

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Fellow Rotarians,**  
Very Warm Greetings!!!

'Tea' is probably the second-most popular drink in the world next to water. There are different types of teas and, endless variations and flavours – so there is always that perfect tea for everyone. There are Green, Black, Dark, Oolong, Pu-erh, Yellow, White and Herbal Teas. Then, there is the size of the tea

leaf – small and big.

For centuries, people across the world have testified to its medicinal, relaxing and invigorating qualities. The traditional calming effects of the plant 'Camellia sinensis' have elevated the beverage, produced from its leaves, to a role beyond quenching thirst — it is sometimes had as an aid for meditation, to soothe the nerves or simply to unwind.

Tea is heavily steeped in interesting traditions and cultures from around the world. Tea is not only a beverage of choice, but also a 'way of life'.

There are about 62 tea growing countries spread across continent. The most expensive tea is said to be 'Da Hong Pao' from the Wuyi Mountains and can cost over \$ 1 million a kg. Tea also has an equivalent of the Indonesian civet cat-digested and derived expensive 'Kopi Luwak' coffee beans: 'Panda Dung Tea'. Panda dung, excreted from a diet of tea leaves and bamboo, is used to fertilise a type of tea plant to produce this expensive tea. Then there is India's delicate 'Darjeeling' tea.

Brewing each type of tea is a skill. It determines the character, flavor, strength and bitterness of the tea prepared. Oh yes!! Hot water at the right temperature depending on type of tea is a must.

In the Middle East, getting together for cups of tea is about timelessness, hospitality, friends gathering, while playing cards or smoking a 'hookah'. In Japan, the 'matcha' tea ceremony, 'Way of Tea' ('Cha-No-Yu') is an elaborate performance and ritual. In India, the most popular drink by far is 'Masala Chai', black tea (Assam or Nilgiri) blended with spices for its Ayurvedic health benefits. In China, tea was traditionally used as medicine. In its Golden Ages, was consumed for pleasure and artistic inspiration. Every culture seems to have its own unique story of tea, which makes it yet another reason to love tea!

As India's most popular drink, the ritual of drinking 'chai' transcends all boundaries. Streets and roadsides are dotted with chai wallahs, who serve it boiled up with ginger, spices, sugar and milk. Several decades ago, chai was served in small earthen pots, known as 'kulhar' in Hindi or 'bhar' in Bengali, though plastic or styrofoam cups, tiny glasses and steel tumblers now seem vessels of choice.

During rail travels, the cries of "chai, chai, garam chai" from tea sellers, carrying kettles, now thermos flasks, along trains and platforms, is still common.

The small 'Chai tapris' or 'Chai thelaas' and huge tea-estates are often family businesses spanning many generations, competing with newer 'Chai-bar' chains.

Ever wonder what our world be, without 'tea'?



**President Preeti Mehta**



## THE GIFT OF GIVING

**Amit Chandra spoke to Rotarians last Tuesday about the role philanthropy can play in our lives**

In my life, I have had the privilege of building two institutions: one along with my Guru Hemendra Kothari, DSP Meryll Lynch, which went on to become India's premier Investment Bank before it was folded with Bank of America. And, Bain Capital, which is now among the top private investment firms of the country. And the third - A.T.E. Chandra Foundation - which I am now on the journey of, which is our foundation, Archana's and mine, which we run along with my close friend Anuj Bhagwati.

So it might be interesting to share with you the role that philanthropy can play in our lives. There is no better place to talk about it than in this wonderful building, built with the vision of Jamsetji Tata. He is one of my icons and has played a disproportionate influence

in inspiring me to do what I do. I was very fortunate to be a Trustee of his wealth and sat on the Board of Tata Trust for many years. I read a lot about him in the years that I developed my thinking about what we should about our own wealth and with our time.

Jamsetji Tata redefined what philanthropy amongst the wealthy should be, over 150 years ago. He said even corporate philanthropy or wealth amongst the rich should actually exist for the sake of society. And that is why even Ratan Tata owned even less than 1 per cent of the Tata group's wealth and rest of it, all of Jamsetji Tata and Dorabji Tata's wealth, was essentially vested with the Tata Trust.

I was deeply influenced by philosophy when I was growing up as a professional.

**TODAY: HEMENDRA KOTHARI**



Rtn. Mehul Sampat asks the guest speaker a question



Rotarians gather to listen to the guest speaker, Amit Chandra



Mr. Amit Chandra with Rotractors Tannu, Kajal and Satyam



PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla and Rtn. Jaymin Jhaveri



Rtn. Bimal Mehta, Mr. Amit Chandra, President Preeti Mehta, Rtn. Manish Reshamwala, PP Rtn. Paul George



Rtn. Bimal Mehta



Rtn. (Dr.) Rohini Chowgule, Mr. Amit Chandra, Rtn. Tarjani Vakil

I was very clear, as I was creating wealth, that wealth had a purpose; one's needs had to be limited otherwise one had to be on a continuous treadmill of wealth creation for the sake of material consumption. And if one can actually limit one's material needs to what one feels is moderate but really necessary and use the rest of it for doing good in a way one feels satisfied, then that could be really interesting and that's what shaped our thinking, my wife and I. We are fortunate to have the blessings of our parents and god. We have been reasonably good wealth creators. I exceeded pretty much my financial goals by the time I was in my 30s but the excess of it has allowed us to build universities, colleges and hospitals. I believe that this is the template. Although I don't go on debates with other wealth creators, I believe that if all of us figure out what is right from our consumption perspective and what will be necessary for our children, it will be the right model because we have all the resources we need but we still have a lot of inequity in the country and lots of poverty. I think what we have lost is a sense of community and caring in society. Wealth is a small part of it, Rotary in many ways embodies the sense of community by giving money and time. They are highly valuable.

Philanthropy is about two things to me - building a world that we all want to ideally see but we think is someone else's responsibility. Second, it is personally much more satisfying and enduring in a way than any form of consumption can give us.

### ROTARIANS ASK

**CSR is unique to India, not many countries have it and despite no inheritance tax, we have individuals who are very philanthropic in their outlook. What do you think distinguishes India from the world?**

I am a data-orientated person, I have studied data on Indian philanthropy very deeply. Every piece I have seen will unfortunately point towards giving us the very uncomfortable realisation that Indians are the most miserly people when it comes to giving. We like to think of ourselves as philanthropic but that is not the truth.

**Contrary to popular notion, agriculture and farming needs more philanthropic thrust; what can we do in that area?**

I spend time working with farmers. I am a little bit of a nerd so I look at the economic and social data very carefully. We have spent a lot of money on poverty alleviation schemes and drought relief schemes in the last decade. If we had spent on actually productive schemes which would have set our agricultural programmes right, we could have eliminated a lot of spending. So, that is the economic argument. The social argument is that if you look at the poverty and drought maps of India, they are exactly superimposed upon each other. The third thing is, if you ask who is marginalised more in India, you realise it is women in agriculture areas. So you have got to fix the agriculture in drought-prone areas. As a foundation, we fix water and income through natural farming in drought-prone areas. Rotary, in general, is very focussed on water.



**FACT:** In 1922 a small Rotary flag was carried over the South Pole by Admiral Richard Byrd, a member of the Winchester, Virginia Rotary Club. Four years later, the admiral carried a Rotary flag in his expedition to the North Pole.

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PP Rtn. Nirav Shah and Rtn. Aashish Contractor with Dr. Rustom Ginwalla



PP Rtn. Paul George



Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, Rtn. Farhat Jamal, Rtn. Jaymin Jhaveri, Rtn. Manish Reshamwala

Kudos on that. Even the government has woken up to see that water needs to be fixed.

**You are involved with many charities. So many people are doing so much good work but, around us, we see poverty and illiteracy continue.**

If you look at the macro data of how many tonnes of people have been uplifted and their lives transformed over the

last few decades, the numbers are very impressive. But, during the same period of time, we are a country which has grown continuously so you still see a lot of problems. That tells us that we need to do a lot more. The government does a remarkable job on social spending. They are poor allocators of resources. Whenever we run programmes in our companies, they are never constant, they are dynamic. The way a government thinks,

there is no concept of programme in and programme out. They allocate capital on a steady basis. That is a terrible way to allocate all our capital. This is a problem. Now, when you move to the philanthropic sector, the total amount of capital that the sector provides is less than 1-2 per cent of what the government spends. We are a speck in the ocean. We need to use money to inform the government's thinking and, importantly, implement advocacy.



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.**



**For a contribution of an equivalent of US \$1000 or ₹71,000 you can save a child's life.**

**We will match your contribution by approximately ₹1,30,000 through The Rotary Foundation Grant and other government contributions.**

**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.**





# 4 FELLOWSHIP FOR ROTARY'S



The Young At Heart Committee of the Club organised a dinner at the Willingdon Sports Club so that senior excused Rotarians could meet a few young members. It was

a successful function where active Rotarians were introduced to the old guard.

Many Past Presidents were also

present. It was a leisurely function where Rotary was discussed over cocktails and food and reminiscing fun, old stories.





# YOUNG AT HEART



**Celebrate special days in a meaningful way.**

Ananda Seva is a new initiative from Ananda Yaan whereby you can sponsor any activity with our elders in either or both of our Ananda Yaan centres at Byculla or E. Moses Road. If you want to celebrate any special occasion like a birthday, anniversary or death anniversary and want a specific activity too we are happy to help you curate it.

**We urge you to give generously.**  
For it is in giving that we receive - St. Francis of Assisi

**ACTIVITIES YOU CAN SUPPORT**

1) Snack	Rs. 5000/-	5) Festival Celebration	Rs. 8000/-
2) Bhajan and Satsang	Rs. 5000/-	6) Health Check Up	Rs. 8000/-
3) Activity (Laughter Therapy, Origami etc.)	Rs. 5000/-	7) Cultural Program	Rs. 10,000/-
4) Lunch (Chaat, Dess, etc.)	Rs. 8000/-	8) Picnics and Outings	Rs. 30,000/-

To book any of the above please contact:  
 • Vrinda Rajgarhia - 982 01 284 80  
 • Ekta Shah - 773 87 602 30  
 Cheques to be made in favour of:  
**Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No. 3**

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



## 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.  
 R.s.v.p. Ulka - 22840473 / 22826356**



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## THE BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

**CSMVS - A GREEN MUSEUM FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE**

**Invitation CELEBRATING OUR IGBC - PLATINUM CERTIFICATION**

The Museum is conscious of its role as a global institute and is dedicated to discharging its responsibility towards preserving the environment. It has a Green Policy that provides a framework for the development of green practices. This is realised in garnering solar energy, LED lighting, water conservation and harvesting, a no-plastic approach and waste management. This philosophy also seeps deep into employee habits.

In 2019 CSMVS received the prestigious PLATINUM rating under Existing Building category from Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) for global leadership in environment management.

**THE MUSEUM**  
MUMBAI

**CSMVS**  
world friend service excellence

## PROGRAMME

- 5:30-5:35 pm : Welcome by Sabyasachi Mukherjee, DG, CSMVS
  - 5:35 - 5:50 pm : The CSMVS Green Project by T R Doongail, Trustee, CSMVS
  - 5:50 - 6:00 pm : Presentation by Rakesh Bhatia, Senior Vice President Eco First
  - 6:00 - 6:10 pm : Address by Preeti Mehta, President, Rotary Club of Bombay
  - 6:10 - 6:15 pm : Award of the Platinum Shield by IGBC to Eknath Kshirsagar, Chairman, CSMVS
  - 6:15 - 6:25 pm : Address by Hiten Sethi, Chairman IGBC, Mumbai Chapter
  - 6:25 pm : Vote of Thanks
- Tea will be served at 5:00 pm

The project has been supported by the Rotary Club of Bombay, Tata Steel, Tata Chemicals and the Clean Mumbai Foundation



## Downloading ROW gives you access to :

- Club & District Directory
- Whatsapp Integration
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- Birthday/Anniversary Reminders
- Club Events with RSVP
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- Gallery of all Club Activities
- Past Presidents & B.O.D History
- District Leader Board
- Rotary Showcase
- Rotarians Globally
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- Free login for spouse
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## Lighthouse children attend a book launch

Witty, spontaneous and a real entertainer – that's how you'd describe well-known poet and author Jerry Pinto. Ahead of the launch of his new children's book Postcards from Mumbai, the Goa-born writer conducted a story session at the Kitab Khana, the book haven at Flora Fountain, on Saturday February 8th. And, yes, 20 of our Lighthouse students from classes 1 to 3



got an opportunity to interact with him. The session began with a rapid fire trivia quiz on Mumbai with Jerry uncle, as he calls himself, tossing candy to those who gave the right answers. Throughout the 30-minute session, children were encouraged to cheer, clap, shout and dance. They even recited a poem from Jerry uncle's book. A postcard-shaped memento and a wide grin were the takeaways from the event.

**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.**

**MILTON**

*Workout or Work in,  
always keep it refreshing!*



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## ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



**FEBRUARY 26**  
RTN. RAMON  
KIRPALANEY



**FEBRUARY 27**  
RTN. ANAR  
SHAH



**FEBRUARY 28**  
RTN. RODA  
BILLIMORIA



**MARCH 1**  
RTN. HARSHBEENA  
ZAVERI



**MARCH 2**  
RTN. KASIMALI  
MERCHANT



**MARCH 2**  
RTN. JAIDEV  
MERCHANT

## ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

**FEBRUARY 26**

RTN. PTN. ARUNA JAGTIANI  
RTN. PTN. (DR.) SAILESH HATTI

**FEBRUARY 28**

RTN. PTN. DOLON GHOSH

**MARCH 1**

RTN. PTN. ANISHA JOLLY  
RTN. PTN. SMITA PAREKH  
RTN. PTN. SHALINI PIRAMAL  
RTN. PTN. POONAM SAMPAT

**MARCH 2**

RTN. PTN. ZAINAB LOKHANDWALA

## ANNIVERSARIES

**FEBRUARY 27**

RTN. PTN. GEETA & RTN. VIJAY DHAWAN

**MARCH 1**

RTN. PTN. SANDHYA & RTN. VIKASH  
MITTERSAIN  
RTN. SHERNAZ & MR. FIROZE VAKIL

## Forthcoming events

**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.

**Rotary**

**THE FOUR-WAY TEST**  
of the things we think, say or do

- 1 Is it the **TRUTH**?
- 2 Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build **GOODWILL** & **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
- 4 Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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## 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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