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DR. MANISH MOTWANI  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR

PRAGNA MEHTA  
PRESIDENT

MANISH KOTHARI  
HON. SECRETARY

MEENA JOSHI  
EDITOR

## From the President's Desk...



My heart is brimming with gratitude, immense pride, and excitement as I step into the Presidency of our esteemed Rotary Club of Bombay Airport for the 'INSPIRE' year 2025-26.

It is a profound honour to lead the prestigious club RCBA. I am eager to embark on this journey of impactful service, strong fellowship, and continued growth along with you. I am truly humbled by the innumerable Rotary projects, club stories and unwavering dedication and passion of our leaders.

Rotary International theme **"UNITE FOR GOOD"** and District theme **"LET'S INSPIRE,"** perfectly align with our club's powerful theme, **"Together We Rise."** It embodies beautifully the power of collaboration, growth, and empowerment, driving us towards collective progress.

As we embrace this new beginning, we envision a bright future with possibilities for doing good in the world. Let's seize these opportunities, energise each other and enjoy the transformative journey ahead. In my opinion, every opportunity will be a blessing to embrace life with gratitude.

Our motto will be simple yet profound: **"Together We Serve & Together We Impact!"** As we commence this fabulous journey, we reaffirm our commitment to serving humanity, fostering goodwill and bringing happiness to the community we serve.

Our vision is clear: "We will inspire positive change and build a brighter, more inclusive future". It urges us to "Rise for a more equal world, Rise to be future ready and Rise to create value" – a critical call in today's dynamic and ever-changing world.

As Adam Grant wisely puts it, "The most meaningful way to success is to help others." Let us truly immerse ourselves in this spirit of service! With participation & support of my passionate, enthusiastic and motivated Board members & partners, I am sure we will continue to uphold the legacy of RCBA & amplify our impact, cherish beautiful moments and the lives we touch.

So the buzzword for year 25-26 will be **"Inspire to reform, perform & transform"**

Let's Enjoy Rotary!

Welcome to the world that inspires me & you!

Yours in Rotary,

**Pragna Mehta - President**  
**Inspire Year 2025- 26**

## Message of District Governor

Warm greetings to each one of you as you launch the first bulletin of the new Rotary year!

Your club, now in its 37th year, has been in the forefront of Service above Self. With a team of over 145 committed Rotarians, your all-round performance is highly inspiring.

Three Ashramshalas with two residential schools for total approx. 2500 adivasi children, to running an 8-bed dialysis center, conducting blood donation drives, sponsoring hundreds of pediatric heart surgeries, and making unparalleled contributions to The Rotary Foundation, including being the highest contributor in 2020-21 during the pandemic, you've truly set a gold standard.

As we move forward into a new Rotary year, I invite you to INSPIRE:

- \* I – Involve Every Member: Embrace every Rotarian's unique talents.
- \* N – Nurture Our Projects: Strengthen existing initiatives, innovate boldly.
- \* S – Seek Strategic Support: Partner with corporates, community leaders, and donors.
- \* P – Promote Leadership and Responsibility: Lead with integrity and passion.
- \* I – Initiate Meaningful Connections: Foster friendship beyond formality.
- \* R – Reach Out Personally: Let's connect through genuine dialogue.
- \* E – Engage with Joy and Purpose: Celebrate the journey as much as the impact.

I urge you to actively participate in this year's district focus areas - Cancer Screening, Model Villages, Lifestyle Disease Management, Mental Health & De-addiction, Rotary Connect, Women's Empowerment, and Rotary Hospitals.

On behalf of Dr Mahek and myself, I wish you a year of purpose, progress, and pure Rotary joy!

With warm regards,

**Rtn. Dr. Manish Motwani - District Governor**  
**District 3141**



President Pragna Mehta & First Gentleman Dhiraj Mehta with DG Dr. Manish Motwani at PRE-PELS conducted at Jaipur.



## RI President's Message

The 2025-26 Presidential message announced at the 2025 Rotary International Assembly in February will remain **Unite for Good**, which calls on Rotary members to be a force for unity in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography and ideology. Through service projects, Rotary brings together people of every background - across races, religions and professions — in a shared mission to do good in their communities.

**Francesco Arezzo - R I President**  
**Rotary International President 2025-26**

## Editor's Musings

A new Rotary year is like the first light of dawn, filled with promise, warmth, and the hope of brighter days ahead.

Some journeys begin with a single step, and some... with a gentle calling of the heart.

For me, stepping into the role of Editor for Udaan feels just like that, a beautiful invitation to be a voice for the moments, memories, and magic that our Rotary family creates together.

As a Rotary Anne, I've watched with admiration, the kindness, the compassion, and the quiet strength that moves through every project, every gathering, every smile shared. And now, through Udaan, I hope to capture these stories, and give them wings. I am truly humbled to be entrusted with this responsibility, and warmly invite each of you to come forward and share your thoughts, experiences, and creative ideas. Our President Pragna and her dedicated team have already been working tirelessly behind the scenes, laying the groundwork for a year that promises meaningful service, new friendships, and cherished memories.

"Let's unite for good, rise as one, and leave a trail of inspiration wherever we go"

**Meena Joshi - Editor**



PELS was held at Atlas Skill Tech University, BKC on 23rd March, 2025

## The Secretary's Aspirations



It is my great pleasure to extend the heartiest congratulations to President Pragna for taking over the leadership of Rotary Club of Bombay Airport in this Inspiring Rotary year.

Your dedication, vision, and commitment to service make you exceptionally well-suited to lead our most prestigious club into its next chapter. I am confident that under your leadership, the club will continue to grow in strength, deepen its impact in the community, and uphold the Rotary ideals of fellowship and service above self.

As you and our esteemed Board of Directors take on this distinguished role, please know that you all have my full support and unwavering confidence in you all. **Unite for Good & Together We Rise !**

Looking forward to an inspiring year ahead, filled with meaningful projects, renewed camaraderie, and shared success.

**Rtn Manish Kothari - Club Secretary**



President Pragna participated in a skit at Masti Ki Pathshala during PRE-PELS, and secured the 2nd prize.



## A Final Reflection



As the vibrant new Rotary year unfolds, we eagerly anticipate the leadership of our incoming President, Pragna Mehta, and her dedicated board members. Her chosen theme, "Together We Rise," resonates deeply with the spirit of collaboration and collective action that defines our club. We are confident that Pragna's vision and the collective efforts of her board will inspire us to achieve great things, working hand-in-hand to strengthen our community and expand our impact. We know that our club is a powerhouse of talent and goodwill. With Pragna and her board at the helm, fostering an environment of unity and shared purpose, we are poised to reach new heights. Let us embrace the "Together We Rise" spirit, supporting Pragna, her board, and each other in making this a truly remarkable and successful year. Mona joins me for extending our warmest wishes to President Pragna Mehta and her board for a grand and fulfilling tenure during the inspiring year.

**Apurva Patel - Immediate Past President**

## First Gentleman's message



I am very delighted that Pragna will be assuming the role of the President of the prestigious Rotary Club of Bombay Airport for the Inspire Year 2025-26.

I am confident that Pragna, being of remarkable character with sincerity, confidence & perseverance will put up her best efforts. Being in RCBA Board for the last 7 years at various avenues she has been groomed well by Past Presidents & Seniors to take up this important position. Myself, our children & family are more than ever ready to support Pragna in every way throughout her presidency. With her innate attitude "Be inspired & Inspire others" and winning mindset, she will truly set the ball rolling and ignite the enthusiasm. Her powerful theme for the club "Together We Rise" perfectly encapsulates her vision for the year. Our excitement is absolutely at the next level! We extend warmest wishes for a resounding success to dear Pragna, her trailblazing BOD and RCBA. We eagerly anticipate a year filled with purpose, camaraderie and "Service above Self" contribution to the community.

**Dhiraj Mehta – First Gentleman**



First Informal Board of Directors Meeting (IBOD) was held on 5th January, 2025



President Pragna announced & introduced her Board of Directors team at Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 16th December, 2024



Directors Orientation Program (DOP) was held on 5th & 6th April, 2025 at Radisson Hotel, Khopoli



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



CPR Training



Blood Donation Camp



Health Check up Camps for our Interactors



Covid Warrior Structure in Bandra



Adivasi Ashramshala at Maswan



Ranshet Boys' Hostel



Girls hostel at Ganjad Ashramshala



The villagers with the tree saplings



Gift of Life Paediatric Heart Surgeries



Thalassemia Centre



Kitchen at Ganjad Ashramshala



Ganjad Ashramshala Dining Hall



2 Ambulances were donated to different hospitals



Skill Development Training of Transgenders



Dialysis Centre



Boys Hostel at Ganjad Ashramshala



Juhu Half Marathon



Plantation of trees



Kitchen & Community hall was built at Ranshet Ashramshala



50+plus AED machines installed at railway stations



Breast cancer screening for the underprivileged at MG hospital, BSES, Andheri



Plastic recycle drive by RCBA with Interact clubs.



E learning kits were distributed in many rural schools.



18 Classrooms were constructed at Ranshet Ashramshala

- Jaipur Foot & Kalbagh Shelter house for the mentally challenged at Vile Parle East.
- First matching grant received by RCBA was used to supply water to Pissai village in Maharashtra.
- A Fund Raising Programme for projects was held with the Ghazhal Maestro Late Jagjit Singh at Elephanta Caves.
- An Ashramshala is constructed at Maswan. At Ganjad ashram shala, girls & boys hostels have been constructed along with toilets & also kitchen with high tech steamers & dining hall.  
In Ranshet ashramshala, boys hostel & classrooms have been constructed. These three schools have more than 2000 beneficiaries.
- Skill Development Programme for the transgenders was conducted which empowered them to get employment in well known companies.
- A Dialysis Center has been established by RCBA with high tech machines near Vile Parle station where patients are regularly availing the facility.
- GIFT OF LIFE, Paediatric Heart Surgery at Shri Satya Sai hospital khargar, is being done since last five years benefitting over 630 children with cumulative amount of US\$1.12 Million (INR9.63 crores).
- RCBA has renovated four operation theatres at the Brahmakumaris global hospital.
- The Thalassemia day care centre at Somaiyya college hospital was refurbished & ambulances & multi utility vehicles have also been donated to various hospitals.
- Mega blood donation camps are held regularly collecting thousands of bottles every year.
- Regular Eye check up camps, Dental check up & other health check up camps for diabetes, blood pressure & other things are conducted regularly for the underprivileged at various places helping hundreds of people every year.
- Cancer Screening & health check up camp is held at CINTAA (Cine & TV Artist Association) every year.
- RCBA has installed more than 50 AED machines at various railway stations & other places. CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training has been given to a large number of people.
- Mental Wellness camps are held for our interactors regularly. A Special Education Programme (SPed) was held for 35 children with slow learning disabilities.
- Suicide Prevention Camp was conducted with the support of renowned Psychiatrist Dr. Anjali Chabbria, where around 4000 college children attended during the year.
- RCBA has been organising the high octane Public Image Project, 'Juhu Half Marathon' (JHM) from the last seven years involving around 25,000 runners & the surplus is used for paediatric heart surgery.
- A magnificent Covid Warrior Structure with RCBA brand was created & placed in a very prominent square of Bandra West, thus enhancing our club image.
- A large number of fruit & vegetable tree saplings are donated periodically to the villagers for their economic upliftment. Tree plantations are done routinely. Miyawaki forests were also created.
- We have hosted 5 DTA (District Training Assembly) & have formed 4 new clubs.
- 25,500 notebooks branded by RCBA were distributed to the underprivileged children.



# THE INSPIRING PANEL



President  
**Rtn. Pragna & Dhiraj Mehta**



Hon Club Secretary  
**Rtn. Manish & Urvi Kothari**



Immediate Past President  
**IPP Apurva & Mona Patel**



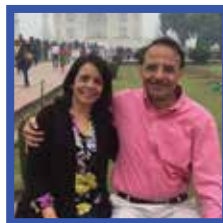
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**Rtn. Harsha & PP AKS Nitin Mehta**



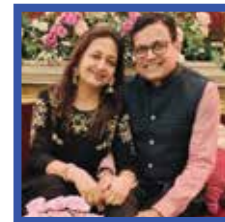
Vice President  
(Dir - Membership)  
**Rtn. Sandip & Ranjan Tarkas**



Club Treasurer  
**Rtn. Prasad & Vaishali Paranjape**



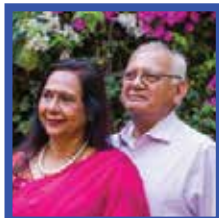
Sergeant at Arms  
**PP Dr. Akshay & Dr. Snigdha Mehta**



Club Service 1 (Speakers' meetings)  
**Rtn. Ajanta & PP Suvendu Mishra**



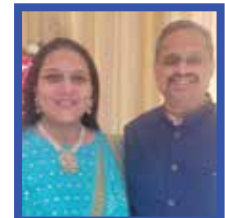
Club Service 2 (Fellowships)  
**Rtn. Dhruti & Kashyap Shah**



Community Services (Medical)  
**Rtn. Dr. Yogini & Sunil Sheth**



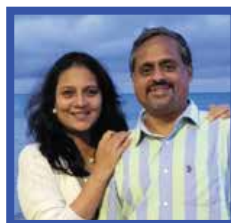
Community Services  
(Non-medical)  
**Rtn. Nina & Dr. Kanir Bhatia**



Youth Services Interact  
**Rtn. Bijal & Sanjay Merchant**



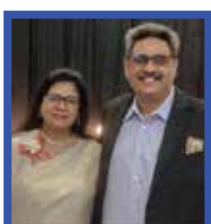
Youth Services Rotaract  
**Rtn. Dr. Ranjit Bhosale**



International Services  
(GG, CSR, TRF, RYE)  
**Rtn. Sanjay & Bijal Merchant**



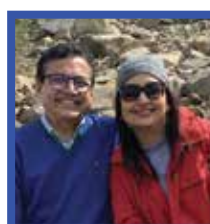
Vocational Services  
**Rtn. Dr. Niteen & Mukta Dedhia**



Public Image  
**Rtn. Vaishali & Prasad Paranjape**



Environment, SDG  
& special projects  
**Rtn. Derrick & Alexandria Angelsz**



Club Learning Facilitator  
**PP Suvendu & Ajanta Mishra**



Club Advisor  
**PP Suketu & Bina Jariwala**



## From the President's Family, with Love



Dearest Mom

We are absolutely thrilled to congratulate you on your installation as President of the Rotary Club of Bombay Airport! This is such a prestigious undertaking, and we know you'll approach it with the same dedication and passion you bring to everything you do. Your leadership and commitment are truly inspiring, and we have no doubt your presidency will be a resounding success. We're incredibly proud of you and wish you all the very best in this exciting new chapter!

*Best wishes : Shaan, Neel, Gaurav, Kavita, Miloni & Aasheesh.*

## IWCBA President Speaks



Congratulations, President, on your new role!  
Your leadership marks a new chapter of unity, progress, and purpose. Wishing you strength, wisdom, and success in the year ahead.

"एक साथ आना शुरूआत है,  
एक साथ रहना उन्नति है,  
और एक साथ काम करना सफलता है।"

We reaffirm our commitment to service and collaboration, and look forward to continuing our strong partnership with RCBA. Together, we can inspire, uplift, and create lasting change.

Wishing you a fulfilling and impactful tenure. We are excited to embark on this journey with you!

**Sunita Mehta - President IWCBA**



RCBA team at District Learning Assembly (DLA) & Grant management Seminar was held at Yashwantrao Chavan Centre on 20th April, 2025



Plans for the Inspire year were unveiled at the Club Assembly held on 9th June, 2025

## Upholding Tradition, Embracing Change at PDG Bansi Dhurandhar's Residence







The year began with PDG Bansi & Surekha's warm visit to President's home with Rajnigandha flowers & \$1000 for TRF.

## Community Services II (Non Medical) Director - Rtn. Nina Bhatia



Anandotsav by Tuning Folks for the Senior Citizens co-hosted by RCBA.

## Community Services I ( Medical) Director - Dr. Yogini Sheth.



The Year took off on 1st July, 2025 with Blood Donation Camps at Andheri, Chembur, Goregaon and Borivali Railway Stations co-hosted by RCBA . 104 bottles of blood were collected at Andheri Station.



PP Dr. Akshay Mehta at Borivali station for CPR training on 1st July, 2025



Dr. Yogini Sheth & Dr Manju Bhatia at Goregaon station for CPR training to general public



CPR training by Dr. Mahendra Gangurde at Chembur station on 1st July, 2025

## Celebrations in July

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversary

07 Suvendu & Ajanta	13 Manish & Jayshree
10 Parag & Dimple	14 Shashank & Anjali

### Events of July

- 1st : Blood Donation Drive
- 1st : CPR Training & AED Installations at various Railways Stations
- 1st : Anandostav for Senior Citizens
- 1st : Orientation-Book Collection Drive
- 1st : Donation of Tulsi Plants to the teachers
- 1st : Recycling of used note books & donation to the needy
- 3rd : CPR Training & AED Installation
- 4th : Physio Training to the staff
- 5th : Fireside Meeting
- 14th : Speaker Meeting
- 28th : Fellowship - MEGH MALHAR

**Grateful to be an RCBA member**