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**MEMBERS,
PLEASE
NOTE:
THERE
IS NO
MEETING
TODAY.**

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



PARADISE REGAINED

Srinagar is a city of roses and gardens and we dutifully visited all, delighted with the vibrancy and bright colours of the exotic flowers and foliage.

The highlight of the trip for most, though, was the long, languorous ride on a shikara from Nagin Lake to the Dal. We weaved our way through lotus gardens and weeds and rushes through villages and shops and even a marketplace! A ride to remember as we lay back relaxing on the serene waters with the mountains surrounding us and only the occasional tout to disturb our reverie.

As we moved back to the mountains the next day and to the Meadow of Flowers that is Gulmarg, we were greeted with mile-high conifers standing tall and strong, guarding the green valley.

Walking through the undulating meadow that evening we happened on an old church and tramped in to still our senses in reverence to the magnificence around us.

We were surrounded by the majesty of the Himalayan range, snow laden and silent in its glory.

Another highlight of our trip was a visit to Karan Mahal, the home bought by the dispossessed Maharaja Hari Singh for his son and now the occasional historic home of Karan Singh and his family.

The elegant surroundings, the exotic flowers growing manicured and in wild abundance, and the liveried service at lunch, took us

back to a cultured and glorious time gone by.

At the Royal Springs Golf Course, some of us spent a splendid morning under the walnut, cherry and mulberry trees, whilst others shopped their purses out on Pashminas and Kanis!

Our trip was curated towards experiencing nature in its most exalted form, and every day brought joy and delight.

We were a small group of like-minded Rotarians and friends who were able to enjoy the experience and fellowship that only such a group can!

We had arrived in paradise and a heaven of sorts, our minds and souls stilled and stirred.

And as we return to our city lives and hear the melodious call to prayer reverberate from the valley, we understand that this special place must be home to the Gods!

~ **President Shernaz Vakil**





RTN. TARA DESHPANDE TALKS ABOUT FOOD AND
CULINARY TRADITIONS DURING COLONIAL INDIA



Four important projects took place that contributed to the evolution of Bombay to the Mumbai we know it as today. These were the Hornby Vellard project, major migration, explosion in population and international political events. These changed the way people ate, lived, dined, and entertained.

There are few known eating establishments. All restaurants and café culture dates to 10th century in Europe. **Not only was eating out unheard of India, but it was also discouraged by many religions. The only places to get food while out was at churches, ashrams, dharamshalas and mosques.** Madhav Ashram in Girgaon, established in 1918, is one of the few remaining prototypes of lodging and boarding-style establishments that existed in 19th century. You paid with tokens, slept the night in common room and left at 7 am.

Before the Vellard project was completed, most English officers lived in the Fort area. It was only after the creation of Byculla that things began to change rapidly in Bombay's culinary scene.

HORNBY VELLARD: This was a project to build a causeway uniting all seven islands of Bombay into a single island with a deep natural harbour. The project was started by Governor William Hornby in 1782 and all islands were linked by 1838. It eventually took over 150 years to join the original seven islands of Mumbai. The original island of Bombay was only 24 km long and 4 km wide from Dongri to Malabar Hill and the other six were Colaba, Old Woman's island, Mahim, Parel, Worli, Mazgaon.

During the late 18th century, Byculla was

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an extension of Mazagaon, one of the seven islands that originally formed the city of Mumbai. The area was low-lying flats which were inundated during the high tide through the Great Breach at Mahalaxmi. However, the breach was closed by the Hornby Vellard project in 1784, which joined all seven islands of Bombay into a single island. This was followed by the construction of the Bellasis Road Causeway in 1793. Thereafter, the area saw habitation as Europeans living in the Mazagaon and Fort area started shifting here. The famous Byculla Club was opened in 1833.

Bombay's population trebled between 1812 and 1891 and **the culinary scene changed dramatically after the Hornby Vellard project – a huge number of gymkhanas, hotels, clubs, and samajs opened up,** such as:

- Oriental Cricket Club 1848
- Bombay Club 1846
- Hindu Union Club/Hindu Gymkhana
- Parsi Club 1877
- Ripon 1884
- Parsi Gymkhana 1888
- Wilson College Gymkhana 1905
- Princess Victoria Gymkhana 1909
- Taj Ice Cream 1887
- Victoria Hotel 1837 No 1 Esplanade Near V.T
- Waverly Hotel Rampart Row
- Ladies Gymkhana Malabar Hill
- Punchram Puriwala Near Cst 1840

Cafe Leopold 1871 Colaba

Bhagat Tarachand 1895

Joshi Halwewala Mahim 1820

MIGRATIONS: Whenever wars and partitions took place, and communities started to migrate into Mumbai, the culinary scene began to change. **Everyone thinks that fish koliwada or prawns koliwada is a Koli dish. But it is an Amritsari tikka** which the Sikhs got with them, and which got named fish koliwada. Most Udipi restaurants opened in '60s because of the migration of Mangaloreans and Goan Catholics into Mumbai at that time.

Between 1812 and 1891, Bombay's population trebled. As soon as there were more foreign visitors and migrant labours, facilities were needed for them to eat and sleep. Many Baghdadi Jews migrated to Bombay, led by Sir David Sassoon.

ELECTRICITY came to Bombay in 1882. In 1865, Pallonji's introduced India's first carbonated beverage, a flavoured soda, followed by Duke and Sons in 1889. The Princess Dock opened in 1885 and shipments of ice and imported goods flooded the market. Bird's custard became so popular that even today many Indians think that it is actually real custard. Canned coffee, an extract of chicory and dried coffee beans, was introduced to India for the first time. **The first dabba delivery service by Mahadeo Havaji Bachche started in 1890.** Tinned Asparagus and Margarine invented by a French chemist in 1869 were also introduced to India in the 19th century.





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WE ARE CONTINUING
TO CHANGE THE FACE
OF RURAL INDIA -
ONE VILLAGE AT A TIME

PLEASE JOIN
PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL
AS SHE INAUGURATES THE
INTEGRATED RURAL
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
AT
WAGHATPADA AND WAKADEPADA
VILLAGES IN GRAMPANCHAYAT PIMPLAIS,
WADA TALUKA, PALGHAR DISTRICT,
MAHARASHTRA

10:00 AM, 8TH MAY, 2022

MIHIR MODY
CHAIRPERSON
RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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Committee News

**BHAVISHYA YAAN'S COLABA
SCHOOL PERFORMS PLAY IN A
PILOT CARRIED OUT BY NAANDI**



It was an amazing performance scripted, directed
and choreographed by the BY children themselves!



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IN CAMERA



MIYAWAKI FOREST

*A stroll through a forest in the
middle of Mumbai ! Talk and walk
on the recently created city forest
at the Willingdon Club*

*Golf Hut
5.45 pm, Wednesday, May 4, 2022
followed by High Tea thereafter
on the Willingdon Main Lawn*

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Committee News

ROTARY CHILD RAISES FUNDS TO SEND LIGHTHOUSE CHILDREN FOR A PLAY AT THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE



As an end-of-year treat, around 32 Lighthouse students from ages 6 to 11 years were taken to see Snow White and the 7 Dwarves – A Broadway Musical at the Royal Opera House on Saturday, April 23rd, 2022.

The production, staged by Vishal Asrani Institute of Performing Arts in association with Pioneer Drama Co. USA, was a retelling of the classic Grimms fairytale,

albeit with a twist. Through the play, director Jiji Subi conveyed the importance of the Three Magic Words and emphasised that looks or external appearances are of little value unless accompanied by a kind and generous heart.

The 90-minute performance was interspersed with lively song and dance and, at critical junctures in the storyline,

children (in the audience) were encouraged to respond verbally. When the show ended, our children posed for photos with the cast. In addition to joyful memories, each student also took home a nutritious packet of milkshake courtesy Ms. Ishti Agrawal, daughter of our Rtn. Charu Agrawal.



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

RCHR DANCES WITH SPECIAL KIDS

The Rotaract Club Of H.R. College organised Tak Dhinak Dhin, a dance competition between schools of the differently privileged. Six schools participated in the five-day project this year. Members of our Club went to the schools for a week and taught them various kinds of dances. The finals were then held on April 22nd, 2022. There was also a special performance by 15 members from Society for the Rehabilitation of Crippled Children (SRCC). These are kids who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



Students from each school also gave solo performances. The winners were given trophies, certificates, gifts, and cash prizes. SRCC students were given special hampers.

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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

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District 3141



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In other news



Dear Rotary member,

To ensure that the principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) are ingrained in everything we do, the RI Board of Directors, guided by the DEI Task Force, has strengthened our commitment to DEI and is taking action in response to the survey findings.

Our DEI Code of Conduct

What we say and how we behave matter. Although free expression is important, we must take responsibility for how our words and actions may affect others. The Board has approved a new DEI Code of Conduct to help Rotary members create and maintain an environment that is collaborative, positive, and healthy for everyone. Simply put, the DEI Code of Conduct asks you to:

- Use respectful language
- Be supportive
- Foster a welcoming and inclusive environment
- Celebrate diversity

All Rotary leaders, from club Presidents and District Governors to Directors and Trustees, are expected to apply the DEI Code of Conduct uniformly to help members recognize the impact that their words and actions can have on other people.

If you experience behaviour that does not align with the DEI Code of Conduct, you have ways to respond:

If the situation can be resolved through discussion, please talk to the person directly. Often, the person who said something or

acted in a way that made others feel excluded, marginalized, or targeted did not do so intentionally. Although there might be mistakes, missteps, and uncomfortable conversations along the way, having this dialogue will lead to a better and stronger Rotary.

If a discussion is not possible or the situation involves someone in a leadership role or another club, contact Rotary's Club and District Support staff, who will review the information and follow up appropriately.

If you are in danger or your safety is in doubt, contact local law enforcement officers and notify Club and District Support staff.

As an organization, we are stronger when we embrace the diversity found in our clubs

and communities. We are more effective when we offer a valuable, inclusive experience that provides equitable opportunities for people to serve, to lead, and to participate with us. To grow Rotary and become a more dynamic organization, we must take DEI seriously. And with your support, we are doing that.

Sincerely,

Shekhar Mehta, RI President and the 2021-22 RI Board of Directors

You can support DEI in Rotary by:

- Downloading Rotary's DEI commitment statement
- Completing the DEI courses available in the Learning Center
- Visiting rotary.org/dei for more information
- Contacting your Club and District Support representative if you need assistance



CHIRAG LIGHTS THE WAY

Aditya Thackeray, Minister of Environment, handed Team Chirag the Green NGO of the year award! Project Chirag is our valuable partner in our rural village project.



PP KALPANA MUNSHI WRITES IN:

Met my fellow Rotarians during their Kashmir fellowship at Taj Hotel in Srinagar on April 27th, 2022. With me were Rtn. Shobha Rajani from RC Kasauli from Himachal Pradesh and Rtn. Dolly Chopra from RC Ambala Industrial Area.

THE RCB

BOX CHALLENGER

CRICKET



Sunday 15th May 2022
5:00pm - 7:00pm

ONSCI Turf

**Inviting all the R.C.B.
members, their spouses
and children to participate
in some fun cricketing
action!!**

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ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



MAY 3
Rtn. Arjun
Jolly



MAY 3
Rtn. Suhail
Nathani



MAY 4
Rtn. Shom
Jagtiani



MAY 6
Rtn. Jyoteendra
Kothary



MAY 6
Rtn. Ajit
Surana



MAY 7
Rtn. Ashwin
Thakkar



MAY 8
Rtn. Vinay
Sanghi



MAY 9
Rtn. Ateeq
Agboatwala



MAY 9
Rtn. Sam
Katgara

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

MAY 3

Rtn. Ptn. Shafali Diwanji

MAY 3

Rtn. Ptn. Kamal Pandole

MAY 5

Rtn. Ptn. Anita Bansal

MAY 6

Rtn. Ptn. Sudesh Dhiri

MAY 7

Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Jain

MAY 9

Rtn. Ptn. Thrity Javeri

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 5

Rtn. Ptn. Jaya & Rtn. Srinivasan Prasad

MAY 6

Rtn. Ptn. Vishal & Rtn. Swati Jajodia

MAY 7

Rtn. Ptn. Mina & Rtn. Shyamniwas Somani

MAY 9

Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi & Rtn. Suhail Nathani

NEXT WEEK:

ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY CONFERS
THE BRAVERY AWARD
TO POLICE NAIK PRASHANT
GHARAT FROM MANDWA POLICE STATION
& THE P V GANDHI
EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC
LIFE AWARD TO ANAMI
ROY, FORMER COMMISSIONER
OF POLICE, MUMBAI



MAY 10TH, 2022
AT PRESIDENT HOTEL, 1 PM

~ Alert constable Prashant Gharat and his three colleagues – Nishad Santu, Mahadev Nishad and Shambunath Nishad – saved the lives of 88 people in a ferry that began to sink about a kilometre from Mandwa Jetty.

~ A well-known former civil servant Shri Anami Roy, during his nearly four decades of dedicated tenure in the Indian Police Service, held a variety of challenging assignments both in Maharashtra and Govt. of India including the youngest Police Commissioner of Mumbai, Pune, Navi Mumbai and Aurangabad and Director General of Police Maharashtra State.

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