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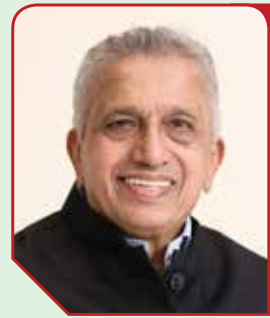
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### From the President's Desk

Dear Fellow Rotarians,  
Warm greetings!

Our weekly meeting on Wednesday, 8th April was both engaging and enlightening. We had the privilege of hosting Mr. Firdaus Rana, AVP - National Accounts, IHCL, as our guest

speaker. His talk on "IHCL Customer First" offered valuable insights into the evolving landscape of the hospitality industry.

Mr. Rana elaborated on how data-driven strategies are shaping customer experiences across the diverse portfolio of IHCL properties, catering to varied segments - from premium luxury to more accessible hospitality offerings. His perspective on customer-centric innovation and operational excellence sparked an enriching discussion among members, making it a truly insightful session.

Continuing our commitment to community service, on 9<sup>th</sup> April, we conducted an HPV Vaccination Drive for the children of KDN Shruti School. This important initiative was carried out under the expert guidance of Dr. Bhavna Patel, with the leadership of President Jayant Sanghvi and Director - Medical, Rtn. Manish Mehta. Such healthcare initiatives reinforce our dedication to preventive care and community well-being.

On 14th April we had the inauguration of bunk beds donated to the Digambar Padvī Prathmik Madhyamik Ashram Shala, located in Ambiste, Taluka Wada, District Palghar. This meaningful project aims to provide children with a safer and more comfortable sleeping environment, protecting them from the risks associated with sleeping on bare floors.

I would like to extend a warm invitation to all Rotarians to join us for our Charter Night on 29<sup>th</sup> April - an evening of fun, fellowship, and bonding. Such gatherings strengthen our Rotary family, foster deeper connections, and inspire us to undertake bigger and better projects for the community.

Let us continue to serve with compassion, commitment, and the true spirit of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary,  
Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi

## Stop, Start, Continue: A Journey Towards Intentional Growth

15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026



On 15<sup>th</sup> April, we had the privilege of hosting Ms. Shefali Nath Gupta, a leadership and life coach and the founder of Lemon Tree - a coaching practice dedicated to creating spaces for reflection, clarity, and growth. An Executive Coaching graduate from New York University and an alumna of MDI Gurgaon and St. Stephen's College, she is known for her practical, grounded approach that empowers individuals to pause, reflect, and move forward with intention.

The session, titled 'Stop, Start, Continue - A Transformative Goal Setting Workshop', was thoughtfully designed to align with the onset of the financial year, making it both timely and relevant. Shefali began by setting an optimistic tone, encouraging participants to view this period as an opportunity for renewed focus and direction. Each participant was provided with a workbook to actively engage throughout the session.

The workshop commenced with the "Wheel of Life" exercise, where individuals assessed ten key areas of their lives - ranking their current satisfaction levels and envisioning where they aspired to be a year ahead. This exercise provided a holistic view of personal and professional priorities. Moving forward, participants were guided to define two meaningful goals. Here, Ms. Shefali highlighted a crucial insight: while most people focus on *how* to achieve their goals, they often overlook the deeper *why* behind them - a factor that ultimately drives consistency and purpose.

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**LET'S INSPIRE !**

**PROGRAMMES**

29<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 : Charter Night Celebrations  
6<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 : Special General Body Meeting

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The session concluded with a reflective exercise where participants identified what they wanted to *stop*, *continue*, and *start* in 2026, while also visualizing an evolved version of themselves stepping into April 2027. Mrs. Shefali wrapped up by sharing practical strategies to translate these reflections into action.



Overall, the workshop served as a powerful reminder to pause, reassess priorities, and move forward with clarity and intent – making it a truly enriching and introspective experience for all.

– Rtn. Isha Nisar

## IHCL Customer First - a talk by Firdaus Rana, AVP National Accounts of IHCL

8<sup>th</sup> April, 2026



Rtn. Shefaali Shah introduced the Guest Speaker. Indian Hotels Company Ltd or IHCL is a legendary company of the Tata Group, associated more with its flagship hotel The Taj.

Mr. Firdaus started by quoting the famous guidelines of their founder Jamsetji Tata - **In a free enterprise, the community is always first.** He had emphasized that the community is not just a stakeholder in business but is in fact the very purpose of its existence.

Mr. Firdaus quoted impressive statistics about the Taj Group stating that it currently has 44,000 employees spread over 6 continents. Tata values comprise Excellence, Integrity, Unity, Pioneering and Responsibility.

He further elaborated that today, Taj is a house of brands that offers accommodation, F&B brands including QMin that delivers hotel food to homes, gifting, outdoor catering, etc

Subsequently, he took the audience through the numerous brands that IHCL has, such as the Taj, Claridges, Brij, Clarks, Atmantan, SeleQtions, Gateway, Vivanta, Ginger, Tree of Life, AMA (where they

offer bungalows for family vacations along with experiences. These accommodations and experiences span across different customer profiles in terms of budgets, age, gender, etc. He also mentioned that they offer Carecations which are vacations with a purpose, customised meetings and conferences, Timeless Weddings- highly customised soulful abodes, wellness, etc.

They have coined a word “Tajness” to express what customers feel. It is enabled by their focus on culture and customer centricity.

In their ethos, customers come first, both external as also internal which are their own employees for which they have rewards, recognition and HR policies and systems. Their email address for complaints starts with care@tajness which is a hub and spoke system that gathers all complaints, assigns to the concerned individuals or groups for redressal and follows up such complaints till their resolution.

At the end, he elaborated on their philosophy of Pathya that encompasses their policies and actions related to Preserve, Progress, Partner, Promote, Promise and Prudent. They perceive it a responsible way and carry out CSR activities in these parameters.

The session was followed by interesting and lively Q&As. The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Nandivardhan Jain and Secretarial Announcements by Dr. Kamal D'mello, Club Secretary.

– PP Rtn. Shirish Rege

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Rotary District 3141's event on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at the Sheila Raheja Hall, Rotary Service Centre – supported by our Rotary Club of Bombay West – was a stirring showcase of inclusion, service and leadership. The gathering was honoured by Rotary International President Elect Olayinka Hakeem Babalola and RI Director KP Nagesh and attended by our club's dedicated stalwarts: PP Aslam Merchant, PP Rajendra Ruia, PP Arvind Shah, PP Shirish Rege, PP Samapti Patel, President Jayant Sanghvi and PE Tejas Sura.



(meeting times, childcare support, and inclusive rituals) so women can contribute fully. Babalola emphasized leadership appointments as levers for change: when decision-makers deliberately choose and prepare women for higher roles, representation and impact will follow. He highlighted Nigeria's progress where focused outreach raised female membership substantially and urged Mumbai to accelerate its own efforts toward

gender parity in leadership.

A highlight of the day was President Elect Babalola's passionate address on women's empowerment. He challenged Rotary to mirror the communities it serves by deliberately expanding women's participation and leadership. Citing global examples, he urged clubs to move beyond passive tolerance to active inclusion — to invite, welcome, coach and create systems that remove practical barriers. He called for intentional recruitment of qualified women, mentorship pipelines from Rotaract to Rotary, and flexible club practices

The programme also featured uplifting dance performances by six schools, including our own KDN Shruti School students, whose performances brought both joy and poignant reminders of resilience. District milestones shared included crossing \$6.25 million for the Rotary Foundation and bold women-centric projects such as the "pink autos" initiative.

The event concluded with felicitations to major donors and clubs, and a clarion call from Babalola: Rotary's future depends on equitable leadership and inclusive practices. Our Club celebrates

this vision and reaffirms commitment to nurturing women leaders and widening Rotary's impact across our communities.

**– PE Rtn. Tejas Sura, Director Club Service I**



## Shruti School HPMV Vaccination Drive

9<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

RCBW with Indian Medical Association (IMA) organised a HPV Vaccination camp for Shruti School students on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 10 am onwards, with cost being sponsored by the IMA doctors.

Pediatricians Dr. Jyoti Soneji, Dr. Jagruti Sanghvi, Dr. Rashmi C and Dr. Gajaria administered the HPV vaccines to students. Vaccines were administered to 60 students whose parents had consented and were present for the vaccination. A special counselling session was held earlier for the parents to make them aware of dangers of Human Papilloma Virus, transmission & its prevention vaccine.

IMA Secretary Dr. Bhavna Patel convinced the IMA to donate the vaccines for Shruti school students. RCBW President Jayant Sanghvi together with the undersigned attended the camp.

RCBW thanks and appreciates the sincere efforts of Dr. Bhavna Patel & Dr. Manoj Patel for this initiative and for organising doctors to administer the vaccines.

**– Rtn. Manish Mehta, Director Community Service II**



**“ People throw stones at you and you convert them into milestones. ”**  
- Bharat Ratna Sachin Tendulkar

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April is Environment Month

# Nurturing Nature, Securing Tomorrow

April, celebrated across Rotary as the Environment Month, reminds us of our collective responsibility to protect, preserve, and nurture the world we inhabit. At a time when environmental challenges such as climate change, pollution, and resource depletion are becoming increasingly urgent, it is imperative that we move beyond awareness and take meaningful action.

Rotary has always stood as a beacon of service, and environmental sustainability is now one of its key areas of focus. As Rotarians, we are uniquely positioned to inspire change within our communities by adopting eco-conscious practices and encouraging others to do the same.

RCBW has actively contributed towards this cause through various initiatives such as beach cleanup drives post Ganesh Visarjan, tree plantation drives, e waste collection drive etc.

These efforts reflect our commitment to a greener future. This Environment Month, let us all take small yet impactful steps towards preserving our planet.

- Compiled by Rtn. CA Siddhant Bhide

# RCBW NEWS ROOM

On 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026, a joint project was conducted by RCBW along with Rotary Clubs of Mumbai Dahisar, Bombay Metropolitan, Mumbai Mahim, Bombay Harbour, Mumbai Juhu, Mumbai Mulund Hills, and Bombay in association with LEAP India Limited.

As part of this meaningful service initiative, the following were provided at Digambar Padvī Primary & Secondary Ashram School, Ambiste, Taluka Wada, District Palghar.

- 120 two-tier bunk beds
- 500 bedsheets
- 550 blankets
- 940 library books
- 6 library cupboards
- Science laboratory equipment
- 1 wall fan
- 2 science laboratory cupboards

Additionally, the boys' and girls' hostels were freshly painted, creating a more comfortable and welcoming environment for the students.

This project will benefit 520 students with total project value of Rs. 16 lakhs. This project was also covered in Navrashtia newspaper.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 : Annual Program of Rotary KDN Shruti School, 4:45 pm onwards at Jamnabai Narsee School Hall



# Birthdays & Anniversaries



Rotarian Birthdays	
24-April	Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran
25-April	Rtn. Gautam Chande
04-May	Rtn. Rakesh Saraf

R/Ann Birthdays	
30-April	R/Ann Dr. Pallavi Tushar Shah
01-May	R/Ann Anita Anand Gupta

Anniversaries	
23-April	Rtn. Rajeev Kumar Jain & Chhaya
04-May	Rtn. Rahul Goenka & Anuja