematic journey from February to April. We kicked off with Loveyapa on February 11th, a romantic comedy that sparked reflections on trust in the digital age, followed by Chhaava on February 14th—an epic portrayal of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj's valor that left members deeply moved. In a shift from the screen to sound, our Candlelight Tribute to Kishore Kumar enchanted hearts through music and memory. Mohan Ka Masala at Prithvi Theatre offered an evening of powerful storytelling and introspection. Nostalgia returned with a bang on April 28th as we relived the madness of Andaz Apna Apna, its timeless humour igniting joy and laughter. Finally, Kesari Chapter 2 delivered a gripping courtroom drama on C. Sankaran Nair's brave stand post-Jallianwala Bagh, stirring emotional discussions on justice and legacy. Each screening brought us closer—through stories, dialogue, and shared emotion.

RCME GAMES CLUB



Game of Life – Deals, Dialogues & Delight!

The Game of Life gatherings continued to grow in energy and enthusiasm, with three back-to-back sessions that brought our members together over cards, conversations, and connection. What began as a fun card game has blossomed into a space where friendships deepen and laughter flows freely. The second session, hosted warmly by President Nidhika, saw 18 members come together, while the third and fourth meets welcomed 20 members each. With every shuffle and deal, bonds are strengthened, making this one of RCME's most cherished circles. Here's to many more afternoons of joy, strategy, and sisterhood!

MAJOR DONORS LEVEL 1 – TRF



Heartiest congratulations to Sangeeta and Mohan Jain on achieving Major Donor Level 1 status with a cumulative contribution of USD 10,000 to The Rotary Foundation. This remarkable milestone reflects not only their generosity but also their deep commitment to Rotary's mission of creating lasting change. Their contribution supports impactful initiatives across health, education, sanitation, and peacebuilding, touching lives globally and inspiring our entire community. We are deeply grateful for their unwavering support, compassion, and belief in service above self. Sangeeta and Mohan Jain truly exemplify the spirit of giving, and their dedication continues to motivate us all to build a better world—together.

Thank You!

VIBRANT BOD IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION DURING FEB, MAR & APR 2025

In Alphabetic Order

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

ALKA DOSHI
HARSHA SHETH
KANCHAN CHADHA
KAVITA MUNGI
KOMAL SHAH
MANJARI THANAWALA
PRITI PAREKH
RAJNI GANERIWAL
SAPNA AGARWAL
SHARMILA PURI
SHRADDHA AGARWAL



FEB, MAR & APR 2025 PROJECT DONORS

In Alphabetic Order

The joy of giving is unmatched; it touches lives and spreads happiness.

ALKA CHATURVEDI
ALKA DOSHI
ANITA GUPTA
ANITA KHANDELWAL
ANJU BAFNA
ARLENE GHOSH
AYUSHI CHATURVEDI
BEEBA GHURA
DEEPIKA GUPTA
DISHA BATHIJA
INES GUPTA
KANCHAN CHADHA
MADHUBALA VIJAN
MADHULIKA AGARWAL
MANISHA SARAF
MANJU PAREKH
MANJARI THANAWALA
NEETA PAREKH
NEETI ARORA
NIDHI LOHIA

NIDHIKA BAHL
NIPA SHAH
NITIKA ARORA
PALLAVI AGARWAL
POOJA SONI
POONAM AGARWAL
POONAM TIBREWAL
PRAJNA SHAH
PRATIMA SHAH
PRITI CHOUDHARY
PRITI SHENAI
RACHNA AGARWAL
RAJNI GANERIWAL
RANI WANKAWALLA
REENA AGARWAL
RESHMA PATEL
RIPPY DHINGRA

RUCHIKA SURI
SANGEETA JAIN
SARIKA SUREKA
SARITA JHUNJHUNWALA
SEEMA GANERIWAL
SHALINI AGGARWAL
SHARMILA PURI
SHARADDHA AGARWAL
SHITAL CHATURVEDI
SHREEYA KHEMKA
SHIWANI MODI
SHRADDHA AGARWAL
SONITA KAPOOR
SUNITA GOYAL
SUNITA GUPTA
SUNITA MUKIM
SWAPNIL TAYAL

PRIMARY DONORS FOR FEB, MAR & APRIL

ANJU BAFNA
KAVITA MUNGI
MANISHA SARAF
NIDHIKA BAHL
NITIKA ARORA

RUCHIKA SURI
SANGEETA JAIN
SARITA JHUNJHUNWALA
SHIWANI MODI
SUNITA GOYAL

