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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Very Warm Greetings!!!

Recently, at a get-together with friends, someone asked: "So, what have you been watching lately on Netflix?" And it occurred to me that this is the question that has replaced 'What have you been reading lately?'"

Nowadays, most people subscribe to Netflix and Amazon Prime and have one or two shows to recommend. And the next evening at home, I was going through Netflix and Amazon Prime and based on my area of interest adding the recommended shows to my watch list.

It, indeed, has been a very long time since I viewed the regular television channels for entertainment. Ever since the advent of Netflix and Amazon Prime, the choice has been video streaming services — or over-the-top (OTT) media.

OTT Media is dramatically changing the way we access and consume entertainment in India. The enormous choice, the ability to watch at convenience and the ability to rewind a missed joke, pause the show for a break, are some of the advantages that a fixed-time movie in a theatre and regular television do not offer. In contrast to fixed time TV serial episodes, OTT media offers the pleasure of binge-watching — who wants to wait for a whole week for the next episode to know what happens next? We want to know it now and we get hooked on to it. There is an explosion of content. For the price of one to two movie tickets (and this does not include popcorn and snacks), we have access to some of highest-rated and most-watched television shows and movies in the world.

Going to the theatre to watch a film is an entirely different experience with probably a family outing (and, of course, popcorn and snacks). But this is now more restricted when we want to watch certain films on the big screen or want to occasionally enjoy the theatre experience, especially the modern theatre experience.

The film in the theatre or the serial on TV control one's time. OTT media on the other hand allow one to be in control of one's time. One can spend nine hours on a weekend and finish off the full season of a serial. Or, one could watch a few episodes of a thriller, take a break with something lighter for a few evenings, and then go back to the chaos of the thriller.

What Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hot Star have also exposed us to is great international TV shows. Netflix, Amazon Prime and Hot Star are presently free from Indian censorship, but that's another story for another time — the fact remains that these give the viewer unmatched freedom, and the content probably gives more highs than Indian television has ever given. Remember the times of the older soap TV shows such as Buniyaad, Mahabharat, Hum Log, Ramayan, Here's Lucy, Count of Monte Cristo, The Invisible Man, etc.?"

President Preeti Mehta



PE Framroze Mehta thanks Rtn. (Dr.) Ashok Kripalani for addressing the Club

DOCTOR, NOT GOD

Rtn. (Dr.) Kirpalani delineated all the stakeholders in medical care and outlined the challenges

There has been a change in the way patients see doctors over the last 15 years, said Rtn. (Dr.) Kirpalani. "My father's patients worshipped him as a God and meant it. Today, after having done 3,000 transplants, I too have patients who say *aap mere maai baap hai!* But when I look upon them now, there is a great deal of trepidation and fear because the same people turn around and blame me so often, irrationally and sometimes rationally. This change — is it good for society and is it good for the patients?"

"Every doctor, be it the great Bhattacharya or the small registrar in my office who writes history for me, has one thing to say: 'I am a doctor and I am afraid'. I am afraid of my patients. I get up every morning and I pray I am not a doctor in my next life. People are attacking clinics, beating doctors and those in training — who are MD and are paid probably 35,000 a month — these are the people who are being thrashed the most."

"In the past, there was nothing between patient and doctor but a clinic, a bottle of red mixture and some tablets. The doctor gave it and you swallowed it. There was an immense faith and patients got well. That was the only real interaction. Today, there are stakeholders — some genuine, some pseudo and some neither genuine nor pseudo. All their misgivings and misadventures are ultimately borne by the doctor facing the patient. Failure to cure and failure to save the life, failure to deliver after a good operation, is all faced by the doctor and that is the issue. Most doctors now see that their patients have no faith. I see patients on a fourth reference — first he's been to a GP, then to a consultant, then a super consultant and then me."

"The second stakeholder is the family of the patient who, of course, is concerned. But the granddaughter looks at her grandfather and says, 'He is in the ICU, the bill will be Rs 18 lakh; I can't go to America for my training because of this old man.' So, there are mixed feelings. And the biggest stakeholders are the doctors,



PE Framroze Mehta wishes Rtn. Pranay Vakil for his birthday



PE Framroze Mehta wishes Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara for her birthday



Rotarians Farhat Jamal, Dr. Ashok Kripalani, PE Framroze Mehta, Jagdish Malkani and Ashok Jatia



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Rotarians Pulin Shroff, IPP Vijay Kumar Jatia and Jamshyd Vazifdar

the hospitals and the diagnostics. Plus, people are doing unnecessary investigations.”

“Then there are pharmaceutical companies. You think they are not genuine stakeholders but they are. Because of them, there are new drugs which are saving lives by the gallons, but you look at them and think, ‘They’re thieves. Let’s buy the Indian drugs.’ You try some of the drugs, particularly the antibiotics and the new anticancer drugs, and the effect you get from one originator is much superior to what you get in local. So, be careful, do not think that they are not genuine stakeholders.”

“There are great educationists who are putting up hospitals and medical colleges. I need not say more. The medical college brings to your mind the image of a person in a dhoti and a topi and the next thing you know is Rs 2 crore per seat. That is not the doctors’ fault but that is how people become doctors. Eighty per cent of the seats in Maharashtra are only for Marathas. So, where do I send my son? Thank god, to the private medical colleges. You can’t just say that private medical colleges are thieves – that is not true. I had to send my son to private medical college. That is education for you. Then there are NGOs. Some are doing great work but a lot of NGOs and charities are bogus. People do pseudo charity – it is easy to sit at home and do charity. The real charity is the one in which the people go and wash the feet of lepers. The other type is CSR charity. So there are types of charitable organisations. Then, there are the great well-wishers who will ask, ‘Do you have a cold? Warm some nimboo paani and drink it. This is the problem.’”



Rtn. Ateeq Agboatwala asks a question

“Then there are the regulatory authorities like the IMA, the medical council, all giving you a heartburn, producing new acts. Now, if a person tries to find out whether he has a daughter or a son and comes to the radiologist for sonography, the sonographer is arrested and the lady is allowed to go home. What nonsense is this! And, you have to give undertakings. I, as a nephrologist, cannot buy a sonography machine. It has to be kept in a place where it is visible to everybody, it cannot be taken out of the hospital. I have a serious patient at home? No, it cannot be taken home because you may go and diagnose someone’s pregnancy. The whole methodology is completely draconian and it is for the softest target. Another example is of kidney transplant. People are buying and selling kidneys but who is going to jail? The doctors. We go to jail because we are saving lives; you forget the end. If the end justifies the means, then everyone will put their hand in the pocket and buy the kidney if needed.”

“The IMA forced the last Health Minister to promulgate a new law against anyone who hurts a doctor. Do you know that it is blocked? It has been thrown out because the Home Ministry says that you cannot have a law for one particular profession. The Health Minister was himself a doctor, Dr Harsh Vardhan, he was the one who pushed it, but the Home Minister says no. This is the problem with medical systems.”

“Our Prime Minister is a good man and has his heart at the right place. He takes out money, which has not been taken out before, for health. But, what does he do? He short-cuts it. He starts saying that



Rtn. S K Mitra asks a question

ayurvedic doctors can become allopathic doctors, short-cut medicine. How can a person who believes that potency increases by diluting, understand my medicine? Instead, you should have bare foot doctors, have nurse practitioners. But he does not listen to us – he listens to Rajnath. That’s the problem. Already, for one allopathic doctor there are two alternate doctors registered. Then, what does he do? He gives money to insurance instead of upgrading public hospitals like the JJ hospital, KEM, which are doing excellent work but are overloaded and they pay the doctors so little that every year there is attrition from the profession. You go to KEM, you become a professor, 1.5 lakhs-2 lakhs. You go out and practice, you earn 10 times more. But if you pay them enough they will stay there.”

“Then, there are governments which openly abuse doctors. Mamta Banerjee once said that if a doctor does not attend to you for Rs 400, you bring him to me, I’ll have him beaten up by my goons. Ultimately when that happened, the doctors in Calcutta went on strike and she had to take back her words.”

“Many years ago, I was involved in the care of 14 people who had cataract, brain surgery and strokes and were given glycerine in JJ hospital which was industrial glycerine instead of pharmaceutical grade. It had a contaminant which was a poison, caused kidney failure and whole body failure. Fourteen people died in my hands, it was severe poison. It happened in 1985.”

“Lots of commissions for enquiry were set up. The famous one was Lentin Commission. Justice Lentin spent

three years recommending how to put everything in order. He examined me and did not accuse me of anything. The people who were accused were suspended, subsequently the suspension was overturned, two doctors died during that suspension period. What happened to the pharmaceutical company that bought and sold that material? That company changed its name and continued to work.”

“Two years ago, I got a notice from the magistrate court to come and give evidence in the Lentin Commission case. That is 33 years later. I was called because the charges had not even been framed! Is anyone concerned whether or not the company or the people were punished? No, because the media does not bother, I didn’t too. Nobody is saying that the pharmaceutical company is still producing the medicines.”

“So, will doctors start adopting the principle of ‘live and let live’. This might happen. Practicing medicine is a fine art and you have to change it from time to time. Doctors guarantee nothing except their best effort. Every medical treatment has side effects, and everyone must accept that he is going to the doctor and not to God.”

“You, as intelligentsia, can propagate this theme. Start with your own family, and say, ‘Look, one day I am going to die please do not put those 16 tubes in my abdomen, I don’t want that. Don’t make a mess of me.’ Let us have hospice care. We need hospice which means where hospitals are not going to work but a place where a person is allowed to go comfortably.”



IPP Vijay Kumar Jatia describes our Club’s performance at the District awards



Rotarians Shyamnivas Somani, Nandan Maluste and PE Framroze Mehta et al



Rotarians Vineet Bhatnagar, PE Framroze Mehta, Meera Alreja, Dr. Ashok Kripalani and Farhat Jamal



PE Framroze Mehta, Rtn (Dr). Ashok, IPP Vijay Kumar Jatia and Rtn Farhat Jamal et al



Rtn. Shanta Chatterji asks a question



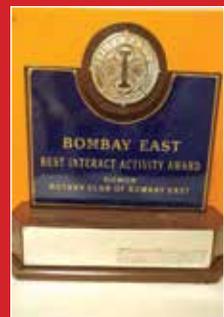
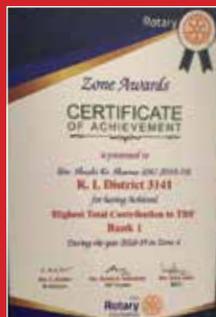
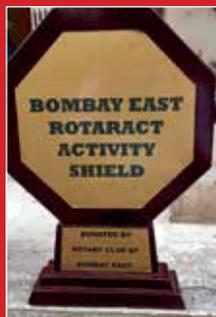
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RCB SHINES AT DISTRICT AWARDS



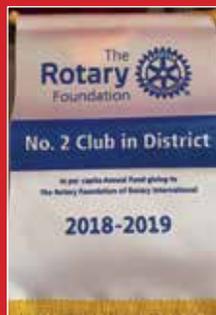
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The Rotary Club of Bombay won a bag full of Awards at the District Awards.

We were awarded with 11 trophies, RI President's Gold Citation, 5 Zonal Awards awarded to the District Committees of TRF, Public Image headed by Sandip Agarwalla, 8 Gold Certificates, TRF Polio award, PP Sandip also received the Distinguished Service Award and a special recognition from DG Shashi Sharma for being an outstanding leader of the District. Besides that, we also won awards for Outstanding work in all 4 Avenues of Service, Best Service to Youth, Best Bulletin, Best Public Relation, Highest contribution to TRF, Outstanding work by a Club in Promotion of Ethics, Maximum Women members in a club and many more.

Other trophies handed over the year are "Diamond Trophy" and Trophy for the incredible commitment and invaluable initiatives as President" by the Governor.






PRESIDENT PREETI MEHTA
AND
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND
OUR LANDMARK PROJECT
AT THE MASINA HOSPITAL

TO INAUGURATE
THE UPGRADED UROLOGY DEPARTMENT

CHIEF GUEST: HARJIT SINGH TALWAR, DISTRICT
GOVERNOR 3141

10.00 AM
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020
SANT SAVTA MARG, BYCULLA (EAST)
MUMBAI 400 027





KATHAK LIVE FOR ANANDA YAAN

NCPA's outreach programme delights senior citizens

In December, both our Ananda Yaan Centres (joint initiatives of Dignity Foundation and Rotary Club of Bombay) got a golden opportunity when renowned Kathak artiste Seema Mehta and her two students performed at the centre. They were accompanied by Satyaprakash Mishra on the tabla. This was possible due to the outreach initiative by the NCPA. The event at the centres was a first for the members. They had seen Kathak performances on TV but this was their first live experience and that too in such proximity.

The performers began first with the "Pranayam," an invocation, where dancers invoked the higher self, paying respect to the floor, the



audience, the musician and even the instruments. All three demonstrated Kathak Yoga where they sang a "Nagma", a melody in teen tal while doing polyrhythmic compositions. Seema Mehta then did a short and exciting "Thaat" that concluded with a Sawal-Jawab! She then depicted the famous "Kaliyadaman" story which the lady members thoroughly



enjoyed. Satyaprakash on the tabla engaged the members by making them to do Sawal-Jawab.

Finally, the dancers and the members sang Raghupati Raghav together to a concluding Pranaam. What made this event special was the taal-mel (interaction) between the artistes and the

members. The members felt a part of the performance and not just observers. They shared that it was one thing to see it on TV but a completely different and enchanting experience to see it live and that too so close. A few members even wondered whether their grandchildren could take up Kathak. Thank you NCPA!

TRAINING CHILDREN

"Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." - Maimonides

Rtn. Vineet Bhatnagar (MD, PhillipCapital India) began PhillipCapital's association with RCB's Bhavisha Yaan (G.K. Marg School). He inspired others in the company to play a role in BY's growth. The aim was to give underprivileged children an equal chance at education and help students in all-round academics so that they could integrate with kids from private schools. Kishor



Malpani (AVP – Finance , PhillipCapital), said, "A good education system skillfully prepares young children for life. We want them to be ready for the real world so that they can hold high-end jobs at multinational

companies at some stage and not work at the lower end of the spectrum."

Towards this, PhillipCapital (India) began corporate training for BY children to equip them to integrate with mainstream society. In

order to open their minds and reignite their passion for on-the-job learning, they are given opportunities to work in a corporate environment that is exactly the same as for all other employees at PhillipCapital (India). These children are mentored and supervised by well-qualified departmental heads. "We are delighted to see that these children have shown commitment and skill to bring value to the work that they have been assigned with us," added Mr. Kishor.

MEGA MEDICAL CAMP OF RI DIST. 3141

The Rotary Club of Bombay is participating in a free, multi-purpose Mega Medical camp in the Phoenix Mills Compound on January 18th & 19th, 2020 (10 am to 5 pm, both days).

All Rotarians are requested to join medical doctors and Yoga teachers from Kaivalyadham, Lonavla and Mumbai to focus on Yoga as a means of Health Healing at the RCB stall.

Please also recommend the camp to friends and family members so they may avail the opportunity and derive its benefit.



Rotary Club of Bombay

Sports Committee Invites you to the

Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament

Fellowship over Drinks & Lunch Hosted by Rtn Madhup Vaghani

1.30pm to 4.30pm
Saturday, 18th Jan, 2020
The Cabbage Patch
Willingdon Sports Club

GIVE, TO RECEIVE

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 will 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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JANUARY 14
PP KALPANA
MUNSHI



JANUARY 15
RTN. BAJI
BILLIMORIA



JANUARY 15
RTN. DINESH
LAL



JANUARY 15
RTN. CHANDRA
SINGH LODHA



JANUARY 16
RTN. DARIOUS
IRANI



JANUARY 16
RTN. PRAKASH
JOTWANI



JANUARY 16
RTN. (DR.)
RAMCHANDRA LELE



JANUARY 16
RTN. ARIN
MASTER



JANUARY 16
RTN. SUBRATA
MITRA



JANUARY 17
RTN. APURVA
DIWANJI



JANUARY 17
RTN. HARESH
JAGTIANI



JANUARY 18
RTN. RATAN
TANKHA



JANUARY 19
RTN. FARHAT
JAMAL



JANUARY 19
RTN. GAURAV
NEVATIA



JANUARY 20
RTN. ROHAN DALAL

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER



Tushar Arun Gandhi is the son of journalist Arun Manilal Gandhi, grandson of Manilal Gandhi and great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. In March 2005, he led the 75th anniversary re-enactment of the Dandi March.

Forthcoming events

- January 15:** Inauguration of the upgraded urology department at Masina Hospital at 10 am at Masina Hospital, Sant Savta Marg, Byculla East.
- January 18:** Annual golf tournament and fellowship.
- January 28:** Guest Speaker Captain Aarohi Pandit: The Girl Who Crossed Two Oceans

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY 14
RTN. PTN. SUSHILA KUMAR

ANNIVERSARIES
JANUARY 15
RTN. PTN. VRISHALI & RTN. (DR.) AMEET PISPATI

JANUARY 18
RTN. PTN. NIDHI & RTN. ABHINAV AGGARWAL
RTN. PTN. SWAPANA & RTN. MANOJ MURARKA

JANUARY 19
RTN. SUNITA & RTN. PTN. AVADHESH MANDELIA
RTN. PTN. ANAHITA & RTN. DARIUS PANDOLE

JANUARY 20
RTN. PTN. RAJUL & RTN. ANAND PARIKH
RTN. PTN. NAVAZ & RTN. JIMMY POCHKHANAWALLA

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