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THIS TUESDAY

Aamhi Swachh Charitable Foundation recognised with Rotary Club of Bombay's Taru Lalvani Award for Environmental Protection.

COMING UP

May 6th, 2025

Advocate Puneet Bhasin will address the Club: Are your devices spying on you? - Staying secure in the era of cyber risk.

May 13th, 2025

Sandeep Kumar of DigiSwasthya Foundation will address the Club.

May 20th, 2025

Nanhi Kali NGO to be felicitated with Rotary Club of Bombay's Anita Parikh Award for Women Empowerment.

June 24th, 2025

Shukriya Nite. [Details inside](#)

July 1st, 2025

Rotary Club of Bombay's installation ceremony of incoming President PE Bimal Mehta and his Board of Directors. [Details inside](#)

Progress lies not in enhancing what is, but in advancing towards what will be.

— Khalil Gibran

ADVOCATE AND SOLICITOR AMEET HARIANI BESTOWED WITH RCB'S INDIRA SURESH KOTAK AWARD FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION THROUGH MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION



RTN. SURESH KOTAK: Congratulations to Rotary for introducing conflict resolution, which is necessary in this turbulent world. Mediation and conciliation are the greatest pillars of resolution as they go with the principle of justice and fairness; it doesn't go with tarikh pe tarikh (date after date) lingo. The lawyers who work in this kind of mediation are rare because they don't want their practice which gives them a lot of money. So, I congratulate this unique personality who has been working in this area. And this is a very important area that Rotary has touched upon. So, my congratulations to both.

ADVOCATE AND SOLICITOR AMEET HARIANI: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen, Rotarians. Well, a lot has been said about me, so I'll just keep it short. I just want to say how glad I am to be here today. This is the premier club, not only of Bombay, but I would say of India. Thank you for having me, and thank you for awarding me with this prestigious Indira Suresh Kotak Award for Mediation and Conciliation.

I went through your bulletin about today's

announcements and your motto of Service Before Self. It's amazing, the amount of work that you are doing. I'd like to congratulate each of you who have been participating in this.

As you heard, my journey has been from a litigating solicitor, a litigating attorney, to a real estate attorney and, at the same time, being the Managing Partner of a law firm. From there, I have transitioned now to being a mediator and an arbitrator. I also act as a legal advisor and an independent non-executive director to various companies.

During this transition, I've learnt that you have to carry people with you. You must have collaboration, and you have to have dialogue. Without that, it doesn't work, whether you're running a firm or conducting mediation.

So, I'm going to talk today about my role as a mediator. It's a completely different approach from being a litigating lawyer. As a litigator, you would cross-examine the other side. And, at the end of it, you would say, "I put it to you that you are a witness of untruth." This is a typical question which needs no



answer because the person will deny it. But you'd still ask it. You take sides. You want your client to succeed.

But as a mediator, you have to be much more balanced. You have to help both sides reach a conclusion which is a win-win for both of them. For that, you must understand human nature — that's the key. You have to understand people's motivations, why they are doing what they're doing, and you have to have open communication, fairness, and equity. That's what I'm going to talk to you about.

First, let's understand why people opt for mediation.

People choose mediation perhaps because they are members of a family and a senior person in the family suggests, "Please mediate and sort out issues between yourselves." Or the court suggests it. We had the recent case of the two Lodha brothers. They mediated and reached a solution.

The other reason why people choose for mediation is that they don't want to be bound by an arbitration award or by a court decision, but they still want to explore settlement possibilities — whether the other side is really willing to settle. You know your own weaknesses, but the other side knows theirs. And you see whether a settlement between the parties is possible.

Confidentiality is essential, and it is one reason why people opt for mediation. It's also much more cost-effective. No tarikh pe tarikh (date after date). It's also more cost-effective than litigation. Most importantly, it leads to preservation of relationships. If there is a successful mediation, there is going to be a method where, over a period of time, there will be a reconciliation between the family members. This really helps.

I'm going to share my mediation journey through some examples. Of

course, I have completely masked the details — you won't be able to recognise any of the parties, for confidentiality purposes — but it's important for you to understand how the process works.

We had one mediation where emotions were running very high. There were four brothers who had been working together for many, many years. They had numerous companies with a turnover in excess of ₹5,000 crores, and many jobs were at stake. So, how do you actually deal with such a situation?

You begin by asking yourself fundamental questions. If they have worked together for so many years, why has a dispute arisen now? Is it because there was a patriarch who controlled everything and has now grown old? Or is there some other reason? Will the parties — especially in a family — talk openly with each other? Probably not. Would there be a four-way split? Or a three-way split? A two-way split? No split at all? Or, is it something else entirely?

What a mediator must do at the inception is build credibility. You have to ensure that parties are convinced that whatever transpires will remain confidential. People don't want it talked about in social circles. You must ensure confidentiality, establish your credibility, and maintain transparent communication. Simultaneously, you assess the situation. Once you learn the facts, you understand whether all parties actually want a solution. Some people may be content with the status quo and they don't want a solution — but that's for you to assess. That's one of the things a mediator does.

Once you have established your credibility, the real mediation begins. During mediation, there will be misunderstandings and miscommunication. Emotional stress and distrust due to past experiences will be expressed. There will be power imbalances. Some people may talk more; they are much more valuable. Others may be defensive, but that doesn't mean they don't have something to say. Sometimes, a mediator finds unrealistic expectations — that parties want everything resolved when complete resolution may not be possible.

So how do we address this? And this is what we did during that mediation.

You go into the mode of active listening — you have to understand what is said and what is unsaid. You have to understand what people are saying through their body language and their expressions. There will be lots of non-verbal cues, and you almost need to function like a counsellor. You ask open-ended questions — "I understand that you're feeling a particular way," or, "Tell me more about what happened on that particular day." You should be non-confrontational, non-judgemental — and that's key to a successful mediation.

As I said earlier, balance the power dynamics. Ensure everyone is heard. And, importantly, balance what you say with warmth; balance wisdom with warmth.

Once you identify common ground, you can tell people, "Look, there is so much you have in common. There is so much you can do positively." Help people understand what's possible and...



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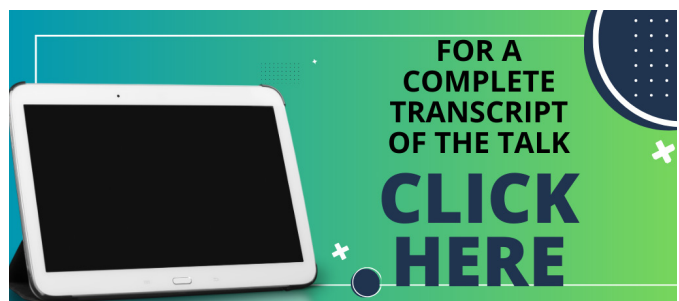
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SPREADING SMILES AT VICTORIA MEMORIAL BLIND SCHOOL

On April 24th, 2025, the Satellite Club of the Rotary Club of Bombay brought joy and celebration to the students of Victoria Memorial Blind School with a cheerful end-of-year gathering. Organised by Rotarians Suditi, Meha Shah of the Satellite Club, the hour-long event welcomed around 75 students and was also attended by Rtn. Murad Currawalla and Rtn. Sherebanu Baldiwala.

Each child received a thoughtfully assembled kit containing daily essentials such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, Bournvita, hair oil, and talcum powder. Later in the day, the students enjoyed a special lunch of pav bhaji and Amul Cool milk, which added to the spirit of festivity.

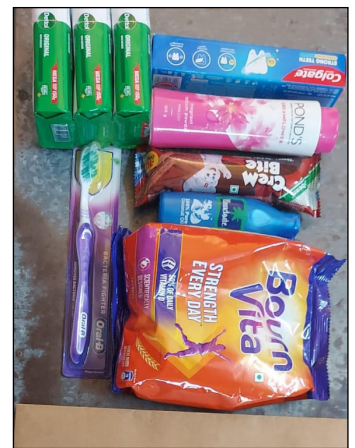
A highlight of the event was the engaging session led by Roshan Rajput, fitness coach and founder of Fitfuda. His lively Antakshari game and energetic dance workshop brought smiles, laughter, and movement to the room, with students

participating enthusiastically and enjoying every moment.

Adding further inspiration to the celebration was the presence of Girish Rao, a pioneer in computer training for the visually impaired. Associated with the school since 2000, his enduring contribution to empowering students through technology added meaning and depth to the occasion.

The entire celebration was a heartfelt initiative, designed not only to bring joy but also to strengthen the Rotary spirit of service, connection, and care. It was a small yet powerful gesture of love, inclusion, and community togetherness, reminding all present of the value of shared happiness.

Through this simple yet impactful event, the Satellite Club reaffirmed its commitment to service with sensitivity and cheer, making it a truly memorable close to the academic year for the students of Victoria Memorial Blind School.



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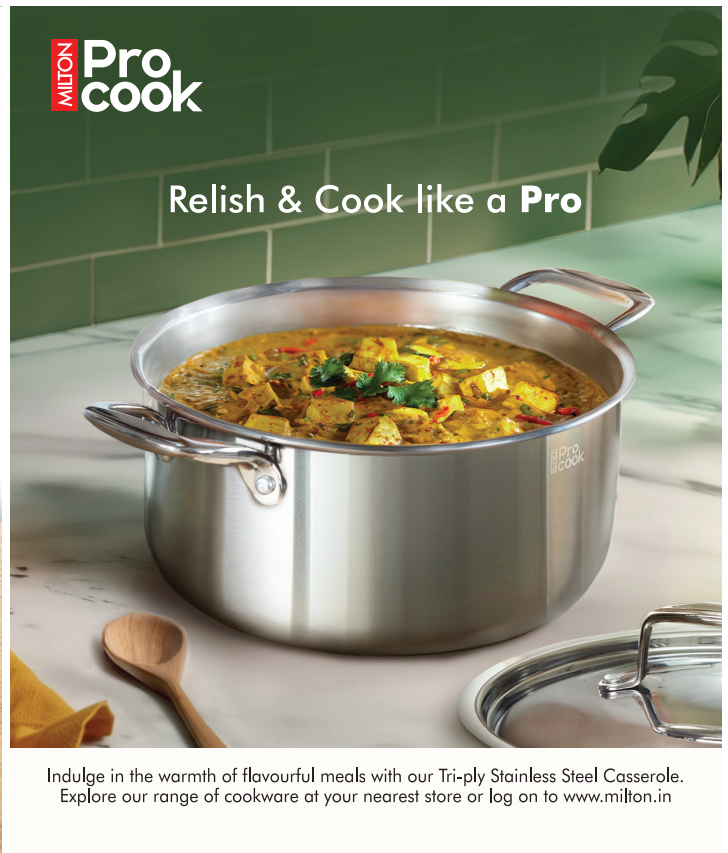
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TUESDAY MEETINGS AT ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



Rtn. Robin Fernandes introduces guest speaker Ameet Hariani



Rtn. Mehul Sampat makes announcements



Rtn. Meera Alreja makes announcements



PP Vineet Bhatnagar makes announcements



Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala



Rtn. Arish Dastur, speaker Ameet Hariani and PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir



President Satyan Israni inducts new Rotarian Laxmi Karnani



PP Ashish Vaid, PP Paul George, PE Bimal Mehta and President Satyan



Rotarians Miral Shah, Nikhil Sanghai and Vinay Rajgharia



Hon. Secy. Rhea Bhungara, Rtn. Zaheer Memon, Rtn. Robin and Jt. Hon. Secy. Akhil Sanghi



President Satyan thanks speaker and awardee Ameet Hariani for his time with the Club



President Satyan wishes Rotarians Samina Khorakiwala, Renu Basu and Ashwin Mansharamani for their birthdays



Rtn. Anil Goyel asks a question

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TRF THANKS RTN. RASHMI JOLLY FOR INSPIRING LEADERSHIP



15 April 2025

Mrs. Rashmi Arvind Jolly
Jolly Board Ltd.
501, Rewa Chambers
31 Sir V. Thackersey Marg
Mumbai, MH 400020
India

Dear Rashmi:

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to you for joining us for The Rotary Foundation's inaugural donor impact trip last month in Italy. We feel honored to have had the privilege to get to know you and your Rotary passions during our travels.

This experience was not only an opportunity to explore the rich cultural heritage of Italy, but also a chance to see firsthand the profound difference Rotary is making in the lives of those whom we serve. From visiting a global grant project in Rome, to hearing stories from fellow Rotary members in Turin and Florence about their important work, our trip showcased the tangible results of your generosity and Rotary's work in Italy.

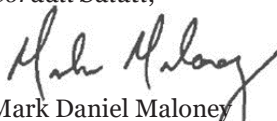
For us, the most memorable aspect of the trip was hearing your stories as you shared them with us and with Italian Rotarians. The exchange of experiences and ideas fostered a deeper connection and understanding between our groups. It was inspiring to see how our shared commitment to service transcends borders and unites us in our mission to make the world a better place.

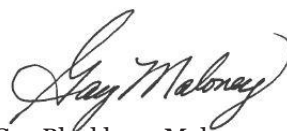
Rashmi, we were delighted that you accepted our personal invitation to participate in the Experience Italy tour. What a privilege it was to become friends, not just acquaintances, over the course of the trip! Your presence added so much to the success of the trip. You reminded each of us that we can step outside of our comfort zone to travel as an individual within a group populated by those traveling with a companion. You also set the standard for seeking personal growth by shaping your journey not only within the context of Rotary, but also within the context of the Jubilee year. And, with your initiative to present a banner from your club in each of the cities visited, you reminded us that we should share our Rotary journey back home with our Rotary Clubs. And, finally, you reminded us that we can do much for others with our contributions for projects through The Rotary Foundation. We very much appreciate all that you do through Rotary in your "adopted" city of Goa. For those Rotarians we encountered on the trip, your level of giving to The Foundation serves as a reminder that each of us can give more to address the challenges facing humanity, both locally and globally. We look to you to continue to share the good news about The Rotary Foundation.

You will soon receive a framed photograph commemorating our time together in Italy. May you find inspiration in the memories we made, friendships we forged, and impact we witnessed for years to come.

On behalf of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, please know how grateful we are for your unwavering commitment and the example you set through your service. Thank you for being an integral part of our Rotary family.

Cordali Saluti,


Mark Daniel Maloney
Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2024-2025


Gay Blackburn Maloney
Past President, Rotary Club of Decatur Daybreak, Alabama

BY QUIZ CONTEST SPARKS ENTHUSIASM AT NMJ SCHOOL

On Wednesday, April 16th, 2025, NMJ Bhavishya Yaan organised a quiz contest for students from standard 5th to standard 9th. Covering topics such as English and Marathi literature, science and sports, the event tested a wide range of knowledge. Students brainstormed questions across categories, and the best team emerged victorious. The session

was fun-filled and informative, with three teams competing enthusiastically to claim the top spot. It proved to be both interesting and entertaining, as teachers and students alike enjoyed a productive and engaging experience that was well worth their time.



RTN. PILLOO AGA ATTENDING A MEETING AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF WAI



RCB MEMBERS SHINE AT INSPIRED DISTRICT LEARNING ASSEMBLY

Members of the Rotary Club of Bombay actively participated in the Inspired District Learning Assembly held on Sunday, April 20th, 2025, at the Y. B. Chavan Centre. The event served as a platform for sharing insights, fostering collaboration and setting the tone for the upcoming Rotary Year 2025–26.

ARRFC PDG Sandip Agarwalla, who also serves as the District Learning Facilitator for RY 2025–26, delivered a compelling address on the theme Think

Big. His talk inspired the attendees to expand their horizons and aim for impactful goals in their Rotary journey.

President Satyan Israni, in his role as District Avenue Chair – Club Service II for RY 2025–26, conducted a breakout session focused on Club Constitution and Bylaws. His session offered valuable guidance and clarity on governance, encouraging clubs to align their practices with Rotary’s evolving framework.

PP Nirav Shah, serving as the District

Endowment and Major Gifts Chair for RY 2025–26, addressed the gathering on the topic of Endowments. He highlighted the importance of long-term giving and how endowments can create sustained impact through strategic philanthropy.

PE Bimal Mehta and PP Vineet Bhatnagar were also in attendance. The presence and contributions of RCB’s leadership at the assembly exemplified the Club’s ongoing commitment to learning, leadership and service.



A MARATHON MILESTONE FOR RTN. KISHORE BANG

Rtn. Kishore Bang has achieved an extraordinary milestone in the world of long-distance running. He is one of fewer than 200 elite Six Star Finishers from India in the prestigious Abbott World Marathon Majors (WMM), a rare and remarkable accomplishment that places him among the finest marathoners globally.

The Abbott WMM represents the pinnacle of the marathon world, bringing together the six most renowned races: Tokyo, Boston, London, Berlin, Chicago, and New York City. Completing all six is no small feat; it demands years of dedication, discipline and unrelenting perseverance.

As the only truly international programme of its kind, the Abbott WMM not only showcases the strength and spirit of runners worldwide but also celebrates those who rise above the challenge with resilience

and grace. Rtn. Kishore’s success stands as a shining example of endurance and commitment, making the entire Rotary community proud and inspiring many more to pursue their goals with similar passion.



A STARRY FINISH

Here’s to the miles run, the moments earned, and the medal well-deserved.

Heartiest Congratulations!

Mr. Kishore Bang has officially joined the elite ranks of Six Star Medalists - those who have conquered all six of the World Marathon Majors

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DESERT THRILLS AND FELLOWSHIP: RCB AT THE BAHRAIN GRAND PRIX



The beauty of the Sakhir Desert, combined with the roar of the engines and the kaleidoscope of colour at the venue, provided the perfect backdrop for the Bahrain Grand Prix Fellowship, which the RCB family attended between April 10th and 14th, 2025. It turned out to be the perfect setting for an enthusiastic group of Rotarians, spouses, and children to soak in the atmosphere, enjoy the luxury of an air-conditioned dome lounge, and then experience the electric atmosphere of the race while bonding over food, laughter, and great company.

The excitement was palpable, and the vibe of enjoyment began with around thirty-six of us travelling on various flights to reach Bahrain. Some of us, not so educated about the F1 circuit, took full advantage of personal tutorials from seasoned F1 enthusiasts. We could feel the buzz as we touched down in Bahrain, as almost everyone at the airport was heading towards their hotels to start their F1 experience the next day!

The race was the centre point, but we also wanted to experience the beauty of Bahrain. We spent a lovely morning at the Manama Souk, soaking in the atmosphere and learning about local culture. Those who did not wish to attend Day 1, which was for the practice races, spent the rest of the day enjoying some of the malls and indulging in retail therapy! The visit to the Grand Mosque of Bahrain on Day 2 was a beautiful experience. The serenity, architecture, and calming influence of the visit were truly special.

The Bahrain International Circuit was, to put it lightly, huge. One could feel the thrill in the air with people rushing to buy merchandise before it sold out, taking photographs with the car parked at the entrance or with the championship trophy and podium. The drivers' parade before the qualifying race on Day 3 was great fun, as we saw all the drivers on one stage and discovered how the Rotary contingent was divided by their favourites — and where loyalties would lie during the final race! Believe me, we had quite a divide. As the drivers positioned themselves on the grid for the final race, the roar of the cars, the cheers of the fans, and the feeling that everyone's heartbeat paused for a moment before starting again against the illuminated track and desert background took our breath away. It was absolutely thrilling to watch the cars zip across the track — made even more special because we watched and cheered together, the entire RCB contingent.

The Grand Prix Dome was a welcome escape from the scorching desert heat. The exclusive photos with the championship trophy, race car simulators that gave us a taste of what drivers go through, and the chance to try our hand at changing tyres in the pit stop setup were all unique experiences — and we didn't even have to do them under the blazing sun. Massive screens allowed us to watch all the action when the outside temperature was unbearable.

The DJ, energetic performers doing stunts with footballs and BMX bikes, and the constant supply of food and drinks made the dome not just a place to



hide from the heat, but a true fan zone where you cheered and geared up for the finale event. We cannot forget the after-parties at the circuit once the racing was done. The music was amazing, and even those of us who hadn't heard of the artistes before couldn't stop ourselves from dancing and joining the musical mania. The energy of the performers and the crowd was an experience many of us will never forget.

Our weekend in Bahrain has left us with an album of beautiful memories. Whether it was the endless photographs we couldn't stop taking, the camaraderie, laughter and jokes on the bus rides, late-night conversations that led to room service orders at ungodly hours, the race itself, the fireworks display, or Gulf Air's aircraft fly-past after the race, we will always have these memories tucked away in our minds and hearts. This trip was a perfect mix of how a group of us could spend a weekend together, combining fellowship with culture, trying something new, and enjoying it all the more because we were together — with the more experienced F1 experts ensuring that the novices were completely hooked on racing by the end of the weekend.

Thank you, President Satyan Israni, PP Vineet Bhatnagar, and everyone else involved, for planning a fellowship that was a little offbeat and then executing it in a way that ensured all of us enjoyed the best possible F1 experience at the Bahrain Grand Prix — one we will remember for a long time to come.

Inputs from Anushka Reshamwala
Edited by Rtn. Ptn. Rangita Bhatnagar



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY VISITS JNPA, NAVI MUMBAI



On April 24th, 2025, 33 members of the Rotary Club of Bombay visited the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) in Navi Mumbai. This was organised by Gateway House: Indian Council on Global Relations, which had made a presentation to the Club on March 18th, 2025, on India's new international connectivity project, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), and the opportunities it presents for Indian businesses. The purpose of the JNPA visit was to view the plans for the upcoming Vadhvan super port which, along with JNPA, will serve as the starting point for the IMEC.

After a tour of the port and its five container terminals, the Chairman of the JNPA, Unmesh Sharad Wagh, gave a presentation on the planned expansions at JNPA, such as the Special Economic Zone, intended to develop an ecosystem

around the port into a well-connected and export-oriented hub, linked globally and to India's hinterland by rail and road. He also shared information about the development of Vadhvan, an offshore island port.

Vadhvan is located in the Palghar district of Maharashtra, 150 km from the JNPA and 180 km from Surat. The port will have a depth of 20 metres and will accommodate vessels carrying loads of up to 24,000 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units). It will be built on 3,600 acres of reclaimed land and will feature nine container terminals, each 1,000 metres in length, for a total container handling capacity of 24.5 million TEUs. The port will be protected by a breakwater 10 kilometres in length and 20 metres in depth.



Once completed, the mega port will be the seventh largest container port in the world, with an estimated total cargo traffic of about 300 million tonnes. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed by 2029, with the full project slated for completion by 2034.

Mr. Wagh also spoke about the ongoing discussions concerning the IMEC, noting that the first phase involves establishing the 'Virtual Trade Corridor'—a key component aimed at the seamless digital interchange of logistics data. The VTC will streamline administrative processes, reduce logistics costs, and enhance the ease of doing business between India and the UAE. A crucial step in its completion is the ongoing negotiation of the Master Application for International Trade and Regulatory Interface (MAITRI), a digital platform designed to connect the disparate systems of India and the UAE. It acts as a 'universal adapter', enabling seamless, real-time exchange of logistics and regulatory information.

Once operational, the Vadhvan Port and JNPA will jointly serve as the starting point for the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor. The other three ports in India that form part of this initiative are the Mundra and Kandla ports in Gujarat, and the JNPA.

The IMEC is an ambitious multimodal connectivity project, jointly devised by India and the United States, and announced at the G20 Summit in New Delhi in September 2023. Signatories to the agreement include India, the US, UAE, Saudi Arabia, France, Germany, and Italy. Spanning 6,600 km, the corridor combines roadways, railways, and ship-rail transit to connect India with the Gulf region and onwards to Europe via Jordan and Israel. Beginning in India, it travels to the UAE, through Saudi Arabia and Jordan, then connects from Israel's Haifa Port to European ports in Greece, Italy, France, and Germany. It is the first global connectivity project in which India is a founding partner and marks a transformative step for the country on both domestic and international fronts.



ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD

FLAG EXCHANGE

Rtn. Ptn. Bijal and Rtn. Hiren Kara attended the regular meeting of the Rotary Club of San Francisco — the second oldest Rotary club in the world, established in 1908. They witnessed the induction of the club's 131st member, exchanged flags, and shared insights on RCB's two key projects : Talwada and Bhavishya Yaan.



CELEBRATING BRILLIANCE: ROTARY SCHOLARS SHINE AT AWARDS NIGHT



On April 18th, 2025, the Scholarship Committee of the Rotary Club of Bombay hosted a special event at the Rangaswar Auditorium in the Y. B. Chavan Centre to honour the Rotary scholars of 2025. Nearly 200 attendees, including scholars, mentors, committee members, and distinguished guests, gathered to celebrate the successful completion of the mentorship programme that had guided and inspired a new generation of young minds. The event marked a significant milestone for both mentors and mentees, showcasing the outcomes of months of dedicated interaction and learning.

Jointly conducted by RCB and Claylab Education, the mentorship programme was designed to provide expert guidance to each student in their chosen field. Through structured assignments and one-on-one mentor-mentee sessions, the initiative aimed to prepare scholars for life beyond the classroom and to help them integrate effectively into society. The vision behind this initiative was spearheaded by Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria, Co-chairman of the Scholarship Committee, and Purva from Claylab Education.

The evening commenced with a warm welcome from Chairperson PP Preeti Mehta who officially opened the awards night. She shared the programme's vision and expressed gratitude to mentors, donors, and the organising team for their unwavering commitment. Her opening remarks set the tone for an evening that was not only celebratory but also deeply reflective of the programme's meaningful impact.

To bring energy and engagement to the audience, Purva and Rtn. Ami Jagtiani



conducted two icebreaker games that saw enthusiastic participation. Winners received beautifully designed coffee mugs as prizes, adding an element of fun and camaraderie to the formal proceedings.

One of the highlights of the evening was the heartfelt sharing by three mentors—PP Preeti, Rtn. Ameer Tanna, and Rtn. Murad—who spoke about their experiences with the mentees. They reflected on the growth and transformation observed in the students, from developing confidence to engaging in meaningful dialogues. Rtn. Murad Currawala also touched on the mutual learning that took place, emphasising that mentoring is a two-way street filled with insights for both sides. Mentors Rtn. Rajan Gupta and Rtn. Amay Merchant were represented by Rtn. Ptn. Sakshi Gupta and Rtn. Jaidev Merchant, respectively who graciously conveyed their thoughts and support.

A significant moment of the evening was the presentation of laptops to thirteen scholars who had successfully completed the mentorship programme. These laptops were generously donated by the Janmabhoomi Group, whose support brought immense joy and encouragement to the students. As each scholar received their laptop, they spoke for a minute about their journey through the programme. Their speeches were marked by gratitude and excitement, and the positive energy in the room was truly contagious.

Among the donors present were PP Preeti's co-trustees from the Janmabhoomi Trust—Rtn. Gautam Trivedi and Mr. Sanjay Shah—whose generosity played a crucial role in making the event a success. Their support was both acknowledged and deeply appreciated by all in attendance.

Another distinguished guest, Mr. Samir Somaiya of Somaiya University, added gravitas to the event with an inspirational address to the scholars. His words motivated the students to pursue their goals with passion and perseverance. His presence underscored the importance of collaboration between educational institutions and community-led initiatives.

The awards were presented by the Janmabhoomi trustees, Mr. Somaiya, PE Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Tara Deshpande, and Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia. PE Bimal delivered an encouraging message to the students, urging them to participate again next year and promising continued support



for the mentorship initiative in the future.

Throughout the event, Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia carried out the role of emcee with grace, warmth, and precise timing. Her spirited presentation kept the evening flowing seamlessly and added a personal touch that kept everyone engaged.

In her closing remarks, Chairperson PP Preeti expressed her heartfelt thanks to all those involved and reaffirmed the Scholarship Committee's ongoing commitment to future scholars. She concluded by announcing the launch of a new phase of the mentorship programme, titled 'Chhalang - A Big Leap for the RCB Scholars', signalling a renewed and expanded vision for the initiative.

The awards night stood as a powerful testament to the transformative potential of mentorship. It was not just about recognising academic achievements but about nurturing the whole individual, providing them with the tools and confidence to face the future.

A particularly moving testimonial came from mentor Rtn. Rajan Gupta, who mentored Chandani Ranjit Saa, one of the thirteen scholars awarded a laptop. Chandani, an 11th-grade student with an impressive academic record and dreams of becoming a chemical engineer, had initially appeared shy and reserved. Over the course of their sessions, which included sixteen one-hour modules focusing on ownership and networking, Rajan watched her blossom into a confident and articulate young woman. His mentorship journey with her was as enriching for him as it was for her. What began with a challenging screening test by Claylab ended in a rewarding partnership that saw Chandani's potential unfold week after week. Rajan's heartfelt reflection reminded everyone that effective mentorship does not require grandeur—just empathy, encouragement, and a steady belief in the mentee's ability to shine.

The Scholarship Awards night at Rangaswar Auditorium was not just an evening of accolades. It was a celebration of promise, growth, and the enduring power of human connection.

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રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ બોમ્બે દ્વારા સ્કોલરશિપ અને મેન્ટોરશિપ પ્રોગ્રામના વિદ્યાર્થીઓનાં સન્માનનો કાર્યક્રમ મુંબઈમાં યોજાયો હતો, જે અંતર્ગત સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા લેપટોપની ભેટ અપાતાં આનંદિત છાત્રો અને તેમના વાલીઓ ઉપરની પ્રથમ તસવીરમાં દેખાય છે. બીજી તસવીર ઉપસ્થિતિ-અગ્રણીઓની છે. ત્રીજી પ્રથમ તસવીરમાં સંબોધન કરી રહેલા સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા રોટરી અને આરસીબીના પૂર્વ પ્રમુખ પ્રીતિબેન મહેતા દેખાય છે. બીજી તસવીરમાં સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા રોટરી ગૌતમભાઈ ત્રિવેદી સંબોધન કરી રહ્યા છે. ચોથી તસવીર વિદ્યાર્થીને લેપટોપ આપી રહેલા સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા રોટરી અને જાણીતા ઉદ્યોગપતિ સંજયભાઈ શાહની છે.

તેજસ્વી છાત્રોને પ્રોત્સાહનની જન્મભૂમિ જૂથની ઉમદા પહેલ

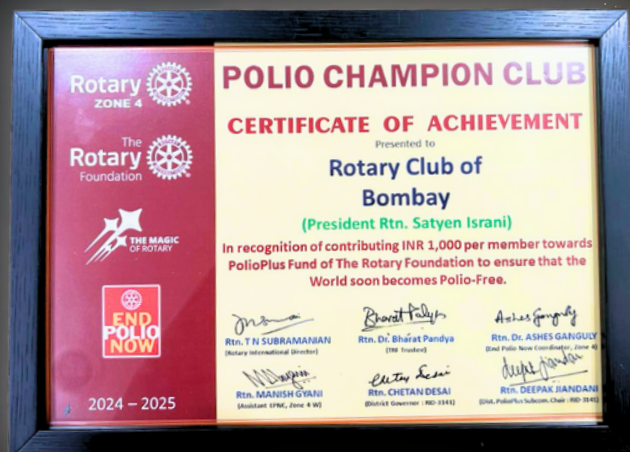
મુંબઈ, તા. ૨૦ : વિદ્યાર્થીઓને સારી ગુણવત્તાનું શિક્ષણ અને વર્તમાન જગતનું વાસ્તવિક જ્ઞાન તો મજે જ, સાથે તેઓ મનગમતાં ક્ષેત્રમાં કારકિર્દી ધરી શકે અને કાર્યક્ષેત્રમાં એ ઉદ્યોગથી રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ બોમ્બે (આરસીબી) દ્વારા શિષ્યવૃત્તિની ઉમદા પહેલ ઉપરાંત ક્લેલેબ એજ્યુકેશન સાથે મળીને મેન્ટોરશિપ કાર્યક્રમ અમલી બનાવ્યો હતો. આ રોટરી સ્કોલરને સન્માનવા માટે આરસીબીની સ્કોલરશિપ સમિતિ દ્વારા તાજેતરમાં અહીંના ધાપ. બી. ચૌહાણ સેન્ટર ખાતેના રંગસ્વર આંદોલનમાં વિશેષ સમારોહનું આયોજન થયું હતું. મેન્ટોરશિપ કાર્યક્રમની સફળતાની ઉજવણી સમાન આ સમારોહમાં વિદ્યાર્થીઓ, સ્કોલરો, તેમના માર્ગદર્શકો, સમિતિના સભ્યો, પ્રતિષ્ઠિત અગ્રણીઓ સહિત વગભગ ૨૦૦ વ્યક્તિ ઉપસ્થિત રહી હતી. સાથે જ સમાજ પ્રત્યે નિસબત ધરાવતા જન્મભૂમિ પત્રોનું સંચાલન કરતા સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા તેજસ્વી વિદ્યાર્થીને લેપટોપ અપાયાં હતાં. આરસીબી અને ક્લેલેબ એજ્યુકેશનના પૂર્વ, રોટરીયન મેળવી શકે છે. શિષ્યવૃત્તિ સમિતિના સહઅધ્યક્ષ અને ક્લેલેબ એજ્યુકેશનના પૂર્વ, રોટરીયન સંચાલન કરનાર અનુભવો રજૂ કર્યાં હતા તેમજ પ્રશિક્ષકોએ કેવી રીતે વિદ્યાર્થીઓમાં આત્મવિશ્વાસ પૂર્ણ કરવો તેની વાત કરી હતી. સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા અન્ય રોટરીયન ગૌતમભાઈ ત્રિવેદીએ છાત્રોને પ્રોત્સાહિત કરતાં કહ્યું હતું કે, આ ભેટ તેમને કારકિર્દી ધડાવવામાં મદદરૂપ બનશે. લેપટોપનો પુરસ્કાર મેળવનારા દરેક વિદ્યાર્થીએ તેમના અનુભવે વર્ણવ્યા હતા. તેમના સંહાર પર ઉમદા અને ઉપયોગી ભેટ પ્રાપ્ત થવાનો આનંદ અને ઉત્સાહ સ્પષ્ટ દેખાતો હતો. આ કાર્યક્રમને લેપટોપના દાતાઓ પ્રીતિબેન મહેતા અને સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા તેમના સહ-રોટરીયન ગૌતમભાઈ ત્રિવેદી અને સંજયભાઈ શાહ ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. સાંમેયા યુનિવર્સિટીના સમીર સાંમેયાએ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને પ્રેરણાદાયી ભાષણ આપ્યું હતું. ક્લેબના ચૂંટાયેલા પ્રમુખ બિમલ મહેતા અને આરસીબી શિષ્યવૃત્તિ દાતાઓ, રોટરીયન તારા સંચાલન આર્કેકેટીવી ગોરવ નવતિયા દ્વારા પુરસ્કારો અપાયા હતા. બિમલ મહેતાએ આવનારા કાર્યક્રમમાં ભવિષ્યના તેજસ્વી વિદ્યાર્થીઓને પ્રોત્સાહન આપ્યું હતું. પ્રીતિબેન મહેતાએ સમાપન ભાષણમાં ભવિષ્યના તેજસ્વી વિદ્યાર્થીઓ વિદ્યાનો પ્રત્યે સમિતિની પ્રતિબદ્ધતાનો પુનરોચાર કર્યો હતો અને શિષ્યવૃત્તિ કાર્યક્રમના નવા અવતાર 'છાલંગ'ની શરૂઆતની જાહેરાત કરી હતી.

- રોટરી ક્લબ ઓફ બોમ્બે દ્વારા સ્કોલરશિપ અને મેન્ટોરશિપ કાર્યક્રમના વિદ્યાર્થીઓનું સન્માન
- સૌરાષ્ટ્ર દ્વારા (જન્મભૂમિ પત્રો) દ્વારા લેપટોપની ભેટ અપાતાં ૧૩ સફળ છાત્ર આનંદિત

એજ્યુકેશન દ્વારા સંપૂર્ણ રીતે આ કાર્યક્રમ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ગુણવત્તાપૂર્ણ શિક્ષણ અને વાસ્તવિક દુનિયાનાં માર્ગદર્શનથી સજાત બનાવવા માટે આ મેન્ટોરશિપ પ્રોગ્રામની પહેલ કરાઈ હતી. આ સ્કોલરશિપ આરસીબીના વિદ્યાર્થીઓને તેમની અભ્યાસયાત્રા આગળ વધારવામાં મદદરૂપ બને છે. અને તેમને માર્ગદર્શકો, દાતાઓ અને આયોજક ટીમનો તેમના સમર્પણ બદલ આભાર માન્યો હતો. પ્રીતિબેન મહેતા અને

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A SUMMER OF DISCOVERY AT CWC LIGHTHOUSE

The Lighthouse Summer Camp, held from April 10th to 21st, 2025, offered a vibrant educational experience for its senior group under the theme Exploring the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Pondicherry. This immersive journey enabled children to explore the culture, history, geography, and distinct features of these two fascinating Indian regions through daily interactive sessions and hands-on activities.

Each day introduced a new dimension of these destinations. Children learned about traditions, festivals, famous landmarks, natural beauty, local flora, fauna, and regional cuisine. The programme was designed to encourage curiosity, expand knowledge, and spark creativity. A special bulletin board, which became a focal point of the camp, displayed the children's creative output. One side was dedicated to the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, showcasing their unique geography as islands surrounded by water, famous for seafood, sea kayaking, snorkelling, and coral reefs. The other side celebrated Pondicherry, highlighting its French colonial architecture, vibrant cannon flowers, and the presence of animals like squirrels and Koels.

Art, craft, and research came together on this board, making it a lively and informative centrepiece that visually captured everything the children had absorbed during the camp.

To conclude the camp, a quiz competition inspired by the popular Bournvita Quiz Contest brought learning to life in a playful yet intellectually stimulating format. The competition consisted of three engaging rounds:

- **VISUAL ROUND** – Children were shown images and asked to identify them.
- **RIDDLE ROUND** – Light-hearted riddles based on their learnings challenged the children to recall facts creatively.
- **SPIN THE WHEEL ROUND** – A spinning wheel added a spontaneous twist by selecting a category from: Beaches and Nature, Arts and Craft, Festivals and Traditions, Famous Landmarks, Food and Cuisine, or History and Heritage. Children were then quizzed on the chosen topic, making for an exciting and unpredictable conclusion.

The quiz saw enthusiastic participation, with children confidently responding to questions. Their depth of knowledge impressed the Rotarians present, some of whom admitted to being stumped by questions that the children answered with ease.

The 2025 summer camp at Lighthouse was more than just an educational experience — it was a celebration of discovery and creativity. The children's energy, the educators' commitment, and the atmosphere of playful learning embodied the spirit of Lighthouse. With each year, the programme continues to nurture young minds with fresh ideas and joyful exploration.



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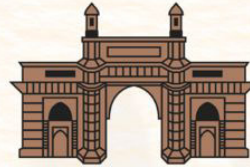


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Advocate Puneet Bhasin is a renowned authority on Cyber Law and Data Protection in India. As the founder of Cyberjure Legal Consulting, she leads a practice dedicated to technology laws, cybercrime, blockchain regulations, and data privacy compliance.

An alumna of Government Law College, Mumbai, she holds a B.L.S. LL.B., and an LL.M. in E-commerce and Cyber Crimes from Mumbai University. Her academic pursuits extend to executive education at Harvard University and the Indian School of Business, reflecting her commitment to continuous learning in this rapidly evolving field.

Advocate Bhasin has advised Rajya Sabha Committees on internet legislation and played a key role in the amendment of the IT Act. She also serves as an Honorary Advisor to the United Nations. A TEDx speaker and published author on digital law, she frequently shares her expertise on global platforms, including the BBC and CNBC.



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