



THIS TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER, 2026

Dr. Utsav Shah will address the Club on 10-min chair exercises to solve long term mobility issues.

Upcoming events

Tuesday, 15 September:

Neurosurgeon Dr. Mazda Turel will take the Club through 'Bheja Fry: Stories from the Human Brain and the Heart'.

Saturday, 19 September:

Bridge Tournament at Royal Bombay Yacht Club.

Tuesday, 22 September:

Paul F. DePasquale, Partner, Baker & McKenzie LLP, USA on Developing Trends Impacting Global Families.

Tuesday, 29 September:

Rotary Club of Bombay Taru Lalvani Award for Environmental Protection to Mr. Arjun Kamdar.

7 - 11 October:

Fellowship Trip to Khajurao, Madhya Pradesh.

Are. We Still. Listening?

Mr. Abraham Thomas, CEO of Radio City, on 'In the Age of Algorithms, Are We Still Listening?'

- Radio is no longer just about music, but about companionship, conversation and creating a sense of community
- Algorithms may know what audiences like, but human voices can still understand what listeners need in the moment
- RJs have evolved into influencers, with trusted voices now extending across radio, digital and social media
- Private radio continues to push for the right to broadcast local news, current affairs and live sports



So, in this age of algorithms, are we still listening? Typically, whether it's in your residential building or your office building, you walk into an elevator, you see someone you know, you say, 'How are you doing?' You don't wait for a response. Even if they do respond, it is invariably a lie. They say, 'Oh, I'm doing great.' So, people have actually stopped listening. And this is in an age when we are more connected, right? We are liking, we are forwarding, we are posting, we are consuming content by the hour. I think, on average, people are spending about six hours a day on social media and other digital platforms. But is anyone really listening?

So, 'How are you?' has actually become a greeting today. Nobody expects an answer, nobody expects the truth anyway. And this is a time when we are probably in the more

connected period in history because we are almost all the time online. We use WhatsApp, Instagram, Zoom, email, we comment. But I often wonder, is anyone actually listening?

When you make a post, you're checking every ten minutes how many people have liked it, how many people have commented on it, because the keyword is now engagement. Reach is no longer enough.

I happen to run a business which is based on the old model, where one person speaks and other people listen. All of us probably remember a discussion at home in the earlier days: 'What do we watch?' In those days, there was literally very little to watch, right? Today, we've solved that problem because now everyone's got a screen of their own, right? You're sitting in the same room, all four people

consuming different content. But you will go through hours of Netflix and Amazon Prime and still not watch anything because you can't really decide what to watch.

So, I always thought radio was in the business of music, right? And then you realise, maybe not. It's in the business of companionship. **Radio is one medium that continues to listen and act.**

So, we went from too little content to too much content. This hyper-fragmentation and content for everyone has completely changed everything, including our social fabric, right? So, if you're a Virat Kohli fan and you stop and watch videos promoting Virat Kohli, you'll get sent hundreds of videos. And if you don't like Virat Kohli, you'll get sent hundreds of videos criticising Virat Kohli.



So, I think one of the causes for this has also been the function of marketing, where I have come in. ***In marketing, we've always been taught that you identify the needs of the consumer and you overserve them.*** So, if you are right-wing, I'll give you so much right-wing content that that's your only worldview. And so it goes for the other two.

So, the over-fragmentation and these algorithm, which keeps feeding you more and more stuff that you consume, whether you wanted to consume it or not, you keep getting fed more. So, from that single home, single TV, and 20 years ago, when we used to say, 'India is always a single-television home because we all meet at dinner and then everybody sits and watches TV.' Now everybody has dinner in their own rooms with their own screens.

So, what has become scarce is not the content, which was the case earlier. What has become scarce is attention. Tech companies are doing everything they can to get your attention. They're essentially buying your attention, and people know more about an influencer that they've never met than what's happening within their own family and friends.

Another advantage of radio, after companionship, is that radio makes a decision, right? Four friends get into a car; everybody has their own personal playlist. Spotify is the best for that. Spotify is the best jukebox in the world, because you decide; you create a playlist, and it'll keep playing that.

Now, four friends get into a car, then the radio decides what to play, and there's shared discovery. So, I mean, I come from a school of thought that says I want to

be entertained. I don't want to be the entertainer. While there are millions and millions of creators who come in, I want somebody to create great content that I like and serve it for me.

But algorithms have somehow ensured that it's all about wherever you pause and spend more time; we'll serve you more of that. So, in a car, suddenly you discover music that you haven't heard for a long time.

Research shows that people consume differently depending on the situation. For example, if it's raining outside. Right now, Spotify doesn't really react to the fact that it's raining outside. The algorithm will say, '72% of people who listen to music in the rain love Kishore Kumar', or some such thing. But the point is, ***the radio jockey in the studio knows it's raining, knows what is happening in your city, and therefore creates music for you.***

So, artificial intelligence is the big thing, right? All of us have interacted with artificial intelligence even today. So now AI will know which song you like because you've listened to it or you listened to similar songs in the past. But it will not tell you what song you need. For that, you need a human to say, 'Today, this is the song that fits the mood'. So, AI definitely needs more of human intelligence. AI knows I like a song, but radio knows it's currently raining in Mumbai.

I always worry for all these start-ups and all these reports about people asking Claude AI or ChatGPT or whatever to do research and create a concise report and all of that. If you realise, AI never disagrees with you. If you say, 'Is there a business idea that I can create in something like this?' they'll give you reams and reams of research which

says, 'Yes, it's a brilliant idea, go for it.' And God help us if you actually depend on that data and put your money in it, right?

At best, repetitive, large, voluminous data can get curated and given to you on a platter. But that's your starting point. You can't just say, 'Make me a project report for XYZ.' And it typically takes less than a minute to create that, right? So, AI never disagrees with you, so you have to be very careful when you are using AI for any decision to make.

You can't talk back to an algorithm, and this is one of the biggest challenges that we are facing. People have been worried: will AI replace jobs? Repetitive, voluminous jobs? Of course, it can do it much faster, and that's what we should be using it for.

Another interesting example is that the content didn't change; the context changed. Most of us had no idea who this gentleman was: Ravi Kishan. He's a big Bhojpuri superstar, moved into Hindi Cinema, moved into television, and now you're realising: can you just flip it? "Money follows, my brother. Money follows." He's just been rediscovered. He's a huge sensation amongst Gen Z on Instagram because of some old video of his which resurfaced.

So, the content never changed. The context needs to change. And this is a cue for all of us in conventional media. All the large music labels are recreating old songs. Universal recently did something called Revibe. They've taken their old classics and had them sung by current-day artists, and Gen Z is loving it because the melody and the harmony have stood the test of time, and here it is presented to them in their manner.

So, a lot of content is timeless. It probably just needs to be represented and recreated in today's manner.

So, now is the age of influencers, right? And there are influencers of all sorts, from small to large, from micro to nano, with different engagement rates. So, you can actually go by the kind of engagement that you actually want.

The radio jockeys were the original influencers. Still, it has the highest trust...

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Rotary Club of Tripura at the Club Meeting



President Manish Reshamwala with the visiting Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Tirupur South (Rotary International District 3203), President MD. R. Mohanraj and Rtn. AKS AS Sivabalan

Visiting Rotarians from Rotary Club of Tripura with PP Manoj Patodia and Dushyant Dave



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Rtn. Ameer Tanna and
Rtn. Dr. Rajiv Agarwal



Rtn. Anand Parikh and
Rtn. Uday Sanghani



Rtn. Paritosh Rungta,
Rtn. Pulin Shroff and
Guest Ms. Suhani Mendonca



Rtn. Puneet Wadhwa and
Rtn. Dilip Dalal



Rtn. Sunita Mandelia and
Rtn. Dr. Saumil Kothari



Guest Ms. Suhani Mendonca,
Guest Speaker Abraham Thomas, Guest
Ms. Kunti Oza and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



PP Satyan Israni, Rtn. Naresh Pachisia,
PN Akhil Sanghi, Rtn. Abhishek Saraf and
Rtn. Anand Shah



Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria, Rtn. Pulin Shroff and
Guest Ms. Suhani Mendonca



PP Nowroze Vazifdar, Rtn. Kasimali
Merchant, Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai and
Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal



Rtn. Puneet Wadhwa, Rtn. Ptn. Nayna
Chinai and Rtn. Ashok Chinai



President Manish Reshamwala,
Rtn. Unnati Reniwal, Rtn. Ptn. Rakesh
Reniwal and Rtn. Naresh Kumar Jain



Rtn. Albert Almeida, Rtn. Renu Basu,
Guest Speaker Abraham Thomas and
PP Ramesh Narayan



PP Nirav Shah, Rtn. Sanjay Damani,
Rtn. Ish Rungta and Rtn. Paritosh Rungta



PP Satyan Israni, Ms. Kanchi Daiya,
Rtn. Varsha Daiya and PP Nirav Shah



Visiting Rotarians from Rotary Club of
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- 37 students appeared for NIIT Certification Examinations
- Courses covered Basic IT and Advanced Excel
- Two students scored 89% and 88%
- 12 students scored above 60%, including three above 75%
- Students are already enrolled for the next three months

The Inner Wheel Club of Bombay has taken its first step towards strengthening community empowerment through job-oriented skill development.

As part of this initiative, 37 students appeared for their NIIT Certification Examinations in Basic IT and Advanced Excel, marking a significant milestone in their journey towards digital confidence and employability.

For many, this was their first exposure to computers, online examinations and a formal learning environment. Bringing this vision to life involved careful planning, from identifying relevant courses and training partners to arranging a suitable learning space. This was made possible by the generous and wholehearted support of our members.

The results are truly encouraging. Two students scored an outstanding 89% and 88%, while 12 students scored above 60%, including three who secured above 75%.

With students already enrolled for the next three months, the programme is steadily gaining momentum, giving us confidence that we are moving in the right direction.

From a dream to a plan, and from a plan to a successful first step, this initiative marks a meaningful beginning in equipping individuals with practical, job-oriented skills and creating pathways towards a more independent and self-reliant future.

The journey has begun, and there is much more to achieve.



INTERACT CLUB

Superheroes in the Making

- Design Superhero Contest held on 30th August in Ghatkopar
- Students from across Mumbai participated
- Winning designs featured on the Arena Multimedia event poster



We are delighted to share a proud achievement by students of the Anjuman Islam School Interact Club of Rotary Club of Bombay.

On 30th August, at Ghatkopar, our students participated in the Design Superhero Contest, conducted by the

Rotaract Club in association with Arena Multimedia, with students from across Mumbai taking part.

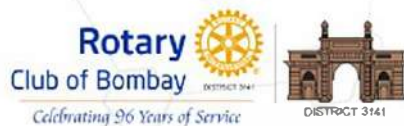
Hannan Chhotani emerged as the Winner, while Afraz Imran Khan was the Runner-up. Their creative superhero designs were selected and featured on the Arena

Multimedia event poster.

Both students were felicitated with a trophy and a gift in recognition of their outstanding creativity.

Heartiest congratulations to Hannan and Afraz! We are extremely proud of their achievement.

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Sports Year Off to a Flying Start

- **Ninth Table Tennis Fellowship held at the YMCA, Colaba**
- **19 Rotarians and kin participated**
- **Four pairs advanced to the tournament's final stages**
- **Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal and Rtn. Vinay Rajgarhia secured third place**
- **Advay Sanghi and Rtn. Sanjiv Saran Mehra emerged as overall winners**

Skill and enthusiasm were on show as 19 Rotarians and kin turned up on Sunday, 30th August, for the Club's Ninth Table Tennis Fellowship, held, as before, at the YMCA at Colaba.

Sports Chairman Moy Biswas welcomed everyone for joining on a Sunday morning, and the proceedings were kicked off by Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar, who explained the format. Participants were then paired up and divided into two groups.

Group A consisted of five pairs: PP Nirav Shah and PN Akhil Sanghi; Rtn. Ptn. Chetan Daiya and Rtn. Gautam Doshi; Shivani Daiya, daughter of Rtn. Varsha, and PP Satyan Israni; Hon. Secy. Farhat Jamal and Rtn. Vinay Rajgarhia; and Rtn. Amay Merchant and Rtn. Sushil Chandiramani.

Group B consisted of four pairs: Rtn. Saumil Kothari and a tag team of Rtn. Moy Biswas and President Manish Reshamwala; PP Manoj Patodia and Rtn. Hoshang Nazir; Advay Sanghi, son of Rtn. Akhil, and Rtn. Sanjiv Saran Mehra; and Rtn. Hiren Kara and Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar.

After each pair had played the others in their group, league tables were formed based on games won. In Group A, the pair of Chetan and Gautam took the

number one spot with four wins out of five games. Second place in Group A was tightly contested: with three teams on the same number of wins, second place went to Farhat and Vinay on points won.

In Group B, the number one spot was taken by the pair of Advay and Sanjiv, who brushed aside all challengers with three wins out of three. Second place went to the pair of Manoj and Hoshang.

The next phase of the tournament saw Farhat and Vinay face off against Manoj and Hoshang in a 21-point 'third-place match'. This was won 21-10 by Farhat and Vinay.

The overall winners were decided in the match where Group A winners Chetan and Gautam played Group B winners Advay and Sanjiv. After some great rallies and super shots, Advay and Sanjiv emerged as the winners.

Once the perfectly orchestrated matches concluded, trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up by President Manish Reshamwala, along with Sports Chairman Moy Biswas.

Rtn. Moy Biswas and Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar thanked everyone in attendance, who then continued their fellowship over light refreshments.



LUMINARIES OF ROTARY

- **80+ senior Rotarians gathered for an evening of fellowship and nostalgia**
- **Old friendships reunited, with stories, memories and plenty of laughter**
- **Music took centre stage, with Adi Dastur, Kalpana Munshi and members entertaining the gathering**
- **Good-natured teasing and camaraderie brought the spirit of Rotary's old days alive**
- **A celebration of Rotary's enduring bonds, proving the good old days are still very much alive**

On the evening of 27th August, over 80 senior Rotarians gathered at the Malabar Hill Club for a very special evening of fellowship, memories and laughter — “Luminaries of Rotary: Celebrating the Good Old Rotary Days.”

Hosted by President Manish Reshamwala and First Lady Rakhee Reshamwala, the evening was a celebration of the people who have contributed so much to the Rotary Club of Bombay over the years.

And what better way to celebrate the good old days than by bringing old friends together, remembering old stories and, of course, reminding each other of things that had perhaps been forgotten!

The evening was filled with music, with PP Adi Dastur, PP Kalpana Munshi and several other members entertaining everyone with songs. There was plenty of laughter as old friends met, caught up, exchanged stories and, as expected, took the opportunity to lovingly mock a few of their friends along the way.

For many, it was a chance to reconnect with people they had not seen in a long time and revisit the wonderful memories they have created together through Rotary.

One Rotarian summed up the evening rather perfectly, remarking that this was probably the first Rotary fellowship where he didn't have to ask, *“Who is that Rotarian?”* or *“What's his name?”* — **because he seemed to know everyone in the room!**

There was something truly special about seeing the room come alive with familiar faces, old friendships and the unmistakable camaraderie that Rotary has always been about.

It was an evening filled with music, laughter and a little bit of nostalgia — a wonderful celebration of the good old Rotary days.

And judging by the energy in the room, those good old days clearly still have plenty of life left in them!

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India's Space Race and India's SpaceTech Future

- **Aakash Parekh spoke on 'India's Space Race: The Final Frontier'**
- **India's SpaceTech ecosystem has grown to 400+ companies**
- **Discussion covered AI, miniaturised satellites and falling launch costs**
- **India's SpaceTech opportunity could reach \$100 billion by 2040**

On 27th August 2026, RCB Satellite hosted an engaging online P2P session with Aakash Parekh on 'India's Space Race: The Final Frontier'. With a decade of experience in frontier-tech startups, including as Chief Commercial Officer at Pixxel, Aakash brought a unique perspective to India's evolving SpaceTech landscape.

The session highlighted India's transition from an ISRO-led space programme to a thriving private ecosystem, with 400+ companies now operating in the sector. Participants explored how falling launch costs, miniaturised

satellites and artificial intelligence are transforming the industry, with applications ranging from agriculture and defence to disaster management, mining and climate monitoring.

Aakash also shared insights into India's competitive advantages and the potential \$100 billion opportunity by 2040, while highlighting the need for greater capital, infrastructure and global scale.

A big thank you to Aakash and all the members who participated enthusiastically in this insightful session.



MONTHLY PATIENT COUNT

Patient Count for the Month of August - 2026

Director: Rtn. Mihir Mody Chair: Rtn. Kaushal Mehta Co-Chair: Rtn. Samina Khorakiwala	
COTTON GREEN CLINIC	
Homeopathy	293
Dental OPD	268
Ophthalmic OPD	96
Paediatrics OPD	00
General OPD	259
Pathology lab	10
ECG	71
TOTAL	997

Chairman Emeritus: PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir Director: Rtn. Mihir Mody Chair: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala Co-Chair: Rtn. Dr. Sheela Kerkar	
PRVEC	
Ophthalmic OPD	1167
Specs given	91
Operations	49
Patients kept for treatment	7
IOL	40
Yag Laser	11
Green Laser	-
Keratoplasty	-
TOTAL	1365

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ADMC	
General OPD	1801
Dental OPD	47
Paediatric OPD	33
Pathology Lab	72
TB Patients	27
Gynecology	21
TOTAL	2001

A Morning of Inclusion and Joy

- 30 neurodivergent children welcomed at Kaivalyadhama, Mumbai
- Members organised games, music and interactive activities
- Children received soft toys, chocolates and gifts
- Members joined the children in playing, dancing and celebrating
- A short-notice initiative became a morning of connection and inclusion



The Satellite Club had the privilege of spending a truly heartwarming morning with 30 neurodivergent children at Kaivalyadhama, Mumbai. Following a yoga session conducted for the children at the centre, our members organised a 45-minute fun-filled session of games, music and activities designed to encourage participation and interaction.

The children were also given soft toys, chocolates and gifts to take home. A special thank you goes to Anushka and Neil for arranging the toys, Jehan for the chocolates, and President Dev for

ensuring that every child received a gift.

Meha, Suditi and Ashwini led the activities, ensuring that every child felt included. A special thank you also goes to all our members who joined in, playing, dancing, cheering and simply spending time with the children.

The smiles, laughter and enthusiasm we witnessed made this a truly fulfilling initiative. What came together at very short notice turned into a beautiful morning of connection, inclusion and joy.

A small effort, a lot of smiles, and a day that will stay with all of us.



Suraksha Bandhan: Rakhi Making Competition

- **Rakhi-making activity held at Sir J.J. Girls' High School**
- **Students from Classes 5 to 8 participated**
- **Handmade Rakhis created as tokens of gratitude for local police personnel**



On 24th August 2026, from 8.30 to 9.00 am, Sir J.J. Girls' High School hosted a meaningful 'Suraksha Bandhan: Tying a Thread of Gratitude & Honour' activity for students of Classes 5 to 8. The initiative, organised by Ms. Waheeda Shaikh in collaboration with the Matterly Foundation, Rotaract Club of Sydenham College and Interact Club of Sir J.J. Girls' High School, aimed to honour the courage, dedication and selfless service of local police personnel.

As part of the activity, students enthusiastically participated in making colourful and creative handmade Rakhis under the guidance of their teacher. These beautiful creations served as

tokens of gratitude and respect for the police officers who work tirelessly to ensure the safety and security of citizens.

The activity successfully helped students understand the importance of civic responsibility, respect, discipline and gratitude towards our real-life heroes. All the handmade Rakhis were collected and will be formally presented to police personnel on 28th August 2026.

Ultimately, the activity provided a wonderful learning experience, encouraging the students to celebrate Rakshabandhan with a deeper and more meaningful social purpose.

Threads of Gratitude and Honour

- **Students from Classes 5 to 8 visited Churchgate Police Station and nearby police stations**
- **Handmade Rakhis created by the students were presented to police personnel**
- **Students gained a deeper understanding of civic responsibility, service and gratitude**

On 28th August 2026, the 'Suraksha Bandhan: Tying a Thread of Gratitude & Honour' initiative was successfully carried out under the leadership of Ms. Waheeda Shaikh, in collaboration with the Matterly Foundation, Rotaract Club of Sydenham College and Interact Club of Sir J.J. Girls' High School. Students from Classes 5 to 8 visited Churchgate Police Station and nearby police stations as part of this meaningful initiative.

Designed to express gratitude and honour the bravery, dedication and selfless service of police personnel, the initiative gave students an opportunity to personally acknowledge those who work tirelessly to maintain law and order and ensure public safety.

During the visit, the beautiful handmade Rakhis prepared by the students on 24th August were

formally presented to the police officers. The students and organisers took the opportunity to convey their heartfelt appreciation to the officers for their continuous and tireless efforts in serving the community.

The police personnel warmly received the Rakhis, creating a deeply memorable and heartwarming atmosphere for everyone involved. The initiative also helped students develop a strong respect for public servants, while enhancing their civic awareness, sense of social responsibility and spirit of gratitude.

The Suraksha Bandhan celebration served as a beautiful bridge between the traditional spirit of Rakshabandhan and the universal values of community service, respect and mutual appreciation.



ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



8 September
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Thukral



8 September
Rtn. Jamshed
Vakharia



9 September
Rtn. Apoorv
Bajaj



9 September
PP Paul
George



9 September
Rtn. Ashok
Jatia



12 September
Rtn. Rina
Deora



12 September
Rtn. Ashish
Jalan



13 September
Rtn. Abhin
Alimchandani



13 September
Rtn. Yogesh
Mahansaria

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9 September

Rtn. Ptn. Shobha Jagtiani

9 September

Rtn. Ptn. Anshuman Tanna

10 September

Rtn. Ptn. Swati
Mahansaria

12 September

Rtn. Ptn. Kaavya
Chandiramani

14 September

Rtn. Ptn. Arnaz Soonawalla

NEXT TUESDAY:

September 15th, 2026: Neurosurgeon Dr. Mazda Turel will take the Club through 'Bheja Fry: Stories from the Human Brain and the Heart'.



Dr. Mazda K. Turel is a distinguished neurosurgeon specialising in the treatment of diseases of the brain and spine. He completed his MBBS from Grant Medical College, Mumbai, in 2005, followed by an MCh in Neurosurgery from Christian Medical College, Vellore. At graduation, he was awarded

the prestigious Jacob Chandy Gold Medal, a distinction previously conferred on only four recipients in the 35 years since its institution.

Dr. Turel has an extensive academic and research portfolio, with more than 110 publications in leading scientific journals and textbooks. Following his residency, he trained at neurosurgical centres across the world, earning a Diploma in Minimally Invasive Neurosurgery in Beijing. He subsequently completed advanced fellowships in skull base surgery and neuro-oncology at Toronto Western Hospital, minimally invasive and complex spine surgery at Rush University in Chicago, and cerebrovascular surgery in Shanghai, with a focus on

arterial bypass procedures.

A firm believer in collaborative care, Dr Turel involves patients, their families and medical teams in treatment decisions, combining a balanced yet decisive approach to neurosurgery. He is equally passionate about teaching and lectures internationally on advances in brain and spine surgery.

He is also a TEDx speaker and columnist for the Jam-e Jamshed and Sunday Mid-Day, where his fortnightly columns use real-life neurosurgical experiences to demystify the human brain and spine for the wider public. His guiding philosophy is simple: compassionate excellence.

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