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Club of Marine Drive Mumbai  
RID 3141 (Club id: 224516)



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Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai

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Rotary Year 2025-26

Club id: 224516 **Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai** Charter Date 15.06.2022

**President Rtn. Ramesh JS Chandra - Hon. Secretary Rtn. PP Bharti D. Gurjar**

4<sup>th</sup> Year of a thriving Rotary Club - Bulletin Editor: PP Ramon R. Abrol

**The RCMDM Club Bulletin: Dil-Ki-Kitaab Issue: 2025-26/03 (1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025)**

**President's message:** As RCMDM begins the 5<sup>th</sup> month in its 4<sup>th</sup> year, being the INSPIRE Rotary Year 2025-26, with INSPIRED actions in RID-3141 under astute guidance of our esteemed District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani, District First Lady Dr. Mahek Motwani and senior District Officers appointed by our DG to guide and support our club comprising Asst. Governor Dr. Nilam Gada, ALF Dipti Rajda, DS Smita Parekh and Chief Coordinator-South Monica Grover, our club is determined and inspired to continue being a FULLY COMPLIANT Rotary Club. My PARTNER CHANDRAKALA joins me in extending gratitude to our DG, First Lady and all the above named Officers. Sincere GRATITUDE to my INSPIRE Co-Presidents, to my dear BOD members, club members & their respective partners for proactive participation & support in club meetings & activities and also to Rotarians of District & other Rotary clubs, to our invited guests and to my colleagues and friends in Mumbai Defence Veterans Organization for fabulous & unstinted support provided to my club & me in INSPIRE Rotary Journey, especially by attending Installation Event on 21/06/2025 and Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26/07/25.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025, in last 4 months, we accomplished: Holding 8 Regular Club Meetings, 2 each month (the Installation event was held in previous Rotary Year on 21/06/25); Holding 4 Board Meetings, 1 each month; held 1 Club Assembly, Co-hosted 3 District Events, Co-hosted 1 District Project jointly with several SoBo clubs under District guidance; Completed 6 Community Service Projects. More details and pictures on action feature in the inner pages. We lost 3 members on 30/06/2025 BUT added 3 new members on 30/06/2025, thus effectively retaining membership count of 28 as on 30/06/25. In July/August 2025, we added 5 new active members & 1 new honorary member, thus achieving membership growth of 25% in RY 2025-26, so far. We uploaded our Club Monthly Reports for July, August, September & October 2025 on rotaryindia.org, paid Statutory H1 dues to RISAO, Magazine dues to RNT, Annual dues to RID-3141 & uploaded our club's ITR for FY 2024-25 well within time and also received Nil Dues Assessment Order.

~Ramesh JS Chandra.

**GREETINGS & CELEBRATIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 2025:** RTN. BHARTI D. GURJAR=B/D=9<sup>TH</sup> - RTN. ARCHANA THITE=B/D=10<sup>TH</sup> - RTN. DR. ASHOK SANGHVI=B/D=12<sup>TH</sup>  
RTN. NAYAN RAWAL=B/D=13<sup>TH</sup> - PARTNER KIRTI RISHABH KAPUR=B/D=26<sup>TH</sup>

**BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES GREETINGS TO OUR DEAREST RCMDM ROTARIANS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SPOUSES**

**OCTOBER 2025:** PARTNER POOJA P. RATNAPARKHI=B/D=11<sup>TH</sup> - PARTNER YOGESH L. JESRANI=B/D=16<sup>TH</sup>  
RTN. DEEPALI JAVERI=B/D=18<sup>TH</sup> - RTN. RUSTOM M. BILLIMORIA=B/D=30<sup>TH</sup> - RTN. RAMON R. ABROL=B/D=30<sup>TH</sup>  
RTN. NORIN AND SAVIO FERNANDES=W/A=30<sup>TH</sup>

**WISHING YOU ALL THE VERY BEST, FROM ALL OF US IN ROTARY CLUB OF MARINE DRIVE MUMBAI (RCMDM)**

**NOVEMBER 2025:** RTN. RUSTOM AND SHEHNAZ BILLIMORIA=W/A=3<sup>RD</sup> - RTN. PRASHANT AND POOJA RATNAPARKHI=W/A=5<sup>TH</sup>  
RTN. ARUNRAJ AND RAJASHREE PAI=W/A=25<sup>TH</sup> - RTN. DAMYANTI D. CHHEDA=B/D=25<sup>TH</sup>  
RTN. CAPT. RISHABH AND KIRTI KAPUR=W/A=27<sup>TH</sup> - RTN. DR. PRASHANT RATNAPARKHI=B/D=29<sup>TH</sup>

**My dear Inspire RCMDM Club members and respective partners:**

**Here is a brief synopsis of action taken in/for INSPIRE Rotary Year from 01/07/2025 to 31/10/2025. Details are published in pages to follow:**

**10.06.2025:** Inspire Rotary Year Directors Orientation Program Event Co-hosted by RCMDM: Held at C.K.Nayadu Hall, CCI Club, 4 pm onwards, attended by 6 members of RCMDM. Event was covered & published in Bulletin no. 06 of previous Rotary Year 2024-25;

**21.06.2025:** Inspire Rotary Year Installation event of RCMDM: Held at IMC, Churchgate, Mumbai, with DG Dr. Manish Motwani and District First Lady Dr. Mahek Motwani as Chief Guest with about 105 attendees comprising District Officers, Co-Presidents, Invited Guests, Defence Veterans, RCMDM Members and Partners and Rotarians from other Rotary clubs, 10.30am onwards followed by Sumptuous Lunch. The event was covered and published in Bulletin no. 06 of previous Rotary Year 2024-25;

**01.07.2025:** 1st Community Service Project cum Event led by RID-3141: RCMDM Co-Hosted: Blood donation Camp was held at Church Gate Station with 15 other Rotary Clubs in SoBo, with lead taken by RID-3141 Medical Avenues II, III & IV. Total 60 Bottles of Blood were collected for use by Hospital Blood Banks. Same evening Anand Utsav Event was held at Bal Gandharv Rang Mandir, Bandra, with 6 members from RCMDM attending at both places. RCMDM co-hosted this project/event by contributing Rs.10000/-.

**19.07.2024:** RCMDM's 1st BOD meet followed by 1st Regular Speaker Meet: Speaker being eminent Mathemagician Mr. Minoo Jokhi in the INSPIRE R.Y. 2025-26, was held at premise of Abrol Family at Soona Mahal, Marine Drive, 5pm onwards. In BOD meet we discussed & approved: events/projects/meetings completed & forthcoming, I/E account up to date, budget for RY 2025-26 & new members added/to be added/positions allocationS. Attendees (Guests+RCMDMites): Regular meet= 40; Attendees: BOD meet = 21.

**26.07.2024:** RCMDM's 2nd Regular Meet cum conjoined 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Service Project: Hosted 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS as Lead Host Club at Thakur Shyam High School Auditorium, Thakur Village, Kandivali East, 3.30 pm onwards. Chief Guest was Assistant Governor Rtn. Dr. Nilam Gada. About 30 Indian Veterans of Armed Forces, who were part of Kargil War and 15 unsung heroes of different professions were welcomed, introduced, recognized and felicitated with presentation of mementos, including our own member Rtn. Ramesh JS Chandra who is a veteran senior officer of Indian Navy. RCMDM co-hosted this event at an expense incurred by Pres. Ramesh. Attendees: Members=15 & Partners/Invitees=2. **(ALL OF THIS WAS COVERED IN JULY MONTH BULLETIN OF RCMDM)**

**12.08.2025:** RCMDM 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Service Project: RCMDM donated 2 large cupboards to Sundatta High School, Tardeo, upon a request received from the school, for their Chemistry Lab. Donation was magnanimously done by our VP Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Godbole.

**15.08.2025:** RCMDM's 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Meet: Conjoined and held with the 79<sup>TH</sup> Independence Day Celebration at our Interact School, Prabodhan Kurla Primary Secondary School at Kurla on 15/08/2025, with flag hoisting in the morning. Attendees from RCMDM = 12. Biscuit packets were presented on Independence day to all students and teachers of the School.

**17.08.2024:** RCMDM's 2nd BOD meet cum 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting cum 4<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project: (Speaker being eminent Management Consultant Dr. Ashok Sanghvi): This was held at premise of Abrol Family at Soona Mahal, Marine Drive, 10.30am onwards. In BOD meet we discussed & approved: events/projects/meetings completed & forthcoming, I/E account up to date, P&L A/c & Balance Sheet for FY 2024-25 and new members added/to be added and positions allocation to them in BOD. Attendees (Guests + RCMDMites) at regular meeting = 35; Attendees at BOD meeting from RCMDM = 20. Also, cheque of Rs.50000/- magnanimously donated by Mr. Prakash Waghmare plus citations prepared by Pres. Ramesh and gifts brought by PE Nayan were given to the TWO Topper Girl and Boy and to the TWO 2<sup>nd</sup> from Top Girl and Boy passing the SSC exam in Academic Year ending 2025, of Madhyamik Shala, Mandavane, Karjat. School Principal and 1 Teacher were also present.

**24.08.2025:** Inspire Rotary Year TRF Seminar Event: Co-hosted by RCMDM: Contribution of Rs.10000/- by Pres. Ramesh: Held at NSCI, Worli, Mumbai. From RCMDM, PP Mahesh Hirlekar, TRF Director and Rtn. Nayan Rawal, President Elect attended the event.

**(ALL OF THE ABOVE WERE COVERED IN THE AUGUST MONTH BULLETIN OF RCMDM)**

**07.09.2025:** RCMDM's 1<sup>st</sup> Club assembly cum 3<sup>rd</sup> BOD Meet cum 5<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting: Held, 5pm onwards, at premise of Abrol family at Soona Mahal, Marine Drive, Mumbai. Chief Guest at Club Assembly was Asst. Govn. Dr. Nilam Gada. Attendees (Guests + RCMDM members + partners) at 1<sup>st</sup> club assembly and 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting = 26; Attendees at BOD meeting from RCMDM = 20.

**17.09.2025:** RCMDM's 5<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project: Annapoorna: Sunanda Foundation's Radhika Old Age Home, 12pm onwards.

**27.09.2025:** RCMDM's 6<sup>th</sup> Regular Meet Conjoined with Awards Event: Co-hosted in full strength the AMPLE MISSION 2025 AWARDS event held at K. C. College, Back-bay Reclamation, Mumbai, 10.30am onwards, followed by Lunch, an event in which India's Protectors, Mumbai Police, CISF, Indian Defence Forces personnel and iconic unsung civilian heroes were recognized & felicitated.

**28.09.2025:** RCMDM's 6<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project: Eye check-up camp organised and held at Singh Estate Slum Premise, Kandivali East, Mumbai, 9.30am onwards, led by Pres. Ramesh & First Lady Chandrakala and Director Raj Kamal Prasad Verma.

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**16.10.2024:** **RCMDM's 7<sup>TH</sup> Regular Meet cum conjoined 7<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:** Back to Back, Diwali Gifting at TWO locations: One at Dongri remand Home, led by VP Dr. Sanjay Godbole and second at Interact Club Prabodhan Kurla School, led by Director Rtn. Archana Thite, including Installation function cum Diwali gifting cum Regular Club Meeting, 10am onwards, at Prabodhan Kurla School, Kurla East, Mumbai. Total cost of both projects being Rs.66,000/-.

**29.10.2024:** **RCMDM's 4<sup>th</sup> BOD meet cum 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting:** Held, 5pm onwards, at premise of Rtn. Savitri Jhaveri, followed by High Tea and Snacks. Attendees: RCMDM BOD Meeting= 18members + 2 invitee Partners; RCMDM Regular Meeting= 20 All items on agenda of notice circulated earlier by email were approved and adopted unanimously. The BOD meeting was followed by Regular meeting comprising discussions and deliberations for new projects/events and for fund raising from donors/under CSR.

**INSPIRE ROTARY YEAR 2025-26: UPDATES ON SALIENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS & FORTHCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:**

1. RI Dues for H1, RID-3141 District Dues & Rotary News Magazine Dues for RY 2025-26 → Duly paid within time; Club's ITR for FY 2024-25 → Filed well within time → Assessment order received with Nil Dues;
2. Membership: Started with 28, on 01/07/2025, added 5 Active members & 1 Honorary member in Inspire Rotary Year, reaching a total of 34 members as on 31/10/2025;
3. Club Monthly Reports uploaded on rotary.org for July, August, Sept., Oct.'2025, thus Fully compliant;
4. Here is a list of forthcoming meetings, events & projects of RCMDM:
  - 4.1. **RCMDM's 8<sup>th</sup> Community Service project:** Medicines donation worth INR 250000/- at Ramakrishna Hospital: Initiated by our member Rtn. Raj Kamal Prasad Verma → Date/time/venue → To be Announced (TBA).
  - 4.2. **RCMDM's 9<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:** Donation of Rs.50000/- for painting of school buildings of the Dr. Datta Samant Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Karjat, District Raigad: → Date/time/venue → TBA.
  - 4.3. **RCMDM's 10<sup>th</sup> Service for Youth Project:** Donation of over Rs.85,000/- for participation of Visually Challenged Indian Youth, initiated by Pres. Ramesh JS Chandra, to participate in Endurance International Skating Championship 2025 on 22/23 November 2025 at Pune.
  - 4.4. **RCMDM's 11<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:** Inauguration of Furniture donation to Prabodhan Kurla School, duly repaired and installed, under donation from magnanimous Rotarians Kaajal and Suresh Thadani worth an amount of about Rs.5,00,000/- → Date/time → TBA.
  - 4.5. **RCMDM's 12<sup>th</sup> Community Service project:** Medicines donation worth INR 13,000/- at King George Memorial Hospital: Initiated by our member Rtn. Raj Kamal Prasad Verma → Date/time/venue → TBA.
  - 4.6. **RCMDM's 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Community Service projects under Rotary Service Week (RSW):** Eye Care Camp under the Rotary Service Week (RSW): RCMDM is co-hosting along with lead host club RC Bombay Kandivali at Gyantara School, Hanuman Nagar, Kandivali East, Mumbai, on Sunday 02/11/2025, 10am to 3pm, funding the co-hosting fees of Rs.10000/-. Also, another eye-check-up camp is scheduled on same day in SoBo at Panchratna CHSL, co-hosted by RCMDM at a cost of Rs.2000/- in South Mumbai jointly with 10 other SoBo Rotary Clubs.
  - 4.7. **RCMDM's 5<sup>th</sup> BOD cum 9<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting:** Scheduled Saturday 08/11/2025, 5pm onwards @Soona Mahal.
  - 4.8. **RCMDM 15<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:** 22/11 & 23/11/25: Visually Challenged Skating Competition @Pune.
  - 4.9. **RCMDM 16<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:** 03/12/2025: Annual Elocution Contest for SoBo School Kids.
  - 4.10. **RCMDM 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING:** 07/12/2025: Morning 9.30am onwards: Venue =====> TBA

WISHING ALL OF US "CELEBRATIONS" ON AUSPICIOUS OCCASIONS. IN AUG/SEPT'25 WE CELEBRATED GANESH CHATURTHI 27<sup>TH</sup> AUG TO 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPT, EID-E-MILAD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPT'25 AND WE CELEBRATED ONAM, NAVARATI, DUSSEHRA, DEEPAWALI, BHAU BEEJ, GOVERDHAN POOJA, SAMVAT NEW YEAR & CHHAAT POOJA FROM SEPT'25 TO END OCT'25.

**07.09.2025: RCMDM's 1<sup>st</sup> Club assembly cum 3<sup>rd</sup> BOD Meet cum 5<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting:** Held, 5pm onwards, at premise of Abrol family at Soona Mahal, Marine Drive, Mumbai. Chief Guest at Club Assembly was Asst. Govn. Dr. Nilam Gada. Attendees (Guests + RCMDM members + partners) at 1<sup>st</sup> club assembly and 5<sup>th</sup> regular meeting = 26; Attendees at BOD meeting from RCMDM = 20. With welcome to all attendees, the BOD meeting was commenced and chaired by President Ramesh JS Chandra with all items on agenda of notice circulated by email earlier to all members duly deliberated, discussed, approved and adopted unanimously.



BOD meeting was followed by regular meeting called to order by Pres. Ramesh, followed by National Anthem and then formal welcome to Assistant Governor Dr. Nilam Gada who then superbly conducted the 1<sup>st</sup> Club Assembly of RCMDM in the Inspire Rotary Year 2025-26. Almost every member present, being either an elected director or office bearer or an invitee joint director cum Chairperson was heard out by AG Nilam for the superb work being done by every member of RCMDM. Discussion, deliberation, questions, answers ..... a club assembly very well conducted and participative.



07.09.2025: Cont'd from Page 04: RCMDM's 1<sup>st</sup> Club assembly cum 3<sup>rd</sup> BOD Meet cum 5<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting:



Upon expression of Gratitude to AG Dr. Nilam Gada, her birthday was celebrated, alongwith Bday and Anniversaries of RCMDM Members.



**SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
TO RCMDM MEMBERS/SPOUSES  
BHARTI D. GURJAR (B/D=09/09)  
ARCHANA H. THITE (B/D=10/09)  
DR. ASHOK M. SANGHVI (B/D=12/09)  
NAYAN J. RAWAL (B/D=13/09)  
PARTNER KIRTI RISHABH KAPUR (B/D=26/09)  
&  
OUR INVITED ESTEEMED ASSISTANT GOVERNOR  
DR. NILAM GADA (B/D=19/09)  
Lots of love from,  
**ROTARY & RCMDM family & friends**



Cake cutting was followed by Spirited Dinner followed by singing of songs and dancing by RCMDM Members & Partners.



All in All, an excellent 1<sup>st</sup> club Assembly cum Regular Meeting cum BOD meeting, completed successfully and joyfully.



HEARTY Vote of Thanks was given by Partner Yogesh Jesrani, very meticulously & with expression of gratitude to all.

Rotary Club of Marine Drive, Mumbai Club Ass

## Rotary Club of Marine Drive, Mumbai Club Assembly Appreciation Letter

8.09.25

Dear esteemed members of Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai,

It was truly a privilege and a pleasure for me to be with all of you yesterday for your Club Assembly as the Assistant Governor of our District. I must express my heartfelt gratitude for the warm hospitality and the truly homely atmosphere that your club extended to me. I felt welcomed, valued, and celebrated—not just as a guest, but as one among you. Celebrating my birthday with your members will remain a very special memory for me.

The interaction with your members gave me immense satisfaction and reaffirmed the joy of my AG role, which allows me to connect closely with Rotarians who embody the true spirit of fellowship and service. What makes your club remarkable is not just the projects you undertake, but the unique culture you have nurtured:

- Every meeting becoming a fireside, a fellowship, and a platform for service project discussions.
- A strategic and thoughtful approach to continuity of projects that ensures long-term impact.
- The inspiring decision to focus on the quality of membership rather than mere numbers, reflecting the true essence of Rotary.
- The distinctive practice of involving all members as board members, ensuring inclusivity and active participation.

These are the salient features that make your club truly stand out, and I am confident that the Rotary Club of Marine Drive, Mumbai will leave a lasting mark in the years to come. The club's dedication to impactful service projects, and focus on member engagement reflect a vision that many clubs can learn from.

I deeply appreciate the warmth with which you conducted the evening, the thoughtful conversations, and the opportunity to share my perspectives. I will soon be sharing with you the points and support I had promised during the assembly to individual members.

Thank you once again for the affection, hospitality, and inspiration you extended to me. I look forward to spending many more such memorable times with all of you and witnessing the continued success of your vibrant club.



With warm regards and Rotary greetings,

Yours in Rotary,  
Rtn. Dr. Nilam Gada  
Assistant Governor 2025-26

### RCMDM IS TRULY TOUCHED TO RECEIVE A HIGHLY COMPLIMENTING REPORT FROM AG RTN. NILAM GADA

Follow-up Note from AG Dr. Nilam Gada on the Club Assembly of Rotary Club of Marine Drive, Mumbai.

Dated: 09.09.25

Dear esteemed members of Rotary Club of Marine Drive, Mumbai. It was a joy to be part of your Club Assembly and to witness the vibrancy, commitment, and warmth of your members. As promised, I am sharing a few points of support, suggestions, and opportunities that emerged during our discussions. Please consider these as observations from my perspective, offered only with the intent of adding value to your already wonderful journey. Youth Service Avenue – Rtn. Archana Thite, Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Godbole, Rtn. Damyanti - I will be sharing with you the letter received from Dongri Remand Home requesting for Psychiatric services. You can connect with Counsellor working there – Kshipra 7448091663 or my Avenue team member Rtn. Durriya 9833695210. - Dental Treatment at Asha Sadan: There is a requirement for dental treatment for around 88 girls. I can share details, if needed. - Mental Health Awareness: I will be providing a list of programs that can be conducted across schools, Interact clubs, colleges, or even for senior citizens. Senior Citizens – Rtn. Surekha Godbole - Connecting you with the Founder of Dignity Foundation – Javed 8779406077 for their “Chai Masti” centre initiative Senior Citizen Activity Centre. - They are specifically looking for a free/low-cost space between Andheri and Borivali, which could significantly bring down the project’s budget. - A short brief note regarding project will follow. Tribal upliftment – Rtn. Dr. Anuja P. - You and your team members could connect with Rotary clubs (easy to find on rotary.org) in Madhya Pradesh to support tribal areas that you have already visited, until your club takes it up.- It is always recommended to collaborate with local Rotary clubs/organizations for implementation, ensuring long-term sustainability. Public Image Avenue team- Your club is doing excellent and impactful work, but keeping a low profile, but I feel it needs more footage and noise in and outside Rotary. I strongly recommend: Creating Instagram and LinkedIn pages for better visibility. - Sharing before-and-after pictures of projects (e.g., schools renovated). Making short videos of different segments of project for repeatedly highlighting the impact. Follow-up Note from Club Assembly, Rotary Club of Marine Drive, Mumbai- Upcoming events like those on 27th September and 11th January provide excellent opportunities for showcasing your reach and impact. International Service Avenue: Can explore, learn and understand Sister Club formation and Rotary Friendship Exchange would be a great step forward. Rtn. Yogesh Jesrani - Cybersecurity Awareness: I have identified a speaker for your session scheduled during RSW Week (3rd November). - Digital Detox – Speaker Meeting for your club: I will also share details of a speaker for this program once you finalize the date, time, and venue. District Thrust Area: Mental Health & Addiction Prevention - Rtn. Dr. Ashok and Rtn. Mukund Halshikar can connect with me (9167845488) for collaborative projects in these avenues and with my own club. Membership: While your fellowship and service are already exemplary—the two core pillars of Rotary—greater visibility will naturally bring more requests from communities. This will also mean needing more hands. Hence, I encourage “Each One, Bring One” to strengthen membership. Strategic Suggestions - Consider undertaking at least one CSR India grant project this year. I will share more details so members can begin understanding the process - Please report some of your meetings as fireside-style on rotary.org. Your club has a unique culture of warmth, inclusivity, and strategic action, which will surely take you to greater heights. Please view these as my humble suggestions, coming from my observations. I am always available to support you in implementing any of these ideas.

With warm regards and Rotary greetings,

Rtn. Dr. Nilam Gada, Assistant Governor 2025–26, Rotary International District 3141

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**07.09.2025: Cont'd from Page 06: RCMDM's 1<sup>st</sup> Club assembly cum 3<sup>rd</sup> BOD Meet cum 5<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting:**

After the meetings and after the spirited dinner, visit to terrace of Soona Mahal to view night time Marine Drive Beauty



**17.09.2025: RCMDM's 5<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project: Annapoorna at Sunanda Foundation's Radhika Old Age Home:**

In a heart-warming display of community service, Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai organized luncheon and High Tea under Project Annapoorna at "Sunanda Foundation's Radhika Old Age Home", Uttan-Gorai Road, Bhayander. It is a long-standing initiative that has brought joy to 104 under care senior citizens residing there for past few years. A sumptuous meal was lovingly provided to over 42 bedridden and 63 senior citizens, bringing smiles and warmth to their faces. The project was a satisfying experience, with biscuits donated by India Humanity Foundation, Rosogullas and Crisp Bhajiyas contributed by Abrol family Rotarians, were served during tea time, enabling RCMDM to make a meaningful difference in lives of the deserving individuals. A project expertly organized by Pres. Ramesh & First Lady Chandrakala.



HUGE COMPLIMENTS TO PRESIDENT RAMESH JS CHANDRA AND TO FIRST LADY CHANDRAKALA RIS CHANDRA FOR A FABULOUSLY WELL CONDUCTED PROJECT



**27.09.2025: RCMDM's 6th Regular Meet Conjoined with Ample Mission Awards Event at KC College, 10am onwards:**

A super interesting day spent at KC College, attending Ample Mission Awards 2025 Event, conjoined with RCMDM 6th Regular meeting. Conceptualised by renowned philanthropist and industrialist Dr Aneel Kashi Murarka, the awards honoured India's Defence personnel and unsung heroes whose silent contributions are shaping a better, more inclusive India. A special inclusion this year was the much-overlooked CISF, whose contributions to internal security and protection of key buildings, installations, public facilities, and airports deserve long-overdue recognition. Apart from recognition of India's protectors in CISF, POLICE, ARMED FORCES & FEW UNSUNG CIVILIANS, the Twins Harshil and Havish, who featured in World Book of Records, were also awarded. Event was followed by excellent bon home and lunch. Thank you President Ramesh for inviting all RCMDM members on to the stage to recognize and extend gratitude to Mr. Anil Morarka who had initiated this event and to whom RCMDM presented a recognition certificate, too.



RCMDM: Ramesh+Chandrakala, Arvind+Archana, Raj, Archana T., Mahesh+Sumitra, Damyanti, Shraddha, Leena, Kiran, Gagan, Arunraj, Brahma, Ramon.



THE AWARDEES

**28.09.2025: RCMDM's 6<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project: Eye-check-up camp at Singh Estate Slum Premise, Kandivali (E):**

Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai organised Eye Check-Up Camp at Singh Estate slum premise, Kandivali East. Due to very heavy rain & inclement weather, project had to be completed in 90 minutes. A last-minute delay due to a political party's pressure on school principal forced, venue was relocated from public school to Singh Estate slum area and, despite relocation, all potential patients were checked in 90 minutes. Post lunch, check-up camp had to be stopped as local Police informed that the National Park Reservoir has started overflowing and area will be water logged.

**Total patients checked: 67 - Cataract cases: 06 - Other cases: 08 - Spectacles issued: 17**

Big huge thanks for conducting check-ups to: Dr. Gayatrii V. Katpadi, Dr. Neeta Dodwad, Technician Sameer and ever so supportive Ayush Kandhari. RCMDM Inspire Team led by Pres. Ramesh is grateful to Rtn. Dr. Neeta Dodwad, to Project Directors Rtns. Dr. Raj Kamal Prasad Verma and Chandrakala RJS Chandra for serving snacks & lunch to all attendees.



**KUDOS TO RTN. RAJ KAMAL PRASAD VERMA AND PRESIDENT RAMESH JS CHANDRA FOR A FABULOUSLY WELL CONDUCTED PROJECT**



**16.10.2024: RCMDM's 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meet cum conjoined 7<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:**

Back to Back, Diwali Gifting at TWO locations: One at Dongri Remand Home, Dongri, Mumbai, led by VP Dr. Sanjay Godbole & Second at Interact Club Prabodhan Kurla School, led by Director Rtn. Archana Thite, including Installation function cum Diwali gifting cum Regular Club Meeting, 10am onwards, at Prabodhan Kurla School, Kurla and at 11am onwards at Dongri Remand Home. **FIRST:** Diwali Gifts worth Rs.44,000/- given at Dongri Remand Home, thanks to donations by Dr. Sanjay & Surekha Godbole Rs.24000/-, Rustom+Shehnaz Billimoria Rs.10000/-, Brahma Avatar Rs.5000/-, Rashmi Abrol Rs.5000/-.



**16.10.2024: Cont'd from Page 09: RCMDM's 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meet cum conjoined 7<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:**

RCMDM attendees at this project were IPP Arvind & Archana Hirlekar, VP Dr. Sanjay & Surekha Godbole & Director Rustom Billimoria and project was led by Dr. Sanjay Godbole.



**SECOND:** Diwali Gifting at Prabodhan Kurla Madhyamik Prathmik Shala PLUS Interact Club Installation Ceremony at this school was done under donations of Rs.23720/- from few RCMDM members as follows: Rs.2000/- was contributed by each of the following: Rtns Archana Thite, Nilofer Zohra, Damyanti Chheda, Shraddha Golvankar, Sumitra Hirlekar, Bharti Gurjar, Arvind Katakdhond, Mukund Halshikar, Rashmi Abrol, Rishabh Kapur, Brahma Avatar=11x2000=Total 22000/- Plus cost of Installation Pins Rs.1720/- paid by Rtn. Ramon Abrol, making total contribution as Rs.23,720/-. Installation ceremony was anchored by Youth Service Director Dr. Archana Thite. Gifts were handed over to school children at hands of President Ramesh & RCMDM members present: Pres. Ramesh Chandra & Rtns. Archana Thite, Damyanti Chheda, Shraddha Golvankar, Nilofer Zohra, Mahesh+Sumitra Hirlekar, Brahma Avatar and Ramon Abrol.

**HARD WORK OF PROCURING & PACKING THE GIFTS BY MAHESH, SUMITRA, SAVITRI, NILOFER, DAMYANTI, SHRADDHA.**



Program started with Lighting of lamp to seek blessings for Deepawali followed by welcome & installation



RCMDM President and club members with the Trustees and the Principal of Prabodhan Kurla school

**16.10.2024: Cont'd from Page 10: RCMDM's 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meet cum conjoined 7<sup>th</sup> Community Service Project:**

President Ramesh+RCMDM members PINNED the Interact Club President, Office Bearers and Directors for RY-2025-26



Finally, Deepawali Gift packs were given to all students, teachers & staff, at hands of Pres. Ramesh & all RCMDMites.



**29.10.2025: RCMDM's 4<sup>th</sup> BOD meet cum 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting: 5pm onwards, at Bhimrao Wadi, Thakurdwar, Mumbai:**

The 4<sup>th</sup> BOD cum 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Speaker of INSPIRE Rotary Year 2025-26 was held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 25 from 4.45pm onwards at residence of Rtn. Savitri Jhaveri at Bhimrao Wadi, Thakurdwar, Mumbai. Meetings started with welcome tea, coffee & snacks, followed by BOD meeting, chaired by President Ramesh JS Chandra, from 5.15pm to 6.15pm, wherein all items on agenda were approved/adopted unanimously. A list with names of RCMDM President Elect (President for RY 2026-27) and proposed BOD for RY 2026-27 was presented. It was decided to appoint IPP Arvind Katakdhond as Election Officer and this list be circulated to all members immediately and to invite any challenges for any position/s or nominations for any vacant positions and that upon receipt of same by election officer, elections be scheduled and be conducted and then the final list of elected BOD members and elected President Elect would be presented in subsequent BOD meeting and also be presented in forthcoming AGM for approval. Regular meeting was from 6.15pm onwards, called to order by Pres. Ramesh, followed by National Anthem, with several decisions taken unanimously pertaining to elections unfolding in RID-3141 in Nov'2025. We officially PINNED Rtn. Norina Fernandes as our club member, though she was inducted w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> August'25 and celebrated members' birthdays & wedding anniversaries with cake cutting. 2 partners & 18 members of RCMDM attended the BOD meeting and Regular meeting.



The BOD Meeting and the Regular Meeting, both, started on time and concluded on time.



Norina PINNED as RCMDM member. Cake cutting was done to celebrate birthdays and wedding Anniversaries in Oct'25.



Truly a memorable day with completion of 4<sup>th</sup> BOD and 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting in Inspire Rotary Year 2025-26

**OTHER EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS**

**27.09.2025:** At Hotel Westinn Powai, a week long Seminar 'Think Big Think Maharashtra' event was organised, where eminent corporate persons, scholars, business legends, bollywood artists including defence veterans were felicitated. In the Defence category, Rtn. Ramesh JS Chandra, President of Rotary Club of Marine Drive Mumbai was felicitated & honoured for his excellence in defence service.



**OCTOBER 2025: CHANDRA FAMILY IN ACTION:** President Ramesh, First Lady Chandrakala and their daughter Radhika performing Chhaat Pooja at Mumbai Beach. Also, Radhika got felicitated for excellence in wildlife protection and street dog care by the Mahatma Gandhi National Excellence Award 2025. RCMDm is PROUD of CHANDRA FAMILY.



**24.10.2025:** PP Bharti Gurjar and her son Yogi Gurjar attended the regular meeting of Rotary Club of Norwest Sunrise in Sydney, Australia, during her trip to Australia. She exchanged RCMDM's Club Flag with the host club.



10.10.2025: RCMDM member Rtn. Tushar Gunderia was conferred with "Compliance Champion Award" dedicated to one who champions the cause of compliance & ethics in their organizations. The award ceremony was organized by LEGASIS in association with NSE/CDSL in the \*Compliance 10/10 Symposium & Awards Event\* at Taj Lands-End. Felicitation happened in presence of eminent persons, namely, former Justice Abhay Oka and Jury Chairman Hon'ble former Justice S. V. Gangapurwala. Life Time Achievement Award for compliance was conferred on Mr. Damodaran, former SEBI Chairman, and Compliance Crusader Award was conferred on Mr. K. K. Mistry, former Chairman, HDFC Bank Ltd



12.10.2025: RCMDM President Ramesh, PP Mahesh and PE Nayan attended important RID-3141 Seminar on Membership & Public Image, seen with Youth Service Avenue Chair Rtn. Anand Ramnani.



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WITH HEAVY HEART AND WITH SADNESS WE PAY HOMAGE TO TWO NOBLE DEPARTED SOULS AND PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY TO BLESS AND REST THEIR SOULS IN ETERNAL PEACE

Late Suhas Paranjpe, brother of Rtn. Surekha S. Godbole, went to heavenly abode on 19/10/2025

Late Radha D. Deshpande, sister of Rtn. Dr. Sanjay G. Godbole, went to heavenly abode on 25/09/2025

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