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11th December, 2022

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December 16th, 2022:

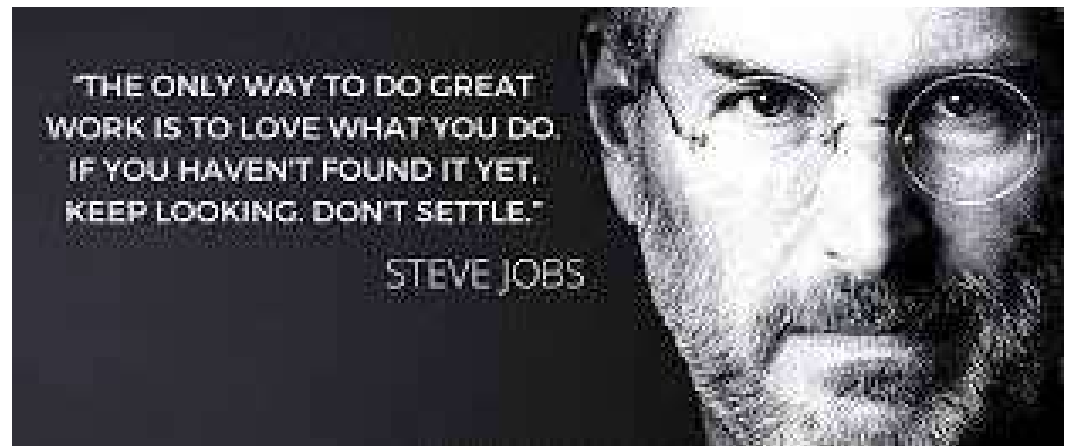
Christmas party from
7:30 pm onwards, at
Breach Candy Club
Lawns.

December 17th,

2022: Sports Day
with Ananda Yaan
at Batliboy Ground,
Byculla, at 10 am.



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Birwa Qureshi, the guest speaker at our club meeting this week, made a presentation on celebrating Indian monuments with light and music. She showcased, to the utter delight of everyone in the audience, the untold and unparalleled beauty of some of our structures that are steeped in history and are an architectural marvel.

Throughout her address, I noticed that Birwa had both a sense of joy about her work and a sense of clear determination that she will continue to pursue new initiatives that delight her. Quite visibly, her love for her work gave her the direction and determination which not only delighted her but also brought unexpected joys to so many others. She had connected the dots of all her interests and influences – architecture, a keen sense for design aesthetics, curiosity for history and music.

To me, the big take away was that we need to keep looking and relentlessly pursue what we love doing. We've got to

**PRESIDENT VINEET BHATNAGAR'S ARTICLE CONTINUES ON
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find what we love. And that is as true for our work as it is for other aspects of our personal lives. After all, our work fills a large part of our lives and **THE ONLY WAY TO BE TRULY SATISFIED IS TO DO WHAT WE BELIEVE IS GREAT WORK.** “The only way to do great work is to love what you do” – this is what Steve Jobs maintained. He said “If you haven’t found it yet, keep looking. Don’t settle. As with all matters of the heart, you’ll know when you find it. And, like any great relationship, it just gets better and better as the years roll on. So keep looking until you find it. Don’t settle.”

In life, the final picture only emerges at a much later stage, after we have created and travelled through a lot of dots. For most of us the dots can only be connected backwards. We do not know upfront which are the dots and where they could lead us. Unless of course, we are relentlessly searching for what we love to do. And it is this pursuit that allows us to gain an insight into which dots emerge in future. By doing so, we lead a life where we connect dots looking forward rather than connecting them backwards as a mere recollection of experiences rather than being the architect of designing our

own experiences. This can be fulfilling, productive, inspiring to others and remarkably successful.

We need to remember that nothing good ever came out of being in our comfort zones. Last two years have shaken most of us out of our comfort zones. So, this is as good a time as ever to find what we truly love to do. **TIME IS UNCERTAIN AND LIMITED FOR EACH ONE OF US; LET EACH ONE OF US NOT LIVE SOMEONE’S LIFE. IMAGINE A WORLD THAT HAS MORE OF US DOING WHAT WE TRULY LOVE TO DO.**



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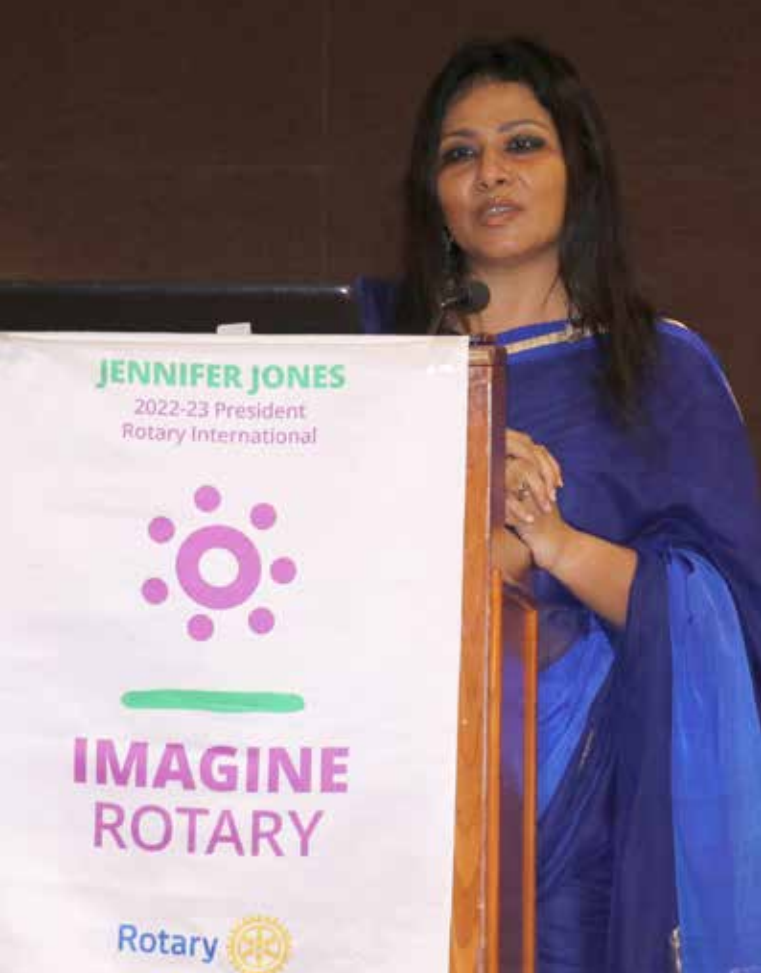
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**BIRWA QURESHI, FOUNDER,
CRAFT OF ART, ON
CELEBRATING MONUMENTS
WITH LIGHT AND MUSIC**

**CRAFT OF ART @ KHAN MASJID IN
DHODAKA (BELOW, LEFT), & THE KAILASA
TEMPLE IN ELLORA (BELOW, RIGHT)**



**I STARTED CRAFT OF ART ABOUT
13 YEARS AGO TO REINTRODUCE
MONUMENTS TO PEOPLE—
ESPECIALLY TO THE YOUTH TO
BRIDGE THE WORRYING DISCONNECT
THAT IS DEVELOPING WITH THEIR
ROOTS.**

I wanted to create an event to which they could relate and revisit in their mindscape. For this, I chose the monuments and to take them to the people, to make them attractive. To see that it gets registered as something special, I used two creative elements: lighting that enhances beauty and creates mystic, and music that gives life to a place. And, in case of the monuments, recreates the aura.

Music also creates a language of the monument. If I am working with a *maqbara*, we bring in Sufi music. At Adalaj Ni Vav, the music celebrates water. And therefore, it is not the music in isolation. Not the music for its own sake. It is music woven into the theme, spirit and language of the monument.

The first festival I organised was back in 2010 at Sarkhej Roza, Ahmedabad, perhaps the only monument where Janmashtami is celebrated. It speaks of secular spirit. It was interesting to design the festival here as it is a large flowing space. The second time we were at Sarkhej Roza we decided to perform in the lake. It took us long to dig and level the space. It was a great festival, a large audience. Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan's nephews performed there.

Few had heard of the Khan Masjid in Dholka. It was in bad shape due to inadequate care and maintenance. The festival gave it a new identity both in the eyes of the authorities and also the public. Conservation of that beautiful place is shaping as a new agenda.

One of my most popular festivals is the Water Festival at Adalaj ni Vav. I have been



MUSICAL CONCERT AT DADA HARIR VAV, AHMEDABAD

organising it for 12 years in the village of Adalaj during World Heritage Week in November.

Organising the Bhadra Festival, in the very heart of the old city of Ahmedabad, was a big challenge. The relatively small space between the Fort and the Teen Darwaja is an informal market place where some 2000 *thelawals* do their business regularly. It is a place of hectic activity. Everyone was sceptical about we being able to make space for a large audience and the performing stage. It was a complex job to organise the festival there but we worked with the community. The Thelavalas not only agreed to co-operate and make the space but ensured that there was no hitch or problem of any kind.

The Goombaj Festival at Amdavad Ni Gufa is different and special. Amdavad Ni Gufa is a brainchild of MF Husain and designed by the architect BV Doshi. It is a fluid kind of space, difficult to negotiate but the audience had a great thrill there.

This April, we were invited to create a festival in Ellora

Caves which was interesting for me because I was able to use the lighting to illuminate these caves.

ROTARIANS ASK

CAN THE FESTIVALS BE HELD REGULARLY?

The only issue is of funding. Technically, the event is one evening but it takes about 15 months for me to prepare. As these are heritage monuments, we need to obtain permissions to arrange festival.

HOW DO WE GET TO KNOW OF THE FESTIVAL?

Through social media. Mainly, our festivals are in Gujarat. In January, though, we are also doing a festival in the Harappan city of Dholavira in Kutch and it is a very proud moment for me. I will put up the information soon. For the rest of the festivals, I have tied up with BookMyShow for free registration.

ANY SPECIFIC REASON YOU ARE LOOKING ONLY AT GUJARAT?

I grew up in Gujarat, so it's my home state. There is no bias but the festival has been doing well there.

SUN TEMPLE, MODHERA



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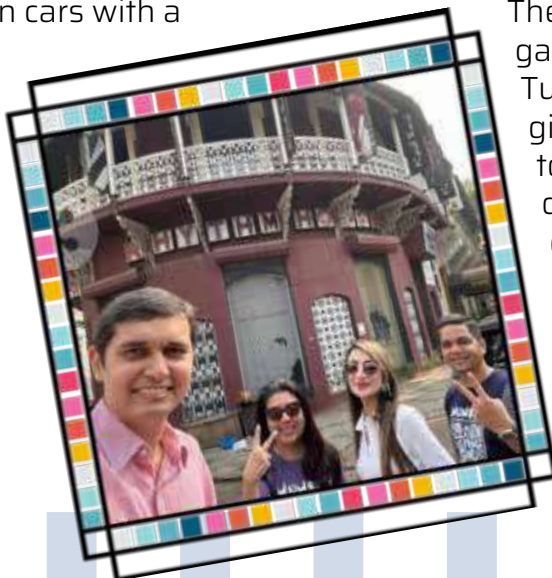
Game on at RCB's first treasure hunt!

Rotary Club of Bombay held a treasure hunt "Yeh Hai (South) Bombay Meri Jaan, on Sunday, December 4th, 2022. The hunt was organised by Rtn. Ptn. Ushma, Rtn. Gautam Doshi's wife.

Ushma had asked the participants to identify and visit 15 locations across south Mumbai (Worli to Colaba) and answer five quiz questions in 2.5 hours.

We had seven teams in seven cars with a total of 37 members, their partners and children participating in the event.

THE TEAM NAMES WERE - VICTORIUS, ACE, TITANS, RCB YOUNG GUNS, GOLD MINERS, IRON MAN - BRAINS & BRAWN AND LES FORMIDABLES.



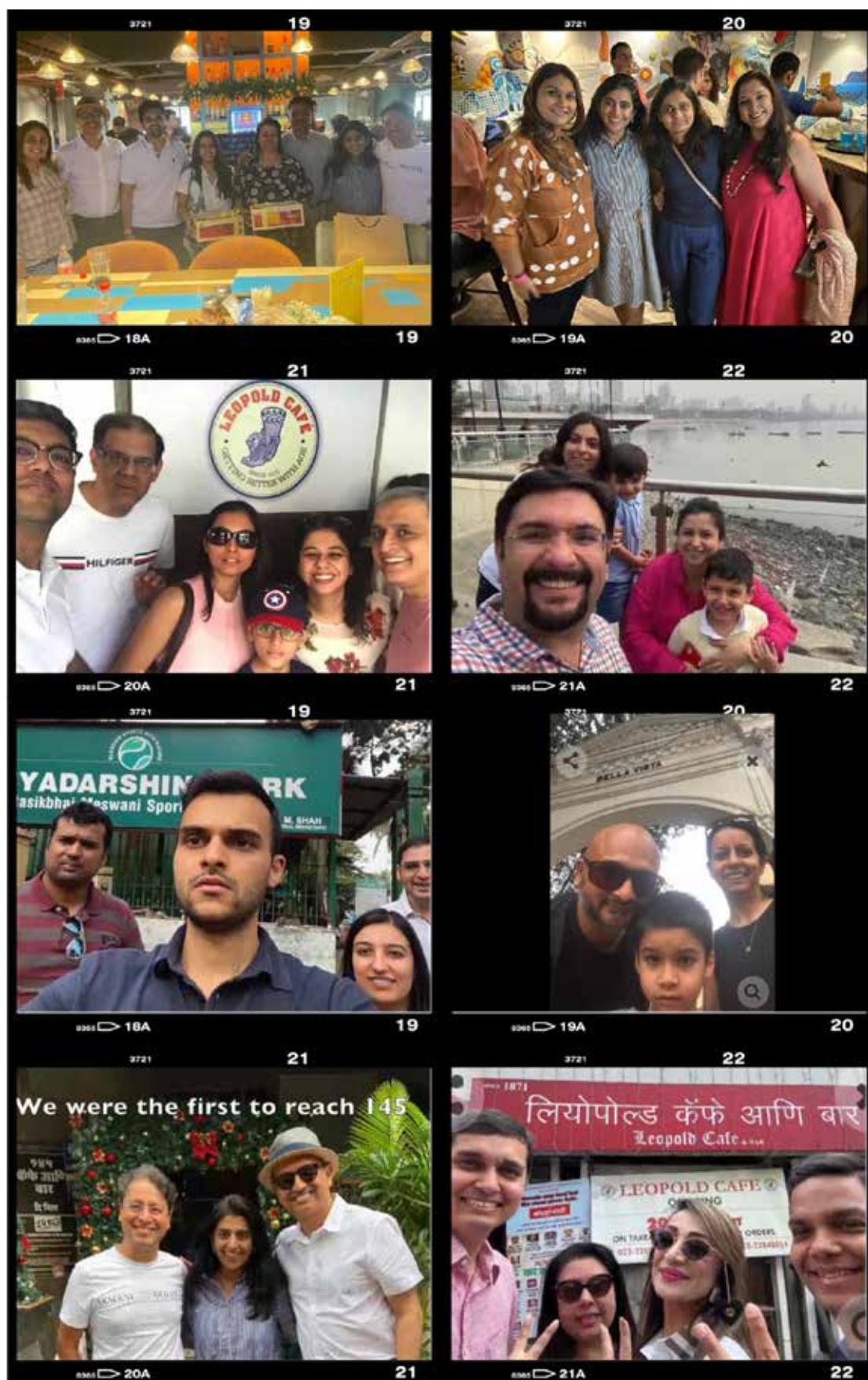
The event started with everyone gathering at the entrance of the Turf Club at 9.30 am with Ushma giving detailed instructions on how to proceed. All the clues as well as details on the application to be downloaded were shared with the teams.

The teams set out at 10 am and were to finish the hunt in two and a half hours and meet at 145 Restaurant in Kamala Mills

at 12.30 pm. As the teams set out on the hunt, Ushma, Vineet and Gautam monitored the progress of all the teams live. As 12.30 pm approached, we saw that all the teams were making great progress, however there was one team which was absolutely flawless in both their planning and execution - Team Ace.

At 12.30 pm, we all gathered at 145 Restaurant and over drinks and lunch, the winners, First as well as second Runner-Ups were announced. Team Ace won the treasure hunt, the first Runner-up was Team Titans and the second Runner-up was RCB Young Guns. They all were given gift hampers to celebrate their victory.

The winning team was Rtn. Sameer Chinai, Rtn. Ptn. Alpana, their daughter Sanjana and son-in-law Aniket Dharamshi. All the participants led by Vineet thanked Ushma for her outstanding planning and execution of the event. Given the resounding success of the event, we hope to make the treasure hunt an annual event.



OUR EQUINE MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR OUR BHAVISHYA YAAN STUDENTS GOT GOOD PRESS!

Appeal for gym equipment for Padukone-Dravid sports centre



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During the weekly meeting of Rotary Club of Bombay on November 29th, 2022, President Vineet Bhatnagar made a brief presentation on the visit by the Sports Committee to Prakash Padukone-Draavid Centre for Sports Excellence (PDCSE) in Bangalore on November 12th, 2022.

The Centre and the Academy are formed with the sole purpose of encouraging the youth to reach the highest international standards for all sports and this year, India, under the academy's coach Vimal Kumar, won the coveted World Title, the Thomas Cup for Badminton. To keep up these high standards, it is very necessary to have the best training equipment and experienced coaches.

At RCB weekly's meeting, President Vineet made an OPEN APPEAL to the members of our Club to support the certain badminton-specific gym equipment that CSE is presently lacking in their gym.

This equipment is essential for the national training centre of Prakash Padukone Badminton Academy (PPBA) as it is immensely useful for providing comprehensive S&C support the training of our top badminton players.

The cost of all four pieces works out to (including GST) approx Rs 17 lakh. RCB already has commitment of Rs 6 lakh from our members so we are still seeking an additional support of Rs 11 lakh from our members.

President Vineet believes that RCB should explore ways to support the youth of our country who can bring pride and glory to India in the area of sports. He is very pleased that under the chairperson Moy Biswas, Sports Committee is taking the first step with Prakash Padukone Academy.

RCB donors who would like to contribute for the above cause which is undoubtedly worthy, and makes a difference to the sports careers of our youth from underprivileged backgrounds, should contact President Vineet directly.



Career guidance continues for BY kids

The Skill Development Committee (SDC) focusses upon guiding the children studying in the six Bhavishya Yaan (BY) schools about their future.

Over the last three years, the number of 10th standard children taking the Aptitude Test (administered by YoungBuzz) as part of the SDC activities has been growing in leaps and bounds.

Despite the challenges posed by the covid pandemic and resultant lockdown and dislocation, 49 kids took the test two years ago and 126 last year. These were all taken online. This year, 179 children enthusiastically took the test across six schools.

The test is followed by an individual career counselling session with each child and the child's parents.

Further, SDC has developed a cloud database to track the progress of every child. It has key details of all BY children from standards 8 to 10. This is of great use to SDC, BY and the Scholarship Committee and RCB to track the outcome of our initiatives.

Infotutors have been retained to undertake the data collation exercise. Infotutors have been imparting computer skills in the BY schools since inception. They are familiar with the children, schools and have the requisite skills to undertake this assignment.

**~ Rtn. S. V. Prasad, Chairman,
Skill Development Committee**





Trailer: Rotary's Annual District conference



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sadhu, a rational philosopher who
dreams of a world without
boundaries.



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Lakshyaraj Singh Ji**
Mewar of Udaipur

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addressed world leaders at the
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Birthday January 31	Mobile +91 98213 16955	Food Vegetarian	



RTN. DR. SAUMIL KOTHARI			
Classification	Medical Practice : Ophthalmic Surgeon		
Company	Bombay City Eye Institute & Research Centre		
Designation	Medical Director		
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Phone	+91 22 236 71198		
Birthday	November 14		
Joined Rotary July 2, 2022	Wedding Date December 4	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. DR. SONIA KOTHARI		
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RTN. V. RAMANA MURTHY PINISETTI			
Classification	Law Practice: Economic		
Company	Economic Laws Practice		
Designation	HR/ Legal Advisor/ Consultant		
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Mobile	+91 98204 98832		
Email	pv@pvmurthy.com		
Birthday	January 11		
Joined Rotary July 3, 2022	Wedding Date January 24	Food Non-Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. BHAVANI PINISETTI		
Email	bhavanipiniseti@gmail.com		
Birthday March 18	Mobile +91 99675 64595	Food Vegetarian	



RTN. VINTI GAJREE			
Classification	Consultant : Advisory Services		
Company	SG Capital		
Designation	Proprietor		
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Phone	022 242 20182		
Mobile	98111 15365		
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Birthday February 14	Joined Rotary July 13, 2022	Food Non-Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused



RTN. KANTA MASAND			
Classification	Hospital Administration		
Company	Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre		
Designation	Chairperson / Board of Trustee		
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Mobile	+91 98200 81415		
Email	kayem1947@hotmail.com		
Residence	6, Nariman Building, 162 M Karve Road, Mumbai 400 021		
Birthday September 9	Joined Rotary April 4, 2022	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused

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RTN. RAJENDRA SHAH			
Classification	Mfg./ Mktg.: Paper Stationery		
Company	Shah Book Manufacturing		
Designation	Partner		
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Phone	022 249 21826 / 26979		
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Email	raju19360@gmail.com		
Residence	Shah Sadan, Plot No. 16, Keluskar Road, Shivaji Park, Dadar West, Mumbai 400 028		
Phone	+91 22 244 61526		
Birthday	March 17		
Joined Rotary Jul 14, 2022	Wedding Date June 5	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. PRITI SHAH		
Email	rishabh@remigroup.com		
Birthday September 8	Mobile +91 93233 37753	Food Vegetarian	



RTN. TAHERA MANDVIWALA			
Classification	Advocate & Solicitor		
Company	TDT Legal		
Designation	Senior Partner/ Co-Managing Partner		
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Phone	+91 22 228 42021		
Mobile	+91 98204 70351		
Email	tahera.mandviwala@tdtlegal.com		
Residence	601/B, St Mary Apt., Neshbit Rd, Mazgaon, Mumbai 400 010		
Phone	+91 22 228 42122		
Birthday June 10	Joined Rotary September 6, 2022	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused

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RTN. RUNIT SHAH			
Classification	Mfg./ Mktg: Apparels		
Company	Crystalline Exports Pvt. Ltd.		
Designation	Director		
Address	212, Tulsiani Chambers, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021		
Phone	+91 22 497 13298		
Mobile	+91 98219 18100		
Email	runit@crystalline.com		
Residence	5 Vardhman Bldg, Manav Mandir Road, Malabar Hill, Mumbai 400 006		
Phone	+91 22 796 97122		
Birthday	July 16		
Joined Rotary September 22, 2022	Wedding Date February 9	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. ANSHUMA SHAH		
Company: Cathedral & John Connon School		Designation: Teacher	
Email	anshuma@gmail.com		
Birthday May 21	Mobile +91 98200 92500	Food Vegetarian	



RTN. RAJAN GUPTA			
Classification	Finance: Project Advisory		
Company	SBI Capital Markets Limited		
Designation	Executive Vice President		
Address	202 Maker Tower "E", Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005		
Phone	+91 22 221 78301		
Mobile	+91 98206 25507/ 91364 25501		
Email	rajanguptasmal@gmail.com		
Residence	6-9 Panjak Mahal, Opp. Kuwait Consulate, Churchgate, Mumbai 400 020		
Phone	+91 22 228 17540		
Birthday	January 9		
Joined Rotary September 22, 2022	Wedding Date February 20	Food Non-Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. SAKSHI GUPTA		
Email	sakshirajangupta@gmail.com		
Birthday October 02	Mobile +91 98209 25969	Food Vegetarian	

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RTN. MIRAL SHAH			
Classification	Insurance Advisor		
Company	Akshar Risk Consultancy Pvt. Ltd.		
Designation	Promoter / Director		
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Phone	+91 22 675 33333		
Mobile	+91 98672 45216		
Email	miral@aksharrisk.com		
Residence	1A - 41/42, Kalpataru Gardens, Ashok Nagar, Kandivali East, Mumbai - 400 101		
Phone	+91 22 288 71500		
Birthday	February 13		
Joined Rotary October 10, 2022	Wedding Date January 23	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. PALLAVI SHAH		
Email	akshuhritvi@gmail.com		
Birthday March 1	Mobile +91 98675 79333	Food Vegetarian	



RTN. ARNAB MALLIK			
Classification	Education : Learning & Development		
Company	Learning Soil Edu		
Designation	Co-Founder		
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Mobile	+91 88501 87252		
Email	arnabmallik@yahoo.co.in		
Residence	605, Sandy Flama, Dosti Flamingos, T J Road, Sewri, Mumbai 400 015		
Phone	+91 22 228 17540		
Birthday December 22	Joined Rotary November 2, 2022	Food Non-Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused

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RTN. RINA DEORA			
Classification	Dealing in Food Ingredients		
Company	Bombay Ampoules Pvt. Ltd.		
Designation	Director		
Address	Elite Auto House, 54 - A Sir M V Road, Andheri E, Mumbai 400 093		
Phone	+91 22 497 114477		
Mobile	+91 98206 40552		
Email	rinadeora@hotmail.com		
Residence	Sethna House, 2nd Floor, 13 Laburnum Road, Off Hughes Rd, Mani Bhavan Lane, Mumbai 400 007		
Phone	+91 98218 85928/ 98206 40552		
Birthday	September 12		
Joined Rotary November 2, 2022	Wedding Date February 25	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. SURESH DEORA		
Email	suresh@bombayampoules.com		
Birthday November 26	Mobile +91 98218 85928	Food Vegetarian	



RTN. RATNA KAPOOR SHARMA			
Classification	Finance: Asset Management		
Company	Lighthouse Canton		
Designation	Executive Director		
Address	1233, EFC, Parinee Crescenzo, BKC, Mumbai 400 051		
Mobile	+91 98203 49602		
Email	ratna.sharma@lighthouse-canton.in		
Residence	1602, Sigma Pearl, BKC, Bandra East, Mumbai 400 051		
Birthday	November 9		
Joined Rotary November 2, 2022	Wedding Date August 17	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. SANJAY SHARMA		
Email	sanjay.sharma@hyatt.com		
Birthday October 01	Mobile +91 84510 01234	Food Vegetarian	

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Classification	Mfg./ Mktg.: Fine Diamond Jewellery		
Company	Ratan Jewellers Fine Jewellery		
Designation	Partner		
Address	Elite Auto House, 54 - A Sir M V Road, Andheri E, Mumbai 400 093		
Phone	+91 22 228 41610		
Mobile	+91 98207 41914		
Email	ratanjewellers@ratanjewellers.com		
Residence	Maker Tower K, 3rd Floor, Flat No. 31, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005		
Phone	+91 22 221 86864		
Birthday	September 28		
Joined Rotary November 2, 2022	Wedding Date June 11	Food Non-Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. KAAVYA CHANDIRAMANI		
Company	Ratan Jewellers Fine Jewellery		
Designation	Head of Jewellery Design		
Address	15, Bhandus Court, Colaba, Mumbai 400 005		
Birthday September 12	Mobile +91 99200 95995	Food Non-Vegetarian	



RTN. NARESH PACHISIA			
Classification	Distributor: Plywood & Veneers		
Company	Pachisia Mercantile Limited		
Designation	Promoter - Director		
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Phone	+91 22 234 11212 /32058		
Mobile	+91 98201 01618		
Email	nareshp25@gmail.com		
Residence	21 Dariya Mahal A, 80 Nepeansea Road, Mumbai 400 006		
Phone	+91 22 236 40953		
Birthday	April 21		
Joined Rotary November 3, 2022	Wedding Date December 3	Food Vegetarian	Attendance Non-Excused
Spouse/Partner	RTN. PTN. SMITA PACHISIA		
Email	smpachisia@gmail.com		
Birthday July 15	Mobile +91 93231 49145	Food Vegetarian	

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Since retiring from the Foreign Service in June 2021, he has been hosting a weekly programme on foreign affairs called 'Diplomatic Dispatch' for India's parliamentary channel, Sansad TV.

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He has been a jury member for the 2011 Man Asian Literary Prize and the 33rd Cairo International Film Festival. He has written for numerous prestigious publications such as *TIME*, *Newsweek*, *The Guardian* (UK), *The*



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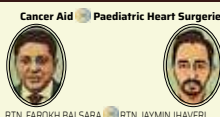
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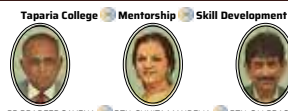
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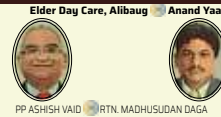
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