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From the President's Desk



As we reflect on the months from November 2025 to January 2026, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers has accomplished together.

This period has been a powerful reminder that meaningful service is not defined by isolated efforts, but by consistent, collective action driven by purpose. From life-saving Little Heart Operations to community nourishment through Meals on Wheels, from preventive healthcare camps to skill-building through vocational training, each initiative reflected Rotary's core ethos—Service Above Self.

The highlight of this journey was undoubtedly the Brookfield Properties Powai Run 2026. What began as a vision evolved into a movement that united thousands of individuals, organisations, and volunteers for a shared cause. The professionalism, discipline, and teamwork displayed by our Rotarians and partners reaffirmed the strength of our club.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to every Rotarian, volunteer, sponsor, and supporter who contributed time, resources, and energy. Your commitment transformed ideas into impact and intent into measurable outcomes.

As we move forward, let us continue to serve with compassion, integrity, and purpose—knowing that every effort, no matter how small, has the power to change lives.

Together, we don't just make a difference—we become the difference.

**Warm Regards,
Eakta Menon**

President, Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers

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From the Editorial Desk



The period from November 2025 to January 2026 reflects Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers' unwavering commitment to service, collaboration, and impact. Each initiative undertaken during this quarter reinforced Rotary's mission of transforming lives through sustained action and compassion.

This edition of Lakers Lighthouse captures not just milestones, but the people and purpose behind them.

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HEALING LITTLE HEARTS: Pediatric Cardiac Care Initiative



One of the most impactful initiatives during this period was the Little Heart Operations Project, focused on providing life-saving cardiac surgeries for underprivileged children suffering from congenital heart defects.

Through strategic partnerships and meticulous coordination, the club facilitated access to quality medical care for children whose families otherwise could not afford such treatment. Beyond surgeries, the initiative restored hope to families and reaffirmed the club's belief that every child deserves a healthy start in life.

Impact Highlight:

Saving young lives while easing emotional and financial burdens on families.

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MEALS ON WHEELS: Nourishment with Dignity.



Hunger relief remained a critical priority with the continuation of the Meals on Wheels initiative. During this period, freshly prepared and nutritious meals were distributed to senior citizens, daily wage workers, and vulnerable communities.

More than food, the initiative delivered care, dignity, and reassurance—ensuring that no one was left behind during times of economic and social vulnerability.

Impact Highlight:

Sustained food support for those most in need, reinforcing Rotary's commitment to basic human dignity.

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EYE & MEDICAL CAMPS:

Preventive Care at the Grassroots

The club organized Eye Check-up and General Medical Camps, bringing essential healthcare services closer to underserved populations. These camps enabled early diagnosis, vision correction, and basic medical consultations, significantly improving quality of life for many beneficiaries. The initiative reflected the club's proactive approach to healthcare—focusing on prevention, accessibility, and awareness.

Impact Highlight:

Affordable and accessible healthcare for communities with limited medical access.



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VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE: Empowerment Through Skills

True to Rotary's focus on sustainable development, the Vocational Centre Training Programs continued to equip individuals with employable skills. Training initiatives during this quarter supported livelihood generation, self-reliance, and long-term economic empowerment.

By investing in skills, the club helped individuals transform opportunities into income and confidence into capability.

Impact Highlight:

Creating pathways to employment and entrepreneurship through skill development.



251 children trained in basic computer skills



English-speaking and tailoring classes in progress



Sewing Machine Donation for Women's Livelihood

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HEALTH & CARE FOR THE GALLERIA COMMUNITY

The Service Week began with a focused Blood Check-up and Eye Camp for shop owners, staff, and workers at Galleria Shopping Centre, Powai. Conducted in association with Tejaswani Mahila Mandal, the initiative ensured preventive health screening for those who often place work before well-being.

Routine blood tests and eye examinations enabled early identification of health concerns, reinforcing Rotary's belief that accessible healthcare is the first step towards a healthier community.



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CYBER CRIME AWARENESS FOR STUDENTS

Recognising the growing digital risks faced by young minds, Rotary Lakers conducted Cyber Crime Awareness Workshops at Chandrabhan Sharma College, Powai Vihar and Gurunanak School, Vikhroli.

Students were sensitised to online safety, cyber frauds, social media responsibility, and personal data protection. These interactive sessions empowered youth with knowledge—equipping them not just to stay safe online, but to become informed digital citizens.



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BLOOD DONATION CAMP EVERY DROP COUNTS

On 4th November, Rotary Lakers partnered with Team Global to organise a Blood Donation Camp at Times Square Building. With the belief that every drop can save a life, donors came forward in large numbers, turning compassion into action. The camp reinforced the message that blood donation is one of the simplest yet most powerful ways to serve humanity.



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BREAST CANCER SCREENING & AWARENESS CAMP

Community health took centre stage with a Breast Cancer Screening, Awareness, and Medical Camp at Sangharsh Nagar Community Hall, Chandivali.

The camp focused on early detection, awareness, and access to medical guidance—especially for women from underserved sections. Through screenings and counselling, the initiative aimed to remove fear, encourage timely diagnosis, and save lives through awareness.



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SENIOR CITIZEN DAY CELEBRATION HONOURING OUR ELDERS

The Service Week concluded on an emotional and heartfelt note with a Senior Citizen Day Celebration at Heaven Old Age Home, Bhandup.

An afternoon filled with love, laughter, and gratitude, the event honoured the hands that built our present. Rotary members spent time engaging with the residents, sharing stories, smiles, and moments of joy—reminding everyone that dignity, respect, and companionship are as important as material support.



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THE EARTH BAG PROJECT

Small Steps Towards a Greener Tomorrow

As part of its Youth Avenue initiatives, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers, through its Rotaract Clubs, conducted The Earth Bag Project at the Vocational Centre and Guru Nanak School. The initiative sensitised children to sustainability and responsible consumption by highlighting the harmful effects of single-use plastic and the importance of reusable cloth bags.

Through an interactive, hands-on session, students designed and painted their own cloth tote bags, creatively expressing nature-inspired themes and eco-friendly messages. Beyond creativity, the project encouraged students to become young ambassadors of change, spreading awareness about sustainable practices within their homes and communities.

The Earth Bag Project successfully combined creativity with purpose, reinforcing that environmental responsibility begins at a young age.



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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

Dec 16, 2025, was a Red Letter Day for the residents of "Heaven Old Age Home" Bhandup!

That's when members of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers, visited them, to share the joy of Christmas.

Kamya, Jasmine, Kamal were joined for the afternoon, by Melody, (a teacher for differently abled children at IIT Bombay), on her guitar, and her daughter Sanaa - we sang old favourite Christmas Carols, like Jingle Bells, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, and a few Hindi Carols too.

The senior residents joined in with gusto, singing and dancing enthusiastically, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

Melody also shared the Christmas message with them, and had a fun quiz, which they enjoyed.

Snacks were then served. Keeping in mind their frail health, home made refreshments were offered. Dhoklas by Kamya, Sandwiches by Manju and Christmas cake, followed by tea and coffee.

A burner which was much needed, and appreciated, was gifted to them, on behalf of Chetna.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH SENIOR CITIZENS

In the Spirit of Giving, the evening ended, with Shawls being presented to them by Kamyra, in view of the coming winter months, which were predicted to be cold - these were much appreciated.

The elderly residents told us, they had enjoyed themselves tremendously, and wanted to know when we would visit them again.

All in all, a heartwarming and enjoyable afternoon for us all!



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POWAI RUN PRESS CONFERENCE & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In the lead-up to Powai Run 2026, the club hosted a Press Conference on December 12th, generating strong media interest and public awareness. The interaction successfully highlighted the cause, scale, and community-driven spirit of the event, encouraging wider participation and stakeholder support.





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DRIVING CHANGE, ONE PINK AUTO AT A TIME Empowerment On Wheels

On 11th January, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers marked a proud milestone in its Pink Auto initiative with the flag-off of 20 Pink Autos at Powai. The moment was made even more meaningful with the support of Brookfield Properties, CSR Partner of the Powai Run.

The Pink Auto project is more than a mobility initiative—it is a powerful step towards women's empowerment and financial independence. By enabling women drivers to earn with dignity and confidence, the initiative creates ripple effects that uplift families and strengthen communities.

Flagged off in the spirit of the Powai Run, the event symbolised movement with purpose—where fitness, social responsibility, and inclusivity come together. Each Pink Auto represents a story of courage, opportunity, and progress on Mumbai's roads.

With committed partners and sustained community support, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers continues to drive impact beyond events—transforming lives, one journey at a time.



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POWAI RUN JANUARY 11, 2026 Building Momentum Through Purpose



Held on January 11, 2026, the Powai Run emerged as a landmark event, bringing together citizens, corporates, volunteers, and changemakers for a shared cause. Beyond fitness, the run symbolized unity, social responsibility, and the power of collective action.

The event reinforced the club's reputation for organizing high-impact, well-coordinated community initiatives with a strong social message.

Impact Highlight:
A city-wide movement promoting health, awareness, and community participation.



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THE POWAI RUN CARNIVAL: Where Community Came Alive

Adding vibrancy to the event was the Powai Run Carnival, which transformed the run into a complete family experience.

The carnival featured:

- Food and refreshment stalls
- Interactive activities and engagement zones
- Music, cheer squads, and festive energy
- Spaces where families, children, and supporters celebrated together

The carnival embodied the spirit of Powai—inclusive, energetic, and joyful, ensuring that even non-runners felt part of the movement.



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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: Winners & Achievers

The competitive spirit of Powai Run 2026 shone through as winners across multiple categories were celebrated for their performance, endurance, and determination.

- Winners and podium finishers across distance categories
- Age-group achievers
- Special recognitions for spirited participation



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CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: Winners & Achievers

The 10 KM Run at the Brookfield Properties Powai Run 2026 witnessed remarkable performances by seasoned runners and first-time participants alike. Demonstrating endurance, discipline, and competitive spirit, the winners exemplified the true essence of running for fitness and for a cause.

WOMENS

RANK	NAME	BIB NO	FINISH TIME
1	Kashish Malhotra	11512	00:51:55
2	Ishita Malhi	11205	00:53:35
3	Anupama Kamalam	10644	00:53:58

MENS

RANK	NAME	BIB NO	FINISH TIME
1	Rochishnu Rawool	10781	00:37:31
2	Salman Shaikh	12329	00:38:27
3	Takashi Doi	10742	00:40:26

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NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

Powai Run 2026 Impact Snapshot



Powai Run 2026 proved that when a community comes together, the results go far beyond the finish line.

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WITH GRATITUDE & PRIDE

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers extends its deepest appreciation to everyone who made the journey from November 2025 to January 2026 truly meaningful.

To our **Rotarians**—for your leadership, dedication, and unwavering commitment.

To our **Volunteers**—for working tirelessly, often behind the scenes.

To our **Sponsors** and **Partners**—for believing in the cause and strengthening our impact.

To our **Runners** and **Participants**—for showing up with heart, energy, and purpose.

To our **Medical teams, civic authorities, and support staff**—for ensuring safety and professionalism.

Every contribution—big or small—played a vital role in creating lasting change.

As we move forward, we carry not just memories, but responsibility—to serve better, reach farther, and impact deeper.

Thank you for being part of our journey.

Together, we light the path forward.



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