



ELEGANT EXPRESS

INCREDIBLE TALES OF PASSION, PURPOSE & EXCELLENCE



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ALKA CHATURVEDI

Dear RCME Club Members, As we share this combined newsletter for January and February, I'm heartened by the dedication you've all shown. Now, more than halfway through our Rotary year, our journey together has been marked by significant achievements and the deepening of our commitment to 'Service Above Self.'

These two months have seen us embracing new challenges and celebrating our successes, all of which are highlighted within these pages. Our efforts reflect not just our commitment to service, but also the strength of our fellowship.

This newsletter not only recounts our recent endeavors but also sets the stage for what's to come. Your participation and enthusiasm remain crucial as we advance with our upcoming projects and initiatives. I am proud to serve alongside such passionate individuals. Your efforts are truly what make our club exceptional. Let's keep this momentum going, making every moment count as we continue our mission to make a difference. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Here's to a fruitful and impactful continuation of our Rotary year.

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Artisan Sutra: A Melange of Artistry and Engaging Experiences

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Artisan Sutra was not just an exhibition but a dynamic cultural hub, showcasing the skills of over 70 artisans from across India. These talented individuals brought forth an array of handcrafted wonders - from exquisite textiles and intricate jewelry to traditional pottery and innovative art pieces, each telling a unique story of heritage and craftsmanship. Adding to the allure, our designers Niti Bothra and Nirmal Salvi showcased their latest collections, blending traditional techniques with contemporary fashion sensibilities. Their designs were a testament to the evolving nature of Indian artisanal fashion.

The event was further brought to life by an array of performances and unique attractions. A highlight was the fashion show created by Sunita Bhuyan, which mesmerized the audience with its elegant fusion of traditional designs and modern fashion trends. Live music added a soulful dimension to the event, with performances by Live 101 bands such as SufiNama and Bollywood Live Acapella Band.

The event was also a platform for several fun and engaging activities throughout the day. Attendees indulged in ice-cream making, canvas painting, working for spots, and participated in pottery, jewelry-making, dance and makeup workshops. These interactive experiences provided a hands-on understanding of the creative process, adding an educational dimension to the enjoyment.

Artisan Sutra marked a significant achievement for the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant. It was an event that not only showcased India's diverse artistic talent but also provided a platform for fostering engagement, and appreciation of the arts. The overwhelming response from the community has set the stage for Artisan Sutra to become a landmark event in Mumbai's cultural calendar.

Left to Right: Prachi Ajmera, Anita Pariani, Shweta Modi, Priya Parikh, Bita Jain, Shweta Kabra, Tehmina Khandwala, Dr. Nidhika Bahl, Alka Chaturvedi, Rachee Agarwal, Vigita Jain, Ruchika Chokhani, Ruchika Suri and Poojara Tibrewal

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The event featured over 70 artisans showcasing handcrafted textiles, jewelry, pottery, and art, with fashion highlights from designers Niti Bothra and Nirmal Salvi. A fashion show by Sunita Bhuyan, live music by bands like SufiNama and Bollywood Live Acapella Band, and interactive workshops on crafts, dance, and makeup offered attendees a blend of cultural appreciation and hands-on learning. Artisan Sutra served as a dynamic platform for showcasing and celebrating the rich tapestry of Indian heritage and creativity.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5 FEB
CPR, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES & MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP
- 24 FEB
PROJECT TECH EMPOWER
- 24 FEB
PROJECT KANYADAAN
- 27 FEB
RIDDLES & RICHES TREASURE HUNT

BIRTHDAYS

- 04 FEB: NEETA PAREKH
- 04 FEB: MADHU GUPTA
- 06 FEB: SHWETA MURARKA
- 09 FEB: RUCHI GHAI
- 13 FEB: SUNITA MUKIM
- 16 FEB: SARITA JHUNJHUNWALA
- 18 FEB: SWAPNIL TAYAL
- 20 FEB: CHHAYA PARIKH
- 24 FEB: MEGHA CHAUDHARY

ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 FEB: SHWETA KABRA
- 04 FEB: NILIMA JHUNJHUNWALA
- 06 FEB: ANJULI SARAWGI
- 08 FEB: NEHA JAIN
- 08 FEB: ASHA KEDIA
- 08 FEB: CHHAYA PARIKH
- 09 FEB: SHALINI GUPTA
- 09 FEB: MADHAVI PAREKH
- 11 FEB: PALLAVI AGARWAL
- 12 FEB: MEGHA CHAUDHARY
- 12 FEB: RINKU SHAH
- 16 FEB: VINITA PRATAP
- 18 FEB: BABITA RATHOD
- 19 FEB: RAJNI GANERIWAL
- 21 FEB: PRIYANKA SADH
- 22 FEB: NEHA BAJAJ
- 24 FEB: PRATIMA SHAH

ARTISAN *SUTRA*



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PROJECT *FOOTPRINTS*



SUSTAINABLE STYLE, SHARED SMILES!

In December, RCME embarked on a commendable initiative, conducting a pre-owned clothes sale in collaboration with Footprints. This initiative was not just about fashion but also about sustainability and giving back to the community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Nina Ji and Mala Kabra for leading this project with remarkable dedication and vision. The success of this event was made possible by the collective effort and enthusiasm of our members - Rachna, Shweta, Nidhika, Sangeeta, Alka Doshi, Alka Modi, Manisha, Bela, Nitika, Rochana, Madhulika, and Sushita. Each member's contribution was invaluable, and their spirit of teamwork and generosity played a crucial role in the event's success.



AGM

WITH AG DHARMESH BOTHRA

At the RCME Annual General Meeting, President-Elect Nidhika Bahl shared her vision for a Vibrant Year ahead, emphasizing service and unity. The announcement of her unanimously approved Board of Directors sets the stage for impactful projects and strengthened fellowship among members. Nidhika's leadership promises to blend tradition with innovative approaches to community service, highlighting a future filled with growth and meaningful contributions. As we gear up for this vibrant journey, the RCME family is united in its commitment to making a significant difference under Nidhika's guidance. Let's support our President-Elect and her team as we look forward to a year of notable achievements and collective action.

NEW BOD ANNOUNCEMENT

Project Gaushala

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant (RCME) has taken a significant step towards animal welfare and community health by donating ₹51,000 to a Gaushala in Mathura, a sanctuary dedicated to the care and protection of cows. Recognizing the critical link between the well-being of dairy cattle and the quality of dairy products consumed by communities, this contribution is aimed at improving the living conditions and health of cows within the Gaushala. Poor conditions not only adversely affect the quality of dairy produced but also pose potential health risks to human consumers. Our donation is intended to address these concerns by enhancing the overall welfare of the cattle. This includes providing better nutrition, medical care, and living conditions, thereby ensuring that the dairy products derived from these cows are of a higher quality. Such improvements are essential not only for the health of the animals but also for the safety and well-being of the community at large. By focusing on the root of the issue, RCME is committed to fostering a cycle of well-being that benefits both animals and humans. This initiative reflects our dedication to compassionate action, promoting healthier communities through the improvement of animal welfare. It's a testament to our belief that by taking care of our environment and all its inhabitants, we can create a more sustainable and healthy world for future generations. Through this contribution, RCME hopes to set an example and encourage others to recognize the importance of animal welfare in the broader context of community health and environmental sustainability. We are proud to support the Gaushala in Mathura in its mission to provide a safe and nurturing environment for cows, and we remain committed to initiatives that enhance the quality of life for all beings.



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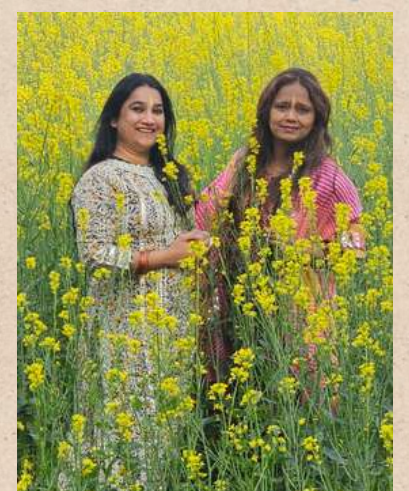
IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF FAITH AND FREEDOM

The recent RCME journey to Delhi and Mathura was a harmonious blend of spirituality, patriotism, and fellowship. Participants reveled in the divine ambiance of Mathura's temples and contributed to a noble cause at a local Gaushala. The trip was punctuated with memorable moments, including a delightful fellowship at Khubani, witnessing the grandeur of the 26th January parade in Delhi, and the remarkable opportunity to meet with the Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh. These experiences not only deepened our spiritual connection but also celebrated our national pride and unity, making this journey a truly unforgettable one.

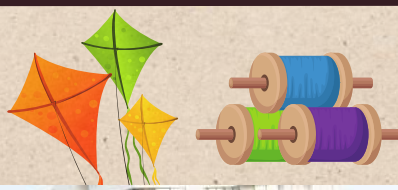
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KAI PO CHE



RCME'S MAKAR SANKRANTI CELEBRATION

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant (RCME) soared to new heights with its joyful kite-flying event, "Kai Po Che!", heralding the end of winter and welcoming the sun's rising warmth on Makar Sankranti. This age-old tradition, symbolizing the sun's energy dispelling winter's chill, was embraced by members to absorb vital sun rays, believed to ward off skin infections and seasonal ailments. Heartfelt thanks to our warm host Priti, the meticulous planning and execution by Alka Ji, Rachna, and the enthusiastic RCME team, whose efforts created an atmosphere brimming with MOJ, Masti, and camaraderie. Through the vibrant skies adorned with colorful PATANG and the cheerful spins of FIRKI, the event was a testament to the community's spirit and the joyous essence of our traditions.

Thank You!

TEAM DECEMBER & JANUARY

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

Alka Doshi	Neha Bajaj
Alka Modi	Neeha Khetan
Anusha Agarwal	Nidhika Bahl
Asha Kedia	Nina J
Chhaya Parikh	Pooja Jain
Deepa Vohra	Poonam Tibrewal
Disha Bathija	Rani Wankawala
Jaya Bakhru	Reena Agarwal
Kajal Kumar	Rippy Dhingra
Komal Shah	Shweta Malpani
Madhu Gupta	Sunita Mehta
Manisha Saraf	Swati Kotak
Neeta Parekh	Vibhuti Ohri
	Yogita Jain



DEC & JAN DONORS

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

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS OF FLAGSHIP PROJECT ARTISAN SUTRA

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS OF PROJECT GAUSHALA - ALL MEMBERS WHO WENT TO DELHI - MATHURA TRIP

STAR OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER & JANUARY
ARTISAN SUTRA TEAM
DELHI MATHURA TEAM
PRITI PAREKH & NEETA PAREKH

This accolade is presented each month to monthly team members who have made the most significant contributions during that specific month.

