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**TODAY'S SPEAKER**  
CEO OF JAI VAKEEL  
SCHOOL, ARCHANA  
CHANDRA ACCEPTS  
THE ROTARY CLUB  
OF BOMBAY'S BEST  
TEACHER AWARD  
ON BEHALF OF THE  
SCHOOL'S TEACHERS.  
ON ZOOM AT 1.45 PM  
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## NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



Last week on persistent invitations from PP Paul George, I visited our joint vocational centre at the YMCA. I had forgotten how much good work we do here and how many ladies we are able to help and empower by giving them an opportunity to earn. I watched as crowded rooms full of eager young ladies were taught *mehendi* and beautician courses and

graphic design and sewing and embroidery, and computers.

As I spoke to a pretty young girl, she explained to me that this initiative between the Rotary and the YMCA was so very special because almost all the ladies were able to earn some money from the courses that they had been taught.

Paul then went on to explain that the relationship between the Rotary and the YMCA was several decades old. In fact, the vocational centre was started at the behest of our very own Past President Arvind Jolly and has certainly stood the test of time.

Rotary also partners with the YMCA in the Night Study Centres where students who live in small tenements come to study in a quiet, congenial atmosphere under the supervision of teachers. The Rotary also provides much needed nutritional snacks.

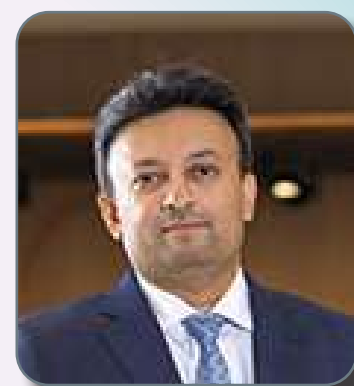
Paul proudly shared the excellent SSC results achieved by these kids.

Once again, an initiative that has worked over decades, sustained by the dire needs it fulfils!

~ *President Shernaz Vakil*

## 27. LAST 07. TUESDAY'S 21. SPEAKER

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



Although I am a vaccine manufacturer and developer, **vaccines alone will not be the answer** for us to get out of the pandemic. We will need vaccines and other solutions, including therapeutics and faster diagnostics or better diagnostics.

The virus is mutating fast. One hopeful answer to this would be that with multiple mutations, hopefully, over some time, the virus will become less immunogenic and less harmful and then become the regular kind of flu virus in the future. **We hope that as the mutation continues, the virus will lose its virality and become less neurological.**

The vaccine we have under development is under the approval stage with the regulators. **We have developed our platform entirely by ourselves.** We have not relied on partnerships or licensing technologies. Hopefully, this will be the first DNA platform that gets fully approved for vaccination for any viruses.

We need to pivot more on the discovery side because we won't find answers in the West every time. We already know that it is difficult to source some of the vaccines from India. So, we need to be self-reliant not only in vaccines but other medications too. **We need to do our own discovery and innovation to answer diseases that are more frequent and critical for countries like ours** and for

some of the nations near us.

### ROTARIANS ASK

Why do we need a booster dose for Covid every year?

Three reasons: 1) In people infected with Covid or who are vaccinated, anti-bodies are seen waning after six months. So if you look at neutralising anti-bodies, they are also coming down. 2) The virus is mutating and escaping the current form of vaccines. So, **in future, maybe you need a vaccine or a cocktail of vaccines for the dominant strain.** I think the virus is moving towards a direction where you may not get 90 per cent immunity to it, that is why some vaccination may be required to minimise the severity of infection.

If, hypothetically, everyone in the world takes the vaccine, is it the end of covid?

**I don't think Covid would be gone if everybody is vaccinated** because the virus is mutating and escaping the current vaccines. You can protect yourself from the severity of the infection. There is no answer, but the cases will come down, and deaths will come down.

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

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





**Purujit Aggarwal, son of our Rotarian Abhinav Aggarwal,** has made a website [‘baselaw.org’](http://baselaw.org). The website is targeted at teenagers interested in studying/pursuing a career in law. Purujit is all of fourteen years old. He is a student at DSB International School Mumbai. Check it out!

*In the picture above: Rtn. Ptn. Nidhi and Rtn. Abhinav Aggarwal flanked by their sons Hriiday (on the left) and Purujit (on the right)*

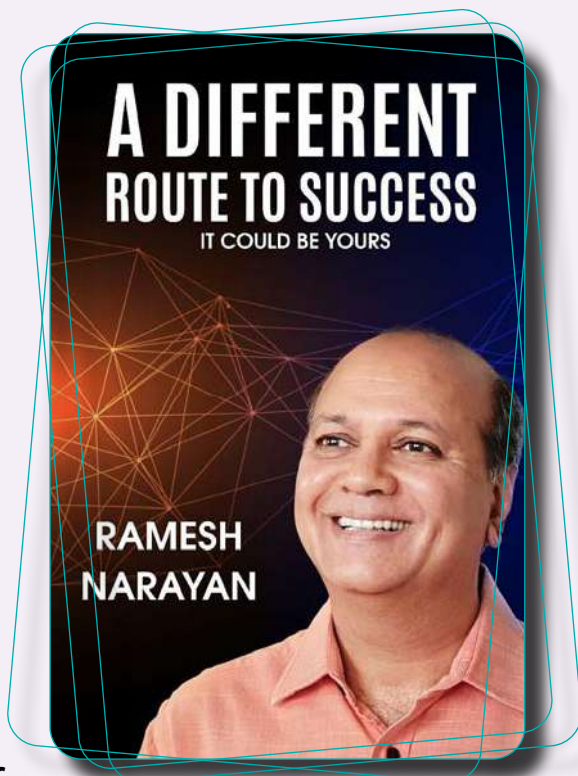
**From President of The Advertising Club to the President of the Rotary Club of Bombay** – and with many other national and international recognitions in addition to these – PP Ramesh Narayan’s work in advertising and community service encompasses a considerable range.

While Rotarians know him best for conceiving and implementing RCB’s star projects – Bhavishya Yaan, Ananda Yaan and Lighthouse Project – the advertising world knows him as an ad man. Founder of Canco, he was its Brahma (creator), Vishnu (nurturer) and, ultimately, Mahesh (destroyer). In 2005, he shut down his company overnight and stepped out of the rat race.

In ‘A Different Route to Success: It Could Be Yours’, the new book written by PP Ramesh, he lays out the trajectory to this life-changing moment in the first chapter itself. He was almost 50, and a disgruntled feeling had been brewing about how advertising was changing. So he discussed it with Rtn. Ptn. Devi, called his Canco team and quit cold turkey.

PP Ramesh co-owned a farm in Bengaluru with his sister Geeta, and so he became an organic farmer. Stories of these, and other roads he frequently travelled, are all packed into this ringside view of his life. Congratulations on your book, PP Ramesh!

All proceeds from the book come to Rotary, so [BUY YOUR COPY HERE.](#)



## Dream TRF News!



Rotary Club of Bombay has been recognised for achieving a Platinum Commitment of US\$ 165,000 to The Rotary Foundation in the first month itself. We thank the TRF Committee and, especially, PP Nirav Shah and PP Vijay Jatia for their exemplary efforts.



**Masina Hospital has launched a course in geriatric and dementia care, for young adults. The course, supported by RCB,** is designed in collaboration with Tata institute for Social Sciences and Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India.

**The goal is to create well-trained care-givers.** There are modules in gerontology, nursing care, psychological care, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and Dementia care.

Eligibility for the course is young adults from ages 18 to 45 who have passed, at least, their 12<sup>th</sup> standard. Apart from efficient care for elders, the course will also benefit unemployed youth who need work.



**President Shernaz Vakil's first official visit as President was to the Vocational Training & Night Study Centre earlier last week.**

Night Study Centres, a joint initiative of the Rotary Club of Bombay and Bombay YMCA, was started in 1966 in a Municipal School to support young boys and girls in their school education. NSC is a place where the students, who live in very small tenements, come to do their homework and study. Bombay YMCA's Outreach and Development Department evolved slowly out of the concern for the poor, marginalised and vulnerable classes and has diversified from education to capacity building and promoting equal opportunity.

The NSC in south Mumbai caters to over 550 children through 16 centres. A class of 30 students is provided with teachers in the non-schooling hours between 7 to 9 pm for the ages above 8 years. RCB provides nutritional food and supplements. The students have continued to use this facility at graduation and even post-graduation level. Students who have studied at the NSC have become doctors, lawyers, IT professionals which makes our work and mission immensely satisfying as a genuine need has been fulfilled.

**Congratulations to Hon. Rtn. Anand Mahindra on Mahindra Racing's emotional win at the London E-Prix last week.**

Brit Driver Alex Lynn's victory has brought Mahindra Racing back to the winners' circle after a dry patch of two-and-a-half years. Mahindra Racing has competed in the ABB FIA Formula E World Championship since Season 1 (the latest is its 7th), **representing the Indian car giant on a global sporting scale** in single-seater motor racing.

Alex Lynn and Mahindra Racing head to Berlin later this month for stage rounds 14 and 15 of the all-electric race series with both the drivers' and teams' championships to be decided.





# Prime mover with the Prime Minister

RI President Shekhar Mehta met Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday. He wrote in: “Had a great meeting with the Prime Minister Hon’ble Narendra Modi, courtesy PDG Ashish Desai and PDG Vivek Tankha MP. Discussed development issues where Rotary can work with the Govt. Excellent interaction for 45 minutes.”



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*Never doubt that a small  
group of thoughtful,  
committed citizens can  
change the world; indeed,  
it's the only thing that  
ever has.*

~ MARGARET MEAD



# – 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

FEED SNACKS TO CHILDREN FOR A MONTH

TEACH KIDS HUMANITY THROUGH YAY ZINDAGEE

GIFT VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO A CHILD

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SUPPORT A FARMER'S LIVELIHOOD BY PLANTING FRUIT  
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TREAT ANANDA YAAN ELDERS TO LUNCH

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# Committee news

**AY on board!:** Ananda Yaan members have been focussing more on health these past two years, as a response to Covid-19, albeit in a fun way. While there has been yoga and physiotherapy, there has also been Zumba.



To give them a break from these routines, RCB, in association with Dignity Foundation, dedicated a day of board games on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Members played Ludo, Snakes & Ladders, and Tic-Tac-Toe. Seeing their enjoyment, RCB has planned to make 'play' a part of their routine.



**RCB's heart beats for four-year-old:** Master Hemant Naik, aged 4, was referred to Kokilaben Ambani Hospital for a heart surgery. He had Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS) and had already undergone four balloon procedures and an open-heart procedure at Wadia hospital.

He needed the Fontan procedure, a complicated surgery with a high risk. The parents were explained the risks before surgery and counselled. In the end, the surgery was successful, and the child has gone home. The parents live in Kamrajnagar, off Eastern Express Highway, Ghatkopar, which is pre-dominantly a slum area. Expenses amounting to Rs 2.75 lakh were paid by the Rotary Club of Bombay under the Global Grant. The additional expenses towards pre-operative check-ups and PPE kits etc amounting to Rs 40,000 were borne by the parents.

We must thank Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar for referring the patient to us and Rtn. Ptn. Natasha Sejpal of Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers for coordinating this effort.

**RCB's on-going ration distribution activity for Covid relief**



**RCB donates kitchen kits for a thousand families in flood-hit areas**





# Rotaract Chronicles

## The Rotaract Club Of Jai Hind College (RCJC),

in association with Aara Consultancy, initiated a Professional Development project to guide students of standards 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> about the way ahead and what fields they could pursue according to their interests.



The facilitator was Mrs. Vinni Shah Modani, a professional counsellor, who laid ahead ways to identify one's niche with suggestions of diploma courses and importance of their certification. She also covered aspects like student loan, fees, institutions, exposure etc.



## RCISME's "artful" ways:

Famous paintings, picture composition, origami tulips and painting a list of things they liked about themselves – the art session for Lighthouse kids conducted by RCB and the Rotaractors of ISME College was a talented affair. The proof is in these screenshots! These tulips don't lie.



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## RTN. VANDAN SHAH, DIRECTOR & OWNER, SIPRA ENGINEERS PVT. LTD.

# KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN

**“My father Mr. Sitaram Shah had been a Rotarian** since about 1985 (in Thane). He was a Rotarian of RCB since April 1990 till he passed away in 2019. My wife Ekta is active in many of our committees and has received many awards for the same. My children Suditi and Meha volunteered regularly for three years at Bhavishya Yaan and Lighthouse. Suditi recently graduated with honors from Parson School of Design, New York, in communication design, and is interning in New York. Meha is doing business from Warwick Business School, UK.”

“My family and our values have provided a platform for service. My father has been my inspiration. My uncle is a President of the Friends of Tribals Society, Ekta’s grandfather was DG Rotary from Indore.”

“I would describe the scope of my professional life as Managerial Entrepreneurial. I am the Managing Director and Owner of Sipra Engineers Pvt. Ltd., an auto components

casting firm (MSME) with plants in Nashik. I am also Managing Director of Sipra Services & Investments Pvt. Ltd., which invests and consults. I am on the Board of Directors of Hercules Hoists Ltd & Hind Rectifiers Ltd, two publicly listed companies.”

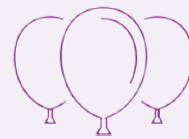
“I am also a senior member of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry). CII is the #1 body for policy advocacy for Indian Industry. I am a regular practitioner of Iyengar Yoga and an Isha meditator.”

“There have been many milestones along the way: 20 corporate awards, notable among them is India Today’s first Make In India. Syndicate Bank Corporation Bank, Bank of India’s MSME of the Year, and a Limca Book of Records listing for collecting the most number of Airline Boarding Passes (Domestic & International).”

“Rotary, to me, means service and fellowship. I have made friends and have CAs, lawyers and doctors who are also my Rotary friends.”



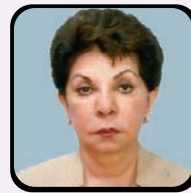
# ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



August 3  
Hon. Rtn. Ajay  
Piramal



August 3  
Rtn. Abhishek  
Sharman



August 4  
Rtn. Sabira  
Merchant



August 5  
Rtn. Bharat  
Taparia



August 7  
Rtn. Darabshaw  
Davar



August 7  
Rtn. Camellia  
Panjabi



August 8  
Rtn. Hormazdiyaar  
Vakil



## ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

August 2:  
Rtn. Ptn. Avaan  
Vakharia  
August 9:  
Rtn. Ptn. Sunita  
Saxena



## ANNIVERSARIES



July 31: Rtn. Ptn. Shalina & Rtn. Jai Advani  
August 3: Rtn. Ptn. Radhika & Rtn. Ghanshyam Sheth  
August 5: Rtn. Ptn. Bijal & Rtn. Hiren Kara  
August 9: Rtn. Ptn. Frederque & Rtn. Ashwin Didwania

Our  
apologies  
for the  
anniversary  
blunder in last  
week's issue!  
The error is  
regretted.

### DR. ZIRAK MARKER, PSYCHIATRIST

10TH  
AUGUST,  
2021  
1.45 PM  
ON ZOOM



TALKS MENTAL  
HEALTH,  
IN CONVERSATION  
WITH RTN. DR.  
PRAKRITI PODAR

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NEXT WEEK'S  
SPEAKER



**Dr. Zirak Marker** is a renowned child and adult psychiatrist and psychotherapist with clinical training. He has over 15 years of experience in Educational Psychology, and is currently the Medical Director of the Aditya Birla Integrated School for children with learning disabilities and psychological/emotional problems.

WE SALUTE OUR ROTARIANS WHO HAVE GIVEN  
SO MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB

# CONGRATS!



53 years in July  
PP VIKRAM KAMDAR



52 years in July  
RTN. SUSHIL JALAN



38 years in July  
RTN. DARABSHAW DAVAR



37 years in July  
RTN. FERÓZE PATCH



33 years in July  
RTN. DARIOUS IRANI





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