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TODAY

**PANEL DISCUSSION
ON A HEALTHY HEART
MODERATED BY
RTN. DR. AASHISH
CONTRACTOR**

**PANELLISTS:
RTN. DR. SHARUKH
GOLWALLA &
CONSULTANT
NUTRITIONIST NITI DESAI**

**AT PRESIDENT HOTEL,
1 PM**

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



TWO PROJECTS AND A FELLOWSHIP

We did it!

Something that was a dream last November has turned into reality thanks to the generosity of our members and to the amazing efforts of Project Chirag.

Funds were collected from over 50 Rotarians by February end and before March end (right on target). The RCB model village project is now a reality!

On early Saturday morning, a small group of enthusiastic Rotarians visited Pingeman, our adopted village. As one villager put it, "What made God made you choose us? And how fortunate are we to receive your efforts and money which has given our children a brighter future!"

So RCB, take a bow!

With your belief and your generosity, we have been able to impact the lives of over 350 villagers with water for their fields, 5 litres each of daily drinking water, a reimagined school, and solar-powered computers laboratory. The children are ecstatic; the women bless us; and the farmers will no longer need to go into cities to look for work.

That Saturday afternoon, in the heat of the blazing noon-day sun, a few diehard Rotarians turned the taps on to parched fields whilst the children sang and danced at their newly appointed school!

A project well-conceived and completed. ~ **President Shernaz Vakil**

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY'S MODEL VILLAGE PINGEMAN

Model agricultural system

Model drinking water system

Additionally, the village has received five streetlights, and water for domestic use. Agricultural training and connection to government schemes is being provided.

Solar-backed computer lab

A stone stage has been built to enable cultural and holistic learning.

Solar cookers will allow the sustainable maintenance of a nutritious midday meal.





EVENING OF DAY 1

SUN, SAND & BEACH VIBES
#DAHANU FELLOWSHIP

And then to our promised resort by the sea! Rustic charm and tired rooms did not deflect from the unbelievably fresh and giant crab we got to devour soon after. Crazy Crab lived up to its name in every possible way as we bit, tore, and chewed our way through buttery deliciousness.

A languorous stroll on the beach did much to cool us down and declare that Dahanu was a good choice for an evening fellowship.

~ **President Shernaz Vakil**





The next day we were to meet the loving family of our dear departed PP Dr. Rahim Muljiani as we celebrated his life and commemorated his passion for Talwada.

The PRVC is his life's work, and we salute the sacrifices he made in service of the Club

PP Dr. Rumi Jehangir, having now taken over as Chairman Emeritus of the Centre, spoke of his colleague with love and admiration as we unveiled a portrait and plaque of this stalwart of our Club.

Then, as we enjoyed the delicious lunch laid out, I could imagine Dr. Muljiani urging us to feast as he always did, whilst regaling us with stories of the past.

Talwada is always referred to as our flagship project for a valid and justifiable reason.

It's the sacrifices and commitment of our doctors that magnify the immense support and succour we bring to this community. ~ **President Shernaz Vakil**

HONOURING OUR BELOVED PP DR. RAHIM MULJIANI



ABOVE: LATE PP DR. RAHIM MULJIANI WITH SON HAMZA AND RTN. PTN. FOUZIA
BELOW: THE TRIO WITH A VERY YOUNG DR. ANIL DESHPANDE



ICONIC MOMENTS

RCB's late PP Dr. Rahim Muljiani was President when JRD Tata and Nani Palkhiwala visited the Club. They were both Honorary Rotarians. Dr. Muljiani's son Hamza says, "I am not sure whether JRD was invited to address the Club. I remember dad mentioning that both he and Nani Palkhiwala were honorary members. Nani Palkhiwala was very close to dad and was a close friend and patient as well. The late Dr. Shantilal Mehta was the programme chairman/ director at that time. Thank you, again, for the honour and love you bestowed on dad's memory; it meant a lot to all of us."



I have been coming to your Club for many years; I remember my co-President from this Club was Gul, in 2005-'06. After that, I worked a lot with PP Dr. Mukesh Batra. **So, your Club is an absolutely iconic club, doing fantastic, meaningful projects and making a difference to the community.** But, I would like to add a few things.

I have seen clubs in Bombay coming up with huge jumps and then just disappearing. I still remember when I was the President in 2005-'06, your Club was number one, and my club, Queen's City, was number two. Number three was Bombay Central but it collapsed suddenly from 190 members to 100.

So, it is very important to maintain a balance on various parameters. **What this Club has achieved over the years, you have**

maintained very well. So, you can see we came here at 10 am, had a meeting with the incoming President and the President and all the other members of the board. Look at the book on my table, such a big thick book was made in advance and sent to me.

It contained all the information required by a Governor and his team in advance. **I can just say that everything required is done very well: all the data and information, accounts, balance sheet, list of members and projects, everything is beautifully taken care of and now I can also add that your Club is in good hands with the incoming President.** So, a big round of applause. **Fantastic Club and leadership. So, how many marks? 99/100. Why did I cut the one mark? It is more of a precaution.**

I have been in Rotary for 30 years; I have been part of many organisations; I have inherited many things from my father's trust and I am doing a lot of work. I am going to give a major part of my life to social work today and tomorrow. My time and money will be available because I believe that the very purpose of life is happiness and satisfaction for yourself. You should be happy every single moment. I told my friend Commodore Ahluwalia one thing that changed his life: **'Do one good work every day and you will see the happiness and good sleep that you get.'** So, life is not just earning money; when you are happy, you are at a different level of life.

As Governor, I am sharing my role. My role is to join the dots between receiver and giver every day. So, with your level of Club and

location of meeting and profile of members, your work done is not enough. It should be 10 times more. There are so many clubs and members in Bombay; if your work at this level is not the highest, then what is the benefit of such a big club? There are a few clubs far ahead of the work that your Club is doing. So, something is missing.

There is so much CSR funding available, **I have been motivating my team to work. Motivation with small things: I have been taking lot of presents to various locations where projects are possible.** On one such visit for a club's project, I took members to a hospital, and they landed with three CSR projects in two weeks. **So, there are so many opportunities for CSR, people don't know where to spend their money.** They have



DG RAJENDRA AGARWAL ADDRESSES RCB ON HIS
OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT



hired big teams and staff. They have spent just 20-30% of their CSR amounts and the Rotary platform has so many opportunities and projects. Your Club can do it at a much larger scale and take it to a higher level.

I was told by President Shernaz that you all have done Rs 10-12 crore of social work. I went to inaugurate a project by the Queen's Necklace Club on August 15th, Heart OT at Sion hospital, and it was Rs 6 crore in one project. So, there are so many opportunities all around. If this is shared with your project members, they will come forward and say that they want to do it. So, give them projects, take them to locations and list projects -- money will flow. As I always say, **'Paisa kiske saath**

nahi jaata; paisa yahin reh jata hai.' What goes with you is only happiness.

Let me share my story of happiness with you; my experience of 30 years came with something that I have learnt and felt. We are not going to remember what we ate a week ago, everything will be forgotten. But I can tell you that if you talk try to remember the happy moments, you will. These are the permanent moments of life. They are never forgotten. I can guarantee that you can remember the satisfaction you feel when you see happy faces after a project. So, all the Presidents of the Club, the happiness out of giving and doing a project is a permanent memory. I still remember that in 2005-06, I

took my club members to a cataract project in Palghar; I have not forgotten it and neither have my club members. **A new member to the club gave 10,000 dollars to the project after seeing the project. Till today, he has given 2.25 lakh dollars.** So, this stays with you. Happy moments are stored permanently in your soul. And you are all aware that the soul is the only thing that goes with you and comes back in the next life.

So, Shernaz, when you take your members to a new project, they get that unlimited happiness. You will get retention and donations. **People like to give money when they are touched by the work you are doing.** Rotary is such a platform where

you cannot do anything alone, it has to be done together. You are supporting so many heart surgeries, how many of you have gone there to see the child, to meet the parents? Just go and see. I had called three children at one of the meetings, one was from Akola. The father shared how he got a number from somewhere and, after being asked to get the kid to Mumbai, he still had no idea who had done the coordination and arrangement. He shared that he was waiting till the last day for this God. They were amazed to see that there are people who help for real.

So, Shernaz, there are unlimited opportunities to get happiness by giving your time, energy, or money.



Committee News

ECG MACHINE FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

An ECG machine was inaugurated on March 19th, 2022, at the BSPCA Animal Hospital, Parel. RCB is grateful to the Reliance Foundation and Mr. Anant Ambani for donating the machine for animal welfare at the BSPCA, routed through committee chairman Rtn. Priyasri Patodia.

During the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Gaikwad, Head of Department, Animal College, who is also in charge of the hospital, President Shernaz Vakil, Chairperson Rtn. Priyasri Patodia, Mr ChandrashekharChore (Jt. Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai). Rtn. Mudit Jain and Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain were present.

Thanks to the donation of the ECG machine, many animals will not need to go through invasive tests, thus easing their suffering.



GIRL POWER FOR VAIDU WOMEN

The Rotaract Club of Hinduja College along with Rotary Club of Bombay, in collaboration with Free Pads for India, organised "Periods Of Sharing" - a three-month long initiative to donate free sanitary pads and educate Vaidu girls and women about menstruation.

The event was conducted at two venues: Jogeshwari and Marol. The speaker Dr. Khushboo Muni explained what periods are and why it is crucial for girls to have periods. She included the right age to get periods, different products to use along with their proper disposal. She shared remedies for pains and how to maintain absolute hygiene.

Dr. Muni also talked about menopause and why, when going through it, it is necessary for women to educate the men around them. She ended by telling girls: "Menstruation is a normal and essential process which no one should be ashamed of. It is a beautiful process of making life!"

Sanitary napkins were donated to a hundred girls and women which would last them for three months.



In other news



Congratulations to our very own Rtn. Satyan Israni who was awarded the Global Lex Falcon Award 2022, a global award for some of the brightest professional lawyers in the world. The awards were conferred at the LexTalk World Global Hybrid Conference at Hotel Crown Plaza, Deira, Dubai, UAE, on March 24th and 25th, 2022. LexTalk World specialises in industry events and media solutions for the international legal industry.

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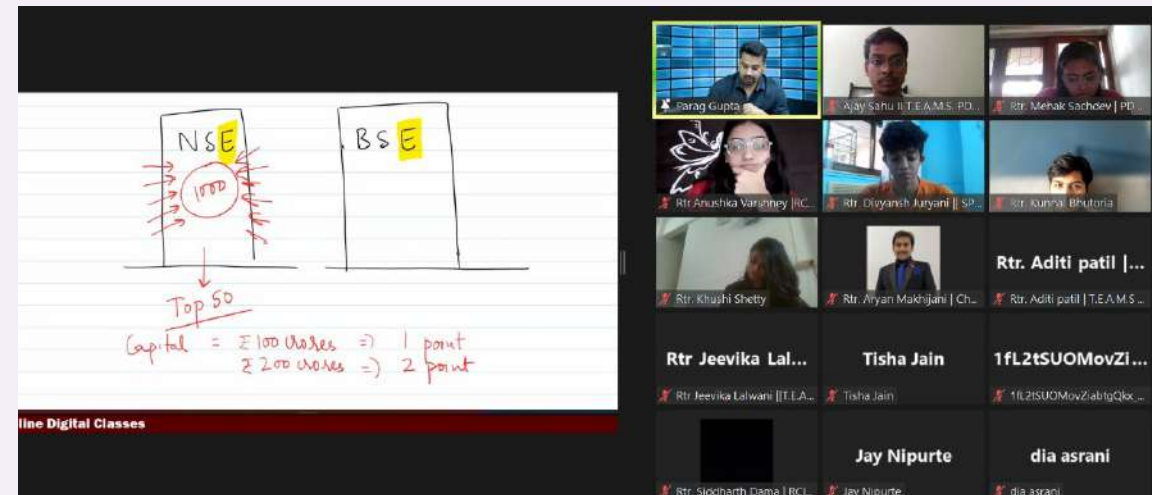
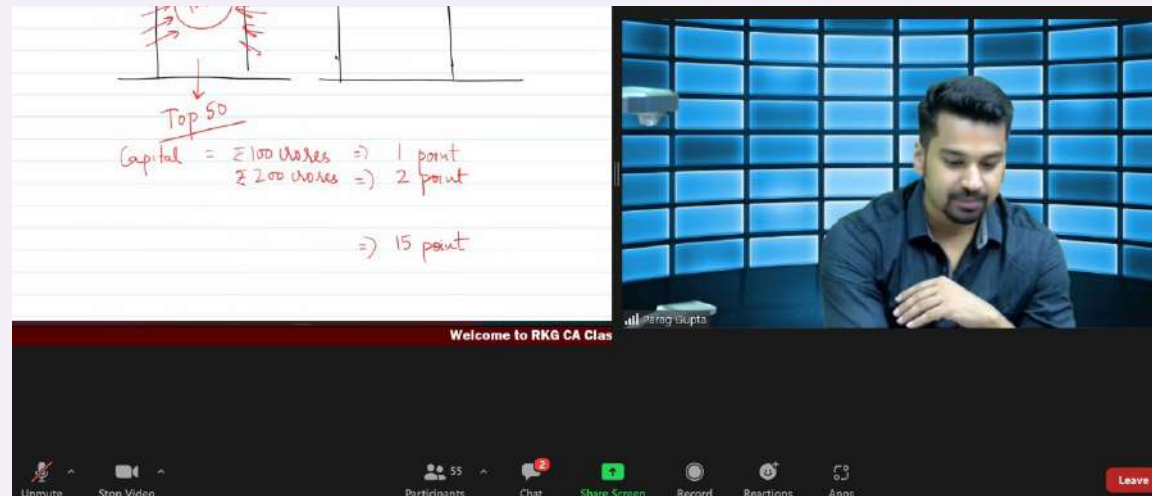
Venue: Durbar Hall, Asiatic Society of Mumbai

Timings: 5.30 PM

Elevator access from rear entrance available

Committee News

RCJC AND RCISME'S STOCK TACTICS



The Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College (Professional Development Avenue) and Rotaract Club of ISME (Entrepreneurship Development Avenue) together organised Stock-ing, a workshop to teach the basics of the stock market and investment to beginners. Facilitator Mr. Parag Gupta, CA, explained trading, NSE, BSE, equity, FD, shares and bonds and much more.

Participants were between 16 to 21 years old and new to these terms. Mr. Gupta also spoke about do's and don'ts, added tips and tricks to invest correctly and helped students develop an interest in stock market and trading. An interaction between Mr. Gupta and his listeners answered all doubts.



ART & CRAFT WITH LIGHTHOUSE

Doing art and craft together is so much more fun in offline class for our Lighthouse students. In keeping with the theme of the month, Insects, batches 1 and 2 of the kindergarten created an ant craft and a pretty dragonfly using wooden spoons.

The students of standards 1 and 2 listened to 'Janice in Chinatown,' a story about Chinese immigrants living in Kolkata which described their customs in detail. The youngsters created then their own Chinese New Year decorations, paper dragons.

The oldest batch of students enjoyed doing magazine prompt art with colourful pictures from magazines and instructed to create their own 'masterpiece' centered around the image. At the end, each student was encouraged to describe his/ her creation in their own words.



BOOKS FOR A CAUSE

A one month long book drive for mini libraries for underprivileged children and senior citizens! Help us by dropping off your old books to donate across NGOs in Mumbai as part of an initiative by RCB Satellite Club!

DONATE



TODAY

Please donate books in Hindi, English and Marathi
Open to all types of books - Text books, fiction and non fiction books, illustrated books, and even comic books
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MARCH 30
Rtn. Devendra Kothari



MARCH 30
Rtn. Nandan Maluste



APRIL 2
Rtn. Ravi Sheth



APRIL 3
Hon. Rtn. Adi Godrej

**WE SALUTE OUR
ROTARIANS WHO HAVE GIVEN SO
MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB**
Members who complete more than 30 years in March are:



Rtn. Deepak Kapadia,
44 years



Rtn. Jimmy Pochkhanwalla,
37 years



PP Hareesh Jagtiani,
36 years



PP Dr. Mukesh Batra,
35 years

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

MARCH 29
Rtn. Ptn. Gauri Daiya

MARCH 30
Rtn. Ptn. Sudha Gokal

MARCH 31
Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Kaji

APRIL 2
Rtn. Ptn. Amita Malkani

APRIL 4
Rtn. Ptn. Urvashi Minawal

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Rtn. Ptn. Vera & Rtn. Dara Mehta



NEXT WEEK: YAJURVINDRA SINGH BILKHA ON THE COLOURS OF CRICKET

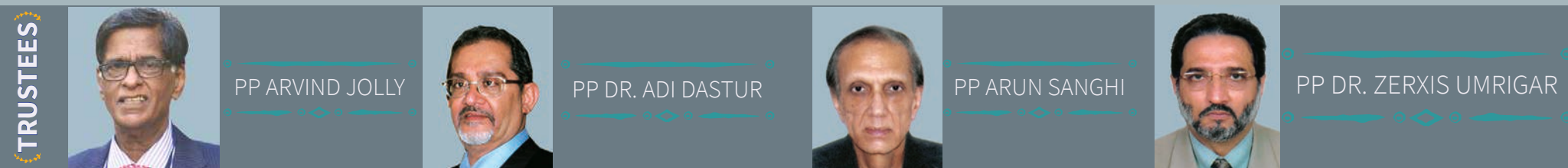
APRIL 5TH, 2022
AT PRESIDENT HOTEL, 1 PM



A scion of the royal family of Bilkha, Yajurvindra Singh Bilkha has played for India in International Test and One-Day cricket. He achieved two world records on his debut Test match versus England in Bangalore in 1977. Yajurvindra has also been the Chairman of the Maharashtra Cricket Selection Committee and a Selector for the West Zone Cricket team.

Apart from cricket, Yajurvindra has had long innings at senior levels in two of India's blue chip companies - Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd (M&M) and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). He was also the Managing Director of Wisden India, a subsidiary of Wisden UK, the foremost authority on Cricket. Presently, Yajurvindra is a Director/ Board Member of the newly formed Indian Cricketers' Association (ICA), a company that has been set up by the BCCI for the welfare, interest and benefits of the former and present Indian cricketers.

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