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TODAY

**HYBRID MEETING
BOTH ONLINE AND
OFFLINE**

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

**AT TAJ MAHAL HOTEL AT 1 PM
& ON ZOOM AT 1.45 PM
MEETING ID: 883 2518 8279**

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



GENESIS OF A THREE-YEAR PLAN

Having hunkered down for over 18 months, many of our projects had to be either curtailed or even closed down.

When I took over, we faced a kind of transition period, as one by one our projects restarted in phases. This was and is the perfect time to

reassess our initiatives, reevaluate their scope and understand whether they continued to meet their original mandate. Were we making the same impact? Did our costs and expenses meet the criteria of achieving the best reach we could?

A lot of these questions needed to be asked and answers to be found in discussion with our NGO partners.

RCB accepts donations against a clear mandate promised to the donor. Were we fulfilling these completely? We had a moral responsibility not only to the donors whose money we had accepted in trust, but to the beneficiaries in whose name we had collected the funds. This is a huge responsibility and cannot be taken lightly.

So, as I started to assess each project, I realised that the pandemic and the long hiatus had impacted the scope of our projects. It also became apparent that we needed to re-look at some of our long-term projects and find better ways to make an impact.

We needed to find newer ways to face the challenges of physical distancing. It also became apparent that any changes that were made would need to be sustainable and acceptable to the Presidents that followed.

So, the concept of a three-year plan evolved, and a draft was developed which will require consensus from the next three Presidents. We are working on this and hopefully will have a plan shortly. RCB's reputation as a premier Club must stay untarnished, always faithful to its past legacy.

~ President Shernaz Vakil



TUESDAYS
WITH
RCB



16. LAST 11. TUESDAY'S 21. SPEAKER

KARISHMA & MONICA, FOUNDERS, CHANAKYA SCHOOL OF CRAFT, ON PRESERVING CRAFT LEGACIES AND EMPOWERING WOMEN ARTISANS



KARISHMA SWALI

Our vision at Chanakya is to share India's finest craftsmanship with the rest of the world while maintaining our cultural sustainability and lending to the preservation of our precious craft legacy. This is my 24th year at Chanakya and I continue to learn from craft every single day. **We have been fortunate to collaborate and partner with some of the finest design and couture houses across Europe and the USA and we are proud to represent our country's cultural and craft landscape globally.**

Our school is India's first not-for-profit school teaching master craft techniques to women. The foundation believes in transforming societies by instilling a vision, making role-models and promoting a sense of community. Through our certificate craft programme, **we have taught over 400 women since our inception in 2017** and hope to touch many more lives meaningfully.

MONICA SHAH

Hand-craftsmanship in India is traditionally taught from father to son; we thought it would be wonderful to open up this skill to women – the backbone of our communities – allowing them equal opportunities, and independence. **The goal for the Chanakya School of Crafts is to create a platform of multi-dimensional learning, focus on arts and crafts** by providing equal opportunities to often ignored backbone of our community – women. Our mission is to provide women

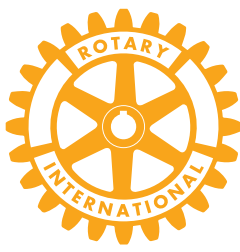
from low-income communities, the high-quality education in hand embroidery enabling them to maximise their potential and enhance their lives. **Our students study modules dealing with the use of technology, business acumen and starting new ventures.** The benefit is two-fold – ancient techniques and skills are now revived and rejuvenated by the joy and ambition of those who are finally been empowered. The curriculum is both robust and holistic.

Over the course of one year, we cover over 300 craft techniques with modules on pattern making, design and colour. Colour theory as well as documentation, visits to the museums and industry visits. **At CSC, traditional craftsmanship techniques is interpreted in contemporary ways** to acknowledge, respect and protect the social environmental sustainability of our traditional, cultural expressions.

The curriculum is divided into two semesters that culminates with an internship that offers experience in global luxury craft making. Upon completion of the certificate one-year embroidery programme and internship, **successful students have the opportunity to join our women's-only artisans' atelier** with flexible timings where they earn a good income, respect, and become part of our ever-evolving creativity community.

TO READ MORE ON KARISHMA & MONICA'S VISION FOR CRAFTS, [CLICK HERE](#)

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Please join President Shernaz Vakil

in inaugurating RCB's integrated rural development project in the three villages of Nilmati, Dandwal & Chinchutara, and reviewing the impact of our work in the other projects nearby: solar power, safe drinking water, sanitation, education, environment, security, livelihoods. A whole new life.

27th. and 28th. November 2021.

Rtn. Varsha Daiya

Chairperson,
and the members of the Environment Committee.

Partner

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District 3141 bonds at the Pre-Pets



As 425 Rotarians, their partners, and children, all of the Alpha family descended on Goa, the Taj Convention Centre and Resort rolled out the red carpet to welcome us. From October 16th to 18th, over two nights and three days, A-listers set a blistering pace of events, learning, games, food fest, entertainment, and leisure in a secure bubble of double vaccinated camaraderie and bonhomie. Lasting bonds of relationships and friendships were renewed and newly made.

The High Stepper Alpha Pre-PETS was a success beyond imagination due to everyone's enthusiastic participation, unconditional commitment, and open-mindedness.

Great efforts were made by a number of Alpha teams in ensuring that everything was picture perfect which led to the record number of attendees. Amongst the attendees were RI President Shekhar Mehta, RI Director Mahesh Kotbagi and First Lady of Zone 4 – Amita Kotbagi, TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty and Past RI Director Kamal Sanghvi. Such an assembly of luminaries is unprecedented at any Pre-Pets. District 3141 enjoys a high status, and we will ensure that we



achieve the “highest” position in the Rotary world during the Alpha year.

This will only be possible because of the abilities and sense of purpose of the entire A Team. The year will be hallmarked with a “think big” overarching theme, use of technology, effective communication, meaningful and impactful projects, vibrant fellowship with the family of Rotary, a healthy growth in membership and of course significant giving to the Rotary Foundation.

We applaud all of you and look forward to engaging you even deeper as we now set forth. See you soon at “Regather – the 3rd Alpha Presidents meet” on 27th November.

RCB TEAM AT PRE-PETS

DGE Sandip Agarwalla
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 Rtn. Pradeep Gupta
 Rtn. Dipan Mehta
 Rtn. Abhishek Saraf

Committee News



Three of our BY alumni from NMJ addressed the vocational and night study centre students at YMCA. All three are engineers and Rotary scholars as well. This was an offline session with over 40 students on inspiration and motivation. The topics covered by our BY students were:

- 1) Dedication and aim
- 2) Healthy mind and healthy body to do well in life
- 3) Time management and time utilisation to enhance your skills

The session went off very well. Both the speakers and students (audience) spent a fruitful afternoon together. The session ended with snacks provided by our very own Chairperson of the Night Study Centre, Rtn. Tara Deshpande.

Vaidu women learn numbers



The tribal women of the Vaidu community are now learning numbers, beginning with simple counting, and writing from 0 to 10.

Numeric literacy and addition have been embedded into the functional literacy model of TCS which RCB has adopted in its Adult Literacy Programme.

While they are learning to read and write words, simple mathematics has been introduced to them. Knowing numbers along with alphabets will make them want to do much more. Younger girls will explore working in different avenues once they are literate.

Committee News



‘Keep the ocean clean! That’s the most important thing!’ sang our oldest Lighthouse students at the Litfest finale held on November 13th, 2021. The Litfest is an annual Lighthouse event where children explore different themes using language as a bridge.

This year, depending on their grade levels, kids learned about the inhabitants of Earth’s deep, hydrological cycle and the worrying issue of ocean pollution. Around 50 young ones were present for the virtual event with their parents. RCB President Shernaz Vakil attended the event and interacted with them. She asked them what they had learned and expressed her appreciation for their presentations.



The show began with the tiny tots of K.G. showcasing the different undersea creatures by dressing up as them. From jellyfish to octopus, the audience applauded as the recorded video showed the babies performing their parts. This was followed by an informative session with students of classes 1 and 2 acquainted listeners with the finer points of the water cycle. Then came the turn of our oldest batch from classes 3, 4, 5 and 6.



A rendition of the song Keep the Ocean Clean livened up the atmosphere while also conveying an important message. Taking inspiration from young eco-artist Rohan Chakravarty, the students shared their own eco-toons. The Ocean Guardian Pledge, which class 5 student Divyansh Sharma took on behalf of his class, impressed President Shernaz. The programme ended with her expressing her happiness at the children’s immersion in the theme of the fest and that she hoped they would use it to make a difference to the planet’s future.

Rotaract Chronicles



A dental check-up camp was organised for Ananda Yaan's senior members at the Dr E. Moses Road, Worli, on November 18th, 2021. Six volunteers of the Rotaract Club of Government Dental College and Hospital, Mumbai, conducted the dental screening and counselling of 27 senior citizens.

Periodontal (gums) problems were a major issue. A few people with the tobacco-eating habit were found with lesions on the inner side of their lips and cheeks. Such patients were advised to quit the habit and counselled on how to do so.

Patients were also counselled about daily oral hygiene practices. Patients requiring treatment were referred to Government Dental College and Hospital, Mumbai.

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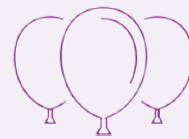
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Kaji



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Rtn. Charu
Agrawal



NOVEMBER 29
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Contractor

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DR. SHASHI THAROOR, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
ON: WHERE DOES INDIA STAND IN THE WORLD PRESENTLY?


**NEXT WEEK'S
SPEAKER**

Rotary Club
of Bombay   DISTRICT 3041

An author, politician, and former international civil servant, Shashi Tharoor straddles several worlds of experience. He is currently a third-term Lok Sabha MP representing the Thiruvananthapuram constituency and Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology. During his nearly three-decade long prior career at the UN, he served as a peacekeeper, refugee worker, and administrator at the highest levels, serving as Under-Secretary General during Kofi Annan's leadership. Dr. Tharoor is also an award-winning author of works of both fiction as well as non-fiction.

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