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TODAY'S SPEAKER

**SHARVIL PATEL,
MANAGING DIRECTOR,
CADILA HEALTHCARE
ON RECENT APPROACHES
TO TREATING COVID -
PREVENTIVES TO THERAPEUTICS**

ON ZOOM AT 1.45 PM

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NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



For weeks now, I have been wanting to start a page in *The Gateway* bulletin that taps into the generosity of our Rotarians.

I am very sure that a page where we list out small, meaningful gifts would bring more pleasure to us, the donors, than even the recipients.

It may mean nothing for us to spend Rs 5000 on gifting a sewing machine to a poor village lady, but we would be offering her a source of livelihood for years to come. The joy of that gift far outweighs the cost to us!

I am sure that each one of us would like to contribute something small, either on our birthdays or anniversaries or a child's birthday or in memory of our parents. A small gesture of kindness and altruism which would go a long way in supporting someone else's livelihood. It is only when we share a little bit of what we have been given, that we show our true gratitude for all that we have.

For some beneficiaries, it could be the difference between life and death. Please support our urgent initiative to support the villagers of Raigad District who have been left homeless by last week's flood onslaught.

You just have to press on the 'Click here to donate' button on [Page 5](#). Once the Google form opens, choose any area that you feel you would like to support, and we will go ahead and make your wish come true.

I must thank Rotarians Abhinav Aggarwal and Mudit Jatia of our Bulletin Committee and Alpana Lath of The Narrators for designing the form.

~ President Shernaz Vakil

27. LAST

07. TUESDAY'S

21. SPEAKER

AUTOCAR INDIA'S HORMAZD

SORABJEE ON 'IS INDIA READY

FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES?'



Countries like Norway are seeing a 50 per cent adoption of electric cars. There are targets to reduce carbon dioxide and the best way to do that is to move away from internal combustion and to look at alternative sources. **Electric cars have gathered momentum around the world but not so much in India.**

What are the challenges of the electric car? 1. **The cost of the batteries.** Battery cost (lithium-ion) is high, and we import the cell so that attracts a certain number of duties and, as it is, the material is quite expensive. 2. The **range is a big challenge**, I would say the number one challenge... It may be fine in the city because you never do more than 200 km in a couple of days. EVs work best in the city where you have access to the plug.

3. The **charging infrastructure in India is still in its infancy.** In the city, most EV owners will have a charging box at home or in the office, so they are okay. But if you take it out of town and you don't have charging infrastructure, you can get stuck. You can't even push it because its motors will be completely locked up. You will have to put it on a truck and take it.

EVs are still very expensive in India.

They are for people who can use it as their second car, for people who don't travel too much out of town or don't travel out of town at all. **It is good for city runs.**

We need to be practical; **it is not going to happen as fast as the rest of the world.** People are talking about big numbers like 10 per cent by 2025 but I don't see that happening because we know manufacturers' plans and there is no product by then.

To wrap up, we have driven EVs all over the country; we have to, it is part of our job. **In the city, it is absolutely fantastic**, it makes immense sense and the whole issue of infrastructure works to your benefit because **you never have to queue up at fuel stations.** You can just charge it at home overnight. A lot of companies give you the fast charger. So, within six hours, it can go from zero to 100 which is great and it is good for driving a couple of days in the city.

EVs are so easy to drive, there are no jerks, no vibrations, no hesitations, no delay, it's automatic transmission. It is quiet, it is refined, **it is a low-stress driving experience.** It goes beyond the environmental benefits and even the cost benefit. It does not have a big impact on your electricity bill, so **you are practically running it for free.**

TO WATCH THE TALK, [CLICK HERE](#)

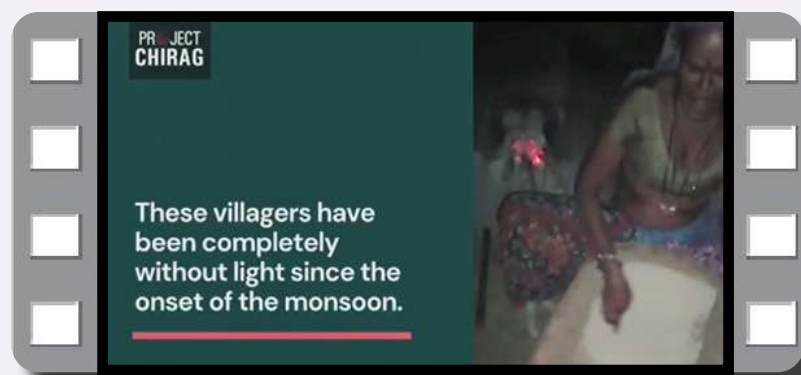
TO READ ITS FULL TRANSCRIPT INCLUDING THE MANY QUESTIONS OUR ROTARIANS ASKED, [CLICK HERE](#)



Last week, PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir dropped by at PRVEC, Talwada, on his way to Gholvad. The Talwada eye centre is over four decades old and has been lovingly nurtured by PP Dr. Rahim Muljiani and PP Dr. Rumi.

Accompanying him were Rtn. Ptn. Pervin, and their children Rtn. Peshwan Jehangir and Mahzarine.

PP Dr. Rumi dropped off a dehumidifier donated by Rtn. Ashok Chinai (brother of Rtn. Pradeep Chinai). He also stopped long enough to pose for this picture with Dr. Anil Deshpande.



Throwing light upon Dandwal

[To view the living conditions in Dandwal, watch the video HERE.](#)

This video emphasizes why RCB is committed to the Integrated Village Development at Nilmati-Dandwal Grampanchayat.

Phase 1 of the project, in collaboration with Chirag Foundation, is 12.5 per cent complete. The plan is help develop a self-sufficient and sustainable village ecosystem, allowing for zero migration. Solutions are in the form of solar lighting solutions for homes, streets, schools, tree plantation, solar-powered lift irrigation, and water filtration.

Five Bhavishya Yaan kids win a science prize at VJTI's Technovanza-19.

[See the BY kids present their project HERE.](#)



Vitthal Popat Gund, Dnyaneshwar Subhash Jadhav, Devendra Chetan Chalke, Yash Sunil Jagdale, and Rohan Santosh Mhaske, from our Colaba School, worked on the **Manhole Science Project inspired by the tragedy** that took the life of Dr. Amrapurkar. Dr. Amrapurkar, a gastroenterologist from Bombay Hospital, fell in to a manhole near Prabhadevi during the heavy rains in 2017 and lost his life.

For the project, the students made a **cover plate with a four-wheel setup with sensors that can detect the manhole and cover it**. Four ultrasonic sensors were proposed to detect any person, animal, and vehicles and give an alarm/buzzer sound.

For the second phase of the competition, Dnyaneshwar and Vitthal were **flown to Bangalore to present their project**. The five boys have also got excellent marks in SSC this year. **A Canadian IT company has offered to sponsor the entire college education of all five** students provided they pursue the science stream. The boys plan to take **coaching classes for IIT JEE** that are being made possible this year by Rotary Club of Bombay through Rtn. Sunita Mandelia's Yasham Foundation.



RI President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta was in Mumbai on July 19th, 2021, and, met Rotarians in the city over an exclusive dinner at Four Seasons Hotel. RIP Shekhar is the 4th Indian to be appointed RI President in 116 years. While RCB's President Shernaz Vakil was unwell and unable to attend, the Rotary Club of Bombay was represented by PP Arvind Jolly and Rtn. Ptn. Rashmi, TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty and PP Nirav Shah.

As Ananda Yaan turned four, PP Ramesh Narayan recently gave this vote of thanks on Facebook:



“Four years have passed. Ananda Yaan, the elder day care project of the Rotary Club of Bombay, with its partner Dignity Foundation, has achieved its objective of spreading happiness amongst the underprivileged elders in the heart of Mumbai.

The two centres at Byculla and Dr. E. Moses Road have a carefully structured activity programme for five days of the week. And, before Covid, the elders were treated to movies, comedy shows, music performances, visits to temples and so on.

Their health is monitored. They’ve had cataract surgeries thanks to Dr. Natarajan Sundaram of Aditya Jyot, homeopathy from PP Dr. Mukesh Batra, blood tests thanks to Rtn. Rahil Shah of NM, and they’ve been visited by the likes of film actor Nina Kulkarni and singing sensation Shankar Mahadevan, who even sang for them as a labour of love. And, they had a delightful Sports Day as well.

And it has also achieved all the Rotary objectives of service, public image, the hands-on involvement of Rotarians and their partners. Kudos to Vrinda Rajgarhia, Madhusudan Daga, Alok Sekhsaria, Ekta, Charu, Chris Bluemel, Sheilu Sreenivasan, Indu Shahani and her ISME Rotaractors. Privileged to have been a part of this project.”

AY elder rocks the zumba in a mask and *nauvari* (the nine-yard sari)





– CHANGE – *a life* – TODAY –

CONTRIBUTE TO THE CLUB'S FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

SUPPORT OUR COVID INITIATIVE

PLEDGE COVID VACCINATION FOR TRIBALS

ASSIST FAMILIES WITH A MONTH'S RATION

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SAPLINGS

TREAT ANANDA YAAN ELDERS TO LUNCH

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Committee news

Bhavishya Yaan Mentor Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia takes regular

online Mathematics classes with BY students from Ambedkar School, Worli. Although this is not a BY class, Avaan has been voluntarily teaching these students daily, during the lockdown, to strengthen their Maths skills through problem-solving. They enjoy her class and attend regularly. Her commitment to the students is creditable. Avaan has been a mentor at Ambedkar



School for over a decade and is a huge support to the children of BY during these difficult times.



Ananda Yaan members dance to 'Namo Namo Ji Shankara'. RCB's senior citizen's activity centre, in association with the Dignity Foundation, organised a dance module for its members on July 8th, 2021. Neeta Nilesh Sheth, a trained dancer, choreographed the elders.

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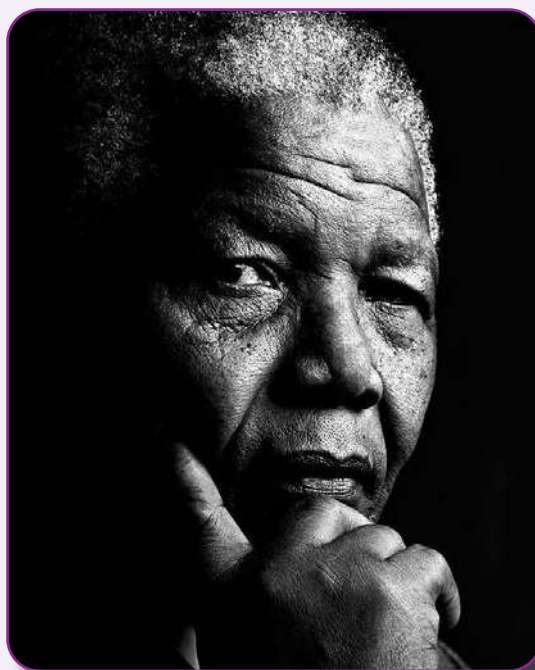
Rotaract Chronicles

The **Rotaract Club of Hinduja College**, RCB's Partners-in-Service, organised a **quiz competition** for students of Grades 1 and 2 on July 22nd, 2021. The topics were national symbols and general knowledge. Each grade got questions as per their educational level. A winner from each standard received an e-certificate. The Child Welfare Committee thanks the Rotaractors of Hinduja College for their effort and dedication towards the next generation.



The **Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College** organised a simple but effective project titled 'Wings of hope', to **feed the city's birds**. Participants used eco-friendly bird feeders made by themselves, coconut shells, vessels, ready bird feeders, earthen pots covered with leaves. Beneficiaries expressed their joy with happy twittering.

The **Rotaract Club of Hinduja College's** team International Service organised its flagship event '**Nelson's Legacy**' on July 18th, 2021, Nelson Mandela Day. The two-day initiative with the Gilder Lane Municipal School, Mumbai, was packed with a mental math session, a module on table etiquette, and a two-part segment on English vocabulary.



The **Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College** marked **Nelson Mandela Day** on July 18th, 2021, with a social media programme. An International Service initiative, the Instagram handle of the page was dedicated with reels and IGTV on racism. The reels collectively received almost 11,000 views, whereas the IGTV video received an audience of hundreds of people and several comments.



Each Rotary year, District 3141 hosts the Academy for Awarding Rotaract Achievement (AARA). This year, the **Rotaract Club of ISME College** was presented **Best Upcoming Club** in the District. Speaking of their achievement, RCISME wrote in: "We ended the 2020-21 year on a high and look forward to having another successful year in the district."

The **Rotaract Club of ISME College** recently finished an eight-week project titled Paathshala to **introduce science, maths, technology and art concepts to Lighthouse students**. Interactive sessions, magic tricks, tic-tac-toe games with math problems, the Rotaractors went to great lengths to engage students, and succeeded!



RTN. AKHIL SANGHI, DIRECTOR, S P SANGHI AIRCONDITIONING PVT. LTD.

KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN

“Our family has been in Rotary since two generations. My dad Arun Sanghi is a Past President of our Club. My mom is active in IMC and a Past President. I joined Rotary because I also wanted to contribute to society and serve at our prestigious Club.”

“I am a three-year-old member of the Rotary Club of Bombay. **I have learned a lot since I joined,** participating in various projects and groups, meeting old and new members and making new friends.”

“Our company S P Sanghi is part of the Sah & Sanghi group. I look after our air-conditioning division; we offer complete turnkey solutions for all types of commercial and residential AC needs and undertake AMC contracts for all types of air-conditioners. We also sell dehumidifiers and air purifiers.”

“It’s been a challenge to adapt to WFH norms. Since we are in the service industry, we have been open almost the entire time. Most

of our field staff has been operating, admin and back office have been managing from office and home. We have been taking all necessary precautions to ensure customer safety. We continuously test our staff for Covid.”

“Our group is recognised as being far ahead of its time in the automobile sector with its innovative solutions. We strive for the same in our air-conditioning business. Our motto is customer delight; **we try and follow the Rotary 4 Way Test at work, too.**”

“On the personal front, getting married in 1998 and starting our family life has been one of the best personal milestones. My wife Madhavi is a home baker and I have two children; my daughter Isha has just finished grade 12 from Cathedral School and my son Advay is in the 9th grade in Bombay Scottish.”

“I love meeting people, socialising with family and friends, travelling, and watching movies and sports.”

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



JULY 27
Rtn. Peter
Born



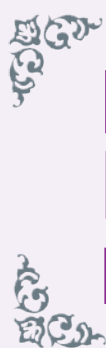
JULY 29
Rtn. Poornima
Advani



JULY 29
Rtn. Devendra
Bharna

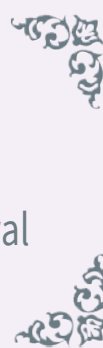


JULY 31
Rtn. Arif
Lokhandwalla



ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

JULY 27: Rtn. Ptn. Soha Parekh
JULY 28: Rtn. Ptn. Beena Yargop
JULY 31: Rtn. Ptn. Sunaina Kejriwal



*"None of us,
including me, ever
do great things. But
we can all do small
things, with great
love, and together
we can do something
wonderful." – Mother
Teresa*



ANNIVERSARIES

JULY 27: Rtn. Ptn. Shobha & PP Haresh Jagtiani
AUGUST 2: Rtn. Ptn. Aruna & Rtn. Suresh Jagtiani

BEST TEACHER AWARD TO TEACHERS OF JAI VAKEEL SCHOOL

3RD
AUGUST,
2021
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ACCEPTANCE
SPEECH BY THE
SCHOOL'S
ADMINISTRATIVE
DIRECTOR
ARCHANA
CHANDRA

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**NEXT WEEK'S
SPEAKER**



Archana Chandra is the Administrative Director of the Jai Vakeel Foundation, one of the largest NGOs serving those impacted by mental challenges. She is a Trustee of SRCC, which is building the largest hospital dedicated to children in the country. She is also a member of the Advisory Board of Annamrita (part of the ISKCON Food Relief Foundation) and Antarang Foundation.

Prior to her current positions, she has worked in various marketing, PR, and HR roles at The Akanksha Foundation, Informix (a division of IBM), and Bennett & Coleman.

Archana takes pride in the set of passionate, driven volunteers at Jai Vakeel, who hold key positions and comprise of 33 per cent of its top management. Their influence helps Jai Vakeel get its work done, and be able to do so much more. She believes the true magic is when we are able to sensitize the community towards the students and integrate them into the wider community.

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