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From the President's Desk

Dear RCBW Members &
Fellow Rotarians,

Our recent visit to the school at
Roha village was truly an eye-
opening and inspiring experience.

The journey itself was almost a
three-hour drive from our Rotary Centre, yet what awaited
us made every minute worthwhile. During our interaction,
we learned that many children travel long distances daily to
attend school. This highlighted a genuine need, and I strongly
feel that we should seriously consider providing bicycles to
these students to support their education and ease their daily
commute.

Another moment that left a lasting impression on me was the
vote of thanks delivered by a young village girl. She spoke
confidently in English, without referring to any notes or
paper. Her clarity, confidence, and courage were remarkable
and stood as a powerful reminder of the immense potential
that exists in our rural schools when given the right
encouragement and opportunities.

Such visits reaffirm our commitment to service beyond
convenience and inspire us to undertake projects that create
meaningful and lasting impact.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi

An Evening of Inspiration - Through Cricket & Character

7th January, 2026



The first meeting of the new year 2026, started off with our
own member Rtn. Nilesch Samant delivering a presentation
on the values and behaviors of Sachin Tendulkar. He was
introduced by Rtn. Manish Mehta highlighting his achievements
as the best batsman of RCBW, career as a retired CFO at
Novartis and an avid cricketer who has had an opportunity to
play at The Lords.

Nilesch started his talk by remembering Ravi Makhija who was
the captain of the RCBW cricket team. Nilesch started the meeting
with a distinctly inspirational tone. Blending his rich corporate
experience with India's abiding love for cricket, Rtn. Samant
delivered a thoughtful presentation titled "Cricket Values", in
which he mapped 10 core corporate values and behaviours to the
legendary cricketing career of Sachin Tendulkar.

In his talk, Nilesch explained how, during his time at Novartis,
employees were appraised not only on results like sales and
profit, but equally on values and behaviours – the "how" behind

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performance. Inspired by this framework, and by his love for cricket, he developed a unique way to communicate these values to his sales team: by relating them to Sachin Tendulkar's conduct on and off the field.

He then walked the audience through 10 key values – including Result Driven, Customer & Quality Focus, Innovation & Creativity, Competence, Leadership, Fast Action Orientation, Empowerment & Accountability, Commitment & Self-Discipline, Mutual Trust & Integrity, and Open Communication & Compassion – using concrete examples from Tendulkar's career. From his relentless pursuit of excellence and iconic centuries, to his humility, discipline, and respect for umpires, teammates, and opponents, Sachin emerged not only as a cricketing icon but as a living case study in ethical, value-based performance.

Rtn. Nilesh emphasised that while scorecards and targets may capture outcomes, it is values that truly define a person's

legacy – whether in sport or in business. He also observed that such values are rarely taught formally in schools or colleges; instead, they are shaped at home, passed down from parents and family, and then lived out daily in professional and social life.

An engaging Q&A followed, touching on topics such as which values are hardest to implement in corporate roles, the pressures of modern cricket, and how contemporary players measure up on behaviour and integrity. The interaction reinforced the central message: **technical skill may win matches, but character wins enduring respect.**

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks by Ajay Naik, acknowledging Rtn. Samant for offering Rotarians a fresh lens through which to view both cricket and corporate life – reminding everyone that true greatness lies in the alignment of performance and principles.

– Rtn. Rushabh Shah

Happy School Project

5th January, 2026

The Rotary Club of Bombay West successfully conducted its Happy School Project in the Raigad District, focusing on improving learning environment and supporting the holistic growth of students in rural schools.

The program began at 11:00 a.m. with a welcome song, Saraswati Poojan and the lighting of the lamp.

President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi highlighted the importance of education in shaping students' futures.

Director Community Service III, Rtn. Nilesh Samant emphasized the value of combining academics with sports for overall development. Director Community Service I, Rtn. Mahesh Kokate spoke about the importance of core subjects – Language, Mathematics and Science – and reiterated Rotary's strong commitment to community service.

As part of the project, the Club provided blackboards and green boards, notebooks and ruled books for students and sports kits for both schools.

The children expressed great joy on receiving the educational and sports materials, and the Rotary team was delighted to see smiles on their faces.

The Principals of both schools felicitated the Rotary team with shawls and bouquets in appreciation.

The beneficiary students were 563 across 5 schools namely, Sane Guruji Vidya Niketan, Post Sane Gaon, Roha; Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Post Sudkoli, Alibaug; Krushnaji Gorivale School,



Roha; Shivaji Vidyalaya, Aare Gaon, Roha and Mahatma Gandhi Vidya Mandir, Chorte, Murud, Alibaug.

Special thanks to Project Chair PP Rtn. Anand Gupta for coordinating the project and donor support. Heartfelt appreciation to Rtn. Mahendra Wadhwani for his generous contribution and wholehearted support.

Total Attendance at the programme: 180 participants, including school dignitaries. Members in attendance were Rotarians President Jayant Sanghvi, Director Community Service I Rtn. Mahesh Kokate and Director Community Service III Rtn. Nilesh Samant.

RCBW remains committed to uplifting communities through education, service, and compassion, continuing its mission to create brighter futures for children.

– Rtn. Mahesh Kokate
Director Community Service I

Vocational Service Month - January

January is Vocational Service Month in the Rotary calendar, with Vocational Service being one of the five Rotary Avenues of Service.

Paul Harris wrote:

“Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession”

The object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the second object, which calls on Rotarians to encourage and foster:

- High ethical standards in business and professions.
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations.
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your profession in your Club, and take time to learn about fellow members' occupations.
- Use your skills and expertise to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your words and actions.
- Help young people achieve their career goals.
- Guide & encourage others in their professional development.

Vocational Service is about more than applying skills; it's about living Rotary values in our work, promoting ethical practices and helping others grow in their careers.

Rotary Club of Bombay West has carried on various projects in this avenue like:

- Vocational Excellence Awards, Vocational Awareness Programs, Vocational Loan Scholarship, Career Guidance etc.
- Vocational service is the essence of Rotary and serves as the foundation from which we serve our communities around the world.

**– PP Rtn. Shelly Gupta
Director Vocational Service**

Membership Survey Appeal

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we prepare for the coming Rotary year, I'd like to begin by listening to you. Our Club enjoys strong fellowship and camaraderie, and at the same time we are seeing changing patterns in how members engage – especially with meetings and activities. Rather than making assumptions, the Board felt it was important to seek your direct and honest feedback.

We are therefore launching a Member Satisfaction & Engagement Survey to understand:

- What you value most about our Club
- What is working well
- What we can improve to make our meetings and activities more relevant and engaging

Survey link: Please click on the following link to access the survey form - <https://forms.gle/2Q8C3jn8Mr5W8tJZ7>

The survey is confidential, and will take about 8–10 minutes to complete. Most importantly, this is not a formality. The results will be shared with members, and the Board will use them to shape clear, practical improvements in the year ahead.

Rotary is strongest when it reflects the interests, time realities, and aspirations of its members. Your voice will help us co-create a Club experience we can all enjoy and be proud of.

I sincerely encourage every member to participate.

Warm regards,

Rtn. Tejas Sura

President Elect and Director Club Service I



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“ It is a privilege to serve mankind, for this is the worship of God. God is here, in all these human souls.”

- Swami Vivekanand

Shruti School Shines

Students of Shruti who took the Art Elementary exam in November have passed it with flying colours.

14 of the 15 students who took the exam have cleared it in the results announced on 10th January, 2026 by the government.

Vivek sir the art teacher was appointed on 01st August and this exam was on 21st September. Students and teacher have worked very hard and the result is outstanding as it's very hard to pass this exam with just a few weeks of preparation.

Immense gratitude to: Rotarians PP Aslam, Neevia, Mohan Parwani and Ajay Kapoor for sponsoring the extra arts class fees on Saturdays for the prep for the elementary exam.

Rtn. Sandeep Parikh for sponsoring the art teacher's salary for a year.

Let's keep supporting Shruti school and bringing the children joy, confidence and achievements!

– Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran
Vice President and Director Club Service II



SHRADDHANJALI

Shri. Jayant Mehta, father of Rtn. Manish Mehta passed away on 3rd January, 2026. Our heartfelt condolences to Manish, Julie and the entire family. May his soul attain Sadgati. Om Shanti!

RCBW NEWS ROOM

- Kiara Empowering Futures Foundation supports education, Mental health and extra curricular activities of children. For the past 2 years RCBW has been helping K.E.F.F with a donation of Rs. 1 lakh every year, for mental health counselling of 30 Orphaned HIV positive girls housed at Desire Society, in fishermen's colony at Madh, Bhati Village. Rtn. Prashant Patel has gracefully agreed to continue his support for calendar year 2026 and has donated an amount of Rs. 1 Lakh for meeting the psychologist salary expense @ Rs. 2,000 per session for 50 sessions. RCBW thanks Rtn. Prashant Patel, Chairman, Medical Centre Camps committee, for his generous contribution for this cause.
- PP Rtn. Mohan Joshi has released a new book – The Dual mandate in B2B which focuses on B2B owners and professionals. Congratulations PP Rtn. Mohan on your book release and wish you grand success on behalf of RCBW!
- Rtn. Kinny Kaul has won the Innerwheel District Elections for the District Editor position. Heartiest Congratulations to Kinny!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rotarian Birthdays	
15-Jan.	Rtn. Dr. Manoj Patel
16-Jan.	Rtn. Rushabh Shah
27-Jan.	Rtn. Vijay Rawal

R/Ann Birthdays	
20-Jan.	R/Ann Thrity Yazdi Tantra
21-Jan.	R/Ann Amita Himanshu Mehta

Anniversaries	
18-Jan.	Rtn. Haituk Desai & Shruti
19-Jan.	Rtn. Dr. Manoj Patel & Dr. Bhavna
24-Jan.	Rtn. Shefaali Shah & Maneet
24-Jan.	Rtn. Mangla Dembi & Nilay
26-Jan.	Rtn. Dr. Ashok Mehta & Shirin
26-Jan.	Rtn. Dr. Kunal Sehgal & Sonal
27-Jan.	Rtn. Dr. Sunil Shahane & Komal