

ELEGANT EXPRESS

VIBRANT TALES OF LEGACY OF SERVICE IN ACTION



MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT NIDHIKA BAHL

Dear RCME Club Members, As we present this combined newsletter for January and February, I am truly inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm each of you brings to our club. Now, well into the second half of our Rotary year, our journey has been defined by remarkable achievements, meaningful service, and the unwavering spirit of 'Service Above Self.' These past two months have been a testament to our resilience—embracing challenges, celebrating milestones, and strengthening our fellowship. This newsletter not only highlights our recent initiatives and accomplishments but also paves the way for the exciting projects ahead. Your active participation and passion continue to drive our success, making RCME a truly exceptional force for change. Let's carry this momentum forward, making every effort count as we work together to create a lasting impact. Thank you for your dedication and support. Here's to a rewarding and impactful continuation of our Rotary journey!



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant's Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on 20 December 2024, was a remarkable success. It brought members together in a spirit of camaraderie and collaboration. The event reflected on the club's impactful initiatives over the past year, celebrated achievements, and set a clear vision for the future. Club Advisor—Finance, Shiwani Modi, presented the financial report on behalf of IPP Alka Chaturvedi, highlighting transparency and fiscal responsibility. PE Pooja Soni took the stage to introduce and pass her dynamic Board of Directors with the members, ushering in excitement for the upcoming year of service and leadership. The AGM reaffirmed RCME's unwavering commitment to service, community, and creating a positive global impact, leaving members inspired and motivated for the journey ahead.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6 FEBRUARY
THE PERFECT MURDER

6 FEBRUARY
PROJECT KHEL KATHA

20 FEBRUARY
WEALTH TO WELLNESS

25 FEBRUARY
PROJECT JYOTI

27 FEBRUARY
PROJECT SWABHIMAN

BIRTHDAYS

02 FEB: KANCHAN CHADHA

04 FEB: NEETA PAREKH

04 FEB: MADHU GUPTA

06 FEB: SHWETA MURARKA

12 FEB: NIPA SHAH

13 FEB: SUNITA MUKIM

14 FEB: ARCHANA RANIWALA

16 FEB: SARITA JHUNJHUNWALA

18 FEB: SWAPNIL TAYAL

20 FEB: CHHAYA PARIKH

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: RINKU SHAH

16 FEB: VINITA PRATAP

18 FEB: BABITA RATHOD

19 FEB: RAJNI GANERIWAL

22 FEB: NEHA BAJAJ

24 FEB: PRATIMA SHAH

MYSTIC MELODIES @ HOTEL SEA PRINCESS



ACE YOUR SPACE WORKSHOP



Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant organized the transformative #AceYourSpace Workshop: Declutter Your Way to Happiness featuring Gayatri Gandhi, India's first KonMari-certified master consultant. The session introduced participants to the art of decluttering, helping them create organized spaces that spark joy and enhance well-being. Through engaging insights and practical techniques, the workshop empowered attendees to adopt a minimalist and purposeful approach to their surroundings. This unique event reinforced the connection between physical spaces and mental clarity, leaving everyone inspired to embrace a clutter-free, happier lifestyle.



ALIBAUG PICNIC @ OCEAN CLUB



CSR PROJECT WORTH 22 LACS DONE UNDER THE CSR INITIATIVE OF MERIDIAN CHEM BOND PVT LTD



PROJECT SPARSH

17th December 2024, marked the inauguration of the NEW EMG NCS MACHINE in the Department of Neurology at TNMC Nair Hospital. This vital medical project was made possible under the CSR initiative of Anil Jain & Neha Jain's company, Meridian Chem Bond Pvt Ltd, donated in loving memory of Anil Jain's mother Shanti Devi Jain. The event was graced by: Anil Jain & Neha Jain along with their daughters Aashi & Esha, President Nidhika Bahl and Medical Director Sangeeta Jain. A special note of gratitude to Club Advisor CSR & TRF, Nilima Jhunjunwala, for facilitating the project and ensuring all paperwork was completed seamlessly. This heartfelt contribution will impact countless lives, advancing healthcare and diagnostics in neurology. Dedicated to love, legacy, and service.

CSR PROJECT WORTH 29.5 LACS DONE UNDER THE CSR INITIATIVE OF SANGEETA POLY PACK PVT LTD



PROJECT DIALYSIS MACHINES

On 28th January, Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Mumbai West End, proudly inaugurated dialysis machines generously donated by Rtn. Amardeep Arora, Rtn. Neeti Arora, and the entire Arora Family, in loving memory of Smt. Sangeeta Arora. The event was graced by the presence of the entire Arora Family, Project Chair Rtn. Nilima Jhunjunwala, President Nidhika Bahl, President Somik Shah, DS Bharat Jhunjunwala, and RCME Medical Director Sangeeta Jain, making the occasion even more special and memorable. This heartfelt contribution reflects the true Rotary spirit—spreading hope, compassion, and healing to those in need. Together, we stand committed to making a meaningful impact in our community.

PROJECT - BAGHBAN



Pres. Nidhika, along with Mala Kabra and Alka Modi, spent a heartwarming day at an old-age home in Virar as part of the Baghban Project. We distributed 84 individual hampers, steel boxes, blankets, and groceries, spreading warmth and care to the elderly residents. The day was even more special with meditation, yoga sessions, and fun games, bringing smiles and laughter to their faces. This project was a beautiful reminder of the power of love and community. We are grateful to all our donors and supporters who made this initiative a reality. Together, we brought joy and companionship to those who needed it most.

PROJECT - WHEELS OF HOPE



Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant proudly donated 100 wheelchairs as part of the Mega Medical Camp held at Chitrakoot Ground, Andheri West. This impactful initiative aims to bring mobility, dignity, and independence to those in need. The event was graced by the presence of DG Chetan Desai, RCME President Nidhika Bahl and Joint Secretary Disha Bathija. A heartfelt thank you to all our generous donors whose contributions made this meaningful project possible: Nidhika Bahl, Alka Modi, Disha Bathija, Shruti Deora, Kanchan Chadha, Shraddha Agarwal, Sangeeta Jain, Pratima Shah, Sunita Gupta, Rippy Dhingra, Ruchika Suri, Madhu Gupta, Suvarna Surana, Naina Parekh, Priti Choudhary, Nipa Shah, Shalini Aggarwal (Lena), Dr. Priti Shenai, Ayushi Chaturvedi, Shweta Murarka, Madhulika Agarwal, Manisha Saraf, Sangita R Rathod, Chhaya Parikh, Sangeeta Rathod, and Babita Rathod. Together, we are changing lives and creating a brighter tomorrow!



PROJECT - ANNAPOORNA DEC & JAN

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 donor for December: Youth Director Yogita Jain, and January 2025: Women Empowerment Director Neeti Arora. 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.



MEGA BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

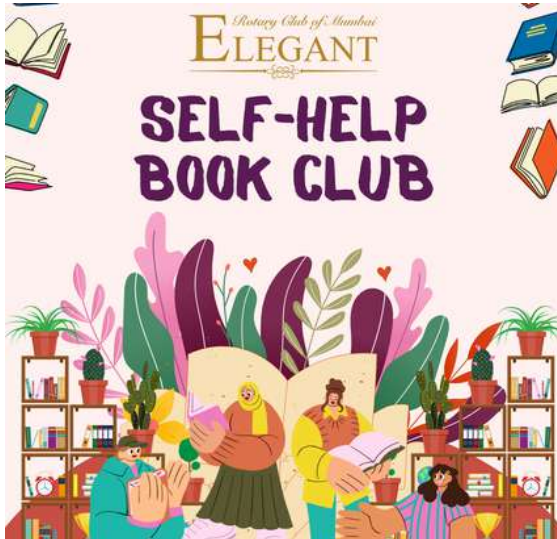


In association with the 15 Assam Regiment and Tata Blood Bank, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant conducted a Mega Blood Donation Drive at Colaba. The event saw an overwhelming response with 231 jawans participating and 206 blood units collected, significantly impacting lives. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Club Advisor Anita Pansari for her invaluable guidance and support in organizing this camp. Special thanks to Club Secretary Priya Parikh, Medical Director Sangeeta Jain, and Chairperson Alka Doshi for their dedicated efforts in executing the project seamlessly at Colaba. A big thank you to Priya for generously sponsoring 200 bananas and chocolates, ensuring that all our donors were energized and appreciated for their noble contribution. This project reflects the true spirit of service, collaboration, and compassion. Together, we have made a meaningful difference!



RCME BOOK CLUB FIRESIDE (DECEMBER)

HOSTED BY SEEMA GANERIWAL



RCME's Self-Help Book Club explored *The Obstacle Is the Way*, discovering timeless wisdom on resilience and perseverance. These lessons strengthen us as Rotarians, helping us tackle challenges in service with determination, adaptability, and purpose. By transforming setbacks into stepping stones, we amplify our impact and commitment to making a difference.

JANUARY FIRESIDE

HOSTED BY PRITI PAREKH

Our first Game of Life fireside gathering was a fantastic success. Twenty members came together for an afternoon of connection and camaraderie. A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful host, Priti, for her warm hospitality and for making the event special. Heres to many more meaningful meets ahead!



VITALITY CIRCLE (JANUARY)



Stepping into Wellness, One Barefoot Walk at a Time! On 17th January, we kicked off our first-ever Vitality Circle meet-up with a refreshing barefoot walk on Juhu Beach. From the soothing rhythm of the waves to the golden morning glow, every step reminded us of the power of movement, connection, and nature's healing touch. Walking barefoot on sand isn't just a workout – it's a soul-reset! Studies show it helps balance our HPA axis, reducing stress and improving overall well-being. A big THANK YOU to everyone who joined and made this morning so special!

TRF SEMINAR 2

RCME (Diamond Co-Host) shone brightly at the recent TRF seminar! We received overwhelming recognition and heartfelt appreciation from the district governor, and it's all thanks to the incredible support and dedication from our donors Sarita & Ravi Jhunjunwala, Nidhika Bahl, Pooja & Deepak Jain, Madhulika & Manoj Agarwal, Bela & Dinesh Jain, Seema & Sunil Ganeriwal, Nilima & Krishna Jhunjunwala, Neeti & Amardeep Arora, All RCME Members and the entire Vibrant BOD team. A special thank you to Club Advisor - TRF & CSR Nilima Jhunjunwala, who has been our guiding light, TRF Director Rani Wankawalla for her unwavering support, and Treasurer Pooja Jain for her flawless handling of all the collections. Your tireless efforts have made all of this possible, and I'm deeply grateful for each of you.



PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINAR (JANUARY)



Rotary Club of Mumbai Elegant proudly served as a Silver Co-Host for the impactful Rotary District Public Image Seminar, showcasing the importance of enhancing Rotary's public presence. This vital seminar brought together leaders and members from across the district to share insights and strategies for elevating Rotary's image through meaningful communication and impactful initiatives. RCMEs active participation and commitment to excellence were evident throughout the event, contributing to its success. It was an honor to support this significant initiative, reinforcing the power of collaboration and innovation in spreading Rotary's message far and wide.



PRINT FOR PROGRESS

Education is the most powerful tool for change, and access to resources makes all the difference. Understanding the pressing need of 400 children at Amardeep Ashram Shala, we proudly donated a printer worth ₹15,200 to aid in their studies. This initiative ensures uninterrupted access to printed study materials, paving the way for brighter futures. Heres to empowering young minds and making education accessible for all!



RCME MOVIE CLUB



RCME Movie Club: A Cinematic Journey Through Art, History, and Patriotism

The RCME Movie Club has had an extraordinary season of film and immersive experiences in December and January, bringing members together to celebrate art, history, and storytelling through cinema. Our journey began with a musical tribute to the legendary Raj Kapoor at the CINTAA event on December 18th, 2024, where timeless melodies and heartfelt performances honoured the Great Showman of Indian Cinema. We then immersed ourselves in the genius of Leonardo da Vinci at India's first Interactive Immersive Experience, rediscovering masterpieces like the Mona Lisa through breathtaking projections and AI. This globally acclaimed exhibition blended art, science, and technology, leaving us spellbound. In January, we also embarked on a captivating journey with Azaad—a period drama set in 1920s India, depicting the bond between a young stable boy and a spirited horse in a tale of rebellion, resilience, and self-discovery. Watching this profound story of courage together was a truly moving experience. The adventure continued with Sky Force, a high-octane tribute to India's first airstrike in the 1965 Indo-Pak war. This gripping film showcased the bravery of the Indian Air Force, filling us with patriotic pride as we relived a saga of heroism and sacrifice. From nostalgia to history, art, and action-packed storytelling, the RCME Movie Club continues to bring members together for unforgettable cinematic experiences!

MAJOR DONORS LEVEL 4 – TRF



Heartiest congratulations to the phenomenal Neeti & Amardeep Arora on achieving the prestigious Major Donor Level 4 status with an extraordinary cumulative contribution of over USD 100,000 to The Rotary Foundation! Your unmatched generosity and unwavering dedication to service are a beacon of hope and inspiration for all of us. This monumental contribution speaks volumes about your commitment to making the world a better place, transforming lives, and leaving a legacy of compassion and care. Your support empowers projects that bring change, uplift communities, and provide hope to those who need it the most. You embody the true spirit of Rotary—"Service Above Self"—and set a shining example for everyone around you. Your kindness touches countless lives, and your impact will be remembered for generations to come. We are deeply honored to celebrate this incredible milestone with you and express our heartfelt gratitude for your monumental support.

Thank You!

VIBRANT BOD IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

In Alphabetic Order

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

ALKA DOSHI
ALKA MODI
ANITA GUPTA
ANIKA SHAH
JAHNVI SINHA
KOMAL SHAH
MANISHA SARAF
PRITI PAREKH
SEEMA GANERIWAL



DECEMBER & JANUARY PROJECT DONORS

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AYUSHI CHATURVEDI
BABITA RATHOD
CHHAYA PARIKH
DISHA BATHIJA
DR. PRITI SHENAI
JAYA BAKHRU
KANCHAN CHADHA
MADHAVI PAREKH
MADHU GUPTA
MADHULIKA AGARWAL
MANISHA SARAF
MANJARI THANAWALA
MANJU PAREKH
MEENA AKSHI TODI

NAINA PAREKH
NEELAM JAIN
NEETI ARORA
NEHA JAIN
NIDHIKA BAHL
NINA JHUNJHUNWALA
NIPA SHAH
NITIKA ARORA
POOJA RAISURANA
POOJA SONI
PRATIMA SHAH
PRITI CHOUDHARY
PRIYA PARIKH
PUSHPA JAIN
RACHNA AGARWAL
RAJNI GANERIWAL

RANI WANKAWALLA
RIPPY DHINGRA
RUCHIKA SURI
SANGEETA JAIN
SANGEETA RATHOD
SANGITA R RATHOD
SHALINI AGGARWAL (LENA)
SHITAL CHATURVEDI
SHRADDHA AGARWAL
SHRUTI DEORA
SHWETA MURARKA
SUNITA GUPTA
SUVARNA SURANA
VINITA PRATAP
YOGITA JAIN

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NEHA JAIN
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