



Manik Mandal

Careful Planning And Brilliant Improvisation

Calendar 2024



embrace your
difference



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you took
the last bus home
i still don't know how
you got it through the door
Brian Billston
but you're always doing amazing stuff

like the time

when you caught that train

This year the Latika Roy Foundation has a new logo and a new name. We are now just **Latika**.

Our love, respect and gratitude for Latika Roy the woman remains undimmed. Our shorter, still sweet name combines the gift of her life with the simplicity of our vision:

Embrace Your Difference.

Not complicated, not controversial: this is pure common sense. We are ALL different, each with our own special way of being in the world, each with our own fears, gifts, quirks and perspectives. Disabled people are part of the whole tangled, complex ball of humanity like everyone else: not special, not holy, not set apart. They're just people with all the same oddities as the rest of us. When we recognize and embrace the things that make US different we can accept everyone else's differences too.

A Latika is a flowering vine. It needs a trellis, a rich soil and the blessings of sunshine and rain for its flowers to blossom. Your contributions provide the support our kids need to discover their own beauty. Please donate generously. Tax-deductible donations can be made out in India to "Latika Roy Memorial Foundation" (still our legal name) or by scanning the hash tag below.

Foreign donations are on hold for the moment. For more information: donate@latikaroy.org



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Edmund Cluett

Duke Ellington It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing.

Latika turns 30 this year. Oddly enough, our growth in these three decades slots neatly into the Rule of Three, a rule I love for life, but also for story-telling, speeches and photographs.

In Phase One, we announced proudly and often that we were **child-centred**. We refused to force children into a system designed for adult convenience. We knew the system should serve the child. This was revolutionary in the 90s and we felt pretty radical ourselves as we celebrated play, freedom and flexibility.

By Phase Two, it dawned on us (with a little help from our friends) that no child ever comes to us on their own, asking for support to walk or talk or deal with emotions. Children come with families. As families got involved, children flourished. We began to say we were **family-centred** and as we grew into that, our efforts became focused, effective and more fun.

Now, Phase Three, we have come to an understanding which is strange even to ourselves, because it's based on a t-shirt slogan I once saw: "If Momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." By Momma, we mean the team. The staff. The ones who make the magic happen.

At Latika, it's the team that stops visitors in their tracks. "Where do you FIND these people?" they ask. "Are they always like this? So passionate, so devoted, so brilliant?" The answer is yes. Yes, they are. More amazing people you won't find anywhere and the reason is simple: at Latika, their amazingness is seen and valued. We recognize them as National Treasures and we put **their** needs first because it's when they feel happy and valued that they can love the children and support their families.

In this, our 30th year, we announce with pride (and a little astonishment at our own chutzpah) that we are **Staff-Centred**. We're giving them the oxygen masks first and acknowledging openly that they are the ones who help the families to help their children. In The beauty of the Rule of Three is that all three rules can be simultaneously true. We're not giving up on the child or the family because we put the staff first. But we have to start somewhere. For us, that means the team.

Calendar 2024 is a celebration of our own beautiful people and, like everything else they have taught us, it's required a completely new way of thinking. We are blessed with a very special designer who has worked with us for over 20 years. Shalini Sinha understood the essence of the idea and has worked her own magic in the pages of this calendar. You'll see the difference all through the year.

Jo Chopra

With the exception of Edmund Cluett's captivating dancers on the intro page and Joe Gidjunis' February picture of a great teacher, all other photos are by our own dazzlingly talented photographer Manik Mandal. This year, the demands on his skill were prodigious: not only did he do the main calendar but also birthday portraits for nearly 120 Latika staff. Each year he gets better, but **this** year he stunned us all.



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Sergei Eisenstein

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and brilliant improvisation.






sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	<p>1 Kamal Chand Shubham Bhatt New Year's Day</p>	<p>2 Bharat Bhushan Ravinder Rawat</p>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	<p>10 Poonam Pasbola</p>	<p>11 Januka Bhosal</p>	12	<p>13 Deepa Chettri</p>
14	<p>15 Krishna Thapa</p>	16	<p>17 Dinesh Sharma</p>	18	19	20
21	<p>22 Satyendra Tyagi</p>	23	24	25	<p>26 Republic Day</p>	27
28	29	30	31	<p>january 2024</p>		



Joe Gidjunis

If a person has greatness in them, it comes to light,
Beryl Markham not in one flamboyant hour,
 but in the ledger of their daily work.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		february 2024			 2 Aarti Dhamnia Rekha Archana Sharma	
	 5 Sunita Sharma				 9 Rizwan Ali	 10 Hema Thapa
4		6	7	8		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 25 Ranjana	26	27	 28 Shivani Kapoor Sarita Bohra	29		



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If you take a bunch of superstars and put them
Daryl Hall in a room where they don't have their assistants,
 it's funny to see what happens.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
 31 Jagdish Lal		march 2024			 1 Sunil Singh Anju Khanna	2
3	4	 5 Sanjay Kumar Meena Thapa	 6 Aditya Gupta	7	 8 Narendra Ale	9
10	11	 12 Meena Gaur	13	14	 15 Rajesh Masih Reena Goshal	16
17	18	 19 Jo Chopra	20	21	22	 23 Ruchi Joshi
 24 Chandra Bisht	25 Holi	26	27	 28 Shubham Pandey	29 Good Friday	30



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One machine can do the work of fifty ordinary women.

Elbert Hubbard

No machine can do the work of one extraordinary woman.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	 1 Geeta Bisht	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	 11 Id-ul-Fitr	 12 Rachna Puri Aasha Rangad	13
 14 Ambedkar Jayanti	15	16	 17 Ram Navami	 18 Nirmla Kuksal	19	20
 21 Mahavir Jayanti	22	23	24	 25 Garima Sen Aparajita Rana	 26 Suman Baluni	 27 Vandana Sharma
28	29	30	<h1>april 2024</h1>			



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You do it because the doing is the thing.

Amy Poehler

The doing is the thing.

The talking and worrying and thinking is not the thing.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	may 2024		1	2	 3 Rahul	4
5	 6 Manju Sharma	 7 Vijay Lakshmi Rawat	8	9	 10 Asha Negi Anjali Mandal	11
12	 13 Sanjay Singh	14	 15 Bhajan Singh	16	17	18
19	 20 Ashok Mangain	21	 22 Sandeep Khanna	23 Buddha Purnima	24	25
26	27	28	 29 Raj Kumar Chhetri	30	31	



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He moves forward by glancing back,
Ralph James Saverese
 And no one is ever lost.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
30			june 2024			1
2	 3 Sarita Devi Seema Thapliyal Archana Khali	4	 5 Ram Singh	 6 Sunita Bhatt	 7 Mahipal Aditi Bhatt	8
9	10	 11 Ashish Kumar Kesla Iqra Khan	12	 13 Sumita Nanda	14	 15 Hemanti Joshi Vinod Singh Rawat
16	17 Bakr-Id	18	19	 20 Mystery Man	21	 22 Rashmi Baruah
23	 24 Neeru	25	26	27	28	29



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It's not the load that breaks you down,
Lena Horne
 It's the way you carry it.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1	2	3	4	 5 Santosh Kumar Pandey	6
 7 Ramesh Singh Geeta Rawat	 8 Mahadev Singh	9	 10 Meenu Chaudhary Resham Ale	11	 12 Anita Rangad	13
14	 15 Ritu Jain	 16 Rupa Bishnoi	17 Muharram	18	 19 Shalini Sinha	20
21	 22 Naina Negi	 23 Rajni	24	 25 Vipul Trpathi	26	 27 Kirti Mourya
 28 Janki Singh	29	30	31	<h1>july 2024</h1>		



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I cannot believe that the inscrutable universe
 turns on an axis of suffering;
 surely the strange beauty of the world
 must somewhere rest on pure joy!

Louise Bogan



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		august 2024		1	2	3
 4 Arvind Uniyal	5	 6 Pushpa Bhatt	7	 8 Sunita K Singh	9	10
 11 Suresh Singh Rawat	 12 Reena Singh	 13 Mayank Mohan	14	 15 Aarti Negi Sangeeta Rawat Independence Day	 16 Harikala Sharma	17
18	 19 Basanti Negi Raksha Bandhan	 20 Suraj	21	22	23	24
25	 26 Shreema Das Janmashtami	27	28	29	 30 Sangeeta Sharma	31










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You can play Mozart all you want
 and pretend it gives you class, but what is class?
 Class is a driver who gets off the bus
 to help somebody on board,
 even though he's tired, he's exhausted
 and he's two months late on his mortgage.
 That's real class.

James McBride



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1	2  Ram Lot	3	4	5  Harpreet Kakkar	6  Archana Pal	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14  Ashish Kumar
15  Satyendra Kumar	16 Id-e-Milad	17	18	19	20	21  Sunita Rai
22	23	24	25	26	27  Neha Bhatt	28
29	30			september 2024		



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You must know that you are great.

Gurumayi Chidvilasananda

Never forget that!

It is where true joy lies.



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		 1 Prem Kumar Singh	 2 Gandhi Jayanti			
6	7	8	9	 10 Anil Kumar Mohita Kapoor	11	 12 Dussehra
13	14	15	 16 Neeraj B Thakare	 17 Sandeep Lat	18	 19 Babita Devi
 20 Muskan Jaggi	21	 22 Santosh Thakur	23	24	25	26
27	28	 29 Anita Charan Rawson	 30 Vinod Negi	31	<h1>october 2024</h1>	



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You get more by waiting than you do by moving.

Peter Fiore You wait for the light to come
and it will change the world in front of you



sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
		november 2024			 1 Deepika Panwar Diwali	2
 3 Pooja Negi	4	5	 6 Ashish Rastogi	7	 8 Pooja Panwar	9
 10 Swati Negi	11	12	 13 Shaila Fateiro	 14 Sushila Rawat	15 Guru Nanak Jayanti	16
 17 Moy Moy Jayanti	18	19	 20 Ajay Thapliyal	21	22	23
24	25	 26 Nikita Misra	 27 Gajbahadur Thapa	28	29	30

