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COMING UP



July 27th, 2022: Pub Night at Recca, Kala Ghoda



August 12th, 2022: Rhythm of India. 25 sitarists from around the world led by Pandit Chandrashekhar Phanse in a concert of 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. At Asiatic Society of Mumbai's Durbar Hall.



August 15th, 2022: Inauguration of the Integrated Village Development Programme at Ambu Village, Khed.



August 27th, 2022: Bridge Tournament at Royal Bombay Yacht Club.



October 5th, 2022: 11 nights/10 days fellowship to Slovenia and Croatia.



November 25th, 2022: Fellowship to Tadoba Sanctuary.

Note: All details with Rashmi at the Rotary office (97691 40141).

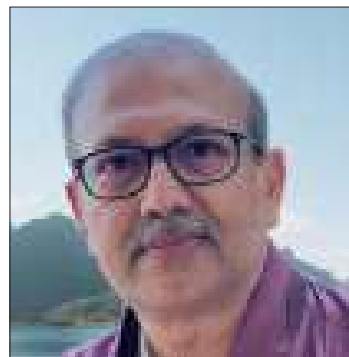
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24th July, 2022



President Vineet Bhatnagar

SERVING OTHERS HAS NO VISIBLE LIMIT – it is

the pathway to no bigger joy, no bigger challenge, no bigger opportunity and no bigger responsibility. Often, we find the challenges surrounding our communities so significant and complex that we wonder if mere good intent and compassion can

bring solutions. So, we stop ourselves from taking that first small step.

IN OUR SEARCH FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY, THE MUNDANE IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED. AND TAKING THE FIRST SMALL STEP IS POSSIBLY MUNDANE.

Have we not seen how good deeds when publicly performed have a natural tendency to attract buy-in from unknown supporters? Common values and shared concerns are very likely to be latent. It takes just one person to take the first right step and the rest follow.

We have to stop shying away from becoming the first domino. For a line of dominoes to fall, one has to fall first and then other dominoes start falling in the same line. Most associate the falling of dominoes as negative. However, if civic behaviour is guided by well-intentioned collective character then a small initiative has the capacity to set off a string of positive events.

The nature of challenges that our communities and certain minorities face might be complex but our response to make their lives better is surely far simpler. Let each one of us take that first step. Steps taken together have transformed the destinies of people and nations.



VIDYA SHAH, EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON, EDELGIVE FOUNDATION

RAPID-FIRE TUESDAYS WITH RCB

What emoji do you use most?

The Smiley.

Would you want to live forever?

No.

How many hours of sleep do you need?

7-8.

What is success for you?

Staying true to my purpose.

If you could ask God one question, what would it be?

Whether, in God's view, I was staying true to my purpose?

If everyone in the world had to get married when they reached a certain age, what would that age be?

Oh, this is a hard one! 35?

Giving presents or getting presents?

Both.

If you could put anything on a billboard that others would see, what would it be?

Somebody like the Dalai Lama to constantly portray the message of compassion.

What animal would you be in another life?

A cat.

If you could have an unlimited supply of one thing, what would it be?

Time.

What is a habit you picked up from childhood that you still do?

Read before going to bed.

Who do you admire?

Elena Ferrante and Elif Shafak.

What is your favorite smell?

Roses.

What's the kindest thing someone has done for you?

Pressed my swollen feet during my first pregnancy; instinctively knew what I wanted to eat and made it specially for me.

What are you currently learning?

Urdu and Indian history.





SAVE THE DATE PARSI NITE

19TH AUGUST
ALLBLESS BAUG

ETHICS & ROTARY

Paul Harris devoted nearly an entire chapter of his second book to Arthur Sheldon, who helped to shape much of the early Rotary philosophy.

Arthur Sheldon penned the phrase: "He profits most who serves best" as a guiding principle of ethical conduct for Rotarians. The more cynical business people in Chicago argued that this was nothing more than a marketing ploy. It is a good bet that many of those cynical individuals conducted their business by other principles, instead of focusing on providing the best service possible.

Paul Harris argued that there was no need to feel guilty about making a profit if you did so by providing a good product or service at a fair price. In

fact, being ethical in business is such a wise business practice that, in time, those less inclined to ethical behavior will be forced to change their ways in order to compete with you.



¡Hola España!

This coming Tuesday, we look forward to welcoming the Consul General of Spain to address our Club.

Spain is famous for its easy-going culture, delicious food, and stunning scenery. Major cities such as Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia all offer unique traditions, languages, and must-see sites! Vibrant festivals such as La Fallas and La Tomatina draw huge crowds of both locals and tourists.

According to The Economist in 2005, Spain had the world's 10th highest quality of life. Some of the main areas of economic activity are the automotive industry, medical technology, chemicals, shipbuilding, tourism, and the textile industry. The Spanish economy is the fifth largest in Europe behind Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, and France.

Spain has a vivid history, with more than a few cultures passing through the country over the years. Because of this, Spanish cuisine is made up of many different cultures in reality, with traditional foods from the Romans, the Carthaginians and the Jews all playing their part in today's take on Spanish cuisine. No holiday to Spain is complete without a delicious meal out where you can enjoy the amazing cuisine for which this country is famous for. Spanish food is known for its fresh ingredients, its distinct flavours, and the contrast between different regions thanks to its past. From barrel-aged Rioja to fortified sherry, Spain is one of the top wine-producing countries in the world.

And: caution – spoiler alert! - it is not only the very varied food, vibrant festivals and vast culture that bind India and Spain together.

We look forward to hearing from your excellency Fernando Heredia Noguer!





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 +91 9769140141 (Rotary Office).

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



AY's evening at the theatre



A generous, anonymous donor sent our elders of Ananda Yaan (in association with Dignity Foundation) to witness the epic Mahabharata directed by Puneet Issar at the Nehru Centre on July 16th, 2022. In the play, the director focussed on the fact that no matter what the cause, the effect is always the same: the destruction of both planet and mankind.

Our elders loved the play and the specially recorded music. Our donor also donated 180 umbrellas - one for each member - and treated them to ice-cream, samosa and chips, the day before. Our AY senior citizens prayed for wellbeing and health of the donor and his/ her family.



Village visit on I-Day weekend

Please join
President Vineet Bhatnagar
for the Inauguration of the Integrated Village
Development Programme as **RCB celebrates**
75 years of Independence with the residents
of Ambu Village, Khed (near Talegaon)

On 15th August 2022 at 12:30pm

Mihir Mody

Chairman IVD Committee



Please urgently register with
Rashmi at the Rotary office

Installation day at RC Hinduja



President Vineet Bhatnagar was invited as chief guest for the installation ceremony for incoming president Rtr. Palin Rathor of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College. Committee chair Rtn. Akhil Sanghi was also invited and attended the ceremony.





VISIT Slovenia & Croatia WITH RCB

10 Nights/11 Days
October 2022
Departure: 05 October 2022

Highlights:

A walking tour of Ljubljana, a medium-sized European city that offers all the friendliness of a small town with excellent hotels, great restaurants of all types, pubs and good shops.

Panoramic sightseeing tour of Bled.

Visit to Predjama Castle, listed in the Guinness World Records as the largest cave castle in the world.

Tour of Postojna Caves, known for its deep underground cave formations with stalactites and stalagmites, folds of calcite curtains and the other sequences of fantastic shapes and forms.

Lake Bled: This Alpine lake with the only island in Slovenia impresses visitors with its natural beauty, wealth of legend, and special powers to restore well-being. Visit the island on a traditional "pletna" boat.

Sightseeing in Bohinj, a paradise valley

embraced by the Julian Alps. Lake Bohinj that lies in the heart of the Triglav National Park, one of the oldest national parks in Europe, is the largest Slovenian natural lake, nestled at the foot of unspoilt mountains and mountain tops.

Walking tour of Zagreb, Croatia's capital, springs up from two medieval settlements - Kaptol and Gradec, which form the core of the old Upper Town. Take the shortest funicular in the world to take you to the Upper Town.

Plitvice Lakes: Walking tour through the park of 16 bigger and smaller lakes connected with 92 cascades and waterfalls, unique phenomenon more than 4000 years old, that was put on the list of UNESCO's list of World Natural Heritage.

Half day sightseeing tour of Šibenik, an old Croatian town with history, culture and sports.

Walking tour of Split, with many valuable monuments of culture and the famous Diocletian's palace.

Walking tour of Trogir, a town-museum with the famous Trogir cathedral, a thousand year

old monastery, and a castle and fortress which are used for performances during the summer months.

Tour of Hvar Island, facing the south, the sun and the sea. Hvar is one of the best loved tourist resorts on the Dalmatian Riviera.

A visit to the Blue Cave which has its natural entrance below the sea level, thus unfolding a sparkling game of sunrays within the cave.

A day at Ston for the quiet, clean sea and a true Mediterranean atmosphere framed by numerous first and second class cultural and historical monuments.

Explore Dubrovnik via a walking tour. Dubrovnik is rich in cultural and historical monuments, and, included in UNESCO World Heritage List. The most recognisable feature are its intact city walls which run uninterrupted for 1940 meters encircling the city. This complex structure, one of the most beautiful and strongest fort systems in the Europe is the main attraction to the city's visitors.

Half day private yacht experience off the port of Gruz.

Walk on the wild side at Tadoba this winter



Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve (the oldest and the largest tiger reserve in Maharashtra) has, in its lore, the experience of close encounters with some of the world's most dangerous and endangered felines, as well as other wild animals. Prominently, it is at the centrestage of tiger tourism in India spread across 1773 sq km of pristine landscape and dense with tropical forests. Take a walk into the

wilderness of the famed central Indian forests, leaving urban life behind.

Biodiversity in Tadoba

Tadoba is predominantly a tropical dry deciduous forest with teak, crocodile bark tree, mahua, arjun, bamboo. Bird Species: 250
Mammals: 62
Reptiles: 34
Amphibians: 60
Butterflies: 174

Biodiversity in tourism zone

Tadoba is one of the best wildlife destinations in India for an enthralling tiger sighting experience. 95% guests have seen tigers on safari since the lodge's inception. Tadoba is the largest wildlife reserve in Maharashtra, Tadoba National Park is home to:

115 adult tigers (2018 tiger census) and over 150 leopards. Being a southern tropical dry

deciduous forest, the sightings are great throughout the year.

Maximum distance covered on safari 60 km

25-30 water bodies

High chances of seeing Big 5

Great sightings of the pseudo melanistic leopard (Black panther)

Currently up to 40 tigers (including cubs) can be sighted in tourism zones

Stay at: Bamboo Forest Safari Lodge

With the ethereal Lake Maasal as its backdrop, the Bamboo Forest at Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve blends the splendour of unmatched luxury with the raw charm of nature. The lodge boasts of 23 living spaces ranging from 800 sq. ft. private chalets to 2400 sq.ft. lake side bungalows.

The lodge is a 100% single-use-plastic free lodge.

The bungalows are the most luxurious category of rooms spread over 2000 sq ft overlooking the lake. It is perfect for accommodating a family of four and additional beds can be placed. Each bungalow has 2 rooms with king size beds and each room has two bathrooms.

In addition, the bungalow has a common lounge between the rooms, a private deck and a gazebo on the top overlooking the lake.

CELEBRATIONS

Member Birthdays



JULY 26

Rtn. Vineet
Suchanti



JULY 27

Rtn. Peter
Born



JULY 29

Rtn. Poornima
Advani



JULY 31

Rtn. Arif
Lokhandwalla

Rotarian Partner Birthdays

JULY 26

Rtn. Ptn. Biba Arora

JULY 27

Rtn. Ptn. Soha Parekh

JULY 28

Rtn. Ptn. Beena Yargop

JULY 31

Rtn. Ptn. Sunaina Kejriwal

Anniversaries

JULY 31

Rtn. Ptn. Shalina
& Rtn. Jai Advani

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ON: DRONE REVOLUTION IN INDIA

Agnishwar Jayaprakash is a youth leader who has been making strides in the global changemakers community. He founded Ignite-India, an innovation ecosystem, established in over 70000 schools and colleges across India. This was recognised by the United Nations as one the Top 10 socio-economic initiatives in 2016. Agnishwar, a former international swim champ and Asian Gold medalist also created the reality show Big Genius which serves as a platform for young innovators and entrepreneurs to showcase their potential. Over the last seven years, his advocacy through

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NEXT WEEK @TAJ

Agnishwar Jayaprakash

Youth leader and changemaker

various initiatives have been instrumental in implementing real-time solutions in rural and semi-urban communities. He is winner of numerous accolades most notably consecutive Presidential Awards (2015, 2016). In 2017, he was the first Indian to win the Outstanding Youth award at the United Nation Youth Assembly. He is also an alumni of the Harvard Business School and a second-generation businessman who has taken active leadership role in the \$100million Agni group across diverse business verticals.

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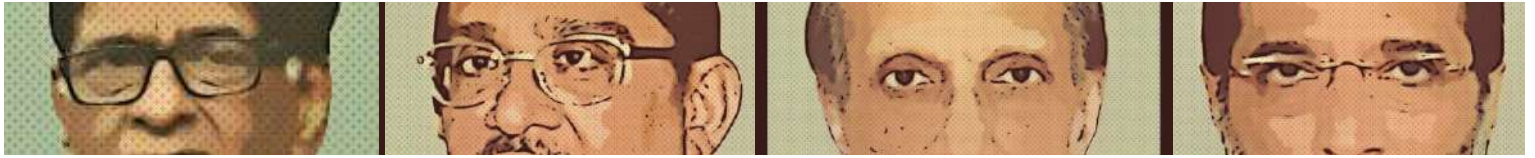
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