

# ELEGANT EXPRESS

**INCREDIBLE TALES OF PASSION, PURPOSE & EXCELLENCE**



## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALKA CHATURVEDI

Reflecting on the past month, I'm once again overwhelmed by the spirit and dedication that each of you brings to our club. Our journey together, driven by our shared motto, 'Service Above Self', continues to yield extraordinary moments of triumph and valuable learning experiences. Each story we've lived, each challenge we've overcome, reinforces the resilient fabric of our RCME Club. This newsletter not only fosters a channel of communication, but it also serves as a repository of shared experiences and memories that we create together. So, let's use it to celebrate our successes, and to amplify the stories that have touched our hearts. As we step into August, I'm thrilled about the fellowship events and community projects we are undertaking. Your participation and inputs will breathe life into these events and initiatives, so I encourage you all to participate and contribute wholeheartedly. Remember, it's the rich diversity of skills and unflinching commitment amongst us that fuels the strength of our club. Let's continue to shape this newsletter into a lighthouse, radiating hope, information, and motivation. Here's to another month of serving together, making a difference, and shaping a legacy that future RCME members would be proud of. Let's keep the Rotary spirit ablaze! Onwards and upwards, together!



## AN ODE TO AN EXEMPLARY AFTERNOON WITH DR. SHASHI THAROOR

**FIRST SPEAKER MEET : 11TH JULY 2023 AT TAJ MAHAL PALACE, COLABA.**

As we unfurl the canvas of this new and promising year, we look back at an afternoon saturated with intellectual enlightenment and engaging dialogue. The event, boasting a full house, was led by the renowned Dr. Shashi Tharoor, who, with his charismatic presence, held the audience in rapt attention. An influential public figure, a celebrated author, and an esteemed leader, Dr. Tharoor showcased his exceptional oratory skills to the delight of all present. His talent for blending anecdotes, historical contexts, and topical discussions into his discourse served as a mesmerising performance. Our hearts brim with gratitude for Dr. Shashi Tharoor, who bestowed upon us an afternoon that will be fondly remembered for its illuminating and inspiring speech. Our commendations go out to Farah Khan Ali, whose commendable conduct turned this event into an unparalleled success. We owe a great debt of thanks to Suresh Chaturvedi and Alka Ji's son, Ambuj Chaturvedi. Their unwavering efforts and dedication were instrumental in bringing a personality of such high stature to the RCME platform. Our warmest appreciation goes out to Tehmina, who, with her outstanding organizational skills, secured us a magnificent venue that perfectly complemented this prestigious event. Our dedicated members deserve hearty applause. Priti Chaudhry and Shweta Malpani expertly managed the registrations. Sarika Sureka and Reena Agarwal attended to the culinary details with finesse. Anika Shah is to be commended for her attention to detail in the seating arrangements, and Puja Jain excelled in her role overseeing overall administration. Nidhika Bahl deserves special recognition for enabling the event to reach a wider audience by live streaming it on Instagram. Finally, our sincere thanks to every member present. Your participation added a unique vibrancy to this remarkable event.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2 AUGUST  
KAIKEYI UNVEILED BY ANJANA CHANDAK**

**11 AUGUST  
PROJECT OUTFITTING DREAMS**

**15 AUGUST  
AAZADI KA JASHN**

**24 AUGUST  
CANNES ESCAPE**

## BIRTHDAYS

**5 AUG: SHWETA PARASRAMPURIA**

**6 AUG: NITIKA ARORA**

**10 AUG: SHARMILA PURI**

**12 AUG: MONIKA DOSHI**

**13 AUG: SHALINI GUPTA**

**15 AUG: MANISHA PATODIA**

**15 AUG: MANISHA SARAF**

**18 AUG: ASHA KEDIA**

**18 AUG: PREETI CHAUDHARY**

**21 AUG: MONICA NANAVATI**

**22 AUG: RANI WANKAWALLA**

**26 AUG: POONAM TIBREWAL**

**27 AUG: URJITA MASTER**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**NONE THIS MONTH**

# Rainy Relief

The distribution of umbrellas and ponchos is an embodiment of our commitment to the well-being and resilience of our community. We started the Incredible year by extending a helping hand, and ensuring that everyone in our community is protected in rain and shine. We distributed 150 Umbrellas & 200 ponchos. 50 Umbrellas & 50 Raincoats were sponsored by Naina Parekh 50 Ponchos were sponsored & donated by Rinku Shah. Around 40 RCME members and directors were present. Our Generous Donor are Rachna Agarwal, Alka Chaturvedi, Anita Gupta, Poonam Tibrewal, Nitika Arora, Neeti Arora, Ruchika Suri, Ruchika Chokhani, Shweta Malpani, Disha Bathija, Alka Doshi, Swati Kotak, Naina Parekh, and Rinku Shah. Thank you generous donors for your contribution and enthusiastic participation. Thank you members for coming and supporting in large numbers. Thank you Mahulika, Dr Pankti Shah, Rinku Shah, for co-ordinating, Priti Choudhary, Sapna Aggarwal, Shalini Gupta, Anjali Sarawgi and entire July team. It was a great beginning! And we made our presence felt Locally!



# JULY PROJECTS

## Blood Donation Camp

District 3141 launched the first program of the year with a BLOOD DONATION CAMP at Andheri West station on 1st July 2023 cohosted with 14 clubs, IWC and Rotract clubs. District Governor Rtn Arun Bhargava and several senior District officials visited the camp, with the DG inaugurating the project formally. They collected 145 bottles by closing time. Medical Director Sangeeta Jain enthusiastically participated in the Blood Donation camp at Andheri on behalf of RCME. Congratulations to Director Sangeeta Jain and the entire team for the spectacular work!



## HUM



We're overjoyed to announce the success of the SSC girls at HUM, who have excelled in their examinations! These achievements are a testament to the power of collective support, especially from wonderful individuals like our Director (Medical) Neeta Parekh. Her forthcoming generosity will further empower these girls, giving them wings to soar higher. Along with academic support, we're also delighted to share that 40 bags and 30 ponchos were distributed, a small token of love from our community. Join us in this celebration of resilience, triumph, and a promising future for these girls. Because every girl deserves to shine!

# Writing A Bright Future

6th July morning brimmed with joy at the Adivasi High School, Jawar, Mukhara, Palghar. The smile on the faces of these wonderful children as we successfully distributed 5000 notebooks and stationary sets was priceless. Thank you Sarika Sureka for executing the project successfully. This initiative goes beyond providing learning resources; it's about fostering a love for education and sparking creativity in these underprivileged students. Today, we took a significant step towards a more equitable and inclusive education system. Together, we're creating impactful changes, one notebook at a time. Here's to more milestones and a sustainable commitment to the cause!



# JULY PROJECTS

## Strides Of Hope

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant, RCME, takes immense pride in its successfully completed project, 'Strides of Hope'. We embarked on a meaningful journey where all our members participated wholeheartedly, driven by our shared vision of enabling mobility through the distribution of Jaipur Foot prosthetics. Our collective aim was to restore not just physical mobility but also independence and dignity to those who had lost their limbs. 'Strides of Hope' transcended the mere provision of a mobility aid. It was an endeavor to empower these resilient individuals, helping them step back into life's beautiful rhythm and reintegrate into their communities, rediscovering their potential along the way. In keeping with Rotary's credo of 'Service Above Self,' every member of RCME stepped up so that those we served could step forward confidently into a future of renewed possibilities. Thank you Medical Director Sangeeta Jain for the successful execution of this noble project.



## Bread Of Life

We are overjoyed to announce our heartfelt collaboration with Shree Amardeep Ashram Shala, Navsari. This sanctuary, a place of learning and growth for 165 tribal students, has been battling the tough challenge of providing regular, nutritious meals. Our gift, a Rotimaker, is set to revolutionize their kitchen. It's more than an appliance; it's a beacon of hope ensuring every child receives the vital nutrition they need to concentrate on their studies and chase their dreams. We are certain that this initiative will spark a significant change, not just in their day-to-day life but, more importantly, in forging a brighter, promising future. We owe the successful execution of this project to our diligent and dedicated Club Admin, Rani Wankawala. Her tireless efforts made this heartfelt initiative a reality.



# JULY PROJECTS

## Canopies Of Care

RCME teamed up with the Jhunjhunwala Family Sharda Foundation for a special initiative. Our goal was simple but important: to offer protection from the rain to as many people as possible. To achieve this, we gave out 2000 umbrellas. We held the event at Shri Harshad Valia International School Hall in Andheri West on the evening of 30th July. It was a great reminder of how much we can do when we work together to support our community. A big thank you goes to Nilima Jhunjhunwala. Her hard work and dedication made this project a success. By giving out these umbrellas, we did more than just offer protection from the rain; we showed our community we care. Together, under our Canopies Of Care, we're providing shelter from the storm, one umbrella at a time.





## Fireside

By Shalini Gupta

The Rotary Members recently enjoyed a warm and engaging Fireside Meet at the lovely residence of our fellow member, Shalini Gupta. The informal gathering provided the perfect setting for members to come together, share stories, and strengthen their bonds of friendship. Laughter and camaraderie filled the air as we exchanged ideas and discussed our community projects. Shalini Gupta's gracious hospitality made the evening even more memorable. The cozy ambiance set the stage for meaningful conversations that will surely inspire our future initiatives. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of this Fireside Meet! Your active participation enriches our Rotary community and fuels our commitment to making a positive impact.

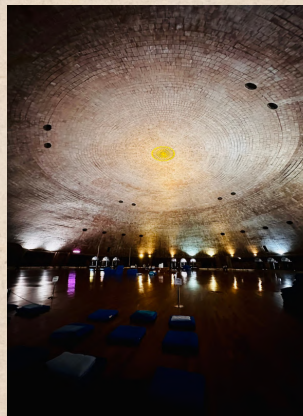
# FIRESIDE MEETINGS

## Fireside By PE Dr Nidhika Bahl

PE & Director- Public Image Rtn Dr. Nidhika Bahl commenced the incredible year in style by hosting an elite 'Fireside Gathering' at the prestigious Club Equus, St. Regis Hotel. The glamorous evening was accompanied by an extraordinary preview of Zoya's exquisite High Jewels collection. Guests were treated to a mesmerising showcase of carefully curated pieces, each resplendent with precious gemstones such as rubies, morganites, and a stunning array of eccentric diamond cuts. Matching the caliber of the jewels on display was a gourmet spread of culinary delights. The event's gourmet offerings featured an assortment of fine wines, martinis, a selection of the finest cheeses, and a private banquet that captivated the guests with its variety and extravagance. Zoya, added a personal touch to the evening by guiding the esteemed guests through the collection, ensuring an engaging and personalised experience that perfectly catered to their discerning preferences. Nidhika's Fireside Gathering was not just an event but an experience in luxury, elegance, and refinement. The attendees were more than just guests; they were part of a shared experience, woven together by the love for extraordinary craftsmanship and the joy of fine dining. The evening marked a promising start to an incredible year, setting the tone for the events to come. The mesmerising showcase and the resplendent banquet make it clear: this is the benchmark for RCME's social calendar this year.



# PAGODA VISIT *GORAI*



## FELLOWSHIP

53 Members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant experienced a day of tranquility and cultural exploration during the remarkable Global Vipassana Pagoda Visit. Led by President Alka Chaturvedi, the event garnered high praise and left attendees with lasting memories. The visit commenced at the world's largest dome, a wonder of Maharashtra, where members were captivated by its historical significance and architectural splendor. The day continued with a delightful feast, fostering camaraderie among members. A serene 10-minute meditation session provided much-needed solace amidst busy lives, reflecting Rotary's commitment to service and self-reflection. Attendees were also treated to a guided tour of the Buddha Art Gallery, which left a profound impact, blending art and spirituality. President Alka Chaturvedi's leadership created an atmosphere of fellowship, strengthening the club's unity. Every member received a thoughtful souvenir, commemorating the cherished memories. The event showcased the club's dedication to uplifting the community through meaningful experiences. As the day concluded, attendees left with hearts full of gratitude and camaraderie, embodying the true spirit of Rotary.

# THANK YOU!

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