

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Very Warm Greetings!!!

We are in the midst of what probably can be called as the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution', which is convergence of boundaries or their blurring as we know them, between physical, biological and digital worlds through innovations.

Technologies are emerging and evolving

super-fast. As per some technology futurists, some of the most imminent trends expected in 2020 and a little beyond are: Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a service, 5G Data Network, Autonomous Driving, Personalised and Predictive Medicine and Computer Vision. A fundamental transformation of our societies as we know them presently will take place on a global scale affecting economy and the ways in which humans will interact. There will be big disruptions too with technology and manpower getting redundant or obsolete.

AI is one of the most path-breaking and transformative technological evolutions of our times. AI is presently an expensive proposition for businesses to design, develop and deploy their own AI-based systems. Consequently, much of the AI applications will continue to be outsourced from service providers and 2020 may probably witness wider adoption and many more providers offering tailored applications and services for specific or specialised tasks.

While 5G mobile data networks became available in 2019 for the first time, 2020 is likely to be the year when 5G really starts to fly, with more affordable data plans, more stable connections with super-fast download and upload speeds as well as greatly improved coverage. While we still aren't at the stage where we can expect to routinely travel in, or even see, autonomous vehicles in 2020, they undoubtedly will continue to generate a significant amount of excitement. Laws, existing infrastructure, social attitudes and human behaviour may undergo change before and after the advent of autonomous driving becomes a practical reality for most of us. Time will tell as to "if," or "when," this will become a reality.

Technology and biotechnology are currently transforming healthcare at an unprecedented rate. We will see much more medical investigation applications and precision medicine, which allows doctors to more precisely diagnose, to prescribe medicines and apply treatments, thanks to a data-driven understanding of how effective they are likely to be for a specific patient. The convergence of digital, biology, robotics, nano technologies and medicine are going to play a great role in healthcare.

Computer vision technology allows smartphone cameras to recognise which part of the image that it's capturing is a face, and powers technology such as Google Image Search.

As we move through 2020, computer vision-equipped tools and technology may be applied for an ever-increasing number of uses e.g... production lines, identifying defective products or equipment failures and, security cameras to raise an alert in case of anything out of the ordinary, without requiring 24x7 monitoring, and for facial recognition. However, the consequent erosion of privacy will always be a debatable issue. The fast advancement of technology is inevitable with its advantages and disadvantages.



President Preeti Mehta



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150 YEARS AND BEYOND

Tushar Arun Gandhi on the Mahatma

150 years after the Mahatma's birth, do we deserve to be the bearers of his legacy and do we deserve him? He did what he had to do in his lifetime and whether or not he is relevant today does not matter; the pertinent question is whether we deserve to claim that he is the Father of the Nation.



When the first interim Government of India was formed and the Council of Ministers took charge, they went to meet Bapu and asked him to give them messages so that they could work according to his wishes. He gave them a message that has come to be known as his talisman: when you think of doing something for the betterment of the public, picture the face of the weakest of weak and poorest of poor. Then ask yourself if what you intend to do will make a difference in that person's life? Will it enable them to climb out of the hopeless situation they find themselves in and become self-reliant? If the honest answer to that question is yes, then what you are trying to do

is of relevance; otherwise it will just make you feel good and there will be no consequence to the people it is intended for.

Unfortunately this talisman, like everything else, has become a nice quote in a book and governments in independent India have forgotten the spirit of it. Welfare policies of governments from Independence till today have made people dependent and not self-reliant. If you look at the very well intentioned MGNREGA, all it does is make the rural poor create a lifestyle that can sustain on hundred days of guaranteed income. They keep themselves impoverished so that that benefit can keep coming instead

TODAY: AAROHI PANDIT WILL BE HONOURED WITH UMA JAIN AWARD FOR YOUNG WOMAN ACHIEVER. SHE WILL ADDRESS THE CLUB.



President Preeti Mehta thanks Mr. Tushar Gandhi for addressing the Club



Rotarians Anand Dalal and Farhat Jamal with Mr. Tushar Gandhi



Rotarians Farhat Jamal, President Preeti Mehta and PP Paul George with Mr. Tushar Gandhi and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain



Rotarians Farhat Jamal, President Preeti Mehta, Manish Reshamwala and Mahesh Khubchandani with Mr. Tushar Gandhi



Rotarians Jagdish Malkani and Tanya Sood



Rotarians Aziz Javeri, President Preeti Mehta, Farhat Jamal, Shanta Chatterji, Mahesh Khubchandani with Mr. Tushar Gandhi, Rtn. Ptn. Erika Born, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain and Rtn. Peter Born

of using that to climb out because there is no limit for it. You can just keep availing it for the rest of your life.

India has a unique reputation of both capitalism and socialism fading in it. We tried to be socialist republic and we did not succeed in that. We tried to embrace capitalist values, philosophies and ideologies, and we are not doing a great job of that either. So the cure for everything that ails the nation today could be modelled on the concept of trusteeship that my great grandfather laid great store by. Bapu did not just preach about trusteeship of wealth but he talked about the trusteeship of ability. He said that everything that is unique to an individual should, beyond a certain point, be utilised for the benefit of the society. And not out of the sense of being benevolent but from the sense of being duty-bound because whatever you have achieved, whenever you live in a society, it is never all by yourself.

Society has contributed to your successes and abilities, knowledge and everything that you are capable of at that point of time. Somewhere or the other, the society has contributed to it. So you owe it to society that you utilise all your talents, abilities, time, wealth

to give back to the society in a way that you create a situation where it is not dependent on your aim or your benevolent. You create things that will then become self-sustaining and empower a targeted audience. That is the concept of trusteeship that we have never adopted.

In contrast, many people in villages have gone beyond their capabilities to share with the community their abilities to make the life of the people better. I have just been on a tour of India going through the NGOs in the rural areas and there are such shining examples of why India is able to sustain itself although we are such a diverse and contradictory nation within our nation. People are sometimes surprised how we survive as a nation. And yet there are some things that bind us together because if you look at what we have achieved remarkably in independent India is the fact that we have created divisions to such an extent that the only thing left now that is not divided into an unbridgeable manner is the individual. Otherwise every other factor divides us, education, facilities, rights, community, caste, religion, gender, economics and it keeps widening.

That is why the relevance of Gandhi comes back because in the figure of Gandhi you see the poorest of the poor and the weakest of the weak of the nation. His entire image is of that and that is why he has become the icon of the have-nots.

Unfortunately we made him into a Mahatma, we created him into a larger than life person and that is why one of my unstated objectives in life is to free my great grandfather from that prison of being a Mahatma and making him into an ordinary, believable human being because what he inspired is not what he became. What is inspiring is how he achieved that from being a frail, weak, and prone-to-make-mistakes, young man to getting to that stage where the world considered him to be an icon and a Mahatma. That is the journey we can identify with and we can encourage ourselves to take that path. We may not reach the same destination. The destination is not important, it is the journey, the will to take a few steps towards that.

While the nation celebrates the 150th anniversary of Bapu, we have reduced him to become an icon of cleanliness and that too external cleanliness. There is no inward ability to look, or intention to look inwards and cleanse ourselves from inside, whether it is in governance or civilian life. The glasses that have come to symbolise clean India, the design shows only the frame there are no lenses in it, so the vision through those glasses is always going to be blurred. That is convenient because then you don't see the nitty-gritty of the problem or the issue.

The greatest pity of our nation is that for the past six years, on every Independence Day, our Prime Minister is forced to appeal to us to make a clean India and yet it shows no results because it is not just cleaning up of India that is of importance, we have to inculcate the habit of not littering in the first place. That is our societal tradition because our caste based society has conditioned first

us for centuries that there is a group of people whose duty is to clean up after us. So it is our duty to make filth so that they have a reason to live and work. That is why the greatest failure of Bapu was to fight to eradicate the caste hierarchies in our society.

Not only Bapu but every social reformer who tried to fight caste hierarchy and prejudices has failed. Dr. Ambedkar tried it with a legal provision and today you see the whole process of reservation which was meant to create a level-playing field has created rifts and divisions. It is not just Dr Ambedkar to be blamed for this, it is us. We are so expert in corrupting everything that could be good and making it bad. Thus, this 150 anniversary of Bapu is time to introspect, not celebrate. We don't deserve to celebrate his life anymore unless we introspect and try to find Gandhian quality within ourselves.

PP Rtn. Haresh Jagtiani: You talked about the theory of Trusteeship. I think there should be a way to capture the essence of Gandhi in some way or the other, teaching or by getting people to address a University. As Bapu said, if you really want to make a difference you must start with children. I find it exhilarating because students are not convinced easily and have a lot of questions. Gandhi can only be understood if you keep asking questions, if you accept what somebody says, you only accept one facet of Gandhi. One of my favourite analogies of understanding Gandhi is the onion. I say Gandhi is like an onion; you keep peeling the layer and a new shape and new layer is apparent to you till you have nothing left and that is when you realise what Gandhi is. The nothingness of the onion. If we put in a practical use, the definition of Gandhi is in its non-existence. So I subscribe to Gandhigiri much more than Gandhism because the latter is too philosophical to be practical whereas Munna showed us Gandhigiri to be applied in day to day situations. Gandhi gives the inspiration to find the cure by ourselves, he does not give us the cure.



PP Haresh Jagtiani asks a question



Rtn. Farhat Jamal introduces Mr. Tushar Gandhi



Rtn. Shanta Chatterji asks a question



Rotarians Mudit Jain and President Preeti Mehta with a visiting Rotarian from Rotary Club of Albert Park, Australia - Rtn. Ishwar Prasad and Rtn. Ptn. Veera Prasad



Rotarians Manish Reshamwala, Vrinda Rajgarhia and Mahesh Khubchandani

4 THE BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

Rotary history was created on January 12, 2008 when 17 members teed off at the United Services Club for the First Annual Golf Tournament of the Rotary Club of Bombay initiated by Rtn. Moy Biswas. Since then this tournament has been held every year and its ever-growing popularity has led to a roster of 32 competitors.

On January 18, 2020, the Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament for the Trophy instituted by the Biswas family in 2008 was held once again at the Willingdon Sports Club.

President Preeti Mehta officially began the tournament with a ceremonial tee-off at 8.30 am. Then began the serious business of participants from ages 17 to 75 years, teeing off, in the following groups:

Pradeep Chinai, Anand Shah, Dinesh Lal and Rajan Dalal; Brinda Shah, Padma Lal and Amishi Doshi; Madhup Vaghani, Mihir Doshi, Kush Shah and Abhiram Sheth; Subrata Mitra, Pashupati Advani and Mohit Jain; Sanjay Desai, Aziz Javeri and Darious Irani; Aditya Shah, Gautam Doshi and Aryaman Himatsingka; Arvind Jolly, Anil Goyal and Vitek Goyal; Satyan Israni, Suresh Goklaney and Moy Biswas.

While the camaraderie among players was excellent, their competitive spirit was high, with all the golfers playing to the best of their abilities. The eagles, birdies and pars (as well as some unwanted bogeys) kept coming. Fortunately, the weather was excellent, with a cool winter morning to lighten the golfers' exertion.

Although the game was highly competitive, it was played in a spirit of friendliness which was facilitated by meticulous planning and faultless execution by Moy.

Exciting and electrifying as the tournament was, the fellowship that followed at the Cabbage patch was equally engaging and exhilarating, with the presence of many past presidents namely Nalin Parikh, Rajnikant Reshamwala, Arvind Jolly, Sandip Agarwalla, Ashish Vaid, Nirav Shah, Mukesh Batra and Vijay Jatia and several stalwart Rotarians and family members.

After a group photograph with a very large



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Longest Drive - Aryaman Himatsingka



Nearest to the Pin - Padma Lal



Lucky Lady - Nilofer Currawalla



Runner-up - Anil Goyal

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Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament



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President Preeti doing the ceremonial tee off



Winner - Abhiram Sheth

number of Rotarians and family members present for this event, the presentation ceremony began with Moy treating everyone to quips with his trademark sense of humour.

On behalf of the Sports Committee, Moy presented President Preeti Mehta with a token of appreciation for her motivation and encouragement.

Moy narrated the history of this tournament and acknowledged the names of the Rotarians who have helped in making this tournament a success year after year. He thanked Naresh Jain, Arvind Agarwal, Bimal and Fali Mehta for their generous contributions. He also thanked Pradeep Chinai for facilitating the arrangements at the WSC as well as hosting the breakfast for the participants, Dev Thukral for his support in designing the trophies, Satyan Israni and Jamshyd Vazifdar for social media and bulletin and Mehernosh Dotivala for photography.

Moy profusely thanked Madhup Vaghani for his generous contribution and invigorating efforts in hosting this enjoyable fellowship for the last four years and this being the fifth year and also sponsoring special prizes for the runner-up and winner. Moy then handed the stage over to Rtn. Puneet Chhatwal to present certain special awards.

A lucky draw was organised to show appreciation for the non-participating ladies, present year after year, to motivate and encourage participants. Rtn. Puneet Chhatwal eventually declared Nilofer Currawalla as the "Lucky Lady", awarded Aryaman Himatsingka for the longest drive in hole no 01 and Padma Lal for nearest to the pin in hole no 06.

Finally, it was time to declare the runner-up and the winner. The runner-up prize was presented to Anil Goyal and Abhiram Sheth was crowned the winner of the Thirteenth Rotary Club of Bombay Annual Golf Tournament. This is the first time Abhiram has bagged this trophy. Loud applause greeted the announcement and all those present congratulated the champion as President Preeti and Moy presented the winner's trophy. Finally, PP Sandip Agarwalla and Pradeep Chinai came on stage and complimented Moy for introducing and nurturing this event.



Sport brings communities together!

At Lighthouse, sports brought Rotarians and Rotaractors together, too, to participate in races along with children and parents of fishermen community at Bhai Bhandarwar Machchimar Nagar.

On Sunday, January 12th, the Lighthouse Centre held its first Sports Day in the Machchimar Community Ground near its premises. All students from KG to Std. 5 participated in the event. Bharat Daftary (Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Serums and Vaccines Ltd.) and his lovely wife Bhavna, who have been supporters of our Lighthouse project, presided as chief guests at the event.

Sports plays a crucial role in the all-round development of an individual and has its myriad benefits. Not only does it help build muscles, increase stamina and endurance but also keeps the mind alert and lowers stress levels.

We, at Lighthouse, believe: 'a sound mind lives in a sound body.' We conducted Sports Day to inculcate the habit of outdoor exercise which is crucial in promoting children's well-being as much as classroom studying does.

Through this we hope to imbibe, in our children, the main principles of playing a game – team spirit and healthy competition which is more important than winning or losing a game.

The children participated in a variety of innovative

races like Little Artist, Spell the Word, Let's Go Fishing, Bunny Hop etc. A drill by the tiny tots of KG class and a football routine on the rousing Bollywood number 'Goal' were the highlights of the day.

The Yoga and Taekwondo instructors each put up performances to showcase the skills of their students. Most of the students in the Taekwondo class have now graduated to higher levels and were awarded their new belts and certificates at the event.

Races for parents, student volunteers and Rotarians injected some fun into the event. Parents enthusiastically participated in the races and the winners were overjoyed to climb the victory stand and be photographed standing on it.

Despite it being their rest day on Sunday, Machchimar Nagar community members, parents and Rotarians attended in large numbers. Chairman Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Dilip Dalal, PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Charu Agrawal, Rtn. Vandana Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Asha Shah, and Ms. Pratibha Pai attended the event and cheered the participants. Manisha Ahuja conducted the flow of the event in a smooth manner.

We are overwhelmed with the cooperation and participation of the community which has made us decide to make Sports Day an annual event for the Lighthouse children.

Statistics of the meeting held on January 21, 2020

Members: 84, Rotarian Partners: 03, Visiting Rotarians: 0, Guests: 02, Rotaractors: 01, Total = 90, Service Box Collection = Rs. 1450



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Forthcoming events

- January 31:** Get-together of senior members arranged by Young at Heart Committee at Willingdon Sports Club at 7.30 pm.
- February 2:** Visit to Talwada.



- February 5:** Cricket match: Bhavishya Yaan vs RCB Rotarians at PJ Hindu Gymkhana ground, 10 am to 1 pm.
- February 8-9:** DISCON 2020
- February 11:** Guest speaker Adm. Robin Dhowan India's Ex Chief of Naval Staff.
- February 18:** Guest speaker Amit Chandra, Bain Capital.

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER



Born in India, documentary filmmaker and writer Nasreen Munni Kabir lives in London, where she has made several programmes on Hindi cinema for Channel 4 TV, including the forty-six-part series Movie Mahal and The Inner/Outer World of Shah Rukh Khan.

Her several books include Guru Dutt: A Life in Cinema; Talking Films and Talking Songs with Javed Akhtar; The Spirit of Music with A. R. Rahman; Lata Mangeshkar: In Her Own Voice; and five publications featuring the complete dialogue of classic films like Mughal-e-Azam and Awaara.

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FEBRUARY 1

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ROTARY IN THE NEWS

Change in a small pocket



Neelam Lakhani
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A silent revolution called Bhavishya Yaan is taking place in Mumbai's municipal schools every day and here's how it impacts each and every one of us.



Digital media coverage for the Rotary Club of Bombay's Bhavishya Yaan project via Neelam Lakhani on medium.com