

#### From the Presidential desk....



As my tenure as President of our esteemed club comes to an end, I want to express my deepest gratitude to every one of you for your unwavering support and dedication throughout this remarkable journey. It has been an honour and privilege to serve as your President, and I am

immensely proud of what we have achieved together.

During this past year, we embarked on numerous impactful projects that have made a significant difference in the lives of many. From community service initiatives to sustainable development projects, we have left a lasting impact on our community. Our efforts have touched the lives of the

underprivileged, provided educational opportunities to the youth, and supported healthcare initiatives that have improved the well-being of many.

I am thrilled to announce that we have successfully inducted 25 new members into our club. Their enthusiasm and commitment

have brought fresh perspectives and new ideas to our organization. I believe that their inclusion has strengthened our club's foundation and will contribute to our future growth and success.

Our work with Interact schools has been instrumental in fostering leadership skills and promoting social responsibility among young students. By engaging with these future leaders, we have ignited a passion for service and instilled in them the Rotary spirit, which I am confident will continue to thrive in their hearts.

I am particularly proud of our achievement in forming a record-breaking 14 new Rotary Community Corps (RCCs). These grassroots organizations have played a vital role in addressing local challenges and empowering communities

to become self-reliant. The formation of these RCCs has expanded our reach and multiplied the impact of our service projects.

Throughout my tenure, I emphasized the value of punctuality, recognizing it as a key element in our commitment to excellence. I am pleased to see that our club members embraced this value and strived to be punctual in our meetings and events. Your adherence to punctuality has not only improved our organizational efficiency but has also set a positive example for others to follow.

As an act of giving, I personally took the lead by becoming a 'Polio Warrior' and a "Major Donor' to Rotary's humanitarian efforts. By participating in the fight against polio and making substantial contributions, we have demonstrated

our commitment to eradicating this devastating disease. These actions reflect the true spirit of Rotary and our dedication to creating a better world for all.

In conclusion, I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together during my term as President of the Rotary Club of Borivli. It is your passion,

dedication, and selfless service that have made all this possible. I am confident that under the leadership of our incoming President, Rashmikant Sanghvi, our club will continue to grow and make a lasting impact in our community and beyond.

This is the last issue for the Rotary Year 2022-23 and I would like to express my deep gratitude to Editor, T S Bharadwaj and Umesh Soni for compiling an producing each edition within the first week of the succeeding month.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support and for being part of this incredible journey. It has been an honour to serve as your President.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. K. V. Premraj, President

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### When I met Gulzar saab



Vidyottama Sharma

It was in August 2002, when I was Assistant Editor with Bombay Times, that my immediate senior, Editor Ayaz Memon walked up to my desk one afternoon. "What are you doing, Vidya?" he asked. There was an urgency in his voice. "I am working on this page, Ayaz. It has to go today," I said.

"Leave that to someone. You have to leave for Bandra now".

"But this is important, Ayaz. It has to go today".

"I will see it handled. You get ready to interview Gulzar saab," he said.

To be frank, I did not want to. I had done no homework on Gulzar saab and did not want to look like a fool in front of a legendary figure, who rarely picked up his phone and whose record of giving interviews was infrequent. I had to read about him and prepare some preliminary questions before the interview. How could I go? Just like that? Moreover, the interview was fixed by a colleague and I didn't want to usurp her efforts. Getting an interview with Gulzar saab was a feat. How could I deny her that?

"I am not prepared, Ayaz. I cannot look foolish and waste his time. She has done her homework. Let her go" I told the Editor.

"No Vidya, you speak good Hindi, speak a bit of Urdu too and you will be best placed to interview him. He is speaking with Bombay Times for the first time and I want him to know we respect him enough to interview him with facts".

And facts were something I did not have. I apologized to my colleague who had fixed the interview (she was gracious about that as she felt she did not have much knowledge about him herself) and left to interview the Gulzar saab, with our Bombay Times photographer: I don't remember if it was Rajan or Prashant. I tried to get some information on the my mobile on the way. The brief was: rains. "Talk to him about the rainy season, Vidya," Ayaz suggested. Ek to karela, oopar se neem chadha! I didn't know much about Gulzar saab in the first place except some information on his writing and movies and here I was to bring out his feelings on rain!

While at his home, stamped with an intellectual's signature, it took a few minutes for us to strike a rapport. I think Gulzar saab was judging if it was worth his while speaking with me and I was under pressure that if I did not strike a chord in the first few minutes, I would have to return empty handed. And that was something I did not want to do.

I was sincere in my talk. I did not put on any act of knowing too much. When Gulzar saab spoke, my questions and replies were supported by a few lines of Hindi poems or a line from a couplet or the entire couplet. It was totally genuine---totally the way I speak. That did it. The interview was a delight from there on. At times in between the interview Gulzar saab said. "Ayaz has done a wonderful thing by sending you for this interview, Vidya ji. I am happy you came". Can you imagine the boost these sentences gave to my confidence?

This was an interview which, without I knowing it for a long time, made my name-recall easy in different states. Because, when I moved to a Reliance company later, heading its portal, later I met with a Group Head of its advertising agency at its Guest House in Ahmedabad. When I introduced myself, she asked, "Are you the one who wrote about Gulzar in Bombay Times?" Oh yes, I was the one. Thank you. That year or the next year, Group 7, a group of seven Rotary families - all friends - went to Kolkata to visit the famous Kali temple. I decided to meet the Resident Editor of Times of India in Kolkata and called him. He immediately said, "drop in" and shared the



Initiating idea continues....

ToI address. When I went, nearly the entire editorial team had gathered there and I was asked, "You are the same Vidyottama who interviewed Gulzar saab?" It was pleasantly shocking, I must admit. Where did this question come from? It was just an interview. So many journalists interview so many known figures. I wasn't ever asked this way even when I had interviewed the former Prime Minister of India, Shri Morarji Desai, on his urine therapy. I will not lie and say it didn't feel good. Of course, it felt good. Very good, in fact. We journos chatted on the interview itself for some time.

In this interview, along with how rains made him feel and brought out the best in him as a writer-lyricist, I had written about a completely unexplored side of Gulzar saab, the tennis player who, in shorts and T shirt, jumped like a child at MIG Club and cheated in the game with his friends. We carried a photograph of him playing tennis in a T shirt and shorts. No one had seen Gulzar saab in shorts. Most did not know that side to Gulzar. Ayaz was elated and he carried the interview on the front page.

Gulzar saab later took me to show his garden, where his actress wife Rakhi had planted two Parijaat trees. "Ye meri pagli ne lagaye hain," he said lovingly of his wife and smiled. If you remember, Pagli was a film in which Rakhi had given an amazing performance. Gulzar saab then turned to my photographer colleague and said, "Aap zara hum donon ka bhi photo kheench deejiye. Hamein bhi to yaad rahe ki Vidya ji humse milne aayee thheen". (I am not able to locate those two photographs now but it was very gracious of Gulzar saab to make me feel important).

The next time I called his assistant Mr. Kutty, Gulzar saab himself came on line after a few seconds and I was immediately given an appointment. This time, he took me to the sitting room on the first floor instead of the study, showing me photographs on the way up the stairs. After the interview, I happened to tell him that my husband was a huge fan of his and that he was more of a voracious reader than I was. "To aap bula lein unhein," he offered. "Agli baar zaroor le kar aaungi, "I told him.

So, I called Prafull from Gulzar saab's home and told him to leave everything and rush to Bandra. I was slightly in a panic mode. What if he got delayed? But Gulzar saab was relaxed and patient. Till Prafull reached, we had a long chat and a longer one after he reached. Gulzar saab was warm and gentle and we spoke on literature, Hindi film industry, some of its famous families and many other issues. That meeting will always remain etched in my memory. He came down to see us off.

Then, one day, out of nowhere, I received a call from Gulzar saab. He asked me if I could do a story on Tony Vaz, the immensely talented music director who had fallen on bad times. Gulzar saab's friend, film director Vishal Bhardwaj had requested the writer-lyricist-director if he could get a story done on him and he called me: Can you do it Vidya ji? Of course, I could. And I did. We ran it in Bombay Times under the headline: Will someone please help Tony Vaz? Many days after that my friend Arati Salgaonkar called me and said, "Vidyo tujhe pata hai teri story kitne forums par chal rahee hai aur us par kitne discussions ho rahe hain?" I didn't know that. I googled and learnt that it was carried on various forums and long conversations were held by music lovers and Goans for a very long time on ways to help him.

Then, one day Gulzar saab called me and said that a very famous art magazine wanted him to write on the rains. They had read my interview and now wanted Gulzar saab to write. "Will you write as me Vidya ji," Gulzar saab asked. "You know the best how I feel in rains. Is it ok if you write in first person? I think you can do it better justice". Of course, I will, I said. It was an honour. I do not remember what happened of it later. I think the magazine dropped the idea.

My long journey in journalism has given me some amazing memories. I have been happy to share some of those in this column.

Ciao for now.

Link to the first interview with Gulzar saab: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/delhi-times/yeh-baarish-ka-asar-hai/articleshow/19182768.cms (This link does not show the layout of the page though)
Link to the article on Tony Vaz: https://www.mail-archive.com/goanet@goanet.org/msg03801.html (This link is on one of the forums the article was carried on).

<sup>&</sup>quot;Nahin, aap abhi bula lein. Unse milna achchha lagega," he said.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Unka office Kandivali mein hai, Gulzar saab. Der ho jayegi".

<sup>&</sup>quot;Koi baat nahin, hum intezaar kar lenge, chai piyenge aur aapse baatein bhi ho jayengi tab tak".

# KNOW YOUR ROTARY

## ROTARY FELLOWSHIP IS THE THEME FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE



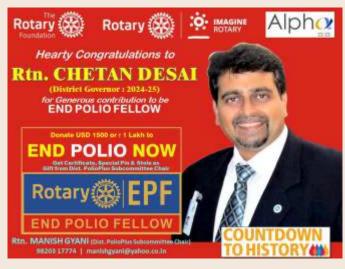
June is designated as Rotary Fellowship Month. Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotary partners, and Rotaractors who share a common recreational interest or vocation. This month is recognition of the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world and enhance the experience of Rotary that belonging to a Rotary Fellowship enables.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when a group of Rotarians with an interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, Rotarians organized a group of boating enthusiasts, which became the Yachting Fellowship. This joining together to share common interests and activities gained attention and operated over the years under various names as World Fellowship Activities; International Vocational Contact Groups; Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships; and finally Rotary Fellowships.

Fellowship activities vary widely. Some groups come together around hobbies or special interests. Others are based on common vocations. Some Fellowships are purely social while others use their fellowship for service projects

## **Rotary End Polio Fund**











> Vikas Goel

## Missing Prescription... CARE.. COMPASSION...CURE

The most heart touching and effective talk ever witnessed in my Rotary career.

Throughout I was reminded of PP Rtn. Rajendra Kinariwala who used to always quote Dushyant Kumar

"Sirf Hungama Khada Karna Mera Maksad Nahi.. Kuch Koshish Honi Chahiye

Andhera Itna Gahera Hai Ki Kisiko Bhi Deepak Jalana Chahiye."

#### Three real life stories

When tired of Bombay Rat race, selling flat to go back to native place and Dr. Ajay Sankhe convinced him to stay back.

When Bhakti Vedanta hospital started on 1 St November 1997, he has been associated after realising that he could not change his country, neighbours, his family, he could only change himself.

He quoted "Family that Dines together shines together and family that dances together advances together."

He quoted donor Mafatlal

Family as Dena Bank

His association as Project and Program Director changed his entire vision and perception.

His first experience of Mathura when Cancer spine affected boy was to be thrown in Yamuna river but saved because of Riksha wala.

Second story of small girl affected by stomach cancer tumour who was operated by Dr. Vishnu Agarwal totally free of cost and who smiled after removing 2.5 kg. Tumour from her body.

Thirdly when Gopi Nath who went to Shankar Netralaya, Madras with 5000/- but could not get vision. His mission to build hospital in Mathura and build spiritual support system touched hearts of audience.

He narrated the story of Jammu flood affected area when his Life was

about to be ended by terrorists but miraculously saved by almighty.

He described " when a person decides to commit suicide, he has to undergo pain of biting 50000 Scorpions.

He appealed audience to build spiritual support system of listening and building relationship with terminally ill patients and help in their last journey

He also answered questions on COVID 19 vaccination and classic example of preparation of inflated ego in PURI and when offered as Prasad to Lord becomes deflated.

He got well deserved Vote of thanks by president K Premraj.

Members dispersed happily after fellowship over dinner. We missed members who could not make it.

#### PP Hemant Mehta





## Inauguration of new education centre

N.L.Katta, Anand Nagar, Dahisar East.

Happy to announce that on Saturday, 3rd June 2023, the seventh education centre under Rajendra Kinariwala Memorial Rotary Borivli Education Centre was inaugurated at N.L.Katta, Anand Nagar, Dahisar East.

The chief guest, Manisha Tai Chaudhary, MLA, appreciated the initiative of Rotary club of Borivli of providing free coaching to underprivileged students of standard 9 and 10.

She also invited Rotary to start a centre at Eksar for students of 8th standard who will come under the NEP system.

Guest of Honour, Shri Jagdish Oza, Corporator, appreciated the idea and provided the place for running education centre as there are many underprivileged students in surrounding vicinity.

President K. Premraj explained about the project and encouraged residents to inform the needy to take benefit of this program. Special thanks to PP Mona Gyani for the guidance and support as always for this cause. Her presence is always appreciated.

Around 30 students in one batch will be able to take









benefit of this facility.

A white board was donated by Smt. Alpa Chetan Chitalia, who introduced us to the area authorities and also for coordinating the entire project.

Thanks to Rtn.Rakesh and Rtn Vikram for arranging books and pens.

The inauguration took place in the presence of Rotarians, R/ Anns of Rotary Club of Borivli, Rotarians from Rotary Club of Mumbai Dahisar, members of Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai Dahisar, teachers, parents, prospective students, friends and relatives.

The classes have commenced from 5th June. 2023.

Thanks to all for all the motivation and cooperation to take a step further in this endeavour of ours of providing complete and quality education to students of Dahisar vicinity.

Regards

Rtn. Harish Chandarana.

Chairman

# Regular Club Meeting



Rotary Club of Borivili organized a meeting on 9th June 2023 where guest speaker Pankhil Chheda shared his remarkable journey of conquering Mount Everest.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome to Pankhil Chheda delivered by Past President, Hemant Mehta.

Pankhil provided a detailed blow-by-blow account of his expedition to the world's highest peak. He painted a vivid picture of the physical and mental challenges faced during the journey, captivating the audience with his storytelling skills.

The Speaker highlighted the importance of meticulous preparation and rigorous training that preceded the expedition. He shared insights into the physical conditioning, endurance training, and mental resilience required to undertake such a daunting task.

Pankhil described the arduous journey to the Everest Base Camp and the subsequent process of acclimatization. He emphasized the need to adapt to the high altitude and extreme weather conditions, which tested the limits of physical and mental endurance.

The gripping narration chronicled the treacherous ascent through Icefalls, the perilous Hillary Step, and the final push towards the summit. He shared the thrill and elation he experienced upon reaching the pinnacle of the world, describing it as a profound personal achievement.

During his talk, Pankhil candidly shared the various challenges he encountered along the way. From unpredictable weather conditions to physical exhaustion and altitude sickness, each obstacle tested his resilience and determination to continue. He underscored the importance of mental fortitude in overcoming adversity. Two fingers of his hand afflicted by frost bite was a trophy he displayed.

Pankhil's enthralling story provided valuable insights into the qualities of resilience, endurance, and fortitude. He highlighted the following lessons:

a) Perseverance in the Face of Challenges b) Mental Strength and Determination c) Teamwork and Support.

Pankhil's incredible journey resonated with the audience, leaving them inspired and motivated to overcome their own challenges with resilience, endurance, and fortitude.







# Regular Club Meeting

# 'Formula for Success'

On 9th June 2023, Rotary Club of Borivli organized a talk on 'Formula for Success' featuring Ameya Pradhan, a renowned Coach, Mentor, and Speaker. The event aimed to provide valuable insights and strategies for achieving success in both personal and professional life.

Through a combination of personal anecdotes and interactive sessions, Ameya Pradhan captivated the audience and shared practical methods for self-analysis and growth.

Ameya Pradhan highlighted the acronym 'BED' to represent the common

pitfalls hindering success. The three elements of 'BED' are: Blaming Others , Excuses and Denial.

To counteract the pitfalls the audience were provided with an antidote: 'OAR'. O w n e r s h i p, Accountability and Reflection. Self-reflection.

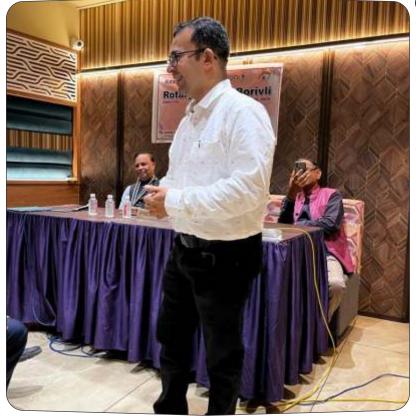
The Speaker also exhorted the team to be participants in projects. No participation means no learning was a home truth.

Ameya emphasized the significance of goal setting and breaking down goals into smaller, manageable segments with specific timelines.

The talk was both insightful and engaging. The speaker effectively weaved personal stories into the discussion, making it relatable for the audience. The identification of the pitfalls represented by the acronym 'BED' (Blaming Others, Excuses, and Denial) highlighted common roadblocks to success. The antidote of ownership, accountability, and self-reflection provided practical solutions to overcome these challenges. The emphasis

on goal setting, breaking them down, and developing action plans further added value to the discussion.

Ameya Pradhan's talk left the audience inspired and motivated to implement the shared strategies in their personal and professional lives. The event successfully fulfilled its objective of providing a formula for success and empowering individuals to take charge of their lives.







# **Rotary Community Corps**

# Abhinav Vidyamandir REE outreach programme





Two interactive sessions were conducted today at Abhinav Vidya Mandir as part of the RCC outreach effort by our Club.

In the first session, Survana Salvekar, a renowned expert in the field, focused on grooming and sensitization for teaching and non-teaching school staff. The session aimed to enhance the behavior of the staff when dealing with students, guardians, and amongst each other.

The interactive session was a valuable experience for the school staff. It provided practical insights and strategies to benefit the entire school community.

The second session was conducted by Rajashree Parab an ex banker.

This was on manifestation, gratitude, and the importance of financial planning.

The session aimed to enlighten the participants about the power of positive thinking, expressing gratitude, and effectively managing their finances.

She offered her services to conduct special sessions on Financial planning.

43 teaching and non-teaching staff from the vicinity took advantage of this session.

The school authorities were profuse in the praise of our Club having arranged these two impactful sessions.

These sessions were part of the RCC outreach initiative planned under the guidance of Manish Gyani and Rajul Pathak.









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## **Medical Camp at Palghar**



The Rotary Club of Borivili organized a successful medical camp in collaboration with Bhakti Vedanta Hospital in Palghar on 16th June 2023.

The camp was held at Raipada, Koknare. The camp aimed to provide comprehensive eye and general health check-ups to the beneficiaries from three Rotary Community Centres (RCCs) in the area. (Kokaner, Chahade and Navaze).

These are RCC centres established this year. The camp was a significant initiative in improving the overall healthcare of the local community.

A total of 111 beneficiaries from the three RCCs in Palghar availed themselves of the services provided at the medical camp. The beneficiaries consisted of individuals from diverse age groups, including children, adults, and elderly individuals. The camp aimed to reach out to underprivileged sections of society and provide them with access to quality healthcare services.

We also visited RCC Girale which is the first RCC established by our Club way back in the Rotary year 1998-99.

District Avenue Director—RCC, Manish Gyani accompanied us and was the guiding force behind the initiative. Dr Dharmaji Shinde was part of our contingent and lent his medical expertise at the camp.

Another impactful activity by the Club.











# **School Staff Room Inauguration**

On the 27th of June 2023, a momentous occasion took place at Shree Dnyaneshwar Vidya Mandir as the school staff room was inaugurated with great enthusiasm. This is an Interact school. The Principal, Mr More is also heading the RCC unit of Dhanukarwadi.

The event was a resounding success, with members from the Club attending the function. Among those present were President Premraj, Club Trainer and PP Mona Gyani, PP Rahul Pathak, Hetal Pathak, Dinesh Rege, Vinod and Seema Haldankar, Sonal Chandarana, and Renjini Premraj. Their presence demonstrated the Club's unwavering support and dedication to the betterment of education.

Adding to the grandeur of the event, Vinod Thakkar, Chief Sergeant at Arms, Dist 3141, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. His esteemed presence elevated the significance of the moment and brought an air of distinction to the proceedings.

In their remarks, the school authorities effusively praised the Rotary Club for their invaluable contribution in providing a much-needed staff room for the dedicated teachers. They acknowledged the significance of a well-equipped and comfortable environment for the teachers, as it plays a crucial role in fostering a positive mindset while imparting knowledge.

The newly inaugurated staff room was made possible by the funds arranged by the First Lady Renjini through B S Valechha Trust whose representative Deepak was present.

The collaboration between the Rotary Club and Shree Dnyaneshwar Vidya Mandir exemplified the power of community engagement and partnership in improving educational facilities. It showcased the Club's commitment to nurturing an environment conducive to effective teaching and learning.

As the curtains closed on the event, a feeling of





accomplishment and satisfaction pervaded the air. The Club's efforts had not only provided a physical space but also instilled a renewed sense of motivation and enthusiasm among the teachers.

The inauguration of the school staff room would undoubtedly serve as a lasting symbol of the Club's dedication to education and their unwavering support for the teaching community at Shree Dnyaneshwar Vidya Mandir.





# SIGNAND GENEROMY CELEBRATION

Shukriya, the Gratitude Day, marked the culmination of President Premraj and First Lady Renjini's tenure at the Rotary Club of Borivli on 30th June 2023. This also happened to be the Charter Day of the Club.

The event was held to express gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful completion of their term.

It was a glittering ceremony, heartfelt farewells, and recognition of individuals who played a vital role in various aspects of the club's operations.

served as an occasion to express gratitude to those who had contributed to the success of the club's initiatives, while also commemorating the accomplishments achieved during their term. The glittering ceremony, professional singers, and external Master of Ceremonies added an extra layer of sophistication and made the event memorable for all attendees. President Premraj's farewell address was a heartfelt tribute, recognizing the dedication and hard work of club members and volunteers. The event left a lasting impression on the Rotary Club of Borivli community.

To ensure the smooth flow of the event and to bring a professional touch, an external Master of Ceremonies (MOC) was engaged. The MOC expertly hosted the program, managing the schedule and keeping the audience engaged throughout the event. Professional singers were invited to perform, adding a touch of entertainment, and creating a memorable atmosphere. The performances captivated the audience and provided a delightful backdrop to the event.

Two Club members who completed 25 years as Rotarians----Nitin Majithia and Bhadresh Nathvani were felicitated with mementos.

President Premraj delivered a touching farewell address, reflecting upon the achievements of the past year. He highlighted the club's accomplishments in terms of membership growth, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives, and the emphasis on punctuality. President Premraj expressed his gratitude to the club members for their support and dedication throughout his tenure.

PDG Prafull Sharma was also present and he paid glowing tributes to the functioning of the Club during the past one year.

Premraj also read a flowery testimonial received from PP Prakash Desai, the member who joined in the first year of the Club

The Shukriya event was a grand and meaningful celebration of President Premraj and First Lady Renjini's tenure at the Rotary Club of Borivli. It



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#### **Club Activities**

#### Birthday & Wedding Anniversary

#### **Happy Birthday**

4-Jul	Raviraj Dhuri	9821768210
4-Jul	Sunil Nandu	9820855811
10-Jul	Manoj Kumar Doshi	9821775191
15-Jul	Dr. Umesh Khanna	9769444971
18-Jul	Sudhir Soundalgekar	9821448149
19-Jul	Dr Hardik Desai	9619566567
19-Jul	Kishore Srivastava	9322229910
19-Jul	Umesh Madanlal Soni	9869032572
20-Jul	Hitesh C Dave	9820389031
20-Jul	Kalpesh Mehta	9821619013
22-Jul	Mukesh Thakkar	9820076376
24-Jul	Bhavin Anandjiwala	9869987817
29-Jul	Rahul Bamb	9322677497

#### Wedding Anniversaries

8-Jul Dr. Vividh Makwana 9819470803 21-Jul Mayur Joshi 8082260980

# Memories are great things that no longer available but always exist

## **EDITOR'S CORNER**



Dear Friends,

This is the last edition of Kanheri under the stewardship of President Premraj. On behalf of Editorial Board, we extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your support and patronage. We do hope that you enjoyed reading

all the editions. Thanks also to my co-Editors, Rtn Umesh Soni and President Premraj for their support and co-operation in producing these editions. Special thanks to Rtn Umesh Soni for his patience in accomodating all my suggestions/corrections/modifications to the various write-ups. Some of these were literally at the last minute. The sole intention was to present you all an eminently readable magazine with as less errors as possible. We seek your understanding for any inadvertent errors that may have crept in, despite my applying the microscope to each and every word.

Turning now to the year gone by, i am sure that all of you will agree that President Premraj has fulfilled his remit as the President of RCB, to the utmost. We doff our collective hats to him, his Team, and indeed, to all members of the RCB family. We take this opportunity to congratulate the incoming President of RCB- Rtn. Rashmikant Sanghvi as well as his team. We wish them All The Very Best in their efforts at spreading goodness and cheer all around via the various social initiatives to be taken up by RCB under President Rashmikant's stewardship.

Finally, as i wrap up this edit, here's wishing all members of the RCB family, very Good Luck and God speed.

Arrivederci.

Best Regards,

Rtn T. S. Bharadwaj

