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From the President's Desk...



“August Awakenings: A Month of Bonds, Freedom & Service”

What an exhilarating start to our Rotary year 2025-26 !! My heart is filled with gratitude and excitement as July kicked off our Rotary year with vibrancy and enthusiasm. The installation ceremony was a beautiful blend of tradition, energy, and celebration — overflowing with well wishes, warm compliments and the promise of a meaningful year ahead. Your presence made it magical !!

All Directors have begun exploring their avenues of service, learning, planning, and connecting. It's inspiring to witness their ownership, drive and excitement. The buzz of activity, the brainstorming and the commitment is truly palpable.

Whether it's Community Service, Youth, Vocational, International, Medical or educational, each avenue has begun buzzing with thoughtful projects and inspiring conversations.

Raksha Bandhan celebrates bonds of care and lifelong support — just like Rotary's commitment to each other and to society. The thread of Rakhi is woven with love, duty, and care — mirroring the very fabric of Rotary. Independence Day reminds us that freedom comes with responsibility — the responsibility to serve, uplift, and build a better tomorrow for all.

August will continue the momentum with impactful activities that align with Rotary's 7 focus areas — from health and hygiene camps to environment and education initiatives. True, your participation is the heart of our impact. The journey has just begun and the rhythm, the passion, and the commitment is already inspiring. Every act of service, every moment of fellowship and every new idea contributes to the strength of the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport.

Together, we will build a year that is meaningful, inclusive, and impactful. We request everyone to actively participate and support our Rotary mission. Your support for resources, ideas, lead for funding, time for projects will be invaluable in shaping our club's journey.

Wishing you a joyful and fulfilling August filled with love, laughter, patriotism and compassion.

Pragna Mehta - President
Inspire Year 2025- 26

TRF AWARENESS POSTERS Director: Rtn. Sanjay Merchant





EDITOR'S MUSINGS...

“SAARE JAHAN SE ACHHA HINDUSTAN HAMARA.....”

As we celebrate the 78th Independence Day this 15th August, we are reminded not only of our nation's hard-won freedom but also of the unity and spirit that define India.

August is more than just a month of national pride—it's also a season of festivals, reflection, and togetherness. It invites us to pause, connect, and spend meaningful time with our families, friends, and communities. In a world that often feels uncertain and fragile, these moments are reminders to savour life and cherish those around us.

The monsoon adds its own magic to this season—cool breezes, fresh rains, and green landscapes mirror the spirit of renewal and togetherness that August brings.

Let's take this time to reach out, smile more, and be the reason someone feels seen and supported. Let's be the change we wish to see—not just in grand gestures, but in everyday kindness.

As the tricolour soars high, may we rise too—with gratitude in our hearts and a commitment to make a difference, however small. Because our Hindustan isn't just a country—it's a feeling. And now is the perfect time to honour it with love, connection, and compassion.

Meena Joshi - Editor

COMMUNITY SERVICES (MEDICAL)

Director: Rtn. Dr. Yogini Sheth



**CPR training & AED machine installation at Hubtown Solaris Andheri (E) & Naigaon railway station.
Initiative by PP Dr. Akshay Mehta.**



CPR training & AED machine installation at Dahisar railway station.

CPR training to Police Personnel, ticketing staff, porters & shoe polish men at Dahisar Station.

**CPR training & AED installation at King's Circle station.
Total 53 AED machines installed so far.**



**Training of second batch of Heart Marshals.
IPP Apurva Patel, Rtn Rajeev & Meena Puri, Rtn Anjali Malviya, young heroes Vardhan Puri, Hemabh & Natasha Shivpuri, Nirali & Sahil Parekh.
Jewels in RCBA crown!**

Rtn. Quresh Habibulla organised Cardiac Arrest response awareness work shop & CPR training at Ansa Indl Estate.

YOUTH SERVICE II - INTERACT

Director - Rtn. Bijal Merchant & Chairperson Ann Dr. Urvi Kothari



At R N SHAH International School

- 1) Orientation of book donation.
- 2) Session on importance of recycling of note books.
- 3) Gifting of Tulsi Saplings with RCBA branding.



Physiotherapy session at KES ICSE School Khar (W) by Ann Dr. Snigdha Mehta.



CPR Training for Students of Class 9 & 10, teachers & staff of NSM School, Vile Parle (E).

Session on Oral Hygiene for students of Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan.

Orientation for Plastic Waste Collection at KES ICSE School.



Awareness session on Cyber Crime & Security at Parle Tilak Vidyalay SSC school by Rtn.Anjali Malviya.



Self Defence and Personal Safety Workshop held at BPM high school Khar (W).



Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Session at BPM High School, Khar (W) & Gandhi Shikshan Bhavan School, Juhu.



Installation Ceremony of 11 Interact Schools at KES School Khar. Guest of honour CDG Rtn. Rahul Timbadia & Chief Guest Ms. Rekha Desai Principal of KES ICSE School.

CLUB SERVICE I - SPEAKER MEETING

Director - Rtn. Ajanta Rath Mishra



Our first speaker was Rtn. Jaiprakash Kabra who delivered an Inspiring & Motivational talk on Relationship Management & Emotional Intelligence.



CLUB SERVICE II - FELLOWSHIP

Director - Rtn. Dhruti Shah



Mesmerizing monsoon melodies! Director Rtn. Dhruti Shah's curation & Sir Shivram Parmar's rendition of Malhar ragas left the audience spellbound.

VOCATIONAL SERVICES

Director: Rtn. Dr. Niteen Dedhia



Donation of 10 laptops & inauguration of Computer lab at Indian Glory English School, Malad under digital literacy drive. Initiative by PP Rajesh Agarwal.

MEMBERSHIP

Vice President Rtn. Sandip Tarkas



Fireside meeting at the residence of PP Rtn. Paresh & Jasmine Mehta conducted by PP Ashmi Parekh.



Fireside meeting at the residence of PP AKS Shachiin Nanavati & Himadri Nanavati conducted by IPP Apurva Patel.

COMMUNITY SERVICES (NON MEDICAL)

Director: Rtn. Nina Bhatia



Vora Foundation Donation to Reach School for specially abled children. Initiative by PP AKS Nitin Mehta.



Inauguration of renovated Mahalpada school and distribution of books & uniforms to the students. A joint project of Rotary Club of Bombay Airport & Rotary Club of Mahakali Heights.



Into the Heart of Bhutan: A Self-Drive Journey that Changed Me



A self-drive trip across Bhutan was not just a vacation — it became a life-defining journey that reshaped the way I look at adventure, connection, and the simple joys of life. Driving through the rugged Himalayan terrain, crossing gushing rivers, winding mountain passes, and navigating remote dirt trails taught me more than any classroom ever could. The adventure began the moment I crossed the Phuentsholing border, leaving behind the chaos of city life and entering a land where Gross National Happiness is valued more than GDP. Behind the wheel, I felt a sense of liberation and responsibility — every turn of the road was mine to own. Off-roading through the lesser-known interiors of Bhutan tested my skills and endurance. Slippery slopes, narrow roads hugging steep cliffs, and unpaved forest trails made every kilometer a lesson in patience and trust — both in the vehicle and in myself.

One of the most unexpected and rewarding parts of the journey was discovering Bhutan beyond the usual tourist spots. While Paro and Thimphu were stunning, it was the offbeat gems like Punakha & Phobjikha Valley, truly stole my heart. These places, often untouched by commercialization, offered raw beauty — terraced fields kissed by clouds, prayer flags fluttering against the wind, and silence so deep you could hear your own thoughts.

Immersing myself in Bhutanese culture was humbling. Every encounter — from sharing butter tea with a farmer's family in a remote hamlet to conversing with a monk at a cliffside monastery — revealed the warmth, kindness, and wisdom of the Bhutanese people. Their deep-rooted spirituality, respect for nature, and contentment with life's simplicity made me reflect on my own pace and priorities.

As the days unfolded, bonds with fellow travelers grew stronger. Sharing stories around campfires, pushing vehicles stuck in muddy paths, and watching sunrises from mountain passes together built a kind of friendship that only shared hardship can forge. We entered Bhutan as acquaintances and left as a tribe.

This journey reshaped me — physically, mentally, and emotionally. It forced me out of my comfort zone, made me more adaptable, and instilled a deep respect for nature and culture. I came back with more than just stunning photographs; I returned with a quieter mind, a fuller heart, and an awakened soul.

In a world obsessed with speed and schedules, Bhutan reminded me of the beauty in slowness, stillness, and serendipity. Driving through its mountains didn't just take me to new places — it brought me back to myself.

Club Advisor PP Suketu Jariwala

Celebrations in August

Birthdays

01 Rashida kadri	13 Priti Bhagat	21 Fidahusain Tinwala	26 Paritosh Ambani
03 Himadri Nanavati	15 Harshad Mehta	21 Nalin Shah	28 Dhruti Shah
07 Rakesh Gupta	15 Punam Lala	21 Pankaj Doshi	28 Surekha Dhurandhar
08 Vipul Shah	17 Girish Vaidya	25 Prasad Paranjape	29 Mukta Dedhia
10 Manish Kothari	18 Neha Joshi	26 Jayant Joshi	
10 Varsha Modi	18 Manisha Udeshi		

Anniversary

12 Sandeep & Jyotika 15 Yogini & Sunil 21 Sanjay & Sonal

A historic moment!

Hansa Jivraj Mehta, leading a group of 72 women, became the first person to present the **1st National Flag of Independent India** to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Chairman of the Constituent Assembly, in Parliament on midnight of 14-15 Aug 1947



Forthcoming events in the month of August

4th Aug - Speaker Meeting

14th Aug - Fellowship Meeting

25th Aug - Speaker Meeting.

Grateful to be an RCBA member