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TODAY
AMEERA SHAH,
MANAGING
DIRECTOR,
METROPOLIS
HEALTHCARE ON
HER JOURNEY AT
METROPOLIS
ON ZOOM AT 1.45
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NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



THE LOST TRIBE

This week, we post the pathetic stories of the women of the Vaidu community, their desolate and desperate lives, with no hope or meaning, not knowing where the next meal will come from or how they will feed their hungry children that day. How sad is this?

What we would spend on a round of pizza for our kids at one meal... they do not get over three months to feed the family.

When this pathetic situation was brought to our notice, we had to do something to rehabilitate this community. We have started with small steps, feeding a hundred families with ration over the next six months.

I am now looking for Rotarians to adopt one family and feed them over the next year the cost a mere Rs 7000 for rations for a year. This will give them the security that they need to get a hold of their lives and change for the better.

We are also starting adult literacy classes for the women and men to relate to the present world and to be able to carry out a few day-to-day functions that are necessary to participate in the city they live in.

They are a lost tribe forgotten by our fast-paced world, scraping together a meagre existence bringing up a generation of forgotten children. We also plan to teach and motivate the children who have remained unschooled so far... giving them some joy in their unhappy existence with activities and learning.

Further, we are looking at starting vocational training so that this community can find a way to support themselves post the pandemic. Once they are able to learn a small-skill they should be able to make a living and gradually pull themselves out of the darkness and misery.

Rotarians, please read their stories and through their pain let us find a way to help them.

~ President Shernaz Vakil

07. LAST
09. TUESDAY'S
21. SPEAKER

PRASHANT GADE, FOUNDER,
INALI FOUNDATION, RECIPIENT OF
THE SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD (SSA)
FOR RY 2021-22



I started the Inali Foundation in 2015, and it was registered as a non-profit in 2018. We have collaborated with many NGOs and distributed nearly 4000 hands. We have received awards by corporate and industrial bodies across the country.

More than 45,000 people in India lose an arm every year. Nearly 85 per cent of them cannot afford a solution, as **prosthetic arms range from Rs. 8-15 lakhs, which is unaffordable in a country like India.**

My journey began when I met a seven-year-old girl named Shreya, who was born without her upper limbs. I wanted to give her two prosthetic arms but the company I approached quoted Rs. 24 lakhs, that is, Rs. 12 lakhs per arm.

That's when I decided to give my full time to making affordable, prosthetic arms. My parents were upset and thought I should first earn something for myself, instead of doing something for society. But, for me, I think age was just a number. I had the same thought every single day, that I should do something.

I came up with a design for an arm but did not have enough money to make it. So I put the arm on a crowd-funding platform to raise money. It didn't go well but an NGO from Rajasthan saw my crowd-funding initiative and called

me to Jaipur. After a three-hour meeting, they gave me a grant and told me to come back with seven different designs that they could test on their patients.

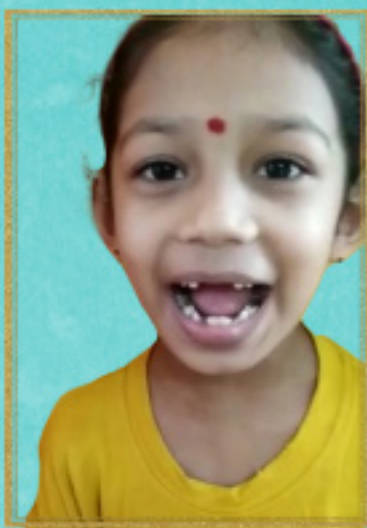
I created arms in the price range Rs. 50,000 to Rs. one lakh. But every time I went to the director of the NGO, he would say they could not afford it. So, **after six months, I went back to the director with an arm I had made, for \$75.** He was shocked and they decided to give me a hundred patients. Now I had a new problem: how would I make it in bulk?

At around the same time, I received an email from a professor in the US, who had seen my videos on YouTube. He invited me to a conference on bio-medical devices.

I went to the US and shared my story at the conference. I didn't know about Rotary at the time but **some Rotarians attended the conference and gifted me 10 machines to make the arms in bulk.** I came back with the machines, started the Inali Foundation and more than 4000 people have benefitted till date.

TO WATCH PRASHANT GADE'S MOVING TALK, [CLICK HERE](#)

TO READ A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF HIS INSPIRATIONAL STORY, [CLICK HERE](#)



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ASLESHA MEHER'S
EARNEST INVITATION.

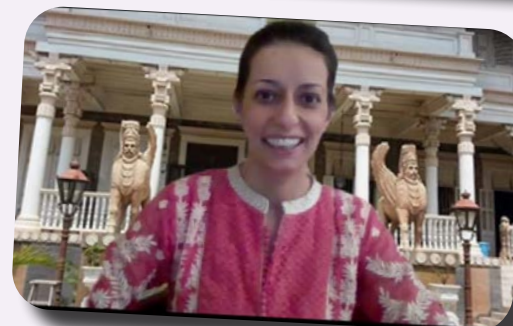
Members of the Rotary Club of Bombay enjoyed Parsi Nite on August 27th, 2021.

It was organised on Zoom by the Fellowship Committee and there was an enthusiastic attendance of over 80 members, many of whom were dressed in traditional Parsi attire despite it being a virtual fellowship.

Committee Chairperson, Zinia Lawyer, welcomed the attendees to the first Fellowship of the year. This was followed by a brief talk on the importance of Udwada for Parsis by Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala. Short clips of the famous food at Udwada followed.

The highlight of the evening was a humorous tête-à-tête between comedian Kunal Vijaykar and PP Framroze Mehta. In addition, members who had sent in their RSVPs were sent a hamper of delicious Parsi sweets and snacks which were much appreciated.

President Shernaz Vakil thanked the 32 Parsi co-sponsors for their generous support for this event and the Fellowship Committee for organising the evening.



From the earliest days of Rotary, members have referred to each other on a first-name basis.

Since personal acquaintanceship and friendship are **cornerstones of Rotary**, it was natural that many clubs adopted the practice of setting aside formal titles in conversations among members. Individuals who normally would be addressed as Doctor, Professor, Mister, the Honorable or Sir are regularly called Joe, Bill, Charley or Jerry by other Rotarians. The characteristic Rotary Club name badge fosters the first-name custom.

Club members in Europe use a more formal style in addressing fellow members. Elsewhere, **new Rotarians may be assigned a humorous nickname** which relates to a personal characteristic or which is descriptive of the member's profession. A member nicknamed "Oxygen" is the manufacturer of chemical gas products. "Trees" is the nickname for the Rotarian in the lumber business, "Building" is the contractor, "Paper" is the stationery or office supply retailer. Other members might carry nicknames like "Muscles," "Foghorn" or "Smiles" as commentaries on their physical features. But whether a Rotarian is addressed by a given first name or a nickname, **the spirit of personal friendship is the initial step which opens doors to all other opportunities for service.**



– 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

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Committee News



Ananda Yaan, supported by Dignity Foundation, enjoyed an eco-friendly clay Ganesh idol-making session

by RCISME on September 7th, 2021. The Rotaractors brought high energy and planning to the event. They put the members into groups, gave clear instructions and easy demonstrations. Aartis and bhajans were performed in front of the idols. AY is grateful to volunteers Rtr. Sobiya Goveri, Rtr. Lokesh Seth, Rtr. Prerika Maniar, Rtr. Dishti Doshi, Rtr. Niva Kothari, Rtr. Payal Rupani for bringing in a festive environment for our members.

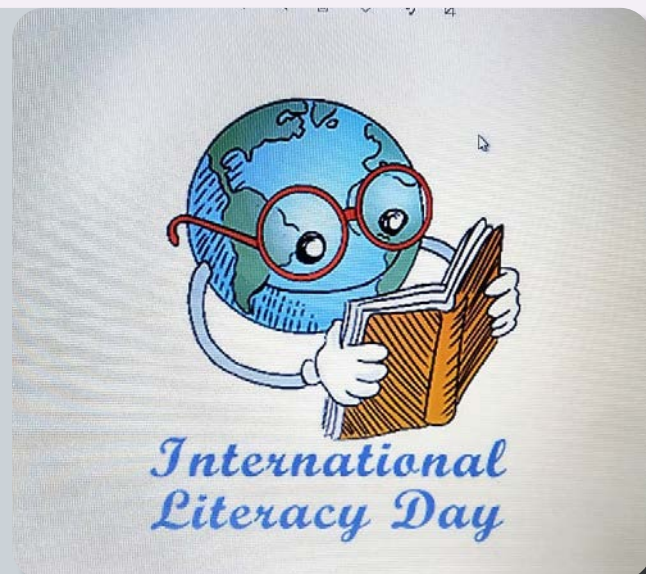
Lighthouse Project on STEAM: Mathemagic, science facts and a talent showcase – these are just a few of the many activities conducted by RCISME at Lighthouse. An eight-week-long STEAM (Science, Technology & Engineering, Art and Maths) workshop was conducted for Lighthouse students of standards 3 to 6.



A good mix of games, quizzes and creative art/craft kept the children engaged throughout the weekly Saturday sessions. From robotics to photosynthesis and multiplication to square roots, our students were exposed to a variety of topics. The programme culminated with a talent show to showcase each child's talents.

A special thanks to Rtr. Fiza and Rtr. Yash for moderating the programme. Be it explaining difficult maths concepts with examples, researching additional videos when the children were confused or ensuring every child got a chance to speak, they went out of their way to make sure the children understood what was being taught.

On September 8th, 2021, World Literacy Day was celebrated with students from the Lighthouse Project. The importance of literacy was emphasised to students of grades 1 and 2. And, the campaign '*Beti bachao beti padhao*' was shown as an example of a nationwide effort, to drive home the point.



Rotaract Chronicles

Hall of Trailblazers:
The team Partners-
In-Service of
Rotaract Club of
Hinduja College
successfully
conducted 'Hall
of Trailblazers:
The Installation
ceremony of
Anjuman-I-Islam-
Allana English
High School'. The
ceremony was held
on September 5th,
2021 at 3 pm. The
Secretariat Report
of 2020-21 was
presented and Team 2021-22 was inducted. The teacher coordinator addressed the students and appreciated the efforts of the Team PIS.



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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.

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

Before the lockdown, they earned over Rs 6000 to 8000 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

YALLU PARSHA VARGANTI, 35

I am HIV positive and have been under treatment for eight years. I

live with my 12-year-old daughter; she attends Mera Sapna where she is learning new things. My husband abandoned us when she was small. We live with my mother. I worked on a construction site but lost my job during lockdown when I fell sick. My family had been starving as there was no income. Thank you for the ration, Rotary Club of Bombay.



SUNITA SURESH SHIVARLU, 35

I am a TB patient, and my condition is worsening. I

work as a housemaid. My husband worked on the construction site, but he lost his job due to lockdown. **He is an alcohol addict.** I have two kids; my daughter is ill, due to lack of protein. We were able to have at least one meal before the pandemic because of my work. But I lost my job and there was no one to look after us. We were starving and worried about our kids but the Rotary Club of Bombay helped us with ration.



TAI SWAMI SHIVARLU, 65

I have three sons and I live with one of them, he is an alcoholic. The other two live with their families. I did door-to-door selling of small things, but I was not able to do that during lockdown. **I started begging on the street, but the police chased us away.** It became harder to survive, but I am now able to eat, thanks to the Rotary Club of Bombay. I am thankful to them for helping this old woman.



TAI PRAKASH MELKUNDI, 45

I have five daughters, and **one of them is mentally**

ill. I collected garbage to earn money. My husband worked as a construction site worker and lost his job in the lockdown. We were unable to get a single meal. Rotary Club of Bombay's ration has helped fill our stomach and I am grateful.



JAYA YALLAPPA MALLAPULE, 32

I live with my three kids and husband. He was



I live on the footpath...

I am blind and I used to beg outside temples...

We were not able to have a single time's meal...

My brother is an alcoholic...

I am a TB patient and my condition is worsening...

My daughter is very ill...

My husband abandoned us when she was very small...

She is mentally ill...

'Serving the Vaidu community' continued

a garbage collector, but he lost his job due to lockdown. Before lockdown, I sold things door-to-door. One of my sons is very ill and we were not able to have a single time's meal. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Bombay, now I can feed my family.

**SUREKHA
LAXMAN
MELKUNDI, 40**

I live on the footpath with my child. I worked as a housemaid, but I lost my job in the pandemic. It was hard for us to get a single meal. When Rotary Club of Bombay started distributing the monthly ration, it was very helpful for us.

**REKHA
YANGATTA
MALLAPULE, 38**

I live with my brother. He is an alcoholic and does not have a job. Our mother died two years ago. I am blind and I used to beg outside temples. But I was ill due to the pandemic and unable to beg. Our financial condition worsened, and we could not have a single meal. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Bombay for the monthly ration which now fills our stomach.



**SHARDA
PRALLAD
DONGARE, 50**

I live with my three kids. My alcoholic husband left us a few years ago. I worked as a housemaid but lost my job in the pandemic. It was hard to eat a single time. The Rotary Club of Bombay's monthly ration distribution has been a blessing.



**DURGAVVA
SWAMI
MELKUNDI, 67**

I am blind in one eye. My two sons left me years ago. I live on footpath and beg on the street. I was very ill in the lockdown and starving as there was no one to look after me. My blessing to the Rotary Club of Bombay for the monthly ration that now fills my stomach.

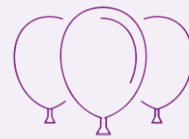


**BHAGA MANOJ
SHIVARLU, 33**

I worked as a housemaid and live with my alcoholic husband and three kids. My husband collected garbage but lost that job due to pandemic. We thank the Rotary Club of Bombay for the ration.



ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER 15

Rtn. Aditi
Shah



SEPTEMBER 17

Rtn. Ashwin
Didwania



SEPTEMBER 17

Rtn. Cyrus
Guzder



SEPTEMBER 18

Rtn. Khurshed
Poonawala



SEPTEMBER 20

Rtn. Aziz
Javeri



ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER 14

Rtn. Ptn. Arnaz Soonawalla

SEPTEMBER 15

Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Renu Raina

SEPTEMBER 18

Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Soonnu Balsara

SEPTEMBER 20

Rtn. Ptn. Chetan Daiya

SEPTEMBER 20

Rtn. Ptn. Fernaz Dotivala



“Everybody can be great.
Because anybody can serve.
You don't have to have a
college degree to serve.
You don't have to make your
subject and your verb agree
to serve. You don't have to
know the second theory of
thermodynamics in physics
to serve. You only need a
heart full of grace. A soul
generated by love.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Naveen Tahilyani,
MD & CEO, Tata AIA,
on the transformation
of Tata AIA with a focus
on the people and
team-building aspects.



**NEXT WEEK'S
SPEAKER**

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Naveen Tahilyani brings with him rich experience of over two decades in financial services — Insurance, Banking & Asset management.

His association with Tata AIA commenced in 2015 as CEO & MD of the Company where he led the organisation's transformation by turning around the vital metrics of company.

Thereafter, Naveen moved to AIA, as CEO - Group Partnership Distribution for the next one and a half years. He rejoined Tata AIA as CEO and MD in October 2020, after a brief stint at Axis Bank in a senior leadership role. Last year, under his leadership, Tata AIA became #1 in retail protection and also won the AON best Employer for the 5th time in a row.

Naveen holds an MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and a Bachelor of Technology from Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. Naveen is passionate about running, is an avid reader and loves watching and reading science and science fiction.

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