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COMING UP

October 6th, 2022:

Paranjoti Academy Chorus
- an evening of choral masterpieces from around the world. At Rendezvous, Rooftop, Taj Mahal hotel from 7:30 pm onwards.

October 10th, 2022:

Inauguration of the 3rd Ananda Yaan centre at Mazgaon Court at 5 pm.

October 14th, 2022: Diwali Nite at Turf Banquets, Opp Mini Club House, Race Course, Mahalaxmi from 7:30 pm onwards.

November 12th/13th, 2022:

A trip to the Prakash Padukone Academy. Venue: Padukone-Draavid Centre for Sports, Bengaluru.



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2nd October, 2022



President Vineet Bhatnagar

irreversible.

I have always deliberated over the equilibrium that lies ahead in the man and machine equation. On one hand, I reckon that the most powerful tribe in the world today appear to be the computer programmers. At the same time, I also ponder over the morality and politics of code(s) including its implications for civic life - the constant theme for me this year.

Very often, I ask myself - is there a Human advantage in an age of Technology and Turmoil (stylishly called "Disruption")? We have all got fixated with the term 'disruption' as it has come to imply only one thing - economic success. Whilst some of these re-processed offerings might indeed bring cost savings and efficiency, **I WOULD LIKE TO BAT FOR WHAT MAKES HUMANS SPECIAL IN THE AGE OF ALGORITHMS AND HOW PEOPLE CAN IMPROVE THE WAY THEY THINK, TO STAY AHEAD OF THE MACHINE.**

Much like the machines, every moment of our life is filtered through our mental models, obviously invisible to us (as we cannot see the "code"). We should be able to recognise the lenses that we apply and rethink them as the world changes around us as we need to get a steady handle for our turbulent times. We should be curious to find ways to harness these mental models to make wiser individual decisions and become a more flourishing species. Man cannot be disrupted by the machine.



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RTN. PRANAY VAKIL IN CONVERSATION WITH **HARISH MEHTA,** AUTHOR OF THE MAVERICK EFFECT

WHAT WAS YOUR JOURNEY TO NASSCOM LIKE?

In 1975-'76, we decided to come back to India to be closer to family. This was during the Emergency. I tried to be with my father in his business as it wasn't in a good shape, and neither was my father-in-law's. My dreams of starting a business in those areas evaporated.

One of my cousins recommended I return to the US. He said, 'Even today, the US is a land of honey and money. While, in India, you will not know the input cost of your customer. You won't know if your competitor is doing customs chori (thievery), excise

chori or Income Tax chori.'

So, I ended up in technology, hoping it will not jump instructions. I met Sharu Rangnekar who said, 'Welcome Mr. Mehta, you will be a First-Class citizen in a Second-Class country with a Third-Class administration and it's our job to fix it.'

I started a software business and came to understand that what I could do in the US, I can do from India. But that communication pipe was not available. Over time, I found hundreds of regulations for the hardware industry that were applied to the software industry. So, when we had to

send the data, we would put it on a floppy and then export.

The customs officer would say he needed to see what was in there, so he asked for the floppy, and he stapled it. That was their knowledge.

There was excise duty on software. We challenged Reddy and convinced him that there was no logic in putting an excise on developing services. We have 26,000 laws which make people guilty. The outsourcing market is huge, but the accessible market is very small. So came the idea of an organisation. That is how NASSCOM was born.

I AM SURE THE BOOK DIDN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. WHAT WAS YOUR INSPIRATION?

I was tempted to write the book; it was a massive effort. When we started NASSCOM in 1988, India was bankrupt, India was a third-world country, that was the status. And today India is a global tech powerhouse. How? It was the hard work put in by the industry. We employ 5.3 million engineers of which 1.5 million are women. This is another revolution in itself.

HOW DID YOU GET THE IDEA FOR NASSCOM AND HOW WAS IT SO SUCCESSFUL?

We did not have NASSCOM in mind when we started. We knew the outsourcing market and we knew the challenges. The middle-class entrepreneurial value helped to build it as an independent neutral platform. It needed to be a culture where everyone is comfortable to speak up and balance it. We needed to invest time, we used to have training programmes then to encourage people to be entrepreneurs. Democratising opportunities was one of the key things. It is a non-profit volunteering. We didn't want this platform to be abused. We said we will take 80% of the top clients.

THERE IS GREAT CONFUSION ABOUT HIGH-TECH, METAVERSE, CLOUD COMPUTING. WHAT IS THIS?

The common thread is software. Metaverse is entering the virtual world. It is all a mimic to see how the brain works. India is



(Above) A 2003 dinner of the executive committee of NASSCOM. In the photo are (standing, left to right) N.R. Narayana Murthy, K.V. Ramani and Ashank Desai, and (sitting, left to right) Phiroz Vandrewala, Arun Kumar, Kiran Karnik, Som Mittal, Harish Mehta and Saurabh Srivastava



The Bombay Computer Club that was instrumental in bringing Internet to India

(photos from *The Maverick Effect*)

an unstoppable engine with an extremely bright future. Manpower is a boon.

IS 5G GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

It is a phenomenal difference. It's how the mobile, car, and house made a difference in your life.

HOW DO YOU SEE PRIVACY?

It is enough but it needs to start at an engineering level and a lot has to be done. Until that happens, it is tough.

ONE MESSAGE YOU WOULD WANT TO GIVE TO THE NATION?

There was a time when China wanted to compete with India and beat India. They appointed Foresters and they told China that you can't beat India till you build a NASSCOM equivalent

association. That's what it is. It is very different. So, this model should be replicated, consensus driven and working together with a sense of ownership.

ROTARIANS ASK

WHAT DOES INDIA NEED TO DO TO MAINTAIN ITS STATUS AS A GLOBAL IT POWERHOUSE?

Hopefully, the government will not throw us in a spin, and more and more people will join the force.

HOW COME INDIAN INDUSTRY HASN'T CREATED AN FB OR AN ORIGINAL APP?

It's like asking if I own an airline why don't I build aircrafts. There are steps, there are efforts; in the next five years, it could happen.



KALINA BIODIVERSITY PARK

Inaguration of Kalina Biodiversity Park

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in the heart of Mumbai City.

SATURDAY | 15th October 2022 | 10:00 AM

Venue: Kalina Biodiversity Park, Next to Eurasian Study
Centre, University of Mumbai, Kalina Campus, Mumbai

Project Highlights:

- Miyawaki forest • Sensory park • Urban Bird Habitat • Butterfly garden
- Pond rejuvenation • Art Installations & stage

Inauguration by the hand of
Mr. Deepak Parekh, Chairman, HDFC.

District Governor Sandip Agarwalla &
President Vineet Bhatnagar

**TUESDAY
@ TAJ WITH
HARISH
MEHTA,
AUTHOR,
THE
MAVERICK
EFFECT**





A visit to villages Sawade & Gadade



ON SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2022, THE VILLAGES OF SAWADE AND GADADE WHERE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY HAS INTERVENED UNDER THE INTEGRATED VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT HAD SPECIAL VISITORS. Ms. Usha Raheja, Trustee, and Dr. Swapnil Kharnare, Committee Member of Hinduja Hospital, spent the day touring all the changes brought about in both locations.

The visit commenced at the Zilla Parishad Upper Primary School at Sawade where they interacted with the teachers and students and also visited the mid-day meal facility and joined the children for lunch. They also visited the Anganwadi and interacted with the Sevika, which they also did at the panel site and the water filter. At the filter, the villagers shared how they drank water from pits in the ground which only changed when the community filter was set up. And, that there has been vast improvement in their health.

They next visited the Zilla Parishad Primary School at Gadade and the Gadade Women's Livelihood Centre where also they interacted with the children and observed the facilities available to them.

We look forward to welcoming them in the other villages also that we have intervened and continue this association with them in the year ahead.

Future positive class for BY kids

On September 24th, 2022, Project Future is Youth was carried out by the Rotaract Club of Atlas Skilltech University for the Bhavishya Yaan students of G.K. Marg Municipal School, Lower Parel. The project aimed to bring out creativity in the children and also help them set future goals.

We taught them Mandala Art and how to make their own mood board. It was beautiful to see them delving deep in to drawing mandala designs. On their mood boards, aspirations were revealed, such as: becoming a pilot, joining the army and becoming a dancer. Our hearts overflowed with joy to see the smiles on their faces.



The



international service team of Rotaract Club of Atlas Skilltech University and Rotaract Club of Northern Suburbs put on a skit to share the message of peace. Called Nukkad Natak, the play commemorated International Day of Peace by sharing how one can spread peace in and around one's daily life.

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&

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*An Evening of
Choral Masterpieces
from Around the World*

(FOLLOWED BY DINNER)

OCTOBER

THURSDAY

6

AT 7.30 PM

2022

THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE,
MUMBAI

Ananda Seva for AY!

Pitru Paksha or Shraadh is a 15-day period in the Hindu calendar during which Hindus pay obeisance to the departed souls of their ancestors. To coincide with this period, Rtn. Charu Agrawal organised a Pitru Paksha lunch on September 23rd, 2022, for 180 members of Ananda Yaan centres as a gesture of paying respects to her ancestors. Our elders enjoyed the favourite food of Charu's family elders served with love and prayed for their wellbeing.



Navratri Celebrations at Ananda Yaan



Team Partners-In-Service of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College conducted Raas Garba 2.0 with Ananda Yaan (an RCB initiative in association with Dignity Foundation).

AY members shared the history of Navratri with the Rotaractors and other information pertinent to it. Like, this festival is majorly celebrated in western India, it marks the victory of good over evil. It is also known as Durga Puja and is celebrated over a period of nine nights and many people observe fasts.

Our elders and Rotaractors then prayed together and played Garba. This was followed by the traditional jalebi and fafda Gujarati snack, along with masala tea.



A THIRD CENTRE OF HAPPINESS FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED ELDERLY.

Please join

President Vineet Bhatnagar

as he inaugurates the third centre of the widely acclaimed project Ananda Yaan.

Date: 10th October 2022 Time: 5.00 pm.

Venue: Community Hall, Opposite Mazgaon Court, BIT Chawl, Tadvai, Mazgaon, Mumbai 400001

Madhusudan Daga

And the Ananda Yaan Committee.



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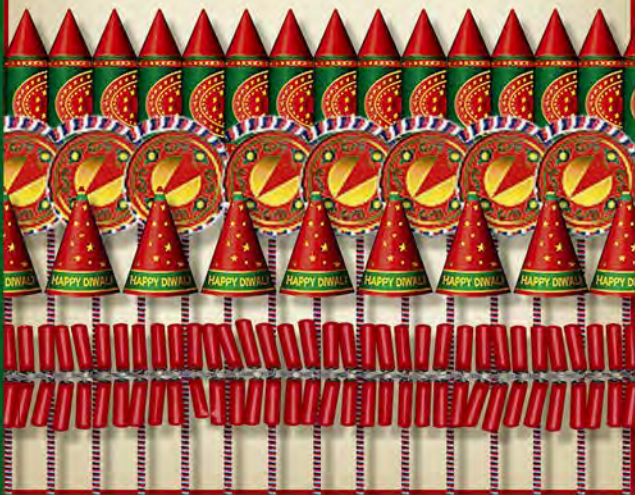
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Period of sharing with the Vaidu

Team Partners-In-Service of Rotaract Club of Hinduja College executed Period of Sharing 2.0 (Phase 2) on September 25th, 2022, with the Vaidu community.

In this phase, the team took feedback from the women and girls to understand if they were facing any issues using the pads that are being donated. They then donated sanitary napkins to 400 attendees for the next three months.

The event was overwhelming for the team as the tribal women shared how they appreciated our effort and how it had changed their lives.



PP Dr. Mukesh Batra was recently conferred the Sattva Nation Wellness Icon Award in Delhi. PP Dr. Mukesh writes in:

To receive this award at the age of 71 validates the hard work that I've put into my well-being and I genuinely hope that this will inspire youth to start taking care of their health from a young age.

Admittedly, there was a time, in fact, 20 years ago, when I started taking my health seriously. It's ironic, honestly, that even though we're fully aware of the repercussions, there are times we just neglect our health.

We only get one shot at life and the importance that we give to our health should be paramount. Being a sports enthusiast, I played table tennis and participated in state-level competitions but staying consistent became tough in the long run.

I think that taking care of one's health requires consistency and discipline. Today, and for the last 20 years, I've made sure that I walk at least 10k steps every day and I'm genuinely proud to say that I've been consistent.

In my almost 50 years of experience as a custodian of Homoeopathy, I have seen many patients suffer from various diseases, usually stemming from poor lifestyles, leading to heart attacks or other terrible complications. The diseases of the heart are mostly lifestyle based. And we can only keep our hearts healthy when we make healthier choices in life.

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100%

ATTENDANCE

FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022



CELEBRATIONS

Member Birthdays



OCTOBER 5

PP Arvind
Jolly



OCTOBER 6

Rtn. Dr. Nisheeta
Agarwala



OCTOBER 6

Rtn. Meera
Alreja



OCTOBER 6

Rtn. Rishi
Dalal



OCTOBER 7

Rtn. Vikram
Daiya



OCTOBER 8

Rtn. Ritu
Prakash Desai



OCTOBER 8

Rtn. Gautam
Doshi



OCTOBER 8

PP Vijay
Jatia



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Rtn. Poonam
Lalvani



OCTOBER 9

Hon. Rtn. Keshub
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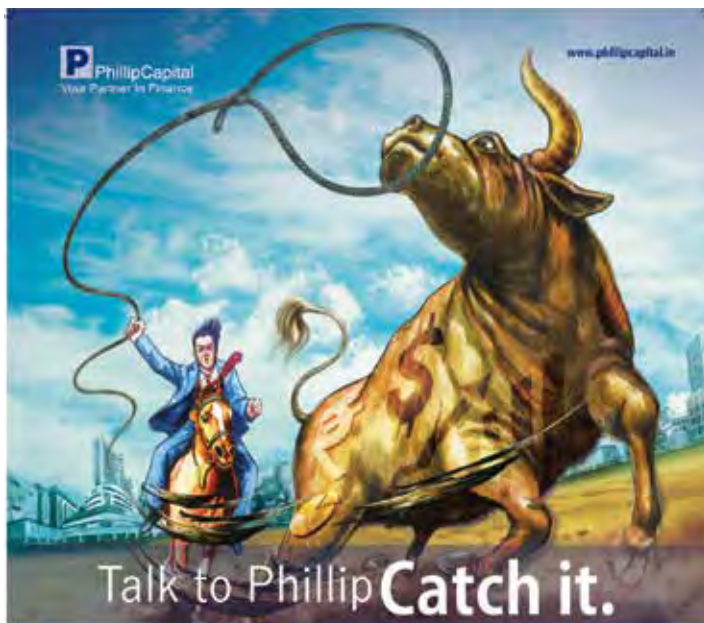
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Rtn. Manish
Sampat



OCTOBER 10

Rtn. Sohel
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OCTOBER 6

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OCTOBER 7

Rtn. Ptn. Neha Bhimrajka

OCTOBER 7

Rtn. Ptn. Swapna Murarka

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Rtn. Ptn. Niloufer Vakil

OCTOBER 9

Rtn. Ptn. Megha Kedia

OCTOBER 9

Rtn. Ptn. Meher Poonawala

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Rtn. Ptn. Arwa Tapia

OCTOBER 10

Rtn. Ptn. Faryal Katgara

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Rtn. Ptn. Kusum Lodha

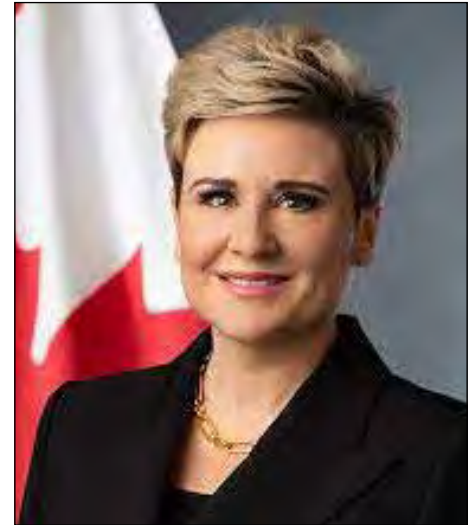
OCTOBER 10

Rtn. Ptn. Priti Nath

NEXT WEEK @TAJ

Consul General Diedrah Kelly, Canada

Diedrah Kelly (BA Hons [Political Science and Central, Eastern European and Russian Area Studies], Carleton University, 2001), joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 2001. In Ottawa, she has worked as head of the Policy and Programming Unit in the Threat Assessment and Intelligence Services Division, as senior nuclear adviser and program manager in the Global Partnership Program and as chief of staff to the assistant deputy minister for international security and global affairs. She has served abroad in various positions, including, from 2004 to 2007, consul and political counsellor at the Embassy to Bosnia and Herzegovina



and, from 2007 to 2010, as head of the embassy office in Astana. From 2011 to 2014, she was the political counsellor at the High Commission in Ghana. Ms. Kelly served as the Ambassador of Canada to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations between 2018-2021.

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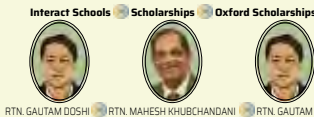
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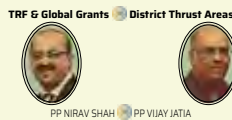
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