RCML Newsletter

This edition celebrates the incredible success of the Brookfield Properties Powai Run 2025, where Lakers and the community came together to run for a cause — supporting education, healthcare, women's empowerment, and inclusion. Alongside this flagship event, RCML continued its impactful work by rebuilding sanitation facilities at Rambaug Police Station, providing urgent relief to fire-affected families in Aarey Colony, donating an electric bike to empower a differently-abled individual, and celebrating the graduation of women from our Vocational Centre's tailoring program.

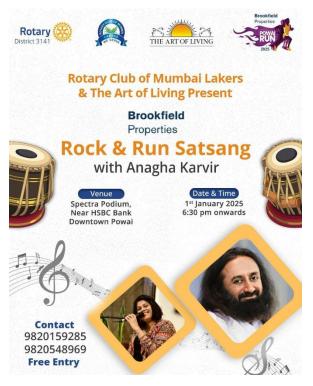
We also honored our Lakers Cricket Team with a lively Drunch, strengthening our bonds of fellowship. Together, we continue to make a lasting difference!

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WELCOMING 2025 WITH THE ROCK AND RUN SATSANGH

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers, in collaboration with the Art of Living, joyfully welcomed the new year with its long-standing tradition – the Rock and Run Satsangh with Anagha Karvir. It was truly a blessed and inspiring way to set a positive tone for the year ahead.







THE BROOKFIELD PROPERTIES POWAI RUN 2025: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS

The Brookfield Properties Powai Run 2025, organized by the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers (RCML), was held on January 5, 2025, and witnessed an incredible turnout from the Powai community and beyond. Over 5,000 runners, volunteers, and corporate leaders came together, making this 12th edition one of the most impactful yet.

This year, the Powai Run raised funds to support four major community initiatives:

- Girl Child Education: Paying school fees to help girls from economically weaker sections pursue their dreams.
- Women's Skilling Programs: Offering certified vocational courses in sewing, Tally, and other skills to empower women to earn a sustainable livelihood.
- Medical Aid for the Needy: Providing health camps and financial support for critical, lifesaving surgeries.
- Support for Persons with Disabilities: Promoting inclusion and creating opportunities for individuals with disabilities

The event's highlight was the Special CXO Run, where top business leaders from Mumbai ran to champion these social causes. After the race, participants enjoyed the Powai Run Carnival — a lively celebration filled with music, games, and food, bringing the community together in the true spirit of joy and giving.

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers extends its heartfelt gratitude to all runners, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters for making the Brookfield Properties Powai Run 2025 a true celebration of fitness, community spirit, and compassion.

Together, we continue to run — for change, for hope, and for a better tomorrow!





LAKERS SQUID GAMES: A SUNDAY MORNING FULL OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, 2nd February 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers brought a unique twist to its fellowship activities with the much-anticipated Lakers Squid Games. Held at Kick Ground 2, Supreme Business Park, Powai, the event saw enthusiastic participation from members and their families.

Inspired by the popular concept — but with a fun and friendly Lakers spin — the morning was packed with exciting games, laughter, and healthy competition. From obstacle courses to team challenges, every activity was designed to encourage bonding, teamwork, and above all, enjoyment.

The spirit of fellowship was palpable as Rotarians, spouses, and children came together on the field, showcasing not just their sporting skills but also the vibrant energy that defines the Lakers family.

The Lakers Squid Games proved once again that fellowship is at the heart of everything we do — creating memories, building friendships, and strengthening our club spirit.

A heartfelt thank you to all participants and volunteers who made this Sunday morning so memorable. We look forward to many more such vibrant gatherings in the months ahead!

"When Lakers come together, it's not just about winning games — it's about winning hearts."





RCML SHINES AT THE IFCR MUMBAI 3141 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On 23rd February 2025, the final match of the IFCR (International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians) Mumbai 3141 Cricket Tournament was held amidst great excitement and sportsmanship.

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers, after a strong and consistent performance throughout the tournament, proudly qualified for the finals, where we faced off against a formidable team from Rotary Club of JVPD.

In a thrilling match, our team fought hard and showcased true Lakers spirit, ultimately emerging as Runners-up of the tournament. Every player gave their best on the field, displaying not just their cricketing skills but also the camaraderie, passion, and perseverance that Rotary stands for.

We congratulate our RCML cricket team for their outstanding effort and determination, and thank all the members and supporters who cheered for the team through every match.

Here's to many more victories and celebrations together — both on and off the field!



LAKERS SUPPORT FAMILIES AFFECTED BY FIRE IN AAREY COLONY

In the true spirit of service above self, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers swiftly responded to the tragic fire caused by a gas cylinder blast in Aarey Colony on 16th April 2025. The fire left hundreds of families displaced and in urgent need of support. Demonstrating compassion and quick action, the Lakers provided immediate relief to the affected families. A total of 300 kg of dal, 600 kg of rice, and essential cooking items like spices and oil were distributed to help meet the daily needs of nearly 500 families. Understanding the importance of sustained support, the club also set up a mini kitchen at the site, ensuring that freshly cooked meals could be provided daily. The supplies and arrangements have been planned to sustain the families for at least one week, giving them critical support as they rebuild their lives. The Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers remains committed to standing by communities in times of need, embodying Rotary's ideals of empathy, action, and lasting impact







EMPOWERING WOMEN: TAILORING BATCH GRADUATES FROM RCML VOCATIONAL CENTRE

On 24th February 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers proudly celebrated the graduation of the latest batch of students from the Tailoring Program at our Vocational Centre. These women, many from economically distressed communities, successfully completed their training, acquiring valuable skills that will empower them to earn a livelihood and build a brighter future for themselves and their families. The atmosphere was filled with pride and joy as the graduates received their certificates, marking not just the completion of a course but the beginning of new opportunities and self-reliance. At RCML, we believe in creating sustainable impact, and initiatives like these reflect our ongoing commitment to empower women through skill development and education. Congratulations to all our graduates — the future is yours to design!



LAKERS DISTRIBUTE STRETCHERS TO SUPPORT HILLTOP COMMUNITIES

On 25th February 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers took another step towards serving the local community by distributing 15 stretchers at Shree Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Maidan, Ganpati Sabha Mandap, Park Side, Vikhroli West.Recognizing the daily challenges faced by residents living in the hilltop areas around Park Site, the club identified the need for stretchers to assist in transporting individuals — particularly during medical emergencies — across difficult terrain. The stretchers will be shared among multiple societies in the area, providing much-needed support and ensuring quicker, safer movement when urgent help is required. Members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers joined together for the distribution ceremony, reinforcing the spirit of Rotary: service with empathy and meaningful impact. Through small but significant initiatives like this, RCML continues to make a difference — helping communities become more resilient and connected.





LAKERS GIFT A NEW BEGINNING WITH AN ELECTRIC BIKE

Demonstrating the true spirit of Rotary, members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers came together to support Richard D'Costa, a person with different abilities, by contributing a total of ₹1,16,500 for the purchase of an electric bike. This new electric bike is set to make a significant difference in Richard's life, enabling him to boost his income through food deliveries and newspaper distribution. With greater mobility and efficiency, Richard will now be able to access more opportunities and work towards greater financial independence. The initiative is a shining example of how small acts of collective kindness can lead to powerful transformations. RCML remains committed to creating an inclusive society where every individual has the tools and support to thrive.

We thank all our members for their generosity and compassion in making this impactful contribution possible.



RCML ENHANCES SANITATION FACILITIES AT RAMBAUG POLICE STATION

On 27th March 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers successfully inaugurated the newly rebuilt toilet block at Rambaug Police Station, Powai, marking another step in our commitment to community welfare and public service. The project was led by Project Director Rtn. Darshini Shah, with the strong support of club members, ensuring enhanced sanitation facilities for the officers and staff at the police station. The inauguration ceremony was graced by esteemed dignitaries — MLA Hon. Dilip Mama Lande, Rotary District 3141 Governor Rtn. Chetan Desai, and RCML President Rtn. Palvi Aggarwal. Also present were SHO Jeetendra Sonawane and Co-President Susan Tripathi of Rotary Club of Bombay Powai, further strengthening the spirit of Rotary collaboration. This project stands as a testament to what can be achieved when service, leadership, and community needs come together. A heartfelt thank you to all RCML members who attended and contributed to making this initiative a grand success. At RCML, we continue to strive toward creating lasting and meaningful impact in the communities we serve.







CELEBRATING OUR CHAMPIONS: LAKERS CRICKET TEAM DRUNCH

"Cheers to our Champions — On the field and beyond!"

On Sunday, 30th March 2025, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers hosted a special "Drunch" at Adonia Banquets to celebrate the outstanding performance of our Lakers Cricket Team! It was an afternoon filled with food, fun, laughter, and fellowship, as members gathered to honor the spirit, hard work, and achievements of our cricketing champions. With the compliments of the club, the Drunch saw an amazing turnout, with families and friends joining in the celebration. In true Lakers style, the event followed a lively BYOB model for the "D" part of the Drunch, adding to the cheerful, relaxed atmosphere. Stories from the matches, memorable moments, and team camaraderie filled the room, making it a perfect way to applaud our team's efforts both on and off the field. Here's to many more victories, celebrations, and cherished memories together!



