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**TODAY'S SPEAKER**  
**HORMAZD SORABJEE,**  
**AUTOCAR INDIA: IS**  
**INDIA READY FOR**  
**ELECTRIC VEHICLES?**  
**ON ZOOM AT 1.45 PM**  
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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are proud to announce a milestone moment for our Club with the signing of an LoU (Letter of Understanding) by DGE Sandip Agarwalla with the University of Oxford, UK. This collaboration paves the way for not only educational support and direction to our projects but also the possibility of an Oxford scholarship.

Every new President that leads the Club sees bigger and better projects being introduced to the Club. In 1978, PRVEC eye centre was started with PP Dr. Rahim Muljani and PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir giving a lifetime of service to the tribals in the Talwada area. Similarly, in 1988, the Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre was set up to provide primary healthcare services to the large rural population benefiting over 250,000 patients, since inception.

Twelve years ago, PP Ramesh Narayan and his team started Bhavishya Yaan and today the project has influenced and uplifted the lives of many young children from Mumbai's municipal schools. More recently, PP Preeti Mehta initiated the Rural Development Integrated Project in four villages. In addition, Mumbai-based projects such as Cotton Green, IWA, Ananda Yaan, Lighthouse, and our Night Study Centres are extremely sustainable, meaningful and rewarding.

This new partnership brings Oxford's expertise in sustainable development together with RCB's passion for serving the community in a joint venture that will exponentially help the beneficiaries.

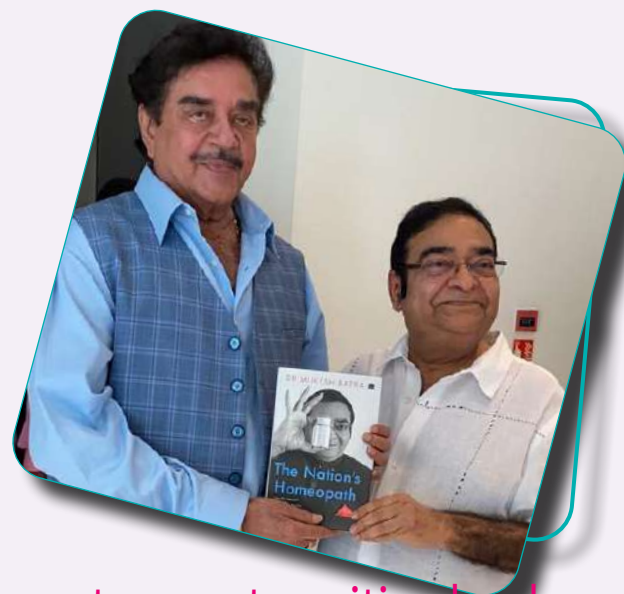
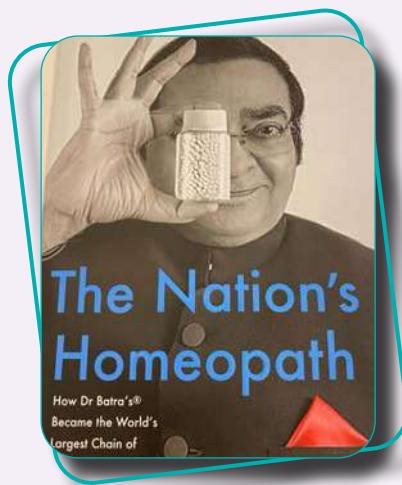
— **President Shernaz Vakil**

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**“Rotarians love challenges,”** RIP Shekhar Mehta has said, throwing this gauntlet: ‘Each One Bring One’. Membership to the Rotary has hovered around 1.2 million for the past two decades. To be able to do more through service, Rotary needs to increase membership. Thus, RIP Shekhar’s ‘Each One, Bring One’ initiative asks every member to bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months, to increase membership to 1.3 million by July 1, 2022.

## #2 Origin stories



Our very own PP Dr. Mukesh Batra is no stranger to writing books. However, for the first time, *The Nation's Homeopath* (also the title of his new book) has done a deep dive into his own history to write the story of his life. “It was a cathartic experience,” shared PP Dr. Mukesh. The book travels back with PP Dr. Mukesh to his origin story – did you know he once got lost in a *mela*? “It brought back so many memories – both happy and unhappy ones; it was like reliving my life,” said PP Dr. Mukesh.

PP Dr. Mukesh’s timeline hops back and forth like a Don-style Bollywood plot. There are death threats across continents, mildly intimidating men in the Middle East and moustachioed stars dropping in at all hours.

However, this potboiler is a sugar-coated pill for a case study in grit and entrepreneurship. From a single clinic in Chowpatty to over 200 in six countries, and he’s not showing any signs of slowing down. Congratulations on your new book, PP Dr. Mukesh!

**#3 Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala** has been nominated for Asian Legal Business’s (ALB’s) Woman Lawyer of the Year. Natasha shared, “I am happy to be among the 20 women nominated from the 800+ nominations received.”



Natasha is a corporate lawyer specialising in mergers and acquisitions as well as debt capital markets. In the past year, she has worked on debt financing for various borrowers and lenders worth more than Rs. 10,000 crore. She shared the most recent feather in her cap: “Most recently, I advised the promoters of Hemmo Pharmaceuticals on a 100% acquisition by Piramal Pharma for Rs.775 crore.” We wish Natasha all the best!



# RCB to collaborate with Oxford University



DGE Sandip Agarwalla  
helmed the project



The Rotary Club of Bombay has signed a LoU (Letter of Understanding) with the Oxford India Centre of Sustainable Development (OICSD), Somerville College, Oxford University, UK, to peer review **a curriculum on Environmental Science and also establish Rotary-Oxford scholarships** for pursuing post-graduate studies at Oxford University (OU) in Environmental Science (EVS) and Sustainable Development (SD).

DGE Sandip Agarwalla, whose brainchild this partnership is, says this idea started developing in December 2020 when he was stuck in London with a bout of Covid. He had been thinking of building an association with Oxford and happened to have a friend who was associated with OU.

DGE Sandip says, “My friend Nayan Patel put me in touch with the OU’s Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development (OICSD), Somerville College.”

During his recovery, he worked with the Oxford team to spell out the scope of the alliance. “We decided to focus on a curriculum for environmental science and scholarships,” he says.

Upon his return to India, he put together a team for each area. **For the curriculum team, he pulled in Rotary Club of Bombay’s** PE Vineet Bhatnagar, Rtn. Nandan Maluste and PP Pradeep Saxena, and, also, Rotary Club of Mumbai Kalakar’s PE Sree Nandy and Rotary Club of Hiranandani Estate’s President Nasir Shaikh. DGE Sandip says, “We raised funds and awarded the design of the course to a group of Ph.D environmentalists who are now working with Oxford on the syllabus.”

The course will be extra-curricular and will be for students of standards 7, 8 and 9. It will first be rolled out as a pilot project in Palghar for 10,000 students. “After that, we will take it to all of Maharashtra, India and then internationally also. So,

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it is going to be that world-class. It will be in English, Hindi and Marathi, and also feature an e-module. We plan to also teach it through the cloud and Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM).” All of this includes teacher-training too. DGE Sandip has planned for the course to be in place by July 2022.

**The scholarship will provide the beneficiary the opportunity to do a Master's programme in Sustainable Development at Oxford University's Somerville College.**

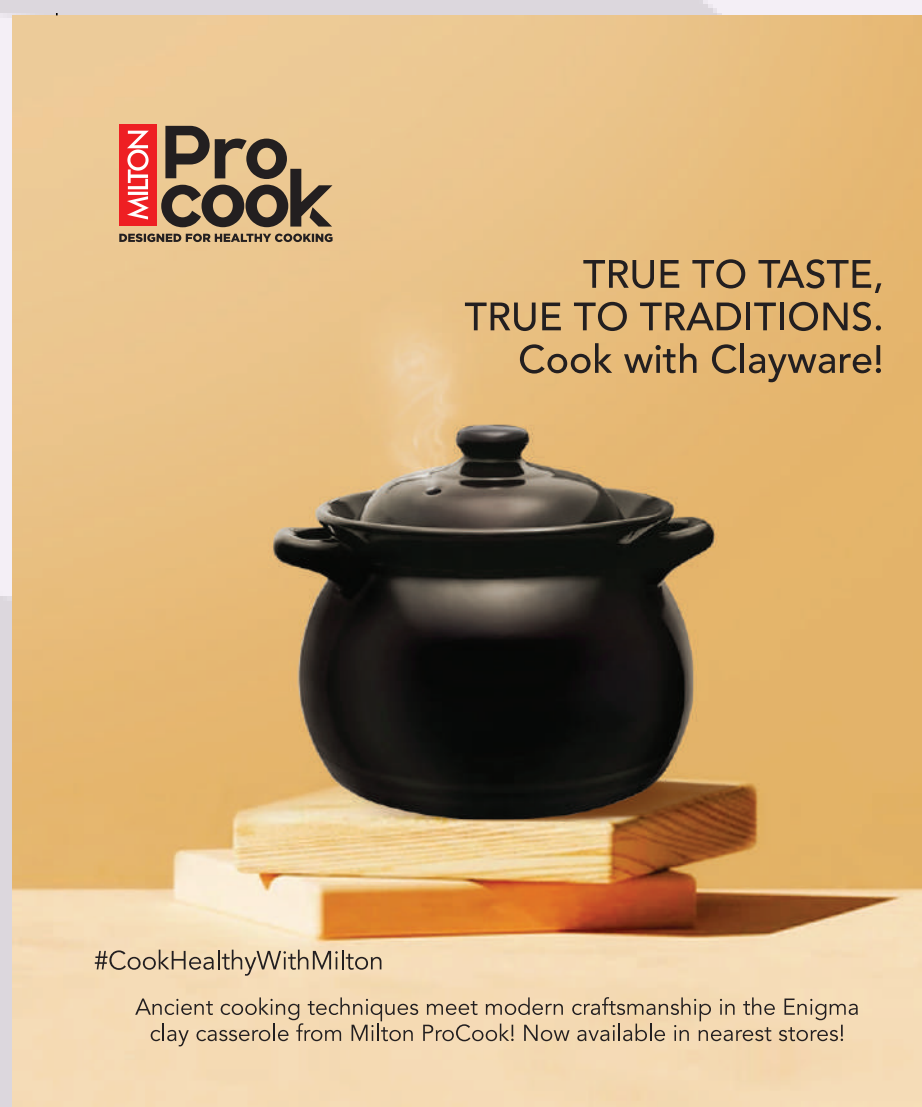
“The scholarship is for deserving students from diverse backgrounds. We are inviting philanthropic and CSR donors to join us for a virtual Roundtable Conference jointly with OU titled “Rotary Oxford Roundtable – Towards Sustainable Development” on 21st September, 2021 aimed at preparing India to meet future challenges by developing leadership among talented young Indian

students. Our goal is to increase the number of scholars at the Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development by establishing the Rotary-Oxford Scholarships.”

It will showcase the existing OICSD Indian scholars and their research and seek to attract philanthropic/ CSR interest in funding such a scholarship, either on an endowment or expendable basis.

The team for fund-raising includes DGE Sandip, PE Vineet Bhatnagar, PP Vijay Jatia, Rtn. Vineet Kedia, Rtn. Vivek Kothari, and Rtn. Rohal Dalal. DGE Sandip says, “These are the members of our scholarship committee who are going to look at this.”

**DGE Sandip believes that this valuable partnership forged with OU promises to go a long way and be the harbinger of even stronger ties and more activities with each other.**



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## 20. LAST FORMER INDIA CRICKETER 07. TUESDAY'S SNEHAL PRADHAN ON THE WAY 21. SPEAKER AHEAD FOR THE WOMEN IN BLUE



I was an active player until 2015, when I retired to increase focus on and publicity of the women's cricket team. Therefore, I chose the field of media.

The 2017 Women's World Cup final was painful for all of us. I was in the press box for that final, one of three Indians covering the tournament at a time when few reporters were writing or talking about it. After the tournament, a few of us asked ourselves **what can we do for women's cricket in India?** To understand what the community of female cricketers was saying, we conducted a survey with 350+ cricketers who were already playing for their states.

**One of the big gaps, we realised, is a lack of knowledge about pathways.** For example, a young boy who wants to play cricket for India knows how to get into a club, play inter-club matches, get selected for district, perform well, and play for the state and so on.

**Girls don't know where their local academy is or whether it will take women.** After the academy, are there women's teams to play inter-club matches, and when are the district selections conducted? There is a shocking lack of information. To fill these

gaps, we created The Equal Hue website.

We launched a guide for girls. **The next step is to create a national under-16 tournament for girls.**

We are piloting a project to see if we can fill the gap and complement the under-19, under-23 and senior age groups that already exist for women's cricket.

**There is so much young talent waiting to erupt** and they don't have the infrastructure that they need. We can wait for infrastructure to be created by people in charge or we can see what we can do. That is what we are trying with The Equal Hue project.

One thing that BCCI has done well is to conduct the women's matches at same standards as that of men. Two years ago, match fees for female domestic cricketers were increased from Rs 2500 per match to Rs 12500 per match. But the match fees for male domestic cricketers is Rs 35000 per day. During the pandemic, male cricketers have gone to Australia, England has come to India and are playing a series in Ahmedabad and Pune whereas the women's team did not play any international games the entire year. The BCCI needs to do more.

TO WATCH SNEHAL PRADHAN'S TALK, [CLICK HERE](#)



## RTN. SIDDHARTH BHIMRAJKA, DIRECTOR, POLMANN INDIA LTD.

**Rtn. Siddharth Bhimrajka** was recently felicitated at the Raj Bhavan, by H.E. Governor of Maharashtra Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, for his service and contribution to Dr. Hedgewar Hospital in Aurangabad. Siddharth's family has been associated with the hospital for almost two decades and he recently facilitated a donation of Rs 40 lakh from Polmann India Ltd.'s CSR funds and through RCB to buy medical equipment for the hospital.

The Bhimrajka family have strongly believed in giving back to society. **Siddharth is a legacy Rotarian.** His uncles, Late Rtn. Vijay Bhimrajka from Rotary Club of Bombay Central and Rtn. Vinod Bhimrajka from Rotary Club of Queen's City have been instrumental in Siddharth becoming a Rotarian. In the three years of joining the Rotary Club of Bombay, **Siddharth has visited more than 10 clubs in District 3141**, conducted three medical camps for Mumbai Police, and visited Jalna for the safe drinking water project. He

spearheaded distribution of Covid relief material during the pandemic, and managed the **Handwash Station project in 673 schools** in Palghar District under Global Grant.

An alumnus of H. R. College, Mumbai, and S. P. Jain Institute of Management & Research (from where he did an F-MBA), he is now a regular guest speaker at SPJIMR and also on its academic advisory council.

Siddharth likes to travel, read, and watch cinema. Siddharth's best times, however, are time spent with family. He has been married to Neha for 16 years and they have two children: Vidit (14) and Anika (11). He wants his children to grow up with this guiding principle: **"There are things I can do better than you, there are things you can do better than I, but together we can do great things."** Siddharth is glad his children are getting to see this motto in action through Rotarians and Rotary work.



# ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



JULY 20  
Rtn. Pradeep  
Gupta



JULY 23  
Rtn. Sushil  
Jalan



JULY 24  
Rtn. Vivek  
Gupta



JULY 26  
Rtn. Vineet  
Suchanti

## ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

JULY 20: Rtn. Ptn. Neha Jotwani  
JULY 25: Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Mehta  
JULY 26: Rtn. Ptn. Biba Arora

*A candle loses  
nothing by lighting  
another candle -  
James Keller*

### Covid vaccine camp for families of Mumbai police and tribal villagers

The Rotary Club of Bombay and Ishira Kumar (The Little Fish Picture Co.) are raising funds to organise **private vaccination camps for the family members of the Mumbai Police Force**. Ishira recently conducted two vaccination camps in Worli – fully fundraised by donations from generous Worli residents. She vaccinated 800 people over two days – the first was the neighbourhood vendors, hawkers and shop keepers, and the second was for the family members of the Worli Police.

**To donate, click [HERE](#).**

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**SHARVIL PATEL,  
MANAGING  
DIRECTOR,  
CADILA HEALTHCARE  
TALKS ABOUT  
RECENT  
APPROACHES  
TO TREATING COVID  
– PREVENTIVES TO  
THERAPEUTICS**

**NEXT WEEK'S  
SPEAKER**

**Rotary Club  
of Bombay**



**Dr. Sharvil Patel** is the Managing Director of Cadila Healthcare Ltd., a leading global healthcare provider. With a specialisation in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Sunderland, U.K., and a doctorate also from the same university for his research work in Breast Cancer at John Hopkins, Bayview Medical Centre, USA, Dr. Sharvil combines both pharma and research expertise. Young and astute with a natural bias for leading new streams of thought and initiative, Dr. Sharvil Patel combines 'big picture' thinking with a fine eye for detail.



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