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ROTARY

6<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

## COMING UP

### November 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

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

### November 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

Fellowship trip to Tadoba, with a stay at Bamboo Forest.

### December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

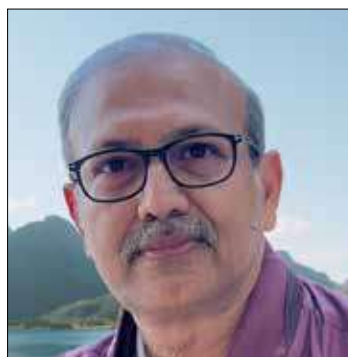
Christmas party from 7:30 pm onwards. Venue to be announced soon.

### January 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023:



Fellowship to Hampi with glimpses of heritage, adventure and mythology. Visit includes the Vittala Temple, Badami Caves, a sunrise hike and more.

## Powering on



**President Vineet Bhatnagar**

### THE FIRST THING THAT CROSSED MY MIND

when I acquainted myself with the multiple areas where Roopa Purshottaman, the recipient of the Uma Jain Young Women Achiever Award this year, has excelled till date was simply this – one can over extend oneself in different aspects of life and excel in each one of them. She is a first-rate

**PRESIDENT VINEET BHATNAGAR'S  
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economist, an advisor on urban infrastructure, a young fellow at the world economic forum and the founder of a residential school academy for adolescent girls.

Very often, most of us choose a life which is uni-dimensional. We strive for the best in that chosen area. We convince ourselves by saying that "I can do THIS OR THAT". Such an approach is clearly one that confines both our outcomes as well as experiences. I think that compartmentalising a life is one way to lead a suboptimal life.

Roopa's journey and her achievements illustrate that many of us can do so much

more than what we could currently be engaged in. But for that to happen, we have to adopt the "&" approach and not commit to the "OR" formula. One has to move away from "THIS OR THAT" to "THIS & THAT & THAT TOO & THAT TOO AS WELL".

The "&" approach is likely to be a liberating experience. The apparent "lack of time" argument is certain to get diluted by the enrichment that accrues on account of multi-dimensional experiences and hopefully achievements too.

Imagine the life of a renowned scientist who is an accomplished violinist, great



cook and a weekend tutor for tribal kids. I wish more of us could have such a complete life.

~ **President Vineet Bhatnagar**

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## ROOPA PURUSHOTHAMAN, CHIEF ECONOMIST & HEAD OF POLICY ADVOCACY, TATA GROUP

### “WHY ARE SOME COUNTRIES RICH AND SOME POOR?”

This is the question that drove me to learn developmental economics and, as an economist at Goldman Sachs, into research that ultimately coined the term BRICS. At the time, we had no idea that it would generate a particular interest in the global community.

I moved to India from the US to closely understand the economy. The first paper I wrote on India looked for India's potential to rise with more women in the workforce. Women in the workforce could add up to 1 trillion in the GDP. Women are highly aspirational but still low in participation.

The reasons are diverse, major being the unequal pay, talents are universal, but opportunities are not; low access to safe travel, existing mindset of people of what women can or cannot do.

**ONE WAY AHEAD IS IF ONE WOMAN CAN SERVE AS A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHERS. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO PROVIDE SAFE TRAVELS TO ENCOURAGE WORK PARTICIPATION.**



During the pandemic we saw so many women drop out to early marriage, some moving away from the cities. While this was happening, we spent so much time making the case for women in the work force, but did we focus enough to make it worth it for them to work?

It is overwhelming to see how students are now trying to solve our problems of climate change, economic development, and urbanisation. What we want to do is connect them for a better world. I want the woman to invent, and we would like to show that their talent matters and their impact matters.”

### ROTARIANS ASK

**What were your findings in studying India?**

I think the three big levers that could shift the country's trajectory are women's work participation, understanding how to connect with small entrepreneurs and the story of digital transformation. We have an opportunity in India to solve problems of access with the help of technology.

### **Are you thinking of it as something scalable?**

We thought a lot about the model, and we want it to be a centre of excellence. And we want it to move in one generation to the entire family. We achieved scale at Teach India, so in Pune there is a strong education ecosystem but earlier we didn't work together. So now we have organisations that have a lot of scale.

### **One sector of adolescent boys is often overlooked, so do you think that needs to be of concern?**

So, when we say we are doing programmes for girls doesn't mean we are neglecting boys. I think India needs more of everything. It is our way of activating the families. We do all sorts of dialogues with the family, there is gender education for boys. We chose all girls; it was a practical decision to focus on health and education of girls. In doing that, we need to engage with the community.

# TUESDAYS @ TAJ





# AY's Diwali celebration

Diwali celebrations were organised in all three centres of Ananda Yaan: Dr. E. Moses Road, Byculla and Mazgaon. There were competitions and programmes like rangoli-making, singing, dancing etc. Members turned out beautifully dressed, and the centres were decorated in keeping with the festive season.

Members performed in the competitions and participated in programmes with great energy. They were also offered snacks and gifts. The celebration was supported by the Rotary Club of Bombay and snacks were sponsored by Rtn. Kaushal Mehta for all the 250 elders across the three centres.

Mr. Javed Sheikh from Dignity Foundation graced the celebration as a judge for competitions. Members shared their gratitude to all the supporters and the entire family of Ananda Yaan.



The two most important days in your life are the day you're born and the day you find out why.

Mark Twain



# BY attends Diwali camp

52 children attended the Diwali camp at Bhavishya Yaan's Dr. Ambedkar school. As the planned activity for the day was colouring, a small competition was organised on the spur of the moment. This required the children to come forward and speak on Diwali. They were given 15 mins to prepare, with the help of the teachers. Two prizes were given to the best speakers and consolation prizes to all the other participants!



An outdoor activity added value to the current topic of 'Flower' in our Diwali camp for the children of our Lighthouse Project. 25 tiny tots of Senior and Junior kindergarten accompanied by four adults were taken to CPRA Greens on November 3rd, 2022.

They eagerly touched different types of leaves and flowers and saw Cats Claw, Spider Hibiscus, Indian Jasmine and a chickoo tree. Their excitement heightened when the security guard showed them a white rabbit. The lovely morning ended with slices of delicious cake and juice.

## LIGHTHOUSE VISITS CPRA GARDENS







# HAMPI

19 – 23 January 2023



# ITINERARY

At a glance

## 19 JANUARY

**02:50 PM** Departure flight (Terminal 1)



Mumbai to Hubli  
**INDIGO 6E 7292**

**04:30 PM** Arrival & Transfer to Badami



CLARKS INN, BADAMI

## 20 JANUARY

**08 AM** - Heritage Badami Caves (1.5 Hours)

**10 AM** - Transfer to Hampi & Check-in

**04 PM** - Heritage Hampi - Sacred Area (2 Hours)

**07 PM** - Story telling session & Unwind at Hotel



EVOLVE BACK KAMALAPUR PALACE, HAMPI

## 21 JANUARY

**09 AM** - Heritage Hampi - Vittala Temple (2 Hours)

**12 PM** - Lunch Break at Mango Tree & Shopping

**03 PM** - Heritage Hampi - Urban Core (2 Hours )

**06 PM** - Unwind by the pool side



EVOLVE BACK KAMALAPUR PALACE, HAMPI

## 22 JANUARY

**05:30 AM** - Adventure Hampi - Sunrise Hike & Riverside (2 Hours)

**08:30 AM** - Back to Hotel & Freshen up

**10:00 AM** - Mythical Hampi - Ramayana, Hagaluvesha, Traditional Lunch & More

**01:00 PM** - Traditional Lunch (Local Cuisine)

**04 PM** - Back to Hotel & Unwind



EVOLVE BACK KAMALAPUR PALACE, HAMPI

## 23 JANUARY

**07:30 AM** Checkout & Transfer to Hubli

**12:35 AM** Departure Indigo Flight Non-Stop



Hubli to Mumbai  
**INDIGO 6E 7291**

**02 PM** Arrival in Mumbai (Terminal 1)



# Sunrise Hike



## Adventure Hampi

Come away on a magical journey that will unfold the beauty of Hampi to you from the best vantage point, even as the rising sun spreads its warmth on the blessed lands. First thing one notices when arriving to Hampi is its awe-inspiring landscape with stunning boulder strewn hills, lush green valleys, network of rivers, lakes and canals. And there is no place more beautiful than Matunga Hill and surroundings to explore this.

On this tour we will be hiking up the tallest vantage point to catch a stunning sunrise. At the top enjoy the magical sunrise and 360-view of the surrounding valley and ruins. Climb down from a different adventurous path into ruins of a 500 old temple complex. Walk to the riverside and spot hidden sculptures carved on boulders all over (every stone has a story to tell). Engage in some boulder jumping on the riverside.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ~ Flora & Fauna of this region - Endemic bird & animal species . Geology of the region and the boulder formation.
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# CELEBRATIONS

## Member Birthdays



**NOVEMBER 8**

Rtn. Manish  
Kejriwal



**NOVEMBER 9**

Rtn. Jagdish  
Vora



**NOVEMBER 10**

Rtn. Natasha  
Treasurywala



**NOVEMBER 11**

Rtn. Mohit  
Jain



**NOVEMBER 14**

Rtn. Dr. Saumil  
Kothari

## Rotarian Partner Birthdays

NOVEMBER 8

Rtn. Ptn. Sam Variava

NOVEMBER 9

Rtn. Ptn. Sudha Javeri

NOVEMBER 10

Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Sonia Kothari

NOVEMBER 12

Rtn. Ptn. Yasmin Divecha

NOVEMBER 13

Rtn. Ptn. Bharti Gandhi

## Anniversaries

NOVEMBER 10

Rtn. Ptn. Shafali & Rtn. Apurva Diwanji

NOVEMBER 11

Rtn. Ptn. Sushmita & Rtn. Christopher Bluemel

NOVEMBER 11

Rtn. Ptn. Ayesha & Rtn. Dr. Darius Soonawalla

NOVEMBER 12

Rtn. Ptn. Aradhana & Rtn. Dr. Rajiv Agarwal

NOVEMBER 12

Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Soonnu & Farokh Balsara

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Rtn. Ptn. Shailaja & Rtn. Samir Mogul

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Consul-General of Australia  
in Mumbai, India

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Mr. Peter 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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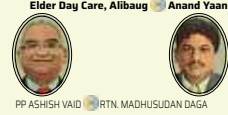


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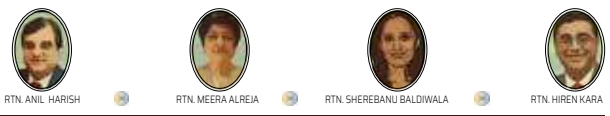


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