



# THE QUEEN'S DOSSIER

CELEBRATING FELLOWSHIP, SERVICE & IMPACT



## INSTALLATION CEREMONY

13th June 2025

A grand start to the Rotary year at Hotel President, welcoming President Rtn. Apurva Shah and his dynamic Board of Directors. District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani and the First Lady, Dr. Mehek Motwani, and esteemed district dignitaries graced the installation event. President Apurva Shah also unveiled this year's theme — Participate. Engage. Celebrate.



**Rtn. Apurva Shah**  
President 2025-26

Dear Friends,

What a fantastic start to our Rotary year! I feel both humbled and energized by the way our club has come together. Our firesides have been filled with laughter, warmth, and fellowship — already a highlight of our journey. The **Annual Independence Fundraiser** saw record participation and collections, proving that when RCQNM acts, we do it big. From **Empathy Visits** and **Interact Club Installations** to vibrant **Spouse Events** like Famous Infamous Night and Garba Nite, this first quarter has truly set the tone with our theme — **Participate, Engage & Celebrate** at every step.

Yours in Rotary,  
Apurva

**"Rotary changes us and those we serve.  
I believe we can change the world one life at a time."**  
- Paul P Harris



## FIRST BOARD MEETING

15th June 2025

President Apurva Shah led his Board into the first meeting of the year at Rtn. Chetan Mehra's office, with full attendance and productive discussions. Plans and ideas were set into motion, marking a strong start with energy and commitment.



## A PROUD MOMENT FOR OUR COMMUNITY AT RC QUEEN'S NECKLACE

Certificate of excellence awarded for fostering a positive member experience & living Rotary's values! Big kudos to PP Shilpa Mehta, Rtn. Sonal Sheth & team!



## FIRST DAY. FIRST ACT OF EMPATHY.

Our President Apurva Shah, alongside nine other clubs, joined hands at Dadar Railway Station, collecting 81 units of blood. Organ donation pledges and CPR demonstrations amplified awareness. District Governor Dr. Manish Motwani, along with First Lady Dr. Mehek Motwani also made their presence felt.

# HEART TUGGING EMPATHY VISITS



## ACCESSLIFE, CHEMBUR CENTRE

Our visit to AccessLife Chembur reminded us how even small acts can bring hope to children bravely battling cancer. We're grateful to support their journey and proud of our Queen's Necklace Rotary family for making a difference.

**Anne Neena M. Kothari:** "This was my first visit to Accesslife! It was heartbreakingly to see kids go through cancer so early in their life. A big salute to all the doctors, nurses, all the people at accesslife, including Ankeet and his partner for their unwavering support. RECQNM's large hearted donors have made this possible and also have made us understand how we can help people in need. Feeling very grateful to them and proud of our Rotarians."

**Rtn Karan Vora:** "For me personally, meeting and hearing Ankeet Dave was the highlight of today's visit. The story of how AccessLife came into being and their incredible 11-year journey was truly inspiring. Their thoughtfulness behind decisions like not spending on a 10-year celebration—choosing instead to focus every rupee on the cause, was both refreshing and humbling. It feels great to see how our club has played a role in supporting their vision and journey! More Power to AccessLife and RCQNM"

**Anne Sunnali Parikh:** "It was my first visit to access life, and over the years with the help of Rotary it has come a long way. It is a superb project wherein we actually have helped change the quality of life of people in need. All the kids were happy & smiling and most importantly...They were fighters. When we see them we feel grateful to the universe that life has been very kind to us. Visiting here has given me a sense of satisfaction, happiness and made me want to be more involved in other such projects."



## SRI SATHYA SAI SANJEEVANI HOSPITAL

The empathy visit to Sri Sathya Sanjeevani hospital is always special for us. This time it was inaugurating the Skills Development Institute Girls Hostel - **completely funded by Rtn. Nimish Shah & Rtn. Vipul Dalal**. Truly a proud moment for us, isn't it?

Rotarians also got the chance to interact with the students of the skilling programme, and even visit the hospital where we support Pediatric Heart Surgeries. As Rtn. Sanjiv Mehta says, the Motto of the hospital is "**Sirf Dil, No bill**" our nation. His short films on the Indian diaspora were powerful and moving.



## UNIVERSE SIMPLIFIED FOUNDATION (USF)

It was a proud moment to witness the Universe Simplified Foundation's (USF) display at ATE Chandra Foundation. It was wonderful to see students deep dive into the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math). Bring alive education through project-based, inquiry driven pedagogy and problem solving approach in rural schools of Maharashtra.

# INSPIRING INTERACTORS!

This quarter, RCQNM proudly installed 7 vibrant Interact Clubs — SMES, S. T. Mehta Girls School, Auxilium Convent, St. Mathew's High, Lady Engineer School, Sanskardham Goregaon and The Aditya Birla Integrated School.

From cultural performances to oath-taking ceremonies, these young changemakers inspired us with their energy, confidence, and commitment to service. With projects planned around empowerment, environment, education, and empathy, the Interactors are ready to make a difference in their communities. Take a look for yourself:



SMES College, Matunga



S. T. Mehta Girls School, Ghatkopar



Auxilium Convent High School, Bandra (W)



St. Mathew's High School & Junior College



Lady Engineer High School, Tardeo



Sanskardham, Goregaon (E)



The Aditya Birla Integrated School (TABIS)

# A GLIMPSE OF OUR MONDAY SPEAKER MEETINGS



## MUMBAI MERI JAAN

In conversation with

**Shri Aaditya Thackeray**

We kicked off our first Monday Speaker Meeting of Rotary year 2025–26 with insight and inspiration!

Shri Aaditya Thackeray joined us for an engaging session, sharing his vision for the present and future of Mumbai — the city we love and live.



**INCREDIBLE  
INDIA.  
INCREDIBLE  
Bharath Bala**

To hold 90 people spellbound for over 90 minutes - now that's truly incredible! Bharat Bala reignited the spirit of Maa Tujhe Salaam, leaving us inspired and in awe of our nation. His short films on the Indian diaspora were powerful and moving.



**A JOURNEY OF  
SELF-BELIEF  
WITH  
Lt. Cdr. Bijay Nair  
(Retd)**

A stirring talk by Lt. Cdr. Bijay Nair (Retd), reminding us of courage, sacrifice & self-belief. This inspiring session embodies the true spirit of freedom leading up to our Independence Day



**TIMELESS  
WISDOM OF  
MAHJONG  
WITH  
JAYA CHAWLA**

An engaging Monday Speaker Meeting with Jaya Chawla, who shared how Mahjong goes beyond the tiles to embody creativity, strategy, and connection.



**A JOURNEY  
THROUGH  
CINEMA &  
BEYOND  
In conversation with  
Gajraj Rao**

An evening of humour, philosophy & heartfelt conversations with the remarkable actor, writer & storyteller

# FIERY FIRESIDES!

What a season it's been — 10 Firesides and counting! Each E.M.P.A.T.H.Y. Team brought its own flavor, turning evenings into unforgettable get-togethers. From games, dance and music to scrumptious food, cocktails and endless laughter — every Fireside had fellowship at its heart. Rotarians came together, bonded, and left with smiles, stories, and memories to cherish. Here's to many more nights of fun, friendship, and Rotary spirit! And here are some picture-perfect moments:



Rtn. Asha & Sameer Bhansali



RTN. Sanjiv & Heena Mehta



PP. Akkshay & Mona Mehta



Rtn. Arti & Dr. Sunil Vasani



Rtn. Rita & Keval Shah



Rtn. Nikhil & Ritika Rungta



Rtn. Asmita D Mehta



Rtn. Sonal & Ravi Shah



Rtn. Munjal & Neena Kothari



Rtn. Ashesh & Avni Masturlal

## SPOUSE EVENTS



### FAMOUS - INFAMOUS NIGHT

Our first spouse event was celebrated in style on 3rd August with a delightful dinner at the vibrant Matahari. A fun-filled evening with dance, laughter, glamorous dressing up, and countless joyful moments, bring together 82 Rotarians and 62 spouses in attendance.



### GARBA NITE

Aye Haalo! Our Garba Nite turned into a spectacular celebration as 78 Rotarians came together for a night of joy, music, and dance. From vibrant steps to shared laughter, it was an evening that strengthened bonds in the true spirit of festivity.

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