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From the President's Desk

Dear RCBW Members &
Fellow Rotarians,

September is celebrated across Rotary as Basic Education and Literacy Month, reminding us that "Literacy is the Language of Peace". Education fosters peace within, strengthens families and communities, and spreads understanding across nations. It bridges inequalities, empowers girls and women, and creates lasting goodwill and friendships. An educated individual uplifts not just themselves but their entire community and nation — a gift whose benefits multiply for all concerned.

Reflecting this spirit, our Club hosted a thought-provoking Panel Discussion on "The Future of Education in the Era of AI" on Wednesday, September 3, 2025. The session featured an eminent line-up: Dr. Ramesh Bhat, Vice-Chancellor, NMIMS University; Ms. Avnita Bir, Director-Principal of Podar Education; and R/Ann Dr. Aditi Divatia, Associate Professor, SP Jain Institute of Management & Research. The event was conceptualized and coordinated by Rtn. Kanwar Dang, Treasurer & Director, Rotary Club of Bombay West, a Senior Banking Professional, and a Columnist, who also served as the Moderator, steering the discussion with well-researched questions, sharp insights, and smooth facilitation. The panellist's deep expertise combined with Kanwar's engaging moderation and his own insights, made the evening truly memorable, sparking meaningful reflections among members and guests alike.

As we mark this month dedicated to education and literacy, let us pledge our support to initiatives that enable learning, bridge divides, and create a more peaceful, equitable tomorrow.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi

AI & Education

3rd Sept. 2025



On 3rd September 2025, ahead of Teachers' Day, RCBW hosted an insightful discussion on "The Role of AI and the Future of Education in the Era of AI". The session featured distinguished speakers – Dr. Ramesh Bhat, Vice Chancellor, NMIMS University; Ms. Avnita Bir, Director - Principal, Podar Education Trust; and Dr. Aditi Divatia, Associate Professor, SP Jain Institute of Management Studies. The discussion was ably moderated by Rtn. Kanwar Dang, Club Treasurer.

Dr. Ramesh Bhat emphasized that AI is reshaping the university model, where knowledge and information are instantly accessible. However, the true value lies in analysis, application, and nurturing students with holistic values to make them responsible citizens. He stressed that AI should not diminish critical faculties but should encourage skills such as questioning, curiosity, and integrity.

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PROGRAMMES

17th Sept. 2025 : Dr. Bharat Vatwani - What Drives True Social Work – From the Heart of a Ramon Magsaysay Awardee

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Ms. Avnita Bir reflected on how the Covid pandemic accelerated digital transformation in education, compelling teachers to acquire new technical skills. She described this transition as moving from disequilibrium to a higher equilibrium, highlighting the importance of adaptability. She also referenced Salman Khan's flipped classroom model, pointing out that students often come better prepared than teachers, making conventional direct instruction less effective.

Dr. Aditi Divatia described AI's entry into education as both disruptive and challenging. MBA students, she noted, are highly tech-savvy, requiring teachers to stay several steps ahead. She urged educators to embrace tools such as Claude, Copilot, ChatGPT, and Perplexity, using them as companions rather than competitors. Teaching, she stressed, must remain dynamic, with workshops for teachers on ideation, assessment rubrics,

and evaluation methods. Dr. Aditi also cautioned about AI's limitations, noting its tendency for errors and hallucinations, with accuracy often around 65–70%. She further warned that reliance on AI might reduce student curiosity.

All three experts unanimously agreed that the future of education must focus on cultivating curiosity, integrity, adaptability, critical thinking, collaboration, and data-driven decision-making in students. They emphasized that rather than competing with AI, educators should harness it as a facilitator for growth and holistic learning.

The session concluded with a lively Q&A, leaving members enriched with perspectives on navigating the AI-driven era of education.

– R/Ann Dr. Kavita Rege

The Strategic Edge of Lateral Thinking: Innovation Lies in Asking the Right Questions

Most leadership playbooks are written in hindsight. But genuine breakthroughs? They rarely come from following a blueprint – they come from questioning the rules altogether.

Lateral thinking isn't just about thinking differently for the sake of it. It's about asking the questions no one else is asking and seeing opportunities others overlook.

1. Banking: UPI didn't just digitize payments – it reimagined them. The pivotal question was: "Why should transferring money involve time, friction, and intermediaries?" The result? A real-time, interoperable payment system that now powers billions of seamless transactions a month in India.

2. Medicine: When penicillin was discovered, it wasn't by looking at old solutions – it was by noticing something entirely new: mould's natural ability to combat infection. The approach wasn't, "How do we improve the old ways of treatment?" but rather, "What else can we learn from nature?"

3. Transportation: Uber's history started when Travis Kalanick

and Garrett Camp, unable to find a taxi on a snowy evening in Paris, asked themselves: "What if you could request a ride simply by tapping your phone?". They turned the taxi model on its head by focusing on the user experience and leveraging technology for a better solution.

4. Breakthrough in Tech Infra: Faced with internal infrastructure challenges, Amazon didn't just solve for itself – it reframed the problem. The core question: Why shouldn't everyone have access to the same powerful technology as the world's largest enterprises? That thinking led to AWS in 2006 – and a reimagining of global IT infrastructure as an on-demand utility.

When the smartest minds around you agree too quickly, it's a signal that perhaps no new questions have been asked. You need a contrarian to point out what others might be overlooking. Lateral thinking isn't illogical thinking. It's expanding the boundaries of logic.

– Rtn. Kanwar Dang

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration

Ganesh Chaturthi was celebrated by KDN Shruti School on 27th August 2025 with all rituals. Chanting of shlokas, mantras, and aarti was performed beautifully. President Rtn. Jayant Sanghavi and Medical Center staff were present on this occasion along with students, parents, and school staff.

– Ms. Pradnya Vedak
Principal Rotary KDN Shruti School



RCBW Celebrates Academic Achievements

SUPA Farm Rotary Excellence Awards

The prestigious SUPA Farm Rotary Excellence Awards entered its 12th year and was celebrated on 24th August 2025 at K.J. Somaiya School, Talasari. Students who secured 1st, 2nd, and 3rd ranks in their respective schools and colleges (SSC and higher classes) were felicitated with Rs. 5000 (1st Prize), Rs. 3000 (2nd Prize) and Rs. 2000 (3rd Prize) along with Certificates of Appreciation.

The awards were presented at the hands of Chief Guest Prof. Ranjana Mishra and Guest of Honour PP Rtn. Mohanbhai Patel. The ceremony was attended by President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi, Rtn. Hima Dalal, Rtr. Prachi Desai, Rtr. Manassvi Shinde

and Rtr. Sakshi of Rotaract Club of Sathaye College and Rtr. Keviesh & Rtr. Vidhi Shah from Rotaract Club of Andheri. The programme was hosted by Rtr. Keviesh. Dr. B. A. Rajput introduced the Chief Guest & Guest of Honour. The event began with the National Anthem and Lamp Lighting by dignitaries. Dr. Rajput shared the history of the SUPA Farm Awards.

PP Rtn. Dr. Mohanbhai Patel, Industrialist, Philanthropist & Ex-Sheriff of Mumbai, who created a Rs. 50 Lakh corpus to support the awards, emphasized the importance of good company and recited a poem by noted Marathi poet Moropanth.



CMP Mumbai Excellence Awards

The Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel Mumbai Excellence Awards ceremony was held on 25th August 2025, at Homeopathy College, onwards, benefitting 96 students. PP Rtn. Dr. Samapti Patel introduced Guest of Honour PP Rtn. Dr. Mohanbhai Patel and Chief Guest Prof. Ranjana Mishra. The event was graced by President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi, PP Rtn. Arvind Shah, PP Rtn. Shirish Rege, PP Rtn. Aslam Merchant, Rtn. Neevia Bhathena, Rtn. Shefali Shah and Rtn. Manish Mehta.

Director Youth Service Rtn. PP Samapti Patel coordinated the entire event with support from Rtn. Hima Dalal, Rtr. Prachi Desai, Rtr. Manassvi Shinde, Rtr. Sakshi (Sathaye College), Rtr. Keviesh &

Rtr. Vidhi Shah (RC Andheri), RCNM VP Rtr. Alpa Shah, Rtr. Rohan Datta, PP Rtn. Saroj Rao, Rtr. Sakshi Kohli, Rtr. Manashvi Shinde, Rtr. Jasmine, Rtr. Drashti, R/Ann Keyuri, PE Rtn. Tejas Sura, Rtn. Neevia.

It was truly a cherished day for all awardees, leaving a positive impact on their academic journey.

Both SUPA Farm and CMP Excellence Awards continue to inspire young achievers by recognizing and rewarding academic excellence. With the support of dignitaries, Rotarians, and Rotaractors, the events not only honoured merit but also instilled values of discipline, perseverance, and service.



– Reports by **PP Rtn. Dr. Samapti Patel**, Director Youth Service

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“ Literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy. ”
– Barack Obama



The 9th Eye Skin & Organ Donation training and awareness seminar on 30th August 2025 at Rotary Service Centre sponsored by Live Beyond Life Foundation and hosted by RCBW was a great success with over 75 attendees. DG Dr. Manish Motwani was the Chief Guest and Dr. Bharat Shah of ZTCC was the Guest of Honour.

The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi and welcome address by our very own Crusader and Managing Trustee of Live Beyond Life Foundation PP Rtn. Harminder Singh. DG Dr. Manish Motwani inaugurated the bimonthly newsletter Sanjeevani, presented by editor Manpreet Patheja with co-editors Nirmala Deorah and Shefali Shah.

Dr. Bharat Shah, a kidney transplant specialist spoke about kidney transplant and how immune system suppression drugs overcome the possibility of organ rejection. He also spoke of liver, pancreas, lung and heart transplant and the huge waiting list of needy patients of all the transplantable organs, lungs are the only organs which need to be matched in terms of donor & recipient's rib cage sizes. Unlike Europe, where an opt-out system is in place, in India we follow the Voluntary opt-in system, wherein one has to pledge to be an organ donor.

Dr. Quresh Maskati, a renowned Ophthalmologist was at his humorous best as always. Cornea donation can be made up to 6 hours. Also, one cornea can be split and can be implanted into 2 patients. Cornea transplant does not have compatibility / rejection issues.

Rtn. Dr. Sunil Keswani Director Airoli Skin Bank informed the audience about the dire need for skin donation for burn victims. Skin can be donated up to 12 hours after death, if a body is in morgue or on ice. Also, there is no age limit for skin donation.

DG Dr. Manish Motwani proposed to make all District Clubs 100% pledged and suggested a google form for enrolling members for the organ donation pledge. LBL Trustee Harminder thanked the DG for his great suggestion and ideas. He thanked Dr. Bharat Shah and LBL patrons Dr. Quresh Maskati and Dr. Sunil Keswani & Core team members and all attendees.

Harminder also acknowledged LBL foundation Hon. Secy. Harshad Rathod.

– PP Rtn. Harminder Patheja



On the occasion of Teacher's Day, the Rotary Club of Bombay West and the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay West came together to host a heartwarming celebration at the Rotary Service Center on 4th September 2025. The event was beautifully coordinated by Samapti Patel and attended by teachers from our Interact Schools as well as our own esteemed educators.

This year, we chose to honour our teachers in a fun and engaging way — with games, quizzes, and music! The response was overwhelming, with every teacher participating enthusiastically and enjoying every moment.

The lively activities and thoughtful gifts were wonderfully organized by Hima Dalal, PP Meera Sheth, and Anuja Goenka. Their efforts brought smiles, laughter, and joy to all present. It was heartening to see the teachers truly relax, enjoy themselves, and feel appreciated. We also had the pleasure of felicitating our teachers with gifts, followed by a delicious lunch that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

It was truly a blessed and enriching experience — a day filled with gratitude, joy, and celebration of the educators who shape our future. A special thank you to Rotary President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi for gracing the occasion with his presence.

– R/Ann Brinda Desai

President 2025-26, Innerwheel Club of Bombay West

RCBW NEWS ROOM

President-Elect Rtn. Tejas Sura visited the Rotary Club of Dublin, CA, USA, where he was warmly welcomed by President Linda D'Ambrosio. He exchanged Club flags after sharing highlights of our Club's initiatives. He attended an insightful session by Julie Pamer, Director of Programs at Teen Esteem+, on "Kids, Phones, and Social Media", shedding light on the impact of smartphones on teen mental health.



UPCOMING EVENTS

21st Sept. 2025 : Free Medical Checkup Camp at Rotary Service Centre, 9:30 am onwards



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rotarian Birthdays

11-Sep.	Rtn. Adesh Gupta
12-Sep.	Rtn. Hima Dalal
14-Sep.	Rtn. Kishenkumar Agarwal
17-Sep.	Rtn. Vivek Mehta
20-Sep.	Rtn. Rajul Doshi
21-Sep.	Rtn. Ajay Kapoor

R/Ann Birthdays

10-Sep.	R/Ann Forum Ameet Shah
10-Sep.	R/Ann Brinda Tushar Desai
23-Sep.	R/Ann Keyuri Tejas Sura
23-Sep.	R/Ann Shivani Advait Sambhare

