

# ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY SEAFACE



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Rotarians,

We are now well over 6 months in the Rotary year and it has been a term till date of great learning, humbling experience and so much bonding at the Club and at the District level.

Rotary offers so much, it is indeed a unique institution and one I am proud to be part of ..... the journey has its own challenges and accolades on the way....just like life is.

January has been designated as a month for Vocational Service and we have our own Awards Function being planned meticulously by Rtn Manishi Vora on March 8, 2025. I encourage all of you to be there in large numbers.

We had our successful DG Chetan's OCV which went off successfully. I would like to thank each and every member and their spouses. Not to forget our Rotaract and Interact Clubs which stood out so well on that day. Congrats to all of you for being so committed and motivated.....

I look forward to your continued support for my balance term together.

Its all a TEAM work. **TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE** - The power of a TEAM.

Yours In Rotary  
Rtn Minal Turakhia  
President





# EDITORIAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends in Rotary,

Rotary is a fellowship of people united by a common vision of a better world, and it's through our relationships that we find strength and purpose. As we reflect on our achievements, let us also take a moment to appreciate the friendships we've cultivated, the shared experiences we've had, and the values we continue to uphold together.

As we move on, let's keep the momentum going. There is still much work to do, and there are more lives to touch. Let's continue to innovate, to serve, and to grow stronger together as we make an even greater impact in the months to come.

Let us strive to be more caring, more compassionate towards each other and create warmth for each other in small ways which can make a difference.

Let the elders show the way to continued service and be transparent to go to the next level and increase trust and value what we have and not strive for another level which is beyond us. Let us consolidate where we stand and remember the purpose why we joined this movement.

Together, let us make a future brighter and leave behind a memorable footprint.

Yours in Rotary

Rtn PP Tejal Gandhi



# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



## Flag Hoisting and Parade by RCBSF

The Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Face proudly hosted the annual flag hoisting and parade on Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, at the Yusuf Meherali School, Tardeo. The event, which commenced at 8:00 AM, was a remarkable display of patriotism and community spirit. Members and guests gathered in large numbers, contributing to the success and memorable nature of the event. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by a parade and various performances that highlighted the significance of Republic Day. The event served as a reminder of our shared commitment to the nation and the values upheld by the Rotary Club. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the participants and attendees for making this event truly special. Also, on this occasion Rtn. Yogesh Parikh will be donating ₹32000 for support of 16 blind students who are studying at Yusuf Meherally School. Kudos to Rtn PP Yogesh Parikh ..... way to go.....

## COCHLEAR OPERATION UPDATE

The 5<sup>th</sup> Cochlear Implant Operation for the current Rotary year was made possible with the generous donation of Rtns Dhiren and Sonal Shah under the guidance of Rtn PP Nirmal Doshi. We wish the family all the best and a speedy recovery for the child !!!





# COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

## CSR PROJECT UPDATE - TOILET BLOCKS BUILT FOR BENEFITTING GIRL STUDENTS IN WADA, PALGHAR.

These toilet blocks were built in schools where specifically girl students did not have toilets for them and this was one of the reasons for not attending or going to school. These girls are part of the backward adivasi area of Wada in Palghar District.

This was a CSR project jointly done by Narayana Health Group (SRCC CHILDRENS HOSPITAL) and Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface.

There are above 200 girls student benefitting from this project and was completed in November 2024 and that from January 2025 girls students attendance has become nearly 100 %. Such is the Community change we have seen in such a short time ...



# CLUB SERVICE SPEAKERS MEETING



For the first time we have Miss Maya ,Transgender , speaking to us on her journey. She explained to us on the different aspects of being a Transgender. She has been qualified with a Hotel Management background. She had also been accompanied by 3 colleagues from the home she runs where similar Transgender inmates reside.

The meeting evoked a lot of genuine interest amongst the members and we had a session going down the lanes of Transgender life which go through so much since it's a scar on the community.

The speaker got a Standing Ovation and the members who were present for the meeting had a different experience which sensitised them to the ground realities.

A meeting not to have been missed.....Rotary is such a great platform where we get to listen to so many wonderful speakers and get insights into their lives and cultures .....Come and attend see the difference you get with a touch, a smile and your presence.....



# CLUB SERVICE SPECIAL MEETING



Meeting in progress on January 11, 2025.

## SPECIAL MEETING – OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT (OCV) BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHETAN DESAI ON JANUARY 11,



DG Chetan and other District Dignitaries with Partners in Service and Board Members at the OCV.

On 11th January, DG Chetan Desai and other District Dignitaries visited our club for the OCV. It is a pleasure to announce that the program went of very well.

The DG interacted with our Partners in Service, Board members, and finally, with the entire club.

He complimented the club for doing well in almost all the avenues, particularly membership. He was especially impressed with his interaction with the school children of Interact Club, the Rotaractors, and with the RCC member Mr. Dongre. He spoke to all these at length and made some valuable suggestions. The DG also elaborated upon the goals of Rotary, their vision, mission, and how these goals can be achieved. All in all, an enlightening evening that was impeccably organized.





# PARTNERS IN SERVICE



## INTERACT CAREER CONFERENCE - 2025

Success of the Interact Conference 2025

The Interact Career Conference 2025 held at BJPC School, our Interact Partner, was held on January 30, 2025.

The event was a resounding success, thanks to the inspiring words of Mickey Mehta and our other dynamic speakers who motivated and uplifted the youth. Their presence was invaluable to the Interactors and added immense value to the occasion.

A special thank you to our dedicated organizing team, including Director Rtn Tejaswini, Rtn Bharat Merchant, Rtn PP Gool Ghadialli, Rtn PP Deepak Khambatti, Rtn PP Tanveer Hawa, Rtn PP Tejal Gandhi, and many others, for their hard work and commitment.

We also extend our gratitude to our judges, Falguni Shah, Nisha Shah, and Sonal Shah. It was an honor to have President Elect Sonal Doshi in attendance.

Let's continue to build on this momentum and make each future event as memorable and impactful!





# PARTNERS IN SERVICE



## MEMBER'S SHARES - PP DEEPAK KHAMBATTI SHARES

Our Club members are closely connected to institutions like Vanita Vishram Women's University of Surat. Recently, the University celebrated a grand convocation. Here are photos and news of the convocation that Rtn Deepak Khambatti shared with the Club. Vanita Vishram School is our Interact Partner.



વનતિ વશિરામ વમિન્સ યુનિવર્સિટીમાં દ્વિતીય પદવીદાન સમારોહનું આયોજન કરાયું. આ કાર્યક્રમમાં મુખ્ય મહેમાન તરીકે નિવૃત્ત આઈ.એ.એસ. અધિકારી તથા ભૂતપૂર્વ મુખ્ય સચિવ, ગુજરાત ગવર્નમેન્ટ, શ્રી પ્રવીણ કે. લહેરી ઉપસ્થિતિ રહ્યા હતા. આ ઉપરાંત વનતિ વશિરામ વમિન્સ યુનિવર્સિટીનાં પ્રેસડિન્ટ શ્રી દીપકભાઈ ખંભાતી, વનતિ વશિરામ વમિન્સ યુનિવર્સિટીના બોર્ડ ઓફ મેનેજમેન્ટના પ્રેસડિન્ટ અને વનતિ વશિરામ, સુરતના ચેરમેન શ્રી કર્પિલાની ટી. દેસાઈ, વનતિ વશિરામ વમિન્સ યુનિવર્સિટીના બોર્ડ ઓફ મેનેજમેન્ટનાં વાઈસ પ્રેસડિન્ટ અને વનતિ વશિરામ, સુરતના વાઈસ ચેરમેન શ્રી પ્રવીણ ટી. વોરા, શ્રી નીતનિ મંગળદાસ, શ્રી મનહર સી. દેસાઈ, શ્રી અતુલભાઈ વગેરે ઉપસ્થિતિ રહ્યા હતા. આ પ્રસંગે ૨૧

The above article was carried in the media.



# MEMBER'S CORNER



## PP RAMOLA WANKHEDE MAHAJANI AND HER DAUGHTER MAKE THE SEAFACERS PROUD !!!!

Rtn PP Ramola Wankhede Mahajani and her daughter Mukta were felicitated by Shri Sharad Pawar and Mumbai Cricket Association at the glittering function of Wankhede Stadium's 50th anniversary.

A Vow and then Wow! Stung by an insult from the then CCI President (1974) that a Marathi person can never build a cricket stadium, with great determination, Bar. S.K. Wankhede went on to construct the Wankhede Stadium in a record time of 13 months. The Wankhede Stadium's golden jubilee as an international venue was recently celebrated.

Rtn PP Ramola Wankhede Mahajani and Mukta Wankhede, daughter and granddaughter of Bar. Wankhede were felicitated by Mr. Sharad Pawar during the grand finale on January 19. Present were cricket legends...- Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri, Dilip Vengsarkar, Rohit Sharma, Diana Eduljee...We wish them our Heartiest Congratulations..... we are proud of you.....

## PRESIDENT MINAL AT ROTAL 2025 WINS 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE!

On 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 there was a grand finale of the Rotal event organized by RC Mahim, featuring an impressive 150 participants. Our Club was represented by 2 members – PDG Nitin Mangaldas and our own President Minal.

The final round saw over fifty participants competing with zeal and determination. In the age group of 60 plus, our very own President Minal secured the third place and was awarded a prize for her commendable performance. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Minal for this remarkable achievement and for making our club proud.





# MEMBER'S CORNER

## RTN PP TANVEER AND R/ ANN Dr ANJUM HAWA IN THE NEWS :



**Muslim Ambulance Society going strong in nineties**

MUMBAI: Way back in 1932, the Muslim Ambulance Society was formed in Mumbai in a small shop at Chakla Street. The noble cause was rendering humanitarian and medical welfare services to poor and needy persons without distinction of caste, creed and religion. The MAS has a rich history and is witness to the transformation of Bombay to Mumbai and over the nine decades seen many events. Whether it is natural calamity or man-made disasters or Covid-19 pandemic, the Muslim Ambulance Society is always on the ground. A year after its inception, in 1933, the Muslim Ambulance Division provided its services during the Ganapati immersion ceremony at Chowpatty. In fact, in 1936, during riots in Bombay, the first case picked up by the volunteers was of a Hindu injured near the Railway Quarters at Byculla. Hoping strong in the nineties, the Muslim Ambulance Society (MAS) has a lot of plans for the future in the run up to its century. "We have several projects running and plan several more in the days, months and

years to come," said Abdul Rauf Sumar, the President of Muslim Ambulance Society while addressing a press conference at Islam Gymkhana here in Mumbai. The seven people who formed the MAS at a shop Haroon Adam & Co at Chakla Street in 1932 are Ibrahim Haroon, Ayub Haroon, Noor Mohammed Dhiyaan, Mohammed Hussain Sumar, Akbarali Khan and Abdul Raheem Bachuseth. The inaugural ceremony was performed at the hands of His Holiness Peer Ibrahim Sahab of Baghdad on the 2nd September 1932. Now into the 10th decade, the MAS team plans to take forward and build up on the work done in the last 93 years. At present, the MAS is planning to start M.H. Saboo Siddique Medical Centre at Duncan Road, Mumbai where they shall be providing facilities such as Consulting Doctors' Polyclinic, Pharmacy, Day-Care surgical facilities, high-quality & specialized Physiotherapy & Speech Therapy, Chemotherapy Centre, Skin & Cosmetology Clinic along with various diagnostic services.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Rtn PP Tanveer Hawa and R/Ann Dr Anjum Hawa (who is a Jt Hon Secretary and a Committee Member respectively) being part of the Muslim Ambulance Society had a milestone event in which they celebrated the 10th Decade of its existence at Islam Gymkhana on Friday 24th January, 2025 which was well attended by various Dignitaries and well known personalities. We wish them future success in all their noble initiatives.....

## An EXCLUSIVE INSIGHT INTO DR ANJUM HAWA's JOURNEY BEING PART OF A ROTARY FAMILY !!

Written by Dr Anjum Hawa - Balancing Act of all areas of her Life

I am delighted to share a glimpse of my life and Rotary journey with all of you. Most of you know me as Dr. Anjum Hawa, spouse of Charter Member and Past President Rtn. Tanveer Hawa. My association with Rotary began soon after my marriage in 1986, when I became a part of the Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Face. Over the years, this wonderful club has become like my extended family.





It has been my privilege to participate actively in various Rotary events, including camps, projects, fellowships, and district and international programs. Rotary has provided us with countless opportunities to connect with people across the globe, transcending barriers of community, caste & creed. My family and I have participated in two Rotary Friendship Exchanges (RFEs 1 – Brazil & 2nd Uganda) and are eagerly looking forward to our third, a trip to Poland this year. It's truly heartwarming to witness how Rotary builds bridges of friendship and fosters mutual understanding. Tanveer and our son experienced this spirit firsthand as a Rotary youth Exchange Student program.

Professionally, I am a dental surgeon and have been running a private practice for the past 36 years. Balancing my professional life with the responsibilities of a business family, raising two wonderful sons, and managing a household has been both challenging and rewarding. My journey has been enriched by my passion for travel, meticulous planning, and indulging in sports like swimming, table tennis, badminton, and horseback riding. I also enjoy keeping up with the latest trends in dentistry, fashion, and personal style.

Truly believe in service above self. So besides Rotary, I am associated with 2 NGOs. One is a health care Institute, The Muslim Ambulance Society, which operates three hospitals equipped with state-of-the-art medical facilities and several diagnostics centres across India. I was honored to establish a dental clinic at Fauzia Hospital, one of the society's branches, in my late father's memory, further extending healthcare services to the community. My other commitment is Madanpura Night School which is imparting education to Underprivileged working boys and girls in the evening 6 to 9 pm from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> class.

On the personal front, Tanveer and I are blessed with two sons, a daughter-in-law, and a delightful grandson. Our elder son, Ahad, is based in the USA, working with Dover company International, while my daughter-in-law is pursuing internal medicine at Weiss Hospital in Chicago. Our younger son, Adeeb, graduated from the National Institute of Design and is currently pursuing his Master's in Communication Design and Animation at DePaul University, Chicago. Rotary has been a constant source of inspiration and a platform for us to contribute to society while enjoying meaningful friendships. I am immensely grateful to Rtn. Tejal Gandhi for this opportunity to share my story in the club bulletin. Thank you all for being such an integral part of our Rotary family and for your unwavering support over the years.

Dr. Hajra Anjum Hawa

# BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARIES

## BIRTHDAY

01<sup>ST</sup> - VIJAYENDRA KATTI

02<sup>ND</sup> - PARUL MODY

02<sup>ND</sup> - MEENA VORA

04<sup>TH</sup> - CHAROO MEHTA

06<sup>TH</sup> - NEENA PAI

08<sup>TH</sup> - PARUL PATWA

12<sup>TH</sup> - ANJUM HAWA

19<sup>TH</sup> - SMITA SANGHVI

25<sup>TH</sup> - SALONI PARIKH

26<sup>TH</sup> - SHEKHAR  
PURANDARE

27<sup>TH</sup> - BHAVNA KOTHARI

28<sup>TH</sup> - MANISHA BHANSALI

30<sup>TH</sup> - GRACE CABRAL

## ANNIVERSARY

02<sup>ND</sup> - PREETI & VIPUL

02<sup>ND</sup> - PANKAJ & HEMA

05<sup>TH</sup> - DINA & VIPUL

17<sup>TH</sup> - TEJASWINI &  
VIBHAS

17<sup>TH</sup> - ANIL & PURNA

19<sup>TH</sup> - SNEHAL & SMITA

18<sup>TH</sup> - MANISHI & MEENA

25<sup>TH</sup> - NIMESH & VARSHA

28<sup>TH</sup> - YOGESH & DAKSHA