

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the New Rotary Year beginning, it is heartwarming to receive so many good wishes from our members, my family and friends. I thank each one of you for your wishes and support extended.

We all are indeed looking forward to a great year ahead and I, in particular, am reaching out to each one of you and seeking your support in furthering the cause of Rotary and strengthening our Club.

I invite each one of you to please provide unreservedly your ideas and thoughts to the Committee Chairs, so that we can improve and strengthen our projects in a systematic and meaningful manner.

Our endeavour has always been to keep our members and the public at large abreast of the Club activities on an ongoing basis. We are in the able hands of Rtns. Rhea Bhungara and Jamshyd Vazifdar, the Chairpersons of the Bulletin, Website and Social Media Committee, and their wonderful team. They are now veterans, and full of zeal and enthusiasm. The Gateway has been a record of all the wonderful achievement of our goals. I would urge each Chairperson to, in a timely manner, provide their reports to the Bulletin Committee. In the last few years, our Club has gained popularity in social media and we shall continue with an increasing presence, to share with the world our stories and successes and achievements.

Let's work together to add to and enhance value, keeping in mind Rotary's eternal philosophy of "Service above Self."

I wish each of us a wonderful year ahead and look forward to your continuing affection, support and advice at every stage.

President Preeti Mehta

SMART BEGINNINGS

While Mumbai came to a standstill because of the downpours last Tuesday, the Crystal Room at the Taj Mahal Palace was overflowing with warmth, fellowship and affection as the Rotary Club of Bombay welcomed its President for 2019-20, Rtn. Preeti Mehta.

In her acceptance speech, President Mehta said, "Today, as I stand here as President of our Club, with humility and great sense of responsibility and expectation, I promise to do my very best to discharge my duties and fulfill the trust reposed in me and to take our legacy forward."

The Taj Mahal hotel was at its glittering best as it orchestrated a night to remember for the installation of President Preeti Mehta. 286 Rotarians came together to show support for the new President.

Members were overwhelmed to see Rtn. Vijay Jatia being pinned the IPP pin. President Mehta said, "I congratulate our Immediate Past President Rtn Vijay Jatia and his Board for a commendable and successful year. It is no secret that Vijay bhai for the entire year put his heart, soul and hard work into new projects and pushing our Club further, especially in the District."

In the wake of having conveyed a fruitful year with pride, the Miracle President made way for the Smart President. With 'Rotary Connects the World' being RI President Mark Maloney's theme of this year, it will be required that Rotary serves the most and reaches the furthest, as it has been doing since its inception.

The evening was graced by DG Harjit Singh Talwar who, with his words and inspiring couplets, touched many hearts as he offered to be a pillar of strength to Preeti.

The Rotary Club of Bombay considers itself a very integral part of the District and we will continue to play a meaningful role in all avenues of service. Preeti assured Harjit, "This year, you can expect some significant initiatives in the area of senior citizens and disabled persons where our Club will deliver significant results."

Preeti kick-started the year by sharing innovative ideas with fellow Rotarians. She said: "This year, in the spirit of giving and community service, our Club has decided to do something different. The Club is adopting the practice of feeding one underprivileged child for a month on behalf of each member who is celebrating their birthday that week. Instead of a token birthday gift, members will receive a certificate stating the same. Similarly, our guest speakers will receive a certificate stating that a solar-powered lamp has been given to a rural household on their behalf."

Preeti was overwhelmed with the resounding show of support. She attributed her strength to her husband and family. It was because of their understanding and heartwarming gestures that she was able to take up such a responsible and proud position.

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DG Harjit Singh Talwar: "RC Bombay is the PRIDE of Dist-3141 — a legacy of 90 years of service leaving an indelible mark in the community."

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She said, "I would like to thank my better half Gautam who not only is my husband but also a companion, friend and a stabilising factor. He has always stood by me and is my pillar of strength. Gautam — if it were not for the encouragement and support, I have continuously received from you, I wouldn't have been standing here. But, as a wife, I will say — let it not go to your head, ever."

Preeti acknowledged missing her folks and was gladdened to see her uncle, Babubhai Thakker, who surprised her by attending the installation ceremony. She said, "I am indebted to the Almighty for everything. Today, I miss my father, the late D. M. Popat — DMP, as many of you had known him, my mother Niranjana, whom too, many of you know, unfortunately cannot be with us today, as she is unwell. She, like my father, has indeed touched very many hearts and lives by her acts of giving. God has indeed been kind to me and given me that extra joy of having in my life, my father-like uncle, M. L. Bhakta, and my aunt Ramila Bhakta. Kaka has played more than one role in my life — father-like, guide and mentor. Thank you, Kaka and Chachi for being here today."

Preeti closed her speech by saying, "I look forward to an exciting year of service, which witnesses enhancement of our projects and with every member getting more involved. I am confident that we will continue to do even better in our endeavour to serve the community. Let us, with renewed energy, take forward the legacy and mantra of 'Service Above Self'."

Fellow Rotarians, join us in welcoming the Smart President of 2019-2020, President Preeti Mehta!



Our Rotarians serving the District and Rotary International



President Preeti Mehta is in splits at Rtn. Aditya Soman's introduction of her



President Preeti Mehta and Masters of Ceremony Rtn. Aditya Soman and Rtn. Tara Deshpande



Hon. Secy Manish Reshamwala, President Nominee Shernaz Vakil, President Preeti Mehta, IPP Vijay Jatia and President Elect Framroze Mehta



Rtn. Elisabeth Prager, Rtn. Rhea Bhungara, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Vrinda Rajgarhia



(IN THE FRONT ROW) DG Harjit Singh Talwar, Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta, President Preeti Mehta's uncle M. L. Bhakta and aunt Ramila (centre).
(IN ROW 2) Her nephew Parth, niece Prachi, brother Prathamesh, sister-in-law Bhakti and sister Mimansa

FACT: The beginnings of Rotary : On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary Club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

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President Preeti commends PP Nirav Shah and Rtn. Ptn. Devina Shah for becoming RCB's 11th AKS members



Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta, PP Ashish Vaid, Rtn. Farhat Jamal and Rtn. Dilip Dalal



Rtn. Zinia Lawyer, President Nominee Shernaz Vakil, Rtn. Ashok Jatia and Rtn. Dilip Dalal



DG Harjit Singh Talwar talks to PP Ramesh Narayan and Rtn. Ptn. Devi Narayan



Rtn. Meera Alreja, Rtn. Ritu Desai, Rtn. Ptn. Meher and Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala



President Preeti and sister Mimansa Popat



Rtn. Ptn. Devina Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala Jatia, PP Kalpana Munshi and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta with President Nominee Framroze Mehta



President Preeti with her uncle Babubhai Thakkar



President Preeti with IPP Vijay Jatia and Rtn. Ptn. Gauri Jatia



Rtn. Vandan Shah, PP Shailesh Haribhakti, Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala Jatia, Rtn. Rajalakshmi Rao, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah and Rtn. Aditya Somani (LEFT) President Preeti with District Officers

BMC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE YOGA DAY WITH RCB

The Rotary Club of Bombay, in association with Kaivalyadhama and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, held Valedictory Functions of Yog Yaan Training 2018-19 in multiple BMC schools. These were organised on June 21st, 2019, International Day

of Yoga (IDY), to mark the occasion.

The programme was coordinated by Ravi Dixit (Dy. Director), Dr. Nutan Pakhare (YEF Chief Coordinator and Medical Consultant), Sonali Jadhav of Kaivalyadhama, Rotarians

and Rotary Partners from RCB, members and officers of BMC schools and other dignitaries.

Approximately 1,550 booklets containing Yoga guidelines were printed and distributed to students who had participated

in 30 sessions of the annual Yog Yaan Training (2018-19). Each booklet contained a certificate of participation with the name of the student. More than 2,500 snack packets were distributed to students and school staff members participating in IDY.

YOGA DAY FUNCTIONS HELD IN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE CITY

G. K. Marg Municipal

School: Rtn. Manoj Patodia (Co-chairperson of Yoga Committee, RCB) was welcomed as chief guest by Principal Mangal Patil, Yoga teacher Archana Shah, and assistant teacher Priti Patel. They supervised the function along with Yoga Education Fund (YEF) representative Sanjay Mohite. Around 220 people participated including students.



Colaba Municipal School: President RCB Preeti Mehta and Senior Police Inspector Shivaji Rao Phatare were welcomed as chief guests by Principal Ambarsing Magar, Yoga teacher Rasheeda Kazi and assistant teacher Shagufta Ansari. Around 70 people participated including students.

N.M. Joshi Marg Municipal School: Rtn. Shrinivas Prasad was welcomed as chief guest by Principal Manasi Surve, Yoga teacher Amey Naykodi and assistant teacher Leena Kothari. Rtn. Ptn. Jaya Prasad supervised the function. Around 268 people participated including students.

Byculla (East) Municipal

School: Ratanadeep Vij was welcomed as chief guest by Principal Mr. Birambole, Yoga teacher Khadija H. Patanwala and assistant teacher Sharebano Chitalwala. Around 98 people participated including students.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar

Municipal School: Rtn. Jamshedji Vakharia and Keshavkumar Katkade were welcomed as chief guests by Principal Mohan Mane, Yoga teacher Darshana Wadegaonkar and assistant teacher Vasudha Nadkarni. Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia supervised the function. Around 186 people participated including students.

K. D. Gaikwad Municipal

School: Mr. Billare (Additional Deputy), Kisan Kenkare (Administrative Officer), Jagdish Gaikwad (Department Inspector) were welcomed as chief guests by Principal Vishnu Satpute, Yoga teacher Sneha Shikhare and assistant teacher Shivani Lunia. Around 90 people participated including students.

Sant Kakkaya Municipal

School: Mrs. Dongre was welcomed as chief guest by Principal Ranjana Rajesh Dongre, Yoga teacher Pushpalata Chavan and assistant teacher Seema Dixit. Around 220 people participated including students.



Kavle Math Municipal

School: Corporator Jyotsna Mehta was welcomed as the chief guest by Principal K. D. Vare, Yoga teacher Supriya Tengshe and assistant teacher Sonal Thakkar. YEF representative Sanjay Mohite supervised the function. Around 72 people participated including students.

Globe Mill Passage

Municipal School: Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Ashok Chinai were welcomed as chief guests by Principal Ganesh B. More, Yoga teacher Pramod Rane and assistant teacher Bhavna Desai. YEF representative Sanjay Mohite supervised the function. Around 50 people participated including students.



New Mody Street Municipal School: Principal Mala Sarda was welcomed as the chief guest by Yoga teacher Pratima Diwedi and assistant teacher Aasaavari Soni. Around 150 people participated including students.

Prabhadevi Municipal School: Bhupen Patel (representative of Sunjewels Pvt. Ltd.) was welcomed as the chief guest by Principal Kevale, Yoga teacher Akshay Chavan and assistant teacher Jyoti Katkar. Around 100 people participated including students.

New Sion Municipal School: Murlidhar Soni (representative of Sunjewels Pvt. Ltd.) and Dr. Zahra Bandukwala were welcomed as chief guests by Principal Rajendra Pratap Tripathi, Yoga teacher Duriya Lokhandwala and assistant teacher Prasad Vanarse. Around 153 people participated including students.



Goshala Marg Municipal School: Ashish Dalvi (representative of Sunjewels Pvt. Ltd.) was welcomed as the chief guest by Principal Shubhangi Nitin Thakur, Yoga teacher C. V. Zarekar and assistant teacher Falguni Sheth. Ajit Jangam (representative of Veena Diecasters & Engineers Pvt. Ltd.) supervised the function. Around 100 people participated including students.



Marol Municipal School: John Thuman (representative of Sunjewels Pvt. Ltd.) was welcomed as the chief guest by Principal Shainaz, Yoga teacher Rajat Dua and assistant teacher Gyaneshwari Khumanthem. Around 115 people participated including students.

Vile Parle Municipal School: Keshan Chavan (representative of Sunjewels Pvt. Ltd.) was welcomed as the chief guest by Principal Suresh Mishra, Yoga teacher Sheetal Mestry and assistant teacher Sunita Dhoot. Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia supervised the function. Around 170 people participated including students.



SEEING THE LIGHT

Children of the Machimaar Community at Lighthouse show signs of all-round development

Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas, Rtn. Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia and Rtn. Charu Agrawal spent an evening with children of Machimaar Community at Lighthouse, Bhadwar Park.

An exhibition was held to mark the end of the summer camp on June 28th. Over 40 people, mostly families and friends of the students from the community and volunteers attended.

The theme was 'States of India' and students from classes 1 to 4 put up attractive displays on four states: Punjab, Kerala,

Gujarat and West Bengal.

The children performed a dance to showcase the culture of each of the four states under the guidance of dance teacher, Ms. Sakshi. The children were confident and enchanted visitors with all they knew about the states in fluent English.

Some mothers noticed how their children's personalities showed significant positive change and one even stated that her child's school grades had improved. The Child Welfare Committee would like to thank our education partner NGO Vidya and its team of teachers, volunteer Mamta Poddar and Nikita for their continuous support in grooming the children.

STREET CHILDREN ARE MONSOON-READY!



Seeing the need to let every child enjoy the rain and still be safe, the Child Welfare Committee arranged raincoats for 80 street kids from Salam

Baalak. These children do not have homes to live in but an active childhood and desire to enjoy all seasons and play in puddles just the same.



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WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME

BY PRESIDENT NOMINEE
SHERNAZ VAKIL

When I joined the Rotary Club 17 years ago as a complete rookie, I was not sure how and where I would contribute. I only had an idea that somehow this was how I could reach out to the less fortunate.

Having now chaired and been on several committees and social projects of the Club, I can see how easy it is for us to contribute and make a small difference to someone's life.

It doesn't take much time or effort to make the elderly smile, or chat with the intelligent youngsters who are part of our Bhavishya Yaan or to advice a teenager starting out in life at the Vocational Training Centre.

Rotary has exposed me to so many situations and opportunities where I can reach out to the less privileged and support them in a small way, with a little time and perhaps a small contribution to better their lives.

Most of us spend all day at work, and need an opportunity to relate to the society around us, and ways to reach out to the less privileged.

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Rotarians!

Rotary bridges this gap and hopefully over the years we can do much more through mentoring, scholarships and vocational training.

Personally, I am learning and taking back so much more than I can give.

I have also always enjoyed the fellowship of my fellow

As the years go on Rotary is becoming a more meaningful part of my life.



A CLASS A PART

Today was the installation of Rtr. Kushaal Bhuvra, the 51st DRR of District 3141. Kushaal is from the **Rotaract Club of Bombay**. So is the

outgoing DRR Rtr. Hansika Shahani.

Hansika receives the Outstanding DRR award from amongst 43 Districts across South Asia. The first DRR of the

District 3141, Rtr. Jawahar Merchant was also from The Rotaract Club of Bombay. It is great that this Award continues to stay in RID3141 for the third consecutive year!



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INSTALLATION PHOTO ALBUM CONTINUED



President Preeti Mehta, IPP Vijay, Office Bearers and Directors



Rtn. Tara Deshpande, PN Shernaz Vakil, PE Framroze Mehta, President Preeti and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



President Preeti Mehta with Rtn. Ptn. Gautam and her school friends



Rtn. Priyasri Patodia, PP (Dr.) Adi Dastur and Rtn. Leela Deshpande



President Preeti Mehta greets her uncle M. L. Bhakta and aunt Ramila. Also in the picture, are PP Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria



President Preeti with ladies of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay - PP Sweta Vakil, Vatsala Jatia, President Jayati Dasgupta and Malti Jain



President Preeti Mehta and Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta and PP Shailesh Haribhakti with the tireless office staff



Rtn. Ptn. Zarina Mehta, Rtn. Sherebanu Baldiwala, Rtn. Ptn. Meher Poonawala and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain

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Next week's speaker

SHEKHAR GUPTA has received numerous awards: the 1985 Inlaks award for young journalist of the year, G. K. Reddy Award for Journalism and the Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed Memorial Award for Nation. He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2009 for his contribution to journalism. Shekhar Gupta is now the editor-in-chief and founder of The Print, which launched in August 2017.



RTN. BIRTHDAYS



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RTN. JETU LALVANI



JULY 11
RTN. UJJWALA SINGHANIA



JULY 11
RTN. PULIN SHROFF



JULY 13
RTN. SAMIR CHINAI



JULY 13
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JULY 15: RTN. PTN. NANDINI NARVEKAR

JULY 15: RTN. PTN. AMISHA SHROFF

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY 9:

RTN. PTN. NEHA & RTN. SIDDHARTH BHIMRAJKA

JULY 13

RTN. PTN. DIVYA & RTN. JAYESH JHAVERI

Forthcoming events

JULY 16: Shekhar Gupta, leading journalist, columnist and author.

JULY 23: Ahmed Javed, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, also former CP Mumbai - Indo-Saudi Strategic and Bilateral Relations.

JULY 30: Ashdin Doctor, Habit Coach and Founder of Awesome180.

Venue: The Taj Mahal Palace

NOTE: Our first exciting fellowship trip is planned to Pondicherry (July 31st). An email with an itinerary and additional details has been sent to you.

New Initiative

There is no better deed than to feed a hungry person, especially a child. So to mark the event of each member's birthday the club feed a child in your name. If you wish to feed more children or for a longer duration, then the charges for feeding a child nutritious food is Rs. 500 per month per child.

Members (and/or their friends and relatives) wishing to continue beyond their birthday month can donate in multiples of Rs. 500 specifying the term or the number of children to the Rotary office.

The cheques would be required in the name of "ROTARY CLUB BOMBAY CHARITIES TRUST NO. 3"

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