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President's Message

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Taiwan! We are 30 members travelling to Taiwan-Korea for a 10-day visit. We will be back right in time before the next meeting.

Meanwhile, RCB has successfully installed another drinking water facility at the Yusuf Meherally Vidyalaya at Tardeo under the Jal Jeevan project. The heat wave seems to have hit us already but we are happy that the cool water will provide relief to more than 330 students and faculty.

Please note that our meeting for April 23 will be held on April 24 instead, in the evening, at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya. A musical evening has been arranged



along with dinner, followed by the inauguration of our project of the illumination of the facade and garden of the CSMVS Museum carried out by our Environment Committee. This has only been possible because of the magnanimous contribution by Rtn. Manoj Israni. Do join in large numbers.

Thank You!

Vijay Jatia

Rtn. Vijay Jatia
President

‘Extinction is a reality’

Rather than be a parasite devouring all of Earth's resources, mankind must develop more sustainable ways to fuel its engine of growth

CAN POLICYMAKING integrate a scientific approach into development? This was the question thrown up by last Tuesday's guest speaker Dr. Deepak Apte (Director, Bombay Natural History Society).



Although Dr. Apte was speaking of India specifically, this is a question that many growing economies have struggled with over the past decades. South America, for example, with

development raging through the Amazon Rainforest has faced this question at every step of its progress. Mankind's right to work and subsistence have faced off with our duty towards the other inhabitants of planet Earth, our shared home.

Rather than speak in broad, general terms, Dr. Apte asked, "What are we fighting for?" To focus thought, he unveiled a virtual treasure chest of fabulous creatures.

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Words of encouragement at 90th anniversary celebrations

PRIP (2011-2012) Kalyan Banerjee

The word 'good' has many different aspects. It's like a well-cut, polished diamond that shines no matter which way you look at it. Rotary is a bit like that diamond. But nowhere else is Rotary as good as it is here and in your Rotary Club of Bombay.

Truth to tell, I have always rated your club as the second best in the whole world, second only to mine, at Vapi, in Gujarat. So, as you enter your ninth decade, I ask you to carry on the great work you have always been engaged in. Help in eradicating polio in the world by motivating Pakistan



and energising Afghanistan. Support Rotary India's effort in making India literate by taking all its women and its children to 90 per cent literacy plus and more. Work with youth and promote Rotaract – and show the world how we can enhance Rotary's growth by involving them in carrying on our legacy. Help promote peace through your support to The Rotary Foundation and despite the roadblocks, despite the pitfalls, despite the naysayers and doom-mongers, prove again and again that as long as there is Rotary there is always hope for a better tomorrow.

DG Shashikumar Sharma

The most successful people are those who give their life, time and energy for others, all the time thinking about bringing a change for a better tomorrow in service to mankind. Love whatever you do, every service you render, be a giver, serve others and as much as possible, keep building your wealth by doing good in the world. Enjoy Rotary, be the inspiration ready to create miracles. Friends, that is the concept of this year: create miracles, make them happen, nothing is impossible.



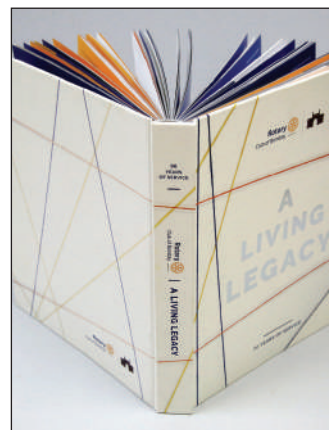
Smt. Rajashree Birla

My heartiest congratulations to the Rotary Club of Bombay on this phenomenal milestone of completing 90 years of selfless service and dedication. Captured in this coffee table book titled *A Living Legacy*, I can well imagine the herculean task it must have been for the team led by Shri Vijay Jatia to stitch together nine decades of the organisational history and the great work done by RCB. The approach to the coffee table book is unique, it goes beyond researching the archives; the team has made stupendous efforts to capture the memories of Rotarians who have been instrumental in shaping the history of the Club and that is what distinguishes



it. But then, Rotarians are a class act – they have a spark, they have a spunk. I feel humbled and privileged to be part of this memoir.

In my long association with Rotarians I have always been struck by the spirit of altruism. We, in the Aditya Birla group, have been in step with Rotary International in the eradication of polio. Through the Rotary



'A LIVING LEGACY' PHOTO CREDIT STUDIO ANUGRAHA



clubs in Mumbai, we galvanised support from the government's health department, international organisations to make this happen.

Being with Rotarians reminds me of Leo Tolstoy, who said, "Joy can only be real if people look upon their life as a service and

have a definite object in life outside themselves and their personal happiness!" And, Albert Einstein who said, "It is high time the ideal of success be replaced with the ideal of service. Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." This is in the DNA of Rotary clubs. Once again, it is a pleasure to be with you all today.



Since its inception, what could be called the heart of the Rotary Club of Bombay, its Community Service Committee, was beating healthily and spiritedly. It had already organised a Rag Day, had made contributions to the Children's Society and arranged for the transport of Hindu and Muslim children from Juhu on festival days. A catalogue of good works in which the Club came to be engaged would be endless since it continues and covers a wide field.

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Through a slide show, Dr. Apte shared his intimate knowledge of living beings that walk the Earth alongside us but to whom we are impervious.

Talking of the Olive Ridley sea turtles that come to the tiny island of Bhitarkanika, Orissa, he said, "This is the largest recurring of sea turtles anywhere in the world in an area not larger than two square kilometre. We are not fighting to save the whole coast of Orissa, just this small patch of two square kilometre!"

Pointing to bird migration patterns he spoke, most passionately, about Mumbai's backyard Sewri which attracted winged creatures from across the world. "Birds the size of my palm migrate all the way from Arctic Russia to nest and feed in our 30 sq km patch of wetlands. The Arctic Tern, a bird that weighs 110 gm, makes the longest migration journey in the world – an annual round trip of 71,000 km. A tiny dragonfly flies 18,000 km from the Western Ghats to Africa. This is what we are trying to protect!" exclaimed Dr. Apte. What a commercial flight cannot do, a bird less than a foot in size does: fly 11,500 km non-stop for nine days without touching the ground.

"That is what we are trying to save," emphasised Dr. Apte. "That is why we need to fight for every inch of the oceans, to save these species. The Alpine Swift, smaller than my palm, flies 200 days non-stop and covers 2,000 km from Africa to Europe. The Common Swift does 16,000 km non-stop for 10 months without touching the ground."

Going back to the Olive Ridleys, Dr. Apte shared that not only do the turtles hatch their eggs at the same coast, but the new-born female Ridleys come to the same place to hatch their eggs



after they become adults. "That is why protecting these spaces is of absolute, paramount importance. Any change in these spaces will not work, the sea turtles will not understand; they are not genetically configured that way. That is why embedding science in conservation is imperative. Unfortunately, today's problem is that policies are divorced from science and conservation. You have policies which have nothing to do with science. Policies are driven by the economy but that is not a good model for development; such policies do not take nuances of conservation into account," said Dr. Apte.

"It is painful and frustrating to see habitats being lost and degraded every day because decision-makers do not have sensitivity about this subject," he added. "Today, we promote renewable energy but if you do not integrate science into the planning, what happens is this: you pinpoint the maximum wind potential in the country which is along the western coast of India and there is a massive development of windmills. But the western coast also has a massive network of 'important bird areas'. These 'bird areas' are nothing but millions of birds migrating or residential, who use these areas."

Dr. Apte also talked of urban biodiversity under threat. "There are three important projects coming up at Sewri, the backyard of Mumbai: Mumbai Nhava

Sheva-Sewri Sea Link, Navi Mumbai International Airport and now, there is a proposal for a bullet train that will go through the Sewri Creek. Imagine the impact of these large projects upon a small, 30 sq km area, upon what we call the Eastern Seafront. Unless we embrace and embed science into planning stages, these conflicts are inevitable. We don't plan and then later come to the realisation that we have made a mess of things because we find ourselves working amidst one of the largest congregations of flamingos in India. We have more than one-and-a-half-million birds flying to these seascapes annually. What is going to be the impact of these three large projects on these seascapes? We don't know. We have never tried to do a policy formulation to look at some of these critical sites."

In another example, Dr. Apte shared the case The Gateway of India precinct, which large numbers of people flock to annually, to enjoy water coming in from the sea, especially during the rains when the tides are at their highest.

Dr. Apte said, "I see such a picture with great sadness as it was not there three decades ago. This means that the sea is coming to us. It is a warning for us that it is going to hit us hard. Any infrastructure you develop in this area now will have huge economic and human consequences to deal with. If not now, two decades from now. The sea has already inched 800 m towards land. Nature has no mercy. It will hit you back with consequences you cannot deal with. What happens in the sea directly impacts the land; you cannot disfranchise the impact of land away from the sea."

"Extinction is a reality," said Dr. Apte. "Extinction will be a direct consequence of what we do with our remaining last pockets of forest and ocean and therefore a people's movement is necessary to prevent it."



In 1931, discussions over lunch continued and it was agreed that the caterers should be asked to provide a lighter lunch during the hot weather or, alternatively, a choice of dishes. At this time, the practice was started of the President inviting Directors to lunch when pleasure and business could be fruitfully combined. Also, the precedent was established of asking H.E. the Governor to visit the Club at one of its regular meetings during the rains.
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Jal Jeevan for Yusufali Meherally Vidyalaya



The Rotary Club of Bombay inaugurated a new Jal Jeevan Safe Drinking Water Facility at Yusuf Meherally Vidyalaya (YMV) at Tardeo, Mumbai on March 25, 2019. YMV is a co-educational Marathi medium school established in 1963. It provides an almost-free education to children from lower income groups.

The facility was inaugurated by Moti Saraf (father of Rtn. Abhishek Saraf), and President Vijay Jatia. In

attendance were Rtn. Vineet Suchanti, PP. Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, PP. Rtn. Paul George, Rtn. Abhishek Saraf and Ashok Chhabria. Vijaya Chauhan (Secretary, YMV Society) and Mr Chaudhary (Principal, YMV) along with students and faculty members welcomed the facility's timely installation ahead of the summer months. More than 330 students and faculty members are expected to benefit from this installation daily.



Team 2019-20 meets to plan ahead

The incoming team led by PE Preeti Mehta conducted an off-site at Rhythm Lonavala on March 16, 2019. The well-organised event (thanks to Rtn. Ashok Jatia and the Rhythm Team) saw an excellent turn out of Past Presidents, Directors, Office Bearers and Committee Chairpersons for the Rotary Year 2019-20 who expatiated their plans and debated key issues such as membership, assimilation and fund-raising.

A Rotary quiz tailored by Rtn. Tara Deshpande and team-building games organised by the Rhythm Team led by Rtn. Ashok and



Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala Jatia added bonding opportunities for the participants. Everyone enjoyed the warm and generous hospitality of Rtn. Ashok and Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala Jatia and Rtn. Aziz Javeri and Rtn. Ptn. Sudha at their lovely homes.



In 1931, it was agreed that the subject of the address of the following week should be announced every Tuesday. Reflecting the ever-increasing pace of life, there was also a suggestion that meetings should proceed more briskly than they had been doing. A new procedure was instituted which allowed for the introduction of guests during lunch so that the address could start at 2 pm. Just to bring perspective, a Rotary office assistant was paid Rs 20 per month. #celebrating90amazingyears



PROJECT RED POWERS AHEAD

The Gender Equality Committee conducted one more session under the Project Red programme on Saturday, March 16, 2019. Around 350 girls of Maratha Mandir's Babasaheb Gawde school at Worli were taught about the human body. Rotarian members present were Committee Chairman Rtn. Ravi Fotedar, Rtn. Anar Shah and Rtn. Ptn. Bijal Kara and Rtn. Ptn. Dhvanika Thakkar. Rtn. Aria Ohri (President, Rotary Club of Bombay Sea Coast) attended the event and screened a half-hour film on the changes in a girl's body along with hygiene and diet tips. She also bust quite a few myths and emphasised better hygiene for all.

RCB distributed a year's supply of sanitary napkins to all 350 girls. The Club also donated 20 books of *Menstrupedia* (a comic book-style, friendly guide to

periods). Principal Vandana Kumbhar will distribute them in classrooms and have them stocked as reference books. The whole session was vibrant with immense participation from the girls. The question and answer session was

interactive too. Playing fly on the wall was RCB's visiting guest Yijun Zhou, a political correspondent from Hong Kong. Zhou is doing a study on 'Education systems in the changing world' and had

requested that she be allowed to attend and film the session. The success of the programme prompted Principal Kumbhar to request RCB if the Club could organise a counselling session under the aegis of the Gender Equality Committee.



Gender Equality Committee presents Project Red

Distribution of a year's supply of sanitary napkins to 150 girls studying in municipality schools.

At: 11.30 am, April 6, 2019, Saturday

Venue: ISME, One Indiabulls Centre Tower IA, 6th floor, Balasheth Mandurkar Marg, Saidham Nagar, Parel, Mumbai

All are requested to attend.






At about this time, the first hesitant steps towards associating ladies with Club meetings became firmer when a Ladies Lunch was arranged at which Miss Amy Rustonjee was asked to speak. It was also realised that the post of Sergeant-at-Arms was vacant in the structure of Rotary's official hierarchy. But no one was quite clear as to what this post involved. The Secretary was asked to write to Commissioner James to obtain details.
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APRIL 2, 2019

Environment Committee reports back

By Chairman Priyasri Patodia

The environment-friendly, energy-saving façade and landscape lighting at the CSMVS Museum is in tandem with the solar plant installed by RCB in the same premises. CSMVS is a Grade-I Heritage building of the city housing an outstanding collection of about 50,000 artefacts.

The CSMVS museum has been issued a Platinum Certification (the highest on the sustainable practices rating scale) from the IGBC (Indian Green Building Council). It is a certification that is issued to public buildings that develop sustainable practices and solutions to reduce negative environmental impacts.

An updated list of activities follows, achieved by Joyoti Roy (Head, Marketing and Strategy) and Bhavdatt Patel (Administrative Officer appointed by CSMVS) and Rtn. Priyasri Patodia (Chairman, Environment Committee).

*Appointment of a professional lighting designer: Bhagvan Shirsekar (Lighting Environment Design). The consultant made five site visits and submitted a proposal to the



RCB Director and President.

*An MOU was signed between RCB Charities Trust No 3 and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya. Since the museum is under the Green certification programme and Ms Kirti Patil of Eco First is the appointed consultant, there was a meeting to comply with the requirement for the green certification.

*A Rotary event was held to place the placard at CSMVS. The proposal was presented to the CSMVS team.

Drawings and scope of work were presented as well.

*A floating tender was circulated to five bidders – Crompton, Philips, Bajaj, Studio Licht, Techvision Design. A comparison-based report was submitted of quotations received from vendors.

*Final evaluation reports were made and the vendor was finalized. The site visit was carried out with the vendor and the person of contact at CSMVS Museum.



RCB's sincere gratitude goes out to Rtn. Manoj Israni

for his enormous donation towards the Museum.

Will you, won't you?



Rtn. Ptn. Mridula and Rtn. Nandan Maluste hosted an intimate gathering of Rotarians and spouses at their beautiful residence on March 20, 2019. The talk was well attended.

The speaker was eminent lawyer Rtn. Anil Harish. His talk on the essentials of making a will was engaging and informative. Beginning with: does one need to make a will? And if one does not then what are the implications? Having decided to make a will how does one go about it? What can be included in it and how does it become complete in every respect?

Anil shared interesting examples from his own practice, a few cases of multiple changes in the form of successive wills, and

plenty of cases of disputed wills and forged wills!

He even provided a valuable tip on how to prevent disputes by highlighting the no-contest clause that results in the person contesting the contents of the will losing his or her inheritance.

The last portion of his talk focused on where to keep the will after it is made, how to execute it, and what could be done in case the inheritance is passed on to minors. Many questions arose after the talk but had to be stopped to move on to drinks and dinner.

The evening of knowledge, thanks to the generosity of Rtn. Ptn. Mridula and Rtn. Nandan Maluste, was enjoyed by all.



As the Club struck roots, there was no lack of proposals for outings and other similar activities. Yet the Directors felt that parties for outings, picnics etc were not practicable and recommended instead visits to hills, museums, printing presses etc., perhaps, during the lunch hour. This did not sound practicable either and it must be assumed that at this stage of the Club's story there was not too great an interest in outings. #celebrating90amazingyears



COLOURS OF FELLOWSHIP

Rtn. Naresh Jain and Rtn. Mohit & Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Jain hosted a wonderful Holi fellowship at their residence on March 21, 2019. Rotarians and partners enjoyed playing Holi with flowers and colour with live music and a fabulous spread of Delhi Chaat.



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MENU

APRIL 9, 2019

SOUP

Badam ka shorba, Assorted bread
rolls and butter

SALAD

Sev papdi chaat, Pakodi chaat,
Hara chana chaat

NON-VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Murgir jhol, Kosha mangsho

VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Baingan ka bharta, Aloor dum,
Shukto, Litti chokha, Cholar dal

ACCOMPANIMENTS

Ghee bhat, Assorted Indian breads,
Raita, Pickle/ Papad/ Kachumber

DESSERT

Sandesh platter, Malpua, Cut-fruit
platter



April 2: Panel Discussion with Nitya Mehra,
Executive Producer and Director of the Indian
web series *Made in Heaven*.

April 6: Project Red by the Gender Equality
Committee at ISME, One India Bulls Centre
Tower 1A, Parel, 11.30 am.

April 9: Guest speaker Subodh Jaiswal, DG of
Police, Maharashtra.

April 16: Official Club visit of DG Rtn. Shashi
Sharma to the Rotary Club of Bombay.

April 16: Fellowship dinner by Rtn. Ptn. Amita
and Rtn. Ravi Sheth at Ocean House Terrace,
Worli.



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Chairpersons are requested to send
their project write ups with high
resolution pictures to Rtn. Satyan Israni
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APRIL 2, 2019

As always, there continued to be a great deal of interest in the procedure to be followed in introducing guests. A debate produced the decision that "in future" the Chairman was to call out the names of guests who would "stand up and after all had been called there would be the usual welcome accorded by clapping of hands", the speaker of the day being introduced first. For the first time, the question of reducing Rotary membership dues was considered and the cost of the weekly lunch and drinks was felt to be too high. #celebrating90amazingyears



BIRTHDAYS FROM APRIL 2ND TO APRIL 8TH, 2019

2nd



**RTN. RAVI
SHETH**

3rd



**HON. RTN.
ADI GODREJ**

6th



**RTN. SURESH
GOKLANEY**

6th



**RTN. KALPANA
SINGHANIA**

7th



**RTN. SHANTA
CHATTERJI**

7th



**RTN. GHANSHYAM
SHETH**

8th



**RTN. MANJEET
KRIPALANI**



Next Week's Speaker

SUBODH KUMAR JAISWAL, DG OF POLICE, MAHARASHTRA

Subodh Kumar Jaiswal is a 1985 batch Indian Police Service officer and the current Director General of Police, Maharashtra, succeeding Dattatray Padsalgikar on February 28, 2019. He was previously the Police Commissioner of Mumbai.

A Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English, economics and political science, and a Master in Business Administration in Marketing from Panjab University, Jaiswal joined the services on August 26, 1985 as an Additional Superintendent of Police in Hyderabad.

He was posted as the Additional Superintendent of Police (Law and Order) at Aurangabad and later at Osmanabad. He was Superintendent of Police in the naxal-affected Gadchiroli district in July 1992. In 1995, he became the Assistant Director of the Cabinet Secretariat and served in New Delhi till August 2001. He came back to the state in 2001, as the Deputy Inspector General of Police (ATS) for four years.

He will be speaking to us about 'Terror – Mumbai's Bane?'

PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 2

Rtn. Ptn. Amita Malkani

APRIL 4

Rtn. Ptn. Urvashi Minawala

APRIL 5

Rtn. Ptn. Vrishali Pispoti

STATISTICS FOR THE LAST MEETING

Club Members	69
Rtn. Partners	02
Visiting Rotarians	03
Guests	03
Rotaractors	04
Total	81
SERVICE BOX COLLECTION	₹ 1690



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