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FROM PRESIDENTS DESK:



RTN. CHANDRAPRABHA  
KHONA

Greetings from president to all the dear members of the club and friends. I am overwhelmed to receive the complements from District Governor in OCV Meeting for my leadership, the kind of projects undertaken by our club and maintenance of all the requisite records. It is a team work and I give credit to all the diligent office bearers, focused directors of the board and all the dedicated members for these complements for our club. I was thrilled that Preeti Shah in charge of Women empowerment announced in OCV meeting, Donation of 4 pink autos by RTN.AKS MODI JI, RTN. R A GOENKA JI, RTN.PP PREETI SHAH, and MYSELF one pink auto from each one donating Rs.150000/- per 1 auto. Rs.6 lakhs are being donated to the Rotary Foundation India and each donor and our club got TRF CREDIT. Shabbir bhai's cheques for Rs. 25 lakhs + for DISTRICT

EYE HOSPITAL UNDER CSR INDA GRANT were handed over to District Governor. Some more good projects are decided to be taken up by the board and I urge members to please donate generously to serve the needy and less privileged members of society.

FROM EDITORS DESK:



Dr. Harsha Badkar

"Hope in Action"  
Rotarians: Beacons of Hope in Uncertain Times  
In a world unsettled by conflict and division, our Rotary motto -Service Above Self- rings louder than ever. As global citizens and Rotarians, we don't just witness challenges — we respond to them.  
Whether it's mentoring youth to shape tomorrow's leaders, or providing clean water to communities in crisis, our small, consistent actions create ripples of peace. Wars may dominate headlines, but Rotary's work writes a different story: one of hope, resilience,

and human connection.  
Conflict divides. Rotary unites.  
War destroys. Rotary rebuilds.  
Uncertainty spreads fear. Rotary creates hope.  
We are Rotarians. Our tools aren't weapons — they're projects, partnerships, and the power of people who care. With the help of our meaningful projects, we prove that service is the strongest response to uncertainty.  
So let's keep showing up. Keep serving. Keep being the reason someone believes tomorrow can be better. Together, we build goodwill and better friendships, and that is the foundation of lasting peace.

The Rotary Foundation **Top 25 TRF clubs in RY 2025-26**

Sr No.	Club Name	No of Members	All-Time Giving	TRF Giving in RY 2025-26
1	Bombay	368	\$9,725,862	\$1,202,280.29
2	Bombay Pier	148	\$4,258,563	\$1,175,139.14
3	Bombay Queen City	107	\$3,295,773	\$569,194.60
4	Queen's Necklace	163	\$3,500,620	\$527,299.13
5	Mumbai Divas	110	\$703,792	\$217,949.14
6	Bombay North	102	\$3,946,221	\$211,833.60
7	Mumbai Elegant	120	\$750,665	\$206,823.70
8	Bombay Hanging Garden	81	\$1,227,663	\$202,624.96
9	Mumbai Western Elite	207	\$1,555,339	\$158,215.30
10	Bombay Mid-Town	100	\$1,494,081	\$140,878.48
11	Bombay Airport	143	\$1,637,883	\$123,982.85
12	Bombay Bay View	145	\$1,374,478	\$110,188.89
13	Bombay Worli	52	\$1,621,141	\$107,536.91
14	Mulund	59	\$760,084	\$93,781.93
15	Bombay West	115	\$1,246,856	\$84,017.58
16	Mumbai North End	105	\$1,003,278	\$73,895.03
17	Mumbai Royales	91	\$1,248,064	\$73,306.81
18	Bombay Seacoast	53	\$1,085,923	\$66,866.12
19	Mira Road	23	\$74,662	\$48,025.61
20	Mumbai Sobro	58	\$297,070	\$47,734.15
21	Bombay Sea Face	82	\$525,044	\$41,537.82
22	Mumbai West End	52	\$414,509	\$33,397.24
23	Bombay Central	96	\$1,102,661	\$32,277.78
24	Mumbai Down Town Sea Land	35	\$1,059,052	\$24,902.58
25	Borivli	130	\$510,404	\$24,335.70

data as of 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

**Byculla Jail Water Pump Donation Drive**

The club undertook a major humanitarian initiative at Byculla District Jail through the donation of three water pumps to improve water accessibility for inmates facing severe shortages inside the prison premises. Although the jail has a capacity of around 462 inmates, nearly 900–1000 inmates currently reside there, creating significant challenges related to sanitation, hygiene and access to basic necessities such as water. Understanding the urgent need for improved water facilities, the club stepped forward to support the inmates by installing water pumps that would help improve daily living conditions within the jail. The initiative highlighted the importance of dignity, hygiene and humanitarian care for underserved and neglected sections of society while directly addressing one of the most pressing issues faced by inmates. The project reflected the club's commitment towards meaningful and need-based service activities and was completed at a total cost of ₹1,15,000, directly benefiting approximately 1000 inmates. This initiative was carried out under the Rotary focus area of Water, Hygiene and Sanitation.



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As part of the outreach initiative at Byculla Jail, the club organised a donation drive for children residing in jail with their mothers with the aim of providing comfort,

care and emotional support to children growing up in difficult and emotionally challenging surroundings while also addressing their daily needs through meaningful support initiatives. Members donated toys, 10 insulated tiffin boxes and 12 hygiene kits to support the children's wellbeing and daily requirements. The insulated tiffin boxes helped keep food warm and hygienic, while the hygiene kits promoted cleanliness and healthy living practices. Toys collected and donated by members brought moments of joy and happiness to the children during the visit. The initiative benefited 12 children, reflecting the club's compassionate commitment towards child welfare, humanitarian outreach and community support for vulnerable sections of society.



**Teacher's Training for Mental Health of Students – Hume High School**

The club organised a special Teacher's Training for Mental Health of Students programme at Hume High School focused on improving awareness regarding emotional wellbeing and mental health challenges faced by students. The programme trained teachers to identify emotional distress, anxiety, stress, behavioural changes and learning difficulties among students while encouraging compassionate and empathetic approaches within classrooms and schools. Sessions also focused on understanding socio-economic challenges affecting children and responding effectively during emotional

or behavioural crises. The faculty trainers for the programme included Mona Sudarshan, Purvi Shah, Nitin Shah, Dr. Dipti Shah and Meenakshi Nagwekar. The interactive sessions helped teachers strengthen their understanding of student mental health and supportive student care practices.



**Inspired Village Water Project – Maan Village**

The club's Inspired Village Water Project at Maan Village continued to progress steadily as part of its rural development and agricultural support initiatives. The project was undertaken to support farmers facing irrigation challenges and inconsistent water availability affecting agricultural productivity and livelihoods. The initiative includes the installation of solar-powered pumps, solar panels and irrigation pipelines connecting the farms of 11 farmers in the village. Designed as a flood irrigation project, it aims to provide a sustainable irrigation solution, improve farming productivity and support environmentally sustainable rural development.



## OCV Meeting

The important OCV Meeting was conducted at Hotel Diplomat in the gracious presence of District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani along with district leaders and members. The evening commenced with a closed-door meeting attended by the President, Secretary, Treasurer, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Assistant Governor and District Governor, followed by interactions with Rotaractors, Interactors and Inner Wheel representatives.

District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani highly appreciated President Chandraprabha Khona's impactful leadership during her second tenure and commended the club for undertaking sustainable and need-based service projects. He also appreciated major donors including AKS Modi Ji and Shabbir Bhai Rangwala for their contributions towards CSR India Grant initiatives. During the meeting, President Chandraprabha Khona announced the club's commitment towards sponsoring five Pink Autos under the women empowerment initiative and presented the cheques contributed by Shabbir Bhai Rangwala towards the Rotary Eye Hospital CSR India Grant project. The meeting also witnessed the induction of four new members Dr. Shweta Bansal, Vijay Gupta, Grishma Shah and Sanjay Shedmake. The Bulletin for the month of March was officially released by District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani, followed by fellowship and dinner.



## Fireside Meeting

An inspiring Fireside Meeting was successfully conducted on 30th April 2026 at the conference hall of the office of Rtn. Rajesh Shah and Rtn. Tejal Shah, who warmly hosted the gathering. The meeting brought together members in an atmosphere of fellowship, meaningful interaction and thoughtful discussions on the future of Rotary.

The highlight of the evening was the insightful session delivered by Rtn. Vinay Vyas on "Future Rotary – Strengthening Club." His motivating presentation focused on the evolving role of Rotary and the importance of building stronger, united and service-oriented clubs. The session energised members and inspired renewed enthusiasm and commitment towards Rotary ideals.



## Communication Skills Meeting – Radio Club

The club meeting held on 23rd April at Radio Club featured an enriching and interactive session on "Communication Skills" by renowned speaker Rtn. PP Gul Gadiyali. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from members who gathered to enhance their communication and leadership abilities.

Through practical examples, real-life experiences and engaging activities, Rtn. PP Gul Gadiyali highlighted important aspects of communication including confidence building, public speaking, active listening, body language, clarity in expression and interpersonal interaction. The session also focused on the role of effective communication in strengthening Rotary relationships, leadership and social impact, and concluded with highly positive feedback from attendees.



## Christ Church School Interact Installation Ceremony

President Chandraprabha Khona and Rtn. Dr. Bimal attended the Charter Day and Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club at Christ Church School.

President Chandraprabha Khona attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest and appreciated the remarkable service projects undertaken by the young Interactors. The programme highlighted youth leadership, service initiatives and the growing impact of Interact activities within educational institutions.



## GRATITUDE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### Recognition for PP Preeti Shah – TRF Director

*Congratulations were extended to PP Preeti Shah, TRF Director, for her outstanding efforts in leading the club into the Top 25 Clubs during the Rotary year 2025–26. Her dedication towards encouraging TRF participation and member contributions played a major role in this achievement.*

- The club expresses sincere gratitude to all donors, supporters, trainers and well-wishers whose valuable contributions and encouragement made the club's service initiatives and activities successful during the month.*
- Heartfelt appreciation is extended to the donors of the Pink Auto Women Empowerment Project — AKS G. L. Modi Ji, Rtn. R. A. Goenka Ji, PP Preeti Shah and President Chandraprabha Khona for contributing ₹1,50,000 each towards empowering women through sustainable livelihood opportunities.*
- The club sincerely acknowledges the generous support received for the Adoption of Maan Village Flood Irrigation Project from Ramky Foundation (₹3,00,000), Bankim Khona (₹2,00,000) and Shabbir Bhai (₹1,65,000) towards strengthening rural irrigation and sustainable farming support systems.*

- Special gratitude is extended to Shabbir Bhai Rangwala for his remarkable contribution of ₹25,62,550 towards the Rotary District Eye Hospital project.*
- We extend our heartfelt gratitude to AKS Modi Ji (Rs.7,000/-), Rtn. R.A. Goenka Ji (Rs.7,000/-) and Downtown Charitable Trust (Rs.1,01,950/-) for their valuable contributions towards the donation of water pumps at Byculla Jail.*
- We sincerely acknowledge the generous support received from Downtown Charitable Trust (Rs.15,000/-), Sealand Foundation (Rs.15,000/-) and Bankim Khona (Rs.400/-) towards the Teachers Training Mental Health of Students programme at Hume High School. The club also acknowledges the faculty trainers Mona Sudarshan, Purvi Shah, Nitin Shah, Dr. Dipti Shah and Meenakshi Nagwekar along with the trustees, management, principal and teachers of Hume High School for their active support and participation.*
- The club expresses gratitude to IPP Arun Sawant, Rtn. Nirmala Mittal and Inner Wheel Club of Bombay Downtown for supporting the donation drive of toys, 10 insulated tiffin boxes and 12 hygiene kits for children of women prisoners residing at Byculla Jail.*
- Heartfelt thanks are also extended to Rtn. Rajesh Shah and Rtn. Tejal Shah for hosting the April Fireside Meeting*

- We express sincere appreciation to the Trustees, Management, Principal and Teachers of Hume High School for their support, participation and cooperation in successfully conducting the Teachers Training Programme.*
- We gratefully acknowledge Rtn. Asgar Lala for providing heavy discounts on water pumps, which greatly supported the successful execution of the project.*
- We sincerely thank Rtn. P.P. Gul Gadiyali for graciously addressing our club and sharing valuable insights with the members.*

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

*warm wishes to our Rotary family members who celebrated their birthdays and anniversaries in April. Wishing you all happiness, good health and many more wonderful years ahead.*

#### Birthdays

- 1st April – Rtn. Bankim Khona*
  - 28th April – Rtn. Shirin Rangwala*
  - 30th April – Rtn. Shabbir Rangwala*

#### Anniversaries

- 29th April – Rtn. Capt. Shailendra & Alka Sharma*
- 30th April – Rtn. Neeta & Kirit Toprani*

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