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TODAY

**ZAKIA WARDAK,
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FIRST WOMAN
CONSUL GENERAL
IN MUMBAI**

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NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



ROTARY IS ALWAYS AROUND

It's strange how Rotary is always around us!

There are signs and symbols of all the good work that is being done around the world. Yesterday in Lyon as I came out of the Notre DamedeFourviere, and onto the square, there



was a magnificent metallic reproduction of the entire city of Lyon created and presented to the city by the Rotary Club of Lyon. I couldn't miss the photo-op. Unfortunately, I missed the Rotary Club of Lyon's meeting by a day.

We may not remember often enough that we are part of a worldwide organisation that exists for only doing good in the world.

An organisation that upholds service over all else, and that has recently added environment as an area of focus.

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28. LAST
09. TUESDAY'S
21. SPEAKER

ALISHA MASHRUWALA DASWANI,
CEO AND CO-FOUNDER, ONCOURSE
VANTAGE PVT. LTD. ON EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD



I was still in college when we started OnCourse in 2010. The five founders are my husband Akhil and I, we are based in Bombay, and Nitin, Niraj and Abhishek in Delhi and Gurgaon. We have offices across the world and our focus is undergraduate, post-graduate education abroad and test-prep, primarily for SAT, ACT, G-MAT etc.

I want to talk about college applications in different countries such as the US, UK, Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong, Europe and India, to give you an overview of how these vary and differ, specifically at the under-graduate level. I'll start with the US; when you are preparing for applications to the US, a lot of what you do covers applications to other countries.

Typically, when you are applying to a US university, there are four broad categories you can apply for:

i) Liberal Arts

It is an umbrella term focussed on flexibility. That includes 100-150 subjects that you can choose from: pure sciences, physics, math, biology, computer science, environmental science. It also includes humanities-based subjects like philosophy, languages, writing, arts and social sciences – political science, economic relations, history, international relations, psychology.

People often think that Liberal

Arts is a purely humanities-based stream when, in fact, it is just a short form of Liberal Arts and Sciences which is all-encompassing.

It is structured as a four-year curriculum built on the idea that at the age of 16-17, when a student is looking to apply to a university, they might not have clarity about what they want to study. So, they have the opportunity to go to university, explore all the subject areas and then, towards the end of their first year and closer to their second year, take a more educated decision in terms of what they might want to focus on or major in.

By the end of the second year, most students declare their major or specialisation and, for the next couple of years, focus a little bit more on that. Liberal Arts is the flagship programme that is great for students who are either unsure of what they want to study or who have diverse and varied interests.

TO CATCH THE REST OF ALISHA MASHRUWALA DASWANI'S TALK ON STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD, [CLICK HERE](#)

TO READ A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF ALISHA MASHRUWALA DASWANI'S EDUCATIONAL GUIDANCE, [CLICK HERE](#)

2 million

The number of Indians Rotary has helped to vaccinate against Covid, says past RI Director Ashok Mahajan, Chairman of the Rotary India Covid Task Force, in *Rotary News*.

“Rotary is... humanity in action”

RI Director Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi (2021–23) writes in the latest issue *Rotary News*:

Peace is possible when Rotarians plan and execute projects in disease prevention, giving access to clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, protecting environment and empowering societies economically and emotionally.



Rotary is nothing but humanity in action. Peace building is an inbuilt ingredient of all our actions and deeds. However,

in today’s challenging environment, we need to focus more and put peace efforts at the heart of all our activities. Each action must be reviewed and re-designed to include peace. Our ultimate goal should be a peaceful and conflict-less society.



DID YOU KNOW?

There are 59 Rotary clubs with the word “Tokyo” in their club names. The first Rotary Club in Japan grew out of a meeting, in the United States, between two Japanese businessmen, Kisaji Fukushima and Umekichi Yoneyama.

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Rotarians understand that the whole world is their backyard. They can see the effects of climate change in communities they care about, and they haven’t waited to act. They’re tackling the problem the way they always do – coming up with projects.

Projects like educating the girl child indirectly reduces population and helps the environment whilst introducing regenerative agriculture and solar power and encouraging tropical forests are all projects that support the environment and are being taken up worldwide.

At our own Club environment has taken front stage as we prioritise the development of rural villages through pivoting solar power and regenerative agriculture. We have taken up the establishment of Miyawaki forests in urban areas. This year we will also focus on educating the girl child.

Rotary, with its worldwide initiatives and growing influence, will lead the way in supporting the environment.



– CHANGE – *a life* – TODAY –

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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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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 Haemodialysis 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.

Empowering Vaidu women with literacy



An Adult Literacy Project was begun on October 1st, 2021, for the Vaidu women of Jogeshwari and Marol with education partners TCS. This project is a dream nourished by President Shernaz Vakil to support and uplift the Vaidu community.

We thank Rtn. Pankaj Baliga for fostering the arrangement with TCS. The Adult Literacy Programme was initiated by F.C. Kohli in 2000. It has had: 1 million+ beneficiaries (10,70,618) since inception, 49% SC/ST beneficiaries, 84 % female beneficiaries, and 71500+ prison inmates (male, female both).



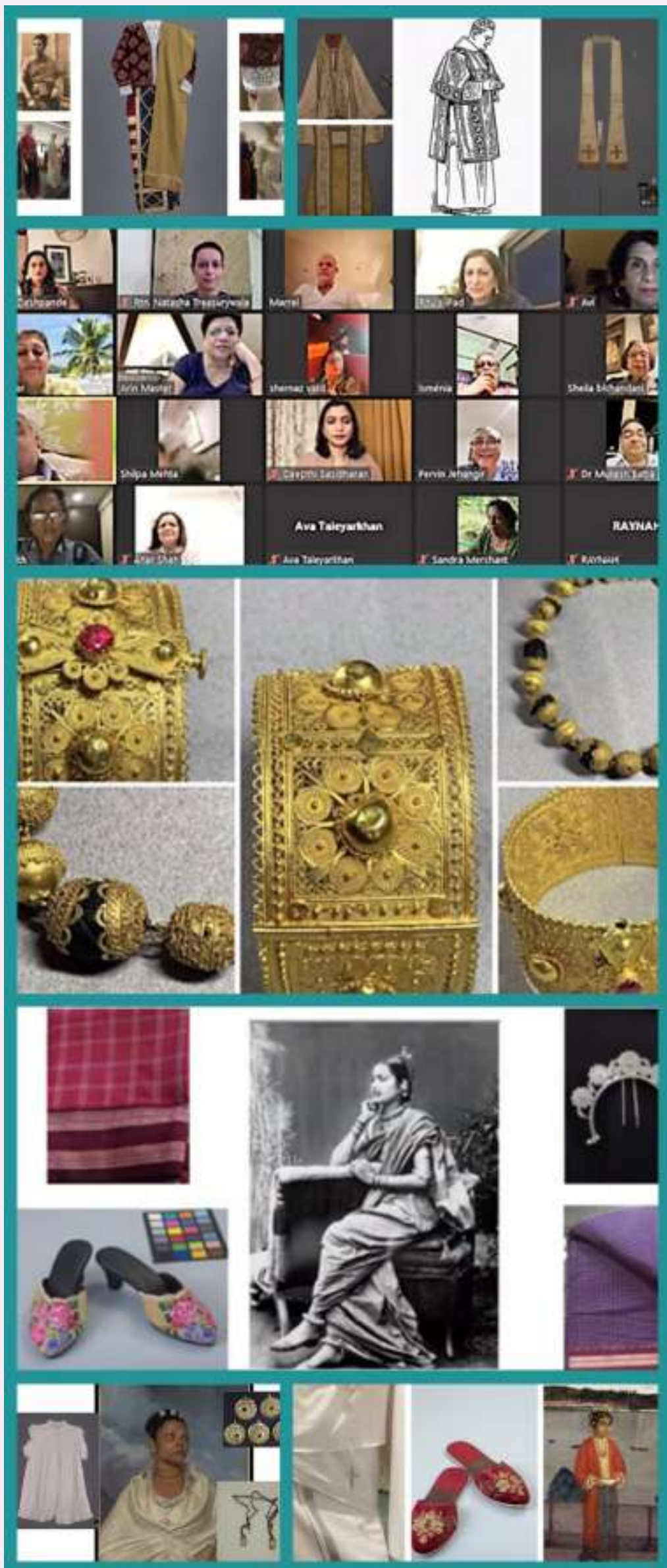
The TCS team trained our project teachers and volunteers over three days. We thank Kishan Gopal (ALP Programme, TCS, CSR), Sagar Dutta (regional head), and Aayushi Jauhari (regional head) for the training. **Our teachers now know how to take classes and make the women comfortable**, plus they have resource material. TCS will take periodic meetings to monitor the progress and give further guidance.



Our students, Vaidu women, are nomadic tribals who shy from literacy programmes which they find intimidating. RCB will bring them dignity through this intervention. **Teachers and volunteers worked very hard to mobilise the women into attending.**

They were told how education is important for everyone, how being literate will make them more powerful and help them manage their families better. The women were happy that they would be able to write their names and signatures and that soon **they will no longer require assistance to fill forms at banks, society offices, or in their kids' schools.**

In a Goa frame of mind



RCB's Fellowship and In-Camera Committee held its first In-Camera event for the current Rotary year on September 29th, 2021. The topic was **"Moda Goa" - a fascinating insight into the late Wendell Rodricks' dream project**, the Moda Goa Museum and Research Centre.

Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai introduced the speakers, Jerome Marrel (Wendell Rodricks' partner and administrator, Moda Goa Foundation), Shreedevi Deshpande (trustee, Moda Goa Foundation) and Deepthi Sasidharan (art consultant and curator). They are part of a team that has been working dedicatedly for the past few years to bring Wendell's dream to life. They shared their experiences in setting up **Moda Goa, a legacy of great culture and kaleidoscopic diversity**.

The audio visual presentation gave members glimpses of a fabulous collection of Goan jewellery and garments. The museum, which is due to open in March 2022, has **over 800 artefacts that stretch from the 7th century AD till modern times**. It includes statues, objects, furniture, photographs and, of course, costumes, jewellery and accessories.

Members appreciated the programme and expressed their keenness to visit Moda Goa once it opens.

PRESIDENT SHERNAZ AND FIROZE VAKIL

INVITE YOU TO

Diwali Nite

ON FRIDAY, 29TH OCTOBER, 2021
FROM 7 PM - 10 PM

AT THE MINI-CLUB HOUSE LAWNS, RACE COURSE,
RWITC, MAHALAXMI

HOSTS:

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Sanjay Agarwal
Sandip Agarwalla
Abhinav Aggarwal
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Siddharth Bhimrajka
Madhusudan Daga
Nandan Damani

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Ashok Jatia
Vijay Jatia
Swati Jajodia
Vineet Kedia
Manoj Patodia
Priyasri Patodia
Abhishek Saraf

Due to COVID restrictions:

- Maximum 125 registrations on a first come first served basis.
- We will have to vacate the venue at 10 pm.

RSVP via phone or WhatsApp to Rashmi +91 97691 40141.

Rotary District 3141 offers Mediation

Our Rotary District 3141 has, for the first time, launched **a Mediation Programme as part of Vocational Service, led by experienced Rotary professionals including advocates and chartered accountants.** Our thanks to DG Rajendra Aggarwal for his approval and encouragement and PDG Raju Subramanian for being our advisor. The names of the Rotary Mediation Committee are available in the District Directory of R.Y. 2021-22.

Mediation is a preferred Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism practiced worldwide. It is useful in resolving disputes whether between big or small companies, family businesses, friends and/ or family members, etc. It is a structured, voluntary, and interactive negotiation process where a neutral third-party uses specialised communication and negotiation techniques to help the disputing parties fulfill their stated objectives.

The role of the Mediator is to assist participants who have some measure of disagreement to reach sufficient degree of agreement. The Mediator's ultimate role is to do anything and everything necessary to assist parties to reach an agreement. He/She plays the role of: educator, communication facilitator, translator, questioner and clarifier, process advisor.

Mediation is a better, speedier and more lucrative alternative to the court system. Greater degree of control is vested with

parties themselves and results in the settling of related and connected issues and disputes. It is less expensive when contrasted against the expense of litigation. It is speedy and efficient. Mediation often provides a more timely way of resolving disputes. And, it remains strictly confidential between the parties involved and the Mediator.

The Mediation Programme's aim, besides being good for the community in general, is to help District 3141 in revenue generation for The Rotary Foundation. About 75% of the Mediation Fee collected will be given to the TRF.

Every assignment will be conducted on the basis of The Rotary Four Way Test. The Mediation Committee will appoint qualified Rotarian professionals (Advocate/CA) from various Rotary Clubs on the basis of seniority / experience, area of practice and experience, geographical location / office setup with availability of conference room, availability of time, success rate of person interested to be Mediator, number of pendency matters.

We request Rotarians to suggest to their friends, relatives, and business associates to refer their disputes to the Rotary Mediation Committee instead of going to court so that their disputes can be settled by Mediation speedily and with far less expense.

RTN. RAMESH SAHAJWANI, AVENUE CHAIR, MEDIATION COMMITTEE



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Dalal



OCTOBER 7
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Daiya



OCTOBER 8
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Prakash Desai



OCTOBER 8
Rtn. Gautam
Doshi



OCTOBER 8
PP Vijay
Jatia



OCTOBER 8
Rtn. Poonam
Lalvani



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Mahindra



OCTOBER 9
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Sampat



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Shikari



OCTOBER 11
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Katgara



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OCTOBER 7: Rtn. Ptn. Niloufer Vakil

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OCTOBER 9: Rtn. Ptn. Meher Poonawala

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OCTOBER 10: Rtn. Ptn. Faryal Katgara

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**Padmashree
Dr. S. Natarajan,
Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital,
on retinal detachment**


NEXT WEEK'S
SPEAKER

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Padmashree Dr. S. Natarajan, Aditya Jyot Eye Hospital, has performed over 60,000 vitreous and retinal surgeries. He has performed more than 200 complicated VR surgeries on pellet injury patients and, in 2½ days, performed a record continuous 47 VR surgeries. The Government of Jammu and Kashmir has bestowed a State Award upon him for his meritorious public service. There are multiple articles on his service to the ocular trauma victims in Kashmir in the international media including *The New York Times*.

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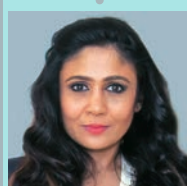
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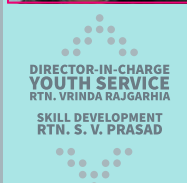
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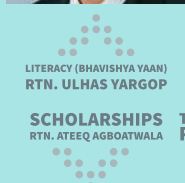
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