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DEBATE: In the opinion of the house... It is better to be incorrect than be politically correct.

Moderator - IPDG Sandip Agarwalla

Team A (For) - PP Haresh Jagtiani, Rtn. Jagdish Malkani, and Rtn. Ujjwala Singhania

Team B (Against) - PE Satyan Israni, Rtn. Mudit Jain, and Rtn. Swati Mayekar

IPDG Sandip to introduce the team and moderate the debate:

Good afternoon, fellow Rotarians. So, debating can look intimidating from the sidelines, with speakers appearing confident, passionate, and unwavering. But it consists of skills that anybody can learn. Debating may not be something you encounter in your everyday work, but these skills can be incredibly valuable. The ancients knew the value of humour. Aristotle associated it with good health and contemplated the nature of levity. Cicero taught that humour should hold a place in the rhetorical toolbox of every speaker faced with the task of charming an audience. The ability to make others laugh continues to be one of the most popular resources for public speakers today.

We admire a speaker's quick wit and ability to generate mirth in the same way that we delight in watching a juggler's eye and hand coordination or an acrobat's antics. The timing, creativity, and tact required for pulling off a good joke make humour one of the most complex of all communication skills.

Tart-tongued Lady Astor, the first woman elected to the House of Commons, allegedly told Winston Churchill, "If you were my husband, I'd put poison in your tea." "Madam," Churchill is said to have responded very calmly, "if you were my wife, I'd drink it."

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What's the topic of the debate? What's the difference between complete and finish? One smart Alec put forth his argument very succinctly. They say no man is complete without a woman, but it is only after he marries a woman that he's completely finished. On that happy note, I would like to end by complimenting Programme Committee Chairperson Rina Deora for organising today's debate. It's a very interesting initiative and will provide you with a lot of fun and entertainment.

So let me start by introducing the topic. The topic, as you all know, is: Is it better to be incorrect than to be politically correct?

So what is incorrect? It's an adjective; politically incorrect is an adjective. If you say that someone is politically incorrect, you mean that they do not care if they offend or upset other people in society who have a disadvantage or who have been treated differently because of their sex, gender, race, or disability.

And what is correct? The Britannica dictionary definition of politically correct, sometimes disapproving, is agreeing with the idea that people should be careful not to use language or behave in a way that could offend a particular group of people. So the meaning of politically incorrect is not avoiding language or behaviour that could offend a particular group of people. In our Rotary context, it has become politically incorrect to argue against the impact of social spending on health and education.

We always say it's so quotable because it is so politically incorrect, yet it's so funny. It's politically incorrect, but great to listen to. You say anything that's a little bit interesting, and it is deemed as being politically incorrect. So straight to our teams.

Team A, who are in favour of the topic: Rtn. Jagdish Malkani, Rtn. Ujjwala Singhania, and PP Haresh Jagtiani.

Team B: Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Swati Mayekar, and PE Satyan Israni.

That's in order. The teams have been announced in order and how they're



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So I now invite Team A, whose proposition is, "It is better to be incorrect than to be politically correct."

Jagdish Malkani. Your time starts now.

A - Rtn. Jagdish

Members of the House, it is better to be incorrect than to be politically correct. I have several reasons to buttress my argument, but I'll try to enumerate the first seven.

First, encouraging honest debate. For example, academic discussions in universities. Being overly cautious about political correctness can stifle open debates and intellectual growth. Allowing for mistakes and incorrect statements encourages a more honest and robust exchange of ideas. For instance, discussing controversial topics like affirmative action in the US, caste in India, and historical events — God knows we know enough about all that. Even if some views are incorrect, they engender debate and can lead to understanding and solutions.

Second, innovation and creativity. For example, startups and entrepreneurship. We call ourselves the startup capital of the world. How would we have startups and disruptive ideas unless people experimented, used ideas, and came up with wrong ideas? That's how great startups, the gig economy, etc. have come up, not from having standard politically correct ideas.

Third, highlighting social issues. For example, media and journalism. We need journalists and media to highlight issues like caste discrimination, corruption, gender violence, and what have you. We have enough causes. We need a bold and free media. You can't have that with just politically correct opinions.

Fourth, cultural expression. For example, film and literature. Film exposes issues and causes us to chat about all sorts of things. We've had examples in our own Bollywood like Article 15 and Padmaavat. You can take different sides of the coin, but at least you have a debate on the issue, and that's how, even if it's inaccurate, we move ahead.

Fifth, challenging the status quo. Who better than historical figures like Gandhiji and Ambedkar, who came along and decided that this is not the right way to go, whether it's on caste or colonialism? We'd still be under an imperial yoke if we didn't have people like them challenging the order and going against being politically correct.

Sixth, promoting diversity of thought. Public forums and debates. We need forums like this to debate both sides of the coin. We must have opinions. We must have a vigorous debate. We must have a big, strong opposition, for example, in parliament. Factually incorrect or not, you need opinions, and that's how you arrive at the correct results. That's what sets us apart from four-legged creatures. It's us with our critical thinking. Otherwise, AI can take over everything, and we don't need human beings like us.

Seventh, encouraging personal growth. You need it in classrooms. You need students to have debates and engage in ideas. That's how they will learn. It's not just rote learning and going on with politically correct stuff. So, with this, I think I've given you seven cogent reasons why it can be said that having an opinion over political correctness encourages open dialogue, innovation, and social progress.

Finally, let me end with what a very famous French philosopher Voltaire said:

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Thank you.

IPDG Sandip: Thank you. I might add that a caveat has been given to all the speakers that they will not indulge in any political or religious topics or discussion. I now invite from the opposition the redoubtable Mudit Jain.

B - Rtn. Mudit

Good afternoon, everyone. So we will be arguing against the motion, which is that we should not be politically incorrect or we should be politically correct only. On searching Google, there are various definitions of being politically correct. As per the Cambridge Dictionary definition, political correctness is the act of avoiding language and actions that could be offensive to others, especially those relating to sex, gender, and race. Some examples will clarify this

You ask a person who their partner is instead of gender terms like boyfriend, girlfriend, husband, or wife, not assuming the gender of a person in a certain profession. For example, asking what the doctor said rather than saying what he advised, assuming the doctor to be a man. And also asking a person what their ethnic and religious background is rather than where they are from, which is seen in more pluralistically diverse societies of the Western world, where a person may not be white, so they may be considered foreign and not really locals.

Political correctness translates into acute sensitivity to all the sufferings of minority groups traditionally overlooked by dominant forces in society. Political correctness aims to spread empathy, justice, and fairness. There is a caveat before I proceed further into the arguments, which is that this debate is applicable only to human beings, those who are born biologically. It does not apply to those who are not born biologically or divine beings. However, it applies to all LGBTQ+ individuals, with the plus signifying all those not covered under the acronym, standing for L for lesbian, G for gay, B for bisexual, T for transgender, and Q for queer, or those questioning their gender. It means all those people who aren't heterosexual and those who don't identify with the sex they were born with. So, it covers everyone.

Let me begin by clarifying first what is not political correctness. It implies that

one is not politically incorrect if one offends or upsets any group of people in our society who have a disadvantage, who have been treated differently because of gender, race, or equality.

Now, the arguments for the motion. Even our Rotary has changed with the times. It's come a long way from admitting women in 1989 to having Jennifer Jones as an RI President in 2022-23, and also now spouses being referred to as Rotarian Partners to be gender-neutral. Political correctness makes for a more harmonious, tolerant society, which is more humane and not polarised by parochialism of any form.

Political correctness has nothing to do with politics. Though politicians have wrongly politicised matters to put down their opponents, actually, it should be social correctness, as it is applicable to the entire society. While political correctness is not mandated under law, it is a set of social norms which people follow, such as removing their shoes before going to a temple. But because it's become so popular, it has also led to changes in laws too, such as all public limited companies having to have a minimum of one lady director on their board. So you can see the impact of political correctness.

So my question to my wise audience: Would you rather live in a pluralistic, cosmopolitan society which promotes tolerance and respect for all, or be part of a divisive, parochial society which does not develop human potential and individual talent? The choice is yours as to which to belong to. Thank you.

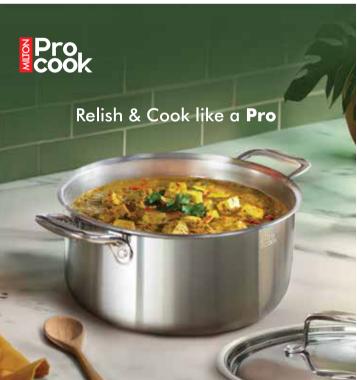
IPDG Sandip: Well done, just in the nick of time. I will now invite Ujjwala Singhania once to use the podium. Please do so. I will give you a sign when to start the time, please, Rina. OK, Ujjwala, your time starts now.

A - Rtn. Ujjwala

Good afternoon, everyone. It's better to be incorrect than to be politically correct. Today we touch upon a very sensitive topic. Political correctness is used mostly to distract people from the truth. This, my friends, is not a very good situation because it's gone from basic human decency, kindness, and understanding to politeness on steroids. Political correctness is misleading. You may sound politically correct, but it misguides you to look into your real identity and your real intentions.

Being politically correct does not always lead you to the facts. It could lead to





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harmful and dangerous situations. The power of truth is undefinable. Honesty is valued. It's important to communicate respectfully and with responsibility, considering the impact words and actions can have on people's lives. Political correctness is a means of silencing conversation, which is unethical. It's a way of saying an uncomfortable truth in a politically right manner.

Being politically correct is often done to avoid controversial statements, ideas, or subjects which every society needs to address.

I conclude by mentioning the oath we take at all religious occasions: to be truthful no matter what. In court rooms, oath swearing started in 1873. Part of it says, "Whatever I say shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." Imagine if it would be: "It shall be the truth, the whole truth, but politically correct." What would this mean? Would I have faith and trust? Does it sound ethical? Now, this brings me to conclude that it's better to speak the truth no matter what than to be politically correct. Thank you.

IPDG Sandip: Thank you, Ujjwala. Well done. Now I invite the opposition, Rtn. Swati Mayekar, to take the mic, and your time starts now.

B - Rtn. Swati

Yeah, friends, I'm going to stick to the social life part of the political living truth. As the elders in the family always tell a child, never tell a lie, always speak the truth. But if that child is given a gift by some uncle or aunt, and if that uncle or aunt is visiting, he's told, "Don't say you didn't like it; say it is nice and you liked it." So are you trying to teach him to tell lies that he likes it but you still say no? You're trying to teach him to be politically correct because you have to respect the sentiments and the love which that other person has shown by giving you a gift.

So it happens to us also. Suppose a friend comes to you and says, "How am I looking? I'm going for an interview." Are you going to say, "Oh, you look horrible?" I mean, you're going to ruin his confidence, and you're going to ruin his day. So you have to be politically correct, encourage him, support him, and say, "No, you're looking nice; go ahead." This is how it should be. I like the American way of saying it. You know, if you offer them some food or a product, they will say, "Oh, very interesting." Now, what does that mean? It's interesting. Or they will say, "It's different." So they are neither saying they liked it nor they didn't like it, or they are being very politically correct, but you don't hurt anybody's sentiments by saying that. So therefore, being politically correct in your social life is very important.

Similarly, honesty is next to godliness, but sometimes honesty becomes very



critical and hurtful. If you are being very honest, say a doctor, if he comes to know some prognosis, is he going to tell his patient, being honest, that you're going to die in two days? He's not going to do that. You have to be politically correct. Tell him that, yes, you are not well, but we'll try something, pray to God, or tell his close relatives as to what has happened. You must encourage his willpower to fight the disease, and that is called being politically correct, and this happens to everybody in their life so that you have to be politically correct.

And I think this whole thing has been nailed by Lord Krishna, 2,300 BCE in the Mahabharata. The entire Bhagavad Gita is nothing but being politically correct. The war which Kauravas and Pandavas were fighting, was it correct? No, no war is correct, but for their rights, for their justice, they had to fight a war. And if the war has to be fought, then Lord Krishna is on their side, it has to be won. There was Guru Dronacharya on the Kaurav side, the invincible teacher of Kaurav and Pandav; nobody could defeat him. He was destroying the army of Pandava. So what was his weak point? Ashwathama, his son. So what did Lord Krishna do? He asked Bhishma to kill one elephant called Ashwathama, and Bhima started shouting, "Ashwathama killed, Ashwathama killed." Dronacharya stopped. He asked Yudhishthir, "Is it true that Ashwathama is killed?" He quietly said, "Ashwathama is killed. I don't know whether it's human or elephant." Dronacharya did not hear the second part and Lord Krishna blew his conch, and the war was won.

This is what I call that when the situation is there, to save society, to save humanity, you have to be politically correct.

And now, of course, from Team A, to wind up proceedings and refute whatever the other team has said, we have PP Haresh Jagtiani.

A - PP Haresh

Mr. Chairman, fellow Rotarians, I knew that my opponents had the task cut out for them. Firstly, political correctness is a contradiction in terms because, as far as I am concerned, nothing in politics can ever be correct. But be that as it may, I was quite amused and pleased that in order to sustain a stand, they had to invoke the Mahabharata and the Bhagavad Gita to show that they have the right on their side.

Now look, my opponents are just suffering from a sense of guilt when they are not even guilty. That's all there is to it. That's the whole creed of being politically correct. Look at it this way. I mean, they needlessly substitute words and phrases for those time-honoured words which have withstood the



test of time. Now, if you say a word as it is and you say it with politeness, you don't put rudeness or malice into it, it's perfectly alright. Let me give you an illustration.

Now, for instance, if I were to say to a friend of mine, a portly friend of mine, "Hey fatso, let's go for a walk. You know, it'll do you good; you'll be able to still fit into your oversized large pants." Perfectly alright. Fatso will come with me for a walk. But my learned friends would say differently. They would feel, "Oh, how can we offend them?" So they'll say, "Mr. Circumferentially challenged or Mr. Horizontally endowed, would you please, would you please shake a leg because lest you'll have to invest in a new set of wardrobes."

Now you please decide, who will fatso listen to? Obviously me because that's how he's lived his life. Now then, let me also tell you that being politically incorrect is probably more logical. We use words as we have always understood them. You talk about a person who's hard of hearing, very simple. All of us will say, "deaf." He's deaf.

But these guys will be a little squeamish, and they'll say, "Oh, he's audibly impaired." Now look at the lack of logic. If a person is deaf, what difference does it make if you call him deaf or audibly impaired? He can't hear anyway. So now, this is where they come from.

Now kindly see, what is the origin of political incorrectness, political correctness? They believe that adjectives like black, white, yellow, etc., all these are used, generalised to talk about or describe an ethnic group. And they believe that by doing so, what you're actually doing is you're wiping out the individuality in these people. That's what they do. That's what they do. But really speaking, can we really help it?

Now, I remember, I mean, I read about a general in an army who was bothered by these racial slurs amongst the privates in each other, etc., etc. So he made an announcement. He said, "Look, from now on, there's no black or white. There's only green. We are all green. Everyone is green." Then one day, there was a black private passing by, and he forgot his name. He didn't know how to call him. So he says, "Hey, you, the dark green guy, come here." Now, therefore, these are inevitabilities. Now, these guys, these PC guys, are obsessed with colour. But the Yanks, take America for instance. They don't care.

Take the American names. There is not a single colour which is left out of the name. You'll have a John White, Jim Brown, Jonathan Green, Larry Red, Harry Black, but my opponents who spend a lifetime trying to persuade these Americans to change their names. Now kindly see, also just apply this test of



this and see how it lands up. Apply it to the English cricket team, for instance. Now you know in the English cricket team, you have a person called a great cricketer. One is called Cook. The other is called Butler. Now they will say, how can you call someone a butler? How can you call someone a cook? So the cook, they'll say, "Oh, he's a culinary artist." And to the butler, they'll say he's a CPO, a chief personnel officer. Now imagine how it'll sound in a commentary box.

I mean, how do the commentators refer to a cook by politically correct names? Now, also, but of course, there's one name in the English cricket team, frankly, which defies any interpretation. There's a cricketer called Side-bottom. Now, how do you have your bottom on the side? I just can't figure it out. But my learned friends here on the other side will be obsessed. They said, no, the word bottom is there. We've got to have it politically corrected. Then, however, the Indian side is not that touchy. We don't care. We take it as it comes along. That's the type of stuff we are made of. For instance, there's Pant (Rishabh). We call them Pant. There's Hard dick (Hardik). Now, Pant and Hard dick, they complement each other. And we get along with our lives over there. There's absolutely nothing wrong with that. Then these politically correct guys overthink. Let me tell you that. They just overthink. Now, when we're in our casual conversation, you meet a person.

Now, for instance, if I were to meet Mudit somewhere, and he's a great friend of mine. So I just come around and say, "Hi, Baldy. How is it going?" Or I'd say, "Hi, egghead." Perhaps I may not say, "Hi, topless." I'll draw the line somewhere. But if you have my learned friends call their own teammate, they'll say, "Mr. Follicularly challenged." So that's how they'll refer to him. Also, the judges, in that sense, can be politically correct. And Ujjwala referred to the judges and the oath that they take. Now, for instance, if there's a person in the witness box, and he keeps fibbing, he's not truthful in that sense. So the judge may be, if he's a politically correct judge, and if he was on the other side, he would be, he would say, "The witness is being parsimonious with the truth." Just call him a liar. No, parsimonious with the truth.

Now, if the witness happens to be a simple Bawaji, he'll think it's a compliment. And finally, one last thing. You heard the expression, "We call a spade a spade." Now, that's how it is. But my opponents would find it very harsh. How can you call a spade a spade? You must find a softer word for spade. And a softer word for spade would probably be a spoon. Now, you all know what a spoon means. A spoon translated in our language is a chamcha. Now, that's what political correctness is all about, being chamchas.

Thank you very much.



Exactly what was expected of Haresh. Thank you. Satyan, go have a stab. Five minutes, remember? And the bell at four minutes, please. The bell at four and one minute more. We give five minutes.

B - PE Satyan Israni

Thank you, members of the house. You know, the other team has made really impressive arguments. And my learned friends have supported the proposition. Jaggi said that debates are important. They focus on social issues. Movies are important. Personal growth is important. I totally agree. They're all important. But how many of us now bother to watch Arnab's debates or debates which are going on in the news? You need to have some kind of decorum in the debates themselves. What is politically correct? It means accurate behaviour. It means being respectful. Are we actually being respectful in those debates which are happening? So that is something which needs to be looked at.

You know, Ujjwala said that it's a distraction from the truth. I beg to differ. In fact, I have a recipe on how whatever we think and whatever we do, we can actually be politically correct, which I'll share in some time.

And then we had Haresh Uncle. He's my senior in the profession. I have to be politically correct with him. He was talking about fatso, baldy. Now you can use those terms with your friends, try and use it with a stranger and you'll know what political correctness is all about.

But, you know, getting a bit more serious about it. If earlier we used to have, when a patient would go to a doctor and if he was diagnosed with something like diabetes and he was told that you have juvenile diabetes, at times the patient would not take it seriously because he would think juvenile is a term associated with children, it's not so serious. They actually changed the term from juvenile diabetes to type 1 diabetes so that people start taking it seriously. So that's where political correctness actually makes a difference to use the correct terminology.

Even we had an incident. I'll not get into the politics of it because I've been told, no politics. But there was a defence personnel who slapped an actor. A lot of people in the entire country celebrated the defence personnel for taking that action. Imagine the dark side of it. You have people who are interested in protection, they're supposed to protect you but on the other hand they are the aggressors. Where are we reaching if we allow that kind of an act to be condoned?

You know, this is not even escaping the movies. We had a movie called Mustafa many years back with Nana Patekar but then the Muslim community said no,



that is the name of a prophet. So then they changed the name to Ghulam-e-Mustafa. We also had a movie called Billu Barber. Then we know that an organisation exists called National Barber Association. They said this means our entire community, the barber community, changed it from Billu Barber to Billu. You need to be politically correct even in the movies because you have to be sensitive about the needs of the society, the sentiments of the society.

These days we don't even use the term retarded or crippled. That's why I wanted to distinguish where Haresh Uncle said that what is the difference it makes to a deaf person, what you're calling him with. It makes a difference because you're changing the connotation. When you call them retarded or crippled, you're focusing on the disability. You say special needs, you're focusing on the ability. So there's a big difference in the perception and way of looking at that person. And of course it has a humorous side to it. Just the other day, Naveena called me to say that the waste management technician is having some grief about the automobile expert. So I was wondering, what is she saying? Basically, the sweeper had a problem with the driver.

So, it has its humorous aspects. But the whole purpose is that we need to ensure that whatever the discourse is, we are correct in the discourse and being respectful of others in that discourse.

In fact, these days beggars also don't like to be called beggars. They like to be called self-employed revenue generation experts.

So, the sum and substance is, as I was telling you, there is a formula. What is that formula? It's very simple. All of us are Rotarians. We have something called the four-way test. That four-way test is nothing but the recipe for political correctness.

What is the four-way test?

- Is it the truth? Which means is it accurate?
- Is it fair to all concerned? Which means are we listening to everybody's views?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Are we having mutual respect?
- And will it be beneficial to all concerned? Are we having a positive impact?

Once you follow that Rotary four-way test, I am sure whatever decision you take, it will be a correct one. And lastly, I will end with a couplet.

To avoid a fight, choose your words just right. Janitor may sound harsh. Call



him custodian of the light.

Thank you so much.

IPDG Sandip

Thank you. So, when you talked about Side-bottom, I was reminded of this, you know, there was a playwright called Mark Connolly, who was sitting at dinner with other friends, and another person from the group snuck up behind him. And Connolly was follically challenged. So, the other fellow rubbed his hand on Connolly's head and said, "Mark, your head feels like my wife's bottom." And Connolly raised his hand to his head, rubbed his scalp and said, "So it does, so it does." So, that's the power of repartee which we saw in plenty. Thank you for participating wholeheartedly and coming so well prepared.

I will now open this debate to the audience. We'll take exactly four questions. You please line up here if you could. We'll give you a hand mic. And we'll go, remember, very short questions, no longer than fifteen seconds, and one minute for an answer.

PP Shernaz Vakil

So, is it a continuum of honesty between the brutal truth to the truth in a little way and then a truth which is absolutely bordering on untruths?

Rtn. Mudit

So, it's not black and white in the sense you can say some things in a nice way. You don't have to be brutally truthful or you don't have to be hilarious like our worthy opponent Haresh was. You can be gentlemanly or womanly in expressing the answer.

PP Haresh

No, I just look at it a little differently. Look, I mean, of course, one does all the fun and games, but this political correctness can be carried to an extreme. Now we are used to old words and usages and phrases, etc., which have been there all along. As long as it's not said with a trace of malice, let me tell you, society accepts it. Now, you know, you have, the West Indian cricket team. Now, it's colloquially known as Kalias over here. Nobody looks at it disparagingly, but of course, if you stop and think about it, then you start finding fault with it. I say, let it go. Just let it pass. It shouldn't be rude, it shouldn't be angry, and it should be devoid of any malice. I think words and phrases have evolved over centuries, and some of them are so loaded with their own meaning that you actually distort the meaning by giving it a slant. That's where I come from.



Rtn. Mayank Kummar

This is to the politically correct people. What is your take on rewriting enlightening books, which we grew up on, especially Noddy, and everything that goes with it, which we enjoyed, which is being rewritten, and even Cinderella, I believe, a movie has been made politically correct. What is your take on that?

Rtn. Mudit

It's a good question. And as people evolve, so does society evolve. Basically, political correctness removes the suppression of the minority by the majority. So that is what it is seeking to do. If it is done with the opposite, as Haresh just said, with an intention to ridicule and if you look at it that way, then it's not correct. But if it is done like a transgender, he may feel he is not part of that book or some other person. So then you have to evolve as you grow along because new concepts have emerged and new ways of living have emerged which were not there earlier.

Rtn. Farhat Jamal

Well, I just see so much political incorrectness today and it's becoming like what can I say globally such an issue today and especially in the political arena they are being politically incorrect and they have been actually what can I say facing the rant of the public largely. So what do you have to do? How do you kind of support any argument where you're saying your political incorrectness is actually the way to go forward actually or the right thing to do?

Rtn. Jagdish

I presume you're just referring to, I mean, having been given the big dunder from the thing to avoid politics, but yeah, there's so much, so much injustice going on palpable in the world, and especially the duplicitous role of the powers that be and Western powers. Yeah, I mean, it's quite shocking, but these are, it's a truism, but what can one say?

IPDG Sandip

Okay, guys, don't try to influence the results, we have an independent-minded audience. Can I have a show of hands for those who think that the proposition did a better job than the opposition?

So quite clearly, the day is carried by the proposition.

Give them a big hand.







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RCB brings change to Vavar school

On June 23rd, 2024, the Rotary Club of Bombay continued its mission to transform rural India by inaugurating the Integrated School Development Project at Vavar Ashramshala, Jawhar Taluka, Palghar, Maharashtra. The project was supported by Indian Oxides and Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.

Led by President Manoj Patodia, the group, which included donors, Rotarians, and friends, embarked on a five-hour drive on Sunday morning to share in the joy of the tribal female students who attend the Ashramshala from Std. I to X. Despite the scorching heat and challenging conditions, the group was warmly welcomed by the students, who were dressed in their finest and expressed their gratitude through dance and music for the life-changing support from RCB and the donors.

Interacting with the teachers and students and understanding how this initiative has transformed

their lives reinforced our belief in the project's sustainability and viability. It also inspired us to continue pursuing sustainable rural development, with a focus on solar power.

In this initiative, RCB, with the support of donors, has positively impacted over 198 female tribal students residing at the Ashramshala. The Ashramshala now benefits from a solar water heating system and solar street lights. Additionally, a 1 HP solar pumping system for water and a 6 KW solar off-grid system for electrification have been installed, bringing about a comprehensive transformation.

On the return journey, despite their exhaustion, the team remained energised by the belief that this project, which benefits so many, would always have their support as it continues to embody the Rotary motto of Service Before Self.









RCB goes to Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital

Visit to Sathya Sai Baba Hospital by President Manoj Patodia, IPP Vineet Bhatnagar, and PE Satyan Israni on June 15th, 2024.





RCB donates vital medical equipment



ACTREC (Advanced Centre for Treatment, Research, and Education for Cancer) operates under Tata Memorial Centre (TMC). The centre was established in 2001 and has been growing ever since, expanding from 130 beds to now a 465-bed hospital, with plans to become a 900-bed hospital in the future. With the increase in patient beds, the demand for advanced medical equipment has also risen.

The director of ACTREC had a vision of having one monitor per bed, especially with a specific need for cardiac equipment to monitor vital signs in critical areas such as the ICU, operation theatre, and patient wards. Recognising this need, the Rotary Club of Bombay was approached to help facilitate the procurement of monitors.

The Rotary Club of Bombay has donated 35 monitors, comprising 17 high-end machines and 18 medium-end machines, to cater to the diverse needs of the hospital.

The HFNC machines provide significant benefits by reducing the risk of nasal bleeding, improving ventilation and oxygenation for patients. They are also equipped with batteries for emergency situations, enabling smooth transitions between hospital buildings when required.

The Rotary Club of Bombay extends its heartfelt gratitude to Ms. Nancy Barbie for her efforts in securing funds from the Rotary

Foundation and CSR India Grant, and support from past Rotary International Director Rtn. Mr. Kamal Sanghvi, who inaugurated the handover ceremony on 15th June 2014.

At the handover ceremony were IPDG Sandeep Agarwalla, Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi, Rtn. Miral Shah, PP Vijay Jatia, IPP Vineet Bhatnagar, President Manoj Patodia, PE Satyan Israni, and Programme Director RCB Tanvi Golatkar, all representing the Rotary Club of Bombay.

Special thanks are given to IPDG Sandip, PP Vineet, and TRF Chairman PP Vijay Jatia for their immense contributions to the success of the project. President Manoj Patodia and his team are also appreciated for their continuous support throughout the endeavour.

The handover ceremony of the HFNC machines and multipara monitors at Tata ACTREC marks a significant milestone in enhancing patient care facilities at the hospital. With the installation of state-of-the-art equipment, including cardiac monitors and HFNC machines, the hospital is better equipped to cater to the increasing number of patients and their critical care needs.

Sincere gratitude to the Rotary Club of Bombay and all individuals involved in making this project a success. Your contributions are truly valued.

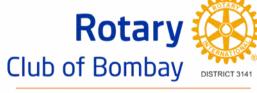


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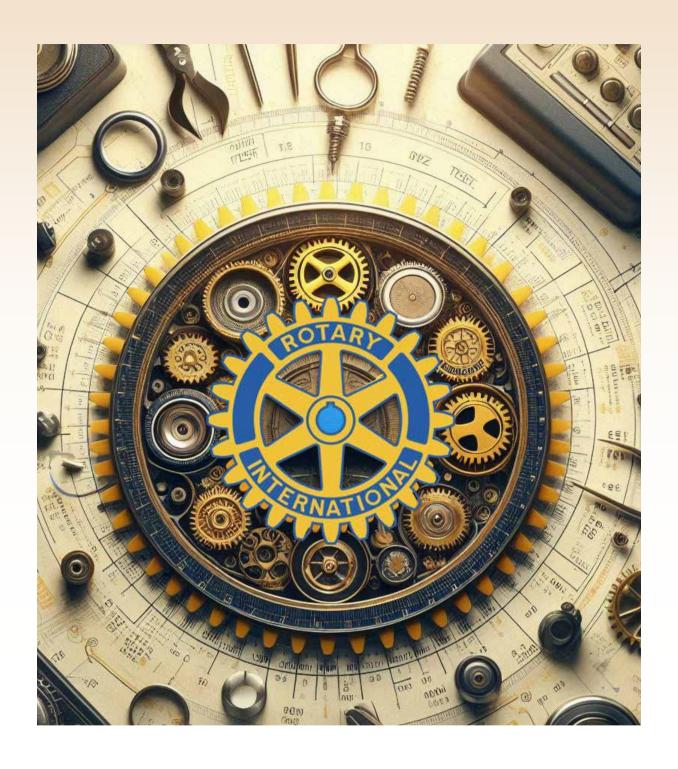
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Project Reports RY 2023-24

Adult Literacy for Women







Batch Progress							
ВАТСН		BENEFICIARIES	START	END			
Palghar	Batch 1	4,096	Sep-22	Feb-23			
Palghar	Batch 2	4,018	Mar-23	Jun-23			
Vaidu		757	Jul-22	Feb-23			
Dharavi	Batch 1	800	Jun-23	Aug-23			
Palghar	Batch 3	3,818	Sep-23	Nov-23			
Palghar	Batch 4	4,469	Nov-23	Jan-24			
Dharavi	Batch 2	1,488	Aug-23	Nov-23			
Palghar	Batch 5	713	Jan-24	Mar-24			
Dharavi	Batch 3	1,500	Dec-23	Feb-24			
Dharavi RILM	Batch 1	1,500	Feb-24	Apr-24			
Palghar	Batch 6	2,500	Mar-24	May-24			
Wadala	Batch 1	800	Mar-24	May-24			
Antop Hill	Batch 1	1,500	Mar-24	May-24			
CACR RILM Palghar	Batch 1	2,000	May-24	Jul-24			
DSF RILM Palghar	Batch 1	30,000	May-24	Jul-24			
TOTAL			59,959				

Director: Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala

Chair: Rtn. Runit Shah

Co-chair: Rtn. Vishal Vora

Members: IPDG Sandip Agarwalla, PP Vineet Bhatnagar

The Adult Literacy Programme is intended to promote and strengthen adult education to non-literate women in the 15-35 age with an aim to help learners reach functional literacy in 50 to 55 hours over a period of 2 months. Among other things, Learners acquire a vocabulary of around 700 words, enough for day-to-day needs such as reading destination signs on buses, bank documents, and newspapers.

Location(s): Palghar, Dharavi, Wadala, Antop Hill

Objective: Help learners reach functional literacy to non-literate women in the 15-35 age group

Number of Beneficiaries: 28,000

Ananda Yaan



Director: Rtn. Vineet Suchanti

Chair: Rtn. Anand Dalal

Co-chair: Kaushal Mehta

Number of Beneficiaries:

270-300

Nature of activity:

Happiness and welfare of the underserved seniors of our society

Location:

Mazagaon, Byculla and Worli – 3 centres

Activities: Yoga, zumba, wellness, cataract procedures, medical camp, annual sports, day, festival celebrations – Ganesh utsav, Diwali, Christmas, Holi, picnics, movies, temple visits, shopping visits.

Annual Budget: Rs. 40-45 lakhs









Animal Welfare

Director: Rtn. Poonam Lalvani

Chair: Rtn. Samir Chinai Co-chair: Rtn. Bipin Vazirani

Members: Rtn. Priyasri Patodia, PP Fali Mehta, Rtn. Jamshed Banaji, PP Shernaz Vakil, Rtn. Gautam Aggarwal, Rtn. Poonam Lalvani, PP Dr. Mukesh Batra, Rtn. Hiren Kara, Rtn. Mihir Mody, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Mudit Jain, Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Ramon Kirpalaney, PP Vineet Bhatnagar, PP Dr. Sonya Mehta, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, PP Preeti Mehta

A. Collaring 300 stray dogs with NGO PAWS HUNGER.

B. We are planning a fundraiser. We will be inviting corporate's celebrities and eminent people who are wildlife photography, enthusiasts. We will be having a photography exhibition of these people where in we will be selling these photographs which will be of limited edition and will be signed by

these people and the proceeds will go towards Animal Welfare committee. We have been continuously working with SPCAWSDWIAIDA and some other animal welfare organisations in the hospital. We will be raising funds through the fundraiser and be able to contribute towards the welfare of these organisations.

C. For this year we propose the following at a budget of Rs. 27 lakhs after raising funds:-

1. In Defense of Animal India

- Purchase of Blood Analyser
- X-Ray machine for Deonar Centre, approx cost of Rs. 19 lakhs.
- 2. World for all Animal Care and Adoptions, approx cost Rs. 2 lakhs.
- 3. Feline Foundation: Stainless steel cage units, approx cost Rs. 6 lakhs.









Assimilation

Director:

PN Bimal Mehta

Chair:

IPP Vineet Bhatnagar

Co-chair:

PP Shernaz Vakil

Committee organised 3 meetings in the first 6 months for RY 23023-24

October 15th: Walk with Rtn. Dr. Shahrukh Golwalla, number of Attendees 24

November 25th: Visit the Transformation Salon, number of Attendees 22

December 1st: Fellowship at Yacht Club, number of Attendees 73

No events were held in the Jan – June period















Attendance



Chair: Rtn. Mahesh C. Khubchandani Co-chair: Rtn. Jamshyd N. Vazifdar

The attendance through the year varied from reasonable to robust with 31.01% being the low for June 2024 and the high being 58.89% for July 2023. The average attendance was 43.83% for the year among the non-exempt members, well above the 25% norm mandated by Rotary but below our RCB preferred attendance of 50%.

The June attendance will pick up with the last meeting of the year for Shukriya Night still pending.

Several initiatives were taken through the year to improve overall attendance including personal alerts to low non-exempt attendees, birthday reminders the day before their birthdays to members to be present and collect the President's gift, and personal weekly reminders from the President and the office to attend especially for those who had missed the last meeting.

We thank the outgoing President Manoj Patodia, Director PN Bimal Mehta and all fellow Committee Members & Advisors including our star-studded galaxy of Past Presidents and the office staff for all their kind and timely help and support.

We look forward to ascending the attendance in the coming year and hopefully have it moving upwards as we move onwards with more Member presence and participation.

Membership strength as on June 30 th , 2024: 324								
Monthwise Attendance Summary Report upto - June - 2024								
Sr. No.	Month	Total Members (total of all meetings)	Exempt (Excused) Members	Members for Attendance calculation	Members Present	Members Make up Attendance	Members Attendance (F+G)	% age Attendance
	A	В	С	B-C=D	F	G	Н	H/Dx100
1	Jul-23	1268	436	832	459	31	490	58.89%
2	Aug-23	1265	432	833	339	93	432	51.86%
3	Sep-23	957	324	633	273	30	303	47.87%
4	Oct-23	1283	432	851	305	103	408	47.94%
5	Nov-23	974	321	653	197	46	243	37.21%
6	Dec-23	970	324	646	239	88	327	50.62%
7	Jan-24	1612	540	1072	401	45	446	41.60%
8	Feb-24	1297	432	865	345	31	376	43.47%
9	Mar-24	1303	432	871	313	25	338	38.81%
10	Apr-24	1308	432	876	331	29	360	41.10%
11	May-24	1309	429	880	275	37	312	35.45%
12	Jun-24	988	327	661	194	11	205	31.01%
Annual Total		14534	4861	9673	3671	569	4240	43.83%

Bhavishya Yaan

Director: Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala

Chair: Rtn. Akhil Sanghi Co-chair: Rtn. Charu Agrawal Number of Beneficaires: 1610 Annual Budget: Rs. 1.40 Cr

July: An Odissi dance workshop was conducted in three schools (NMJ, Ambedkar, and Prabhadevi). Additionally, Atlas College organised a self-defence techniques workshop at Ambedkar School.

August: 2,200 notebooks were distributed among the students of six schools. An International Youth Day workshop was held at Ambedkar School.

September: Ms. Marina Dutta conducted workshops at all six schools on different days. The theme was "The Story of Money."

October: An eye check-up camp was organised on 19th October at Byculla School. Approximately 100 students had their eyes checked.

November: A Diwali Lit Fest was held in the schools. On 7th November, 45 students and alumni visited JP Morgan Chase Bank for a programme organised by Diversity Org, a global NGO. The session aimed to help students interact and connect with industry leaders and learn about internships and job opportunities.

December: A Christmas Carnival was held at CCI Club.

January: Cricket and football activities.

February: Alumni meet-up.

March: Holi workshop and visit to a museum.

April: Summer camp.









Kalina Biodiversity Park

Chair: Rtn. Arnab Mallik

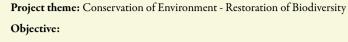
Co-chair: Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia

Nature of activity: Biodiversity

Location: Mumbai University Campus at Kalina

Annual budget: Project has already been funded by HDFC MF for a residual of 9 years. Rs 25 lakhs additional one-time cost needed for rainwater

harvesting + water body treatment.



- To rejuvenate the lake and create a healthy habitat for the aquatic plants and animals.
- To develop a biodiversity park around the lake by planting fruit and berry trees to invite birds and create an oxygen hub.
- To create a butterfly garden to help increase the pollination and restoration of habitats through the careful selection of host plants.









Bulletin

Director:

Rtn. Rahil Shah

Chair:

Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal

Co-chair: Rtn. Mudit Jatia

Number of committee meetings held:

Coordination work for the Bulletin is done via teleconferences, emails, and Whatsapp. Meetings are only arranged when necessary.

Objective: Extend the reach and disseminate information to increase the awareness of the Club's activities through print and digital media.

Planned projects:

The Bulletin has been improved and updated. To help members with Rotary-related payments, we also provide a Payment Link to the website. Currently, the Bulletin is circulated via whatsapp, email and uploaded on the website.

On-going projects:

The Bulletin reaches out to almost all Rotarians via Whatsapp and email. We hope it reaches each and every member to foster active participation.

The Club Bulletin is being published on a weekly basis with the aim of covering maximum

projects of the club in a

meaningful way.

Action plan: Regularly updating the Bulletin on to the website. We have been successful in speeding up the timelines for distributing the Bulletin. We are ensuring that in most cases the soft copy of the Bulletin is with a Rotarian before the weekly meeting. We would like to publish regular data on the patients treated at all our medical facilities. The aim is to publish on a weekly basis.





LAST TUESDAY, DR. SHASHI THAROOR'S DISCUSSION WITH FARAH KHAN TOUCHED UPON DIVERSE TOPICS SUCH AS LANGUAGE, POLITICS, AND PERSONAL ANECDOTES

- One word Dr. Shashi Tharoor used to describe himself: Confused.
- He finds the many memes made about him amusing and appreciates the creativity involved in them.
- O The absence of an asylum and refugee bill in India frustrates him, he even prepared a draft and presented it to the then Home Minister, Rajnath Singh.
- O Tharoor has written three novels and if he had to trade lives with a character from one, it would be from his novel "Show Business". The character is a person who reinvents himself as a godman to Bollywood stars, preaching hedonism.
- He had a chance to act

- in Bollywood as a foreign minister in a blockbuster film, but he declined the offer on the advice of a friend who suggested that playing a foreign minister might not help if he wanted to actually be one.
- O His favourite politician of all time is Jawaharlal Nehru, not for political reasons, but for his mind, his readings, his retentive memory, and his exceptional writing abilities.
- Tharoor is an avid cricket fan, though he acknowledges he plays it very badly.
- When asked about the possibility of playing a finance minister in a movie, Tharoor expressed interest in replicating the memorable speech of former Finance

- Minister Manmohan Singh regarding the liberalisation of the Indian economy.
- O He believes perception to be more important than truth in politics and the media. He illustrates this point with a personal experience where a woman declined to vote for him due to a misunderstanding about the term "cattle class".
- Tharoor advocates for a "common minimum programmer to address the polarised political landscape, urging politicians to find common ground to improve the lives of their fellow citizens, despite their differences. He emphasises the need for healthy debate and friendships across political lines for the betterment of the country.









Cancer Aid

















Chair: Rtn. Farokh Balsara

Co-chair: Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Soonnu Balsara

This year we have supported the cancer treatment of 41 needy patients (including 17 children) and have disbursed Rs. 14.25 lakhs directly to the below-mentioned 12 hospitals where the cancer patients are being treated:

- Holy Family Hospital
- Hiranandani Cancer Institute
- KEM Hospital
- SRCC Children's Hospital
- Aasha Cancer Hospital
- Tata Memorial Hospital
- Hinduja Hospital
- Asian Cancer Institute
- Sushrut Hospital
- Holy Spirit Hospital
- Kokilaben Ambani Hospital
- Jerbai Wadia Children's Hospital

This year, we have collected donations of Rs. 16,42,000 for the Aloo Dalal Endowment for Cancer Treatment (ADECT) increasing the Corpus to Rs. 1.83 crores. We have built-up this ADECT corpus through donations over the past 12 years and all disbursements for cancer treatment of needy patients are done from the interest earned on this Corpus.



Child Welfare

ANNUAL PROGRAMMES:

1. Nutritional Support for Street Children:

- We support 45-50 street children by providing them with a nutritious meal daily, prepared by the Annamrita kitchen of the Iskcon Foundation.
- Every day, a big container of fresh food, as per the menu decided by the committee, is sent from the kitchen to the Salaam Baalak Chowpatty Centre for street children. This is their only source of nutrition throughout the day.

2. Educational Initiative - Lighthouse:

- Located at Macchimar Colony, Cuffe Parade, Lighthouse enrols 100 children aged 3 to 9 years.
- Since this programme is run in a fishermen community, we also have initiatives for the parents and grandparents.
- 2022-23 marked the sixth year of our programme, achieving our goal of being an English medium programme, with 100% of our students able to understand and speak in English.

Highlights of 2023/24:

- Medical Camps:
- Two medical camps were held, each serving 100 people.
- Taekwondo and Yoga:
- Offered to students throughout the year.

Celebrations:

Independence Day, Republic Day, International Day of Yoga, Grandparents Day, and Sports Day were celebrated.

Camps:

- Diwali and summer camps were conducted.

Volunteer Workshops:

- Volunteers from Hotel Taj President, HR College, Hinduja College, and Xavier's College conducted workshops.

Field Trips:

- Visits included the CCI Club for a Christmas party, MUSO - Museum of Solutions, Snow Kingdom, and Colaba Woods.

Rotarian Visits:

- Throughout the year, many Rotarians visited our project for short interactions with the children. New Rotarians inducted this year were very happy to see our project and interact with the children, with some joining our committee for the coming year.

Special Celebrations:

- Some Rotarians chose to celebrate their birthdays and special days with our children.

Medical Aid:

- Two cataract surgeries were performed.

















Cotton Green

Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala

Chair: Rtn. Dushyant Dave

Co-chair: Rtn. Reema Damani

Members: Rtn. Peter Born, Rtn. Sunish Anand, Rtn. Sunita Mandalia, Rtn. Arin Master, Rtn. Swati Jajodia

Objective: To provide free and/or subsidised medical services to the needy community.

Reach:

- Cotton Green: Approx. 8,000 patients per year

Budget for 2023-24:

- Cotton Green: Rs. 23 lakhs till Nov 2023 (spent Rs. 10.10 lakhs to date)

Location:

Cotton Green at Sewri

COTTON GREEN

Operated by the Rotary Club of Bombay with Bombay Cotton Merchants & Muccadams Association Ltd and Dr. Batra's Foundation. Open on Tuesdays and Fridays. Services include homeopathy, dental, paediatric, GP care, and blood tests. Cotton Green Clinic sees 50-60 patients a day making a monthly 500 in numbers as it operates only twice a day.

- The homeopathic department is run by Dr. Batra's Foundation. Consultation and medicines are given free of cost.
- The dental department runs in association with the Indian Institute of Continuing Education & Research (Rtn Swati Mayekar).
- Blood testing is done by N.M. Medical at a concessional rate. 70% cost of testing is borne by NM Medical (Rtn. Rahil Shah)
- GP and paediatric medicines are given free of cost.
- Eye check-up is done free of cost.
- In February 2023, the clinic started a tobacco deaddiction service every Friday.

Key Initiatives

- CG partnerships with Jaslok Hospital for surgeries and Dr. Kulin Kothari Bombay City Eye Institute for advanced eye treatments
- Medical camps and awareness programmes conducted

Funds Optimisation at CG

- Strict budget adherence and necessary expenses covered
- Recent installations: CCTV, biometric attendance, microwave, and water purifier

Facility Upgrades at CG

- Additional dental chair and plumbing improvements
- Obtained sewage disposal licence
- Daily engagement with staff and proactive issue resolution
- Future plans: Dialysis centre













Dharamshala

Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala

Chair: Rtn. Naresh Pachisia

Members: Rtn. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Miral Shah

Advisors: IPDG Sandip Agarwalla, IPP Vineet Bhatnagar

DHARAMSHALA – 1 (MHADA Flats, Bhoiwada-Parel)

RCB operates a 100-flat Dharamshala dedicated to accommodating cancer patients and their attendants. Our facility offers a supportive environment with complimentary and subsidised accommodation, inclusive of all 3 daily meals, housekeeping services, shuttle to-and-fro the hospital and regular changes of linen and towels.

DHARAMSHALA – 2 (Haffkine, Parel, Mumbai)

RCB has completed furnishing another 183-Flat facility at TATA Memorial Hospitals Haffkine premises for cancer patients.

Objective:

Ensure comfort and care with a nurturing environment where cancer patients and attendants can focus on their well-being without worrying about accommodation logistics.

Number of Beneficiaries: 900 cancer patients + attendants

- Operations at MHADA Dharamshala run at an average of 80% occupancy
- Round the clock housekeeping provided by facility management Company JAN-PRO.
- Round the clock security by RAJ Securities.
- Fully functional kitchen at the premises offering meals at a subsidised cost of Rs.25 per day per person for all 3 full wholesome nutritious meals.
- Free high speed WIFI and cable TV connection provided to all rooms.
- Appointment of a multi-skilled technician offering electrical, plumbing and carpentry services providing regular upkeep and maintenance.
- Free shuttle services between the facility and TATA Memorial Hospital.
- Commencement of Rotary Office and appointment of Full time Executive assisted by 2 part time ECB social workers at the premises.
- Free professional laundry services for linen and towel
- Fortnightly engagement activities with patients through fun games and general lectures over hygiene, food and cleanliness.

Plans for 2025-26

- 1. Prepare SOPs to achieve operational excellence.
- 2. Quarterly/ Festival specific programmes engaging cancer patients.
- 3. Strive to achieve occupancy rate of 90%.
- 4. Inaugurate and commission Haffkine facility.

Budget for 2025-26: Rs. 160 lakhs

RCB is thankful to HDFC AMC for committing to donate support for OPEX costs for the next 10 years.



















Dialysis Centres





Dialysis machines	donated by RC	B until APR-2024		
Platinum Hospital, Mulund	OCT 2, 2020	Free for needy patients		
Astha Hospital, Manor	MAR 2, 2020	Free for needy patients		
Astha Hospital, Manor	SEP 1, 2020	Free for needy patients		
Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar	DEC 2, 2020	Rs 800 For needy patients		
Shatabdi Hospital, Gowandi	SEP 3, 2020	Free for needy patients		
Samarpan, Ghatkopar	JAN 14, 2021	Rs 300 for needy patients		
Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali	JAN 2, 2021	Free for needy patients		
Lifeline Medicare Hospital Charkop	NOV 15, 2022	Free for needy patients		
K. J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion	MAR 10, 2023	Free for needy patients		
Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri	MAR 10, 2023	Free for needy patients		
Dr. M. L. Dhawale Hospital, Palghar	MAR 2, 2023	Rs 250 For needy patients		
Symbiosis university Hospital & Research Centre, Pune	APRIL 6, 2024	Free for needy patients		
Total machines	69			
Total beneficiaries:	396 patients			

Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala

Chair: Rtn. Swati V Jajodia Co-chair: PP Vijay Jatia

Members: Rtn. Vineet Suchanti

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) is a common kidney disease affecting about 10% of the world's population. In India, one in every ten adults suffers from CKD, and at any given time, nearly five lakh patients require lifelong dialysis or a transplant, according to Dr. Sanjay K. Agarwal, Professor and Head of Nephrology at AIIMS.

Dr. Agarwal told *The Hindu* on the eve of World Kidney Day — observed annually on the second Thursday in March — that only 6,000 patients receive new kidneys and another 50,000 can afford or access dialysis. For the remaining 4.5 lakh patients, there is no definitive treatment, making their survival difficult beyond a few weeks.

CKD is more common than stroke and diabetes and has a magnitude almost equal to diabetes. The cost of treatment for an average CKD patient is many times more than that for diabetes or stroke. Therefore, the urgent need is to set up dialysis centres to provide free or subsidised treatment for those who cannot afford it.

Our goal is to establish our projects as preferred dialysis centres in our region by providing reliable and easily accessible dialysis without pain.

Objective:

We provide free or heavily subsidised dialysis treatment to patients suffering from chronic kidney disease. These patients have only two options: either undergo dialysis at least three times a week for the rest of their lives or undergo a kidney transplant, which is difficult due to the challenge of finding the right donor. Dialysis treatment is expensive, costing nearly 24,000 rupees a month, which adds a huge financial burden on the patient's family. Many patients succumb to the disease because they cannot afford the treatment.

RCB is striving to provide relief to these patients by opening centres or establishing dialysis units in existing charitable hospitals. These centres can provide good care and treatment free of cost, thereby reducing patients' suffering in locations where such treatment is not available and where patients must travel long distances to access it. Nearly 10% of the population suffers from this disease, and only a fraction have access to the treatment. Thus, we can conclude that there is much more RCB can do in this area.

PLANS FOR 2024-25 Upcoming dialysis centre machines

- 1. Apex Hospitals (Borivali West) :- 4
- 2. Shri Chaitanya Health and Care Trust :- 6

Budget Needed for 2024-25 (estimated / guesstimated)

Rs. 1,50,00,0000/- is adequate For 12-15 Dialysis Machines, RO Plant, Furniture, Civil, Electrical & Plumbing Work.

Early Intervention in Neuro Divergent Children

Director: Rtn. Renu Basu **Chair:** PP Shernaz Vakil

Co-chair: Rtn. Sunny Pariyaram

Members: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala, Rtn. Niloufer Lam, Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara, Rtn. Meher Vakil, Rtn. Ptn. Ami Jagtiani, Rtn. Moy Biswas, Rtn. Reema Damani

Objective: The Mankhurd Early Intervention Centre provides specialised support to neurodivergent children and their families from birth to school entry (up to 6 years old). Our club supports this project in the field of mental health in Mankhurd, partnering with the Association for Welfare of Mentally Handicapped in Maharashtra (AWMH), a parents' association dedicated to the welfare and rehabilitation of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Support Provided

- The centre offers a range of services, including:
- Special Education: Helping children reach their maximum learning potential.
- Group Therapy Sessions: Play activities to improve social skills, and art/ music therapy.
- Occupational Therapy: Sensory stimulation to enhance body awareness.
- Developmental and Psychological Assessment: Regular evaluations to monitor progress.
- Counselling and Training for Parents: Providing guidance for homebased programmes.

Number of Beneficiaries

Approximately thirty children, mostly autistic or with cerebral palsy, benefit from these services.



Budget for 2024-25

The budget needed is nil as ₹15 lakhs has already been paid.

Recent Visit to the Centre

Committee members visited the Mankhurd Centre, interacting with the dedicated staff and children. We organised a Christmas lunch and handed out gifts to the children and their parents. During our visit, we observed the structured programmes and individualised routines that benefit each child daily.

- Occupational Therapy: Therapists worked with each child, recommending daily routines to be followed at home.
- Clinical Psychology: A psychologist monitored progress and recommended further treatment.
- Speech Therapy: A therapist visits weekly, though there is a need for more speech therapists.

Parent Involvement and Community Outreach

Daily reports detail each child's development, and parents are taught how to manage their children's needs, preparing them for specialised schools. Social workers find children in the slums, bringing them to the centre and giving parents hope for their child's future. The centre organises outings and events to bring joy into the lives of the children and their families.

Our Committee's Commitment

We are committed to not just financial support, but also dedicating our time and talent. We organise art and craft sessions, tea parties, and provide nutritional and other guidance to mothers. We seek suggestions from the staff to improve our involvement.

Emotional Impact

Our visit was deeply emotional as we interacted with parents who lovingly support their children. We met Gulam, whose mother lovingly cares for him despite his severe disabilities. Another child, Afroze, gave us a magical smile, highlighting the profound impact of our empathy and support.









Elder Day Care, Alibaug





Director: Rtn. Vineet Suchanti

Chair: PP Ashish Vaid

RCB's Elder Day Care Centre is finally flourishing and going strong. Every day, 50 elders from Aawas Village come to our Day Care Centre and spend happy moments interacting with each other.

Our Rotarians take pride in the Centre, and recently, they donated a table tennis table and a wheelchair for the Centre. Some Rotarians who have homes in Alibaug have been visiting the Centre. We are planning more interactions between the Rotarians and the elders at the Centre.









Environmental Sciences (ESS)









Director: Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala

Chair: Rtn. Nikhil Bhatia
Co-chair: Rtn. Chris Bluemel
Members: Rtn. Amay Merchant

Status Report of Projects Planned During the Year

Frankly, minimal activity has happened this year primarily due to a misunderstanding of the direction by me.

- The pilot project for the ESS was conducted in Palghar last year.
- This year, the plan is to continue the ESS programme in the Palghar schools that initiated the pilot project.
- Enhance the pilot project at Palghar to include Level 2 and Level 3 of the programme.
- Contact other Rotary chapters to develop ESS programmes under their club projects.
- Raise funding for further rollout of the ESS programme.
- Based on funding received, approach additional schools for the programme rollout.

Status Report of Ongoing Projects:

- The pilot project is continuing in 17 schools in Palghar, impacting approximately 800 children at Level 1.



- This number will increase to 2,500 students as we roll out Level 2 and Level $\boldsymbol{3}$
- Additional school rollouts will depend on funding and budget approvals.
- The budget targets 10,000 students across schools in the Palghar District, which is achievable given the positive response and feedback from the pilot project.

Action Plan to Implement the Planned Projects

- Increase rollout from pilot to full programmes at 17 schools in Palghar.
- Continue Level 1 along with a year-end exhibition.
- Complete printing of Level 3 books in Marathi.
- Provide training for Level 2 and Level 3 teachers by master trainers.
- Roll out Level 2 and Level 3.
- Increase the number of schools in the Palghar and Tarapore area to 30 schools.
- Establish target schools with Rotary Club, Palghar.
- Plan the second round of training for teachers.
- Roll out into new schools.
- Raise funding for the ESS programme.
- Contact potential donors and organisations for funding.
- Target annual funding is approximately Rs. 1.25 Cr.

Integrated Village Development/Panchatattva













Members: PP Ramesh Narayan, PP Preeti Mehta, PP Framroze Mehta, PP Shernaz Vakil, Rtn. Ravi Fotedar, Rtn.

Director: Rtn. Poonam

Chair: Rtn. Mihir Mody Co-chair: Rtn. Rhea

Lalvani

Bhumgara

Madhusudan Daga

Nature of activity: To engage in 5 Point Rural Transformation, enabling clean and green energy to impact home and social security, education facilitation, health and sanitation and livelihood promotion on the pivot of solar power. In order to fulfill the project objectives the RCB has associated with NGO Partner Chirag Rural Development Foundation.

Locations:

(i) In the villages of Murbichapada, Rautpada, Chaudharipada, Kambadipada in Suksale Gram Panchayat situated at Vikramgad Taluka, Palghar

Number of Beneficiaries: Number of households 80,

having total population around 395 rural citizens.

Budget: Rs. 61,32,040

(ii) In the villages of Khardipada in Sarsun Gram Panchayat and Kharpadpada in Dabhosa Gram Panchayat situated at Jawhar Taluka, Palghar,

Number of Beneficiaries:

Number of households 87 having total population around 350 rural citizens.

Budget: Rs. 33,78,050

(iii) An Integrated School Development Project in Vavar Ashramshala (Girl's Hostel) at Jawhar Taluka, Palghar.

Number of Beneficiaries: 198 Tribal female students

Budget: Rs. 18,86,000

Total Beneficiaries: 943

Annual Budget: Rs 1,13,96,090



With solar power, Rotary Club brings life to Palghar

FPJ NEWS SERVICE / MUMBAI

The lives of 393 people inhabiting Murbichapada, Rautpada, Kandipada and Chaudharipada hamlets in Palghar have been literally lit up, thanks to the Rotary Club of Bombay, Under the 37th Inte-grated Village Development Project, the club strived for four years to set up solar power installations in the Suksale



lack of perennial water poses a serious problem for them. Also, the village is enveloped by darkness post sunset due to poor street electrification,

Gale Village



Project: Livelihood Centre, Gale, Palghar **Participants:**

Tanvi Ĝolatkar (Programme Director, RCB) Sandesh Chavan (Project Coordinator, Diganta Swaraj Foundation)

Dilip (Diganta Swaraj Foundation) Nikhil Tamboli (Diganta Swaraj Foundation) Sameer Kale (Diganta Swaraj Foundation) Bhaskar Joshi (Diganta Swaraj Foundation) Kamlakar Burunge (Diganta Swaraj Foundation)

1. Updates on Livelihood Projects:

- Sandesh Chavan provided an overview of the current status of the Livelihood projects. Four units are in the initial phase, focusing on determining production costs and labour needs.

2. Record Keeping:

- Emphasised the importance of maintaining different registers for progress monitoring and accountability.
- Daily attendance register to be maintained on a Google online sheet.

3. Suggestions for the Livelihood Team:

- Establish a self-improvement account (current account) and confirm signatories.
- Maintain copies of agreements with partners and documentation related to the new nursery and farmers.
- Compile a monthly performance report in Excel for each unit to provide detailed insights into operations and progress.
- Review and assess the adult literacy programme report for Gale Village to identify additional needs.
- Develop a report on the income levels of farmers involved to monitor economic benefits.

Assigned Tasks:

- Sandesh Chavan: Oversee the implementation of the monthly reporting system in Excel for all units.
- Mr. Dilip: Collect and organise all relevant agreements and farmer documents.
- Shraddha and Tanvi: Set up the self-improvement

account and confirm the signatories.

- Sandesh Chavan and Nikhil Tamboli: Collaborate with the adult literacy programme to compile and review the latest reports.
- Bhaskar Joshi and Kamlakar Burunge: Develop a comprehensive farmer income report and share it via email.

Livelihood Centre Units:

1. Oil Processing Unit:

- The main oil processor machine requires a stabiliser. Appropriate stabiliser to be procured and installed.
- Purchase a larger oil container for efficient storage.
- Internal team scouting for potential vendors for oil container bottles.

2. Cashew Processing Unit:

- Live demonstration of cashew nut processing.
- Facilities include a manual cashew nut separation machine, an electric machine, and a cashew nut dryer.
- Obtain and mount the correct switch according to voltage requirements and stabiliser specifications.
- Acquire containers for cashew nuts.

3. Leaf/Paper Plate Unit:

- Target sales goal: 30,000 plates for the current wedding season ending in June 2024.
- Over 9,000 paper plates sold, 1,000 more in production.
- Experimenting with high-quality plates made from palm trees.
- Plates made using 150GSM paper with a 14-inch surface.
- Makers require sturdy sitting tables for inspection and assembly.

4. Sustainable Sanitary Pad Machines:

- Operate 2 Sustainable Sanitary Pad Machines and 1 automated button sewing machine.
- Training provided to 4 community women on making reusable pads.
- Both machines are functioning properly.

Internal Livelihood Centre Office:

- Requires civil work to address a significant crack in the upper part of the roof.
- Wi-Fi connection and computers are in good working order.

Toilets:

- A total of 72 toilets constructed among 9 subvillages (Padas).
- 8 toilets inspected and in good civil condition.
- No direct water line connected to the WC area, necessitating individuals to bring a water bucket inside.

Solar Street Lights:

- Total: 12 Solar Street Lights
- 6 Solar streetlights inspected and found to be in working condition.

Paddle Pumps:

- Total: 30 Paddle Pumps
- Pumps are in good working order with no signs of rust.

Solar Panels:

- 1st Solar panel: 10 Kl WAT, 7.5 HP benefiting Valvi Pada, Dhinde Pada, Gale Gaon, Chaure Pada, Patil Pada, Domre Pada.
- 2nd Solar panel: 2.5 Kl WAT, 2 HP benefiting Kavate Pada, Gavari Pada.
- 3rd Solar panel: 2.5 Kl WAT, 2 HP benefiting Kharpade Pada.

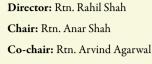
Engagement with the Community:

During the visit, interactions with community members who benefited from the initiative were heartwarming. Their stories of resilience and determination were inspiring. The impact of the projects is evident in the positive changes taking place, such as increased agricultural productivity and enhanced entrepreneurship opportunities. The Livelihood Centre is transforming the lives of community members through dedication, collaboration, and a commitment to sustainable development.

Fellowship & In-Camera







Nature of activity: To plan Fellowship & In Camera events throughout the year to promote interaction & spirit of friendship amongst members

No of beneficiaries: NA Annual budget: NA

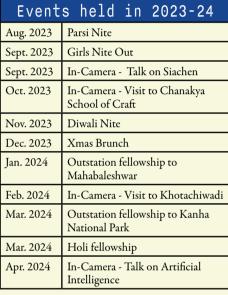






















Interact Schools

Chair: Rtn. Arin Master

Location:

Anjuman Islam's Allana English High School **Project:** Cleanliness Bas Kar Mumbaikar **Nature of activity:** Drawing Competition

Project: No Bag Day

Nature of activity: Innovative Science Projects

Project: Road Safety Progamme by Yuva **Nature of activity:** Rules and Regulations to

maintain safe traffic

Project: Mental Health Day

Nature of activity: Promote the importance of

mental health

Project: Leadership Programme

Nature of activity: Teenage girls to develop their

leadership abilities

Project: Debate Competition

Nature of activity: Various thought provoking

topic

Project: No Bag Day

Nature of activity: Show Love for languages

Project: Cleanliness Drive

Nature of activity: Swatcha Monitor - Clean

school

Project: ATL Marathon

Nature of activity: Showcase of amazing projects

ATAL Marathon

Location: GD Somani School Fest

Project: Melange

Nature of activity: Appeals and Arguments,

Startup Ka Safar and Shakespeare's play

























Impact Assessment and Synergy

Chair: PP Arun Sanghi

Members: IPP Vineet Bhatnagar, Rtn. Renu Basu

1. SYNERGY

1. MEDICAL CAMPS:

Bombay Gymkhana: Held on September $15^{\rm th}$ for club staff, attended by 25 Rotarians and several past presidents, with 107 patients.

CCI: Held on November 8^{th} , attended by 122 patients. These camps are expected to increase footfall at IWA and Cotton Green for further treatment.

2. Cataract Surgery:

Finalised arrangement with Dr. Kulin Kothari's clinic for cataract surgeries at a subsidised rate of ₹2,000, including blood tests and one month of free follow-up. Detailed procedure is available for members. This service is aimed at domestic help, watchmen, and any less privileged individuals earning less than ₹30,000 per month.

3. Subsidised/Free Surgeries:

Tied up with Jaslok and HN Reliance hospitals. At Reliance, surgeries are free for patients earning less than ₹1.8 lakhs per annum and subsidised for those earning up to ₹3.6 lakhs per annum. All formalities to be completed online.

4. Cotton Green Patients:

Cotton Green clinic, reopened after two and a half months of renovation, will encourage patients to utilise these surgical treatment facilities.

5. Improving Clinic Standards:

Assisting Director Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala and Chair Rtn. Dushyant Dave in improving the clinic's appearance and quality to match the standards of IWA, targeted for completion by January 31st, 2024.

6. Future Medical Camps:

Six more medical camps are planned jointly with the Wockhardt Foundation. Suggestions for locations are invited. Camps will include ECG services. Offers already made to Wodehouse Gymkhana and BCA. Potential camp at the Lighthouse Project.

7. Eye Check-Ups:

Conducted by KEM Hospital team at Byculla Bhavishya Yaan School with free spectacles provided. Next check-up scheduled for Colaba School in December, courtesy of new Rotarian Dr. Sheela Kerkar.

8. Committee Participation:

Suggestions invited by the committee. IPP Vineet Bhatnagar will actively be involved. Members willing to give four hours per week for Rotary projects are welcome to join.

9. Diagnostic Services:

Tied up with NM Medical for MRI, CT scans, and sonography at 50% of the normal rate.

2. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

1. Cost Assessment:

Completed comparative cost assessment per patient in all four clinics for the last Rotary year: ADMC and Eye Centre at Talwada, Cotton Green, and IWA Clinic.

2. Project Impact:

Impact assessment completed for all major projects. An inverter was installed at the IT Innovation Lab following feedback from the report.

3. Doctor Visits:

Arranged by the Anand Yaan Committee in response to elders' requests for medical assistance noted in the impact assessment report.

4. ADMC Report:

The ADMC impact assessment report is being reviewed by the Director in charge and Chairman this week. Their recommendations will be discussed at the board level for action.

5. Cost Reduction:

Efforts underway to reduce medicine costs. Total cost from July 1^{st} , 2022 to June 30^{th} , 2023 was ₹16.7 lakhs. Figures are being analysed to use contacts for better rates.

6. Detailed Statistics:

With a third accounts person in the Rotary office, detailed statistics will be prepared by the end of December for study and action.





7. Monthly Expenses:

All operating committees will receive monthly expenses in Excel format along with approved budget figures and last year's figures by the 20th.

8. Quality Audit:

Planned for dialysis centres, with Rotarian Dr. Ashok Kirpalaney agreeing to assist. The audit will start on 1st January, aiming to complete at least two centres by January 10th, 2024 to ensure required medical procedures are followed as per reputed hospital standards.

3. COST OF TIME BY A ROTARIAN IN ROTARY PROJECTS

Assumed Annual Income: ₹1.0 crore Cost Per Month: ₹8.33 lakhs

Cost Per Day for 20 Working Days: ₹41,650

Cost for 4 Hours Per Week (2 Days a Month): ₹83,300 per month

Annual Cost of Time Spent: ₹10 lakhs

Cost for 8 Hours Per Week: ₹20 lakhs annually

International Programmes

On September 5th, weekly meeting with Bart de Jong, the Consul General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Hosted the visit of a 15-member delegation of our James Wheeler Davidson Sister Club, the R.C. Madras to our Club on October 17th.

Organised on November 21st, a weekly meeting with Andrea Kuhn, the Consul General of South Africa and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Mumbai.

Organised our Club's participation in a Zoom meeting with RI President Nominee (2025-26) Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo hosted by R.C. Madras on November 28th.

Weekly Meeting with Martin Maier, the Consul General of Switzerland and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Mumbai on January 23rd.

Visit of a RCB delegation to Chennai participating at an International Rotary Meeting hosted by R.C. Madras on the occasion of their 95th club anniversary.

Planning for a restart of RCB's participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange Programme for next year.











IT Innovation Labs

Director: Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala

Chair: Rtn. Rohan Dalal Co-Chair: Rtn. Abhishek Saraf Members: Rtn. Anirudh Chowdhary, Rtn. Nikhil Sanghai, Rtn. Pratap Patode

Status of projects planned during the year

1. Palghar IT Innovation Lab

- Inaugurated in January 2022, ongoing
- Students enrolled from six schools in Palghar District
- Courses taught: 3-D Printing, Robotics, Internet of Things (IoT)
- Teachers appointed by Rotary Club of Bombay, in-person classes
- Cloud-based course implementation by knowledge partner Grok
 Learning
- Students regularly participate in science fairs, making demos of 3-D modelling software, smart home system, mine-detecting robots, etc.
- Total number of beneficiaries as on June 2024: 10 sessions, 3,600 students
- Implemented recommendations made in Impact Assessment Report conducted by independent expert
- Action Plan to implement planned projects: Ongoing monitoring of teachers, students and lab which is in steady-state mode.

- 2. Wada IT Innovation Lab
- Project funded by CSR India Grant
- Inaugurated March 2024, ongoing
- Students enrolled from PJ High School, Wada
- Courses taught: 3-D Printing, Robotics, Internet of Things (IoT), Interactive Programme on Career Foundation
- Teachers appointed by Rotary Club of Bombay, in-person classes
- Cloud-based course implementation by knowledge partner Grok Learning, Career Foundation programme by SpeedLabs
- Number of beneficiaries: 532 since project inception of Lab in March 2024
- 1st session 432 students in IT Lab
- 100 students in interactive Career Foundation course
- Action Plan to implement planned projects: Lab started in March 2024, ongoing monitoring of teachers, students and lab.
- 3. Proposed Third IT Lab: Initial feasibility visit conducted June 9th 2024











Classification, Membership and Information

Director: PN Bimal Mehta Chair: PP Nandan Damani Co-chair: PP Preeti Mehta **Committee:** PP Framroze Mehta, PP Ramesh Narayan, PP Nowroze Vazifdar During this Rotary year until May 2024, the Membership Committee recommended 17 candidates to the BOD and OB.



Rtn. Anjani Rawat Pastry Café, Proposed by Rtn. Mudit Jatia, 09.08.23



Rtn. Nikhil Sanghai Mfg & Mktg readymade Garment, Proposed by Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, 09.08.23



Rtn. Priya Tanna Brand Building, Proposed by Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, 09.08.23



Rtn. Amay Jaidev Merchant Mfg & Mktg cosmetics, Proposed by PP Ashish Vaid, 09.08.23



Rtn. Kishore M Bang Stock broking, Proposed by PP Vijay Kumar Jatia, 22.08.23



Rtn. Anant Singhania Financial investments, Proposed by PP Ashish Vaid, 22.08.23



Rtn. Rashmi Jolly Mfg building boards, Proposed by PP Jimmy Pochkhanawala, 03.10.23



Rtn. Kiren Srivastav Mkt enterpreneur, Proposed by PP Kalpana Munshi, 30.10.23



Rtn. Meher F Vakil Mfg chemical products, Proposed by PP Shernaz Vakil, 04.12.23



Rtn. Ami S Jagtiani Solicitor/education therapist, Proposed by PP Haresh Jagtiani, 04.12.23



Rtn. Apoorv Bajaj CSR expert, Proposed by Rtn. Aditya Vikram Somani, 29.02.24



Rtn. Nandini Sampat Architects & Interior Designers, Proposed by Rtn. Dr. Anand Somaya, 12.02.24

Paediatric Heart Surgeries

Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala

Chair: Rtn. Jaymin Jhaveri

Committee: Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala, Rtn. Sushil Chandiramani, Rtn. Mudit Jatia, Rtn. Sherebanu Baldiwala, Rtn. Hursh Meghani

Nature of activity: Sponsoring/ financially supporting paediatric heart surgeries at our partner hospitals, namely SRCC Childrens Hospital, Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital & Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital.

Considering a birth prevalence of congenital heart disease of 9/1000, almost 200000 children are born with heart issues every year in India alone. Rotary Club of Bombay with the support of its partner hospitals aims to provide a chance at a healthy and long life to these children, majority of whom come from financially weak backgrounds.

Each hospital has given subsidised rates to RCB, which enables us to help more children. There is no compromise on quality of healthcare.

Location:

- 1. Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai
- 2. SRCC Childrens Hospital, Mumbai
- 3. Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Navi Mumbai

Number of Beneficiaries:

176 (At A Total Cost Of Rs 1,77,07,159.52/-)

Budget/Funds available:

Rs 1,85,13,142/-

(Through 2 Ongoing Global Grants)









Programme

Chair: Rtn. Rina Deora

Co-chair: Rtn. Farhat Jamal

- 1. Shashi Tharoor (Member of Lok Sabha)
- 2. Rashesh Shah (Chairman and CEO, Edelweiss Group)
- 3. Ajay Piramal (Chairman, Piramal Group)
- 4. Anuj Puri (Chairman, Anarock)
- 5. Rajiv Jalota (Bombay Port Trust)
- 6. Bart De Jong (Consul General of The Netherlands)
- 7. Nachiket Barve (Fashion designer)
- 8. Lt. Gen. Shokin Chauhan
- 9. Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani (Chairman, Hiranandani Group)
- Renuka Ramnath (CEO, Multiple's India Asset Management)
- 11. Anant Goenka (Executive Director, The Indian Express Group)
- 12. Andrea Kuhn (Consul General of South Africa in Mumbai & Dean of the Consular Corps of Mumbai)
- 13. Sifra Lentin (Bombay History Fellow)
- 14. Bahram N Vakil (Co-Founder, AZB & Partners)
- Niloufer Giri (Exponent of Vedanta, Vedic Chanting, and Sanskrit)
- Chef's Session: Gauri Devidayal, Aditi Dugar, Pooja Dhingra
- 17. Martin Maier (Consul General of Switzerland, & Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Mumbai)
- 18. Sohrab Khushrushahi (Founder at SOHFIT)
- 19. Areti Sianni (Chief of Mission for UNHCR India)
- 20. Ashish Chauhan (Managing Director and CEO, NSE)
- 21. Subhash Ghai (Eminent Film Maker, Director, Producer, Screenwriter, Music Composer & Lyricist)
- Ravi Shroff (Third-Generation entrepreneur and Managing Director of Excel Industries Ltd)
- 23. Archana Chandra (CEO, Jai Vakeel Foundation and Research Centre)
- 24. Keki Mistry (CEO, Housing Development Finance Corporation)
- Radhika Gupta (MD and CEO of Edelweiss Mutual Fund)
- Nityanand Charandas (Spiritual Counsellor and Practicing Monk at ISKCON Chowpatty)
- Vivek Phansalkar (I.P.S., Commissioner of Police, Mumbai)
- 28. Rtn. Anil Harish (Partner, D.M. Harish & Company)
- Rtn. Harish Jagtiani (Partner, D.M. Harish & Company)
- Artist Panel: Asad Lalji, Brinda Miller, Radha Goenka, Rtn. Priyasri Patodia
- 31. Suman Aggarwal Nutritionist









Public Awards









Director: Rtn. Vineet Suchanti

Chair: Rtn. Jagdish Malkani

Co-chair: Rtn. Anand Dalal

Giving out 11 Public Awards in different walks of life

Location: Weekly meetings at RCB

- Citizen of Mumbai (Club): Mrs. Nita Ambani
- P V Gandhi Excellence in Public Life: Mr. Amit Chandra
- 3. Uma Jain Young Woman Achiever: Ms. Vaishali Shadangule
- 4. Ramkrishna Bajaj Award for Good Governance: Mr. Sunil Mathur
- 5. Social Service Award: Mr. Abodh Aras
- 6. Anita Parikh Empowerment of Women: Kranti India
- 7. Somchand Parikh Best Teacher: Mr. Ranjitsinh Disale
- 8. Taru Lalvani Environmental Protection: Dr. Raju Kasambe
- 9. Sohrab Pirojsha Godrej Science & Technology: Ms. Vidita Vaidya
- 10. Kalpana Munshi Lifetime Achievement in Arts: Mr. Subhash Ghai
- Bravery Award: PSI Wasudeo Rajam Madavi

Annual Budget: Rs. 500,000





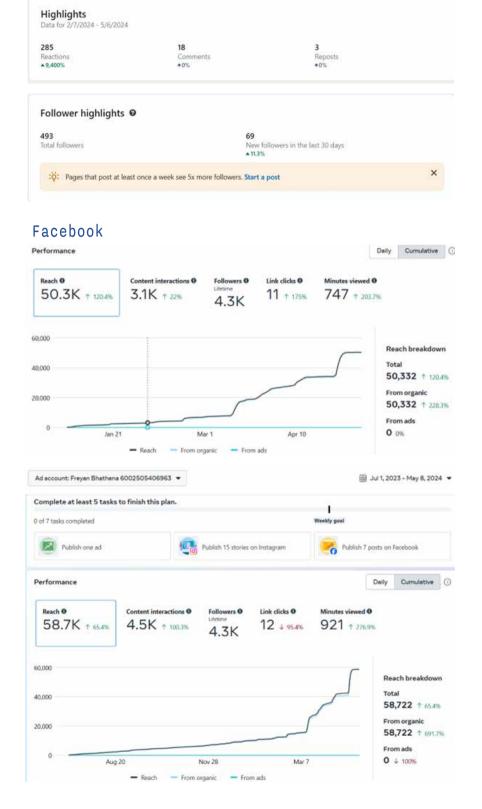
Social Media

Chair: Rtn. Laxmi Maneklal Co-chair: Rtn. Pavit Chadha 6K + followers on Instagram Facebook reach is up by 120%

We increased our presence online with our new LinkedIn page. Rotary Club of Bombay remains the highest followed individual Rotary Club instagram page in the world. We have a total of 10,900 followers on social media. Clubs, Rotarians, NGOs and individuals seeking to join us reach out over our active accounts.

Social Media Presence is on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn

LinkedIn





RCB Medical Centre, Talwada







Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala **Chairman Emeritus:** PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir

Chair: PP Framroze Mehta

Co-chair: Rtn. Dr. Rohini Chowgule

Members: PP Nowroze Vazifdar, Rtn. Ravi Fotedar, Rtn. Mihir Mody,

Rtn. Homi Katgara

From July 2023 - April 2024

PRVEC	
Ophthalmic OPD	12561
Surgeries	577
IOL	508
Yag Laser	236
Spectacles Distributed	1111

ADMC				
General OPD	12883			
Dental OPD	948			
TB OPD	377			
Paediatric OPD	521			
Pathology Lab	905			

To serve the medical requirements of those living in the surrounding villages and padas in and around Vikramgarh, at zero to negligible cost. To educate the underprivileged population that medical facilities are readily available at Talwada. To persuade existing patients to visit our Medical Centres to continue with their treatment.

Annual Budget at PRVEC: Rs. 61,20,000/-Annual Budget at ADMC: Rs. 36,87,000/-



Rotaract Clubs

ROTARACT CLUB OF ATLAS SKILLTECH





The Rotaract Club of Atlas SkillTech has made remarkable strides in community service over the past year, spearheading initiatives spanning environmental preservation, health, community welfare, cultural engagement, and economic growth. In a powerful demonstration of commitment to sustainability, the club organised a Mega Beach and Mangrove Clean Up Drive, collecting a staggering 970 kgs of waste with over 100 volunteers.

The club's Mega Blood Donation Camp saw more than 300 donors, with collaboration from Vishwas NGO and Tata Memorial Hospital, registering 350 participants and collecting 243 units of blood, potentially saving up to 700 lives. Project UDAAN, a village adoption initiative, positively impacted over 1,000 lives through various monthly projects. Additionally, the club distributed over 60 kgs of food for community animals in partnership with Drools and collared over 300 animals through its yearly PAWSCUE initiative.

Culturally, the club hosted Navrangi Navratri, attended by nearly 1,000 people in collaboration with STAGE. Their efforts in promoting sports and physical fitness contributed to skill development for many participants. Educationally, they hosted one of Mumbai's largest Model United Nations (MUN) conferences, with over 200 attendees, including 160 young diplomats. Economically, the Flea Fella 2023 event boosted sales for over 40 small businesses by 40% and enhanced their social media engagement by 50%.

These initiatives underscore the Rotaract Club of Atlas SkillTech's dedication to making a tangible difference in society through environmental action, health advocacy, community welfare, cultural celebrations, and economic support, inspiring young people towards community service and development.

ROTARACT CLUB OF HINDUJA COLLEGE





The Rotaract Club of Hinduja College has been actively involved in various projects to enhance emotional well-being, promote sustainable practices, provide financial education, and bridge generational gaps through technology.

At Macchimar Nagar, Cuffe Parade, the "Emotional Express" event helped children understand and express their emotions through pictures depicting sadness, anger, and happiness. "Holi With BY," held at Ganpatrao Kadam Municipal School, Lower Parel, taught children to make eco-friendly colours and celebrate Holi sustainably. "Bottle Blitz" at Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Municipal School, Worli, focused on improving students' focus and listening skills while providing insights into financial security and well-being.

The "Senior Tech Connect" event at Dignity Foundation in Byculla aimed to bridge the technology gap between generations by teaching elderly residents to use modern digital tools. "Rakhi With Khaki" at Churchgate Station celebrated Raksha Bandhan by tying rakhis on police officers' wrists, expressing gratitude for their dedication to community safety.

Initiatives like "Nelson's Legacy" and "Caring Hands" at Robin Hood (Malad), Being Child Care (Kandivali), and all branches of Zilla Parishad (Virar) empowered underprivileged children by teaching them basic manners and essential values.

These projects reflect the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College's commitment to emotional well-being, sustainable practices, financial education, technological empowerment, community appreciation, and the betterment of underprivileged children.

Rotaract Clubs

ROTARACT CLUB OF GOVERNMENT DENTAL COLLEGE





The Rotaract Club of Government Dental College has made significant contributions to community health and engagement throughout the Rotary Year 2023-24. Key among their initiatives were a series of nine Talwada Dental Camps, organised by the Rotary Club of Bombay at the Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre in Talwada. These camps provided essential oral healthcare to the remote village, treating 445 patients with various dental needs, including 210 extractions, 52 denture deliveries, 55 impressions, 24 restorations, 22 root canals, and 6 scalings.

Beyond dental health, the club also focused on cultural, educational, and wellness projects. The "Avo Garba Ramiye" event, a Garba Night sponsored by E-gurukul Platform, attracted 150 participants, fostering interaction and providing a festive break from daily routines. An online slogan writing competition debunked common myths with scientific facts, with winners announced on the club's Instagram account. The World Diabetes Day Education Programme screened 112 patients and identified 8 with high blood sugar levels.

Artistic expression was encouraged through a Mandala Art Workshop, attended by 25 students and one staff member, where participants created and took home their mandalas. At BD Somani School, Cuff Parade, a dental camp screened and counselled 43 students on dental hygiene. The club celebrated the International Day of Women and Girls in STEM by honouring female achievements in science, presenting certificates and flowers to the Dean and female Heads of Department.

Further educational initiatives included an essay writing competition on educational pioneers and a photography and creative caption writing competition for World Oral Health Day and World Happiness Day. An oratory workshop by Dr. Siddhant Shivdavkar enhanced public speaking skills for 27 participants.

These events highlight the Rotaract Club of Government Dental College's commitment to community engagement, health promotion, educational initiatives, and the personal and professional development of its members.

ROTARACT CLUB OF JAI HIND COLLEGE





The Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College has undertaken numerous community service projects, highlighting their commitment to compassion and social responsibility.

The club organised an appreciation event for police officers and delivered meals to slum areas, fostering unity. They tied Rakhis and showed gratitude to college staff and engaged children at an orphanage with games and safety sessions. Over 50 stray dogs were fed, and menstrual hygiene awareness drives benefited over 110 women in Aarey Colony.

Weekly donation drives addressed health, education, food insecurity, and safety, with highlights including providing a sewing machine and financial support to a widow. The club expressed gratitude to doctors, donated clothing to an NGO for disabled children, and planted saplings in Mahim Nature Park.

Activities for cancer patients and interactions with rescue dogs at WSD India's Sewri centre brought joy. Food donation drives, honouring firefighters, providing lemonade to workers, collaborating on a ration donation drive, and donating books rounded out their year of service.

These projects underscore the Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College's dedication to community welfare and engagement.

Rotaract Clubs

ROTARACT CLUB OF SYDENHAM COLLEGE





The Rotaract Club of Sydenham College (RCSC) has had a vibrant year filled with activities promoting bonding, community engagement, and environmental consciousness.

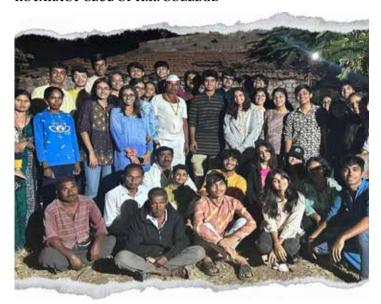
The club organised bonding sessions at Room No. 39, Sydenham College, featuring games and a dance performance, as well as a similar event at Aksa Beach, Malad, fostering camaraderie among members. A Halloween party at the college aimed at fundraising and club promotion, while the Rainbow Lane Inter-College Fest featured a rap battle and BGMI tournament.

RCSC provided Christmas celebrations at Babasaheb Ambedkar Municipal School and JK Marg School, engaging students in creative and fun activities. They also performed a flashmob at Asiatic Library for Republic Day, enhancing festivities and community spirit.

Members volunteered at a medical camp organised by Rotary Bombay at the Cotton Association of India, assisting with logistics and setup. The Ambiente '24 Cleanup Hike at Sondai Fort, Karjat, combined environmental consciousness with fundraising and team-building.

The club also combined adventure with charity during a night cycling event in Churchgate, where participants donated food to those in need. These activities highlight RCSC's dedication to fostering connections, promoting community welfare, and encouraging environmental responsibility.

ROTARACT CLUB OF H.R. COLLEGE



The Rotaract Club of H.R. College (RCHR) has made significant strides in fostering community welfare and civic responsibility. In their "Lunch Box" initiative, the club distributed food boxes to visually impaired children at Victoria School for the Blind in Tardeo. "Sparkles" engaged autistic children at Jai Vakeel Foundation in crafting candles and diyas, while "Jeevdaya" involved feeding animals at Bhuleshwar Panjrapole. The "Magic On Wheels" project saw members distributing chocolates and playing games with children in the Colaba and Charni Road slums.

The club also organised "Utsav," featuring blind painting, goal ball, and a dandiya night for visually impaired children, and "Tak Dhinak Dhin," a dance competition for government school children, raising Rs. 50,000. In "Dil Se Dil Tak," elderly ladies at Ananda Yaan Worli centre created diyas, fostering creativity and companionship. "Colour Carnival" promoted creativity through tie-dye activities with children at Bhavishya Yaan Byculla Centre.

During "Jingle All The Way," the club celebrated Christmas with slum children through graffiti, donations, and church visits. "Prerna" brought joy to children with cancer at Access Life Organization in Chembur with games and a magic show. "Bag Full Of Happiness" involved painting tote bags with elderly ladies, providing functional art, while "Art Of Kindness" taught gratitude through pebble painting at NM Joshi Municipal School.

RCHR's "Lunchbox Langar" distributed food at Gurudwara Shri Dashmesh Darbar, and "Back To Childhood" involved playing nostalgic games with elderly ladies at Ananda Yaan. The "Katputli" puppet show entertained children at Lighthouse Centre, while "Unsung Heroes" acknowledged the work of sweepers on August Kranti Road. "Cuddly Buddies" promoted animal welfare by feeding stray dogs at Welfare for Stray Dogs, Sewri, and "Planting Hope" encouraged environmental consciousness by planting saplings in Aarey Colony.

The "Sanjeevni" medical camp, in collaboration with other Rotaract clubs, provided free healthcare in Ramgad Vahasat Slum. "Pehchaan" prepared underprivileged children for college in partnership with KurNiv Foundation at Atlas Skilltech University. "Dil Se Daan," a month-long donation drive, provided essential items to needy communities. "Paathshaala" taught life lessons and engaged children at Gulalwadi School through various activities.

Notably, the "Aashayein - Adopt a Village" initiative has, over 10 years, significantly developed villages in drought-affected central Maharashtra. This project has constructed 18 wells, lit up 4 villages, supported entrepreneurs, and improved sanitation, with a total expenditure exceeding Rs. 50 lakh raised through fundraisers and donations.

Satellite Club

Director: Rtn. Gautam Doshi

Chair: Rtn. Murad Currawalla President: Rtn. Pranav V. Makharia President-Elect: Rtn. Raed Contractor

Committee members: Rtn. Ish Rungta (Hon. Secretary), Rtn. Stephanie Mendonza (Hon. Treasurer), Rtn. Chandni Gupta (Director), Rtn. Krisha Agarwal (Director), Rtn. Daksh Sampat (Director), Rtn. Drishti Maniar (Director), Rtn. Sanjay Damani (Immediate Past Chair)

Objective: To create a platform for motivated millennials (ages 21-35) to give back under the umbrella of the Rotary Club

Summary of Meetings held:

RCBS followed a hybrid meeting format: Zoom 23; In-person 22

Details of meetings held:

Peer to Peer (P2P) learning sessions 9 Speaker sessions from main club 8 Fellowships 9 Dinner meetings at members home 5 Offsites to Alibaug 1 Bake day sale 1

Projects & beneficiaries:

- our micro scholarship initiative under with the slogan 'each one for one' for girls studying at KGSS Hindi Medium School, Malad. This year, we would like to increase our outreach. We will conduct a fund-raiser in June this year with a further target of Rs. 1,00,000/-. As the tuition fees per student is Rs. 1,500/- the total beneficiaries would be around 65 students.
- The Satellite Club did a bake day sale on Mother's Day to raise funds for the Feminine Hygiene Initiative. The











- amount raised was Rs.1,00,000/-. We have partnered with Maina Mahila Foundation to distribute sanitary napkins to underprivileged girls.
- We also organised a musical morning for elders at the RCB Old Age Home in Alibaug in December 2023, which was well attended and enjoyed by them.
- Book Donation Drive: We have collected nearly 1000 books (educational, novels, fiction, nonfiction, spirituality) which are being distributed to various Rotary Club of Bombay projects, as well as to various NGOs.
- Sponsoring of paediatric surgery: We donated Rs. 50,000/- towards RCB's paediatric surgery initiative. The funds were raised by RCBS by way of a CSR donation.
- Girl child Education: We donated Rs.1,50,000/- towards the fee for 150 students. The funds were raised by RCBS by way of CSR donation.
- Water cooler donation: We donated Rs. 75,000/- towards the installation of 6 water coolers at KGSS charitable school in Malad. The water coolers would be used to the benefit of more than 800 student studying in the school.
- Water cooler donation: We donated an RO water cooler at Aryan High School Girgaum Chowpaty that will benefit more than 600 students studying at the school. The RO was donated by a member of RCBS.
- Scholarship: We provided Rs. 21,700/to a student studying at J.B. Khot High School, whose father had passed away during Covid and was unable to the pay fees since then. The entire scholarship was donated by a member of RCBS.



Scholarships

Director: Rtn. Gautam Doshi **Chair:** Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar

Co-chair: Rtn. Ratna Kapoor Sharma

Member: Meera Alreja

Status report of the projects planned during the year:

Review applications and grant scholarships - Complete.

161 applications reviewed

6 applicants interviewed

Cheques disbursed to 141 applicants.

Budget completely utilised this year.

Tie-up with Somaiya College Trust - Complete.

MOU signed under the name "Udaan Scholarship Scheme," enabling candidates to apply through RCB for a course under the Somaiya ecosystem.

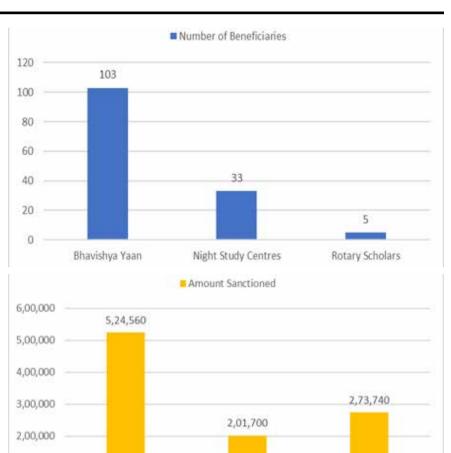
Status Report of Ongoing Projects: Educating our students about the Somaiya options available to them, to make use of our tie-up.

Number of Beneficiaries: 141

Amount sanctioned: Rs. 10,00,000







Night Study Centres



Bhavishya Yaan

1,00,000



Rotary Scholars

Sergeant-At-Arms (SA)



Director: Rtn. Rahil Shah

Members: Rtn. Roda Billimoria

Brief description: The Sergeantat-Arms (SA) has the following responsibilities:

- 1. Ensuring that SA attends EVERY meeting; hence, not a popular assignment.
- 2. SA has to check the top table, protocol etc. Hence, SA should come at least half an hour before the meeting starts.
- 4. SA has to welcome the speaker and when possible (if not surrounded) bid thanks and goodbye.
- 5. SA needs to remind the President twice before the meeting commences.
- 6. SA signals for a meeting to start.









Skill Development





Chair: Rtn. Swati Mayekar

Co-chair: Rtn. S. V. Prasad

Members: PP Preeti Mehta, PP Fali Mehta, Rtn. Ashok Jatia, Rtn. Homi Katgara, Rtn. Ptn. Jaya Prasad

Location: Mumbai

SDC focusses on supporting education and growing local economies. These are two of the important "causes" which Rotary International is passionate about. Both are extremely relevant for India, given the Demographics, with the predominantly young population.

A robust Database on the "Cloud" has been developed, to begin with incorporating personal as well as scholastic data of Bhavishya Yaan (BY) students from 8th to 10th Standards; this will be of immense value to Scholarship Committee, BY, and donors.

2023-24 focus was continuing with BY students.

An Aptitude Test was administered to all BY 10th standard students, followed by individual career counselling sessions and talks about various career options.

Number of students who have taken the Aptitude Test: 156

Database now has data of 974 students

Budget of 23-24 – Rs. 3 lakhs (plus GST)

Beneficiary: 179 10th Standard students took the Aptitude Test





Sports

Everybody's support, guidance, cooperation and encouragement have been the main motivation behind the success of all these events throughout the years.

















Taparia Junior College

The Anusuya Devi Taparia Junior College Talwada, located in Taluka Vikramgad, Dist-Palghar, was established in 2004-2005 with the support of Adivasi Seva Mandal Mumbai and the Rotary Club of Bombay. The aim was to provide education to the poor, hardworking, and needy Adivasi students of this remote region. Since its inception, the college has seen significant improvements in both student numbers and academic quality.

Academic Excellence

Due to the tireless efforts of the principal and teachers from the academic year 2004-2005 through 2023-2024, the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) results in both Science and Arts have been consistently outstanding. In recognition of the college's early performance, the Department of Tribal Development, Thane, awarded the college the first prize of "Adarsh Kanishth Mahavidyalya" in 2008-2009. The college has since built on this reputation, attracting support from NGOs in the area.

Infrastructure and Support

A recent donation of ₹2.8 crores from an NGO will fund the construction of a boys' hostel. This ground plus two-storey structure will accommodate 400 students and provide bunk beds and all necessary amenities.







Co-curricular Achievements

The students have excelled in various sports competitions, including kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, running, high jumping, long jumping, marathon, and relay. The college has maintained a tradition of participating in the Annual Science Exhibition.

Environmental and Personal Development Programmes

The "One Student One Tree" plantation programme, started in 2004, continues to thrive, with ongoing efforts to nurture the trees across the campus. The college also conducts lectures on career guidance, health, and hygiene, where the principal and teachers provide valuable personal and health guidance. This initiative has led many alumni to become doctors, engineers, teachers, policemen, nurses, and other government officials. Plans are underway to have these successful alumni speak to current students.

Cultural Preservation

All national festivals and cultural events are observed and organised by the students. The college is developing a programme to help students preserve various cultural traditions.

The Anusuya Devi Taparia Junior College continues to excel in academics, co-curricular activities, and personal development, fostering a bright future for its students.







Transformation Salon

Director: Rtn. Vineet Suchanti

Chair: Rtn. Ratna Sharma

The Transformation Salon is a fully serviced salon run as a social enterprise by members of the transgender community. It offers high-quality, stigma-free beauty services to both the general public and community members.

Initiative Overview

The Transformation Salon is a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) initiative envisioned by Ms. Jennifer Jones, President of Rotary International. Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB) is the primary supporter of this initiative in India. Our goal is to integrate a marginalised community into the mainstream workforce, providing opportunities for upskilling, and enabling them to live with respect and dignity.

Initial Funding: The salon was completed and inaugurated on March 25th, 2023, with initial capital expenditure (Capex) funded by Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) contributions from two companies.

Operational Funding: Operational expenditure (Opex) for the salon has been secured through CSR contributions from two companies until the end of the fiscal year (FY) 2024. Staff salaries for FY 2024 are covered through CSR, while ongoing Opex will be supported by salon sales.

Promotion and Participation: We have conducted internal promotions within the club, resulting in some visits from members. We encourage more participation from members and their spouses to support the salon.

Future Support and Strategy: The salon will require full operational support until FY 2024-25, after which it is expected to break even. Key areas of focus include:

Marketing Strategy: Developing a robust marketing strategy, including work on the salon's webpage.

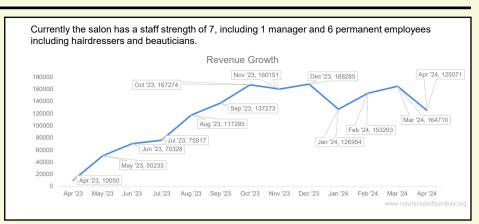
Club Participation: Increasing both intra and interclub propaganda and participation.

Branding and Marketing: Rtn. Ms. Kiren Shrivastav is leading the branding and marketing efforts, with inputs from Rtn. Ptn. Kaavya Chandiramani.

Ongoing Promotions: Monthly meetings are being held with the PBN team to continue in-salon promotions.

The Transformation Salon represents a significant step towards social inclusion and economic empowerment for the transgender community. Continued support and active participation from club members will be crucial in ensuring the salon's success and sustainability.

FY 23-24 (Apr-Mar)				
Rs. 14,01,163				
1121				
613				















The Rotary Foundation (TRF)



Doing Good in the World















Disease Prevention & Treatment Prevention







Development





Director: Rtn. Sameer Tapia

Chair: PP Vijay Jatia

Co-Chair: PP Niray Shah

Members: Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Hiren Kara, Rtn. Jaymin Jhaveri

Status report of donations achieved during the year

Rotary Club of Bombay has donated Total USD 4.17,414 as of June 12th, 2024 which is the 2nd highest in District 3141 TRF giving (117 Rotary Clubs in Mumbai).

Rotary Club of Bombay has donated a sum of USD 51,990 to Annual Fund as of June 12^{th} , 2024 which is the 2^{nd} highest in District 3141 TRF giving (117 Rotary Clubs in Mumbai).

Rotary Club of Bombay has donated a sum of USD 11,021 to PolioPlus Fund as of June 12th, 2024 which is the highest in District 3141 TRF giving (117 Rotary Clubs in Mumbai).

Rotary Club of Bombay has donated a sum of USD 2,86,330 in Other Funds as of June 12^{th} , 2024 which is the 2^{nd} highest in District 3141 TRF giving (117 Rotary Clubs in Mumbai).

Rotary Club of Bombay has donated a sum of USD 68,072 in Endowment Fund as of June 12th, 2024 which is the 2nd highest in District 3141 TRF giving (117 Rotary Clubs in Mumbai).

We plan to do Paediatrics Heart Surgeries at SRCC Hospital, Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital & Sanjeevani Hospital.

Dialysis machine project

All projects have to be sustainable and measurable as per TRF norms.

Recognitions achieved: Rotary Club of Bombay has achieved both the prestigious EREY & TRF Banner

TRF total Donations as per **Monthly Contribution**

Report (MCR) data as per June 12 th , 2024				
Annual Fund	USD 51,990			
PolioPlus Fund	USD 11,021			
Endowment Fund	USD 68,072			
Other Funds	2,86,330			
Total	USD 4,17,414			

Urban Heritage

Director: Rtn. Poonam Lalvani

Chair: Rtn. Priyasri Patodia

Co-chair: Rtn. Jamshed Banaji

Members: Rtn. Ptn. Gauri Daiya, Rtn. Ridhi Damani, Rtn. Ptn. Shailaja Mogul, Rtn. Ptn. Miloni Sampat, Rtn. Ptn. Reema Kothari, Ms. Samina Khorakiwala

Location: Mumbai

1. Urban Heritage Committee has successfully raised Rs. 25 lakhs for the readoption of the Textile & Costume Gallery at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya.

This is the second time RCB has adopted this invaluable gallery which houses precious artefacts, costumes and textiles. We are again very grateful to Rtn. Manoj Israni for adopting the Textile & Costume Gallery for the Urban Heritage Committee.

Later, in the year, the Urban Heritage Committee organised an event titled 'The Legacy Of Deft Hands' - A Couture Show on May 2nd, 2024, which was to commemorate the rich tapestry of art, heritage, textiles and indigenous costumes showcased at the Textile Gallery of the CSMVS.

This initiative was championed by the JSW Foundation and curated by Jade-Monica and Karishma, under the ideation of Urban Heritage Committee Chairperson Priyasri Patodia and the help of Committee members. Mrs Sangita Jindal graciously supported the event and a sum of 1 Crore was spent on this event. The entire amount came from JSW.

2. Adopt A Book Campaign: We are so happy to report that we have done campaigning to Interact Clubs and other schools, colleges and individuals. We have successfully collected Rs 5 lakhs from one donor and many single donors have contacted Asiatic Library for donation for conservation of books.

3. Art Deco: The Urban Heritage Committee and Art Deco Mumbai Trust (ADMT) is pleased to report that their exhibition titled 'Architects and Firms That Built Modern Bombay,' held at Durbar Hall, Asiatic Society of Mumbai, from March 2nd-10th, 2024, received an overwhelming response.

About the exhibition: It was an exhibition honouring the architects and firms who built Bombay through the 1930s-50s, with a progressive vision for a modern way of life. Several of them were the first generation of Indian architects, graduating from homegrown schools like Sir J. J. School of Art. As significant as they were, this exhibition is an attempted to transition the narrative from the masters of Neo-Gothic and Indo-Saracenic, and bring attention to architects who eventually had a much wider footprint on the city.









Vocational Training & Night Study Centre

Vocation Training Centre for Excellence

Director: Rtn. Gautam Doshi

Chair: Rtn. Leonard Salins

Co-chair: Rtn. Anand Parikh

Status of projects completed during the year:

April 1st, 2023 to March 31st, 2024: Approximately 2260 students enrolled for various courses at the Vocational Training Centre for Excellence.

Awareness programme: The Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika E ward invited Bombay YMCA to put up a stall on 28/04/23 to promote awareness about the Vocational Training Courses that we offer.

The ORD department had put up a stall and the social worker, along with the teachers had distributed the pamphlets with the information of the courses.

Workshop and demonstration: A workshop training on Automatic Tailoring Machines was conducted by USHA company on 24/08/23 and 25/08/23. A demo was given on the different parts of the machine and how to operate the sewing machine. Also, a small demo of machine embroidery was done.

Olympiad Exams for students from BMC and private schools: Olympiad exams were conducted by MKCL at the YMCA ORD department from 12/12/23 – 18/12/23. Around 50 government and private schools were approached and were encouraged to participate in the Olympiad exams. The ORD Department spoke to the headmasters of these schools and provided information about the exam. 150 students enrolled for the Olympiad exam through the YMCA.

Cancer Check-up camp: The Vocational Training Centre along with Reliance Foundation organized a free Cancer Screening and Prevention Awareness Camp on World Cancer week on February 7th, 2024. This camp was conducted at the Bombay YMCA International House. There were around 150 women students who were screened for cancer and were given information on prevention and care. Basic medical tests were

conducted and basic medication was provided.

Certificate Distribution
Programme for Vocational Training
Centre of Excellence: The Bombay
YMCA and the Rotary Club of
Bombay collaborated once again for
the annual certificate distribution
programme for Vocational Training
Centre of Excellence (VTCE)
students. This event was held on
March 5th, 2024 at the Bombay
YMCA International House
from 4 pm to 5:30 pm and aimed
to honour students who have
completed their courses.

The distinguished guests included RCB President Manoj Padodia, Rtn. Anand Parikh (Co-chair of Vocational Training and Night Study Centre), Rtn. Leonard Salins (Chairman of Vocational Training and Night Study Centre), and Mr. Philip Kassey (Chairman of the Outreach and Development Department at Bombay YMCA).

The programme showcased the talents of the vocational class students through dance performances, drama, and solo singing. Three students shared compelling testimonies about their learning journeys at the YMCA. President Manoj delivered a short and impactful motivational speech, encouraging the students to pursue their goals and emphasising that age is no bar.

The highlight of the event was the certificate distribution with President Manoj and our distinguished guests personally handing out certificates to 65 students. Saurav Sachin Kamble scored 100% in Advanced Excel, Aaliya Rizwan Valiyani scored 93% in MS-CIT, and 56 students scored an A grade out of 65 students

Focussing on Job oriented new courses: Shorthand classes were introduced during the year in our centre and there are six students who have enrolled.

Number of Beneficiaries: 2981

Status of ongoing projects: The above mentioned data indicates that from the month of June 2023 to April 2024 approximately 2981 students enrolled in various courses at the Vocational Training Center for Excellence.









Vocational Training & Night Study Centre

















Night Study Centre

A Scholarship Award function was organised on December 30th, 2023 wherein 27 students from the 11 Night Study Centres who excelled in the HSC and SSC exams in 2022-23 were felicitated.

The dignitaries present for this programme were President Manoj Patodia, Mr. Sunil Lobo (President of Bombay YMCA), and Mr. Leonard Salins (General Secretary of Bombay YMCA).

President Manoj, Mr. Lobo and Mr. Salins addressed the students and parents by sharing their personal experiences on how family and friends play important roles in achieving success in life. They also encouraged the girls not to limit themselves to obtaining a graduation degree, but to aspire to reach the heights of their dreams. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Sheetal Gupta, Assistant Secretary of Bombay YMCA.

Youth Training Programme: The Rotary Club of Bombay and the Bombay YMCA organised a youth training programme for all the students who had appeared for standards 10 and 12. This programme was organised by the Rotary Club Bombay at the YMCA International House for 60 students from March 27th to 31st, 2023. In the sessions, they have covered topics on career guidance and personality development along with games and various activities.

NSC Get-Together Programme: The Bombay YMCA and Rotary Club of Bombay organised a get-together programme for the students of the Night Study Centre on February 17th, 2024 at Bombay YMCA International House. Around 500 students and teachers were present from 11 NSC classes for this get-together programme. This year each centre performed dance, speech, and drama on different state cultures. Different competitions like drawing, essay writing, art and craft were organised in each Night Study Centre prior to this function.

The dignitaries present for this programme were President Manoj, Mr. Lobo, Mr. Salins, and Mr. Phillip Kassey Chairman of Bombay YMCA ORD Department. This programme is very important for the Night Study Centre because it increases the exposure to talents and extracurricular activities for children. Finally, each student received gifts of books and also prizes for those who performed well in the different competitions.

Status of ongoing project: The Night Study Centre project was conducted in 11 BMC schools and Community places.

Providing Nutritious Evening Snacks to all students of the Night Study Centre. Monthly average of 415 students per month.

Number of Bbeneficiaries: 3913, for the nutrition programme for the Night Study Centre.

Shakti Awards



Celebrating excellence by Indian women: In a dazzling ceremony held at the Trident Rooftop, Nariman Point, Mumbai, the Rotary Club of Bombay and Rotary Club of SOBO joined forces to honour remarkable women who epitomise excellence, resilience, innovation, and leadership. Supported by Waterfield Advisors & PhillipCapital, the Rotary Shakti Award 2024 celebrated luminaries from diverse fields.

Event Highlights

First Lady Nandita Patodia introduced the chief guest, Mr. Puneet Chhatwal, MD & CEO of Taj Hotels, Resorts & Palaces, who emphasised the hospitality industry's commitment to recognising and supporting women's achievements. The organising committee of the two Rotary Clubs ensured a flawless tribute to all recipients of the Shakti Award. The prestigious awards, along with splendid trophies and gift hampers arranged by Ratan Jewellers and Moha, were presented to the following distinguished women:

Awardees:

- Creative Icon: Anita Dongre

- Thought Leader: Faye D'Souza

- Entrepreneur: Kainaz Messman-Harchandrai

- Pathbreaker: Masoom Minawala

- Sports: Sufiya Sufi

- Woman of Courage: Nidhi Chaphekar

- Performing Arts (Music): Anuradha Pal

- Medical Practitioner: Dr. Neeru Vithalani

- Social Change-maker: Suparna Gupta

- Education: Beenaa Advani

- Visual Arts: Tasneem Zakaria Mehta

- Author: Shanta Gokhale

- Environmentalist: Dr. Sarika Kulkarni

- Performing Arts (Theatre & Movies): Lillete Dubey

- Science & Technology: Dr. Ramalakshmi Datta

Acknowledgments and Special Mentions

The evening was a beacon of inspiration, reaffirming the strength, grace, and resilience of women. The event was meticulously planned by the core committee comprising IPP Vineet Bhatnagar, Rtn. Ptn. Ushma Doshi, Rtn. Ptn. Priyanka Jatia, Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Saraf, and Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara.

Rtn. Anjani Rawat and Rtn. Ptn. Reema Kothari conducted the evening as graceful emcees, with a captivating voiceover by Rtn. Ptn. Anita Almeida. Awardees were beautifully captured on camera by Rtn. Ptn. Purvi Shah at the photobooth.

Personal aides provided utmost attention and logistical support to each awardee, including: Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi Sanghi, Rtn. Ptn. Pratiksha Mody, Rtn. Ptn. Neha Bhimrajka, Rtn. Ptn. Megha Kedia, Rtn. Ptn. Amisha Himatsingka, Rtn. Ptn. Sonia Kothari and Rtn. Ptn. Nidhi Sanghai

Rtn. Ptn. Devaki Trivedi assisted in handing over the awards. Special thanks to Rtn. Albert Almeida for arranging the recording studio for the voiceovers and PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan for assisting with press coverage by the Free Press Journal.

The Rotary Shakti Award continues to be a beacon of inspiration, acknowledging women who excel in their fields and catalyse positive change in society. This event celebrated their achievements amidst applause and camaraderie, highlighting the timeless truth: "Behind every successful woman is herself, rewriting the narrative of strength, grace, and resilience."



Details of receipts and expenses incurred from 2023-24

	Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No. 3					
Sr No.	Committee	Received in Corpus in Fund	Donations received during the year - CSR	Donations received during the year - others	Total received during the year includes Corpus/ CSR/ Other Donations	Expenditure on the objects of the Trust
	COM	IMUNITY SI	ERVICES: MEDI	ICAL		
1	PRVEC Talwada	-	-	85,000	85,000	3,799,559
2	ADMC Talwada	200,000	700,000	2,297,570	3,197,570	3,828,870
3	Cancer Aid	1,642,000	-	-	1,642,000	1,565,000
4	Medical City Cotton Green Clinic	-	-	2,428,539	2,428,539	3,047,175
5	Medical IWA Clinic	-	-	-	-	1,480,000
6	Paediatric Heart Surgery	-	4,720,000	801,000	5,521,000	5,248,049
7	Dharamshala Project (Tata Memorial)	-	32,421,733	-	32,421,733	18,426,758
8	Mental Health & Wellness	-	-	-	-	1,500,000
9	Oxygen Generator Plant	-	-	141,540	141,540	1,000,000
10	GG-2099621 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	-	-	-	-	3,376,753
11	GG-2348429 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	-	-	11,237,362	11,237,362	10,806,697
12	GG-2352340 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	-	-	7,275,780	7,275,780	5,020,463
13	GG-2126537 Dialysis Equipments	-	-	-	-	389,673
14	GG-2343107 Masina Womens Health	-	-	-	-	3,253,500
15	GG-2232165 Masina Hospital Modernisation	-	-	-	-	3,470,479
16	GG-2352086 Dialysis Centre	-	-	13,089,305	13,089,305	11,525,868
17	CSR India Grant (CS2300109) Masina & KJ Somaiya Hosp	-	-	-	-	1,449,238
18	CSR India Grant (CS2300185) IT Lab Wada	-	-	-	-	5,303,286
19	CSR India Grant (CS2300129) Ranka Foundation	-	-	-	-	-
20	CSR India Grant (CS2300188) Dharamshala	-	-	-	-	16,217,336
21	CSR India Grant (CS2400329) Dharamshala2	-	12,500,750	-	12,500,750	13,923,987
22	CSR India Grant (CS2300196) St.Jude	-	-	-	-	-
23	Dialysis Treatment	-	-	-	-	96,390
24	Medical Camps	-	-	-	-	121,000
25	Development of the Uchat School	-	-	-	-	84,326
	Total	1,842,000	50,342,483	37,356,096	89,540,580	114,934,406
	COM	MUNITY SEI	RVICES: EDUCA	TION		
1	Literacy (Bhavishya Yaan)	-	500,000	7,815,500	8,315,500	12,254,070
2	Rotary Scholarships	100,000	-	81,160	181,160	1,443,980
3	Nalin Parikh Scholarship	500,000	-	-	500,000	-
4	Child Welfare - Lighthouse	-	-	562,000	562,000	674,956
5	Skill Development	-	-	-	-	244,950
6	Vocational Training & Night Study Centre	-	500,000	-	500,000	2,271,052
7	Yoga and Wellness	-	-	-	-	-
8	Rotaract	-	-	369,700	369,700	448,770
9	Interact	-	-	-	-	52,500
10	Afghan Students Fund	-	-	-	-	-
11	Ford Computer	-	-	-	-	-
12	Rusi Taraporevala Education Fund	-	-	-	-	-
13	Satellite Club - Girls Child Education	-	200,000	-	200,000	100,000

Details of receipts and expenses incurred from 2023-24

14	Online Financial Literacy	-	2,350,000	-	2,350,000	2,200,000		
15	Sports	-	-	-	-	61,786		
16	IT Innovation Laboratory (Palghar)	-	-	-	-	1,805,805		
17	Rotay SAFGR Asian Golf 2024	-	-	-	-	-		
18	Environmental Science Studies (Palghar)	-	-	-	-	179,120		
19	Speed Labs/ Career Foundation Learning Center (Wada School)	-	-	-	-	300,000		
20	Adult Literacy for Women (Palghar)	-	9,950,000	6,457,000	16,407,000	16,758,945		
	Total	600,000	13,500,000	15,285,360	29,385,360	38,795,934		
	CO.	MMUNITY S	SERVICES: OTI	HERS				
1	Water Resources + WOTR + WINS	-	-	-	-	566,308		
2	GG-1986929 - Paani Foundation Rural	-	-	-	-	1,204,978		
3	Urban Nature Habitat	-	1,639,020	-	1,639,020	3,722,675		
4	Himachal Flood Relief	-	-	816,000	816,000	800,000		
5	Panchatatva Project (Palghar)	-	2,000,000	150,000	2,150,000	3,090,094		
6	Gatesh Village (Palghar)	-	-	-	-	2,066,080		
7	Animals Welfare (Proposed)	-	-	43,000	43,000	-		
8	Integrated Village Development (IVDP) / RCB Model Village	-	2,470,000	3,700,000	6,170,000	12,457,790		
9	Urban Heritage	500,000	-	2,891,430	3,391,430	2,704,000		
10	Palghar Childrens Medical Camps	-	-	-	-	-		
11	Eye Testing Camps	-	-	500,000	500,000	44,600		
12	Trans Beauty Salon	-	4,030,000	750,000	4,780,000	4,599,234		
13	Vikramgad Kitchen Project (Palghar)	-	-	-	-	3,964,500		
14	Anand Yaan	-	-	3,647,000	3,647,000	3,392,600		
15	Elder Day Care - Alibaug (Old Age)	-	720,000	-	720,000	-		
16	Inner Wheel Club	-	-	-	-	200,000		
17	Rotary Public Awards	1,500,000	-	-	1,500,000	484,690		
	Total	2,000,000	10,859,020	12,497,430	25,356,450	39,297,549		
	GEN	ERAL /DISC	CRETIONARY	FUND				
1	President's Budget (General Fund)	-	-	-	-	-		
2	General Donation	10,000	-	2,649,719	2,659,719	1,297,073		
3	Birthday Donation	-	-	1,046,072	1,046,072	-		
4	Satellite Club - General Donation	-	-	200,000	200,000	200,000		
5	Taj 120	-	-	-	-	2,000,000		
	Total	10,000	-	3,895,791	3,905,791	3,497,073		
	Grand Total	4,452,000	74,701,503	69,034,677	148,188,181	196,524,962		
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				4,70,38,691				
	Iotal Don	ation Collecte	d 16,53,46,108					

Consolidated Statement Of Global Grants

Sr.No	Global Grant No.	Amount received in INR	Amount Spent	Balance Available
1	GG-1986929 Paani Foundation	1,02,45,000.0	1,02,45,000.0	-
2	GG-2099621 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	3,78,26,877.0	3,78,26,877.0	-
3	GG-2232165 Masina Hospital Modernisation	92,52,385.0	92,52,385.0	-
4	GG-2343107 Masina Women's Health Initiative	1,30,58,500.0	1,30,58,500.0	-
5	GG-2348429 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	1,12,37,362.0	1,08,06,697.0	4,30,665.0
6	GG-2352086 Dialysis Center	1,30,89,305.0	1,15,25,868.0	15,63,437.0
7	GG-2352340 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	72,75,780.0	50,20,462.5	22,55,317.5
8	GG 2463717 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	-	35,31,000.0	(35,31,000.0)
9	GG 2352654 Paediatric Heart Surgeries	-	34,42,861.0	(34,42,861.0)
10	GG 2300109 Masina & K.J. Somaiya Hospita	1,23,08,019.6	1,23,08,019.6	-
		11,42,93,228.6	11,70,17,670.1	

CSR India Grant

family, and friends.

1	CS 2300185 IT Lab Wada	89,44,027.0	53,03,286.0	36,40,741.0
2	CS2300188 Dharamshala - Tata Hospital	3,05,23,263.0	1,62,17,336.0	1,43,05,927.0
3	CS2300196 St. Jude India - Tata Memorial	2,52,77,896.0	ı	2,52,77,896.0
4	CS2400329 Dharamshala2	1,25,00,749.0	1,39,23,987.0	(14,23,238.0)
		₹7,72,45,935.00	₹ 3,54,44,609.00	



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Rotary Club of Bombay Dialysis Centres



Aastha Hospital, Manor

First Floor, Rais Arcade, Palghar-Wada Road, Manor District Palghar 401403

No. of Machines

Charges for needy patients

Platinum Hospital, Mulund

Neptune Colorscape, Dumping Rd, Siddharth Nagar, Mulund West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400080

Charges for No. of **Machines** needy patients





Sukhsagar Hi-Tech Hospital, **Dahisar (Rotary Dialysis Centre)**

Lokmanya Tilak Rd, Mhatre Wadi, Dahisar West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400068

No. of Machines

Charges for needy patients

Shatabdi Hospital, Govandi (Rehbar Foundation)

Rehbar Foundation Malik Rakia Khatoon Dialysis Centre, First Floor, Shatabdi Hospital, Centenary Building, WTP Marg, near Pepsi Company, Deonar, Govandi East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400088

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Charges for No. of Machines needy patients Hospital



Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali

Swami Vivekananda Rd, Kandivali, Fateh Baug, Kandivali West, Mumbai, Maharashtra

No. of Machines

Charges for needy patients

Samarpan Dialysis & Thalassemia Centre, Ghatkopar

Aaradhya Edu-Health Centre, , H-wing, 3rd flr, Aaradya One Earth, Naidu Colony, Pant Nagar, Ghatkopar East, Mumbai 400077

No. of Charges for Machines needy patients





Lifeline Medicare Hospital, Charkop

Charkop Village Near Rustomjee Meridian, Charkop Gaon, Kandivali West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400067

15 No. of Machines

Charges for needy patients

Dr. M.L. Dhawale Memorial Trust Hospital, Palghar

Boisar Rd, opposite S.T Workshop, Palghar Taluka

Mumbai, Maharashtra 400022

Industrial Co Operative Estate, Palghar, Maharashtra 401404

2 No. of

Machines

Charges for needy patients





K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion Somaiya Ayurvihar, Eastern Express Hwy, Sion East, Sion,

10 No. of

Machines

Charges for needy patients

Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri East

Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri(East), Mumbai, Maharashtra 400072

316,3rd Floor, B-Wing Dattani Plaza, Near Safed Pool, Sakinaka,

Charges for No. of Machines needy patients



Subject to fulfilment of conditions of individual centres

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Tuesday and Friday: 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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EYE TEST

Tuesday and Friday: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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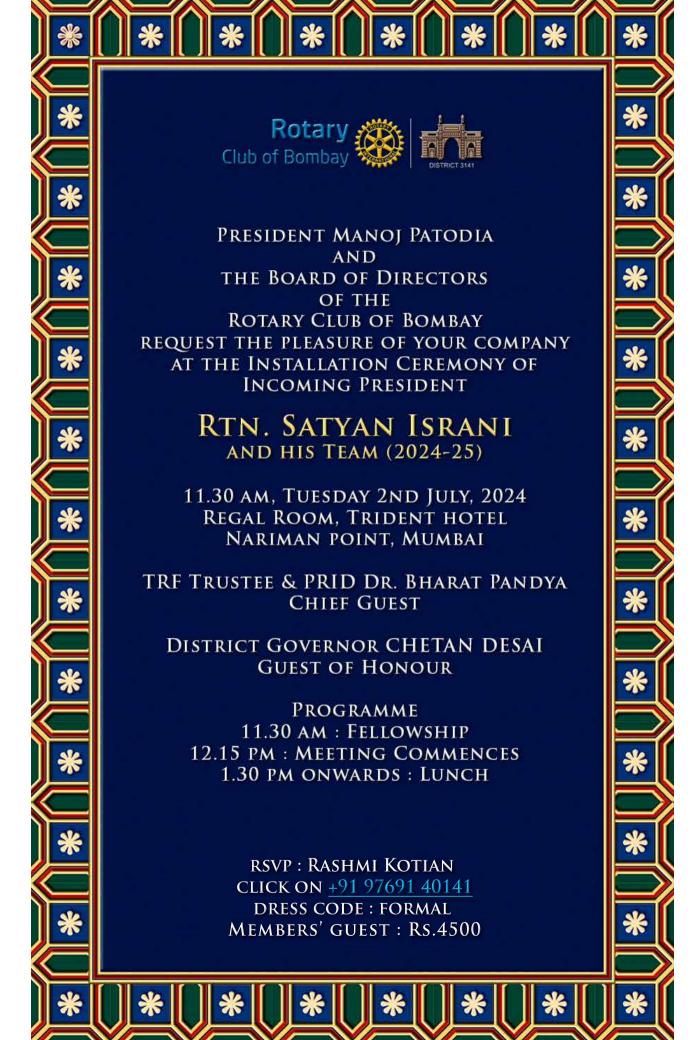
Tuesday & Friday: 9.00 a.m. to 12 noon

(Blood Tests done by N M Medical by deputing their technician who collects money directly from patient)

DENTIST

Tuesday & Friday: 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

(Denture and capping treatment are chargeable . For fitting of crown (metal) material actual charges will have to be paid)



Rotarian Member Birthdays



JUNE 28 Rtn. Ashok Chinai



JUNE 30 Rtn. Jairaj Purandare



PP Dr. Mukesh
Batra



JULY 1 Rtn. Naresh Jain

Rotarian Partner Birthdays

JUNE 28

Rtn. Ptn. Chhaya Mehta JUNE 28

Rtn. Ptn. Brinda Somaya

Anniversaries

JUNE 29

Rtn. Ptn. Neetee & Rtn. Pavit Chadha

Birthday piñata





TRUSTEES OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



Trustee PP Dr. Adi Dastur



Trustee IPDG Sandip Agarwalla



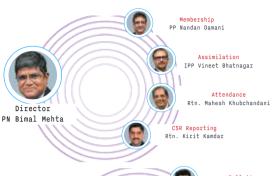
Trustee PP Nandan Damani

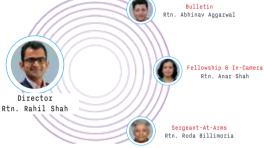


Trustee PP Ashish Vaid



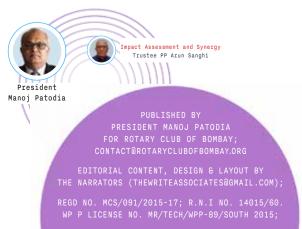
Trustee Ishraq contractor













IPDG Sandip Agarwalla



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