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USCA CHETI CHAND - 14th MARCH 2026



USCA lit up the spirit of Cheti Chand with a power-packed evening of culture, celebration, and Sindhi pride! The festivities kicked off with the soulful Bhairano Pooja, invoking the blessings of Lal Sai Jhulelal, asking him for his grace and bebovelence, setting an auspicious tone for all present.

The evening quickly transitioned into an engaging and thought-provoking talk by Shakun Kimatrai, whose talk, "Backwards to surge Forwards", was an insightful conversation on the wisdom of the Sindhis and how it's important for each one of us to delve into that wisdom to move forward. Sharing the logic for what seemed like old wives' tales made us appreciate the depth of knowledge that our forefathers had and how it is our responsibility to keep this alive to pass on to our next generations. USCA is proud to be part of this effort!

Adding depth and emotion to the event was a special exhibit on the Lost Homeland of Sindh by the Partition Museum, Delhi. The powerful video installation, capturing the events of Partition and the story of Sindh, offered a moving and reflective experience for all present.



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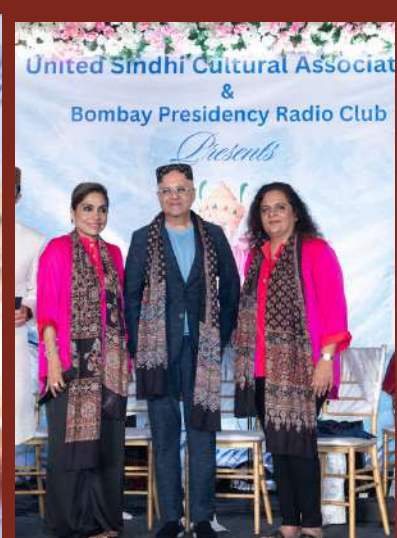
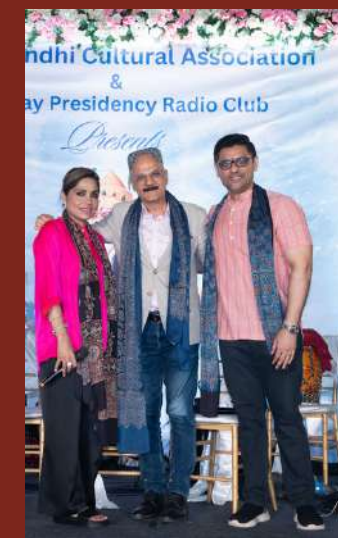


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The energy soared with a lively tête-à-tête hosted by the gorgeous Simran Ahuja, featuring dynamic Sindhi voices — Kiara Ochhani, Mohit Mordani, and Vik Khatwani — who inspired the audience with their journeys and passion.

The vibrant food and shopping stalls added a festive buzz to the evening, with attendees indulging in delicious Sindhi delicacies and exploring a curated selection of products.

A proud and heartfelt moment followed with the felicitation of exceptional Sindhi achievers — Harshita Rawtani, Kanchan Pamnani, Kamal Khushlani, Manju Utamchandani, and Manoj Gursahani — celebrating excellence and inspiring the next generation.



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The grand finale by Kamlesh Kapoor brought the house down, ending the evening on an electrifying high! An unforgettable celebration of heritage, talent, and togetherness — truly capturing the vibrant spirit of the Sindhi community.



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WEAR, SHARE, CARE

USCA recently collaborated with Khubadadi Amil Panchayat (KAP) to conduct a pre-loved clothes donation drive on March 27th and 28th, 2026.

Close to a tempo load of pre-loved clothes was collected and these were sent to KAP for distribution to the underprivileged in areas of Ulhasnagar.

A huge, heartfelt thank you to the Jhulelal Mandir Trust, Cuffe Parade who provided us with their temple premises as a collection point. Your support made our drive possible and a success.

It's heartwarming to see the community come together to give these clothes a second life. Big thanks to everyone who contributed to making this drive so impactful!



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WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS..WITH A DIFFERENCE



To mark Women's Day, USCA, in association with Nanhe Kadam Prison Creches, distributed hygiene kits to undertrial women at Byculla Jail on 6th March. This was our contribution towards supporting their dignity and well-being. A big thanks to the Nanhe Kadam team for this opportunity.



MAHASHIVRATRI



The Federation of Cuffe Parade & USCA put together a beautiful & divine experience on the sacred night of Maha Shivaratri. All who gathered experienced the meeting with the Shiva Energy.

Thank you to G.D Somani school, Sarita Joshiji, Harish Hathiramani, Anand Sheth for making this event so special.



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SINDHI FOOD WALK WITH RIDDHI JOSHI - 22ND FEB, 2026



DID YOU KNOW?

Many iconic food establishments in Sindhi Chembur Camp were started by Partition-era migrants who rebuilt from scratch.

For more such stories, flavours & history join us on the guided Sindhi Chembur Camp Food Walk by historian Riddhi Joshi.

22nd February, Sunday

For More Details



16 enthusiastic foodies trekked off to Chembur on a Sunday morning in February to explore an authentic Sindhi Breakfast experience. Food historian, Riddhi Joshi regaled them with the origins of Chembur Sindhi Camp and gave them a taste of the specialities of this community and area.

USCA is proud of it's efforts to spread the Sindhi culture, cuisine and roots!

Next Food Walk coming up soon!



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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE: 200 BIRTHDAYS IN ONE DAY!



For most, February 14th is about Valentine's Day, but for Vatsalya Foundation, it is the most special day of the year, since they celebrate the birthdays of the 200 children across all their centres on this day. These children are abandoned or come from broken families & Vatsalya Foundation looks after them and tries to provide them with a normal childhood.

USCA participated in this year's celebration by sending some gifts and snacks for all the 200 kids, adding some cheer & joy to their festivities!

It is a privilege for USCA to be part of such a deeply moving tradition. Seeing the smiles on the faces of these 200 champions is the greatest reward we could ask for.

To,
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Thank you

Lots of love

From-The Vatsalya
Foundation



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USCA TREASURE HUNT - DISCOVERING CULTURE THROUGH CLUES



On 8th February, the United Sindhi Cultural Association (USCA) organised a Sindhi Treasure Hunt—a never before held, exciting and innovative event that brought the community together in a truly meaningful way. What made it unique was its theme: every clue led participants to a Sindhi landmark, turning the city into a living map of shared heritage.

Teams raced across familiar yet often overlooked spaces, solving clues that tested their wit while reconnecting them with iconic Sindhi hubs. The experience blended fun with nostalgia, as participants rediscovered places that hold cultural significance and personal memories. More than just a game, the Treasure Hunt fostered teamwork, bonding, and a deeper sense of identity, especially for younger participants discovering these landmarks for the first time. A first-of-its-kind initiative, the USCA Treasure Hunt proved that celebrating culture can be immersive, engaging, and truly unforgettable.



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It's the success of events like this with participants from across the city that gives USCA the encouragement to spread our culture in innovative ways.

A BIG Thanks to the gifting partners: Bhojan Bazaar, OOR, My Daily Bread, Scissors Edge whose generous gifts added more excitement to a fun event and to World of Palates for the use of their restaurant for all our participants post the event.

The event was organised by Roopali of Sentiments Chocolates.



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BREAST CANCER SCREENING & FOOD DISTRIBUTION DRIVE



USCA began the new year with compassion and purpose. On 24th January, we organised a food distribution drive in collaboration with Anchor Foundation at KEM Hospital, extending support to patients and families courageously battling cancer. We are deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve and contribute in a small way to a cause that touches so many lives.



USCA, in collaboration with Rotary Club of Bombay Pier and Nana Palkar Smruti Samiti, successfully conducted the Breast Cancer Screening Camp on 5th December at Radio Club. We extend our sincere gratitude to the Rotary Club of Bombay Pier, the Nana Palhar Smruti Samiti and to all the 29 participants for prioritising their health and supporting this important initiative.

Together, we continue to promote awareness, early detection, and community wellbeing.



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GURU PURAB 2025 - A DIVINE CELEBRATION



USCA was deeply humbled and honoured to celebrate the sacred occasion of Guru Nanak Jayanti, bringing together the community in a spirit of devotion, gratitude, and togetherness. The day began at the break of dawn with a serene Prabhat Pheri starting from Cuffe Parade at 6:30 am, as devotees walked in prayerful harmony stopping at Vaswani Gardens, for tea and Hath Prasad, and moving to Issardas Darbar for the Ardas, seeking divine blessings for all.



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The celebrations then moved to the Radio Club, where the soulful renditions of bhajans by the raagis filled the atmosphere with devotion and peace. The heartfelt music drew a large gathering of devotees, all coming together to immerse themselves in the spiritual essence of the day.

The highlight of the celebration was the Langar Prasad, a true reflection of selfless service and unity, where over 1200 people partook in the meal. It was a moving sight to witness volunteers and community members come together in the spirit of seva, embodying the timeless teachings of compassion and equality.

USCA extends its heartfelt gratitude to all its supporters and donors whose generosity and faith made this beautiful and meaningful celebration possible.



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USCA CARES

Beyond its events, USCA remains deeply committed to making a meaningful difference through quiet, consistent acts of giving.

Attending to a verified medical emergency appeal for a needy family to take care of their ailing 84-year old father, USCA provided support in the form of funds for his medicines and basic care.

USCA supported the tuition fees of a bright and deserving young girl who is aspiring to become a CA, enabling her higher education and fulfilling her dreams.

Supporting Bone Marrow Transplant for an 11-year old Thalassemia major child was also undertaken. Each initiative reflects a thoughtful and compassionate approach to impact.

USCA has also contributed towards the nutritional needs of children battling cancer, offering care where it is needed most.

Extending its support to the larger ecosystem, the association aided an NGO feeding stray animals by providing an electric stove during the LPG crisis, ensuring their work continued uninterrupted.

These efforts, though varied, are united by a single purpose — to create positive change with empathy, responsibility, and heart.

(USCA ensures every act of giving safeguards the dignity and privacy of those we support by keeping their identities confidential.)



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ONGOING ACTIVITIES-SINDHI CLASSES COMMUNITY NEWS

USCA's Online Sindhi Conversation Classes, led by Ms. Kajal Ramchandani, have become a warm and engaging space for learners of all ages.

Ms. Kajal's friendly and interactive teaching style makes the language come alive through conversation and everyday expressions. Participants, including those who are reconnecting with the language after many years, feel encouraged and confident to speak Sindhi in their homes and communities.

The classes foster not only language learning but also a deeper appreciation for Sindhi culture and identity. What began as a simple effort has now grown into a joyful weekly tradition that brings our community closer together.

Fill in the form if you would like to join: <https://forms.gle/KNRMEYWzo23tz4a19> or call Mala @ 9820098814 for more information

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ankrish Ahuja from Cuffe Parade, Mumbai achieved a remarkable milestone by completing the 21 km Pangong Frozen Lake Half Marathon in 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Held on the frozen Pangong Lake in Ladakh, the race is conducted at an altitude of nearly 14,000 feet above sea level, with temperatures dropping to -20°C. Running on ice in such extreme conditions demands exceptional endurance and mental strength.

Ankrish's achievement is truly inspiring and a testament to determination and perseverance.

