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DR. INDU SHAHANI
ON

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LISTENING TO GEN Z?**

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RCBMEETING

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



FELLOWSHIPS RESTORED

We are on a recce to plan our fellowship to Mahabaleshwar, to be held in early March. Of course, this is also a great excuse to enjoy the idyllic weather the amazing forests and great walks, free of masks and crowds.

It's the perfect destination in these uncertain and challenging times. Hopefully, by March 4th, the variant would have faded, allowing more of us to feel brave and venture out.

As I sit in 14-degree weather and look out at the vista of mountains and forests, I see nature at its best, just five driving hours from our city. I do hope many Rotarians will take this opportunity to get together, bond and de-stress in nature at its best! In addition, we look forward to enjoying the generosity of our resident Rotarians who spoil us with their amazing hospitality.

We have another fun fellowship planned in mid-February. This is to inaugurate the Elder Day Care Center in Awas Alibaug. PP Ashish Vaid has truly done an excellent job of setting up a lovely independent cottage for the elders of the area to come in, relax and enjoy the company of fellow seniors.

Thanksto the donations collected by PP Paul George and the munificent donation from late Nalin and Anita Parikh we, at RCB, will be able to serve another community.

We have planned a day trip extendable to two for those that wish to, once again enjoying the hospitality of fellow Rotarians. It's been two years since we had our last fellowship and it's about time we get out, get going and bring back the bonhomie of old! ~ **President Shernaz Vakil**

Committee News



FELLOWSHIP TO ALIBAUG

February 20th, 2022

We are pleased to inaugurate the Elders Day Care Centre in Alibaug.

- Come, spend a day or two while we have the good weather on our side!
 - Come in on the morning Roro
 - Visit the lovely cottage built for the senior community
 - Lunch at Vaid Wadi
 - Sundowners at Midori House
 - Leave on the evening Roro
 - We will confine ourselves to our own fellowship bubble!
- Be a part of our new initiative!



FELLOWSHIP AT MAHABALESHWAR

March 4th to 6th, 2022

We have curated a very special weekend in the forested, cool climes of this hill station. Leisurely walks, fun get-togethers and the wonderful hospitality of our Rotarians.

We have planned stays at any three resorts of your choice with isolated stays for a safe, carefree visit. Let's get together again and party. We deserve the break! Contact Zinia or Ritu for full details.

MAHABALESHWAR PROGRAMME

March 4th

Drive into the hill station at leisure.
Check into your hotel.

Join us for the renowned **high tea at Villa Zinia** for a fabulous fellowship evening!

March 5th

Join us for a short forest walk towards Barchester and **the lovely home of the Vakharias. Here, we will lunch like gourmands!**

Then, to nap or explore the hills.

Drinks and dinner at the spacious and **wonderful home of the Vaid's as we party into the night.**

March 6th

Visit Lodwick point (or even walk to it) for great views of the hills.

Lunch at Uday, a must on any visit to Mahabaleshwar for a delicious, homemade **Gujarati thali in the forest.**

Dinner is optional depending on how many stay on.

We have visited three hotels and worked out special rates for our groups.

1. RR Hospitality

A new resort close to Villa Zinia and Barchester where we are getting a group of six superior rooms at Rs 6500

including breakfast and taxes. Rooms are very clean and comfortable.

2. Tranquil Resort and Spa

This is also a fairly new resort a little further into the forest, near Satara Road checkpost. We have negotiated a special rate of Rs 6900 excluding breakfast and taxes and Rs 7500 including taxes and breakfast. Here, there are a group of cottage rooms placed together or premium rooms available. Clean, tranquil and comfortable with views of the forest.

3. The Mahabaleshwar Club where a few rooms are still available if you grab them quick.

Let's get out and get together!

25. LAST 01. TUESDAY'S 22. SPEAKER

RECIPIENT OF THE TARU LALVANI ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AWARD, ECOLOGIST **DR. RASHNEH
N. PARDIWALA, FOUNDER & DIRECTOR, CERE**



The Centre for Environmental Research and Education (CERE) is a Mumbai-based not-for-profit organisation established in 2002 that works to promote environmental sustainability through research and innovation, formal education, government and corporate partnerships and publications.

CERE has successfully completed many rural and urban environmental restoration projects such as **urban afforestation, rainwater harvesting, solar electrification, carbon footprinting and environmental education.**

In five years, the Urban Afforestation Project (UAP) has planted **192,000 native trees across 24 cities in India and has sequestered 41,933 tonnes of CO₂.** This project, apart from increasing much needed green cover in our congested and polluted cities, also helps create habits for local flora and fauna, thus augmenting biodiversity.

Switch on Solar (SoS) project, rolled out in 2018, **helps schools, educational institutions, hospitals and commercial buildings transition to renewable energy** through the installation of roof-top solar panels and net metering system in order to reduce load on the main electricity grid.

In addition to the financial benefits, solar energy has multiple environment and social benefits, the far-reaching one being reduction

in carbon emissions due to switching over from fossil fuel-based electricity generation.

In a little over three years, **solar panels have been installed across 21 institutions saving the equivalent of 13,700 metric tonnes of CO₂** sequestration by generating 16.8 million units of electricity and saving Rs. 174.6 million on electricity bills over the life span of the project.

CERE's Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) projects have created Mumbai, Pune and Nashik city's largest RWH systems capable of harvesting 261.1 million litres of water each monsoon season, thus resulting in **savings of Rs. 1,295 million.**

CERE is a pioneer in developing **carbon management and environmental sustainability systems for corporate India** under the Carbon Map & Cap™ Initiative. We have undertaken turnkey CSR projects for many leading companies in India such as IndusInd Bank, Tata Capital, Apollo Tyres, Wipro, Toyota Motors, SP Group, Ambuja Cement, Tata Power and many others.

CERE has also helped **integrate environmental education into mainstream curriculum** having published 28 titles, produced educational short films, developed online e-courses and conducted numerous training workshops and seminars for schools, teachers and students.

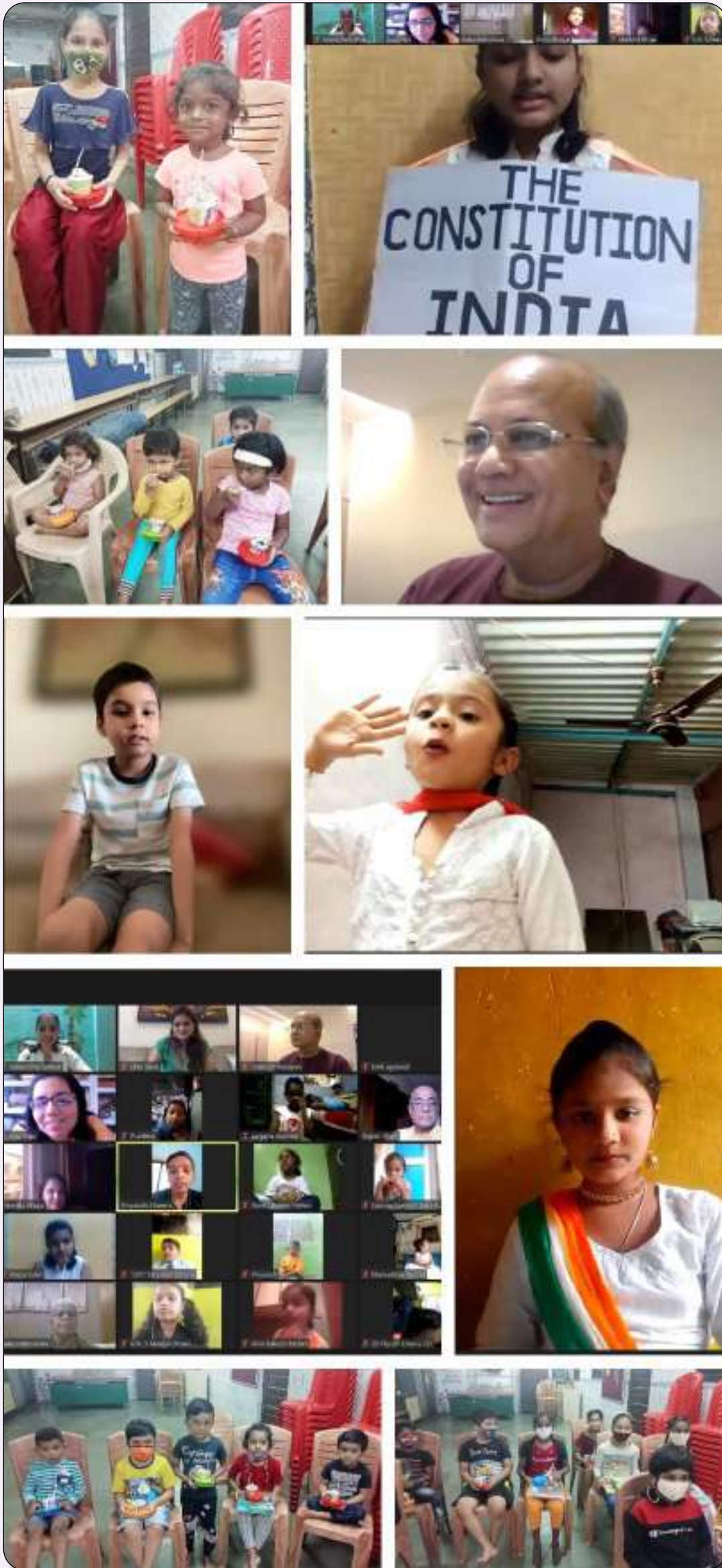
Committee News

KBC AT LIGHTHOUSE FOR REPUBLIC DAY

A poem about our tricolour, some lesser-known facts on India and a skit on the Indian Constitution were just some of the items showcased by Lighthouse students at the virtual Republic Day event held on January 26th, 2022.

The highlight of the programme was the much-awaited Lighthouse quiz modelled on Kaun Banega Crorepati. Teams of students from kindergarten to Class 6 competed in age-appropriate rounds.

PP Ramesh Narayan sportingly offered to be the 'expert' for the Ask the Rotarian lifeline and aided a class 6 student choose the right answer. At the end, special birthday wishes were conveyed to little Aeden Treasurywala whose family sponsored gifts and treats for all our students. Parents, students and senior Rotarians like President Shernaz Vakil, our chairman Rtn. Rajesh Shah, co-chair Rtn. Charu Agarwal, PP Preeti Mehta, Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala and Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah celebrated the day together.



Work and bank accounts for Gale



A couple of weeks ago, the Rotary Club of Bombay initiated a camp for the filling of MGNREGA forms demanding work for the unemployed of Gale village. RCB is happy to report that 38 people have now received work. We have also opened bank accounts for 216 people in partnership with Central Bank of India.



Due to the good work done by Rotary, Pakistan is no more polio endemic. In three years, WHO will declare it polio free.

Girls of Vaidu community eating better

RCB'S NUTRITION PROGRAMME FOR GIRLS AT MAROL



RIYA SHINDE

Eldest of four, Riya lives with their parents in Vanicha Pada. Her mother is a house maid. Her father is ill and stays home. Riya does home chores and cooks. She goes to a nearby municipality school whenever she gets time or when her mom stays home. One of the beneficiaries of our Girls Nutrition Programme, she waits for our vehicle eagerly. She has been feeling more energetic and fit.



KHUSHI KOTHARE

"There are six members in my family; my mother is a house maid and father works on a farm. My mom earns Rs 4,000 monthly and my father brings vegetables from the farm where he works. We eat only vada pav. My sister and I have been eating the nutritious food here for more than a month and are feeling much better overall."



SAVITA PAWAR

Her mother is unwell at home and her father is the only earner. As the eldest child, Savita stays home and does the cleaning, cooking. She is very weak physically. A doctor has told her parents she needs nutritional food and rest but that is impossible. Now, after RCB's nutrition programme, she has gained some weight and feels lucky.



SANDHYA LOKHANDE AND SISTER

"My mother used to cook once a day and we all got a little bit which was not enough for the whole day. My father drinks a lot and beats my mom. He does not earn; my mom sells vegetables and supports us. Ever since my sister and I have been having breakfast daily at the study centre, my mother is able to save money to pay our school fees."



PRIYA DALAVI

"I stay with my uncle as my parents are no more. My aunt and I help him on the farm. I eat vada pav most of the time. Now, I am so happy you provide us healthy, fresh food everyday. I wait for Didi to come and give us food. I have gained 1 kg since having this healthy food. Thank you, Rotary Club of Bombay."

Rotaract Chronicles



The event gave the school students a full general and systemic body check-up, dental examination, physiotherapy evaluation and free medicine for basic illnesses.

TEAM RC ISME'S FULL BODY HEALTHCARE AND EYE CHECKEVENTS in association with the Rotary District 3141 took place at the Vidya Bhushan High School in Dahisar on December 23rd, 2021. We provided chocolates to the kids, food boxes and water to the doctors and decorated the entire school with red and green balloons to give it a Christmas vibe.

Aarogyam included a full general and systemic body check-up, dental examination, physiotherapy evaluation and free medicine for basic illnesses. The district had tied up with the Rotaract club of Medicrew. Four doctors volunteered and screened more than 275 underprivileged kids.

Oculus had eye check-ups done by doctors referred by the Impact For Change Foundation. Three doctors volunteered and screened 210 patients.

Rotaract Chronicles



RCHC'S KAUN BANEGA ENTREPRENEUR

The Team Entrepreneurship Development of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College organised a KBC-themed quiz called Kaun Banega Entrepreneur from January 11th-14th, 2022.

Participants were asked 13 questions and given three lifelines; the questions were based on general knowledge of entrepreneurs and successful brands.

The event was organised for everyone to learn new things about the entrepreneurial world in a unique way.

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Rotary Club Bombay Charities Trust No. 3

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



FEBRUARY 4

Rtn. Madhusudan Daga



FEBRUARY 6

Rtn. Ashok Gokal



FEBRUARY 7

Rtn. Ravindra Fotedar

**WE SALUTE OUR
ROTARIANS WHO HAVE
GIVEN SO MANY YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE CLUB**

**Members who complete more
than 30 years in January are:**

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

FEBRUARY 1

Rtn. Ptn. Phiroza
Contractor

FEBRUARY 6

Rtn. Ptn. Ummehaani
Bagasrawala

FEBRUARY 1

Rtn. Ptn. Mona & Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia

FEBRUARY 2

Rtn. Ptn. Nirmala
Banaji

FEBRUARY 7

Rtn. Ptn. Zarine
Davar

FEBRUARY 4

Rtn. Ptn. Nandini & PP Vikram Kamdar

FEBRUARY 5

Rtn. Ptn. Kamal & Rtn. Sam Katgara

FEBRUARY 4

Rtn. Ptn. Sangeeta
Mansharamani

FEBRUARY 7

Rtn. Ptn. Honey
Harish

FEBRUARY 6

Rtn. Ptn. Chetan & Rtn. Varsha Daiya



Rtn.
Hariprasad
Nevatia, 53
years



Rtn. Dara
Mehta, 50
years



PP Arvind
Jolly, 38 years



Rtn. Hormusji
Cama, 37
years



Rtn.
Shyamniwas
Somani, 34
years



Rtn. Pravin
Bhansali, 32
years



Rtn. Shariq
Contractor, 31
years



**PP SHAILESH
HARIBHAKTI AND RTN.
ANIL HARISH
WILL GIVE THEIR
REFLECTIONS ON THE UNION
BUDGET 2022**

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PP Shailesh Haribhakti has worn many hats in the corporate world; people consider him as an innovator, pioneer, teacher, speaker, author, analyst and entrepreneur. He is not only a Chartered and Cost Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor, a Certified Financial Planner, Fraud Examiner, but also a Board Chairman, Audit Committee Chairperson, and an Independent Director at some of the country's most pre-eminent organisations. He is a global thought leader in Environment, Social & Governance.

Rtn. Anil Harish's practice includes many diverse areas of the law including, Property, Taxation, Exchange Control and Succession. He has been on the Managing Committee of Indian Merchants Chamber, Chamber of Tax Consultants and ITAT Bar Association and an office bearer of several institutions in the legal field such as the Society of Indian Law Firms, of which he was the Vice President. He is the Chairman of the Land Reforms Sub-Committee of CII. Mr. Harish has been ranked by the prestigious legal directory of Chambers & Partners as a leading tax lawyer.

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