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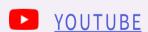
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#### **TODAY**

ZIA MODY, CO-FOUNDER AND MANAGING PARTNER OF AZB & PARTNERS, ON THE BENEFITS OF A PROGRESSIVE AND PRO ACTIVE SUPREME COURT

ON ZOOM AT 1.45 PM MEETING ID: 883 2518 8279

#### NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



#### WHEN CAN WE MEET AGAIN...

Almost every day, I get a call from some Rotarian asking when we are going to start meeting in person again. Our Club has always been known for its vibrant interactive Tuesday luncheons with every Rotarian looking forward to meet their friends, discussing their projects and sharing the stories of the week.

It's now been over a year and a half since we have met every Tuesday over a zoom call, greeting each other with perfunctory hellos, frustrated at the inability to have a meaningful conversation.

Last night we had the first Fellowship of the year, the Parsi night, which normally would have the Rotarians dressed in their Gara best, having a jolly good time as they eagerly looked forward to the Parsi feast organised for them by their Parsi hosts. This year, though we did manage to send out a few Parsi snacks, the fellowship lacked all the bonhomie and joy that comes from meeting and greeting each other in person.

Meanwhile, I am excited to visit the project initiated by our PP Ramesh Narayan at the Cuffe Parade Gardens on Sunday. This would be the first project visit of the year where we can see the good work that has been done and interact with a few of the Rotarians who show up to visit the urban forest, albeit masked and appropriately distanced!

The plan, dear Rotarians, is to start our luncheon meetings at the Taj possibly on a hybrid platform and hopefully by mid-October allowing for government restrictions and the possibility of a third wave...

These are unprecedented and unpredictable times and planning for the future is almost like Russian roulette. ~ *President Shernaz Vakil* 

## 24. LAST08. TUESDAY'S21. SPEAKER

#### AMIT CHANDRA, CHAIRPERSON, BAIN CAPITAL PRIVATE EQUITY, INDIA, IN CONVERSATION WITH RTN. GAUTAM TRIVEDI

Question: What sectors do you find attractive today?

Answer: Our job is to put money to work... we are very active, trying to do one of the largest buy-outs in recent times... but I must say that the last 2-3 years have been one of the most difficult years to put money to work in this market.

I have been in the markets now for three decades and I would say at this point of time it is no different from the past mega-cycles. In times like these the best opportunity lies in things which people least believe in. I like Financials because banks and the NBFCs are beaten down.

Industrial companies are still suffering because the capital cycle has still not fully recovered and I think there is still opportunity to go and play that selectively. So, I think things where people still have some disbelief is where I think there is some opportunity. There are some segments of the market which are more linked to the global economy where valuations were less frothy. However, even there valuations have started to catch up quite rapidly.

Q: I think the one sector that is making headlines currently is the Indian Tech sector (ex-IT/Software). You saw Zomato listing at a Rs.1 lakh Crore market Cap and PayTM, Nykaa and others in the pipeline. What do you make of that in terms of valuation and more importantly we haven't seen Bain

Capital India being very active in that space?



A: That is a very fascinating sector. The reason we are not very active in it is many of those companies are still non-profitable companies and we typically invest in what we call the in-stage companies, i.e. companies with well-established and proven business models, some degree of cash flow in them. So, we basically shy away from Tech companies. These companies have done remarkably well and obviously they are great valuations but they still don't have great cash flow.

Firms like us may have missed investing small amounts of money and making large returns, betting that these companies at some point of time in the distant future will be profitable. But its very difficult to crystal ball gaze and say that they will do so on the basis of cash flow vs. revenue growth. In company after company, there hasn't been translation of revenue to cash flow. So folks like us still make money the traditional way based on solid fundamentals that we can analyse and value.

TO WATCH THE REST OF AMIT'S INSIGHTFUL TALK, CLICK HERE

TO READ ITS FULL TRANSCRIPT INCLUDING THE MANY QUESTIONS OUR ROTARIANS ASKED, CLICK HERE

## RCBINBOX



Check out our dancing elders

of Ananda Yaan (in association with Dignity Foundation). Lightfooted and sure, they were out in full force to celebrate Independence Day.

Competitions like open mic, best dress, and a quiz about India were organised. Mr Roshan Singh of Fitfuda Fitness Centre, who teaches our members Zumba, graced the event with his presence.

**MORE HERE!** 

#### Wunderkinds abound at RCB.

A few weeks ago, President Shernaz Vakil wrote about the varied community service projects undertaken by Rotarian children. While editing our Know Your Rotarian column on Rtn. Anand Dalal this week, we came across another gem, his daughter Naisha.

We'll let her proud papa say it in his words:



"Naisha is currently at Grade 9 at Bombay International School...

Naisha is part of ACE – All Care for Everyone, an NGO that her friends and she founded when they were only four or five years old. From bake sales and small cosmetics sales to raise money for the underserved children of our society, ACE is now a formal NGO."

"Their projects include a raincoat project where, in 2020 and 2021, they raised money and made raincoats which they then distributed to street children. They have now embarked on an ambitious Book Club project – a mobile library that will attempt to inculcate the love of reading to underserved children. The volunteers will be grade 9 kids who will assimilate with the underserved kids and play games besides reading to them."

Snaps for Naisha! May her tribe increase.

RCB's Parsi
Nite fellowship
hosted by
Kunal Vijaykar
had Rotarians
turning out in
their traditional
best





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## Free vaccines for Palghar tribals







The Rotary Club of Bombay has organised free Covid vaccine camps for the tribal residents of Palghar district. The camp was essential because tribals were not getting vaccinated due to the prohibitive cost, unavailability of vaccines and the various dogmas in their mind. RCB is vaccinating the tribals free of cost.

DGE Sandip Agarwalla, who initiated the drive, says, "My good friend Mr. Amin Manekia, Managing Trustee, Prince Aly Khan Hospital, happened to mention their charity work in vaccinations. I requested 1,000 vaccines for Palghar District, and he immediately agreed. RCB supports Aastha Hospital in Manor and Rtn. Dr. Avinash Sonawane there, is a member of Rotary Club of Manor Highway. We are doing the vaccination drive through him."

Besides these, PP Bhagwan Patil, PP Shashank Thkare and our very own Rtn. Swati Jajdoia were roped in. Says DGE Sandip, "I introduced Swati to the team of Prince Aly Khan and the Palghar Manor and Wada teams and she got going. Full credit to her, she has single-handedly done all the coordination, procurement, permissions, request letters and whatever was required."

"The only mandate I gave her was to make sure that it happens inside villages and for tribals. The Palghar, Manor and Wada clubs got into the act. The first camp was held one day after they received the vaccines, that was their level of preparedness. It has been going very smoothly so far A lot of advocacy is needed to explain to the tribals that it is not dangerous, it is good for their health."

As part of RCB's outreach to the Vaidu community to rehabilitate them, rations were distributed to a hundred such needy families in Jogeshwari East areas.

**families** These living their earn working by as construction site workers, delivery persons, door to door salesmen, vegetable vendors, drainage cleaners, etc.

**Before** the lockdown, they over earned Rs 8000 to 6000 monthly. Due to the pandemic, their earnings have been reduced to between Rs 3000 to 5000 or less which is not sufficient to meet their requirement.

RCB gave each family a monthly ration kit costing Rs 550 and is committed to doing this for six months.

### Those we serve: the Vaidu community

SwamiTaiyappa Gudilu, 51: I live on the footpath with my five kids. One of my sons died because of



kidney failure and one has been hospitalised since last 11 years. I feed my kids by picking and selling garbage and steel from the road. Due to Covid-19, I was not able to feed them but, because of Rotary Club Of Bombay, we are able to have a one meal a day and hope get help of this kind in future, too.

Yangata Shirkul, 67: I beg near the temple. I have four sons who are all jobless alcohol addicts.



I thank the Rotary Club of Bombay for giving us rations to fill our stomachs. I give my blessings to them and hope for some help like this in the future.

Shankuntala Dasri, 37: I work as a housemaid. I used to live with my husband and two kids. My



husband was an alcohol addict and he left us. Now I live alone with my two kids. Due to the pandemic, my work as housemaid was not going on well and we had been living in misery since the last one year. I thank the Rotary Club Of Bombay for the ration so my kids and I are able to have two meals a day. I hope we get the help like this in the future, too.

Y a l l a v a Varganti, 54: I used to beg in front of temples. I live with my three children.



My husband left us 30 years ago because he was having an affair. Since then, I have lived with my kids on the footpath. I was unable to feed my children but because of the Rotary Club of Bombay my kids are able to have food twice a day. Thank you.

**Govind Gudilu, 69:** I worked as a carpenter. I have two kids and a wife at



home. Both my sons are jobless and alcohol addicts. Due to the pandemic, I am unable to provide even a single time's meal for my family; my wife worked as a housemaid. The Rotary Club of Bombay distributed rations in our area. My family and I give blessings to the team and hope to continue to receive such help from you in the future.



Miyawaki is a technique pioneered by Japanese **botanist Akira** Miyawaki, that helps build dense, native forests. The approach is supposed to ensure that plant growth is 10 times faster and the resulting plantation is 30 times denser than usual. It involves planting dozens of native species in the same area, and becomes maintenancefree after the first three years.

## Cuffe Parade sees green



**Nestled in a shaded corner of the CPRA (Cuffe Parade Residents Association) Greens,** a garden in Cuffe Parade, is the newly planted Urban Forest and Nakshatra garden.

The latest community project of the Rotary Club of Bombay, this urban forest has about a thousand trees (41 varieties of local trees) planted using the fabled **Miyawaki technique.** Planting is completed, with drip irrigation.

The Nakshatra garden has 27 trees representing the 27 stars.

It is hoped that this garden will be a new lung of Cuffe Parade, attracting mores butterflies, bees, birds and giving out more oxygen for the residents of this area.

The project was inaugurated on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by Chief Guest Vijay Balamwar, Dy Commissioner BMC.

Speaking at the inauguration RCB President Shernaz Vakil and CPRA President Aditi Jain recalled the contribution RCB had made to community projects in the area. These include the solar installation and the Pet bottle pelletisation machine as well as the Lighthouse project in Machchimar Nagar.

President Shernaz said the forest, which was implemented by the Environment Committee of the RCB, was very laudable. Committee Chairperson Varsha Daiya proposed a vote of thanks.

This initiative has been envisioned and supported by our PP Ramesh Narayan in memory of his mother and mother-in-law.

## **Committee News**

WATCH BHAVISHYA
YAAN'S
INDEPENDENCE DAY
PRESENTATIONS
HERE

75 key events from India's recent past were covered by the Bhavishya Yaan kids in video format, to celebrate India's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, on August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Events were assigned to each BY school and the teachers worked with the children to research the event and prepare their speeches. The children made their own videos, and these were woven into a presentation. The programme showcasing these videos was presented on Independence Day by a BY alumnus.

Some of the topics covered by our kids:

1. Reopening of the Nathula Pass for Indo-China trade, 2006, GK Marg Municipal School 2. Aryabhatt, India's first satellite, 1975, Colaba Municipal Secondary School 3. The First Kashmir war, 1947-48, Colaba Municipal Secondary School 4. Pokhran nuclear test 1998, Ambedkar School Worli 5. The White Revolution and Operation Flood 1970, Colaba Municipal Secondary School 6. Shah Bano Begum case 1985, Byculla Municipal School 7. Farmer's Protest 2020, N M Joshi Marg Municipal School 8. Securities scam 1992, Ambedkar School, Worli 9. Operation Blue Star 1984, Ambedkar School, Worli

Prize distribution for SSC scholars of Bhavishya Yaan was carried out offline by each school separately. About 60 students of 2020 and 70 students of 2021 were awarded prizes, with the overall toppers receiving mobile phones, top 8 from each school receiving wireless earphones and others above 70% receiving wired earphones.

While we carried a report on the Ambedkar School event in last week's issue of The Gateway, here are GK Marg and Colaba checking in.

Prize distribution at G K Marg School.

Colaba School: Prize distribution at Colaba School took place over two days, with students of 2020 called on the first day and students of 2019 on the second day. Vitthal Gund was the 2021 SSC topper at Colaba, scoring 92% overall and 91% in English. Rupali Gaikwad was the 2019 SSC topper with 91.4% overall and 89% in English. HERE'S A VIDEO OF VITTHAL AND RUPALI, THANKING RCB AND LAYING OUT

THEIR DREAMS.

**G K MARG SCHOOL TOPPERS** 





COLABA SCHOOL TOPPERS





## **Rotaract Chronicles**

stitch time: The Partners-Team In-Service Rotaract Club of Hinduja College organised 'Stitch

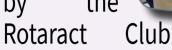


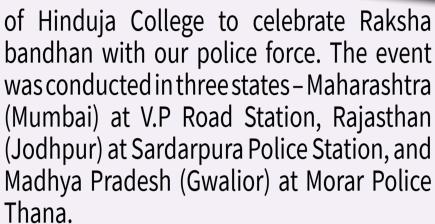
Craft', a two-day event, for Interactors of Anjuman-I-Islam Allana High School on August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The main aim of the event was to teach stitching, a vocational skill, to the Interactors.

After a small introduction by Rtr. Smriti Tomar, Rtr. Palin Rathor taught the students running stitch, back stitch, and putting a button on a piece of cloth. On the second day, Rtr. Palin taught Interactors to stitch a cloth bag, step by step.

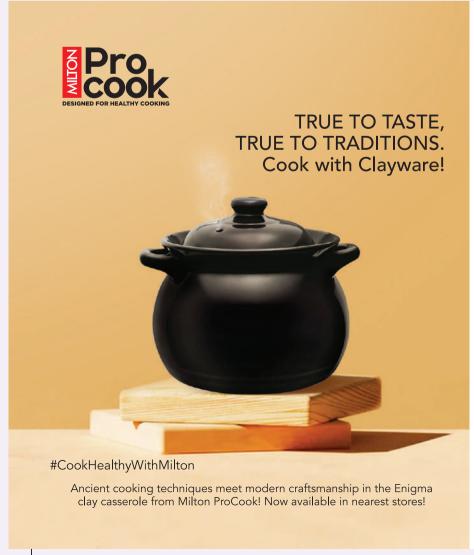
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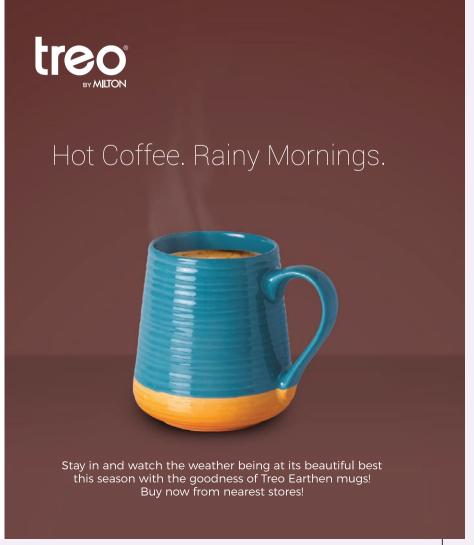
Rakhi with Khaki was a community service initiative the by





The police were kind enough to cooperate and offer their hospitality. They were happy and emotional when we tied rakhi on their wrists. We felt overwhelmed by the appreciation and response. It has inspired us to do more along these lines in future.





## **RCB Classifieds**

This initiative publishes CVs of our Bhavishya Yaan alumni who are looking for jobs and/ or internships. This is to help them find work experience within the Rotary family.

#### **NILIMA LOKHANDE-BOCHARE**

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ADDRESS: Room No. 13B, Machhimar Nagar Badhawar Park ,Galli No. 1, Colaba, Mumbai-05 Date of Birth: June 20, 1996.

#### **Qualification:**

B.E. in Computer science, Mumbai University, 2020, 6.50/10 H.S.C. Bhavanishankar collage of science, Maharashtra Board, 2013, 65%

S.S.C. Colaba School, Maharashtra State Board, 2011, 86%

#### **Work Experience:**

- OSCAR Foundation, Colaba Position - Computer teacher (Sept 2016-June 2017)
- Role and Responsibility
- Motivate children's and parents for computer literacy
- To conduct Computer and Informal session.
- To organize and conduct exam on Computer sessions.
- -AAWAAJ SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CAUFF-PARED COLABA (April 2018- Feb 2020)

Position -Women coordinator Certification Courses:

- -"NIIT" Computer Foundation Course.
- -MS-CIT (Computer basic course)

#### **Skills**

- MS Office
- Advanced Excel
- Communication
- Team building

Problem solving
 Language knowledge: English,
 Marathi, Hindi
 Hobbies: Visit new places, Singing,
 Watching Movies.

 Marital Status: Married

#### **SRUSHTI TELI**

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#### **Education qualification:**

S.S.C. – Maharashtra Board – 2016 – 2017 H.S.C. – Mumbai University – 2020

H.S.C. – Mumbai University – 2020 – 2021

#### **Additional certification:**

Pursued beautician course from ITI - 2017 – 2018

#### Internship:

Apprenticeship under a certified beautician for 6 months from 2018 – 2019

Place: Dadar

#### YUSUF KHAN

Gender Male
Date of birth 05.05.2004
Martial status Single

**Qualification:** HSC Pass and some extra course like computer course, mechanical courses.

**Experience:** Fresher

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#### RTN. ANAND DALAL, CEO, ANAND AJAY SECURITIES

Anand Dalal is a second-generation Rotarian. His father Ajay Dalal was, until recently, a member of Rotary Club of Bombay Midtown. He has been a Rotarian since 2006.

He is a fifth-generation stockbroker, with his family having been in the business for over 140 years. Their company is called Anand Ajay Securities. He loves his tennis and is generally an avid sportsman.

He has been active on the Bhavishya Yaan and Sports Committee for several years. For the last couple of years, he has been on the Programme and Awards committee.

Anand has done his schooling at Bombay International School and then Sydenham College, followed by an MBA from the prestigious S P JAIN Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai.

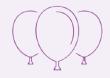
He is married to Bombay girl Kavita. Kavita is a graphics designer and works with Beyon Design as a Business and Copy Head. It's an all-girls boutique branding agency with many prestigious clients.

Their daughter Naisha is currently at Grade 9 at Bombay International School. Naisha, like her father, is an active tennis player and a regular participant at our Rotary Tennis fellowships as well. Naisha is part of ACE – All Care for Everyone, an NGO that her friends and she founded when they were only four or five years old (more on Naisha on page 3 of this issue).

Rotary has inspired us and continues to do so!



### )TARIAN BIRTH





**AUGUST 31** Rtn. Vijay Meghani



SEPTEMBER 1 Rtn. Rajas Doshi



SEPTEMBER 3 Rtn. Mudit Jain



SEPTEMBER 4 Rtn. Anand Shah



SEPTEMBER 6 Rtn. Tanya Sood

#### **ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS**

SEPTEMBER 1 Rtn. Ptn. Sudha Nevatia SEPTEMBER 2 Rtn. Ptn. Amisha Himatsingka

SEPTEMBER 3 Rtn. Ptn. Devi Narayan SEPTEMBER 5 Rtn. Ptn. Falguni Padode E CONTRACTOR





SEPTEMBER 2: Rtn. Ptn. Aruna & Rtn. Suresh Jagtiani



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RECIPIENT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD (SSA) FOR ROTARY YEAR (RY) 2021-22



The Rotary Club of Bombay will confer the Social Service Award (SSA) for Rotary Year (RY) 2021-22 to Inali Foundation. Brainchild of Prashant Gade, Inali Foundation, a non-profit Section 8 organisation, was started in 2016 to provide affordable upper limbs to those who needed them.

Prashant is a 28-year-old engineering dropout who found his calling when he met a seven-year-old girl without arms. His desire to help her made him enquire about the prosthetic arms available. To his shock, they cost Rs 24,00,000. So he decided to make them. He has now created affordable cosmetic arms, Myo Arms, and will soon launch India's first bionic arms.

Inali has provided over 1500 upper limbs in three years to people from across India. These limbs are technologically on par with most other products available in the market internationally. Most of Inali's patients cannot afford any kind of prosthetic or medical assistance related to disability.

Prashant is the founder of Inali Foundation and Inali Assistive Tech. He also heads the R&D department at Inali Assistive Tech. He has received several awards including the Infosys Social Innovation Award 2018, Nasscom Social Innovation Forum 2019 Award and James Dyson Award.





RTN. MANJU SANGHI

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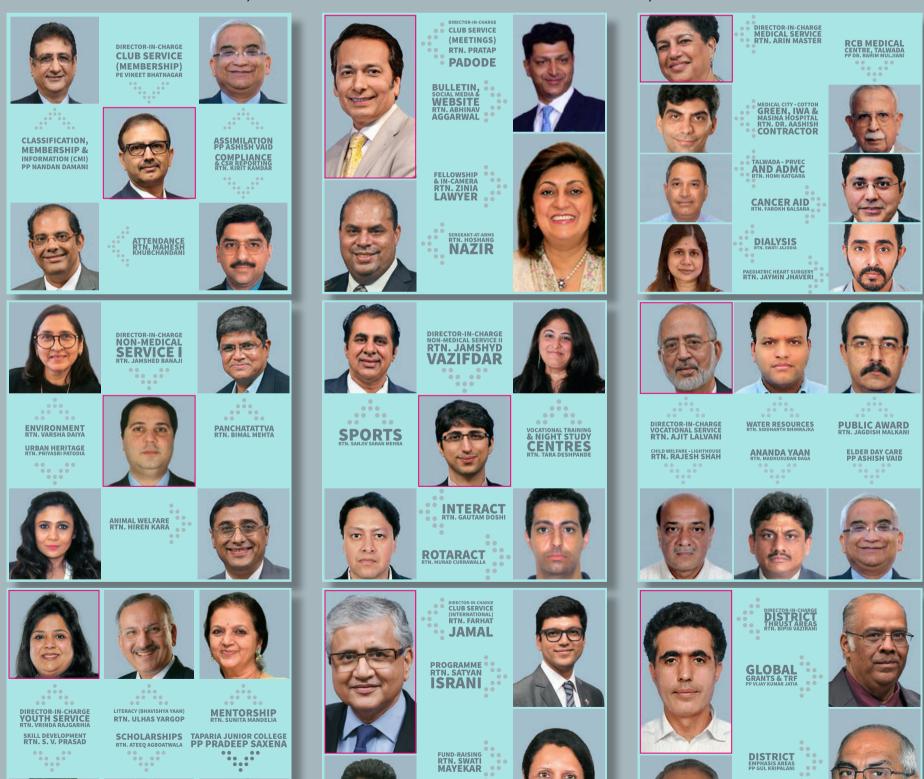
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