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January 2026: Fellowship, Service, and Vocational Purpose in Action

January 2026 proved to be an exceptionally dynamic and fulfilling month for the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface, setting a strong and purposeful tone for the year ahead. Marked by meaningful fellowship, impactful service initiatives, and a clear emphasis on Vocational Service, the month truly reflected Rotary's spirit in action. Appropriately, as January is observed as Vocational Service Month, every major activity undertaken during this period resonated with professional excellence, ethical service, and community upliftment. The month commenced with RCSF celebrating creative vocational excellence at a special fellowship luncheon held on 11 January 2026 at Bellissimo, Chowpatty. The club proudly conferred the Vocational Excellence Award upon acclaimed Writer and Creative Producer Arash Vora, recognising his outstanding contribution to the creative and entertainment industry. Arash's body of work spanning projects and the much-acclaimed Dhurandhar (2025) demonstrates a rare ability to portray human emotions with depth and authenticity across genres. The award was presented by PDG Rtn. Nitin Mangaldas and Rtn. Arunbhai Shah, and the event was further enriched by an engaging interaction led by Fellowship Director Rtn. Pinki Dalal. Arash's candid sharing of his journey from an aspiring Chartered Accountant to a successful creative professional left members inspired and reaffirmed the importance of passion, perseverance, and purpose in one's vocation. Strengthening its commitment to healthcare as a vital aspect of vocational responsibility, RCSF successfully conducted its third HPV Vaccination Camp on 6 January

2026 at Vanita Vishram School. A total of 55 vaccine doses were administered to students and select teaching staff. This impactful initiative was led by PP Rtn. Dr. Pankaj Parekh, with generous vaccine support from Rtn. Neelesh Suchak and seamless logistical coordination by Rtn. Anil Popat, showcasing professionals applying their expertise for preventive healthcare and social good. On 9 January 2026, RCSF achieved another meaningful service milestone with the inauguration of toilet blocks in five schools in Wada, primarily benefiting tribal girl students. Spearheaded by PP Rtn. Nirmal Doshi with generous support from Narayana Hrudayalaya (SRCC), this initiative took the total number of schools covered under this project in Palghar district to 25. The inauguration ceremonies were attended by President Rtn. Sonal Doshi, PP Rtn. Nirmal Doshi, PP Rtn.

Uday Kulkarni, and Mr. Ankit Shrimali. Traditional welcomes featuring lezim performances, drums, and showers of flower petals set against lush green surroundings and schools with histories exceeding 160 years made the occasion deeply touching and memorable. Further reinforcing the vocational theme of the month was the inauguration of Smart Classrooms under the Urban Vocational Upliftment Programme. This initiative underscored RCSF's belief that access to modern educational tools plays a critical role in skill development, sustained student engagement, and preparation for future vocations. The club's focus on vocational excellence continued with a Joint Meeting held with the Rotary Club of Mumbai Downtown Sealand on 28 January 2026 at 6.30 pm at the West End Hotel. The evening began with a cordial meet-and-greet session, fostering fellowship and strengthening inter-club relationships. The formal meeting commenced at 7.00 pm, during which Vocational Director Rtn. Tejal Gandhi delivered an insightful introduction of Dr. Milind Sathe, Senior Advocate and Advocate General of Maharashtra, highlighting his exemplary



professional journey, ethical leadership, and distinguished contribution to the legal fraternity. The Vocational Excellence Award was jointly conferred upon Dr. Milind Sathe by PDG Rtn. Nitin Mangaldas, recognising his unwavering commitment to professional excellence and public service. In his address, Dr. Sathe captivated the audience with engaging anecdotes from the Indian Constitution, enriched with significant historical insights, making the session both informative and inspiring. The programme concluded with dinner, offering members and guests an opportunity for continued fellowship. One of the most memorable highlights of the month was the fellowship visit to Sri Lanka, which beautifully complemented RCSF's service initiatives. The

visit fostered deeper Rotary bonding and international goodwill. The final evening was particularly special as RCSF members spent quality time with PDG Rtn. Pubudu of the Rotary Club of Colombo and her gracious husband Rtn. Krish. Warm conversations, exchange of club flags, and reflections on shared Rotary journeys enriched the evening. Adding a spiritual and cultural dimension, PDG Pubudu and Rtn. Krish personally guided members to the serene Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple and also assisted with onward travel arrangements. The interaction radiated warmth, mutual respect, and friendship once again reaffirming that Rotary truly connects hearts beyond borders. As January came to a close, it stood as a powerful reminder that when fellowship, vocational service, and purpose come together, Rotary creates meaningful and lasting impact. The month served as a proud testament to the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface's unwavering commitment to Service Above Self, with Vocational Service emerging as the unifying thread across all initiatives undertaken during this inspiring month.

RC Bombay Seaface Leads the Way in HPV Vaccination

With the dedicated efforts of President Sonal Doshi, Dr. Pankaj Parekh, and Dr. Meena Kothari, the Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface successfully completed yet another round of HPV vaccination at Vanita Vishram School yesterday. As always, seamless medical support was provided by Rtn. Anil Popat, ensuring the smooth execution of the program. RC Bombay Seaface is proud to be the only club in Rotary District 3141 that has independently administered over 500 HPV vaccinations using its own resources. This impactful initiative was made possible solely through the unwavering support of Dr. Pankaj Parekh and the generous contribution of our kind-hearted Rotarian, Rtn. Nilesh Suchak, who fully funded the project. The first dose of the vaccine has been administered. As per medical protocol, the second and final doses will be given in the months of February/March and June/July respectively.



RC Bombay Seaface Honours Aarsh Vora

The Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface presented the Vocational Excellence Award to acclaimed Writer and Creative Producer Aarsh Vora at a fellowship luncheon on 11 January 2026 at Bellissimo, Chowpatty. Known for impactful storytelling across films and digital platforms, Aarsh has contributed to notable projects including Mismatched, Article 370, and Dhurandhar (2025). The award was presented by PDG Rtn. Nitin Mangaldas and Rtn. Arun Bhai Shah in the presence of President Rtn. Sonal Doshi and Vocational Director Rtn. Tejal Gandhi. An engaging interaction led by Rtn. Pinki Dalal highlighted Aarsh's inspiring journey and passion for cinema.



RCSF Shines at District Awards Function Rotary Year 2024–25

RCSF is delighted to share that at the District Awards Function for Rotary Year 2024–25, our club received remarkable recognition for its sustained and impactful service. The club was honoured with 3 Platinum Certificates, 1 Gold Certificate, and 1 District Trophy, reflecting excellence across multiple avenues of service. These prestigious recognitions were awarded for outstanding contributions in Cancer Care, Best Community Service, Best LEARN Programme, International Service, Best Bulletin, and Best Fellowship Programmes a true testament to the club's holistic approach to service, learning, and fellowship. This achievement stands as a proud moment for every member of RCSF and highlights the collective efforts, commitment, and Rotary spirit of the entire team. Heartiest congratulations to President (2024–25) Rtn. Minal and her dedicated team for their inspiring leadership, tireless efforts, and exceptional service to the community and Rotary.



RCSF Inaugurates Toilet Blocks for Tribal Girl Students in Wada

On 9 January 2026, RCSF inaugurated toilet blocks in five schools in Wada, primarily benefiting tribal girl students. This impactful initiative was led by PP Rtn. Nirmal Doshi with generous support from Narayana Hrudayalaya (SRCC). With this project, RCSF has now constructed toilet blocks in 25 schools across Palghar, reinforcing its commitment to hygiene, dignity, and uninterrupted education for young girls. The inauguration ceremonies were graced by President Rtn. Sonal Doshi, PP Rtn. Nirmal Doshi, PP Rtn. Uday Kulkarni, and Mr. Ankit Shrimali. Set amidst serene greenery, the school including one with a 160-year legacy offered a memorable experience. The RCSF team received a warm traditional welcome with lezim, drums, and flower petals, reflecting heartfelt community gratitude. Of the nine schools planned, five were covered in this phase. The remaining four schools in Wada and two schools in Latur will be inaugurated and visited in March.



RCSF Fellowship Trip to Sri Lanka: Where Fellowship Met Faith and Friendship

The RCSF Fellowship Trip to Sri Lanka was a vibrant six-day journey that beautifully blended fellowship, cultural exploration, spirituality, and international Rotary bonding. With 30 enthusiastic members traveling together, the tour strengthened friendships and reaffirmed the essence of Rotary connection beyond borders. From the moment the journey began, every destination added a new dimension to the experience. The group explored the lively streets of Colombo, experienced spiritual serenity at the revered Temple of the Tooth Relic in Kandy, offered prayers at Sitamaiya Temple in the misty hills of Nuwara Eliya, and immersed themselves in the colonial charm of Galle. Special pooja arrangements in Nuwara Eliya brought a deeply divine start to the day, filling hearts with peace and gratitude. A defining highlight of the trip was the warm Rotary fellowship shared with clubs across Sri Lanka. RCSF had the privilege of spending a memorable evening with PDG Rtn. Pubudu of the Rotary Club of Colombo and her gracious husband Rtn. Krish. The exchange of club flags and bulletins, inspiring conversations about Rotary journeys, and discussions on future collaboration made the evening truly meaningful. Their thoughtful guidance and the visit to the iconic Gangaramaya Buddhist Temple added cultural and spiritual richness to the experience.



HPV vaccination camps by Rc Bombay Seaface

The Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface successfully conducted its third HPV Vaccination Camp on 6th Jan 2026, morning at Vanita Vishram School, reinforcing the club's commitment to preventive healthcare for young girls. The camp was made possible through the dedicated efforts of PP Rtn Dr. Pankaj Parekh, with support from PP Rtn Dr. Meena Kothari, and the generous contribution of vaccines by Rtn Neelesh Suchak. During the camp, 55 doses of the HPV vaccine were administered to girl students and a few members of the teaching staff. The club expresses its sincere appreciation to the President of Vanita Vishram, PP Rtn Deepak Khambhati, and the Director of the School, PP Rtn Dr. Gool Ghadiali, for their cooperation and for facilitating the smooth conduct of the camp. Gratitude is also extended to Rtn Anil Popat for providing the required medicinal supplies. Special thanks are due to Savita, assistant to Dr. Pankaj Parekh, for her valuable assistance in administering the vaccinations. The camp was conducted efficiently and safely, contributing meaningfully to the health and well-being of the beneficiaries.



Joint Meeting & Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony

A joint meeting of RCSCF and the Rotary Club of Mumbai Downtown Sealand was held on 28th Jan 2026 at 6.30 pm, West End hotel, fostering fellowship and collaboration between the two clubs. The evening began with a meet-and-greet session from 6.30 pm to 7.00 pm, providing members an opportunity to interact and strengthen inter-club relationships. The formal meeting commenced at 7.00 pm. Vocational Director Rtn. Tejal Gandhi delivered an insightful introduction of Dr. Milind Sathe, Senior Advocate and Advocate General of Maharashtra, highlighting his exemplary professional journey, ethical standards, and immense contribution to the legal fraternity. The Vocational Excellence Award was jointly conferred upon Dr. Milind Sathe by PDG Rtn. Nitin Mangaldas, honouring his distinguished service and commitment to excellence in his vocation. In his address, Advocate General Dr. Milind Sathe captivated the audience with engaging anecdotes from the Indian Constitution, enriched with significant historical facts, making the session both informative and inspiring. The programme concluded with dinner, providing members and guests an opportunity for continued fellowship. The meeting stood as a meaningful celebration of vocational excellence and Rotary values.



Inauguration of Smart Classrooms at Sharada High School

Under the District Initiative of the Urban Vocational Upliftment Program, two Smart Classrooms were successfully inaugurated at Sharada High School, Sakinaka, through the collective efforts of nine Rotary Clubs. The inauguration ceremony was honoured by the gracious presence of District Governor Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The introduction of Smart Classrooms is expected to significantly enhance the learning experience by making lessons more engaging, interactive, and easier to comprehend, thereby helping students maintain sustained interest in their studies. This meaningful initiative stands as a strong testament to the power of unity and collaboration. By working together, Rotary continues to create impactful and sustainable change in the field of education.



BIRTHDAY

DATE	NAME
01st January, 2026	Vijendra Katti
02nd January, 2026	Meena Vora
03rd January, 2026	Parul Mody
04th January, 2026	Charoo Mehta
08th January, 2026	Parul Patwa
12th January, 2026	Anjum Hawa
12th January, 2026	Manali Wadikar
17th January, 2026	Smita Gandhi
19th January, 2026	Smita Sangavi
25th January, 2026	Saloni Parikh
28th January, 2026	Manisha Bhangali
30th January, 2026	Vijay Mehta
30th January, 2026	Grace Cabral
31st January, 2026	Nikhil Wadikar



ANNIVERSARY

DATE	NAME
02nd January, 2026	Preeti & Vipul
02nd January, 2026	Pankaj & Hema
17th January, 2026	Anil & Purna
17th January, 2026	Tejaswini & Vibhas
18th January, 2026	Manishi & Meena
18th January, 2026	Nitin & Sonal
19th January, 2026	Smita & Snehal
25th January, 2026	Nimesh & Varsha
28th January, 2026	Yogesh & Daksha