

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Rotarians,

Very Warm Greetings!!!

Last week, we had the privilege of being addressed by Admiral Robin Dhowan on India's vast maritime interests as enablers of our blue economy, as India emerges as a resurgent maritime nation in the 21st Century.

This made me think about India's international land borders shared with

our neighbours Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Pakistan, China, and if one counts POK then even Afghanistan.

Perhaps the most famous and visited border in India touching Pakistan, which welcomes numerous tourists and guests is the Wagah border, located in the Indian state of Punjab, very close to Amritsar, and is known for its highly charged Retreat ceremony.

An important border between India-China, the Nathu La Pass is at a height of 4310 m above sea level, and is 54 km away from Gangtok. The border can be visited only by Indian nationals with, of course, special permit.

To get a slight flavour of Bhutan, one may head to Bhutan Gate in Jaigaon, a quiet and peaceful border town with a lot of natural splendour.

A charming border in the beautiful state of Meghalaya, Dawki shares its border with Bangladesh's Sylhet region. It is a very friendly border, as you get to see numerous Indians and Bangladeshis visiting here every day, including hawkers from both the countries, selling their merchandise to tourists.

Off the eastern coast, some 500 km south of Chennai, lies the historical Pamban Island, seemingly a stone's throw from neighbouring Sri Lanka. One of the longest bridges in the country, the iconic Pamban Bridge connects the mainland with the island, also known as Rameswaram Island.

Visible from here is the Adam's Bridge (also known as 'Rama Setu' supposedly built by Lord Rama's army to rescue Sita from Lanka) — a former land link between India and Sri Lanka and now undersea.

Travelling from India to Nepal by land is not quick, but you can soak up some scenery and adventure if you have the time and patience.

India has five key border crossings into Nepal but the most frequently used by travellers is Sonauli as probably being the simplest way of travelling to Nepal from Delhi.

Myanmar or Burma is that Southeast Asian country, which is yet to see the large influx of tourism. Subsequent to the implementation of the landmark Land Border Crossing Agreement between India and Myanmar, signed on May 11, 2018, has simultaneously opened three international entry-exit checkpoints at the Tamu (in the state of Manipur) - Moreh (in western Sagaing Division) and the Rihkhawdar (in the remote northwestern Chin State of Myanmar)-Zowkhawtar (in Champhai district of Mizoram).

Presently, Afghanistan is not directly connected with India administered areas. However, the land border between the two countries passes partially through Pakistan occupied Kashmir/Swat Valley which legitimately & formally acceded to India through instrument of succession (like any of 500 odd states merging with either Pakistan or India). However, due to the continued illegal occupation of this area by Pakistan, India is currently unable to get access to its land border with Afghanistan.


President Preeti Mehta



WATER WORLD

Adm. Robin Dhowan spoke to Rotarians about India's place in the maritime world

In the Indian Ocean region, we have about 120,000 ships which transit through here every year and these ships carry 66 per cent of the world's oil, 50 per cent of the world's container traffic and 33 per cent of the world's cargo traffic. About a billion tonne of oil passes through the Indian Ocean every year and these routes lead further to the ASEAN countries like Japan, South Korea and China. But the seas are no longer a benign medium and globalisation has resulted in vulnerability of the oceans.

The threats and challenges on the waters of the Indian Ocean are wide and varied. Who could have thought that even in the 21st century we would be battling with pirates and Maritime terrorism. Other challenges include arms trafficking, human trafficking, drugs smuggling, poaching or illegal and unreported fishing.

Another challenge on the

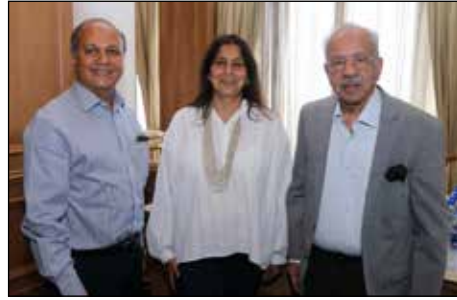
water of the Indian Ocean is the indiscriminate pollution of the ocean resulting in climate change of the ocean. Consequently, a large percentage of extreme climate conditions turn into natural disasters. Thus, the Navy and the coast guard have to be constantly ready to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief. Instability and turbulence in some part of the Indo Pacific region have the potential to spill over on to the maritime domain and this situation can be best described as fragile. Consequently, over 120 warships from nearly 20 countries are always present in the Indian Ocean to safeguard their Maritime interest.

India has advocated adherence to international law, maintenance and promotion of peace and stability, Maritime safety and security, freedom of navigation and all of life in the region. Our blue planet, Earth has a dominance of the

TODAY: AMIT CHANDRA, MD, BAIN CAPITAL



PP (Dr.) Adi Dastur with Adm. Robin Dhowan



PP Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Ptn. Kanan Fotedar and Rtn. Naresh Jain



Rotarians Ashok Chinai, Ramesh Mehta and PP Nalin Parikh



President Preeti Mehta wishes PP Arun Sanghi for his birthday



President Preeti Mehta wishes Rtn. Shivkumar Israni for his birthday



President Preeti Mehta wishes Rtn. Zeenia Master for her birthday

Maritime domain with over 70% of the Earth surface covered by water and 80% of the world's population living within 200 nautical coast and 90% of the world's trade transiting by sea. Oceans are therefore central to life on Earth. They are rich in oil mineral resources, suppliers of oxygen, absorbers of carbon dioxide, they are a virtual heat sink, rich in biodiversity which has emerged as Global economic Highway for the transit of sea borne trade.

The concept of a Blue economy has emerged as a new paradigm and I would like to define harnessing the Blue economy as the economic development of all our Maritime interests by optimal utilisation of resources with minimal impact on environment to sustainable development of the oceans. India has a long coastline of 7,516 kilometres, exclusive economic zone of over 2 million square kilometres. We have over 1300 islands and islets including the Andaman and Nicobar, Lakshadweep group in Arabian sea and Islands of the East and West Coast of India. Nearly 90% of our trade by volume and 77% by value transits by sea. This accounts for nearly 30% of the country's GDP. Over the

last few years under the leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi there has been a series of initiatives for the sustainable development in the maritime domain in the quest to harness the blue economy.

The challenge, however, is to ensure that all this development is to be carried out in accordance with the sustainable development goals promulgated by the United Nations. And it has to be sustainable development of oceans with minimal impact on the environment. India's primary interest in the maritime domain is the Indian Ocean region and secondary area of interest is the entire waters of the Indo-Pacific region. The term Indo-Pacific has moved decisively from its origins in biogeography to the realms of geopolitics. Today the Indo Pacific which is essentially a confluence of two oceans has emerged as the world's economic and strategic centre of gravity in the maritime domain.

As far as India is concerned the details of the Indo-Pacific region have actually been defined by our Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he covered the bounds from the shores of Africa, the



Rtn. Jagdish Malkani, President Preeti Mehta and Adm. Robin Dhowan



Rtn. Manjeet Kripalani proposes the vote of thanks



Rtn. Pratap Patode asks a question



Rotarians Mehernosh Dotivala and Mehul Sampat



Rotarians Pulin Shroff, Akhil Sanghi, Vinay Sanghi and Mohit Jain



Rotarians S K Mitra, PP Pradeep Saxena, President Preeti Mehta, PP Ramesh Narayan and PP (Dr.) Mukesh Batra

shores of Asia and he also said that the engagement in the region will be inclusive. The Indian Navy is the primary instrument of India's Maritime military power and it ensures that as a multidimensional Navy, it takes care of all the threats and challenges in the maritime domain.

The waters of the Indo-Pacific have emerged as global highways and the

maritime interest of the countries of the region are intrinsically linked to unfettered flow of oil and trade across the region.

Another interesting feature of the Indian Ocean is that 80% of the oil and trade that emanates in Indian ocean is extra regional nature. This implies that if there is any impediment to the free flow of oil and trade it will have a detrimental

impact not just on the economy of the country but to the global economy as well.

Safety, security and stability on the waters of Indo-Pacific is therefore of paramount importance and to achieve this networking between navies and Maritime partnership between the countries of the nation need to be strengthened in the coming years.



Rotary Club of Bombay has conducted nearly 200 Paediatric Heart Surgeries over the last 12 months at the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani and SRCC Hospitals - both providing the highest quality medical care with state of the art facilities.

Each ₹71,000 contribution will entitle you to receive a Paul Harris Fellow



The Rotary Club of Bombay invites you to save the life of a child whose family could not otherwise afford the paediatric heart surgery needed desperately to keep their young one alive.



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Please contact Rtn Jaymin Jhaveri on +91 98204 07774 and send your payment in multiples of ₹71,000 per surgery favouring "Rotary Foundation (India)" to our Rotary office.



CRICKET FELLOWSHIP AT RCB

Bhavishya Yaan XI vs President's XI

On a cool, windy and crisp winter morning of February 5th, Wednesday, the Bhavishya Yaan XI took on the Rotary Club of Bombay President's XI for the Eighth Annual Cricket Fellowship at the P.J. Hindu Gymkhana, situated along the iconic Marine Drive.

The cricket match was organised by Jimmy Vakharia, Chairman, along with Avaan, mentor of Worli School of the Bhavishya Yaan Committee and Satyan Israni and Moy Biswas of the Sports Committee of Rotary Club of Bombay.

It was a tremendous success, with several non-cricketer Rotarians being present even this being a working day of the week, both to enjoy the game and to watch enthusiastic cricketers turn out in whites to play the gentleman's game.

Bhavishya Yaan XI :
Gaurav More, Vishnu Kewat, Anand Bind, Abhay Hatkar, Rohit Niwate, Rohit Jadhav, Rohit Bhumber,

Shravan Sakpal, Sahil Idrisi, Abhishek Yadav, Narendra Saroj, Akshay Kewat, Tejas Babar, Rutik Khade, Anil Lambor, Tushar Redekar, Satyajit Burkul, Aditya Patil

President's XI :

Samir Mogul, Satyan Israni, Hoshang Nazir, Sanjiv Saran, Macy Khubchandani, Akhil Sanghi, Vivek Himatsingka, Mehul Sampat, Murad Currawalla, Anand Dalal and Moy Biswas.

All nine players from RCB and 18 from Bhavishya Yaan Committee, along with the coordinators were present by 9 am. The captains walked out for the toss and it was President Preeti Mehta who spun the coin high up in the air. The toss was won by RCB President's XI, which elected to field in the belief that the conditions were ideal for swing and seam bowling.

Put into bat, the Bhavishya Yaan boys walked out to bat with supreme confidence. But with brilliant bowling by President's XI they were unable to score more than 90 runs in 20 overs. Thereafter the President's XI's impressive batting got them cruising





home with 5 wickets and 3 overs to spare.

The common thread running through the match and what held together was Moy's meticulous planning and constant supervision to make sure that all the activities of the event take place as per the schedule.

Amongst the enthusiastic and cheering spectators were Past Presidents Arun Sanghi and Ramesh Narayan, President Elect Fali Mehta, President Preeti Mehta and Honorary Secretary Manish

Reshamwala, along with Bhavishya – Yaan Committee members Madhusudan Daga, Rajesh Shah, S V Prasad and other Rotarians Ajit Lalwani, Dilip Dalal, Alok Sekhsaria, Jimmy Vakharia and Mentors Avaan Vakharia, Priyanka Jatia, Jaya Prasad and Beena Yargop.

We had with us former Indian Test Cricketer Yajurvindra (Sunny) Singh who honoured us by being the Chief Guest for the match. He played 4 test matches for India and co-holds 2 Test fielding records: 5 catches in an innings and 7 in

a match. We also had Kaushik Roy, President, Brand Strategy & Marketing Communication, Reliance Industries Limited joining us for the event.

President Preeti Mehta along with the Chief Guest Yajurvindra (Sunny) Singh and Moy presented mementoes to all the players of both the teams.

The 'Man of the Match' prize was awarded to Abhishek Yadav of Bhavishya Yaan XI for scoring maximum runs. The prize was a cricket kit sponsored by Satyan

Israni. Hampers were also distributed to all the Bhavishya Yaan boys by Sanjiv Saran.

Moy brought the curtain down on the event by thanking Deepak Kapadia for his invaluable contribution in arranging all the facilities at the P.J. Hindu Gymkhana. He also thanked the President and all the other office bearers of the club for their encouragement, support and motivation which ensured the success of this event of the Rotary year.

Dear Rotarians,
We look forward to your presence
On Tuesday, 10th March 2020, 10am - 1pm

Rang Barse

The Annual Jain Phoolon ki Holi !
Live music, Flavours of Dilli ki chaat,
Shower of Rangeen Flowers, Kesar and Gulab.

Rtn Naresh Jain . Rtn Mohit Jain . Radhika

Venue : 44 Ashok Bhavan, 14th rd Khar,
Behind Satguru on Linking rd.
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Inviting Rotarians and Friends for Ananda Yaan's First

SENIOR CITIZENS SPORTS DAY

On Saturday, February 22, 2020. Time: 10.00 to 11:30 am
Venue: Botley Boy Compound Ground
(next to the Ganesh mandir.)
Ichapurti Chintamani Ganesh Mandir Sangharsh Sadan,
Anant Ganpat Pawar Lane, Near. Mhada Colony ., Byculla (E), Mumbai

ANANDA YAAN **ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY** **DIGNITY FOUNDATION**



Lighthouse children visit KGAF 2020!



Where in Mumbai would you find jellyfish made out of scrap cloth, a sweet old grandma artist and a tableau by India Post? All of these can be found at the 21st edition of the Kala Ghoda Festival 2020 and that's where our Lighthouse kids headed on February 7th.

From watching a potter create beautiful earthenware upon the museum lawns to interacting with 'arty dadi' Gulbanu to boxing the heart disease monster at the Jaslok Hospital stall, the 15 students aged 9 to 11 were exposed to a variety of experiences. Upon viewing the installation of school girls holding kites bearing logos of social media, an 11 year old was confused. She was shocked to learn, that, in many parts of the country, girls have no access to mobile phones, leave alone social media. Some kind-hearted youngsters immediately agreed to take a pledge to donate their organs and were very disappointed to learn it was only for those above 18. All in all, it was a great learning experience and helped our children understand and appreciate the diverse elements that make up the fabric of India.

Our kids also got to meet Gulbanu, an elderly artist. She was pleased with the interest they showed and even explained the techniques she had used, to the kids, in English.



BY kids at 98-year-old museum

Did you know that the architecture of the CSMVS is an amalgam of five different architectural styles? Or, that the museum's dome is inspired by the Gol Gumbaz of Bijapur?

These were just some of the fascinating facts Ms. Sharvari, co-ordinator for children's programme at the Children's Museum shared with our Lighthouse students when they visited on February 6th.

Around 45 students from classes 1 to 5 listened, enthralled, as Ms. Sharvari narrated the fascinating tale of how the 98-year-old museum came into being. An exhibition of 3D models showcasing the

negative effects of climate change/ pollution, currently on display, caught the fancy of the students.

Finally it was time for the main event - Xang Xang Klang, an action/ adventure film for children. Children roared with laughter at the antics of the two villains, particularly when they lost their trousers and held their breath when Bholi, a simple village girl and the heroine of the film, was captured by the bad guys. Like all children's films, this one too had a happy ending albeit with a familiar message: "If we don't start caring for our planet soon, it could be completely destroyed in the near future."



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STORIES FOR BY

We had an interactive storytelling session for primary kids at G K Marg on February 8th by Sarita Shetty, a passionate storyteller and writer. She is passionate about making a difference in people's lives through the stories that she tells or writes. Thus her session was about 'The Weightlifting Princess'. Through this, she conveyed a powerful message of believing in your dreams no matter what and working towards them. The story is written by Sowmya Rajendran and equally wonderfully illustrated by @debasmitadasgupta. This was followed by the older children making vision boards and then reading aloud while the younger children doodled images from the story.

The regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 will NOT BE AT THE TAJ MAHAL HOTEL due to non-availability of any room. It will be at the Walchand Hirachand Hall, 4th floor of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020 at 1.15 pm.

The Second Club Assembly is scheduled on Wednesday, February 26th, 2020 at the Babubhai Chinai Committee Room, 2nd floor of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020. Chairpersons are requested to send their respective Committee Report at the Rotary Office vide email "rotaryclubbombay1@gmail.com" and also to their respective Director on or before Thursday, February 20th, 2020. Office Bearers, Directors, Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, new members are requested to attend this Assembly and confirm their presence to the Rotary Office.

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MEHTA



FEBRUARY 21
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KAPADIA



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RTN. PTN. MANJU & RTN. VIBHAY SINHA

Forthcoming events

- February 22:** Ananda Yaan's first Senior Citizens Sports Day at 10 am, Byculla (E).
February 25: Public Award to Hemendra Kothari for Environment Protection.
February 26: Club Assembly.
March 10: The annual Jain Phoolon ki Holi at 44 Ashok Bhavan, Khar.



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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