

Raika Desai

CANDIDATE — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

“Hard work. Fresh ideas. Real commitment.”

Dear Fellow Members,

I'm writing to ask for your support as I stand for election to the Executive Committee of The Cricket Club of India. **I have been a member of our great institution for 17 years.**

I'm a lifelong Mumbaikar and a proud Cathedralite. I studied Psychology and Law at the University of Southern California before returning to Mumbai and working in the corporate sectors of prestigious firms such as AZB & Partners and Anagram Partners.

Over the last few years, I've worked across the Gym, Library and Running & Wellness Committees, turning ideas into initiatives that members can experience, enjoy and be part of.

Today, my two daughters, proud Cathedralites themselves, are growing up at CCI just as I did. That sense of continuity is something that means a lot to me.

YOU WILL FIND ME HERE

A daily user of the Club's gym, a runner and full marathoner, a former Club swimmer, an avid reader, an enthusiastic mahjong player. That is how I know what these facilities can be at their best.

DELIVERED AT CCI

- ♦ **Library — Secretary** (2025–present). Book purchasing and borrowing streamlined, outdated software replaced, and regular events for all ages.
The first-ever CCI Literary Festival — 500+ members on the East Lawns, a panel of renowned authors, a live band and bookshops.
- ♦ **Running & Wellness — Special Invitee** (2025–present). I design the events, raise the sponsorship, and execute them on the day:
The first-ever Children's Triathlon, 150+ children; Adults' Triathlons, 100+ individual and 200+ team entries; Runners High and the Café Trail, 200+ members each; the Mumbai Marathon breakfast.
- ♦ **Gym — Member** (2023–25). Upkeep in the ladies' spa and gym; curated and moderated a 'Science of Supplements' panel.
Delivered the first-ever CCI Outdoor Games — now a fixture in the Club calendar.

WHAT I WILL DO NEXT

- ♦ **Facilities and programmes for children.** Dedicated spaces for children and teens, coaching and sports programmes built around them, and infrastructure planning that thinks a generation ahead.
- ♦ **Professionalism in management and governance.** Clear roles for office bearers, committees and administration; stronger conflict-of-interest safeguards on procurement; and term limits.
- ♦ **Sport at the heart of the Club** — best-in-class facilities and programmes, and higher member engagement across every sport.
- ♦ **Facilities added on evidence** — a Master Plan built from utilisation, waiting lists and real demand, with a dedicated space for every sport.

I am standing because I believe I can contribute hard work, fresh ideas, and a genuine commitment to the Club we all love. I would be grateful for your vote for the Executive Committee.

*Warm regards,***Raika Desai**

MEMBERSHIP NO. 6212759

VOTING

Online — Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 September. Also available at the Clubhouse.
Annual General Meeting and voting at the Club — Thursday 24 September, 5.00–7.30 pm.