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This Tuesday, Feb 10th

Dr. Avinash Phadke and Dr. Manisha Talim in conversation with Ms. Ekta Batra, Anchor, CNBC-TV18 on Semaglutide and newer weight loss drugs: Where do we stand today?

UPCOMING

February 11th, Wednesday

Anand हॉ Anand, AY Musical show.

February 14th, Saturday

Solar Project launch at Ruighar and Boipada Village near Vapi.

Rotary Club of Bombay Asia Golf Challenge 2026.

February 17th, Tuesday Meeting

Rotary Club of Bombay Citizen of Mumbai Award to **Mr. Ronnie Screwvala**, Indian entrepreneur.

February 19th, Thursday

Mahjong tournament organised by the Animal Welfare Committee.

February 24th, Tuesday Meeting

PRID & Trustee Elect of TRF, **AS Venkatesh** in conversation with ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla.

Book reveal of 'Tirelessly Yours' authored by **Kalyan Banerjee**, Past President Rotary International.

March 3rd, Tuesday

The Annual Jain **Phoolon ki Holi** at Rtn. Naresh Jain residence.

March 8th, Sunday

Lighthouse Sports Day.

March 21st, Saturday

Celebration of 3rd Anniversary of Rotary HDFC Dharamshala.

Decoding Budget 2026: Insights by PP Shailesh Haribhakti, Rtn. Anil Harish and Rtn. Gautam Trivedi, Moderated by IPP Satyan Israni



IPP Satyan Israni:

Good afternoon, friends. We are again at that time of the year when everybody seems to have an opinion on the fiscal deficit, GDP and taxes, whether it is a chaiwala or the chairman. This year too, Budget 2026 is no different. There has been a cross-section of reactions. Critics have called it anti-people, directionless, a masterpiece of deception, garbage of lies, and a Kursi Bachao Budget. Supporters have called it futuristic, balanced, growth-oriented, and a roadmap to Viksit Bharat.

And how do we forget those iconic lines of Ramdas Athavale in 2019? They ring true even today. He said, "This budget is very important for the middle class, the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the OBCs, and the farmers. It is a very good budget, the best budget. It is also a very good budget. It is also a challenge to Rahul Gandhi and his opponents, as it will help Modi win. All taxes have been waived. This budget is the best budget."

To come to a conclusion, whether it is the best budget, a good budget, or a garbage budget, we have a stellar panel with us to help make sense of it all. First up, we will have the Past

President of our Club and renowned chartered accountant, PP Shailesh Haribhakti. This erudite auditor will give us the big picture while leaving no fiscal stone unturned.

He will be followed by eminent property and tax lawyer, Rtn. Anil Harish. This legal eagle will decode the Budget and its fine print so cleverly that even the Finance Minister may take notes.

And finally, we will have our own financial wizard, Rtn. Gautam Trivedi, who will tell us the real story behind the biggest stock market crash on Budget Day, to one of the biggest comebacks today, and derive for us the options we have for the future.

PP Shailesh Haribhakti:

Thank you very much to our Rotary Club for having us, at least once a year, for this interaction. I also love the way you introduced everybody in two sentences. This should become the next best practice for Rotary.

Let me describe this Budget as India's quiet ascent. That is how I see it. It has switched from arithmetic to architecture, and over the next ten minutes, I will share why I believe

1. COMPLIANCE & DISCLOSURE



Stronger monitoring of foreign assets, strict enforcement under CRS, with limited relief for small undisclosed movable assets.

2. TAX ADMINISTRATION & PROCEDURAL CHANGES



No major rate changes; rationalised TCS for education and medical remittances, tighter buyback taxation, and higher compliance certainty.

3. CAPITAL MARKETS & INVESTMENT OUTLOOK



Continued domestic investor support, cautious foreign inflows, and selective incentives for global data and cloud service players.

this is the case. This Budget is not about the markets, nor is it about the trade agreements we have reached. It is about a moment.

Moments in history are rarely announced; they are recognised much later, as we will do in hindsight, when patterns suddenly reveal themselves. I believe we are living through such a moment for India. These are not isolated events. We have had three phenomenal treaties, with the UK, the EU, and just yesterday, although details are still unclear, with the US. As one of my Rotarian friends pointed out, President Trump may change his mind tomorrow morning, so we should be cautious about how enthusiastic we become.

Let me share what I experienced at Davos this year. Davos showed me that the global attitude towards India has changed dramatically. In the past, we went to Davos seeking investment, partnerships, and relationships, looking to gain something. This year, Davos was a true validation of India's greatness. Some of the announcements made were phenomenal. One of them was Devendra Fadnavis stating that Mumbai will have clean air and clean water. He stood alongside N. Chandrasekaran of the Tata Group and announced a mega transformation of Mumbai once again, including Rs. 11 trillion worth of data centre investments.

These announcements made Davos sit up and take notice. India is no longer asking for anything. India is managing everything together. It is growing, it is digitising, it is decarbonising and it is doing so quietly and steadily.

Why do I believe this Budget is a blueprint? It had nothing immediate for taxpayers, which is why the general public switched off. The new tax law was already in place. GST had already been amended.

The rationalisation of how the Income Tax Department and GST Department would interact with us was already on the anvil.

This is a blueprint that has unleashed five major forces. I will cover them briefly.

The first force is corridors as the new national spine. Multiple corridors have been announced. This is how a great economy should function. Just as our body has arteries that carry blood throughout, economies need corridors. We will have high-speed rail connections, dedicated freight corridors, expanded inland waterways, twenty of them, tourism circuits, rare earth value chains, chemical parks, and biopharma parks.

This is corridor thinking. It is physical, sectoral, and digital. Corridors compress distance, reduce logistics costs where India is among the highest, and convert science into scalable production.

A major, largely unreported change is that PSUs will no longer depend on markets for borrowing. They will monetise reachable assets, convert them into REITs, and use that monetisation to finance the next level of growth. India will export not just goods, but velocity.

The second force is AI infrastructure and the new digital world. Budget 2026–27 quietly acknowledges a fundamental truth: intelligence is now a factor of production. Intelligence is being manufactured in gigafactories. This is what AI is doing.

Through this Budget, any data centre established anywhere in India will enjoy tax exemption for twenty-two years. One might ask whether this is a giveaway. This is the biggest insight of the Budget. All announcements are future-oriented. We have never earned a single rupee from a data centre that has not yet been built. Therefore, granting a twenty-

two-year exemption to future data centres costs us nothing today.

Every incentive in this Budget is rooted in the future, not as a giveaway for the present. AI infrastructure will deliver compute capacity. Imagine a Hyperion coming up in Khavda. Meta had to go to Louisiana to build a giga data centre; we can do it right here in Khavda, where there is sufficient power and water.

Trusted data centres, digital public infrastructure, integration of identity, consent, payments and governance, multilingual AI platforms, together these will form a sovereign AI ecosystem. For the first time, the Finance Minister's speech was simultaneously available in four Indian languages using Sarvam AI. It was an exceptional experience.

The word ecosystem has entered the vocabulary for the first time. It is not about individual companies or individuals, but about creating systems. In a world worried about data misuse, algorithmic opacity, and digital authoritarianism, India offers democratic, rule-based, population-scale digital systems that are the envy of the world. I say this with full authority. We are currently implementing three digital public infrastructure projects across the world.

The third force is a tax and customs system built on trust. Hardly anyone in the media has commented on the phenomenal change coming in customs administration. Rationalised TDS rates, decriminalisation of technical offences, proportionate penalties, extended return timelines, risk-based customs...

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BY ENCOURAGES READING ALOUD AT NMJ SCHOOL

A Read Aloud Day activity was conducted at N. M. J. School to strengthen students' pronunciation, fluency, and communication skills. During the session, teachers read a few sentences aloud, which the students followed, helping them

improve clarity, confidence, and expression in English.

The reading session was undertaken by the English teachers at NMJ, who were highly appreciative of the students' efforts. Considering that the students are vernacular

learners who primarily speak Marathi at home, with friends, and at school, their progress was commendable. The activity made learning enjoyable while building confidence for both students and teachers.



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ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY TUESDAY MEETINGS



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Guest Speaker Rtn. Gautam Trivedi,
Rtn. Suhail Nathani and Mr. Anuj Poddar



New Rotarians Rashida Asrani, President
Bimal Mehta and Dr. Jyothhi Kapadia



Rotarians Puneet Wadhwa, Guest Speaker
Rtn. Gautam Trivedi and Guest



Guest, Rotarians Rina Deora, President Bimal Mehta, Guest Speakers Rtn. Gautam Trivedi,
PP Shailesh Haribhakti and Rtn. Anil Harish, Rtn. Ami Jagtiani and Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal



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& Hon. Treasurer Manish Sampat



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Chinai



PP Rumi Jehangir, Rtn. Arish Dastur and Rtn.
Mehul Sampat



President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Ptn. Amisha Shroff, Rtn. Pulin Shroff
and Guest Speaker Rtn. Gautam Trivedi

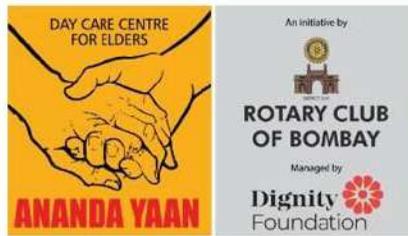


Rotarians Ami Jagtiani, Anushka Jagtiani, Dr. Vishakha Shivdasani,
Rtn. Ptn. shobha Jagtiani, Dr. Indu Shahani and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Rotarians Rashida Asrani, Mahesh Khubchandani, President Bimal Mehta, Jaidev Merchant,
Rina Deora, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Guest Speaker Anil Harish, PP Arun Sanghi, Hon. Sec Farhat
Jamal, First Lady Aradhana Mehta and Dilip Dalal





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Date: 11th February 2026
Time: 5pm to 7pm,
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Kaushal Mehta
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Ananda Yaan Committee.

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RCB MARKS REPUBLIC DAY WITH SERVICE AND COMPASSION

On the auspicious occasion of January 26th, 2026, India's Republic Day, the Rotary Club of Bombay undertook a meaningful service initiative by distributing 300 bedsheets and 150 Solapuri blankets to the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre at Kurla–Muradabad, located approximately 2.5 hours from Mumbai.

Carrying out this activity on such a significant national day added deeper meaning to the effort, reinforcing the values of inclusivity, dignity, and social responsibility that the day represents. The initiative aimed to provide comfort and warmth to inmates undergoing rehabilitation, individuals

on a challenging journey of recovery and reintegration into society.

The Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to the Rotary Club of Bombay, with special thanks to PP Manoj Patodia for arranging the bedsheets, and to the Good Deed Group for their generosity, compassion, and unwavering support. Their contributions played a vital role in ensuring that the initiative reached those most in need.

During the visit, members were deeply impressed by the excellent upkeep of the rehabilitation centre, the high standards of hygiene maintained across the premises, and the sincere dedication of the owner

and the entire team. Their disciplined approach, humane outlook, and tireless commitment to transforming lives left a lasting impression on all present.

Moved by the quality of work being carried out, Mr. Rakesh Vakharia of the Good Deed Group made a remarkable gesture by offering four acres of land at Badlapur to set up a child care facility and other social service centres, aimed at creating long-term community impact.

Such acts of kindness and collaboration demonstrate how service-driven organisations and individuals can come together to create sustainable and compassionate change.



SATELLITE CLUB SETS THE TONE FOR THE YEAR THROUGH SERVICE

Members of the RCB Sat Satellite Club began the new year with purpose and compassion by undertaking their very first service initiative, sponsoring two full days of meals under the Dharamshala Project. The activity marked a meaningful start for the Satellite Club, firmly anchored in Rotary's guiding principle of Service Above Self.

A group of ten committed Satellite Club members came together over the weekend to support this initiative, making it a true team effort and a reflection of the Club's shared values and enthusiasm for hands-on service.

The Dharamshala is a joint project of the Rotary Club and Tata Memorial Hospital, located in Parel. The facility comprises 100 rooms within a dedicated residential building and provides

essential accommodation for cancer patients and their families during the course of treatment. By offering a safe, dignified, and supportive environment close to the hospital, the Dharamshala eases both emotional and logistical burdens during an extremely challenging time.

In addition to accommodation, the Club, along with its generous donors, sponsors freshly prepared meals for residents each day. These meals offer not only nourishment but also comfort and reassurance to patients and caregivers alike.

This inaugural project set a positive and inspiring tone for the year ahead, highlighting the Satellite Club's commitment, camaraderie, and desire to create meaningful impact—one meal and one family at a time.



INTERACTORS OF BHARDA NEW HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATE IN TERRY FOX RUN



On February 1st, 2026, the Interactors of Bharda New High School, along with fellow students, actively participated in the Terry Fox Run, a global initiative dedicated to raising awareness and funds for cancer research and supporting cancer patients.

A total of 40 enthusiastic students took part in the run, reflecting a strong sense of social responsibility, compassion, and unity. The students assembled early at the venue and participated with commendable zeal and discipline. Dressed in the official Terry Fox Run T-shirts, they proudly represented their school and upheld the core values of service

and empathy promoted by the Interact Club.

Beyond encouraging physical fitness, the event sensitised students to the importance of contributing to meaningful social causes. Through their participation, the students honoured Terry Fox's inspiring legacy and conveyed a powerful message of hope, courage, and perseverance.

The involvement of Bharda New High School in the Terry Fox Run proved to be a deeply meaningful and enriching experience. It motivated students to remain committed to community service and to actively engage in humanitarian initiatives in the future.

BY HOSTS PARENT-TEACHER MEETING AT NM JOSHI SCHOOL

The Bhavishya Yaan Committee organised a Parent-Teacher Meeting at NMJ School on January 30th, 2026, creating a valuable platform for open dialogue between educators and parents. The session was attended by teachers Archana, Jeeta, Nikita, Alka, Prasad Sir, and Nisrin, who collectively guided the discussions.

The primary objective of the meeting was to update parents on their children's academic progress and to familiarise them with the AI-facilitated classrooms under the Bhavishya Yaan programme. Teachers also highlighted the impact of multiple holidays in January due to elections, stressing the importance of regular attendance in both Bhavishya Yaan and school classes to compensate for lost instructional time.

Key concerns such as late arrivals and

irregular attendance were addressed, with teachers urging parents to ensure consistency going forward. General student progress was discussed, and parents keen on detailed feedback were given the opportunity for one-to-one interactions regarding their child's individual development.

The session proved highly interactive, with parents raising questions, sharing concerns, and seeking guidance on how best to support learning at home. Teachers reiterated the long-term benefits of Bhavishya Yaan classes, emphasising their value beyond immediate academic outcomes.

The meeting concluded on a positive and collaborative note, with a shared understanding that regular parent-teacher interaction is essential for students' overall growth and success.





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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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NEURODIVERGENT COMMITTEE HOSTS FREE EYE CAMP FOR CHILDREN

The Rotary Neurodivergent Committee organised a Free Eye Camp for neurodivergent children on January 29th, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Mankhurd, with a clear and compassionate objective: to strengthen early intervention through timely eye care.

The camp focused on identifying vision-related challenges that often go unnoticed in neurodivergent children, yet significantly affect learning, behaviour, and overall development. Many classroom difficulties stem not from lack of ability or effort, but from undiagnosed vision issues making early detection both impactful and life-changing.

A total of 34 children underwent detailed eye examinations during the camp. Free spectacles were provided to all children who required them, ensuring that financial constraints did not hinder access to essential care. Parents were counselled individually about their child's visual needs and were given written guidance for future reference. Several parents expressed heartfelt appreciation, sharing that the initiative offered both clarity and reassurance regarding their child's progress.

The medical services were led by Dr. Usha Johari, an eminent ophthalmologist and eye surgeon, supported by her dedicated team of optometrists and opticians. The spectacles were generously sponsored by Lawrence & Mayo, with Mr. Vivek Mendoza, Owner of Lawrence & Mayo, personally present to extend his support to the programme.

The camp was efficiently organised by Rtn. Ami Jagtiani, with special thanks to Co-Chair Rtn. Sunny Pariyaram for assistance with arrangements. The initiative was further strengthened by the presence and encouragement of President Elect Manish Reshamwala, Rotarians Siddharth Bhimrajka, Akhil Sanghi, Charu Agarwal, Anushka Jagtiani, Rtn. Ptn. Shobha Jagtiani, and Executive Secretary Rashmi Kotian, all of whom took time out to support the cause.

Visual impairments among neurodivergent children, particularly from low-income backgrounds, often remain undiagnosed, adding to existing developmental challenges. By addressing this fundamental yet critical need, the Rotary Neurodivergent Committee reinforced a powerful message: meaningful progress often begins with the ability to see the world more clearly.



The Annual Jain

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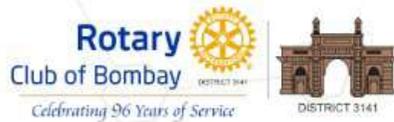
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BY INSPIRES INNOVATION AT G SOUTH SCIENCE EXHIBITION



The NMJ Municipal School organised a Science Exhibition for students of Standards 8 and 9 from G South Municipal Schools, with the aim of encouraging scientific thinking, creativity, and innovation. Several municipal schools from the G South area, including NM Joshi, G.K. Marg, Prabhadevi School, and Sitaram Mills School participated in the exhibition.

Students of Bhavishya Yaan (BY) from NMJ took part with great enthusiasm and confidence. The Standard 8 students presented projects on Environment and Waste Management by Trupti, Madhura, and Arya; Transportation and Communication by Gargi, Gauri, and Vedanti; and Natural Farming by Vignesh, Soham, and Akshay.

The Standard 9 students showcased models on Types of Agriculture by Sneha, Vedant, Karan, and Varsha; Mathematical Modelling by Janavi, Chaitanya, and Parth; Disaster Management by Aastha, Rishabh, and Sakshi; and a creative Cube model by Shravani and Daksha.

Each student confidently explained the concepts, working principles, and scientific ideas behind their models. Teachers, parents, corporators, and officials from the G South ward, including the Chief Education Officer, Administrative Officer, and Block Officer, appreciated the students' efforts. The exhibition provided a valuable platform for students to enhance their presentation skills, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities, while proudly demonstrating their scientific knowledge.

PENCILS INTO CIRCUITS: GK MARG AT NM JOSHI SCHOOL

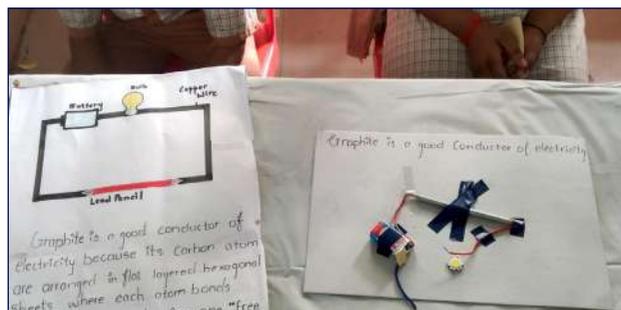
Students from G.K. Marg enthusiastically participated in the Science Exhibition held at NMJ Municipal School (BMC School), presenting an innovative project titled 'The Graphite Circuit in the Pencil.' The exhibit reflected curiosity-driven learning and a strong grasp of basic scientific principles.

Guided by their mentor, Priyansh Mishra, the 8th grade students explored the hidden electrical properties of everyday objects. Their experiment demonstrated that a simple pencil can act as a conductor of electricity. By using the graphite core to connect a small battery to an LED bulb, the

students successfully completed an electrical circuit.

When the LED illuminated, it clearly showed that graphite, a form of carbon, allows electricity to flow. The project challenged the common belief that only metals conduct electricity and highlighted the conductive potential of non-metallic materials.

The exhibit presented complex concepts in a simple, engaging, and visually effective manner, inspiring curiosity and hands-on scientific thinking among students and visitors alike.



BY CELEBRATES ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AT NSCI

The Annual Sports Day of the Bhavishya Yaan Committee was held on January 31st at the NSCI Club from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m., bringing together students, volunteers, and Rotarians for a morning of energy and sportsmanship.

The event featured box cricket for the boys and football for the girls, with all teams demonstrating excellent teamwork, discipline, and enthusiasm throughout the matches. The spirit of fair play was strongly upheld, thanks to the active involvement of Rotarians who supported the event by umpiring, coordinating teams, and ensuring smooth conduct.

Special appreciation is due to Rotarians Gaurav Nevatia and Vinay Rajgarhia for umpiring all the cricket matches. Football matches were refereed by Sidhant, son of Rotarian Saumil and Sonia Kothari, along with his friend Yohaan. Honorary Secretary Farhat Jamal and Rtn. Laxmi Karnani provided valuable assistance across all matches.

The committee extends heartfelt thanks to Chairman Rtn. Moy Biswas for his guidance and support, and to Rtn. Aditi Shah for generously providing food boxes for the children. The event concluded with medals for all participants and trophies for the winners and runners-up, marking a joyful and memorable day.





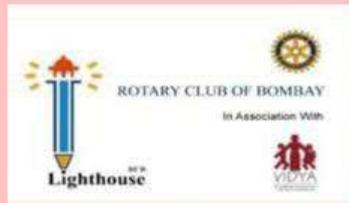
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2	Platinum Hospital, Mulund	Neptune Colorscape, Dumping Rd, Siddharth Nagar, Mulund West, Mumbai 400080	2	Free
3	Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar (Rotary Dialysis Centre)	Lokmanya Tilak Rd, Mhatre Wadi, Dahisar West, Mumbai 400068	2	800
4	Shatabdi Hospital, 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
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Date: 8th March 2026

Time: 8:45 a.m.

**Venue: Lighthouse, Opp. Bayroute,
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HISTORY & FOOD WALK IN BHULESHWAR

A group of 19 Mumbai enthusiasts came together for a delightful walk through South Mumbai, organised by the Heritage Art and Culture Committee of the Rotary Club, early on Sunday, February 1st. The journey began where the city itself began—at the Mumbadevi Temple, nestled in the bustling lanes of Bhuleshwar. The temple reminds us that Mumbai takes its very name from Goddess Mumbā, revered by the Koli fishermen, the city's earliest inhabitants, as their guardian deity. Amid the sounds of bells and prayers, it was easy to imagine traders and travellers from centuries past seeking blessings before stepping into uncertain futures. In true Mumbai style, a quick darshan revealed that Mumbadevi had moved here from her earlier establishment near today's CST Terminus and, as Bhuleshwar was a vegetarian neighbourhood, she too stopped accepting offerings of fish and wine.

Just outside, the irresistible aroma of sugar and ghee led the group to the legendary Mumbadevi Jalebiwala. Watching fresh jalebis spiral into hot oil and emerge glistening with syrup felt like a continuation of ritual—sweetness following faith, just as it has for generations.

The walk then moved through Kalbadevi to the serene Dwarkadhish Temple, dedicated to Lord Krishna. Built in the 19th century by Mulji Jetha's son and patronised by Gujarati devotees of the Bhatia community, the temple offered a moment of calm in a neighbourhood long shaped by commerce. The ritual of preparing the idol for darshan, including showing Him His reflection in a silver mirror, was a unique and fascinating sight, accompanied by paan prasad.

Food punctuated the journey at Shyamsundar Sweets, with seasonal Bengali delicacies such as singhada samosa and nolen gur rosogollas, followed by hearty Marwari flavours at

Rajasthan Kadhi Kachori. The group also passed Mumbai Panjrapole, one of the city's oldest gaushalas, established in 1834, standing as a testament to compassion amid urban chaos.

The walk concluded at Madhavbaug Laxminarayan Mandir, a spiritual anchor since 1785. A glass of fragrant Madhavbaug thandai brought the experience to a gentle close. With thanks to guide Riddhi Joshi and the committee's dedicated organisers Rtn. Robin Fernandes and Rotary Partner Khulood Noorani, under the guidance of Rtn. Anita Patel, the group dispersed with renewed appreciation for Mumbai's rich, resilient, and vibrant heritage.

MUMBADEVI TEMPLE

Our group of 19 Mumbai enthusiasts, on this fun walk through South Mumbai organised by the Heritage Art and Culture Committee of our Rotary Club early on Sunday Feb 1, began where it is best begun... where the city itself began—at the Mumbadevi Temple. Tucked into the bustling lanes of Bhuleshwar, the temple reminds us that Mumbai takes its very name from Goddess Mumbā.

The 'Koli' fishermen or the early inhabitants of Mumbai greatly respect and honor Goddess Mumbadevi, their guardian. Amid the sounds of bells and prayers, it's easy to imagine traders and travellers from centuries past seeking blessings before stepping into an uncertain future. In true Mumbai style, a quick darshan, learning that Mumbadevi moved here from her earlier establishment at modern day CSTerminus and since it was a vegetarian neighborhood, she too stopped accepting offerings of fish and wine.

JALEBI BABY!

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syrup feels like a continuation of ritual—sweetness following faith, exactly as it has for generations.

DWARKADHISH TEMPLE

From here, the walk moves through Kalbadevi to the Dwarkadhish Temple, a calm, devotional space dedicated to Lord Krishna. Built by Mulji Jetha's son and patronized by Gujarati devotees of the Bhatia Community in the 19th century, it offers a moment of stillness in a neighbourhood that has always thrived on commerce and community. The "Haveli" is the residence of Lord Krishna and there are specific darshan times throughout the day. The ritual of getting the idol ready and showing him his reflection in a silver mirror by the priest before the darshan was unique and interesting to observe, accompanied by a prasad of paan!

BENGALI SWEET & MARWARI SPICE

Food punctuated the journey at Shyamsundar Sweets, where seasonal Bengali treats like Singhada samosa and nolen gur rosogollas (soft & fragrant with date palm jaggery) mark fasting days and winter months. Nearby, Rajasthan Kadhi Kachori served hearty Marwari flavours, recalling the traders who brought their tastes—and traditions—to Mumbai. The kachoris were crisp, the kadhi was spicy and tangy, and everything was polished off by us all standing on the footpath. And a few greedy ones packed goodies for home.

MUMBAI PANJRAPOLE

We walked past narrow lanes and Panjrapole, one of the city's oldest gaushalas. Established in 1834, it stands as a testament to compassion amid urban chaos.

MADHAVBAUG LAXMINARAYAN MANDIR

The walk concluded in Madhavbaug, home to the Laxminarayan Mandir. This temple, since 1785, quietly watching Bombay turn to Mumbai. Dedicated to Lord Vishnu and Goddess Lakshmi, it has been a spiritual anchor for the area. Its gaushala reflects the area's tradition of seva and community responsibility. Supported by merchants and devotees, it was a way of giving back.

Finally, a glass of well spiced Madhavbaug thandai cooled the senses—rich, fragrant, and nostalgic—bringing the walk to a gentle, memorable close. With thanks to our guide, history and food enthusiast, Riddhi Joshi and to our committee's very detail oriented organizers Rtn Robin Fernandes and Rotary partner Khulood Noorani under the enthusiastic guidance of Rtn Anita Patel, we all went about our Sundays, in time for family lunches and gatherings.

Every walk in our city reminds us of the rich heritage of the melting pot our dear Mumbai is, the resilience of her people and the vibrant culture we have all imbibed and nurtured.



IT INNOVATION LAB- DAHANU WINNERS

Rohan Varma, a Class 7 student, showcased commendable innovation through his Robotics project under the Bhavishya Yaan Committee. His model, titled Ploughing Tractor, addressed a practical and relevant problem associated with traditional agricultural machinery.

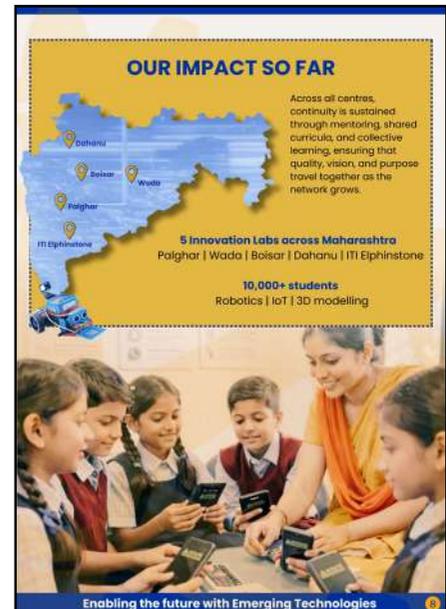
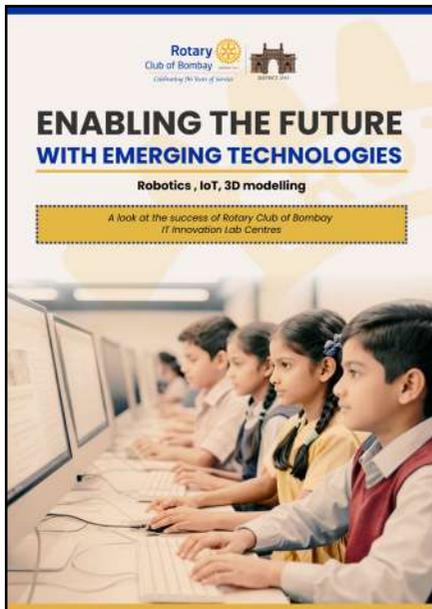
Rohan identified that conventional ploughing tractors are rigid in design, require large parking spaces, and pose safety concerns during road travel due to their size and limited manoeuvrability. To overcome these challenges, he proposed an improved tractor design featuring compact and foldable attachments to reduce

the overall length. He also introduced a shorter turning radius to enhance manoeuvrability and improve safety for both operators and other road users.

The final model demonstrated a clear grasp of mechanical principles, incorporating a pulley system for load movement and a gear mechanism to drive the tractor. This hands-on activity significantly enhanced Rohan's problem-solving abilities and self-confidence. He now appears more comfortable, engaged, and assured during classroom interactions, reflecting the positive impact of experiential learning in robotics.



RCB IT INNOVATION LAB BOOKLET



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MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY '26

Director:
Rtn. Renu Basu
Committee chair:
Rtn. Swati Jajodia
Co-chair:
PP Vijaykumar Jatia

Dialysis

PLATINUM HOSPITAL, MULUND	4
AASTHA HOSPITAL, MANOR	15
SUKH SAGAR HOSPITAL, DAHISAR	7
SHATABDI HOSPITAL, GOVANDI	104
SAMARPAN, GHATKOPAR	104
LIFELINE MEDICARE HOSPITAL CHARKOP	34
DR.M.L.DHAWALE MEMORIAL TRUST HOSPITAL, PALGHAR	29
K.J. SOMAIYA HOSPITAL & RESEARCH CENTRE, SION	37
ACHARYA SHRI RAMESH DIALYSIS CENTRE, ANDHERI	58
ROTARY YODA DIALYSIS CENTRE, SYMBIOSIS	100
SWAMI SHRADDHANAND HOSPITAL, VASAI WEST	52
MALLIKA HOSPITAL, JOGESHWARI WEST	48
ADHIKARI LIFE LINE HOSPITAL, BOISAR	32
GALAXY SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, MULUND	7
TOTAL	631

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RCB Medical Centre, Talwada

PRVEC	
OPHTHALMIC OPD	1224
SPECTACLES GIVEN	114
OPERATIONS	58
PATIENT KEPT FOR TREATMENT	13
IOL	52
YAG LASER	12
GREEN LASER	-
KERATOPLASTY	-
TOTAL	1473



Director:
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Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala
Co-chair:
Rtn. Samina Khorakiwala

Cotton Green

HOMOEOPATHY	385
DENTAL OPD	298
OPHTHALMIC OPD	74
PAEDIATRICS OPD	41
GENERAL OPD	312
PATHOLOGY LAB	22
ECG	89
TOTAL	1221

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ADMC	
GENERAL OPD	1286
DENTAL OPD	84
PEDIATRIC OPD	41
PATHOLOGY LAB	69
TB PATIENTS	17
GYNAECOLOGY	8
TOTAL	1505

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3rd Anniversary

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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

President Bimal Mehta

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Project Chair, Dharamshala

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ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



February 10
Rtn. Mayank
Kummar



February 12
Rtn. Manoj
Murarka



February 13
Rtn. Miral
Shah



February 11
Rtn. Hiren
Kara



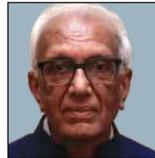
February 13
Rtn. Hormusji
Cama



February 14
Rtn. Vinti
Gajree



February 11
Rtn. Hita
Tolia



February 13
PP Arun
Sanghi

ANNIVERSARIES

February 11

- Rtn. Ptn. Namrata & Rtn. Dr. Ashok Kirpalani
- Rtn. Radhika & Rtn. Ptn. Aditya Vora
- Rtn. Ptn. Rita & Rtn. Subhash Sagar
- Rtn. Ptn. Gopi & PP Ashish Vaid

February 12

- Rtn. Ptn. Amisha & Rtn. Vivek Himatsingka
- Rtn. Ptn. Joanna & Rtn. Puneet Chatwal
- Rtn. Priya & Rtn. Ptn. Anshuman Tanna

February 14

- Rtn. Ptn. Arpita & Rtn. Vivek Gupta
- Rtn. Ptn. Nusrat & Rtn. Zulfiqar Memon

February 15

- Rtn. Ptn. Anand & Rtn. Reema Damani
- Rtn. Ptn. Indira & Rtn. Suresh Kotak
- Rtn. Ptn. Sujata & Rtn. Sunil Vaswani

February 16

- Rtn. Ptn. Karishma & Rtn. Abhishek Sharman

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

February 10

- Rtn. Ptn. Dilnavaz Meghani
- Rtn. Ptn. John Franklin

February 12

- Rtn. Ptn. Farah Batra
- Rtn. Ptn. Reema Kothari

February 13

- Rtn. Ptn. Lalita Koshy
- Rtn. Ptn. Sandhya Merchant
- Rtn. Ptn. Marzban Patel

17TH FEBRUARY, TUESDAY: ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY TO CONFER CITIZEN OF MUMBAI AWARD TO INDIAN ENTREPRENEUR, RONNIE SCREWVALA

Ronnie Screwvala is a first-generation Indian entrepreneur, philanthropist, author, and one of India's most influential business leaders. A pioneer at heart, he is widely credited with introducing cable television to India, persisting despite early setbacks when few believed in the idea. His entrepreneurial journey spans multiple industries, from building one of India's largest toothbrush manufacturing operations to launching ventures that were ahead of their time, including TV home shopping. Ronnie is best known as the founder of UTV, which, after years of



reinvention and resilience, grew into a leading media and entertainment company before being acquired by The Walt Disney Company in 2012. Recognised globally, he has been featured by Newsweek, Esquire, and Fortune for his influence and leadership.

A strong advocate of learning from failure, Ronnie is the author of Dream With Your Eyes Open and Skill It, Kill It. He is Co-Founder and Chairman of upGrad and Co-Founder of the Swades Foundation, dedicated to empowering rural India at scale.



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