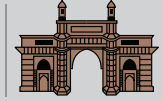


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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE RESPONSIBLE GIVING



The one day we look forward to is the Official Club Visit of the District Governor. It's the day we get to showcase the work done by our Club. And truth be told, it's the day the District Governor showers praise and acknowledges that the Rotary Club of Bombay has made a difference to the numerous lives that we have touched.

On Tuesday, April 13th, 2021, District Governor Sunnil Mehra and Team District graced us with their presence. In the closed-door meeting,

initially with the Office Bearers and then with the Board of Directors, DG Sunnil was effusive in his praise for the continuous and various projects done during the year. Due acknowledgement was given to the fact that RCB is a leader that most clubs look up to in District 3141 (and beyond, as I am often told) and individual Committee Reports, detailing all the work done, were complimented too.

However, it was the interactive discussions that were most interesting and informative. Giving by every Rotarian to the various funds of Rotary International was focused upon. And the emphasis on donating towards the Annual Fund was impressed upon, since it is this Fund that would help future Presidents, using a multiplier

factor, to apply for and receive Global Grants that are required for large, scalable and sustainable projects. This fact was reiterated by TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvati at the regular meeting held that very day.

Hence, I appeal to each and every Rotarian to fulfil his/her duty to Rotary International and donate to the Annual Fund any amount you feel appropriate, since we today must think of the future and ensure that a healthy and robust Annual Fund is available to future leaders of Rotary to carry on with the phenomenal philanthropic service that makes us true to what we believe in as Rotarians.

*Framroze Mehta*  
President Framroze Mehta

### #tuesdaythoughts

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — Pablo Picasso

### #numbercrunching

**205%**  
The percentage by which donations via mobile grew, last year (source: NP Source). Mobile-friendly donation pages receive 34% more donations than the ones that are compatible with desktop only (source: UK Fundraising).

### #caughtintheweb



## DG SUNNIL MEHRA'S OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

**GOOD AFTERNOON TO EVERYBODY, VISIONARY PRESIDENT FRAMROZE MEHTA AND RTN. PTN. ZARINA, TRUSTEE GULAM VAHANVATI AND OF COURSE DGN SANDEEP AGARWALLA AND RTN. PTN. MALINI, SECRETARY SATYAN ISRANI, TREASURER KIRIT KAMDAR, PE SHERNAZ VAKIL, PN VINEET BHATNAGAR, IPP PREETI MEHTA, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HOSHANG NAZIR AND THE ENTIRE BOARD.**

A special mention of the backend office team, Eruch and other staff members, I know the commendable work you all do.

Congratulations and thank you for all the support! The District Secretary who is not able to join today Saurabh Sonawala, AG Riaz Nagree and District ET Rajesh Rao. District officers from your Club, Inner wheel President Swati and Rotractors. Good Afternoon to the entire Rotary Club of Bombay.

Let's first congratulate the Past President of the Club laying the foundation of this institution ever since your charter May 8th, 1929. Truly commendable for Framroze and team for the phenomenal work even in this Covid. If I had to describe Framroze's characteristics,

besides all the great work, is his constant nature of smiling, his subtle sense of humour and endearing persona. Members of Bombay, he has been committed and dedicated, and is still humble, enthusiastic and responsible. That, ladies and gentlemen, is your President Framroze.

Visionary President Framroze, 78 days are left to conclude this Rotary year. Now, without details of the kind of projects that you have done, phenomenally, whoever said that due to the pandemic less work would be done, judged this Club incorrectly. So, in spite

**TODAY: PROF. VISPI BALAPORIA, PRESIDENT, THE ASIATIC SOCIETY OF MUMBAI, ON: CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS: A STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL. ON ZOOM AT 1 PM**



AG Riaz Nagree



TRF Trustee Rtn. Gulam Vahanvaty



President Framroze Mehta



PE Shernaz Vakil



IPP Preeti Mehta



PP Dr. Mukesh Batra

of the fact that last year Mr Covid sneaked into India and our lives, you have truly given this club a visionary gift of service.

President Framroze, it is probably dawning upon you now that the time shall arrive soon to hand over the charge, in 78 days. Honestly, Framroze, you have led by determination and are driving the Club and thereby contributing even to the District with your full-fledged commitment. The kind of work you have done, success is a measure decided by others, satisfaction is a measure decided by yourself and you are genuinely satisfied which I can see you are. You have done well. The satisfaction of serving the community is also the emotional quotient of being the President.

So, let the entire Rotary fraternity be proud of your achievements when you look back at 2020-21. This year has been a different year in the history of the Districts, Clubs and the world, too. But in 78 days, the history books can still be written with your enthusiasm and leadership which the entire Club has the faith that you will lead from the front.

Stay safe but execute, plan and find solutions and you will get the result. Most people perform

when the going is easy, you have been performing when the going is tough. However, there are some responsibilities, I think you need to start pondering upon right away. Ensure a plan for member retention is in place, crux of Rotary is membership with, of course, incoming President Shernaz. May 15th onwards, focus on retaining all your members. Also start looking internally.

Have you done that extra bit to support the Rotary Foundation which has been supporting all clubs from time immemorial and mainly your Club too and it needs that extra bit of support now? They are going through a little turbulence and that is where you need to step in. Go for it, President Framroze because the canvas is still incomplete, create a masterpiece with your hand, of course, stay safe and sustain the momentum from the stimulus that you have provided through your leadership.

In this pandemic of all we are just the same: safe health, decent food to eat, we all managed and continue to do so for many months with the grace of God. This phase has made us realise the difference between need, want and desire and the extravaganza that we do that we think as need. In life,

things will keep happening around us, what matters is how we choose to react and make out of it. Life is truly about learning adapting and converting all struggles that we experienced into something positive, into an opportunity.

**“The wind does not blow to shake your branches; it blows to test your roots!”**

Covid, too, came to test our roots and you, Framroze, have stood rock-solid, and you have truly excelled. So, go out there, 78 days more still left for you.

[Everyone together]

**TOGETHER WE WILL.**

**TOGETHER WE SHALL.**

**MAKE OUR VISION REAL.**

**ROTARIANS ASK**

**I always tell people the need to contribute to Club projects and the TRF. Many people come to me and ask why they should contribute a single rupee towards TRF? Where does their money go? What would you want and Gulam sir like to say?**

**DG Sunnil Mehra:** Before the year 2014, my Club was doing projects of lakhs, one year we did a paediatric heart surgery 2014-15, we did a Global Grant of US\$ 32,000. When we did that and realised the power of multiplication factor, the power of the Grant, prior to 2014-15 our giving to the TRF must be US\$ 10-15,000 per annum. When we realised this, we converted all our givings to TRF and today we are touching the US\$ 200,000 mark per year. Why? Because currently we have about seven Global Grants running. Two of them are US\$ 400,000 each. Our contribution must have been less than US\$ 50,000. So, this is the power of giving the Foundation and using that when it comes back to the same quantum of money. There is hardly anything that you can't do without Global Grant except maybe be constructing a building. DGN Sandip called us three years ago, we had one Grant left, he gave us US\$ 75,000, we gave him 5000 which was an opportunity of 400,000. Because of the power of TRF and so, annual fund is extremely important.

**Rtn. Gulam Vahanvaty:** Each one of us has a commitment to a community but that might be limited. When I join Rotary, I say that I belong to an international



Rtn. Kasimali Merchant



Rtn. Kirit Kamdar



Rtn. Mihir Mody



Rtn. Mudit Jain



Rtn. Ravi Fotedar



Rtn. Satyan Israni





PP Kalpana Munshi



PP Nirav Shah



PP Ramesh Narayan



Rtn. Charu Agarwal



Rtn. Farhat Jamal



Rtn. Hariprasad Nevatia

organisation that has men and women from across the world. So, it is important to continue to give the charity which you have always been giving to, very important but also look at it as an international sphere.

What does the Foundation do? The Foundation takes your money, your contribution to the annual fund and then divides it between the district and the world fund. That world fund is now no longer in any one Rotarian's control. That fund is used to match projects and Global Grants where they are most needed.

In India, we have some districts that are poor givers to the Foundation but their needs are grave and it is important that the world fund supports them. We are fortunate that in our district we have got RCB that gives tremendous amount to TRF in terms of commitment and Global Grants. But then there is also another commitment, the annual fund – that helps the world fund to grow. The rate over the last seven years has been a hundred per cent whereas the contribution to the annual fund has been 6%. For India it is more critical, we have increased global grants by five times and our contributions to the annual fund have remained

exactly where we were. This is a great imbalance, if it continues the world fund may not be able to match the global grants anywhere and so, if we want to do good in the world, we must continue to raise funds too, global grants as well as the annual fund. That is what strengthens the TRF, world fund and that is what strengthens us to do good in the world.

**The clubs have been doing projects month after month, can the DG compile, in monetary terms, all the investments or charitable contributions by all the clubs, if possible?**

**DG:** Yes, we have already got that app ready. President Framoze is updating it. The entire projects of the District – club wise, project wise, vertical wise will be tabulated and yes we will be able to get at a glance the entire reports. Give it another month and this will become a kind of archive so someone can go back and see what was done. Collectively, we must have done thousands of projects a year. But that is not tabulated correctly, we don't know how many manhours are really spent. So, what you are saying will happen.

**GV:** People have been asking what is the value of TRF? Are we only a 400-million-dollar foundation that

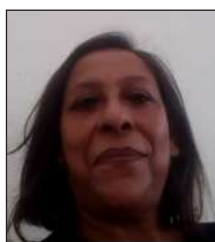
only tallies the money given to The Rotary Foundation? We give out the money collected to different drives but two years ago, Rotary International took a lead with two universities in America because we said on one hand people are giving their time, talent and energy and we don't compute it at all. Look at the man hours that the RCB gives to the various projects and so do the clubs across.

Rotarians contribute to club projects in which it doesn't get into the Rotary tally unlike the TRF. So, Harvard University was asked to calculate the man hours

that goes into the projects which is not computed. They came with a figure of 850 million dollars. That is the value of man hours. And the second part was given to the John Hopkins university, they came up with a model that computes the contribution that club makes and their model gave the figure of 1.2 billion dollars. So, you have got 1.2-billion-dollar cash contribution that the clubs make. 850 million dollar of manhours and 400 million-dollar to TRF, total that and Rotary is now a 2.5-billion-dollar organisation. That is what the total worldwide figures are.



Rtn. Suresh Jagtiani



Rtn. Tanya Sood



Rtn. Vandan Shah

**Ananda Seva**

Ananda Seva is a new initiative from Ananda Yaan whereby you can sponsor any activity with our elders in either or both of our Ananda Yaan centres at Byculia or E. Moses Road.

If you want to celebrate any special occasion like a birthday, anniversary or death anniversary and want a specific activity too we are happy to help you curate it.

**We urge you to give generously.**

**For it is in giving that we receive - St. Francis of Assisi**

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1) Snack	Rs. 5000/-	5) Festival Celebration	Rs. 8000/-
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3) Activity (Laughter Therapy, Origami, etc.)	Rs. 5000/-	7) Cultural Program	Rs. 10,000/-
4) Lunch (Chaat, Dosa, etc.)	Rs. 8000/-	8) Picnics and Outings	Rs. 30,000/-

To book any of the above please contact:

- Vrinda Rajgarhia - 982 01 284 80
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**Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No. 3**

# AKS AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE



**THE ROTARY CLUBS OF BOMBAY, MUMBAI MALABAR HILL AND BOMBAY HILLS SOUTH CO-HOSTED AN INTERACTIVE EVENING WITH AKS MEMBERS TO COMMEMORATE ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY DAY FOR DISTRICT 3141, ON APRIL 12TH, 2021. THIS WAS DONE BY CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING THE BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF PDG LATE JYOTINDRA VAKIL, THE FIRST ARCH KLUMPH SOCIETY MEMBER OF ASIA IN 2002.**

A stellar mix of Rotarians weighed in on issues as personal as what giving means to them to the organisational details that clarified the workings of The Rotary Foundation. While Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee remembered encounters with PDG late Jyotindra Vakil, DG Sunnil Mehra launched the GML, Governor's Monthly Letter, at the hands of Past RI President Rajendra K Saboo.

Incoming RI President Dr. Shekhar Mehta shared his thoughts via video while RID Dr. Bharat Pandya thanked AKS members for their contributions and complemented the Foundation team for their work and support. RID-elect for '21-23 Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi further addressed members with words of encouragement.

DG Sunnil Mehra, brought perspective when he said: "We will always have problems, but they only seem more because we count, analyse and measure them. If we count our blessings, we will see that they outnumber our problems. So let us continue to give."

A rapid-fire session threw questions at AKS members. RCB's own TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty was asked how his term as trustee had progressed. He said, "Our virtual meetings have been very fruitful because physically, we met four times a year but now, we have a meeting every month. So that productivity, with tremendous savings, makes me believe that the future is going to be a hybrid. Yes, we want some form of physical meetings at the club level but the Board and trustees will come with a hybrid version."

RCB's PP Arvind Jolly, who was asked about his Rotary journey, said: "What inspired me to contribute to AKS was that I always believed: youth is spent in learning, middle age in earning and golden years in returning. The more you give, the more you get."

RCB President Framroze Mehta then rounded up the evening with a vote of thanks that recognised words of wisdoms from all the attending luminaries and also the effort of his fellow co-hosting Presidents, DG Sunnil Mehra, AKS members and Rotarians.



**President Rtn. Framroze Mehta of Rotary Club of Bombay**

**Invites you to the inauguration of  
'Central Supply Sterile Department (CSSD)'  
&  
Naming of the 'Masina Mandelia Wellness Centre'  
at Masina Hospital, Mumbai**

**Chief Guest  
Past RI President Rajendra Saboo**

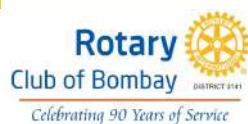
**Guests of Honour  
DG Sunil Mehra & DGN Sandip Agarwalla**

**Donor  
Janta Janardan Health Organisation  
in the memory of Durgaprasad & Suryaprakash Mandelia**

**Int'l Partner Club for CSSD Project Under Global Grant  
Rotary Club Ramleh, Israel**

**Date: Wednesday, 21st April, 2021, Time: 3 pm**

**Venue: Zoom  
Meeting ID: 846 9419 0728  
Password: 330801**



# BY EXPLORES DISNEY

**BHAVISHYA YAAN KICKSTARTED ITS SIX-DAY DISNEY SUMMER CAMP ON APRIL 5TH, 2021, FOR STUDENTS OF G K MARG, BYCULLA AND PRABHADEVI SCHOOLS. WE SAW A PER PARTICIPATION OF 35 CHILDREN AND 44 AT PEAK.**

Children identified Disney characters in a quiz and were introduced to 'Uncle Walt' and his work, through a biography video. Students were also taught to make a Mickey Mouse folder to store all their work in the days to come.

A short power point presentation began the second day, followed by a narration of the story of Rapunzel. A word search puzzle was followed by an art and craft activity making Rapunzel bookmarks.

Day three introduced the kids to the joyous 'Bare necessities' from The Jungle Book, followed by a recap quiz of the past two days. Students answered enthusiastically. Next, the movie 101 Dalmatians was shown. After this, they solved worksheets like 'Unscramble



the words', 'Spot the difference' and 'Word search'. As part of the art and craft activity, students made a 'Hand puppet dog'.

By the fourth day, the students were immersed enough in the world of cartoons to take their knowledge to the next level. This was done with a dive into the world of animation by Pankaj Patil, Director and Trainer, India Tech Teacher, who has more than eight years of experience in animation and visual art.

The session covered the history of animation at Walt Disney Studios, a detailed presentation on types of animation and also a live demonstration of the making of an animated video. Pankaj Sir patiently answered queries from our enthusiastic and curious students.

The Disney summer camp combined constant engagement with fun activities. Children imbibed new skills and developed their general knowledge over several topics.

The camp concluded with a game Bingo. The students made their own tickets and wrote the names of their favourite Disney characters. Later, they each shared their experience and learning and showcased their marvellous creations:

"The activities were amazing, the animation class was fantastic, I am now able to make my own videos." – Ganesh Parab

"I really enjoyed the summer camp. My favourite part was making my own superhero – COVIQUEEN, who has a magic vaccine to kill all the Covid germs." – Nandini Gandla

"I liked knowing about Walt Disney, and I like his quotes. The best one is: 'All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.' – Govind

"I loved all the activities – I made a bookmark, a dog puppet, and a superhero. I forgot all the tensions of regular school. The teachers made us have so much fun." – Nidhi Gujar

## DOSE OF HEALTH FOR ANANDA YAAN

**ANANDA YAAN (WITH THE DIGNITY FOUNDATION) INVITED NUTRITIONIST PREETI KALE TO CONDUCT A DIET AND HABIT-BOOSTING KNOWLEDGE SESSION FOR ITS MEMBERS ON APRIL 15TH, 2021.**

Miss Preeti explained 'immunity' as an army. In simplified language, she explained to members that immunity plays a very important role in our body as



it fights with harmful elements that our body consumes.

She discussed diet, suggesting that members have curd, milk, a protein-rich diet, vegetables and millets. She suggested not to have, or, cut down the sugar, carbohydrates and products made from refined flour.

She also discussed fasting, the introduction of a proper fast and its significance, and the ill-effects of eating fried food such as sago and potatoes on

a fast. A fast helps to detoxify the body which also boosts immunity. Miss Preeti suggested to members that they should consume fruits and juices on a fast, not sago or fried things.

Habits such as waking early and sleeping early were also discussed and advised to the members. Ms Preeti also recommended vitamins C, E and D tablets for members.

“You are  
never too  
old to set  
another  
goal or to  
dream a  
new dream.”  
C.S LEWIS

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# Apr 27<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting



## Archana Goradia

Author & Historian



Leadership Lessons from Indian Women Rulers

Venue : Online at zoom.us

Time : 1:00pm

## ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 20

Rtn. Vijay Dhawan



APRIL 20

Rtn. Vinod Juneja



APRIL 23

Rtn. Ashwin  
Mansharamani



APRIL 23

Rtn. Anand Parikh



APRIL 25

Rtn. Dr. Ameet Pispati

## ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 20: Rtn. Ptn. Poonam Dave

APRIL 20: Rtn. Ptn. Pervin Jehangir

APRIL 20: Rtn. Ptn. Rita Sagar

APRIL 22: Rtn. Ptn. Bijal Kara

APRIL 23: Rtn. Ptn. Preeti Tankha

APRIL 24: Rtn. Ptn. Anuradha Agarwal

APRIL 26: Rtn. Ptn. Seena Sanghi

APRIL 26: Rtn. Ptn. Purvi Shah

## ROTARIAN ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 22: Rtn. Ptn. Sunil & Rtn. Tanya Sood

APRIL 23: Rtn. Ptn. Noshir & Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai

APRIL 24: Rtn. Ptn. Berryl & Rtn. Akil Hirani

APRIL 25: Rtn. Ptn. Kiran & Rtn. Shekhar Bajaj

APRIL 25: Rtn. Ptn. Purna & Rtn. Vikas Jain

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