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From the President's Desk

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Club of Bombay West proudly celebrated its 72nd Charter Night this April with great enthusiasm and camaraderie. The evening witnessed an impressive gathering of nearly 80 Rotarians, coming together for a memorable musical night filled with joy, laughter, and true Rotary fellowship.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the organizers who have contributed tirelessly to making this celebration – and the Club's journey over the past 72 years – so meaningful and impactful.

A special note of gratitude to all our Past Presidents and past Board Members, whose vision, leadership, and dedication have brought immense glory to the Club. Our sincere thanks also go to the Trustees, who have diligently managed and safeguarded the Club's resources over the years.

Among our proudest achievements are the establishment and continued service of our two medical centers, as well as the inspiring work of the Shruti School for the Hearing Impaired – initiatives that truly reflect our commitment to service above self.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the sponsors who made the special Charter Night bar possible, adding to the spirit of celebration and fellowship. A special appreciation to the Amani's team for their wonderful support.

The musical evening was beautifully led by our talented singers, Shrikant Kelkar and Sohini Mukherjee, who set the tone for a lively and engaging night. We are also grateful to Rotarians Nalini, Usha and Deep, who enthusiastically came forward to sing towards the end of the program, adding a personal and joyous touch to the celebration.

Finally, we thank every Rotarian, past and present, whose time, energy, and generosity have shaped the legacy of the Rotary Club of Bombay West. The service rendered over decades is immeasurable and invaluable, and it continues to inspire us to strive for greater impact.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi

Board-Elect Meets District Leadership: An Evening of Inspiration

8th April, 2026



The Regal Board-Elect of the Rotary Club of Bombay West recently had the privilege of engaging with District Governor Elect Rtn. Rajan Dua and his esteemed district team in an evening that was both inspiring and energizing.

DGE Rtn. Rajan Dua's personal approach stood out as he took the time to connect individually with each board member, gaining insight into their roles while sharing his vision, encouragement, and strategic direction for the year ahead. He shared key District initiatives planned for the Regal Year and encouraged the Club to participate. His leadership style left a strong impression, instilling confidence and enthusiasm across the team.

The gathering, though informal in setting, proved deeply impactful. It fostered open dialogue, strengthened camaraderie, and reinforced a collective sense of purpose aligned with the ideals of Rotary International.

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LET'S INSPIRE !

PROGRAMMES

13th May, 2026 : Club Assembly

UNITE FOR GOOD

Charter Night Celebrations!

29th April, 2026



Happy 72nd Birthday RCBW!!

RCBW's 72nd Charter Night celebrated on Wednesday, 29th April, 2026, was an evening of wonderful birthday celebrations. Completely filled with joy and togetherness, everyone present had a lot of fun with great fellowship, lively singing, amazing food and drinks, and nonstop camaraderie. It was a memorable evening where we enjoyed each other's company and strengthened our bonds of friendship. The RCBW family enjoyed the musical evening with singers Sohini Mukherjee and Shrikant Kelkar. Kudos to the Fellowship Committee, President and Club Secretary as well as sponsors for the fantastic arrangements and for making the get together on our Club's 72nd birthday a very memorable one. Three cheers for RCBW! Happy Birthday once more!

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





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Welcome to the RCBW Family

Rtn. Ami Dedhia



Ami comes from a family with an educational institution and believed in the power of education, and that foundation has shaped who she is today. She had the privilege of growing up in the quiet, scenic hills of Panchgani in the Sahyadris – a place that taught me to appreciate simplicity, nature, and meaningful living.

After completing schooling there, she moved to Mumbai to pursue her passion for design at Rachana Sansad Academy of Fine Arts and Craft. What began as an interest soon turned into a lifelong journey, and she has been practicing graphic design since 2002.

Over the years, her work evolved, and in 2015, she took a leap of faith to start her own venture, Varada Studio. Today, they work closely with brands, helping them grow through

digital and performance marketing – blending creativity with strategy.

But somewhere along the way, she also felt a strong pull toward hospitality and creating spaces that feel like home. In 2013, along with her mother, Ami started Sweet Memories Homestay where they provide service apartments for a day, week or a month. It is more than just a homestay – it's a place where people can pause, breathe, and reconnect with themselves in the calm of Panchgani.

Her journey then took a creative turn into fashion. In 2019, Ami started Arha World, a design studio where they curate and customize Indian wedding wear for women. For Ami, it's not just about clothing – it's about helping women feel confident, beautiful, and truly themselves on their special occasions.

Alongside design and entrepreneurship, she has always found joy in expressing herself through words. She had the opportunity to contribute two stories to anthologies – “The Gulmohar Childhood” in Time and Tides, and “The Ripple Effect of Kindness” in Whispers of Life. These experiences mark the beginning of her journey as an author, something she hopes to nurture further in the years to come.

On the personal front, she is married to Samit Dedhia, who is into the manufacturing and export of Indian wedding wear. Together, they are raising their two wonderful sons, Nivaan (21) and Ayaan (14), who are her inspiration and grounding force.

At this stage in her life, she felt a strong desire to give back – to contribute beyond business and personal growth. That is what brought her to Rotary. She truly believes this is the right platform to create meaningful impact, connect with like-minded individuals, and serve the community.

Ami says “I look forward to this journey with Rotary – with gratitude, purpose, and the hope to make a difference, however small it may be.”

Rtn. Sarika Prasad



Sarika is a Chartered Accountant specializing in Internal Audit and Corporate Social Responsibility.

She is associated with CMCA, a non-profit that partners with schools and colleges to build citizenship skills among youth, where she actively engages with students to foster responsible participation in society.

She integrates sustainability, creativity, and conscious living into her personal journey. A lifelong learner, she is committed to contributing meaningfully to society to the best of her abilities.

Rtn. Elisha Saigal



Elisha, more popularly known as Chander's daughter. By profession she is brand consultant and runs a reputed agency of 19 years and counting called El Sol Strategic Consultants. They assist brands with Public Relations and Marketing (Brand, Digital, Experiential)

They excel in building non category homegrown companies & services and making them mainstream, and are also known for international brands looking to enter India or those looking to pivot their positioning in the country.

Her journey as a creative entrepreneur commenced over 2 decades ago as a mass media student from KC College and she has recently done a diploma course with Stanford University called Stanford Seed.

She likes Yoga [especially headstands], solo travel that relaxes and upskills, reading, hoji-cha, and is a certified sailor of keel boats.

Welcome Ami, Sarika and Elisha to the RCBW Family!

Achievement + Emotion Blend

Champions on Field, Friends for Life – RCBW Cricketers Rock!!!!

This cricket season for Rotary Bombay West was about so much more than just winning two cups. It was about the true spirit of Rotary – fellowship, togetherness, humility, and the simple joy of coming together to play a game we all love.

Every match had its own story.

Every game brought out a new hero – someone who quietly stepped up, took responsibility, and played for the team. It was never about individual glory; it was always about trusting one another and playing for the badge we wore with pride.

The moment we walked onto the field in our Rotary Bombay West colours, it felt special.

It wasn't just about runs or wickets – it was about playing with heart, with passion, and with pride for each other.

And honestly, some of the best moments happened off the field.

The laughter before matches, the friendly banter, chai pe charcha, relaxed breakfasts, and those long conversations after the game – these are the memories that truly brought us closer as Rotarians and as friends.

This team was built on belief – in ourselves and in each other.

No matter the situation, the spirit never dipped. There was always encouragement, always positivity, and always the joy of playing the game the right way.



At the center of it all was our captain, Ajay Naik.

Ajay wasn't just leading a team – he was bringing people together. With his calm presence and warm approach, he made everyone feel included, valued, and ready to give their best.

He never let the energy drop, never let the belief fade – and that made all the difference.

That's what true Rotary leadership is all about – lifting people up, building bonds, and leading with heart.

Yes, we'll cherish the two cups we won.

But even more than that, we'll carry forward the friendships, the camaraderie, and the pride of being part of this wonderful team.

Thank you, Ajay, and thank you to every member of this amazing group for making this season so special.

This wasn't just a cricket season – it was Rotary fellowship at its warmest and finest.

– Rtn. Vivek Mehta

Shruti School Annual Day

25th April, 2026



On 25th April 2026, KDN Shruti School hosted its Annual Day program at Jamnabai Narsee School. The Chief Guest for the event was Mrs. Varsha Kharatmal, a distinguished contemporary painter and artist.

The event was also attended by several distinguished guests, including RCBW President Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi, School Trustees PP Rtn. Aslam Merchant, PP Rtn. Dr. Manoj Patel, PE Rtn. Tejas Sura, VP Rtn. Dr. Usha Jayachandran, Community Service | Director Rtn. Mahesh Kokate, PP Rtn. Harmindar Patheja, PP Rtn. Rajul Doshi, R/Ann Manpreet Patheja, JNS Trustee Mr. Jairaj Thacker, Principal Mrs. Sonali Gandhi, and Mr. Jayesh Thacker.

The program included various dance performances and two drama performances presented by the students of different grades, which were enjoyed by everyone.

Along with these performances, on the same day, first an Art exhibition was conducted at the JNS School itself where drawings and paintings of students of grades 1st to 7th were displayed. The guests present appreciated the students' art work.

– Ms. Pradnya Vedak
Principal,
Rotary KDN Shruti School





RCBW Couple's Outing - China

China will break you... or build you.

We just returned from 12 days across Shanghai, Xi'an, Beijing, and Tianjin.

One thing is clear: China doesn't just impress you. It tests your preparation. The scale is staggering. The infrastructure feels futuristic. But navigating it? Far more complex than it looks.

THE REALITY CHECK

The Visa Trap

- Group visas feel easy – no forms, no embassy visits. The agent handles it.
- But there's a catch: the visa locks the group into a fixed itinerary.
- When a couple in our group had an emergency, it triggered a bureaucratic chain reaction. In Shanghai, it took 2 days to resolve. In other cities, it can take up to 7 days.

The Language Gap

- English-speaking guides are limited. Logistics run smoothly, but cultural depth gets lost.
- Lesson: don't outsource understanding. Do your homework before you land.

Energy vs Relaxation

- This isn't a "chill" holiday. It's fast, crowded, and negotiation is everywhere – even in malls. You need stamina. And patience.

The "BMW" Reality

- Our guide summed it up well: Bus, Metro, Walking.
- For millions, this isn't compromise. It's efficiency. Chinese are proud of the infrastructure.

Removing the Friction

- For senior travelers and business leaders, comfort isn't luxury – it's strategy.



- Staying at Marriott-group hotels gave us a daily reset.
- Indian roaming worked seamlessly for WhatsApp and Google.
- Even plug points aligned.
- Small things. Big difference.

The Bottom Line

- If you want ease, choose another destination. China rewards those who prepare for complexity.

One broader reflection

- India and China are shaping the world in very different ways.
- If you can operate effectively in both, you can operate almost anywhere.
- Despite all the challenges that China poses, excellent organization by Darshan Shah and Apurva Nanavati made the trip truly memorable. Thanks to our tour organisers Seventh Sky Tours and Travels for meticulous planning!

– PP Rtn. Mohan Joshi



“Friendliness knows no bounds; it surmounts all barriers; it navigates all seas.”

- Paul Harris

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In the words of DGE Rajan,

“Dear Tejas, Thank you for your kind & heartfelt words. It was truly a pleasure to be with you & interact with such a wonderful group of members. Your warmth and commitment are truly inspiring. I sincerely appreciate the hospitality, and I am confident that together we will work to make this a stellar and truly memorable Regal Year.”

The Club also extends heartfelt thanks to AG Rtn. Mahendra Madhani, DS Rtn. Dharmesh Bothra, Chief Principal Aide Rtn. Ajit Dube, and Lt. Governor Rtn. Devang Garodia for their valuable guidance and support. This meaningful interaction has set a positive tone for the coming year, leaving the Board-Elect inspired, aligned, and committed to translating vision into impactful action at the Club level.

- Rtn. Tejas Sura, President Elect & Director Club Service I

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RCBW NEWS ROOM

Haley Sura, daughter to Rtn. Tejas Sura and R/Ann Keyuri Sura has been formally conferred the title of Doctor upon completion of her MBBS at the convocation ceremony. Heartiest Congratulations and best wishes to Haley, Tejas, Keyuri and the Sura family on behalf of RCBW!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9th May, 2026 : Directors Orientation Programme 2026, at Retreat Hotel and Convention Center, Malad



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Rotarian Birthdays	
06-May	Rtn. Ramesh Kumar Damani
09-May	Rtn. Sandeep Welling
14-May	Rtn. Prem Ram Mulchandani

R/Ann Birthdays	
08-May	R/Ann Dr. Reshma Snehal Jhaveri
10-May	R/Ann Vandana Prakash Shah
12-May	R/Ann Chhaya Rajeev Kumar Jain

Anniversaries	
07-May	Rtn. Sandeep Vasani & Prakruti
16-May	Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi & Nita