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Celebrating 90 Years of Service

president's Message

Dear Friends,

Swati Paradkar, President of Mahila Griha Udyog Lijjat Papad, will be conferred the Anita Parikh Empowerment of Women Award on June 18th next week.

Uday Kotak will also be inducted as an Honorary Rotarian next week. He will address the Club.

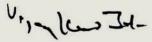
I am pleased to share that in this year alone, our social media followers have gone up in number from 600 to over 6500!

June 25th is the last meeting of this Rotary calendar and it is just weeks away. I am hoping to see you all



there. It was wonderful serving you as the President for the year 2018-19.

Thank You!



Rtn. Vijay Jatia President

TODAY:



11th June 2019

Panel Discussion

Shailesh Haribhakti Anil Harish Haresh Jagtiani Poornima Advani Ashish Vaid Jairaj Purandare

From Promise to performance - what lies ahead

The Taj Mahal Hotel 1:00pm





Celebrating 90 Years of Service

Rage, the Flower Thrower' (2005), is a stencil and spray paint graffiti by the British artist Banksy on a wall on the side of a garage in Jerusalem. By substituting a weapon with a bunch of flowers, **Banksy advocates peace** instead of war. This message of peace has been painted in a highconflict area and also carries the message that peace comes with active hard work.

WAGING PEACE

"The policy now being applied in Kashmir will fail; this is my view. I have written that muscular power in Kashmir will only produce more terrorists and that is what is happening."

"I have dealt with terrorism first-hand in Punjab. Before Punjab, my experience was in dealing with the underworld – that is what Mumbai taught me. Communal issues are, of course, another matter."

"When I was asked to go to Gujarat to solve the communal problem there, it was easy. I think I did that in less than four months. As for Punjab, the Prime minister told me, 'That will also take you four months'. I remained there for Last Tuesday's speaker, former Mumbai Police Commissioner, JULIO RIBEIRO talks about conflict resolution in Punjab, Kashmir and Mumbai. Ribeiro was awarded the Citizen of Mumbai Award at the Rotary meet



nearly four years and nothing happened. It went on and on and later on they had to recall Mr. Gill to solve it. He says he solved it, though I don't think he did and I'll tell you why:

"Terrorism is of two types. One is intellectual, ideological terrorism that you find in Italy, Germany and which is confined to universities. But there is also the nationalist form of terrorism which we saw in Ireland for 200 years and which was never solved. It is comparatively peaceful there now but I hope it survives."

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"In the nationalist form of terrorism, you find that people are killed for belonging to a different community and in order to cause terror. For example, in Punjab, terrorists would shoot at Hindus gathered for *jagrans* or in RSS *shakhas*. There were demands we should place troops there which we did. Then the terrorists attacked some other place."

"We made a list of all the big terrorists we knew about and went after them by either capturing or eliminating them. But the death of one terrorist would give birth to another three. We had a list of a hundred and thought that ridding half of them would leave 50 to see to but instead the number doubled."

"I went to Ireland and met the chief constable, John Herman, and shared the trouble we were facing. He said this was his experience too. He also said there was no point eliminating terrorists because it was an emotionally-charged problem; it was the community that was getting emotionally-charged."

"Of course, there is a difference between Kashmir and Punjab. In Punjab, I don't think most of the terrorists subscribed to the

Khalistanis but here, I think, it is almost complete. There is a direction towards joining the movement or sympathising with it. The masses don't join in the activity but support them tacitly. This tacit support gives them the oxygen to continue. This is a low-cost form of a war. No party takes to terrorism when they are able to fight the state. When they are not able to fight, when they become weak, they take to terrorism which is a low-cost war. But no country in the world, even a small one, has ever succumbed to terrorism. There is no chance India will succumb either. It will go on and on."

"When I returned from Romania, Mr. Vajpayee was the PM and within the first week of taking over, he phoned me to ask if I would be the Governor of Jammu and Kashmir. When I asked to be excused, he wanted to know why and called me to Delhi. I explained that it was not possible for a Governor to go out and meet the people and that was what was required to get the people of the community to which the terrorists belong, on your side. As a DGP, I could do that."

"I had an assistant called Chaman Lal in Punjab, a very fine officer, one of the best I have seen in the police force. He was from the Madhya Pradesh cadre and used to accompany me. He was loved by the people because he was humane. He tried to tell them, 'You are Sikh; Sikhs don't kill innocent people, they defend them'. And, they became closer to us in that way."

"We went to so many villages. Each time, we called neighbouring sarpanches and addressed crowds of 200 people. I don't have a count of the number of meetings we held just to get people on our side. Gill felt that this strategy was becoming soft; he complained to the Governor that we were making his work difficult. But this is not a soft approach. I explained to the Governor that the classical form of combating terrorism of a nationalist form is to get the people of that community on your side. He understood but said that Mr. Gill was the DGP and he had to be given full powers, and that we should not interfere. So I withdrew Chaman Lal."

"When 26/11 happened here, I flew to Delhi to meet PM Manmohan Singh. He was very happy to hear from me; we knew each other since the Punjab days. I reminded him what we had done in Punjab and how the people had come over to

our side; I said this should be done in Mumbai too where I started the Mohalla Committees movement to get communities together. We may not get them at leadership levels because leaders want to continue their leadership. But it is the foot soldiers, the people living in slums, who kill and get killed in return. I told him we must get those people over to our side. How do you do it? By giving them the respect and dignity they deserve as citizens of this country. That is what is lacking."

"Mr. Manmohan Singh understood. Even before I reached Mumbai, he had already phoned the Chief Minister Ashok Chavan and asked him to listen to what I had to say. So, when I reached the airport, there was the CM's car waiting for me. He brought a whole lot of bureaucrats, all of whom took notes furiously but nothing was done after that. They are very good at pretending or maybe they think they have their own way; perhaps they don't know how to get people on their side."

"This is why the present muscular policy in Kashmir will not work. I have written about it and I thought that the Prime Minister, at one stage, thought of going out and making the locals



more friendly towards the government. But that requires much more than just giving them sops. Sops are not going work. What is required is to treat them as equal citizens and show them the type of compassion that they are entitled to. Unfortunately, we have put the Army on their backs. The Army is not really cut out to deal with local issues. They are trained for the external enemies, not internal ones."

"Internal enemies have to be dealt with by the police and administration who have to continuously talk to the people and make them feel that they are respected citizens of this country. This is a view shared by many young officers in J&K today. They have been writing about it. Others feel that the only way of teaching them a lesson is to give them a good beating. I don't think a good beating is going to solve the problem of Kashmir. Kashmir is a much more difficult problem than Punjab and in Punjab the Jat Sikhs, who mainly form part of the terrorist groups, we talk to them, and ask why they support terrorists. They say they are not fighting for themselves, they are fighting for the koum. They are not getting anything out of it. In fact, they are living life without a family, without

the basic ordinary luxuries we enjoy and yet they are fighting. We have to respect them for that. It is worse in Kashmir because religion is involved. I didn't find the religious bias dominant in Punjab."

"I recently read that the ISIS has decided to have a cell in this part of the world. They have lost in Syria, so they assume this is the most fertile ground in south Asia. I think many things have happened in the last five years where the Muslim population in particular has been under great pressure. For example, the meat trade has been completely demolished and which has incidentally also affected the Hindu farmer because he doesn't know what to do with his cattle. Even in Maharashtra, small farmers are now hiring tractors. What will happen to the milch cattle, I don't know. These are some of the problems we are going to face and I presume we will find solutions."

Alternative businesses have to be created and concessions have to be made. The fact remains that we have to take people along. Any muscular form of approach is not going to help, you have to get the terrorists' community on your side."



AWARDS AFTERNOON



Former Mumbai Police Commissioner Julio Ribeiro receives the Citizen of Mumbai Award from President Vijay Jatia



Artist Laxman Shreshtha receives the Shyam Munshi Lifetime Achievement in Arts Award from PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi



MOOT COURT



The Rotary Club of Bombay, through its Legal Aid Committee under the Chairmanship of Rtn. Ashwin Thakkar in association with Mooting Committee of Government Law College, held the 46th Sir Jamshedji Kanga Memorial Government Law College Intra-College Moot Court Competition, 2019.

This Moot Court Competition is one of India's oldest moots, having been conceived by our very own Senior Advocate Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanawalla while he was a student and Rotaract President of Government Law College in 1972.

He was later associated with the Moot Court Association of Government Law College. This competition occupies a special place in the history of the Government Law College, Mumbai, being this college's first ever Moot.

This year, the Moot Proposition was based on Company Law, focusing mostly on Board of Directors duties. It was held on April 28th, 2019 at the Government Law College, Mumbai with 16 participating teams. It consisted of preliminary, guarter, semi-final and final rounds and was presided over by Retired Honourable Justice Markandey Katju, Supreme Court of India, Bharat Manubarwala and our very own Rtn. Ashwin Thakkar.

Prizes were awarded to the Second-Best Team and Best Speaker while the Best Team was presented with a Rotating Silver Trophy sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bombay.

MASINA OFFERS FREE CATARACT SURGERIES AND MORE

Masina Hospital comes under the Bombay Charitable Trust Act which reports to the Charity Commissioner. As per the guidelines, the hospital reserves 20 per cent of the beds for indigent and weaker sections of the community regarding the mandatory charitable work to be done in the hospital. Indigent is defined as those with family incomes of less

than Rs. 82,500, for which the hospital needs to treat the patient free of cost. Weaker section is defined as those with family income of less than the hospital reserves and spends 2 per cent of its billable revenue for this purpose. So, any patient referred from Rotary, who fulfills these criteria, will be eligible to concession subject to the terms and conditions spelled out.



ROTARIANS MAKING WAVES



Batting for accountants

Rotarian CA Samir S. Mogul represented and was part of the winning Western India Regional Council (WIRC) of the reputed Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) team in the T-20 cricket match against the Commissioners of Income Tax (CIT) on May 28th, 2019 at the Police Gymkhana, Mumbai. WIRC-ICAI won the M.L. D'Souza Trophy. Samir took 2 wickets in his 3 overs for 18 runs.

Rotarians abroad



Rtn. Arvind Jolly at 'A Night to Remember' at the Museum of Hamburg History. A Night to Remember was a dinner to felicitate Arch Klumph society members. In the picture is RI President Barry Rassin and First Lady Esther. President Barry sent his regards to RCB President Vijay Jatia.

Baby on board

Rtn. Jimmy
Pochkhanawalla's
eight-month-old
grandson Zane
Jambusarwala wears
his Rotary colours
while holidaying in
the US!





NSCCI and Bombay YMCA inaugurated the renovated gymnasium at YMCA, Ghatkopar on June 4th. Guests present at the inauguration were Foster Lewis (Chairman of Bombay YMCA, Ghatkopar Branch), Rtn. Paul George (General Secretary, Bombay YMCA), Austin Kunder (Assistant Gen Secretary, Bombay YMCA) and Chief Guest President Vijay Jatia, Rotary Club of Bombay. The gym equipment was donated by Rtn. Nalin Parikh and Rtn. Ptn. Anita through the Rotary Club of Bombay in loving memory of Champaben and Somchand Parikh.



EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN!



The Child Welfare Committee of RCB organised an educational field trip for street kids to the Nehru Science Planetarium on May 29th a fortnight ago. The Planetarium was established in March 1977 with the objective of fostering scientific temper through the means of edutainment (education + entertainment). The children attended shows about space in the domed theatre and watched star-gazing events. The Planetarium made learning about astronomy a pleasant experience.



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WORLD 'NO TOBACCO DAY' WITH STREET KIDS!





A casual visit to see an RCB summer camp in progress turned out to be a celebration of 'World No Tobacco Day with street kids at Salaam Baalak, Chowpatty centre.

World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed on May 31st around the world every year to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe.

The children put up a small skit to reinforce the negative health effects of tobacco use, which currently leads to more than 7 million deaths each year.

They were happy to see an encouraging audience of Committee Chairman Rtn. Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria, Rtn.

Charu Agrawal, IPP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Committee member Ekta Shah, mentor Pratibha Pai and Bhavna who were there to oversee the programme.

The children welcomed them with handmade flower bouquets and showed them the art and craftwork they had done



An afternoon of cricket!

Thirty-seven alumni from Ambedkar, GK and Colaba schools and the Night Study Centre went to see a T20 Mumbai League cricket match two weeks ago at the Wankhede Stadium. There was a lot of excitement as the children gathered outside the stadium to get ready to see the North Mumbai Panthers face

ARCS Andheri! The event was hosted by RCB together with the Rotary Club of Chembur West. Rtn. Asha Janardhan and PP (Dr.) Sivaramkrishnan from the Chembur West club accompanied the children. The children were given T-shirts and snack boxes. It was an afternoon of fun.

Canteen run by students

The Interact Committee of the Scholar High School had organised a canteen day in the last week of September where each and everything had been prepared by the students of standards 8 and 9.

The profit made was used for children of an orphanage which provides accommodation to orphans aged five to 15 and caters to their other needs like clothing, food, schooling and extra classes for studying.







June 11: Panel discussion – Analysing the 100, leading to coming five years.

June 17: Inauguration of Primary section of Bhavishya Yaan, Byculla School, at 5.30 pm.

June 17: Club Assembly at IMC, 5.30 pm.

June 18: Speaker Uday Kotak on 'What will India 2025 be like?'

June 21: RCB is Lead Co-host for CSR Seminar and Mission Muskan Awards, at BSE Convention Centre.

June 22: District Shukriya Night, RCB is the Lead Host.



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Next Week's Speaker: Uday Kotak

Uday Kotak is the Founder and MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank. The bank has a consolidated net worth of US\$8.4 billion as of March 31st, 2019 and has about 60,000 employees. Uday believes that the measure of performance is sustainable value creation. The Group's vision for equitable prosperity extends beyond financial services. The Kotak **Education Foundation works** with some of India's most economically underprivileged communities, attempting to alleviate poverty through



education and livelihood programmes. Uday has chaired a SEBI Panel on corporate governance which recommended sweeping changes to create a more robust and transparent governance environment. Uday was appointed non-executive chairman of the new IL&FS board with a mandate to steer one of India's largest NBFCs -IL&FS, out of its crisis.

Uday is a member of the International **Advisory Panel of Monetary Authority** of Singapore and is the President-**Designate of Confederation of Indian** Industry (CII). He will speak on: "What will India 2025 be like?"

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Visiting Rotarians	0	
Rotaractors	01	
Guests	01	
Rotarian partners	02	
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