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#### Celebrating 90 Years of Service

#### president's Message

#### Dear Friends,

It is with great pride that I congratulate you all for a job well done! You have seen my vision for our 90<sup>th</sup> year and through many long hours of meetings and discussions, you have showed your support and confidence in my leadership to carry out my role as your President.

I thank all Past Presidents, Office Bearers, Club Directors and Chairpersons, Trustees, Donors, members from Taj Mahal hotels, members from Trident Hotel, Rotary staff, you, all my fellow Rotarians and, of course, Gauri, my ever-supporting wife... and my supportive children.

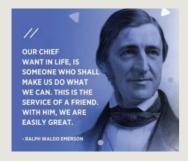
The great success we are experiencing today could not have been possible without you.



Thank You!

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Rtn. Vijay Jatia President





# PRESIDENT VIJAY SAYS THANK YOU AND GOODBYE!



# Rotarians give a vote of thanks at Shukriya Night

#### RTN. SURESH KOTAK

Rotary's message of 2018-19 was 'Be the inspiration.' Vijayji, you have done so; you have, in fact, Become the inspiration. From being the inspiration to becoming the inspiration is a spiritual journey. It is one that would have needed miles and miles of service, commitment and devotion, qualities which you have shown in plenty throughout the year.

Vijayji, your name is synonymous with victory and victorious you have been. The kind of initiative you have shown has taken Rotary to new heights.

I have a deep appreciation for the work you have done and the way in which you have done it.

The thing that stands out about you is your humility. You don't take credit but give credit to others. You believe in team work, which is remarkable.

An institution is made great by three things: creating an 'Image', creating an 'Impact' and earning surpluses or 'Income'. These three 'I's, apart from initiative, are very important. You have done wonderfully in all three areas. I congratulate you for all the good work.

#### **DG SHASHI SHARMA**

Vijay has worked with zeal and a focussed approach. Vijay has got five AKS members but I would like to remind him that the word miracle has seven letters so why not try for two more? I appeal to all of you, go and see the hospital where a two-year-old child is being operated upon for paediatric heart surgery. You will realise there is a lot to do. Vijay has bagged the Diamond Award of the District because of the sheer quantum of work he has done at Masina Hospital and everywhere else. Vijay, you have given a wonderful year to your Governor, thank you, my dear friend.

# TRF TRUSTEE GULAM VAHANVATY

We are here to recognise the work done by President Vijay, Gauri and the team. The kind of community work he has done and the fellowship, but also the kind of steps he has taken, to follow the six steps of Rotary.

At international events, we get a badge. There are just three lines on it: your name, the club you belong to and your classification. I am, today, very proud to be a member of the Rotary Club of Bombay.



Rtn. Suresh Kotak commends President Vijay Jatia for his leadership and commitment



PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi looks on as Rtn. Naresh Jain presents President Vijay Jatia with a shawl



PP Rtn. Kalpana Munshi presents  $1^{\rm st}$  Lady Gauri Jatia with a shawl

#### **PRID ASHOK MAHAJAN**

Vijay, thank you for leading the Rotary Club of Bombay and achieving greater objectives this year. You have made all the Rotarians in your Club and the District experience success and built confidence in them. You have generated energy and commitment in the members. Under your leadership, your Club members were able to focus on the vision of Rotary and you helped them manage challenges and move closer to making this world a peaceful place to live in.

Your trust in your Club members was in direct proportion to your belief that they can share your passion in making the Rotary Club of Bombay a great organisation. You inspired them to build a powerful desire to explore your own talents and capabilities. I have always admired your quality of connecting with people. Members did what you requested them to accomplish because of the connection they felt with you. You helped the Rotarians of your Club to move towards their goals that brought a great deal of joy to everyone. You have had an impact on members beyond what they had thought possible. Your working with passion and conviction made every one feel proud of you.

Your initiatives in many service projects touched my heart and, believe me, I

developed an extra interest in some of those projects which were undertaken under your leadership. I can assure you Vijay, all those who really believe in the philosophy of Rotary and wish to see this organisation remain vibrant, respectful and popular amongst policymakers in the community will always remember and appreciate your level of commitment, sincerity and dedication to the cause of Rotary service in general and your contributions towards The Rotary Foundation in particular. Please accept our sincere wishes for a purposeful life as you move forward in your Rotary service activities.

Nayantara joins me congratulating you,



DG Shashi Sharma presents the Mission Muskaan award to President Vijay latia



Outstanding Performance by a Rotarian under Club Service (donated by Hans Khimji and Deepak Kapadia in memory of Late PDG Naval Ardeshir presented to Rtn. Poornima Advani



Rtn. Shivkumar Israni collects the Service Award Silver Plate for the Best Committee under Club Service, donated by PP Merwanji P. Patel (Social Media, Website & Bulletin), on behalf of his son, Rtn. Satyan Israni

and dear Gauri, for your unstinting leadership, your total commitment and all the wonderful achievements under your leadership when your Club was celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> year of its existence. We look forward to seeing you rise in the organisation and make a difference.

Indeed, you were the inspiration to all the members of the Rotary Club of Bombay.

The Club will remain indebted to you and remember you for a long time.

All the best!

Ashok Mahajan

NOTE: Khurshed **Poonawala** was awarded the Onetime **Presidential Award** for his outstanding work. The **Award was** announced but was not presented at the function.



Director of the Environment Committee Homi Katgara receives award on behalf of Priyasri Patodia



Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal is awarded the Best Committee under Community Service – Rural Development (Water Resource and Sanitation), donated by Board of Directors of Rotary Club of Bombay 2004-05



PP Rtn. Nirav Shah is awarded the Late Chandanben Arvindkumar Kilachand Memorial Trophy for Best Committee under International Service (donated by the late Arvindkumar Kilachand)



Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia is awarded the Late PP (Dr.) P.M. Sangani Memorial Trophy for the Best Committee under Community Service – Health (donated by Mrs. Prabhavati Sangani) for the Masina Hospital project



Service Award Silver Plate for any Avenue of Service (donated by late PP Taru Lalvani) is awarded to Water Resources Committee and received by Chairperson Rtn. Vineet Suchanti



One-time Presidential Award is presented to Rtn. Akhil Sanghi for his tremendous work at the Race for Humanity and Dil Se event



Service Award Silver Plate for the Best Committee under Vocational Service (donated by PDG late Naval J. Ardeshir) is awarded to Rtn. Varsha Daiya



DG Shashi Sharma awards the "Kohinoor" Super Diamond trophy to RCB - President Vijay Jatia - in recognition of its stupendous, all-round performance in community service activities, its TRF-giving and record fund-raising and spend on various activities



One-time Presidential Award is presented to Rtn. Jetu Lalvani on becoming AKS member  $\,$ 



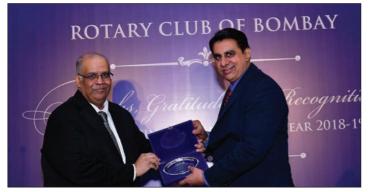
District 3141 presents an award to President Vijay Jatia for his incredible commitment and invaluable initiative as President



One-time Presidential Award is presented to Rtn. Jaymin Jhaveri for his efforts towards the paediatric heart surgery project



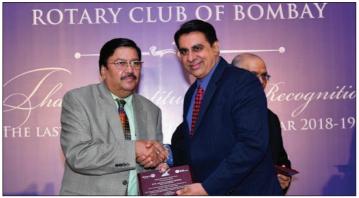
Rtn. Shivkumar Israni, on behalf of his son Rtn. Satyan Israni, receives an award for his sterling contribution to the District from DG Shashi Sharma



Rtn. Sanjiv Saran Mehra is presented with the Award for Corporate Social Responsibility - donated by Rtn. Harry Singh Arora in memory of his mother Smt. Rajkarni Arora



PP Rtn. Gul Kripalani is presented the District award by DG Shashi Sharma for his contribution to the District



DG Shashi Sharma presents Rtn. Sanjiv Saran Mehra with the District award for his contribution to the District



RC of Bombay Peninsula awards President Vijay Jatia with a commendation



DG presents the District award to Rtn. Paul George for his contribution to the District



Rtn. Vineet Suchanti is presented with a Paul Harris certificate and Pin



Rtn. Jamshed Vakharia presented the Best Committee under Community Service – Education (Bhavishya Yaan) Award (donated by Govind Advani)



Rtn. Madhusudan Daga is presented with a Paul Harris certificate and Pin



Gulam Vahanvaty presents the late Dawoodkhan S. Tyebjee Trophy for the Best Senior Citizen of the Rotary Club of Bombay (donated by Rtn. Taher Tyebjee) to Rtn. Sitaram Shah



Rtn. Ramesh Mehta is presented with the Paul Harris Pin by TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty



Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia is presented an award for outstanding service by a Rotaryanne (donated by PP Rtn. Vikram Kamdar in memory of his father, Late Bhagwandas Kamdar)



PE Preeti Mehta , DG Shashi Sharma, President Vijay Jatia and others present the new Roster



Rtn. Murad Currawalla is presented with the Paul Harris Certificate and Pin



Award for Best Committee under Community Service – Community Upliftment (donated by PP Rtn. Ajay Kanoria) awarded to Rtn. Ravi Fotedar



Rtn. Charu Agrawal is presented with the Late PDG Santosh Agarwalla Trophy for Best Lady Member of the Club, instituted by PP Sandip Agarwalla



Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain looks resplendent with President Vijay Jatia

#### THE LAST FELLOWSHIP FOR 2018-19 WITH THE PATODIA'S

Rtn. Anuj and Rtn. Ptn. Meenal Patodia hosted the last

fellowship for the Rotary year. Around 45 people attended

## **Global Grant** update

The Global Grant project in the state of Iharkhand will come to an end by June 30th, 2019. Stewardship and reporting will be done before August 31st, 2019 and the grant will be then closed. This is being funded by Hon. Rtn. Ajay Piramal. Under the valuable support and mentorship of Rtn. Nirav Shah, Design For Change (DFC) used the generous Rotary Global Grant to implement the DFC Employability and Life Skills Programme across 83 government schools from two rural blocks in Iharkhand.

The project implementation has been successfully completed in May 2019; currently, the third party evaluation agency is working on the research report.

#### **About the programme**

The objective of the programme was to empower children from underprivileged communities with the crucial life and employability



skills, in an attempt to enhance employability and reduce poverty in the region. The programme imbibed, in children, the crucial employability skills of: collaboration, communication, critical thinking, creative thinking. problem solving and leadership, thereby enabling students to be prepared, innovative, and productive in their future workplaces and increasing chances of successful employability. The DFC ELSP 16 session curriculum was implemented in 83 schools – 33 schools from Kanke block and 50 schools from Tamar block and impacted a total of 5,583 students.









#### **INAUGURATION OF PRIMARY SECTION AT BY**

Our Byculla School's primary section opened this week. The classroom was beautifully decorated by mentor Rashmi and the Vidya



teachers. The event was attended by President Vijay, PE Preeti Mehta, Rotarian members SK Mitra, Ashok Jatia, Sunita Mandelia, and mentors Rashmi, Beena and Avaan. A special thanks to Rashmi for all the hard work she has put in during the holidays!

# Rotary

### **Police health** check-up

Police Officers' Health Check-up was conducted on June 16th at Vashi and Mulund (NM Medical Centres). About 40 police officers arrived at 8 am at the Vashi centre from Khandala. Women officers proceeded to the Mulund Centre.

Upon their arrival at the centres, blood tests were first conducted and then a light breakfast was arranged by NM Medical Centre. Staff at NM guided each

officer regarding the test to be conducted. They also provided a bus coordinator to go along with the officers to the Mulund Centre.

Post the test, Rotary Club of Bombay arranged for lunch. The entire testing took about three to four hours.

Total checks up for 90 senior police officers and 268 constables were done during May and June. The full project was handled by our new Rotarian Siddharth Bhimrajka.

# ACCOLADES FOR PRESIDENT VIJAY JATIA

Dear Vijay, all the best on your final meeting. It's been a pleasure to work shoulder to shoulder with you in what is undeniably probably the best year our Club has seen since I joined. Good luck always and I hope our strengthened friendship endured.

Best and warm regards,

#### Sandip Agarwalla

Vijay Jatia is one of the finest presidents of Rotary Club of Bombay. It was great working with a humble, hard-working and meticulous leader. Very inspirational. Jai ho! And god bless.

Yours in Rotary,

# Nirav Shah (TRF support team 2018-19)

I totally endorse Nirav Shah's message. President Vijay has done a remarkable job. He has motivated all members to give their best. That is the hallmark of a great leader! **Dilip Piramal** 

Congratulations, Vijay, What a fantabulous evening, it was. What thoughtful, commendable and compassionate projects you have executed! Foundation collections were amazing. God bless you and may lead you to greater heights.

#### Kalpana Munshi

Congratulations for a spectacular year. This year, with your leadership, you have set a new benchmark. I hope the incoming President follows your example and improves standards. My best wishes.

#### **Suresh Goklaney**





Congratulations on an outstanding year as President, Vijayji. It has been a remarkable year of achievements in your tenure.

## Samir Chinai

I'm very grateful for the opportunities you have given me. Your leadership skills and encouragement made everything easy. Thank you once again for all your guidance, time and for being a wonderful director!

#### Laxmi Maneklal

President Vijay has been outstanding. He has breathed Rotary and even at night dreamt and planned Rotary. God bless and thank you for an outstanding year! Love,

#### **Ashish Vaid**

What a superb year for doing good work for Rotary in terms of outstanding projects and collecting the funds to sustain this. To top it all, the Shukriya Night's food was also

outstanding. Congratulations once again.

#### **Arvind Agarwal**

Congrats on such a brilliant year as Rotary President! Fabulous amount raised as donations and so much achieved in the year. Elderly care was especially heartwarming!

#### Vaidehi Dhoot

Thank you Vijay, for your good wishes and blessings which we cherish and mean a lot to us. Thanks for the wonderful year. Your efforts of one year will make a difference of a lifetime to many. You have worked tirelessly.

#### Vikram Daiya

Dear President Vijayji, what a very wonderful year! Lot of dedication and singlepointedness from both you and Gauriji was seen throughout the year. A year to cherish. Great fellowship, superb projects, wonderful collection... over all, a year filled with lot of pleasant memories. Congratulations once again.

#### **Devina Shah**

The First Family of RCB, take a bow all of your family, President Vijayji. In fact, we bow to you.

#### **Mudit Jain**

Dear Vijayji, Congratulations on a wonderful term as Rotary President. It was a pleasure working under you.

#### Abhishek Saraf

Vaidehi and I would like to congratulate you for a fabulous and highly successful year! Really nice function and immaculate presentation. We appreciate your effort which has taken our Rotary to new heights. Congratulations again! Warm Regards,

#### **Rohit Dhoot**

Truly outstanding year, Vijayji. It has been my pleasure and honour to serve under you.

#### **Abhinav Aggarwal**

Absolutely, great work and huge focus.

#### **Abhishek Sharman**

Congrats on record TRF and many other firsts. What a determination to make a difference.

#### Sandeep Shah

Vijay Jatia is one of the finest Presidents of our Club. It was great working with him and I am proud of his magnanimous achievements.

#### **Rekha Tanna**



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