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President's Message

Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome our District Governor, Rtn. Shashi Sharma, to spend this afternoon with us today. May we all be reminded of our sole purpose for being part of this prestigious Club. Let us work in tandem to fulfill the vision and goals laid down by Rotary International.

As a new initiative supported by us, kindly visit the Rotary Trade Fair Table at Goregaon Fair grounds between 11 am and 12 noon on April 17th, 2019.

A reminder, our regular meeting of Tuesday, April 23rd will be held on Wednesday, April 24th, at the CSMVS museum at 6 pm.



Everyone please do attend the event in large numbers, we have planned a special evening for you. *Thank You!*

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Rtn. Vijay Jatia President

MUMBAI'S BANE

Last Tuesday Subodh Jaiswal, Director General of Maharashtra Police, addressed the Club on Terrorism: A Bane for Mumbai

DGP Jaiswal began by highlighting the beginning of terrorism in Mumbai. "Mumbai saw its first tryst with terrorists in March 1993 when several bomb explosions took place throughout the city. The death toll was 257 while injuries went to 700 plus. In 2003, blasts took place in three separate parts of the city in buses/ trains and many people died. The number of injured people was also significant."

Next, it was the serial train blasts of 2006 on Mumbai's lifeline railway network that shook the country. DGP Jaiswal added, referring to the Taj Mahal Palace, "Today, we are at a venue which became the focus of world attention on November 26, 2008; 171 people died while 239 were injured. The iconic figure of the Taj was splashed all over the world and one saw armed foreign terrorists attacking India. The battle went on for three days. However, the perpetrators did not realise that their actions had put our neighbouring country in the dock forever, where it continues to remain."

Mumbai, as the financial capital and heart of the country, is a soft target for anti-social elements. But, is Mumbai Police prepared to prevent such antisocial activities? "Yes," answered DGP Jaiswal with confidence and pride. "We have SOPs and

drills that have been carried out. I can say, with confidence, that god forbid if something happens, we can handle the situation more efficiently than ever before."

Fortunately, there has not been a terrorist act in Mumbai since 26/11 and DGP Jaiswal takes the opportunity to applaud the several agencies, units and police forces which work relentlessly behind the scenes to ensure that nothing untoward happens. The Government has also made strong diplomatic efforts such as the FATF (Financial Action Task Force) examination of Pakistan's role in terrorism.

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Rtn. (Dr.) Ashok Kirpalani, Rtn. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Suresh Goklaney et al



Terrorism, as a phenomenon, divides communities and obstructs sustainable development. Interestingly, cyberspace which was supposed to be a tool to bring all the facilities to the common people, has become a tool for propaganda, communication and recruitment. "This is something that security agencies are very concerned about. But after encountering such challenges, strategies have been worked upon by us and we have put in place lots of preventive measures which are helping. The challenge is still immense," said DGP laiswal.

Post the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Centre, the world view on terrorism changed. Voices began to be heard at various multilateral forums of India being a victim of terrorism. "Let me assure you we are maintaining strong vigilance. We have the capacity, the will as well as the desire to neutralise any threat," assured DGP Jaiswal.

Eliminating terrorism will need a very focussed approach from communities and families. They have to be at the forefront to prevent individuals vulnerable to

suspect ideologies. Civil society organisations like the Rotary will have to provide opportunities and engage with youngsters, young men and women across communities, to provide direction and purpose. There is a need to work together as a society to engage across communities. "The more we do it, the more cohesive our nation will become. You can do it! Rotary as an organisation is the best suited. I recall the Rotary 4-Way test, of truth, fairness, building goodwill and better friendships and benefit to all. It provides a sense of equity and is the best guiding principle for any organisation. I hope and I request that you look at contributing in a way whereby cultural and economic marginalisation, if any, can be handled effectively by providing opportunities to youngsters and engaging with them," DGP Jaiswal said.

Mumbai is a very resilient city. "I recall that the original logo of the Mumbai police had something written on it in Latin: *Urbs Prima in Indis* which basically meant Prima City of India. I think it should continue to strive to remain the same, terrorism notwithstanding," concluded DGP Jaiswal.



Rtn. Jagdish Malkani with PE Rtn. Preeti Mehta

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS
What steps are being taken to restructure and modernise Mumbai Police?

As far as restructuring of Maharashtra Police is concerned, a lot of it has already taken place. We have Quick Reaction Teams which are very well placed. We have strategically-placed bomb disposal teams in sufficient numbers and more importantly we have situational awareness at a very high degree. Periodic exercises are also being carried out. In terms of equipment, weaponry, we are much better off today. These are all incremental things that go on taking place, we have a lot of research on the planning done by terrorists and we plan how we may counter. Any further change will depend on the challenges.

In the Samjhauta Express case, for example, it must be frustrating for you to do the investigation, only to find that judicial procedures make the process slow. Your comments on that? There is a legal process in place and we have to live and work according to the law of the land. If it says that someone is not guilty, then the person is not guilty. You

will probably have to go back to the crime boards to see where you made mistakes, in prosecution or collection of evidence.

Do you think there is a terrorism threat in the future?

We will continue to face terrorist problems in various parts of the country. There is also the challenge of homegrown characters, though small. Our challenge is to identify them and take legal action against them. We are fully competent, aware and willing to face the challenge.

Looking at the past, coastal areas have a little *nakabandi* but it seems like one can still get through that. Are there any governance initiatives like reintroduction of Nagar Raj Bill?

As far as coastal security, we are more equipped today than before. We have to look at alternatives to guard the long coastal line for which we have to look at collecting intelligence. At the same time, a degree of preventive measures have to be put in place in the coastal waters. There is a three-layer protection scheme: Navy, Coast Guard and Police. What happened in 2008 is that we did not anticipate



Rtn. Jayesh Jhaveri, Rtn. Manish Reshamwala, Rtn. Pradeep Gupta

it, it was not envisaged. As far as involvement of public is concerned, we have very active Twitter account, which is very effective. A strong command centre has been put in the city. Video cameras have been installed everywhere and this has been a force multiplier for us.

How much of a time bomb is the social environment of people living in slums for disruption of social harmony?

Slums are not a time bomb that disrupt social harmony. As far as terrorism is concerned, these are acts carried out by members of terrorist groups so to state that it only comes from one place is not accurate. One of the members from a group was very well-educated. Slums are not a breeding ground for disruption. Challenges can be due to many reasons and slums are not the reason.

What is the objective of nakabandi? And, are you getting desired results out of it?

Yes, it causes inconvenience to a lot of people but it is a great deterrent and very effective tool with good results.

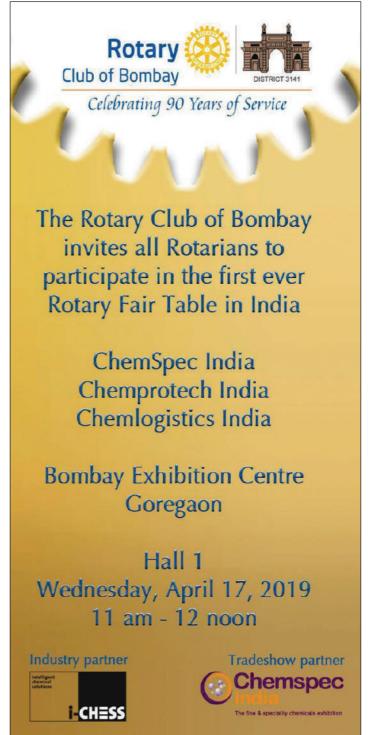
No terrorist attack has taken place in the US after

9/11 and this is largely attributed to US intelligence. But the Pulwama attack is touted as a failure of Indian intelligence; is that true? To say that terrorist incidents did not take place in the USA after 9/11 is not correct. The Times Square bombing took place in 2014. A truckfull of kerosene and other flammable objects were placed there and it would have exploded, had it not been for the bravery of two policemen and a failure of the mechanism. At a US Army air base, a serving US soldier took out a weapon and fired at a large number of army men. On these two counts, it will not be right to say that nothing happened after 9/11. As far as the Pulwama attack is concerned, there are certain things I cannot share in public.

PP RTN. SANDIP AGARWALLA'S UPDATE OF RCB'S ACTIVITIES WITH THE MUMBAI POLICE

In the past, when a lot of hostages were being taken in BEST buses, CRPF, airport, hijacking of India Airlines plane, we went to then-Police Commissioner D Sivanandan and asked him if he would like an inspector to be trained for hostage negotiation from Scotland Yard. We specified

'inspector' so he could remain in Bombay. He gave us 12 inspectors to interview and choose from. We chose one, a lady inspector Shalini Sharma. We sent her to Scotland Yard and then to Interpol. She returned to train several other police personnels. Later, Police Commissioner Arup Patnaik wanted us to train 20 police officers in Mumbai. We agreed and we got two inspectors down from Scotland Yard to hold a twoweek course.



SUCCESSFUL SESSION FOR PROJECT RED

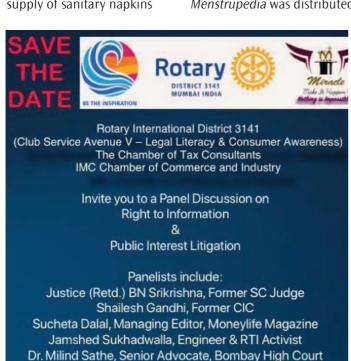
Project Red completed a very successful round at ISME by distributing sanitary napkins and creating awareness among young girls, on April 6, 2019. Project Red has completed this year's third and final session, reaching out to 970 girls under the aegis of the Gender Equality Committee.

This time around, one year's supply of sanitary napkins

was distributed to 150 girls from the lower middle class strata of society. This included girls from Salaam Bombay Trust, the Night Study Centre of YMCA and also some slum dwellers. The human body was explained to the children and the menstrual cycle in females and as well as hygiene and nutrition. The educational book *Menstrupedia* was distributed

along with nutritional snacks. Rotarians present were Rtn. Freyaz Shroff, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia, Rtn. Ptn. Rashna Cooper and Rtn. Ptn. Bijal Kara. There was an interactive question /answer

session as the girls were interested in getting more information.



Moderator: Jimmy Pochkhanawalla, Senior Advocate, Bombay High Court

Tuesday, 23rd April 2019
6.30 - 6.45PM - Registration
6.45PM - 8.15 PM - Panel Discussion
8.15PM - 8.30 PM - Light Refreshments
Walchand Hirachand Hall, 4th Floor,
IMC, Churchgate, Mumbai.

mited Seats First Come First Serve Basis
Prior Registration Mandatory
RSVP: legal@imcnet.org
No Participation Fees







Rtn. Ptn. Bijal Kara and Rtn. Sunita Mandelia



LET THEM EAT CAKE... AND BREAD!

To inspire the inner chef and expose them to new styles of cooking, SMILZ Nishkam Seva Trust organised a cake and bread baking session on April 3, 2019, with senior citizens of Ananda Yaan at Byculla, coordinated by the Dignity Foundation team.



The Rotary Club of Bombay thanks Sonal Shah and her daughter Jinal Shah for teaching members to bake cakes and bread step-by-step, followed by a live demonstration. Members loved the session and wrote down all instructions conscientiously.



THE PURPOSE OF DG RTN. SHASHI SHARMA'S VISIT

- Educating and supporting clubs in important Rotary issues and promoting the goals of the RI President.
- Providing support and attention to weak or struggling clubs.
- Motivating Rotarians to participate in service activities.
- Ensuring that the constitution and bylaws of the clubs comply with the constitutional documents.
- Learning about your club's goals, its communities and to lend any assistance.
- Listening to clubs about how the district can better support them.





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Shernaz Patel & Rajit Kapur

Venue: Asiatic Library's Darbar Hall (Entry from library's side entrance — Opp. Hermès Store)

> Date: Friday, April 26, 2019 Doors Open: 6.30 pm

Performance: 7 to 8.45 pm (with a short interval for light refreshments)



Proceeds in aid of Asiatic's conservation drive

The Bhavishya Yaan Finishing School Lab 2019 was held from April 1 to 5, 2019 at Indian School of Design & Innovation. Success in the 21st century comes to those who know and understand themselves, their strengths and how best they perform. As we all know, a person can perform only from his strength – one cannot build performance on weaknesses.

Realising the untapped potential in our youth, 3C Advisory ran a five-day Finishing School Lab for students of class 10 from the BY programme of the Rotary Club of Bombay at ISDI, Lower Parel by Pratibha Pai and Geetha Dhote. Geeta and Pratibha run 3C Advisory that, among other training, helps youth understand and unleash their potential to be the best version of themselves.

Sessions began with a selfawareness exercise to make students understand their values, calling and strengths, and also their hopes and fears. Through interactive sessions and videos on the importance of attitude, grooming and etiquette, art of communication, overcoming fear, goal-setting, students were made aware of how to create an impact.

Role plays, story-telling by students, exercises and presentations helped students become more confident and learn life skills as well. The lab ended with a talk on career options based on individual personality, aptitude and desire of individuals, and a talk on motivation.

Students enjoyed the sessions as was evident from their feedback. Many students shared, in the first few minutes each day, how they implemented some of the earlier day's learnings and what results they saw from the change.

The Rotary Club of Bombay sincerely thanks Pratibha Pai and Geeta Dhote for taking time out of their busy schedule to do this. They volunteered to groom more than a hundred BY students who appeared for SSC examinations this year by giving them socio-cultural exposure to help complete the educational experience and prepare them for life ahead and to equip them with the required skill sets to adapt, thrive and succeed in the real world, be it higher education or the workplace.

Special thanks to Rtn. Indu Shahani for letting Bhavishya Yaan Committee use the facilities at ISDI.



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CENTRES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
ADMC	1507	1444	1284
PRVEC	1651	1611	1493
IWAC	605	478	455
COTTON GREEN MEDICAL CENTRE	698	734	784
Total	4461	4267	4016



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, at 8 pm. Members are requested to RSVP to Ms. Rashmi at Rotary Office.

April 17: Rotary Trade Fair Table, Goregaon Fair grounds between 11 am and 12 noon.

April 23: Regular meeting cancelled.

April 23: Panel discussion on 'Right to Information & Public Interest Litigation' at IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 6.30 pm onwards. Prior registration mandatory.

April 24: Rotary Meeting at CSMVS, at 6 pm.

April 26: Love Letters, a play to be staged at Asiatic Library's Durbar Hall, at 6.30 pm.

April 30: Speaker Siddharth Varadarajan.

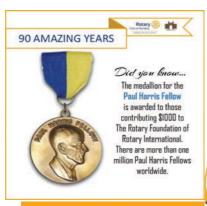
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STATISTICS FOR THE LAST MEETING

Club Members	95
Rtn. Partners	03
Visiting Rotarians	03
Guests	04
Rotaractors	0
Total	105
SERVICE BOX COLLECTION	₹1950

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