



Rotary  
Club of Bombay Airport  
Be Humane



# UDAAN

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## From The President's Pen...

As we embark on this new journey together, I am honored to pen down my thoughts for the inaugural issue of our club magazine, 'Udaan'. The name itself symbolizes the soaring spirit of our club, Rotary Club of Bombay Airport, as we strive to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others.



This year, Rotary International's theme, 'The Magic of Rotary', resonates deeply with us. It reminds us of the transformative power of our collective efforts, the magic that happens when we come together to make a difference. Our district, 3141, has aptly chosen the theme 'Vibrant', reflecting the dynamic and energetic spirit of our Rotarians.

At our club, we have embraced the theme 'Be Humane', a philosophy that guides us in everything we do. We believe that kindness, compassion, empathy, and spirituality are the essence of our existence. As Rotarians, we are committed to serving humanity, and our club's initiatives reflect this commitment.

As Swami Vivekananda so eloquently said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." These words inspire us to look beyond ourselves, to connect with something greater than ourselves, and to find meaning in our lives through service.

But that's not all! We also believe that service and fellowship go hand in hand. We will have fun together through innovative fellowship initiatives that will bring us closer, foster new friendships, and create unforgettable memories. From community service projects to social events, we will laugh, learn, and grow together.

Through our projects and activities, we aim to touch lives, to make a positive impact, and to leave a lasting legacy. We will continue to work tirelessly towards our goals, driven by the magic of Rotary, the vibrancy of our district, the humane spirit that defines us, the spiritual connection that unites us, and the joy of fellowship that binds us together.

As we soar to new heights, let us remember that the true magic of Rotary lies not in what we achieve, but in how we achieve it - together, with love, care, and a shared vision for a better world.

Thank you, let us soar high !

President - Apurva Patel

## Message of DG

### Ignite the Magic of Rotary: Building Vibrant Clubs, Vibrant Communities!

Dear Vibrant President and Club Members,  
As your District Governor, I'm thrilled to embark on this Rotary year together, fueled by the inspiring theme — The Magic of Rotary. This theme isn't just a slogan; it's a call to action to ignite the magic within each of us and create a lasting impact on our communities.



My vision for this year is to build on this magic and make our clubs truly Vibrant. Vibrant clubs are those where members are engaged, enthusiastic, and empowered to make a difference.

Rotary District 3141 boasts a rich tapestry of service projects — from Vibrant Aanganwadis nurturing young minds to Breast Cancer Detection empowering women. We champion CSR initiatives, sustainable tribal welfare, and transform lives through "disability to ability" programs. We care for the elderly with compassion, and bring hope with pediatric heart surgeries and eye surgeries.

Let's not forget the importance of mental well-being — mental health initiatives are crucial. Neonatal projects, water projects, railway projects, and the fight against anemia and thalassemia — each project holds the potential to transform lives. Samavesh, our national integration project in Kashmir, reminds us of our duty to integrate Kashmiri people with main stream of India.

The magic lies in YOU! Your participation and dedication breathe life into these projects. I urge you to embrace these opportunities — attend club meetings, participate in service projects, and share your ideas. Together, we can weave a vibrant tapestry of service that leaves a lasting impact.

Let's ignite the magic, build vibrant clubs, and create vibrant communities!

Chetan Desai District Governor,  
Rotary International District 3141

## The Vibrant First Family



## RI President's Note

Dear Club Presidents,

I congratulate you on your installation to the office of club Presidents of Rotary Clubs in District 3141. Rotary needs your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. By following Rotary's Action Plan and making sure all members feel a sense of belonging in your club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world. Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make your club a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in your community.

I look forward to working beside you as we change the world with The Magic of Rotary.



**Stephanie A. Urchick**  
Rotary International President, 2024-2025



**FL Mona Patel wins "Best Navratri Attire" at Pre-pets**



**1st IBOB Meeting**

## Editor's Tidings

With great pleasure and enthusiasm, I assume the role of Editor of our esteemed newsletter, Udaan. Each President of RCBA leaves a unique mark and crafts a memorable year of service and fellowship. The Vibrant



Year's President, Apurva Patel & his team, First Lady Mona Patel & Honorary Secretary Harsha Mehta are all charged up and have meticulously planned another stellar year ahead.

The theme for this year, "Be Humane", aptly defines our club. It symbolises compassion and empathy, treating humankind with dignity and respect. These foundational values empower individuals and foster an egalitarian society. As I set out on this editor's journey, I am excited to curate stories highlighting our tireless dedication to philanthropy, camaraderie, and service above self.

Udaan serves as a legacy, showcasing the remarkable work done by us beyond the limits of our club. It must inspire and influence the outer world to join us and strengthen our mission to make society a better place.

I humbly appeal to all members and partners to share their ideas, plans, and experiences to enrich this newsletter more profoundly and impactfully than ever before. Your collective symphony of ideas will harmonise into a melody of diverse community services, elevating our club to greater heights.

Together, let's exemplify and emphasise "Service with a Smile".

**Ajanta Rath Mishra**  
Editor Of Udaan

# The Secretary's Aspirations

It was a Kismet Konnection Job I Met, our RCBA's Vibrant President Apurva Patel, who loves to Bond with everyone. He has a Golden Eye with a Goldfinger, believes The World (of Rotary) Is Not Enough & we have a Licence To Kill the disparity in this world. So I joined His Majesty's Secret Service as Club Secretary. I believe, Tomorrow Never Dies & You Only Live Twice, so better to Die Another Day as Diamonds (of RCBA projects) Are Forever. President gave me Quantum Of Solace from the first day. For me to work as Club Secretary of RCBA is like La La Land, simple & realistic. With the help of Vibrant Board, this year will be like superhit 007 movies & we will create the MAGIC like Ek Aur Ek Gyarah.



Secretary Harsha Mehta



Directors' Orientation Program

## Immediate Past President's Note

We are called human 'beings' and not human 'doings' and our doings emanate from the way of our being. Knowing Rotarian Apurva Patel as a kindhearted, benevolent human being, along with a truly vibrant, enthusiastic, eager-to-excel board of directors, I'm sure his 'being' will translate into some excellent 'doings' during the Vibrant year 2024-25.



From my experience, our club and especially the board of directors are a store house of potential energy and extremely helpful 'beings'. One has only to tap on the shoulders and ask, and all kinds of help starts flowing in cash or kind!

Didn't Jesus Christ say, "Ask and you shall receive"? That has been my magnificent experience from this magnificent club. I'm sure Apurva too will experience this. Snigdha joins me in wishing him and the board to enjoy the experience and reach great heights.

IPP DR. Akshay Mehta

## First Lady's Commitment

When I was in my teen age, my Grandma used to say, a husband is like a Sun & wife is like an Earth. So our duty as wives always revolves around our husbands. Somehow it struck me as a teenager & I promised myself that when I get married I will be like an Earth for my husband. I was blessed & lucky enough to get married to Apurva Patel, RCBA's Vibrant President, 2024-25. From day one of my marriage, my aim is to be with him as a Rock of Gibraltar, standing shoulder to shoulder in his highs & lows. He has always fulfilled all my wishes & dreams & now it's my turn to see that all his dreams as the President of RCBA are fulfilled.



Apurva is a perfect planner, bound by all goals he has set for himself & is meticulous in his work. So as a First Lady of RCBA of the Vibrant Year, I have no GOOSEBUMPS. I am sure the Board he has selected, our Mentor CLF Suketu, Past Presidents & all Members of RCBA will make him sail smoothly. I will always stand by him in all his meetings, projects & will see to it that this Vibrant President fulfills all his Targets.

Lastly for Apurva, I will only say this  
अपूर्व से मुलाक़ात मेरी पहचान बन गई  
दो क़दम वो चले दो क़दम म चली  
और ज़िंदगी आसान हो गई.."

First Lady - Mona Patel



Club Assembly



Annual General Meeting

# THE PIONEERS' PANEL



**President**  
**Rtn. Apurva Patel & Mona Patel**



**Club Secretary**  
**Rtn. Harsha & PP Nitin Mehta**



**Club Treasurer**  
**Rtn. Lalit & Mamta Sanwal**



**Dir. Public Image**  
**Rtn. Ajanta Rath Mishra**  
**& Suwendu Mishra**



**Dir. Club Services-3**  
**(Assimilation & Membership)**  
**Rtn. Dhiren & Chhaya Shah**



**Dir. Club Service-1&2,**  
**Speaker & Fellowship**  
**Rtn. Dhruti & Kashyap Shah**



**Dir International Service**  
**Rtn. Manish & Urvi Kothari**



**Dir Community Service, Medical**  
**Rtn. Nina & Kanir Bhatia**



**Dir. Environment**  
**Rtn. Rahul & Daksha Patel**



**Dir Vocational Service**  
**Rtn. Sandip & Ranjan Tarkas**



**Dir. Community Service,**  
**Non-Medical**  
**Rtn. Sanjay & Bijal Merchant**



**Dir. Youth Services Interact**  
**Rtn. Vaishali & Prasad Paranjpe**



**Dir. Youth Services Rotaract**  
**Rtn. Dr. Yogini & Sunil Sheth**



**Sergeant-at-Arms**  
**Rtn. PP Suwendu Mishra**  
**& Ajanta**



**Immediate Past President**  
**Rtn. Dr. Akshay Mehta**  
**& Dr. Snigdha**

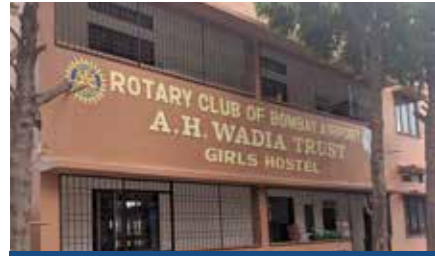


**President Elect**  
**Rtn. Pragna & Dhiraj Mehta**



**Club Learning Facilitator**  
**Rtn. PP Suketu & Bina Jariwala**

## key projects of our club over the years....



Girls hostel at Ganjad Ashramshala



Boys Hostel at Ganjad Ashramshala



Adivasi Ashramshala at Maswan



Covid Warrior Structure in Bandra



Blood Donation Camp



Dialysis Centre



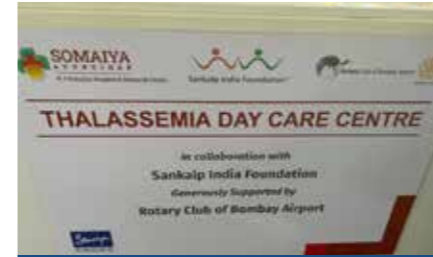
Ganjad Ashramshala Dining Hall



Kitchen at Ganjad Ashramshala



Classrooms



Thalassaemia Centre



Health Check up camps for our Interactors



CPR Training



Bunk Beds in the Boys' Hostel, Ranshet



Ranshet Boys' Hostel



Classrooms at Ranshet Ashramshala



Skill Development Training of Transgenders



The villagers with the tree saplings



Juhu Half Marathon

1. Jaipur Foot & Kalbagh Shelter house for the mentally challenged in Vile Parle, East.
2. The first matching grant received by RCBA was used to supply water to Pissai village in Maharashtra.
3. A project fundraising program was held with the Ghazhal Maestro, the Late Jagjit Singh at Elephanta Caves.
4. An Ashramshala was constructed at Maswan. Additionally, at the Ganjad Ashramshala, girls' & boys' hostels, along with toilets & a kitchen with high-tech steamers & a dining hall. A Boys' hostel & classrooms have been constructed in the Ranshet Ashramshala. These three schools, together, have over 2,000 beneficiaries.
5. A skill development programme for the transgender's was conducted, empowering them to get employment in well-known companies.
6. A Dialysis Centre, with high-tech machines, has been established by RCBA near Vile Parle station. Numerous patients are regularly benefitting from the facilities here.
7. GIFT OF LIFE - Paediatric Heart surgeries, are being carried out

- for the past 4 years at Shri Satya Sai hospital khargar. Over 470 children have been treated with a cumulative amount of 6.60 crores.
8. RCBA has renovated four operation theatres at the Brahmakumaris Global Hospital.
9. The Thalassaemia daycare Centre at Somaiyya College Hospital was refurbished & ambulances & multi-utility vehicles were donated to various other hospitals.
10. Mega blood donation camps are held regularly, collecting thousands of bottles every year.
11. Regular Eye, Dental & other health check-up camps for diabetes, blood pressure, etc., are set up regularly, for the underprivileged, at various sites helping hundreds of people every year.
12. A Cancer Screening & health check-up camp is organised at CINTAA(Cine & TV Artist Association) annually.
13. RCBA has installed 12 AED machines at various railway stations & other such places with high footfall. Additionally, CPR(Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training has been imparted to a large number of people.
14. Mental Wellness camps are organised for our interactors regularly and a

- Special Education Programme (SPed), was held for 35 children with slow learning disabilities.
15. A Suicide Prevention Camp was set up, with the support of renowned Psychiatrist Dr. Anjali Chabbria, which was attended by around 4000 college students throughout the year.
16. RCBA has been organizing a high-octane Public Image Project, 'Juhu Half Marathon' (JHM) for the last six years involving 20,000 runners. The surplus collections are used for Paediatric heart surgeries for those in need.
17. A magnificent 'Covid Warrior' Structure branded with RCBA's logo was created & placed at a very prominent square in Bandra West, thus enhancing our club's image.
18. A large number of fruit & vegetable saplings are donated periodically to numerous villagers aiming for their overall economic upliftment. Trees are planted routinely & Miyawaki forests have also been developed.
19. We have hosted 5 DTAs (District Training Assembly) & formed 4 new clubs - RC of Goregaon West, RC of Parleshwar, RC of Coastline and RC of MaKaBo.
20. 10,000 notebooks co branded with RCBA were distributed at Ganjam & Ranshet ashramshaalas.

## IWCA President's Compliments...

Heartiest congratulations to outgoing President Akshay Mehta and First Lady Snigdha for a fantastic year filled with impactful projects.

"Diversity is the mix. Inclusion is making the mix work." This year, the IWC Bombay Airport's theme is Inclusivity and Diversity. Let us strengthen our connections and foster inclusivity as we embark on our journey together.

We will continue our ongoing projects and support our partners in service, the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport.

Congratulations and best wishes to Rotarian & Incoming President Apurva Patel and First Lady Mona for a wonderful year ahead.



**Bina Jariwala,  
President, IWCA**

## Passing the Mantle at PDG Bansi's Residence



## Wishes from the President's Family


Congratulations on your installation as President of Rotary Club of Bombay Airport this year! As a family, we know that your selection by your club is a testament to your dedication to the Rotary motto of "Service above self." We have no doubt that you will tackle this year's challenges with your characteristic vigour and excellence. With your proven abilities, you will undoubtedly rise to the occasion and make a meaningful impact. As you embark on this journey, remember that "a little bit of mercy makes the world more liveable and more just." We are all proud of you.

**President's Family**

## Forthcoming Events in July...

1st July	Blood Donation Drive, Andheri Station
8th July	Speaker Meeting: 'Magic Of Rotary' by Dr. Bharat Pandya Induction of New Members
22nd July	Fellowship- Ram Utsav
29th July	Speaker Meeting

### Every drop counts...



**1ST JULY 2024**

**BLOOD DONATION**

**VIBRANT ROTARY LIFE SAVING EXPRESS**

101 clubs @ suburban railway stations across RID 3141 join hands to create the magic, recording highest ever participation for blood Donation Drive on a single day.

We started the year with the blood donation camp at Andheri Station today.  
Thirty one clubs participated in this mega project



Amrish Patel, an educationist, social entrepreneur, community leader & a statesman joined our club as an honorary member recently.



### Raising a Toast...



#### Birthdays

01 Rani Bhalla	16 Haresh Dhoot	20 Sandip Tarkas
02 Surendra Gupta	18 Shashank Malviya	23 Chetan Mashru
03 Suman Ambati	18 Virag Shivpuri	25 Bansi Dhurandhar
03 Vinod Bhalla	18 Bina Jariwala	25 Anjali Malviya
14 Alice Pant	19 Amita Timbadia	29 Chetan Sangani
14 Hetal Gandhi	20 Quresh Habibulla	29 Ratnavali Patel

#### Anniversaries

07 Suvendu & Ajanta	14 Shashank & Anjali
13 Manish & Jayashree	28 Ajay & Pooja

**Proud to be a member of RCBA**