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This Tuesday, Nov 11th

The Strength to Soar: Rhea Chakraborty on 'Rising above and Moving forward', in conversation with Rtn. Priya Tanna.

UPCOMING

November 13th

Club Assembly at Babubhai Chinai Hall, IMC Churchgate.

November 18th, Tuesday Meeting



Ms. Nyrika Holkar, ED Godrej Enterprises Group, in conversation with Ms. Devna Vora

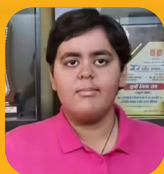
November 21st

Legal Aid Camp at Palghar.

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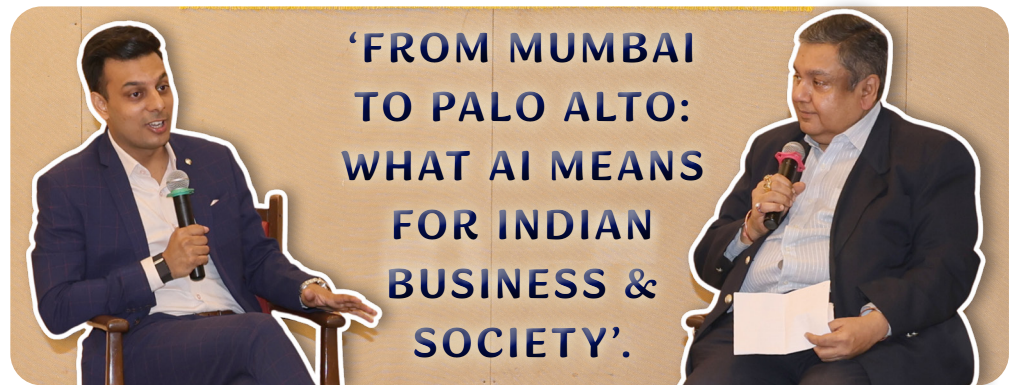
Lighthouse Maritime Visit

December 16th, Tuesday Meeting



Rotary Club of Bombay Social Service Award to HT Parekh Foundation & Rotary Club of Bombay Arvind Jolly Award for Excellence in Sports to Ms. Jiya Rai

Mr. Shubham Saraff, futurist and AI TEDx Speaker, in a fire chat with Rtn. Uday Sanghani



Rtn. Uday Sanghani: Congratulations on your awards and the great work you've done in the field of AI at such a young age. Let's start at the very beginning — how did your AI journey begin?

Mr. Shubham Saraff: Firstly, thank you so much, Uday. Thanks, Bimal, for inviting me, and I'm looking forward to talking today in front of all of you, especially in front of somebody who's been my guiding light. So thank you, Shailesh uncle, for being here today.

My journey started in an interesting fashion; I always told my parents that even though I would become an engineer, they should never call me one, because I was pursuing engineering purely out of curiosity about how the world works. I didn't want to do the typical work of an engineer. But God has his own plans, and I actually became an engineer, as deep as one can get.

It started with reading books. The first book that really got me into AI was The Phantom in the Brain by Dr. V.S. Ramachandran, the father of modern neuroscience, when I was in the 9th standard. This was around 2013-14. Each project I worked on at that time was driven by a desire to solve a problem.

My neighbour used to stutter, and his son, Aryaman, one of my favourite little kids,

initially spoke normally until the age of three. But by the time he turned four, he began to stutter quite frequently by observing and imitating his father. He didn't have a speech disorder — he simply acquired stuttering by mimicking his dad's speech patterns. That incident led me to combine what I had read in Dr. Ramachandran's book with practical application.

For three and a half years, I worked on creating my first application — one aimed at curing neurological disorders like stuttering and stammering using natural language processing, what we now call AI. That project was later recognised with an award. I never planned to become an AI researcher; it happened very organically.

When I presented this research — through 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, and my first year of engineering — I learned that every year in London, three awards are given: the Michael Faraday Award, the Benjamin Franklin Award, and the PATW Award. In 2017, the Michael Faraday Award went to Bjarne Stroustrup, the inventor of C++; the Benjamin Franklin Award went to the inventor of the blue LED light; and, by God's grace, the third award went to my research on curing neurological disorders. That's how my journey started.

From there, the world of AI research opened

AI is the New Fire

From a spark of curiosity to igniting India's AI revolution



up to me. I was invited to the Cambridge University World Summit to present research on how to impart emotional intelligence in autonomous systems, and then to Harvard in 2018, where Google picked up my research as a global case study.

That led to advisory roles, including being on the board of the IET — one of the largest technology bodies in the world, patroned by the Queen of England (now the King). I was the first Indian to serve on its 10-member board from 2018 to 2021, handling AI, IoT, and blockchain. So, that's how my journey in AI began, and it's been eleven and a half years since.

Phenomenal. Given that you have such a great body of work, you had a clear path to continue in Palo Alto or London. So why did you come back to India?

The reason is an individual sitting here — Shailesh Haribhakti — who inspired me to return to India. I had spent significant time in the UK and was preparing to move to the US, after serving on the board in the UK for about three years. I had also been advising venture capital and private equity firms making deep-tech investments in AI.

I spent some time with ICICI Securities, working in the broking space alongside the Managing Director. After that, I returned to the UK to study at Oxford, which opened an opportunity to move to the US. I had even found a house two blocks away from where Steve Jobs lived and planned how I'd commute to Stanford and Berkeley to hire for my next venture. Everything was set.

Then I met Shailesh uncle, who had come to Oxford. We spent three wonderful days together, during which I described the work I'd been doing in research, policy, and advisory, and the startup I planned to build. He told me, "Shubham, you should probably see what's happening in India — it's moving faster than what you see in the UK or Europe. Just spend three or four months in India before you decide to shift to the US."

Those few months I spent in India led me to permanently settle in Mumbai. Shailesh uncle and I co-founded a company called Stair Digital, which focuses on bringing enterprise-grade artificial intelligence to mid-sized, listed, and large organisations — enabling them to truly be AI-powered.

I can confidently say I have zero regrets. In fact, the opportunities available in India trump those in the US or the UK today — and "trump" is indeed the right word to use here.

When I was at Oxford, most of my friends were between 35 and 38 years old — former strategy heads for the Australian Army, ex-

McKinsey associate directors — highly accomplished professionals. Yet, the kind of work they were getting in the UK, across Europe, and even in parts of the US was relatively limited. Apart from a few tech-forward regions such as Palo Alto, California, Seattle, Boston, and now perhaps Miami, other areas were not as tech-friendly or as quick to adopt emerging technologies as one might expect.

The same can be said for Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. In contrast, the work happening in India is truly deep and impactful. The acceptance of these technologies here is far greater, and we're seeing adoption at a population scale.

What surprised me most during my work was how India is looking at technology and AI not in isolation, but as part of population-scale systems — through digital public infrastructures such as UPI and Aadhaar. Our banking and financial systems are among the fastest and most deeply integrated with AI in the world.

And this isn't just post-2022 "GenAI hype" — it's real, deep integration of artificial intelligence into how the country operates. So, the journey from Mumbai to the UK or Palo Alto and back to Mumbai has been truly fulfilling. I genuinely see the wave of AI in India as a tsunami — stronger and more transformative than anywhere else in the world.

So now the base is India, Mumbai?

Yes, it is.

That's great, Shubham. There's so much about your body of work that we could go on discussing, but let's deep dive into the subject of AI. I'm sure there are many questions here about how we can implement AI into our own areas of work. In one of your TEDx talks, you said, "AI is the new fire." Tell us a little more about that.

That's an interesting one, Uday. I often compare AI to fire in two very distinctive ways. The first is the discovery — or rather, the control — of fire. When humankind learnt to generate heat and light at will, it changed civilisation forever. It allowed humans to explore places they never could before. Until then, civilisation was confined to regions with comfortable temperatures, but fire enabled us to survive in colder areas, explore the Arctic and Antarctic, and have light and warmth at night. This discovery evolved human capability almost overnight.

Similarly, today, the ability to compute and generate intelligence using artificial systems allows human civilisation to explore realms we never could before. One very obvious example is space exploration. If we ever have to send humans to Mars, we will first send probes. However, a probe communicating with Earth takes about nine minutes for a signal to reach here and another nine minutes for a response to return. That's 18 minutes before a decision can be made, which is too long in a critical scenario. Hence, autonomous systems trained to think and act independently are essential. They allow for discovery and exploration beyond the limits of human capability — just as fire once did.

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ANANDA YAAN: JOYFUL HEALING THROUGH DANCE & ART

The Rotary Club of Bombay extends heartfelt thanks to the Create Foundation for conducting Therapy Through Joy sessions across all three Ananda Yaan centres. These engaging Dance, Drama, and Art Therapy workshops brought smiles, laughter, and renewed energy to our senior members. Activities such as Warm-up Dance, Dance with

Dupatta, and Dance with Hats used colourful props to add fun and self-expression. The sessions beautifully embodied the spirit of Ananda Yaan, promoting happiness, movement, and meaningful connection among underserved elders while fostering creativity and emotional well-being through joyful participation.

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Rtn. Pranay Vakil, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal



PP Nirav Shah, PE Manish Reshamwala, Rtn. Pranay Vakil and Guest Mr. Nandan Mehta



President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and First Lady Aradhana Mehta



Visiting Rtn. Benhard Steinruecke, Guest Nandan Mehta, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Guest speaker Mr. Shubham Saraff, Rtn. Vivek Kothari, Rtn. Uday Sanghani



PP Shernaz Vakil and Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal



Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, Guest speaker Mr. Shubham Saraff, PP Shailesh Haribhakti, President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Uday Sanghani and PP Arun Sanghi



PP Nirav Shah and Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala



President Bimal Mehta wishes Rtn. Laxmi Karnani on her birthday



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Rtn. Uday Sanghani, Guest speaker Mr. Shubham Saraff, First Lady Aradhana Mehta, Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal

IN CAMERA: A MEMORABLE MUSO EXPERIENCE AND FIRESIDE CHAT WITH TANVI JINDAL SHETE & RTN. ADITYA SOMANI

On November 5th, the In Camera Committee of the Rotary Club of Bombay had the unique opportunity to visit the Museum of Solutions (MuSo), a space where adults are usually permitted only when accompanied by children.

Thanks to Rtn. Aditya Somani, who serves on the advisory board of MuSo, members were granted this special access.

MuSo is the brainchild of Tanvi Jindal Shete, who spent many years as an educator with Teach for India and Akanksha before establishing this exceptional museum that nurtures curiosity, creativity, and communication among children of all ages.

Simran, from the design solutions team, guided members through the interactive installations and thoughtfully explained the ideas and purpose behind each one. Participants also enjoyed a hands-on activity where they planted saplings directly in the soil, no pots involved. While some preferred to stay mud-free, others enthusiastically got their hands dirty and carried their green souvenirs home.

Afterwards, guests enjoyed a delicious spread of snacks, including Subko's much-loved chocolate cookies, graciously hosted by Tanvi. The evening concluded with an engaging conversation between Tanvi Jindal Shete and Rtn. Aditya Somani, offering deeper insights into her vision for MuSo. Tanvi shared how she had visited over 50 museums around the world for inspiration, her favourite being the Exploratorium in San Francisco.

In Camera Chair PP Vineet Bhatnagar formally introduced Tanvi to the gathering, and Co-chair First Lady Aradhana Mehta extended a formal vote of thanks.

The visit concluded with MuSo-branded journals as souvenirs, a thoughtful reminder of a memorable and inspiring evening.



TOUCHING LIVES: INAUGURATION OF THE 15TH DIALYSIS CENTRE AT GALAXY SUPERSPECIALITY HOSPITAL, MULUND EAST



On November 5th, 2025, the Rotary Club of Bombay proudly inaugurated its 15th Dialysis Centre at Galaxy Superspeciality Hospital, Mulund East — a milestone that continues the club's mission of extending free medical care to those in need.

This new centre was made possible through the generous donation of two dialysis machines by PP Vineet Bhatnagar and Rtn. Zulfiqar Memon. The event was graced by several distinguished guests, including Mr. T. S. Bhatnagar (father of PP Vineet Bhatnagar), President Bimal Mehta, Chairman Rtn. Swati Jajodia,

ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla, PP Vijaykumar Jatia, DG Dr. Manish Motwani, and Mr. Mikael Zulfiqar, son of Suzanne and Zulfiqar Memon. Members from both the Rotary Club of Bombay and the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mulund East were also present. The proceedings were ably hosted by DGN Deepak Jiandani.

The centre will provide free dialysis services to patients from underserved communities, particularly in areas where affordable medical care for kidney ailments remains scarce. This initiative is a shining example of collaboration between the Rotary

Mulund East Welfare Trust and the Rotary Club of Bombay, reflecting the unity and shared purpose of Rotary District 3141.

Galaxy Superspeciality Hospital, owned by Rtn. Dr. Sagar Morankar of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Mulund East, has generously offered its premises for this noble cause. His contribution exemplifies the Rotary spirit of compassion, cooperation, and community service. Rotarians wishing to recommend patients are encouraged to contact the Dialysis Committee of Rotary Club of Bombay.





Encouraging new members who have joined over the past 3 years, to attend.



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PRVEC

OPHTHALMIC OPD	926
SPECTACLES GIVEN	91
OPERATIONS	43
PATIENT KEPT FOR TREATMENT	3
IOL	38
YAG LASER	-
GREEN LASER	-
KERATOPLASTY	-

TOTAL 1101

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ADMC

GENERAL OPD	1014
DENTAL OPD	76
PEDIATRIC OPD	70
PATHOLOGY LAB	72
TB PATIENTS	26
GYNAECOLOGY	10

TOTAL 1268

Cotton Green

HOMOEOPATHY	367
DENTAL OPD	253
OPHTHALMIC OPD	100
PAEDIATRIC OPD	25
GENERAL OPD	261
PATHOLOGY LAB	23
ECG	83

TOTAL 1092

A VISIT TO THE

Elder day care centre

IPP SATYAN ISRANI, PP FRAMROZE MEHTA
& RTN. MUDIT JATIA



LIGHTHOUSE: NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING SESSION

As part of the Diwali Camp organised under Project Lighthouse, the children enjoyed an engaging and insightful session on Nutrition and Healthy Eating.

We were delighted to have Ms. Janvi Dhanak, lead dietitian at Mind Your Fitness, conduct this interactive session. With her expertise in clinical and sports nutrition, Janvi made the topic both fun and relatable. Through stories, visuals, and lively discussions, she helped the children understand the difference between healthy and unhealthy foods. Adding to the excitement, she involved the mothers in a spirited quiz, turning the event into a joyful learning experience for all.

The children and their mothers left inspired to make healthier food choices and bring about small yet meaningful changes to their daily routines. IPP Satyan Israni also attended the session and was delighted to witness the enthusiastic interaction between the children, mothers, and the speaker. He appreciated how beautifully the concept of healthy eating was conveyed and thanked Janvi for conducting such a wonderful and impactful session.

He also acknowledged all the beneficiaries for their consistent participation and for being an integral part of every Lighthouse activity and programme.



BY: ALUMNI VISIT THE MANGROVES OF NAVI MUMBAI

On November 2nd, the Alumni of Bhavishya Yaan N. M. Joshi School had the opportunity to participate in the Environment Life Foundation (ELF) programme organised at Flamingo Point, Seawoods, Navi Mumbai.

With two weeks' prior notice, the group prepared a checklist of essentials such as raincoats, mosquito repellent, reusable water bottles, and breakfast. On the day of the visit, everyone assembled at the N. M. Joshi School gate and boarded the bus at 6:30 a.m. Thankfully, the weather was clear. After a pleasant one-hour journey, the team reached the venue early, allowing time to settle in and capture some wonderful photographs.

The event commenced at 8:00 a.m. under the guidance of Ramesh Narayan Sir, to whom the entire programme owed its success. The alumni expressed heartfelt gratitude to him for making this enriching learning experience possible.

The group actively contributed to the initiative focused on saving and protecting mangroves from non-recyclable pollutants. They also had the privilege of interacting with Mr. Dharmesh Barai, founder of ELF and winner of the prestigious Olive Crown

Young Green Crusader Award. He explained the vital role of mangroves in supporting marine life and acting as natural barriers against tidal waters.

Inspired by his words, participants joined the cleanup drive, collecting plastic, thermocol, rubber, and other harmful waste polluting the mangroves. Throughout the activity, Dharmesh Sir motivated and guided the team with great enthusiasm.

Over 150 students took part in this mega drive, alongside NSS contingents and ELF volunteers, making it a collaborative and meaningful effort. The N. M. Joshi School alumni even formed a human chain to move garbage bags to an accessible pickup point.

Overall, it was a wonderful and educational experience — one that combined teamwork, environmental awareness, and community spirit. The participants enjoyed every moment and felt proud to contribute to protecting nature.

A special thanks to Jaya Ma'am for providing this valuable opportunity.

— Vedant Kadam, N. M. Joshi BY Alumni (2014–15 Batch)





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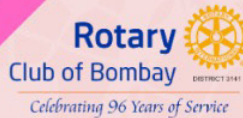
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BY: Diwali Literature Camp at GK Marg

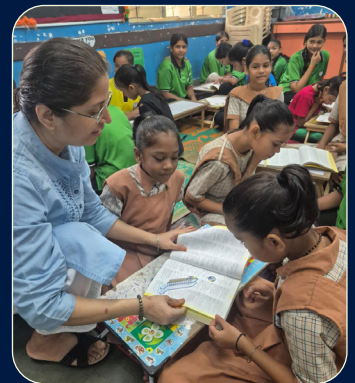
This Diwali, the classrooms of the GK Marg Bhavishya Yaan Centre shone not only with diyas but also with creativity, joy, and the light of learning. The Literature Camp, organised for the students, beautifully blended festive cheer with purposeful activities that encouraged imagination, teamwork, and self-expression.

Throughout the week, children participated in engaging sessions that went beyond traditional academics. They crafted diyas, lanterns, and rangolis, explored storytelling through art and drama, and played word and logic games that sharpened their minds while keeping the festive spirit alive.

The highlight of the celebration was the Literature Festival, a lively finale that showcased the young participants' talent and enthusiasm. Their role-play adaptation of *The Lion*, *the Witch* and *the Wardrobe* captivated the audience, reflecting teamwork and confidence. The students also presented heartfelt poem recitations, thoughtful discussions on values, and creative craft displays, leaving everyone deeply impressed.

From skits to songs celebrating Diwali, every child had a moment to shine. Their energy and confidence reflected the success of the camp's experiential approach to learning – one that celebrates curiosity as much as creativity.

The Literature Camp truly embodied the Bhavishya Yaan vision of empowering children through learning experiences that build both character and creativity. Heartfelt thanks to the Rotary Club of Bombay, volunteers Rtn. Charu Agrawal and Rtn. Ptn. Asha Shah, and the dedicated teachers who made this festive week of joyful learning so memorable.



BY: LITERATURE FESTIVAL AT NMJ SCHOOL

The Diwali vacation at NMJ School began on October 16th, 2025, and continued until November 1st, 2025. While most students looked forward to festive holidays, a group of cheerful and enthusiastic Bhavishya Yaan children chose to spend their mornings at school — attending the much-awaited Literature Festival, which began on the very first day of the break.

From 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day, the classrooms came alive with creativity, imagination, and learning. This year's festival was themed around Multilingual Storytelling, Theatre, and Debate, along with a special focus on one of the most beloved classics of children's literature — The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe from The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. The ten-day programme was thoughtfully divided into sessions: three days on multilingual storytelling, two each on theatre and debate, and another three on reading and exploring the featured book.

The festival opened with a warm and nostalgic look back at previous Literature Festivals, which had celebrated the works of Rabindranath Tagore and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Students were then introduced to this year's diverse topics and encouraged to reflect on the importance of stories in human civilisation — from ancient oral traditions to the written and digital forms that shape our world today.

Facilitators guided students through the fascinating evolution of storytelling — from songs, dance, and art to sculpture and written text. They discussed how traditional Indian storytelling forms such as Powada from Maharashtra and Kawad from Rajasthan continue to thrive even today. The link between storytelling and Indian classical dance was also highlighted, particularly how Kathak derives from the word Katha, meaning story.

The sessions on Multilingual Storytelling opened students' minds to the power of stories that transcend boundaries. Through well-researched audio-visual materials, they explored familiar tales such as Shraavan Kumar, Pinocchio, and Malgudi Days, learning how language may differ but emotions and morals often unite us.

The Theatre and Debate segments proved equally captivating. The children learnt how theatre differs from cinema — the former being a live, immersive experience where actors perform in real time. They were shown pictures of renowned auditoriums, learnt about acoustics, set design, and stage lighting, and appreciated the collaborative artistry that goes into every performance.

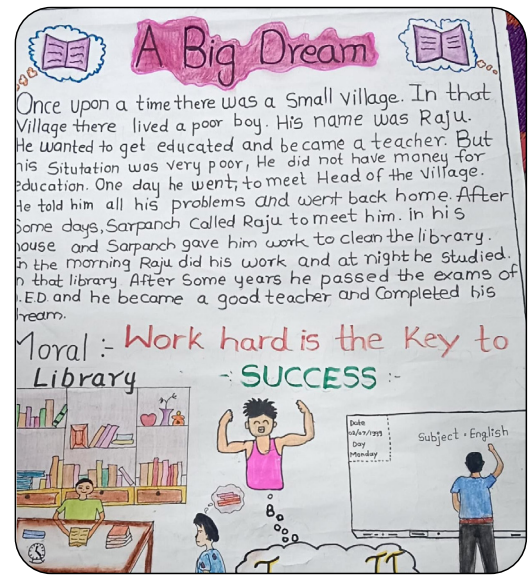
Debating sessions added a spirited twist to the festival. Having been introduced to debating earlier, students quickly embraced the chance to articulate their viewpoints with structure and confidence. Topics such as "Online Buying – Good or Bad" and "Should Students Wear Uniforms or Not?" sparked lively discussions. There were tie-breakers, applause, and prizes for the most persuasive arguments, creating an atmosphere of friendly competition and intellectual engagement.

The final four days were devoted to reading and discussing The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Students read aloud, interpreted scenes, and shared insights on themes such as bravery, friendship, and the triumph of good over evil. The festival concluded with a screening of Disney's adaptation of the book — a cinematic treat that brought the magical world of Narnia vividly to life.

Throughout the fortnight, students expanded their vocabulary, created new stories, completed activity worksheets, and designed colourful posters inspired by their learnings. It

was a celebration not just of literature but also of imagination, confidence, and communication.

The Bhavishya Yaan team and the NMJ School teachers deserve high praise for curating such an inspiring and impactful programme — one that nurtured curiosity, self-expression, and a lifelong love for learning. The students now eagerly await the grand finale, where they will proudly showcase their performances and creative projects — a fitting end to a festival that truly lit up young minds.



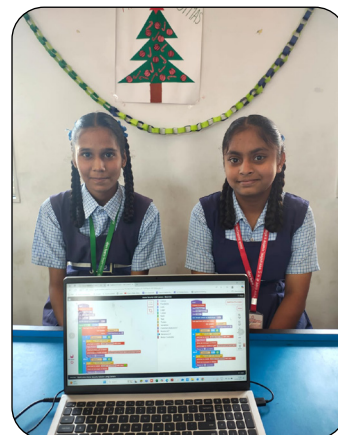
IT INNOVATION LAB: EMPOWERING YOUNG INNOVATORS



The IT Innovation Laboratories serve a vital purpose of making Applied Learning and Technology accessible to students of low socio-economic and rural/tribal backgrounds, for free. They are learning Robotics, IOT (Internet of Things), 3D Printing, Data Science. Alongside, the CFLC (Career Foundation Learning Centre) train the children for competitive exams. They provide STEM based knowledge and skills gained through the well-designed curriculum and careful nurturing of the staff instils self-confidence in otherwise shy students.

The committee established The IT Innovation Labs and CFLC, strategically situated in Palghar, Wada, and Boisar, as on date, are redefining the educational landscape by providing a vibrant and inspiring atmosphere where young minds flourish. With a remarkable enrollment at IT Labs of 5400 students in Palghar (since January, 2022) and 1730 students in Wada (since April, 2024) and 792 students in Boisar (since February, 2025), plus CFLC of 100 students in Palghar (since January, 2025) and 100 students in Wada (since April, 2024) and 100 students in Boisar (since February, 2025). We are proud to share our fourth lab in Dahanu has been activated in September, 2025 and will be inaugurated on 30th, November, 2025. These centers serve as beacons of innovation, empowering students—many of whom come from non-technical backgrounds—to harness the power of technology and creativity to tackle real-world challenges.

Through a carefully curated curriculum that emphasizes hands-on learning, students are not only mastering essential technical skills but are also encouraged to explore their potential as innovators and problem-solvers. Astounding projects such as a mine-detecting robot that enhances safety in hazardous environments, an intuitive smart home system that integrates automation for convenience, and a dynamic crowd-management mechanism designed for public events illustrate the tangible impact of their learning journey, showcasing the transformative power of education when combined with creativity and advanced resources.



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Waves, Whispers, and Wonder — Serendipity in Sri Lanka

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“From sunrise walks to sacred shrines — Sri Lanka, you’ve been pure magic!”

Sri Lanka — a land of timeless beauty, warm smiles, and quiet wonder. Our journey as the RCB group began in Colombo, where colonial charm meets contemporary rhythm. We explored the city’s historic landmarks, from the stately Independence Square and Old Parliament Building to the lively Pettah markets, where colours, spices, and stories come alive. We watched the sunset from Taj Samudra — the sky painted in gold and coral over the Indian Ocean — and visited Paradise Road and the iconic Gallerie Café, once home to the legendary architect Geoffrey Bawa, where art, design, and heritage

blend seamlessly. A visit to Bawa’s own residence, Number 11, revealed the brilliance of his tropical modernism — spaces that breathe, flow, and frame nature like art.

From the capital’s pulse of Colombo, we journeyed to Kandalama and checked into the Heritance Hotel — another Bawa masterpiece sculpted into the rock face that mirrors the tranquil waters of a picturesque lake. Here, architecture and nature exist in perfect harmony. Our days were filled with adventure — climbing the majestic Sigiriya Rock Fortress, exploring the sacred Buddha’s Dambulla Caves, and watching herds of elephants wander freely in Kaudulla National Park. Each moment felt like stepping into a living postcard of Sri

Lanka's natural and cultural splendour.

We then travelled to Kandy, the island's cultural heart, nestled amidst misty hills and shimmering lakes. A visit to the revered Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic left a deep impression — the air was rich with devotion, the rhythmic chants and flickering lamps evoking a sense of peace and timeless spirituality.

And through every leg of our journey, Sri Lankan cuisine delighted us — from fragrant rice and curry spreads, crisp hoppers, and tender seafood by the coast, to sweet tropical fruits bursting with flavour. Each meal was a celebration of warmth, local spices, and heartfelt hospitality.

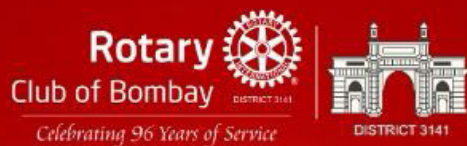
Our travels then took us south to Galle, where we stayed at a stunning property — Jetwing Lighthouse — touching the sea, the waves almost whispering at our doorsteps. The sunrises and sunsets were pure poetry; a few of us never missed our 6 a.m. walks and 7 a.m. breakfast meets, embracing the stillness of each golden morning. The historic Galle Fort, with its cobblestoned streets, Dutch villas, chic boutiques, delicious gelatos, fine dining experiences, and panoramic ocean views, transported all of us to the charm of another era — where time moved at the pace of the tides.

Our final stop was Bentota, the coastal haven of Geoffrey Bawa's beloved Lunuganga Estate. Meandering through his expansive gardens spread over 25 acres — each turn revealed a framed view of lake, sculpture, or shadow — we just couldn't resist pausing for photos at every step. It was a magnificent symphony of nature and design, a living reflection of Bawa's genius. We concluded our journey with a leisurely lunch at the elegant Cinnamon Bentota — inspired by the visions of Bawa and rebuilt by his architect students and followers — it was the perfect finale, infused with the grace and warmth of the island.

From Colombo's creative pulse to Kandalama's serene beauty, Kandy's spiritual calm, Galle's coastal charm, and Bentota's poetic grace, our Sri Lankan sojourn was one of friendship, discovery, and endless serendipity.

- Rtn. Rina Deora





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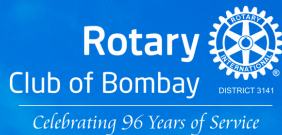
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Ms. Nyrika Holkar, ED Godrej Enterprises Group, in conversation with Ms. Devna Vora



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