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Celebrating 96 Years of Service

This Tuesday, July 8th

A Fireside Chat
between Ajay Piramal
& Amit Chandra:
Profit & Purpose – Can
Making Wealth Coexist
With Spirituality?

COMING UP

July 15th, Tuesday Meeting



Shankar Mahadevan receives
the Rotary Club of Bombay
Kalpana Sham Munshi Lifetime
Achievement Award for Performing
Arts.

AND



N.R. Narayana Murthy receives
the Rotary Club of Bombay
Ramkrishna Bajaj award for Good
Governance.

July 29th, Tuesday Meeting

Anish Gawande, a young
politician in the making will
address the Club

A VISION TO RISE

PRESIDENT BIMAL MEHTA CHARTS RCB'S FUTURE



The Rotary Club of Bombay marked a memorable milestone on July 1st, 2025, with the installation of its 97th President, Rtn. Bimal Mehta. The event, held at The Trident, was graced by District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani and First Lady Dr. Mahek Motwani, along with a host of dignitaries, Trustees, Past Presidents, and members.

The afternoon commenced with warm fellowship over refreshments, followed by a welcome call to order by President Bimal Mehta. After the National Anthem, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Farhat Jamal made key Club and birthday announcements.

Immediate Past President Satyan Israni took the stage next to deliver his farewell remarks. In a characteristically witty and insightful address, he reflected on the past year's achievements and offered a humorous but sincere "4D" leadership recipe to his successor. "Bimal, you are in the business of printing and technology, so you understand 2D and 3D; let me offer you 4D — **Daring, Delegation, Decisiveness, and Diplomacy.**"

He urged President Bimal to take bold decisions, delegate smartly, act swiftly, and handle challenges with tact. "Teamwork makes the dream work," he reminded the gathering, adding that the real key to teamwork was "emails, calls and desperate pleas! But rest assured, each time you ask, Rotarians will rise to the occasion."

IPP Satyan had the audience laughing when he told President Bimal, "And if anything goes wrong, like the soup being cold at lunchtime — it's your fault!"

On a more sincere note, he reminded the gathering of RCB's phenomenal outreach, having impacted over 2 lakh beneficiaries and extended its reach to regions beyond Maharashtra. He concluded with heartfelt wishes to President Bimal, First Lady Aradhana, and their daughter Arshia for a meaningful and successful year ahead.

Following the ceremonial exchange of pins, President Bimal presented a token of appreciation to DG Dr. Manish Motwani and First Lady Dr. Mahek Motwani, setting the tone for a gracious and inclusive year.



IPP Satyan Israni presents the President's pin to incoming President Bimal Mehta



President Bimal Mehta presents the Immediate Past President pin to IPP Satyan Israni

RECOGNITIONS

Several rounds of introductions and recognitions followed, celebrating the leadership and commitment within the Club:

- The Club's Trustees and Board of Directors for 2025–26 were acknowledged.
- Office Bearers, Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs were introduced, alongside the Satellite Club's Board.
- Special mention was made of Rotarians serving in District 3141 and RCB staff members who support the Club's initiatives behind the scenes.

Past President Paul George then took the podium to introduce President Bimal Mehta. In a warm and nostalgic tribute, he recalled their journey together over 25 years — from young backbenchers to frontline changemakers. He shared how both he and Bimal were recruited into RCB's municipal school adoption programme by then President-elect Arun Sanghi, marking the start of their meaningful service journey. From modest academic support in English, Maths and Science, the programme evolved into one that included music, yoga, cricket, and football — thanks to Bimal's belief in holistic development. The numbers soared, and RCB's approach became a model for the entire district.

He highlighted Bimal's early pioneering efforts in RCB's municipal school adoption programme, his entrepreneurial accomplishments, and the legacy of community service embedded in his family's history. He also acknowledged the quiet strength and elegance of First Lady Aradhana and the pride they both share in their daughter, Arshia.

"Bimal has all the credentials not just to lead, but to preserve and safeguard this rich heritage and legacy," he said, as he welcomed his friend and fellow Rotarian to the dais.

**PASSING THE MIC (AND THE RESPONSIBILITY!)
— IPP SATYAN ENSURES PRESIDENT BIMAL IS ALL SMILES BEFORE THE WORK BEGINS!**



DG Dr. Manish Motwani presents the Inspired President's badge to President Bimal Mehta



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

In his rousing maiden speech, President Bimal Mehta thanked IPP Satyan for his mentorship and spoke of Rotary as a movement driven by empathy and action. Quoting Anne Frank and Albert Einstein, he laid out four core pillars for his Presidential year:

Realign, Integrate, Scale, and Engage – RISE.

He elaborated on how the Club would:

- Build synergy between health, education, and livelihood,
- Scale projects with purpose and quality,
- Introduce impact measurement and reporting mechanisms,
- Deepen engagement through fellowships and partnerships.

He spotlighted key upcoming initiatives:

- Expansion of the Chinchpada agri-education-livelihood model.
- Launch of sports and healthcare programmes at Taparia College
- Scaling paediatric surgeries and urban dialysis services
- Deepening interventions in AI education, sustainability, and tribal child health

He expressed his gratitude to family, friends, and mentors, and called First Lady Aradhana on stage to join him in seeking the Club's blessings.

"With your support, let us make this another year to remember," he concluded.

CHIEF GUEST ADDRESS: DG DR. MANISH MOTWANI

Following an introduction by Hon. Secretary Farhat Jamal and PN Vineet Suchanti, DG Dr. Manish Motwani addressed the gathering. He delivered an inspirational speech anchored in service, legacy, and ambition. He spoke of a small village transformed by Rotary's sports initiatives, where a child rose to win a National Games medal — a story that embodied the impact Rotary can have.

He applauded IPP Satyan's stellar leadership and encouraged President Bimal to tap into the Club's collective wisdom and take on a challenge so bold it redefines Rotary's possibilities.

He introduced the A5 Ideology for the year:

- Activate and Approach members
- Assign Responsibilities
- Advance Connections and Collaborations
- Attract Donors
- Aim and Amplify Projects

Calling on RCB to take on an "impossible project," he urged the club to aim for a Mumbai-wide mental health blueprint or a cutting-edge Rotary District Sports Complex. "Eyes on goals, heart on fire — let's rise, let's inspire!" he concluded.



President Bimal Mehta, DG Dr. Manish Motwani, First Lady Dr. Mehek Motwani and First Lady Aradhana Mehta

VOTE OF THANKS: PE MANISH RESHAMWALA

President-Elect Manish Reshamwala wrapped up the formalities with a spirited vote of thanks. Extending his appreciation to the chief guest, Club members, and organising teams, he lauded the efforts of IPP Satyan and welcomed "Only Bimal" and Aradhana with warm enthusiasm.

"Working with him means being ready with answers — and a little fear," he quipped, adding, "He's a one-man army backed by Field Marshal Aradhana!"

LOOKING AHEAD

The meeting concluded with Hon. Secretary Farhat's announcements for the next week's Tuesday meeting. With leadership that blends legacy and innovation, the Rotary Club of Bombay embarks on a new year of inspired service.

AT PRESIDENT BIMAL MEHTA'S INSTALLATION



Hon. Sec. Farhat Jamal, PN Vineet Suchanti, President Bimal Mehta, ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla & Rtn. Akhil Sanghi



First Lady Aradhana Mehta, PP Paul George and President Bimal



President Bimal, PDG Shashi Sharma & DG Dr. Manish Motwani



President Bimal with Rotaractors



Rtn. Renu Basu, President Bimal, PP Vijaykumar Jatia and First Lady Aradhana Mehta



PP Manoj Patodia, President Bimal, PE Manish Reshamwala & Rtn. Vinay Rajgharia



Rtn. Sohel Shikari, First Lady Aradhana Mehta, President Bimal and Rtn. Ptn. Reshma Shikari



A full house for the Installation Ceremony





President Bimal Mehta inducts new Rotarian
Dr. Viraj Sanghi



President Bimal Mehta inducts new Rotarian
Anushka Jagtiani



President Bimal Mehta welcomes RCB's
Satellite Club President Tanish Parekh



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**PRESIDENT BIMAL MEHTA WITH
FIRST LADY ARADHANA AND THEIR
DAUGHTER ARSHIA.**



Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani, PP Arun Sanghi, DG Dr. Manish Motwani, PDG Shashi Sharma, PDG Sunil Mehra and ARRFC & PDG Sandip Agarwalla



Rtn. Amit Patil, Rtn. Shashank Thakare, President Bimal, Rtn. Bhagwan Patil and ARRFC & PDG Sandip



President Bimal wishes PP Dr. Mukesh Batra, Rotarians Hosung Billimoria, Naresh Jain and Vita Dani for their birthday



INTERACT CLUB & INNER WHEEL: TEACHING SAFE CHOICES

On Thursday, 26th June 2025, the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay — the ladies' wing of Rotary Club of Bombay — in collaboration with Arpan, an award-winning organisation addressing the issue of child sexual abuse in India, conducted an awareness session at Sir J.J. Girls' High School. Organised by Ms Waheeda Shaikh, the session titled Child Sexual Abuse Awareness was held for around 120 students of Classes 5 and 6, from 9:00 am to 10:50 am, in the Class 5 classroom.

The session was led by Ms Zainab Lokhandwala, a trainer certified by Arpan. Using a pictorial module and storytelling, she sensitively explained the concepts of safe and unsafe touch. The interactive approach helped children clearly understand these important concepts. Ms Lokhandwala also shared the golden rules on how to respond if faced with an unsafe situation. Through relatable examples, she encouraged students to speak up and seek help whenever needed.

The session provided a safe space for children to learn and ask questions, empowering them with knowledge and confidence. The event concluded with a warm vote of thanks from Ms Waheeda Shaikh, appreciating Arpan and the Inner Wheel Club for their meaningful contribution.



LIGHTHOUSE LITTLE VOICES: A JOYFUL END TO THE FIRST MONTH



The first month of the new academic year at Lighthouse concluded with a heartwarming celebration by the Sr. KG children. Organised by the Child Welfare Committee, the session featured enthusiastic recitations and songs by the little ones. This interactive activity not only brought smiles to their faces but also helped develop



pronunciation, rhythm, and speaking skills. The children displayed growing confidence as they performed with joy and energy. It was a delightful way to mark the close of the month, encouraging self-expression and camaraderie among the students while nurturing their communication abilities.

Rotarian Birthday



JULY 9
Rtn. Jetu
Jacques
Lalvani



JULY 11
Rtn. Ujjwala
Singhania



JULY 11
Rtn. Pulin
Shroff



JULY 13
Rtn. Samir
Chinai

Rotarian Partner Birthday

JULY 8
Rtn. Ptn. Prakash Makhija

JULY 9
Rtn. Ptn. Neelam Goyel
Rtn. Ptn. Delna Vazifdar

JULY 11
Rtn. Ptn. Kavita Dalal

JULY 14
Rtn. Ptn. Namrata Kirpalani

Rotarian Anniversaries

JULY 9
Rtn. Ptn. Neha &
Rtn. Siddharth Bhimrajka



NEXT TUESDAY:

N.R. Narayana Murthy receives the Rotary Club of Bombay Ramkrishna Bajaj award for Good Governance



Mr. Murthy is a pioneering entrepreneur who founded Infosys in 1981, transforming India's software industry through his visionary Global Delivery Model. Renowned for his ethical leadership and innovation, he has received global honours including the Padma Vibhushan and CBE.

Mr. Murthy continues to inspire as a mentor, philanthropist and thought leader.

Singer, Shankar Mahadevan receives the RCB Kalpana Sham Munshi Lifetime Achievement Award for Performing Arts



Shankar Mahadevan is a Grammy-winning Indian singer, composer and music educator, celebrated for his soulful voice and versatility. Trained in Carnatic and Hindustani classical music, he bridges tradition and modernity with ease. His creative brilliance and passion inspire audiences globally, alongside his pioneering work through the Shankar Mahadevan Academy.



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