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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### **Fellow Rotarians,**

A year ago at my 'Installation' function at the Taj, I delivered my "acceptance speech", outlining our goals and tasks, to be accomplished during my year as President of our great Club.

Twelve short months later, the time has arrived to review our progress and for me to shortly demit office.

This for me, has been a year full of happiness, meeting people and learning. I have been very fortunate to have received so much affection and amazing support.

I must admit that I was a bit sceptical on certain aspects. However, I soon learnt that my worries were much unfounded.

I received guidance from my "Think Tank" (PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Pradeep Chinai, Rtn. Ashok Jatia and my better half - Gautam), and also from several of the members from time to time. I have been very fortunate and blessed to receive the continuous support and guidance of our Board, our Trustees, Past Presidents and members. One only had to reach out and the assistance was there.

The formal preparations for the year began with our off-site at Rtn. Ashok Jatia's Rhythm Resorts ("home away from home", as I call it). The sessions were very encouraging - with directors and incoming chairpersons coming together to draw up plans and a roadmap for the year, particularly our goals for the various community service projects. The overnight trip included discussions on the Club's plans for the year, but the seriousness was balanced out with fellowship, fun, music and dance during the breaks and in the evening.

My main focus was to further enhance our community projects and try to bring about and exploit the 'synergy' potential.

While the Scholarship Committee continued its efforts of further supporting our Bhavishya Yaan (BY) and Night Study children, the Skill Development Committee is working on creating a database for our BY kids, conducting aptitude tests and providing guidance to them for their career options once they pass their SSC.

And then Covid-19 happened a few months ago, and cast its long shadow over India too.

Still the synergies continued in the Covid-19 Relief efforts. The Bhavishya Yaan, Ananda Yaan and Child Welfare Committees worked



with the Covid-19 Relief Committee in reaching out to feed people, focusing on relief to the needy beneficiaries of their respective projects. The Animal Welfare Committee too made their contribution with helping feed the helpless and abandoned strays.

Our Bhavishya Yaan Committee, as usual, believes in outdoing themselves and they have done it once again. The students' excellent SSC results with a near 100% pass percentage were commendable. I am delighted to see that our BY children are well on the path of getting a better life and to forge ahead.

Ananda Yaan still continues to provide some hours of succour, joy and happiness to the senior underprivileged poor, in the twilight of their lives.

Apart from various other activities, some of the key highlights were, the effective media campaign and an infotainment evening for senior citizens, both the brain childs of our PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan.

The Child Welfare Committee had an eventful year with learning combined with fun to ensure all-round development. The distribution of nutritious food to the street children of Salaam Baalak Foundation Centre at Chowpatty was a new initiative to celebrate the birthdays of our members.

I am so very grateful and indebted to the children of Machchimaar Nagar for having made my 60th birthday a very special one, spent in their company with our Rotarians, Rotary Partners, my family and some of my dear school friends. This one will remain etched in memory for life. At Talwada, the ADMC celebrated its 20th year by inaugurating a new Well Baby Clinic. a television set and a cable connection to play educational videos and cartoons for the children visiting in the OPD, a new playground for children and upgrading the terrace to make the same more usable. I personally continue to admire PP Rtn. (Dr.) Rahim Muljiani and PP Rtn. (Dr.) Rumi Jehangir for their immense dedication and their work at PRVEC. We also are indeed extremely proud of the RCB Medical Centre at Cotton Green, in a standalone building graciously provided by Bombay Cotton Merchants and Muccadam's Association, where over 6,000 underprivileged patients were served this year.

Much of India lacks clean drinking water and the Water Resources Committee's efforts to make this available in the interiors of Vidarbha are truly commendable.

Saving the lives of our little hearts through Paediatric Heart Surgeries is another need of the hour. Our Club's outreach in this area has been significant thanks to the multiplier benefit through our Global Grants.

The upgradation of the ENT and Urology Departments at Masina Hospital is yet another significant contribution by us towards the improvement of our healthcare system and its availability for the needy.

The Cancer Aid Committee's efforts in the area of cancer awareness, screening camps and treatment are very appreciable.

The Gender Equality Committee continues to play a meaningful and an important role in women's empowerment and has always had my support.

A new project, and one of the very many close to my heart, was rolled out this year. The Integrated Rural Development Project by the Environment Committee in four Villages to address the needs of solar power, water, toilet blocks and education. As Mahatma Gandhi said, "The future of India lies in its villages" I believe this to be a very meaningful and effective long term solution for rural development and in avoiding migration – the pain of migrants and their suffering and hardships was witnessed in the Covid-19 crisis.

Our Rotaract and Interact Clubs too, as always, have done incredible work this year. It is a pleasure to see their continued enthusiasm and dedication as the future generation in service of society.

Besides service, our Club is also known for its fun activities. A line up of sports activities included soccer followed by the Bhavishva Yaan XI vs the Rotary Club of Bombay President's XI and the Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament for the Trophy instituted by the Biswas family in 2008.

We lost our dear Sitaramji Shah, who always will be remembered for his dedication to yoga and its spread. The success of our Yoga Committee has been thanks to the leadership and guidance of Sitaramji.

**Our Vocational Training Centre in** partnership with YMCA made additional and exceptional efforts this year by introducing additional courses organising a two day personality development workshop to focus on positive attitude. body language and confidence building followed by a Job Fair.

The Night Study Centres saw growth with the opening of five new NSC classes, expanding our reach. The NSC students benefited from the Rotary scholarships and enjoyed the CCI Christmas party and the Annual Get-Together.

The Urban Heritage Committee's efforts towards conservation of our heritage structures, including rare books and maps are admirable.

The Fellowship and Assimilation Committee were simply outstanding in giving us a delightful and unforgettable year with fun-filled fellowships. Members enjoyed a memorable and fun fellowship trip to Pondicherry and Mahabalipuram in July/August, 2019, followed by a trip abroad to Uzbekistan in November, 2019. The cancellation of the South America trip in March this year was rather unfortunate, necessitated due to the global pandemic. The same may hopefully be undertaken some time in the next Rotary Year.

The In-Camera Committee again hosted some excellent interactive fellowship meetings, graced by outstanding speakers touching upon interesting and engrossingly informative topics.

The Young at Heart Committee is made up of our seniors who, as the name suggests, continue to surprise us with their abundant zeal and spirit.

The Public Awards Committee did a commendable job in selecting well deserving personalities as Awardees. It was truly an honour and privilege for our Club to recognise and honour these eminent individuals for their service to society.



Thanks to the efforts and hard work of **Rtn Farhat Jamal and the Programme** Committee, our weekly meetings featured an outstanding line up of wonderful. eminent and distinguished speakers and topics.

The Bulletin, Website and Social Media Committee did an amazing and fabulous job by giving our Gateway a new and energised look, adding style, constantly updating information on our website and social media, all of which received increased attention and mileage from across the world.

Thanks to our Sergeant-at-Arms our weekly meetings were orderly, dignified, and effective.

Our fund-raiser at the NCPA in August, 2019, with an energetic and chargedup Sonu Nigam performing, was an excellent event so well organised by our enthusiastic team of Rotarians. Our overall fund raising for the Club projects, as also, our contributions towards TRF have been encouraging and admirable, despite the economic downturn, the Covid-19 situation, and lock-down.

In this past year, unfortunately and sadly 4 of our members passed away. We have taken a fairly conservative approach in inducting members and have added a total of 8 new members: all of whom we hope will make great contributions to the Club, resulting in our total Club strength of 322. We started the year at an average age of 59 and end it at 56.8.

The average attendance of our Club for the year was 52.5%. Meetings were conducted over Zoom Conferencing due to the pandemic. Initially, attendance was low but we have seen an increase in the number of attendees of these virtual meetings.

### Club Assemblies were lively and interactive and all our projects were well reported. well received and much appreciated.

Our PP Ramesh Narayan deserves a special mention for enhancing our Club's public image, as also for the wonderful initiatives in the area of Elder Care and the Elder Awareness Campaign, both for our Club and the our Rotary District 3141.

I must acknowledge and recognise the exemplary work done by Past President Sandip Agarwalla, Immediate Past President Vijav Jatia, President Elect Framroze Mehta and President Nominee Shernaz Vakil supported by the rest of the team for the Covid-19 Relief activities - – and to implement this in a lock-down situation was a very challenging and humongous task. Well done.

Once again, our heartiest congratulations to PP Sandip for being appointed DGND 2022-23.

Championing one of the key Rotary beliefs that children are our future and they deserve a better world than what we had, the "Chhoti Si Asha" fund-raiser on 28th June, 2020 focused and committed to immediate relief projects as well as the creation of long-term projects in the area of nutrition, health, education and skill development and other projects of our Club. Amongst others, I thank Sabbas Joseph, Wizcraft and Rotary India for the partnership.

In a nutshell, I would say with great pride that our Club, thanks as always to all of you, has excelled itself in community service and again proven that we are capable, motivated, dedicated and will forge ahead, whatever be the circumstances.

I have had a demanding, but a very rewarding year, with many memorable moments which I will always treasure and cherish.

I thank you all for your support over the past year and for giving me this once in life-time opportunity to lead our very distinguished Club. I thoroughly enjoyed my time and tenure as our President. My support and efforts for our Club will always continue.

I wish incoming President Framroze and his new team continued success.

President Preeti Mehta

### **IUNE 30, 2020**

### Dear SMART President PREETI,

I take this opportunity to congratulate, compliment and commend you for the exemplary leadership you have provided to RC Bombay in SMART year 2019-20. You are leading the club with distinction, charisma and aplomb and have raised the bar, setting new benchmarks for your successors to emulate.

**RC Bombav is the PRIDE** of Dist-3141and has left an indelible mark in the community with 9 decades of selfless service, with dedication and commitment, through the various Impactful and Iconic projects, programs and initiatives in the field of health care, safe drinking water,

vocational training, education - Bhavishya Yaan, Talwada medical centre, Jal Jiwan--Water ATM's, Masina hospital upgradation, Paediatric heart



surgeries, Disaster relief, ... to name a few.

With your pleasing personality, charming manner, humble attitude, friendly nature and zest for excellence, you have taken your club to new heights

Preeti Mehta. Leading with the heart

So what makes for a good Rotary year?

Some good work by the wonderful projects our Club has.

A great fundraiser show. Lots of money raised in the year.

A focus on a somewhat neglected old rural medical welfare project of our own Club.

A heightened profile for our Club in the media.

Appreciation for our work in the District.

Some wonderful fellowship (can't forget that can we).

Well, Preeti's year ticks all these boxes in style.

I could end my article here and everyone could rise and applaud. Because that's what a good year is all about, right? Wrong.

To me a leader of an NGO is someone who, apart from the



compassion. And chooses to lead from the heart.

obvious traits, is filled with When she inaugurated the rural integrated development project at Gumbadpada, which incidentally I rank I knew it would be a good year as a truly transformational when Preeti said that instead project (no tokenism) she was of all the standard gifts the surrounded by ladies from Club presents to the birthday another village (Warghadpada) boys and girls (our members), who were pleading with her she opted to use this money to replicate this work in their and the occasion to feed village. She announced right hungry street children. That's there with a firm voice, that leading with the heart. she would indeed do it. That's

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- of glory in the SMART year. I would like to dedicate the following lines to you -
- Kabhi mahek banke gulon se udte hain hum,

kabhi dhuen ki tarah parvato

se udte hain hum

Ye kaichivan hume udne se khak rokengi.

kyunki paron se nahin hoslon se udte hain hum

As we bask in the glory of the enriching and rewarding year gone by, let us cherish and treasure the fond memories, while rededicating ourselves to the ideals of Rotary.

"Din beet jayenge suhaani vaad bankar.

Baaten reh jayengi ek kahani bankar.

Par dost to hamesha rahenge dil ke kareeb.

Kabhi hothon ki muskaan, to kabhi aankhon ki namee bankar'

With best wishes Harjit and Romi

compassion.

And she went after the funding, and the implementation and the work is actually completed, in the middle of the lockdown.

Her genuine caring showed in the interest she took in the activities of the tiny tots at the Lighthouse Project and the Elders at Ananda Yaan.

The Covid crisis gave her the opportunity to delegate wisely, another strong leadership trait.

And finally, let me place this on the record. She never once asked me to publicize herself or her work.

And still if anyone has compiled it, there was a lot of media attention. As I always say, do good work without expectation. Money and fame will court you.

President Preeti, take a bow.

You made me feel proud to be a Rotarian.

**Ramesh Naravan** 

# Service Above Self

I have known Preeti for a few years now and have always admired her professionalism and quick turn-around time for any assignment. Running a Rotary Club of our size and calibre brings its own share of challenges, but Preeti handled them with aplomb and equanimity. Her support was always unflinching and that gave me great confidence. Indeed, it was her goading and the tremendous backing provided by the Board of Directors which resulted in the happy outcome of me becoming a District Governor Nominee for 22-23 for the first time in 42 years from our Club. The outpouring of love and affection which followed from our Club members was truly overwhelming. I am really grateful for all of this and look forward to your continued encouragement.

The year passed by quickly with four village adoption projects being her showpiece, executed with speed and elan. The COVID19 crisis disrupted the working of all our lives and Rotary Clubs all over the world suffered the same fate. Seeing opportunity in adversity, Preeti stepped up her game and is ending the year with a flourish. More than Rs 5 crore was raised for many COVID19 related projects and that really thrust our Club in the limelight. The culmination is a climax Chhoti Si Asha – a mega fundraising and public image exercise probably never

ever seen before in the Rotary world yes I mean globally and its entire 110 year history. It is to be shown live on Colors TV on 28th June. The partnership with Wizcraft was magically crafted by Preeti herself making it a world class production and which promises to rocket Rotary into another orbit, both within India and the Indian diaspora overseas.

I have been fortunate to have enjoyed the friendship of both Preeti and Gautam, who has provided Preeti rock solid support and always been the silent admirer egging her on. To this affable couple. I offer my salutations and congratulations for a tremendous year – filled with fun, fellowship, service, eminent speakers and meaningful activities. Good luck and be proud of your achievements!

**PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla** 

Preeti, our calm and cool President, has led from the front. From the very get go, at the off-site meet at our in-house 'adda', Rhythm Lonavala, both Preeti and Ashok Jatia's hospitality ensured that this would be a fruitful journey for us all.

At Preeti's installation, DG Harjit poured forth his shayaries and her uncle and mentor, M. L. Bhakta, had such wonderful things to say; while Preeti set out her lofty but achievable goals for the year.

During the year we were introduced to a very unique and fulfilling project, where solar power was harnessed to supply electricity and water to villages in rural Maharashtra. And her soft spot for children, be it their education or nutrition, is so obvious as she spent time on her 60th birthday with the kids of Project Lighthouse.

Always ready for a jaunty fellowship, Preeti and Gautam (always with his dry humour) took us through the wonders of Pondicherry and Mahabalipuram, where we danced and sang and discovered Munna's hidden drummer boy talent



Club fellowships with record breaking attendance, assimilation and scintillating in-camera evenings saw many, both young and old, having the time of their lives.

Most importantly, Preeti was always around to lend a helping hand to each and every one of us, when we needed it the most. I take with me many of life's lessons that Preeti has so easily mastered and I look forward to be leaning on her expertise and experience as I shortly step into her shoes.

### PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta

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### **IUNE 30, 2020**

# **ADMC**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. (Dr.) Ashok Kirpalani **Chairperson:** Rtn. Tara Deshpande Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. (Dr.) **Rajeev Narvekar** Committee Members: Rtn. (Dr.) Rohini Chowgule Rtn. (Dr.) Zerxis Umrigar, Rtn. Arin Master, Rtn. Akhil Sanghi

Celebrating its 20th year, ADMC dispensed free medical care to approximately 18,000 patients; farmers, daily wage labourers and adivasis in the areas of dental, paediatrics, tuberculosis, pathology and general medicine. ADMC Committee, under the aegis of President Preeti

Mehta and PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan inaugurated a new Well Baby Clinic. Special kits with nutritional information and supplements as also nappies were provided to new mothers and blankets and towels generously donated by Rtns. Naresh Jain and Mohit Jain. Thanks to Rtn. Arin Master, Cipla will donate important medicines to ADMC. Rtn. Ashok Jatia orchestrated the construction of a new eco-friendly playground with recyclable materials which was installed in the front garden for local children and a roof made the terrace a usable space.

The OPD was fitted with a television set courtesy Rtn. Ashok Jatia and a



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The Pheroze R. Vakil Eve Centre (PRVEC) is an ongoing project at Talwada that has rendered comprehensive eye care to the underprivileged local population for over 40 years.

Our monthly visits continue on a regular basis. Dr. Anil Deshpande, our Resident Doctor at PRVEC looks after the postoperative care and conducts independent **OPDs and surgeries through** the year. All the treatment



# Committee Reports: ADMC & PRVEC

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free cable connection to play educational videos and cartoons for children courtesy PP Rtn. Ramesh Naravan, ADMC was also furnished with new signage, sterile and safety equipment and coats and badges. We thank our generous donors and the entire hospital staff of ADMC and committee members for their support. Our Medical Officer Dr.

Ashwini Bhusara attends daily to patients with routine medical problems Additionally, regular visits and consultation are provided by Rtn. (Dr.) Rohini Chowgule, Paediatrician Dr. Bijoy Apte and a team consisting of Dr. Srinivas Kamath, Dr. Ajay Gupta and Dr. Neeraj Kolge along with **Rotaractors of Government Dental College.** 

rendered to patients at PRVEC is FREE OF CHARGE. We would like to thank our donors as also our visiting doctors and staff of the **PRVEC** for their continuous support, help and guidance.

Our special thanks to PP (Dr.) Rahim Muljiani, PP (Dr.) Rumi Jehangir, Rtn (Dr.) Priyanka Doctor and Dr. Anil Deshpande and the supporting staff for running the centre smoothly and efficiently.

### **14,404 PATIENTS TREATED** FROM IULY 2019 TO MARCH. 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

Ophthalmic OPD	12,385
Spectacles given	958
Operations	422
Patients admitted for treatment	98
IOL	352
Yag Laser	184
Green Laser	5
TOTAL	14,404







**RCB** partnered with various hospitals in Mumbai including Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, SRCC Childrens Hospital,

# **RCB MEDICAL CENTRE**

Director-in-Charge: Rtn. (Dr.) Ashok Kripalani Chairman: Rtn. Manoi **Patodia** Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. (Dr.) **Aashish Contractor** Committee Members: Rtn. (Dr.) Mehernosh Dotivala, Rtn. Ptn. Nandita Patodia. Rtn. Gautam Doshi, Rtn. Pritam Sanghai, Rtn. Ameet **Pispati** 

**Rotary Club of Bombay in** association with Bombay **Cotton Merchants and Muccadams Association** commenced a free clinic for the under-privileged at Cotton thanks to Rtn. Swati Mayekar Green in Mumbai. The clinic is and Rtn. Ptn. (Dr.) Sandesh open twice a week and offers: Mayekar and their Trust who

**Dr. Batra's Homeopathy** Clinic: PP Rtn. (Dr.) Mukesh Batra started this clinic. Dr.

Sir HN Reliance Hospital & Wadia Hospital along with Haria Rotary Hospital in Vapi, Gujarat to provide free paediatric heart surgeries to children from needy families.

The hospitals work through medical camps held across the country and conducted by qualified paediatric cardiologists. They diagnose

**Rekha and compounder** Raianii give free consultation and free medicines. The patients come from surrounding areas and also Pune, Virar and Palghar. We see 70 patients daily.

### **NM Medical's Pathology:**

Blood tests and other tests done by NM Medical at 70 per cent discount, thanks to our Rtn. Rahil Shah who owns NM Medical.

Dental Clinic: With two dental chairs equipped with X-ray facility, we provide free dental treatment with efficient and experienced doctors. Root canals are done free and dentures are carried out at minimal cost. This is have provided experienced doctors. Dr. Chetna and Dr. Mallika, who treat approx. 45-50 patients daily.

supporting documents are screened to identify deserving underprivileged patients whose cases are supported by RCB. RCB supported almost 200 surgeries in the last year (which includes patients as Eve Clinic: The checkup is done by Dr. Mittal and is equipped with all

instruments. Opticians

provide glasses to patients

also started free cataract

at a reduced price. We have

operations with Rtn. Dushyant

Dave and Kulin Kothari's Eye

Hospital for underprivileged

Inaugurated two years back,

the Child Care Clinic headed

by Dr. Atique has given good

General Physician: We have

gotten a huge response for

**Beneficiaries:** More than

this year, we had already

10.000 a year. Till February

this service. We also provide

results. We distribute free

medicines. Malnourished

children are treated with

patients of the clinic.

**Child Care Clinic:** 

special attention.

free medicine

high priority cases which

hospital. All the families'

are marked for immediate

attention and shifted to the

hopes to support another 400-450 surgeries in the coming months. Each of our partner hospitals has conducted the paediatric heart surgeries and interventions with great success and have a reputation for providing excellent medical services without any compromise.

young as a few days old) and

### crossed 6000 patients.

We thank Rtn. Venkat Ramaswamy for his generous donation of Rs. 10 lakh annually towards the running expenses of the dental / eve clinic activities and he further donates additional budgets for buying medical equipment.

Our thanks to PP Rtn. (Dr.) Mukesh Batra, Rtn Sureshbhai Kotak, and Rtn. Shyam Makharia - President of Muccadam Association, Rtn. Rahil Shah, Rtn. Swati Mayekar and Rtn. Dushyant Dave as also Rtn. Pritam Sanghai for free supply of FMCG products for the clinic and to the Committee Members of Cotton Green.

And, big thanks to our President, OB and Board members for their support and cooperation.

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# **CANCER AID**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. (Dr.) Rohini Chowgule Chairperson: Rtn. (Dr.) Ian Pinto

Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. **Farokh Balsara** Committee Members: Rtn. (Dr.) Aashish Contractor, Rtn. Hoshang Nazir, Rtn. Mudit Iatia, Rtn. Ptn. Soonu Balsara, Rtn. Zeenia Master,

The upgraded Urology **Department at Masina** Hospital, Mumbai was inaugurated on January 15th, 2020. In Rotary Year setting up / upgradation of various departments of Masina Hospital in three phases under three

While Phases I (Casualty, Burns, NICU, Orthopedic OT, Plastic Surgery) & II (Endoscopy) were inaugurated in May 2019, Phase III (ENT) was inaugurated on November 2nd, 2019. A total of seven

Rtn. Murrad Currawala 1) Educational video on cancer prevention and treatment in collaboration with Indian Cancer Society: created and translated into regional languages and used by Indian Cancer Society in both urban and rural. Posted on our Youtube and Facebook channels 2) RCB in collaboration with the Cancer Patient

up / upgraded.

However, there was a

substantial cost saving in

procuring the equipment,

resulting in a surplus in

each of the three Global

best to apply this surplus

for procuring even more

equipment for Masina

RCB applied for a scope

change to the TRF and

Hospital.

Grants. It was thought

2018-19, RCB undertook the respective Global Grants.

they approved the request promptly. Accordingly, the collective surplus from three Global Grants (almost Rs 1 cr) was directed towards the upgrade of the Urology Department at Masina.

'Together, we can at the offsite



Brainstorming session at the offsite



Enjoying the warm hospitality of Rtn. Ptn. Sudha and Rtn. Aziz Javeri



# Committee Reports: Cancer Aid & Masina Hospital

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Aid Association. conducted an early detection cancer screening camp on January 23rd, 2020 at the Traffic Police headquarters in Worli. More than a hundred traffic police personnel were screened and educated on cancer awareness. Cancer specialist Rtn. (Dr.) Ian Pinto was present at the camp. With the rising rate of cancer cases, RCB has focused on

increasing awareness through talks, screening camps and providing funds for treatment of cancer.

3) The Rotary Cancer Aid Committee conducted a camp for cancer awareness education and screening for wives of serving soldiers on March 12th at Powai. Around 60 women were screened at this camp.



The upgraded Urology Department was finally inaugurated at Masina Hospital in a simple ceremony. Rotarians present were President Preeti Mehta, IPP Vijay Jatia, PP Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. (Dr.) Ashok Kripalani, Rtn. Homi Katgara, Rtn. Sureshbhai Kotak & Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia. They were joined by Masina Hospital CEO Dr. Vispi Jokhi and his enthusiastic team.

displayed and Masina's Urologist Dr. Mukund Andankar briefed all present on the enhanced scope of surgeries that could be performed as a result of the new equipment. RCB is thankful to all the Global Grant donors – Balkrishna Industries Ltd, Hindustan Composites Ltd and the Mahansaria family without whose generosity the above would not have been possible.

The new instruments were

In splits listening to Aditya's introduction



# **BHAVISHYA YAAN**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Meera Alreia Chairperson: Rtn. Jamshed Vakharia Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Madhusudan Daga **Committee members: PP** Rtn. Arun Sanghi, PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria, Rtn. Meera Alreja, Rtn. Jagdish Malkani, Rtn. Satyan Israni, Rtn. Anand Dalal, Rtn. Ashok Jatia, Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia, Rtn. Ptn. Beena Yargop, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah, Rtn. Homi Katgara, Rtn. Ptn. Java Prasad, Rtn. Manish Reshamwala, Rtn. Manoj Patodia, Rtn. Mudit Jatia, Rtn. Priyanka Jatia, Rashmi



Bapna, Rtn. Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Shivkumar Israni, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia, Rtn. Varsha Daiva

Number of beneficiaries: 1456 students Budget: Rs. 1,33,48,800/-Estimated amount spent till end April: Rs. 86,37,451/-

The Bhavishya Yaan programme (BY) of the Rotary Club of Bombay celebrated its annual day and 10th anniversary this year. BY was started in February 2009 at the Dr. Ambedkar School in Worli with just 40 students and is now in its 11th successful year improving the lives of 1500 students in six BMC schools! What a stupendous achievement! The academic vear 2019-20 started on a good note with all permissions for

the year having been obtained on time. Here are the activities at a glance:

• A career guidance camp for our alumni conducted together with International School of Management Excellence (ISME) Rotaractors. It was a grand success, attended by 217 students. Feedback from the students, Rotarians and guests was encouraging.

 Celebration of International Yoga Day in all our schools.

• Our annual day for all six schools combined with the 10th anniversary was celebrated with much pomp and fanfare at the ISME Campus in Lower Parel, Mumbai (thanks to our very own Rtn. Indu Shahani) and

strung together by BY mentor Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia who expertly hosted the entire event. The occasion was graced by the renowned actor Tara Sutaria. BY students rounded off another meaningful year with excellent SSC results with a near 100% pass percentage, several high scorers and school toppers.

• Our spoken English and Computer classes have progressed well with monthly oral and written tests conducted according to plan.

• Our partner Vidva arranged for Saturday activities in all schools on a regular basis.

• Tata Pro Engage volunteers spoke at five centres on Saturdays on topical issues like the Kashmir issue. Article

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375 and its connotations Chandrayaan 2, inspiring personalities and the Solar System.

• Banking and financial literacy were dealt with by ITM volunteers who volunteered at the centres for 10 days.

• Volunteers from Vidya, Powai, visited schools engaging the children in interesting projects like scribble bots, wind cars and wind turbines, giving them hands-on experience in electronics. The sessions concluded with a STEM competition

• The ISME Rotaractors conducted a STEAM project over 10 sessions. This was conducted on Saturdays for children of standards 5 to 8.

In addition, the schools have





With the Masters of Ceremony Aditya Somani and Tara Deshpande



President Preeti's family in the audience



At the installation with PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta and PN Rtn. Shernaz Vakil



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had volunteers for chess and other activities during the year.

• A few talks by professionals were also held in some schools.

• The HR Rotaractors conducted "Quicksilver", a programme with a grand finale at the KC Auditorium.

• Our alumni girls attended a seminar conducted by Population First & SBI to celebrate International Day of the Girl Child. The girls took part in a panel discussion on health and empowerment issues.

· Select children were taken to IIT Powai for a workshop on solar power and solar lights.

• Our District 3141 conducted a radio awareness programme

on iuvenile diabetes. Our young BY students lent their voice for this awareness programme. They were taken to 24Fret, a recording studio, to be a part of our District 3141 awareness programme.

• Educational camps and a lit fest on RK Narayan were held during the year.

• An art competition on "Your Dream City - Mumbai", an initiative of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and facilitated by Mahindra & Mahindra, took place mid-November. Mr. Srirangan of the Bombay Chamber spoke to the children on technology changes the world over and gave away the prizes.

• Children's Day was celebrated at all schools and



With sister Mimansa Popat at the installation



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children of both primary and secondary were given a good time!

• Republic Day and **Independence** Day celebrations took place at all schools and our children were applauded by the school principals.

• Children of Worli and Ambedkar visited the Bhau Daji Lad museum for excellent science sessions conducted by the museum team.

· Children's outings included visits to the CCI Christmas Party, Cathedral School Fun Fair, Zoo and CSMVS Museum

 Schools conducted much needed eye camps and



dentistry camps for the children.

 Distribution of sanitary napkins took place at all schools. A year's supply,

bought at a highly discounted rate from Johnson & Johnson as part of our District project, was given to each girl.

• Our BY vs Rotary cricket

additional nutrition.

Another ongoing project is

Salaam Bombay, wherein

we train 150 girl students

across schools in different

trades during the academic

year 2019-20. A total of 155

students have been enrolled

into the programme across

eight schools in trades like

Beauty & Wellness, Computer

Hardware, Home Appliance

**Repair, Mobile Repair and** 

Robotics. Students who

pass the exam at the end

of programme receive a

government-recognised

certificate. Students are also

# **GENDER EOUALITY**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. **Vineet Bhatnagar** Chairperson: Rtn. Arin Master Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Anar Shah

Committee members: Rtn. Ravi Fotedar, Rtn. Dr. Aashish Contractor, Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala, Rtn. Tanya Sood, Rtn. Ptn. Bijal Kara. Rtn. Ptn. Dhvanika Thakkar, Rtn. Ptn. Pervin Jehangir

Rotary has supported IWA Clinic ever since Rtn. Sonya Mehta started this project in her year as President in 2015/16. IWA has been treating the underprivileged patients since 1962, but was on the brink of extinction till Sonya took interest and renovated the whole clinic. We added many more



services to the ones offered earlier. We now have a full fledged Dental Clinic. Pediatrics, Gynaecology, General Physician, **Dermatology**, Homeopathy and Xray. All this has been possible with Rotary's support. This year, from April 2019 to March 2020, we have seen 4791 patients and dispensed with meds worth almost Rs six lakh! IWA also conducts medical camps for some NGOs and we monitor the monthly progress of the children of Garden school, where we support them with

ITIs, skill training centres and academies. In addition, students are also provided a nutritional component. Finally, as part of Rotary Club of Bombay's gender equality initiative, students are provided Self-Defence sessions.

trained in Financial Literacy.

programme on menstruation, hygiene and distribution of a year's supply of free sanitary napkins to 210 girl students of M.S.P.T. High School at Nana Chowk, Grant Road. It was very well received and appreciated.

match that was planned by our Sports Committee took place in early February at the Hindu Gymkhana and was a grand success.

· Distribution of ration to a few needy BY children took place during the lock-down.

 A wonderful awareness film made by our alumni on lockdown procedures was widely circulated on social media.

The year ended abruptly but not before we could complete several activities as planned. It was an extremely satisfying and action packed year despite all the challenges!

# visit reputed Government

On February 27, we had Project Red, an awareness

Another project called Miracle Feet, which deals with children born with Clubfoot, had to be shelved before it even took off because of the present circumstances.

Director-in-Charge: Rtn. Meera Alreja Chairperson: Rtn. Roda

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**ROTARY SCHOLARSHIPS** 



Director-in-charge: Rtn. **Hiranmay Biswas** Chairperson: Rtn. Varsha Daiva Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Ajit Lalvani **Committee members:** PP Rtn. Paul George, Rtn. Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Jamshvd Vazifdar, Rtn. Raj Ajmera, Rtn. Ujjwala Singhania, Rtn.

Vikas Jain

The Training Centre made additional and exceptional efforts this year to reach out to the youth in and around its community by introducing additional courses to keep

ever changing scenario in the outside world. We now have 32 new short term courses introduced for the youth. With the purpose of helping guiding and training students for interviews, we organised a two day personality development workshop in the month of February 2020. Close to 75 students benefitted through our benefited from this workshop training programmes during that focused on positive the year. attitude, body language and **VTCE** Certificate Distribution confidence building Programme: This Annual The workshop was followed event was organised in the by a lob Fair that was month of March at the YMCA organised to help the youth International House. It is an attain suitable jobs on event to provide a platform completion of their training. for our students to showcase Our focus was and continues their talents that they have to be the girls and women acquired during their time in from the marginalised section of the community. the centre and a few cultural performances. Certificates Close to 1500 youngsters

At the installation with IPP Vijay, Office Bearers and Directors



At the installation with the **Rotary Office staff** 



With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta at the installation



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Committee Members: Rtn. Raj Ajmera, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia **Number of Committee** meetings held: Two meetings and one round of interview for Rotary Scholars. **Objectives:** To facilitate the students for graduation and post-graduation studies from a Merit-cum-Means perspective.

ARSHIPS DISBURSED STATUS:				
ries	No. of approved applicants	Budget amount	Disbursed amount	Balance amount
scholars	17	Rs. 20,00,000	Rs. 12,76,382	Rs. 7,23,618
al (added s of Scholars)	185	Rs. 6,00,000	Rs. 12,06,078	(Rs. 6,06,078)
hya Yaan	80	Rs. 6,00,000	Rs. 6,02,580	(2,580)
Study s Nevatia rships	10	Rs. 1,00,000	Rs. 1,00,000	NIL
ande & handra	12	Rs 2,00,000	Rs. 1,17,000	Rs. 83,000
	304	Rs. 35,00,000	Rs. 33,02,040	Rs. 1,97,960
Not a single applicant within the criteria of Merit-cum-Means was rejected				

Note: Not a single applicant within the criteria of Merit-cum-Means was rejected





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are distributed to those who have successfully completed their course during the year. Some of the students shared very heart tugging testimonials of how with the help of the Rotary and YMCA they were now in a better position to help themselves. The Chief Guest for the event was President Preeti Mehta who shared some encouraging words with the students.



Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara and Rtn. Zeenia Master at the installation while Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala looks on, bemused



# **NIGHT STUDY CENTRE**





Director-in-charge: Hiranmay Biswas

Chairperson: Jamshyd Vazifdar Vice Chairperson: Sherebanu Baldiwala

Name of Committee members: PP Rtn. Paul George, Rtn. Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Raj Ajmera, Rtn. Varsha Daiya, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia, Rtn. Ptn. Jaya Prasad, Rtn. Ptn. Aradhana Mehta, Rtn. Ptn. Rinku Suchanti

This year, the Night Study Centres Committee planned to build on the work done in the previous year. We organised a couple of visits to some of the NSCs, to interact with the children and offer them some words of encouragement.

Our project partners, the YMCA, oversaw the opening of five new NSC

At the Ananda Yaan seminar

on 'Prevention of Falls'



classes, expanding our reach.

In collaboration with the BY committee, we were able to distribute a year's supply of sanitary pads to 72 of girl students.

22 of our NSC students received scholarships totalling Rs. 2,17,000 from the scholarships committee

Two recurring features on the calendar - The CCI Christmas party and the Annual Get-Together - see huge turnouts, and the children had a wonderful time.

In addition, thanks to the Reliance Foundation hospital, we were able to donate First-Aid kits in our Night **Study Centres.** 

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Vineet Bhatnagar Chairperson: Rtn. S V Prasad Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Swati Mayekar Committee members: Rtn. Bipin Vazirani, Rtn. Homi Katgara, Rtn. Ashok Jatia, Rtn. Ptn. Java Prasad

Skill Development Committee (SDC) has been formulated with the objective of taking forward the yeoman work being carried out by the Bhavishya Yaan (BY) Committee.

SDC aims to counsel and guide the BY Students who complete their SSC with respect to their career options, keeping in mind each student's strengths and inclinations.

A robust data base would be developed with all the relevant information of the BY Students collated right from 8th standard onwards as well as their personal information.

The data base would also aim to track their scholastic performance in their XII exam as well as their undergraduation. This data base would also be of help to BY as well as the Scholarship Committees.

The data base which would be cloud based is being developed with the assistance of Mr. Niranjan Rao, Infotroopers, the firm which imparts computer education to the BY Students right from the time BY commenced.

After considering various service providers, M/s YoungBuzz (YB) has been retained to carry out career counselling sessions for the BY Students who are in the tenth standard. YB has more than 18 years of career counselling experience with various Schools and is equipped to provide the same in English as well as in Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati.

Once the disruption caused by COVID 19 is behind us, SDC hopes to be back to working in full swing.

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# **CHILD WELFARE**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Meera Alreja Chairperson: Rtn. Rajesh Shah Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Charu Agrawal **Committee members:** PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria, Rtn. Madhusudan Daga, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah, Rtn. Dilip Dalal,

June 2019 started off with the summer camp finale, where our a proudly showcased the rich heritage of India.

Rtn. Sunita Mandelia

This year, two new activities: Art and Craft and Drama were introduced. Sadhu Vaswani Mission invited us to be a part of the 101st birth anniversary celebrations of their founder Dada Vaswani in July.

In August students enjoyed creating handmade rakhis, participating in an interactive story session (Janmashtami) and snacking on sweet dar ni pori (Parsi New Year). Around this time, weekly English language coaching was started for older students.

In October Rotary President Preeti Mehta honoured Lighthouse by not only choosing to celebrate her milestone 60th birthday with the students but also sponsoring a trip to Mani Bhavan and a workshop by educator Marina Dutta to familarise students with the Gandhian ethos.

In November as part of











At the Ananda Yaan seminar on 'Prevention of Falls



Celebrating 10 years of Bhavishya Yaan

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the Litfest, Lighthouseians showcased the works of Indian author R.K. Narayanan.

The CCI Christmas party, a fancy dress show and a movie screening were the highlights of December.

Lighthouse's very first Sports Festival in January 2020 was a hit and saw the participation of the entire community.

February saw our students participate in a plethora of activities under the umbrella of the Kala Ghoda Festival. Students were taken on an educational excursion to the Monginis cake factory in March.

The year ended abruptly with classes being suddenly suspended due to the Covid-19 epidemic raging across the globe.

We have initiated new projects and channelized our efforts towards them this year. The distribution of nutritious food to the street children of Salaam Baalak Foundation Centre at Chowpatty, from August 2019, is a project that represents the same.

All in all. 2019-20 was an eventful year where learning combined with fun to ensure all-round development.





Bhavishya Yaan children celebrate 10 years of BY with a performance





Solar grid for the water lifting from the dam at Warghadpada

# **ENVIRONMENT**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Peter Born Chairperson: Rtn. Madhusudan Daga Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. **Christopher Bluemel Committee members:** President Preeti Mehta, PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. SV Prasad, Rtn. Anand Parikh, Rtn. Varsha Daiya, Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria, Rtn. Priyasri Patodia, Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia

RCB took the momentous decision to adopt Gumbadpada village, a hamlet about 3.5 hour's drive from Mumbai (towards Nashik in Maharashtra). The Integrated **Rural Development project** was carried forward and implemented under RCB's **Environment Committee** headed by Rtn. Madhusudan Daga. Solar power is used as a pivot to bring about a fivepoint rural transformation - impacting health, social security, livelihoods, education and sanitation.

Scenario before project implementation: This village is home to 365 tribals and

With the legend Sunil

love for glucose biscuits

Gavaskar demonstrating his

Dalits and, since generations, farmers are forced, post monsoons, to work as coolies and construction labour in Bhiwandi and nearby towns while their lands lay fallow due to paucity of water.

The children were stunted due to malnutrition and spent most of their nights in darkness due to frequent load shedding. Teenage girls walked barefoot, about four kms daily, to get to school and eventually give up. The women carried multiple pots of water on their heads simultaneously and trudged up and down steep hills several times a day be it under the heat of the burning sun or the slipperiness of the heavy rains.

Project implementation: On October 12, 2019, RCB, along with our partner in this project 'Chirag Rural Development Foundation' and their onground partner Diganta Swaraj Foundation, brought succour and hope to these villagers and changed a grim situation to one of hope and a better tomorrow.

Solar power through high quality solar panels installed to provide power for: (i) running the submersible



President Preeti Mehta and Rtn. Ptn. Gautam at Gumbadpada

kilometer to the tap stations in the village: (ii) providing home lighting and also run fans in schools and anganwadi; (iii) providing power for 'e-learning' facility; and (iv) street lights for social security.

### The water from the river/ water body will provide: (i) irrigation water for agriculture; and (ii) water for domestic use and drinking water through community taps. The villagers participated through hard labour 'Shramdan' in invaluable man hours to lay pipes, electricity cables and construction work and 'Bhudaan' by making available par of their land for the project.

The project also entailed building 'common toilet blocks' for villagers. The Prime Minister's dream of 'Nal se Jal' was realised by us in one remote village before our very eyes and, as Pratibha Pai, the founder of Chirag Rural Development Foundation, said, "These villagers seemed to be in some kind of a time warp... RCB has actually fast forwarded their lives to contemporary

Rotarians Mehul Sampat,

Jamshyd Vazifdar and

meeting

Satyan Israni, Zeenia Master,

Sherebanu Baldiwala at a club

pump that pumped water up a times with this intervention!

This time around, domestic waste water was recycled into soak pits that helped villagers cultivate kitchen gardens for captive consumption, ensuring that water goes back into the water table and also benefits villagers.

Scenario after project **implementation:** The solar integrated village development has been a success in the context in which it was conceived. Villagers are happier, healthier and feel more secure. Children are happy to attend school and better school performance is

expected. The water filter has

tremendously reduced health

issues persistent in the village.

Public toilets are used effectively now that tap stations provide water that is required. Thanks to the kitchen garden, the families get vegetables at no extra cost at home in this time of difficulty. Farmer incomes and farm productivity are on the rise flowering of mogra, cashews, etc and yield from fruit trees, will lead to a further increase in farmer incomes. None of the farmers migrated as they were

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At Gumbadpada



Water begins to flow into the fields at Gumbadpada

tending to their land and have therefore been safe from the Covid-19 exposure!

The Environment Committee therefore, with the support of the Board of Directors, has undertaken two more projects on the same lines to cover nearby villages of Warghadpada, Ghodichapada and Mukundpada. Work has begun for both projects and is expected to be completed a week from the lifting of the lockdown for Warghadpada and four weeks post-lockdown for Ghodichapada and Mukundpada.

Warghadpada is a group of

five settlements spread out in different directions, and our intervention will impact the lives of more than 485 villagers belonging to tribal communities and is a poorly electrified village which experiences load shedding for more than 12 hours a day and during monsoons there is no electricity at all, and the source of water is a 1.5 km trek away. Ghodichapada and Mukundpada, which are remote, disconnected hamlets, are in a much worse situation. Our intervention here will impact the lives of more than 500 villagers belonging to tribal communities.

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At Gumbadpada with women
            from the village
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Director-in-charge: Rtn. Peter Born Chairperson: Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. **Abhishek Saraf Committee members:** IPP Rtn. Vijay Jatia, PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Homi Katgara, Rtn. Suresh Goklaney, Rtn. Vineet Suchanti, Rtn. Bimal Mehta, Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, Rtn. Mohit Jain, Rtn. Siddharth Bhimrajka, Rtn. Gautam Doshi, Rtn. Abhishek Sharman, Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia, Rtn. Anand Parikh, Rtn. Vikas Jain, Rtn. Sidhant Jatia, Rtn.

Abhin Alimchandani, Rtn. Jagdish Vora, Rtn. Laxmi Maneklal

**Committee meetings held:** Three

Update: RCB's Water **Resources Committee has** completed a number of projects in the Rotary year 2019-20.

### Projects in the year 2019-20:

- WOTR (Jalna) Projects
- Paani Foundation Project (Marathwada & North Maharashtra Project)
- Bombay SPCA Animal Hospital, Parel
- **Project with RCB Bombay** East, Palghar
- Guru Nanak High School, Sion



Looking over the proceeding at Gumbadpad





- Paani Foundation Phase 3 (Vidarbha Projects)
- Rotary Club Of Bombay office. Nariman Point
- Ashram, Shirdi
- Lal Bahadur Shastri School, Palghar
- Loyola Ashram School Palghar
- WINS project
- Vidya Mandir School, Dapchari
- Shri. Pandurang Kore School, Palghar

Below is a brief outline of these:

### **WOTR Projects:**

In Jalna we, as RCB, in collaboration with Eureka Forbes, Watershed Organisation Trust (WOTR), the Gram Panchavat and the Rotary Club of Jalna. The project was executed in seven villages. **Villages benefitted:** Kolegaon, Banegaon, Kota Jahagir, Tigalkheda, Khedgaon, Nihalsingwadi Pimperkhed. Benficiaries: 13,000.

**Paani Foundation** (Marathwada & North **Maharashtra Projects):** We provided clean drinking water facility in 16 villages of Marathwada and north Maharashtra. The project is

complete.

7 villages in Marathwada: Sudamwadi, Ianefal , Pasodi, Dipwewadgaon, Moha Langotwadi, Ramwadi **9 villages in North** Maharashtra: Nagaon Khurd, Chorwad, Diksal, Navanagar, Lamkani, Sarve, Rajderwadi, Jogewadi, Nandur Pathar Total beneficiaries: 33,000 approx.

### **Bombay SPCA Animal** Hospital, Parel

The Bombay Society for the Preventions of Cruelty to Animals including the Bai Sakarbai Dinshaw Petit Hospital for Animals was established in 1874 and is over 144 years in existence. We as RCB got a chance to serve the hospital with water purifiers. We have provided six filters to get safe clean water to animals and the staff at the hospital. Beneficiaries: Pets - 100, Staff – 50 daily

### **Project with RCB East,** Palghar

A project supported by RCB in collaboration with RCB East in Dist. Palghar. Two schools were identified by the RCB East to provide water purifiers: Kolhi School



& Bapne School in Dist. Palghar. Total beneficiaries: 350 daily

Guru Nanak High School, Sion: It is an ongoing project where the school has asked for water purifiers in the school premises. The project

is expected to be complete soon. **Total beneficiaries: 930** approx.

### **Paani Foundation Phase 3** (Vidarbha Projects)

After the completion of Phase 2 inaugurations, RCB will be working for the 3rd phase in Vidarbha district, Maharashtra. We will be providing water plants to 11 villages in Vidarbha, Villages are identified by local NGO AGVSS. The programme is to start soon.

### Ashram, Shirdi

A project for the ashram at Shirdi will benefit people staying in the ashram. Total beneficiaries: 1000 daily

Lal Bahadur Shastri School, Palghar

The Sathe Nagar plant was relocated to Lal Bahadur Shashtri School in Manor,



District – Palghar, This facility directly benefits over 3,500 students and teaching faculty daily. Total beneficiaries: 3500 students & teaching staff daily.

Loyola Ashram School, Dongripada, Dahanu The Adarshnagar plant was shifted to the Loyola Ashram School in Dongripada. Dahanu. The facility benefits over 1,100 children and teaching faculty daily. Total beneficiaries: 1100 students & teaching staff daily.

### WINS Project:

A project in Palghar district provides Hand Wash stations to 758 schools. The project is supported by SACRED. **UNICEF & NILKAMAL** 

# Dapchari

The school has asked for a

Vidya Mandir School,

The school has requested a water purification system. It will benefit 363 students on a daily basis.

### Shri. Pandurang Kore School, Palghar

water purification system. It would benefit 169 students

# Sekhsaria

Raigarhia **Committee members: PP** 

Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Madhusudan Daga, Rtn. Charu Agrawal, Rtn. Ptn. Devi Narayan, Rtn. Ptn . Ekta Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Reshma Vazirani RCB, in collaboration with

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Framroze Mehta Chairperson: Rtn. Priyasri Patodia Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Bipin

Vazirani **Committee members: PP** Rtn. (Dr.) Mukesh Batra, PP Rtn. Sonya Mehta, Rtn. Hiren Kara, Rtn. Samir Chinai, Rtn.

Homi Katgara, Rtn. Rajeev Narvekar, Rtn. Mudit Jain

### **BEGINNING OF THE TERM**

- Six Aqua Guard filters were installed in collaboration with Water Committee of RCB at the Bombay SPCA.

- Support for buying medical equipment for a clinic at the

two elder day care centres at Byculla and Dr. E Moses Rd. The centres provide a platform for senior citizens to interact socially, build a support network, boost their selfesteem and have a carefully planned out roster of activities that deal with their health, wellness and happiness. In a unique partnership, the AY Committee of RCB. Rotary District 3141, International Advertising Association, and Campaign Magazine

**Dignity Foundation**, runs

IDA Center, the same venue which RCB had constructed a portion of the IDA Centre.

### **MORE RECENTLY**

Thousands of stray cats and dogs in India depend on food and waste from markets, restaurants and grocery shops. But with coronavirus sending people into isolation and public establishments shutting down, stravs are having a hard time finding food. Even individuals who feed them are confined to their homes.

**RCB** supported three NGOs who are going from place to place to feed the strays (this is an ongoing project until the lockdown is lifted).

1. Welfare of Stray Dogs (WSD)

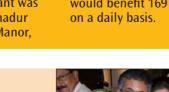
With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam, PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta and Rtn. Ptn. Zarina at the Pondicherry Fellowship



With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam at the Parsi Nite Fellowship



With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam at the Diwali Nite Fellowship



# Committee Reports: Ananda Yaan & Animal Welfare

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# **ANANDA YAAN**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Meera Alreja Chairperson: Rtn. Alok Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Vrinda THE BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY **17** 

together created a campaign to highlight that what senior citizens wanted most was the time of young adults. As part of Fall Prevention Awareness Week (September 22 – 28), 250 underprivileged elders experienced an

infotainment evening dedicated to their health and wellness.

Ananda Seva is a unique opportunity for Rotarians and friends to celebrate special days like birthdays and

wedding anniversaries as also death anniversaries of their family members, with our AY members by sponsoring events of their choice.

Our Ananda Yaan Centres had their first ever Sports Day on February 22nd, 2020 at Botley Boy ground, Byculla. Over 100 senior citizens participated on the Sports Day. The ISME Rotaractors arranged for 10 fun-filled races.



- Donated Rs. one lakh. - They feed strays in south Mumbai region, starting from Lower Parel to Navy Nagar. - They arrange packed food.

2. Plants & Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) - Donated Rs. 75,000. - They feed strays in the suburbs of Thane district

like Dombivli, Kalyan, Ulhasnagar, Ambernath and Badlapur. - They have arranged for rice and Pedigree dog food. 3. Animals Matter To Me (AMTM) - Donated Rs. 50,000. - All meals are freshly cooked and served to cats and dogs from Dahisar to Bandra.



Rotarians at the Pondicherry Fellowship



# **URBAN HERITAGE**



Director-in-charge: Rtn. Peter Born Chairperson: Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Anita Patel **Committee members:** President Preeti Mehta. PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta, PP Rtn. (Dr.) Sonya Mehta, Rtn. Aditya Somani, Rtn. Ashok Jatia, Rtn. Aziz Javeri, Rtn. Manjeet Kriplani, Rtn. Jamshed Banaii, Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara, Rtn. Ptn. Sandra Merchant, Rtn. Ptn. Arnaz Soonawalla, Rtn. Ptn. Yasmin Divecha

This past year, the Urban Heritage Committee (UHC) continued its work with the Asiatic Society of Mumbai to conserve approximately 120 maps, some of which date back to the 1800s. Some maps have been affected by termites while others have been folded for so long that they are detached and torn. They are painstakingly



Map of Hindoostan Mogul Empire 1788

put together after applying various techniques.

The UHC also collected funds for the conservation and digitisation of over 150 books. Social media activities of the Asiatic continued to be sponsored by RCB and these efforts have been featured in various publications.

Apart from the UHC's work at the Asiatic, the committee also organised a heritage walk in January 2020 to Banganga and the surrounding areas. The walk was sold out in a day of opening invitations to our Club.

Stay tuned for some exciting events coming up in the next vear from the UHC. Work has already commenced on preparing for a one-of-akind exhibition for the maps that are being conserved.



**Director:** Rtn. Mehul Sampat Chairperson: Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar

**Committee members:** Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal, Rtn. Murad Currawala, Rtn. Satyan Israni

Number of Committee meetings held: 2. Whatsapp, emails and teleconferences are the preferred channels for our communication needs. Inperson meetings are held only when necessary.

### **Objective:**

Through print and digital media we aim to widen the Club's reach and to disseminate information on our Club's projects and their progress.

### Status:

**Rotary Club of Bombay** has an active presence on multiple platforms - Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. This enables us to keep members and the general public abreast of the excellent

Followers on	1st July 2019	Today
Instagram	2760	3785
Facebook	2091	2824
LinkedIn	1138	2038
Twitter	583	900
Total	6572	9547

work done by the Club on a broad range of projects. We continue to grow our online following - over 9,000!

The weekly newsletter, The Gateway, is sent out to all members of the Club. Sporting a redesigned look this year, it covers proceedings of our weekly meetings, carries information on the activities done by our Committees, keeps members aware of upcoming events, and also showcases work done by our partners in service. In addition, this year saw the introduction of brain-teasers

Our Club website has had contains articles, photos and done, and further information can easily be found under headings of Medical. Education, etc. Further, the website is kept updated to show upcoming events, a recap of past meetings, and houses past issues of the newsletter The Gateway.

Chairperson: Rtn Bipin Kapadia Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Gautam Doshi

**IUNE 30, 2020** 

Number of Committee meetings held: 1 meeting a month before or after our regular Tuesday meeting at

### Taj Hotel **Objective:**

To keep a track of the members' attendance at weekly Club meetings, and improve the attendance of Excused and Non-excused members.

Status of planned project: Our Club strength is 322, but with 120 members excused

# **CLASSIFICATIONS, MEMBERSHIP** AND INFORMATION

Director-in-charge: PE Rtn Framroze Mehta Chairperson: PP Rtn. Nowroze Vazifdar Vice-Chairperson: PP Rtn. Nandan Damani Committee members: PP Rtn. Adi Dastur, PP Rtn. Arvind Jolly, PP Rtn. Ramesh Naravan Number of Committee meetings held: Seven. The Committee meets as and when new membership

Number of members inducted: During this year, membership 9 candidates were interviewed.

proposal forms are received.

strives for quality rather than quantity and inducted members after following the prescribed procedure and based on merits. This year, we lost nine members and admitted 8. As of June 30th, 2019, membership strength was 327. Four members resigned on July 1st, 2019. As of July 1st, 2019, membership strength was 323. During the year, we lost 9 members; 5 resigned and 4 passed away. As of June 30th, 2020, our membership strength will be 322.

The Committee always

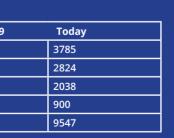
Speaking at IMC's talk: Mitigate Violence Against Women



With PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta at the Christmas Fellowship



With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam at the **Christmas Fellowship** 



and facts about Rotary. over 1.3 lakh online visitors. It videos about the project work

# Committee Reports: Membership & Attendance

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from minimum attendance requirements rules we tracked attendance for 202 members.

The Committee follows up with members who may miss the minimum required threshold, and recommendations were given to the Board for increasing attendance. The average

attendance of our Club for the year was 52.5%.

Meetings were conducted over Zoom Conferencing due to the pandemic. Initially, attendance was low but we have seen an increase in the number of attendees of these virtual meetings.

# **SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Mehul Sampat **Chairperson:** Rtn. Hoshang Nazir Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai **Committee members: Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala** 

**Number of Committee** meetings held: 4.

Our objective has been to welcome the speaker when they arrive at the venue, and get them settled in before the meeting. We also encourage members to donate to the service box, the proceeds of which go towards all our Club's

projects. Once the meeting starts, we ensure that there are as few distractions as possible to the speaker, by requesting all members of the audience to take their seats guickly and refrain from having conversations during the meeting.





PP Rtn. Ashish Vaid at IMC's talk: Mitigate Violence Against Womer



# PROGRAMME COMMITTEE Director-in-charge: Rtn. Ram

Gandhi

Chairperson: Rtn. Farhat Jamal

Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Aziz Javeri

Committee members: PP Rtn. Ramesh Naravan, Rtn. Anand Dalal, Rtn. Manjeet Kriplani, Rtn. Shom Jagtiani, Rtn. Sanjay Agarwal, Rtn. Ashok Jatia, Rtn. Ujjwala Singhania, Rtn. Ali Merchant, Rtn. Renu Basu

Number of Committee meetings held: Three regular meetings and several informal meetings so far, after our Tuesday meetings and at President Preeti Mehta's office.

Budget: Rs. 1 Lakh

### Speakers for 2019-2020

July 9th, 2019: Panel discussion on 'Straight from the Oven - Union Budget 2019-20' moderated by RTN. SHARIO **CONTRACTOR.** Participants: Rtn. Anil Harish, PP Rtn. Shailesh Haribhakti and Mr. S.P. Tulsian.

lulv 16th, 2019: MR. SHEKHAR **GUPTA** from 'Walk the Talk on 'India beyond 2019'.



July 30th, 2019: MR. ASHDIN **DOCTOR** on 'Micro wellness Habits'

August 6th, 2019: MR. VIKAS **DILAWARI** – 'Mumbai's Monuments Man' – an exceptional story.

> August 13th, 2019: MR. **ANANT GOENKA** on 'Where **Rubber Hits The** Road'

August 20th, 2019: MR. ASHWIN SANGHI & PP RTN. (DR.) **MUKESH BATRA** discussion on their book '13 Steps to Bloody Good Health'

**NIGHT**, a fund-raising evening.

September 3rd, 2019: MR. **RAHUL KADRI** on 'Fine Balance in Environment and Development'.

September 17th, 2019: MR. M. D. NALAPAT on 'Geo **Relationship?** 

September 24th, 2019: MR. **ZULFIKAR MEMON** on 'Annoying







October 15th. 2019: MR. MICKEY MEHTA on 'Reverse Your Universe – Ageing Minimized, Youth Optimized, Life Mickeymized'

October 22nd,

2019: MS.

URVASHI

**BUTALIA** on

'Feminism

November

between

and Rtn. Dipan Mehta

November 26th, 2019: RTN.

for Excellence in Public Life.

December 3rd, 2019: MR.

MAHENDRA SANGHI, recipient

of Pravinchandra Gandhi Award

SAROSH BANA on 'Arming India-

19th. 2019:

Conversation

**MR. RAKESH** 

and Women's

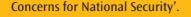


Rights'.

November 5th. 2019: MR. SUNIL **GAVASKAR**, recipient of Citizen of Mumbai Award on Cricket's Memorable Moments.

August 27th, 2019: SONU NIGAM

Politics- What Ails India China



December 17th, 2019: MRS. MINAL BAIAI, recipient of Anita Parikh Empowerment for Women Award.

Ianuary 7th. 2020: RTN. (DR.) ASHOK KRIPLANI on **'Deteriorating Doctor Patient Relationship**'



with Rtn. Farhat Iamal January 21st, 2020: MR.

TUSHAR **GANDHI** on 'Mahatma Gandhi – 150



for Young Woman Achiever.

'Story of India Cinema Through

**ROBIN DHOWAN** on 'Securing



August 13th, 2019: Speaker Mr. Anant Goenka with Rotarians Farhat Jamal. Anand Dalal, President Preeti Mehta and Manish Reshamwala



February 18th. 2020: MR. AMIT **CHANDRA** on 'Role Philanthropy

Lives'.

February 25th, 2020: MR. HEMENDRA KOTHARI, recipient of Taru Lalvani Environmental Protection Award on



**'Conservation** and Wildlife'

Can Play in

March 3rd. 2020: SWAMI **SWATMANANDA** 

January 14th, 2020: President Preeti Mehta with speaker Mr Prasoon Joshi

II on 'Redefining Success'.

March 31st, 2020: PP RTN. **SANDIP AGARWALLA** on 'Rotary's Fight Against Corona Virus'.

April 7th, 2020: RTN. SHARIO **CONTRACTOR** on 'Government Policies During COVID Times'.

April 14th. 2020: MR. **R.GOPALKRISHNAN** on 'The Shaper – How the Shaper Of An Institution Thinks, Behaves And Acts Differently'

April 21st, 2020: MR. ADITYA **GUPTA** on 'Scaling the Mount Everest at 50 – Story of Sheer Grit and Determination'.

April 28th, 2020: RTN. (DR.) AASHISH CONTRACTOR on 'A Covid 19 Update – Staying Healthy & Safe'.

With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta

and Sonu Nigam at RCB's

fundraiser

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Ram Gandhi Chairperson: Rtn. Suresh

Kotak Vice-Chairperson: PP Rtn. Arun Sanghi

Committee members: PP Rtn. Arvind Jolly, PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Poornima Advani, Rtn. Pradeep Chinai, Rtn. Rajas Doshi The following awards were bestowed this year:



Citizen of Mumbai Award - Mr. Sunil Gavaskar, on November 5th. 2019



Pravinchandra Gandhi Award for Excellence in Public Life -Rtn. Mahendra Sanghi, on November 26th, 2019



Anita Parikh Empowerment for Women Award - Mrs. Minal Bajaj, on December 17th. 2019.



Uma Jain Award for Young Woman Achiever - Ms. Aarohi Pandit, on January 28th, 2020.



Taru Lalvani Environmental Protection Award - Mr. Hemendra Kothari, on February 25th, 2020.







RCB's Ananda Yaan partnered with the International Advertising Association (IAA), and Campaign Magazine to create a senior citizens' awareness campaign



Tying a rakhi to a street child on raksha bandhan





Years and Bevond' **HUNJUNWALA** 

the Years'. February 11th, 2020: ADMIRAL

**MS. AAROHI** PANDIT recipient of Uma Jain Award

February 4th, 2020: MS. NASREEN MUNNI KABIR on

# Committee Reports: Programme & Public Awards

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July 16th. 2019: Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta, President Preeti and speaker Shekhar Gupta



May 5th. 2020 **MR. RICHARD REKHY** on Reinventing the Future - Business

Continuity'



May 12th, 2020: SMT. PADMAIA RUPAREL on 'Creating a Vibrant

**Entrepreneurial Eco-System'** 

May 19th, 2020: MR. P. SAINATH on 'India's Agrarian and Migrant Labour Crisis'.

May 26th, 2020: Official Club Visit of **DISTRICT GOVERNOR MR. HARJIT SINGH TALWAR**.

June 2nd, 2020: MR. AJIT RANADE



November 19th, 2019: President Preet thanks Rakesh Jhunihunwala for his time spent with the Club



on 'How India can Build its Economy post Lockdown'.

June 9th. 2020

MS. PRATIBHA PAI, recipient of the Social Service Award for 'The Alchemy of Social Service'.

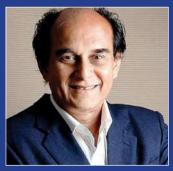
lune 9th, 2020: DR. LAXMAN **SINGH RATHORE**, recipient of the Sohrab Godrej Award for Science and Technology, on 'Extreme Weather Patterns'.

June 16th, 2020: HON. RTN. AJAY **PIRAMAL** on 'Navigating through Uncertainity'

June 23rd, 2020: MR. HARSH MARIWALA, recipient of the Ramkrishna Bajaj Award for Good Governance on 'Leadership through Covid'.



Sohrab Godrej Award for Science and Technology – Dr Laxman Singh Rathore, on 9th June, 2020.



Ramkrishna Bajaj award for Good Governance – Mr. Harsh Mariwala on 23rd June, 2020.



Celebrating Preeti's 60th birthday at Machchimaar Nagar



# Committee Reports: Sports

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# **SPORTS**

Director-in-charge: Hiranmay Biswas Chairperson: Sanjiv Saran Mehra Vice-Chairperson: Anand Dalal

Committee members: Rtn. (Dr.) Mehernosh Dotivala, Rtn. Jaidev Merchant, Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar, Rtn. Satyan Israni Ex-officio: President Preeti Mehta, IPP Rtn. Vijay Kumar Jatia, PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta, PP Rtn. Sandip Agarwalla, Rtn. Rekha Tanna and Rtn. Bimal Mehta

Number of beneficiaries: Participants (70) – (Football - 12) Rotary Club of Bombay – Bhavishiya Yaan Children Cricket Challenger (26) Golf (32)

Projects completed: Football (November 2019) Golf (January 2020), Rotary Club of Bombay – Bhavishiya Yaan Children Cricket Challenger (February 2020)



Celebrating Preeti's 60th birthday at RCB's Tuesday meetin



Celebrating with guest speaker Boman Irani at RCB's Tuesday meeting



### JUNE 30, 2020

# YOGA

**Director-in-charge:** Hiranmay Biswas Chairperson: Rtn. Manoj Patodia Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Charu Agrawal

Committee members: Rtn. Mudit Jain, Rtn. Shrinivas Prasad, Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia, Rtn. Aashish Contractor, Rtn. Ashok Chinai, Rtn. Ramesh Mehta, Rtn. Dushyant Dave

Any report on the Yoga Committee would be incomplete without Rtn. Sitaram Shah. Sitaramji joined Rotary Club of Bombay on April 3rd, 1990 and continued as an active Rotarian until he passed away on November 6th, 2019. He headed this Committee as its Chairperson until he passed away.

He was a dedicated Rotarian, committed to various causes, with Yoga being his passion. He was always grateful to RCB for letting him create the Yoga Committee. He chaired the Committee for the last four years. Like every year, the Committee was active.

The Yoga Committee conducted Yoga Yaan Training in 10 BMC schools for the academic year 2019-20 in association with Kevalyadham. Almost 1500 children were taught yoga through 30 sessions.

A camp called the "Phoenix Mega Medical camp" was held on January 18th & 19th, 2020 at Phoenix Mill compound. This was inaugurated by Chief Guest Rtn. Harjit Singh Talwar, Governor, Dist. 3141 and Guest of Honour Shri S. Veeresh Prabhu, IPS, (Addl. Commissioner of Police) and Chairman of Yoga Committee, Rtn. Manoj Patodia and Rtn. Charu Agarwal of Rotary Club of Bombay were present. A total of 162 people visited RCB stall during the two days for benefits of yoga therapies. Patients were checked by the doctors and Yoga teachers who taught them the benefits of yoga.





**Rejoice:** Celebrating appointment of Rtn. Shekhar Mehta as RI President



# Committee Reports: Yoga

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**Rejoice: Congratulating** Rtn. Shekhar Mehta on hi appointment as RIP





# **FELLOWSHIP**

Director-in-charge: Framroze Mehta

Chairperson: Ashok Jatia Vice Chairperson: Rahil Shah Committee members: Rtn. Dilip Dalal, Rtn. Ritu Desai, Rtn. Tara Deshpande, Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain, Rtn. Ptn. Vatsala Jatia, Rtn. Ajit Lalvani, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia, Rtn. Pratap Padode, Rtn. Anar Shah, Rtn. Ujjwala Singhania, Rtn. Rekha Tanna, Rtn Pranay Vakil, PP Rtn. Nowroze Vazifdar The following fellowships were successfully conducted throughout the year meeting the dual objective of bonding among members as well as assimilation with new members:

- Domestic outstation fellowship to Pondicherry attended by 40 members / spouses.
- Parsi Nite with attendance of 120 people.
- Fellowship Nite at Rekha Tanna's house with a delicious Gujarati spread.
- Diwali Nite with record

"Rejoice" celebrations to

honour RIPN Shekhar Mehta



- attendance of 230 at Flamboyante Restaurant. International outstation fellowship to Uzbekistan a unique and mesmerizing experience.
- Christmas Nite: a lovely evening of merriment and celebration at the swanky **Clearing House restaurant** in Ballard Estate. We also had a charity that raised funds by selling interesting Christmas items and goodies.
- Overnight fellowship to Talwada with stay at The Silent Hills Resort, Manor.
- Fellowship Nite at Bimal Mehta's house – lovely evening in his garden with a good mix of old and new members.

We are very thankful to report that members came forward spontaneously to support the Christmas Nite as they did for Parsi Nite and Diwali Nite.

The international fellowship in March to multiple countries South America could not proceed due to the unexpected Covid19 situation.















Chairperson: Rtn. Zina Lawyer Vice Chairperson: Rtn. Ritu Desai The Committee had the following three events:

### IRAN BY ROAD

The year started with a talk by avid motorist and Autocar magazine editor Hormazd Sorabjee who spoke extensively about on a once-in-a-lifetime drive through the heart and soul of Iran in a convoy of six Mercedes SUVs. The pictorial talk was attended by many





Doing the coin-toss to decide who will bat first, at Bhavishya Yaan XI vs RCB President's XI





Rotarians and their spouses at the lovely home of Rtns. Arin and Zeenia Master. The presentation was humorous, engaging and showcased the rich culture and history of this often misunderstood country. The audience listened to and saw images of stunning landscapes and architecture. The programme ended with a lively O&A session in which Rotarians who had visited Iran also shared their experiences. Rtns. Arin and Zeenia had thoughtfully provided cocktails and a delicious Parsi and Irani meal which paired well with the talk on Iran!



Honouring PRIP Kalvan Banerjee at "Rejoice"



# Committee Reports: In-Camera

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### HYDERABAD OF THE NIZAM

The second event was a talk on Hyderabad of the Nizam by an erudite author, Ms. Deepthi Sasidharan, held on October 16th. 2019 and hosted by Rtn. Ptn. Zarina and PE interesting episodes about Iran Rtn.Framroze Mehta at their residence.

> Ms. Deepthi, an expert on history, was able to tell us a lot about the Nizam, his palace, his women, their clothing and jewellery, etc.

It gave us a wonderful insight into the opulent life and times of the Nizams.

### HOW TO BE HEART SMART

A talk by Rtn. (Dr.) Sharukh Golwalla, a practicing cardiologist for 35 years discussed relevant issues in cardiac health and was held on February 13th, 2020. Sharukh spoke about health and fitness with useful tips and valuable advice and the talk brought many eveopeners including the Holiday Heart Syndrome. The members enjoyed the warm hospitality of Rtn. Ptn. Honey and Rtn. Anil Harish at their residence. Unfortunately the other talks which were planned could not be held due to the lockdown.





Teams eat breakfast at the Bhavishya Yaan XI vs RCB President's XI cricket game



# Committee Reports: Young at Heart

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# **YOUNG AT HEART**

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Ram Gandhi Chairperson: Rtn. Ramesh Mehta Vice-Chairperson: PP Rtn. Rajnikant Reshamwala

**Committee members:** PP Rtn. Nandan Damani Rtn. Arvind Agarwal Rtn. Ramesh Dhir

Fellowships for the Young at Heart. A dinner was organised by the Young At Heart Committee on 31st January, 2020, at the Willingdon Club. All senior



excused Rotarians were invited along with a few young members. It was a successful function with old Rotarians, who are now irregular in club meetings, meeting and mingling with all those present. Some new Rotarians who are active were also invited and introduced to the old guard. Many Past Presidents who are

not regular at club meetings attended the dinner. It was a leisurely function where all discussed their time in Rotary over cocktails and food and reminiscing fun, old stories. Other events were planned but could not be held in view of the lockdown.















Presenting the trophy for winner of the Thirteenth Annual Golf Tournament to Abhiram Sheth

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**ROTARAC** 



Director-in-charge: Rtn. Mehul Sampat Chairperson: Rtn. Zeenia Master Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Akhi Sanghi **Committee members:** Rtn. Rhea Bhumgara, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia, Rtn. Satyan Israni, Rtn. Mehernosh Dotivala, Rtn. Ptn. Meghal Rathod

The Rotaract Clubs of 2019-2020 have done incredible work during the year. They have also achieved one of the biggest objectives, which was integrating with the Club's various committees for many successful projects.

RC Club of Jai Hind conducted Anti Dowry Street Play competition, Silent Saturdays for a slum in Mahim, World University Fair, Cheekh, Taare Zameen Par

**RC Club of Hinduia** conducted Yeh Shaam Mastani and Ashirwaad with the Anandvaan committee. Ek Kadam Swachata Ki Aur, Jeevandan and so on.

**RC Club of H R participated** in the Habitat for Humanity's project for the 7th year.

- RC Hinduja received the Rotary Platinium **Citation with** distinction.
  - RC Jai Hind also received the Rotary **Platinum Citation.**

RC HR's Aashavien -Adopt a Village won **Outstanding Rotaract** Project at the Rotary International South Asia Awards.



Celebrating birthdays of Rotary's office staff



# Committee Reports: Rotaract & Interact

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Director-in-charge: Mehul Sampat **Chairperson:** Jaymin Jhaveri Vice Chairperson: Anand Dalal

Committee members: Rtn. Hursh Meghani, Rtn. Manish Reshamwala, Rtn. Jayesh Ihaveri

### **Objective:**

- Revive participation of inactive schools
- Set up meetings with the schools
- Get all of them to commit to just one project of their choice for the year.

### Projects undertaken by Schools :

• The Interact club of Fort Convent school had a clean up drive under 'Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan' on their school premises on September 19th, 2019. The Interact club of Fort Convent also participated in an international project with the Interact Club of Parapua where they made a short video making a typical recipe from India, naming its origin while cooking. They also had a newspaper drive and a visit to Prem Dan to interact with underprivileged children.



The Anjuman I Islam High School participated in the District Competition organised by Rotary which included paintings, story writing, and slogan writing.

**Cathedral & John Connon** High School held several projects/activities including : Trip to habitat for humanity at Karjat, writing for differently abled students, joining hands with Roti Bank Foundation to provide meals to patients and families outside Tata Memorial Hospital & Bombay Hospital.

### St. Marvs School ICSE also had several activities including :

Needle work, Power point presentation highlighting social evils faced in India. Students were asked to prepare & display thought provoking charts highlighting social & environmental issues, and a visit of students from Ashagadh (A tribal school) during Diwali break. Many schools planned activities post their exam schedule to ensure the students have free time. However, these were cancelled due to schools being closed due to Covid-19.

Inaugurating the new eco-friendly playground a Talwad





# **FUND RAISING**

Director-in-charge: Rtn Vineet Bhatnagar Chairperson: Rtn.Pradeep Chinai Vice-Chairperson: Rtn. Tara Deshpande Committee members: PP Rtn.

Nirav Shah, Rtn. Ashok Iatia. Rtn. Akhil Sanghi, Rtn. Sunita Mandelia

Singer Sonu Nigam put his vocal chords to good use with his stellar performance at the Rotary Club of Bombay's headlining fund-raiser "Sonu Nigam- Live in Concert", held on August 27th, 2019, at NCPA. The event was a great success, thanks to the efforts of hardworking Rotarians, Rotarian Partners and Retractors. This was Sonu Nigam's first show in India since 2008.

Although small, compared to his big concerts abroad. Sonu's performance was power packed much to the delight of the housefull NCPA auditorium. From old songs to new, Sonu had everything for everyone. RCB President Preeti Mehta thanked all the listed and anonymous people who helped in fund-raising and



making the event successful. Sonu Nigam performed beyond his capacity as a singer. He entertained and kept the audience engaged: it was not just the songs but also his puns and stories. He got the audience involved in his story-telling style performance.

From 'Main hoon deewana tera' to 'Yeh dil deewana' to a heart touching and everyone's favourite, 'Sandese aatein hai', Sonu had it all. The audience enjoyed tapping their feet and singing along to his melodious voice.

Sonu, who started performing at the age of six, will now complete 42 years of stage





performances. The nonstop two hour concert was power packed with loads of feeling, humour, songs and a lot of cheers and applause. The event helped raise Rs.1,07,75,295/-in donations. Total funds in excess of Rs. 10 crores were raised until 15th June, 2020 for various Club projects. The efforts for fundraising are continuing and updates on the same would be made available in due course.



### IUNE 30, 2020

Bhatnagai

# **TRF AND GLOBAL GRANT**

Director-in-Charge: Rtn. Vineet

Chairperson: PP Rtn. Pradeep Saxena

Vice-chairperson: PP Rtn. Ajay Kanoria TRF Contribution: The Club has

contributed a total of US \$ 5,29,617.81 to The Rotary Foundation. A break up of the





procuring the equipment there was a surplus in each of the Global Grants aggregating to Rs. 97,75,661.00, and with the approval of TRF the same was utilised to procure equipment to upgrade the Urology Department at Masina Hospital. The said Department was inaugurated on 15th January, 2020.

Hence till date, in all, 8 Departments at Masina Hospital have been set up / upgraded at a total outlay of Rs 4.24 cr.

We thank our donors for their very generous contributions without which this would not have been possible.

> Paediatric Heart Surgeries: Under Global Grant jointly applied last year with Rotary Club of Bombay Pier for conducting

Playing patient to PE Rtn. Framroze Mehta's dentist at Talwada while PP Rtn. (Dr.) Rahim Muljiani, PN Rtn. Shernaz Vakil and PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan look on

same is as under: Annual Fund : US\$ 58,501.90 Endowment Fund: US\$ 70,833.37 AKS and Global Grant contributions: US\$ 4,00,282.54 TOTAL: US \$ 5,29,617.81 **AKS Members:** PP Rtn Nirav Shah and

Rtn Ptn Devina Shah have contributed an amount of US \$ 25000 this year, and they have donated a cumulative total of US \$ 250,000. With this, we have broken our own world record by once again having the maximum number of AKS members (eleven) by any Rotary Club in the world (36000 clubs in 200 countries). In addition to this contribution they have contributed US\$ 50.000 to the TRF Endowment on the occasion of their children's wedding.

### **GLOBAL GRANTS Masina Hospital:**

In Rotary Year 2018-19, RCB undertook the setting up / upgradation of various departments of Masina Hospital under 3 Global Grants.

While Phases I (Casualty, Burns, NICU, Orthopedic OT, Plastic Surgery) & II (Endoscopy) were inaugurated in May 2019, Phase III being the ENT facility was inaugurated 2nd November, 2019.

In view of a substantial cost saving in



With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam and PP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan at the Young At Heart Fellowship



With Rtn. Tara Deshpande a Talwada



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# AKS Nirav and Devina Shah give a unique gift to their children on their wedding !



What a way to celebrate the wedding of the loved ones ! District TRF Co-Chair AKS Niray & Devina Shah announces two endowed funds of \$ 25000 each - Total \$ 50,000/- on their Children's wedding. This is in addition to \$2,50,000 they have donated to become Arch Klumph Society (AKS) member.

1. Supriya Shah & Shivam Khanna endowed fund. 2. Aditya Shah & Pragya Saboo endowed fund

Your generosity and commitment to Rotary and TRF is unparalleled.

paediatric surgeries at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital and Sir H.N Reliance Hospital our Club contributed \$71429 and received a Global Grant of \$175000 (approx. Rs.1.25 crores). Out of these Rs. 63,72,678/- have been utilised till date towards 72 surgeries and we are expecting to complete approx 70 more surgeries soon. Another Global Grant of total funds of \$509653 (approx. Rs.3.80) crores) applied for by our Club has also been approved and will be applied towards approximately 325-350 surgeries at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital. SRCC Children's Hospital & Haria Rotary Hospital, Vapi.

**PHF Members:** Presently, 223 out of our Club's 322 members are PHF members i.e. 70 per cent.

At the Young At Heart Fellowship



Totally, our Club, the Rotary Club of Bombay has collected till date over INR 50,000,000 towards **COVID19** relief activities and so far we have carried out the following activities:

Supply of over 55 ventilators to hospitals run by the Government of Maharashtra and at Central Hospital, Dhanbad

Supply of 6 Dialysis Machines to Palghar and Mumbai hospitals

Supply of over 11,000 PPEs to various hospitals in Mumbai, Chennai and Bengaluru

Distribution of free cooked and packed meals to more than 1,500,000 persons so far, at over 30,000 meals every day from kitchens operated and supervised by us to the homeless, migrant workers and daily wage earners

Supply of over 40,000 packets of ready to eat food packets of Upma and Poha to the curfew stricken people of Malegaon (4 hours from Mumbai). In addition we have distributed free cooked and packed meals currently @ 1000 meals every day

Supply of over 1100 N95 Respiratory Masks

Supply of contactless digital thermometers and **Oxymeter Pulse machines to various hospitals in** Mumbai

Supply of over 1200 Face Shields to the Sanitation workers who maintain various Community toilets in the slums of Mumbai

Supply of over 5000 Sanitisation Hand wash bottles to various agencies

Supply of coffee/tea vending machines to various **Police Stations** 

We have also set up a toll free counselling helpline (all India) with over 600 trained volunteers and counsellors helping callers who are either distressed, disturbed or anxious about their mental health in view of the ongoing situation. In addition the helpline endeavours to help those persons who need dry rations anywhere in India.

Supply of over 2,500 COVID 19 testing kits costing over Rs 20 lakh to Tata Memorial Hospital

We are continuing to raise funds and will keep on adding to our tally of service activities continuously. We are committed to run all our food distribution activities in Mumbai @ 10,000 meals daily till the end of the lockdown period ending on 15th June, 2020.



# 10,00,000 Meals Served

## ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY FEEDS OVER 1 MN PEOPLE

Mumbai: The Rotary Club of lakh; and installed over 19 Bombay (RCB) has served meals handwashing stations in public to more than one million mi- areas, mostly in Palghar district. grant labourers, daily wage It has also initiated a helpline earners and homeless people af- with trained volunteers in sevfected by the lockdown. Along eral languages.RCB president with Rotary Club of Mumbai Preeti Mehta said the club has Versova, the BMC, the police and been generating funds through other NGOs, the club has been donations by its members. "So distributing meals regularly. It far. the RCB has collected nearly had joined the fight against the Rs 4.25 crore. It seems that the pandemic end-March and has (pandemic) situation in since donated medical equip- Mumbai will continue for a ment, like ventilators, PPE and longer period than other states, dialysis equipment, worth Rs1.8 and we want our endeavours to crore; groceries worth Rs 10 continue," Mehta said. ENS





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**Recognitions and felicitations** at the TRF Seminar



Fashion show at the Vocational Training Centre's Certification Day



With Rtn. Ptn. Gautam **RIP Mark Maloney and Rtn.** Ptn. Gay



# Committee Reports: Covid-19 Relief Work

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Welcoming visiting Rotarians to Tuesday Club meeting



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STAT	TEMENT OF ACC	OUNTS		Co	mmunity Serv	
	ROTARY CLUB BOMBAY CHARITIES TRUST NO. 3			Sr.		
	ils of Donation Rec 01.07.2019 to 20.0		ents made			
Com	munity Service: M	1edical				
Sr. No	Committee wise	Received during the Year includes	Expenditure on the objects of the Trust			
		Corpus/ CSR/ General Donations (Rs.)	(Rs.)	1	Litracy (Bhavishya Yaan) & Nutrition	
1	PRVEC Talwada	4,446,001	4,912,156	2	Scholarship (Merit Cum	
2	ADMC Talwada	3,620,999	3,167,390		Means)	
3	Cancer Aid	805,000	1,002,500		+ Rotary Suraksha	
4	Cotton Green Clinic (Eye & Dental Care) + Child Care	1,251,770	1,429,189	3	Education - Taparia Foundation (TEAC)	
5	Pediatric Heart Surgery	-	4,430,995	4	Child Welfa Committee	
6	Medical Camp	-	2,700		- Macchima	
7	Aid to Physically /	-	100,000		Nagar Vidy Project	
	Mentally/ Visually			5	Vocational Trainning	
	Challenged Total	10,123,770	15,044,930	6	Night Study Centre	
			7	Rotaract		
					Total	

Community Comiest Education						
	Community Service: Education					
Sr. No	Committee wise	Received during the Year includes Corpus/ CSR/ General Donations (Rs.)	Expenditure on the objects of the Trust (Rs.)			
1	Litracy (Bhavishya Yaan) & Nutrition	9,550,546	9,523,994			
2	Scholarships (Merit Cum Means) + Rotary Suraksha	3,262,452	3,240,949			
3	Education - Taparia Foundation (TEAC)	1,000,000	-			
4	Child Welfare Committee - Macchimar Nagar Vidya Project	1,006,000	896,307			
5	Vocational Trainning	-	1,113,292			
6	Night Study Centre	100,000	499,305			
7	Rotaract	-	81,900			
	Total	14,918,998	15,355,747			

Community Service: Others				
Sr. No	Committee wise	Received during the Year includes Corpus/ CSR/ General Donations (Rs.)	Expenditure on the objects of the Trust (Rs.)	
1	Care for Elder -Ananda Yaan (Two Centre)	1,929,000	1,651,470	
2	Gender Equality - Women's Empowerment	3,000	2,537,938	
3	Environment Committee	10,041,041	9,494,798	
4	Animals Welfare	623,340	748,356	
5	Urban Heritage (Urban Conservation)	2,202,435	3,176,800	
6	Rotary Public Award	-	188,374	
7	Inner Wheel Club	-	200,000	
8	Sports	-	54,895	
9	Yoga and Wellness	-	301,500	
10	Water Resources/ Jaljeevan	48,500	1,800,557	
	WOTR (Jalna Region)	-	1,026,291	
	WINS (Yogesh Agencies Thru Akhil Sanghi)	2,184,936	16,372	
	Total	17,032,252	21,197,351	

Gene	eral /Discretionary	y Fund		Glob	al Grant Projects		
Sr. No	Committee wise	Received during the Year includes Corpus/	Expenditure on the objects of the Trust (Rs.)	Sr. No	Global Grants	Grants Received during the Year (Rs.)	Expenditure on the objects of the Trust (Rs.)
		CSR/ General Donations (Rs.)		1	Global Grant (GG-1982015) Masina Phase-1		9,611,329
1	General Donation	5,220,959	5,000	2	Global Grant (GG-1982655) Masina Phase-2	-	5,210,284
2	Birthday Donation	831,183	-	3	Global Grant (GG-1986929)	-	4,605,255
3	Service Box Collection	50,630	-		Paani Foundation		
4	Maharashtra Flood Relief	551,000	551,000	4	Rural Global Grant	9,600,001	9,598,927
5	Child Care (Feed a Child)	56,000	-		(GG-1990069) Masina Phase-3		
6	YMCA Fitness Center, Andheri	1,000,000	1,001,200	5	Global Grant Water Res	-	412,176
7	Covid-19	39,614,201	38,963,049		Project (GG- 1637166)		
8	Chhoti Si Asha	10,875,000	-	6	Global Grant	-	226,244
	Total Grand Total	58,198,973	40,520,249		J & K Project (GG-1638547)		
	Grand Total	100,273,993	92,118,277		Total	9,600,001	29,664,215
				<ul> <li>Note: The above statement of accounts does not factor interest on corpus funds as well as carried forward surplus from the previous years. In some projects the payments are greater than receipts above, but once the interest / surplus is factored there would not be a deficit. In some projects the cost of the projects have been met out of donations received for general purposes.</li> <li>DONATIONS RAISED AND COMMITTED FOR FUTURE YEAR RS. 88 LAKHS.</li> </ul>			

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# Chhoti si Asha, bada sa dil

The 'Chhoti Si Asha' initiative has truly been the most wonderful way to end a great year of **Rotary Service!** 

The initiative, jointly created by Rotary India, Rotary Club of Bombay and Wizcraft International Entertainment and supported by Being Human.- The Salman Khan Foundation and partnered by Ask Nestle.in and Finolex Pipes, was a globally televised fundraiser held on Colours TV on Sunday 28, June, 2020.

Chhoti Si Asha was our initiative to especially focus on the holistic development of children... a way to protect and care for the future of underprivileged children through a fund raising effort that involved the most creative and passionate performers in Indian cinema.

The virtual fundraiser for 'children in need' was a threehour programme promoted on various media platforms and streamed Live.

Fans and ardent lovers of entertainment gathered around their TV sets to watch Indian cinema stars in a perfectly curated, adequately socially distanced series of choreographed sequences, shot in multiple locations and seamlessly sown together

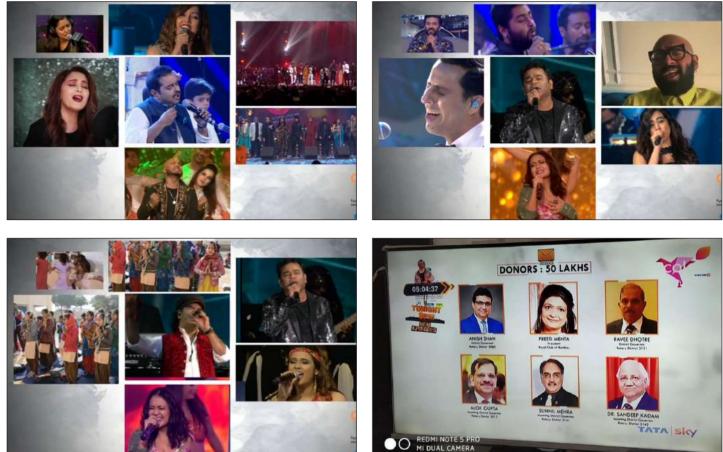
with the beautiful script and splendid presentation by Bollywood celebrity Salman Khan.

In the run up to the event, a plethora of stars and influencers took to social media and requested the nation to join in for the entertainment, as well as to help and raise funds for the event. Fans heard from Anil Kapoor, Hritik Roshan, Katrina Kaif and many more. reminding them to watch whole heartedly and to donate generously to our cause. While introducing the event, Hritik Roshan asked the nation to step up and make the future of the under privileged children of India better.

Amitabh Bachchan recited a poem penned by Kausar Munir and stars like Radhika Apte, RI Malishka, Pooja Hegde and other renowned celebrities narrated the real stories of Rotary's initiatives that have impacted lakhs of disadvantaged children & families over the years. A. R. Rahman's never-seen-before performance was a revelation to viewers, while Madhuri Dixit regaled us with a song.

The event was also marked by some of the best past performances by Arijit Singh, Neha Kakkar, Amit Trivedi, Pritam Chakraborty, Shankar Mahadevan, Salim Sulaiman, Neeti Mohan, Jonita Gandhi, B Praak, Benny Dayal, Bhoomi Trivedi and many more.

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Throughout the programme, vignettes of the work done by Rotary India and the Rotary Club of Bombay filled the homes and hearts of viewers, enlightening them about the plight of the underprivileged children of India and how they could help raise the standard of living through donations.

Speaking about the Sunday event, President, RCB, Rtn.

Preeti Mehta said, "'Chhoti si Asha means a small hope but truly is a 'Vishaal Kadam' (A Giant Step) consistent with the Rotary Club of Bombay's efforts over the last 10 years to remove the tag of 'underprivileged' from all our poor young and that is our privilege. We are touched and humbled by the number of people and celebrities who came together to support our

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efforts for giving our children a better future.'

Our deepest gratitude to Sabbas Joseph, Triveni Makhijani and the entire Wizcraft Team for their support and immense hard work for a show "par excellence".

through the month of July. Anyone interested to know more about the work that gets done through this funding, can visit the social media pages .Look out for Chhoti Si Asha Concert screening on Facebook soon.

The Chhoti Si Asha Initiative will continue to accept donations for the cause



Club of Bomba

### **ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS**



PP RTN. ARJUN

BULCHANDANI

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JUNE 30 Rtn. Dinshaw Pandole



JUNE 30 Rtn. Jairaj Purandare





# INSTALLATION

PRESIDENT PREETI MEHTA AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF INCOMING PRESIDENT

RTN. FRAMROZE MEHTA AND HIS TEAM (2020 - 2021)

Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7.00 pm

DG RTN. SUNNIL MEHRA WILL BE THE CHIEF GUEST

**Programme** 7.00 pm : Fellowship 7.10pm : Meeting commences

DRESS CODE: FORMAL

ZOOM MEETING ID: 875 2297 9144 Password: RCBOMBAY



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