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MARCH NUMBERS RCBP

PROJECTS: 28

BENEFICIARIES : 3,688

MAN HOURS SPENT : 543

ROTARIANS INVOLVED : 109

ROTARACTORS: 4

TOTAL COST OF PROJECTS : RS. 23,56,660

CLUB MEETINGS : 6

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Note from the editor



Hello RCBP Family,

This is the 10th edition of Powai Tarang, and time has flown just like a wave—fast, full of energy, and truly refreshing.

This month's theme is Environment. The cover page speaks for itself, while the second visual is equally beautiful. It features a brick wall with the Rotary wheel embossed into it. Even amidst the concrete, plants find a way to grow—symbolizing that wherever Rotary is present, life and growth naturally follow.

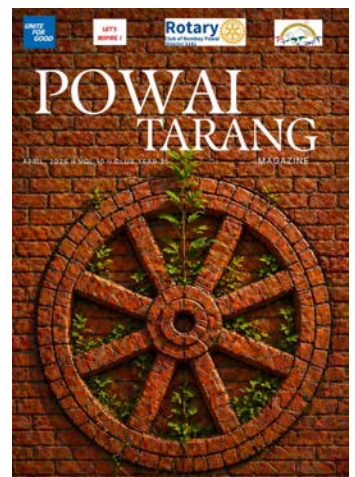
Our fashionista, Heena Srivastava, has always emerged stronger, turning every challenge into her strength.

Our power couple, Davina and Manjit, are truly charming—their journey together feels straight out of a Bollywood film.

As always, I had a wonderful time putting this together, and I hope you enjoy reading it just as much.

And yes, as always, RCBP Rocks!!

Krutee Rampara



Inside the mind of

PRESIDENT



Rotary International observes April as Environment Month, aligning with Earth Day on April 22 to spotlight sustainability, conservation, and climate action. This is the time when Rotary clubs worldwide renew their commitment to protecting the planet through projects like tree plantations, clean energy initiatives, and awareness campaigns.

Rotary Club of Bombay Powai has strengthened its commitment to the environment by providing solar power to eleven Anganwadis, ensuring brighter and more sustainable classrooms. We also installed clean water coolers across several schools and at the National Blind association bringing safe drinking water to hundreds of students. In addition, our e waste collection drive helped reduce pollution and protect natural resources. We taught our young minds our interactors the need of tree plantation, we went ahead with our interactors for tree plantation drive & ecofriendly Ganpati —each initiative a step toward a cleaner, greener future.

Rotary club of Bombay Powai promises to serves not just society—but the Earth itself. Every green step today is a promise for tomorrow.

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Rtn. Anju Ahluwalia

Inspire President



Heena Srivastava The Soulful Diva

What does fashion mean to you?

H: For me, fashion is personal—it's shaped by who you are and not fashion cycles. I see it as a form of authentic self-expression, driven by individuality rather than trends or labels. The way you present yourself leaves a lasting impression, and what you wear should consciously reflect how you wish to be perceived.

I believe your personality naturally shapes your style. If you're more reserved, your choices may lean towards refined subtlety; if like me; you're expressive and energetic, that comes through in bolder colours or stronger silhouettes. At the heart of it all is confidence. When what you wear truly aligns with who you are, it feels effortless—and that sense of ease is what truly stands out.



When attending an event, what are your fashion essentials and what do you avoid?

H: I like to be intentional. Every setting carries an unspoken dress code, and understanding the tone is essential—whether it's a business gathering, a wedding, or a social evening, each demands a different approach.

My essentials are pared down: a strong lipstick, a miniature perfume, and my phone. Lipstick is non-negotiable—it instantly elevates a look. My style is rooted in understated luxury: clean silhouettes, minimal effort, with one or two deliberate elements that stand out. I tend to gravitate toward sparkles as my specials!

What I consciously avoid is discomfort and trend-chasing. Especially when I'm hosting, uncomfortable footwear is a firm no—it immediately affects how I move and carry myself. Trends may come and go, but they don't dictate my wardrobe. My style remains personal, confident, and deliberately chosen.

Do you prefer Indian or Western attire?

H: I've come to appreciate that my style isn't about choosing one over the other—it's about context. In professional settings, I naturally lean towards Western wear, especially structured pantsuits. They give me a

Lately, I've been drawn to kaftans—they strike an effortless balance between ease and sophistication. I also enjoy blending Indian and Western elements; it's a way of creating a language of style that feels fluid, individual, and true to who I am today.



Where do you usually shop from—designers or brands?

H: It's a mix, but one I'm very selective about. I do invest in designer pieces, usually for special occasions, but for everyday work, I'm far more practical. Comfort, durability, and practicality take priority over all else.

I don't shop very frequently, and fast fashion has never really resonated with me. I prefer investing in pieces that last and can be styled in diverse ways. For workwear, brands like Marks & Spencer and Uniqlo fit seamlessly into my wardrobe—they're reliable, breathable, and well suited to our climate.

I also enjoy reworking what I already own. Mixing and matching often brings a fresh perspective to familiar pieces. I'm completely comfortable repeating outfits; style, for me, has never been about novelty. It's about how you carry what you wear. When you're comfortable and confident, it naturally reflects—and that, to me, is what truly looks put together.



sense of authority and confidence, particularly in spaces that are still largely male-dominated, and allow me to move through the day with ease. Sarees, on the other hand, have always held a very personal place for me. They're timeless, elegant, and deeply reflective of my roots, shaped by my years in hospitality. However, with the pace and travel my work now demands, they aren't always the most practical choice.



How do you manage your wardrobe, and what happens to clothes you no longer use?

H: I like to keep my wardrobe functional and uncluttered. About once a year, I take the time to go through everything and reassess what still fits my life and what doesn't. If I've outgrown something—especially structured pieces like suits—I prefer passing it on rather than holding onto it.

Many of these are well-made or even designer pieces, and it feels far more meaningful to see them being worn and appreciated than sitting unused in a cupboard. I often pass them on to young women who are just starting their careers, or to those who may not have access to this kind of clothing. Watching someone else gain confidence from something that once meant a lot to you is incredibly fulfilling.

For me, fashion isn't about owning beautiful things. It's also about being thoughtful, mindful, and using what you have to create value for someone else whenever you can.



Are there any fashion pieces or brands on your bucket list?

H: I'm not particularly driven by owning more clothes, but I do have a soft corner for statement accessories—especially shoes and bags—and that's where the global designer space resonates with me most. Stilettos, in particular, have always been part of my style, and I'm naturally drawn to a hint of shimmer—it brings personality to a look without ever overwhelming it. A pair of Christian Louboutin Just Jewel has been on my wish list for some time now; it feels more like a personal milestone than a necessity. The same thoughtfulness applies to bags—Lady Dior Art pieces continue to intrigue me, as does the Metallic Hermès bag that I admire deeply. It's a long-term, considered wish list rather than something I feel compelled to act on immediately. When it comes to Indian designers, my focus shifts more decisively towards clothing. Long-time favourites like Rajesh Pratap Singh and Anita Dongre stand out for their simplicity, understated elegance, and balance. Their design sensibility aligns naturally with how I like to dress—refined, thoughtful, and timeless.



let's play!!

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1. EACH ROW MUST CONTAIN THE NUMBERS 1 TO 9, WITHOUT REPETITION.
2. EACH COLUMN MUST ALSO CONTAIN THE NUMBERS 1 TO 9, WITHOUT REPETITION. THE GRID IS DIVIDED INTO NINE 3×3 BOXES (ALSO CALLED REGIONS, BLOCKS, OR SUBGRIDS).
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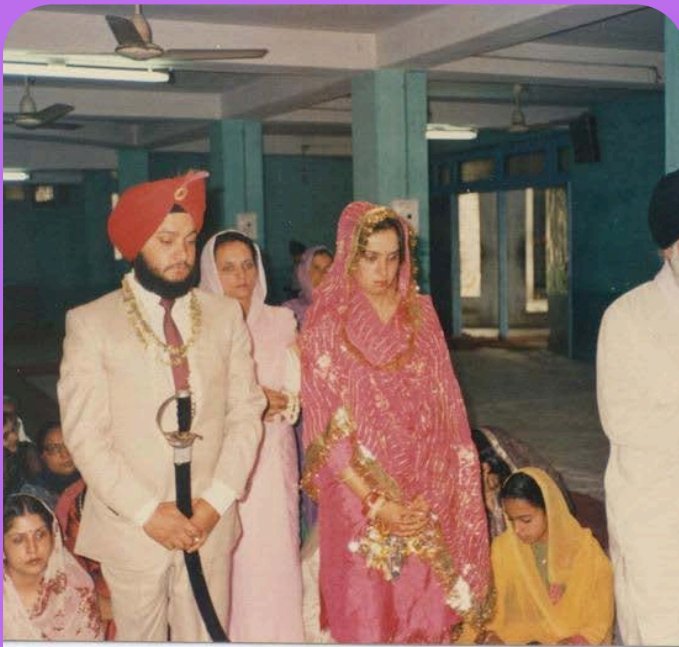
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A story of togetherness...
gently written in love,
over time

Presenting

Davina and Manjit Bali



When did you both meet? Was it an arranged setup or did you know each other before?

D: Ours is what we like to call a love marriage that was beautifully arranged. We met first, quite naturally, and then our families stepped in and took things forward in the most traditional way.

It all began in Chandigarh. I had just completed my post-graduation and had started working at a slimming centre. Manjeet used to visit the centre. Not for slimming, he was quite fit, but because a friend of his was associated with it. That was our first meeting.

M: Yes, and although there were many wonderful people there, Davina stood out immediately. She was graceful, charming, very beautiful and had a warmth that was hard to miss. We became friends, and through a common friend, we began meeting more often.

One day, during a small birthday gathering at my place, that same friend nudged me and said, "You really should tell her how you feel—she likes you too!" That gave me the courage I needed.

I still remember, I was dropping her home on my scooter, and while looking straight ahead as I was too shy to turn around, I said, "I like you, I would like to marry you."

D (smiling): I said, very honestly, "I'll have to ask my parents." I hadn't really thought about marriage at that point, but I did like him—that's why I had gone for birthday in the first place.

Everything happened quite quickly after that. From meeting to deciding, it was just a few months, we were married.

Our families then took over, just as they did in those days. There was a sense of trust and simplicity. Thankfully, there were no major barriers—our backgrounds were similar—and after a few inquiries through known contacts, my parents were reassured.

What does a typical day look like for you now?

M: Retirement hasn't slowed me down! I'm very active socially—golf, Rotary, parents, meeting people. There's always something happening.

D: Family keeps me constantly on my toes. Children coming and going, parents visiting and their health needs to attend to, and the love and laughter of grandchildren—life is more than full, it's wonderfully overflowing.

What are your everyday “arguments” like now?

D (laughing): Oh, very serious ones—like him saying my salad is too bland!

M: Because she refuses to put dressing!

D: But he is on a strict diet, so I keep things simple—more protein, less oil.

Did you ever feel the pressure of balancing career and home?

D: Not from him—never. He never once made me feel the need to work for financial reasons. In fact, I always had the freedom to choose my own path. I began my career as a dietitian, but once the children came along, I consciously decided to focus on raising them.

Later, I rediscovered myself through teaching. What started as small tuitions gradually grew into years of teaching, even in schools. It gave me a strong sense of identity and fulfilment; something that was entirely my own, beyond just my role at home.

M: And she handled everything beautifully. My work involved extensive travel—often abroad—which wasn't very common in those days. Even when I was in town, my hours were unpredictable, and I never knew when I'd be back home. But she never once complained. She took care of the home, the children, and everything in between with quiet strength. That kind of support made it possible for me to do what I did—it truly held everything together.

If you could change one thing about your past, what would it be?

M: I feel I could have been less rigid and more balanced, especially in personal relationships. Professionally, being firm helped, but at home, a softer approach would have made things better.

D: I wish I had stepped into a formal career earlier. When I eventually did, I discovered a more confident and independent version of myself. That said, I don't regret being fully present for my children—it was a conscious and necessary choice at that time.





Can you describe a moment when he fulfilled a wish of yours exactly the way you had imagined it?

D: Yes... there is one moment that will always stay very close to my heart—our daughter's wedding. I had this simple but very emotional wish. I didn't want a typical hotel wedding in an unfamiliar city; I wanted the warmth of a home... like a big bungalow where everyone could stay together, celebrate together, and feel connected. I wanted my entire family to be under one roof for those 4–5 days—laughing, eating, celebrating like we do at home. I wanted the food to feel homemade, the space to feel like ours—not like guests in a venue, but like family living together through every moment of the wedding.

M: She never asks for much, but when she does, I know it comes from the heart. I knew finding a bungalow like that in another city would be almost impossible, so I tried to recreate that feeling instead. I managed to get two adjoining hotels completely for us and ensured we had our own kitchen and setup, just the way she wanted. When she saw it and felt that it was exactly what she had imagined—that quiet happiness on her face... that was everything. Sometimes, love is simply about understanding what the other person truly wants, and making it happen without making a big deal out of it.



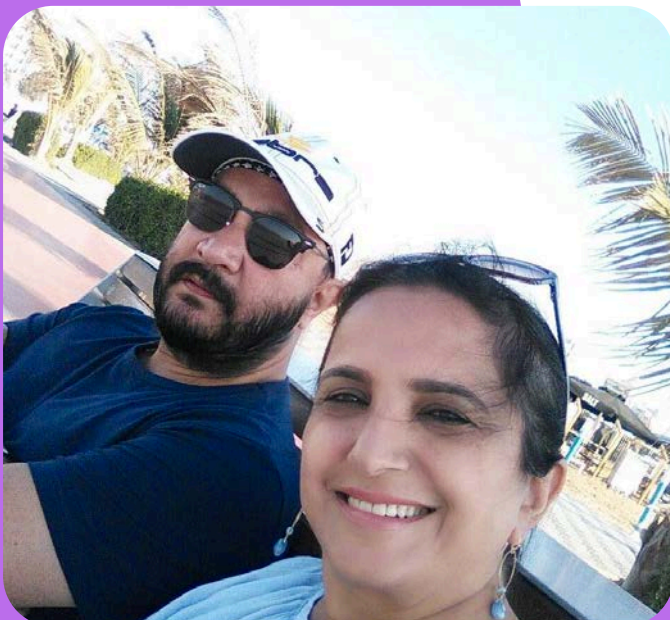
What does this stage of life mean to you?

M: It's a blessing. When your children are settled, happy, and healthy, and you have grandchildren to spend time with—it brings a deep sense of fulfillment. We don't need extravagance; we just want to sustain our lifestyle and enjoy these moments.

What are your aspirations for the future as a couple?

M: We want to travel as much as possible. We already take one trip a year, but we'd like to do more. Visiting friends abroad—like in Australia—is on the cards. I want to spend quality infinite time with my grandchildren.

D: There's a desire to try solo travel!! And more girls' trips. At the same time, I want us to spend quality time with our grandchildren. Right now, they still enjoy being with us, and we want to cherish that phase before they grow and are on their own path of life.



MARCH
PROJECTS



MEDICAL PROJECTS

L&T Realty in collaboration with Rotary Club of Bombay Powai and under the aegis of LTPCT organized a Free medical checkup camp along with Implementation Partners JV Gokul Trust and Family Planning Association of India. Services offered in this camp were: (1) Doctor' Consultation (2) Medicines Dispensing (3) NCD Screening (Diabetes, Anemia, High Blood Pressure) (4) Eye Check-up & Spectacles distribution (5) Family and Reproductive Health Education (6) Referral Services. General Health check-ups, blood parameters like Hbg and Sugar levels were checked. Vision screening with Cataract detection and cataract surgery referrals was done.



*Sunni Rehmania Masjid
Date: 1st March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 108*



*Panchshil Buddhavihar
Date: 1st March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 84*



*Taximen Association
Date: 5th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 145*



*Royal Palms Estate
Date: 8th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 170*



*Anganwadi no 119
Date: 14th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 107*



*Shree Ganeshotsav
Date: 15th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 107*



*Omkareshwar Mahadev
mandir
Date: 15th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 175*



*Shiv Mandir
Date: 21st March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 170*



*Ramabai Buddha Vihar
Date: 21st March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 70*



*Sai Baba Mandir
Date: 22nd March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 144*



*Shivsena Shakha
Date: 22nd March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 182*



*Anganwadi no 127
Date: 24th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 93*



*Shree Balar Ganapati
mada
Date: 24th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 140*



ANNAPURNA PROJECTS

A wholesome mid-day meal is served at various NGOs, bringing nourishment and joy to the children or elderlies. The RCBP initiative reflecting commitment to care, dignity, and community well-being.



*Akshay Chaitanya NGO
Date: 4th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 85
Cost: Rs. 3000*



*Akshay Chaitanya NGO
Date: 5th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 85
Cost: Rs. 3000*



*Asha NGO
Date: 11th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 150
Cost: Rs. 3000*



*Rathod Vruddhashram
Date: 12th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 46
Cost: Rs. 3000*



*Ekata Abhyasika
Date: 18th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 250
Cost: Rs. 6000*



*Saidham Vruddhashram
Date: 19th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 22
Cost: Rs. 3000*



*Seed Foundation
Date: 25th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 125
Cost: Rs. 3000*



*Saidham Vruddhashram
Date: 26th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 110
Cost: Rs. 3000*



*Nityanand Ashram
Date: 26th March, 2026
Beneficiaries: 110
Cost: Rs. 4000*



OTHER PROJECTS



Sanitary Napkins distribution
Date: 9th March, 2026
Venue: Mother Theresa
Beneficiaries: 100
Cost: Rs. 2800



Aqua physiotherapy Centre
Date: 9th March, 2026
Venue: Vihang, Aurangabad
Beneficiaries: 150
Cost: Rs. 450000



Womens Day Celebration with Transgenders
Date: 10th March, 2026
Venue: Masjid Bunder
Beneficiaries: 25
Cost: Rs. 23240



Computer lab & Smart Class
Date: 20th March, 2026
Venue: Milind Vidyalaya
Beneficiaries: 100
Cost: Rs. 100000



Facilities at Vatsalya Orphanage
Date: 21st March, 2026
Venue: Vatsalya Orphanage
Beneficiaries: 700
Cost: Rs. 450000



Grocery kit distribution to Pregnant ladies
Date: 23rd March, 2026
Venue: Aarey Colony Area
Beneficiaries: 20
Cost: Rs. 20000



CLUB SERVICES



Fireside meeting
Date: 1st March, 2026
Venue: Smita and Nikhil Madgavkar's residence
Attendance: 16



Speaker meeting
Date: 16th March, 2026
Venue: Forest Club
Attendance: 22



Rotary Quiz Finals
Date: 21st March, 2026
Venue: IMC Churchgate
Attendance: 6



BoD meeting
Date: 23rd March, 2026
Venue: Online
Attendance: 17



Trustee meeting
Date: 23rd March, 2026
Venue: Online
Attendance: 6



Trustee meeting
Date: 30th March, 2026
Venue: Online
Attendance: 6

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WINNER: TEJAL SHETH



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