

THIS TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST, 2026

Ms. Nirmala Kokate will be honoured with the RCB Somchand Parikh Award for Best Teacher.

Lt. General Tinakar will address the Club on the role of Army and the Independence of the Indian State.



Upcoming events

Tuesday, 25 August:

Author Mallika Ravikumar will address the Club on The Dramatic Story of Unifying India.

Sunday, 30 August:

9th Table Tennis Tournament at Bombay YMCA, Colaba.

Tuesday, 8 September:

Dr. Utsav Shah will address the Club on 10-min chair exercises to solve long term mobility issues.

7 - 11 October:

Fellowship Trip to Khajurao, Madhya Pradesh.

Friday, 23 October:

Diwali Nite

Ms. Falguni Nayar in conversation with PP Vineet Bhatnagar on 'From Vision to Legacy: Building Nykaa and Shaping Consumer India'.

Beauty. Business. Beyond.

PP Vineet Bhatnagar: What is it that you had to unlearn from a very structured corporate environment to survive the chaotic early days of Nykaa?

Ms. Falguni Nayar: So, I think it's very different, the start-up world and the early days of the start-up world, from what I was used to, the corporate world, where, from where I sat, I was always meeting the CEOs and CFOs of big companies, great offices in Nariman Point, corner offices. And one got a lot of respect, of course, because of who you are in the corporate world. And I'm not even talking about the financial benefits.

And when I started Nykaa, I didn't know how far it would go. I didn't know the three core things: I didn't know retail. I didn't know beauty and I didn't know technology. I don't know what I was thinking. I knew the internet. I was inspired by the internet and what it could do. And I knew that the beauty industry in India was underdeveloped, and I believed that Indian women needed to be able to experience beauty the way the rest of the world was doing. I had seen it in the US, I had seen it in Asia, and I was inspired to make that happen in India.

So, with that, I started out on my journey. My early

days looked like I literally knew one technology person because my entire ecosystem was finance people. So I met that one technology person, and through him, I met many more. So, figuring out what tech stack to buy, what next steps to take, was all very new.

And I was very particular that I didn't want to be in a comfortable office. So I chose to start the company out of my dad's old office, which was his manufacturing unit in Lower Parel. It's in that, you know, all those mill areas, there were these spaces. So I started there. And it was a very simple office. I think it went with

- Wellness and longevity are the next frontiers for beauty.
- Nykaa's scale is its biggest competitive advantage.
- India's digital ecosystem has leapfrogged global markets.
- AI will help Nykaa "do more with less" and will redefine Nykaa's consumer experience.



what the business needed. If you're sitting in comfortable offices, maybe you don't want to move forward. If you're sitting in an uncomfortable office, you do get the desire to move forward and get out of those offices. So, yeah, that's what it was.

Excellent. To say that your industry segment is fiercely competitive would to be an understatement. There are competitors in your space who have deep pockets. How do you decide to continue to double down on value when the market is asking you to do a price fall?

I think it comes from certain personal beliefs. And one of the personal beliefs was that I'd rather sell the right colour of lipstick to my consumers than the wrong colour of lipstick at 70% off.

So there are two things in e-commerce: One is that they go into this clearance, which is what is used a lot in fashion, where they go to the brands and say that, no, we need 60% discount, so give us, what is it, 60% discount. And they typically pick up products which are like one or two seasons old, two seasons-plus old.

Whereas *Nykaa takes pride in the fact that it wants to sell the latest trends, it wants to sell the latest launches*, and we are ready. Obviously, the brand is not ready to offer it at discounts. So obviously, we are ready to offer it at whatever the best price the brand wants to offer. So we want our consumers to get the best possible price the brand wants, but we don't do discounting as an entry point.

I actually did a lot of research to see: is the entire e-commerce industry only built on price, or is it built on other things? And to my surprise, e-commerce consumers value, of course, assortment. It is an endless aisle, so they value the assortment. They also value the convenience of home delivery and

being able to do it when they want rather than slot it against a certain time.

And then there could be the third point, which could be either price. And in our case, we took it down the lane of getting them the best trends, so we are very trend-led. So get the best trends, the newest brands, and be the consumer-focused platform which looks at what we should stock based on what consumers would love to buy.

So we never even prioritise what we show to our consumer based on, 'Oh, this brand is giving us a lot of margin, we should push that.' *So it's not a push website, it's a consumer-pull website, and that's what gives the consumer a lot of delight.*

And one other thing we did differently was education our customers because I believe that beauty needed a lot of education. So from the early days, like, we had the old days, there was a banner and the second banner was a content banner. And everybody told me, why would you distract your customers customers by making them read something? I mean, a lot of engineers used to measure their success by how quickly the customer checked out. And Nykaa never emphasised that.

So from day one till today, our unique customers visit us 50 times a year. That's when they buy only four, on an average, four to five times a year. Of course, there are customers who buy 20 times a year, but on an average, a customer buys four to five times a year. But they visit us 50 times a year. So they find a site useful enough to come and learn, to come and evaluate, and then finally, when they are convinced about something, they buy.

So I think that was another thing we did very differently.

Right. Excellent. So in this journey of Nykaa, which I guess is about 15 years

old, at what exact point or inflection point did you realise that you need to manage the culture of the firm as against managing the operations of the firm? And as you mentioned, you started from a gala, so you must have soiled your hands right from day one. Was it painful to hand over the operational responsibilities to those who came in after you?

Yeah, I mean, look, not that when I had to dispatch products, not that I did it well, because I was not good at it, but at least personal attention on everything in the early days to now, just impossible to do that, right?

So I think *from being a very detailed, roll-up-your-sleeves-related, execution-oriented person, I have now become almost like someone who manages the business with culture, what we call as Nykaa playbook*, where it's almost like how we as individuals have a value system. It's like, what is the value system of Nykaa as a company?

We are a large company now with beauty, fashion, Superstore, GCC, so many parts of business, House of Brands — I think each part of the business has to have a similar value system and similar playbook as Nykaa.

And then, finally, manage it through numbers. So, a lot of data, a lot of information to see whether things are going as per the plan. So that's what it had to change to.

Your twins, Anchit and Advaita, are also a part of the business. They manage key business verticals within Nykaa. Family businesses are the bedrock of Indian entrepreneurship, but mixing family dynamics with boardroom governance is famously tough, right? So, how do you draw the line between being a mother and the CEO when the debate is about high-stakes strategic disagreements?

Yeah, so I think a couple of things. Firstly, I think recently my son used this phrase and I liked it. He says, *'We are not a family business, but we are family who's in business together.'*

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FULL TRANSCRIPT

Prabhadevi School celebrates Independence Day

- Independence Day celebration held at Prabhadevi
- Students reflected on India's journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047
- Speeches, skits, songs, poetry and dance showcased patriotic spirit
- Emphasis on unity, responsibility, hard work and active citizenship



On 13th August, 2026, the Bhavishya Yaan team organised a special programme at Prabhadevi to commemorate India's 80th Independence Day, centred on the theme "Viksit Bharat 2047". The programme honoured the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters while inspiring students to contribute towards building a developed, inclusive, innovative and self-reliant India.

The programme began with a welcome to the Principal, teachers, parents and

students, followed by an address on the significance of Independence Day and India's vision for 2047.

Students from the Primary and Secondary Sections presented a range of performances, including an Independence Day Speech, a Viksit Bharat Speech, a skit highlighting the role of citizens in national progress, and a melodious Viksit Bharat Song. Primary students expressed their love for the nation through "Love My Country India", while the Secondary Section presented

a poem expressing hopes for a stronger and brighter India.

The celebration concluded with a vibrant "Dance on the Colours of India", showcasing India's cultural diversity, unity and heritage.

The programme brought together patriotism, creativity and cultural expression, reinforcing the message that Viksit Bharat 2047 can be achieved through unity, kindness, hard work, responsibility and active participation. The celebration ended with the national spirit of "Jai Hind."



Gallery of Moments



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Rtn. Vivek Himatsingka
and PE Vineet Suchanti



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Reshamwala, Guest Speaker Ms. Falguni
Nayar, PP Vineet Bhatnagar and
Rtn. Farokh Balsara



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Guest Speaker Ms. Falguni Nayar,
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GK Marg: Celebrating Independence Day

- **Students celebrated Independence Day with pride and patriotic spirit**
- **Patriotic songs, dances, poetry and speeches brought the celebration alive**
- **Performances reflected freedom, unity and courage**
- **Children paid tribute to India's freedom fighters**

The students of Bhavishya Yaan at GK Marg celebrated India's Independence Day with immense pride, enthusiasm and patriotic spirit.

GK Marg came alive in the colours of the tricolour as the children presented a vibrant programme featuring patriotic songs, energetic dances to 'Jai Ho'

and 'Ae Watan', a soulful poem on "The Tricolour of India", and inspiring speeches highlighting the courage and sacrifices of India's freedom fighters.

The children's enthusiasm and confidence made the celebration truly special. Through their performances, they expressed the values of

freedom, unity, courage and love for the country.

More than a celebration, the programme was a heartfelt tribute to India's freedom and its heroes, while inspiring the young participants to grow into responsible and proud citizens of tomorrow.



MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT

Patient Count for the Month of July - 2026



Director: Rtn. Swati Jajodia

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Co-Chair: Dilip Dalal

DIALYSIS

Platinum Hospital, Mulund	5
Aastha Hospital, Manor	14
Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar	4
Shatabdi Hospital, Govandi	105
Samarpan, Ghatkopar	116
Lifeline Medicare Hospital Charkop	38
Dr.M.L.Dhawale Memorial Trust Hosp. Palghar	22
K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion	40
Acharya Shri Ramesh Dialysis Centre, Andheri E	46
Rotary Yoda Dialysis Centre, Symbiosis Hospital	100
Swami Shraddhanand Hospital, Vasai West	57
Mallika Hospital, Jogeshwari West	48
Adhikari Life Line Hospital, Boisar, Palghar	39
Galaxy Super Speciality Hospital, Mulund	8
Gokhale Dialysis Center	52
Aarogyam Multispeciality Hospital, Palghar	14
Chavan Hospital	52
Mukti Kidney & Dialysis Clinic, Bandra	28
TOTAL	788

Satellite Club Celebrating I-Day Through Service

- *Service and celebration at Lighthouse*
- *Support for children from the fishermen's colony*
- *30 yoga mats and 30 study tables donated*
- *Extracurricular learning and development encouraged*
- *Rotary Satellite Club volunteers recognised*

The Rotary Satellite Club marked Independence Day with a meaningful day of service and celebration at the Lighthouse Project, contributing resources to support the learning, development and extracurricular activities of children from the fishermen's colony.

The Lighthouse Project is a long-standing initiative of the Rotary Club of Bombay, established over 10 years ago to support children from the fishermen's colony through education. The initiative also focuses on building their confidence, developing their personalities and creating opportunities for a brighter future.

Recognising the children's tremendous growth and encouraging their participation in extracurricular activities, the Rotary Satellite Club donated:

- 30 yoga mats
- 30 study tables
- 4 chatais
- 1 notice board

It was a wonderful opportunity for members of the Rotary Satellite Club to spend Independence Day with the children, celebrate their progress and contribute towards creating an improved environment for their learning and development.

A special thank you to Meha, Suditi, Anushka, Aashna, Ish and Nishiki for helping make this initiative a success.

Together, small efforts can create a lasting impact, strengthening the spirit of service while helping provide children with better opportunities to learn, grow and thrive.



Rotarian Anuj Poddar

A Contrarian Perspective, A Global Outlook

Professional achievement that you are most proud of & why?

My ability to switch between completely different industries and roles and excel in each of them. I moved from management consulting to building one of the most successful media companies, Viacom18. Later, I made another significant shift, moving from the media sector to becoming the CEO of a large consumer and power sector company, Bajaj Electricals, and turning it around. But the most fulfilling achievement of all has been earning the respect and love of my teams and colleagues.

Your hobbies or passions outside of work?

Many passions, but not enough time! Architecture, design, culture, photography, travel, fitness, music and reading. It is a long list.

An aspect of your work life that intersects with your work at Rotary?

Not directly. But interacting with people, both members and speakers, from all walks of life, and learning more about what they do and what inspires them is always enriching.

What do you believe are the most important values that the Rotary Club instils in its members?

Clearly, it is the commitment to give back to society. Most of us are simply beneficiaries of the lottery of birth. We are doing no favours to those we 'give' to.

How has the fellowship aspect of the Rotary Club enriched your life?

A bit early to answer, as I have just joined. But I feel warmly welcomed and embraced by the members, and I have already made new friends.

Looking into the future, what new initiatives or changes would you like to see within the Rotary Club to increase its impact?

One area where I think we could be doing more is the environment. Our urban areas, including Bombay, are suffering from rapid ecological degradation due to faulty policies and civic indifference. We should contribute to the greater preservation of open spaces and green cover, as well as support environmental initiatives.



UNIQUE SKILLS YOU BRING TO THE ROTARY

I have often been told that I have fairly contrarian views. Hopefully, that will add to our Rotary Club's shared and holistic perspectives.

How has your family influenced your life?

I have two daughters, in their early 20s. During their childhood, I would often jokingly tell them that they needed to listen to me because "Though one day you will be smarter than me, that day hasn't come yet". I increasingly feel that day has already come. I learn from them every day.

As you see your children evolve into their own unique identities and observe their resolve and independent views, and you realise that they shape you as much as you shape them.

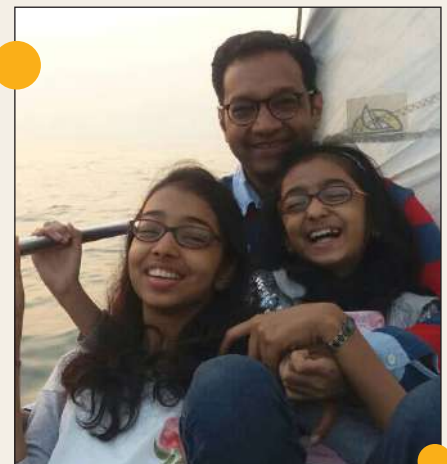
A family tradition or value that is very important to you?

I have always considered myself as having more of a global, modern, liberal outlook. I am not ritualistic or traditional in that sense. That said, we all have cultural and ethnic roots, and family traditions and habits that bind us.

The little everyday manifestations of that, such as touching the feet of elders, the way we do our family Diwali puja, the cuisine at home, the 'saunf' at the end of every meal and the home remedies, are simple but beautiful reminders of who we are. Even as we evolve and spread our wings, it is beautiful to nurture and preserve what we can as markers of our identity.

Favourite way to spend time with your family?

With the world outside, I can be very serious, erudite and intellectual. The greatest antidote to that is being silly and goofy with my daughters.



Chalaang: Stories of Dreams and Determination

- Chalaang provides students with financial support, confidence, mentorship and the freedom to focus on their education.
- From blindness and bereavement to financial hardship, students overcome extraordinary challenges to pursue their goals.
- Scholars seek to create meaningful change through technology, education, accessibility, cybersecurity and community development.
- Each student's journey reflects courage, determination and hope for a better future.



Strength Behind Every Success

My interest in Computer Engineering started with basic curiosity. I just wanted to know what actually happens behind the screen to make technology work. The idea that a few lines of code and the

right hardware can solve real, everyday problems is what made me fall in love with engineering.

Navigating life in a single-parent household brought tough challenges, but watching my mother's unwavering strength and resilience became my biggest

inspiration. Her sacrifices taught me to face adversity with determination and turned every obstacle into motivation to work harder.

Receiving this scholarship is a life-changing milestone. Beyond validating my hard work, this support removes

a major financial burden, allowing me to focus entirely on my academic goals.

This isn't just financial aid; it's the fuel that accelerates my journey towards becoming an impactful engineer.

Aditya Pathak



Driven by Purpose, Powered by Opportunity

Coming from a family with limited financial resources, continuing my engineering education has been challenging. My parents have always worked hard to support my studies, and this scholarship has significantly

reduced the financial burden on my family.

My goal is to build a successful career in the field of IT, with a strong interest in cybersecurity and ethical hacking. I aspire to become a skilled professional who not only achieves personal success but also contributes to society by developing

secure and innovative technology solutions. I also hope to support my family and inspire students who face financial difficulties to keep pursuing their dreams.

This scholarship is more than financial assistance; it is a source of motivation and confidence. Knowing that an

organisation like the Rotary Club of Bombay believes in my potential encourages me to work even harder and stay committed to achieving my goals. I sincerely thank you for your trust and support.

Dilip Pal

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Vision Beyond Sight

My name is Sanskar Wanjari, and I am a second-year Computer Engineering student at Veermata Jijabai Technological Institute (VJTI), Mumbai. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to the Rotary Club of Bombay for awarding me the

esteemed CHALAANG Scholarship of Rs. 75,000. I first learned about this generous initiative through our college's scholarship department, and I am incredibly honoured to have been selected, particularly as this is the first time the Club has extended this opportunity to our institution.

Coming from a small area of Nagpur, I was initially very anxious about how I would manage my expenses in a highly expensive city like Mumbai. However, this merit-cum-means-based student support has been a profound

financial relief. Thanks to this scholarship, I was able to comfortably pay my hostel fees of Rs. 22,000 and my mess fees of Rs. 44,000, while also having the necessary funds to cover my other vital educational expenses. Most importantly, it has completely lifted the heavy financial burden of my education and living expenses off the shoulders of my parents, bringing our family immense peace of mind.

As a completely blind student, navigating higher education comes with unique challenges, but the

Rotary Club's trust in my potential has given me immense confidence. Beyond the financial assistance, the scholarship's mentorship programme will be an invaluable asset. I have been paired with highly suitable mentors who understand my specific requirements and are expertly guiding me on the right path towards my future.

Looking ahead, my career ambition is to become a software engineer. My primary goal is to spread awareness about accessibility and

develop accessible software specifically designed for the visually impaired. I am deeply committed to fighting for the rights of blind individuals to ensure total equality in academics and everyday life. Additionally, I am also targeting government competitive exams, such as the UPSC and MPSC. This scholarship is far more than financial aid; it is a vital foundation that is empowering me to achieve these dreams and give back to society.

Sanskar Wanjari



From Assam to Aspiration – One Dream, Many Lives

Many may know what you are doing and where you are, but unfortunately, they often forget to ask how and why you are there. The same applies to me. I came thousands of miles away carrying dreams and uncertainty, yet somehow, I am

working towards my dream.

Ever since I started observing my surroundings in BTC, Assam, I witnessed the long-standing demands for statehood, struggles, and bloodshed that have caused the region to remain underserved, underprivileged, and economically vulnerable, despite being rich in culture and natural resources. Another reason lies in the limited exposure available to many people in terms of education, occupational choices, and opportunities.

I saw my people

cycling early in the morning towards tea gardens and local markets to sell their home-grown vegetables, undertaking daily-wage work, or labouring on farms, in shops and on trucks, with many others migrating to the southern parts of the country in search of better wages, far away from their homes and families.

This long-standing dependence on informal work provides food on the table, but unfortunately, it often ends there. When families face major health issues or unforeseen crises,

many are left with no option but to sell the small piece of land they own in order to survive, risking not only their livelihood but also their home.

These are the very issues that shaped my dream and my determination to work for my people using the skills they possess and the resources we already have – tea. Tea starts our day, yet we often forget the sweat and hard work behind every cup. I hope to contribute towards improving and formalising the tea sector while connecting people with opportunities and resources that

can improve their lives, and I firmly believe that even a small effort can create meaningful change.

And in this process, the Rotary Club of Bombay is contributing as a crucial actor, not only by providing financial assistance to a student but by providing someone with the relief to focus on learning and, more importantly, motivating me to rise to the trust they have placed in me. This encourages me to work even harder towards the change I wish to see.

Bikash Daimary

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Carrying Forward a Father's Dream

Since childhood, a blackboard was more than just a board for me – it was the place where I imagined my

future. I loved writing on blackboards and always dreamed of becoming a teacher. My love for mathematics began with my father, who taught me interesting mathematical tricks. Slowly, numbers became my favourite language. I consistently scored well in Mathematics, including in my 10th and 12th examinations. I completed my graduation in Mathematics and

then joined B.Ed. Teaching students has made my childhood dream even more meaningful. I now share with my students the same mathematical tricks my father taught me, hoping to make Mathematics enjoyable rather than frightening.

My dream is to pursue a Ph.D. in Mathematics, conduct research, and become a teacher who inspires students

to love Maths without fear. Interestingly, my father once dreamed of becoming a Mathematics professor, but financial difficulties prevented him from pursuing it. He never told me because he wanted me to follow my own interests. When I joined B.Ed., he finally shared his dream with me. Today, my journey feels like I am fulfilling not only my dream but also his. I wish to continue

my higher studies in India, with my father watching me achieve his dream.

This scholarship will support my higher education and reduce the financial burden of my studies. Most importantly, this opportunity will bring me one step closer to becoming the Mathematics teacher I dreamed of being – and make my father proud.

Arshi Kasu



Building Tomorrow with AI

I am deeply grateful to the Rotary Club of Bombay for awarding me the scholarship and supporting my educational journey. I chose to pursue a B.Sc. in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence because I am fascinated by the potential of technology to solve

real-world problems and improve lives. As data and AI continue to transform industries, I aspire to build a career as a data analyst, using data-driven insights to create meaningful impact while contributing positively to society.

Receiving this

scholarship has significantly eased my financial burden and enabled me to focus on my academic goals with greater confidence and determination. Beyond the financial assistance, it has been a source of encouragement, motivating me to work

harder and strive for excellence. I sincerely thank the Rotary Club of Bombay and its generous donors for believing in students like me. Your support is helping me pursue my aspirations and inspiring me to give back to society in the future.

Dilnashin Khan



Determined to Succeed

I am sincerely grateful to the Rotary Club of

Bombay for awarding me this scholarship. Receiving this support means a lot to me and my family. It has reduced the financial burden and allowed me to focus on my education without worrying about expenses.

I am currently pursuing a Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech) in Computer

Engineering. I have recently completed my second semester with a 9.8 SGPA. My interests lie in programming, software development, AI and machine learning. This scholarship has helped me pay my college fees and purchase the study materials and learning resources I

need to improve my skills.

More than the financial assistance, this scholarship has given me confidence and motivation to work harder towards my goals. It reminds me that there are people who believe in young students and are willing to support their dreams. I will continue to study with

dedication, maintain good academic performance and make the best use of this opportunity. I hope to stay connected with the Rotary Club of Bombay in the future and actively participate in its programmes and initiatives whenever possible.

Aman Gupta

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Against All Odds

My name is Naseha Khan. I have three sisters and one brother. I studied from Class 1 to 10 in a BMC Urdu-medium school. Our family belongs to Amravati village, but I was born and brought up in Mumbai. When I was in Class 8, my mother passed away. That was the biggest turning point in my life. At that time, my eldest sister was in Class 12, my second sister was in Class 10, and my brother had completed his graduation.

After my second sister got admission to Class 11, she could not continue her studies. She was deeply affected by my mother's death. She used to sit at the railway station and cry because she missed our mother so much. She went into depression and finally stopped studying. My eldest sister also had to leave her studies because my father said someone had to take care of the house. My brother was the only one who continued his education.

After my mother passed away, I also lost interest in studies. I stopped going to school. One day, my school teachers came to my house and motivated me. They told me not to give up because I had a bright future and could become something

in life. Their words changed my thinking, and I started going to school again.

After Class 10, my brother got me admitted to Class 11. At that time, I did not know the difference between Arts, Commerce and Science. My mother's dream was to see me become a doctor, but that dream ended when I was in Class 8 after she passed away. My family decided that I should take the Arts stream, so I completed both Class 11 and 12 in Arts.

After Class 12, no one encouraged me to continue my studies. Still, I filled out the admission form for graduation. Unfortunately, because of a registration mistake, my admission was not completed. I lost one whole year. That was

a difficult time, but I did not give up. The next year, I applied again and finally got admission.

To pay my college fees, I started giving tuition classes at home. I also saved money through a BC (Committee Savings). Step by step, I managed my expenses and completed my graduation.

After graduation, I had to take another one-year break because I needed to save money for my B.Ed. admission. Finally, after a lot of hard work, I got admission to B.Ed.

Even after joining B.Ed., many people at home believed that I would not be able to continue because the college is very far from my house. They thought I would get tired of

the long train journey and leave the course after a few days. But I never gave up. I am still continuing my studies with full determination.

This is the first time in my life that I have travelled such a long distance every day. Earlier, I knew nothing about travelling by train, but now I have learned everything. Joining B.Ed. has changed me. It has removed my fear, made me more confident, and taught me many valuable lessons.

My journey has not been easy, but every challenge has made me stronger. Today, I believe that with courage, patience and hard work, we can achieve our dreams, no matter how difficult life becomes.

Naseha Khan

The success of the Chalaang Scholarship Programme is made possible through the generosity of individuals and organisations who believe in the transformative power of education. This year, we are pleased to welcome and sincerely thank our new donors for joining us in empowering deserving students to pursue their aspirations.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to:

1. Sonathalia Rajkumari Mukund, through the kind offices of Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria
2. Shri Govind Lal Public Charitable Trust, through the kind offices of PN Akhil Sanghi
3. Vinod Keshavdeo Nevatia Charity Trust, through the kind offices of Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia

Their generosity opens doors to opportunity and contributes to shaping the next generation.

A Celebration of Freedom, Music and Hope

- **Around 300 children, families, doctors, Rotarians and Club members participated**
- **Patriotic music, storytelling and India-themed activities**
- **Doctors and teachers joined the children in the celebrations**
- **A morning of learning, music, patriotism and joy**

The Rotary Satellite Club of Bombay celebrated India's 79th Independence Day with children and families at Tata Memorial Hospital, bringing together around 300 children, parents, doctors, Rotarians and Satellite Club members for a morning of music, learning, patriotism and joy.

The programme began with an engaging story by Suditi on the significance of Independence Day, followed by a musical celebration of patriotic songs led by Chandrakant Solanki and his team, Joushua Katamala, Neha Kelkar and Chandrakant Solanki. Between the songs, Meha engaged the children with India-themed questions, making the programme

interactive and educational. The children enthusiastically sang and danced along with the Tata Memorial Hospital teachers and doctors.

Dr. Girish Chinnaswamy, Head of Pediatric Medical Oncology, addressed the gathering, followed by Dr. Nirmalya Roy Moulik, Professor, who also shared a few words with the children.

Dr. Venkata Ram Mohan Gollamudi, Dr. Dhruvi Pandya and Dr. Karpurgaur Shirsat joined the children in singing, adding to the festive spirit.

The celebration was attended by Satellite Club President Dev Shah, Neil, Anushka, Ashna, Faiz, Jehan, Meha and Suditi,

along with Rotarians and members of the hospital team.

A special thank you was extended to Rotary Club of Bombay President Manish Reshamwala for attending, supporting the children and encouraging the team. Gratitude was also expressed to the doctors and teachers at Tata Memorial Hospital for their wholehearted participation, and to Ms. Shalini Jatia, Head of ImpaCCT Foundation, whose support and coordination helped make the event possible.

It was a truly memorable celebration of India's Independence.



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DAY CELEBRATION



Independence Day at N.M. Joshi Marg School

- Over 100 Bhavishya Yaan students participated
- Patriotic songs, poems, dances and skits brought the celebration alive
- Students explored the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047
- Performances reflected India's journey from developing to developed



The NM Joshi students of Bhavishya Yaan celebrated Independence Day on 14th August, 2026, with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. More than 100 students participated in the programme, which began with the National Anthem, followed by a speech by English teacher Prasad Sir and an address by the Mentor on contributing towards Viksit Bharat.

The cultural programme opened with a speech by Trisha of Std V. Students of Stds III and IV then presented English songs, If You Love Your Country and Love My Country, through lively singing and enactments. Students of Stds V and VI followed with Yeh Bharat Desh.

An interactive presentation on Viksit Bharat by students of Stds V and VI combined humour with imaginative ideas about future technology, including drone-delivered pizzas and smart dustbins that could collect rubbish independently. This was followed by a dance performance by Std V students on Tiranga.

The senior students presented the patriotic poem Fire of Freedom, followed by a skit by Stds VIII, IX and X on Viksit Bharat 2047. Representing four generations, Gen Z, Alpha, Beta and Gamma, the performance depicted India's journey from a developing to a developed nation.

The programme concluded with an enthralling dance presentation on Viksit Bharatam by students of Stds VII and IX, leaving students and teachers filled with pride and joy. The celebrations will continue with the school programme on 15th August.



Navroz Mubarak

PARSI NEW YEAR NITE
2026



Women in their Parsi Gara outfits and men in their formal Daglis, 127 Rotarians in all, waltzed into Allbless Baug to the sound of beautiful, mellow music. Conversations amongst the Rotarian family began with small groups enthusiastically complimenting each other before heading towards the bar. Once their initial thirst was quenched, the celebrations picked up, thanks to Rtn. Anuksha Jagtiani and Rtn. Arish Dastur, who took over the microphone and belted out popular songs from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala, Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla and Rtn. Harish Jagtiani joined in as well, and the festivities reached an ear-numbing crescendo.

Once the call of "Jamva Chaalo Ji" was heard, members rushed for the first sitting of the Patru dinner, salivating over their banana leaves and eagerly awaiting authentic Parsi delicacies. Our vegetarian friends, not to be left out in any manner, had their silver thalis filled with mouth-watering khana.

Those who waited patiently for the second sitting were regaled with music galore and an open bar, while some members took to the floor with enthusiasm. It seemed to build up their appetites.

It was a wonderful and fulfilling fellowship, in the true spirit of Rotary!

Our sincere thanks to President Manish Reshamwala, who welcomed guests alongside First Lady Rakhee and their daughter, Rtn. Anushka. Special thanks also to our gracious hosts Rtn. Ptn. Soonnu Balsara and Rtn. Farokh Balsara, Rtn. Mahakhurshid Byramjee, Rtn. Hormusji Cama, Rtn. Ptn. Phiroza and Rtn. Dr. Aashish Contractor, Rtn. Ptn. Nilofer and Rtn. Murad Currawalla, Rtn. Arish Dastur, Rtn. Ptn. Yasmin and Rtn. Karl Divecha, Rtn. Ptn. Fernaz and Rtn. Mehernosh Dotivala, Rtn. Ptn. Naheed and Rtn. Rustom Gihwalla, Rtn. Ptn. Pervin and PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir, Rtn. Ptn. Faryal & Rtn. Homi Katgara, Rtn. Zinia Lawyer, Rtn. Arin and Rtn. Ptn. Percy Master, Rtn. Ptn. Zarina and PP Framroze Mehta, Rtn. Ptn. Anahita and Rtn. Darius Pandole, Rtn. Anita Paymaster, Rtn. Ptn. Navaz and Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla, Rtn. Ptn. Meher & Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala, Rtn. Ptn. Arnaz and Rtn. Phiroze Soonawalla, Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala, Rtn. Ptn. Franklin John, Rtn. Ptn. Avaan and Rtn. Jamshed Vakharia, PP Shernaz and Rtn. Ptn. Firoze Vakil.







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A Joyful Tribute to the Spirit of India



- Over 100 students, parents, teachers and community leaders joined the celebration.
- Past Presidents and senior Rotarians graced the event.
- 30 tables and yoga mats were donated by Satellite members.
- Jai Hind and Bharat Mata Ki Jai marked the spirited finale.



Lighthouse proudly celebrated India's 79th Independence Day with over 100 students, parents, teachers, Rotarians and community leaders in a vibrant celebration of patriotism, talent and community spirit.

The event was graced by Past Presidents, senior Rotarians and Satellite members. President Manish Reshamwala opened the event, while Chairman Rtn. Dilip Dalal gave the vote of thanks.

PP Satyan Israni felicitated the Machimar community head, Mr. Patil. PP Kalpana Munshi encouraged the children and led them in Vande Mataram. PP Preeti Mehta presented Taekwondo belts to the young achievers. PP Ramesh Narayan, who conceptualised the Lighthouse project, shared that the project will complete 10 years in 2027.

The celebration featured wonderful performances by students from The Great Freedom Journey, Simple Heroes and The Water Detectives: Mission Rainwater. Yoga and Taekwondo demonstrations showcased the children's discipline, confidence and talent.

The occasion also celebrated the spirit of giving, with Satellite members donating 30 small tables and yoga mats. Rtn. Meher Vakil brought snacks for the children, adding to the joy of the celebration.

The event concluded with a spirited 'Jai Hind' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai', leaving everyone inspired and proud.

Lighthouse continues to be a beacon of education, empowerment and community service.



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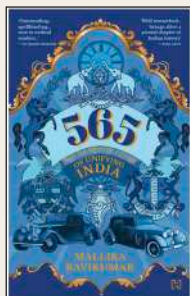
			
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NEXT TUESDAY:

August 25th, 2026: Author Mallika Ravikumar will address the Club on The Dramatic Story of Unifying India.



Mallika Ravikumar is a lawyer-turned-writer and the author of several acclaimed books published by leading houses, including Hachette, Penguin, Speaking Tiger, and Karadi Tales.

Her award-winning creative non-fiction book, 565: The Dramatic Story of Unifying India (Hachette), details the saga of the accession of princely states in 1947. Bringing to light the main personalities and lesser-known episodes behind the formation of modern India, the work received the FICCI Special Jury Award for Book of the Year – Non-Fiction (English) in August 2025.

Mallika is also an established

author of children's literature. Her novel The District Cup, which captures the hopes and dreams of young Indian footballers, won both the Bangalore Literature Festival Book Prize for Best Children's Fiction 2023 and the Binod Kanoria Children's Book Award 2023. Its sequel, The State League, was released last month to coincide with the FIFA World Cup.

Outside of her writing, Mallika is a passionate nature enthusiast. She runs the YouTube channel Tree Talk with Mallika Ravikumar, where she shares practical identification tips alongside myths, folklore, and literature centred around trees.

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