

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, saw our first fund raising event this year. It was a night filled with a spectacular performance by singer Javed Ali.

I would like to thank all Rotarians for attending in large numbers.

My sincere gratitude goes out to each and every member who has helped us throughout the planning, preparation and execution for the fund-raiser; without you it would not have been possible to hold such a grand spectacle so seamlessly.

A special thanks to all donors for generously contributing and making this a success.

I hope to see all of you Rotarians at our Diwali fellowship.

We have two mega events lined up back to back in the coming month – The Corporate Cricket Challenger on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> and The Race for Humanity on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continuous support in this journey so far. Let us look forward to yet another fabulous event.

Thank You

**Rtn. Vijay Jatia**  
President



For the motion: Rtn. Suhail Nathani, Rtn. Satyan Israni, Rtn. Zeenia Master, Moderator Rtn. Nandan Maluste, Against: Rtn. Natasha Treasurywalla, Rtn. (Dr.) Prakriti Poddar and Rtn. Haresh Jagtiani

## But, seriously

**Last Tuesday's debate on decriminalising homosexuality mirrored various factions of society**

SELF-DEPRECATORY HUMOUR IS A SIGN of intelligence but, equally, laughing at yourself is a sign of discomfort and an attempt at deflection from the real issue. And, so, October 23<sup>rd</sup>'s debate on decriminalising homosexuality was a mirror of society at large. There were Rotarians comfortable with homosexuality being decriminalised, others who said they were comfortable but were not there yet and yet others who were simply against it.

The room was filled with wit and sarcasm as the house was divided into two.

Rtn. Zeenia Master, Rtn. Satyan Israni, Rtn. Suhail Nathani debated for decriminalization of 377 while Rtn. Haresh Jagtiani, Rtn. (Dr.) Prakriti Poddar and Rtn. Natasha Treasurywalla were against the verdict.

Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code is a section of the Indian Penal Code introduced in 1864 during the British rule of India. It is used to criminalize sexual activities "against the order of nature". On September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the Supreme Court of India announced that the application of Section 377 to consensual homosexual sex between adults was unconstitutional, "irrational, indefensible and manifestly arbitrary".

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**TODAY: GAURAV BHATIA, MD, SOTHEBY'S INDIA, ON 'CULTURAL CAPITAL'**

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The debate at the weekly Rotary meeting was carried forward along the same lines. Rtn. Zeenia Master opened the debate by questioning our role in someone else's love affair. By literally defining criminalization, Zeenia wondered why the Government wanted to know who was in bed with whom rather than focusing on other important state affairs. She called it a game of distraction played well by the government in a country where people had zero tolerance for happiness and love. She said she believed that as long as you are not a public nuisance, you are free to live your life as you wish. Accepting the LGBT community would help breaking the rigid stereotypes of our society. Zeenia concluded by asking why anyone would stand between any two people who loved each other.

Called to speak against the verdict of the SC was Rtn. Natasha Treasurywalla, who used wit to make it clear which side she was on. She sarcastically brought into light the urgent need of government to look into pressing matters like building the Shivaji statue, which she said should be the priority of national officials, rather than 377. Remembering which side she was in, she returned to speaking against the verdict, saying that decriminalization would be disgusting with increased public display of affection and she called it unnatural. The sarcasm continued thereafter, making the house wonder if she was against decriminalisation or for it. The house enjoyed light-hearted moments of hilarity at the points sarcastically mentioned by Natasha.

Rtn. Satyan Israni followed and brought the house back to order by pointing out how grave and serious the issue was. He gave references to religious texts and also statistics and cases of physical abuse under section 377. He added that homosexuality had been part of Indian society since ancient times. He also brought to notice the flaws and contradictions of the 377. Satyan touched upon the history and the evolution of the LGBT movement against section 377 and concluded by pleading with members to take decriminalization seriously and respect the SC verdict.



Rtn. Vrinda Rajgarhia, Hon Sec. Rtn. Rekha Tanna, Rtn. Sabira Merchant and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Rtn. (Dr.) Mehernosh Dotivala, Rtn. Hiren Kara, Rtn. Pradeep Gujarathi, Rtn. Arif Lokhandwala and Rtn. Kasimali Merchant



Rotarians listen to the debate with rapt attention



PP. Rtn. Rajnikanth Reshamwalla, PP. Rtn. Ashish Vaid and Rtn. Sitaram Shah



President Vijay Jatia thanks Rtn. Nandan Maluste for conducting the debate

After knowing the facts and technicality of the section from Satyan, Rtn. (Dr.) Prakriti Poddar brought into the house a psychological aspect in her stand against decriminalisation. Prakriti asked Satyan if he would want his son to bring home a husband. She then addressed the same question to all in the house. She said she believed in going with the order of the day and listening to the system. While the LGBT community has been fighting to bust the myth that homosexuality is a choice, Prakriti insisted it was so and added that it brought, with it, a lot of psychological concerns like anxiety, depression, etc. which were unnecessary. She concluded by saying that if she didn't want her children to bring home same-sex life partners then it was better for them to not be exposed to it at all.

Noting the last point Prakriti made, Rtn Suhail Nathani, in his final remarks for decriminalization, blended the entire moral, religious, psychological and population debate. He reminded the house that we were all very well exposed to the community around the world and seemed unaffected by it. Being with someone was a personal choice and should not take into consideration class, caste, or sex. Eight per cent of the Indian population was believed to be homosexual out of which so many were forced to get married to the opposite sex due to societal pressure. Suhail brought to light that about 25 per cent of such people wanted to end their marriages and free themselves. Hence, it was important to accept them within us.

Rtn. Haresh Jagtiani made the summing remarks against decriminalization by calling the opposition anti-democratic, anti-police, anti-national and anti-lawyers. He said it was against the ethos of a majority of this democratic population. The sentiments of the majority were not being taken into consideration he said.

Though the debate was not a legalized one, Rotary, with its respectful members of esteemed standing in society, set a good example by showing that the way forward was always to communicate. The motion was put forth by the house formally and a majority in the house were in favour of decriminalization of homosexuality.



## Rotary shows its heart

Singer Javed Ali transfers the power of music from the stage into the soul in RCB's major fund-raiser event *Dil Se*

THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> was a memorable one. A mixed bouquet of ghazals resounded through NCPA reaching out to hearts in the theatre.

Playback singer Javed Ali and his team made magic with their instruments. The range and versatility in Javed Ali's voice pulled all the right strings in the audience.

If the best singer is one who knows his audience, Javed Ali was on point. There was so much ease and comfort in his performance. The evening was not only for the connoisseurs of ghazals but also for Mumbai's Bollywood audience. *Dil Se* was a repertoire of his work. He sang from heart-touching ghazals like Mehdi Hassan's *Ranjish hi sahi* to Bollywood ghazals like Jagjit Singh's *Hosh walon ko khabar kya* to some other famous old ghazals of Talat Mehmood, Ghulam Ali and so on.

Although ghazals seemed to be at times melancholic, the aura in NCPA spoke something else. The

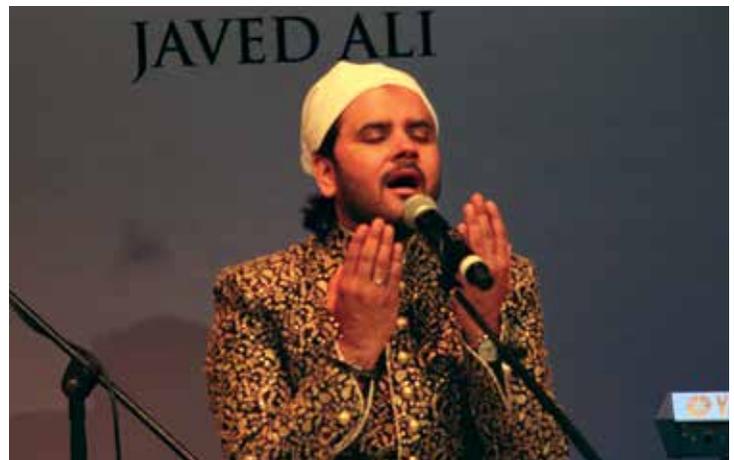
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thundering claps and smiles on the faces of each and everyone only helped Javed to continue in his melodious voice. Their enthusiasm took him from strength to strength.

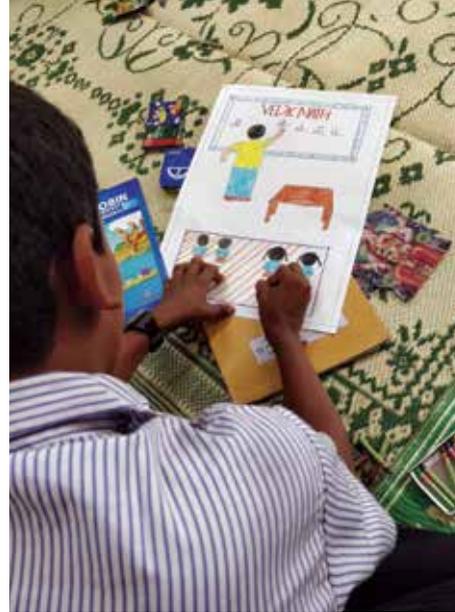
The audience applauded the loudest for *Arziyaan (Maula Mere Maula)* which was on a public demand and, needless to say, it was one of the best moments of the evening with Javed Ali himself enjoying audience response. As the melodious evening neared its end, the audience were just willing to say 'Aaj jaane ki zidd na karo' to Javed Ali.



President Vijay Jatia addresses the audience and welcomes Javed Ali



Javed Ali being felicitated by J B Shukla of 1 India Mart, a co-sponsor of the event



## STEAM SPIRIT

**ISME finished its module at G K Marg with a drawing competition**

ON A MUGGY SATURDAY afternoon, 70 excited children gathered at Bhavishya Yaan's G K Marg School. STEAM was drawing to a close and on October 20<sup>th</sup>, the kids participated in a drawing competition to note the end of the module.

STEM is a universally accepted teaching module that stands for out of the box and holistic learning in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The A that makes it STEAM denotes arts which was added later when the need was felt. At G K Marg, the module for STEAM was formulated by the students of ISME (the Indian School of Management and Entrepreneurship).

The module comprised of eight sessions which began in August 2018. The sessions comprised of activities that exposed students to various application-based challenges that helped them channelize and initiate a lateral approach to problem solving.

Under science, students learnt to measure lung capacity, while under technology and engineering, they combined the two to construct skyscrapers out of paper. They also engineered their very own roller coasters, keeping in mind inclination and speed aspects of science.

Students were introduced to the concept of "Best out of waste" in the art module where they were taught how to recycle newspapers into usable bags. They were also exposed to Vedic mathematics concepts, giving them a new perspective and simplified methods of calculation.

STEAM by ISME is a step

further into the path of enlightening the lives of underprivileged students, flagged by Rotary Club of Bombay's Bhavishya Yaan initiative. After starting off with STEM, ISME went ahead and added art; they are looking forward to adding entrepreneurship to future modules.

Rtn. (Dr.) Mrs Indu Shahani, also President, Chairman and Founding Dean for ISME, believes in creating smart and responsible managers and in helping students to scale up their capabilities along with maintaining sensitivity and empathy towards society. The school's Social Responsibility has been given to its Director,

Prof Arwa Baldiwala. It was under the guidance of Prof Baldiwala that the students of ISME could enthusiastically bring this project to its fruition and help nurture minds younger than their own.

The drawing competition finale was also an important activity to see whether G K Marg students had retained what they had learned in their STEAM sessions and were able to apply it to diverse future areas.

The students of ISME that volunteered at the school are Yashvi Shah, Sakshi Sanghavi, Mridula Athreya, Shivani Agrawal, Yash Dandavate, Aditi Kamdar, Saanchi Sutaria, Bhavesh Jain, Parth Doshi, Meet Gupta, Devam Jhabak, Dhvani D Shah, Adnan Tankiwal, Drishti Shah and Rehaan Peer. Together, they got the privilege and opportunity to change not just the lives of the children they had taught but also their own. They hope to continue this legacy and witness legends being made amongst these schools and to see children break out of the social paradigms they were born into.



## ALL FOR SIX

RACE FOR HUMANITY (RFH) IS being hosted by the Rotary Club of Bombay jointly with the Rotary Club of Mumbai Nariman Point.

RFH is an effort to raise awareness about the Rotary movement in the eyes of the public and also raise funds for the following six causes of Rotary Foundation, a movement that began in 1917:

- Promoting Peace
- Fighting Disease
- Providing Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Saving Mothers and Children
- Supporting Education
- Growing Local Economies

It is an annual event held at the Royal Western India Turf Club, Mahalaxmi at the beginning of the Horse Racing Season. This is a day which sees the true fusion of the two tenets of Rotary: Service and Fellowship.

We have a great day of entertainment, fellowship and horse racing lined up for you. During the day, there will be a fashion show, dances, skits, school bands, martial arts, the stand-up comedy of Atul Khatri,



a Jazz performance led by John Di Martino, illusion by Mangesh Desai and music by DJ Shiva.

Please support RCB by choosing any one of the options below. Sponsor the event giving your company mileage and visibility. Purchase exclusive Round Tables or Corporate Boxes for your personal use by inviting friends and family or for your corporate use by inviting your important customers or your employees.

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## PASSING IT FORWARD

Project RED reaches out to 450 girls at G K Marg

PRESIDENT RTN. ARIA OHRI OF Rotary Club Bombay Seacoast had started Project RED in the year 2014 when she joined Rotary. It is a holistic approach to help girls deal with their menstruation. Since then, she has been conducting "Train The Trainer" models for various other Rotary clubs so that they can drive it further for wider reach and impact. On October 20<sup>th</sup>, she conducted Project RED for 450 girls on behalf of the Rotary Club of Bombay and in



Rtn. Aria's own words, it was one of the best sessions ever. Energy levels were high and the interaction between her and the girls was fruitful. At the end of the session, four girls from the school volunteered to impart the knowledge to the incoming batch to ensure sustainability of the project in the school.

## SUPERMARKET AT LIGHT HOUSE

THE TEACHERS OF THE RCB Lighthouse class set up a mock 'supermarket' complete with real fruits, vegetables, groceries and toiletries within the classroom on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The teachers first showed the kindergarteners how to make purchases, after which the K.G. students went 'shopping' on their own.

The children used the play money provided to buy items of their choice. All purchases were billed at a cash counter.

The aim of this activity was to teach children vital communication skills including how to interact with salespersons in a 'safe' environment through the play way method.





## KEEPING IT CLEAN

8,000 plus villagers will get access to safe, drinking water

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY MEMBERS visited water-starved villages in the Jalna district of Maharashtra on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

In association with Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR) who are carrying out watershed management programmes in these villages, RCB pledged to provide safe drinking water in 10 of these villages by the end of March, 2019.



RCB has involved the Rotaractors of HR College and Rotary Club of Jalna to help it in this project. The *Jal Jeevan* programme of RCB takes on yet another meaningful project, transforming the lives and health of over 8,000 villagers living in rural India.

A big thank you to Rajubhai Barwale and RC Jalna for hosting us with such warmth and hospitality. Additionally, the tremendous work which RC Jalna is doing in the field of plastic surgeries, is truly inspiring.



## ASSIMILIATION NIGHT

RTN. AKHIL AND MADHVI SANGHI HAD A NICE ASSIMILIATION DINNER ON October 20<sup>th</sup> at their Prabhadevi residence from 8 to 11 pm. There were 36 people in attendance. PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla and Rtn. Zenia Master spoke at length about Race for Humanity (November 25<sup>th</sup>, Sunday) to those present.

## DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Totalling  
**22,56,000**

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# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**October 31, 2018**  
 Diwali Night  
 Four Seasons Hotel,  
 Worli, 8 pm

**November 6, Speaker Prof (Dr.) Shaul Sapir** David Sassoon: The Great Philanthropist

**November 13, Speaker Mr Vallabh Bhansali** Topic to be announced later

**November 17 & 18, Corporate Cricket Challenger** Western Railway grounds, Lower Parel

**November 25, 2018**  
 Race for Humanity, a fund raiser event



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**THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE**

**MENU (INDIAN), NOVEMBER 6, 2018**

Soup  
 Badam Ka Shorba, Assorted Bread Rolls & Butter

Salad Bar  
 Raj Kachori, Dahi Bhalle with Imli & Khajoor Chutney, Palak Patta Chaat, Fruit Chaat

Vegetarian Main Course  
 Achari Paneer, Bharwan Aloo, Malai Kofta Curry, Panchratan Dal

Non Vegetarian Main Course  
 Murg Lababdar, Mutton Roganjosh Boneless

Accompaniments  
 Vegetable Biryani, Assorted Indian Breads, Burhani Raita, Papad/Pickle/Kachumber

Desserts  
 Assorted Mithai Platter, Jalebi With Rabdi, Malai Kulfi





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## Next week: Prof (Dr.) Shaul Sapir

DR. SHAUL SAPIR HAS published articles on subjects mainly focussing on Jerusalem through the ages and on

the land of Israel during the Modern Era (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries). His last book *Bombay: Exploring the Jewish Urban Heritage* was sold out on Amazon and he has completed his next book on the *Heritage Walks of Mumbai*. He will be talking about: "David Sassoon: The Great Philanthropist".

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FROM OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> TO NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

30<sup>th</sup>



RTN. RASIK AJMERA

30<sup>th</sup>



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30<sup>th</sup>



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RTN. PRAVIN BHANSALI

5<sup>th</sup>



PP RTN. (DR.) SONYA MEHTA

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OCTOBER 30

Rtn. Ptn. Naveena Israni

Rtn. Ptn. Reshma Shikari

OCTOBER 31

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NOVEMBER 1

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Rtn. Ptn. Sahar Agboatwala

NOVEMBER 3

Rtn. Ptn. Neelima Patkar

NOVEMBER 4

Rtn. Ptn. Sarmishtha Bhansali

Rtn. Ptn. Vandana Daga

### ANNIVERSARY

OCTOBER 30

Rtn. Ptn. Benaifer & Rtn. Hoshung Bilimoria

Rtn. Ptn. Daneesh & Rtn. Sohrab Khushrushahi

OCTOBER 31

Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi & Rtn. Akhil Sanghi

NOVEMBER 1

Rtn. Ptn. Khorshed & Rtn. (Dr.) Hoshung Mobedji

NOVEMBER 3

Rtn. Ptn. Rangita & Rtn. Vineet Bhatnagar

NOVEMBER 4

Rtn. Ptn. Vera & PP Rtn. (Dr.) Zerxis Umrigar

NOVEMBER 5

Rtn. Ptn. Neelima & Rtn. Pankaj Baliga

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Rtn. Partners	01
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	0
Rotaractors	01
Total	94
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