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TODAY

**AJAY SHARMA,
DIRECTOR, SHREE
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AYURVED BHAWAN
PVT LTD.**

**ON ZOOM AT
1.45 PM**

**MEETING ID:
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NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



RCB CELEBRATES DIWALI

Friday night was very special. All our members were in high spirits (notwithstanding the premium liquor that flowed), joyful at meeting each other after close to two years.

It was a lovely, cool night and the bright and cheerful atmosphere added to the bonhomie amongst the members present.

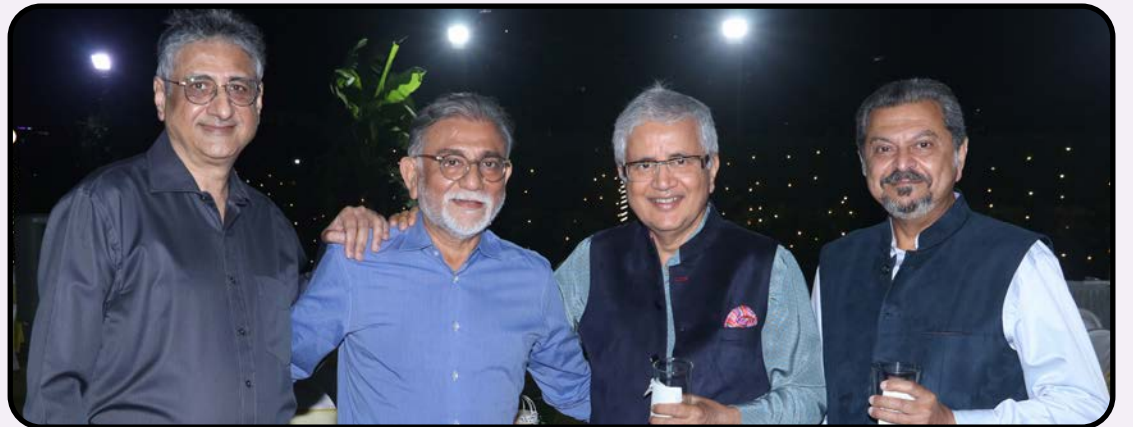
Everyone I met said just one thing: Thank you for opening up, we needed this happy break. And what better time than the auspicious occasion of Diwali!

Thanks to Rtn. Ptn. Gauri & PP Vijay Jatia, and Rtn. Ptn. Malini & DGE Sandip Agarwalla for all their effort in making the evening such a success! Thanks, too, to the generous hosts who came forward so willingly to give our members a wonderful start to the festival season.

Meanwhile, at a completely different venue and time, our Club was able to bring some joy and happiness to a small group of children with cancer who struggled to stay positive whilst going through a tedious recovery.

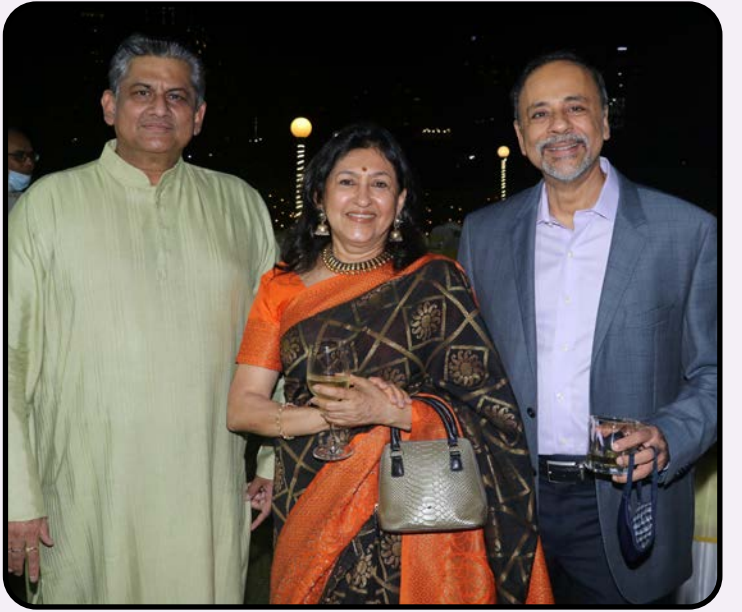
The pain in their eyes momentarily vanished as they sang their way through the morning, valiantly flashing a smile as they acknowledged our presence.

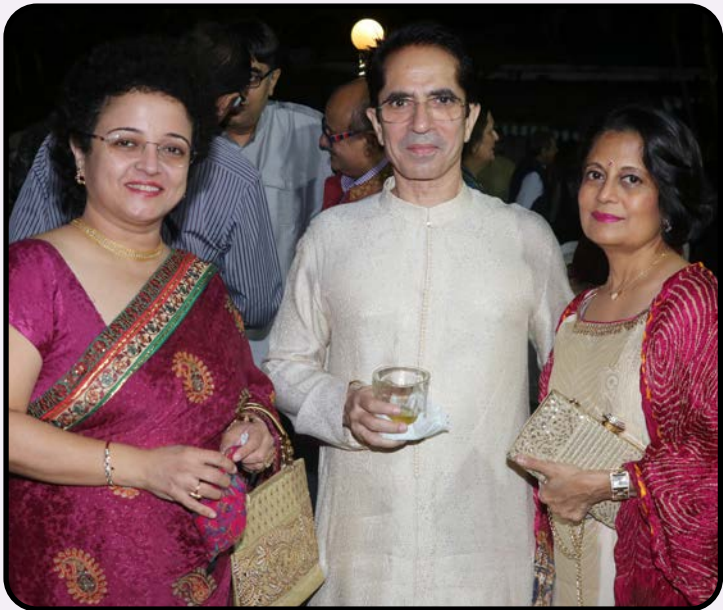
May the Festival of Lights bring joy to those alone and in pain and may we continue to support those in our community that need us, as we revel in our own fellowships. ~ *President Shernaz Vakil*

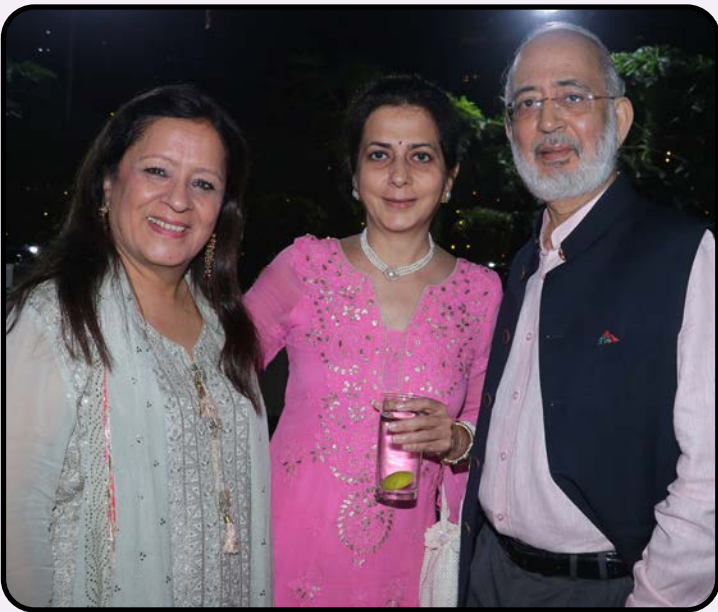


Stars twinkle for RCB's Diwali Fellowship











Committee News

On October 26th, 2021, the Cancer Aid Committee had a Diwali party for the children being treated at the Tata Memorial Hospital.

The musician Dwayne Gamree not only entertained the children with fun upbeat songs that they knew but also made them sing and perform an African song along with him that they enthusiastically followed. Clearly language is no barrier where music is concerned.

Dharmesh Pande, a magician and ventriloquist, had the children awestruck and then in splits. Lunch and medical therapy had to be postponed by 30 minutes since they were so reluctant to leave.

President Shernaz Vakil and Director Arin Master were also there and met the hardworking staff as well as interacted with the children as we distributed gifts along with Milton tiffin boxes, that were generously donated by Rtn. Madhup Vaghani.

It was such a humbling experience to see children fighting for their lives still so happy and jovial and enthusiastic about enjoying each moment. Clearly a huge credit to the staff and their parents' love.



“Man has
affinity for his
fellowman,
regardless
of race,
creed, or
politics, and
the greater
the variety,
the more
the zest. All
friendliness
needs is a
sporting
chance; it will
take care of
itself in any
company.”

— A Road
I Have
Travelled,
The Rotarian,
February
1934



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26. LAST
10. TUESDAY'S
21. SPEAKER

UMANG BEDI, CO-FOUNDER, VERSE
INNOVATION (DAILYHUNT & JOSH APPS),
ON PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
JOURNEYS



I was an accidental CEO. I started my career with Sun Microsystems Inc. and spent seven years as an engineer, grading products. At 27, by mistake, I became the CEO of a company called Intuit. If you have friends and family in the US, you may have heard of it – it was a household name, and I led its business around the globe. I spent four years doing that and another six running Adobe. Then I spent two years with Facebook as their CEO in India and South Asia regions.

I probably had the best tech job in the country but when I looked at myself, But I didn't like the person I had become. I realised what was truly important in relationships and family was being there for important occasions, spending time and doing things I loved. So I resigned the day after I turned 40. I spent the next three months handing over and focussed my entire attention on my entrepreneurial journey. It was hard.

If you have been a corporate junky all your life, and you have all that stock and none of the tensions of worrying about how you are going to pay your bills or your employees because you are working in such large establishments, it is hard to walk away. But I decided to go through this journey of transforming myself.

Getting healthy, sleeping well, eating healthy, exercising, coming down to the 77 kilos that I am on now, focussing on spending time with the people I love which is my family and my wife, friends and doing my annual trek to Mt. Everest base camp. Along the way, self-

discipline kicks in as you get on to the entrepreneurial journey. **It is just such a relief to be away from corporate bureaucracy.**

When you are CEO of a multi-national in a region, you aren't innovating and creating the products; that happens back in at headquarters. Instead, you are dealing with the market and speaking to the government which is not fun. So, **I think I was bold enough to just kill things from my past** which I felt had a lot of *dikhava* (show) from the outside but was not giving me inner happiness. I feel and look like a different person, and hopefully you will see that transformation from 140 to the 77-odd kilos where I am today.

In terms of the business, here is our story. Post-Jio, the basic necessities of humanity – *roti, kapda*, and *makaan* were transformed to *roti, kapda, makaan aur mobile*. In that, we saw that the internet consists of haves and have-nots. Our belief is that **the internet will reach all billion people and 800 million of them will be local language users eventually.** They are going to consume content whether it is news, entertainment, local information in local languages. So, our belief was to own the mind share, the time share and the revenue share of the local language audiences across a family of applications that serve very distinct usages across a large audience.

TO WATCH UMANG BEDI TALK ABOUT THE REST OF HIS JOURNEY, [CLICK HERE](#)

TO READ A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF UMANG BEDI'S TALK, [CLICK HERE](#)

Committee News

Ananda Yaan Art and Craft: Resource person Mani Mulla taught the elders at our Ananda Yaan's Byculla centre how to use waste plastic bottles as planters and their caps to close open plastic bags.



Birthday celebration: Rtn. Kirit Kamdar arranged lunch for AY elders of our centre at Dr. E. Moses Road, on his birthday. On October 27th, 2021, the senior citizens cut a cake on Kirit's behalf and feasted on a delicious lunch organised with the help of Dignity Foundation and Coordinator Dilip Chauhan.

Nuts about laddoos: At the same centre, RCB hosted a nutritional demonstration on date-and-nut laddoos for its seniors on October 27th, 2021. The contents of these laddoos makes them high in fibre and promotes brain health. They are natural sweeteners that are available, affordable and easy to add to one's diet. They are a good source of protein, healthy fats, fibres, vitamins, and minerals. Members got the recipe as well as a live demo.

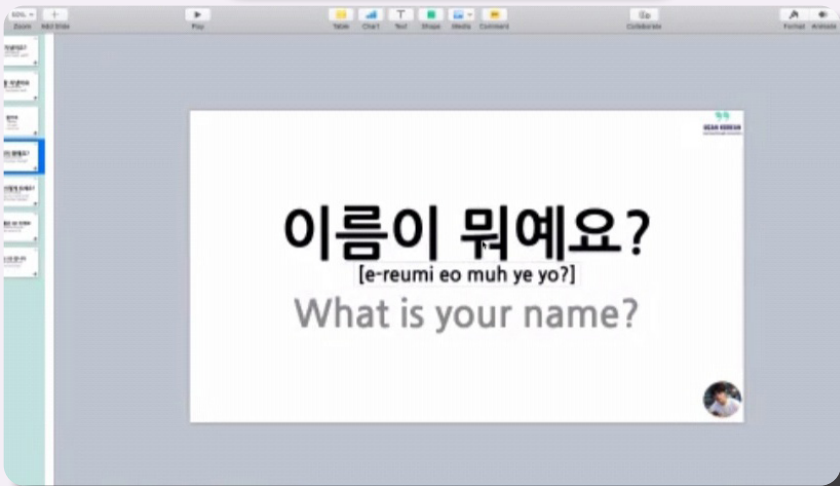
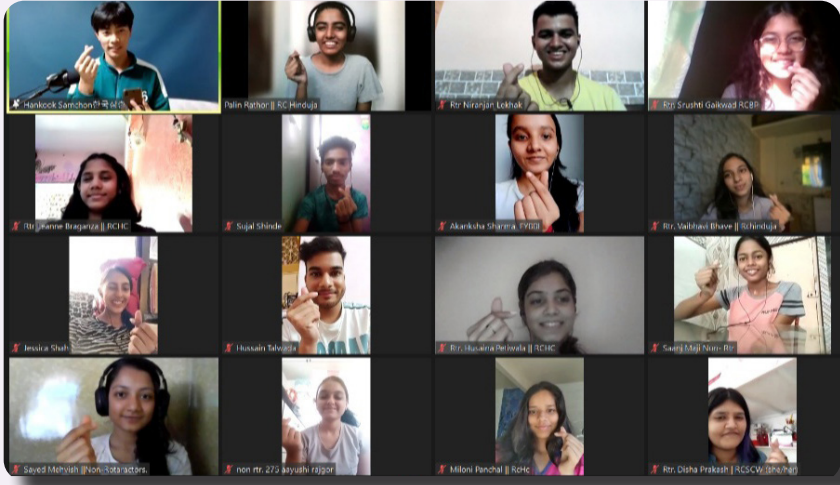


The Child Welfare Committee thanks the Madhu Mehta Foundation for gifting bumper Diwali hampers to our 125 children. Each goodie bag contained 15 surprise items that lit up the kids' faces.

While 79 bags full of gifts were given to the Lighthouse students of the Machchimaar community, 46 were presented to the street children of the Salaam Baalak Trust supported by RCB.



Rotaract Chronicles



An introduction to Korean: The Professional Development team of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College organised an online webinar on the basics of Korean language on October 24th, 2021.

Speaker Hyunu Park is an experienced Korean language tutor from South Korea and a well-known content creator with 6k+ followers on his Instagram page 'ucankorean'.

Hyunu spoke about 'Hangul: The writing system of Korean Language' and taught Rotaractors a few Korean expressions. The speaker and attendees shared their enthusiasm for each other's cultures. This was followed by a pictorial quiz and a fun activity on a WhatsApp group where participants could learn new Korean words.

The event was a success with a cultural exchange between Hyunu and over 60 participants.




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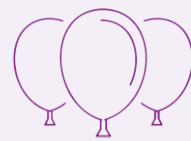


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Katgara



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Rtn. Madhup
Vaghani



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Daruvala



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Somani



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Bhansali



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PP Dr. Sonya
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Sheth



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Kejriwal

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NOVEMBER 7: Rtn. Ptn. Nayna Chinai

NOVEMBER 8: Rtn. Ptn. Sam Variava

RCB'S FIRST HYBRID MEETING BOTH ONLINE AND OFFLINE

9TH

NOVEMBER,

2021

1 PM AT TAJ

MAHAL

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& 1.45 PM

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**Ajay Sharma, Director,
Shree Baidyanath Ayurved
Bhawan Pvt Ltd.**



NEXT WEEK'S
SPEAKER

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Ajay Sharma is the Director and a third-generation promoter of Shree Baidyanath Ayurveda Bhawan Pvt. Ltd. He has played a key role in enabling it to cross its 100-year milestone. Recipient of the “Nagarjuna Award”, the highest award in Ayurveda, which was felicitated upon him by the Hon’ble Vice President of India, Sh. Bhairon Singh in the year 2005, he has also received the “Super Brand” award for Baidyanath Chyawanprash, the flagship brand in the Baidyanath portfolio. His formal education spans St Joseph’s Convent, Allahabad, Mayo College, Ajmer, University of Allahabad, and SP Jain Mumbai. His book “How to Thrive in a Family Business” was published by Penguin Random House this year.

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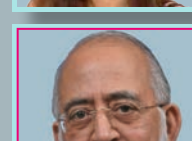
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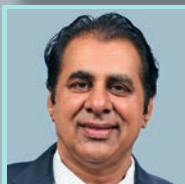
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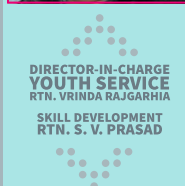
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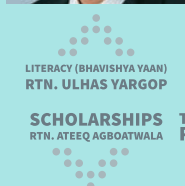
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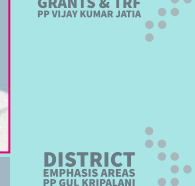
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