

## President's Message

Dear Friends,

We are in the last month of the year 2018 and soon we shall be stepping into the New Year.

Let us treat the New Year as a blank book with pages waiting to be written. Let us define what goes into that book. By sticking to the goals each committee had set and implementing the same with vigour, we can turn them to reality.

Our Fellowship Committee has organised a Christmas Brunch on December 16, at Artisan, Sofitel Hotel, BKC, 12 noon onwards. Do join us for the last fellowship of 2018. We request you to get in touch Rashmi at the Rotary office. Hoping to see all of you. It would be wonderful to see each and every member attend this get-together.

The next meeting on December 18 will be held at the Cricket Club of India.

Kindly note that there shall be no meeting on Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> on account of bank holiday.

Thank You

**Rtn. Vijay Jatia,**  
**President**



## The view from ground zero

Decorated Army officer, Lt General Syed Ata Hasnain talks political threats, competition and lays out the real deal

A second-generation Army officer, Lt General Syed Ata Hasnain, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM, VSM & BAR, counts two of India's finest educational institutions – Sherwood College, Nainital, and St Stephen's College, Delhi – amongst his almae matres. His father was also a General Officer of the Indian Army. This makes his the most decorated Indian

Military family to serve the nation.

Peace and conflict resolution being an area of focus for Rotary, Lt General Ata Hasnain's talk to members was much looked forward to. He spoke on 'Sino-Pak Collusion and its effect on Jammu and Kashmir'. There is nothing like being fully secure, he said, and it is necessary for Mumbaikars to be aware of national security.

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**Next Week:** ARCHITECT BRINDA SOMAYA TALKS ABOUT WORKS AND CONTINUITIES... MUMBAI





PP Rtn. (Dr.) Mukesh Batra, Rtn. Ritu Desai, guest speaker Lt Gen Ata Hasnain, Rtn. Sudha Motwane, Rtn. Ptn. Sweta Vakil, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Pranay Vakil



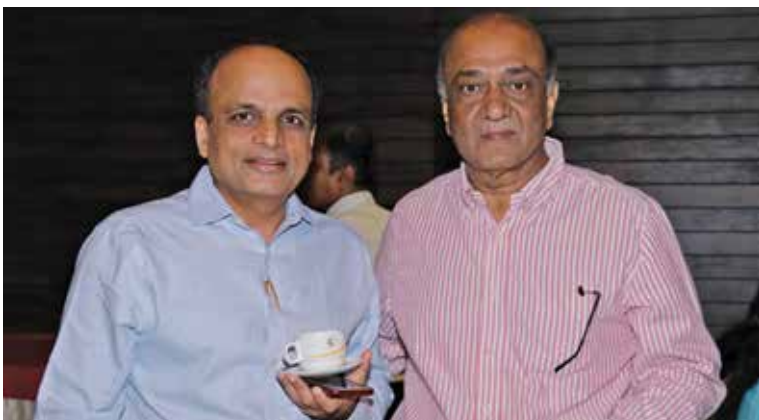
Lt Gen Ata Hasnain keeps Rotarians captivated



Rtn. Pranay Vakil introduces the guest speaker of the day



Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala, Rtn. Framroze Mehta and Rtn. Hoshang Nazir



Rtn. Pulin Shroff and Rtn. Rajesh Shah



Rtn. Framroze Mehta

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Lt General Hasnain drew attention to national security, Kashmir's concerns and our neighbours – especially Pakistan. Pakistan, said Lt General Hasnain, is the only country with five civilisations around it – Indian, Chinese, Persian, Central Asian and Arabian. Each had something or the other to do with Pakistan whether geographically, economically, politically or socially. Hence, the international community was very uncomfortable without Pakistan even though it has suffered radicalism because of it. So, the world looks at it positively because of its strategic geography.

About the Chinese threat, Lt General Hasnain said, China was not an enemy

but a competitor. The Indian Navy posed a threat to the maritime traffic of China that operated from the Andaman Nicobar Route; this was why it wanted to keep India's attention focussed on Eastern Ladakh, Doklam. Known as psychological warfare, this is what won wars without fighting them on the ground. Instead, countries used cyber means, media means etc. Thus, it was a competition from China and a threat from Pakistan.

Moving on to Kashmir and the Siachen Glacier in particular, Lt Gen Hasnain talked about the importance and need of the Indian Government to spend Rs 4 crore a day. If we lost the territory of the Siachen Glacier, we would not be able to hold the Karakoram Range and that

# Jai Hind holds panel discussion on Know Cancer – No Cancer

A live-streamed panel discussion on Cancer awareness was held on November 29, at Jai Hind College, Churchgate. Rtn. (Dr.) Ian Pinto was part of the panel discussion.

RCB received an encouraging response from people in the auditorium as well as through live streaming and social media channels.

The programme was well-conceived with certain last-minute additions like the involvement of Dr. Gautam Sen's organisation Healthsprings. RCB had been on the lookout for hospitals and organisations to conduct the screening tests.

So far, Jaslok and Raheja hospitals have offered to do so, free of cost, for the underprivileged. RCB is now looking forward to tying up with Healthsprings to conduct primary screenings. Students of Jai Hind College have



volunteered to be health ambassadors to take forward RCB objectives. They will be trained to counsel, guide and motivate people to go for screening tests. They will be trained by Dr. Sen at Healthsprings.

Vrushali Palwankar from Rotary Club of Bombay would be the Rotary's single

point of contact to coordinate and direct people to the concerned centres for testing and she will be appropriately briefed.

Many thanks to the committee members who attended: Rtn. Arin Master and Rtn. (Dr.) Suhas Shah.

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would mean the Indian Army would have to pull back and defend from the Ladakh range, leaving the entire area free for China and Pakistan together.

Pakistan has always looked for the opportunity to take the Siachen Glacier but hasn't been able to do so till now, especially since Indian soldiers killed the Pakistani at their post in the '60s. Talking more of the geographic and demographic aspects of Kashmir, Lt General Hasnain explained the complexity of the region.

Talking about Kashmir Valley, he said the way to win a conflict was not always with shooting. One of the best ways, he said, was what a good Rotarian would think of:

economics. Filled pockets that would help citizens be happy and content.

## SO, WHAT WOULD BE THE AIM?

- To mainstream J&K with the rest of India, politically, socially, economically and psychologically.
- To urge people to be Indian, and think Indian.
- To take the current impasse of internal conflict stabilization to conflict resolution.

Lt General Hasnain talked about the Hearts Doctrine, direct outreach to people facilitating dignity and return to the grassroots politics. Humanization of conflict helped in its resolution. Communication was key to engaging people institutionally.

## WHAT HEREAFTER?

- Speak only from a position of strength.
- Balance hard power with outreach directly to people.
- Bring Jammu into the picture.
- Improve governance.
- Gradually dilute Article 370.
- Improve conditions for return of KPs.
- Work on limiting local recruitment.

Conflict, especially in present times, said Lt General Ata Hasnain, was a hybrid; it was psychological, economic, religious and many things more. There is need to mainstream the held part of Kashmir which would change stance and approach and it is the responsibility of educated Indians to bring this change, said Lt General Ata Hasnain.

## DONATIONS FOR THE WEEK



### Totalling

₹ 35,21,000

Rtn. (Dr.) Aashish Contractor  
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Rtn. Ptn. Indira Suresh Kotak

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## Birthday celebrations with Ananda Yaan

This was a birthday celebration with a difference and one that made a difference too. Dheer Katara is just one year old. His parents, Kunal and Sunetra Katara, arranged to commemorate his special day by sharing their joy with members of Ananda Yaan.

There was cake, there were snacks and there was a comedy show.

Kunal and Sunetra Katara are not Rotarians; they simply read about the work the Rotary Club of Bombay was doing with Ananda Yaan and, inspired, wanted to participate in it too.

The family enjoyed their interaction with AY senior members who graciously participated in celebrating the one year old and showered him with their blessings.



## Project Red reaches out to students of Night Study Centre

The Night Study Centre Committee, in partnership with the YMCA, organised 'Project Red' on Friday, November 30, 2018, at the Abhyudaya Nagar Municipal school. This was an hour-long session on the topic of Menstruation, conducted by President Rtn. Aria Ohri (Rotary Club of Bombay Seacoast) and attended by 65 girl students of the Night Study Centre

programme. Also in attendance were Committee members Rtn. Varsha Daiya (with her daughter Kanchi), Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar and Rtn. Raj Ajmera. Rtn. SK Mitra was also present.

Through discussions and a short video, the students were educated on the workings of the body, myths were debunked and guidance was given to them. This was followed by the distribution of sanitary napkins to each of the students present. A few of the students volunteered to help conduct future sessions of this project.

The students who attended will also be given a reference book, called 'Menstrupedia'.

The principal of the Abhyudaya Nagar School requested that a similar session be conducted for all the students of the school and not just the students who are part of the Night Study Centre programme. Encouraged by the response, the Committee plans to conduct similar sessions in the other schools under the Night Study Centre programme.



## Parents visit Bhavishya Yaan School

**BY kids impress their guardians with performances of *The Jungle Book***

NM Joshi Marg BMC School had its meeting with parents of the primary section on November 29. It has been one of the best parents' meetings so far. The attendance was amazing.

The class was over-flowing with parents. Some of them had to stand in the doorway. It was an opportunity to inform everyone about the benefits of BY.

The meeting was also held to tell them about the Diwali Literature

Festival which the primary children enjoyed as it was on Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book*.

Children performed parts they had prepared to showcase this meeting and performed with confidence.

There was big praise for the display of *The Jungle Book* that was put up by our teachers and the parents even took photos of the same.

Primary teachers of the NM Joshi Marg BMC school were also there and they addressed the parents in Marathi and praised RCB's BY Project.

## Did you know?

For more than 110 years, Rotary members have been addressing challenges around the world.

Grassroots at the core, Rotary links 1.2 million members to form an organization of international scope. It started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.

He said: "Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves."

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of its members.

### **US\$ 26.50**

The amount of the first donation to The Rotary Foundation in 1917.

### **US \$ 500**

The Rotary Foundation's first gift, made to the International Society for Crippled Children in 1930.

## ROTARIANS MAKING WAVES

**Hon. Rtn. Adi Godrej**



Congratulations on receiving the ET Lifetime Achievement Award 2018.

**PP. Rtn. Kalpana Munshi**



Congratulations on receiving the Consumer Service Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Demonstration of Leadership Imperative Promoting Consumerism and Fair Business Practices 2016-2018.

**Rtn. Suresh Kotak**



Congratulations on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award for contribution to the Indian Cotton Textile Industry at Confederation of Indian Textile Industry's Delhi Diamond Jubilee Celebration, Global Textiles Conclave 2018 at Vigyan Bhavan.



## MEDICAL CAMP AT IWA CLINIC

The International Women's Association (IWA) Clinic, supported by the Rotary Club of Bombay, held a very successful medical camp on November 28, 2018 at the Clinic's premises at Fort, opposite New Excelsior Cinema.

Check-ups were conducted by a general practitioner, dentist, gynaecologist, paediatrician and some x-rays were also taken. Homemade poha, a banana, juice, tooth paste and a packet of sanitary napkins were given to each child.

The camp was attended by 38 girls aged eight to 17 years from the Convent of Jesus and Mary High School and Junior College, Kharghar. The private bus which ferried them to the clinic was sponsored by St. John's Ambulance.

The Clinic is open every weekday from 11 am to 4:30 pm. In the next few weeks, the clinic which now sees footfalls of over 500 persons a month, will start functioning on Saturdays.



## Mall day out for kids at Ambedkar school

The children of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar School had a blast at McDonald's at Phoenix Mall on Children's Day. The children had burgers and ice cream. The McDonald's staff were extremely helpful and ensured that all kids enjoyed their meal. Many of the children had never been to a mall before. They loved going up the escalator to Hamley's where they were greeted with soap bubbles! Hamley's gifted each child a pencil. The children enjoyed their outing.



**CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA**

**MENU  
DECEMBER 18, 2018**

**SOUP**  
Tomato shorba



**SALAD BAR**

Fruit chaat, Tossed mixed salad

**VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE**

Aloo bharwan dahiwale, Cannelloni  
Florentine, Paneer pasanda, Yellow dal  
tadka, Peas pulao

**ACCOMPANIMENTS**

Boondi raita with naan, roti, kulcha

**DESSERT**

Caramel custard, Gajar halwa

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CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO  
**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH**  
SUNDAY, 16TH DECEMBER 2018  
ARTISAN, SOFITEL HOTEL, BKC  
12 NOON ONWARDS

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**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Christmas Brunch, December 16, 2018** at  
Artisan, Sofitel Hotel, BKC , 12 noon onwards.

**Speaker Brinda Somaya, December 18, 2018** at  
CK Nayudu Hall, Cricket Club of India.



## Next week: Architect Brinda Somaya

Brinda Somaya is an architect and urban conservationist. In 2017 she became a Member of the Council of Architecture Committee to Review the Profession and Education of Architecture in India and she also joined the Board of the LafargeHolcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction, Zurich, Switzerland. She has recently been appointed by Cornell University, U.S.A. as the A.D. White Professor-at-large. Over four decades she has merged architecture, conservation and social equity in projects ranging from institutional campuses and rehabilitation of an earthquake-torn village to the restoration of an 18th century Cathedral, showing that progress and history need not be at odds. Her philosophy: 'the Architect's role is that of guardian – hers is the conscience of the built and un-built environment.' She will be talking to us about 'Works and Continuities... Mumbai'.



Ar. Brinda Somaya

ANNIVERSARIES	
DECEMBER 11	
Rtn. Ptn. Khorshed & Rtn. Nanu Daruvala	
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## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES FROM DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

12<sup>th</sup>



RTN. HIRANMAY BISWAS

12<sup>th</sup>



RTN. NANIK RUPANI

17<sup>th</sup>



RTN. ANAND DALAL

17<sup>th</sup>



RTN. ALIAKBAR MERCHANT

## STATISTICS FOR THE LAST MEETING

Club Members	87
Rtn. Partners	03
Visiting Rotarians	03
Guests	00
Rotaractors	05
Total	98
SERVICE BOX COLLECTION	₹ 1800



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