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TODAY

ROTARY CLUB OF
BOMBAY CONFERS **THE**
BRAVERY AWARD TO
POLICE NAIK PRASHANT
GHARAT & **THE PV**
GANDHI EXCELLENCE
IN PUBLIC LIFE AWARD
TO ANAMI ROY, FORMER
COMMISSIONER OF
POLICE, MUMBAI

PRESIDENT HOTEL, 1 PM

NOTE FROM PRESIDENT SHERNAZ VAKIL



HEART OF THE CITY

We thought nothing would make up for the chaos outside; the crazy traffic, the maze of humanity, the sudden diversions, and the fact that half our members (eager to be part of our In-Camera Fellowship) would have to turn back.

We were so wrong. We spent a lovely evening in the greens of the Willingdon Club.

It was cool and breezy, the venue was set up, and our lovely hosts Dilnar Chichgar together with the Club Secretary Commadore Bhagat and Club Botanist Mr. Mangesh were waiting to show us the project.

The project was conceived by the Environmental Committee and was diligently nurtured by the Club botanist & garden staff.

We were ready to visit a Miyawaki forest in the middle of our city, another tribute to the Japanese botanist who transformed cityscapes around the world.

Soon we were “buggied” across the golf greens to our destination five minutes away.

As we worked our way into the depths of the hundreds of trees planted in the 650 feet of the first forest, it was amazing to see what could be achieved in a mere 14 months.

Dilnar then shared her vision and how she and the Environmental Committee managed to execute the project despite the pandemic delays.

MIYAWAKI FOREST AT THE WILLINGDON

She started by explaining how so many trees we see in Mumbai are not really indigent to the area. The Gulmohar, the Laburnum, the Peltoforum, and the Jacaranda, various other trees whose colours and foliage we have enjoyed over the years, actually harm the environment.

Butterflies will not lay their eggs on these trees. So, no caterpillars will crawl there. So, no sparrows will be found there. Where have all the sparrows gone?

The Miyawaki forest concept is to grow only trees indigent to the area. These are trees that will attract birds and bees.

True enough, as we sat in those verdant surroundings, birds welcomed us with their melodious calls, calming the spirit and cheering the soul.

Dilnar explained that the method involves planting two to four trees per square metre. Miyawaki forests grow in two to three years and are self-sustaining. They help lower temperatures in concrete heat islands, reduce air and noise pollution, attract local birds and insects, and create carbon sinks.

The idea is to crowd the trees together so they all fight for the sun and grow at 10 times the speed.

Having enjoyed this wonderful feat of nature we walked back to the clubhouse for the renowned Willingdon sandwiches, high tea and fellowship!

Once again, a happy outcome to a stressful beginning!

Thankyou, Dilly and the Environmental Committee, at the Willingdon, for that little piece of heaven, in a city that cries out for oxygen. More Miyawakis, please!

~ **President Shernaz Vakil**



Committee News

NUTRITION REPORT FROM THE VAIDU COMMUNITIES OF JOGESHWARI & MAROL

Anum Foundation, with which Rotary Club of Bombay has partnered for our nutrition programme for girls of the Vaidu community, reports:
We have completed five months of our girls' nutritional food distribution in Jogeshwari (150) and Marol (100). This initiative is helping these girls from backward communities in so many ways; their concentration levels have increased, they are able to give more focussed study time as they are getting more fit and staying healthy. Beneficiaries report that expenses on medicines and doctors have reduced, too.

CASE STUDIES Jogeshwari



Rupa Dasri, Std. 4
Rupa is orphaned, and lives with her maternal aunt. There are 7 members in her family and they survive on begging. Rupa has low immunity and used to fall ill easily. She is now regular in our nutrition initiative, loves the food, and she and her family members are thankful that at least one child from their family has good nutrition and education.



Anju Raghpasre, Std. 1
Both of Anju's parents are daily wage workers. The family often sleeps hungry. Anju is now happy for the one hot and fresh meal she gets every day, and looks forward to it eagerly.

Marol



Rutuja Haldankar, Std. 5
Rutuja is just 8 years old and takes care of her younger brother while her parents are out trying to find work as daily wage workers and selling fruit. She does all the work at home and takes care of her younger brother. She never misses any meals given by our nutrition programme and eagerly waits for the next time.



Shristi Haldankar, Std. 5
Shristi lost her father when she was very young and her mother works as a housemaid. 10-year-old Shristi and her elder sister sell vegetables on weekends. Shristi always makes time for classes and has her share of nutritious food.

Committee News

PERSONAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT TALK FOR NIGHT STUDY KIDS



The Rotary Club of Bombay's Vocational and Night Studies Committee organised a workshop on Personal Finance Management. This was in collaboration with the Bombay YMCA's Outreach and Development Department for students of the Vocational Training Centre of Excellence. It was held on April 29th, 2022, at the Bombay YMCA- VTCE.

The workshop was led by Mrs. Shveta Kinra, Group VP of DCB Bank, accompanied by her colleagues, Mr. Manecksha Dee, Ms. Afreen Mulla and Mr. Pradeep Pardesi. The session was designed to educate young adults about the importance of personal finance,

how to invest safely and plan for the future. Throughout the session, the attendees were made familiar with the various tools and materials used in the banking process. A total of 50 students and staff benefitted from the programme and were grateful for the informative and interactive session. They learned simple banking procedures, insurance, investments, and internet banking. Some students were keen to pursue careers in banking and Mrs. Shveta Kinra generously offered to consider resumes from the vocational students for entry level positions at their bank.

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!!**

Sanjiv Saran Mehra
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ANANDA YAAN AT DR. E. MOSES ROAD TESTED FOR DIABETES

A diabetes camp was conducted at Ananda Yaan's Dr. E Moses centre on May 5th, 2022. In



addition to a blood test for diabetes, the elders are also being tested for blood count, ESR, HsBg and CBC. A doctor will be visiting the centre for follow throughs, to advise our senior members once the results come.

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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

In other news

ROTARIANS LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Our Dear Rotarian Rusi Taraporevala willed a magnificent donation of Rs 5.5 crores to set up a corpus at RCB for scholarships to deserving students for foreign studies.

The MOU for this was signed by the gracious Mrs Jeroo Lam and her daughter Niloufer Lam.

It all started with a call from Jeroo and Rtn. Nelum Gidwani to PP Ashish Vaid, and the MOU was drawn up, after many discussions over 'sev puris' at Willingdon.

A big thank you to our Late Rotarian Rusi, Jeroo and Niloufer.



RCB WINS BEST VIDEO IN CHALLENGE



**“Rotary is a fellowship of noblemen;
not a hereditary nobility but a
nobility that must be earned and
re-earned....Nobility is measured by
its obligations, not by its rights and
privileges...service above self.”**



RCJC WRITES RIGHT

You can find writers nearly everywhere, but only a few know the secret on writing right. The Editorial Avenue of the Rotaract Club of Jai Hind College organised a wonderful event called “Write Right” on April 20th, 2022, and April 21st, 2022.

The Club invited novelists of

several bestsellers to host live Instagram sessions.

We managed to find four wonderful authors across various genres, namely T. Satish, Neil D'Silva, Khushwant Singh and Alka Joshi, who were more than willing to enlighten the audience with their tips and tricks and helpful anecdotes.

The Rotary District 3141 presented its awards for the Smart Year 2019-20.

Our own Rotary Club of Bombay, under the leadership of PP Preeti Mehta, won a record number of trophies and certificates in various Avenues of Service making it one amongst the top two Clubs in the District.

The awards were received by PP Preeti Mehta and 11 RCB members. PP Preeti Mehta said, "I see this as a recognition and acknowledgement of the wonderful work done, in difficult and trying times, and humbly accept each and every award on behalf of my team at the RCB and the beneficiaries of our wonderful projects."



RECORD AWARDS FOR RCB FOR SMART YEAR



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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

ROTARIAN BIRTHDAYS



MAY 10

Rtn. Dr. Prakriti
Poddar



MAY 12

Rtn. Siddharth
Bhimrajka



MAY 14

Rtn. Hans
Khimji



MAY 15

Rtn. Christopher
Bluemel



MAY 16

Rtn. Soli
Cooper



MAY 16

PP Mahendra
Sanghi

ROTARIAN PARTNER BIRTHDAYS

MAY 9

Rtn. Ptn. Thrity Javeri

MAY 12

Rtn. Ptn. Reshma Vazirani

MAY 14

Rtn. Ptn. Vasudha Shah

MAY 16

Rtn. Ptn. Lovey Pariyaram

ANNIVERSARIES

MAY 10

Rtn. Ptn. Manjula & Rtn.
Pritam Sanghai

MAY 15

Rtn. Ptn. Mehroo & Rtn. Dr.
Rajeshwar Bali

MAY 16

Rtn. Ptn. Amita & Rtn. Jagdish
Malkani

MAY 16

Rtn. Ptn. Gautam & PP Preeti
Mehta



NEXT WEEK

DR. THOMAS VIRGETS,
HEAD, CORVUSS

AMERICAN ACADEMY, AN INTERNATIONAL
BOARDING SCHOOL IN INDIA FOR STUDENT ATHLETES.

& RTN. SABIRA MERCHANT

ON HOW TO
MASTER PUBLIC SPEAKING

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MAY 17TH, 2022
AT PRESIDENT HOTEL, 1 PM

~ Dr. Thomas Virgets brings over 50 years of teaching, coaching and administrative experience to the academy. Most recently, Dr. Virgets served as the Executive Director of the International Boxing Association (AIBA), the governing body for Olympic Boxing. He has participated in the organisation of four Olympics, and seven World Championships.

~ Rtn. Sabira Merchant has been training Femina Miss India's & Mr. India's to successfully represent our country at the Miss World, Miss Universe, Miss Asia Pacific and Mr. International contests. She is a stage actor, a diction expert and a food enthusiast!

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