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**PRESIDENT: CHANDRA KHONA**

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**FROM PRESIDENTS DESK:** *I thank profusely the directors to plan and execute the projects in their respective avenues.*



**RTN. CHANDRAPRABHA  
KHONA**

*Greetings from president to all the members.*

*Happy Navratri and Dussehra to all my dear friends. Navratri is celebrated with joy expressed by wearing costumes of 9 different colours designated for each day and Dance, Garba, Daandia with music, drums and DJ etc. I wish you all to enjoy and celebrate the festivals. Navratri festival is observed in honour of the Goddess Durga an aspect of Adi Parshakti, the supreme Goddess. Durga is Symbol of Strength. With her blessings may we all get strength to succeed in doing various impactful and sustainable projects and serve the most needy class of the society.*

*This month is designated to basic education and literacy by Rotary. We have done quite a few projects in this direction as narrated in this bulletin.*

**FROM EDITORS DESK:**



**Dr. Harsha Badkar**

*Upholding Ethics: The Foundation of Service*

*As Rotarians, we are guided by the Four-Way Test and the principles of integrity, honesty, and fairness. Our recent event was a testament to these values, showcasing the power of ethics in action.*

*In a world where moral compasses often seem to be faltering, we must continue to uphold the highest standards of ethics and integrity.*

*Let's reaffirm our commitment to doing what is right, even when it's challenging, and strive to make a positive impact in our communities. By living our values and adhering to the highest ethical standards, we can:*

*- \*Build Trust\*: Foster strong relationships with our stakeholders, based on transparency, reliability, and fairness.*

*\*Promote Accountability\*: Take ownership of our actions, decisions, and their consequences, ensuring we're answerable for our conduct.*

*\*Encourage Responsibility\*: Embody a sense of duty, fulfilling our obligations and commitments, and being responsive to the needs of others.*

*- \*Embody Respect\*: Treat others with dignity, courtesy, and professionalism, valuing diversity and promoting inclusivity.*

*- \*Foster a Positive Work Culture\*: Create an environment that breeds positivity, support, and psychological safety, where employees feel valued and empowered.*

*- \*Make Ethical Decisions\*: Evaluate situations based on ethical principles, considering the impact on stakeholders and society as a whole.*

*- \*Develop Strong Leadership\*: Inspire trust, credibility, and excellence through authentic, ethical, and principled leadership.*

*- \*Create a Better World\*: Contribute to a just and equitable society, where individuals and organizations thrive while respecting the rights and dignity of others.*

*By upholding ethics and integrity, we can make a lasting difference in our communities and the world at large.*

*Editor,  
Rtn. Dr. Harsha Badkar*

## PARTICIPATION IN HOME MINISTRY MEETING



President Rtn. Chandrabhabha Khona was invited to a high-level meeting convened by Ms. Radhika Rastogi, Secretary, Home Ministry, Government of Maharashtra, and Mr. Suhas Warake, ADG Prisons, to review the work of NGOs engaged with jail inmates across the state. More than 50 NGOs shared their initiatives and suggestions for reforms. Representing our club, President Chandrabhabha highlighted the projects undertaken at Byculla Jail for women inmates and proposed future initiatives focusing on mental well-being and vocational training to support rehabilitation.

## PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR CLUB

*A Proud Moment for Our Club! 🌟*

We are delighted to announce that the Rotary Club of Mumbai Down Town Sea Land has been honored with the Club Excellence Award 2024–25 by Rotary International.



## PRESS COVERAGE

*In the News – “Jal Dhara”*

Published in Jagruk Times (29th August 2025, Mumbai) & Indore Samachar (29th August 2025, Indore) The Rotary Club of Mumbai Downtown Sealand organized “Jal Dhara” at Prabhadevi, a cultural and social initiative dedicated to water conservation and tribal welfare. The event, attended by Magsaysay Awardee and “Waterman of India” Dr. Rajendra Singh, highlighted the urgent need for sustainable water management, environmental preservation, and empowerment of tribal communities.

Both Jagruk Times and Indore Samachar praised the initiative for blending awareness with action and reaffirming Rotary’s commitment to service, sustainability, and nation-building.

The project Jal Dhara received extensive coverage across digital platforms and YouTube channels, showcasing its social and cultural significance. Cine Zone highlighted the cultural performances symbolizing India’s rivers, while News Factory reported on the fundraiser’s goal of water safety and tribal self-reliance. National NewsVision gave detailed insights into long-term initiatives like solar-powered tube wells, agro-based education, and women empowerment. Rekola TV presented the presence of eminent personalities, and Viral2talks625 shared audience reactions reflecting strong community spirit. VS Nation emphasized the environmental importance of the initiative, and Pressnote featured Rotary’s focus on sustainable development. Together, these platforms reinforced Jal Dhara as a remarkable step. The media coverage was well arranged by Public Image Director Rtn. Ayaz Hussain and Rtn. Priyena.



## APPRECIATION TO RTR.PREETI SHAH

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Preeti Shah for generously sponsoring the August 2025 edition of our club bulletin. Your support and encouragement are deeply appreciated!

## CLUB MEETING



## Speaker Meeting – Happiness Talk

**Date: 10th September 2025**

Speaker: Ms. Priyanka Kapoor, Psychologist, who spoke on “Secrets to Happiness”.

The meeting was attended by 25 members and 5 guests, including 2 proposed members. New member Maitry Bhavin Nagda was inducted. All six new members of the year took oath. Organised by Club Service Director Preeti Shah and Membership Director Bharatbhai Dawda.

## FIRE SIDE MEETING

A Fire Side Meeting was held on 27<sup>th</sup> September at the residence of Rtn. Preeti Shah. Club Facilitator PP Rtn. Bankim Khona imparted Rotary knowledge on the Objects of Rotary and the 4-Way Test. Members present interacted enthusiastically, participated in discussions, and enjoyed the session. Special thanks to Rtn. Preeti Shah for graciously hosting the meeting.





## Teachers' Felicitation – Wilson School

**Date: 4th September 2025**

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, our club felicitated 8 senior teachers for their long and dedicated service—3 from Wilson School with over 22 years. The felicitation was done with shawls and mementos, with shawls generously donated by IPP Rtn. Dr. Arun Sawant and mementos were given by the club. Members present included PP Rtn. Dr. Bimal Malhotra, Rtn. Tejal Shah and. Santosh. The projects, organised under Vocational Service Director Rtn. Bankim Khona, were deeply appreciated by both schools, strengthening Rotary's bond with the teaching community.



## Teachers' Felicitation – Christ Church School

**Date: 5th September 2025 (held at Imara Hall, Mahalaxmi)**

Our club felicitated 5 senior teachers of Christ Church School for completing more than 30 years of continuous service. They were honoured with shawls donated by IPP. Rtn. Dr. Arun Sawant and mementos were given by the club, during the school's Teachers' Day celebration for 225 teachers. Project was organised by Vocational Service Director Rtn. Bankim Khona. Members present: PP Dr. Bimal Malhotra, Tejal Shah, Santosh, and President Chandraprabha Khona.

## Distribution of Biscuits & Stationery – Doorstep School



**Date: 11th September 2025**

Distribution of Oreo biscuit packets (district donation), drawing sheets and crayons to 80 children of the Aanganwadi run by Doorstep School at Cuffe Parade. Banners of Rotary Club and Annapurna Food Project were displayed. Members present: Dr. Bimal Malhotra, Ramu Gadkar, President Chandraprabha Khona, and Santosh.



## Drug Awareness Workshop – Wilson College

**Date: 12th September 2025**

Workshop on awareness of addiction (drugs, alcohol, tobacco) conducted by Dr. Nilam Gada, Master Trainer, Government of India. The project was organised by Dr. Bimal Malhotra. Students participated actively, making it highly impactful. Mementos were presented to Nilam Gada, sponsored by PP Bankim Khona. The event concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks proposed by President Chandra Prabha Khona.



## Self Defence Training – Oscar Foundation

**Date: 13th September 2025**

Self-defence workshop for underprivileged girls of Oscar

Foundation organised by Director Dr. Bimal Malhotra. Project cost was ₹10,000, sponsored by Rtn. Bankim Khona.



## Inter-School Fest – Christ Church School

**Date: 13th September 2025**

Our club supported the interschool fest of Christ Church School where 19 schools participated. Rotary Club distributed 60 prizes in 20 competitions for students and teachers. Members present: PP Dr. Bimal Malhotra, Dr. Amul Desai, Rtn. Tejal Shah, and Santosh.



## Good Touch – Bad Touch Awareness

**Date: 14th September 2025**

Awareness program on Good Touch & Bad Touch" awareness sessions were conducted at Holy Name High School by Past President of Inner Wheel Club, Jagruti Nagda. A total of 15 sessions were held over 3–4 days, sensitizing 1,650 students on this important subject.



## Workshop for Women Prisoners – Byculla Jail

**Date: 24th September 2025**

Workshop on activation of 7 chakras, breathing patterns, and meditation for

under-trial women inmates to promote mental peace and rehabilitation. Conducted by Mrs. Vaishali Prakash Muni. Organised as part of club's initiative for jail reforms.



### Four Way Test Awareness – Hume High School

**Date: 27th September 2025**

Talk on Rotary's 4-Way Test to inculcate ethics among students of Std. 8th, 9th, and 10th. Speakers: Rtn. Duraiya Pardiwala (District Avenue Chair, Vocational Service – South Zone), President Chandra Khona, and PP Dr. Bimal Malhotra. Appreciated by the Principal and staff.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Ms. Priyanka Kapoor, Psychologist – Speaker on “Secrets to Happiness”.
- Dr. Nilam Gada, Master Trainer, Government of India – Conducted Drug Awareness Workshop at Wilson College.
- Mrs. Vaishali Prakash Muni – Conducted Chakra Activation & Meditation Workshop for women inmates of Byculla Jail.
- PP Jagruti Nagda, Inner Wheel Club Conducted Good Touch–Bad Touch awareness project at Holy Name High School.

- Rtn. Duraiya Pardiwala, District Vocational Service Chair – Speaker on 4-Way Test at Hume High School.
- Principal of Wilson School & Christ Church School – collaboration for Teachers' Felicitation and activities.
- Principals of Hume School for collaboration.
- Oscar Foundation – Partnered with our club for the Self Defence Training Project.
- Doorstep School – Collaborated with our club for Aanganwadi projects and distribution of biscuits and stationery
- Byculla Prison Official - Supremetend Vikas Rajnalwar, Jailor Anand Tangle, for their valuable support and cooperation for Workshop on activation of 7 chakras.
- Rtn. Preeti Shah - Hosting the fire site meeting.

### GRATITUDE TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS


- Rtn. Shabbir Rangwala - donated ₹25,000 towards supporting diabetic patients.
- Rtn. IPP Dr. Arun Sawant – Sponsored shawls for teachers' felicitation projects (Wilson School & Christ Church School) worth ₹6500.
- Rtn. PP Bankim Khona – Sponsored Self Defence Project for underprivileged girls (₹10,000)
- Rtn. Preeti Shah - Sponsored 1500 for printing the August months bulletin.
- Rtn. Bimal Malhotra - Sponsored memento to Mrs. Vaishali Prakash Muni.


- Rtn. PP Bankim Khona – Sponsored memento for Nilam Gada.

### ROTARACT CLUB OF WILSON COLLEGE

The Rotaract Club of Wilson College, now with over 100 members, continues to grow as a community dedicated to service and sustainability.

September witnessed several impactful initiatives:

 Beach Clean-Up (with Change is Us): 20+ volunteers cleaned Girgaon Chowpatty after Ganapati Visarjan, collecting idols, figurines, and flowers from the shore.

 Bag it Forward: Members crafted and distributed 2,000+ paper bags to local vendors, encouraging eco-friendly practices. Through these activities, the club continues to embody the spirit of Rotaract—service, sustainability, and meaningful community engagement.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

- 15th September – PP Noman Fatehi
- 27th September – PP Yazdi Dubhash

The club extends its warmest wishes, good health, happiness, and continued fellowship.

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