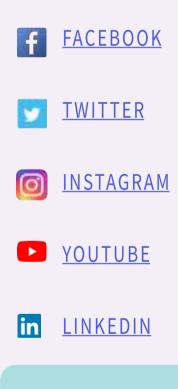


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TODAY RCB PRESENTS THE GODREJ SCIENCE AWARD TO DR. ZARIR F. UDWADIA, MD, DNB, FCCP (USA) & FRCP (LONDON) AT TAJ MAHAL HOTEL, 1 PM

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



DEFINING RCB

Whilst working on a compilation for a coffee table book on 101 vintage clubs by the Rotary Club of Poona, there was a question on what makes our Club special or unique.

Is it that we have such a historic legacy that, for instance, four successive generations have been part of the same Club, with two of them having been President?

Or is it that one member visualised and initiated four major and sustainable projects of the Club that continue to this day?

Is it the spontaneous giving of funds to our Elders Day Care Centre when there was a project overrun?

Or is it a stalwart who gave his life to our eye centre, and another who continues to do so?

Is it the spontaneous giving of funds, unasked but from the heart?

Or is it the galaxy of stars that our Club incubates who give of their services tirelessly?

From the very beginning when Sir Phiroze Sethna joined as the only non-European founder member to the present day, as we ready to appoint our first DG in 42 years, our Club has bred stalwarts, each member giving of his time, energy, and funds to support the good work we do.

Perhaps it is in the process that we follow to induct new members, discerning and choosing of the very best.

Or it could be the systems and procedures that are set to make our Club run on fair and equitable means.

There is an invisible code of conduct that requires the utmost transparency and fair play in the way we work.

In other words, we follow our Rotary path of truth and fairness to all, as we serve the inequities around us.

Our legacy haunts us, as we stay true to our past values and define the quality of the members we allow in, to become part of RCB. ~ **President Shernaz Vakil**

22. LAST 02. TUESDAY'S 22. SPEAKERS

Ninad Karpe, Partner, 100X.VC, on the start-up ecosystem in India



This is a company called Kerala Banana Chips; the founder Manas came to us two years ago. He said he wanted to manufacture banana chips from Nendran Bananas, found only in Kerala. They are supposed to be healthy, nutritious and also tasty. He wanted to make banana chips untouched by hand, hygienic, in oil that is not refried and, of course, instead of a packet of potato chips, why don't you take banana chips?

He had a revenue of Rs one lakh or the reabouts when he came to us 20 months back. And this is his video from Shark Tank: we funded him, of course, and then he got another round of funds. The interesting thing is that 20 months ago, he had a revenue of just Rs one lakh a month. Now, in March, he will do a revenue of Rs 50 lakhs a month.

He is an MBA from Symbiosis, he has no family money to support him, no assets, no bank loan, he has nothing. If we hadn't funded him then his ideas would just have been on paper. This is the magic that is happening outside this room.

People keep asking me what is the basis on which you invest? What is more important, do you think: a winning idea or a strong execution? There is no right or wrong answer in this. In our VC terms, we call it jockey on the horse. So, the jockey is the one executing and horse is the thing. While there is no right or wrong, I would go by strong execution.

Today, there is a unicorn being formed every 10 days. My guess is that by 2026, we will have one unicorn everyday in India. It is going to happen. You see the staggering numbers, we have created 60,000 start-ups.

I could go to any college today, and the moment I ask how many of you want to be start-up founders, 90% raise their hand. I ask the rest of the 10% what will they do? You will be aghast to know that they want to work for two years and then join a start-up. So, approximately 100% students want to become part of the industry.

Let me give one or two slides in case you are considering to become an angel investor. I am going to give you in 60 seconds all that I have learnt in last 4 years, 24 hours a day. To become an angel investor, you have to put a limit on the total investment you are trying to make. Should it be 5% of your net-worth, 2% or 10%, you must put a total limit on each start-up that you are to invest.

Start-ups by their very nature are capital hungry, they will keep asking for more, but you must keep a cap. At 100x we invest an X amount, that is it. We don't do any follow up investment; we do our own assessment. What are the investment risks? The earlier you invest, the more the risk. If you invest at a concept stage, you will get very cheap valuation. OYO, 17-year-old founder raised Rs 30 lakhs and today you know the valuation. What is the expected return and thesis?

Areyougoingtoinvestonlyinmedicare, agri-tech or general? It is important to know these things before you jump. Don't jump just because someone told you. If it is a portfolio investment, highrisk, you might lose all your money. It is not like any other investment that you will get your money back. But the beauty is that it can give you a fantastic return if you have the right thesis.

Should founders be obsessed of perfecting product or satisfying customers? There is still no right or wrong answer, but I will go by satisfying customers. Perfection is work in progress.

So, when investing, people always ask what will go wrong? As earlystage investors we think exactly the opposite. We think: what can go right? And if my first instinct says that this is going wrong that means it will go right. That is exactly how I think. For example, banana chips, there are so many vendors right at the corner, but we always think if this goes right, what will happen? So, the moment you become an angel investor you start thinking exactly the opposite.

Is capital chasing ideas? The answer is yes. We have received 15,000 pitch decks in the last 3 and half years; we have invested in 70 of them. These are coming from more and more smaller places, tier 2, tier 3 towns. More and

more girls are applying as co-founders, it is 28-30% ratio, the trend is changing. There are lot of government schemes and lot of things are happening, capital is clearly chasing the idea.

ROTARIANS ASK

How are start-ups evaluated?

Look at the market size; is it a product of 8-grain bread serving only south Bombay? That is not a big enough market to get huge returns. That is a small opportunity.

- . Look at large opportunity that can keep growing on and on.
- What is the person doing better? Better execution, better delivery, go-to market, is the person directly connecting to consumer? So, you don't have to get an intermediary and you own the customer and the journey.
- Ask why should you invest? Why is the product there? Is it a vitamin pill or painkiller? Is it absolutely required? Identify a start-up which is a painkiller.

Non-linear growth is important. Startup has to have a model that grows from 50% to 100% month on month in the beginning, if it doesn't then it is a normal business or a lifestyle business. Nothing good or bad; it is to lead a good lifestyle. Start-up is a journey of wealth and not income.

































Committee News



RCHR BRINGS BY BACK TO SCHOOL

With our Bhavishya Yaan students heading back to school, the Rotaract Club of H.R. College welcomed them back to school with a motivating, fun day. RCHR headed to the Ganpatrao Kadam BMC School for to spend a day with students from standards 5 to 7.

Our Rotaractors made the entire refresher day into a game format. There were four separate

tables with English, Math, Geography and General Knowledge. The kids were given a token for every correct answer. These tokens could be redeemed at the end of the day at the gift corner.

The kids had a lot of fun and kept coming back to all the desks to answer more questions. This project showed that children love learning in a fun way.

PAEDIATRIC HEART SURGERIES – COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Members: Rtn. Jaymin Jhaveri, Rtn. Swati Jajodia, PP Vijay Jatia, DGE Sandip Agarwalla

Under our Global Grant No 2099621, we had a total of \$5,09,653 (INR 3,78,26,877/-) approved funds available to us to support surgeries of needy and deserving children suffering from congenital heart disease.

We have also been able to utilise our Club's Rotarians' (Rtn. Poonam Lalvani) network of social workers through the Life Foundation. They have helped in identifying a needy patient and helped the family by providing required guidance to get needful documents in order. We were able to provide timely financial assistance for Om, a child who had two heart surgeries, at SRCC Children's Hospital.

As on February 21st, 2022, out of the abovementioned funds we have utilised INR 2,55,26,163/- and committed a further INR 675000.15/- (patients are yet to be discharged). We have completed / committed a total of 264 surgeries at our partner hospitals with details as under:

Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital - 171 surgeries SRCC Children's Hospital - 89 Haria Rotary Hospital - 4 Due to the Covid-19 situation, many patients'



families were reluctant to visit health camps organised to diagnose CHD in children. However, as the situation improved, we have been able to reach so many families with children (from new-borns to aged 18) who made the effort to visit camps and hospitals to get a proper diagnosis. With the situation improving, more people can get the required diagnosis and treatment in time.

We are continuously working to help and reach out to as many needy children through awareness camps organised by the hospitals. We are targeting to help at least 375-380 children. We hope to complete the same within the next few months.

Rotaract Chronicles

RCSC celebrates V-Day with Vaidu kids

10 Rotaractors from Sydneham College, led by Rtr. Deepanksha Khetawat, spent Valentine's Day with the tribal kids of the Vaidu community. These children could not go to school during the pandemic or study online as they did not have the required gadgets.

Team RCSC excitedly introduced themselves, prompting the 215 kids to share about themselves too. This was followed by games like dog & bone, musical chairs, dodgeball, and

relay race, filling the air with peals of laughter. Donations of stationery items such as notebooks, colours, geometry boxes, socks and clothes were made by RCSC. The Saturday afternoonended with distribution of chocolates and biscuits to the kids.

The icing on the cake was performances by the kids which included dance and beatboxing, affirming that 'talent is everyone waiting for an opportunity'.





RCHR plays ball with street kids members. There was a very intriguing finals which had penalties. The team of differently On February 20th, 2022, members of the Rotaract privileged kids won and was given a trophy. Club of H.R. College engaged differently This time, the members learnt the value of privileged kids in a football match. skills and how those who don't have access to FIFA Streets is a project where RCHR members formal sports facilities shine. competed with street kids. Football fans share a universal language There were three teams from differently that cuts across many cultures and many privileged areas and two teams of RCHR personalities.

PAHALGAM | GULMARG | SRINAGAR April 22nd - April 28th 2022

Hotels Envisaged

6 nights accommodation in the below-Welcome Hotel Pine n Peak, The Grand Lalit Hotel, Highland Park, Taj Srinagar

Culinary Pelights at exotic locations

7 lunches, 6 dinners, including 1 lunch at Karan Mahal Palace

Q Activities

1 Bonfire 3 persons per innova for 7 days Entrances and activities as mentioned All taxes

Price per person on double occupancy is INR 1,77,400 inclusive of taxes

Price per person on single occupancy is INR 2,51,920 inclusive of taxes

Above costing in based on 20 people traveling |*Exclusions - Airfares, gratuity &

room service

KASHMIR CALLING

The royal mountain retreat of the Mughals and the Buddhist Lamas, the Alps of India, Mughal Emperor Jehangir's valley of paradise – the names

Day 4, April 25th, 2022: After breakfast, we go given to Kashmir are plenty. The charm, however, to the historical part of Srinagar. Lunch is at the remains the same. beautiful Karan Mahal Palace, an iconic property With the magnificent and lofty Himalayas as its of the king, which has some of the best views of Kashmir. Entry is restricted and exclusive. crowning glory, Kashmir is resplendent with its After this, we proceed to see the carpet making, mesmerising scenic vistas, pristine lakes dotted Kashmiri embroidery and papier-mâché, Kashmiri with quaint houseboats and the fiery Kashmiri handicrafts, original Kashmiri honey and saffron, cuisine. The captivating charm and beauty that original Pashmina collection all at the Shaw Art this place exudes will remain etched on your mind. Palace along with Kashmiri tea. Arrive back to the long after you return from your trip to Kashmir. hotel for a nice dinner under the Chinar trees.

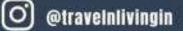
Suggestive itinerary at a glance:

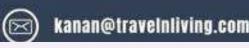
Day 5, April 26th, 2022: After a lovely breakfast in Day 1, April 22nd, 2022: Arrive at Srinagar at 1500 view of snow-peaked mountains, we proceed to hours. Drive to the ITC Pine n Peak at Pahalgam, Gulmarg around 9 am. Gulmarg is a hill station with perched atop the stunning Rajwas Plateau. spectacular views of snow-capped mountains, The hotel's exquisite design derives inspiration forests, and green meadows. At Gulmarg, go from traditional art, including wood carving for the highest Gondola ride in Asia which is in and intricate tapestry. Dine in view of majestic Kashmir. After lunch, proceed to Hotel Highland Pahalgam. Park, famous for the shooting of Bobby. Enjoy the sunset and an evening at the bar.

Day 2, April 23rd, 2022: After breakfast, visit the beautiful the Golf Club of Pahalgaum. Drive Day 6, April 27th, 2022: Drive to Srinagar. Spend through the forest roads of Pahalgam and its the morning at Nadis, a modern Kashmir House surroundings to soak in the beauty. Visit to inspired by the picturesque alpine landscape and Baisaran (mini Switzerland) can be arranged. rich heritage of Kashmir culture. After a beautiful Afternoon picnic lunch (weather dependent) afternoon, we go to our hotel Taj Srinagar. In the by the Lidder River with fishing for enthusiasts evening, we go for a shikara ride on the famous (subject to permission). Late afternoon, visit Dal Lake. Dinner is with a view of the valley at the Betaab Valley, Chandanwari. Evening high tea is Vivanta by Taj hotel. at the hotel. Before dinner, enjoy a bonfire with the sound of the River Lidder and some gupshup.

Day 3, April 24th, 2022: Enjoy a hearty breakfast in the morning and depart for Srinagar. Arrive at Lalit Grand Palace Hotel Srinagar, encircled by the

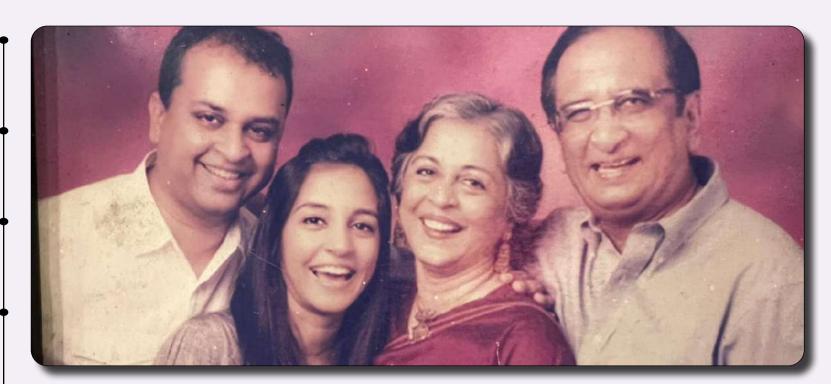






Himalayan ranges. Early evening, visit the famous tulips gardens of Kashmir. Arrive back at the hotel to enjoy a dinner under the chinar trees.

Day 7, April 28th, 2022: A relaxed morning to soak in all the beauties of this beautiful heaven on earth. After lunch at the Taj Srinagar, we proceed to the airport for our flight back to Bombay.



RTN. DR. ANAND SOMAYA, CONSULTANT, CARDIO THORACIC & VASCULAR SURGEON, BOMBAY HOSPITAL, HINDUJA HOSPITAL, PARSEE GENERAL HOSPITAL

My father was a doctor in the Army. He served in the Allied Army and fought against the Germans and the Japanese. My wife Brinda Somaya is an eminent architect, one of the first women in India to start her own architectural firm. My son Vikram is presently global Senior Vice President and Chief Data Officer of Pepsi; my daughter Nandini (Sampat) joined her mother's firm.

I followed the family tradition and initially served as a doctor in the Army. I moved on to all types of cardiac surgical works at Dr. Nimish Shah's unit which operated on all types of cardiac problems in both adults and children. I was worried that enough attention was not going to vascular disease and people were losing limbs and dying due to complications of arterial aneurysms. I decided to join with a few like-minded surgeons and start the Vascular Society of India. I then did a lot of work in vascular surgery and trained several young surgeons in both cardiac and vascular surgeries. I am at present attached to Bombay Hospital, Hinduja Hospital and Parsee General Hospital.

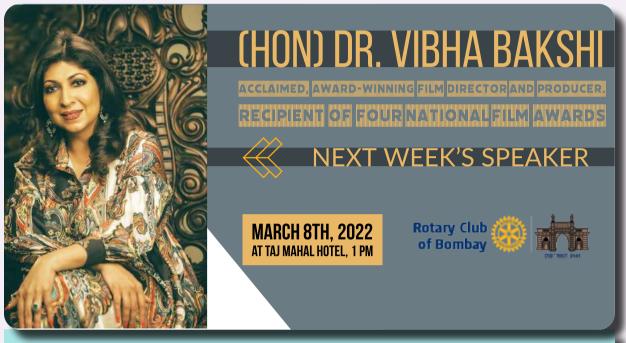
I have had a satisfying career. I am glad that I gave back to my country both in the Army and after, to the poor and the needy. In fact, that is why I joined Rotary. My friend Mr. Harish Jagtiani, then President of the Rotary Club of Bombay, persuaded me. I have enjoyed working in various committees and my favourite project washelpingtorunthe1298ambulance brigade in the City. I enjoyed friends I made from various walks of life.

Outside of work and Rotary, I have been particular about physical fitness since my Army days and have been going to the gym at 5 am for the last 20 years. I used to play squash at Bombay Gymkhana. I enjoy listening to all types of western music and played the western violin in school and continue to play the mouth organ for fun.





MARCH 1 Rtn. Harshbeena Zaveri



(Hon) Dr. Vibha Bakshi is an acclaimed, award-winning film director and producer. Recipient of four National Film Awards, she was conferred an Honorary Doctorate, Doctor of Humane Letters from her alma mater Boston University, USA for her work as a filmmaker and journalist.

Vibha's latest film 'Son Rise' has been selected to be showcased as part of the UN's global HeForShe movement across 71 priority countries. Vibha's previous groundbreaking National award-winning documentary 'Daughters of Mother India' put a spotlight on gender violence. The film holds the distinction of being the Most Awarded Social Campaign In The World – Global Creative Index 2017.

Vibha is co-Producer with Academy Award-winning filmmaker Maryann Deleo for films including: 'Terror at Home', a film which was part of the United States Government's Emmy Award-winning campaign to Stop Violence Against Women for Lifetime TV and 'Too Hot NOT to Handle', HBO's highly acclaimed film on Global Warming.

TARIAN BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 2 Rtn. Kasimali Merchant



MARCH 2 Rtn. Jaidev Merchant



MARCH 3 PP Pradeep Saxena

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 1 Rtn. Ptn. Anisha Jolly

MARCH 1 Hon. Rtn. Ptn. Smita Parekh

MARCH 1 Rtn. Ptn. Shalini Piramal

MARCH 1 Rtn. Ptn. Poonam Sampat

MARCH 2 Rtn. Ptn. Zainab Lokhandwala

MARCH 6 Rtn. Ptn. Priyanka Jatia

MARCH 7 Rtn. Ptn. Emma Lalvani



MARCH 1 Rtn. Ptn. Firoze & President Shernaz Vakil MARCH 3 Rtn. Ptn. Ritika & Rtn. Anuj Arenja MARCH 3 Rtn. Ptn. Chanderkanta & Rtn. Vinod Juneja MARCH 4 Rtn. Ptn. Neelam & Rtn. Anil Goyel MARCH 5 Rtn. Ptn. Sudha & Rtn. Ashok Gokal MARCH 6 Rtn. Ptn. Vandana & PP Ajay Kanoria MARCH 7 Rtn. Ptn. Subhabrata & Rtn. Renu Basu MARCH 7 Rtn. Ptn. Navaz & Rtn. Farokh Guzder MARCH 7 Rtn. Ptn. Rohitashwa & Rtn. Dr. Prakriti Poddar

Caught in the net...

Since our next award is for science and technology....

- We're just 50 days into 2022, and already...
- Nuclear fusion saw another major breakthrough... a 'huge step' in the quest for clean energy.
- A woman was cured of HIV through a breakthrough stem cell treatment.
- MIT engineers created an 'impossible' new material... stronger than steel but as light as plastic.
- An international team of scientists used supercomputers to unlock a 'giant leap' in the fight against antibiotic resistance.
- A new 'game-changing' carbon capture technology could deliver a step change in our ability to remove carbon dioxide from the air.
- Researchers set a new Guinness World Record for fastest-ever DNA sequencing technique... using it to sequence a human genome in just 5 hours and 2 minutes.
- A new breakthrough in spinal cord implant 'could potentially allow paralysed people to walk again'.
- A ground-breaking new technology regrew a frog's lost leg... and it might work on humans too.
- Surgeons completed the first-ever heart transplant

with a genetically-modified animal heart... saving the life of a 57-year-old and taking a big step towards helping solve the global donor organ shortage.

- Biodegradable surgical tape has been invented... making some intestinal fixes as easy as 'duct tape around leaky pipes'.
- James Webb, the awe-inspiring \$10 billion space telescope 25 years in the making, took its first images... a huge scientific milestone.
- An autonomous drone carrying a defibrillator saved the life of a 71-year-old having a heart attack... a first in medical history.
- Researchers in Sweden found a promising way to use solar power to convert carbon dioxide into fuel... using ultra-fast laser spectroscopy.
- Just a few of many incredible achievements in the first 50 days of the year.
- The world is far from perfect, but we shouldn't forget that about 90% of all scientists that ever lived are alive today. Never before have we had so many people whose sole purpose of work is to better understand how the world works.
- 2022 is shaping up to be a remarkable year in science and technology.



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