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Celebrating 96 Years of Service

This Tuesday, Aug 5th

Dr. Tarang Gianchandani,
Group CEO, Health care
Initiatives and CEO, Sir
H.N. Reliance Foundation
Hospital in conversation
with Rtn. Dr. Aashish
Contractor

COMING UP

Aug 12th, Tuesday Meeting



Mr. Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman &
Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv
in conversation with PP Vineet
Bhatnagar

Aug 7th, 5.30 pm

INTACH invites RCB

Preserving Identity: The role of
heritage in a rapidly developing world

Aug 8th, 7 pm onwards

Parsi Nite @ Allbless Baug.

Aug 10th, 9 am onwards

Table Tennis fellowship @ YMCA,
Colaba, details inside.

Aug 13th, 11.30 am

Tata Memorial: Independence Day
celebration, details inside.

Aug 14th, 4.30 pm

Lighthouse: Independence Day
celebration, details inside.

ANISH GAWANDE - NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON FOR THE NCP AND THE FOUNDER OF PINK LIST INDIA SPEAKS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A YOUNG POLITICIAN FROM MUMBAI



I am humbled to speak from this podium today at a club with an almost century-old legacy that has been known to give back not only to our city but to our country. I want to start by saying that I follow in the footsteps of many great people who have spoken here before me and can only hope to live up to the great expectations you've had from me — and to the honour that it is to speak here.

Rina Aunty and I were discussing what I would speak about. The first thing she said was, “Don't be too political.” And I said, “Of course! I go on 9 pm television debates and scream my brains out every evening — you think I want to do that at the Taj, in the middle of people I know very well? I absolutely don't.”

So I thought the most interesting thing to share might be the story of how I got here — what made someone who went to Cathedral, who ended up at Columbia, who wandered and meandered his way to Oxford, come back and join the rough and tumble of Indian politics.

I'll try to keep it brief, but if I do meander — as is very common with politicians — please just nudge me and tell me to stay on time.

The story begins, like most do, in school. This was 2013. I was at Cathedral, in the 11th standard, and we were one year away from the national elections. As someone studying the humanities, I closely followed the elections. Every evening, my father and I would watch the news. The biggest fight would be over the remote — he wanted to watch Arnab Goswami, and I was hell-bent on watching Barkha Dutt. Our political opinions were such poles apart that we

ended up fighting like cats and dogs every evening.

Months went by, and the election started heating up. Many of you will remember that it was one of the most momentous elections we'd had in a long time, and an opportunity came my way. Milind Deora, who was the Mumbai South MP at the time, a Union Minister, and also a fellow Cathedralite, was running a programme called the Milind Deora Initiative, where young people could sign up to be door-to-door campaigners for the Congress Party.

What I only found out later was that they needed those campaigners in South Mumbai because our housing societies would never let a Congress *karyakarta* enter with their little *gamchas*. So, sweet, innocent-looking boys like me were ideal targets to enter buildings that otherwise would have been inaccessible.

This was the period between my prelims and board exams. I had already gotten into university. I've always known I wanted to do something that gives back to the country, whether by becoming a lawyer or an IFS officer. I was very inspired by Dr. Tharoor, who at the time had not yet entered politics full-time but had served as a career diplomat at the UN. I thought, what better way to experience this idea of giving back than to work in an election?

With all those lofty ideals — and, primarily, to spurn my father, who as a BJP supporter was aghast that I was off campaigning for the Congress — I took my first step into politics.

I have never had more doors slammed in my face or more abuses hurled at me by strangers than as someone campaigning for the Congress Party in 2014, after the India Against Corruption movement and all the allegations being levelled against them. But it was a humbling experience. It taught me the very brass tacks of politics. It stripped away the shine and sheen of the kind of politics I participate in now — the television-debate-and-podium-bearing kind — and reminded me what it meant to do politics the old-school way.

As you know, we lost that election, and we lost it quite badly. I was grateful, then, to be heading off to university. When I entered Columbia University, I thought I would major in Economics and Political Science like every good Indian boy and then come back and get a law degree, forging a career in those areas. But something happened during my time at Columbia that radically changed my perspective towards both coming back and politics.

I came out of the closet.

This was incredibly challenging. On one hand, I was very comfortable with my sexuality — I knew I had no problem with it, and I knew very early on that I wouldn't be marrying a woman. But at a time when Section 377, the anti-sodomy law, was still in the statute books, it was literally illegal to be gay in this country.

The choice between being out and coming back to work for the country had never been starker. To me, I had made that choice: I wanted to come back home, so I'd have to stay in the closet.

But over the course of my time at Columbia, I realised that wasn't really an option. It was sending me into a spiral of depression. It was having a damaging impact on my mental health. So I made the more difficult choice: to come out, to live my life more freely — and to give up any hope of coming back to India and entering politics.

So I studied Comparative Literature. I decided to become an academic. I studied Francophone West Africa and Senegalese linguistic politics in the 1960s. I imagined I'd end up in some

small town in Iowa, as a professor, speaking from a very different podium, not one in front of thousands of people in Gadchiroli. And I made peace with that.

But as these things go, you can't really run away from something you've believed in your whole life.

As chance would have it, one fine day I got a phone call from Milind, with whom I had stayed in touch. He was supposed to come to campus because Rahul Gandhi was giving a speech, and I was still involved in some campus activity. We had exchanged emails, and after all that, he called me and said, "Listen. Will you come run my campaign?"

And I said, "One second. I'm very out — and in New York City." And he said, "So?" And that so really stayed with me.

As someone who had gone to Cathedral, who had gotten into Columbia — I'm sure many of you have been to these institutions, and many of your children, whom I also know, have been to these institutions — the one fear you have, and the one disadvantage of going to a prestigious institution, is the fear of failure. Because all around you, your colleagues, your classmates are doing exceptionally well. They've all gone into McKinsey or become investment bankers, and they're going to be starting off careers that will serve them well for the rest of their lives. You don't want to be the one person who's taking a risk that may not pay off.

And that one "so," which suggested that no matter what happened, there would be someone ensuring that I would not be wasting my time, made me take the most reckless decision I've ever taken — which was, four days after graduation, packing up all of my bags, moving back to India, sacrificing my OPT (Optional Practical Training), and saying: let's do this.

Now, what I didn't know, upon coming back to India, was that Milind had very different plans for me. He said, "Listen, the election in South Mumbai has not heated up so much. Why don't you go work with Ashok Chavan with the Maharashtra Congress? They're taking out this Jan Sangharsh Yatra."

I said, "Listen, I've come back from New York City. Politics in Mumbai — in South Mumbai — was already a challenge. You want me to go into the rural hinterlands of Maharashtra with Ashok Chavan, who I don't know, and the whole Maharashtra Congress?"

But it was a challenge I accepted gladly.

Now, the biggest problem I had was — this is all OK — but you want me to go to rural Maharashtra? I don't have a wardrobe. What am I going to wear? What you wear in Brooklyn is not what you can wear in Bhandara.

So this is what came about — and the sort of khadi-wearing phase of my life began. I said, well, one needs to invent a new wardrobe...



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TRANSCRIPT
OF THE TALK
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BY PRABHADEVI'S STUDENTS RECEIVE ROBOTICS & AI TEXTBOOKS

In a significant step towards future-ready education, students of Bhavishya Yaan's Prabhadevi School were delighted to receive their Robotics & AI textbooks. The distribution marks the launch of an exciting new chapter where students will explore the fundamentals of robotics, artificial intelligence, and 21st-century skills. With bright smiles and eager minds, the children proudly held their books, ready to dive into hands-on learning and innovation. This initiative aims to empower young learners with cutting-edge knowledge and spark curiosity about the world of technology. The classroom buzzed with excitement as the students prepared to embark on this inspiring journey.



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PE Manish Reshamwala, Rtn. Pradeep Chinai, Rtn. Mihir Mody, President Bimal Mehta and PP Framroze Mehta



Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Rina Deora, Rtn. Zinia Lawyer, guest speaker Anish Gawande and Rtn. Miral Shah



Rtn. Aliakbar Merchant, Rtn. Arif Lokhandwalla, guest Mr. Sameer Chuch and Rtn. Hiren Kara



Rtn. Dinesh Daftary, Rtn. Dr. Rohini Chowgule, PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir and Rtn. Arif Lokhandwalla



President Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Rina Deora, Rtn. Swati Mayekar, Rtn. Miral Shah, guest speaker Anish Gawande, Rtn. Ujjwala Singhania, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia and Rtn. Rustom Vakharia



Rtn. Vivek Himatsingka, Rtn. Dr. Viraj Sanghi, ARRFC and PDG Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Vivek Gupta, Rtn. Ptn. Niki Sanghi and Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia



Rtn. Hiren Kara, PE Manish Reshamwala and guest Mr. Sameer Chuch



Rtn. Mihir Mody, IPP Satyan Israni, Rtn. Hoshang Nazir, Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala and PP Framroze Mehta



Rtn. Pilloo Aga, IPP Satyan Israni, guest speaker Anish Gawande, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Rina Deora

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Rtn. Miral Shah, Rtn. Mudit Jain, President Bimal Mehta, guest speaker Anish Gawande, Rtn. Rina Deora, Rtn. Dr. Viraj and Rtn. Ptn. Niki Sanghi



President Bimal Mehta wishes Rtn. Abhishek Sharman and Rtn. Arif Lokhandwalla on their birthday



President Bimal Mehta thanks guest speaker Anish Gawande for spending time with the Club

FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK



DEAR MEMBERS,

Recently, I attended the installation ceremonies of the Interact Clubs New Bharda School and Sir JJ Girls School. It took me back to my days as President of the St. Mary's School Interact Club in 1983. The President of the Rotary Club of Bombay that year was none other than our dear late PP Dr. Rahim Muljiani, and we had the privilege of attending a Tuesday meeting at the Taj. You can imagine us, barely teenagers, walking down the hallowed halls of this iconic hotel. That was an event in itself. And, to top it all, Rahim Uncle offered us Thums Up. Picture this, my dear friends: India had won World Cup cricket for the very first time, and Indira Gandhi was Prime Minister. Thums Up, Limca and Gold Spot formed the holy trinity of cola brands that urban Indians aspired to. Imagine then our joy when Rahim Uncle said we could have as much Thums Up as we wanted. And we did! We each had 3-4 bottles. That lottery notwithstanding, most of us want to make the world better when we're young, and how fortunate that being a Rotarian allows us to continue that mission throughout our lives, even as other responsibilities emerge.

The memories of that day - the grandeur of the Taj, the generosity of Rahim Uncle, and most importantly, the sense of being part of something larger than ourselves

- remind me why moments like these matter. They're not just events; they're the experiences that bind us together and inspire us to keep serving.

This month has been full of such moments for our Club. It has been a dynamic and energising start to the new Rotary Year!

We kicked off with a memorable inaugural meeting. Our chief guest, DG Dr. Manish Motwani, captivated the audience with an inspiring address, sharing his vision for the year and unveiling his A5 ideology. I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to the entire installation team for making this afternoon a success. Early in the month, I also attended the installation ceremony of the Inner Wheel President Roopal Thakkar, where District Chairman Lakshmi Singh brought energy and encouragement to the occasion.

Our regular meetings got off to an exceptional start. We had the privilege of hosting a powerful fireside chat featuring Hon. Rtn. Ajay Piramal and noted philanthropist Amit Chandra, delving into the intersection of profit and purpose, and how wealth can meaningfully coexist with spirituality. I completely resonated with Ajaybhai's statement that true happiness comes when you give - a great reflection of the Rotary spirit.

The month's highlight was our meeting honouring Mr. Narayana Murthy with the Ramkrishna Bajaj Award for Good Governance. We also had the privilege of hearing Mr. Murthy's advice on values, ethics, and corporate management in a fantastic fireside chat hosted by PDG Sandip Agarwalla. The meeting had an impressive attendance of 250+ members. We were also honoured with the presence of Hon. Rtn. Deepak Parekh.

We continued the momentum with two enjoyable and insightful meetings. The first featured Mr. S.V.R. Srinivas, IAS and CEO of the Dharavi Redevelopment Project, alongside Dr. Manjari Kamat, Professor of History, in conversation with Rtn. Nandini Sampat. Together, they offered thought-provoking perspectives on balancing Mumbai's rich heritage with a sustainable future. Also in July, Anish Gawande, National Spokesperson of the NCP (Sharad Pawar), shared his

fascinating journey as a young politician in today's dynamic political landscape.

Our first assimilation dinner, graciously hosted by Rtn. Akhil and Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi Sanghi was a wonderful opportunity to connect with our newest members.

What strikes me most about this month's service activities is how they've brought us closer to the communities we serve. The Urban Heritage committee took us on a journey through time with an exclusive tour of DAG's exhibition on cubism in modern Indian Art, while the Ananda Yaan centre at Mazgoan created joy for senior citizens with a musical celebration of their 8 years of service - thank you, Kaushal Mehta and team, for a remarkable evening.

Our connection with young people continues to inspire, from the heartwarming stories and songs at the Night Study Centre in Prabhadevi to the BY committee's thoughtful work on mobile addiction and responsible citizenship. The Child Welfare Committee's Nature Trail perfectly captured what we're about - discovery, leadership, and genuine fun working hand in hand.

And our healthcare outreach at the Talwada Medical Centre, focusing on Sickle Cell Anaemia and eye screening, reminded us that service often means being present for the most fundamental needs of our community.

Planning for the year is well underway with continued excitement and diligence, expanding long-term programmes and rolling out several promising new initiatives.

We're kicking off our fellowship calendar with Parsi Night on August 8th, followed by our first sports event of the year - the annual Table Tennis Tournament - on August 10th. I warmly encourage all members and their families to join in and be part of the fun.

Thank you for your continued support as I begin my term as President.

Warm regards,

PRESIDENT BIMAL MEHTA

INTACH INVITES THE MEMBERS OF
ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY TO

**‘PRESERVING IDENTITY:
THE ROLE OF HERITAGE IN A
RAPIDLY DEVELOPING WORLD’**

7 AUGUST 2025

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Programme Schedule, 5th - 9th August, 2025

August 5:

04.00 pm - 05.30 pm: INTACH Members' Meeting with the Chairman (Members only)

August 5:

05.30 pm - 06.30 pm: Inauguration of the exhibition:
CONTINUUM: INTACH's Commitment to the Future of the Past

August 6:

05.00 pm - 06.30 pm: "Design, Legacy, Champions & Recognition: Mumbai's Art Deco
& the UNESCO Milestone."
Panel Discussion moderated by Prof. Mustansir Dalvi

August 7:

05.00 pm - 06.30 pm: "Preserving Identity: The Role of Heritage in
a Rapidly Developing World" Panel Discussion moderated by
Kirtida Unwalla - Conservation Architect


August 8:

05.00 - 06.30 pm: "Gods, preachers and spirits: Faith and Belief in Mumbai"
Talk by Utkarsh Patel and Arundhuti Dasgupta.

August 9:

11.00am - 12.30pm: "Story of the Caves" through dance and story telling : by Devpriya

6th- 9th August, 2025 - Exhibition will be open from 11.00 am - 06.30 pm daily.
Kamalnayan Bajaj Art Gallery Bajaj Bhawan 226 Nariman Point Mumbai 400021
WhatsApp on: +91 93414 40939 to register for all events individually

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8TH TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT



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ZUMBA, GIFTS AND SMILES FOR LIGHTHOUSE CHILDREN

It was a day of boundless energy and heartfelt joy for 60 Lighthouse children from Standards 1st to 5th, joined by 10 enthusiastic alumni. The day began with an energetic Zumba session where the children danced with pure delight to an upbeat mix of Bollywood and Hollywood hits. Laughter echoed as young feet moved in rhythm, making it a morning to remember.

The joy didn't stop there. A special gift-giving ceremony followed—the boys received smart compass boxes, while the girls were thrilled with beautiful new dresses. These thoughtful presents were generously donated by Bubbles and Babbles Preschool and the Giants Charitable Foundation, bringing extra cheer to the occasion.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Tasneem, a longtime friend of Ms. Manisha Ahuja, whose kind support made this fun-filled day possible.

The event was a perfect blend of movement, music, and meaningful gestures, leaving the children beaming with joy. They returned home with full hearts, happy memories, and the excitement of being celebrated. It was truly a day that showcased the power of kindness, community, and a little dancing magic!



INTERACT CLUB PROMOTES HEALTHY LIVING

On July 25th, 2025, the Sir J.J. Girls' Interact Club launched an inspiring project titled Say No to Junk Food. This initiative marked a fresh start towards embracing healthier eating habits and promoting a nutritious lifestyle. Students brought home-cooked meals in their tiffins, completely avoiding packed, canned, or frozen food items—known contributors to lifestyle diseases among today's youth. Teacher Coordinator Miss Waheeda Shaikh strongly encouraged the initiative, expressing her belief in making it a continuous effort. The project aims to motivate not only students but also members of the wider community to make mindful food choices.



BHAVISHYA YAAN INTERN SHINES IN SECOND SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT

Kush Rathod recently completed a two-month internship as a Front-End Developer with Vakils, under the Rotary Club of Bombay's Bhavishya Yaan Programme. Demonstrating strong dedication and a keen willingness to learn, Kush impressed both the Rotary Committee and the Vakils leadership team with his final presentation, which showcased the skills acquired during his internship. This marks Kush's second internship through the Bhavishya Yaan initiative. His earlier experience was with GEPL Capital, where he interned under the guidance of Rtn. Vivek Gupta. Kush's consistent growth reflects the programme's impact in nurturing young talent and enabling career development.



**Join us for
Independence
Day**

Venue: Tata Memorial Centre, Main Building, OPD Play Area, Opposite OPD 88, Ground Floor.
Dr Ernest Borges Rd, Parel, Mumbai, 400012
The main building entrance, after the homie baba gate.

Date: 13th August, 2025
Time: 11:30am to 1pm

Celebrate Freedom and Unity



POSITIVE START TO ACADEMIC YEAR AT BY NMJ SCHOOL



Bhavishya Yaan NMJ's Secondary Section School held its first parents' meeting for the academic year 2025–26. The event marked a momentous occasion as it was hosted in the school's own hall, which had been out of use for nearly five years, having been occupied by the Election Commission. Its return added a sense of pride and ownership to the day's proceedings.

The meeting saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of parents, reflecting their growing engagement in the school's initiatives. A key highlight of the gathering was a presentation on the Bhavishya Yaan programme by NMJ Bhavishya Yaan's Mentor, Rtn. Ptn. Jaya Prasad.

She spoke about the diverse offerings of the programme, including Spoken English, Computer Skills, Life Skills, General Knowledge, educational workshops, field trips, and more. She also introduced an

exciting new development: this year, students of Standards 7, 8 and 9 will have access to a state-of-the-art AI Tutor, giving them an opportunity to engage with cutting-edge technology.

The Principal and BMC teachers spoke very highly of both NMJ and the Bhavishya Yaan programme. The Principal described NMJ Municipal School as one of Mumbai's most reputed municipal institutions, known for producing excellent alumni and consistently strong results.

He proudly presented this year's SSC board exam outcomes, once again achieving a 100% pass rate. Four students scored above 90%, 11 students above 80%, and 10 students above 70%, with the lowest score being 66%.

In English specifically, four students achieved above 90%, nine above 80%, and

another nine above 70%, with the lowest at 61%. The Principal gave special credit to Bhavishya Yaan for its positive impact, particularly on the English results, noting that it often contributes significantly to students' overall performance.

Both the Principal and teachers strongly encouraged parents to ensure 100% attendance for their children in Bhavishya Yaan classes, reiterating the proven benefits the programme brings. Their appreciation for the initiative was heartening and reinforced its vital role in supporting student development.

Overall, the meeting marked a positive and promising start to the academic year 2025–26, underlining the importance of collaboration between school, parents, and programmes like Bhavishya Yaan in shaping a bright future for the students.

BY ALUMNUS PRANIT BEGINS CAREER AS CERTIFIED SPORTS COACH



Pranit, a proud alumnus who brought numerous state-level sports medals to the school, has now become a certified sports coach after successfully completing his required tests. He has secured a position as a P.T. teacher at Seva Sadan School, with a monthly salary of Rs. 20,000. Pranit consistently trained both girls and boys for the NSCI tournament, contributing to their commendable performances. He also generously volunteered with the Bhavishya Yaan programme for three years while preparing for his exams. Known for his dedication and passion, Pranit—seen in the black shirt—continues to inspire as he embarks on his professional journey.

**Join Us for
Independence Day**



**Venue: Lighthouse, Opposite
Bayroute, Gate No. 3, Ground Floor,
Bhai Bhandarkar, Machhimar Nagar,
Captain Prakash Pethe Marg,
Badhwar Park, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai
- 400005**



**August 14th
LIGHTHOUSE 4.30 PM**

Celebrate Freedom and Unity

CREATIVITY UNLEASHED AT GK MARG BHAVISHYA YAAN

CANVAS OF THOUGHTS

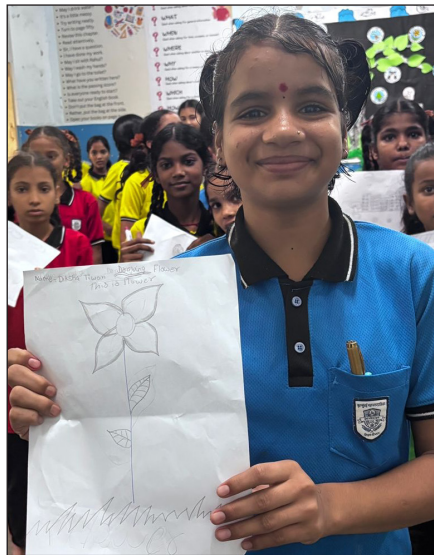


The Rotaract Club of Hinduja College recently conducted an engaging and imaginative session at GK Marg Bhavishya Yaan, designed to ignite creativity and build confidence among students. A aptly titled Canvas of Thoughts, the session brought a refreshing blend of fun and learning to the classroom.

The event featured two dynamic activities that captivated the students:

IMPROMPTU STORYTELLING CHALLENGE

Students were handed random sentences and asked to weave spontaneous stories around them. This encouraged quick thinking, imagination, and boldness in expression. The classroom buzzed with energy as each student shared their story—many of them amusing, surprising, and delightfully original.



DRAWING WITH IMAGINATION

In the second activity, students were given a sheet with a random line. Their task was to turn that single line into a complete drawing. The results were wonderfully diverse—ranging from playful to thought-provoking—showcasing each child's unique perspective.

The enthusiasm of the children was infectious. The session proved to be a delightful exercise in self-expression, sparking joy and confidence among all participants. Events like these continue to enrich the Bhavishya Yaan programme, nurturing not just knowledge, but imagination and individuality.



ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



AUGUST 5
Rtn. Bharat Taparia



AUGUST 8
Rtn. Hormazdiyaar Vakil



AUGUST 7
Rtn. Darabshaw Davar



AUGUST 9
Rtn. Vishal Vora



AUGUST 7
Rtn. Camellia Panjabi



AUGUST 10
Rtn. Dr. Sorab Javeri



AUGUST 8
Rtn. Zaheer Memon



AUGUST 11
PP Nowroze Vazifdar

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST 5
Rtn. Ptn. Priyanka Chavan

AUGUST 9
Rtn. Ptn. Sunita Saxena

AUGUST 10
Rtn. Ptn. Prafulla Kerkar

AUGUST 10
Rtn. Ptn. Mayuri Sekhsaria

AUGUST 11
Rtn. Ptn. Amita Haribhakti

AUGUST 11
Rtn. Ptn. Nilima Trivedi

ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST 3
Rtn. Ptn. Radhika & Rtn. Ghanshyam Sheth

AUGUST 5
Rtn. Ptn. Bijal & Rtn. Hiren Kara

NEXT TUESDAY: Mr. Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman & Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv in conversation with PP Vineet Bhatnagar



Mr. Sanjiv Bajaj is the Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Limited, the financial services arm of the Bajaj Group, one of India's most respected conglomerates. Under his leadership, the company has become a leading diversified financial services provider across lending, insurance, and investments. A digital-first,

innovation-driven approach has enabled him to reshape consumer financing in India. He also serves on the boards of several group companies and was President of CII in 2022–23. A Harvard alumnus, Mr. Bajaj has received numerous national honours recognising his transformative leadership in the Indian financial services sector.



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