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THIS TUESDAY:

Revant Himatsingka,
the Food Pharmar

COMING UP

TODAY

Launch of new Dialysis
Centre. [Details inside.](#)

July 28th, 2024:

Monsoon brunch at
Hammer & Song (Cuffe
Parade). [Details inside.](#)

August 6th, 2024

Romila Nijhawan,
Principal Partner, Nuvama
Private, on the Budget and
its impact on investments.

August 10th, 2024

Parsi Nite at Albless Baug.

August 13th, 2024

Tales from the Veteran
Heroes of Independence

August 29th, 2024

Dil Se, a concert by Ustad
Shujaat Husain Khan.
[Details inside](#)

“Without
food we would
die. Without
fellowship, life is
not worth living.”
~ Laurie Colwin

Ms. Prachi Shevgaonkar, Climate Innovator and Founder of the app Cool the Globe



Childhood Aspiration and Wake-Up Call

“My school teacher had given us a very interesting homework. She asked us to write a letter to our future selves... My younger self had written about making a difference, changing the world. And I'd not thought that way in a very long time.”

Deciding on a Career with Impact:

“I remember googling this and I was very surprised with the answer. Can anybody guess how many hours do any of us put in work in our lifetimes? ... All of us spend about 90,000 hours at work on average in our lifetimes.”

Importance of Dedicating Work to Real-World Issues:

“If even 10% of that can go into solving some real-world challenges around me, and if everybody did that, then all of us would be experts in making the world a better place.”

On Rotary's Values:

“I don't have to tell this to any of you, because I think that's what Rotary stands for... I think that's what all of you live by, and that's why it really means a lot to me to be here in front of you, because that's what I wanted to do as well, to try and figure out how I could make some kind of a difference.”

Decision to Focus on Climate Change:

“Global organisations, experts, people around the world were talking about how climate change is the most pressing issue in front of us today. But nobody around me was really talking about it.”

Role Models and Mentorship:

“I made a list of some people who were my role models, people whose work was inspi-rational to me. Many of them were social entrepreneurs, and I started approaching them, asking if I could shadow them for a couple of months.”

Personal Commitment to Making a Difference:

“I made that proposal, and I called my parents in a

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café, and I pitched it to them. And by the end of it, they were just as excited as I was to come on the journey with me.”

Dnyaneshwar Bodke and the Abhinav Farmers Club:

Dnyaneshwar Bodke, a farmer from Pune, developed a successful farming model on his one-acre barren land, inspiring other farmers. His approach led to the formation of the Abhinav Farmers Club, with over 2.5 lakh farmers earning significant revenue. Prachi learned about leadership and the importance of collective effort from her time working with Bodke.

Experience with Nalini Shekar and Hasiru Dala:

Nalini Shekar, founder of Hasiru Dala, guided Prachi to spend time with waste pickers to truly understand their challenges and contributions. Prachi learned about grassroots change and the resilience of communities from this experience.

Work with the IDEA Foundation:

Prachi documented the dreams of children in Pune’s slums, gaining insights into their aspirations and the reality of high dropout rates. This experience highlighted the gap between children’s dreams and their opportunities, emphasising the need for educational support.

Realisation of Climate Change Impact:

Prachi encountered the direct impact of climate change on vulnerable populations, deepening her understanding and commitment to the issue. She realised that simple things like water access and shelter are affected by climate change, impacting daily lives.

Learnings from Farmers and Community Members:

An old farmer explained how climate change impacts food security,



PP Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Miral Shah, speaker Prachi Shevgaonkar and Rtn. Rina Deora.

making it clear to Prachi that the issue is a pressing concern for ordinary citizens.

Starting with Personal Action:

“We took up a challenge that year to try and reduce our own carbon footprint by just 10%. I started looking at what are the different activities through which I can do this. So very simple things... we set up a plastic recycling system at home. We set up a solar panel.”

Measuring Impact and Community Involvement:

“If I wanted to continue on this journey, I had to be able to measure the impact of my ac-tions. Because only when we can measure, can we change something.” People around me also started to notice and they wanted to be part of this.

Development of Cool the Globe App:

“An app to unite people like you and I to start making climate action a part of our lives. The way we designed the app is that a user would come in, they’d get a monthly target to reduce their carbon footprint... you’d be able to see hundreds of simple day-to-day ac-tions you can take to meet that.”

Importance of Collective Action:

“A lot of people believe what difference can one person make? But we think that when a lot of people like us come together, then a collective impact can be extraordinary.” A global metre on the app’s homepage shows the CO2 emissions saved by all app users combined.

Expansion and Organisational Involvement:

“Many organisations came to us and said, we would like our employees to use this as well.” A community dashboard on the app highlights that real climate action is collec-tive, not individual.

Future Vision and Inspiration:

“The actions we take today, the conversations we have today about protecting our plan-et, about taking climate action, they are going to define the lives of generations to come.” We truly believe that when people like us come together to take climate action, miracles can happen.

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President Satyan Israni wishes Rtn. Peter Born for his birthday



Rtn. Roda Billimoria, Sergeant-at-Arms



Rtn. Rustom Vakharia and Rtn. Jamshed Banaji with a guest



Rtn. Albert Almeida introduces our guest speaker



Rotarians Albert Almeida, President Satyan, Rhea Bhumgara and Miral Shah share the stage with guest speaker Prachi Shevgaonkar and her mother



Guest Kunti Oza, guest speaker Prachi Shevgaonkar, Rtn. Rajyalakshmi Rao and PP Ramesh Narayan



Rotarians Kanta Masand, PP Kalpana Munshi, Sunita Mandelia and Naresh Jain



Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara, President Satyan Israni and Rtn. Rina Deora



Rotarians Mahesh Khubchandani, Farhat Jamal, Dushyant Dave, President Satyan Israni, Aziz Javeri, Miral Shah and Rajas Doshi



Rotarians PE Bimal Mehta, PP Ramesh Narayan, Rina Deora, PP Dr Rumi Jehangir and Arish Dastur

Ananda Seva brings Shravan smiles to Ananda Yaan elders



Ananda Seva brings joy to elders during Shravan. Rtn. Sameer and Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Kaji served pav bhaji lunch to 185 elders at Ananda Yaan, along with sweets. Rtn. Sameer personally greeted the elders, receiving a traditional tilak and blessings from a senior member, with Mr. Javed of Dignity Foundation present. Rtn. Charu Agrawal,

co-chairman of the committee, attended the event. Rtn. Sameer appreciated the joy the project brings and praised Dignity Foundation, especially Mr. Dilip Chauhan, for their good work. The Ananda Yaan committee of RCB thanks Rtn. Sameer and encourages other Rotarians to participate in spreading cheer during Rakhi.



IWC BOMBAY HOSTS FIRST CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Inner Wheel Club of Bombay organised its first chess tournament at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Municipal School on World Chess Day, July 20th, 2024. Thirty students from standards VI to X participated, with prizes awarded to the top three winners in four categories. The event featured Lakshya Agarwal, an international chess player, and Nagesh Guttula from the South Mumbai Chess Academy, who presented the awards. Agarwal also played matches with the top winners, a special highlight for the students. The school thanked the IWC Bombay for introducing chess, which provided a new opportunity for the students. The event was attended by IWC President Dr. Mita Roy and other members.



Atlas Skilltech Rotaractors engage BY students

On July 19th, 2024, 14 Rotaract volunteers from Atlas Skilltech University visited Bhavishya Yaan Byculla to conduct engaging activities for students, including:

1. Reaction Game with Story Building to enhance improvisation skills.
2. Morse Code - Decoding Numbers to teach decoding skills.
3. Budgeting exercises for basic financial understanding.
4. Dog & the Bone with a twist, adding fun to a traditional game.

The session was interactive and enjoyable, with the children actively participating and having fun.

RTN. HIREN KARA ATTENDS ROTARY SAN FRANCISCO CHINATOWN MEETING



Rtn. Hiren Kara visited the Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown during their weekly meeting. The Club was hosting an informative talk on Alzheimer's disease. The session provided valuable insights into the condition, raising awareness among the attendees. Seen here with President Susan, after exchanging flags.

LIFE SKILL CLASS ON TEAMWORK AND INDIVIDUAL SKILLS AT BY NMJ SCHOOL

On July 24th, 2024, Dr. Jabeen conducted a life skill class focused on discovering individual skills through teamwork at Bhavishya Yaan NMJ.

The session began with a group activity where participants identified their unique skills. Each group created a list, noting their own skills and the perceived strengths recognised by their peers. The activity was timed, with 20 minutes allocated for completion.

Six groups participated and were evaluated on several criteria: individual contributions, active participation, completion time, and awareness of each member's skills. The group with the highest marks was declared the winner.

Dr. Jabeen emphasised the importance of cooperation, sharing, and discipline within teams. She explained how a lack of cooperation or enthusiasm from a single member could impact the entire group. Through discussion, the class explored the disadvantages of poor teamwork and the significance of recognising each member's strengths and weaknesses. Key topics included time management, sharing ideas, and systematic planning through effective communication.

The class concluded with the notion that the difference between ordinary and extraordinary lies in the willingness to go the extra mile. The winning group was promised a gift in the next session, and all participants received chocolates as a token of appreciation.



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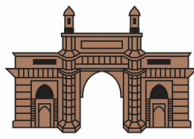
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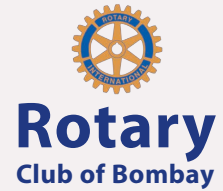
Rotary Club of Bombay Dialysis Centres

	Aastha Hospital, Manor First Floor, Rais Arcade, Palghar-Wada Road, Manor District Palghar 401403	3 No. of Machines	FREE Charges for needy patients	
	Platinum Hospital, Mulund Neptune Colorscape, Dumping Rd, Siddharth Nagar, Mulund West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400080	2 No. of Machines	FREE Charges for needy patients	
	Sukhsagar Hi-Tech Hospital, Dahisar (Rotary Dialysis Centre) Lokmanya Tilak Rd, Mhatre Wadi, Dahisar West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400068	2 No. of Machines	800/- 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	3 No. of Machines	FREE Charges for needy patients	
	Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali Swami Vivekananda Rd, Kandivali, Fateh Baug, Kandivali West, Mumbai, Maharashtra	2 No. of Machines	FREE Charges for needy patients	
	Samarpan Dialysis & Thalassemia Centre, Ghatkopar Aaradhy Edu-Health Centre, , H-wing, 3rd flr, Aaradya One Earth, Naidu Colony, Pant Nagar, Ghatkopar East, Mumbai 400077	14 No. of Machines	300/- Charges for needy patients	
	Lifeline Medicare Hospital, Charkop Charkop Village Near Rustomjee Meridian, Charkop Gaon, Kandivali West, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400067	15 No. of Machines	FREE Charges for needy patients	
	Dr. M.L. Dhawale Memorial Trust Hospital, Palghar Boisar Rd, opposite S.T Workshop, Palghar Taluka Industrial Co Operative Estate, Palghar, Maharashtra 401404	2 No. of Machines	250/- Charges for needy patients	
	K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion Somaiya Ayurvihar, Eastern Express Hwy, Sion East, Sion, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400022	10 No. of Machines	FREE Charges for needy patients	
	Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri East 316,3rd Floor,B-Wing Dattani Plaza,Near Safed Pool, Sakinaka, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri(East), Mumbai, Maharashtra 400072	10 No. of Machines	FREE Charges for needy patients	

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

ROMILA NIJHAWAN, PRINCIPAL PARTNER, NUVAMA PRIVATE

Topic: Budget and its impact on investments

Romila is a seasoned professional who has been serving as a Principal Partner at Nuvama Private. She began her career with Span Holdings Ltd and was associated with HDFC Bank and ICICI Securities gaining valuable experience and building a solid foundation in the financial industry. With 24 years of experience across various verticals, she has navigated numerous market cycles. This extensive experience enables her to deeply understand client investments and adeptly manage asset allocation, generating significant alpha for client portfolios.

Romila has worked closely with diverse client groups, including business owners,



CXOs, clubs, treasuries, and new-age founders. Her ability to see the bigger picture and her client-first attitude distinguish her as one of the most experienced bankers in the industry.

Outside of work, Romila is an avid reader, passionate traveller, and sports enthusiast. She enjoys running and has participated in marathons nationwide.

Happy Birthday

JULY 31 Rtn. Arif Lokhandwalla	AUGUST 3 Hon. Rtn. Ajay Piramal	AUGUST 3 Rtn. Sandipan Roy
AUGUST 3 Rtn. Abhishek Sharman	AUGUST 4 Rtn. Sabira Merchant	AUGUST 5 Rtn. Bharat Taparia

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AUGUST 2: Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia

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Elder Day Care Alibaug	PP Ashish Vaid
Ananda Yaan	Kaushal Mehta
Trans Salon (DEI)	Ratna Sharma
Director Rahil Shah	
Integrated Village Development with Chirag	Ravindra Fotedar
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Bhavishya Yaan	Akhil Sanghi
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EVS Curriculum	Nikhil Bhatia
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Vocational Training & Night Study Centre	Vrinda Rajgarhia
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