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President's Message

Dear Friends,

I HAVE KNOWN VALLABH BHANSALI FOR long. We both attended the same school, Hindi Vidya Bhavan; our parents have known each other since ages. Let us all draw inspiration from this man with a benevolent heart. As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Vallabh Bhansali has imbibed this quality and follows it religiously. Thank you Vallabh Bhansali for taking the time to address our club.

I would like to thank our gracious host Rtn. Devoo Kothari for the warm hospitality at the fellowship evening.

We have an action-packed week coming up; mark your calendars. We begin with laying the foundation of the plaque at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya on November 24, thereafter begins the Race for Humanity event on November 25. The RFH will kick-start with a flag-hoisting ceremony and the singing of the National Anthem at Mahalaxmi Race Course lawns. Thereafter begin the horse racing and other entertainment for the day. The Inter-city forum will be held on November 25 at 6.30 pm.

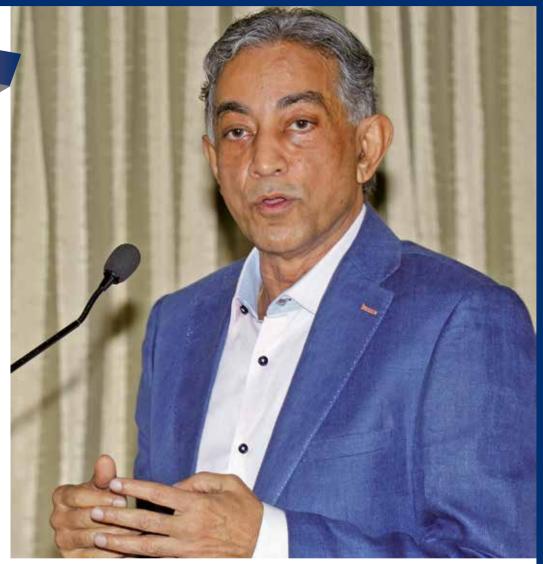
On November 26, RI President Elect Mark Maloney will address our Club. Kindly attend in large numbers.

Note that our regular meeting of Tuesday, November 27 has been rescheduled to Monday, November 26 and is to be held at The Crystal Room, The Taj Mahal Hotel.



Thank You

Rtn. Vijay Jatia, President



'We citizens have to wake up'

We have to reduce our dependence on external agencies and every Indian must do what he and she can, emphasised renowned philanthropist, investment banker, equity market guru and thought leader Vallabh Bhansali

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EDITED EXCERPTS FROM THE TALK BY THOUGHT LEADER VALLABH BHANSALI.

WHEN VIJAY J ASKED ME WHAT THE TOPIC WOULD BE AND I SAID 'REBUILDING INDIA' AND IT WASN'T REJECTED, SO I THOUGHT IT WAS ACCEPTED.

Rebuilding refers to a point in the past; that past can be varied in its reference to our social, cultural and spiritual heritage. Twenty years ago, the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) reported a millennial study of the GDP of various countries. As is fairly well-known now, India and China were the leading economies of the world with 25-30 per cent of the world's GDP. This was not for 10-20 years or 100-200 years like US domination seems to be, but for 1700-1800 years and maybe longer in to the past but for which they don't have authentic data and I don't want to speculate.

If I were to rebuild India merely in such financial terms, what would that mean? The world GDP, by IMF estimates, is US \$90 trillion; this is computed and published data. If we were to take 25 per cent of US \$90 trillion, we should have been a US \$22.5 trillion economy; but, with Rupee depreciation, we are a US \$2 trillion economy. This is the gap I am talking about. If that kind of perspective gives you some kind of pain or a dream or a plan, then, great, rebuilding is possible.

Let's speculate together -- who will rebuild India? We are so used to leaving it to the government. After we became truly independent in 1991, under Narasimha Rao, there was one businessman who showed us what could be done with economic freedom. It was Narayana Murthy who defined that a fantastic institution can be created with freedom. So, it is all about freedom.

However, our dependence on the government is huge. Whenever something has to be done, we look at it and say, 'the government does not do anything'. Have you paused to think what does it really mean when you say that? I'll break it up for you. Government means the political class, bureaucracy, judiciary and, not always obvious, the fourth estate -- the press.

Let's dive a little deeper. The average politician's life is not easy -- after he has established himself, what is his life? Those who have spent a day or two with a politician will understand what I am saying. The man -- or woman -- is obsessed with two things: elections and Opposition. Is he obsessed with your or my problems? Then, there are other questions: about his corruption and competence. In a system where you win an election because you defeated the opponent past the post, where is the question of competence?

As citizens, who are we waiting for?

Let's move to the next level. Spend two days with a senior bureaucrat or government servant. A large part of his mind -- 50 per cent -- is occupied with his unhappiness over his job. If he is happy, he is trying to keep the job, extend his tenure and believe me, it's a major problem. If you have been in a Minister's office for an hour, you will hear him getting at least five transfer requests -- transfers to be made or to be stopped. This is the mindset of the bureaucrat, and then there are questions about his political alignment, corruption and competence.

Third -- the judiciary -- the best of all but in the last five to seven years, it has showed either under-reach or overreach. Under-reach means, thousands of cases are pending. Or massive overreach -- there was the mining ban a few years ago and it was catastrophic. It took years for us to recover from that.

More recently, we had Aadhar -- one of the proudest moments of the country



but we could find no way of salvaging what had been done over the years. The US praised us, jealous that we had created an authentic identification model in a few, short years, probably at one-tenth the cost of what any other country had spent.

The press -- the less said about them the better. What started as a noble profession has become a business.

Let's move faster, to big business houses. A lot of you must own one or be part of one -- what have we done? Corporate governance is a mess. Tatas lead the way as examples of good governance but, on the other hand, you have ICICI and IL&FS... these raise questions of dependence. Are we dependable as a people? We complain against the government and the bureaucracy but are we dependable people? It's all about business and business happens when there is dependability and trust. So if you want to build a big business, that requires big dependability.



FOR THE FULL TEXT OF THE TALK, PLEASE REFER TO OUR ONLINE EDITION

Look at the other agency involved in rebuilding India -- NGOs. How many of you know that India has the largest number of NGOs in the world? Unfortunately, those who are in the NGO activity will be quick to point out that 70 to 80 per cent of them are fraudulent. That's us.

Forget them. From the balance that are left -- some are fantastic. The greatest of all are the Tata Trust where it's difficult to distinguish whether Tata is a business house or an NGO -- 66 per cent of all their profits go to the Tata Trust.

But I have an aspect to bring your attention to. When our problems are enormous and there are only a few agencies doing dependable and good work, would you have them rather consolidate or fragment?

I will give you an example of what can happen when they all unite. Have you heard the Polio Vaccination story? I am sure you must have had someone come and speak to you about it in this Club. It is one of the greatest stories of India and how did that happen? By people coming together. The Birlas and some other industrial houses came forward, there was a donor in Cyrus Poonawalla, the Government came in and the local NGOs joined hands. From being way behind the goals set by us in the United Nations Millennial Goals, we reached a point where we did it.

However, there is huge fragmentation in the efforts being put in. And, of course, we, poor citizens, patriotic, passionate and deeply involved with our country, we are the last agency.

Do you think we have a role to play in rebuilding our country? If we are not going to think about it, I give it to you in writing, nothing is going to happen. Why has this happened? Democracy has become an illusion that keeps us where we are. Democracy that is of the people, by the people, for the people, is just a glamorous definition. It had great appeal as we fought the monarchies and imperialism, communism. Is it of the people, for the people?

If you look at countries that got independence around the same time as us -- where they are and where we are -- we all know that.

It's a big topic so let me come to some actions that I think can take us there.

Pride: Unless you have pride for your country like the Chinese have, nothing is going to happen. And what should we be proud about? I mean, am I a bigot, a xenophobe? No. We were the most amazing country in the world. From scholars to musicians to artists to language experts -- they all wanted to come to India. So we were an inclusive society.

One of our friends asked me to define India in some manner. I said, 'If you look at the world -- anybody who has got any power has been hegemonic, whether it is technological power, be it industrial, some religious belief, they wanted to impose it on somebody else. They wanted to take away from somebody else. India never did that -- that's what our pride should be. And, from a business point of view, this is

why we thrived, why we were such a rich country. In an open society, so much more can happen.

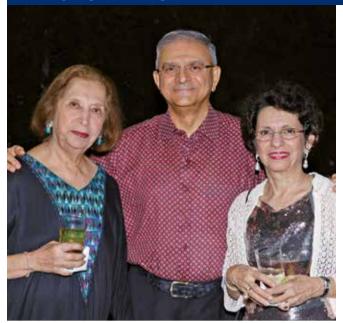
I'm making a movie. In it, we show an episode where a lewish girl comes to investigate India because she finds that no country in the world gave them shelter 2,000 years ago and India did. India welcomed them and they continued to live peacefully. So what is the role of this peace, intelligent citizens, in creating this massive prosperity, that is something that we need to talk about -- and what about metaphysics and spirituality? This country, while it was prosperous, we had something else which is unique in the history of the world: we had tapasya, we had people here doing tapasya like Bhagirath for thousands of years.

- 2. Governance. Can we only depend upon independent directors and auditors to do something? **Today, the role of corporate sector is very large and I think it will become larger** -- we need to do something about it. I'm hoping to start an institution which we will hope to call Institute of Custodians where you are not an independent director but it's a custody of public faith and intelligence.
- 3. So, what do we do as citizens? Come together and hang in together because there will be failures. All these politicians and people we talk about, it wasn't a cakewalk for them -- they failed many times before they came to be. But unless we come together, nothing will happen. We have to create a culture of non-confrontation active change. Reduce dependency, which is our biggest problem. When we start doing something, the asymmetry between us and the powers that be starts changing. Mostly, we demonstrate a solution so no one can tell us, anymore, 'This cannot be done'. We say, 'No, this can be done.'

LASTLY, LET'S TAKE A PLEDGE THAT EVERY ONE OF US WILL DO SOMETHING AT LEAST. AND NOT STOP THERE, GET BETTER, ENCOURAGE OTHERS.



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT



Rtn. Sheila Bulchandani with Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla and Rtn. Ptn. Navaz Pochkhanawalla



Host Rtn. Devoo Kothari with Rtn. Pankaj Baliga



Rtn. Ptn. Sushmita Bluemel with Rtn. Ptn. Indu Kothari

Rtn. Mehul Sampat and Rtn. Farokh Balsara with President Vijay Jatia

Under the stars

Rtn Devoo Kothari and Sevantilal Parekh played hosts to Rotary Club of Bombay at an evening filled with warmth and camaraderie at the Willingdon Sports Club



Ranjan Kaji, Rtn. Ptn. Nandini Kamdar, Rtn. Ptn. Indu Kothari with Rtn. Vikram Kamdar, Rtn. Devoo Kothari, Rtn. Ptn. Indira Kotak et al



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Rtn. Ptn. Nidhi Aggarwal with Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal and Rtn. Peter Born



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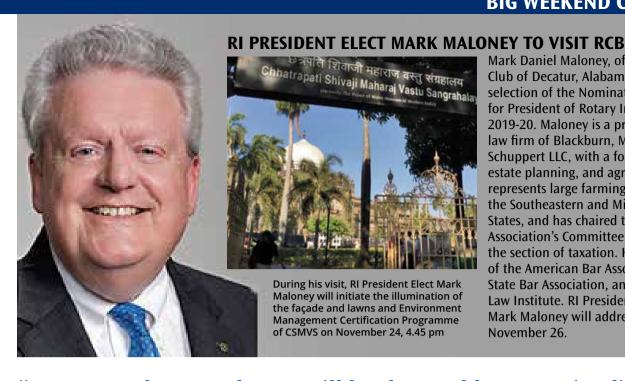
PP. Rtn. Gul Kripalani, Rtn. Manish Sampat with his spouse and Rtn. Deepak Kapadia



Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai, Rtn. Zinia Lawyer and Rtn. Sheila Bulchandani with Rtn. Mudit Jatia, Rtn. Darious Irani, Rtn. Shernaz Vakil and Rtn. Rekha Tanna



Rtn. Shyam Somani with PP. Rtn. Kalpana Munshi and Rtn. Naresh Jain



Mark Daniel Maloney, of the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2019-20. Maloney is a principal in the law firm of Blackburn, Maloney, and Schuppert LLC, with a focus on taxation, estate planning, and agricultural law. He represents large farming operations in the Southeastern and Midwestern United States, and has chaired the American Bar Association's Committee on Agriculture in the section of taxation. He is a member of the American Bar Association, Alabama State Bar Association, and the Alabama Law Institute. RI President Elect – Rtn. Mark Maloney will address our Club on November 26.

"Everyone who attends RFH will be thoroughly entertained"

What makes Race for Humanity such a must-attend event? Rtn. Satvan Israni fields a few quick questions



Rtn Satyan Israni: Race for Humanity is an effort to raise anywhere between Rs 3 to 4 crore

This is one event which sees the marriage of the tenets of the Rotary movement i.e. Service and Fellowship, It's a wonderful opportunity to be a part of an event dedicated to raising funds for the various causes of Rotary

and at the same time to interact and mingle with friends and like-minded people from the Rotary world and also be entertained at the same time. In fact, this time, we will have the Rotary International President Elect Rtn. Mark Maloney attending the event as well as **Rotary International President Nominee** Rtn. Sushil Gupta. This makes it a double bonanza for every Rotarian to get a chance to connect with the topmost leadership of the Rotary movement. This is one opportunity that simply cannot be missed!

What has gone into the planning of this event in terms of manpower and time? The planning for this event began way back in May 2018 when Rtn. Sandip



Agarwalla first requested I take up this challenge. Since then, we have been ideating, planning and executing. The team began with one person, later expanded to eight people and has now expanded to more than 20 people from our Club who are actively involved in its planning and execution. There are also several people working behind the scenes. It is definitely time-consuming but is very prestigious at the same time and, therefore, it has to be a success.

Why call it Race for Humanity? There are seven horse races with the trophy of each race sponsored by a Rotary Club in an effort to raise anywhere between Rs 3 to 4 crore. The entire money raised will be given towards the various causes of the Rotary movement.

What is your appeal to Rotary members and the general public? Is it open to non-members too?

This event is open to everyone including kids. Our appeal is only to come and attend the event and experience the joy of giving and we promise everyone who attends that they will be well fed and thoroughly entertained. Tickets are available online at BookMyShow and also with the Rotary Club of Bombay. So, anyone interested can procure them from these two channels.





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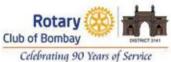
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the initiation of the Illumination of the façade and lawns & Environment Management Certification Programme of CSMVS

by

Rtn. Mark Maloney

(President - Elect, Rotary International)

in the presence of Dr. Devangana Desai, Trustee, CSMVS

on

24th November 2018, 4.45 pm at the Visitor Centre Auditorium

Refreshments at 5.15 pm

BY HAS VISITORS

Professors Forest Reinhardt and Gunnar Trumbull of Harvard Business School paid a visit to Colaba Municipal Secondary School last week.

They met with the teachers of the BY programme:
Reshma Shaikh, Sabina
Rangwalla and Gauhar
Khan who enthusiastically explained the Bhavishya
Yaan programme to them and how it is deployed to help build English, computer skills and life skills. They observed, with interest, as students in the computer room worked on an Excel worksheet for their computer exam.

They also had a good meeting with Principal



Magar. The Principal explained to them that 90 per cent of his students were from slums. He said his main objective was to build good moral character and groom the children to be good citizens. He talked about the challenges that he had to deal with: the high number of drop-outs (50-60 students per year) and the transfers of students who are children of migrant workers.





MENU, NOVEMBER 26, 2018

SOUP

Creamy broccoli soup, Assorted bread rolls and butter

SALAD BAR

Arugula and parmesan salad, Salade caprese, Mixed green salad with fig yoghurt dressing

VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Spinach Malfatti, Vegetable lasagna, Dal tadka, Bhunna mutter, Amritsari aloo wadi

NON-VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Murg khatta pyaaz, Grilled fish with caper butter sauce

DESSERTS

Blueberry Panna cotta, Jalebi, Rasmalai, Fresh-cut fruit



IN CAMERA EVENING

Join us for an informative and fun evening with Shivajirao Gaekwar from Sotheby's and from the Baroda Royal family. Shiv will enthrall us with stories about the art of giving and collecting that Baroda was famous for.

Wednesday 21st November , 7 pm Followed by drinks & dinner

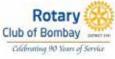
Hosted by: Zeenia & Arin Master

Yiamas Banquets, 10/12 Cochin Street, 1st Floor, Ballard Estate, in the lane between Excelensea and Trust Travels

Pls RSVP in advance. First 30 People in.

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Please note the RCB meeting of Tuesday, November 27th, will be held on Monday. November 26th instead, just for that week. RI **President Elect** Mark Malonev will address the Club.

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NOVEMBER 23

Rtn. Ptn. Priti Gupta

NOVEMBER 25

Rtn. Ptn. Ushma Doshi

Rtn. Ptn. Kamal Katgara

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ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER 20

Rtn. Ptn. Nayna & Rtn. Ashok Chinai

Rtn. Ptn. Thrity & Rtn. Dr. Sorab

Rtn. Poonam & Rtn. Ajit Lalvani

NOVEMBER 24

Rtn. Ptn. Rakhee & Rtn. Manish Reshamwala

NOVEMBER 25

Rtn. Ptn. Madhu & Hon. Rtn. Ravikant Ruia

Rtn. Poornima Advani & Dr. Shailesh

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STATISTICS FOR THE **LAST MEETING**

Club Members	145
Rtn. Partners	02
Visiting Rotarians	06
Guests	20
Rotaractors	03
Total	176
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