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This Tuesday, Feb 3rd

PP Shailesh Haribhakti, Rtn. Anil Harish and Rtn. Gautam Trivedi will decode Budget 2026, moderated by IPP Satyan Israni.

UPCOMING

February 6th, Friday

Night Study Centre get-together

February 10th, Tuesday Meeting

Dr. Avinash Phadke in conversation with Ms. Ekta Batra, Anchor, CNBC TV 18 on uses and misuses of Ozempic

February 10th, Tuesday

VTCE Certification Distribution Programme

February 11th, Wednesday

Anand हँ Anand, AY Musical show

February 14th, Saturday

Solar Project launch at Ruighar and Boipada Village near Vapi

February 17th, Tuesday Meeting

Rotary Club of Bombay Citizen of Mumbai Award to Ronnie Screwvala

March 8th, Sunday

Lighthouse Sports Day

March 21st, Saturday

Celebration of 3rd Anniversary of Rotary HDFC Dharamshala

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY HONOURS DR. ARUN KUMAR NAYAK WITH THE SOHRAB P. GODREJ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARD



It is an honour for me to receive the S. P. Godrej Award on this great occasion. Even though we are a day after the 77th Republic Day, I still wish all of you a happy Republic Day.

As India marches on as a sovereign nation, we are ambitiously positioned to transform India from a developing nation to a developed one in the next 20 years. That is the vision and task given by the Hon. Prime Minister Mr. Modi to each one of us.

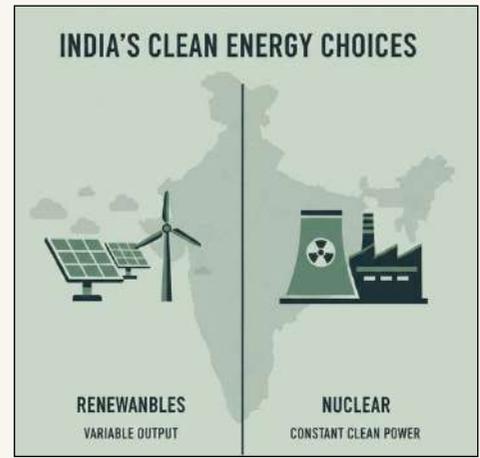
While standing here at this desk in the Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, I want to share a small story with each one of you about what this transformation means to each of us, and how, in the end, Godrej will play a major role in this transformation.

The very definition of Viksit Bharat, means our per capita income has to grow at least eight times. This is what the World Bank says. Today, we are at USD 2,500 per person per year. It has to go up to around USD 22,000 per person per year. That is how today we are a 4-trillion-dollar economy. Multiply that by eight and it becomes a 35-trillion-dollar economy. That is simple mathematics.

But for this economy to stand or grow to 35 trillion, it has to be supported by an energy system. Otherwise, it cannot sustain. Today, we consume roughly 10,000 billion units of energy altogether. China consumes 40,000 billion units of energy. China's GDP is almost 4.5 times ours. The population is comparable, 1.4 billion and 1.4 billion. So, to reach even the Chinese level, simple mathematics says you need at least 40,000 billion units of energy.

Today, 95 per cent of our energy comes from carbon-based, fossil-based sources. We are also standing on the verge, where the two-degree Celsius threshold may be crossed. What do we mean by two degrees Celsius? Why do we all have to worry about it, and how much time is left?

There are a lot of scientific computations on this. Today, Mother Earth is the main victim because of our own development. Believe it or not, the maximum amount of greenhouse gases the Earth can accommodate before crossing two degrees Celsius is hardly 1,150 to 1,350 billion tonnes of CO₂. Please remember this number. Globally, we emit 60 billion tonnes of CO₂ per year. If you divide that by



60, we have just about 20 years left before crossing two degrees Celsius.

Two degrees Celsius is the temperature at which the survivability of habitats on Earth becomes a question. So, 2047 is a magic number. We have to transform ourselves from a developing nation to a developed one. If we continue at the present pace, two degrees Celsius may be crossed, and we may all perish — forget about development.

We also do not have a stable population. We are 1.45 billion today, and another 20 crores are expected to join us in the next 20 years. We will become a population of 1.7 billion.

So what options are left? If you take the full renewable energy capacity for India — including solar, wind, hydro, bio, all together, which God has given us — we cannot create renewables. It is hardly 4,000 billion units, and with all efficient systems assumed to come in the future, it may reach 8,000 billion units.

That means, to develop India, we require 2,500 gigawatts of nuclear energy. Today, we are at 8 gigawatts. That is the rationale behind changing the Atomic Energy Act, and the SHANTI Bill (Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India Bill) came into the picture. It also explains how time and pace

matter, and who can help us.

To move from 8 gigawatts to 2,500 gigawatts will require at least 6 to 7 trillion dollars of investment. Today, our GDP is only 4 trillion dollars. That is why the government wants foreign investment in India, to support economic growth.

The second very important parameter is supply chain. We have very few industries like Larsen & Toubro and Godrej, very few. Five years back, I was just mentioning to Mrs. Godrej, when I was in the Atomic Energy Department, the biggest thing that struck me was the need to change every carbon-based source to nuclear. All captive power plants that today run on coal should be changed to small and micro-reactors.

The first plant I visited was the Godrej manufacturing plant. I asked, “How many small reactors can you deliver in a year?” The person said, “One reactor a year.” I said, “I need 100 small reactors a year. Can you give me that?” He said, “I have to talk to Mr. Godrej and come back.”

Today, she (Mrs. Pheroza Godrej) is here. She has given me this award. I am giving the responsibility back to her — that if we have to transform India from a developing nation to a developed one, she has to come forward and do this transformation. Otherwise,

we risk losing the country as it continues like this.

The second very important part is our mindset, which has to change. How? When it comes to nuclear, we think radiation. Radiation means cancer. Cancer means death, correct?

But if you get cancer, what treatment does the doctor give you? Is it antibiotics? Is it water? What does the doctor give? Immense amounts of radiation.

Most of you may not know — if there is any doctor here, I will share a small number to educate you. If you build a nuclear power plant, the maximum dose the public is allowed to receive in a year is called 1 millisievert. Just remember this number.

If you go for a heart CT scan, do you know how much dose the doctor gives you? Fourteen millisieverts. If you get breast cancer, how much dose does the doctor give? Eight thousand millisieverts. Eight thousand. For lung cancer and other cancers, the doses are even higher.

So, who created the story that if you get radiation, you will get cancer? Is it science, or has somebody created a phobia?

This phobia was created by America so that, except for five nations, no other nation can do nuclear and become developed. Until now, human beings have never been truly tested against radiation.

Everybody believes that in the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings, the 200,000 people who died did so because of radiation. But what does an atom bomb contain? Thirty per cent is heat and light, fifty-five per cent is blast energy. Eighty-five per cent of the energy of an atom bomb is the same as any other explosive. Only 15 per cent is radiation. Out of that, 5 per cent is immediate and 10 per cent is very light.

So the 200,000 people who died in Hiroshima and Nagasaki did not die because of radiation, but the world believed that they did. In those days, there were no radiation-measuring devices.

What America did was retest those two bombs in the Nevada Desert. They measured radiation at different distances from the epicentre and mapped it against the health of atomic bomb survivors. The results were very surprising. People who received 200 millisieverts or less had a longer average lifespan in Japan. They are living 90-plus years and are found to die less from cancer than unexposed Japanese people.

Do you know where people live the longest in the world?





RTN. PETER BORN STRENGTHENS RCB TIES WITH ROTARY CLUBS IN VIENNA



Continuing efforts to build international Rotary connections, Rtn. Peter Born visited several Rotary Clubs in Vienna, Austria, and engaged with fellow Rotarians to share the work and vision of the Rotary Club of Bombay. During these interactions, he introduced RCB's initiatives and exchanged ideas on service and collaboration.

As a gesture of friendship and goodwill, Rtn. Peter Born exchanged Rotary flags with Rotary Club Wien-West, Rotary Club Wien-Stephansplatz, Rotary Club Wien-Graben, and Rotary Club Wien-Nestroy. These flag exchanges were conducted in the presence of the incoming District Governor of District 1910, Ms. Sabine Unterweger. The visits highlighted the strong spirit of international fellowship within Rotary and reinforced bonds between clubs across borders, paving the way for continued cooperation and shared service initiatives.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY TUESDAY MEETINGS



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Rotarians Sunny Pariyaram and Charu Agarwal



New Member Unnati Reniwal and PE Manish Reshamwala



Rotarians Swati Mayekar, Ateeq Agboatwala, and Mudit Jain



Rtn. SV Prasad, Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, Dr. Pheroza Godrej, Guest Speaker Dr. Arun Nayak, Mrs. Nayak, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani, Rtn. Dushyant Dave and Rtn. Swati Mayekar



PE Manish Reshamwala wishes Rtn. Ami Jagtiani for her birthday



PE Manish Reshamwala wishes PP Manoj Patodia for his birthday



PE Manish Reshamwala wishes Rtn. Ulhas Yargop for his birthday



Rotarians Mudit Jain, Shom Jagtiani, Hon. Treasurer Manish Sampat, Ami Jagtiani and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Rotarians Jagdish Malkani, Dr. Pheroza Godrej, Visiting Rotarian Bernhard Steinruecke and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dear Rotarians,

As I write this message while heading to Phuket for our ALP golf fundraiser, I reflect on the events of January.

Unseasonal rains on New Year's Day disrupted our annual Ananda Yaan Sports Day, now rescheduled for February, which promises an enjoyable celebration with our elders.

On January 10th, we held our seventeenth golf fellowship, initiated by Chairman Moy Biswas in 2008. The tournament continues to grow stronger, with excellent camaraderie and spirited competition at the Willingdon Golf Course. Members and families later enjoyed a lively fellowship. Special thanks to Rtn. Madhup Vaghani for hosting. Congratulations to satellite member Parsh Chokshi, winner of the late Mrudula Biswas Trophy, and runner-up Sohel Lalvani. Moy, thank you for your flawless planning—you truly are a rock star.

Our ALP golf initiatives continued with the Anand Rathi/RCB Golf Tournament on October 17th at Oxford Golf Courses, with a record turnout of over 100 golfers, followed by fellowship and music. Thank you, Rtn. Pradeep Gupta, for your generous support towards our goal of making 65,000 adults literate.

January concludes with the Philip Capital/RCB Tournament in Phuket. Along with world-class golf, the Fellowship Committee has planned engaging activities. Aradhana and I look forward to the weekend. Thank you, Vineet, for your generosity, and thanks as well to Rtn. Gautam Doshi for organizing these ALP golf events so seamlessly. Coordinating such tournaments is no easy task, particularly with the complexities of travel and player management—take a bow, Gautam! Thanks also to Sandip, Runit, and Vineet for all their support.

A key highlight was the inauguration of our fifth RCB ITI Innovation Centre—and our first in Mumbai, by IAS Additional Chief Secretary Smt. Manisha Varma and Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria. We thank Yogesh for his continued support in scaling quality IT innovation across Mumbai and Palghar. Students showcased working Industry 4.0 models—AIoT systems, embedded electronics, robotics & automation, advanced sensors, 3D design, and smart applications across energy, water, healthcare, irrigation, waste management, and infrastructure—clearly demonstrating how hands-on vocational skills translate into employability through system integration, data flow, and real-world problem solving.

The Neurodivergent Committee organised an eye camp for 40 children at the Mankhurd AWMH Centre, thanks to the efforts of Sunny, Shernaz, and Ami. Over the weekend, popular sports like box cricket and football were held for the BY kids at the NSCI Sports Club. On Sunday, the Urban Heritage Committee led a food and heritage walk

in Bhuleswar themed “Eat, Pray, Trade and Love,” which highlighted the area’s vibrant history and atmosphere. I was unable to attend due to prior commitments in Phuket.

Our weekly meeting commenced on a highly positive note with a presentation by Jaya Row, a respected Vedanta speaker and leadership mentor, who addressed the topic “The Power of One – Happiness and Oneness.” Through lucid explanations and relatable examples, Ms. Row illustrated how embracing the concept of oneness can foster calmness, clarity, and a sense of purpose.

The following meeting featured a fireside chat with Dr. Pheroza Godrej and Feroza Punthakey Mistry, in conversation with Rtn. Arish Dastur, discussing the remarkable process involved in establishing the F.D. Alpaiwalla Museum. Our club takes great pride in its association with the museum, particularly in contributing to the restoration of historical manuscripts.

On January 20th, we had the privilege of listening to Mr. Bijesh Singh, Principal Secretary, Government of Maharashtra, speak on the crucial subject of Algorithms and the Cyber Mission for India's Security. Mr. Singh delved into the growing significance of advanced algorithms in safeguarding national interests, highlighting the evolving nature of cyber threats faced by both governmental and private sectors.

We ended our January weekly meeting by presenting the Sohrab P Godrej Science & Technology Award to Dr. Arun Nayak. Dr. Nayak has done some path-breaking work in the field of nuclear energy, contributing significantly

to advancements in both research and implementation. His pioneering efforts have propelled India's capabilities in nuclear technology, especially in areas such as reactor design, safety protocols, and sustainable energy solutions. During the ceremony, Dr. Nayak shared insights into the transformative impact of nuclear energy on the nation's development, highlighting its role in providing clean, reliable power and supporting India's long-term energy security.

The award presentation was attended by esteemed members, who expressed admiration for Dr. Nayak's dedication to scientific excellence and innovation. His work in promoting safe nuclear practices has been widely recognised, and he continues to mentor young scientists and engineers in the field. The talk served as an inspiration for aspiring researchers.

We are deeply proud that ARRFC and PDG Sandip Agarwalla received the Service Above Self Award, established in 1991 to acknowledge exceptional personal dedication to humanitarian service.

Our honorary Rotarian Uday Kotak was conferred the Padma Bhushan in January 2026.

Finally, our district recognised our club with 20 awards. Congratulations to IPP Satyan for outstanding leadership in 2024–25.

February promises a busy calendar of programmes and speakers. I look forward to your continued participation and support.

Warm Resgard,

Bimal Mehta

President, 2025–26



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CYBER BULLYING AWARENESS WORKSHOP EMPOWERS INTERACT CLUB

On January 23rd, 2026, Brush of Hope, in collaboration with the Matterly Foundation, successfully conducted an impactful Cyber Bullying Awareness workshop for the Interact Club New Bharda of the Rotary Club of Bombay. The session focused on educating students about the risks of cyber bullying, its emotional and psychological impact, and the

importance of safe and responsible digital behaviour.

Through engaging discussions, real-life examples, and interactive activities, students learnt how to identify cyber bullying, report incidents, and support peers facing online harassment. The workshop also highlighted the need for self-confidence, digital empathy, and mindful use of social media platforms.

Students participated enthusiastically, asked thoughtful questions, and shared personal experiences, making the session meaningful and empowering. The initiative reflected the shared commitment of Brush of Hope and the Matterly Foundation to fostering a safer and more informed digital environment for young people.

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**HONORARY ROTARIAN
SHRI UDAY KOTAK**

We are deeply honoured and proud to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Shri Uday Kotak, our Honorary Rotarian, on being conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2026.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY: RCB'S LIFE SKILLS PLAY PROGRAMME UPDATE

Between September and December of FY 2025–26, the Rotary Club of Bombay, in partnership with The Opentree Foundation (TOF), continued to strengthen its commitment to holistic child development through the Life Skills Play Programme. The reporting period highlights meaningful progress across capacity building, programme delivery, teacher training, and child-centred impact.

A key focus during this phase was the capacity building of the programme outreach team. In December, TOF conducted a round of the Playworkers Unnati Workshop Series for its programme outreach team. The workshop refreshed learning on playful facilitation, documentation of impact stories, and effective session delivery. Outreach playworkers also shared field experiences and were trained on session plans for the coming months. During this period, nine programme

outreach team members were trained to deliver impactful play sessions.

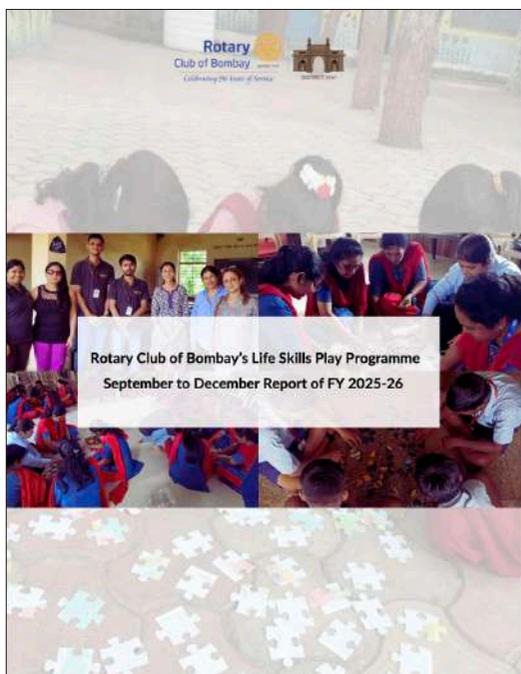
With the Rotary Club of Bombay's support of INR 11,10,800, TOF is currently delivering the programme to 1,200 children at Shri S.T. Kadam Primary, Secondary & Junior College, Palghar, Maharashtra. The programme creates a conducive environment for children to learn through play by providing educational board games, play materials, and structured play-based activities. It also equips teachers with critical skills to align play-based learning with the academic curriculum, while nurturing stronger teacher–student bonds and creating safer, happier classrooms.

Delivery of play sessions remained at the heart of the programme. Play sessions, conducted for children aged 3 to 13 years, are hour-long engagements that begin with energisers and movement-based activities, followed by

carefully curated games that promote independent thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving. Each session concludes with reflection, allowing children to share what they enjoyed and learned. Between September and December, 59 play sessions were conducted at the Rotary Club of Bombay-supported play centre.

Parallely, play centres were strengthened through regular stock and quality checks. Games were categorised by age group—Pre-primary, Primary, and Secondary—and aligned to TOF's SPBANG framework: Strategy, Puzzle, Blocks, Alphabetics, Numerics, and General. During this period, 48 games were delivered to ensure smooth facilitation of sessions.

Teacher engagement was further reinforced through one Transformative 'Power of Play' workshop, training 30 Play Centre Facilitators (PCFs) in



Outputs achieved between September - December:

| Activities implemented in this reporting period | Progress achieved in this reporting period |
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| No. of Play sessions conducted | 59 |
| No. of game delivered at Rotary Club of Bombay supported play centres | 48 |
| No. of Transformative 'Power of Play' workshops conducted | 1 |
| No. of Play Centre Facilitators (PCF) trained | 30 |

play-based learning methodologies. Teachers from different play centres participated alongside Rotary Club of Bombay members Ms. Ami Narichania and Ms. Tanvi Golatkar, strengthening collaboration and shared learning.

Among the additional initiatives was The Opentree Foundation's Play Summit 2025 – "Finding Play", which brought together over 300 educators, social sector professionals, researchers, philanthropists, and policymakers, with more than 40 speakers contributing to conversations

on children's right to play. The period also saw mandatory PoSH and POCSO training completed in December 2025 by 55 team members, facilitated by Mrs. Swayamjyoti Chari, reinforcing child safety and professional conduct.

A powerful Story of Change emerged from a Grade 7 play session at Shri S.T. Kadam Primary, Secondary & Junior College. Through games like Guess the Leader and chess, students Kabir, Imran, Aarush, and Nikhil demonstrated improved focus, patience, and emotional regulation—

skills that later led to their selection for a Children's Day chess competition.

Looking ahead to January–March of FY 2025–26, the programme will continue delivering play sessions at Rotary Club of Bombay's play centres. As TOF strengthens its mission to rebuild childhoods for at-risk children, Rotary Club of Bombay's sustained support remains vital in nurturing life skills, confidence, and learning readiness through the power of play.



TOF's entire team completed their mandatory training on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)

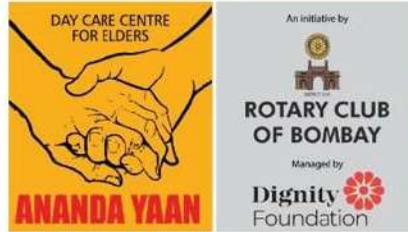


Groups of Children engage with carefully curated board games that support in building essential life skills



300+ educators, social sector professionals, child development experts, researchers, philanthropists, policymakers attended The Opentree Foundation's Play Summit - Finding Play





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We are excited to inform you that the Rural Village Committee is planning to visit one day early (on 13th February 2026) and stay at a nearby resort and then go for the inauguration on 14th February 2026.

We invite all Rotarians to join us (and spend the Valentine Day with us).

Look forward to you confirming with Rotary Office so that we can plan the logistics. More details will be shared soon.



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BY NM JOSHI REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS' 26

NMJ Bhavishya Yaan celebrated Republic Day with great pride and enthusiasm on January 26th, 2026, Monday, from 8.00 am to 10.00 am. The programme began with the hoisting of the national flag by the Secondary Principal, Mr. Tambe, followed by the singing of the National Anthem, setting a solemn and patriotic tone for the morning.

The cultural programme was thoughtfully curated, with most performances prepared and presented by the Bhavishya Yaan (BY) students themselves. The event opened with speeches by primary students, with Vibhavari from Class 4 delivering a confident address, followed by Rahemin, also from Class 4, who spoke eloquently on peace, harmony, and equality.

Among the secondary students, Omkar Pedamkar from Class 9 delivered an insightful speech on financial literacy and its importance in contributing to the nation's growth. Anmol from Class 7 presented a self-written speech titled "The Mantra of Prosperity – Aatma Nirbhar Bharat and Vande Mataram", marking the celebration of 150 years of Vande Mataram. This was followed by a brief address by the Principal on the Constitution, who noted that the students had already covered a wide range of meaningful topics.

Students from Classes 7, 8, and 9 performed a powerful skit titled "Small Talk to Big Thought".

The skit reflected contemporary global issues, including the Ukraine–Russia conflict, unilateral trade tariffs by the USA, demands concerning Greenland, and global terrorist activities. Through their performance, students conveyed a strong message advocating peace, unity, and a safer world, concluding with a pledge to work towards harmony.

A group of students from Classes 7 and 9 sang the patriotic song "Mitti ke Bete", paying tribute to soldiers who sacrificed their lives for the nation. This was followed by a graceful classical dance performance by students of Classes 7, 8, and 9 on "Bharat Ye Rehna Chahiye", evoking deep national pride. Despite having no formal training, the performance was exceptionally well organised, with dedicated support from Computer Teacher Ms. Alka.

The skit script was written by Snehal Godse of Class 8, while Maduri Salvi from Class 9 took on the role of director, ensuring a polished performance. The programme concluded with the distribution of snacks, generously sponsored by an alumnus of NMJ School.

This year's celebrations stood out for the initiative and ownership shown by the students in conceptualising, writing, and performing the entire programme, filling teachers with immense pride.





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At the historic ITI Elphinstone, Mumbai-1, located near the iconic Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, an institution shaped by legacy stepped confidently into the future. The inauguration of the Rotary Club of Bombay-ITI IT Innovation Lab marked not just the opening of a new facility, but a reaffirmation of vocational education as a vital pillar of India's development journey.

On this winter morning, the campus appeared transformed. A red carpet at the entrance, rare for a vocational institution, signalled dignity, pride, and renewed respect for skill-based education. The heritage building, thoughtfully prepared, reflected careful coordination and a clear sense of occasion, blending tradition with forward-looking intent.

From early hours, the campus came alive with energy. Rotarians arrived in strength, joined by senior government officials, ITI leadership, faculty members, industry partners, and an enthusiastic group of students. For many students, this was their first experience of a formal academic inauguration of such scale, one that placed their learning and creativity firmly at the centre.

The RCB ITI Innovation Lab represents a decisive shift from conventional vocational classrooms. Designed as a hands-on, experiential learning environment, it allows students to engage directly with emerging technologies shaping modern industry. The atmosphere throughout the day reflected a strong spirit of partnership built not merely for the institution, but with the students who will define its future.

The formal inauguration was marked by a traditional curtain-raising and ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria, Donor and Chairman, Mahansaria Group, Rotary Club of Bombay, with support from Ms.

Manisha Varma, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra. Guests were welcomed with a traditional red tilak before entering the Centre of Excellence, a moment that seamlessly blended heritage with aspiration.

Inside the lab, students stood beside their working models, prepared, focused, and visibly excited. As dignitaries moved through the space, students explained not only what they had built, but why it mattered. They articulated system logic, data flow, and real-world applications with clarity and confidence, reflecting genuine understanding rather than memorised responses.

The Innovation Lab functions as a modular, scalable facility supporting learning across multiple Industry 4.0 domains. Students gain hands-on exposure to AIoT gateways, embedded systems, robotics and automation, PLC and HMI-based control systems, advanced sensor networks, and 3D design and printing. Learning also extends into smart energy and water management, healthcare applications, intelligent irrigation and hydroponics, waste management, and smart infrastructure—areas where technology intersects directly with everyday life.

These working models form the backbone of an experiential learning approach, enabling students to integrate hardware with software, analyse real-time data, and deliver end-to-end functional solutions aligned with industrial and societal needs. What was once theoretical had become tangible. For the students standing behind their creations, the Innovation Lab was proof of capability and confidence.

Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria, Ms. Manisha Varma, IAS, and Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Bombay were visibly impressed by the students' composure and clarity. Officials and Rotarians



listened attentively, asked questions, and encouraged the students warmly. The students responded with ease, drawing spontaneous appreciation for how effectively they had understood and applied their learning.

The gathering then moved to the Central Auditorium Hall, an elegant space with high ceilings, classic detailing, and an ornate chandelier reflecting the institute's long-standing legacy. Within these heritage walls, discussions turned firmly towards the future, focusing on emerging technologies, Industry 4.0, and future-ready skills, capturing the spirit of the day: honouring the past while preparing for a rapidly evolving world.

**ROTARY LEADERSHIP:
BUILDING CAPABILITY,
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“This lab is not about showcasing technology, it is about giving students the confidence to use it, to learn, to experiment, and to imagine a future they can shape themselves.”

- President Bimal Mehta

“National visions matter only when they reach classrooms and workshops. This lab shows how Skill India and Atmanirbhar Bharat take shape at the grassroots.”

- ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla

“True learning prepares students not just for their first job, but for lifelong relevance. Innovation Labs like this make that transition possible.”

- PP Vineet Bhatnagar

“Education is the strongest investment a society can make. Supporting these labs is about recognising and nurturing potential where it already exists.”

- Rtn. Yogesh Mahansaria

“This lab turns classrooms into problem-solving spaces. Students here don't just learn technology—they learn how to apply it meaningfully.”

- Rtn. Uday Sanghani

“Industrial Training Institutes are no longer just training centres—they are engines of aspiration. When modern infrastructure, relevant technology, and committed partnerships come together, they create confidence in our youth.”

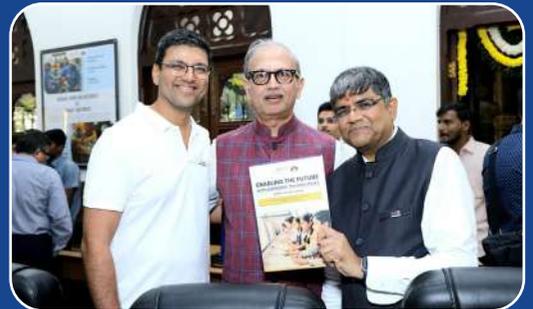
- Ms. Manisha Varma, IAS

System-level perspective was added by Smt. Madhavi Sirdeshmukh, IAS, Director, DVET, while institutional leadership by Mr. Satish Suryawanshi, Director, and Mr. Kishor Nimbale, Principal, ITI Elphinstone, ensured smooth execution.

As the proceedings concluded, what remained was a clear sense of momentum. Anchored in the heart of Mumbai, within an institution shaped by history yet oriented firmly towards the future, the RCB ITI Innovation Lab demonstrated how vocational education can be reimagined and respected.

This Centre of Excellence reaffirmed belief in students, confidence in capability, and the Rotary Club of Bombay's enduring commitment to building futures defined not merely by qualification, but by competence, relevance, and purpose.

Skill is not an alternative pathway—it is the foundation of dignity, employability, and national progress.



ITI ELPHINSTONE MUMBAI-1 STUDENTS SHINE AT DISTRICT

Students from ITI Elphinstone Mumbai showcased their innovative skills at the District Level (Mumbai District) ITI Science Exhibition, competing in both technical and non-technical categories. Their efforts were recognised with third-place awards in each category, reflecting the creativity and practical problem-solving capabilities of the participants.

In the Technical Group, the project titled Wire Breakdown Detection System secured the 3rd rank. This project addressed a critical challenge faced by power distribution networks: delays in detecting and locating wire breakdowns, which often result in prolonged outages, increased maintenance effort, and delayed fault resolution.

The Wire Breakdown Detection System is an IoT-based solution that instantly detects wire faults and accurately identifies their location along overhead power transmission lines. Voltage sensing units are installed on each electric pole along the transmission route. Any damage or break in the wire produces an abnormal voltage drop, which is continuously monitored by the sensors. Real-time data is transmitted to a centralised monitoring platform using IoT technology. By comparing voltage readings between consecutive poles, the system identifies the exact location of a breakdown. This enables maintenance teams to respond swiftly, reducing

downtime and restoring power efficiently.

In the Non-Technical Group, the project “Server Room Temperature Monitoring System” also earned the 3rd rank. The project tackled the issue of server room temperature management, where even small variations can cause overheating, equipment failure, and frequent maintenance problems.

The Server Room Temperature Monitoring System is an automated IoT-based solution designed to continuously monitor and regulate server room temperatures. Strategically

placed sensors capture real-time data, ensuring servers and networking equipment remain within safe limits. When temperatures exceed predefined thresholds, the system automatically activates cooling fans or ventilation mechanisms. If the temperature continues to rise, alerts and notifications are sent immediately, allowing administrators to take corrective action. All data and system statuses are displayed on a centralised monitoring screen or IoT dashboard. By enabling continuous monitoring, automated control, and proactive alerts, the system helps prevent

server overheating, reduces downtime, improves energy efficiency, and enhances the reliability and lifespan of server infrastructure.

The achievements of ITI Elphinstone Mumbai students at the District Level Science Exhibition underscore their ingenuity and technical proficiency. Both projects demonstrate practical applications of IoT technology, addressing real-world problems in energy distribution and IT infrastructure management, and highlight the institution’s commitment to fostering innovative thinking among its students.



SATELLITE CLUB CELEBRATES REPUBLIC DAY WITH YOUNG PATIENTS

As part of this year's Republic Day celebrations, the Rotary Satellite Club organised a special two-hour programme for children visiting the OPD section at Tata Memorial Hospital, with over 100 children participating. The young attendees were given Republic Day caps, bands, and stickers, and the Club also sponsored stationery for an entire year for all children visiting the OPD.

The session introduced the Constitution and core values such as equality and freedom in a simple, engaging manner. Children spent the afternoon dancing, drawing, and enjoying games like 'Fire in the Mountain' and 'Pass the Parcel', filling the space with energy and smiles.

The Rotary Satellite Club sincerely thanks the ImpaCCt Foundation and Tata Memorial Hospital for their support in making this initiative meaningful and memorable.



PALGHAR STUDENTS SECURE DISTRICT HONOUR AT SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Palghar Zilla Parishad and the Education Department, Palghar, organised the District Level Science Competition from January 5th to 7th, 2026. Students Suraj Ramdas Athare and Daksh Devraj Prajapati of Class IX from S. T. Kadam Vidyalaya, Palghar,

represented their school with distinction. They secured Second Rank at the district level and qualified for the State Level Science Competition. Their innovative IoT-based project, "Smart Helmet for Coal Mine Worker Safety", monitors environmental conditions in real time,

detecting harmful gases and temperature levels. The system provides instant alerts through buzzers and LED indicators and supports remote monitoring.

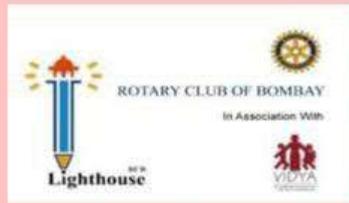
This achievement reflects the students' creativity, technical skills, and the strong guidance of the Innovation Lab.



ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY DIALYSIS CENTRES



| Sr.No. | Centre / Location | Address | No. of Machines | Charges for Poor Patients |
|--------|--|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Aastha Hospital, Manor | First Floor, Rais Arcade, Palghar-Wada Road, Manor District Palghar 401403 | 3 | Free |
| 2 | Platinum Hospital, Mulund | Neptune Colorscape, Dumping Rd, Siddharth Nagar, Mulund West, Mumbai 400080 | 2 | Free |
| 3 | Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar (Rotary Dialysis Centre) | Lokmanya Tilak Rd, Mhatre Wadi, Dahisar West, Mumbai 400068 | 2 | 800 |
| 4 | Shatabdi Hospital, Govandi (Rehbar Foundation) | Rehbar Foundation Malik Rakia Khatoon Dialysis Centre, 1st Flr. Shatabdi Hospital, Centenary Building, WTP Marg, Deonar, Govandi East, Mumbai 400088 | 3 | Free |
| 5 | Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali | Swami Vivekananda Rd, Kandivali, Fateh Baug, Kandivali West, Mumbai 400067 | 2 | Free |
| 6 | Samarpan Dialysis & Thalassemia Centre, Ghatkopar | Aaradhya Edu-Health Centre, H-wing, 3rd Flr., Aaradya One Earth, Naidu Colony, Pant Nagar, Ghatkopar East, Mumbai 400077 | 14 | 300 |
| 7 | Lifeline Medicare Hospital, Charkop | Near Rustomjee Meridian, Charkop Gaon / Village, Kandivali West, Mumbai, 400067 | 10 | 300 |
| 8 | Dr. M.L. Dhawale Memorial Trust Hospital, Palghar | Boisar Rd, Opp. S.T Workshop, Industrial Co-Op Estate, Palghar 401404 | 3 | 250 |
| 9 | K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion, Mumbai | Somaiya Ayurvihar, Eastern Express Hwy, Sion East, Mumbai 400022 | 10 | Free |
| 10 | Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri East, Mumbai | 316 B-Wing, Dattani Plaza, near Safed Pool, Sakinaka, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri(East), Mumbai 400072 | 10 | Free |
| 11 | Mallika Hospital, Jogeshwari | Sharma Estate, S V Road, Jogeshwari west, Mumbai Maharashtra 400102 | 4 | Free |
| 12 | Rotary Yoda Dialysis Centre, Symbiosis University Hospital & Research Centre, Pune | Building #1, Mulshi Rd, Lavale, Pune 412115, Maharashtra | 8 | Free |
| 13 | Swami Shraddhanand Hospital, Vasai | Near Shankaracharya Samadhi Mandir Navale, Nirmal, Vasai (W, Vasai-Virar, Maharashtra 401304 | 6 | Free |
| 14 | Adhikari Lifeline Hospital, Boisar | Adhikari Lifeline Hospital, Nagzari, Boisar | 9 | Free |
| 15 | Galaxy Superspeciality Hospital, Mulund | CTS No. 1124, Ambedkar Nagar, 90 Feet Road, Mulund East, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400081 | 2 | Free |



LIGHTHOUSE SPORTS DAY



Join us for an exciting day
of sports, competition, and fun!

Date: 8th March 2026

Time: 8:45 a.m.

**Venue: Lighthouse, Opp. Bayroute,
Gate no. 3, Bhai Bhandarkar,
Machimar Nagar, Badhwar Park,
Cuffe Parade, Mumbai: 400005**



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We are delighted to announce
the celebration of the

3rd Anniversary

of Rotary HDFC Dharamshala

MARCH

SATURDAY

21
2026

11 AM - 2 PM

The occasion will be graced by



DR. MANISH MOTWANI
District Governor RID3141

along with other dignitaries from
HDFC, TATA and Rotary.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Fellowship: 11.00 am - 11.30 am

Tour of Dharamshala: 11.30 am - 12.00 noon

Dharamshala Presentation and Team

Recognitions: 12.00 noon - 12.30 pm

Lunch: 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm

Looking forward to your presence!
Thank you

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ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



February 4
Rtn. Madhusudan Daga



February 4
Rtn. Priya Tanna



February 5
Rtn. Dr. Jyothi Kapadia



February 6
Rtn. Vinay Rajgarhia



February 7
Rtn. Ravindra Fotedar

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

February 4
Rtn. Ptn. Sangeeta Mansharmani

February 6
Rtn. Ptn. Ummehaani Bagasrawala

February 7
Rtn. Ptn. Zarine Davar

February 7
Rtn. Ptn. Honey Harish

ANNIVERSARIES

February 3
- Rtn. Ptn. Anju & Rtn. Sameer Kanodia
- Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Fernaz & Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala

February 4
Rtn. Ptn. Nandini & PP Vikram Kamdar

February 5
Rtn. Ptn. Kamal & Rtn. Sam Katgara

February 6
Rtn. Ptn. Chetan & Rtn. Varsha Daiya

February 9
- Rtn. Ptn. Kavita & Rtn. Anand Dalal
- Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala & Rtn. Ashok Jatia
- Rtn. Ptn. Anshuma & Rtn. Runit Shah



10TH FEBRUARY, TUESDAY:

DR. AVINASH PHADKE IN CONVERSATION WITH MS. EKTA BATRA, ANCHOR, CNBC TV 18 ON USES AND MISUSES OF OZEMPIC



Dr. Avinash Phadke is a senior pathologist and healthcare leader with over four decades of experience in diagnostics and medical administration. He is President and Mentor for Pathology Services

at Agilus Diagnostics Ltd. and has served on several national and international healthcare bodies. A recipient of multiple lifetime achievement and professional excellence awards, Dr. Phadke is widely recognised for advancing quality, accessibility, and innovation in diagnostic services across India.



Ms. Ekta Batra is the Editor for Pharmaceuticals and Healthcare at CNBC TV18, with extensive experience covering India's healthcare and pharma sectors. A recognised financial

markets journalist, she anchors shows, moderates industry panels, and produces The Medicine Box podcast. She has been named among ENBA's 40 Under 40 Journalists and received the Best Continuing Coverage – Pharma & Health award. Ekta is known for incisive analysis, impactful interviews, and authoritative healthcare reporting.



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