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**TODAY  
ONLINE  
MEETING**

**DR. SHASHI  
THAROOR**

**ON ZOOM AT 7 PM**

**MEETING ID: 945 775 3280**

**PASSCODE: RCBMEETING**

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



## SEEING IS BELIEVING

It was 2 am. Chinchutara chinchutara kept spinning in my head!

I could hardly contain the anticipation of actually visiting the communities we had agreed to support a mere five months back.

Could the project have been completed so quickly and could we have really made that difference we were hoping for?

As we roller-coastered across the Sahyadri hills towards Vaitarna, the waterbody that feeds our city of Mumbai, we understood how the poor, surrounding villages were banned from directly using the water.

How they were made to climb down several kilometres, from their villages on top, to repeatedly fill their pots during the day.

How, in their abysmal lives, they were denied the basic necessities of water and light.

And then we saw the actual difference we had made... Huge solar panels had been set up close to the water source from where pumps were inserted in the water to pull up and fill the large tanks of pipelines that traversed miles to reach the tanks set up in the village.

Houds were built and filled, and the villagers could fill their pots just outside their homes.

Chinchutara, then Dandwal and Nilmati, forgotten villages in Mokhada - we visited each and saw the massive solar panels, pumps, tanks and houds and were convinced that the project was well conceived and completed.

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# RCB'S INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



But it was not until we met and heard the stories of the villagers, the farmers and the ladies who now had water and light from the solar power we had generated, that we were convinced we had made an impact!

An impact so great that their lives were transformed; they could now make a livelihood from farming different remunerative crops, their wives did not have to spend all day fetching water and their children had classrooms powered by solar lamps and even a television!

And, as the children performed for us joyfully, delighted when Ramesh pulled out his bag of goodies, we Rotarians felt the happiness that can only come from having made that difference to over 2000 people!

We met them all, drank hot cups of tea from the filtered water that came out of Skyjuice ultrafiltration units and witnessed the happiness that RCB had brought to these communities through the collaboration of many partners.  
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We have seen the impact and felt the blessings of a grateful community.



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**ATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PI**

**CHINCHUTARA**

**\* Supported By \***

**SUMITOMO CHEMICAL INDIA**

**\* Executed By \***

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A woman is sitting on the ground, cooking over a small, black, solar-powered stove. She is wearing a blue and white striped sari. The stove is placed on a small, black, rectangular base. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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## 26. LAST 11. TUESDAY'S 21. SPEAKER

**DR. HOWARD GEE, PRINCIPAL OF DSB  
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, MUMBAI, INDIA,  
ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN INDIA**



We are in a country that has had a culture of organising large-scale education for a long time. Nalanda University, which I was fortunate to visit a couple of years ago, is at least 1600 years old. So, **education is not a new concept here but perhaps we are thinking of its relevance in modern day.** So, India is a fascinating country and a good place to be talking about education.

About 18% of world's population lives in this country; despite that, we tend to think highly of international education. IB schools are high end and yet there are 185 IB schools in this country and that number is growing daily. It represents 8% of the population; India has already embraced international education. 400 Cambridge schools are functional in India, so international education alive and kicking.

When we look at the roots of ISC, CBSE, and even some state boards, the paradigm of education has a lot to do with colonial heritage. One of the things is **the International Baccalaureate started out as a western concept of education but if you look at IB in India, it has been localised somewhat,** rather like Chinese food, sometimes good and sometimes bad. I love manchow soup, so I am not complaining.

When I talk about international education as an opportunity or area of interest, Mark Tully, BBC correspondent, identifies **the biggest problem with India – lack of education in Hindi.** The aspirant class in India choose English education; we understand

why because we understand the international value of English, but the simple fact is that in terms of developing complex concepts required to understand the different subjects from art to literature to science and math, it is causing a problem if the subjects are being delivered to children who are not capable of using the English language by teachers who are almost not certain of providing the quality of instructions required together concepts across.

So, when you talk about international education and when we talk about what I do, I value. I think it is important to talk about the energy that is aiming at people like yourselves who are comfortable with facilities like English, and **this is not a solution for a larger number of people in this country who will be much better being educated in vernacular languages and not being forced to learn English** by teachers who can't speak English well enough to teach them. So, in south Mumbai, fortunately I have no difficulty in finding teachers who are excellent in English.

**The end-product is not at the end of the exams,** the end-product is the young person that goes out in the world, equipped with most of the opportunities that they get, and is useful to give something valuable back...

**TO WATCH THE REST OF DR. HOWARD GEE'S INSIGHTS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, [CLICK HERE](#)**

**TO READ A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF DR. HOWARD GEE'S TALK, [CLICK HERE](#)**





TUESDAYS  
WITH  
RCB





# Committee News

<b>Week 13</b> <i>Sight words and -at family words</i> 1. their 2. if 3. will 4. up 5. cut 6. nut 7. hut 8. shut	<b>Week 16</b> <i>Sight words and -uck family words</i> 1. some 2. her 3. would 4. make 5. duck 6. luck 7. suck 8. stuck	<b>Week 19</b> <i>Sight words and -in family words</i> 1. write 2. go 3. see 4. number 5. men 6. hen 7. pen 8. ten	<b>Week 22</b> <i>Sight words and short "i" pattern words</i> 1. been 2. called 3. who 4. oil 5. win 6. lip 7. kid 8. ship
<b>Week 14</b> <i>Sight words and -ug family words</i> 1. other 2. about 3. out 4. many 5. bug 6. hug 7. rug 8. mug	<b>Week 17</b> <i>Sight words and -it family words</i> 1. like 2. him 3. into 4. time 5. pet 6. get 7. wet 8. let	<b>Week 20</b> <i>Sight words and -all family words</i> 1. no 2. bell 3. could 4. people 5. tell 6. fell 7. sell 8. well	<b>Week 23</b> <i>Sight words and short "o" pattern words</i> 1. dog 2. now 3. find 4. long 5. mom 6. fox 7. chop 8. shop
<b>Week 15</b> <i>Sight words and -un family words</i> 1. then 2. them 3. these 4. so	<b>Week 18</b> <i>Sight words and -ed family words</i> 1. has 2. look 3. two 4. more	<b>Week 21</b> <i>Sight words and short "e" pattern words</i> 1. my 2. ant 3. first 4. water	<b>Week 24</b> <i>Sight words and short "u" pattern words</i> 1. down 2. day 3. did 4. set

English literacy classes for the Mothers' Programme at Lighthouse continue to be conducted weekly. This is an online initiative to enable mothers engage better with what their children learn. It also makes them more confident when dealing with their child's school.

Over the months, we have noticed a change in the attitude of the mothers. They are gradually beginning to show more interest in class activities and are making an effort to adjust their household chores around class timings. Gone is the shyness and hesitancy evident in the first few classes. Our mothers are now more confident, forthcoming and eager to share their views and opinions. They have also understood the rules of the classroom and patiently await their turn to speak.



The Child Welfare Committee of RCB organised an educational field trip for a few street children of Salaam Baalak on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They spent their Sunday morning attending the Children's World Music Festival at CSMVS museum. The children were exposed to the ancient throat singing by Huun Huur Tu from the distant land of Tuva in collaboration with Indian Percussionists.

Their music includes throat singing, in which the singers sing both a note and its overtones, thus producing two or three notes simultaneously. The overtone may sound like a flute, whistle, or bird, but is solely a product of the human voice.

This was an international experience for these children. RCB thanks the team from CSMVS for giving such an opportunity to the under-served. A special thank you to Ms. Krutika for always finding space in their programmes for children supported by RCB.



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*President Rtn. Shernaz Vakil  
and  
The Fellowship Committee  
of the  
Rotary Club of Bombay  
request your presence  
at the Club's annual  
CHRISTMAS PARTY*

*The Cabbage Patch  
The Willingdon Sports Club*

*Friday, December 17, 2021*

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*at the earliest*



# Rotaract Chronicles



## RCHR SHINES A LIGHT ON VILLAGES

Two days, six villages, 30 RCHRights, over 200 villagers and uncountable memories. We, at the Rotaract Club of HR College (RCHR), undertook our first village visit of the 36<sup>th</sup> year under our project Aashyein - Adopt a Village. The objective of the trip was to inspect one village that requires the building of a well, inaugurate two wells made in the 35<sup>th</sup> year and light up two villages with solar powered lights.

The trip took place over November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The group consisted of six directors, the Aashyein core committee of five members, a handful of senior members and junior members all set to experience what Aashyein is all about.

The first stop was at the village of Khandarmal, a small hamlet in central Maharashtra with 122 residents. This village was experiencing a water crisis that made everyday living a challenge.

The crisis forced made to purchase water tanks which cost them Rs 1700 and lasted only about three days, making it unfeasible. A neighbouring village allowed access to their potable water through a makeshift tank but on the condition that it was used for drinking. If used for irrigation or any other activity, the supply would be cut off. The village, although untouched by Covid, was thus heavily impacted on the economic front. The only two occupations the villagers had were farming and labour; with a water shortage on one side and lockdown restrictions on the other, this village and its residents had no way out. Some depended on cattle rearing but because of the absence of any streetlights, the cattle were prey to tiger and leopard attacks.

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# Rotaract Chronicles



## PROJECT AASHYEIN HEADS TO RURAL INDIA

Out of all the villagers, there was only one member who was a graduate. He went by the name of Nitin and studied at three different institutions to complete his graduation. His education came at a subsidised rate, but it came at the cost of him having to always be on the move, switching institutions.

Later in the evening, we visited the villages of Dholdara and Shendewadi in the village of Jambut. By the time we arrived, it was already late at night and because the village did not have access to electricity there was zero visibility. Despite the pitch-black surroundings, the residents navigate around the village easily, using the star lit sky.

The Aashyein team had arranged for solar-powered lights in association with Litres of Light, an organisation focused on creating a sustainable environment. Members divided themselves into pairs and personally went to houses and installed lights. The villagers were taught and instructed on how to use and maintain the light and how it uses solar energy to power itself.

We only realise the value of things until they are not around; this trip was a humbling experience for the HR students because the idea of being able to live in such conditions was simply unfathomable. As the day came to an end, they were exhausted but the blessings and smiles they received made every second worth it.

Team Aashyein headed to their point-of-contact Rajaramji's residence for the night.

[TO READ WHAT HAPPENED THE NEXT DAY, CLICK HERE.](#)



# Rotaract Chronicles



The Rotaract Club of ISME celebrated '55 Wala Bachpan', a Children's Day event at Ananda Yaan (an activity centre of RCB in association with Dignity Foundation), with approximately 70 middle-aged women.

The event began by addressing the ladies as students and introducing the team that would be interacting with them. Bollywood film Sholay was used as a theme, as the members remembered it fondly from their childhood years. Games, skits and a creative activity formed the body of the function with a lively dance to retro hits that brought an end to the celebration.

RCISME shared that it was a delight to celebrate the "55 Wala Bachpan" of our sweet ladies of Ananda Yaan.



The Rotaract Club of Sydenham College (RCSC) has a new event named 'Let's Eco brick'. Eco bricks is a plastic packed bottle with used plastic to set density to create a reusable building block. It can be used to create modular items, furniture, garden walls and other structures. Meaning, your leftover plastic is going into creating something new rather than going into landfills and eventually into oceans.

Where do eco-bricks go?

Here, at RCSC, we are collecting these bricks to create a shed for animals, for creating furniture, a wall and a fence depending on the number of bricks collected.

Ecobricks are a sustainable way to reuse non-biodegradable plastic waste. Hence, it keeps the plastic out of the ecosystem preventing the contamination of the environment.

RCSC has taken the initiative to make a shed for animals, small furniture, garden fence and other structures, based on the number of eco bricks received.

[To know more you can watch the video HERE](#)

[If you want to participate by making the eco brick fill the registration form HERE and someone will soon contact you about it.](#)



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## RTN. JAYMIN JHAVERI, CEO, KARSANDAS LAKHMAN JHAVERI

We are into jewellery retail; we have a store at Zaveri Bazaar. We manufacture and deal in gold, diamond, and precious stone jewellery. We also buy old gold, diamonds and coloured stones.

Rotary has been a very fulfilling journey so far. Being part of Rotary has helped me give back to society and also meet and interact with amazing people.

I was an Interactor in my school days. My father was a Rotarian, and he would always talk to me about how he learned something new and interesting through the weekly meetings. He insisted I become a member, and I am glad he did.

I am married to Meghal Jhaveri and we have a beautiful daughter Samaira. I love travelling, adventure, long drives, playing football and music.

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# ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



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DECEMBER 1  
PP Nandan  
Damani



DECEMBER 2  
Rtn. Dr. Sharukh  
Golwalla



DECEMBER 3  
Rtn. Rahil  
Shah



DECEMBER 5  
Rtn. Zulfiquar  
Memon



DECEMBER 6  
Rtn. Mahesh  
Khubchandani

## ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 30: Rtn. Ptn. Kashmira Dalal

DECEMBER 1: Rtn. Ptn. Renu Chokhani

DECEMBER 2: Rtn. Ptn. Malini Agarwalla

DECEMBER 2: Rtn. Ptn. Ayesha Soonawalla

DECEMBER 5: Rtn. Ptn. Prerna Jain

DECEMBER 6: Rtn. Ptn. Meenakshi Kumar

## ANNIVERSARIES

NOVEMBER 30: Rtn. Ptn. Anita & Rtn. Bansal Satyanarayan

NOVEMBER 30: Rtn. Ptn. Priyanka & Rtn. Mudit Jatia

NOVEMBER 30: Rtn. Ptn. Meher & Rtn. Khurshed Poonawala

DECEMBER 1: Rtn. Ptn. Arnaz & Rtn. Dr. Phiroze Soonawalla

DECEMBER 2: Rtn. Ptn. Vasudha & Rtn. Abhin Alimchandani

DECEMBER 4: Rtn. Ptn. Nandita & Rtn. Manoj Patodia

DECEMBER 5: Rtn. Ptn. Neha & Rtn. Jotwani Prakash

DECEMBER 5: Rtn. Ptn. Percy & Rtn. Arin Master

DECEMBER 5: Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Papa Rao & Rtn. Rajyalakshmi Rao Meka

DECEMBER 6: Rtn. Ptn. Rachita & Rishi Dalal

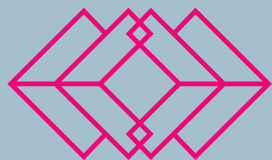
DECEMBER 6: Rtn. Ptn. Susmita & Rtn. Subrata Kumar Mitra



**DURGA MALLU GUDILU,**  
**SOCIAL ACTIVIST,**  
**VAIDU COMMUNITY**  
RECIPIENT OF THE UMA JAIN  
**YOUNG ACHIEVER**  
**AWARD (UJYA) FOR**  
ROTARY YEAR (RY) 2021-22



**INDIAN EQUESTRIAN**  
**IMTIAZ ANEES,**  
TRAINER, EDUCATOR,  
**COMPETITOR,**  
AND A QUALIFIED  
**EQUESTRIAN**

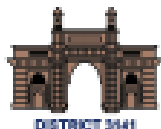


**7TH**  
DECEMBER,  
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**1.15**  
**PM**

## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKERS

**AT C.K. NAIDU HALL**

**Rotary Club**  
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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKERS

**Durga Mallu Gudilu, Recipient of the Uma Jain Young Achiever award (UJYA) for Rotary Year (RY) 2021-22,** is a founder member of Anum Foundation that works for the nomadic, tribal, Vaidu community, of which she is a leader. Anum has been a certified NGO since 2013 and has been working with nomadic people for last nine years on issues of education, health, environment, and employment.

Durga was born and brought up in a slum area called Sanjay Nagar, in Jogeshwari East, Mumbai. As her family's financial condition of her family was not good, she begged for money, searched in garbage bins for food and worked on construction sites as daily labour through her growing up years.

However, Durga is a great example of the difference a single person can make. She turned her life around and has been instrumental in many social changes in her community: the abolition of child marriage and compulsory religious rituals; education of Vaidu children in 18 areas across Solapur, Nashik and Mumbai; financial empowerment of women through a small-scale enterprise, extensive Covid relief activities across Mumbai, and nutritious mid-day meals to children.

**Imtiaz Anees** is an Indian equestrian. He competed in the individual eventing at the 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney and finished 23rd overall. Trainer, educator, competitor, and a qualified equestrian Australia Level 2 Instructor and Coach Educator with an Equine Business Degree, Imtiaz has managed and coached several International Young Rider teams in Dressage, Showjumping and Eventing. He has pioneered International Study tours all over the world including the U.S, Australia and New Zealand giving his students International exposure. Anees penned his moving journey in his memoir *Riding Free: My Olympic Journey*, which hit the stands recently and was published by Harper Collins.

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