

# THE GATEWAY

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## COMING UP

### December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennis Tournament from 7.30 am onwards. Register with Rtn. Anand Dalal on 98201 25087.

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

Christmas party from 7:30 pm onwards, at Breach Candy Club Lawns.

 **January 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023:** Fellowship to Hampi with glimpses of heritage, adventure and mythology.



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4<sup>th</sup> December, 2022



**President Vineet Bhatnagar**

Tadoba Tiger Reserve, the last week's fellowship trip by some of our members, was a delightful experience. Not only did we all enjoy the diversity and inclusivity of nature but also learned that right policies and conscious people can preserve this lasting character of our planet.

To me, the trip was also a useful "feedback" as it showed that when we take the responsibility to undo (poaching, deforestation, encroachment of land use in the name of agriculture) our wrongs, the outcomes can be delightful. We must find ways to devote our people and policies to fixing the problem rather than laying blame.

Global warming, the biggest calling of our times, requires similar approach and attention. What frustrates me as an individual is that there is nobody who is able to guide me as to what I can do as an individual. Most of the solutions that I read or hear about are either, lofty or simply impractical. I have read about Carbon Mitigation Initiative - solutions that could only be accomplished by large utility and energy companies, the most conservative companies in the world. And to this day, five of the solutions are not realistically possible, like making hydrogen gas from coal with a carbon capture system. Furthermore, none of the solutions was remotely profitable. So, **WE ARE ESSENTIALLY SAYING THAT CONSERVATIVE COMPANIES SHOULD ADOPT MONEY LOSING TECHNOLOGIES AND THEIR BOARD SHOULD APPROVE THEM WITH FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY. IT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.**

I am looking for a simple list that allows me to be "action-oriented" rather than pushing me to be merely "an activist". I am looking for not just "what things to stop" but "what things to start". So, this is what I found :

**PRESIDENT VINEET BHATNAGAR'S ARTICLE CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE**

Paul Hawken, environmentalist and entrepreneur has proposed a list of solutions to the global warming crisis and advocates humans to take responsibility for their actions. He is the author of several books and is involved actively with environmental organizations. Global warming should be approached as a problem that is “game on,” rather than “game over.” He used this as a “true wake-up call” and garnered a group of like-minded people to become actively engaged as researchers in creating a master list of solutions to global warming. This came to be known as Project Drawdown.

The solutions include the obvious, such as wind and solar power, but the plan doesn't focus exclusively on renewable energy or even on energy sources in general. The solutions also involve food, buildings and cities,

land use, transport, materials, and initiatives aimed specifically at women and girls. Two of the solutions – family planning and educating girls – are at the top of Hawken's list.

I keep hearing – we need to fight climate change. It is a no-win slogan. In my mind, we should be trying to create a way of looking at global warming that is inclusive to all sectors from grassroot to boardroom. For a long time, we were perhaps innocent. Until we knew. But once we know the outcome of our own actions, we need to make a choice. We need to stop thinking that we're going to “win” this. It's not something we can win or need to fight.

We should change our perspective from “Global warming is happening to us.” After all, if you perceive that something is happening “to”

you, you're a victim. And it's not a very powerful place to be as a human being. Furthermore, you only have one life, so do you want to live it in that way? Or do you want to live it in spontaneity, joy, creativity, imagination, helpfulness, generosity, and kindness? The way ahead then means that global warming is our feedback to ourselves; We did this. So, if we take 100 percent responsibility for the way things are, we can devote our time and life toward solving this problem – as opposed to a life of blaming others or self-blame. That's what we need. We don't need to be hopeful. You can't have hope unless there's something you're afraid of.

And to me, **WHAT WE NEED NOW IS FEARLESSNESS, NOT HOPEFULNESS. WHAT HUMAN BEINGS HAVE DONE, WE CAN UNDO.**



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**I AM HERE  
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ASK FOR A  
COMPUTER LAB  
FOR MY 1500  
CHILDREN.**

I have been working for 30 years and I am about to retire in two years, but I am going to continue my work in education. The place I work in has a majority of single parents, single mothers; when they see me, there is a hope in their eyes that I'll guide their kids to a bright future. They all want their child to be

successful. It is for this that I am asking you for help. I am obliged that you have felicitated me with this prestigious award.

We have kids from pre-primary to standard 8, that is the age group from 4 to 15 years and there are 1500 students. Gurbir Singh and Shabana Azmi inaugurated the school along with former CM Prithviraj Chavan in 2011. Shabana madam said that she was hopeful for the bright future of the children and that they are in our able hands.

**Gurbir Singh:**

This was actually a rehab project for slum dwellers who had encroached upon Sanjay Gandhi National Park. The layout is about 90 acres, just behind Hiranandani Powai, developed as an SRA project. They are small tenements; for each block, the builder has to give a block and balwadi. We thought this will not happen because they will eventually turn into shops instead. So, we aggregated it and made a school. It took a lot of struggle and protest but finally the Municipal School was born. Now it's doing fine; there are two other layout reservations; one of a secondary school and the other is a sanstha.



# TUESDAYS @ TAJ







# Learning about leadership with horses

## Key takeaways

1. Be focussed.
2. Understand your team members.
3. Respect the opinion of everyone on your team.
4. Have good co-ordination with team members.
5. Leaders should have clear direction.
6. Be fearless.
7. Be motivated and, in turn, motivate team members to do certain tasks.
8. Trust your team.
9. Have faith in them.
10. Be confident.
11. Appreciate your team members.
12. Have a clear vision.

The alumni of the N M Joshi Marg Bhavishya Yaan project experienced a unique Equine Leadership Course at Mahalaxmi racecourse last week. Apart from lessons in leadership and team building, they enjoyed this experientially different event and, also, the brunch at the Turf Club afterwards.

Our former students learnt the characteristics of a good leader. All the activities and consequent learnings were through interactions with horses. In addition, they learned a lot about horses too, such as: the food that horses eat, what makes horses feel appreciated, how to talk to our equine fellow mammals and how they sense our feelings.

They were also able to ride the horses around the course in pairs.

Our alumni expressed their gratitude: "Thank you, Rotary Club of Bombay and Bhavishya Yaan, for this amazing opportunity. Special thanks to our mentor Jaya ma'am for selecting us and Ramesh Narayan Sir for arranging this programme for us."

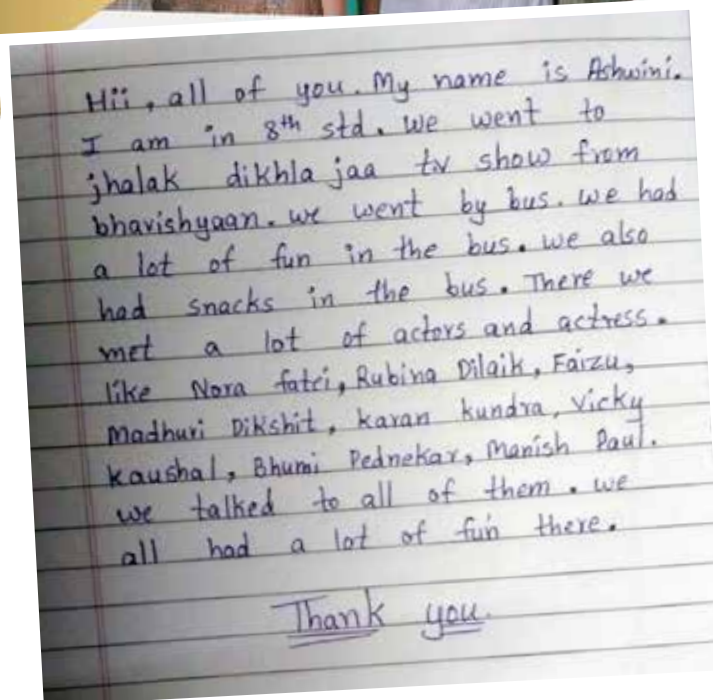
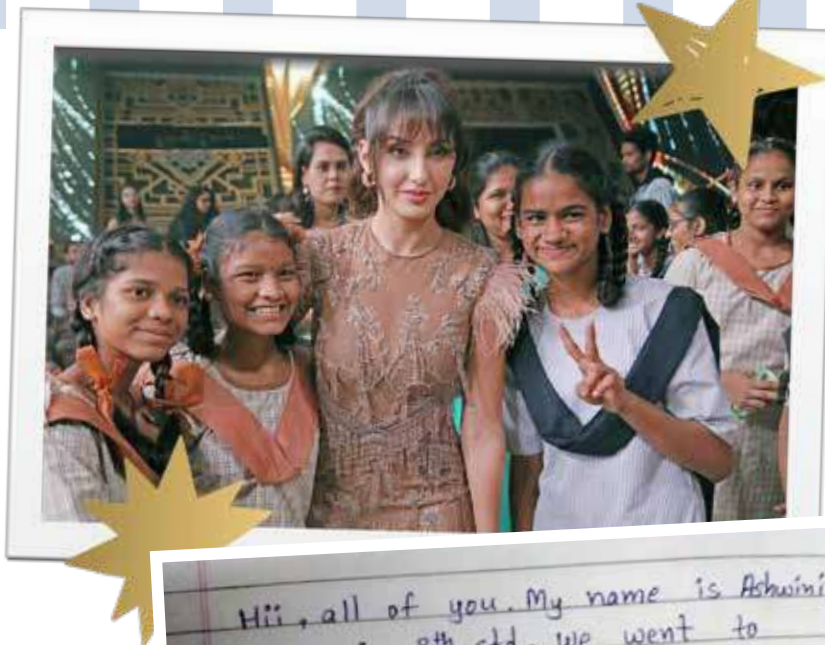


## BY kids visit Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa

Bhavishya Yaan students of G K Marg experienced a day to remember. They were taken to the sets of the TV show *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa* to witness some performances for the semi-final episode.

Maniesh Paul, Rubina Dilak and Faisu interacted with the kids and made sure they were having a good time. The staff and kids got an opportunity to click pictures with Nora Fatehi on the set.

Rotary Club of Bombay thanks *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa's* marketing team for the opportunity and generously arranging an AC bus and snacks for the kids.



Ashwini Gandla of Grade 8, G K Marg, on her visit to the sets of *Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa*



## ▶ ▶ ANANDA YAAN GOES TO BYCULLA POLICE STATION



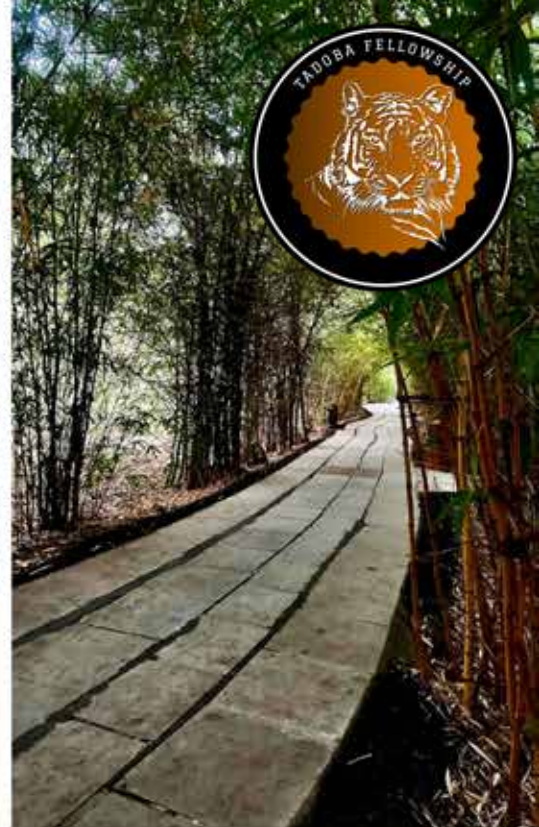




# Rotarians wander into the wilderness

















## OUR FIRST OUTSTATION FELLOWSHIP OF THE YEAR WAS TO TADOBA TIGER

Reserve in the last week of November. It was an eagerly anticipated trip with 42 attendees including Rotarians and partners. Several more had shown an interest but it was completely sold out.

Our trip began with a flight to Nagpur and a two-hour drive to Bamboo Forest Lodge at Tadoba. The resort was warm and welcoming, and their hospitality was excellent and much appreciated by our group. The chief naturalist gave us a fabulous presentation on Tadoba Tiger Reserve and a brief overview on the tiger conservation programme over the last 50 years.

The safaris were very well organised, and our enthusiastic group enjoyed the experience of a breakfast in the bush, getting to see amazing birds and animals including deer, bison, and sloth bear. Of course, the icing on the cake was seeing the tigress Maya - the Queen of Tadoba, it was a sight that mesmerised us!

A fabulous bonhomie was organised over drinks by the pool and lake in the evenings with great food, music, and laughter! Our gratitude to the Fellowship Committee and President Vineet Bhatnagar for the arrangements. This outstation fellowship was much appreciated by the group who left Tadoba with amazing pictures and memories.

*Photos courtesy: PP Dr. Mukesh Batra, PP Ashish Vaid, Rtn. Phiroze Soonawalla, Rtn. Peter Born, Rtn. Pulin Shroff, and Rtn. Ptn. Gautam Mehta.*





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**DECEMBER 9**  
Rtn. Huzaifah  
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**DECEMBER 9**  
Rtn. Tara  
Deshpande



**DECEMBER 10**  
PP Vikram  
Kamdar



**DECEMBER 12**  
Rtn. Hiranmay  
Biswas

## Anniversaries

### **DECEMBER 6**

Rtn. Ptn. Rachita & Rtn. Rishi Dalal

### **DECEMBER 7**

Rtn. Ptn. Amita & PP Shailesh Haribhakti

### **DECEMBER 8**

Rtn. Ptn. Rekha & Rtn. Ravindrakumar Ruia

### **DECEMBER 9**

Rtn. Ptn. Miloni & Rtn. Mehul Sampat

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Rtn. Ptn. Akshay & Rtn. Ujjwala Singhania

### **DECEMBER 10**

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### **DECEMBER 11**

Rtn. Ptn. Neeta & Rtn. Sunish Anand

### **DECEMBER 11**

Rtn. Ptn. Honey & Rtn. Anil Harish

### **DECEMBER 12**

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Rtn. Ptn. Dipti & Rtn. Mahesh Goenka

### **DECEMBER 12**

Rtn. Ptn. Divyaa & Rtn. Mayank Kumar

### **DECEMBER 12**

Rtn. Ptn. Poonam & Rtn. Ajit Surana

## Rotarian Partner Birthdays

### **DECEMBER 6**

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## Sanjeev Kapoor, Chef

For a nation that loves to eat and cook, Sanjeev Kapoor is very close to its people's hearts. He is the go-to chef for everything. Not surprising then that he figured in the *Reader's Digest* list of 100 of India's Most Trusted people.

He has been awarded the prestigious Padma Shri Award in 2017 by the President of India, one of India's highest civilian awards. His popularity and contribution to Indian cuisine has been recognised by the Government of India too, who conferred on him the National award of "Best Chef of India." He is also on the panel of the Ministry of Tourism. He is on the board of Singapore Airlines International Culinary Panel along with the brightest names from the culinary world across the global culinary capitals. He divides his time in India and abroad by doing live food events and cooking demonstrations for which he is always in great demand. A self-confessed gadget freak, Sanjeev channelled his love for technology to create Wonderchef, a premier cookware and kitchen appliances brand that brought about a revolution to the Indian kitchen through its innovative products and continues to do so. In addition to Wonderchef, he is also the co-



founder of Tiny Chef, a company working on culinary AI and ML, as well as launched his own online academy [sanjeevkapooracademy.com](http://sanjeevkapooracademy.com).

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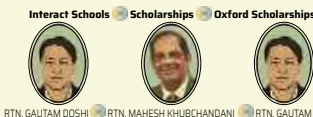
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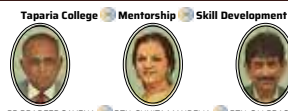
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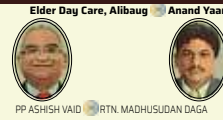
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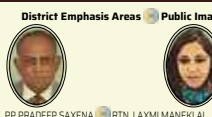
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