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This Tuesday, Sept 9th

Municipal Commissioner Mr. Bhushan Gagrani will address the Club on Vision for Mumbai City

UPCOMING

September 11th, 7-9 pm

Madhvi Parekh remembered Tales, Taj Mahal Palace.

Sept 16th, Tuesday Meeting



Neha Jain, Zero Circle will receive the Taru Lalvani Award for Environment.

September 18th

Decoding Dharma - unravelling how Indian epics are relevant even today, by author and myth-buster **Ms. Ami Ganatra**.

September 23rd

Diipa Buller Khosla and Oleg Buller Khosla will address the Club.

September 27th, 10 am

Let's Play Some Bridge, Royal Bombay Yatch Club.



MILIND DEORA & CYRUS BROACHA ON INDIA AT THE CROSSROADS OF CULTURE & POWER

Mr. Cyrus Broacha: Suddenly Donald Trump has lost his interest and love for India. Considering he's also orange, I don't know what went wrong. But it's true, and there's a picture today of our leader with Jinping and Putin, as a new alliance. I think that would scare him a little.

On a serious note, do you think India is going to start looking for different trade partners and actually move away from Mighty America?

Mr. Milind Deora: No. Firstly, look, the US-India relationship — in fact, Cyrus, my late father played a very big role as one of the earliest proponents of stronger Indo-US ties. He pretty much ran the track-two part of our relationship with the US, from the days of Narasimha Rao to Dr. Manmohan Singh, with Vajpayee as Prime Minister, Deve Gowda as Prime Minister, I.K. Gujral.

So, I also happen to know that relationship. I have good experience and understanding of it. I was part of the Operation Sindhu delegation that went to the US, that went to Latin America recently.

Is there a temporary setback? For sure. Has he lost his love for India? I'm not sure. But I think in an age of nationalism — and to be honest, this has happened — if you rewind a bit and try to understand why America reached this stage, it's important to see what led to it.

For the last 30 years or so, you had the

de-industrialisation of the West. Western democracies moved their manufacturing to countries like China and across Asia. On top of that, after 9/11 and the \$8.5 trillion war on terror, while America was distracted, China invested in research and development. China spent a tenth of that money buying friends in the Global South, in Latin America, in Africa, in Southeast Asia, and to some extent in Europe.

Now, when the US was in the midst of its war on terror, 7,000-plus soldiers died in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. Almost 30,000 committed suicide because of post-war trauma. Almost all those 40,000 came from a certain part of America — the Southern Belt, what they call the Bible Belt or the Rust Belt, where you had traditional manufacturing.

Add to that the heated, polarising issue of illegal immigration, and you basically create a potent political cocktail that manifested itself in Donald Trump. I always tell people, as someone who travels to the US, I don't see Trump as the end of the problem. He is symptomatic of what's happening in America.

Even after Trump demits office in 2029, you will still have what they call the MAGA movement — the Make America Great Again movement. You'll see it in the Republican Party, in the Democratic Party, maybe even in a third-party movement.

So what does that mean for India and the



world? We must be cognisant of the fact that America is seriously divided as a polity. It will take a long time to get its house in order. The other issue, extremely frightening for the global rules-based order, is that the US is in serious decline. Europe is in decline.

Today, every single strategic technology that will determine which country dominates the world — whether it's quantum computing, hypersonic missiles, nuclear fusion, artificial intelligence, humanoids, robotics, drones, or space — is being dominated by China.

So, for India or for Europe, the question is: how do we navigate through this very disruptive, volatile world? Now, to your question, which is a very sensitive and political question — it's already become political this morning with opposition parties saying: how can we work with China when 80% of Pakistan's armed forces are now supplied with Chinese military equipment?

The truth is, I don't see what happened yesterday in China, where Narendra Modi met Xi Jinping and Russia, as what they call a "strategic reset." A strategic reset would mean we are moving away from the US and the Western world order towards China. I would say it's more tactical in nature. China is also affected by what America is doing. Russia is naturally affected, and Russia and India, of course, share old relations.

So, can we trust the Chinese? No. We have serious issues with them. We have serious political disputes and, of course, border disputes in Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh.

We also have what are called transboundary disputes. For instance, most people wouldn't know this, but a third of India's water comes from glaciers in China, in Tibet — The so-called Third Pole.

The Brahmaputra, for example, originates from a glacier in Tibet. The Indus River, or Sindhu, also has its source in a glacier in Tibet. The Ganga originates from Gangotri in India. But because of the dams they are building, China can control the volume of water that flows into India. They also support Pakistan's terror outfits that attack India, and they block sanctions in the United Nations Security Council....

But right now, is there a tactical reset happening globally where India is re-engaging in blocs such as the SCO — the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation — or BRICS — Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa — where our involvement had reduced in the last five or six years? Yes. That's what's happening.

Will it last? I don't know. It depends on what the US does.

But ultimately, Cyrus, the real answer for a country like ours is to shore up our economy. There's no two ways about it. The only way we can resist pressure from America, and tomorrow perhaps from China, is if we strengthen our economy. That's a separate debate in itself: what do we need to do to achieve this?

If we have strong economic growth, if we raise our per capita income, if we are able to shift global supply chains and reduce

dependence on foreign ones, then the world will respect us.

Cyrus Broacha: Just to understand — you said America is in a state of almost collapse.

Milind: I don't think... I think America, to be very honest with you, is in serious decline. And I think you don't need to look at economic parameters or technology. I have lived in the US, I still have close relations there — when a society cannot talk about politics without hating their family members, their neighbours, their friends, it means something is broken. It's become a very angry society. There's palpable anger. Now, you give an angry person a gun, and you'll have gun violence.

So I think America has to rethink its direction spiritually. It needs to deal with the duality that exists in America and sort itself out philosophically, because the truth is that nation was born on violence. For India, I think we're doing the right thing. Our foreign policy is heading in the right direction, where we're not breaking ties with the US government, but tactically looking at other countries.

Let me also tell you one point. When I was in the US with Shashi Tharoor, we went to Latin America and then to the US. Our delegation was received by J.D. Vance, the Vice President of America. We were received by the State Department, by the chairmen of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees. Every single person, Cyrus, from J.D. Vance to senators and congressmen, said: "Please take our President's rhetoric with a pinch of salt."

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TUESDAY MEETINGS AT ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



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Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah, ARRFC and PDG Sandip Agarwalla and PP Nandan Damani



Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, Rtn. Renu Basu, First Lady Aradhana Mehta, President Bimal Mehta, guest speaker Milind Deora, ARRFC and PDG Sandip Agarwalla, Rotarians Farhat Jamal, Rina Deora and Miral Shah



Rtn. Hoshang Nazir, guest speaker Cyrus Broacha, ARRFC and PDG Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala and Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala



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Rtn. Rina Deora, guest speaker Cyrus Broacha, President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Farhat Jamal and Mrs. Ayesha Broacha



Rtn. Renu Basu, guest speaker Cyrus Broacha, First Lady Aradhana Mehta, President Bimal Mehta and Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala



Rtn. Sameer Kaji, guest speaker Cyrus Broacha and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain





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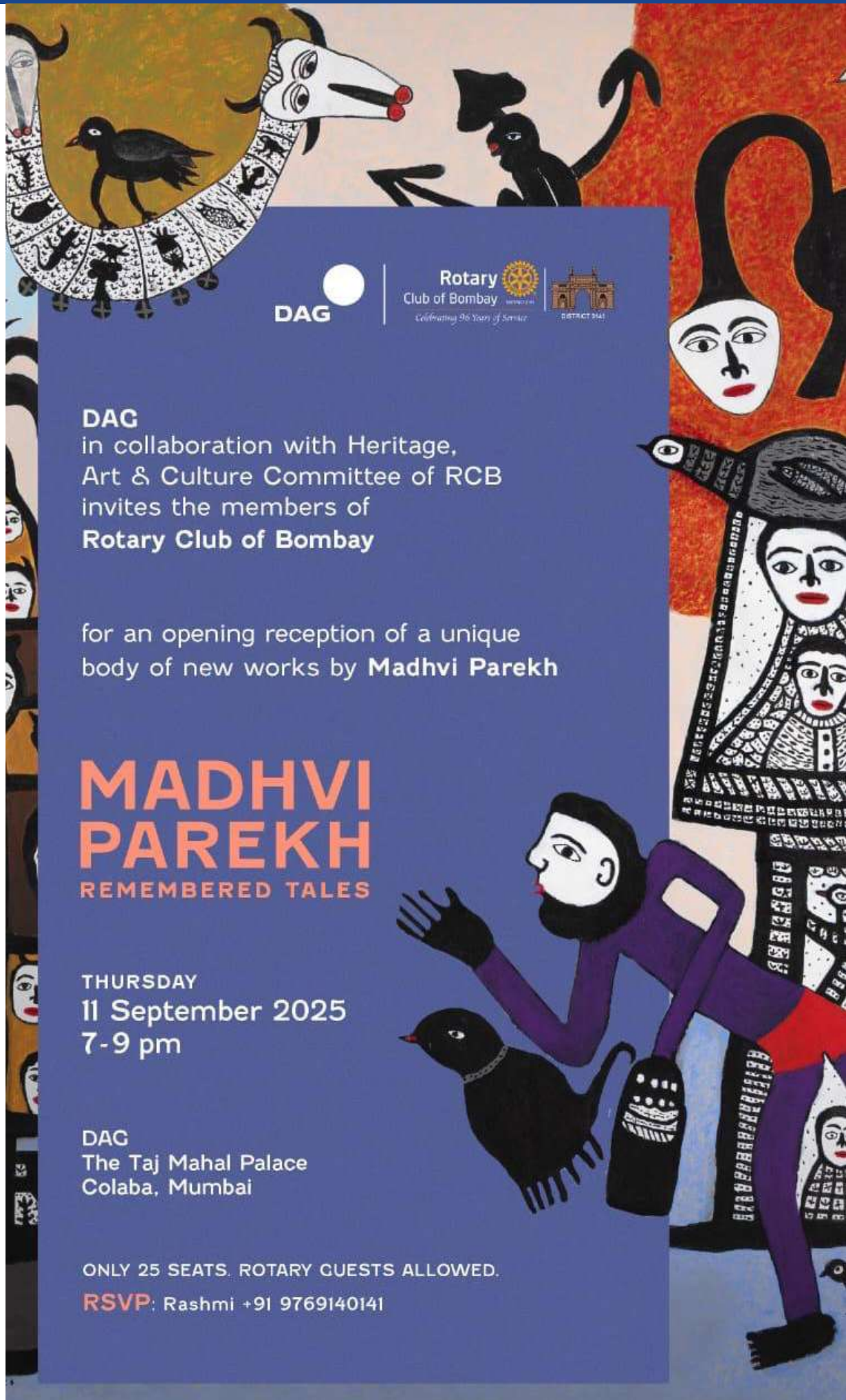
REMEMBERED TALES

THURSDAY
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7-9 pm

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RTN. DR. INDU SHAHANI RECEIVES SARVOTTAM NAGRIK SANMAN



Rtn. Dr. Indu Shahani, Founding President and Chancellor of ATLAS SkillTech University and former Sheriff of Mumbai, was recently honoured with the Sarvottam Nagrik Sanman 2025. The prestigious award, presented by the Meghashrey Foundation, recognises her outstanding contributions to education and public service.

The award ceremony, held at Hotel Sahara Star, Mumbai, saw Rtn. Dr. Indu receive the honour from Shri Ram Shinde, in the presence of dignitaries including Governor Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Minister Shri Ashish Shelar, Shri Vishwas Nangre-Patil and Mrs. Seema Singh.



In her acceptance, Rtn. Dr. Indu reflected on her life's mission: to inspire, empower and lead change through education. She dedicated the recognition to the students, colleagues and changemakers with whom she has had the privilege to work.

This accolade stands as a testament to her unwavering commitment to advancing education and shaping future leaders.

MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT FOR MONTH OF AUGUST '25

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Rtn. Mihir Mody
Co-chair:
Rtn. Dr. Sheela Kerkar

RCB Medical Centre, Talwada
PRVEC

OPHTHALMIC OPD	1087
SPECTACLES GIVEN	93
OPERATIONS	44
PATIENT KEPT FOR TREATMENT	7
IOL	40
YAG LASER	-
GREEN LASER	-
KERATOPLASTY	-

TOTAL	1271
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Rtn. Dr. Sheela Kerkar

RCB Medical Centre, Talwada
ADMC

GENERAL OPD	1765
DENTAL OPD	99
PEDIATRIC OPD	53
PATHOLOGY LAB	127
TB PATIENTS	24
GYNAECOLOGY	8

TOTAL	2080
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Director:
Rtn. Swati Jajodia
Committee chair:
Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala
Co-chair:
Rtn. Samina Khorakiwala

Cotton Green

HOMOEOPATHY	329
DENTAL OPD	220
OPHTHALMIC OPD	83
PAEDIATRICS OPD	45
GENERAL OPD	284
PATHOLOGY LAB	17
ECG	66

TOTAL	1044
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For an In-camera session with
Author and myth-buster **Ms Ami Ganatra**

who will talk to us about

**Decoding Dharma - Unraveling how our Indian
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18th September 2025

from 6.00pm to 9.30pm

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Masand



Sept 13
Rtn. Abhin.
Alimchandani



Sept 9
PP Paul
George



Sept 12
Rtn. Rina
Deora



Sept 13
Rtn. Yogesh
Mahansaria



Sept 9
Rtn. Ashok
Jatia



Sept 12
Rtn. Ashish
Jalan



Sept 15
Rtn. Aditi
Shah

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SEPTEMBER 9
Rtn. Ptn. Shobha
Jagtiani

SEPTEMBER 11
Rtn. Ptn. Mirella
Somani

SEPTEMBER 15
Rtn. Ptn. Dr.
Renu Raina

SEPTEMBER 9
Rtn. Ptn.
Anshuman Tanna

SEPTEMBER 12
Rtn. Ptn. Kaavya
Chandiramani

SEPTEMBER 10
Rtn. Ptn. Swati
Mahansaria

SEPTEMBER 14
Rtn. Ptn. Arnaz
Soonawalla

ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 10
Rtn. Ptn. Sheila & PP Gul Kripalari

NEXT TUESDAY:

Neha Jain, Zero Circle will receive the Rotary Club of Bombay's Taru Lalvani Award for Environment.



Neha Jain is the founder of Zerocircle, a company creating low-carbon materials from regenerative seaweed to replace single-use plastics. Inspired in 2019 by a documentary on seaweed and the zero-waste movement, she recognised that combating climate change required industrial-scale solutions. Collaborating with Dr. C. R. K. Reddy, India's leading marine biologist, she explored seaweed cultivation to develop biodegradable packaging that leaves no microplastics behind. Zerocircle now works with industries from FMCG to textiles to enable sustainable transformation. A journalism graduate from Christ University, Bengaluru, Neha previously founded a logistics startup and worked at Google and Aditya Birla Money.



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