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Monthly Club Bulletin



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From the President's Desk



Welcoming a New Rotary Year with Purpose and Celebration

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

With immense joy and gratitude, I welcome you to the first edition of Kanheri, our Club Bulletin for the Rotary year 2025-26. This issue marks the beginning of a new chapter—a year filled with purposeful service, passionate leadership, and vibrant fellowship.

It is a privilege to serve as the President of our dynamic and committed Rotary Club of Borivli. I extend heartfelt thanks to our Past Presidents and senior members whose dedication and foresight have earned RCB a place of pride in the district and wider Rotary community. Their legacy continues to inspire us.

This year, our focus will be on meaningful service, inclusive leadership, and strong fellowship. Our goal is to undertake sustainable, high-impact projects that uplift communities and reflect Rotary's core values. I also aim to nurture new leaders, promote innovation, and enhance engagement among all members.

Most importantly, I want to spread happiness and joy—in our communities and within ourselves. Let every project and event be a celebration of Rotary, embodying the power of fellowship, impact, and shared growth.

We are also introducing a range of new initiatives. Every member will receive a personalized Membership I-Card, doubling as a Privilege Card offering exclusive benefits at select Borivli outlets—a small token of appreciation for your commitment to Rotary.

To amplify our community presence, we are strengthening our digital footprint across YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, and launching an exclusive Podcast Channel where members can share personal journeys and insights.

As we strengthen our ongoing projects, we are also set to launch several innovative and impactful initiatives across all avenues of service. A major focus will be on rural development, with dedicated efforts toward uplifting and empowering tribal communities.

Additionally, we're proud to announce Startup Sutra, an entrepreneurship workshop designed to ignite young minds and support emerging startups. I invite you to recommend deserving candidates for this empowering initiative.

Let Kanheri be more than just a bulletin—let it be a window into our journey, our stories, our achievements, and our spirit. I encourage you all to participate actively and make this Rotary year truly memorable.

Together, let's inspire change, serve with heart, and celebrate Rotary like never before!

In fellowship and service,

Rtn. Ketal Tapiawala
President, 2025-26
Rotary Club of Borivli



Inspired to Begin



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

A warm welcome to a brand-new Rotary year! With a fresh slate before us and “Inspired” as our guiding theme, this is the perfect time to reflect, recharge, and recommit to the spirit of service that binds us all.

As your Managing Editor, it is my privilege to present the inaugural issue of our club bulletin—a space not just for updates and reports, but for stories that breathe life into the Rotary spirit. This is your platform, and I encourage each of you to be a part of its growth. Whether it is a project update, a meaningful quote, a travel anecdote, a book recommendation, or even a tried-and-tested home remedy—if it reflects your spirit, it belongs here. To make our bulletin truly vibrant, consider contributing thoughtful insights drawn from your profession, passions, or daily life, and do not hesitate to add a dash of creativity—be it through cartoons, poetry, or even a playful puzzle.

This year let us make our bulletin more than just a newsletter. Let it become a mirror of our collective energy, and creativity.

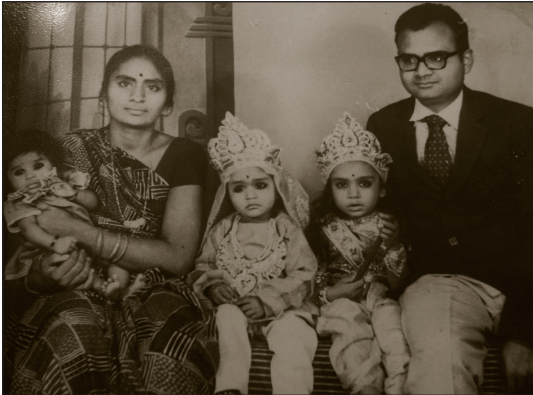
Each issue will strive to capture not just what we do, but why we do it—the inspiration behind our actions. I invite you to help shape that narrative. Contributions, feedforward, and ideas are always welcome.

Here is to a year of compelling narratives, meaningful stories, shared journeys, and inspired service.

K.V. Premraj
Managing Editor
Rotary Club of Borivli

Ketal Tapiawala:

Story of Resilience and grit



At thirteen, Ketal Tapiawala learned what heartbreak sounded like—not in sobs or cries, but in the shattering stillness that followed her father's sudden death. One moment, he was there reading the newspaper, sipping his morning tea, the quiet strength of the household. The next, he was gone. No warning. No goodbye. Just a silence so heavy it threatened to crush the walls of their modest home in Baroda.

Her world, once framed by schoolbooks and carefree laughter, collapsed inwards. The man she adored, the man who brought home both groceries and gentleness, was now a framed photograph. He had died of a heart attack, and with him went the comfort, the security, and the innocence of her childhood. The house, once warmed by his presence, turned cold overnight.

And in that cold, a new kind of mother was born. Her mother, who had never even stepped beyond their home's threshold to buy vegetables, suddenly had to become both the breadwinner and the backbone of the family. At just 35, a tenth-pass homemaker, she stepped into a harsh world and secured a clerk's job at the Sales Tax office. It was not about earning—this was survival stitched with dignity.

There was no nest egg, no savings cushion. When her father passed, the family had just 20 paisa at home. Twenty. From that, her mother pulled together a life: raising two daughters and a son, ensuring their education, guiding them into adulthood. Watching her mother quietly fight battles society did not even acknowledge, Ketal learned the unshakable power of resilience. She did not just survive—she watched a woman reinvent herself. That fire was quietly lit within her too.

Ketal's schooling continued in Baroda, where the family had relocated from Ahmedabad. She juggled responsibilities early—alongside her B.Com she learned stenography and typing. A government job offer soon followed, but destiny had other plans. Marriage came first, and with it, a shift to Mumbai. The job offer, being in Baroda, had to be declined.

Mumbai brought new beginnings—tentative at first. Ketal worked in the share market, then as a school clerk, later supporting her husband Ashish in business. But with Ashish abroad often and two young children at home, she chose family over career. Still, the spark to do more never faded. As her children grew, she completed a teacher's training course, dabbled in art and craft, and eventually found her calling in Rotary.

Ketal's journey in service began with Inner Wheel in 2007. By 2014-15, she was President, and soon after, a Zonal Coordinator. Leadership came naturally. In Rotary Club of Borivili, she took on key roles, steadily gaining the trust of her peers. Now the club's third woman President, she embraces both legacy and expectation. "It's Borivili Club—people expect a lot," she says, unfazed. "But there's strong support. Each past president has left a mark. I hope to add my own chapter to that story."

Her approach to leadership is focused and pragmatic. Her priority? Water and youth. "Water is a basic need. I have seen the hardship women face in villages, carrying heavy pots on their heads, developing spinal issues. A water wheel is not a solution—it is a band-aid. We need sustainable water access." Her plan includes borewells, tapping into



Ketal Tapiawala:

natural water sources, and pipe connections in underdeveloped areas, particularly in Shahpur, Wada, and Palghar. In Palghar, she plans to adopt an untouched village, in collaboration with a local doctor and fellow Rotarian.

The second prong of her focus—youth engagement—is equally vital. “If we don’t build with the youth, we are not building a future,” she says. Whether it is scholarships, mentorship, or skill development, she is determined to empower young minds. Her diligence—identifying untouched villages, evaluating existing RCCs, and ensuring long-term impact—shows a President with clarity of vision and depth of intent.

Ketal balances her Rotary responsibilities with quiet strength and discipline. “Even as Inner Wheel President, I did not keep a cook. You plan, wake early, and manage.” She still manages home herself, leaning on family only when needed. Her husband Ashish remains her rock, while children, Aayushi and Vatsal, though grown, are back home—for now. “I thought this phase would be quieter,” she smiles. “But life had other plans. Still, we adjust. That is what we do.” Family, always, is her centre.

Beyond Rotary, Ketal’s spirit finds solace in simple joys. She relishes Jowar rotis over international fare and prefers nature over monuments. Manali, with its peaceful hills, has her heart. “I told my family—when I feel life is ending, take me to Manali one more time.”

Art is her quiet escape. She paints, learns from online videos, and dreams in brushstrokes. “Sometimes I see a brush swirl in a video, and I feel like dropping everything and painting right away.” She once ran a small chocolate business, Chocobrella, which she plans to revive after her presidential year.

What stands out most about Ketal is not just her journey—but her groundedness. There is no desire for grandeur. “I do not chase big joys. I find happiness in small things,” she says, a truth evident in everything she touches—from her plans for the club to her late-night painting sessions and simple meals.

Ketal Tapiawala’s story is not one of overnight success—it is one of quiet grit, of rising after every fall, and of showing up with steady grace, day after day. From a 13-year-old girl with just 20 paise and a world turned upside down, to the poised President of the Rotary Club of Borivili, hers is a life built on resilience and purpose. As she steps into leadership, she carries the strength of her mother, the love of her family, and the unshakable will of a woman who has turned pain into purpose.

K.V. Premraj



Adhayan Director's Orientation Program

The Adhayan Director's Orientation Program was successfully conducted under the leadership of Incoming President Rtn. Ketan Tapiawala and was presided over by Vibrant President Rtn. Harish Chandarana, who warmly welcomed all BOD members and guests present. He briefly introduced the purpose of the session and emphasized its significance in preparing the club's incoming leadership for a productive and impactful year ahead.

CLF Ruma Desai set the tone by articulating the objective of the meeting – to orient and empower the incoming Board of Directors (BOD) with knowledge, strategies, and Rotary values.

Leadership Insights & Training Sessions

- Incoming President Rtn. Ketan Tapiawala shared her vision for the year with the BOD members, laying out her roadmap for impactful service and growth.
- **ALF Rajendra Sinh Chauhan** highlighted the importance of orientation and training for BOD members, underscoring that informed leaders create effective clubs.
- **PDG Rtn. Harjit Singh Talwar** conducted a session on the "Membership Magnet", elaborating on strategies to attract, inspire, and retain members effectively.
- **PDG Rtn. Prafull Sharma** emphasized the need to "Involve and Evolve" members for sustained engagement and motivation.
- **Rtn. Nilima Jhunhunwala** provided a comprehensive guide on approaching CSR grants and the immense potential of corporate funding in supporting Rotary projects.
- **PP Rtn. Manish Gyani** spoke on "Lifestyle of Projects", focusing on the sustainability and long-term impact of service initiatives.



Adhayan Director's Orientation Program



- **PP Rtn. Vinay Vyas** detailed the Rotary Action Plan and practical ways to implement it at the club level.
- **PP Rtn. Jhankar Gadkari** led a session on enhancing the Public Image of Rotary, including public relations strategies and the importance of a strong digital presence.
- **PP Rtn. Rajendra Unikrishnan** introduced the concept of the Rotary Week, scheduled from 01-07-2025 to 30-06-2026, and shared insights into Rotary Hospitals and Screening Projects planned for the year.
- **AG Rtn. Durgesh Aroor** shared information on the "Inspire Year" projects, encouraging clubs to prepare and align with district goals.

Interactive Sessions

- The meeting concluded with a SWOT Analysis and Case Study Discussion facilitated by SJP Rtn. Mayank Desai and PP Rtn. Ashish Tapiawala, creating an interactive and thought-provoking platform for all members.
- Key Rotary avenues such as Membership, The Rotary Foundation (TRF), Club Administration, Community Service (Medical & Non-Medical), Vocational Service, Public Image, CSR, International Service, Youth Service, and District & Club Thrust Areas were covered in detail by PPs Rtn. Rashmikanth Sanghvi, KV Premraj, and Ruma Desai.

Vote of Thanks

Rtn. Aarti Parekh delivered a heartfelt Vote of Thanks, appreciating the contribution of all speakers, facilitators, and attendees for making the orientation program impactful and informative.

Jaynisha B. Sampat

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Performing Arts



Visual Arts



Textiles



Cuisine



Literature

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Our Timeless Treasure

As we begin a new Rotary year, it is both a privilege and a responsibility to reflect on the essence of Sanskriti—our culture—an inheritance that has shaped not just a civilization, but the very soul of India.

Sanskriti, or Indian culture, encompasses a rich and diverse array of domains, including:

- Performing Arts - Indian music, folk and classical dances
- Visual Arts: Indian paintings, crafts, and monuments
- Textiles: Indian weaves and fabrics
- Cuisine: Diverse and vibrant Indian culinary traditions
- Literature: Rich heritage of Indian literature

This multifaceted cultural heritage reflects the country's history, diversity, and creativity.

It is time we reawaken our sense of pride in the treasures we already possess and spread awareness to preserve our sanskriti.

Let this year be about rekindling our collective pride in Indian culture. Let us celebrate Sanskriti not as a relic of the past, but as a guiding force for the future. As Rotarians, we can be torchbearers of this cultural consciousness in our communities.

“A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people.” said Mahatma Gandhi. Let us carry it with pride.

Renjini Premraj
Chairperson, Sanskriti.

Kickstarting The New Inspire Year...



Provided groceries at Maru Ghar



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Mega Medical camp at Gujarati Seva Mandal



Blood donation camp at Borivili Station



Blood donation camp at Borivili Station



Mega Medical camp at Gujarati Seva Mandal



Adoption of students at Jeevan Bima Nagar School



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Installation of old newspaper collection box



Installation of box for collection of unused medicines



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Annapurna project near Rustumji Heritage arranged by New Rotarian Falguniben



Free Medicines for Blood Pressure and Diabetes



Books distribution to students of Yojana Vidyalaya at Borivali East



Free Medicines for Blood Pressure and Diabetes



Inner Wheel - Corner

Dear friends,

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartiest congratulations to outgoing President, Rtn. Harish Chandarana, for a successful and remarkable year of service. Your dedication and leadership have been truly inspiring.

Change is the essence of life. It gives us the vision to grow, to evolve, and to succeed. A change in leadership brings with it fresh perspectives, new energy, and renewed purpose.

As we step into a new year, we are blessed with new dreams, new projects, and new opportunities to serve the community and touch lives in meaningful ways.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to President Ketel Tapiawala on taking the leadership of the prestigious Rotary Club of Borivli.

As Albert Camus wisely said:

"Don't walk behind me; I may not lead.

Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow.

Just walk beside me and be my friend."

As my dearest friend, I am confident that together, we will accomplish great things for the betterment of society. Let's walk hand in hand towards a brighter, kinder future.

Sarita Gujarathi

President

Inner Wheel Club of Borivli (2025-26)



Co-Editor

Dear Friends,

As President Rtn. Ketali Tapiawala steps up to don the mantle in RCB, one is reminded of the adage – “Tough Times Do Not Last, Tough People Do”.

Sheer grit & determination has accompanied her in her earlier turbulent times; these qualities would be her additional companions in her journey this Rotary year. As mentioned by me in the earlier Edition of Kanheri, she and her team have their job cut out for them - which, one is sure, they will handle with aplomb. Our Best Wishes to them.

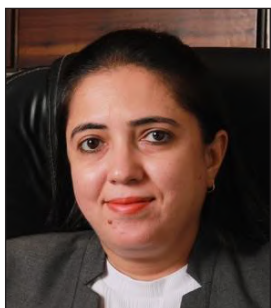
Coming back to Kanheri, yours truly is proud to continue on the Editorial Team; this time around as the Co-Editor. Thank you President Ketali Tapiawala for the confidence reposed. Looking forward to working with Managing Editor Premraj, Rtn. Umesh Soni, and all in the RCB, this Rotary year too. We will strive our best to make Kanheri an enlivening experience.

Your suggestions, comments, bouquets, and, (hopefully the occasional) brickbats are welcome.

Warm Regards,

Rtn. T.S. Bharadwaj

Co-Editor – Kanheri



Hon. Secretary

Dear Fellow Rotarians and R'Anns,
Greetings!

It is indeed a great honor for me to be selected as the Honorary Secretary of the most distinguished and dynamic club in RI District 3141. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to President Rtn. Ketali Tapiawala for placing her trust and confidence in my abilities.

As we embark on a new Rotary year, I reflect on my journey since joining Rotary and how deeply I've been inspired by the impactful work of the Rotary Club of Borivli. The year ahead holds countless opportunities for us to come together and make our presence truly meaningful.

Leadership in Rotary calls for active participation, and service demands personal involvement. Rotary remains relevant as long as we remain responsive to the needs of our communities—offering our time, skills, and resources to make a tangible difference. Each new year is a chance to reaffirm our dedication to Rotary's ideals. Every Rotarian shares a profound commitment to the motto 'Service Above Self', a principle that unites 1.3 million Rotarians across the globe.

Rotary is a unique organization where ordinary individuals achieve extraordinary things daily. But it is essential that we share these achievements with the world. Talk about Rotary in your circles—let your club's presence be known and felt in the society around you. Build your club's identity as a beacon of service and integrity.

The Rotary Club of Borivli, like Oceanside Rotary and many others, supports a wide range of local and international initiatives. Through Rotary International, we are proud to contribute to global efforts—such as the ongoing fight to eradicate polio, a mission Rotary pursues in partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Together, we are committed to ensuring that polio never returns.

The most important ingredient in the formula for success is the ability to work well with others. If we stand united in purpose and spirit, our club can truly make a lasting impact this Rotary year.

Regards,

Rtn. Jaynisha Sampat

Honorary Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

SR. DATE	PROJECT
1. 5th July	Stag and Hen's Party - A fellowship event with same gender members of the club.
2. 13 July	Nature Trail at National Park , a perfect time to explore the Beauty of Nature in monsoon
3. 15th July	Installation of Unused Medicine Collection Boxes at Lotus Hospital, Eksar and Thunga Hospital, Mira Road
4. 18th July	First Meeting - Topic is Mahabharata - Myth or History Speaker is Chandru Ramesh, Renowned Historian from Delhi
5. 24th July	Installation of First Aid Medical Boxes at National Park
6. 27th July	Donation of itching Brushes for voiceless animals, at Gaushala

We will carry Project Annapurna Every Saturday.



Happy Birthday

04-Jul	Raviraj Dhuri
10-Jul	Manoj Kumar Doshi
15-Jul	Umesh Khanna Dr.
19-Jul	Hardik Desai Dr
19-Jul	Umesh soni
20-Jul	Kalpesh Mehta
22-Jul	Mukesh Thakkar
29-Jul	Rahul Bamb
23-Jul	Charmie Awasthi



Wedding

06-Jul	Jitendra Vora
25-Jul	Sunil Sodha



ADITYA PINGALE

How a 17 year old from Rural Maharashtra built a Robot from scrap, to help farmers. Aditya Pingale, a young inventor from Maharashtra, created KrushiBot, a low-cost, mobile-controlled robot designed to help farmers reduce the physical strain of pesticide spraying. He is exploring as to how this innovative solution can improve agriculture in rural India. In the small village of Awankhed, in Maharashtra's Nashik district, a 17-year-old is trying to change the future of farming. He does not have millions of rupees in funding or a team of engineers working in a high-tech lab. What he does have is a big heart, a stack of scrap parts, and the support of his school. Growing up as the son of a farmer, he has seen first hand how unforgiving rural life can be. Aditya is constantly exploring the means for improving the productivity of farmers with the usage of technology.



DR. CHINUU KWATRA



As a 35-year old humanitarian from Thane, Maharashtra Dr. Kwatra has dedicated his life to creating positive change. After

overcoming depression and suicidal thoughts, he found purpose in helping others. He left his corporate job in 2017 to focus on his NGO, Khushiyaan Foundation, and social media startup. Through Khushiyaan Foundation, he has made a profound impact, caring for education for 10,000 children and hosting 65+ senior citizens at his ashram. A committed environmental advocate, Dr. Kwatra has Mobilized 1 lakh volunteers, conducted over 700 cleanups & saved 4000 tonnes of garbage from entering the ocean (a feat celebrated world-wide!). Taking his efforts to the next level, Dr. Kwatra pioneered a pilot model to recycle beach waste, establishing a mini-Material Recovery Facility (MRF) to process beach plastic into valuable products, such as Garbage bags Tarpaulin, Coasters, planters etc.