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Expression of interest by RCB members to work for the Rotary year 2022-23:

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COMING UP



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 Mumbaiers. At Asiatic Society of Mumbai's Durbar Hall.



October 5th, 2022: Fellowship to Slovenia



November 25th, 2022: Fellowship to Tadoba Sanctuary.

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



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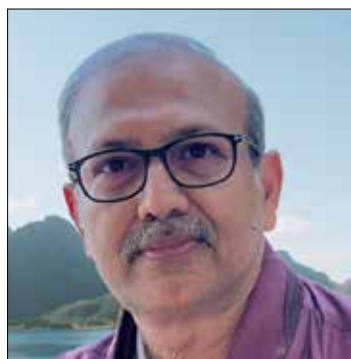


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**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

31st July, 2022



President Vineet Bhatnagar

TO CREATE A CHANGE, LEADERSHIP IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN AUTHORITY.

Most of us consider authority and leadership as interchangeable. The truth is that to be a leader you need not be a person-in-authority. The driver who takes your 88-year-old father to the hospital during emergency when you are on an overseas vacation with your family; the 18-year-old daughter who guides the family in the face of a crisis; the 8-year-old boy behind whom an

entire village rallies to solve drinking water crisis because he cannot see his mother in pain – are all leaders. They are all leaders because they act with courage, conviction and with a purpose to solve a challenge.

Leaders of change think creatively to solve problems and set out a compelling vision of the potential future that inspires others to take positive action. But why do we need change makers? We live in an increasingly fast changing and interconnected world. We need to equip our youth with the skills and confidence to tackle some of the biggest challenges facing our human family. We need a generation of change makers. **WE NEED “THE NEW BREED” MORE THAN EVER BEFORE – NOT FOR GLORY; NOT FOR STOPPING PEOPLE IN THEIR TRACKS BUT TO FORGE NEW TRACKS.**

I am thinking of a change maker who is motivated to act and has the empathy for others and is driven by the genuine goal of making the world a better place. So, a change maker is someone who has found the self-permission to advance change for the good of all. A Social Entrepreneur who can lead disruption – singly or collectively.

I propose that “Empowering Change Makers” be the theme for RCB this year. Change makers are around us. They can be in our Club committees, amongst the agencies with whom we work on the ground, or within the communities that we serve. Let us empower as many change makers as possible with the objective of getting closer to a tipping point when the momentum of change is enough to make things radically different.

**FERNANDO HEREDIA NOGUER,
CONSUL GENERAL OF SPAIN IN MUMBAI**





Climb a mountain or jump a plane?

Climb a mountain.

If you could travel back in time, to which period it would be?

16th century.

Which exact moment?

The discovery of America.

Advice you would give your younger self?

Enjoy life more.

What does a person need to be happy?

Love.

If you could put something on a billboard, what could it be?

Spain.

Top ideas in your bucket list?

I want to travel and spend time with my family and friends.

Tennis or football?

Football.

You know a lot of different languages, so are you passionate about learning them?

Passion is about communicating with different people and learning about them.

What career did you dream of having as a kid?

When I was younger, I wanted to be a bullfighter, and then a football player. Actually, my family did not want me to do professional bullfighting. So, I was put in front of a calf when I was 10 and my family thought I would run but I stayed there and started bullfighting. The family said you can have fun, but you are not joining bullfighting sport. And then football I was not good at. So, then I said, okay I'll be a diplomat.

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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)







SAVE THE DATE PARSI NITE

19TH AUGUST
ALLBLESS BAUG

PUB NITE

The first fellowship of the year was Pub Nite held on July 27th, 2022, at Recca. It was attended by over 80 members and their partners who enjoyed a fabulous evening of drinks and dance accompanied by delicious small bites at a lovely new venue.

There was an overwhelming and most enthusiastic response from our younger members as well as some members from our Satellite Club. The bonhomie between the older and younger members was heartening.

The highlight was a superbly choreographed dance by some of our dashing male Rotarians led by President Vineet Bhatnagar which brought the house down!





ROTARY SUPPORTS ADULT LITERACY FOR WOMEN

With the power of education given to women, it will serve to reduce their exploitation of all kinds and get them the place in society that they deserve. This will automatically translate to a

check on child marriage, family planning, reduced infant mortality, robust child health which will include timely immunizations, and education.

From BY to dream job: a journey with RCB



By Bhavishya Yaan alumni Nirmala Kokate

Till the 6th standard, my education had been through books. After that, something changed. It was like magic. Bhavishya Yaan came into my life. BY at GK Marg introduced English and Computer classes and I enrolled myself. I gained a lot of knowledge and learnt so much more in the BY classes than what was taught in my regular school. After completing the 10th standard, I joined college. All five years of my college were supported by Rotary scholarships of the Rotary Club of Bombay who paid my fees.

Side by side, I did a certificate course in Montessori training only because PP Preeti Mehta paid the fees for the course. I am passionate about teaching but would have never had the resources to do this. Ever since the 7th standard, I wanted to teach little children and my dream to become a teacher has come true due to Preeti ma'am. My family is very proud of me. Just when I finished my course, I was offered my dream job at Life Trust School because of Rtn. Poonam Lalvani ma'am and Rtn. Ajit Lalvani sir.

I owe all of this to Bhavishya Yaan. It gave me self-confidence and made me believe in myself. It motivated me to pursue my goals and achieve them. Thank you, Rotary Club of Bombay, and my Rotary mentors at BY for helping me graduate, for making me a teacher and for making me independent by getting me a job.

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

Gender Warrior Award for PP Ramesh Narayan



Congratulations to
Ramesh Narayan for
his gazillionth award
this time as a Gender
Warrior from **IAA -**
India Chapter
presented to him by
Office of Poonam
Mahajan



Club class travels with RCB



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 from 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.

Pitvice 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.


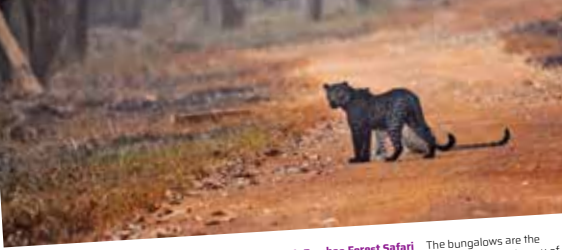
A visit to the Blue Cave which has its natural entrance below the sea level, thus unfolding a sparkling game of sunrays within the cave.

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. lake side 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.



WASH

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Wash program in school aims to make visible impact on health and hygiene of children through improvement in their health and hygiene practices and to make sure every child has access to

clean drinking water. The project also encompasses menstrual hygiene management for teachers and female students and children council training programs.

CELEBRATIONS

Member Birthdays



AUGUST 3

Hon. Rtn. Ajay
Pirmal



AUGUST 3

Rtn. Abhishek
Sharman



AUGUST 4

Rtn. Sabira
Merchant



AUGUST 5

Rtn. Bharat
Taparia



AUGUST 7

Rtn. Darabshaw
Davar



AUGUST 7

Rtn. Camellia
Panjabi



AUGUST 8

Rtn. Hormazdiyaar Wakil

Rotarian Partner Birthdays

AUGUST 2

Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia


Anniversaries

AUGUST 3

Rtn. Ptn. Radhika & Rtn. Ghanshyam
Sheth

AUGUST 5

Rtn. Ptn. Bijal & Rtn. Hiren Kara

Rotary Club of Bombay   **Weekly Speaker**
2 August, 2022 | PHYSICAL MEETING


AGNISHWAR JAIPRAKASH
FOUNDER & MD, Garuda
Aerospace India Pvt. Ltd.

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**The Drone
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Ballroom, Taj Mahal Palace Hotel
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NEXT WEEK @TAJ

Nikkhil Advani,

Emmay Entertainment

UP, CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH NIKKHIL

With over two decades of experience in the Indian film industry, Nikkhil Advani started working as an Assistant Director with trendsetters such as Saeed Mirza, Kundan Shah, and Sudhir Mishra. His very first outing as a co-screenplay writer for the cult classic '*Iss Raat Ki Subah Nahin*' garnered large-scale appreciation.

The understanding of large-scale production and main-stream storytelling was learnt under the tutelage of Mr. Yash Johar's Dharma Production and the iconic Yash Raj Films where Nikkhil collaborated with Karan Johar

and Aditya Chopra as an Assistant Director and then made his debut as Director with the successful '*Kal Ho Naa Ho*'.

His Production Company, Emmay Entertainment, started in 2011, produced award winning films like *D-Day*, *Airlift*, *Baazaar* as well re-write box office records with the hugely successful *Satyameva Jayate* and *Batla House*.

In his spare time, Nikkhil works actively with Bittu Sahgal and Sanctuary Nature Foundation, which advocates Climate Change, Bio-Diversity and Nature Conservation.



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Director PN Satyan Israni



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Cancer Aid Paediatric Heart Surgeries

Integrated Village Development Panchayatva Tribal Upliftment



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