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CONGRATULATIONS

RCB Pier & President Noopur Desai

On achieving TRF Giving of **\$ 1,000,000** in RY 2025-26

DG Manish Motwani, TRF & CSR Team



PANACHE

January - March 2026



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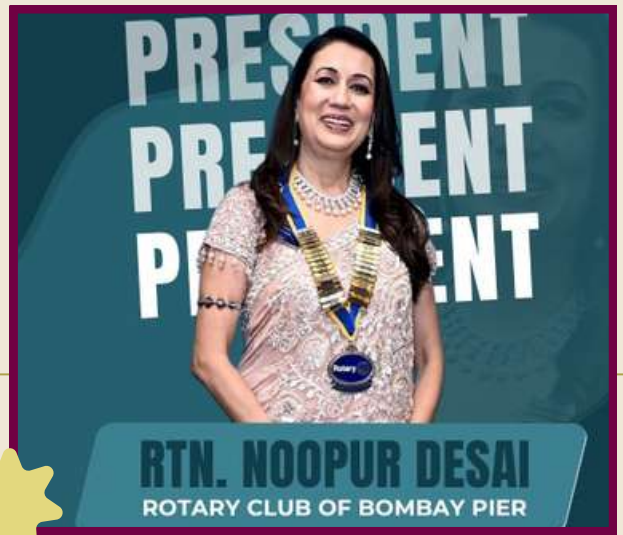


***LET'S
INSPIRE !***



***UNITE
FOR
GOOD***

From the President



Dear Pier Family,

We have had an absolutely amazing quarter—beautifully interspersed with vibrant fellowships, insightful speaker meetings, and deeply impactful service projects. Each month has reflected the true spirit of Pier—dynamic, compassionate, and full of heart.

We began this phase with **a series of super-fun fellowships**—an adventurous **Car Treasure Hunt**, an action-packed **Pier Premier League Cricket Tournament**, a sporty yet indulgent **Alibagh fireside**, a delightful **Karjat farmhouse Holi picnic** filled with food, laughter, and games and a **Vasa home fireside** with karaoke night! Adding to the cultural flavour, our **Culture Vultures** curated two wonderful outings—the enchanting Candlelight Quartet and the entertaining Dhurandhar 2.

What makes these experiences even more special is that each of them was entirely organised—and in many cases generously hosted—by our very own Pierites. **My heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who stepped forward with such enthusiasm, ownership, and love for the club.**

A true highlight of the quarter was our **Social Impact Awards and Whale Tank**—a unique and powerful initiative where **Pier recognized seven lesser-known NGOs**. These organisations then presented their work to our **seven “Pier Whales,”** who pledged not only **financial support but also mentorship**. It was heartening to see such meaningful collaboration come alive. Our District Governor, Dr. Manish Motwani, along with other district dignitaries, deeply appreciated this outstanding effort and the team behind it.

Our service projects this quarter truly touched our hearts. The visit to **Barsana Eye Hospital in Uttar Pradesh**, where we inaugurated a new Retina Operation Theatre, was deeply fulfilling. The **Blind Cricket Tournament** brought immense joy and inclusion to the visually impaired, while the **Thalassemia Camp** in the slums of Chembur reminded us of the urgent need for sustained outreach and care. These moments grounded us, filled us with gratitude, and reaffirmed why we do what we do.

A landmark achievement this quarter was **Pier crossing the incredible milestone of 1 Million TRF giving**. I am deeply grateful to every Pierite—because it is each and every contribution, big or small, that has collectively made this possible. This is truly a shared victory.

We also hosted **three Cadre visits** this quarter, all of which we passed with flying colours. The Cadres were highly appreciative of our work at the Govardhan Skill Center, Muni Seva Ashram solar initiative and Masina Hospital, commending Pier for its meaningful and sustainable impact.

Pier has also made excellent progress on the membership front. A highlight this quarter was the **New Members Orientation Fireside** at CCI, which provided valuable insights to both new and prospective members in a warm and engaging setting. We are delighted to share that this quarter, we have **inducted five new members** into Pier.

Of course, not everything went as planned. We had to cancel our much-anticipated Cyprus trip due to the ongoing war. But true to Pier spirit, we turned disappointment into opportunity—with a charming **Pier Coonoor escape planned at the heritage Taj Gateway Coonoor**, promising yet another memorable experience together.

And now, we stand at the threshold of the final three months of our Rotary year.

This is our moment—to give it our absolute best. To push a little harder and serve a little more wholeheartedly. Let us come together with renewed energy to make these last months truly count.

We look forward to impactful upcoming projects—including the **Samuhik Tribal Wedding and the Rotary Cardiac Heart Centre at Bhaktivedanta Hospital**, among others. These will need all of us to come together and contribute in every way we can.

April and June promise to be action-packed and exciting, while May may be quieter with many travelling—but the spirit of Pier will continue to shine through.

Let us finish strong.

Let us finish with purpose.

Let us do our very best to make this world a better place.

With gratitude and love,

Noopur Desai

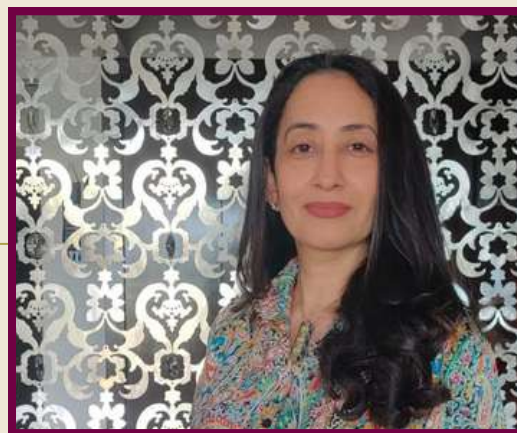
President 2025-26

Rotary Club of Bombay Pier

From the Editor

Panache is the voice of Bombay Pier. It will be a vehicle for promoting communication among all members of the club and stimulate camaraderie assimilating new members and enthuse the old ones through this magazine.

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Noopur Desai**

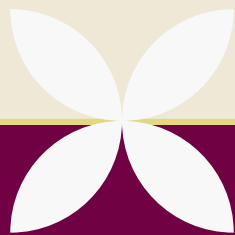


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Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Pier



January



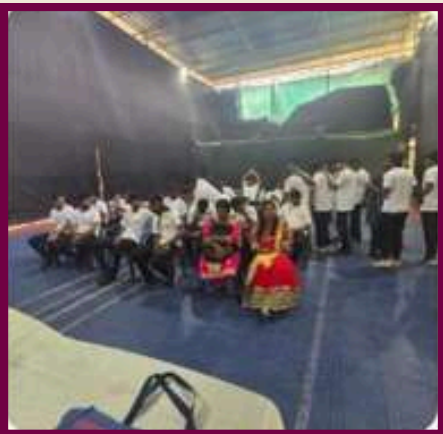
Inner Wheel Branding
T-shirts distributed among
300 Teachers



Medical Camp at Jambrung
Village



Grain Donation at St.
Anthony's Old Age Home



Sponsored Cricket match for
Visually Impaired



Bench and Desk donation at
Swami Vivekanad School



Dry fruit donation at KEM
hospital for Cancer Patients



GBM - Kite Flying

February



AI Robotic Lab Inauguration
at Bhagini Kala Mandir



Pediatric Ear Surgery at Pune



Cycle distribution at my
schools like Palghar and
many rural areas



Happy School - CC Project



GBM - Iftar Party

March



Dance classes and completion outfits for the BMC Kamathipura school students



Donation of reusable sanitary napkins for all the women of Jambrung village



Grain Donation at Stree Mandal



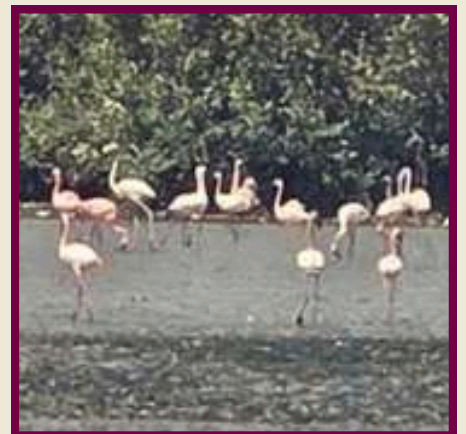
Cochlear Processor donated to the needy patient



Holi celebrations at the BMC Kamathipura school

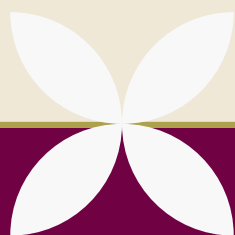


Reconstruction of ZP School - Shahpur



Flamingo Spotting

COMMUNITY SERVICES



January - March

YOGA SESSION AT ASHA KIRAN

Yoga sessions were conducted on 3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st January; 7th, 21st, 28th February; 14th March

Each session included simple, age-appropriate asanas such as Paschimottanasana and Butterfly Pose, introduced through playful storytelling and movements.

Yoga-based games kept the children engaged, while the sessions concluded with gentle stretches like Cobra, Pigeon, and Bridge poses, followed by calming practices such as Anulom Vilom and Trataka to promote relaxation and focus.



5 January

CERVICAL CANCER HPV VACCINATION

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Bandra
Beneficiaries: 125 girl students (Std. 5–10)

Our club conducted a cervical cancer vaccination drive, administering the vaccine to 125 girls. The medical team included two doctors and two MBBS students from the Rotaract Club of Medicrew. The project was led by Rtn. Priya Rajpal, supported by Rtn. Murtuza Sutarwala, PP Rtn. Mayuri Bhasin, Rtn. Poonam Uttamchandani, and Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri. Thanks to PP Rtn. Shabbir Gabajiwala for gifting Brainvita games and Rtn. Rupen Doshi for coordinating the vaccines with Rotary Club of Mulund and partners.

11 January

VETERANS' DAY PARADE

Our Club participated as a Supporting Club in the Veterans' Day Parade along Marine Drive with over 500 veterans from the armed forces. Rotary's "Proud Eighty" contingent, including President Rtn. Noopur Desai, joined the march in solidarity. Attendees included Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri, and 7 Rotaractors from SIES, including President Gargi Lad. Snack boxes were sponsored by Apar Industries Ltd..



13 January

FELICITATION OF SAFAI KARAMCHARIS BMC WORKERS

51 Safai Karamcharis (BMC workers from Walkeshwar & Nepeansea Road) were honoured in the presence of President Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. Priya Rajpal, and Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri. Each worker received til laddus, vada pav (sponsored by Rtn. Priya Rajpal), and ₹200 cash as a token of appreciation, with President Noopur Desai applying a kumkum tilak to mark the occasion



13 - 15 January

CO-SPONSORED NATIONAL BLIND CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The National Blind Siyaram Cricket Tournament was held from 13th–15th January at Islam Gymkhana and Brabourne Stadium, Mumbai, with eight teams from across India participating. Gujarat defeated Karnataka in the final at Brabourne Stadium, securing the title for the 15th consecutive year.

The prize distribution was attended by Rtn. Noopur Desai, President, RCBP, along with other distinguished guests. Hitesh Patel won Man of the Series (totally blind category), while Dinesh from Rajasthan won the overall Man of the Series award.

18 January

CO SPONSORED BOLLYWOOD MAHA AROGYA SHIVIR 2026

Our Club co-sponsored the 5th Edition – Bollywood Maha Arogya Shivir, a mega medical camp aimed at benefiting 1 lakh patients through health check-ups, medicines, eye care, and assistive devices. As part of our support, the Club contributed 40 wheelchairs for beneficiaries.



20 January

THALASSEMIA AND SICKLE CELL ANAEMIA SCREENING CAMP

Our Club, with Niramaya Foundation, conducted a Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Anaemia Screening and Balanced Diet Health Camp at Vishnu Nagar, Chembur, supported by MMU-1. Residents received free screenings, consultations, medicines, and nutrition counselling. The thalassemia testing was sponsored by donor Praful Vaghani, brought by Rtn. Kaajal Thadani.



24 January

BREAST CANCER SCREENING CAMP

Our Club, in association with Niramaya Health Foundation, organized a General Check-up and Breast Cancer Screening Camp at Govardhan Skill Centre, Wada through MMU2. The camp offered free mammograms, doctor consultations, and breast health counselling to 86 women.

27 January

SPONSORED SMART DIGITAL CLASSROOMS

Smart Classroom Inauguration – 27 January
Two Smart Classrooms donated by our Club (₹30,000) were inaugurated at Sharada High School, Sakinaka under the District Urban Vocational Upliftment Program, in collaboration with 10 Rotary clubs. The inauguration was graced by DG Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani, enabling technology-driven learning for students.



29 January

ANNAPOORNA RATION KITS FOR TB PATIENTS

Our Club distributed high-protein ration kits to 10 severely affected TB patients at the Parel BMC Office. This six-month support initiative aims to provide sustained nutritional assistance for their recovery. The project was sponsored by an Angel Donor and organized by Rtn. Munaf Bandukwala.

30 January

ECD EDUCATIONAL CENTER CHIMBIPADA

The ECD Educational Center, Chimbipada, conducted 160 structured sessions for students of Std. 1-8 and 10 in Mathematics, Science, and English, strengthening literacy, numeracy, conceptual understanding, and exam readiness.

Activity-based learning, creative sessions, and Community Connect initiatives encouraged critical thinking, teamwork, environmental awareness, and greater parental involvement. Celebrations of Savitribai Phule Jayanti, Makar Sankranti, and Republic Day also helped nurture values, cultural awareness, and a sense of citizenship among students.



31 January

IRD PROJECT IN 3 VILLAGES

The Shashwat Gram Project continued strengthening community institutions, health, education, and livelihoods across three villages in Raigad district, reaching 1,274 community members.

Through Saksham Nari, 254 women engaged in financial literacy, hygiene awareness, and collective decision-making. 76 children participated in children's clubs, while Mazi Shala study centres improved attendance, engagement, and reading skills.

Under Samrudhha Krushi, farmers received second-crop seeds supporting healthy crop growth. Four young women completed certified beauty parlour training, and youth received guidance on vocational opportunities. Two community meetings engaged 48 villagers on cleanliness, agriculture, youth skills, and child development.



31 January

CO-HOSTED BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Our Club co-hosted a Blood Donation Drive at Dadar Railway Station, supported by Smt. Shardaben Mansukhlal Kamdar Charitable Trust. With the support of the NSS Unit of VITS College, the drive successfully collected 131 units of blood. The project was attended by Rtn. Kaajal Thadani.



31 January

MMU MUMBAI PROGRESS REPORT - JANUARY

The MMU Mumbai team conducted health camps at Model High School, Vashi Naka (245 beneficiaries) and Malad Malwani (338 beneficiaries) in January.

A total of 17 health education sessions on topics such as anemia, family planning, menstrual health, nutrition, hygiene, and addiction reached 320 beneficiaries, along with 274 one-on-one consultations. A Thalassemia, CBC, and Sickle Cell Screening Camp at Bharat Nagar, Vashi Naka benefited 115 community members.



31 January

MMU2 WADA - PROGRESS REPORT FOR JANUARY

A total of 23 General Health OPDs were conducted, covering 1,110 patients, with 5 referrals for further care. A Breast Screening Camp at Savarkhand Village and Govardhan Skill Centre examined 104 women, identifying 8 suspected cases, who were referred for further diagnostic tests.

A school health check-up camp at Umbarpada Village benefited 29 students. Additionally, 20 health education sessions on anemia, water-borne diseases, and nutrition reached 405 beneficiaries, along with 377 one-on-one consultations.



3 February

BHAKTIVEDANTA EYE HOSPITAL NEW RETINA OPERATION THEATER & OPD

Under CSR India Grant CS2600734, supported by Apar Industries Ltd, a Retina OPD and Operation Theatre was established at Bhaktivedanta Eye Hospital, Barsana (Mathura, UP) to address avoidable blindness in the region.

The ₹1.14 crore project aims to screen over 50,000 patients annually and restore vision to about 6,000 beneficiaries. It was inaugurated during the visit of President Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri, and PP Rtn. Ashok & Sunita Poddar.



4 February

MICRO CREDIT ACTIVITIES FOR PINK AUTO

With support from Corporate Donor Apar Industries Ltd, our Club is sponsoring 40 Pink Auto Rickshaws through Rotary Club of Mumbai Malabar Hill. The project will enable women from disadvantaged communities to earn a livelihood through driving training, licensing, and access to micro-credit loans via SBI SMECC.

4 February

MAGIC SHOW- HUME & SIR ELLY KADOORI SCHOOLS

Our Club organized a Live Magic Show by Magician Raja for children of Hume High School & Junior College, Byculla and Sir Elly Kadoorie School, Mazgaon. The event brought smiles, laughter, and joy to the students. Millet snacks were sponsored by Breakfast Revolution and lunch by Roti Foundation. The project was organized and attended by Rtn. Kaajal Thadani.



6 February

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT LOWER PAREL

Our Club organized a Blood Donation Drive at One World Centre, Lower Parel, where 25 units of blood were collected and donated to the Blood Bank of Wadia Hospital. The drive was supported by 12 technicians and a doctor. The project was attended by Rtn. Kaajal Thadani.

6 February

BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT POWAI

Our Club organized a Blood Donation Drive at Sigma Building, Hiranandani Business Park, Powai, collecting 43 units of blood for the Blood Bank of Jaslok Charitable Hospital. The drive was supported by 12 technicians and a doctor, with the project attended by Rtn. Kaajal Thadani.



10 February

SPONSORED PHACO EMULSIFICATION SURGERIES

Bhaktivedanta Eye Hospital, Barsana, completed a remarkable first year, performing 7,700 free eye surgeries and examining 65,000 OPD patients in 2025. The hospital uniquely provides free Phaco surgeries year-round for underserved communities.

Members supported the initiative by sponsoring 65 surgeries, contributing to help restore vision for underprivileged patients across nearby villages.



13 February

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16 February

BREAST CANCER SCREENING CAMP

Our Club, in association with Sanathan Textiles, organized a Breast Cancer Screening Camp at D Ward, BMC Grant Road. 24 women were screened, with 1 suspected case referred for further investigation. The project was organized and attended by Partner Beena Dattani.



19 February

DAY PICNIC FOR SEC KIDS

At the request of SEC – Society for the Education of the Challenged, through Rtn. PP Manju Utamchandani, our Club sponsored a day picnic at Saguna Baug for students with disabilities from economically weaker sections, helping create a joyful and inclusive experience for the children.



21 February

RUK JAANA NAHI KNEE REPLACEMENT

With support from Corporate Donor Apar Industries Ltd, 10 free knee replacement surgeries were conducted for underprivileged senior citizens at Health & Care Foundation Hospital, Ahmedabad. The project covers implants, surgery, and pre- and post-operative care, helping restore mobility and improve quality of life.

21- 22 February

CO-HOSTED SPARKLE ICON 2026

Our Club co-hosted “Sparkle Icon 2026” as a Silver Co-Host Club on 21st & 22nd February, a beauty pageant supporting early cancer detection and medical care. The Lead Club was RC of Sher-E-Punjab, with the final event held at St. Arnold High School & Junior College and DG Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani as Chief Guest.



28 February

IRD PROJECT IN 3 VILLAGES

Community meetings, trainings, and health camps were conducted across Cherfalwadi, Numberwadi, and Umberwadi, covering topics such as hygiene, financial literacy, Panchayat Raj awareness, and child rights. Health camps benefited 161 villagers, while study centres supported students’ learning and activities. Under Samrudhha Krushi, 28 farmers received training in vegetable and pulse cultivation at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Roha.



28 February

ECD EDUCATIONAL CENTER CHIMBIPADA

During February, the ECD Centre conducted 189 academic sessions in Mathematics, English, and Science for students from Std. 1-8 and 10, strengthening core concepts such as numeracy, reading comprehension, and basic algebra. Community engagement included Monthly Community Connect sessions and 24 home visits.

Students also celebrated Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti and Hind Ki Chadar, participating in quizzes, speeches, and creative activities that highlighted the values and teachings of great leaders.



6 March

BREAST CANCER SCREENING CAMP

Our Club, in association with Sanathan Textiles Ltd, conducted a Breast Cancer Screening Camp at Siddhesh Deep CHS, Grant Road. 30 women were screened, with 2 abnormalities detected and referred for further investigation. The project was supported by Partner Beena Dattani and attended by 3 members.

12 March

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Our Club served as the Lead Club for a Blood Donation Drive at CSMT, supported by Smt. Shardaben Mansukhlal Kamdar Charitable Trust, collecting 40 units of blood for the KEM Hospital Blood Bank.

The project was attended by President Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri, Rtn. Pravin Agarwal, Rtn. Amit Gupta, and Rtn. Salil Maroo



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RESTORING SIGHT, RENEWING HOPE



Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri
Director – Medical Services

A Journey of Service, Spirit & Soul in the Divine Land of Barsana (2nd – 4th February, 2026)

Some journeys are not planned—they are felt.

And some experiences are not described—they are lived.

Our visit to Barsana, the sacred land of Radha Rani, was one such experience. From the moment we arrived, there was a sense of something deeply spiritual—almost magical—surrounding us.

“Radhe Radhe” was not just a greeting—it was a vibration, an emotion, a way of life.

Where Service Meets Spirituality

While our visit was centred around the Bhaktivedanta Eye Hospital and the inauguration of the Retina Care Project under CSR India Grant CS2600734, supported by Apar Industries Ltd., what we experienced went far beyond medicine.

Yes, we witnessed:

- Advanced eye care
- Large-scale medical and dental camps
- Life-changing surgeries

But more than that, we witnessed humanity in its purest form.

People travelled from distant villages—carrying hope, faith, and patience.

And when their treatment was complete, they didn't just leave with medicines—

They left with blessings, with gratitude, with folded hands and heartfelt “Radhe Radhe.”

Moments That Stay Forever

There were moments that quietly stayed with me:

- Distributing blankets in the biting cold, and seeing the relief and gratitude in their eyes
- Patients who came with uncertainty, but left with renewed hope and dignity
- The silent prayers and blessings that needed no words

These were not acts of charity.

They were exchanges of humanity.

Beyond Sight — Restoring Smiles

Alongside eye care, the dental camps were equally transformative.

Watching elderly patients receive new dentures, sometimes after years of discomfort, was deeply moving.

Their smiles—hesitant at first, then full of joy—said everything.

In that moment, it became clear:

Restoring a smile is just as powerful as restoring sight.

Divine Experiences Beyond the Hospital

Barsana was not just about service—it was about spiritual immersion.

We were blessed with:

- Darshan and aartis—morning, afternoon, and evening
- The deeply moving energy of the temples of Radha Rani
- A visit to the sacred forests, where stories of Radha and Krishna come alive

There was a certain vibration—something you cannot explain, only feel.

It truly felt as if we were walking through places where Lord Krishna once walked.

A Journey to Vrindavan

On our return, we visited Vrindavan, where each temple brought its own magic:

- Madan Mohan Temple
- Radha Raman Temple
- Banke Bihari Temple

Each darshan was unique. Each moment, unforgettable.

This was not just a visit—it was a spiritual awakening.

The Bond That Made It Special

What made this journey even more meaningful was the camaraderie we shared.

Between Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. PP Ashok & Sunita Poddar, and myself, what began as a formal trip soon became a deep personal connection.

- Shared meals
- Early morning starts
- Conversations, laughter, and even light-hearted gossip

These simple moments created something special—we returned not just with memories, but as a close-knit group.

A Legacy of Service, A Future of Hope

The impact of this initiative is already remarkable:

2025 Impact – Completely FREE

- 7,700 surgeries performed
- 65,000 OPD patients served
- The only centre in India offering free Phaco surgeries year-round

Vision for 2026

- 10,000 surgeries
- 1,25,000 OPD patients

With the support of APAR Industries Ltd., Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, and the Bhaktivedanta & ISKCON community, this mission is only growing stronger.

A Personal Reflection

Even today, the images remain with me—

The temples...

The aartis...

The smiles...

The blessings...

And somewhere deep within, a quiet feeling lingers:

I should still be there.

Because Barsana is not just a place you visit—

It stays with you.

Service Above Self — Felt, Not Just Said

This journey was not just about restoring sight.

It was about restoring:

- Hope
- Dignity
- Faith
- Human connection

And above all, it reminded me why we serve.

Love Rotary | Service to Humanity

CLUB SERVICES



11 January

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Our Club participated as a Supporting Club in the Veterans' Day Parade along Marine Drive, organised with the Navy Foundation and led by Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai. Over 500 veterans from the armed forces joined the march. Rotary's "Proud Eighty" contingent, including President Rtn. Noopur Desai, participated in the parade. Attendees included Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri, and 7 Rotaractors from SIES, including President Gargi Lad. Snack boxes were sponsored by Apar Industries Ltd..



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MUMBAI MOTOR MYSTERY

Held at World of Palates, INOX, Nariman Point, the Great Pier Car Treasure Hunt was a lively and engaging event filled with teamwork, puzzles, and fun across South Mumbai. The day began with a meet-and-greet and briefing, followed by the thrilling treasure hunt featuring creative clues and challenges.

A total of 56 members and partners participated. Winners: Rtn. Rajesh & Shalini Baheti; Rtn. Manish & Priyanka Agarwal
First Runners-Up: Rtn. Bharat & Manju Shah; Rtn. Mehul & Aditi Shah
Second Runners-Up: Rtn. Noopur & Kushal Desai; Gunita Chadha & Pallavi Bhatia
The event was curated by Rtn. Pravin and Smita Agarwal, with support from the organising team and venue arrangements by Kaushik and Jalpa Shah.



4 & 11 January

ROTAI 2025-26 COMPETITION

Our Club participated as a Bronze Co-Host for the Rotal Singing & Dancing Competition, with RC of Mumbai Mahim as the Lead Club. The event was held at Swatantrya Veer Savarkar Auditorium. Our Club contributed ₹10,000 as co-hosting charges.



Pier Premier League Season 4

17 January



Pier Premier League (PPL) – Season 4 was an electrifying cricket tournament featuring men’s and women’s teams competing across 10 exciting matches, celebrating skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The event included professional touches such as a digital auction, jerseys, team flags, commentary, trophies, and curated goodie bags, enhancing the overall experience.



The tournament was successfully curated by Sports Director Rtn. Manish Agarwal, with strong support from the organising team and enthusiastic participation from club members.



Champions: Lotus Lions & Desai Dreamgirls
Runners-Up: Tolani Tigers & Mavericks
Man / Woman of the Series: Kaushik Shah & Shilpa Shah



17 January

BOMBAY PIER RANKS NO. 1 IN DISTRICT AWARDS

At the District Awards Ceremony held at NSCI, our Club was honoured as the No. 1 Best Club in a Vibrant Rotary Year 2024–25 under the leadership of IPP Rtn. Kamlesh Shroff. The Club proudly received 24 awards, including 16 trophies, the Annual Fund Challenge Trophy, Best President Award, 5 Platinum, and 1 Gold across various avenues of service.

This achievement reflects the collective efforts of the board, members, and generous donors, with special appreciation to Shilpi, Suhit, and Methoo for leading the awards applications. Present to celebrate the moment were PDG Rtn. Sunnil Mehra, PDG Rtn. Ajay Gupta, Ranju Gupta, Noopur Desai, Suhit Jhaveri, and IPP Rtn. Kamlesh & Priti Shroff.



21 January

NEW MEMBERS FIRESIDE MEETING

President Rtn. Noopur Desai and Rtn. Kushal Desai hosted a New Members Fireside Meeting at CCI. The evening featured an inspiring address by PDG DRFC Rtn. Sunnil Mehra, who spoke about Rotary's core values—Membership, Fellowship, Service, and The Rotary Foundation, encouraging members to contribute through TMB (Time–Money–Business).

New members introduced themselves and shared their professions, creating a warm evening of fellowship, connection, and the true spirit of Rotary.

23 January

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT: QUEEN VS. ABBA

Members enjoyed a Candlelight Concert: Queen vs. ABBA at the Royal Opera House, Mumbai, featuring a beautiful string quartet performance by the Flamera String Quartet in a magical candlelit setting. The intimate concert showcased timeless hits from both legendary bands, creating a unique cultural and musical experience.



29 January

GITA HARIANI -UNLOCK THE SECRET OF NUMBERS

At Bellissima Banquets, renowned Numerologist and Tarot Reader Ms. Gita Hariani addressed members on “Unlock the Secret of Numbers.” She explained how a person’s date of birth and name influence personality, destiny, and life choices, and guided members to calculate their Personal Year Number for 2026, making the session interactive and insightful.

The engaging evening was introduced by Partner Archana Maroo, with a vote of thanks by Hufriid Poonawala and a gift presentation by Rtn. Madhoo Shah.



29 January

FIRST JOINT TRUST MEETING RYS 25-26 & 26-27

The Club had its First Joint Trust Meeting for RYs 2025-26 and 2026-27 which was attended by 17 Trustees at the Bellissima Banquets



29 January

FIRST JOINT BOARD MEETING RYS 25-26 & 26-27

The Club had its First Joint Board Meeting for RYs 2025-26 and 2026-27 which was attended by 27 Office Bearers and Directors at the Bellissima Banquets



1 February

SEVENTH FIRESIDE LUNCH AT KASHID

The Seventh Fireside Luncheon was hosted by Rtn. Hiten & Smita Mahimtura at their Kashid bungalow, attended by 49 members who travelled together via carpooling on the RORO. The day featured exciting activities, great music, delicious food, and warm hospitality, creating a memorable bonding experience for members.

The gathering included fun moments like Rotary trivia on the journey and a cake-cutting for Riaz and Mariya’s anniversary, making it a joyful and memorable fireside.

7 & 8 February

DRISHTIKON DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The District Conference (DISCON 2026) at Sahara Star was a grand two-day event with 20 Pier members attending, the highest participation from our Club. The conference featured outstanding speakers and memorable Rotary moments.

Highlights included President Rtn. Noopur Desai being congratulated for the AKS Chair Circle, Beena Dattani and Noopur Desai recognized for the Rotary Heart Hospital project, and Rtn. Rupen Doshi launching the SAPHAL App, with our Club as the Lead Host Club. Kamlesh Shroff, Suhit Jhaveri, and Rupen Doshi also received the RVB (Rotary Verified Business) Certificate.

The event celebrated Rotary spirit, learning, and collaboration, with proud recognition moments for the Club and its members.



18 February

SECOND JOINT BOARD AND TRUST MEETING RYS 25-26 & 26-27

The Second Joint Board and Trust Meeting for the RYs 2025-26 and 2026-27 was held at the Bellissima Banquets prior to the Speaker Meeting.

18 February

LT GEN RAMESH KULKARNI-WAR FOR SIACHEN

The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier hosted Lt. Gen. Ramesh Kulkarni (Retd.) at Bellissima Banquets, in conversation with his daughter and co-author Anjali Karpe, on “The War for Siachen 1987 – The Highest Battlefield in the World.”

He shared powerful firsthand insights on the strategic importance of Siachen, the extreme conditions faced by soldiers, and the courage and sacrifice of the Indian Army. The Club honoured him with the Meritorious Service Award for his distinguished service to the nation.



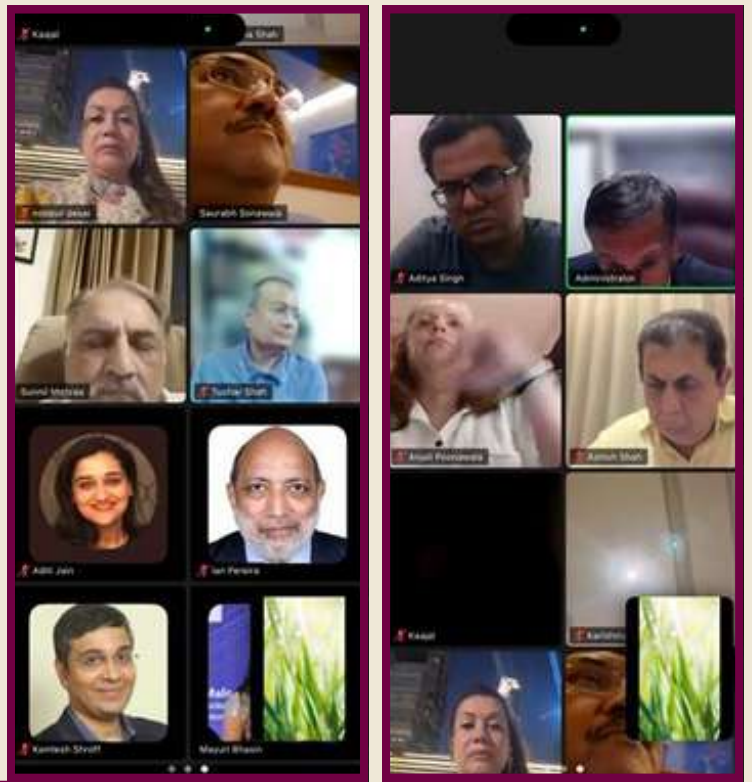
4 March

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF RCBP

A Special Board Meeting was held on 4th March via Zoom to discuss Trust Deed amendments and Income Tax registration. The meeting was attended by 18 office bearers and directors, along with RCBP Statutory Auditor Mr. Rakesh Nanda.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF RCBP

A Special Meeting of the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier Charities Trust was held on 4th March via Zoom to discuss Trust Deed amendments and Income Tax registration. The meeting was attended by 18 office bearers and trustees, along with Statutory Auditor Mr. Rakesh Nanda



7 March

SANJEEV & NITA JAINS FARMHOUSE PICNIC

What a delightful day! We were warmly welcomed with a shower of flowers, followed by a lovely South Indian breakfast on the lawns. Festivities began with Phoolon ki Holi and dancing, setting a joyful tone. Indoors, games and live music kept the energy high, alongside endless food and drinks.

A lavish lunch and chaat spread followed, and just when we thought it couldn't get better—tea and snacks arrived! Our thoughtful hosts even sent us home with high tea hampers and gifts. A day full of laughter, music, and warm hospitality—heartfelt thanks to Sanjeev and Nita for a truly memorable Pier picnic.

12 March

PRE OCV CLUB ASSEMBLY

The Pre-OCV Club Assembly was held on 12th March at Bellissima Banquets. Though AG Rtn Els Reynaers was unable to attend, she had reviewed all documents in advance and found them in order. Directors presented updates on their service avenues, and all reports were compiled and uploaded by Rtn Methoo Surty.



12 March

THIRD JOINT BOARD MEETING RYS 25-26 & 26-27

The 3rd Joint Board Meeting for RYs 2025–26 and 2026–27 was held at Bellissima Banquets, prior to the Pre-OCV and Speaker Meeting, with 17 office bearers and directors in attendance.



12 March

THIRD JOINT TRUST MEETING RYS 25-26 & 26-27

The 3rd Joint Trust Meeting for RYs 2025–26 and 2026–27 was held at Bellissima Banquets, prior to the Pre-OCV and Speaker Meeting, with 15 trustees in attendance.



14 March

EIGHTH FIRESIDE MEETING

A warm and memorable Fireside Meeting was held at the residence of Rtn PP Darshana & Shomit Vasa, fostering true Rotary fellowship and connection. Gracious hosts, heartfelt hospitality, and thoughtful arrangements made the evening special.

We were honoured by Chief Guest PDG Nitin Mangaldas, whose inspiring insights on integrating new members enriched the gathering. With engaging conversations, music, singing, and dancing, the evening beautifully reflected the spirit of Rotary—friendship, warmth, and togetherness.



20 March

MOVIE DHURANDHAR THE REVENGE

Culture Vultures kicked off Dhurandhar 2 in style on 19th March at Metro Insignia – with an entire theatre exclusively for us! 46 members came together for a wonderful afternoon filled with great bonding, laughter, and an exciting start to the first day of the film.



20 March

CO SPONSORED DISTRICT ROTARY QUIZ & RODEL FINALS

Our Club co-hosted the District Rotary Quiz & RODEL Finals 2025-26 at IMC, Churchgate, with RC Mumbai Royales as the Lead Club. The event featured engaging quiz rounds and a competitive RODEL debate, drawing enthusiastic participation from multiple clubs.

Quiz Winner: RC Bombay Worli | Runner-up: RC Bhandup

RODEL Winner: RC Ghodbunder Mumbai

The event was judged by PDG Rtn. Sunnil Mehra and PDG Rtn. Shashi Sharma, with prizes presented by DG Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani. Our Club contributed ₹15,000 as co-sponsor



22 March

CO SPONSORED JASHN-E-EID CELEBRATIONS

Our Club co-hosted the District Jashn-E-Eid at Sanskruti Banquets, Babulnath as a Diamond Co-Host Club, with RC Bombay North as the Lead Club. The evening featured fellowship, a soulful Qawwali performance, and an address by DG Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani.

The celebration concluded with a traditional Bohri Thaal dinner, enjoyed by 162 attendees. Our Club was represented by 7 members.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES



13 February

ANNUAL AWARDS TO NSS OF COLLEGES

The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, along with the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Central, hosted the Annual NSS Awards on 13th February for station drives conducted during the summer. 34 trophies were awarded to participating colleges.

The event was efficiently coordinated by Rtn Kaajal Thadani, with 125 students and blood bank representatives in attendance, along with NSS dignitaries. Refreshments were arranged for all attendees.



27 February

VOCATIONAL TRAINING SUMMARY (DEC 2025 – FEB 2026)

Students engaged in hands-on vocational training, creating and selling decorated envelopes (Dec), exploring 3D wall and hanging décor with white cement (Jan), and designing painted paper bags (Feb). The activities strengthened creativity, craftsmanship, attention to detail, and practical skills, while boosting confidence and preparing students to create market-ready products.



16 March

CNC MACHINE OPERATING TRAINING PROGRAM

A new CNC Machine was installed and inaugurated at Govardhan Skill Centre, Wada, through a CSR grant from Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd, represented by Ms. Pramila Acharya. Facilitated by Rtn. Pravin Agarwal, the machine will train 120 rural and tribal students in precision manufacturing skills, enabling employment opportunities.

The event was graced by President Rtn. Noopur Desai, members of RC Bombay Pier and partner clubs, along with Chief Guest Shri Gauranga Prabhu (ISKCON).

Additional initiatives launched included a computer lab, incense-making unit, sewing machines for women empowerment, an employment mela making it a comprehensive and impactful project.



Social Impact Awards Unsung Heroes

26 February



The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier hosted the Social Impact Awards and launched Whale Tank—an innovative fundraising platform inspired by Shark Tank, where “Whales” invest in social impact rather than profit.



Supported by sponsors and executed seamlessly by the organising team, the event set a strong benchmark for purposeful giving—concluding with warm fellowship and dinner.



Seven NGOs working across sectors like education, environment, public health, inclusivity, and animal welfare presented their initiatives through engaging pitches and discussions. Moderated by Rtn Prakash Chawla, the session featured thoughtful Q&A and meaningful dialogue between the NGOs and Whale Members. Each organisation received ₹2,00,000 from Whale Members, ₹25,000 from the Club, along with year-long mentorship, ensuring both financial and strategic support.



WHEN GENEROSITY TAKES THE STAGE!



On a warm February evening in Prabhadevi, the All Seasons Auditorium at Ravindra Natya Mandir filled not merely with people, but with possibility. Whale Tank 2026 redefined fundraising in District 3141, where bold ideas met committed hearts and impact began in real time.

On 26 February, the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier hosted its **Social Impact Awards** and launched Whale Tank, an event that reimagined the familiar grammar of entrepreneurship and investment. Inspired by the popular television format of Shark Tank, **Whale Tank** retained the urgency and drama of live pitching but replaced the pursuit of profit with something far more enduring: public good.

Here, the investors were “Whales”, individuals of generosity and conviction and the returns they sought were measured not in equity, but in impact.

The evening formally launched Whale Tank as a distinctive fundraising platform that blended NGO pitching with creative storytelling. Seven carefully selected organisations took the stage to present their work across critical sectors: economic and community development, education, disability and inclusivity, animal welfare, water and sanitation, environment and public health.

Kindred Foundation, Universe Simplified Foundation, Veruschka Foundation, Fur-Ridas Animal & Rehabilitation Trust, Jeevitnadi Foundation, Seeds of Banyan and Rnisarg Foundation each articulated a vision rooted in urgency and hope. They were met not with scepticism, but with engaged listening and probing dialogue.

Moderated by Convenor **Rtn Prakash Chawla**, the panel discussions and live Q&A sessions created a dynamic exchange between Awardees and the Seven Whales, **Rtn PP Saif Qureishi, Rtn Dr Birendra Saraf, First Gentleman Kushal Desai, Rtn Manu Tolani, Rtn Paresh Shah, Rtn Murtaza Khorakiwala and Rtn Paresh Dattani.** Questions were searching yet constructive, reflecting a shared commitment to rigour in giving.

The results were immediate and tangible. Each Awardee received ₹2,00,000 from the Whale Members, ₹25,000 from the Club and, perhaps most significantly, year-long mentorship from the Whales. In that moment, vision became structure and aspiration found backing.

The presence of Chief Guest Dr Manish Motwani, District Governor of RID 3141, and Guest of Honour Ronnie Screwvala, Co-Founder of upGrad and Swades Foundation, author and philanthropist, lent both gravitas and affirmation to the initiative. Their participation underscored a broader truth: that meaningful philanthropy requires imagination as much as resources.

The evening also celebrated Rotary's own. Nineteen Satellite Club Members were presented with Paul Harris Fellow pins and certificates, reinforcing the culture of giving that underpins such platforms.

Attendance reflected the breadth of interest and support: six District dignitaries, 75 RCBP Members and partners, 19 Satellite Members and partners, 20 Awardees and colleagues, six Rotaractors from SIES College and additional distinguished guests, bringing the total to 132.

The ceremony concluded not with finality, but with fellowship. Over dinner, conversations continued about scaling projects, about collaboration, about responsibility.

Supported by sponsors including **APAR Industries Ltd, Prolicious, Krishna & Saurastri Associates LLP, Rtn Rakesh Puri and Firefly Lab Grown Diamonds**, the event was executed with precision by a dedicated team led by **Rtn Prakash Chawla** and supported by **President Rtn Noopur Desai** and fellow Rotarians.

Whale Tank 2026 has set a benchmark for purposeful fundraising in District 3141. It demonstrated that when generosity is structured, when mentorship accompanies money and when compassion is paired with commitment, ideas do not remain ideas for long. They turn into impact.



KNOW YOUR MEMBERS





**These are a few of
my favourite things**

VIRAJ KULKARNI

DOB : 29 March



Describe yourself in a #hashtag.

#CalmisKool.

Name 5 of your favourite Instagram pages.

Not active

What does RCBP mean to you?

A thinking club with warm fellowship and multi-talented friends.

Which projects in rotary gives you most satisfaction

All — they make a positive change.

The best fellowship you have attended in 2024

The Diwali night celebs at Turf Club

What's on your plate at breakfast table?

Fruits-Misal-Dosa-Paratha

How do you fight

Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?

Both...depending on how much/how long drama is needed.

Where would you rather be

On stage or in the audience.....what does that tell us about you?

Both... sometimes (stage) and listen more (Audience).

What is your "Pick Me Up" when you feeling low?

This too will pass, and God is with me. It works.

What is your "Go To" Destination?

The Sea or mountains any day.
Geographically many!!!

Three things on your bucket list.

Animal Safaris

Mix Trance music

Write a book



**These are a few of
my favourite things**

**RATA
GUPTA**

DOB : 28 August



Describe yourself in a #hashtag.

Happy#forevermotivated#smiling

Name 5 of your favourite Instagram pages.

Sports, laughter, news, history and music

What does RCBP mean to you?

Opportunity to give back to society and meeting interesting people

Which projects in rotary gives you most satisfaction

Each one surprises me more

The best fellowship you have attended in 2024

Can't seem to choose one .. each had it's own flavour

What's on your plate at breakfast table?

Cheese dosa and ginger tea

How do you fight

Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?

Tell myself it's his / her karma and let me collect mine by blessing him/ her

Where would you rather be

On stage or in the audience.....what does that tell us about you?

Both places where i can make a difference or contribute

What is your "Pick Me Up" when you feeling low?

Mahjong

What is your "Go To" Destination?

Mountains

Three things on your bucket list.

Done it all

No more expectations from life

Very happy in my space now.



**These are a few of
my favourite things**

**JAYA
SOMANI**

DOB : 6 October



Describe yourself in a #hashtag.

#lifelonglearner

Name 5 of your favourite Instagram pages.

Itsyangmuns

Sosolovjojo

Herbalgranny

Powerof psychology

Taichi.kexiao

What does RCBP mean to you?

A family to grow with

Which projects in rotary gives you most satisfaction

Not participated yet

The best fellowship you have attended in 2024

Not attended any yet

What's on your plate at breakfast table?

Almonds, papaya, sprouts, toast and tea

How do you fight

Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?

Don't lose my cool too easily, but if i do, would yell and get it out of my system

Where would you rather be

On stage or in the audience.....what does that tell us about you?

In the audience..

Am a private person

What is your "Pick Me Up" when you feeling low?

A cup of Hot Chocolate

What is your "Go To" Destination?

Mahabaleshwar

Three things on your bucket list.

Northern lights

South African Safari

Alaskan Cruise



**These are a few of
my favourite things**

NILIMA AMIT MAYDEO

DOB : 26 June



Describe yourself in a #hashtag.

#BossLady

Name 5 of your favourite Instagram pages.

Offline is my aesthetic (Not on social media)

What does RCBP mean to you?

Meaningful projects, Social work, Enthusiasm,
Passion, Caring and loving friendship

**Which projects in rotary gives you most
satisfaction**

Projects held to provide basic necessities to the
underprivileged
Health related projects and camps
Lecture series on unique and interesting topics

**The best fellowship you have attended in
2024**

The 'Great Gatsby' evening

What's on your plate at breakfast table?

Fruits and eggs

How do you fight

Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?

Depends on the stimulus

**Where would you rather be
On stage or in the audience.....what
does that tell us about you?**

On CenterStage!

Self-assured – Confident without being
loud !

**What is your "Pick Me Up" when you
feeling low?**

Hit the gym / talk to a friend

What is your "Go To" Destination?

Goa and London

Three things on your bucket list.

Visit every country in the world

Create my own music album

Launch my own podcast on holistic health
and wellness

