

Rotary Club of Bombay Pier

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July - September 2025

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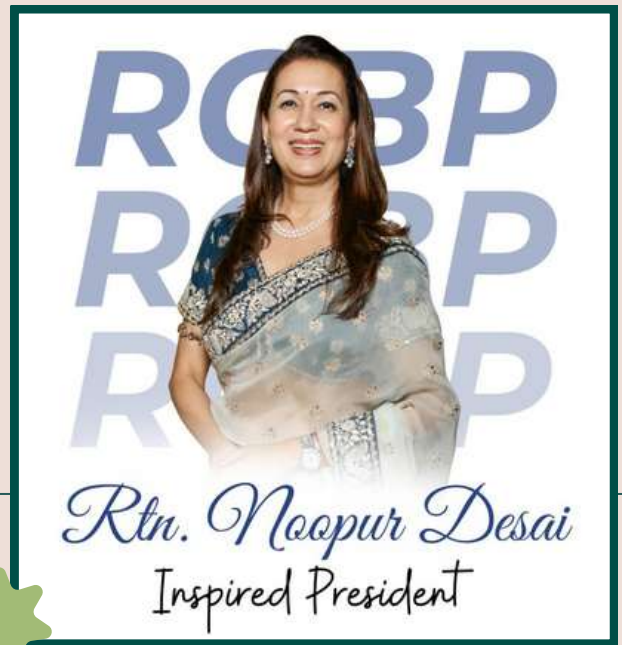
***LET'S  
INSPIRE !***



***UNITE  
FOR  
GOOD***



# *From the President*



What a spectacular first quarter! From record-breaking TRF contributions to impactful service projects and unforgettable fellowships, Pier has shown what unity can achieve. The journey has just begun—together, we will keep creating change and celebrating life as one Rotary family. With deep gratitude to all Pier members for your support and trust.

## **Highlights of the Quarter**

- The Rotary Foundation: Crossed a record half million USD in just one quarter, with contributions to Annual Fund, Polio, Endowment, and CSR/Global Grants.
- CSR India Grants: Secured 7 new grants worth several crores, supporting solar energy, skill development, retina care, water harvesting, mobile medical units, and children's welfare.
- Service Projects: From our 40-day flagship 4-corner India drive for creating awareness about cervical cancer, to every-weekday free meals at KEM Hospital, monthly blood donation drives and breast cancer screening camps to supporting Dreamz Homes for orphans, every project brought dignity and hope.
- TRF Milestones: Became an EREY Club, welcomed 10 Paul Harris Society members, contributed USD 25,000 to Endowment, and achieved a rare feat—all 171 members are Paul Harris Fellows!

## **Fellowship & Togetherness**

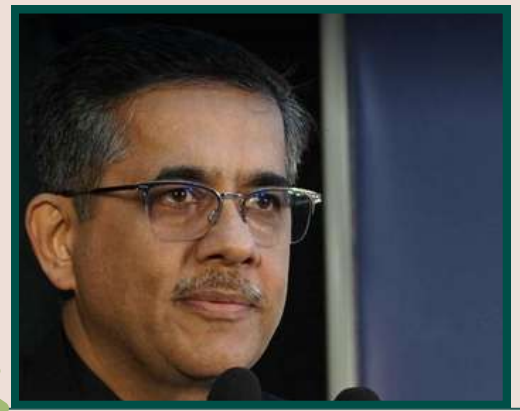
- Monthly Fireside meetings Culture Vultures entertainment outings.
  - Joyful and colourful Dandiya & Garba Nite
  - Wellness weekend at the serene Dharna Shillim resort with 44 Pieties.
- The unforgettable Russia trip with 43 Pierites, a journey of bonding and memories

I look forward to even greater participation from every Pierite — no one should ever feel left out or uninvolved. Come forward, share your ideas, and together, we'll continue to create impact and magic!

With gratitude,  
Yours in the service of Rotary,

**Rtn. Noopur Desai**  
**President 2025-26**

# From the District Governor



Dear Inspire **President Noopur Desai** and **Lovely Rotary Family of Bombay Pier**,

Writing to you through your Newsletter fills me with a sense of pride, joy, and deep affection. This club is not just another club in our District—it is very dear to me personally. Time and again, you have shown what it means to be true Rotarians: generous in giving, bold in action, and united in purpose. I fondly remember my joy and the warmth I received during recently with you all for the Cervical Awareness and the Vaccination tour!

Your unmatched support to The Rotary Foundation, and the leadership you take in so many District programs, is nothing short of inspiring. I often say that my theme this year is INSPIRE—but I must confess, it is you who inspire me. Whenever I see your commitment, your innovation, your leadership and your spirit of service, I feel renewed energy to dream bigger and to work harder.

Many of your members are not only pillars of this club but also part of the core team that drives our District forward. Their passion, wisdom, and hard work make such a difference—not just to me as Governor, but to the entire District family. To each of them, I owe a special word of gratitude.

And most of all, I want to thank your President and every single member of this club for taking the lead in a project that is very close to my heart, **The Rotary District Hospital**. The way you embraced it—with such dedication and love—has moved me deeply. This project will remain one of the highlights of my year as Governor, and I will carry its memory with me always.

Friends, when I look at you, I see more than a club. I see a source of inspiration, strength, and hope. You remind me why I chose to serve in Rotary—and why together, we can transform lives.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for being who you are. I am in awe of you, and I look forward to standing beside you as we continue this journey of service.

Dr Mahek and I sincerely wish you all many more years of Rotary Leadership and delight of being a Rotarian,

With love, respect, and Rotary spirit,

**Dr Manish Motwani**

**District Governor 2025-26**

# 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.

**Team: Methoo Soorty, Neeta Gajaria, Noopur Desai**

**Yakuta Rassai**

**Chairperson Bulletin and Editor**

# New Members



The spirit of growth continues strong at RCBP! In the very first quarter of this Rotary year, we've proudly inducted 12 new members, each bringing fresh energy and diverse strengths to our vibrant club.



*Mr. Ajay  
Mahajan*

MD & CEO of BondNest Capital, holds a B.E. and MBA, and enjoys music, travel, and films.



*Mr. Anil  
Agarwal*

Director at Kraftwares India, a commerce graduate who values fitness, music, and service.



*Ms. Harsha  
Javeri*

Director at Radharam Finance & Investments and a B.Com graduate, an investor—passionate about philanthropy and music.



*Ms. Kallolini  
Gandhi*

A Law graduate specializing in HR and Finance, enjoys yoga, reading, and travel.



*Ms. Nilima  
Maydeo*

Gold medalist in Microbiology and MD of a medical equipment firm, a former state tennis player who loves music and people.



*Mr. Raj  
Panchmatia*

A Partner at Khaitan & Co., an Advocate & Solicitor (LLB, LLM) who enjoys badminton and giving back to society.



*Ms. Rata  
Gupta*

An educator with a Master's from the College of New Jersey, passionate about teaching underprivileged children, reading, and travel.



*Ms. Reshma  
Bajaj*

A BA graduate and homemaker, passionate about travel and now seeks to serve society through Rotary.



*Ms. Reshma  
Bhansali*

Creative Director at Prism Enterprises, a B.Com graduate passionate about art, travel, and badminton.



*Mr. Suhrid  
Somani*

Director at United Shippers Ltd. and a B.Com graduate, enjoys tennis, swimming, and reading.



*Ms. Vidya  
Zaveri*

Partner at Aadit Gems, an Arts graduate and jewellery designer who enjoys art, music, travel, and cooking.



*Mr. Viraj  
Kulkarni*

Founder & CEO of Pivot Management Consulting Pvt. Ltd. and Hon. Consul of the Republic of Cyprus in Mumbai, is a capital market professional with a passion for travel, photography, diplomacy, and fitness.



*Ms. Meenakshi  
Aravind*

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

Creative Director at Prism Enterprises, a B.Com graduate passionate about art, travel, and badminton.

# CSR INDIA GRANTS (RY 2025-26)



## **Funding for BigDish Solar Concentrator for KCHRC**

Project Presentation by Muni Seva Ashram

Corporate Donor – APAR Industries Ltd

The award for the grant is Rs 1.59 crores

Approved by The Rotary Foundation and funds received in RCBPCT Account

## **Sponsorship of Courses at Govardhan Skill Centre (GSC)**

Corporate Donor – APAR Industries Ltd

The award for the grant is Rs 98.72 lakhs

Approved by The Rotary Foundation and funds received in RCBPCT Account

## **Bhaktivedanta Eye Hospital, Barsana 3 - Retina OPD, Dr Screening and Retina Operation Theatre**

Corporate Donor – APAR Industries Ltd

Approved by RF and funds received in our account

Grant Amount Rs 1.14 crores

## **Donation for Education, food and medical needs of children of Aadruta Children home (A unit of RAWA Academy)**

Corporate Donor – APAR Industries Ltd

Grant approved and funds disbursed by Apar inds and funds will be received by 2nd week of October

Grant Amount Rs 19 lakhs

## **Integrated Water Harvesting: Farm Pond Model for Tree-Based Farming in Tribal Regions in Jawahar, Mokhada and Vikramgad block of Palghar District.**

Corporate Donor – APAR Industries Ltd

Approved by RF and funds received in our account

Grant Amount Rs 1.14 crores

## **Preventive and Curative Health Services through Mobile Medical Unit (MMU1) MUMBAI – OPEX**

Corporate Donor – APAR Industries Ltd

Funds disbursed by Rotary Foundation and received

Grant Amount – Rs 29,36,640

## **Preventive and Curative Health Services – (MMU2) Wada, Palghar – OPEX**

Corporate Donor: Crossseas Capital Markets Pvt Ltd, Worli.

Funds disbursed by Cross seas capital markets and funds expected to be received by 2nd week of October

Grant Amount – Rs 27,51,840



# PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY (PHS) REPORT



AS OF 14 OCTOBER 2025 FOR THE  
ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY PIER,  
MH (28507)



PAUL HARRIS  
SOCIETY

## Zone 4

District 3141

Total Paul Harris Society Members: 16

Club Name	Rotary ID	Name	PHS Member	Rotary Direct	PHS Eligible 2025 - 2026	PHS Eligible 2024 - 2025	PHS Eligible 2023 - 2024	PHS Eligible 2022 - 2023
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	11957610	Agarwal, Poonam	Y					
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	6249148	Agarwal, Pravin Bhudeo	Y					
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	6698444	Agarwal, Sharad	Y				3-Feb-2024	19-Apr-2023
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	8741575	Baldiwala, Husain	Y		25-Sep-2025	30-Jun-2025		
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	11193520	Desai, Noopur Kushal	Y		8-Jul-2025			
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	2043064	Dhruva, Nishit M.	Y			30-Jun-2025	3-Feb-2024	
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	1935646	Gupta, Ajay Yashpal	Y			16-Jun-2025	3-Feb-2024	19-Apr-2023
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	10703708	Gupta, Amit Sajankumar	Y				8-Jan-2024	8-Aug-2022
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	11658877	Jalan, Gaurav	Y		1-Sep-2025	13-May-2025	3-Feb-2024	18-Jan-2023
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	1935637	Krishna, Sunil B.	Y			26-Jun-2025	6-Mar-2024	27-Feb-2023
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	3493267	Kulkarni, Viraj	Y					
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	9407193	Shah, Bharat K.	Y			30-Jun-2025	31-Jan-2024	19-Apr-2023
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	6710182	Singh, Aditya	Y					
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	2193751	Sonawala, Saurabh H.	Y		7-Jul-2025	2-Jul-2024	7-Jul-2023	20-Jul-2022
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	6911195	Thadani, Kaajal Suresh	Y		30-Jul-2025	31-May-2025	4-Feb-2024	7-Feb-2023
Bombay Pier, MH (28507)	8548265	Tolani, Manu	Y			12-Jun-2025	3-Feb-2024	

# *Super Supriya!! A Life Lived Queen-Size, A Heart That Touched All*

“Kaun hai jo zindagi mein aaya...  
Kaun hai jo dil mein samaya...  
O Supriya... aa...aa...!”





## **Sab ki priyy — Supriya**

**Khud ki bhi priyy... "Main meri favourite hoon!" she used to giggle and say.**

Her eyes would light up, driving through snow-capped mountains with the charm of Bollywood songs in foreign scenes.

This year, she celebrated her birthday in the snow, beyond the clouds, where peace is eternal, still smiling to our melodies.

Bubbly and loving, Supriya touched many hearts.

We met as school mums, and our journey intertwined, blossoming into a tapestry of memories.

Her day used to start with diya and flowers at the Gamdevi temple.

She loved the "magic" of groups — 3B, Rotary, favourite Gujju group, Rockstar, Titli, Ladies Nook, Gita, VTS, Marathi Mandal and more... each a jewel in her crown of friendships.

She was not just a member of Rotary, but its essence and soul.

Outstanding Treasurer for years, she added her creative flair to decors, delightful menus and wonderful venues with amazing deals.

She turned every plan into a celebration and an experience with her "wow" touch!

Her Treasure Hunts always twisted our brains; always hands-on at NGO melas.

"Ask Supriya" was always the go-to line!

She wholeheartedly took part and rocked in Rotary competitions — dance rallies, cricket, Rotary chef and more.

For every query, she was "Supriya Google!"

And oh, Inox was her little kingdom!

Bulk bookings, first day, first show, like royal galas — nobody could leave till the last scene rolled.

She was everywhere, giving herself generously, to every cause, without expectations.

Today, we still hear her guiding voice... she has left a legacy and is truly the pride and gem of our club and far beyond!!

She was a whirlwind of energy — going from one class to another and ever ready to play cards!

Multitasker — playing Candy Crush, planning Rotary events, instructing her help and watching 3 TV serials... all at once.

Every Diwali, her creative torans adorned our doors.

Always camera-ready in heels and glares... even climbed mountains in them!



Her "Hi dear" felt like a caring hug.  
She always made the most of every moment.  
She would hop from one movie to another.  
Theatres, trips, festivals... blending cultures beautifully with her Maharashtrian,  
Marwari and Gujarati roots.  
She rarely said "no" — celebrated life — truly lived life, Queen-Size!  
"O Supriya, Supriya...  
Tum sa koi nahin duja!"

Light travels faster than sound.  
But our dearest supersonic Supriya was faster!  
A Superstar, Superwoman and superfast in everything... and yes, she left us superfast too.

There's a quiet ache in our hearts; it feels as if she's merely away on a group tour and will walk in any moment with her sparkling voice.

The reality of her physical absence is hard to grasp... but her presence is everywhere.  
I can almost hear Supps singing from above:  
"Rahe na rahe hum... mehka karenge...  
Banke sangeet, banke khushi  
Har dil ke jahan mein..." 🎵

She lives in every tune, in our routine, in Rotary, in every zest for life and always in our precious memories.

**Dearest Supriya...**

**"Chalte Chalte, humare yeh geet yaad rakhna...**

**Kabhi alvida na kehna...**

**Kabhi alvida na kehna...!"**

**Forever in our hearts.**

**Om Shanti.**

**By :**

**Devika Velkar**



# COMMUNITY SERVICES





**1 July**

## **BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT DADAR RAILWAY STATION**

Led by President Rtn Noopur Desai, our Club joined nine others for a Blood Donation Drive at Dadar Station. With 81 donors, organ donation pledges, and CPR training by Rtn Rajesh Duggal, the drive boosted our public image.



**1 July**

## **KARUNA ANNAPOORNA BREAKFAST**

We inaugurated Project Karuna Annapurna outside KEM Hospital, Parel, with Annamrita Foundation as our implementation partner. Nutritious breakfasts are served every weekday from 9 am –10 am to approx. 250 needy patients and families for one year.



**2 July**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF RAINCOATS BY SATELLITE CLUB**

From 1st June to 2nd July our Club distributed raincoats to underprivileged people – watchmen, peons, vegetable and fruit vendors, Zepto delivery people, people living on streets, pay and park people around Mumbai



**July – September**

## **YOGA SESSIONS AT ASHA KIRAN**

Under the continued guidance of our Yoga Teacher, a series of joyful yoga sessions were held every week at Asha Kiran throughout July, August, and September. Children learned flexibility, posture, breathing techniques, and mindfulness through playful asanas, partner yoga, and pranayama. Heartfelt thanks to Priti Shroff for her dedication to this ongoing wellness initiative.

**4 July**

## **AWARENESS SESSION ON SEXUAL HEALTH**

Rtn Dr Sangeeta Agrawal visited kshamata Transformation Centre on 4th July and took up an awareness session on sexual health for their residents. She also met the Founder Bharati.



**7 July**

## **EYE CHECK-UP AND MEDICAL CAMP**

Our club with Inner Wheel Club and M.P. Shah English High School, conducted health check-ups for 934 students by 9 Cooper Hospital doctors. Many students from nearby slums were screened. 350 had skin, vision, dental, or respiratory issues, with medicines and referrals given. Our club honored each doctor with a certificate and gift. This impactful initiative was sponsored by Anne Sunita Ashok Shah

**10 July**

## **VISIT AMANS ANIMAL REHABILITATION - SATELLITE**

Members of the Satellite Club of Bombay Pier visited Aman's Animal Rehabilitation Centre, home to 120 animals and 350-400 in the village. The centre urgently needs a solar/inverter backup and a reliable water pump, with funds required to ensure electricity and clean water for over 500 animals.



**12 July**

## **LEAD HOST CLUB BLOOD COLLECTION DRIVE**

Our led a Blood Donation Drive at Dadar Station for KEM Hospital Blood Bank, collecting 144 bottles. The day began with a breakfast meet at Muthuswamy Café, followed by active participation from President Rtn. Noopur Desai, Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri, Partner Shamit Vasa, Rtn. Anjali Poonawala, and Rtn. Rajesh Duggal.



**19 July**

## **BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT YES BANK**

A Blood Donation Drive at Yes Bank, Nariman Point collected 16 units (saving 48 lives). Grateful to the donors, bank officials, and attending members Rtn Kaajal Thadani, Rtn Suhit Jhaveri, Rtn PP Mayuri Bhasin, Rtn Ashok & Sunita Poddar.



**23 July**

## **SPREADING SMILES AT TATA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

At Tata Memorial Hospital's Paediatric Cancer Ward, RCBP spread joy to 200 young fighters by distributing Prolificious khakhra and protein bars. Thanks to Prime Mover Partner Priti Shroff, Angel Donor support, and Rtn. Prakash Chawla for providing products at 50% value.



**26 July**

## **INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOP PROJECT-1**

Seven community mobilization meetings were held in Cherphalwadi, Numberwadi, and Umbarwadi with 183 participants. Activities included women's discussions on self-help groups, a handwashing demo for students, child health and nutrition guidance for caregivers, and a youth session on skill development. Health workers from the PHC also conducted awareness programs.



**26 July**

## **INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOP PROJECT-2**

Kitchen gardens are thriving with care. A health camp in Numberwadi served mothers, children, and elders. Study centre teachers engaged kids in academics, activities, songs, games, and reading. Farmers began paddy cultivation with seeds, released earthworms for vermicompost, and the newly painted school is now more child-friendly.



**26 July**

## **INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT-3**

66 beneficiaries received 150 Hapus mango and 150 Vengurla cashew saplings, now planted to promote horticulture and income generation. A networking meet in Alibaug (July 17) under Raigad Zilla Parishad's Swachh Bharat initiative, attended by CEO Ms. Neha Bhosale, Collector Dr. Kisan Jawale, and NGOs, showcased waste management projects.



**30 July**

## **MMU1 MUMBAI - PROGRESS REPORT FOR JULY**

No. Of OPD -25

No. of Patient - 1205 Special camp -1 No. of Patient-46 Health session No of session - 26

Beneficiaries cover - 207 One on one session -555

Total Beneficiaries 1458



**30 July**

## **MMU2 WADA - PROGRESS REPORT FOR JULY**

No. Of OPD - 23 No. of Patients - 740 Special camp -2 No. of Patients - 328 Health session No of session - 16 Beneficiaries cover - 451 One on one session - 402 Total beneficiaries - 1519



**30 July**

## **ECD EDUCATIONAL CENTER CHIMBIPADA - JULY**

At Chimbipada ECD Center, 88 sessions supported primary students in core subjects, while 88 enrichment sessions reinforced learning for upper primary through activity-based methods. Std 10 students received 22 focused classes, and 23 digital literacy sessions built tech skills. Through 27 home visits, parents were engaged and student progress was shared.



**31 July**

## **MASIK CHAKRA PROJECT**

Dr. Sangeeta Agrawal conducted the Masik Chakra program at Prabhadevi Municipal School, empowering 60 girls (Std. 5–10) with menstrual hygiene awareness. The session included a video, counselling, Q&A, and distribution of chana packets and Menstrupedia booklets. Thanks to the District Team and RC Bombay Pie



**1 August**

## **SPONSORING MONTHLY RATION AND RENT FOR DREAMZ HOME**

Our Club continues to support Dreamz Home Orphanage, providing monthly rations for 40 children (₹40,000) and partial rent sponsorship (₹65,000). Total monthly support is ₹1.05 lakh, totaling ₹12.6 lakh annually. This project is led by Prime Movers Rtn. PP Hussain & Yakuta Rassai.

**4 August**

## **IBREAST CANCER SCREENING CAMP - 1**

At Model High School, Chembur, RCBP and Niramaya Health Foundation conducted a Breast Cancer Screening Camp using the iBreast tool. 50 women, including teachers and parents, were screened, with three suspected cases referred for further tests. President Noopur Desai emphasized early detection and assured ongoing support from the Club.



**4 August**

## **IBREAST CANCER SCREENING CAMP - 2**

President Noopur Desai, fellow Rotarians, and partners actively engaged with beneficiaries at the camp, encouraging participation in women's health. With Niramaya Health Foundation's support, RCBP reaffirms its commitment to impactful healthcare initiatives for the community.



**4 August**

## **KARUNA ANNAPOORNA BREAKFAST DISTRIBUTION**

A heartfelt thank you to Rtn. Shirish & Rochna Agarwal and family for sponsoring and personally serving this week's breakfast outside KM Hospital. Their compassionate gesture reflects the true spirit of service. We encourage more donors to join us in this simple yet fulfilling act — spreading kindness, one meal at a time.



**8 August**

## **SHOWING GRATITUDE TO BMC SAFAI KARAMCHARIS-1**

Our club celebrated Raksha Bandhan with the Safai Karamcharis of Malabar Hill — the unsung heroes who keep our city clean. At Gitanjali Gardens, we tied rakhis, applied tikka, shared snack boxes, and gifted ₹100 each as a small gesture of gratitude for their tireless service.



**8 August**

## **SHOWING GRATITUDE TO BMC SAFAI KARAMCHARIS-2**

President Rtn Noopur Desai, Rtn Kaajal Thadani, and Rtn Suhit Jhaveri joined 50 Safai Karmacharis in a heartfelt Raksha Bandhan celebration — a moment of gratitude and respect for those safeguarding our city's health and hygiene.



**15 August**

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT BLOSSOMS 1**

Our Club launched a new Interact Club at Blossoms S.T. English High School, New Marine Lines, with 85 Std. VIII students. On 15th August, we joined the school's 79th Independence Day celebration at Sheth Bhagwandas Vasanji Hall.





**15 August**

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT BLOSSOMS 2**

The programme began with flag hoisting and the National Anthem, followed by cultural performances honouring India's freedom fighters. 200 school bags and biscuits, sponsored by Rtn. Kaajal Thadani, were distributed. The event concluded with warm hospitality and discussions on future collaborations, marking both a celebration of independence and the start of a meaningful partnership.



**15 August**

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION AT JANATA SCHOOL**

The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier and Annamrita Foundation celebrated India's 79th Independence Day at Janata Welfare English High School, Chembur. School bag kits and mithai were distributed, and a green board donated to support learning. The event, graced by President Rtn. Noopur Desai and members, reinforced our commitment to education, nourishment, and children's well-being.



**22 August**

## **BLOOD DONATION DRIVE**

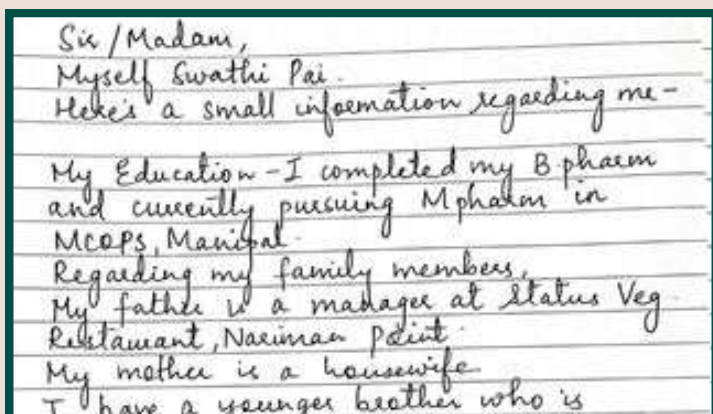
Our Club Co-hosted Blood Donation Drive at Churchgate Railway Station. 73 units of blood were collected and donated to Jagjivan Ram Railway Hospital. Thank you Rtn Suhit Jhaveri for attending the project.



**25 August**

## **SUPPORTING EDU PAI SWATHI SURESH-MPHARMA COURSE**

Through Susheila Mahimtura Education Trust, our Club is supporting Pai Swathi Suresh's two-year MPharma Pharmacology course at Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences with fees of ₹80,000 (₹40,000 per year).



**28 August**

## **FUNDING FOR BIGDISH SOLAR CONCENTRATOR FOR KCHRC**

Our CSR India Grant (CS2600724) for the “BigDish Solar Thermal Concentrator” at Kailash Cancer Hospital was approved on 31st July 2025, awarding Rs 1.59 crores. The installation will provide 7 hours of solar cooling daily, saving 1,050 KWH per day, reducing annual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2,92,950 kg, and benefiting 20,000 people.



**28 August**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF RATION TO DREAMZ ORPHANAGE**

Our Club distributed ration and Oreo biscuits to Dreamz Home Orphanage. Rtn Dr. Sangeeta Agrawal gave a talk on menstrual hygiene. The visit was attended by PE Amit Gupta, Rtn Priya Rajpal, Rtn Dr. Sangeeta Agrawal, and PP Mayuri Bhasin, with special thanks to PP Mayuri Bhasin for the donation.



**29 August**

## **ECD EDUCATIONAL CENTER CHIMBIPADA - 1**

Chimbipada ECD Center conducted 52 sessions for primary students (Anganwadi–Std. 4) and 52 for upper primary (Std. 5–8), using interactive, activity-based methods in English, Math, and Science to strengthen learning and engagement.



**29 August**

## **ECD EDUCATIONAL CENTER CHIMBIPADA - 2**

Chimbipada ECD Center conducted 13 focused sessions for Std. 10 students, 26 digital literacy sessions for Std. 6–7, and 30 home visits under Community Connect to engage parents and provide holistic support for children’s academic and personal development.





**29 August**

## **HPV VACCINATION AWARENESS PROGRAM**

HPV vaccination awareness program at Somaiya College of Nursing for the nursing students On 29th August, Rtn Dr Sangeeta Agrawal conducted an awareness session on HPV vaccination and Cancer Screening and Prevention for more than 100 students of Somaiya College of Nursing



**29 August**

## **ANNAPOORNA FOR 10 TB PATIENTS**

Our Club provided monthly food grains and ration kits to 10 severely affected TB patients at Bhoiwada, Parel. The six-month project, sponsored by Rtn. Raje Barot, was attended by Rtn. Munaf Bandukwala and Rtn. Raje.



**30 August**

## **IRD PROJECT IN 3 VILLAGES - 1**

In Cherphalwadi, Numberwadi, and Umbarwadi, community mobilization included three village meetings, 12 SMC members' sessions, a women's SHG training on August 23 at Pali, Balsabhas (children's club) meetings with 35 children, and a youth session in Umbarwadi with 18 participants on skill development and vocational education.



**30 August**

## **IRD PROJECT IN 3 VILLAGES - 2**

Health awareness sessions were held in Cherfalwadi and Numberwadi. Backyard gardening beneficiaries are now harvesting vegetables, improving nutrition and savings. Adolescent girls received hygiene and menstrual health guidance, while a village health camp provided medical care for all. Paddy cultivation and vermicompost production have also begun.





**30 August**

## **INAUGURATED SEVA TRIBES KITCHEN BORIVALI**

Seva Tribes Kitchen, inaugurated at Poisar, empowers tribal women of Borivali National Park. Conceived by Rtns. Rupen & Neha Doshi, supported by Swan Solutions with ₹27 lakhs, and managed by Seva Charitable Trust, it provides training, employment, and livelihoods through catering, schools, and tiffin services—serving authentic vegetarian meals with dignity.



**1 September**

## **WOMENS HEALTH WORKSHOP**

Rtn Dr. Sangeeta Agrawal conducted a Women's Health Workshop under SEC's Integration & Inclusion program for 12 women with disabilities, caretakers, and staff. Topics included personal hygiene, sexual safety, nutrition, anemia, healthy habits, and cervical cancer awareness. The session ended with medicine distribution and healthy snack

**1 September**

## **EMPOWERING WOMEN AT KSHAMATA-SATELLITE**

Our club's initiative with the Kshamata Centre empowers women survivors of trafficking in Thane, Turbe, and Bhiwandi through sanitary health, education, and mentorship. We provide 60 sanitary pad packets monthly (dispensers underway) and have begun skill-building workshops to support their holistic growth and dignity.



**1 September**

## **SUPPORT AMANS ANIMAL REHABILITATION SHELTER**

Aman's Animal Shelter cares for 50+ dogs and 30+ cats. Plans include solar panels, a water purifier, and weekly veterinary care. Estimated cost: ₹3.8L; funds raised: ₹40,000. Procurement and fundraising are ongoing.



**5 September**

## TEACHERS DAY CELEBRATION

Our club in collaboration with Annamrita Foundation and Shikshan Sanstha, celebrated Teachers' Day at Dr. Shirodkar Sabhagruha, Parel. Chief Guest President Rtn. Noopur Desai, along with Rtn. Kaajal and Rtn. Suhit Jhaveri, felicitated 15 teachers with certificates and mementoes. The event featured a cultural program and release of a commemorative publication, honoring the vital role of teachers.



**6 September**

## PETALS TO PURPOSE - ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

Post the Visarjan we collected six bags of dry flowers from Ganesh Mandala Keshav Shrishti. We segregated the dry waste, food waste and flowers in the collection bags provided and got them collected.



**6 September**

## ANNAPOORNA FOR ASHA SADAN KIDS

Our Club sponsored lunch for 150 children and staff of Asha Sadan A donor through Rtn Kaajal Thadani sponsored the lunch for children for the children



**7 September**

## FLOWERS OF FREAGRANCE - ENVIRONMENT PROJECT

Our Club collected discarded flowers from a pandal and a building, which were sent to Kuludini for upcycling. Tribal women of Uttan Village transformed the floral waste into hand-rolled, chemical-free agarbattis and high-carbon compost. Five bags of compost and five boxes of agarbattis were sent to us in appreciation. This initiative prevents water pollution, promotes sustainable practices, supports tribal livelihoods, and creates eco-friendly products.





**8 September**

## **VACCINATION & STERILIZATION STRAY DOGS-YODA**

YODA rehab centre needed solar backup and a reliable water pump for electricity and clean water, costing ₹3.8 lakhs. Home to 120 animals and serving 350 more in the village, the project ensures better care and healthier living. A charity sound-cleansing session at PRISM, organized by Rtn Parmita Shroff with 13 Satellite Members, raised contributions. Additionally, 500 animals were vaccinated.



**12 September**

## **BLOOD DONATION DRIVE**

Our Club Co-hosted Blood Donation Drive at Dadar Railway Station. 103 units of blood were collected and will be donated to Jagjivan Ram Railway Hospital. Rejections were 50. Khalsa College Volunteers did a great job led by Professor Dr Mangla. Thank you Rtn Tushar Shah for attending the project.



**14 September**

## **2ND BREAST CANCER SCREENING CAMP**

Held at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Nagar, Cuffe Parade with Sanathan Textiles Ltd. 26 women screened, 2 referred for mammography. Costs borne by the club. Attended by Rtn Methoo Surty, Rtn Kaajal Thadani & Partner Beena Dattani, who also organized the camp. Early detection saves lives!



**24 September**

## **SPONSOR EQUIP-DEPT PALLIATIVE MEDICINE TATAM**

The Department requested support for key equipment to improve cancer care, including a medicine refrigerator, LCD projector, digital algometer, VR headset, pediatric palliative care app, and essential medical supplies.



**26 September**

## **BASIC EDUCATION & CHILD LITERACY**

As part of our Model Village initiative, our Club supported ZP Schools at Vadvali and Akhada, Palghar, benefiting 84 tribal children (Std. 1-4). Support included school and toilet repairs, benches, cupboards, cooking pots, stationery kits, water filters, e-learning kit, computers, and solar systems



**26 September**

## **ANNAPOORNA FOR CHILDREN OF ASHA SADAN**

our Club sponsored lunch for 150 children and staff of Asha Sadan. A donor through Rtn Kaajal Thadani sponsored the lunch.



**29 September**

## **COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP-1**

A health check-up camp was held at Govardhan Skill Centre for World Heart Day, organized under Rotary Club of Bombay Pier's Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) project. Over 200 students participated, grouped by class/uniform, and underwent general health screenings including weight, height, vitals, medical history, and immunization status. Medicines and basic diagnostic tools were provided on-site, supporting preventive healthcare for underserved communities.



**29 September**

## **COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMP-2**

Students benefited from early health screenings and preventive health awareness. The MMU emphasized Rotary and CSR partner commitment, ensuring transparency and donor visibility. Thanks to President AKS Rtn Noopur Desai and family, Crosseas Capital Services Pvt. Ltd (PP AKS Rtn Rajesh Baheti), the medical team, Govardhan Skill Centre staff, and volunteers for their support.



# #4 Corners India Drive for Cervical Cancer - Nationwide HPV Awareness & Vaccination Drive



12 July

## SIDDHIVINAYAK TEMPLE DARSHAN BEFORE THE FLAG OFF

Before embarking on the monumental #4CornersIndiaDrive, the team sought blessings at the Siddhivinayak Temple for a safe and successful journey ahead. The darshan marked a meaningful start to this 15,000 km, 40-day drive across 38 cities, an initiative to raise awareness about cervical cancer and promote HPV vaccination for 1 lakh underprivileged girls across India.



13 July

## FLAG OF 4 - CORNERS INDIA DRIVE - CERVICAL CANCER

The 4-Corners India Drive was flagged off from Nariman Point — a 15,000 km, 40-day journey across 38 cities to raise HPV awareness and promote vaccination against cervical cancer. Led by Rotary, the drive emphasizes that vaccinating girls aged 9–20 can prevent 90% of future cases. Awareness sessions and vaccination camps will be conducted nationwide, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Gujarat to the Northeast.

Where formal sessions aren't possible, the team will spread awareness through pamphlets, visuals, and street interactions — aiming to vaccinate 1,00,000 underprivileged girls. This bold initiative, envisioned and convened by IPP Rtn. Mayuri Bhasin, is led by Meenakshi Aravind and Rtn. Priya Rajpal in the ISUZU V-Cross, turning a vision into a national movement.





Partners: ISUZU India (Vehicle), XPD India & Beyond (Driving), Beautiful Tomorrow & AOGIN India with RCBP (Implementation). Special thanks to Rtn. Ajay Gupta and 19 Rotary Clubs nationwide for their support.

The flag-off at Nariman Point was graced by **DG Dr. Manish Motwani**, dignitaries, and 34 members, marking a proud moment for RCBP under PP Mayuri Bhasin's leadership. A rally of 20 cars followed the drive till Mahalaxmi. 12 members in three cars participated in the rally from Nariman Point to Atria Mall, followed by brunch and cake at Worli. 22 members wore awareness T-shirts, spreading the message that Cervical Cancer is curable.



**14 & 15 July**

## AHMEDABAD - BHUJ

Day 2 & 3 of the drive saw 50 girls vaccinated in Bhuj under Dr. Anjana Chauhan's guidance, with strong support from Rotary Clubs Adarsh & Ahmedabad Supreme, Districts 3054 & 3055, and DG 3055. The team also spread awareness through pamphlets, visited Koteswar, and shared fellowship with local Rotarians, marking a proud first milestone toward a #HPVFreeIndia.



**17 July**

## VACCINATED 80 GIRLS JODHPUR

From Mt Abu to Jodhpur Rajasthan - 80 Plus Girls Vaccinated at Rotary Club Bhawan in Jodhpur - with the help of Rotary Club of Jodhpur.





**19 July**

## **VACCINATED 50 GIRLS BATHINDA**

From Jodhpur to Bikaner to Bathinda. Hosted by Dr Asha Garg at City Hospital. Change is happening and we are leading it. Heartfelt thanks to RC Bathinda and RC Bathinda Cantt. Vaccinated 50 girls and women. Our two strong women continue their mission. So proud of them. The project was covered in Pravin Singla News, Bathinda



**19 & 20 July**

## **DAY 7 AND 8 - AMRITSAR**

We lit 100 lamps at the Golden Temple, symbolizing prayers for every girl's health and protection. The next day at Randhawa Hospital, Dr. Shagun vaccinated 50 girls against HPV, supported with warmth, care, and fellowship. Kudos to Rtn. Murtuza Sutarwala for joining the 4-Corner India Drive, and to our two inspiring women leading the mission with pride.

**19 & 20 July**

## **DAY 9 - AMRITSAR TO KATHUA**

Day 9 of the #4CornerIndiaDrive took us to Kathua, J&K, after a stop at the Kartarpur corridor. At GMC Medical College, in partnership with Rotary Club of Kathua and Dr. Surinder & Dr. Minakshi Rana, 50 underprivileged girls were vaccinated and awareness was spread. A powerful step forward toward a #HPVFreeIndia.



**21 July**

## **VACCINATION DRIVE AT KATHUA, J&K-2**

In Kathua, J&K, a Cervical Cancer Awareness and HPV vaccination drive was held with Rotary Club Kathua and GMC Kathua under Principal Dr. Surendra Kumar Atri. Led by Priya & Meenakshi with Rotary-AOGIN India-Beautiful Tomorrow, 50 girls were vaccinated.

22 July

## DAY 10 - JAMMU SRINAGAR

Rotary Clubs of Kashmir and Eco-Preservation Kashmir hosted an insightful evening at the Club of Srinagar, focused on vaccine awareness, myth-busting, and cold chain management. Rotary flags were exchanged, with distinguished participation from AG Rtn. Sameer Wazir, leaders of RC Kashmir, RC Eco-Preservation, and senior health experts from JK and WHO.



22 July

## JAMMU JOINS THE MOVEMENT

In Jammu, a collaborative drive led by President Shivani Chaudhary and fellow Rotary leaders saw 70 girls vaccinated, with Chief Guest Ms. Ansuya Jamwal (JKAS, ADC) present. Student paintings added colour and hope to the cause, symbolizing awareness and care.

26 July

## DAY 14 - CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh witnessed an impactful event blending vaccines, art, advocacy, and community action. With SSP Sarvesh Sharma's support, 50 girls were vaccinated, health experts shared insights, street plays spread awareness, and youth expressed through art — uniting all for prevention, safety, and empowerment.



29 July

## DAY 17 - LUCKNOW, UTTAR PRADESH

In Lucknow, at KGMU and in partnership with Rotary Clubs of Agra and Lucknow, RCBP fully funded an HPV vaccination camp. Led by Dr. Nisha Singh, 50 underprivileged girls were vaccinated, with parents engaged in dialogue on prevention and screening. Resident doctors guided the process, protecting many futures.





**2 August**

## **DAY 21 - GUWAHATI - CAMP 11-1**

Guwahati marked the 11th camp and 550th girl protected. At KCMT Hospital, 50 underserved girls were vaccinated under Dr. Barmal's care, along with 13 more for a healthier future. Thanks to Rtn. Birendra Saraf, DG Dr. Elangbam, PP Rajeev Thakur, and the Annes for their support. Flag exchanges and media outreach amplified the mission.



**2 August**

## **DAY 21 - GUWAHATI - CAMP 11-2**

Grateful to DG Dr Elangbam, PP Rajeev Thakur and ever-energetic Annes for their support, enthusiasm and unity. Together with the media, we turn moments into movements, reaching hearts, inspiring action. We exchanged flags and sealed our unity to protect the future together



**7 August**

## **DAY 23 - TEZPUR - CAMP 12**

At Baptist Christian Hospital, Tezpur, 50 underserved girls received the HPV vaccine in collaboration with RC Greater Tezpur, BCH, AoGIN, and Beautiful Tomorrow. Thanks to Rtn. Aditya, Dr. Somita Goyal, Rtn. Hemanand Khosla, Mr. George, and especially Rtn. Biren Saraf, whose generous support also enabled the Guwahati camp. Another milestone toward 1,00,000 protected girls.



**9 August**

## **CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION KOLKATA**

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**10 August**

## **DAY 29 - VACCINATION CAMP 13**

At Anukaran Clinic, under Dr. Dipanwita Banerjee, 50 underprivileged girls (9–14) from Lighting Lives School received free cervical cancer vaccines. Hosted by Rotary Club of Ankuran Kolkata, the camp was attended by District 3291 leaders, celebrating the impact and awareness created by these dedicated women.



**11 August**

## **DAY 30 - VACCINATION CAMP 14 | 50 GIRLS PROTECTED VIZAG**

Vizag saw 50 girls (9–14) vaccinated at Indus Hospitals, Health City, Arilova. A rally from R.K. Beach involved Rotarians from multiple clubs, with DG Elect and the hospital CEO & MD attending. Clubs provided transport, snacks, and giveaways, coordinated by Ms. Surekha Patnaik.



**19 August**

## **CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION & AWARENESS-1**

The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier felicitated Rtn Priya Rajpal and Hon. Rtn Meenakshi Aravind for completing the Four Corner India Drive—40 days, 15,000 km, 38 cities, 15 states, 3 UTs, and 910 girls vaccinated. Supported by 24 host and 50 Rotary clubs, they spread awareness and provided free HPV vaccinations, reaching even the farthest corners of India.



**19 August**

## **CERVICAL CANCER VACCINATION & AWARENESS- 2**

The 4 Corner India Drive, supported by XPD India, Beautiful Tomorrow, AOGIN India, Isuzu India, and partners, aims to vaccinate 1,00,000 girls. On 19th August, Rtn Priya Rajpal and Hon. Rtn Meenakshi Aravind were felicitated for completing 40 days, 15,000 km across 38 cities, vaccinating 910 girls with 100+ Rotary Clubs united in this mission.

# DRIVING CHANGE, PROTECTING FUTURES :



## MY ROTARY JOURNEY AGAINST CERVICAL CANCER

By :  
Priya Rajpal.

Some journeys in life are measured not by the miles covered, but by the lives touched. For me, the road to eliminating cervical cancer began long before I joined Rotary.

Even before I wore the Rotary pin, I was deeply committed to this cause — raising awareness, raising funds, and vaccinating girls. In December 2021, right after the world emerged from COVID, I co-led the Hornbill 2021 Drive — “Driving Through the Northeast to Drive Out Cervical Cancer.” Alongside my long-time co-driver Meenakshi Aravind, we drove through Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh, raising close to ₹7-8 lakhs and helping vaccinate girls in Coimbatore. At the time, I was also a partner in XPD India & Beyond, and it was Meenakshi who first introduced cervical cancer as a cause. Inspired by her conviction, I set on the path to carry this work forward.

In 2003, I joined Rotary Club of Bombay Pier. My vision was clear: to expand my footprint, and use Rotary’s strength to scale the mission of vaccinating young girls. Rotary gave me not only a platform, but also a family of Rotarians who believed that service, when united, can change lives.

That vision found its grandest expression in 2025, with the 4CornerIndia Drive — Drive Against Cancer: HPV-Free India. From 13th July to 19th August 2025, together with Meenakshi, I drove 15,000 kilometres across 38 cities in 15 states and 3 Union Territories. It was both an adventure and a mission: 20 awareness events reaching thousands, and 910 underprivileged girls vaccinated free of cost with the quadrivalent HPV vaccine, around 50 in every city, under strict hospital protocol.

What made this achievement extraordinary was that it was 100% member-funded by Rotary Club of Bombay Pier. With each vaccine costing ₹2,750 our members rallied together to ensure that every girl we reached was protected for life.



This project was steered by Project Head Rtn. Mayuri Bhasin, who has propelled this initiative since her presidential year, ensuring that strategy, planning, and execution came together seamlessly.

The drive also showcased the power of Rotary unity. The Annes of the Club identified 18 host clubs across India, put infrastructure in place, and mobilised support. In the end, 75 Rotary Clubs joined hands — exchanging flags, hosting events, and proving that Rotary's greatest strength lies in fellowship. PDG Ajay Gupta rallied clubs across India, while Rupen Dosh aligned with our implementation partners, AOGIN India and Beautiful Tomorrow, ensuring safe medical delivery.

And though I often wished more members of our own club could join us on the road, one did — and his presence was unforgettable. Rtn. Murtaza Sotarwala joined us from Amritsar to Keran Valley. He brought joy, music, and laughter; his leadership and camaraderie added a new dimension to the journey. The smiles, the shared Rotary spirit, and the sheer energy he carried made that stretch of the drive uniquely special. To have a fellow Rotarian live the experience alongside us was unparalleled.

Corporate members like Apar Industries and Swan Solutions & Technology front-led sponsorship, while Isuzu India (Vehicle Partner) and XPD India & Beyond (Driving Partner) enabled the expedition itself. Influencers such as Sonali Bendre and Madhoo lent their voices, while media coverage in every city ensured the message of prevention reached millions.

For me, the drive was a heady mix of service and adventure. From rain-soaked highways to Himalayan passes, from chai stalls to hospitals filled with hope, the road tested us — but it also rewarded us with fellowship, friendships, and futures protected.

Looking back, I see not just a drive, but a movement. With 4,400 girls vaccinated so far (including Ghaziabad in 2024), we have lit a spark. The larger goal remains: 1,00,000 girls, ₹35 crore in funding, and a nation free of cervical cancer.

This is a cause every club can adopt, a CSR project every corporate can support, a mission every Rotarian can carry forward.

I joined Rotary Bombay Pier in 2003 with the dream of scaling this work. Today, that dream is alive on the roads of India — in every kilometre driven, in every club united, in every girl vaccinated. Together, as one Rotary, we will drive until cervical cancer is not just preventable — but eliminated.



# CLUB SERVICES





**3 July**

## **FIRST FIRESIDE MEETING**

58 Members and Partners gathered at CK Naidu Hall, CCI, hosted by Rtn Karishma & Rtn Ashish Shah. The fireside meeting celebrated Rotary fellowship with engaging insights from Rtn Kanderp Khandwala. Thanks to the committee led by Partners Gunita Chadha & Anu Khan for seamless coordination.



**8 July**

## **WALTER VIEIRA-TRAVEL ACROSS COUNTRIES - FUN - 1**

Dr. Walter Vieira spoke on “Travel Across Countries Can Be Fun or Funny,” sharing entertaining and insightful lessons on culture, etiquette, and adaptability. President Rtn Noopur set a positive tone for the year, and the meeting concluded with a Chinese dinner.



**10 July**

## **FIRST TRUST MEETING**

The First Board Meeting was hosted by President Rtn Noopur Desai at her residence 8th floor, Geetanjali Gardens, 68E Nepeansea Road, Mumbai 400006. It was attended by 30 Office Bearers, Directors, Joint Directors, Trainer and Advisor



**10 July**

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# Installation Ceremony President Noopur Desai

17 July



A heartfelt salute to our generous TRF donors: Paresh & Beena Dattani (3rd level AKS), Noopur & Kushal Desai (3rd level AKS + Endowment Fund), and Kaajal Thadani (₹1L to Polio Fund). The evening celebrated purpose, camaraderie, and strong member support for the new president and board.

**CERVICAL CANCER DRIVE & VACCINATION**

A 4-Corner India drive - empowering HPV-free India, covering 15,000km in 40 days and travelling through 15 states to amplify cervical cancer awareness and vaccinate 1000 women free of cost promoting prevention, education, and women's health.

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Satellite Club President Hussain Kachwala shared his vision, and President-Elect Amit Gupta concluded with a thoughtful vote of thanks. The evening celebrated Rotary fellowship with district dignitaries, co-presidents, new members, and friends. Special thanks to the core, installation, cuisine, digital teams, and Manju Uttamchandani for the handmade stalls.

AG Els Reynaers charmed the audience with her witty introduction of DG Dr. Manish Motwani, who praised Bombay Pier as “one of my favourite clubs” and presented a Legendary Club Scroll to President Noopur. DG Manish joined President Noopur and 12 co-presidents for a rousing district call: “Eyes on goals, Hearts on fire, Let’s rise, Let’s inspire!” Convention Chair Monica Grover unveiled DISCON 2026, scheduled for 7-8 February.



The Rotary Club of Bombay Pier celebrated the installation of President Noopur Desai and her board for RY 2025-26 at the elegant Imperial Ballroom, St. Regis. Outgoing President IPP Kamlesh Shroff highlighted a record-breaking year with the club earning #1 district ranking. President Noopur was warmly introduced by her husband Kushal Desai, and in her address, she shared her vision: “To ensure every member of Bombay Pier feels valued, included, and important.”



**24 July**

## **LADIES AFTERNOON SESSION**

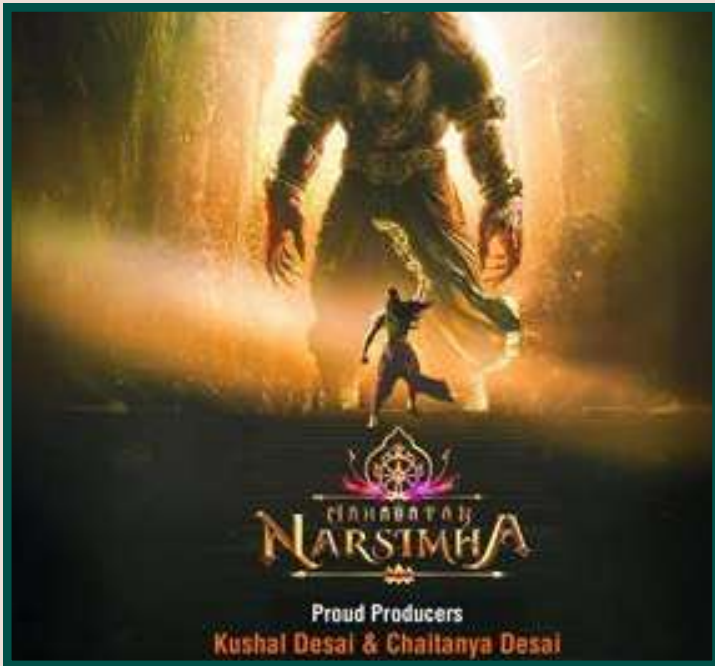
Our Club launched “Ladies Afternoon” at Regent Banquets, Kemps Corner. Rtn Partner Zenobia Nankani spoke on Body Intelligence and Nervous System Regulation, with a song by Rtn Partner Mayuri Mehta. Thanks to all who participated and to Rtn Partners Tasneem Baldiwala and Rita Gupta for their support.



**25 July**

## **CULTURE VULTURES CLUB: MOVIE SCREENING**

Around 70 Rotarians joined a full house at INOX Nariman Point to watch Mahavatar Narsimha, hosted by APAR Industries (Kushal & Chaitanya Desai). The 3D animated film, with stunning VFX and a timeless message of faith, offered a spiritually and culturally immersive experience. Thanks to President Noopur Desai, Rtn. Kushal Desai, and Partners Rochna Agarwal & Mridula Sanchety for their warm hospitality and meticulous arrangements.



**27 July**

## **INITIATION CEREMONY & VISION PLANNING-SATELLITE**

The Satellite Club of Bombay Pier held its Initiation Ceremony for 11 new members and vision planning for the year at Overdrive, Malabar Hill Club, followed by high tea. Attendance: 30 (22 members, 7 partners, 1 guest).





# Wellness Retreat Dharana, Shillim

1 - 3 August



Wellness Weekend at Dharana Shilim: Bombay Pier's retreat blended serenity, self-care, and camaraderie, attended by 42 members. Thanks to Anne Neeta Gajaria and daughter Aashnee (Meditourz) for organizing. Nestled in the Sahayadri mountains, the weekend featured yoga, pranayama, meditation, sound healing, massages, body profiling, Vedanta classes, and wholesome meals.



The evening Panchmahabhuta Aarti celebrated our connection to nature. Highlights included a forest walk, river adventure, and waterfall fun. Laughter and joy filled the valley, with interactive games by Shabbir, Alafiya, Gunita, and Munira, and Paresh Dattani's entertaining show. Dharana Shilim ensured a structured, immersive wellness experience for all.

This weekend was a wonderful reminder of the joy of shared experiences, the magic of nature, and the value of reconnecting with ourselves. 42 members and partners attended, returning refreshed, recharged, and re-energized. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who made it memorable.





# WELLNESS, LAUGHTER & LASTING MEMORIES:

## BOMBAY PIER'S RETREAT AT DHARANA SHILIM



By :  
Jyothi Rao.

Some weekends linger in the heart long after they're over. Bombay Pier's Wellness Weekend at Dharana Shilim (August 1st to 3rd, 2025) was one such experience—a soulful blend of serenity, self-care, and joyous camaraderie. Attended by 42 spirited members, the retreat was a beautiful reminder of the power of pausing, breathing, and connecting with both nature and each other.

### **A Thoughtful Journey Curated with Care**

This unforgettable experience would not have been possible without Neeta Gajaria and her daughter Aashnee, who meticulously designed the weekend through their wellness company, Meditourz. Their vision and thoughtful planning ensured every participant was nurtured, engaged, and inspired at every step.

### **Nature as the Perfect Backdrop**

Nestled deep in the tranquil Sahyadri mountains, Dharana Shilim welcomed us with its lush greenery, calming silence, and the promise of renewal. The serene setting provided the perfect canvas for wellness and reflection, enhanced by a thoughtfully curated program of activities:

- Restorative massages to ease away stress
- Soul-soothing sound healing sessions
- Daily yoga and meditation practices for balance and clarity
- Wholesome, farm-to-table meals that nourished body and soul

Each morning began with yoga, pranayama, and energizing super-stretch sessions that set a refreshing tone for the day. Afternoons carried the rhythm forward with body profiling exercises and engaging Vedanta classes, opening doors to new insights and self-awareness. As twilight descended, the soulful Panchmahabhuta Aarti invited us to reconnect with the five elements of nature—a humbling and grounding experience.

## **Adventures in the Wild**

No retreat is complete without a dash of adventure, and Dharana Shilim did not disappoint. The forest walk and river adventure quickly became a highlight of the weekend. Imagine a group of friends sitting under a cascading waterfall, letting the cool mountain stream wash away worries, while the valley resonated with laughter, playful splashes, and unfiltered joy. These moments of pure, carefree fun will forever remain etched in memory.

## **When Zen Meets Zing**

While the retreat offered tranquility, it also celebrated togetherness, special moments of the Pierites, and joy. Special thanks go to Shabbir, Alafiya, Gunita, and Munira, who filled the evenings with laughter through their engaging and interactive games. And who could forget Paresh Dattani's one-man entertainment show? His energy and humor left everyone in splits, proving that wellness isn't just about calm—it's also about joy and connection.

## **A Well-Crafted Experience**

Behind the scenes, Dharana Shilim's team ensured that the weekend flowed seamlessly. Participants were thoughtfully divided into groups and guided through a structured Dinacharya (daily routine), allowing everyone to experience the full spectrum of wellness activities without ever feeling rushed. This careful planning brought a sense of rhythm and balance that enriched the entire retreat.

## **Returning with Renewed Energy**

As the weekend drew to a close, participants carried home much more than memories. We returned refreshed, recharged, and re-energized, with stronger bonds, a deeper appreciation for nature, and a renewed commitment to self-care.

This retreat was more than just a getaway—it was a celebration of wellness, laughter, and the joy of shared experiences. In the embrace of the Sahyadris, we were reminded that the true essence of wellness lies not only in solitude and reflection but also in the bonds we nurture and the joy we create together.





**10 August**

## **SPEAKER MEETING MR KRISHNA PRAKASH**

Mr. Krishna Prakash IPS, ADGP and head of Maharashtra's elite Force One counter-terrorism unit, addressed members at Bellissima Banquets. Honoured for his leadership during communal challenges and recipient of the Police Medal for Distinguished Service (2014) and DG's Commendation, the session concluded with dinner.



**7 August**

## **FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY**

The first Club Assembly at Bellissima Banquets was graced by AG Rtn Els Reynaers, followed by a talk from guest speaker Mr. Krishna Prakash IPS. Directors presented their Avenue of Service reports, and AG Els pinned badges to District Chairs. Six new members were introduced by Membership Directors Rtn Aditi Jain and Shakuni Hathiramani. Four Satellite Members also attended. AG Els praised the club's activities and commended President Rtn Noopur and her team.



**12 August**

## **SECOND TRUST MEETING**

The Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees for RY 2025-26 of the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier Charities Trust was held on Tuesday, 12th August 2025 at 7 pm at PJ Hindu Gymkhana, Marine Lines, Mumbai 400002 and attended by 9 Trustees.



**12 August**

## **SECOND BOARD MEETING**

The Second Meeting of the Board of Directors for RY 2025-26 of the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier was held on Tuesday, 12th August 2025 at 6.30 pm at PJ Hindu Gymkhana, Marine Lines, Mumbai 400002 and attended by 14 Office Bearers and Directors



**13 August**

## **SECOND FIRESIDE MEETING**

The Second Fireside, hosted by Heena and Abhi Jhaveri on 13th August at Mini Turf Club, offered an evening of fellowship, great food, and learning. Guest speaker AKS Rtn Dilip Shah inspired members with stories of The Rotary Foundation's impact in India and worldwide. Attended by 18 members, the event blended warmth, camaraderie, and purpose.



**14 August**

## **CULTURE VULTURES 2ND OUTING - WAR 2 MOVIE**

27 Members and Partners enjoyed an evening at PVR Luxe Palladium watching War 2 at 7 pm. The high-octane action, drama, and Bollywood thrills were perfectly complemented by the comfort of PVR Luxe's recliner seats. The highlight? Sharing a fun, carefree cinematic experience with fellow Rotarians!

**19 August**

## **FELICITATION 2 BRAVEHEARTS PRIYA & MEENAKSHI**

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**3 September**

## **LIFE & TIMES OF SHRI VISHWAS NANGRE PATIL-1**

Our Club and Hanging Garden hosted ADG Vishwas Nangare Patil at Bellissima Banquets. He shared his journey from a small village and Marathi-medium schooling to becoming ADG of Maharashtra's Anti-Corruption Bureau.



**3 September**

## **LIFE & TIMES OF SHRI VISHWAS NANGRE PATIL-1**

Mr. Patil recounted his brave actions during the 26/11 Mumbai attacks as DCP (Zone I). Arriving first at the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel with minimal backup, he used prior knowledge and CCTV guidance to rescue nearly 650 civilians, engage terrorists, and honor fallen colleagues. His courage earned him the President's Police Medal for Gallantry. He also shared insights from his books "Man Me Hai Vishwaas" and "Kar Har Maidan Fateh".

**15 September**

## **SPECIAL SCREENING OF EK CHATUR NAAR**

Our Club hosted a special screening of Ek Chatur Naar at PVR Luxe Palladium. The evening featured a fireside chat with journalist Nisha Jamwal, lead actor Neil Nitin Mukesh, and director Umesh Shukla, attended by Neil's family. The film's twists kept everyone engaged in a housefull theatre.



**16 September**

## **ROTARY DEBATE LEAGUE INAUGURAL**

Our club's Team 1—Rtn Roy Vadakkan, Rtn Anirudh Gupta, and Rtn Praveen Agarwal (backup Rtn Sandeep Shah)—won the RODEL debate on "India must hold the Olympics" with a score of 67/100. Team 2—Rtn Dr Sangeeta Agrawal, Rtn Dolly Parekh, and Rtn Manish Agrawal (backup Partner Hufriid Poonawala)—also participated, showcasing our club's strong presence and spirited performance in the competition.

# International Fellowship Trip Russia

6 - 13 September



From 6–13 Sept, 43 members and partners enjoyed an unforgettable fellowship trip to Russia.

**6 Sept** – Arrival in Moscow; Red Square, shopping & nightlife.

**7 Sept** – City tour: Christ the Saviour Church, Arbat Street, Victory Park, Moscow University, FIFA Stadium; Russian Circus.

**8 Sept** – Metro tour, Kremlin, Armoury, Diamond Fund, Alexanders Park, Lenin’s Mausoleum, GUM Mall, Zaryadye Park; Moscow River cruise.

A perfect blend of culture, history, and camaraderie!



## 9 September

RC Moscow members warmly welcomed us with local gifts like honey and buckwheat. Later, we explored St. Petersburg with stops at St. Isaac’s Cathedral, Aurora Cruiser, Nevsky Prospect, and Peter & Paul Fortress. In the evening, President Noopur and our members attended the RC St. Petersburg White Nights meeting, exchanged flags, and explored opportunities for collaboration.



## 10 September

Explored St. Petersburg’s Peterhof Gardens with golden statues and fountains, followed by a walking tour of the Old Town, including the Bronze Horseman, Neva Embankment, and Winter Palace (Hermitage Museum). The day ended with a scenic 3-hour private boat ride along the Neva River and canals, the Venice of the North.



## 11 September

We visited the most opulent, magnificent and fabulous winter Palace known as the Hermitage which is a gallery of the finest pieces of art, sculpture and priceless historic artefacts. Its grandeur left us speechless. The evening culminated in a fun gala dinner on a private boat with music, dancing and revelry. Some of us went for a midnight walk to see the bridges opening! What a festive atmosphere!



## 12 September

The final day of our Russia tour ended on a majestic note with visits to two grand cathedrals. Saint Isaac's Cathedral – A masterpiece whose magnificent design even inspired the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The Church on the Spilled Blood – A breathtaking monument, both solemn and spectacular. Our last stop was the Grand Maket Russia Museum – a fabulous blend of engineering and art that brought the whole country alive in miniature! A perfect finale to a memorable trip.



# RUSSIA CALLING

WITH FELLOW ROTARIANS



By :  
**Munira  
Kathawala.**

Traveling with 43 Rotarians to Russia was an unforgettable adventure. We began in Moscow, standing in awe at Red Square, with the colorful domes of St. Basil's Cathedral and the mighty Kremlin. One can even enjoy a walk in the night, even if it is all by yourself as their edifices stay illuminated most of the night. The city is extremely safe, even for a tourist. The Moscow Metro, more like a palace than a subway, was a highlight on its own. One will never find a dustbin here, as it could be an option for a covert attack during World War.

Cleaning of roads was a regular activity, and watching their high end luxury cars zooming by was a treat and so was maintaining their beautiful flower beds around the city by watering, pruning and even changing the flower beds if necessary.

Our Russian friends do not use credit cards, Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp.

In St. Petersburg, the elegance of the Winter Palace and Hermitage Museum, the golden fountains of Peterhof, and the sparkling mosaics of the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood left us speechless. Cruising along the canals at sunset gave the city a magical glow. It is also known as the Venice of the North. The Faberge museum and the Maat museum were an experience of its own.

A special mention must go to our guide, Darshan, whose unmatched knowledge of Russian history brought every landmark and story to life.

More than anything, the trip was smooth flowing - Pierirtes all on time considering such a large group it was the fellowship of traveling together—sharing laughs, meals, and memories—that made this trip truly special. Moscow and St. Petersburg gave us beauty and history, but it was the company that made it unforgettable.

I must say, both Moscow and St. Petersburg stole my heart away. This would not have been possible without the support of President Noopur Desai to her Outbound Team.. If there is another RUSSIA CALLING. ... I am definitely taking it on.



**16 September**

## **THIRD FIRESIDE MEETING**

The 3rd Fireside Meeting, hosted by Rtn Anu & Mansur Khan at Wodehouse Gymkhana, featured AKS Rtn Nirav Shah as Guest Speaker. He gave an engaging talk on The Rotary Foundation, using cricket analogies to explain its various funds and recognitions. Members also celebrated Treasurer Ashish Shah's 60th birthday and Partner Jesal Amit Gupta's birthday with cake cutting. A warm evening of fellowship, great hospitality, and camaraderie.



**18 September**

## **SUBHASH TALEKAR -ZERO TO HERO - MUMBAI DABBAWALA**

“Zero to Hero – Mumbai Dabbawala” at ITME Banquets, Nariman Point featured Mr. Subhash Talekar, President of Mumbai Dabbawalas Association. He shared the inspiring story of the Dabbawalas' punctuality, discipline, and near-perfect delivery system—recognized by Harvard Business School and Prince Charles, and certified with Six Sigma and ISO. Operating entirely without technology, their system relies on memory, symbols, and teamwork.



Each tiffin passes through 6–7 hands, tracked via a simple code system of letters, numbers, colors, and symbols. Deliveries are punctual—always before 12 noon—and reflect discipline, unity, and teamwork. The Dabbawalas provide daily home-cooked meals, quietly supporting Mumbai's workforce. The evening also celebrated birthdays of Rtn. Saurabh Agarwal and Rtn. Saurabh Sonawala, inducted three new members (Rtn. Vidya Zaveri, Rtn. Anil Agarwal, Rtn. Kallolini Gandhi), and concluded with a delightful dinner.



**18 September**

## **THIRD TRUST MEETING**

The Third Trust Meeting was held on 18th September at ITME Banquets, Dalamal Towers, Nariman Point and attended by 15 Trustees

## **THIRD BOARD MEETING**

The Third Board Meeting was held on 18th September at ITME Banquets, Dalamal Towers, Nariman Point and attended by 25 Office Bearers and Directors.



**19 September**

## **FELLOWSHIP DINNER & KARAOKE-SATELLITE**

The Fellowship Committee had organised Karaoke Evening followed by dinner at Soul Fry 18 members and 4 partners +2 guests or potential members attended the fellowship.



**18 September**

## **GARBA & DANDIYA NITE**

What a vibrant evening it was! Our very own Heena Jhaveri conceptualised and coordinated the event, along with choreographer Jigna Shah, creating an energetic flow of dances that lit up the night.

The hall sparkled with colourful outfits, dazzling jewellery, and festive energy. President Noopur beautifully reminded us that Navratri is a celebration of divine energy, while Heena traced Garba's journey from its humble village roots to today's grand celebrations.

The ladies performed to a mix of traditional and Bollywood tunes, followed by a surprise flash performance by IPP Kamlesh Shroff, Rupen Doshi, Suhit Jhaveri, and Murtuza Sutarwala, which had the crowd cheering! The evening ended with graceful Dandiya and an open-floor Garba that kept everyone dancing.





# KNOW YOUR MEMBERS



# WHEN THE BAKED DISH MEANT CELEBRATION



**A LOVE LETTER TO  
CHILDHOOD FOOD**

**By :  
Jayaa Chawla.**

There was a time, not so long ago, when the menu at a party or family gathering wasn't curated by continents. It was comfortingly predictable, a little British, a little inventive, a little "club-style" Anglo-Indian, and entirely satisfying. We didn't call it "fusion"—we just called it food.

American Chop Suey was the crown jewel of birthday parties. A tangled nest of crispy noodles perched over a sweet-and-sour gravy, usually redder than reality, generously poured over a mountain of chopped vegetables, maybe some chicken, all lovingly sautéed with sauces our mothers had discovered at the neighbourhood Cold Storage. It was less American and more glorious desi drama.

The Club Sandwich—now gentrified in cafes—Three slices of white bread, not toasted too crisp, with chicken or egg mayo, cucumber, maybe cheese or tomato, all held together with cocktail sticks and cut into careful triangles. A triumph if you got the proportions right and the toothpick didn't poke your nose while biting in.

And then... the Baked Dish. That singular term didn't need explaining. It was never just pasta. It was elbow macaroni stirred into a white sauce with chopped vegetables, chicken (if you were lucky), blanketed with grated Amul cheese and breadcrumbs, and baked till golden-bubbly. It was what you made when guests came. It was the dish of Sundays and special occasions.

There were others too—Russian salad with its pale pink mayonnaise coat, tomato fish made with good intentions and ketchup, and the ever-reliable caramel custard, which meant you had a pressure cooker and a certain culinary swagger.

Custard Trifle was a layered extravaganza. Sponge cake soaked in syrup or juice, slices of banana and tinned pineapple, the occasional wobble of jelly, all topped with a thick, sunshiny layer of custard and a blizzard of nuts or silver balls. No MasterChef finesse—just grandma-level abundance and joy. You didn't eat it—you excavated it with a spoon like a joyful archaeologist.



Ah yes—Gold Coin! What a legendary little snack. Crispy, golden rounds (usually deep-fried or shallow-fried bread discs) topped with spiced chicken or vegetables, and sometimes held together with a bit of cheese or white sauce. They were fancy, bite-sized, placed carefully on doilies or napkins, and you ate them delicately, feeling terribly sophisticated—like this was high tea at the Taj.

Vol-au-vent canapés—Dainty puff pastry cups, crisp and golden, filled with creamy mushrooms, corn in white sauce, or delicately spiced chicken. Served warm and daintily picked up with just two fingers, they were the very definition of high-end hors d'oeuvres in the pre-bruschetta world.

And for those rainy evenings there was the ever-reliable bread pakora. Thick slices of bread, sometimes stuffed with spiced potato, dipped in seasoned gram flour batter and deep-fried to golden perfection. Crispy at the edges, soft and steaming inside, they were best eaten burning hot, with a green chutney that was always just a bit too spicy.

There was something different about food back then. There were no apps, no Swiggy or Zomato, no gourmet websites to scroll through at midnight. Almost everything was made at home, or bought from the same one or two trusted bakeries. If you wanted a treat, you couldn't summon it—you waited for Sunday, for someone's birthday, or for an auntie to arrive with Yera bowls.

And then... there were the “imported” tins of Kraft cheese—a true luxury in those days. The shiny silver-and-blue cans came back with relatives from abroad or, if you were lucky, from a duty-free store. Opening them was a ritual. You'd struggle with the cranky old tin opener, hands slipping, metal warping, until it finally gave way—and then, there it was. That smooth, pale yellow disc of processed cheese, waiting like a moon. But the real prize? The sliver of cheese stuck to the inside of the lid—always the first to go, always eaten straight, without shame or spoon. You didn't just eat Kraft. You earned it.

There were hardly any options—and that made the few we had feel iconic.

Kissan was the jam.

Amul was the butter.

Brown & Polson was the custard.

Rex was the jelly.

Mangharam was the wafer biscuit—no arguments, no substitutes. One tin, one taste, a hundred memories.

These weren't gourmet. They weren't global. But they were intimate. Made by hand, served with pride, carried across generations. Before sushi platters and burrata salads, before quinoa bowls and Korean fried chicken, there was this delicious simplicity—a cuisine without a country, but rich with memory.



## Honourable Mentions :-

For the flavours that didn't ask for applause, but earned it anyway:

- Pineapple-cheese-cherry sticks on toothpicks
- Bread pizzas grilled with ketchup and Amul
- Jam rolls and Swiss rolls in bakery boxes
- Caramel custard made in steel bowls and unmoulded like a magic trick
- And of course, those mysterious orange cream biscuits that no one admits to liking but everyone finished.

Veg cutlets, heart-shaped or oval, deep-fried and served with a blob of ketchup.

- Marie biscuit pudding, layered with cocoa, condensed milk, and a prayer of patience.
- Cold coffee with vanilla ice cream, served in tall steel tumblers, topped with a frothy moustache you wore with pride.

And at the edge of breakfast and indulgence, there was something utterly simple:

Hot, toasted white bread—with Kissan mix fruit jam, or even better, a thick layer of Amul butter, a sprinkle of sugar, and—if you were lucky—a dash of pepper, just the way my mother made it. Sweet, spicy, warm. A slice of love with the crusts still on. Those delightfully airy, crunchy corn tubes called Gold Fingers, that we'd slip onto each finger like edible jewellery before nibbling them away one by one. The fun was as much in wearing them as it was in eating them!

## ADD YOUR FAVOURITES TOO!







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

## **SONAL PANGORIYA**

**DOB : 15 August**



**Describe yourself in a #hashtag.**

#energetic

**Name 5 of your favourite Instagram pages.**

@Thehealthyrasoi  
@societywellness  
@creative\_explained  
@meditourz  
@nsai

**What does RCBP mean to you?**

Meaningful interactions

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

Hospital and medical help

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

Cricket fellowship was one of many which were awesome

**What's on your plate at breakfast table?**

Fermented sprouts Cheela

**How do you fight**

**Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?**

Discuss logically in peace and do what you feel right

**Where would you rather be**

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

On Stage and active and this says that I like to be in front seat and get involved in activities, like to contribute to what's going on

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

Peppy uplifting songs, a long drive or meeting friends, Meditation too

**What is your "Go To" Destination?**

Goa in India , Europe internationally

**Three things on your bucket list.**

- 1.Eradicate begging by imparting skills for self-reliance
2. Helping to build Mentally Strong Nation , advising for survival toolkit in adverse situations
- 3.Promoting Early moral education in formative years of children, which i believe



These are a few of  
my favourite things

## PUNAM AGARWAL

DOB : 23 February



**Describe yourself in a #hashtag.**

#energetic

**Name 5 of your favourite Instagram pages.**

Dallisashocking  
Afterlife with Arthur  
Artist punam Agarwal  
Surreal art  
Vikbom

**What does RCBP mean to you?**

Where I can give back to the underprivileged, a place to meet people of varied interests and learning .

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

Working with special kids and young adults.

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

All were good

**What's on your plate at breakfast table?**

Chillas

**How do you fight**

**Yell or are you the cold shoulder type?**

Just a few ripples in the water, then I'm fine

**Where would you rather be**

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

Both

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

Spending time by myself

**What is your "Go To" Destination?**

Himalayas

**Three things on your bucket list.**

1. Paint more
2. Join dance classes
3. Keep learning and growing



