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This Tuesday, Feb 24th

PRID & Trustee Elect of TRF

A.S. Venkatesh in conversation with
ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla.

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

UPCOMING

March 3rd, Tuesday

No meeting due to public holiday

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

March 8th, Sunday

Lighthouse Sports Day.

March 10th, Tuesday Meeting

Probal DasGupta in a fireside
chat with PP Vineet Bhatnagar on
General Brasstacks: The Sundarji
Story.

March 11th, Wednesday

A visit to Ambeghar for a **water
resilience initiative** by RCB's
Rural Development Committee.

March 21st, Saturday

Celebration of 3rd Anniversary of
Rotary HDFC Dharamshala.

March 29th, Sunday

Project visit and fellowship at
RCB's flagship projects at Talwada

RCB Citizen of Mumbai Awardee Mr. Ronnie Screwvala, Indian entrepreneur in conversation with Rtn. Farhat Jamal



Rtn. Farhat Jamal:

It is as diverse a journey as it can be. Ronnie's love for TV goes way back to when he had just graduated out of college and became a TV anchor on Doordarshan. Am I right?

Mr. Ronnie Screwvala: Yes, it was called Young World.

Young World, yes — correct. So we're not supposed to be that old now in life. So what is it that excites you every morning when you get up, after all that you have done? What do you look forward to?

I think that's quite romanticised, this idea that we all want to jump out of bed every morning. Does anyone really jump out of bed every morning? It's genuinely a romantic thought.

Over time, it's not about what it takes, on a day-to-day basis, but what it takes on a much more regular basis. For me, the word outlast plays a big role in what I want to do. Most people look at how to feel good on a day or in a week. But how you feel good over a longer, sustained period is important.

As you grow up, I wouldn't say grow old, your

younger days are much more opportunistic. That's what gets you up. Over time, you go through failures, successes, and ambitions, and reach a certain level. After that comes the phase where you look at making an impact, while still wanting to be disruptive.

My whole working career has been about disrupting and doing something different and pioneering, knowing fully well there is a very small sliver between being before your time and being a pioneer. You usually realise which one it was only after you fail.

Was there a moment of uncertainty in your life that eventually turned out to be a breakthrough?

Uncertainty is the road to both success and failure. It needs to be harnessed. Without uncertainty, confidence can easily turn into arrogance. It balances confidence and overconfidence. Uncertainty forces you to seek feedback. Otherwise, you wake up believing your way is the best way. It allows introspection and brings in outside views. Ultimately, this builds self-confidence.

If I were advising young founders today, I would say: if you haven't built your own

level of self-confidence, you won't be able to manage failures. Once you have that reservoir, it makes a big difference.

If you had to start again from scratch, what would you bet on?

If I had to start again today, the world is very different. Ideas in technology and the consumer space would certainly change. But what doesn't change is that you need to enjoy what you do. That has always been my North Star.

Staying constant to something where I feel I can make a difference, where I understand it deeply rather than superficially, that's important.

I've been blessed to do things I enjoy most of the time. Even if that's 70% of the time, that's what gets you up in the morning, keeps you up at night, and then gets you up again the next morning.

You've built, sold, and rebuilt again. What's been harder?

There's a misconception about exits. A lot in business is about timing and serendipity. Most people define the combination of these factors as luck. Being in multiple places at multiple times increases your chances of being in the right place at the right time. If I started again, it wouldn't necessarily be the industry, it would be the sector.

When you built UTV and then sold it, that must have been a hard decision. Letting go of something you had nurtured like a baby.

In retrospect, there's a big difference between being emotional about something and being passionate about it. If you can separate passion from emotion, decision-making becomes clearer.

Secondly, if you truly want to exit, wait for someone else to approach you. That's when you get better value. When Disney approached us, Zarina and I took about a week to decide. It was a brand 100 times bigger than ours. We also considered the 1,200-1,300 people working with us. For them, being part of a global brand mattered. It was a crossroads moment. Within 30 days, we had decided.

You were happy with the valuation?

Ahhh... I have absolutely no regrets. In hindsight, valuation is neither here nor there. Hindsight is a luxury. If you keep revisiting decisions with hindsight, you ignore the many external forces that could have

changed outcomes. You must go with what was the best decision at that moment.

What separates good entrepreneurs from exceptional ones?

There's a difference between a founder and an entrepreneur. A founder decides to start something. But being an entrepreneur requires a different level of risk-taking ability, something many founders don't necessarily have.

Exceptional entrepreneurs have an incredible level of self-confidence. That reservoir sees you through 40, 80, even 100 failures. It builds conviction. No real decision happens on consensus - that only dilutes accountability. Self-conviction comes from self-confidence. Many people celebrate funding rounds or IPOs. But real entrepreneurs are those who outlast others.

We exited media eventually, but before that, we had already outlasted nearly 1,500 entrepreneurs who began in media around the same time.

But you had a re-entry into media with RSVP. Firstly, tell me - why RSVP? What is the story behind RSVP?

That's because in the Hindi film industry, nobody RSVPs. So that was my subtle way of telling everyone, let me call the brand RSVP because nobody says yes.

RS are your initials too.

It just so happened that way, but genuinely it was more about the thought behind it. When was the last time you replied to my message - unless you wanted to? It so happened that the initials worked closely.

After I sold UTV to Disney, I had a non-compete. I didn't think I wanted to get back into media. But creativity and storytelling don't leave you once they're in your DNA.

Today, everyone assumes creativity belongs only in creative fields. But actually, creativity is everywhere in business. If 50% of your team doesn't have creative DNA, innovation will stop. Marketing today is no longer a science. Understanding a consumer now requires more creativity than logic.

Creativity doesn't mean writing something from scratch. It simply means doing what you did yesterday in a different, innovative way.

How important is timing versus talent in creating a successful business?

Talent is critical, there's no question about

that. But timing is equally about decision-making. There are many opportunities that come your way, and many get lost.

When we exited media, timing was essential. A year later, Disney's global priorities shifted. Two years later, the U.S. market surged, and the focus of most American companies moved back home. Timing affects every decision, good or bad.

Even in recruitment, timing matters. A team member who hasn't working out for more than six months causes more harm to the organisation, and that's no reflection on the individual. Organisations today need sharper clarity. That speed of decision-making has become urgent and almost pivotal. Founders and entrepreneurs in the new economy are forming conclusions faster and better than many others.

There's very little spoken about failures. How do you handle them?

We don't talk about failure in India. In Silicon Valley, failure is on the asset side of the balance sheet. In India, it sits on the liability side. If I had to invest in a founder who has failed twice, I would likely prefer that over a first-time entrepreneur, assuming other factors are equal.

For me, the key is not having a high sense of entitlement. Losing entitlement doesn't reduce self-confidence, it changes how you accept outcomes. Failures then stop being cathartic. When I started out, my Parsi parents were initially shocked when I wanted to start something on my own.

But your father did say, "It's all yours. I won't help if you fail."

Yes, that came six months later. Initially, they encouraged me to pursue chartered accountancy or an MBA. Their argument was simple: if nothing works out, you should have formal education. That was valid.

But I realised that if you have a Plan B for the most important decisions in life, the probability of Plan A succeeding decreases. Had I pursued CA or an MBA, I might have retreated to that safety net after my first few failures.

So conviction in Plan A matters. When I was told I would not be bailed out financially, it...



Satellite Club Supporting Young Patients Through Creativity



The Rotary Satellite Club donated art supplies to Tata Hospital for a year, offering young patients a creative outlet during treatment. In appreciation, the ImpaCCT Foundation presented a letter recognising and thanking the Club for its meaningful contribution.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY TUESDAY MEETINGS



Rotarians Pulin Shroff and
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Rotarians Uday Sanghani, Dr. Indu Shahani
and Guest speaker Ronnie Screwvala



Rotarians Pradeep Chinai and
PP Framroze Mehta



Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Dr. Indu
Shahani & Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



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Kirit Kamdar and PP Nirav Shah



Rotarians Uday Sanghani,
Pulin Shroff and Kirit Kamdar



First Lady Aradhana Mehta,
Guest Zarina, Guest speaker Ronnie
Screwvala, President Bimal Mehta, PP Arun
Sanghi and Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal



President Bimal Mehta, Guest,
Rtn. Ptn. Kulsum Jamal and
Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal



Rtn. Tahera Mandviwala, Guest Zarina,
Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Hon. Sec Farhat Jamal
and Rtn. Mudit Jain



Rtn. Miral Shah, Guest speaker Ronnie
Screwvala, Hon. Sec Farhat Jamal,
Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Uday Sanghani,
Guest speaker Ronnie Screwvala, Guest
Zarina, Rtn. Dr. Indu Shahani,
Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Anand Dalal

RUIGHAR - BOPDARI TRANSFORMATION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Ruighar and Bopdari, remote villages on the Maharashtra–Gujarat border in Jawhar, Palghar, once faced severe challenges, including limited access to electricity and water, a high incidence of waterborne diseases, and total reliance on monsoon-dependent agriculture. These interconnected issues created a persistent cycle of poverty and vulnerability, hindering livelihoods and long-term sustainable development.

On February 14th, the Rotary Club of Bombay, with support from Sumitomo Chemical and its implementation partner Chirag Rural Development Foundation, inaugurated the Integrated Village Development Programme, marking a significant milestone for both communities.

A total of 310 families comprising nearly 1,550 residents benefited from solar-powered support across homes, schools, and anganwadis. Solar street lighting has enhanced safety and accessibility within the villages. Additionally, a 7.5 HP solar lift irrigation system in Ruighar and a 10 HP system in Bopdari now provide reliable water access to over 43 acres of farmland, ensuring year-round cultivation, income stability, and improved nutrition.

Agricultural training by experts introduced farmers to sustainable practices and cash crops. As a result, villagers have begun cultivating chillies for quicker income, while each of the 43 farmers received ten mango saplings, offering long-term livelihood opportunities.

The villagers welcomed the Rotarians with traditional music, dance, and arti. During the visit, Rotarians interacted with the community and enjoyed snacks prepared by local women, while children were delighted by goodies brought by Amisha Shroff and Pulin Shroff.

With additional support from matching donors, the entire gram panchayat of Ruighar–Bopdari is now powered by solar energy, earning the distinction of a “Green Gram Panchayat”. This initiative stands as a tribute to unity, service, and hope, fostering a sustainable and dignified future for the community.



The Annual Jain **PHOOLON** *ki Holi*

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Innovation Lab Wada: P. J. High School Students Excel



Students from P. J. High School Wada have achieved commendable success at the Taluka-level competitions.

In the Secondary Group, Class 10 students Nishant Manore and Yash Vasave presented their IoT-based project, Waste to Electricity and Carbon Ink, at the

Science Exhibition, securing Second Rank and qualifying for the District-Level Science Exhibition.

In addition, Yash Tambade and Nishant Manore secured First Rank in the Quiz Competition, showcasing exceptional knowledge, confidence, and teamwork.

CWC: A HEARTWARMING GRANDPARENTS' DAY CELEBRATION



Grandparents' Day was celebrated with immense joy, warmth, and enthusiasm, as our cherished grandparents were welcomed with heartfelt affection and made to feel truly special from the outset. The celebration featured delightful activities and meaningful interactions. Fun games brought smiles all around, while children lovingly crafted tulip flowers as tokens of appreciation. A

particularly touching highlight was when the children engaged their grandparents in conversations about their childhood, learning about their favourite games, homemade treats, and treasured memories — creating a beautiful bridge between generations.

Adding to the joy, the children dedicated melodious performances of 'You Are My Sunshine' and 'Nani Teri Morni Ko Mor

Le Gaye', filling the room with nostalgia and happiness. The grandparents thoroughly enjoyed every moment, their faces glowing with pride.

The celebration concluded with a delightful spread of cheese dhokla, thepla with mirchi, and tea — making it a truly unforgettable morning of laughter, love, and intergenerational bonding.



PROJECT IMPACT REPORTS

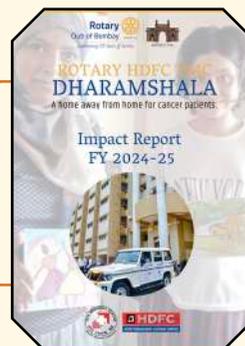
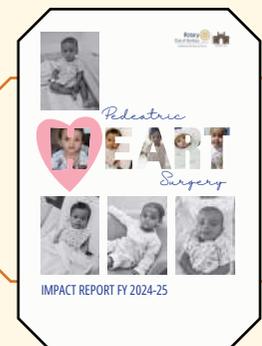
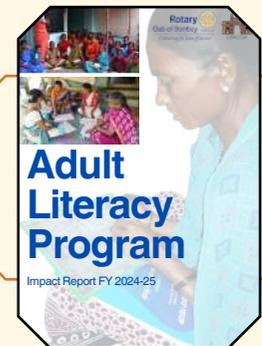
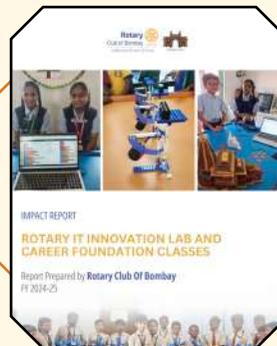
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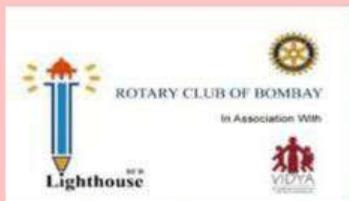
This year, we have taken a significant step towards strengthening our relationship with those who make our work possible – our donors. I have initiated a proactive approach of sending detailed impact reports of our projects to every donor. These reports highlight how their contributions have been utilised and the tangible outcomes their generosity has enabled.

Transparency is not just a value we uphold; it is the foundation of trust. By sharing the story of every rupee spent and the lives it has touched, we reaffirm our commitment to accountability. These donor-specific reports are in addition to

the independent impact assessments we already conduct for all our major projects, ensuring that every initiative we undertake meets the highest standards of efficiency and effectiveness.

Our aim is simple: to make our donors partners in change, not just contributors. When they see the difference they help create, their belief in our mission deepens, and together we can achieve far greater impact. This initiative is a key part of my vision for this year – to build enduring relationships based on transparency, trust and impact measurement





LIGHTHOUSE SPORTS DAY



Join us for an exciting day
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Date: 8th March 2026

Time: 8:45 a.m.

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Cuffe Parade, Mumbai: 400005**



IWC: STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE AT CAMA HOSPITAL



On February 6th, 2026, the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay reaffirmed its commitment to community healthcare through a significant donation of essential medical equipment to Cama Hospital. The initiative was aimed at enhancing both neonatal and general patient care, ensuring improved medical response during critical situations.

Six vital trauma and life-saving devices were donated, including an SS Drum for sterilising surgical instruments, a Baby Warmer to maintain newborn body temperature, a Radiant Warmer for stabilising infants during treatment, a Spotlight for focused procedural illumination, and an Allen Caутery Machine with accessories

to control surgical bleeding. All equipment was supported by a two-year Annual Maintenance Contract, ensuring reliability and uninterrupted functionality.

This meaningful contribution was made possible through the generous support of Bhavna Daftary, who donated equipment worth Rs. 10,33,680. The project was undertaken as a Corporate Social Responsibility initiative through Advy Biosciences Private Limited and was thoughtfully coordinated by PDC Jyoti Doshi.

Under the leadership of President Roopal Thakkar (2025–2026), the Club continued to champion healthcare and community-focused initiatives.

President Roopal felicitated the project, recognising the collective effort behind its success.

The event was attended by Inner Wheel Club District Chairman Lakshmi Singh, PDC Jyoti Doshi, Bhavna Daftary, IPP Mita Roy, Vice President Zainab, PP Neela Parikh, Hon. Treasurer Bijal Kara, ISO Ashwini, CC Amisha, Priti Kumar, PP Jayati Dasgupta, PP Pallavi, PP Shilpa, and Gulrez Contractor.

Closely affiliated with the Rotary Club of Bombay, the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay continues to create meaningful impact through sustained service, strengthening healthcare access and reinforcing its commitment to a healthier community.

STRENGTHENING GLOBAL ROTARY TIES: RTN. CHRISTOPHER BLUEMEL EXCHANGES FLAGS WITH ROTARY CLUB OF SPLIT



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AY Brings Music and Joy to Underprivileged Elders

The Rotary Club of Bombay, India's premier club of its kind, hosted its annual music programme Anand Hi Anand at the Y. B. Chavan Auditorium as part of its ongoing initiatives for underprivileged elders under the banner of Ananda Yaan, a mission to bring happiness and dignity to senior citizens.

Speaking about the initiative, Ananda Yaan Committee Chairman Kaushal Mehta shared, "Ananda Yaan was started in 2017 with the objective of providing a ray of happiness to underprivileged elders living in cramped housing in Central Mumbai. Our partners in this programme are Dignity Foundation, leaders in elder care."

The programme now operates across three centres, Byculla, E. Moses Road and Mazgaon, reaching nearly 300 elders through structured activities conducted five days a week. These include yoga, Zumba, antakshari, music lessons, Sports Day

celebrations, visits to religious sites, and picnics. The initiative also provides essential healthcare support, including monthly doctor visits and cataract surgeries for those in need, all completely free of cost.

Music forms the heart of the programme, with training provided by the Shankar Mahadevan Academy. On the 11th, participants from the Ananda Yaan centres performed two specially composed multilingual mash-ups at the Y. B. Chavan Auditorium. The audience included elders from all three centres, as well as members from the Jogeshwari centre of the Dignity Foundation.

Adding to the spirit of the occasion, artistes including Kavita Murti, Kamal Somaiya, Shankar Subramaniam, Abhijeet Bhosle, Prasad Sangameshwaran, Rohit Shukla, Sanket Bhojane, Vandana Daga and Ambica Rathod performed as a labour of love, making the evening a celebration of compassion, music and community.



For old times' sake



Senior citizens perform the medley onstage

WHO would've thought you could one day hear *If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium* and Bollywood hit *Chura Liya* on the same stage? Thirty-seven underprivileged seniors from the Ananda Yaan initiative of the Rotary Club of Bombay gave audiences just that, at a performance at YB Chavan auditorium on Wednesday. An official from the group revealed to us that the seniors were all trained by the Shankar Mahadevan Academy. That should explain the pitch-perfect performance. Those keen to follow upcoming events can log on to @rc1929.







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RCB IT Innovation Lab – Palghar: Learning Through Play

Students recently brought creativity and engineering together by conceptualising, designing, and successfully building a Dancing Doll using a LEGO kit. The activity went far beyond a simple classroom exercise, offering an engaging introduction to key concepts such as motion, balance, gears, and basic motor mechanisms.

What made the session especially meaningful was that learning unfolded naturally through curiosity, experimentation, and play. As students assembled components, tested movements, identified faults, and made adjustments, they unknowingly strengthened their critical thinking, design logic, patience, and teamwork.

Each modification reflected problem-solving in action.

The room buzzed with energy, laughter, and focused engagement. Moments of trial and error blended with bursts of creativity and collaborative discussions, ultimately leading to the delight of seeing their dancing doll come alive just as they had imagined.

Such experiences demonstrate that when learning feels like play, understanding deepens, confidence grows, and innovation becomes instinctive. Activities like these move beyond textbooks, nurturing curiosity, resilience, and the mindset of future creators and innovators.





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IT Innovation Centre of Excellence

ITI Mumbai Visited by German Embassy Delegates

It was a privilege to host Dr. Bärbel Kofler, MP and Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany; Ulrike Ebeling, Country Director – India, GIZ; Christoph Hallier, Consul General of Germany in Mumbai; Gottfried von Gemmingen, Head of Division – Economic Cooperation & Development, German Embassy New Delhi; and Ashumi Shroff, Senior Advisor – Economic & Political Affairs, at our Centre of Excellence.

The interaction proved to be truly meaningful.

The delegation spent considerable time engaging directly with our students, observing live demonstrations in robotics, IoT, and smart agriculture models. They asked detailed questions, encouraged the students, and appreciated the hands-on learning ecosystem. They were particularly impressed with the students' confidence, technical understanding, and practical orientation, and expressed keen interest in expanding discussions to deepen Indo-German collaboration in vocational education, dual training systems, and industry-aligned skill development.

The visit was coordinated by Ms. Manisha Varma, who was present at the event. She invited the delegation to visit our lab facilities, ensuring they experienced the full strength of our Centre of Excellence ecosystem.



The students were visibly motivated and encouraged to see global dignitaries take such genuine interest in their projects and models. For many, this was not just a demonstration, it was validation that their work meets international standards.

The engagement strongly aligns with Germany's broader development vision. Through the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implementing agencies like GIZ, Germany focuses on sustainable development, inclusive economic growth, climate action, and strengthening vocational education systems under the 2030 Agenda. Under the Indo-German Green and Sustainable Development Partnership, Germany has committed nearly €1.3 billion to India in recent cooperation for skill development and intends to scale engagement to at least €10 billion by 2030 across climate transition, sustainable infrastructure, economic resilience, and skills development.

The delegation departed with admiration for the talent and potential of our youth — and with a shared understanding that this collaboration can move from dialogue to deeper partnership. What remained most striking was the sense of mutual respect, shared purpose, and optimism for long-term impact.

When global vision meets grassroots innovation, transformation truly begins.

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY ASIA GOLF CHALLENGE 2026

The Rotary Club of Bombay Asia Golf Challenge 2026 was a remarkable celebration of Rotary's enduring values—fellowship, excellence, and service. Hosted across three distinguished locations—Pune, Phuket, and Mumbai—the series brought together members, families, and friends in a shared pursuit of sporting distinction and meaningful impact. Beyond the fairways and greens, the tournaments stood as a powerful expression of Rotary's commitment to transforming lives through its Adult Literacy initiatives, raising over Rs. 1 crore in support of this vital cause.



Pune - Oxford Golf Resort (17th-18th January 2026)

Set against the serene landscape of the Oxford Golf Resort, Pune, the Challenge commenced in grand style, marking the Club's third consecutive year at this premier venue. A record 100 participants gathered for a memorable weekend that began

with an elegant poolside dinner, where live music and warm camaraderie created the perfect prelude to the competition.

The following morning, after an address by Convenor Rtn. Gautam Doshi, golfers took to the course with a Shotgun Start. The day concluded with a celebratory lunch and

prize distribution ceremony, honouring both excellence in performance and the true spirit of sportsmanship. The Club extends its sincere gratitude to Anand Rathi Wealth, whose generous sponsorship was instrumental in elevating the stature of the event.





Phuket - Thailand (29th January-2nd February 2026)

In a landmark moment for the Club, the Golf Challenge extended beyond India for the first time, to the stunning island of Phuket. Thirty-eight participants, including 22 golfers, experienced some of Asia's most spectacular golfing

destinations—Loch Palm Golf Club, Blue Canyon Golf Club, and Red Mountain Golf Club—each offering a unique blend of beauty and challenge.

Off the course, members and their partners immersed themselves in Phuket's vibrant culture, exploring its historic old town, pristine

beaches, and iconic islands. Evenings were devoted to fellowship and fine dining, culminating in a magnificent Gala Dinner and Prize Distribution Ceremony at the Westin Siray Bay Resort & Spa. The Club gratefully acknowledges Phillip Capital for their invaluable support in making this international tournament a resounding success.





Mumbai - Willingdon Sports Club (14th February 2026)

The Challenge concluded in Mumbai at the prestigious Willingdon Sports Club, where 22 golfers gathered for a day marked by spirited competition and camaraderie. Following breakfast and practice sessions, participants competed with enthusiasm and grace, exemplifying the finest traditions of the game.

The tournament culminated in a refined awards ceremony, where President Rtn. Bimal Mehta and Aradhana Mehta presented trophies to the winners, celebrating both achievement and participation in equal measure.





A Legacy of Service and Fellowship

The Rotary Club of Bombay Asia Golf Challenge 2026 was not merely a sporting event, but a powerful testament to Rotary’s mission—uniting individuals in fellowship to create lasting change. The remarkable success of the Challenge reflects the dedication and vision of the Organising Committee, led by President Bimal Mehta, Chairman

PDG Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, Vice-Chairman PP Vineet Bhatnagar, Convenor Rtn. Gautam Doshi, Rtn. Paritosh Rungta, Rtn. Runit Shah, Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas, Rtn. Nikhil Sanghai, Rtn. Amay Merchant.

The Club also expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Rashmi Kotian and the Rotary Office team, along with Freyan Bathena, whose tireless efforts ensured the seamless

execution of these prestigious events.

Through elegance, excellence, and purpose, the Rotary Club of Bombay Asia Golf Challenge 2026 has not only strengthened bonds of fellowship but also advanced Rotary’s enduring commitment to empowering lives through education—leaving behind a legacy that will resonate far beyond the greens.



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

President Bimal Mehta

Rotary Club of Bombay

Rtn. Miral Shah

Project Chair, Dharamshala

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PLEASE JOIN
PRESIDENT BIMAL MEHTA
FOR A PROJECT VISIT AND FELLOWSHIP AT
OUR FLAGSHIP PROJECTS AT TALWADA

HIGHLIGHTS:
MEGA EYE CAMP – PRVEC
MEGA MEDICAL CAMP – ADMC
WALK THROUGH OF TAPARIA COLLEGE

SUNDAY, 29TH MARCH, 2026

DEPARTURE TIME

6:30 AM NARIMAN POINT
(TRIDENT HOTEL)

6:40AM PEDDER ROAD
(VILLA THERESA SCHOOL)

6:50 AM WORLI
(CHINA BISTRO)

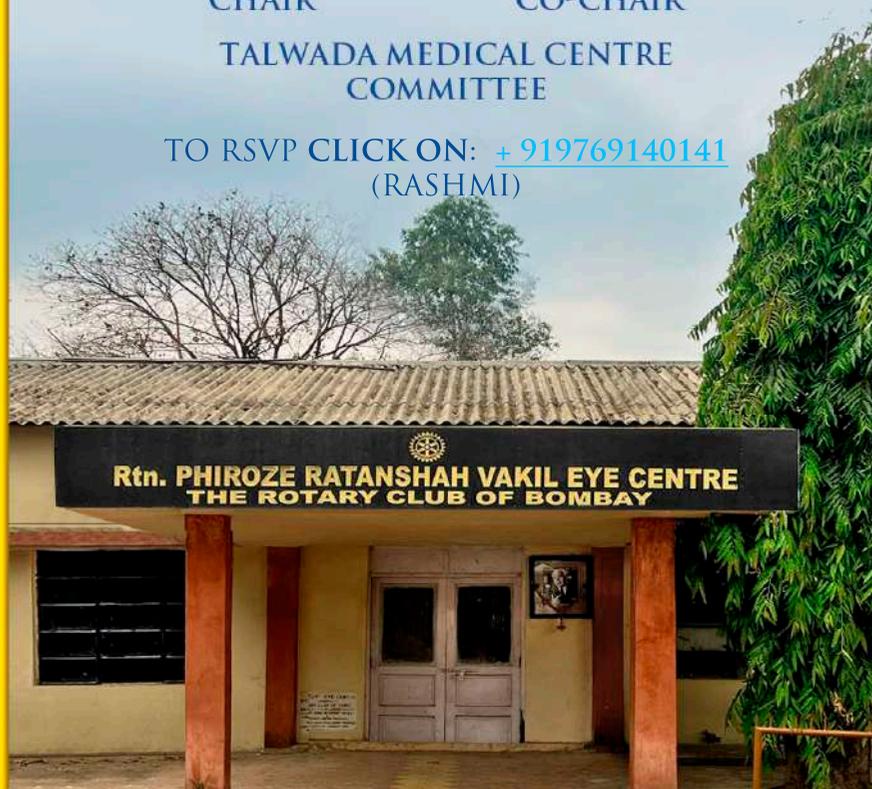
7:00 AM BANDRA SEA LINK
(BANDRA END)

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February 24
PP Ramesh Narayan



March 1
Rtn. Harshbeena Zaveri



February 24
Rtn. Anuj Patodia



March 2
Rtn. Kasimali Merchant



February 26
Rtn. Ramon Kirpalaney



March 2
Rtn. Jaidev Merchant



February 27
Rtn. Anar Shah



March 3
PP Pradeep Saxena



February 28
Rtn. Roda Billimoria



March 4
Rtn. Radhika Vora

10th March, Tuesday: Probal DasGupta in a Fireside chat with PP Vineet Bhatnagar on General Brasstacks: The Sundarji Story.

Probal DasGupta is an acclaimed author, historian and Indian Army veteran known for documenting untold political and war histories. A former officer of the 11 Gorkha Rifles, he later led multinational consulting firms and founded Birdstone, a Mumbai-based advisory on business and reputation risks, as well as the MaxCity Literature Festival. His bestselling works include Watershed 1967, Camouflaged, and General Brasstacks. A Columbia University scholar, he also writes on geopolitics and policy for leading publications.



ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

February 24
- Rtn. Ptn. Indira Kotak
February 26
- Rtn. Ptn. Aruna Jagtiani

February 28
- Rtn. Ptn. Dolon Ghosh

March 1
- Rtn. Ptn. Anisha Jolly
- Hon. Rtn. Ptn. Smita Parekh
- Rtn. Ptn. Shalini Piramal
- Rtn. Ptn. Poonam Sampat
- Rtn. Ptn. Pallavi Shah

March 2
- Rtn. Ptn. Zainab Lokhandwala

March 6
Rtn. Ptn. Priyanka Jatia

March 7
- Rtn. Ptn. Emma Lalvani
- Rtn. Ptn. Matthew Taff

March 9
- Rtn. Ptn. Bilimoria Rukshana

ANNIVERSARIES

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- Rtn. Ptn. Manju & Rtn. Vibhay Sinha
February 25
- Rtn. Ptn. Suresh & Rtn. Rina Deora
February 27
- Rtn. Ptn. Geeta & Rtn. Vijay Dhawan

February 28
- Rtn. Ptn. Khulood & Rtn. Awais Noorani

March 1
- Rtn. Ptn. Vinifer & Rtn. Dr. Cyres Mehta
- Rtn. Ptn. Firoze & PP Shernaz Vakil
March 3
- Rtn. Ptn. Ritika & Rtn. Anuj Arenja
- Rtn. Ptn. Chanderkanta & Rtn. Vinod Juneja

March 4
- Rtn. Ptn. Neelam & Rtn. Anil Goyel
March 6
- Rtn. Ptn. Vandana & PP Ajay Kanoria
March 7
- Rtn. Renu Basu & Rtn. Ptn. Subhabrata
- Rtn. Ptn. Navaz & Rtn. Farokh Guzder
March 8
- Hon. Rtn. Ptn. Nita & Hon. Rtn. Mukesh Ambani
March 9
- Rtn. Pilloo & Rtn. Ptn. Cyrus Aga

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