



DISTRICT 3141

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Last week, we lost our dear Rtn. (Dr.) Nayna Dastur. She was a member of our Club for 23 years. She was loaned the classification "Medical Practice: Gynaecology & Obstetrics." We wish her family strength through this difficult time.

Under the Water Committee, we recently inaugurated two plants at Ashagad and Talwada on Republic Day. I am glad that most of our projects have been on track, as planned.

Just a reminder to all those who have not yet registered for the DISCON: The District Conference will be held on February 23 and 24, 2019, at Hotel Renaissance. Kindly make

the most of it and register at the earliest.

Please get in touch with Ms. Rashmi at the Rotary office for more details.



Thank You!

Vijay Jatia

Rtn. Vijay Jatia
President

Speaking for peace

Rotary Peace Scholar Retd. Justice Roshan Dalvi threw light on the nature of peace and its importance in society

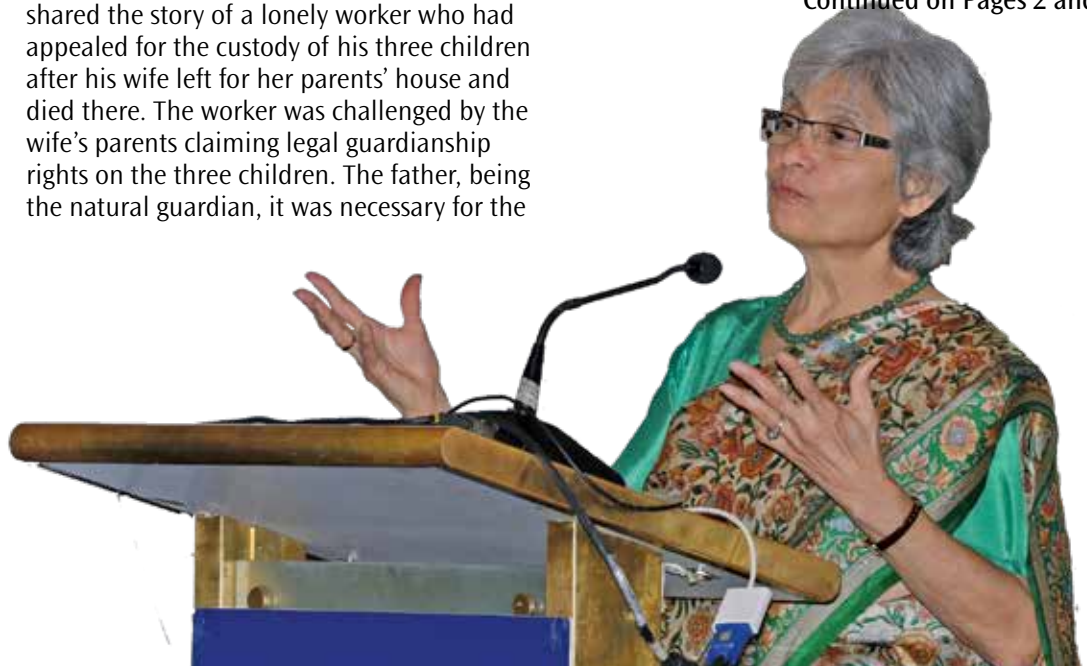
There is a need to look for peace, not only between countries but also between families, societies and relations, says Retd. Justice Roshan Dalvi. "Peace is not just absence of war, but presence of something very material – presence of no conflict. That need not be armed conflicts, they can be unarmed conflicts, which are called 'structural violence' that germinates in the societal structure.

Justice Dalvi recalled some of her cases as a judge which dealt with conflict resolution. She shared the story of a lonely worker who had appealed for the custody of his three children after his wife left for her parents' house and died there. The worker was challenged by the wife's parents claiming legal guardianship rights on the three children. The father, being the natural guardian, it was necessary for the

court to see if he was a fit guardian, a worthy father or not. Having produced proof of a job, Justice Dalvi was convinced that the worker was a true father and was ready to go through the hardships and hence the conflict was settled.

Justice Dalvi shares that there are conflicts or conflictual relations even before birth. We have the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994, enacted to stop female foeticide and arrest the declining sex ratio in India. This was followed by another interesting and heart-warming example by Justice Dalvi, where she was to legally permit adoption of a baby boy by a lady who was unable to conceive.

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TODAY'S SPEAKER: SANJIV MEHTA, CHAIRMAN & MD, HINDUSTAN UNILEVER LIMITED

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SPEAKER FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2019: Retd. Supreme Court Judge B N Krishna on De-polarizing India.





Hon Sec. Rekha Tanna, President Vijay Jatia, Rtn. Kasimali Merchant, Retd. Justice Roshan Dalvi, Rtn. Nandan Maluste



Rtn. Hiren Kara, Rtn. Bharat Merchant and visiting guests with Rotaractor Kushal



PP Rtn. Rajnikant Reshamwala, Rtn. Sameer Kaji, Rtn. Rajas Doshi



PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla and PE Rtn. Preeti Mehta

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According to the Hindu Law one cannot adopt a same sex child, which is supposed to encourage female adoption. The twist came when, while the lady loved one baby boy at the adoption agency and was waiting for the court to approve adoption, she conceived. Now, because she was going to bear a child, the sex was necessary to be determined so that the law prevails. But the lady was really in love with the baby boy and wished to adopt him only. Keeping the object of the legislation and not disturbing the law, the conflict was solved by Justice Dalvi who declared that the same sex law would not apply as she had conceived after stepping into adoption procedures. Justice Dalvi slept peacefully that night, she said.

Justice Dalvi learnt that when there is failure of justice, there is always conflict, especially in cases of sexual abuse of women and children. It is a social conflict, it happens everywhere. Justice Dalvi narrated another story where a five-year-old girl was molested. Justice Dalvi decided to conduct the trial in her chamber rather than in what would have seemed like a loud and scary court setting to the child.

Justice Dalvi warned defence as well as prosecution lawyers to keep their voices low and the policemen to remain at the threshold of the door so as to conduct the trial without making it uncomfortable for the girl. Justice Dalvi placed the accused behind the girl so she could not see him while her mother was in sitting in the front. Justice Dalvi

assured the little girl that it would be the last time she would have to narrate the incident. Afterwards, Justice Dalvi asked if the person who had done it was in the room, she turned but could not say anything. Justice Dalvi decided to note the fright on the face of the child as an indication of identification when the girl turned to her and said, "Yes, he is the one!" And the girl was free.

Justice Dalvi also brought to light the ADR, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Multi-party Interest-based Negotiation, Facilitation, Mediation and Consideration. In the International Court of Justice, mediation is largely sort to bring about peace.

In India's contextual situation we have conflict, not in presence of war but absence of peace. In her one of the dissertations, Justice Dalvi chose Babri Masjid as the topic, pre-1992 and now in the era of fundamentalist and politicians. Justice Dalvi said it could be solved by Multi-party Interest-based Negotiation, Facilitation, Mediation and Consideration where the stakeholders got together to get the best. And secondly, mapping the conflict historically and geographically.

Justice Dalvi said she believed that the Supreme Court would take in to consideration all the legislation but some sections would remain disheartened. Hence, Justice Dalvi summed it up by saying, "If it is going to be, it is up to be!"

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Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla



Rtn. Nandan Maluste introduces the speaker



Members at the meeting shower Retd. Justice Roshan Dalvi with a thunderous applause

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A vote of thanks by Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla

“Ladies and Gentlemen, when an advocate accepts judgeship when invited from the bar, that judge’s friends, well wishers and advisors immediately categorise the judge. And there are only two categories: the first is a deity which is well known to all lawyers which says, as I took my seat up on the bench as an independent heir, I could hear the walls declare, how the hell did he get there?”

“The second category is when the friends and the well wishers go up to that advocate and say, ‘What possessed you? Your thriving practice, your brilliant career you gave up just to sit on that bench?’

“No prizes for guessing to which category Roshan Dalvi belongs. She is a formidable judge. Even after Justice Roshan Dalvi retired, she did not relax, she teaches at Judicial Academies all over India to shape future judges and lawyers.”

Rtn. Bharat Merchant remembers the beginning of Rotaract

Fifty years ago, the Rotaract club of Bombay was started at Siddharth, to catch youngsters and shape them and encourage them to develop leadership skills. Dr. Mangaldas Shah was the first to start a Rotaract in the city. Club members comprised of students from 20 different colleges. The Rotaract was ahead of the Rotary in terms of gender as there was no gender discrimination and women were allowed to participate way back in 1968 while Rotary began the same only in 1989. Students participated in community service areas including JJ Hospital, eye camps at Yusuf Meher Ali Centre at Tara Village, Sutar Pakhadi Diwali celebration, Fellowship, Teacher’s day. The RCB Rotarians played a key role in shaping Rotaractors. Rtn. Bharat Merchant appealed to Rotarians to support, encourage and groom Rotaractors of today. He reminded all, not only are they the future of the country but also of the Rotary movement itself.



President Vijay Jatia thanks Retd. Justice Roshan Dalvi for her time spent at RCB



Rtn. Aziz Javeri, Rtn. Ashok Jatia, with a visiting Rotarian



PP Rtn. Nirav Shah, Rtn. Madhusudan Daga, PP Rtn. Nowroze Vazifdar

In Memoriam

Late Rtn. (Dr.) Nayna Dastur



Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Diabetes camp @ Ananda Yaan

Republic Day care for the elderly

The Rotary Club of Bombay thanks Rtn. Rahil Shah for organising a diagnostic blood test camp for 75 senior citizens at the new Dr E. Moses Road centre on January 25 as a pre-Republic Day celebration.



The elderly were tested for haemoglobin and fasting and post meal sugar levels. Members showing any signs of ill health will be guided to Cotton Green clinic of RCB for free. They can take advantage of both allopathy and Dr. Batra's homeopathic clinic for diabetes and anaemia at the Cotton Green clinic.

HR College youth celebrates Republic Day with kids



The primary children of G K Marg BMC School celebrated Republic Day in school. They started by singing the National Anthem. This was followed by various activities. They made the National Flag, some cards, did a craft activity around the peacock, our National Bird, and participated in a handwriting competition.



Rotary Club of Bombay thanks HR College volunteers Nidhi and Bhoomi who helped the children in the flag making and peacock craft activities. They decorated the room with tricoloured balloons and gave prizes to the best handwriting/ flag/ peacock. The celebration ended with the children enjoying a yummy traditional snack of *jalebis* and *fafda*.

Safe drinking water for Ashagad and Talwada!

Republic Day inauguration of Jal Jeevan plants

Jal Jeevan inaugurated water purification plants at Jeevandhara Kanya Ashram Shala, Ashagad, Dahanu city, and at Adivasi Seva Mandal School & Hostel, Talwada on January 26, 2019. The Ashagad facility will benefit 550 children and 25 faculty members while the Talwada facility will provide water to over a thousand students and 30 faculty members.

Jal Jeevan, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Bombay, is all about providing safe drinking water to slums, schools and public places in and around Mumbai. Jal Jeevan starts with a need assessment and if the results are positive, the source of water is assessed and raw water is tested to estimate its quality. An appropriate purification plant is installed on the premises along with a maintenance contract. Simultaneously, Jal Jeevan works with the community to train them to run and operate the water purification plant on a day-to-day basis.

So far, Jal Jeevan has already established water plants at slums centres at Rafi Nagar and Sathenagar. This has directly benefited over 20,000 people. In addition, Jal Jeevan has installed purification plants at 11 schools in Malvani, Malad benefiting 4,700 students, at the four hostels of JJ Hospital benefiting over a thousand students, our own Bhavishya Yaan schools and the Anjuman Islam High School (Kurla) benefiting over 6,500 students and faculty members.

Recently, Jal Jeevan embarked on a project to install drinking water purification plants in 14 villages that won the Water Cup (an initiative of the Paani Foundation wherein villages are rewarded for their work and accomplishments on watershed management). Besides, it is also pursuing an active project to provide drinking water solutions to 10 villages in the Jalna region. In addition, approximately 35-40 more villages (from the Paani Foundation initiative) across Maharashtra will be provided safe drinking water solutions in the next six months.



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KERALA'S ST. THOMAS HOSPITAL THANKS RCB & YMCA

Dr. Charlie Cherian, Medical Superintendent / Director at St. Thomas Hospital, Malakkara, Kerala, acknowledged receiving Tuscope III w/o touch para monitors from Cyrix Health Care Private Ltd. on January 21, 2019. The equipment has been

installed and is fully functional. Members of St. Thomas Hospital expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Rotary Club Bombay & YMCA Bombay for this tremendous initiative in assisting them during the post flood restoration.

‘Do cacti have flowers?’



This innocent question was asked by a five-year-old when 40 students from Rotary Club of Bombay's Lighthouse class visited the Bombay Port Trust Sagar Upvan garden at Colaba on January 25, 2019. Four teachers and three mothers from the machimaar community accompanied the children on this trip.

The visit was planned to coincide with the topic of 'plants' that the students are currently learning as part of the new 'Engage' curriculum. In the garden, the children observed different varieties of



plants from tall coconut palms to small flowering shrubs. They were excited to see tamarind trees and shouted: "Imli grows on trees"

They even got the opportunity to view exotic species of cacti in a greenhouse. They were happily surprised to see small flowers on some cacti which they had thought only had thorns. A fruitful excursion, the children returned eager to jot down their observations in their notebooks.



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₹ 3,57,500**

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Patient count for RCB centres

MEDICAL CENTRES	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre	1884	1182	1554	4620
Phiroze Ratanshah Vakil Eye Centre	2041	1938	1721	5700
International Women's Association Clinic	510	305	369	1184
Cotton Green Medical Centre	725	697	685	2107

REACHING OUT TO THE ELDERLY

Birthday celebration with a difference

Anvita Seksaria, daughter of Rtn. Alok Seksaria, reached out to 80 senior citizens on her milestone 18th birthday. Anvita meticulously planned an evening to celebrate her big day with family and elders at Ananda Yaan.

The evening started with the Byculla members of Ananda Yaan giving the birthday girl a traditional welcome. The

hall was decorated with kites that the elders had made and personalised for Anvita.

Anvita arranged devotional music and a spiritual talk for Anand Yaan members and sang along with them, invoking blessings from both god and the elders.

She cut the cake with another member celebrating her birthday. Everyone thanked her for arranging music, food, chaat and kulfi stalls. She gave steel boxes and bottles to all her new friends.

Anvita will cherish these memories for many years; we hope all are equally inspired to celebrate their landmark days with those less privileged than them.



MENU (CONTINENTAL) FEBRUARY 12, 2019

SOUP

Roasted almond soup, Bread basket

SALAD BAR

Carrot & raisin salad, Waldorf salad, Assorted greens with vinaigrette

VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Pasta in fine herb sauce, Burnt chilli risotto, Fricassee of vegetables in curry mustard, Jacket potatoes with sour cream, Vegetables au gratin

NON VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Grilled fish with pesto, Chicken with pommery mustard sauce

DESSERT

Assorted cheesecake, Lemon tart, Fresh cut fruits with vanilla ice-cream

UPCOMING EVENTS



FEBRUARY 12, 2019

Guest Speaker
Retd. Supreme
Court Judge B
N SriKrishna on
'Depolarizing India'.



FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Fellowship by Rtn. Ptn. Jyoti & Rtn. Rajas Doshi. At Las Palmas Gardens, Little Gibbs Road, Malabar Hill, 7.30 pm onwards.

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

2nd Club assembly at IMC, 5.30 pm.

FEBRUARY 23-24, 2019

District Conference at Hotel Renaissance.

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

In Camera Evening with Dr. Jehangir Sorabjee, at 17 D, Il Palazzo, Malabar Hill, Little Gibbs Road, Behind Malabar Hill Club, 7 pm onwards.



All Directors and Committee Chairpersons are requested to send their project write ups with high resolution pictures to Rtn. Satyan Israni for publishing in the Gateway at the following email id:

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Next Week: Retd. Supreme Court Judge B N Srikrishna



Former Supreme Court Judge, Justice B N Srikrishna leads the effort to draft new data privacy laws for India that will regulate how tech giants from US and elsewhere will operate in the country.

Bellur

Narayanaswamy
SriKrishna first

came into the limelight when, as a Judge in the Bombay High Court in the '90s, he headed the "Srikrishna Commission" that investigated the Bombay riots of 1992-93. The reports submitted by the commission were taken note of in India and abroad. Since his retirement from the Supreme Court of India in 2006, he has been on several high-profile commissions. Currently, he is the chairman of the Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission (FSLRC) and also works as an Independent Arbitrator.

Justice B N Srikrishna will receive the P V Gandhi Excellence in Public Life Award on February 12, 2019, during RCB's regular meeting. He will be addressing the Club on "De-polarizing India".

BIRTHDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 5TH TO 11TH, 2019

6th



**RTN. ASHOK
GOKUL**

7th



**RTN. RAVINDRA
FOTEDAR**

8th



**RTN. (DR.)
ANAND SHAH**

10th



**RTN. MAYANK
KUMMAR**

11th



RTN. HIREN KARA



PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY 6

Rtn. Ptn. Ummehaani
Bagasrawala

FEBRUARY 7

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FEBRUARY 9

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FEBRUARY 10

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Rtn. Ptn. Franklin John

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FEBRUARY 5

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Katgara

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Daiya

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FEBRUARY 9

Rtn. Ptn. Kavita & Rtn. Anand
Dalal

Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala & Rtn. Ashok
Jatia

FEBRUARY 11

Rtn. Ptn. Namrata & Rtn. (Dr.)
Ashok Kirpalani

Rtn. Ptn. Mridula & Rtn. Nandan
Maluste

Rtn. Ptn. Rita & Rtn. Subhash
Sagar

Rtn. Ptn. Gopi & PP Rtn. Ashish
Vaid

STATISTICS FOR THE LAST MEETING

Club Members	156
Rtn. Partners	10
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	05
Rotaractors	08
Total	180
SERVICE BOX COLLECTION	₹ 1880

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