



THE BANDRA GYMKHANA

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Dr. Cheryl Misquitta

Dear Esteemed Members,

Reflecting on the past months at The Bandra Gymkhana fills me with pride as we recount our diverse and enriching activities.

We inaugurated our new library, fostering a love for reading and knowledge sharing. The May Queen Ball was a delightful evening of elegance and community spirit. Our Annual Thanksgiving Mass and Rosary provided a moment of spiritual reflection and unity.

Children celebrated World Ocean Day with engaging activities in the library, while our Senior Citizens Social brought warmth and joy to all attendees.

Sports enthusiasts showcased their skills in the Members Snooker Handicap Tournament and Round Robin Badminton Tournament, promoting friendly competition and skill development.

We introduced Pickleball, offering free training sessions that have quickly become popular among our members.

The Medical Mantra Series, in collaboration with The Holy Family Hospital, offered valuable health insights and check-ups, reinforcing our commitment to community wellness.

Looking forward, we remain dedicated to enhancing our facilities.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiastic participation.

Warm regards,

Dr. Cheryl Misquitta
President, The Bandra Gymkhana

Grand Opening of our Rejuvenated Library



We're thrilled to announce the grand opening of our rejuvenated library, inaugurated by the late Rev. Mgr. Braz D'Monte.

With dedication and support, from the unwavering support of our management team to our diligent staff, we've transformed this space into a beacon of knowledge and enlightenment.

Special thanks to Llewellyn, Rochelle Almeida, and Everilda Dmello for their invaluable contributions. Let's honor the past and embrace this opportunity for curiosity and learning.

Welcome to the library—a sanctuary for inspiration.

May Queen Ball



We're thrilled to share that the May Day social was an unforgettable evening, thanks to the electrifying performance by the band Soul Strings. Their captivating tunes had everyone on their feet, dancing the night away. It was a celebration filled with joy, laughter, and memorable moments. A huge thank you to Soul Strings for rocking our event and making it a night to remember!

The Annual Thanksgiving Mass



We were honoured to celebrate our Annual Thanksgiving Mass, commemorating Our Founders Day with reverence and gratitude. On the 4th of May 1935, his excellency Lord Brabourne, the then governor of Bombay, inaugurated our Gymkhana pavilion, a testament to the visionary efforts of our late founder, Dr. D. A D'Monte.

This year's celebration was graced by his Lordship Bishop Allwyn D'Silva, who led a moving mass joined by nine other esteemed priests. A heartfelt thank you to our Choir, led by Sarita Manchanda, whose melodious voices added depth and meaning to the service. As we reflect on our rich history and look towards the future, let us continue to honour the spirit of community, gratitude, and service embodied by our founders.

Upgrades and Maintenance Completed



We're excited to announce the recent upgrades to some of our facilities. Snooker Table 1 now features new steel block cushions and a fresh table cloth, enhancing the playing experience for all. Additionally, we've performed maintenance on the cushions of Table 3 for optimal performance. Our table tennis flooring has also been refurbished and polished to provide enthusiasts with the ultimate playing surface.

The Bandra Gymkhana Open Women's Throw Ball Tournament - 2024



Celebrating Strength, Celebrating Women

We had an incredible event with 10 teams participating! A huge thank you to Joyelle Fiahlo, captain of The Bandra Gymkhana Team, along with our sports secretary Derrick Drego for organizing the tournament.

The energy was electrifying as our president, Dr. Cheryl Misquitta, felicitated the players after the tournament.

Winners:

🥉 3rd Place: Invincibles - 🥈 2nd Place: Fire Crackers - 🏆 1st Place: Super Fires - Best Player: Riya Lalwani

Rosary: An Evening in Prayer



The Rosary, a cherished and time-honoured tradition, brought us together in a profound act of communal prayer. As we recited the sacred mysteries, our hearts and minds united in seeking divine guidance, solace, and blessings. This practice has not only strengthened our faith but has also fostered a deep sense of community, reminding us of the power of shared worship and spiritual connection.

Celebrating World Ocean Day



Thank you to all our members for the overwhelming response to the recent initiative organized by the Library section. We're excited to announce that we will be planning more events focused on important issues, including activities centered around the environment. Today, environmental awareness is more crucial than ever!

A special thanks to Monika Dev for captivating the children with her wonderful storytelling session. The kids were very engaged and had a great time!

We also extend our gratitude to Yolanda Ferreira for conducting a creative workshop on ocean conservation, teaching the kids the importance of saving our oceans.

NEON Night



A mesmerizing night at The Bandra Gymkhana's Neon Night! Vdj Ryan lit up the evening with incredible mixes that had everyone dancing. It was incredible to see so many young people enjoying themselves. At The Bandra Gymkhana, we are committed to providing a safe and vibrant environment for the youth to experience top-notch clubbing music. Join us for more unforgettable nights ahead! 🎵 🎉

Members' Snooker Handicap Tournament 2024



Over the span of a week, 28 talented participants battled it out on the green baize, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship.

In a thrilling finale, Vivek Chandy emerged victorious, clinching the championship title by defeating Steffis Gomes in a gripping match. In the 3rd place we had Rohan Fernandes and the most promising player was given to Calvin Titus. The moment of triumph was graced by the presence of our President Dr. Cheryl Misquitta, who bestowed the well-deserved awards and accolades upon the winners.

Highlighting the spirit of community and encouragement, Dr. Cheryl Misquitta also announced plans to initiate coaching programs for young adults and women eager to delve into the intricacies of this elegant sport. It's not just about winning; it's about nurturing passion and talent for snooker among future generations.

PICKLEBALL - Free Coaching for Members



The Bandra Gymkhana introduced another thrilling new sport for our members, complete with free coaching for the first two weeks. Members came and experienced the fastest-growing sport in the country. Whether they had played tennis, squash, badminton, or table tennis, everyone enjoyed this exciting new game.

Senior Citizen Social



We recently hosted a heartwarming Senior Citizen Social at The Bandra Gymkhana, and it was a joyous day for all. Our wonderful seniors enjoyed a delightful day filled with dancing, playing various games, and engaging in an exciting housie session. The laughter and togetherness created beautiful memories that will be cherished for a long time.

Members' Badminton Round Robin Tournament



The Members' Badminton Round Robin Tournament at The Bandra Gymkhana was a great success, featuring 48 entries organized into 4 competitive teams. Participants displayed impressive skills and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, engaging in exciting matches that kept spectators on the edge of their seats. The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony where our President, Dr. Cheryl Misquitta, presented awards to the deserving winners. Her presence added a special touch to the evening, highlighting the strong sense of community and competitive spirit that define our gymkhana.

The Medical Mantra Series at The Bandra Gymkhana!

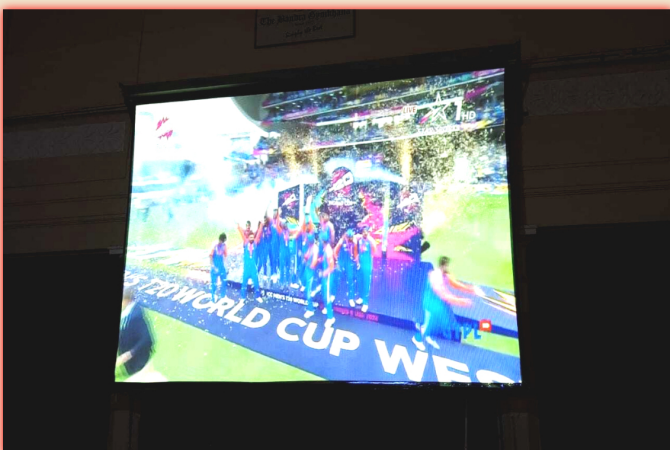


In association with The Holy Family Hospital, The Bandra Gymkhana introduced The Medical Mantra Series and conducted a Free Check-Up Camp for our members. This program focused on important topics related to gastro-liver, pancreas, and gallbladder health. Reputed doctors in the field of Gastroenterology provided valuable insights, ensuring a highly informative and beneficial experience for all attendees.



We plan to continue The Medical Mantra Series every month, offering our members regular opportunities to benefit from these vital health check-ups. We encourage all members to take full advantage of these sessions to stay informed and proactive about their health.

Live Telecast of the T20 World Cup Finals



The Bandra Gymkhana screened the T20 World Cup finals between India and South Africa. India ended their 13-year wait for an ICC Cricket World Cup trophy! The thrilling match kept everyone on the edge of their seats, culminating in a nail-biting finish. As India clinched victory, the crowd erupted in cheers, and we all celebrated together. The atmosphere was vibrant, with joyous celebrations and a sense of national pride. It was truly a spectacular night, filled with excitement and unforgettable moments.

SATURDAY - Bar Night



A Spectacular Evening at The Bandra Gymkhana's Bar Night!

Bar Night at The Bandra Gymkhana was an event to remember! VDJ Ryan captivated the crowd with his dynamic beats and vibrant energy. The anticipation was palpable as members and guests flocked to the venue, eager to enjoy a night of music and celebration.

The atmosphere was electric, with the bar area buzzing and the dance floor alive with enthusiastic dancers. VDJ Ryan played a mix of classic favorites and current hits, keeping everyone on their feet and creating an exhilarating vibe that was hard to resist.

As the night came to an end, a feeling of joy and satisfaction filled the air. The Bar Night proved once again why it is one of the most cherished events at The Bandra Gymkhana.



Wednesday Nights at The Bandra Gymkhana!



At The Bandra Gymkhana, Wednesday Nights have become synonymous with vibrant musical celebrations, eagerly anticipated by our esteemed members. These evenings, filled with captivating live performances, are a cherished highlight of our social calendar.

Our recent Wednesday Nights featured an incredible lineup of bands including XaniCroy, Music Fever featuring Jona & Nash, and Melanie & Joe. Each act delivered an unforgettable musical journey, captivating and inspiring everyone in attendance.

Members reveled in the diverse musical genres and styles, coming together to share moments of pure joy and connection as they danced the night away.