



# POWAI TARANG

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ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY POWAI

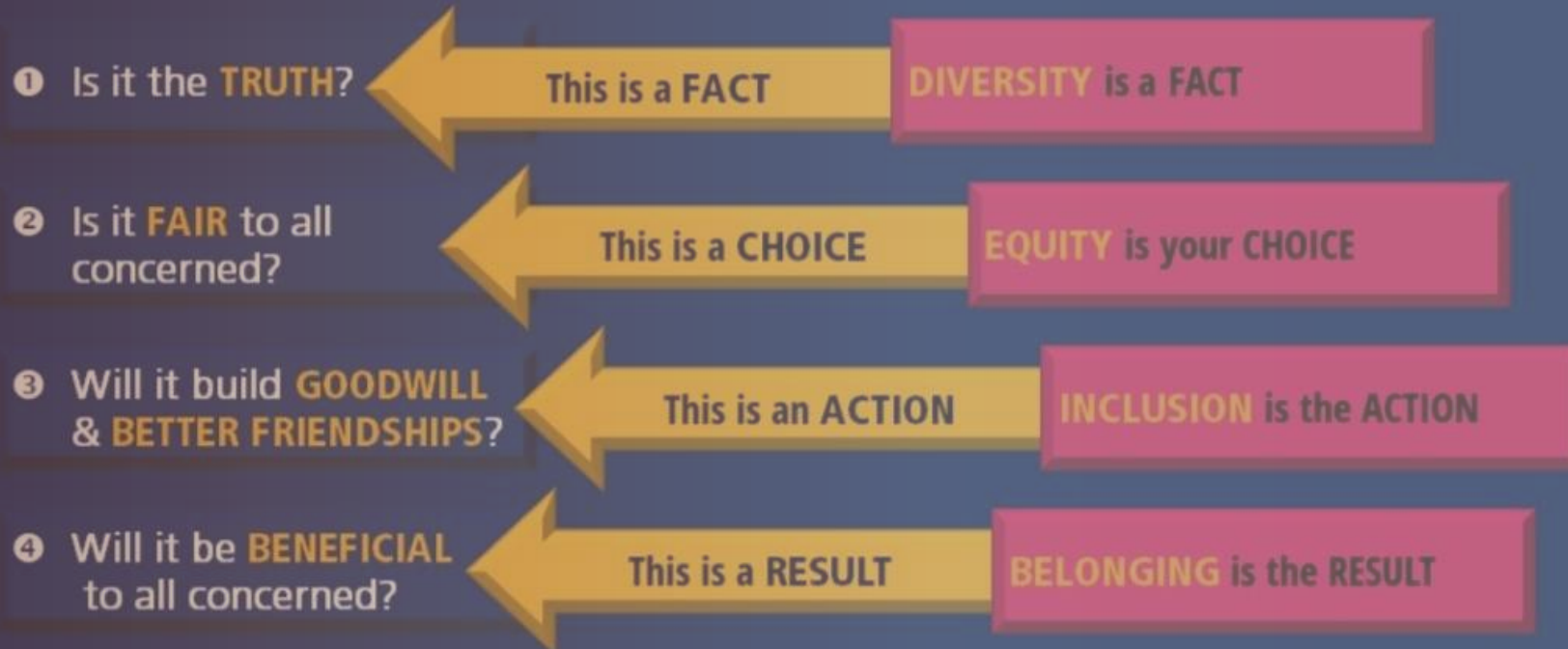


Dr. Kamalini P...



## THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do





# Editor's note

Dipanwita Dutt



It was a surprise when President Kamalini asked me to continue as the editor of the club newsletter. Then I thought 'chalo kartei hain' .... The journey in the Alpha year was a very happy creative one .....and I am the last person to say 'no' to any work of creativity.

President was also very sure that the same editorial team should continue .....

Couldn't have asked for anything better/more. Thank you Kamalini !!

Our effort always has been to make Powai Tarang a notch above a typical bulletin.

Not merely a reporting vehicle for club activities. More than a bulletin it has always been a magazine .... For the members, by the members & of the members.

This year also will continue the trend and bring to you interesting, informative & entertaining editions of the RCBP magazine, 'Powai Tarang', one each month . That's a big task and the team can succeed only with your (members/member family) participation.

We invite each RCBP member, spouse & family to be a part of this journey with your contributions .....as authors, artists & reviewers.

We look forward to your participation with contributions & feedback.

Appreciation & critique both equally important & welcome at the mail ID given on the last page &/or to [duttdipa@gmail.com](mailto:duttdipa@gmail.com)

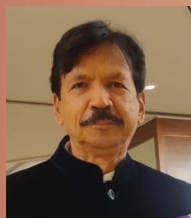
A warm welcome to the first edition of your own, Powai Tarang .

Happy reading !!

## Team Editorial



Davina Bali



Vivek Govilkar



Nalini Raghavan



Shrikrishna Bhave



Jyoti Shiralee



Anurag Chadha

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## Monthly Plan .....

### July

- Installation
- Speaker meetings
- Student Felicitation
- Tree plantation- Environment projects
- Annapoorna, Medical& other projects

### August

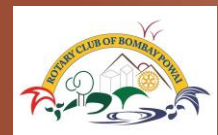
- Interact Installations
- Inter school quiz
- Eco Ganapati
- Speaker meetings
- Annapoorna, Medical & other projects



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..... New beginning.

Painting by  
Rtn. Dr. Kamalini Pathak

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# PRESIDENT Speaks

Dr. Kamalini Pathak

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My Dear Club Members,

I am very humbled and honoured to take the charge as Club President of this prestigious club in District 3141. I am looking forward to working together, I would like to thank my club members for giving me this opportunity to serve as the President of Incredible Year of Rotary. As we work together, I am reminded of the incredible power we possess as a collective force for positive change. Each one of us, as a member of the Rotary Club, plays a vital role in shaping the future of our community and the world at large.

The theme for this year, **"Embracing Change and Making a Difference Together,"** encapsulates our shared commitment to adapt, innovate, and tackle the challenges that lie ahead. Change is inevitable, and it is through our ability to adapt that we can stay relevant and effective in our pursuit of service above self.

Over the past 3 years, we have faced unprecedented circumstances that have tested our resilience and determination. The global pandemic forced us to rethink our strategies, leverage technology, and find new ways to support those in need. I am immensely proud of how our club swiftly adapted, organizing virtual events, connecting with local organizations, and providing much-needed relief to our community.

Looking ahead, we must continue to embrace change and explore innovative avenues for service. Our world is evolving at a rapid pace, and we must be willing to think outside the box, forge new partnerships, and leverage emerging technologies to maximize our impact.







Furthermore, let us not forget the power of unity and collaboration. Rotary International's recent efforts to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion have paved the way for a more inclusive Rotary Club experience. By welcoming individuals from diverse backgrounds, we enrich our perspectives, broaden our horizons, and ultimately create a stronger, more vibrant organization. Let us continue to foster an environment where every member feels valued, respected, and heard.

In conclusion, my fellow Rotarians, we stand on the junction of endless possibilities. Change is not something to fear but rather an opportunity for growth and positive transformation. ***Together, we can make a lasting impact on our community and the world. Let us embrace change, embrace innovation, and embrace the power of Rotary to create a brighter future for all.***

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and dedication to service. ***I am honoured to serve alongside you as we embark on this exciting journey together.***



## Ishwar Pathak

**Not all heroes wear capes, some wear sarees !**

Most people know her as Dr. Kamalini Pathak, Academician, ex-Principal, Rotarian, painter par-excellence and an all-round achiever. But to me, she is the reason I exist. She brought me into this world three decades ago and has since then undertaken the ever-lasting role of raising me. As time would come to pass, her influentially grew into the persona she is famously known for today, *the guardian angel and voice of the underprivileged.*

Dr. Kamalini Pathak is an academician, started with teaching geography and tourism to college students. After completing her Ph.D., she went on to become a Principal, serving various colleges in the University of Mumbai in a disciplinarian capacity. She always had a penchant for helping the needy. This spiraled her career into philanthropy by actively participating with the Giants group of Powai, Mumbai. Following a successful career spanning two and a half decades, she decided to hang her boots and retired gracefully, dipping her hand in canvas and switching the uptight red pen for a flowy paint brush. The result was a series of lovely paintings, which got applauded in her various exhibitions. She is living proof that women, especially mothers, are capable of anything, whether it's theory or practical.





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Known to her family and loved ones as Pinky, my mother is known for her delicious food, her warm hospitality and a knack for cleaning. These fundamental values have been instilled in me through years of yelling and scolding and have made me into the man I am today.

Being born as the eldest of her siblings, service and affection became the bedrock on which my mother built her success. This has stood the test of time and proved its unwavering reliability. She is one of those persons who have made walking the path of Mother Teresa their life mission.

For more than 30 years, through her acts of service, she has continued to be a shining example of what it means to be a woman, a mother, and a human being. By helping the under-privileged with medical expenses, sanitary hygiene products, student fees, starting a vocation and many more, she became a role model for me and many others. She was always available, be it for family or friends, just a call away. Her compassion goes beyond humans, to animals and the luckiest boy, who goes by the name of *Snowy*.

She embodies the mantra 'Service is the greatest attitude', thus paving the path towards gratitude. It gives me great pride in welcoming her as the President of the Rotary Club of Bombay Powai for the Incredible year 2023-24.





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Even as we face new and serious challenges, Rotary takes care of its members and those we serve, works to build lasting peace, and embeds belonging and inclusion in everything we do. That is why I am asking everyone in Rotary to *Create Hope in the World*.

This year, we're prioritizing projects to support mental health. This effort is deeply personal to me. I know what it's like to see someone suffer in silence. I have also witnessed the power of personal connections, the value of discussing emotional and mental well-being, and the lifesaving impact of preventive care and treatment.

Research shows that performing acts of kindness is an effective step any of us can take to protect our well-being. And by building peace within, we become more capable of bringing peace to the world.

Building peace is the essence of Rotary. Many of our service projects foster the conditions for Positive Peace. We work tirelessly to overcome barriers and create new connections. This year, we'll promote virtual international exchanges for members to strengthen those vital connections.

Peace isn't a dream, and it's not passive. It's the result of working hard, earning trust, and having open conversations that may be difficult. Peace must be waged persistently — and bravely. Everything we do across our areas of focus has the potential to foster the hope that can make peace possible.

The spirit of connection and purpose should inspire every Rotary member. When club leaders focus on offering an excellent club experience, we retain more members and attract more prospective members. We must make our clubs as welcoming and as engaging as we can.





Our goal is to create a sense of belonging, from our club meetings to our service activities. We need to continue creating inclusive, welcoming environments where everyone can be their authentic selves. All people of action need to be able to imagine a place for themselves in Rotary — it's up to us to ensure they can do so.

Over the next year, I will be putting a focus on continuing our journey in diversity, equity, and inclusion — ensuring that Rotary reflects the communities we serve and continues to take significant steps toward accessing the full range of human talents and experiences, so that we can better serve humanity. And we will continue to empower women and girls by helping them unlock the potential already within them.

As we begin this journey together, I take inspiration from Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, who in the 18th century spoke of all the world becoming kin, promoting "sense and worth, over all the earth." This has long been my call to action, and I share it now with you.

Let us build peace within and spread it freely. Let us create belonging and imagine the future of Rotary afresh. Let us work together joyously and *Create Hope in the World*.





R. GORDON R. MCLNALLY

Rotary Club of South Queensferry  
Scotland



R. Gordon R. McInally was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. McInally was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Gordon joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. A member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, he has served as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. He has also served RI as a director and on several committees, most recently as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee.

Gordon says he looks forward to working with members to build new Rotary clubs and groups. "My vision is that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of us and to help us do good in the world," he says.

He is a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children in Rwanda who had been orphaned in the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, England, that provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization. In August 2022, he was made a laureate of the Sino Phil Asia International Peace Awards Foundation. In his free time, Gordon enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

Gordon describes The Rotary Foundation as "the engine that provides the energy to do Rotary service." He and his spouse, Heather, also a Rotarian, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation, and members of the Bequest Society.

Gordon wishes to dedicate his presidency to making the world a better place for his granddaughters, Ivy and Florence, and all the children of the world, to live and thrive.



## INCREDIBLE District Governor

***ARUN BHARGAVA***

Rotary Club of Mumbai Andheri



Born and brought up in Pink City - Jaipur, coming from a humble background, Arun did his Masters in Nuclear Physics from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. After his education, he moved to Mumbai with his brothers, and pioneered new mode of packaging in India, called Thermoforming in 1978.

He was fortunate to work with stalwarts of Indian manufacturing industry in Food, Pharma, Medical, Electronic, Entertainment, FMCG, Cosmetics, and other industrial segments. Working with seniors of manufacturing industry shaped his work culture and ethics. In his zeal to learn business and industrial intricacies better, he enhanced his knowledge by attending various diploma courses like - Marketing management, Export management and Event management from prestigious institutions in Mumbai.

With his knowledge and designing expertise, he was conferred two National Awards for excellence in Packaging Design - "India Star Awards", awarded by Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

He is visiting faculty at The Indian Institute of Packaging for last 32 years, teaching packaging subjects to postgraduates and diploma students. He is also trainer in packaging subjects in various industrial and business forums.

Arun joined Rotary in 1996, and became president of the Rotary Club of Mumbai Andheri in 2003-04.

After completing his president's tenure, he wanted to be better equipped to help poor and needy people. He thought of enhancing his knowledge and joined Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) to do a one-year Certificate program on "Holistic Counselling"

This program gave him good insight into human behavior.





ARUN BHARGAVA

Rotary Club of Mumbai Andheri



As he completed this special program, he was invited by a well-known drug and alcohol de-addiction center in Mumbai to help their patients with counseling. He was associated with this Drug and Alcohol treatment and deaddiction center, called "Seva Dhan", situated in Andheri West for almost 6 years, helping thousands of patients to recover from clutches of drugs and alcohol, and re-settle

back in their lives in normal way.

Working with these unfortunate people, who are outcaste by the society and by their own families, was a very important phase of learning in his life.

Arun continues to use this knowledge enhancement to help people through Rotary.

He is an avid Photographer and Archaeologist, having spent number of days at archaeological excavation sights.

His wife, Seema, is a home maker and has a small but beautiful business of Marble artifacts, which she runs from home.

His Son Ankur is a Robotic Engineer, and has his own On-Line marketplace, offering products for Chocolate, Bakery and confectionary industry.

His Daughter, Saloni, an Odissi Dancer, is a Patisserie Chef, and works in Sydney, Australia.

His Daughter in Law, Pallavi is Neuro psychologist at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Hospital, Mumbai,

He is a doting Grandfather of a lovely granddaughter - Ayra.

Having lived in a joint family of 19 family members, Arun understands the value of family and relations and commits himself to remain available for community service at all times.

## Message from the IPP

Kalpana Jaishankar

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Dear Incredible Year President, Dr. Kamilini Pathak & BOD,

As you are poised to deliver an exceptional Incredible Year for RCBP, let me wish you all success.

Your large-scale programs which include providing access to Primary Health Care with the help of LTPCT and L&T Realty, Knowledge Quest at the District Level, Integrated Village Development Plan to name a few, will create a significant impact at the District Level.

Local community Level projects in Education, Vocational training and Health and Hygiene will make a huge difference to the beneficiaries.

Pres. Kamilini with her passion for grassroots level work is sure to lead the club in a meaningful way and we look forward to a very interesting year.

As I said earlier too, according to me, it is important for the President to be fiercely and fearlessly yourself. All else will follow.

Here is once again, wishing the Incredible President and her Board all success in all your endeavors.



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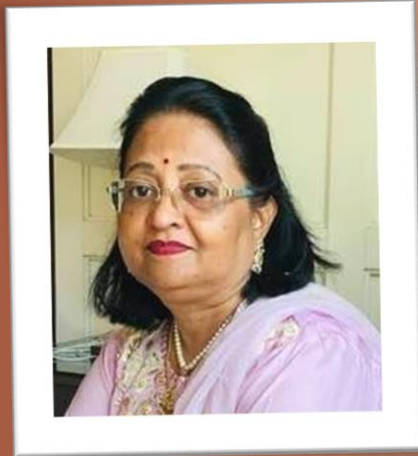


## Meet the INCREDIBLE Office Bearers

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RCBP's Incredible President Dr. Kamalini Pathak works relentlessly and day in & day out in various projects! Her range & frequency of work is breathtaking - actually makes others breathless!

A MA & Ph.D - an ex-lecturer & Principal Married to Atul, a senior executive in L&T & who stands rock solid behind her every community project. Son: Ishwar pursuing his MBA in US, who might think her a strict mom (we do too)!

An amateur poet she likes travelling, Kamalini loves Rotary for its community service and as it enables connecting to people with similar bent & loves RCBP for its dedicated members and also as it is a 'happening' club!

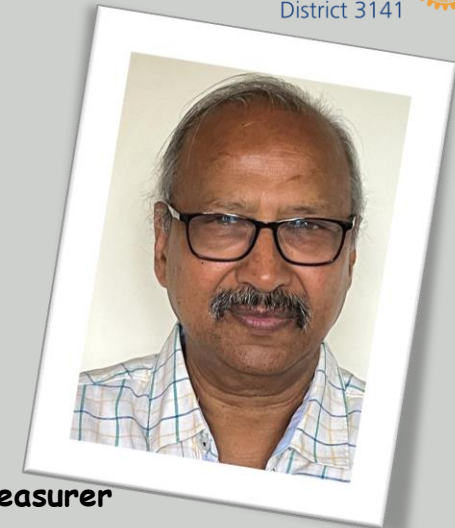


### Club Secretary

Punit Jain Loves the quote: 'It is easy to believe in people when they are succeeding A tennis player, singer, trekker & a quiz winner. An alumnus of IIT (Bom) & IIM (Bangalore). An IT leader and ex CEO. Now an advisor & social entrepreneur

Married to Minaskshi who is a social entrepreneur who runs a tech platform for hired helps. Daughter Tanya: Doctoral student at Stanford & Nupur a Computer Tech student. An intrepid traveller (>35 countries), intends to start a travel blog to disseminate his experiences & information to potential travelers.

Likes Rotary/RCBP for like minded members & fellow singers.



### Treasurer

Dilip Talreja is B. Com, AICMA, a Taxation Practitioner by profession. Very passionate about his work, hardworking and a driven individual who isn't afraid to face any challenge.

His mantra in life 'Take challenges as a learning experience and try to turn the mistakes into a huge positive learning experience rather than dwelling on it as a negative.'

He joined RCBP in 1992, and was President in 2003-2004.

A kind hearted, caring individual trying always to help anyone in need. Always looking out for his family and near and dear ones.

Dilip is known for his love for ice cream. His true love for ice cream comes from the fond memories of churning homemade ice cream for his family as a kid.



# The INCREDIBLE Office Bearers



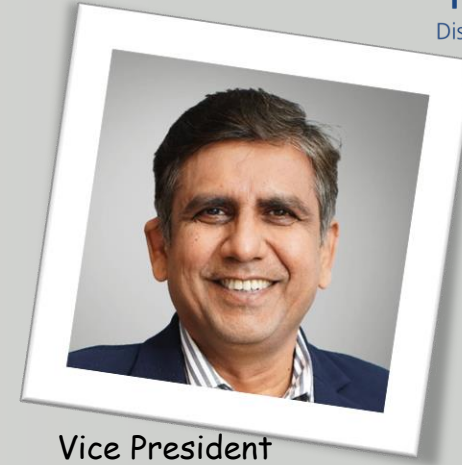
Sargent-At-Arms

**Ashok Singh** His Motto : Live life king size.  
Childhood dream was to be a policeman !  
A pharmaceutical graduate. He is a LPG  
Distributor for Bharat Gas  
A veteran Rotarian & ex AG & DS in Dist 3141  
Spouse, Kalpana Singh, is partner in Business,  
Elder daughter, Ritika is a Strategy Director  
with Grab Food in Singapore, Younger daughter,  
Anubha is an Associate in a 4<sup>th</sup> Wheel Social  
Impact  
He is a fitness enthusiast, marathon runner Loves  
acting & shero -shayari. Also enjoys traveling.  
Cherishes having met the legendary Mohammed  
Ali, thanks to his sports editor father  
Describes himself as : Sincere, punctual, straight  
forward & gullible



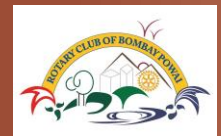
Joint Secretary

**Sumita Mishra** A post-graduate in Economics from  
Odisha and a B.ED from Mumbai University, also parallelly  
she did career counselling from NCDCA ( US) before starting  
on her entrepreneurial venture as an educationist. A  
committed Educationist, Counsellor and Social worker - who  
strongly believes in 'working for and with people' - makes her  
an ideal Rotarian !  
Sumita feels our education should be more application-  
based, rather than theoretical. She has actively contributed  
to this cause by working with organisations like House of  
Charity in Andheri and NGOs like Prayaash and Vidya.  
Her favorite holiday destination are the Himalayas  
Sumita's husband Mr Ramesh Mishra is a Company Secy and  
financial, legal and CA consultant & a Rotarian himself.  
Elder daughter Ira is a qualified computer engineer who runs  
her own start-up BTS and KPOP online store of music and  
accessories. Younger daughter Aarna is in high school.  
Sumita believes one should Learn to also experience the live  
show happening around you !



Vice President

**Amit Sheth** the dynamic entrepreneur hailing  
from Mumbai! with an engineering background and an  
MBA in Finance, he has created a thriving IT  
organization that has earned its spot on the success  
list. Amit's love for numbers and financial prowess  
makes him an expert in crunching figures.  
When he's not busy building empires, you can find  
him indulging in his hobbies: getting lost in  
captivating fiction books, immersing himself in the  
melodious tunes of old Hindi songs, and enjoying a  
serene beachside experience with a cold beer in  
hand, accompanied by a riveting John Grisham novel.  
Amit is happily married to the vivacious and socially  
adored Tejal Sheth, who is a loving homemaker. They  
have two adorable sons—Anmol, who has embarked on  
his own journey in the USA alongside his charming  
wife Twara, and Arihant, who is on the verge of  
completing his computer engineering degree in  
Mumbai. With such a vibrant and accomplished life,  
Amit always finds a way to blend business acumen  
with moments of leisure and joy.!





## Annapurna at Asha NGO, Powai

Under the able guidance of Dr Smita Puniyani Asha NGO is realising its aim of bringing hope through education. The commitment of the teachers and the determination of the students to excel is a joy to witness.

RCBP family members celebrate their Birthdays & Anniversaries with the children of Asha. Once a week the kids are given a healthy, nutritious & sumptuous evening meal, contributed by members having their special days that week. A purely voluntary contribution.

Project lead- Kavita Sharma



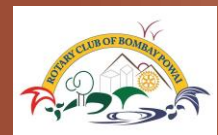
July 5<sup>th</sup>



July 6<sup>th</sup>



July 12<sup>th</sup>







July 3<sup>rd</sup>. -- **St. Catherine's home for children,** RCB Powai organised a visit to St. Catherine's home for children, in Andheri. We served food to 200 children, 18 sisters and staff. There were also games organized for the children.

Project Lead : Dr. Susan Tripathi  
Club Participants - 17







July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Guru Purnima at Ravikiran School  
Guru Purnima celebration at Ravikiran School, Parksite with students, teachers & trustees.



July 9<sup>th</sup> - Blind People's Association,

Distribution of school bags, raincoats, notebooks, snack boxes, geometry boxes to the children of blind people. Also grocery kits to blind people at Cotton Green.





**July 1<sup>st</sup>** .... General health check-up at Cinema Ground, opposite IIT, Powai.

Project lead - Kamalini Pathak & Yogesh Gupta

Total beneficiaries - 100



**July 2<sup>nd</sup>** .... Medical camp at Raje shivaji nagar , Saki Vihar Road , Opp. Nirali Hospital, Powai. 90 Oral health checkups were conducted . A Street Play on Oral Check was also part of the program and today. Project lead - Yogesh Gupta

Total beneficiaries - 101  
Male- 56, Female - 45.







**July 10<sup>th</sup>** ... Medical camp at Shree Ayyappa Vishnu Road, Hariom Nagar, Powai. 55 Spectacles distributed. Project lead - Kavita Sharma



Total beneficiaries 106  
Male - 57, Female - 49

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** ... Medical camp at Hanuman mandir, Ganesh nagar, Milind maidan, JVLR. Project lead - Jyoti Shiralee



Total beneficiaries - 101  
Male- 56, Female - 45.





**July 11<sup>th</sup>** .... Medical camp at Adarsh Vidyalaya Urdu High School, Yadav Nagar, Chandivali, Powai.  
Project lead - Farida Thakur

Total beneficiaries -105  
(Male - 28, Female - 77)  
Eye Screening was done for 288 school students and 32 Spectacles distributed.



**July 12<sup>th</sup>** .... Medical camp at Green Lawns English High School, Filter Pada  
Project lead - Kamalini Pathak

Total beneficiaries -108  
(Male -55, Female -53)  
Eye screening done for 506 students and 29 spectacles were distributed.





## MEDICAL & COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Signing of the MOU with L&T Charitable trust and Gokal trust for organising 75 medical camps and construction/renovation of toilet blocks in Phulenagar, near IIT.



# MEETINGS

## Speaker Meeting-

3<sup>rd</sup> July '23

Guest speaker - Rtn. Dr. Sanhita Walawalakar, an MD, CCEBDM.  
She spoke on 'How to manage & live happily with diabetes mellitus'



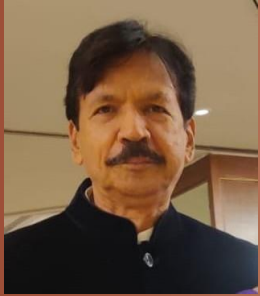


## In Action

### Meritorious Students' Felicitation Program

July 8<sup>th</sup>

Vivek Govilkar



It is the tradition of our club that the new Rotary Year starts with a few projects chosen by the incoming president. But there is one common project across all these years. That is to felicitate the meritorious students from the schools of Powai. Sure enough, President Dr. Kamalini Pathak and her team organized a grand function for this purpose on 8<sup>th</sup> July, at Hiranandani Foundation School.

The program was planned and executed meticulously. A strong team comprising Anju, Farida, Sadhana, Sudha Ajit, Davina, Kiran, Ashok Nandy, Tejal, Vivek Bhide, Vivek Govilkar, Yogesh and Zill worked under the leadership of Dr. Kamalini Pathak. Of course, Atul the man behind the successful woman, our president Kamalini was the de-facto go-to man to provide a rock-solid support to the team.

Over the years, we have been including more and more schools from Powai to encourage their students and honor their teachers for their hard work and achievements. This year, students and teachers from Bombay Scottish, SM Shetty, Podar International, Hiranandani Group of Schools, Gopal Sharma Group of School, KV IIT, KV Bhandup, Powai English School, Green Lawn School, Milind Vidyalaya, Ravi Kiran Vidyalaya, Gyan Mandir School, Nahar International and Powar Public School were invited to be a part of this function.

After days of elaborate planning and careful detailing of every step, the hall of HFS old building was made ready to welcome all the awardees, their parents/families and the guests. Banners, e-banners, flowers and the auspicious lamp was kept ready. Vivek Bhide handled the responsibility of being the anchor person in his own inimitable style.

At 4.00 pm sharp, he invited the Chief Guest DG Arun Bhargava, Guest of Honor Principal Kalyani Patnaik, President Dr. Kamalini Pathak and Director Youth Affairs Anju Ahluwalia to light the lamp. Simultaneously, Sumita, Kavita and Kalpana Singh were singing Saraswati Vandana followed by the invocation song.







IPP Kalpana Jaishankar welcomed DG Arun Bhargava, PP Amit Sheth welcomed Principal Kalyani Patnaik and PP Vivek Govilkar welcomed LtG Rajan Dua by offering potted plant saplings.

President Kamalini welcomed all and congratulated the students and the teachers for the achievements. After an introduction by Anju, Kalyani Patnaik in her motivational speech had some practical and pertinent advice to offer to the young students to be the better citizens of tomorrow. Vivek Govilkar introduced LtG Rajan Dua, who emphasized the importance of armed forces and appealed the students and the parents to consider joining the armed forces as a serious career option. As per the DG's own insistence, Shree Bhavne introduced the DG in just one line. Later DG Arun in his hard-hitting message advised the students to refrain from ever having any *ghamand*. He highlighted the fact that being a topper did not ensure the top position in the industry and there were many industry leaders who had mediocre academic records.

After the speeches, all the students of 12<sup>th</sup> were honored with trophies and certificates followed by the students of 10<sup>th</sup>. Finally, it was the time to honor the teachers. Farida, Tejal, Sudha Ajit, Neeta, Latha, Rani, Manju, Kiran, Meenakshi and Yogi managed the job of calling out the names of the awardees and handing over of certificates and trophies. Vivek G was the primary official photographer. The RCBP team had taken special precautions to regulate the movement of the awardees to make it swift and efficient. After the Vote of Thanks by PE Susan Tripathi, President Dr. Kamalini adjourned the meeting. The whole ceremony was broadcast live on Facebook, thanks to Zill. The program ended with distribution of snacks to all the attendees.



## Meritorious Students' Felicitation Program





## Shrikrishna Bhave



The cribs are smart & clean but they have no swings. The hands that rock the cradle are missing. Some on account of having their life journey tragically cut short, some because of the fear of social backlash for a child born out of wedlock, some who can't afford to feed one more being and some who gave up on life, so so tragically to let a toddler, a day old, a week old or a month old to fend for themselves just on the strength of a desperate prayer at parting.

No bosom to cling to in the night when dreams & nightmares accost, no hand to caress the hair, scratch the back - sooth & soothsay. Yet, tended by strangers whose hearts are full of love & compassion for these children of a lesser God, but who don't have enough hands to reach & rock every cradle, nor enough bosoms to crush the nightmares.



The innocence of these abandoned angels, the loss that they can't even sense because they have never known a mother's or father's feather touch - the heart breaking faith of their trusting smiles - not yet knowing how unconcerned & ruthless the world is beyond this crib and these temporary walls.

Living on the wings of prayers and hope of a few who care.

We walk back with pain in the heart, a wish to help and a hope, that these angels find their place in the sun some day and create a beautiful world of their own, surmounting their inheritance of loss...



## Know Your Friends

### Mangesh Balkhande



Mangesh brings a wealth of experience in the field of technology within the IT/ITES industry. Outside of his professional life, he has a diverse range of hobbies and interests. He is an avid practitioner of martial arts, honing his skills and discipline in various styles. During his college days, Mangesh achieved remarkable success in martial arts tournaments, securing state and national level gold medals. His skills and dedication propelled him to the top of his game, demonstrating his commitment to excellence and the pursuit of personal growth in the realm of martial arts. Additionally, Mangesh enjoys cricket, both as a player and a spectator. His love for the sport brings a sense of camaraderie and team spirit. He has a passion for exploring new places and adventure. He loves traveling to new destinations, experiencing different cultures, and broadening his horizons. Exploring new places ignites his sense of curiosity and enriches his understanding of the world. He loves driving and finds joy in hitting the open road. Whether it's a scenic drive through the countryside or an exciting road trip with family and friends, he embraces the freedom and exhilaration that driving offers. He treasures quality time spent with his family and enjoys planning trips that create lasting memories. From weekend getaways to exciting vacations, he values the opportunity to bond with his loved ones and share new experiences together. His commitment to serving the community and making a positive impact is greatly attributed to his wife, Vidya Balkhande, who has been a constant source of inspiration for him. Her passion for community work and her encouragement led him to join the Rotary Club. His dedication aligns seamlessly with the values and mission of Rotary, driving him to contribute wholeheartedly to meaningful service projects. As a Rotarian, Mangesh aims to contribute his skills and expertise to meaningful service projects. He also looks forward to collaborating with fellow members to create lasting change and foster community development.

### The Rapid Fire Round with Mangesh

Q1. Any life changing moment or decision ?

A: Decision to join Rotary Club of Bombay Powai. Allows me to align my personal values with actions, fostering a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

Q2. If you weren't in this profession, what would you like to be and why ?

A: A marketing professional as I have attributes like creative, communicative, collaborative, and analytical skills.

Q3. What would your last meal on this planet be ?

A: Chicken Triple Shezwan

Q 4. If you were to wake up tomorrow morning as a different person - which public figure or celebrity, would you like to wake up as ?

A: Akshay Kumar

Q5. Describe yourself in a phrase ?

A: A family-oriented person, who loves spending time with family, and making memories together.

Q6. Any two things you wish to be born with in your next life ?

A: A martial Artist like Bruce Lee & Entrepreneur

Q7. Any quote or saying that is your mantra for life ?

A: "Karm kar fal ki aasha mat rakh" which translates as "Do your duty without worrying about the outcome."





### SMITA MADGAVKAR



Born in May 1966, I am a Mumbaikar by birth and heart. I did my schooling from Canossa Convent and graduated from Ruia College with major in Chemistry.

Have always been an open hearted extrovert person and a very talkative person.(Atleast that is the remark my teachers always wrote on my report cards). I was an Athlete in my school day. and I am a keen follower of Music, Sports ,movies and Theatre . Also an avid consumer of valuable content on Internet in general.

Was born in a family of Doctors, so have closely seen people suffering . Hence have a lot of empathy towards those in need of help and support. It has always been my "Purpose in life" to do my bit for "Betterment of Society and for Sustainable causes" in whichever way I can.

My Mother is a "Hindustani Classical music exponent" and in my younger days I have seen her perform in front of large audiences, All India Radio and TV. This was the genesis of my love for music.

I have been a Home maker who is associated with an NGO , CMCA (Childrens movement for Civic Awareness) for the last 15 years .

After marriage with Nikhil in January 1991, I have had the opportunity to travel around India and international, on Holidays and office transfers.

We have one son Vinay who is 29 years old. Vinay has done his B.Tech and MBA Marketing and is currently working with Reliance Retail .He is engaged to be married in December to a lovely girl called Smruti. Smruti is a Chartered Accountant and working with Rustomjee. My mother-in-law is also an integral part of our family.

### The Rapid Fire Round with Smita



Q1. Any life changing moment or decision ?

A: Recent unexpected death of a very close friend made me realise that life is too short to have egos.

Q2. If you weren't in this profession, what would you like to be and why?

A: I have been a homemaker but would have loved to be a doctor...I could have helped to treat people who can't afford one.

Q3. What would your last meal on this planet be?

A: Death by Chocolate 😊

Q4. If you were to wake up tomorrow morning as a different person - which public figure or celebrity would you like to wake up as ?

A: Kiran Bedi

Q5. Describe yourself in a phrase ?

A: I am an extrovert, thoughtful and empathetic person.

Q6. Any two things you wish to be born with in your next life ?

A: Same Family and success

Q7. Any quote or saying that is your mantra for life ?

A: Zindagi na milegi dobara so do what makes you happy



### NIKHIL MADGAVKAR



Born in December 1963 and brought up in Opera house, Mumbai. Schooling at St Sebastians High School, Marine lines and graduation from Jai Hind College of Commerce and K.C.Law College. Post my Chartered Accountancy joined Philips India at Worli.

In my professional journey have worked at Philips, in India & UK , at Mother Dairy as the CFO and at Mahindra & Mahindra as EVP & CFO

A finance professional with global experience of around 35 years in "Enabling Transformation" leading to "Profitable Growth". As a thought leader also enables creation of high-performance teams.

Commended by Global CEO of Philips Electronics For achieving the highest Employee Engagement scores and Philips Leadership Index in 2007. Recipient of "India CFO Award" by IMA/CARE in March 2013.

Have also been an active member in Industry associations and penned articles for various journals. Also participated widely in various CFO forums and has been a lead/panelist speaker in various conferences including World Economic Forum, FICCI & CII.

Am a Co-founder of "Vinnners" an "Angel Investors group" founded in Aug 2015 with currently 120 members (CXO's) across the globe.

At a personal level I have interest in fitness & like to workout at the Gym, which is my Me - time. I also enjoy occasional short treks. I am a keen sports follower and an avid reader. I am a part of a Book Club. I enjoy watching content on various OTT platforms.

I and my wife Smita have been married for 32 years. Both of us are very social and over the years have a made a huge social circle of friends which we consider our extended family. Both Smita and me are foodies and enjoy different cuisines. We also love to travel and explore new places.

My mother is an integral part of our family.

My Purpose in Life has been "Helping Others Succeed". This I have taken forward in my Corporate life and my personal life

### The Rapid Fire Round with Nikhil



Q1. Any life changing moment or decision ?

A: Losing my Father when I was 8 years old, and hence a difficult childhood, made me more mature & responsible from an early age

Q2. If you weren't in this profession, what would you like to be and why?

A : I am happy in my chosen profession

Q 3. What would your last meal on this planet be?

A : I don't want a meal, I would rather prefer a large drink of " single malt" :-)

Q4. If you were to wake up tomorrow morning as a different person - which public figure or celebrity would you like to wake up as ?

A: Warren Buffett

Q5. Describe yourself in a phrase

A: Man of Values, Principles and Integrity

Q6. Any two things you wish to be born with in your next life.

A: Health & wealth

Q7. Any quote or saying that is your mantra for life

A: YOLO ( You only live Once)



People of Action

Photographer: **Dan Milham**  
Rotary Club of Metairie, Louisiana

If Service Above Self is the vision that unites Rotary's 1.4 million members around the globe, photography is the language that expresses that vision without need for translation or interpretation. A great photo transcends geographical and cultural barriers. It narrates a story and depicts a way of life in one part of the vast Rotary world.



Dr. Dan Jacob (top left), co-founder of New Orleans Medical Mission Services, prays with nurses and assistants, before heading to the operating room for surgery during a medical mission of Rotary in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, on 23 May 2022.







### Life of the Water

Photographer: **Steve Begnoche**  
Rotary Club of Ludington, Michigan

A northern pike leaps into the air as it tries to spit out a fishing lure. Shot on iPhone 6 from the cockpit of a kayak — and then the fish was released back into the water.

**Judges comment:** How does one capture an image such as this on an iPhone while reeling in this beauty? The photo captures the struggle between man and fish, the colors of life and the life of the water, and the ancient ritual of bringing sustenance home for the family.

Photography is a language that is universally understood, it can amuse, educate, and inspire, all in the same instant.

Rotary magazine's annual photo awards recognize and celebrate the best photography produced and shared by Rotary members around the globe





## ROTARY TRIVIA

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### Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

Ever wonder why 1 July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.



Let's Celebrate!

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## July

### Birthdays

- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Agastya Chadha  
(s/o Anurag Chadha)
- \* 4<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Jacob  
(d/o Dr. Jacob)
- \* 5<sup>th</sup> Sumita Mishra
- \* 6<sup>th</sup> Sharad Iyer  
(s/o Harish Iyer)
- \* 7<sup>th</sup> Anju Ahluwalia
- \* 7<sup>th</sup> Shuvani Vohra  
(d/o Ameeta Vohra)
- \* 9<sup>th</sup> Sudha Iyer  
(w/o Harish Iyer)
- \* 11<sup>th</sup> Binu Mathew  
(w/o Dr. Jacob)
- \* 16<sup>th</sup> Saloni  
(d/o Sushmita Chandra)
- \* 17<sup>th</sup> Poonam Sheshadri
- \* 20<sup>th</sup> Jaishankar  
Krishnan
- \* 22<sup>nd</sup> Prashant Sakhuja  
(s/o Adarsh Sakhuja)
- \* 23<sup>rd</sup> Kishore Degwekar
- \* 23<sup>rd</sup> Savita Govilkar
- \* 24<sup>th</sup> Dipanwita Dutt
- \* 25<sup>th</sup> Vikram  
(s/o Pankaj Shah)
- \* 25<sup>th</sup> Sheshadri  
(h/o Poonam Sheshadri)
- \* 29<sup>th</sup> Joanne  
(d/o Dr. Jacob)
- \* 31<sup>st</sup> Tejal Amit Sheth
- \* 31<sup>st</sup> Sonali  
(w/o Divyesh Thakrar)
- \* Dr. Varsha  
(w/o Kishore Degwekar)

### Anniversaries

- \* 9<sup>th</sup> Tushar & Krutee  
Ranpura
- \* 26<sup>th</sup> Adarsh & Rekha  
Sakhuja

## August

### Birthdays

- \* 1<sup>st</sup> Esha  
(d/o Shrikrishna Bhave)
- \* Adarsh Sakhuja
- \* 7<sup>th</sup> Chandrika  
(w/o Jagdish Gajjar)
- \* 7<sup>th</sup> Anvay  
(s/o Vineet Arya)
- \* 9<sup>th</sup> Vaishnavi  
(d/o Anuradha Ganesh)
- \* 11<sup>th</sup> Gayatri Mishra Oleti
- \* 12<sup>th</sup> Hanuman Tripathi
- \* 12<sup>th</sup> Sunita Sainani
- \* 13<sup>th</sup> Tushar Ranpura
- \* 18<sup>th</sup> Anne Rose  
(d/o Shiny George)
- \* 23<sup>rd</sup> Adipan Mani  
(s/o Mani Manallan)
- \* 27<sup>th</sup> Anuradha Ganesh
- \* 31<sup>st</sup> Bharati Shenvi

### Anniversaries

- \* 28<sup>th</sup> Harish & Sudha Iyer
- \* 28<sup>th</sup> Jagdish & Chandrika Gajjar





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Club ID 27861

Charter date: 11/03/1991

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