

POWAI TARANG

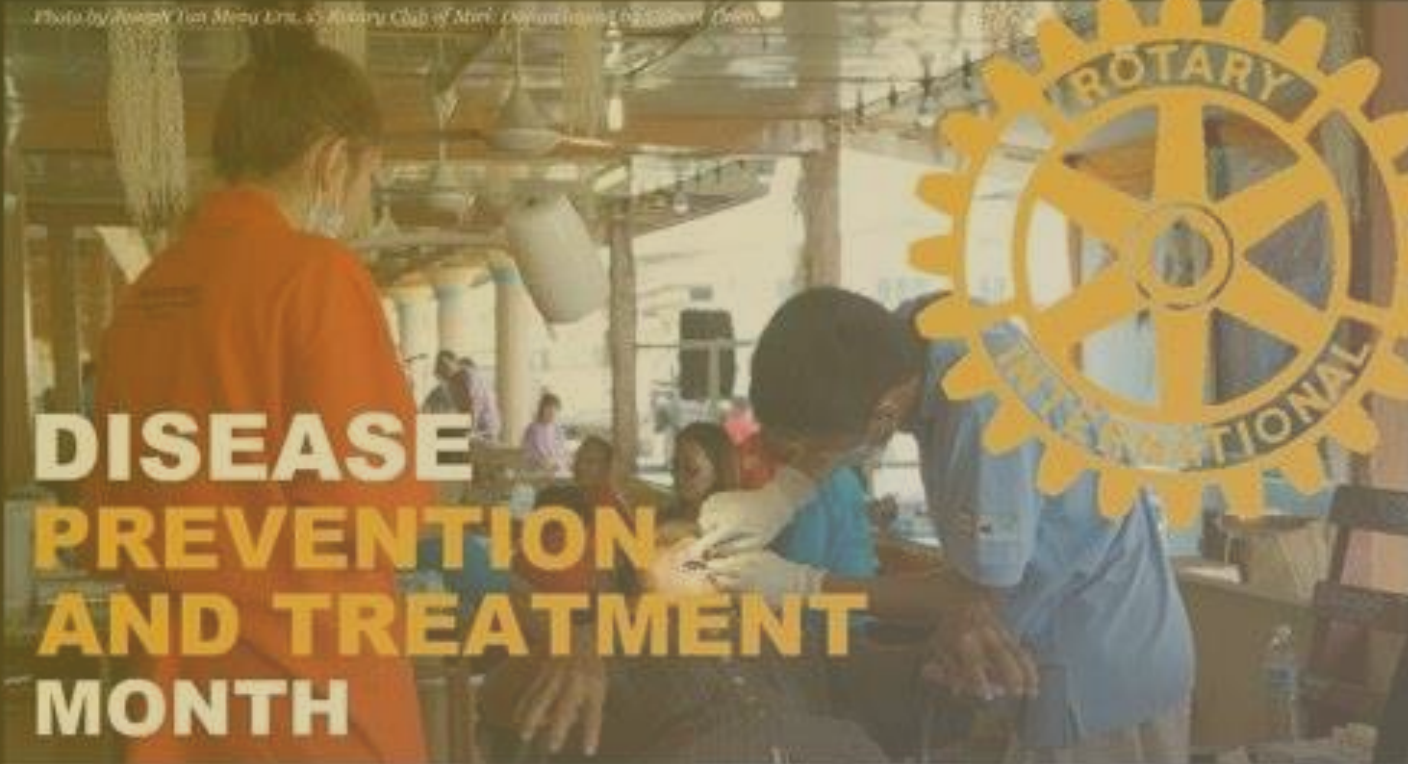
December 2023



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY POWAI



DECEMBER IS



**DISEASE
PREVENTION
AND TREATMENT
MONTH**

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.



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Dr. Kamalini Pathak



Dear Friends,

I am grateful to all the Club members who put their heart and soul in making our signature event, the Powai Fest, a grand success. The journey of preparing for and conducting the event was in itself very amazing, satisfactory and simultaneously challenging. That the event went smoothly and peacefully with its glamour, glitz and grace, was culmination of the hard work, sleepless nights and tireless efforts of the entire RCBP Team, beautifully synergized with the rich experience of seasoned Rotarians and the youthful energy of the newer ones, all directed towards the single objective- keeping the RCBP flag flying high. This is validated by the fact that the District officials recommend to the other Clubs to replicate this in their areas.

I have always believed in this simple philosophy of life as rightly said by psychologist Victor Frankl, ***"Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but lack of meaning and purpose"***. Hence, I feel that focusing on working single-mindedly in service of mankind is the best way forward. And Rotary provides us a perfect platform for doing this meaningfully.

With a rich heritage of more than three decades, our Club has a strong foundation built by many Rotarians, year by year.

Jai Hind!





In December, I will attend the United Nations COP28 climate change summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. There, I will speak about the convergence of two global crises: climate and mental health. As the World Health Organization has noted, climate change worsens risk factors — such as disruptions to homes and livelihoods — for mental health problems. The emotional distress of a disaster also makes it difficult for people to recover and rebuild.

Rotary partner ShelterBox is an international disaster relief charity that has helped more than 2.5 million displaced people in approximately 100 countries with emergency shelter, essential household items, and technical support. I wish to share this month's column with their CEO, Sanj Srikanthan, who explains that the words we choose to describe disasters matter.

— **Gordon McNally**

The term "natural" disaster has long been used to describe tropical storms, floods, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions, but there needs to be an urgent shift in the language we use. While the term may seem harmless, and we've not always gotten it right, we've learned through our work with disaster-affected communities how it perpetuates a dangerous myth that nothing could have been done to prevent people being so badly affected. This misleading and harmful narrative can lead to a lack of action to help people who need it.

The language we use matters. When we frame disasters as natural, we fail to acknowledge the complex interplay between nature and the role of human actions and how they impact communities around the world.

Earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and extreme storms, drought, and flooding occur because of natural processes on Earth. But it is how these events affect people or the environment that has the potential to make them a disaster — outcomes influenced by human factors like where people live, what types of homes they have, political instability, and the lack of proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities.



A disaster is the result of systemic inequalities in access to resources and power. Where we live and how much money we have often determines our ability to recover. The people worst affected are those living in poverty, with the least means to protect themselves and few resources to withstand the next event. By framing these events as natural, we undermine the need for proactive measures to protect vulnerable communities, masking the underlying social, economic, and political instability that makes marginalized and disadvantaged communities disproportionately affected. Our teams see firsthand how issues like inequality, poverty, urbanization, deforestation, and the climate crisis can make communities more vulnerable.

At ShelterBox, we simply say "disaster" or are more specific, describing the extreme weather, earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic eruption. I urge everyone to help us in breaking this cycle by committing to language that accurately reflects why people are affected so badly.

Only then does it pave the way to address the underlying causes of vulnerability and work toward a more just and equitable future for all, with the necessary investment, resources, and proactive measures to help protect affected communities.

Disasters are not natural. Let's stop saying they are.

Sanj Srikanthan
CEO, ShelterBox

In Action

Annapurna at Asha NGO, Powai

Under the able guidance of Dr Smita Puniyani Asha NGO is realising its aim of bringing hope through education. The commitment of the teachers and the determination of the students to excel is a joy to witness. RCBP family members celebrate their Birthdays & Anniversaries with the children of Asha. Once a week the kids are given a healthy, nutritious & sumptuous evening meal, contributed by members having their special days that week. A purely voluntary contribution.

Project lead- Kavita Sharma



December 7th



December 14th

In Action

MEDICAL PROJECTS

General Camp with free general medicines, Vision screening, cataract screening and Free spectacle distribution, Exhibition of IEC material for Health awareness, Oral Camp & street Play for Awareness

December 3rdMedical Camp Panchshil Buddha Vihar, IIT market, Mahatma Phule Nagar. Total beneficiaries - 86 (male -45, female -41) Eye screenings - 84, Spectacles distributed -44



Supported the surgery of 9 year old boy Anay Acharekar, from a lesser privileged family, for his Bone Marrow transplant. The club contributed a total of Rs. 4,32000/- . Thanks to thr generosity of several members. Also supported by neighboring Rotary clubs, RC Mumbai Lakers & RC Mumbai Elite..



In Action

COMMUNITY SERVICE

December 2nd Computer lab at the NSD home for Blinds

Inauguration of the computer lab in NSD home for Blinds, sponsored by Rtns Mani & Vidya Mammalan through their organization, EPS.

The lab is equipped with 7 computers & one printer.



December 4th Distribution of Diwali special issues of Sadhana Weekly magazine

The magazine is designed for children from V to X grades. Sadhana weekly was started by Sane Guruji, a great Gandhian and freedom fighter.

The Diwali issue of magazine was given to 2000 students from 4 schools ...
Ravi Kiran Vidyalaya , Milind Vidyalay, Gyan Mandir & Sangharshnagar BMC school.



Project lead - Vivek Govilkar



In Action

YOUTH SERVICE

December 12thInteractors visit to witness the Beating Retreat & Tattoo ceremony of the Indian Navy

RCB Powai organized a visit for all our interactors to witness the Beating Retreat & Tattoo ceremony of the Indian Navy. Thanks to Cmdr Brijendra Ahluwalia. 5 teachers and 134 interactors went for the function . They enjoyed the beautiful ceremonial function by the Navy .

Project lead - Anju Ahluwalia



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“He who cures a disease may be the skillfullest, but he that prevents it is the safest physician.”

Thomas Fuller



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Meetings



Annual Meeting

December 5th 2023

President Elect Dr. Susan Tripathi introduced her B.O.D for the Rotary year 2024-25.

The VIBRANT team office bearers for 24-25 are

Club Secretary - Yogesh Sharma

Treasurer - Latha Vanamali

President Nominee - Anju Ahluwalia



Punit Jain



The Voice of Powai, an annual event organized by the Rotary Club of Bombay Powai, stands as a testament to the vibrant community spirit and cultural richness of Powai, a suburban neighborhood in Mumbai. This unique platform has been instrumental in bringing together residents, artists, and enthusiasts to celebrate the diversity and talent that thrives in this dynamic locality. RCB Powai initiated the Voice of Powai to showcase and celebrate the diverse talents residing within the community. The event, typically held in a central location in Powai, attracts participants from various age groups and backgrounds, turning it into a melting pot of creativity and artistic expression.

One of the key aspects of the Voice of Powai is its inclusivity. The event welcomes participants from different walks of life, providing a stage for everyone to share their unique singing talent. This inclusivity fosters a sense of unity and belonging within the community, reinforcing the idea that everyone has a voice and a story to tell. The blend of seasoned performers and emerging talent contributes to the dynamic and eclectic nature of the Voice of Powai.

Beyond the entertainment value, the Voice of Powai serves a deeper purpose in promoting the arts and cultural appreciation within the community. By providing a platform for local artists, the event encourages the pursuit of creative endeavors and acts as a catalyst for the flourishing cultural scene in Powai.

RCB Powai has successfully managed to intertwine entertainment with a sense of social responsibility through the Voice of Powai. In addition to showcasing talent, the event often incorporates philanthropic initiatives. This could include fundraising for local causes, supporting educational programs, or contributing to community development projects, further emphasizing the Rotary Club's commitment to making a positive impact beyond the stage.



'VOICE OF POWAI' - POWAI FEST 2023

Nov - Dec 2023

Punit Jain



VOP 2023 had the preliminary round on 10th Dec. There were a total of 67 contestants, performing 74 songs, including solos and duets. The event was flawlessly executed by the team assisted by fellow RCBP members. The quality of singing talent mesmerized and enthralled the audience & the judges. The Round was evaluated by four judges. Two external judges were Ms Swati Joshi and Ms Amrita Deodhar. Dr Varsha Degwekar and Mr Vivek Bhide were the 2 internal judges from RCBP.

A total of 34 performances, to be sung by 30 participants, were shortlisted for the final round. The finals was held on Sunday, 17th December at Gopal Sharma Memorial School, Powai. Mr Vinayak Pundalik Prabhu, Ms Prachi Joshi Madgavkar and Ms Poorva Nikhil Dharap were the three esteemed judges for the finals.

The entire planning & execution of the VOP was done in just about one month. Looking back, it seems unbelievable that within 30 days we accomplished the herculean task of conducting an event of such magnitude. Beginning with its promotion, getting registrations, identifying & confirming the judges, getting the right venue, doing the prelim round, compiling the results & announcing the finalists, conducting the finals, compiled the results & announcing the winners, and finally the prize distribution on 23rd December.

Voice of Powai of Rotary Club of Bombay Powai stands as a shining example of how a community event can bring people together, celebrate diversity, and promote the arts. Through its inclusive nature, commitment to quality, and alignment with social causes, the Voice of Powai has become a beacon of cultural vibrancy and community spirit in this thriving Mumbai suburb. As it continues to evolve, one can only anticipate that it will further engrain itself as an integral part of Powai's cultural landscape for years to come.



'VOICE OF POWAI' - POWAI FEST 2023

Nov - Dec 2023



'FUN STREET' - POWAI FEST 2023

23rd Dec 2023

Mangesh Balkhade



In an enchanting display of lights, laughter, and community spirit, RCB Powai presented the magical Fun Street on December 23, 2023. Powered by Maple - Apple's Premium Reseller. The event unfolded seamlessly, creating lasting memories for all.

The event with opened with a soul-stirring Ganesh Vandana. The highlight of the evening was the diverse and lively stage performances:

School children from Interact Club, Green Lawns, and Happy mind School showcased their talents through captivating dances. The festive spirit continued with X-mas Carols by Brookfield and the melodic tunes of Music Pulse Academy. ZUMBA and Garba performances kept the crowd engaged, showcasing the diverse cultural tapestry of Powai.

Sharing the limelight with all the above performances were a vibrant array of stalls set up by entrepreneurs and brands. Renowned brands like Hiranandani, Metamorphosis, Mahindra's, EPS, and Maple created a festive atmosphere with their lively stalls.

Omotec, Supr Kid, Toodles, and other local businesses brought unique offerings to add to the excitement. From culinary delights at Mohan's Kitchen to spa experiences at Allure Thai Spa, Fun Street had something for every taste. Bengali Sweets, Homemade Snacks & Sweets, and various other stalls added flavor and variety to the culinary journey.

Game zone specifically for kids was available, offering entertainment for the little ones.



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In addition to the stage performances and the stalls, the other attractions that evening were Night Run and the Voice of Powai Finale.

The Night Run, beginning at 8:48 pm, marked the kickoff, showcasing the Family Run as its standout feature, bringing together participants spanning all age groups. Attendees actively participated in an energizing warm-up, laying the groundwork for an exciting night ahead. District Governor Mr. Arun Bhargava and Maple India Director of Operations Mr. Mrintunjaya Gupta grandly initiated the Night Run in a magnificent fashion, complete with confetti showers and pyrotechnics that lit up the night sky. The family run, a heartwarming display, symbolized the essence of unity and togetherness.

The grand culmination of Voice of Powai acknowledged and celebrated the amazing talents at the event. Powai Fest featured captivating performances by students from NGOs and schools, emphasizing the strong sense of community spirit.

FUN STREET, witnessed an overwhelming turnout of individuals and families from across Mumbai. The crowd rejoiced in the diverse performances, ranging from Garba and Bhangra to Bollywood dance steps and Zumba, ensuring there was something for everyone.

The Rotary Club of Bombay Powai, led by President Mrs. Kamalini Pathak and Powai Fest Chairman Mr. Manjit Bali, can take pride in the resounding success of this memorable event. Stay tuned for more editions of Powai Fest, promising an unforgettable blend of community spirit, cultural richness, and exhilarating activities!



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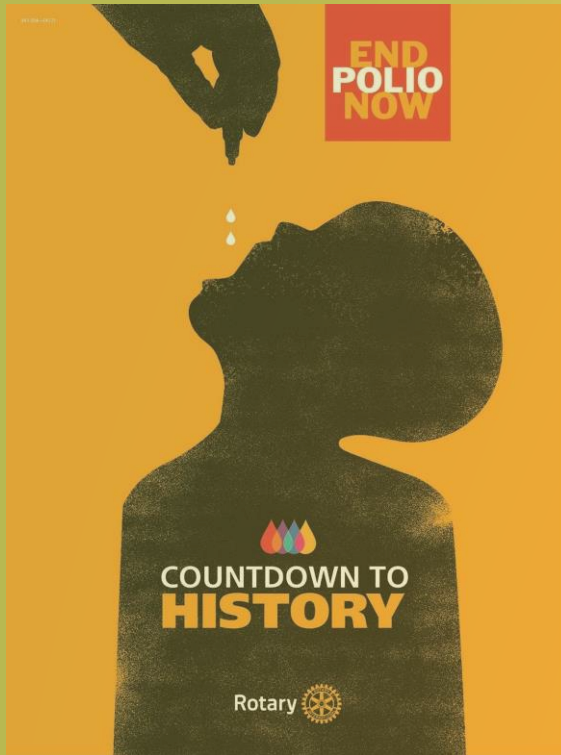
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The road to eradicating polio has been a long and difficult one, with Rotary leading the fight since 1985. Going from nearly 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 10 till October 2023 has required time, money, dedication, and innovation from thousands of people who are working to end the disease.

Here are five things you may not know about the fight to end polio:

1. Ice cream factories in Syria are helping by freezing the ice packs that health workers use to keep the polio vaccine cold during immunization campaigns.
2. Celebrities have become ambassadors in our fight to end the disease. They include WWE wrestling superstar John Cena, actress Kristen Bell, action-movie star Jackie Chan, golf legend Jack Nicklaus, Grammy Award-winning singers Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu, anthropologist Dr. Jane Goodall, co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates, and world-renowned violinist and polio survivor Itzhak Perlman.
3. Health workers and Rotary volunteers have climbed mountains, crossed deserts, and sailed to remote islands, risking their lives to vaccinate children against this disease. Rotary has funded more than 1,500 motorbikes and 6,700 other vehicles, as well as 17 boats, to make those journeys. Vaccinators have even traveled on the backs of elephants, donkeys, and camels to immunize children in remote areas.
4. In Pakistan, the polio program emphasizes hiring local female vaccinators and monitors. More than 21,000 vaccinators, 83 percent of whom are women, are achieving the highest immunization coverage rates in the country's history.
5. Thanks to the efforts of Rotary and its partners, more than 16 million people who otherwise might have been paralyzed are walking today. In all, more than 2.5 billion children have been vaccinated since 1988.

November Celebrations !!

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Birthdays

- * 4th Pooja Talreja
(d/o Dilip Talreja)
- * 4th Aryaman Tripathi
(s/o Susan & Hanuman Tripathi)
- * 4th Amit Haralalka
(h/o Garima Haralalka)
- * 6th Ashish Deshpande
- * 7th Mayank Bhargava
(s/o Mukesh Bhargava)
- * 10th Pankaj Shah
- * 12th Sahaj Bali
(s/o Manjit Singh Bali)
- * 14th Vinayak Oleti
(s/o Gayatri Mishra Oleti)
- * 15th Rajnish Vohra
(h/o Ameeta Vohra)
- * 16th Kulvant Chauhan
(w/o Capt. Jasbir Singh)
- * 17th Rashika Lokhande
(d/o Rajnish Lokhande)

- * 18th K R Ananthram
(s/o K A Ramnath)
- * 19th Tanvi
(d/o Manjit Singh Bali)
- * 23rd Nikhil Madgavkar
- * 24th Pradip Mitra
- * 24th Manjit Singh Bali
- * 25th Ishwar Pathak
(s/o Kamalini Pathak)
- * 26th Vivek M Bhide
- * 26th Anuj Vohra
(s/o Ameeta Vohra)
- * 26th Ajit Unnikrishnan
(h/o Sudha Ajit)
- * 28th Pankaj Toprani
- * 29th Jyoti Shiralee
- * 29th Laxminarayan Rajgopalan
- * 30th Kiran Talreja
(w/o Dilip Talreja)

Anniversaries

- * 1st Vineet & Arti Arya
- * 3rd Susan & Hanuman Tripathi
- * 4th Komal & Arijit Sen
- * 5th Poonam & Sheshadri
- * 5th Dipanwita & Soumitro Dutt
- * 11th Tarun & Sangeeta Grover
- * 12th Keshav & Anshu Bagaria
- * 13th Jeevan Prakash & Dipti Bhatia
- * 14th Divyesh & Sonali Thakrar
- * 14th Pradip & Swapna Mitra
- * 17th Pankaj & Kishori Toprani
- * 27th Dr. Jacob & Binu Mathew



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