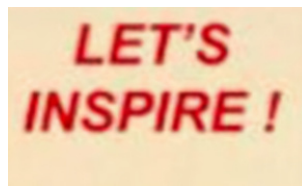


# INSPIRATION -RCBN



## RCBN

## PPRESIDENT 2025-26



As I step into my role as President of our beloved Rotary Club of Bombay North, my heart is filled with both gratitude and determination. It is an honour to lead a club that has always stood tall in service, unity, and purpose. With this new beginning, I am delighted to introduce to you our monthly club bulletin – Inspiration.

This bulletin is not just a publication. It is a reflection of our shared efforts, our collective heartbeat, and the spirit that binds us together.

### Inspiration to Impact..

As your President, I wish to share a special phrase that will guide my vision and actions this Rotary year – my signature line: Inspiration to Impact. These three words embody my deepest belief: that while ideas and dreams may ignite our purpose, it is only through action that we create true change.

This bulletin will appear every month – twelve issues to keep our Rotary rhythm alive throughout the year.

I also wish to foster a more open and interactive space within our club. For this reason, we are introducing a section called Your Voice, where members are encouraged to share their thoughts, offer suggestions, and help us continuously improve. Whether it's feedback on projects, ideas for new initiatives, or reflections on club experiences – your voice matters, and it will be heard.

Rotary thrives when every member steps forward – not just as a volunteer, but as a partner in change. Your involvement, however small it may seem, becomes a part of something much larger – a ripple that reaches far beyond what we can imagine.

I extend my warm appreciation to Rtn. Dr. Vidya Mukund and her editorial team, whose dedication and creativity have brought this bulletin to life. Their commitment ensures that Inspiration will not just be a name, but a living spirit within our club.

Let this year be one where we move forward with clarity, purpose, and unity. Let us stay in tune with the Pulse of our Rotary values – of service, friendship, and leadership. Together, let us truly live our mantra – Inspiration to Impact – and make this year one we will all look back on with pride.

With Rotary warmth and regards,

Rtn. Kamal Chokshi  
President 2025-26



## A CHAT WITH 2025-26 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT FRANCESCO AREZZO



RI President Francesco Arezzo is a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa in Sicily.



**Q: YOU'VE WORKED AS AN ORTHODONTIST FOR MANY YEARS. ARE THERE THINGS ABOUT YOUR JOB THAT MAKE YOU AN EFFECTIVE ROTARIAN?**

**A: I'VE BEEN A PRACTICING ORTHODONTIST FOR 46 YEARS NOW. I WORK MAINLY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEM BEFORE BEGINNING TREATMENT. YOU HAVE TO WIN THEIR COOPERATION. FORGING THOSE RELATIONSHIPS IS ONE OF THE BEST ASPECTS OF MY JOB.**

**Q: YOU'VE BEEN A ROTARIAN FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES. DO YOU REMEMBER WHY YOU FIRST WANTED TO JOIN?**

**A: AT THE BEGINNING, ROTARY WAS JUST A PLACE TO MEET NEW FRIENDS WITH DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. IT WASN'T UNTIL I BECAME CLUB PRESIDENT THAT I BEGAN TO REALLY UNDERSTAND ROTARY. NOW, WHEN I SPEAK TO ROTARIANS, I TELL THEM TO CHANGE THE VERBS THEY USE. YOU DON'T "GO TO" ROTARY LIKE YOU GO TO THE CINEMA, WHERE YOU SIT AND WATCH OTHER PEOPLE DOING SOMETHING. ROTARY IS SOMETHING YOU DO. YOU HAVE TO PARTICIPATE. AND THEN YOU BEGIN TO GROW.**

**Q: HOW HAVE YOU GROWN IN ROTARY?**

**A: WHEN MY CLUB FIRST PROPOSED THAT I BECOME PRESIDENT, I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT. I HAD A STUTTER, SO I WAS TERRIFIED OF BEING OBLIGED TO ADDRESS MY CLUB. BUT IT WASN'T SO BAD. THEN THEY INVITED ME TO BE A DISTRICT GOVERNOR, AND AGAIN, I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT. BUT ONCE MORE, THEY CONVINCED ME. NOW, WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE FACT THAT I'M GOING TO BE THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT AND SPEAK ONSTAGE IN ANOTHER LANGUAGE, I UNDERSTAND HOW MUCH ROTARY HAS CHANGED ME IN A POSITIVE AND LASTING WAY.**



## THE FACE BEHIND THE ROLE

### Dr. Habil Khorakiwala Story - Chairperson of Wockhardt Hospitals



Dr. Habil Khorakiwala founded Wockhardt in 1967. Today, the Wockhardt Group is India's leading research-based global healthcare enterprise with relevance in the fields of Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), and Super Speciality Hospitals. An alumnus of Purdue University and Harvard Business School, he was the first non-American to be conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in 125 years by Purdue University (Pharmacy School) in 2010.

A member of the World Economic Forum, Dr. Khorakiwala has held many senior positions as an industry representative, and has been lauded and awarded by various institutions and organisations. As a former President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), he has met and shared India's business and economic dynamics with many Presidents, Prime Ministers and Heads-of-State. He has also served as the President of IPA (Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance); as the Chairman of the Board of Governors at the Centre for Organisation Development in Hyderabad, a non-profit, scientific and industrial research organisation and a recognised doctoral research centre; and as the Chancellor of Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi, which has emerged as an outstanding institution of higher learning with distinct and focused academic programmes.

In 2017, Dr. Khorakiwala authored 'Odyssey of Courage', a book chronicling his entrepreneurial journey, and in 2018, he established the Wockhardt School of Courage, a unique mentorship programme for young and budding entrepreneurs, which is based on tenets, principles, and insights drawn from the book.



## ANN-TASTIC MOMENTS ...

## From Our Family to Yours – Notes from Ragini



"Family is not an important thing. It's everything." – Michael J. Fox

My journey with Rotary began in 2018-19 when I joined the Rotary Club of Bombay North (RCBN). At that time, my professional commitments made it difficult to participate in meetings and projects as much as I wanted. Yet, I watched Kamal's growing passion for Rotary—his enthusiasm for its principles, meaningful projects, and the bonds of fellowship. It was inspiring to see how Rotary added purpose and joy to his life.

When I stepped away from Rotary, Kamal continued his journey. But when he became President, I knew it was time for me to return—not just as his spouse, but as a partner in service. This time, I wanted to work side by side with him, contributing to projects, encouraging fellowship among spouses, and making Rotary feel like one extended family.

I believe Rotary is not just about serving the community, but also about celebrating life together. We, as spouses, can create a warm circle of joy—meeting, sharing stories, laughing together, and strengthening the bonds that make our club so special. I want to encourage all families to be part of Rotary's activities so that every project becomes not just a service initiative but a shared memory.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." – Mahatma Gandhi

Together, let us build an environment where families come together to celebrate every win—big or small—and enjoy this wonderful journey of fellowship. We can take small steps: organizing informal get-togethers, planning fun-filled spouse meets, or simply lending our support to ongoing projects. When families work together, the impact of Rotary grows exponentially.

For me, Rotary is not just an organization—it's a place where love, joy, and service come together. I hope to create more opportunities for spouses and families to connect, laugh, and give back.

Celebrating Rotary as one family, together we create memories.



## From the Editor's Desk

**They say never take on a job that involves keeping seasoned veterans entertained — and yet, here I am!**

**Tasked with the mission (almost like Mission Impossible) of keeping you engaged all year long with news, updates, and maybe a surprise or two.**

**Let's face it — keeping busy those who have seen it all, done it all, and probably organised it better is no easy task. But challenge accepted!**

**This newsletter isn't just about information — it's about connection, a sprinkle of nostalgia, and a whole lot of heart.**

**I've poured love, and a fair bit of coffee into creating this for you — and I truly hope you enjoy reading it as much as I've enjoyed bringing it to life.**

**With warmth and a wink,  
Your slightly frazzled but very enthusiastic.**

**Dr.Vidya Mukund**

### KNOW YOUR ROTARY

**Rotary Numbers as of 16 July, 2025**

**Rotary clubs : 36,373. Rotary members: 1,135,050**

**Rotaract clubs: 9,539 . Rotaract members: 132,096**

**Interact clubs: 17,111. Interact members: 393,691**

**RCCs: 14,073**

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## RCBN COMMITEE-2025-26

### **Committee**

#### **General:**

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**IPP**

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**Hon Jt. Secretary**

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**Rtn Bhavna Shah**

**International**

**Rtn Suresh Mittal**

**First Lady**

**Ragini Chokshi**



## Touching lives- One Project at a Time



10th July'25-

Medical Camp by RCBN in partnership  
with The Press Club of India.

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si=cRDsSy2vyYatcFGE](https://youtu.be/mXosdQ8w-w4?si=cRDsSy2vyYatcFGE)



14th July'25- Installation of Interact  
Clubs.



27th July'25-

Solar Lantern assembly, testing &  
maintenance training & distribution to  
beneficiaries at MOKHADA & JAWAHAR in  
Palghar District.



30th July'25--Free Umbrella  
Distribution at  
BDD Chawl

## **Touching lives- One Project at a Time**

### **Future Focus/ our upcoming Calendar**

- 1. 2nd Aug Thalassemia Checkup  
at Lilavati Dayal School**
- 2. 2nd Aug . Morning Speaker  
meeting**
- 3. Fireside Meeting**
- 4. 10th Aug. Mega medical camp  
at Dharavi**
- 5. 15th to 17th Overnight Picnic  
to Bhandardara**
- 6. 23rd. Speaker meeting**
- 7. 24th Rotaractor president  
installation**
- 8. 31st Chartered day celebration**



## Once a week - Rendezvous



**12th July'25--India and England Cricket- Then and Now  
Featuring Mr. Karsan Ghavru**



**19th July'25--Club Assembly**



**26th July'25-- The Magic of Mere Ghar Ka Khana  
Amrita Raichand**

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