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“True sportsmanship is knowing that you need your opponent because without him or her, there is no game.” To meet your fellow Rotarians over a round of good-natured sport, fill in this quick form:

RCB Sports Survey
Rotary Year 2022-23



PN# Satyan Israni kickstarts our #myrotary series with this fabulous take on what being a #rotarian means to him. Hit play ▶ on his pic to hear all about it.

WORDS COUNT

“Excellence is not a skill, it's an attitude.”

- Ralph Marston

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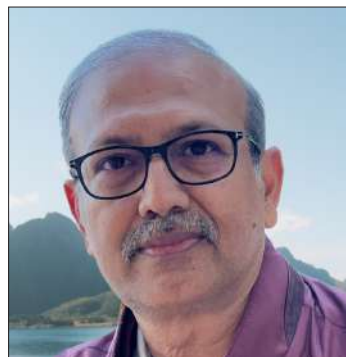


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**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

17th July, 2022



President Vineet Bhatnagar

HOW DO WE INCREASE OUR EFFECTIVENESS

as a group of people all of whom signed up to do good? When you and I became Rotarians we made a commitment to ourselves that we were consciously making a choice to give. It was largely a “follow my heart” calling but most will agree that it was also a

“made up my mind” step.

I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT IT IS HARDER TO BE KIND THAN CLEVER. IN MANY WAYS, CLEVERNESS IS A GIFT WHILE KINDNESS IS A CHOICE.

You will agree that it is the collective “opt-in” approach of giving back that ends up as the magnified impact of active citizens. The Rotary motto of “service before self” is put to action through a rather simplified model of fellowship and service. It is an “and” and not an “or”. It is the “and” which makes the Rotary experience sustainable and enjoyable.

As in any other group activity, it is crucial that members of Rotary clubs remain engaged. Regular meetings are the simple first steps. Through weekly meetings every Tuesday, RCB has not only shown its commitment to follow the blueprint of the founders of Rotary but also its belief that when like-minded people meet in a room, good things happen outside the room. I urge the members of RCB to exhibit their support towards service by attending weekly meetings. In the fellowship of weekly meetings each one of us is likely to discover new ways of doing good.



RAPID-FIRE TUESDAYS WITH RCB

ARNAV KAPUR, GLOBAL LEAD - PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIPS, BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION

What is the most rewarding advice you have ever got?

Reinvent yourself.

How often do you stay up past 2 am?

4 out of 7 days.

When are you most productive?

In the night, I am an owl.

Last song you downloaded?

I've been listening to this group Above and Beyond for the past few years. In Hindi, Naach Punjaban from Jug Jugg Jeeyo - it's got a nice, peppy beat.

What's something new happening in your life right now?

It's going back to office after Covid and going to meetings, it's so much energy. Looking forward to being out there more.

Invisibility or super strength?

Super-strength.

If you could travel back in time, what period would you go to?

1900-1940s: as a country, we and other Asian countries fell behind and the balance of power shifted more towards the global North rather than the global South. Good to go back and see what mustered.

Advice you would give your younger self.

"Have more fun!"

What does a person need to be happy?

Family support, friends.

Is there such a thing as objective beauty?

No, it always lies in the eyes of the beholder.

What was the first job you ever did?

Deloitte was my first formal job. But I volunteered for an NGO before that.

One thing that really annoys you.

When people don't look at the larger picture and look for what's in it for them.







PUB NIGHT



Drink & Dance

Wednesday 27th July, 2022

Recca, Kala Ghoda

8 pm onwards

Finger food and Drinks @

Rs 2200/- per person

Payment Link :

<https://imjo.in/7crgUk>

RSVP: RASHMI [+91 97691 40141](tel:+919769140141)



Dress code : Casual

MONSOON PROTECTION

FOR TRIBALS: Nothing is better than the sound of heavy rain while you're falling asleep. This is exactly how 695 Vaidu tribal families will enjoy the monsoons as their huts are now repaired with new plastic sheets. 3500 men, women and children will sleep peacefully in their huts without water leaking on to their faces.

Through the Anum Foundation, RCB has supplied 695 plastic sheets to the community. **Here are snapshots of two people we helped.**

Shanta Bai Dhotre, plastic waste collector, lives alone. Her family has deserted her due to her old age. She spends monsoons sitting in the rain and, for the first time in a long while, she has shelter, thanks to RCB.



Sunita Palgude, garland seller, has two young children. Her husband is alcoholic and comes home only when he has no money. Now, she and her children have a non-leaking roof over their heads thanks to RCB.



Lighthouse begins Taekwondo



Taekwondo is good for kids' physical, mental, and emotional health. As it is an individual sport, each student advances at his or her own pace. At the same time, our Lighthouse kids from the Machchimar community also enjoy the friendship and camaraderie of practicing in a group setting.

The formative years of children thus benefit from improved listening skills, increased focus and self-control, development of gross motor skills, optimised balance and posture, a habit of enjoying physical activity.

We thank Mr. Sujit Singh who has been recognised by the Sports Authority of India at a National Level and runs his own training academy for taking the time to train our children as his way of giving back to society.

CHILDREN CELEBRATE CHOCOLATE DAY:



International Chocolate Day is celebrated worldwide on July 7.

500 children supported by RCB enjoyed chocolate and celebrated the World Chocolate Day thanks to our generous donors Mr Hatim Lakdawala and Dilshad Lakdawala. These are children from our Lighthouse, Bhavishya Yaan, Chalaang projects and the street children of Salaam Baalak Trust.

[WATCH THE REEL HERE ON OUR INSTAGRAM CHANNEL](#)

This special gesture by Goodwill Enterprises allowed our children to indulge in their favourite treat after being told about how chocolates are made and where the best chocolates in the world come from. Different games around chocolates were played which made the celebration even more special.



Rotary
Club of Bombay



RHYTHM OF INDIA

Urban Heritage Committee of Rotary Club of Bombay
invites you to celebrate India's platinum jubilee with
25 sitarists from all over the world, led by sitarist

Pandit Chandrashekhar Phanse

75 tunes tracing the life, joys and ebbs
of our country from 1947 to 2022. A unique event,
to be witnessed only by a select audience of
75 distinguished Mumbaikars

Date: Friday, 12th August | **Time:** 7pm to 8.30pm

Venue: Durbar Hall, Asiatic Society of Mumbai (Town Hall)

Donor Pass available @₹5000.

For Registration & Payment, please contact Ms Rashmi Kotian, Rotary Office.

(Proceeds from the concert will be used for Urban Heritage Conservation)



ALCOHOL DE-ADDICTION CENTRE FOR VAIDU COMMUNITY



Rotary Club of Bombay and Rotary Club of Addiction Prevention started a new initiative on July 13th, 2022, for tribals of Vaidu community in Jogeshwari and Marol.

The Tribal Upliftment Committee of RCB is starting a Group Counselling Centre in cooperation with Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) and Al-anon Anonymous organisation.

The 13.5 lakh Vaidu tribal population live in pockets of Jogeshwari and Aarey Colony. Of these, 40% females and 90% males are trapped in alcohol addiction.

The Alcohol Deaddiction Centre will take both men and women through the recovery process and teach their family members how to care for the addict, as we believe that addiction is a disease and not a choice.

127 women, eager to know the details, attended the opening ceremony. Many volunteers from the community came forward to help this initiative. We thank their leader, Ms. Durga Vadilu, for mobilising her community. The Balwadi filled with community members until there were curious women standing outside the room too. RCB organised snack boxes for everyone.

Our Club has been working in the Vaidu community for a year to improve literacy level among kids and women but upliftment in a real sense will happen once the community comes out of the shackles of addiction.

Vaidu women to graduate from ALP this month: A hundred Vaidu women from Jogeshwari and Marol will graduate from RCB's Adult Literacy Programme this month. Here are some of the people we helped.

51-year-old Sunita Gosavi is a grandmother. She learned how to write her name in English and Marathi and scored more than 60%. She also enjoys ALP class because it makes her feel seen.



62-year-old Durgavva Shivaralu stays with her mentally disabled son. She is a beggar and manages with whatever she gets through that. She wanted to learn how to write her name and signature. She wants to be a vegetable seller or tea vendor.



51-year-old Kattava Gudilu sells odds and ends like rubber bands, hairbands, stationery etc. She attends ALP classes even though it means she loses out on half a day of earnings. She is now able to read headlines and understand social updates. She is also better able to manage her own accounts.



39-year-old Shevanti Surve lost her job during the Covid lockdown period and is now jobless. She has attended all ALP classes and learned how to read and write. She has also been instrumental in encouraging her friends to do the same. She is now looking for a job and is confident that she will be successful. Through the classes, she has developed leadership skills.



CELEBRATIONS

Member Birthdays



JULY 19

Rtn. Dr. Ashok
Kirpalani



JULY 20

Rtn. Pradeep
Gupta



JULY 23

Rtn. Sushil
Jalan



JULY 24

Rtn. Vivek
Gupta



JULY 25

Rtn. Anirudh
Chowdhary

Rotarian Partner Birthdays

JULY 19

Rtn. Ptn. Ashutosh Maneklal

JULY 20

Rtn. Ptn. Neha Jotwani

JULY 25

Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Mehta

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Weekly Speaker

19 July, 2022 | PHYSICAL
MEETING



VIDYA SHAH

Executive Chairperson
EdelGive Foundation

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Peter Truswell

Consul-General of Australia
in Mumbai, India

ON: GROWING INDIA AUSTRALIA PARTNERSHIP-CRICKET, COMMERCE AND MORE

Mr Truswell is a career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and was most recently Deputy Head of Mission, Australian Embassy, Kabul. He has previously served overseas in Seoul and the Australian Permanent Mission, United Nations, Geneva. In Canberra he has served in recent director roles in DFAT with a focus on South Asia and consular operations, and

previously served in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet.

Mr Truswell holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Sydney; a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Monash University; and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the College of Law, New South Wales.

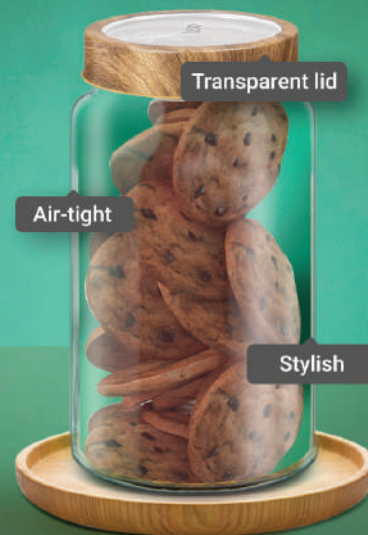
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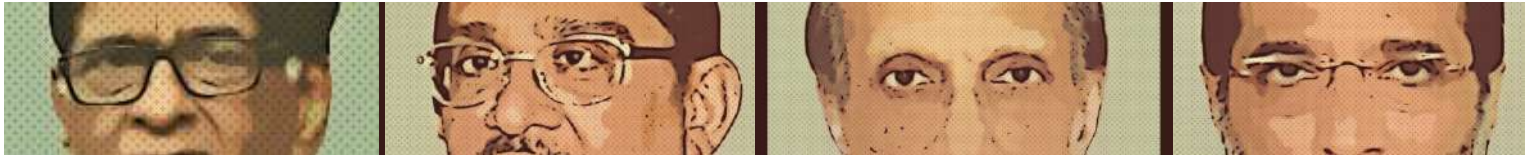
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