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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK-

RTN. MINISHAA I OBEROI

Dear Friends,

I warmly welcome you to the January edition of Aasha, our monthly magazine. The past month has truly been a inspired tapestry of purpose, celebration, and action. We began on a joyful note with a magical show at our RCC, setting the tone for the weeks ahead. That spark of enthusiasm carried forward into a series of impactful medical camps – first at Gurudwara Sri Guru Nanak Darbar, then Guru Nanak English High School and then at Vasant Oasis CHS Ltd– reaching many lives with essential healthcare services.

One of the proudest highlights of the month was our remarkable achievement at Rotal 2026 where our talented members brought home 12 awards in singing and dance. It was a moment of immense joy and pride for our club. Adding to this celebration was the honour of receiving 13 distinguished district recognitions – a true testament to the vibrant and consistent work we have put in throughout the year.

Our spirit of service was also evident as we supported in the Shaheedi Marathon on Republic Day, marking the occasion with both reflection and action. In the field of education, we inaugurated two smart classrooms, further strengthening our commitment to empowering young minds through better learning facilities.

We also shared a beautiful evening of fellowship at a special fireside celebration hosted by Shankar and Geetha, commemorating their 50th anniversary and Shankar's 75th birthday – a truly heartwarming gathering.

Our commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion shone brightly as we participated in the Gulabi Mela organized by the Humsafar Trust. We distributed smart cards to 30 members of the LGBTQ+ community, enabling them to shop with dignity and independence at Smart Bazaar – a small step toward greater inclusion and empowerment.

Another milestone we celebrated was the release of five editions of Aasha – something we are immensely proud of, made possible by the meaningful projects we undertake each month.

We were also fortunate to have Mr. Lucky Kasat, a dynamic and motivational Rotarian, address us. Using the timeless movie Sholay as a backdrop, he drew powerful lessons from its characters and their journeys, inspiring us to become better Rotarians and better human beings.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every member of this club. Your dedication, teamwork, and passion have made this journey deeply fulfilling and impactful. I am immensely proud of our Rotary family as we continue to grow, serve, and celebrate together.

With warm regards



PRESIDENT

RTN. MINISHAA I OBEROI

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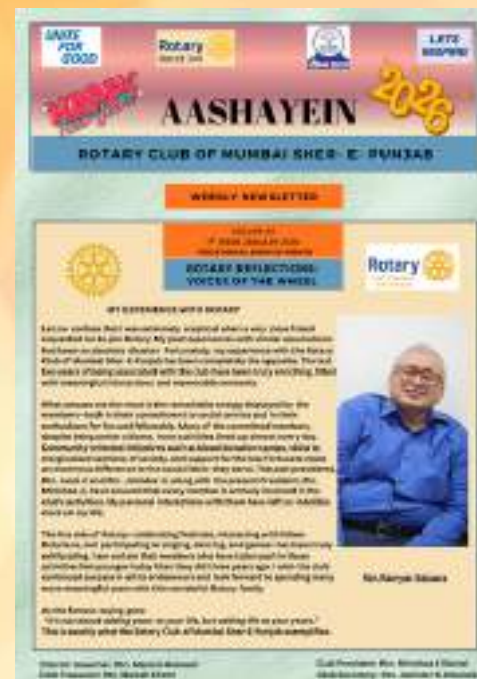
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Member Spotlight

JOTINDER S AHLUWALIA



Hobby: Singing, Geopolitics, Business Excellence & Quality

Favourite Actor: Hritik and Deepika

Favourite Book: The Goal - By Goldratt

Favourite Song: Kisi ki muskurahto pe ho nisaar...

Favourite Food: Mango, Peach, Guava

Favourite Destination: Singapore

Favourite Project: Harmony, Care for Transgenders

My Mantra: No one else is responsible for our woes, we ourselves are.

SEEMA BHOOCHER



Hobby: Cooking, gardening

Favourite Actor: Sharukh khan;/kajol

Favourite Book: Mills n Boon

Favourite Song: Ajeeb dastan hai yeh

Favourite Food: South indian

Favourite Fruit : Litchi

Favourite Project: with the special need children

My Mantra: Be happy n keep smiling always

AVNEET KAUR JULKA



Hobby: Dancing and Eating

Favourite Actor: Diljit Dosanjh

Favourite Restaurant: Mainland China

Favourite Colour: Red

Favourite Food: Indian and Chinese

Favourite Destination: Golden temple

Favourite Project: Baghban

My Mantra: Jiyo aur jine doo

MANOJ KUMAR SINHA



Hobby: Singing, Music, Sports

Favourite Actor: Amitabh Bachchan ,Rekha

Favourite Movie: Deewar

Favourite Song: Ye Jeevan Hai Iss Jeevan kaa

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Destination: Maldives

Favourite Project: National integration

My Mantra: Lokal Samantha sukhino Bhavantu

1st January 2026

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION FOR CHILDREN – WELCOME 2026

RCMSEP, along with RCC Jeevdani Sevaks, organized a New Year Celebration for Children on 1st January 2026 at Subhash Nagar. The highlight was a lively Magic Show by magician Veeru, sponsored by Rtn. Sehej Oberoi, which delighted the children. Children also enjoyed Vada Pav snacks, sponsored by Ms. Pawan Sharma.



4th January 2026

PROMOTING PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE THROUGH A FREE MEDICAL CAMP

RCMSEP, in collaboration with Chingari Shakti Foundation, CACR, and Sri Guru Nanak Darbar Gurudwara, and with the support of Rtn. Dr. Vaishali of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Kalakaar, Mrs. Sheela Yadav and Dr. Samiksha B. Seth, successfully organised a Free Medical Health Check-Up Camp on Sunday, 4th January 2026, at Sher-E-Punjab, Andheri East, benefiting 238 registered community members with comprehensive preventive healthcare services. The camp offered multiple free medical tests, consultations, medicines, eye check-ups with spectacles, and ECG services, with dedicated support from doctors, volunteers, and partner organisations, truly reflecting Rotary's commitment to Service Above Self.



5th January 2026



CYCLES OF HAPPINESS: A THOUGHTFUL DONATION INITIATIVE

RCMSEP generously donated 17 cycles, along with shoes, clothes, furniture, and a slide for children. These items were collected from various societies, refurbished, and then transported to the villages. The children of Safale and Shri Rajendra Honeycomb Bal Ashram in Bhayandar were overjoyed and expressed their heartfelt gratitude for these gifts.



5th January, 2026

FREE MEDICAL HEALTH CHECK - FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS & COMMUNITY



RCMSEP in association with Chingari Shakti Foundation and CACR organized a Free Medical Health Check-Up Camp on Monday, 5th January 2026 at Guru Nanak English High School, for teachers, parents and local residents, with 220 beneficiaries registered. The camp offered comprehensive preventive healthcare services including ECG, medical tests, dental services through the Government Dental Hospital dental van, free reading spectacles, and anemia screening with free medicines, reflecting Rotary's commitment to community health and service.



8th January 2026

BOD & CLUB MEETING WITH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER SESSION

RCMSEP Successfully conducted its BOD & Club Meeting followed by a Motivational Speaker Session on Thursday, 8th January 2026, at the Sher-E-Punjab Club (Poolside). The meeting focused on key administrative discussions, ongoing projects, and upcoming initiatives. This was followed by an inspiring session by Dr. Lucky Kasat, joined by members of the Rotary Club of Bombay Film City. His insights and motivational thoughts left the audience energized and inspired. The evening concluded with fellowship over dinner, making the event meaningful and memorable.



8th January, 2026

CO HOST : BLOOD DONATION DRIVE AT ANDHERI STATION

Blood shortages remain a constant challenge for hospitals, often becoming a matter of life and death for patients in critical need. Recognizing the urgency of this humanitarian cause, RCMSEP proudly co-hosted a large-scale blood donation drive in collaboration with 21 other clubs.

Through this collective effort, a total of 93 units of blood were successfully collected, significantly strengthening hospital blood banks. The initiative also reaffirmed Rotary's unwavering commitment to saving lives through Service Above Self.



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BLOOD DONATION CAMP

On 8th Jan. 2026 | From 9.30am To 5.30pm

At Andheri Railway Station

Lead Host Clubs

RC Bombay East • RCM Bandra Kurla Complex • RCM Juhu

Co-Hosted by

M North End	RCB Mahakali Heights	RCB Film City	RCM Nova	RCM Iconic	RCB Juhu Beach
M Khar	RCM Coastline	RCM Elegant	RCM Gen X	RCM Neo	RCM Versova
M North Island	RCB Airport	RCM Elegant Plus	RCM West End	RCM Royale	RCM Sher-E-Punj

Francesco Arezzo
RI President

Camp Co-ordinators
Anupkumar Chandarana
RCM North End

Babli Bhamra
RCB Mahakali Heights

Dr. Manish Motwan
District Governor

9th January, 2026

FREE MEGA HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP AT VASANT OASIS

RCMSEP, in collaboration with Chingari Shakti Foundation and Life of Gratitude, organized a Free Medical Health Checkup Camp on 9th January 2026 at Vasant Oasis, Marol, providing accessible healthcare to residents, staff, domestic maids and senior citizens, benefiting nearly 200 beneficiaries. The camp offered free medical consultations, blood tests, ECG, eye check-ups with free reading spectacles, anemia screening and dental check-ups conducted by the Government Dental Hospital team through its special dental van.



11th January, 2026

SWEEPING SUCCESS AT ROTAL 2025-26: A PROUD MOMENT FOR THE CLUB



RCMSEP shone at ROTAL 26, winning 12 awards across singing and dance categories, including multiple First Prizes in solo, pair and group events. The club also received two Special Club Awards for Maximum Number of Entries and Winners, celebrating the talent, enthusiasm, and vibrant spirit of its members, Rotaractors, and Interactors. Kudos to the club for its outstanding coordination and spirit—these remarkable performances not only brought home trophies but also left the audience inspired and cheering for more.



13th January, 2026

E-WASTE AWARENESS SPEAKER SESSION AT TOLANI COLLEGE OF COMMERCE



RCMSEP in association with Tolani College of Commerce (Autonomous), Andheri East, conducted an engaging E-Waste Awareness Speaker Session for Class 11 students, led by Rtn. Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia, highlighting the environmental and health impacts of improper e-waste disposal and the importance of authorised recycling. The highly interactive session concluded with a lively “Kaun Banega Green Warrior” Q&A, successfully inspiring young minds to adopt responsible electronic consumption and disposal practice.



16th January, 2026

FELLOWSHIP, MILESTONES & MEMORIES

RCMSEP conducted a BOD Meeting followed by a Club Meeting and a warm Fireside Meet, culminating in a celebration marked by togetherness and fellowship. Heartfelt thanks to Shankar Ji and Geetha Ji for graciously hosting the evening, celebrating their milestone birthdays and 50th wedding anniversary, with special appreciation to Jasbir for the engaging games and to all members and guests whose presence made the evening truly memorable.



18th January, 2026

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE : VIBRANT YEAR 2024-25

RCMSEP earned 13 prestigious recognitions at the District Awards held at NSCI on 18th January 2026 and proudly stood among the Top-7 clubs across the Mumbai District for maximum awards during the Vibrant Year 2024-25. These trophies, Platinum and Gold recognitions truly belong to our incredible members, partners and supporters and we are deeply grateful to every RCMSEP member for walking together on this vibrant journey of service. 🙏



20th January, 2026

COMPASSION IN ACTION – ANIMAL WELFARE INITIATIVE

RCMSEP supports food for about 10 to 12 stray cats that now stay on the building premises, ensuring they are neutered, well cared for, and provided with necessary health and medical support.



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23rd January, 2026


GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM IN SUPPORT OF HUMSAFAR TRUST, KALINA.

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab reaffirmed its commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) by organizing a Gift Card Distribution Program in support of Humsafar Trust, Kalina. The initiative was held on Friday, 23rd January 2026, at Smart Sahakari Bhandhar, Andheri East, where 30 members of Humsafar Trust were each provided with a gift card worth ₹1,500, amounting to a total project value of ₹45,000. This meaningful activity aimed to promote dignity, inclusion, and equality while supporting the LGBTQ+ community. The program reflected Rotary's core values of compassion and service, spreading joy and reassurance through thoughtful support. The event was led by Rtn. Minishaa I. Oberoi and Rtn. Kiran Srivastava, reinforcing Rotary's dedication to building a more inclusive and caring society.



24th January, 2026

SRISHTI 2026 – FASHION THAT BREATHES GREEN

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab organised SRISHTI  2026 – Fashion That Breathes Green, an eco-themed fashion show promoting sustainable and conscious fashion, on Saturday, 24th January 2026 at R.C. Maruti High School, Andheri (East). The show featured creative presentations using recycled clothing, jewellery, shoes and sarees, spreading the message of reuse and eco-friendly living. The project was led by Dr. Sunita Sharma. Choreography: Ms. Komal | Costume Designing: Ms. Neha Vishwakarma | Backstage Coordination: Ms. Salima | Make-up & Grooming: Ms. Shamim. The event was judged by Rtn. Pinky Rajgarhiya (Mrs. Asia Universe – 2017) and Rtn. Eakta Menon (Gladrags – Mrs. India – Finalist), whose presence inspired the participants. The programme saw enthusiastic student participation and strongly conveyed that fashion can be stylish, sustainable and environmentally responsible.





25th January, 2026

CLASSROOM BENCH DONATION INITIATIVE BY RCMSEP

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab supported Moreshwar Vidyalaya & Junior College, Moregaon (Nalasopara East) by facilitating the donation of 59 repurposed classroom benches from Swami Vivekanand School, Andheri East. The benches were placed across 2 classrooms, accommodating three students per bench in two shifts, benefiting approximately 374 students. Sincere thanks to Chingari Shakti Foundation for connecting the club with the donor school—reflecting Rotary’s commitment to education, sustainability and effective use of resources.



26th January, 2026

SHAHEEDI MARATHON – A RUN WITH PURPOSE AND PRIDE

On 26th Jan 2026, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab proudly supported the Shaheedi Run, organised by Gurudwara Sri Guru Nanak Darbar – Sher-E-Punjab Society, marking the 350th martyrdom year of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. The inclusive 4 km run/walk saw enthusiastic participation across all age groups. Medals and certificates were given to all participants, with trophies and cash prizes presented by MLA Shri Murji Bhai Patel. The initiative was led by Mr. Sunny Ahluwalia and Mr. Jasmeet Bhasin, with dedicated support from RCMSEP members.



26th January, 2026

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY, INCLUSION FELLOWSHIP : GULABI MELA 2026

On 26th January 2026, members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab attended Gulabi Mela 2026, organised by The Humsafar Trust at Canossa High School, Andheri (E). Through their presence, Rotarians expressed solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community, promoting inclusion, acceptance and equality, and reaffirming Rotary's commitment to compassion, diversity and Service Above Self.



27th January, 2026

INAUGURATION OF TWO SMART CLASSROOMS

On 27th January 2026, Rotary District 3141 inaugurated two Smart Classrooms at Sharada High School, Sakinaka, Mumbai, in the presence of Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani (District Governor, RID 3141). Implemented under the Urban Vocational Upliftment Program led by Rtn. Rajendran Unnikrishnan and spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan, the project saw the Rotary Club of Mumbai Sher-E-Punjab as a key partner along with 8 other Rotary Clubs. The Smart Classrooms will support interactive learning and future-ready education.



27th January, 2026

BOD & CLUB MEETING : PROJECTS & SPARKLE 2026

On 27th January 2026, a BOD and Club Meeting was held at Sher-E-Punjab Gymkhana, Andheri East, to review completed events and projects and to discuss the upcoming beauty pageant Sparkle 2026. Key actions were finalized and clear plans were put in place for effective execution.





RTN. JASJIT BHATIA

JASSI'S INCREDIBLE INDIA – FUN FACTS

1. The game of Chess originated in India. It was called Chaturanga and was invented during the Gupta Empire.
2. India has the largest postal network in the world, with over 1.5 lakh post offices – including one floating post office in Dal Lake, Srinagar!
3. The world's highest cricket ground is in Chail, Himachal Pradesh, built in 1893.
4. Shampoo was invented in India! The word “shampoo” comes from the Hindi word chāmpo, meaning to massage.
5. India is one of the few countries that has a national calendar in addition to the Gregorian calendar – the Saka Calendar.
6. The Kumbh Mela gathering is so large that it can be seen from space.
7. India is the world's largest producer of milk.
8. The famous stepwells of Gujarat and Rajasthan were advanced water conservation systems built centuries ago.
9. The Indian Railways is one of the largest railway networks in the world, carrying millions of passengers every day.
10. The Bandra-Worli Sea Link in Mumbai is built with steel wires that could circle the Earth almost once!

MEET OUR DISTRICT (3141) LEADERS

GAH : EVENTS & FESTIVALS - 2025-26

RTN. MEENAKSHI KHOSLA



The Rotary year 2025–26 has been a remarkable journey of celebration, collaboration, and meaningful fellowship for Rotary District 3141. Being entrusted with the responsibility of Group Avenue Head (GAH) – Events & Festivals has been both an honour and a deeply fulfilling experience.

Throughout the year, the district witnessed a vibrant tapestry of celebrations – Onam, Dandiya, Diwali, Christmas, the Beer & Wine Fest, and the Sankrant & Kite Festival – each organised with great enthusiasm and wholehearted participation. These memorable events were made possible through the unwavering support of our host club Presidents and dedicated convenors, whose meticulous planning ensured seamless execution and joyful fellowship.

A major highlight of the year was ROTAL, the district-level singing and dancing talent competition, which saw participation from over 250 exceptionally talented contestants. The energy, passion, and camaraderie displayed truly reflected the spirit of Rotary.

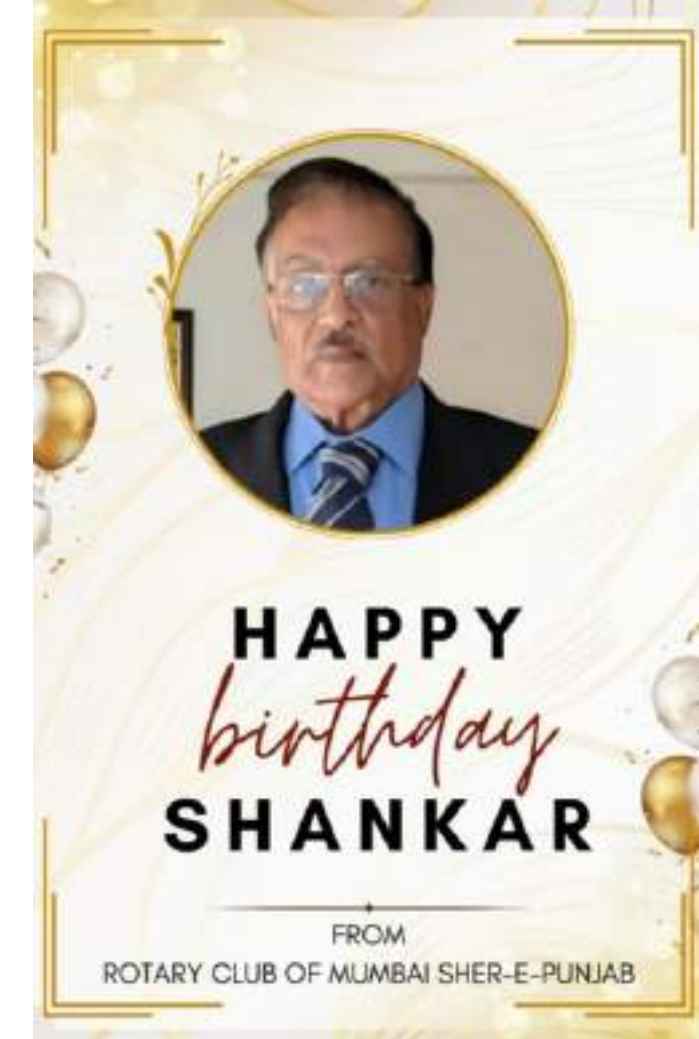
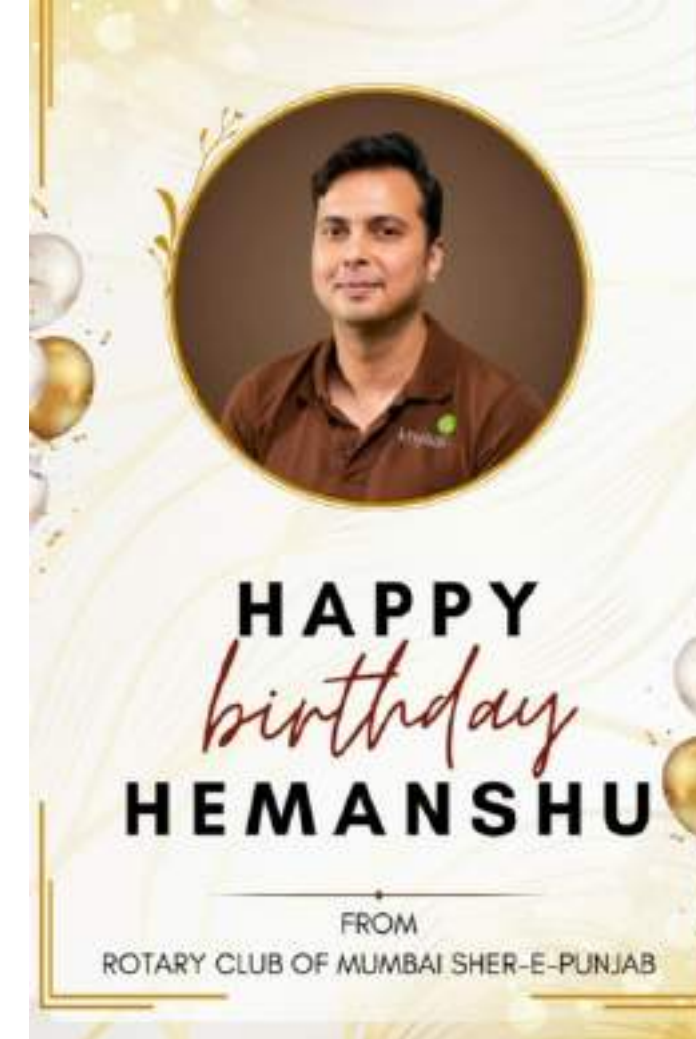
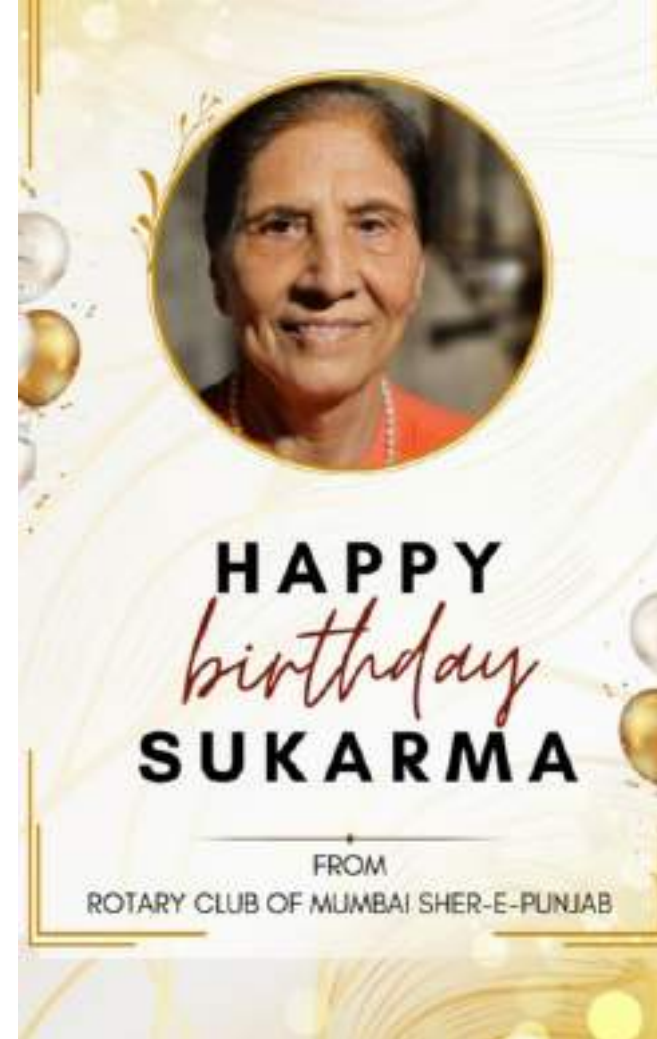
Each event was further enriched by the gracious presence and constant encouragement of our District Governor, Dr. Manish Motwani, and First Lady, Dr. Mahek Motwani. Their support and guidance inspired every team member and participant alike.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the host clubs and to my District Events & Festivals team for their dedication, enthusiasm, and unwavering support. Together, we truly embodied the Rotary spirit of fellowship, celebration, and Service Above Self.

Meenakshi Khosla



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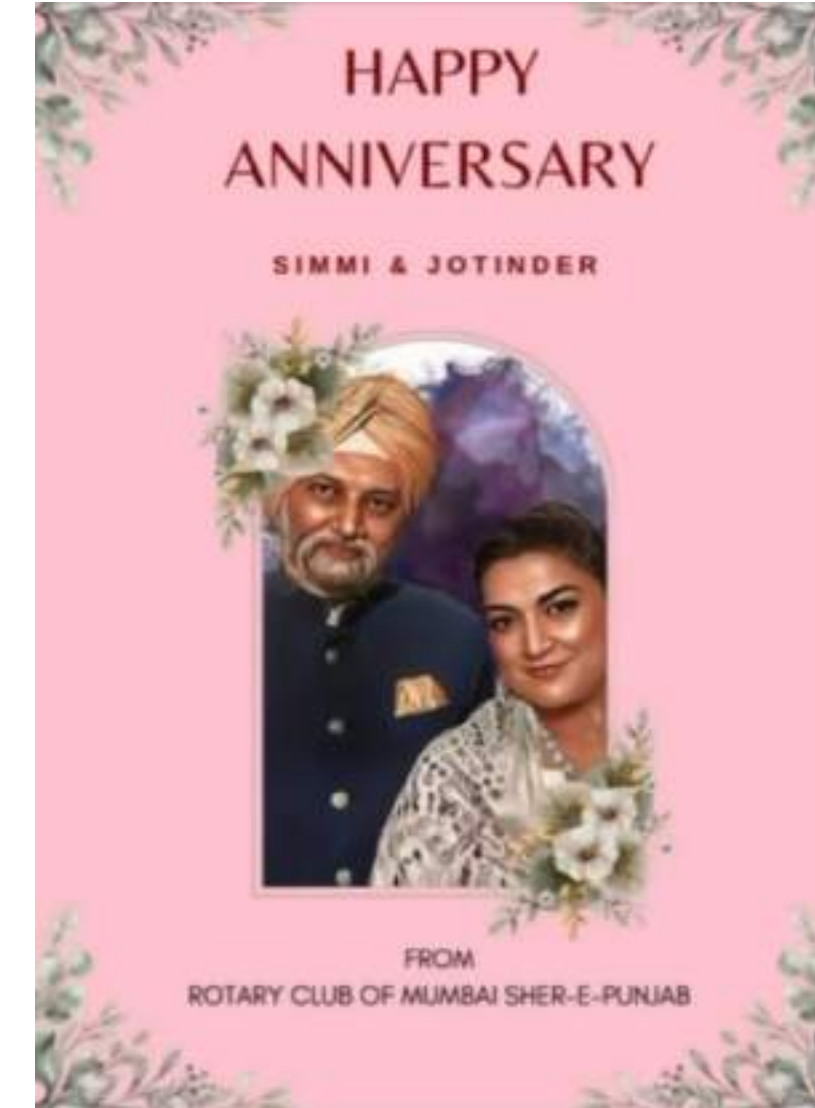
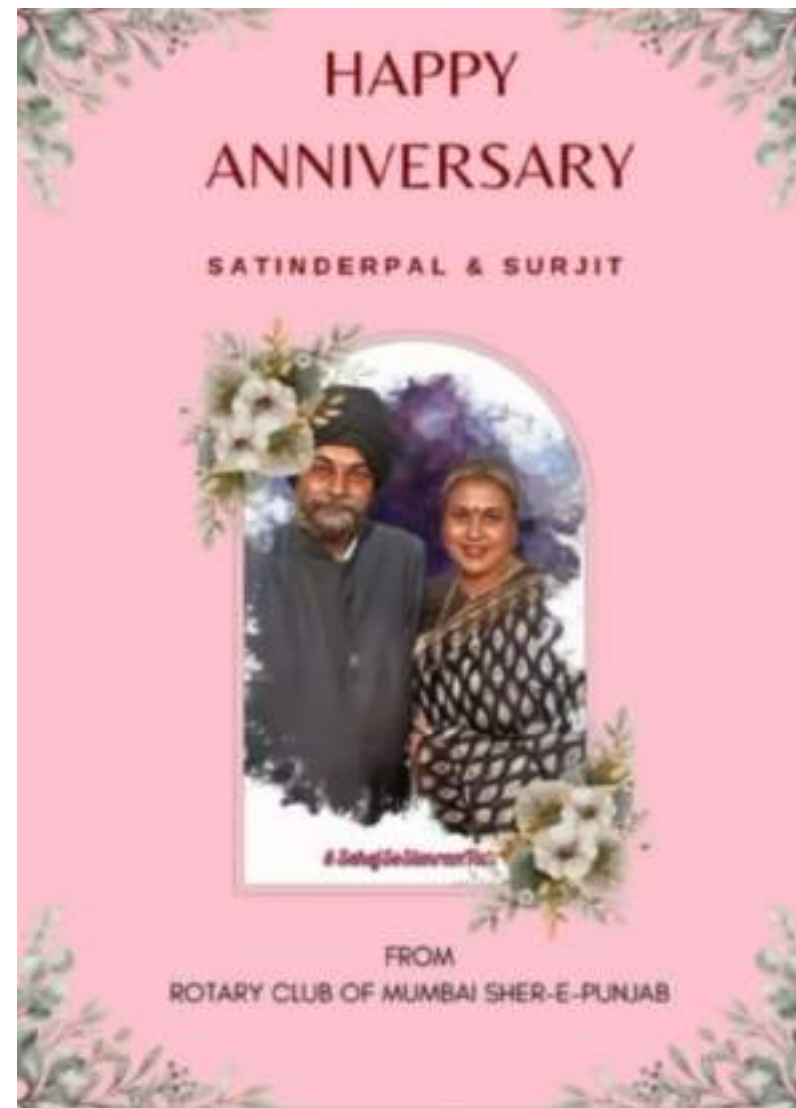
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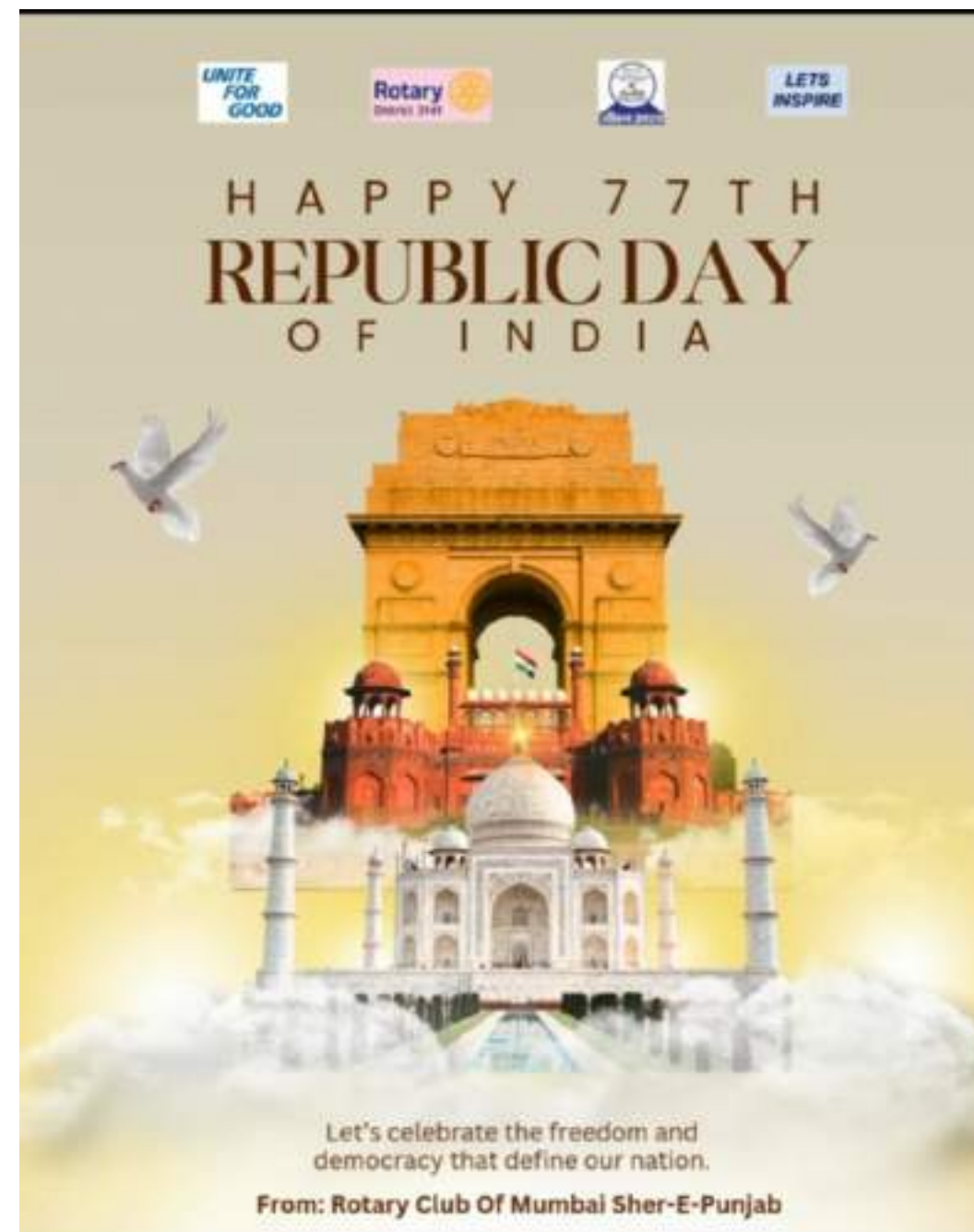
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Creative Corners: Rotary Family Showcase

Where Devotion Meets Stillness Bhavi Upadhay

When I created this image of Lord Ganesha, I wasn't thinking about technique – I was thinking about surrender.

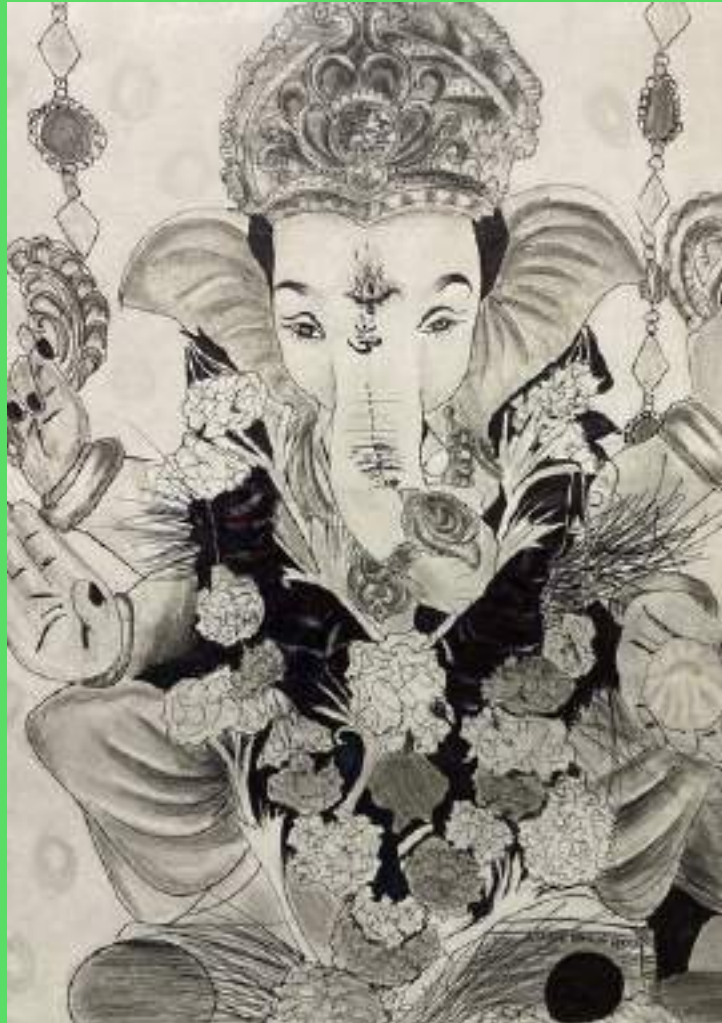
For me, Ganesha represents comfort. That quiet reassurance we seek before we begin something important. In this artwork, His eyes are calm, almost deeply understanding – as if He knows our worries before we speak them. I wanted His gaze to feel personal, not distant. A presence that listens.

The crown and ornaments are detailed, but they are not the focus. The true essence lies in the expression. There is serenity in His face, but also strength. The wide ears seem ready to hear every prayer. The trunk, steady and centered, symbolizes balance – reminding us to stay grounded even when life feels overwhelming.

The garland of flowers across His chest represents devotion – layered, imperfect, yet offered with love. The darker strokes running through the composition reflect life's challenges. They are bold and intense, just like our struggles. But they do not overpower Him. Instead, they coexist with beauty. That is what this piece depicts for me: peace does not mean absence of obstacles; it means remaining centered despite them.

The raised hand feels like assurance – a silent blessing that says, “You are protected.” The other hand holds wisdom and strength. Together, they embody compassion and courage. This artwork is not about grandeur. It is about emotion. It captures a moment of faith – the kind that steadies you before a new beginning. It depicts devotion, resilience, and the quiet power of belief.

When I look at this piece, I don't just see Ganesha. I feel calm. And that feeling is the true heart of this drawing.





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‘Happiness lies in the joy of giving.’

— Paul Harris
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