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**TODAY**  
**NAVEEN TAHILYANI,**  
**MD & CEO, TATA**  
**AIA, ON THE**  
**TRANSFORMATION**  
**OF TATA AIA WITH**  
**A FOCUS ON THE**  
**PEOPLE AND TEAM**  
**BUILDING ASPECTS.**  
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## NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



### RCB AND EXPANDING MINDS

Last week we had a meeting with the NGO Save The Children, introduced to us by our DGE Sandip Agarwalla.

Once again, we are looking at an opportunity to support children in our communities who have remained unschooled and, in many cases, forgotten.

We are hopeful that this initiative will be the beginning of a long-term programme to support and provide opportunities to children of all ages of the Vaidu community that we are presently trying to uplift.

Twelve years ago, an eager group of Rotarians inspired by PP Ramesh Narayan's vision started an initiative called Bhavishya Yaan that empowers municipal school-going children to learn English and computer and life skills. Later, we started Lighthouse for the children of Machimaar Nagar.

Our focus on giving these unserved children an opportunity to see a better life and to move out of their narrow backgrounds into a more and more expansive world will pay great dividends for the future.

We, at the Rotary Club of Bombay, recognise the challenges posed by the digital world, and propose to support a platform for education, skill development, and entrepreneurship to meet these challenges. We are creating a science and technology ecosystem for a thousand students in the rural areas, presently on a virtual format.

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## 14. LAST 09. TUESDAY'S 21. SPEAKER

### AMEERA SHAH, MANAGING DIRECTOR, METROPOLIS HEALTHCARE, SHARES THE VALUES SHE BROUGHT TO HEALTHCARE



I was blessed to have the encouragement of my parents, Dr. Sushil Shah and Dr. Duru Shah. My father was a pathologist and he founded Metropolis while my mother was a reputed gynaecologist and obstetrician. **They were unique;** while most Indian parents are protective about their children and want to bring them up under perfect circumstances, I was taught to be independent from a very young age.

I was sent to summer camps and I was away for months at a time. I travelled to Europe alone when I was 15. **My parents encouraged me to take risks, be independent and make my own decisions.** I decided which subjects to study, I chose my professors, I applied to colleges in the US, and I got a scholarship on my own. There was great support from my parents at the back-end but they almost never came to the front-end or made decisions for me.

**The values that I learnt at home were always about excellence and never about money.** The whole conversation was about how to make a positive impact on society, how to be excellent at what you do and there was never a conversation of what to buy next. When you are passionate and good at what you do, the money flows automatically. But the minute the focus is on money, the route to getting it becomes compromised.

One of the key messages that has also stayed with me is that **the power one has from one's family and business is not as much about being powerful, as it is about empowering others.** So, how can we use our power as heads of families and businesses to empower others on their journey.

**Mentoring others and helping them** has been extremely fulfilling. My platform for empowerment means, to me, helping other entrepreneurs, especially women, because it is a lonely journey. **There aren't many women entrepreneurs in the country** and, unfortunately, there are few role models.

The journey is different compared to the male entrepreneur because one is dealing with gender biases. **There are many challenges and a lot of them are internal.** So, it has been great – providing people the support, the learning, to go ahead and dream big, and then actually achieve that dream.

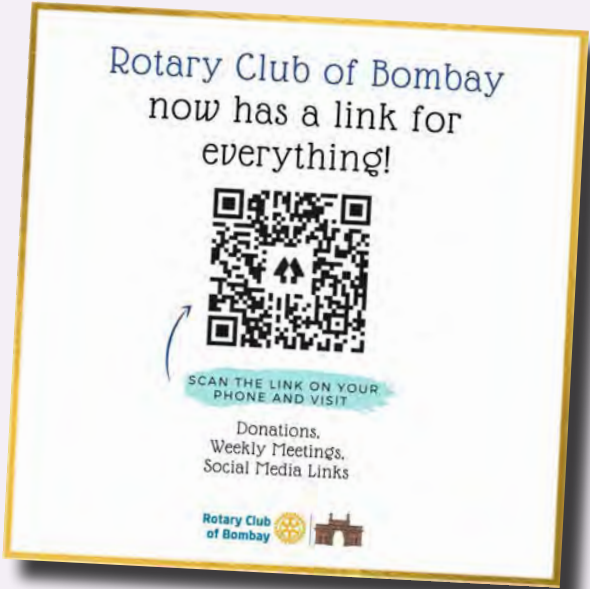
**TO WATCH AMEERA SHAH TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, [CLICK HERE](#)**

**TO READ A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF HER REVEALING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL JOURNEY, [CLICK HERE](#)**



## Did You Know?

An Honorary membership is the highest distinction a Rotary Club can confer and is exercised only in exceptional cases to recognise an individual for unusual service and contributions to Rotary and society. Honorary members cannot propose new members to the club, do not hold office and are exempt from attendance requirements and club dues.



## Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta makes headlines



Many distinguished heads of state, explorers, authors, musicians, astronauts and other public personalities have been honorary members of Rotary Clubs, including King Gustaf of Sweden, King George VI of England, King Badouin of Belgium, King Hassan III of Morocco, Sir Winston Churchill, humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, Charles Lindbergh, composer Jean Sibelius, explorer Sir Edmund Hillary, Thor Heyerdahl, Thomas Edison, Walt Disney, Bob Hope, Dr. Albert Sabin, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and many of the presidents of the United States of America. Truly, those selected for honorary membership are those who have done much to further the ideals of Rotary.

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In the past several years, we have seen so many initiatives started by so many caring organisations, that I believe our country will move out of some of the darkness we see today, into a much brighter future. Educating, inspiring, and opening up the minds of the young will be the only way to bring India to the forefront.

Whether we support by giving tablets or setting up highly sophisticated robotic laboratories (as we are presently planning today), we will be expanding minds and providing opportunities to grow.

I now realise that no initiative that we sustain and support in the field of education will ever go wasted... Just watching these young minds soak up everything that we introduce to them brings so much joy to their world and ours!

These will be the projects that we, as Rotarians, will be most proud of in the future, as they will create the most lasting difference. ~ **President Shernaz Vakil**



# – 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

DONATE SEWING MACHINES TO VILLAGERS

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# Adopt a dialysis patient



**The Rotary Club of Bombay, in association with the Rotary Club of Ghatkopar, has set up a state-of-the-art dialysis centre named Rotary Samarpan Dialysis Centre.**

The centre is equipped with 14 high-tech BBraun Haeomodialysis machines.

**We appeal to all our members to adopt a dialysis patient to be treated at this centre.**

**The cost of each dialysis cycle is Rs 900 and on an average a patient has to undergo minimum three cycles a week or 12 cycles a month.**

For an economically backward patient, this becomes truly challenging. Each cycle takes nearly four hours and the regular working-class patient's job and thus his/her earning capacity is also impacted. Such patients are unable to access treatment and succumb to this deadly, irreversible disease.

We each have a chance to give a patient a respectable life. We appeal to each and every member to donate generously by adopting a patient.

**The treatment cost for each patient would be :**

**1 week: Rs 2,700; 1 month: Rs 10,800; 3 months: Rs 32,400;  
6 months: Rs 64,800; 12 months: Rs 1,29,600**

Your generosity could save a patient's life and allow him/her to lead a normal life.

You are most welcome to visit the Centre at your convenience, for which please contact Rtn. Swati Jajodia on + 91 9821028587. Please send in your contributions by cheque favouring "Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No. 3" to the Club office.

# 1000+ tribals vaccinated in Palghar



The Rotary Club of Bombay successfully vaccinated villagers from the tribal areas of Palghar with the 1000 vaccines donated by the Prince Aly Khan Hospital, Mumbai.

The outreach programme was conducted successfully under the guidance of DGE Sandip Agarwalla and PP Vijay Jatia with the cooperation of Rtn. Dr. Avinash Sonawane, Treasurer, RC Manor Highway, PP Bhagwan Patil, RC Palghar, Charter President Shashank Thakare, RC Wada. A team from Aastha Hospital, Manor, was conducted the camps successfully in eight villages.

The following villages were covered and 1020 doses given: Netali (180), Savarkhand (107), Pargaon (105), Kude (134), Anishet (160), Gale (174), Alman (92) and Kharivali (68).

Rtn. Dr. Avinash Sonawane, Hon Treasurer, RC Manor Highway, said, "Initially reluctant to take vaccines, these tribals were convinced by the efforts of Rotarians from Manor and Wada Clubs who worked tirelessly in these tribal villages and hamlets."

Meanwhile, PP Bhagwan Patil, RC Palghar, felt strongly about expanding the outreach. He said, "The scope of the campaign needs to be expanded. With RCB's help, a thousand doses were made available to people who do not have a smartphone, cannot register online and cannot afford to pay in private."

Rtn. Shashank Thakare, Charter President, RC Wada, emphasised the urgency of the project. He said, "Vaccination drives in villages often don't get a response as the centre is far away and/ or there is a misunderstanding about vaccines. Overcoming both of these made the drive successful. For example, less than 10 people were vaccinated in Gale village before our drive, while we inoculated 174 in a day. Once again thank you to the donors, Rotarians of RC Bombay, Palghar, Manor, Wada, Aastha hospital staff and everyone who made this happen."



# Committee News

## Janmashtami at AY

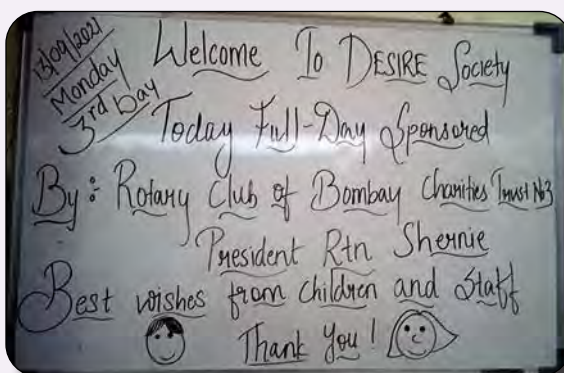


As Janmashtami vibes flowed all around last month, the Rotary Club of Bombay's Ananda Yaan, supported by Dignity Foundation, held a storytelling session on the life of Lord Krishna.

Ms. Sarita Shetty, a well-known storyteller, who has performed for Google, Hamley, Penguin India, Star India, SonyYay, TATA Cancer Hospital Bombay, etc., performed the stories. Members were seen tearing up while watching the performances.

The function included singing devotional songs like 'Achyutam Keshavam Krishna Damodar' and 'Shri Krishna Govind Hare Murari'. Rtn. Charu Agrawal sponsored snacks for the elders, ensuring that they left with both their souls and bodies nourished.

## Happy meals at Desire Society



## Storytime for Salaam Baalak

Charu also organised a session on 'the magic of storytelling' for the street children of Salaam Baalak at the Chowpatty Centre. Change a Life is an initiative by RCB which can be used to gift smiles.



Sarita told the story of a lazy boy called Jack who found himself parentless and alone on the road. Eventually, he befriended a dog, a cat, a donkey and a chicken and together they defeated a gang of thieves. The moral of the story: the success of teamwork.

Sarita kept the children's attention and deepened their involvement by using games, different sounds, and drawings. The special event was made more delightful by a kulfi and veg biryani treat.



**MODA GOA MUSEUM  
& RESEARCH CENTRE  
COLVALE, GOA, INDIA**

The museum's collection of over 800 artefacts stretches from the 7th Century AD till present date. It includes statues, objects, furniture, photographs and of course costumes, jewellery & accessories.

Casa Dona Maria, as the house was named, is an unregistered heritage house dating to the late 1500's for the ground floor to the mid 1750's to 1850's for the rest of the structure. After acquisition by the founding Trustee in 1993 (from late Olinda Braganza), various additions were made in the last 25 years keeping in mind the design and constructions techniques of the past.

The restoration being carried out at present is in line with the requirements of world class heritage conservation standards.

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DATE



**“MODA GOA”**

A CONVERSATION BETWEEN  
JEROME MARREL,  
SHREEDEVI DESHPANDE PURI  
&  
DEEPTHI SASIDHARAN

7.00 pm

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Zoom link will be sent a day prior



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## THE ROTARY CALENDAR

Several months in the annual Rotary calendar are designated to emphasise Rotary International's major programmes.



**January:** Rotary Awareness Month, a time to expand knowledge of Rotary and its activities.

**February:** World Understanding Month, chosen because it includes RI's birthday, February 23. Clubs are urged to present programmes that promote international understanding and goodwill, as well as launch World Community Service projects in other parts of the world.

**March:** World Rotaract Week is in this month, and is a time when Rotary Clubs and Districts highlight Rotaract by joining in projects with their Rotaract clubs.

**April:** Rotary's Magazine Month; Clubs arrange programmes and activities promoting the reading and use of THE ROTARIAN magazine

and the official regional magazines of Rotary.

**August:** Membership and Extension Month, a time to focus on Rotary's continuing need for growth.

**September:** Youth Activities Month. Rotary Clubs of the world emphasise Rotary-sponsored programmes that serve children and young people, including youth exchange activities.

**October:** Vocational Service Month; club highlight the importance of the business and professional life of each Rotarian. Special activities promote the vocational avenue of service.

**November:** Rotary Foundation Month, which calls attention to the TRF's programmes cultivates additional financial support for the Foundation by promoting contributions for Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members.

Each of these special months serves to elevate the awareness among Rotarians of some of the excellent programs of service which occur within the world of Rotary.

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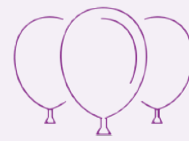
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Rtn. Shyamnivas Somani



SEPTEMBER 23  
Rtn. Mihir Mody



SEPTEMBER 24  
Rtn. Dilip Dalal



SEPTEMBER 24  
Rtn. Jamshyd Vazifdar



SEPTEMBER 26  
Rtn. Rajesh Shah



SEPTEMBER 26  
PP Dr. Zerxis Umrigar

## ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER 22

Rtn. Geetu Kirpalaney

SEPTEMBER 25

Rtn. Blossom Pinto

SEPTEMBER 26

Rtn. Arpita Gupta

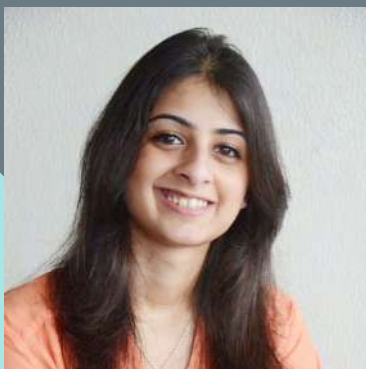
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**Alisha Mashruwala  
Daswani, CEO &  
Co-Founder, OnCourse  
Vantage Pvt. Ltd.**

**NEXT WEEK'S  
SPEAKER**



**Alisha Mashruwala Daswani** is the CEO & Co-Founder of OnCourse (Founded in 2010), an education company that assists students with their study abroad applications and test prep for undergraduate and postgraduate education. Over the past 10 years, OnCourse has worked with over 2000 clients, and now has students in top universities like Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, MIT, Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, amongst others.

Alisha graduated from Harvard University in 2011 with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Economics. She has been invited to speak at various leadership and education panels across the country.

Before starting OnCourse, at Harvard, Alisha was the captain of the Harvard squash team and a member of the Women in Business Organisation. She also represented India at the World and Asian Squash games and was a five-time junior national champion. Alisha has always believed in giving back to the community, and is now the India fundraising chair and board member of Khelshala, an NGO that focuses on sport and academics.



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