

the gateway

Rotary Club
of Bombay



SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY | FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY |

VOLUME NO. 63 ISSUE NO. 41 APRIL 19, 2022

WWW.ROTARYCLUBOFBOMBAY.ORG

FOLLOW RCB
ON THESE
SOCIAL MEDIA
CHANNELS.
CLICK ON THE
LINKS BELOW

 [FACEBOOK](#)

 [TWITTER](#)

 [INSTAGRAM](#)

 [YOUTUBE](#)

 [LINKEDIN](#)

TODAY
SINGER-
COMPOSER
ANU MALIK

AT
FORUM AND CAPITAL
ROOM,
PRESIDENT HOTEL,
1 PM

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



SUSTAINABILITY

I find the word sustainability thrown about a lot in the Rotary world and especially at RCB.

What is the actual meaning of a sustainable project?

Is it that the project can sustain without any further Rotary intervention or is it that the project will continue to provide succour to the needy on a sustainable basis?

Though I have always favoured the latter, I find many of our members looking only at short-term projects that get completed as soon as the payment is made.

I do agree that creating a long-term liability for future Presidents to sustain is not ideal. However, neither is a short-term intervention when we are dealing with serving a community and its needs.

The happy balance would be like PP Ramesh Narayan did, by collecting funds for a three-year intervention at our Bhavishya Yaan schools; or as PP Preeti Mehta and IPP Framroze Mehta did by finding a way to continue to support our village projects.

What then is required is a collaborative approach between each President that ensures that our community interventions do not suffer from year to year.

This is exactly what we have followed this year.

Four Presidents sat together to develop a long-term plan, taking into account our ongoing projects and accepting the responsibility to fund them.

This ensures that in the future, as was always done in the past, our projects will continue, and the community will see no break in the service.

We are RCB, because all our projects directly address some need in the community and sustain further because we are successful in meeting that need.

These projects are not considered sustainable by some but in my eyes, they have met the criteria of sustaining in time!

RCB HITS REBOOT ON BHAVISHYA YAAN

Bhavishya Yaan, a project conceived and implemented by PP Ramesh Narayan and a few dedicated and diehard Rotarians is one such sustainable initiative.

It has grown and expanded into six schools and brought meaning and opportunity to many children who passed through its well-intentioned doors.

Our partners Vidya valiantly supported our mandate to teach the children spoken English and life skills and to introduce them to a world of opportunities hitherto unavailable to them. The success was measured by the number of children who were brought out of their limited worlds into a more expansive one.

For 11 long years, this initiative was fairly successful, supported and coordinated by six dedicated and caring mentors, all of whom were none other than our own Rotarian Partners.

These ladies gave their time, energy and hearts to this project, physically visiting the schools,



often every day. The computer classes which were offered alongside were very often the main draw for the children.

Until the pandemic hit. The project was hit with its own set of issues. Children had difficulty logging on to the online classes we started.

They were distracted and lost focus. The Vidya teachers had their own challenges, and BY went into a bit of a tailspin.

At the beginning of the year, I attended one such class, and found the teacher trying her best to teach the concept of alliteration to children who were distracted, uninterested

and in a completely different mind space.

When had we moved from the mandate of spoken English to grammar?

And why? At this point, we were trying to achieve the impossible.

We needed a relook at the entire programme to see how we could get back to the original mandate of spoken English etc.

I strongly felt that for the large amount of donors' money being spent, we needed to ensure that each child got the best instruction, and that we were getting the results we were paying for.

So, together with Rtn. Ulhas Yargop and PE Vineet Bhatnagar, we decided to set a new mandate of spoken English, Math, life skills, and digital literacy and to find the best way to achieve this.

With the interest of the children uppermost in our minds, and the responsibility of spending the donors' funds in the best way possible, we shortlisted five possible new partners and asked them to make us a presentation that encompassed the new mandate.

Vidya was also asked to review and present a fresh approach.

Last October, we spent some days meeting each partner on Zoom, going through each presentation and then choosing one partner who we felt could best support the children and the mandate we had provided.

It was with some discussion and deliberation that we chose Naandi of the Mahindra group to work with us on a pilot.

Omicron reared its fangs again and the pilot that was to start in January did not begin until mid-February and that, too, digitally in the beginning. Before this, Naandi carried out a baseline study.

The results were not very heartening.

The 8th and 9th standard kids were at levels 3 and 5 standard of spoken English (which would have been normal had they not gone through years of Bhavishya Yaan).

Since then, they have had a few physical sessions and found that the best way to approach the mandate would be through theatrical intervention.

In the few sessions they have had they are getting ready to put up a performance for us. And, the kids have written their own scripts!

This is going to be fun to watch and a wonderful way to determine what we do next.

~ President Shernaz Vakil



Ayaz Memon (AM): You mentioned being a sports freak. Sometimes, I wonder if I was a failed sportsman and so I became a sports journalist or am I a journalist who enjoys sports? What has been your story?

Khalid A-H Ansari (KA): To be honest, I have really been a *'gadha'* who is blessed to have someone up above. This is the theme of my book, that *'jab uparwala meherbaan toh gadha pahelwaan'*. **My late father was a journalist; he fought for the country, and he was tremendously passionate.** I was lucky to inherit some of his passion. It was my ambition to become a journalist from the time I was a little boy at St. Mary's in Bombay. But I dreamt big and I wasn't going to be contained with a small city publication; I wanted to take on the big boys. I wanted to take on *Sportstar* from The Hindu Group where sports publishing was concerned. So

Sportsworld started and, by the grace of God, it did well.

I got restless and then I set my sights on starting a daily newspaper. I had no money, no infrastructure, no bank balance, no staff, nothing. But I was just lucky to run into people who joined me from day one. It has been a huge chunk of luck but I worked very hard. I had a crazy passion of achieving anything that I set my mind on. Thanks to the one above, I have been able to achieve a few of them.

AM: You started the *Sportsworld* magazine and I remember the fiery editorials you wrote, trying to expose mal-administration in India, including at the highest level in the sports ministry. Looking back, at the six-decade-long sweep, are you happy with the way things turned out? In terms of sports, are we on the cusp of a breakthrough, will India become a sporting nation?

TO READ A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF THE DISCUSSION, [CLICK HERE](#)

KA: I am happy now; I am happy today and I claim no credit at all. It is entirely due to my colleagues. **What we were trying to do is create a culture of sports in the country not only to produce world champions but to produce good Indians and human beings.** People who understood the sporting spirit, who understood fair play, youngsters who would grow up to be good human beings. So, that was our main objective. We started a movement called 'Run for Fun' in Mumbai. I remember Julio Ribeiro, former police commissioner of Mumbai, running with me on Marine Drive; we got various government authorities to join us in the hope that they would support us. The movement picked up and on Sunday mornings, there were a huge number of youngsters running on the streets of Bombay for their own sake and not to become world champions.

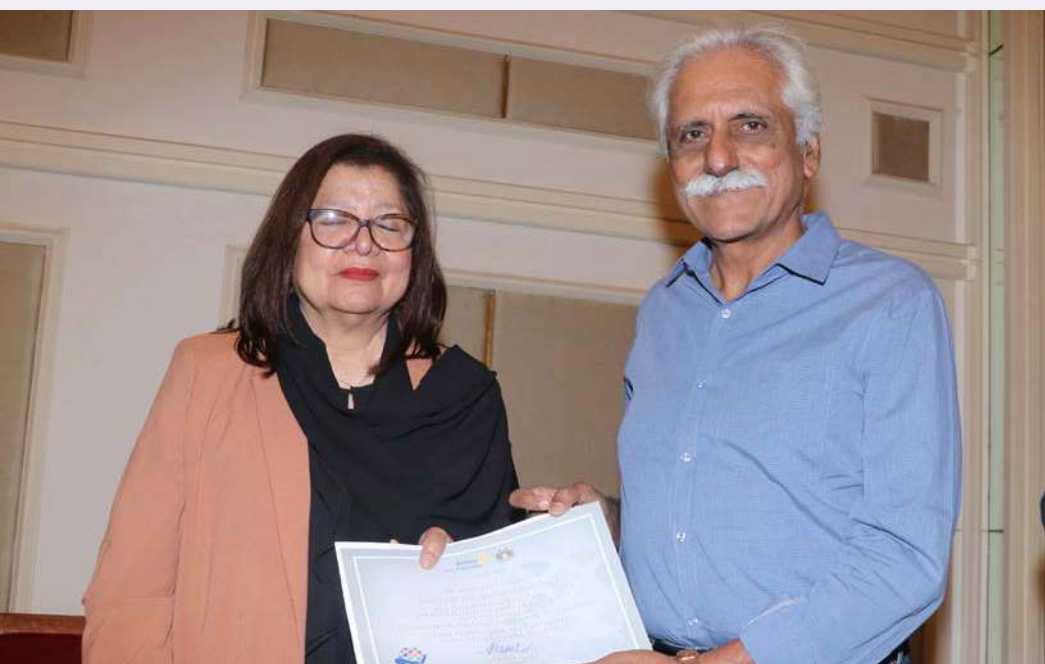
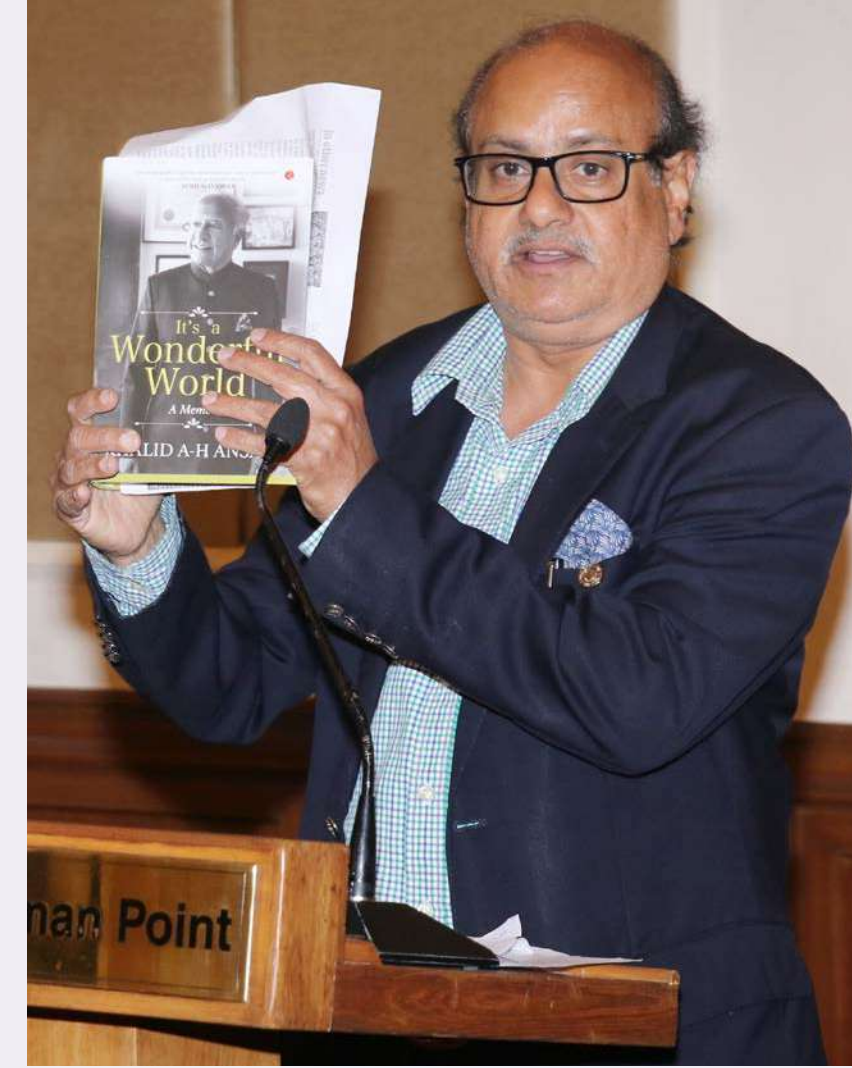
I remember a meeting in Delhi when I was a member of All Indian Council of Sports. Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, a very good friend and, if I may say so, drinking companion, was the chairman and I was a member. General Kumaramangalam was the chairman before him and I was very disappointed because although he was a fine human being and a fine Army man, he could achieve very little with the *babus* in Delhi; they clipped his wings completely. So, I was going to resign out of frustration when I got word that Field Marshal Manekshaw was going to succeed General Kumaramangalam. So, I hung around and I was re-appointed. At the first meeting, some minister came to inaugurate the council and

when he left, he said, "Right, lady," there was one lady in the council, "and gentleman, now that we are done with all the rubbish let's get down to the brass tacks. Let's do something about sports." But before he could know what hit him, his wings were clipped. The *babus* completely emasculated him, the council would recommend that certain teams can go abroad, and the team would not go. They would find ways and means to not send the team abroad. Again, there was some frustration and then the council wound up. I am making this point to show that we, as a council, achieved nothing; we were utter failures and very frustrated.

Over the years, things have changed in sports. There is more money, for a variety of reasons. We have produced world champions and, especially during Covid, it was heartening to see the Indian contingent to do so well in the Olympic Games. So, from that point of view, I am happy but I claim no credit. I can, however, claim joy that I was part of the process to create awareness of the right climate to get money for Indian sports, to get coaches from abroad and to generally introduce a sporting culture in our country.

It is heartening to see our girls' performances in cricket, wrestling, winning gold medals at the Olympic level... that has made me happy.

AM: I completely concur. You have to actively get girls to participate in sports because if you keep 50% of your population out of sports, you can't be a sporting nation.



Committee News



A GUIDED TOUR OF THE MAPS EXHIBIT AT THE ASIATIC LIBRARY



KIDS ENJOYING JIGSAW PUZZLE MAPS



RCB & ASIATIC LIBRARY MAP THE PAST

The story of British Bombay begins with one solitary European structure, the former Manor House of the Portuguese landlord of Bombaim, Garcia da Orta, which was quickly rechristened Bombay Castle. Seen here in the exhibition through the Dutch clergyman Phillipus Baldaeus' view from the 1670s, the entire fort of Bombay was centered around this one structure.

The functionality of maps of

Bombay for almost a century ahead remains primarily for navigation. The Bellin map of the 1750s is indicative of what facets were deemed important to make it safely into Bombay harbour - Sunken Rock, Cross Island, and the 'White House' at Mazagaon, to name a few, all prominently labeled on the map.

Yet another century later, the burgeoning town is on the verge of becoming a thriving

metropolis, and we see here the last couple of maps in the 1850s by one Henry Conybeare before demolition of the fort walls, opening up (relatively) large tracts of land for development, forever changing the destiny of Bombay. By this time, cadastral surveys had become far more important than navigational ones, as revenue from the shipping trade was well-regulated and it had now become more important to ascertain revenue from the

sale & taxation on the lands of Bombay.

There's always a flip-side to too much prosperity; the plague of 1896 hit Bombay much harder than other parts of India, largely in the overpopulated parts of the city, which determined a need by the Municipal Commission for mapping out & marking the heavily affected parts and deploying personnel on tackling sharply rising cases &

cordoning off areas, something we've all experienced in the last couple of years.

And finally, to cap off the last major redevelopment project (of Marine Drive) and the apex point of Bombay's dock development, a map that shows the newly constructed gymkhana, the CSMVS museum, and the fairly recent Gateway of India, here is a map primarily published for sale to Bombay residents as well

as tourists, possibly the first series of tourist maps made on Bombay, one of the last new functional uses of maps before tom-toms and google maps was to forever make the functional use of maps irrelevant.

Mrinal Kapadia weaves a story around the conserved maps of Bombay and takes participants on an interactive journey through cartographical records at Asiatic Library.

MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE EXHIBITION

ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

MINT LOUNGE

VOGUE

THE TIMES OF INDIA

THE TIMES OF INDIA

LOCAL SAMOSA

What India looked like 300 years ago

Committee News

On April 12th, 2022, visiting Rotarian Rohan Vaswani, from the Rotary Club of Singapore, Dist 3310, exchanged banners with President Shernaz Vakil. Rohan takes care of Business Development in the Asia Pacific region for Godrej Properties Ltd. He is also a third-generation Rotarian. Rohan's father, Sunil Vaswani, belongs to our Club and his grandfather, Rtn. Nari Gidwani, was the President of the Rotary Club Of Johor Bahru, Malaysia, Dist. 3310.



ROTARIANS MEET FOR PRE-KASHMIR FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to Rtn. Sheila Bulchandani for her warm and generous hospitality and to Rtn. Ptn. Kanan and Rtn. Ravi Fotedar for the in-depth talk on the culture and history of Kashmir!

We are all prepped to go!



Rotary
Club of Bombay



SAVE THE DATE

“Nuit de gratitude”

Join us for a
Parisian Evening as we give
thanks for the past year.
President Shernaz Vakil
& Firoze Vakil

7.30 pm, 24th June, 2022
Taj Mahal Palace Hotel
Apollo Bunder, Mumbai

Committee News

BIG TREAT FOR LITTLE ONES AT LIGHTHOUSE

Rotary child Ishti Agrawal gave an end of the year treat to Lighthouse children

We thank Rotarian Charu Agrawal's daughter Ish-ti for raising funds to pay for a full year's education of 5 Vaidu children. She also organised an end of the year treat for Lighthouse children.

Our tiny tots of the Lighthouse class got a chance to experience the joy of playing with bubbles during the Bubble Show on April 9th, 2022.

The little ones watched as the bubble artist played around with the big transparent orbs, placing them on candle flames and handling them as if they were made of rubber. The students even got a chance to be encased in a giant bubble, a truly unique and fascinating experience. 65 children attended the event held in the class itself. At the end, mango juice was distributed to all.



President Rachna Vanmali from Rotary Club of Ambala Industrial Area honoured PP Kalpana Munshi from our Club by exchanging flags with her during the official visit of DG Ajay Madan of Dist 3080.

PP Kalpana Munshi was on a visit to husband's hometown Ambala Cantt, Haryana. During her visit to the Rotary club there, she announced Dolly Chopra as the student of the year for her meritorious work and contributed fees for her 12th standard studies including textbooks and notebooks.



Rotary
Club of Bombay



SAVE THE DATE

INSTALLATION OF
SANDIP AGARWALLA

AS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 3141

AND

VINEET BHATNAGAR

AS

PRESIDENT OF ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY

10.00 AM, SUNDAY, 3RD JULY, 2022

Rotary
District 3141



Alpha
22-23



IMAGINE
ROTARY

Committee News

VAIDU WOMEN CATCH UP ON THEIR DAILY READING



GIVE A DAMN, RUN A MILE

Squash-A-Mile for V Care Foundation is an initiative of the Advani siblings and now an initiative of the squash fraternity, young volunteer kids across schools especially Hill Spring School, and the extended Advani family.

Since 2012, young children volunteers have raised more than Rs. 18 million, helping over 3500 less privileged cancer patients through V Care Foundation who provides bridge funding for their medical needs or medical treatments. We look forward to your largesse, the benevolence of your friends, family and of your companies!

This year, like in 2020, we've moved to an online campaign, #VCareAMile. Our young organisers this year are Mishaal Thapar, Armaan Thapar, Rhea, and

Rohaam Advani, Leah Divecha, Janina Shivdasani, and Rishad Poonawala, who are all in the age group of 14 to 26 years.

All you need to do is run a mile or 2000 steps, at any venue of your choice, from the wee hours of Friday, August 27th, 2022, through Sunday, August 29th, 2022, ending at 3.59 pm. You may run as many miles as you wish in solidarity for our cause.

Do time-keep only your ONE mile run if you are competing and post your timing on instagram at #squashamile and #VCareAMile. Feel free to share any fun moments!

Let's work up a sweat!

Thank you for making your donation to <https://vcarecancer.org/care-a-mile/>

Grant Update

GG2232165

Rotary Club of Bombay



Reference Picture

Medical Equipment to Masina Hospital

Grant Approval

The Rotary Foundation has approved
Global Grant of \$117163.00

Balmohan Agarwal
DGSC 2021 - 22



**KEEP
EP
•YOUR•
VIBES
UP**

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



APRIL 19
Hon. Rtn. Mukesh
Ambani



APRIL 19
Rtn. Suresh
Agarwal



APRIL 20
Rtn. Vijay
Dhawan



APRIL 20
Rtn. Vinod
Juneja



APRIL 23
Rtn. Ashwin
Mansharamani



APRIL 23
Rtn. Anand
Parikh



APRIL 25
Rtn. Dr. Ameet
Pispati

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 20
Rtn. Ptn. Poonam Dave

APRIL 20
Rtn. Ptn. Pervin Jehangir

APRIL 20
Rtn. Ptn. Rita Sagar

APRIL 22
Rtn. Ptn. Bijal Kara

APRIL 23
Rtn. Ptn. Preeti Tankha

APRIL 24
Rtn. Ptn. Anuradha
Agarwal

APRIL 19
Rtn. Ptn. Swati & Rtn. Yogesh
Mahansaria

APRIL 22
Rtn. Ptn. Sunil & Rtn. Tanya Sood

APRIL 23
Rtn. Ptn. Noshir & Rtn. Ritu
Prakash Desai

APRIL 24
Rtn. Ptn. Berry & Rtn. Akil Hirani

APRIL 25
Rtn. Ptn. Kiran & Rtn. Shekhar
Bajaj

APRIL 25
Rtn. Ptn. Prerna & Rtn. Vikas Jain

ANNIVERSARIES



BYCULLA CLUB, BOMBAY.

NEXT WEEK:
THE BYCULLA SOUFFLE:
HOW BOMBAY DINED
IN THE 19TH CENTURY
BY TARA DESHPANDE



Rtn. Tara Deshpande was born and raised in Mumbai. She studied at Cathedral and John Connon and graduated from St Xavier's College with a B.A. in Political Science and Economics. She speaks English, French, Hindi and Marathi and is studying Spanish. She began her career on the English stage and worked as a model and MTV veejay. Her film roles include cult classics like *Is Raat Ki Subah Nahin*, *Bombay Boys* and *Style*. Post marriage in 2000, Tara moved to the United States where she attended intensive classes at the French Culinary Institute in New York and Le Cordon Bleu in Paris and started Azalea Catering in 2004.

Tara taught at culinary schools in New York and Boston for 7 years. Her cooking show, 'Great Chocolate Cooking', was featured on a PBS (Public Broadcasting Service) channel and her recipes and food stories have appeared in the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, *New York Herald* and *Boston Phoenix*.

A Sense for Spice: Recipes and Stories from a Konkani Kitchen (Westland-Tata) is her second book after *Fifty and Done* (HarperCollins India, 1999), a collection of short stories and verse. The author lives in Mumbai and New York. She has recently published her latest book *An Indian Sense of Salad: Eat Raw, Eat More* which has been receiving rave reviews.



APRIL 26TH, 2022
AT PRESIDENT HOTEL, 1 PM

MILTON

The uber cool bottle
everyone deserves!



This summer, stay hydrated all day long with the trendy kool Hexone bottle!
Grab yours on Amazon or Flipkart!

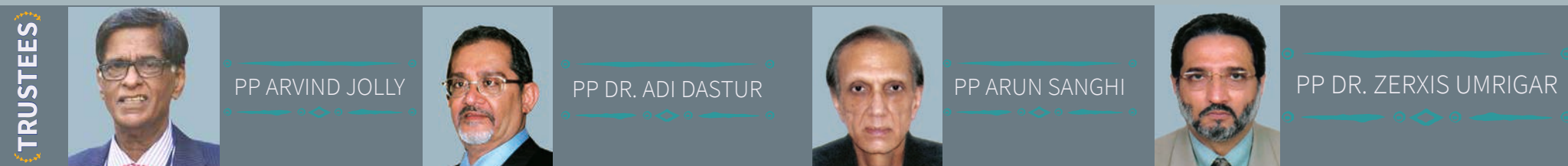
treeo
BY MILTON

After-party with me, myself & I!



After-party scenes with just you and some delicious leftovers! Store them right in Treeo's store fresh refrigerator containers. Shop now on Amazon or Flipkart!

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY 2021-2022



PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL, IPP FRAMROZE MEHTA, PE VINEET BHATNAGAR, PN MANOJ PATODIA, HON. SECY. DR. AKSHAY BATRA, JT. HON. SECY. NATASHA TREASURYWALA, HON. TREASURER KIRIT KAMDAR

 DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE CLUB SERVICE (MEMBERSHIP) RTN. PRATAP PADODE BULLETIN, SOCIAL MEDIA & WEBSITE RTN. ABHINAV AGGARWAL FELLOWSHIP & IN-CAMERA RTN. ZINIA LAWYER SERGEANT-AT-ARMS RTN. HOSHANG NAZIR	 DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE MEDICAL SERVICE RTN. ARIN MASTER CANCER AID RTN. FAROKH BALSARA PAEDIATRIC HEART SURGERY RTN. JAYMIN JHAVERI MEDICAL CITY - COTTON GREEN, IWA & MASINA HOSPITAL RTN. DR. AASHISH CONTRACTOR TALWADA - PRVEC AND ADMC RTN. HOMI KATGARA DIALYSIS RTN. SWATI JAJODIA	 DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE NON-MEDICAL SERVICE I RTN. JAMSHYD BANAJI ENVIRONMENT RTN. VARSHA DAIYA URBAN HERITAGE RTN. PRIYASRI PATODIA PANCHATATVA RTN. BIMAL MEHTA ANIMAL WELFARE RTN. HIREN KARA	 SPORTS RTN. SANJIV SARAN MEHRA VOCATIONAL TRAINING & NIGHT STUDY CENTRES RTN. TARA DESHPANDE INTERACT RTN. GAUTAM DOSHI ROTARACT RTN. MURAD CURRAWALLA	 DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE VOCATIONAL SERVICE RTN. AJIT LALVANI CHILD WELFARE - LIGHTHOUSE RTN. RAJESH SHAH WATER RESOURCES RTN. SIDDHARTH BHIMRAJKA ANANDA YAAN RTN. MADHUSUDAN DAGA PUBLIC AWARD RTN. JAGDISH MALKANI ELDER DAY CARE PP ASHISH VAID
 DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE CLUB SERVICE (INTERNATIONAL) RTN. FARHAT JAMAL PROGRAMME RTN. SATYAN ISRANI FUND-RAISING RTN. SWATI MAYEKAR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES RTN. CHRISTOPHER BLUEMEL	 DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE DISTRICT THRUST AREAS RTN. BIPIN VAZIRANI GLOBAL GRANTS & TRF PP VIJAY KUMAR JATIA DISTRICT EMPHASIS AREAS PP GUL KRIPALANI DISTRICT THRUST AREAS PP PRADEEP SAXENA	 MENTORSHIP RTN. SUNITA MANDELIA SCHOLARSHIPS RTN. ATEEQ AGBOATWALA TAPARIA JUNIOR COLLEGE PP PRADEEP SAXENA	 DIRECTOR-IN-CHARGE YOUTH SERVICE RTN. VRINDA RAJGARHIA SKILL DEVELOPMENT RTN. S. V. PRASAD 	