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June 25th, 2023:

Alpha Shukriya (D3141), at 9.30 am.



June 29th, 2023:

Shukriya Nite with President Vineet Bhatnagar & Rtn. Ptn Rangita. <u>Details inside</u>.



July 4th, 2023:

Installation ceremony of incoming President Rtn. Manoj Patodia & his team. Details inside.

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18th June, 2023



From the President's desk

Don't pray for an easy life, pray for the strength to endure a difficult one. We all need to have the mindset that we are up for the challenge that life throws at us. Regardless of all the plans that we make for ourselves and our loved ones, there are several times when the life that we live is unlike any of the plans that we ever made. Whilst planning for specifics in life gives us a sense of order and discipline, it is more important to just be a good sport. We must be prepared to play the card that we have been dealt in life. This may be easier said than done but it is the inevitable truth of life.

Many of us, actually most of us, hate our regular jobs. Not dislike but hate what we do; dislike the people we work with and unhappy with the business that we are in. How can we live like this? So often I hear that it is rare to find people who have found their true calling. Very few people are passionate about the work they do. And when we do not find happiness five days in a

PRESIDENT VINEET BHATNAGAR'S ARTICLE CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE

ACCEPT WHAT IT IS, LET GO OF WHAT WAS, AND HAVE FAITH IN WHAT WILL BE

week, we are bound to be miserable. And when we are miserable we have little to offer to anybody else. In fact we become a consumer of other people's energies rather than a source of positive energy. We wish and pray that our lives get easier and our miseries end.



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Investment in securities market are subject to market risk, Read all the related documents carefully before investing For registration and detailed disclaimer, kindly visit www.phillipcapital.in By being miserable, we are not serving our soul. Perhaps it is inconceivable that all of us will find things to do that we are truly passionate about. But there is surely something that has been made affordable to us. And that is: we can choose to live closer to what our original nature is and then do things that brings us joy and fulfilment. Our original nature is love. And all that we have to do is he that and live that

Have you noticed that we are willing to do more for others when we are happy than when we are miserable? So, if our innate nature is to love and be loved, why don't we simply be alive with this as the most basic truth? Nobody has to inspire us to be so. Nobody should be required to motivate us to be such. We are designed to carry love, care and empathy.

The problem is that we have come to define ourselves differently. We believe - who I am is what I have. Not only what I have but what I do (position of authority, designation, reputation etc all of which is other people's perception



of me and rarely my own). So we spend a big chunk of our lives believing that what I become is measured by what I have accomplished in terms of money, authority, square footage etc. and we become obsessed with such absurdities. This is our false self, ego, at work. We reduce ourselves to others' perception of us.

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In the entirety of the human race, each one of us lives a life which is astonishingly short. We will all be dead for millions of years but get to live only for a very brief period. So, what should be the purpose of this exceedingly small blip of a life? Should we not sparkle so that we are closer to experiencing a feeling of fulfilment, move closer to self-actualisation and live closer to the energy of our soul?

Final words - **DO EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO. DON'T SPARE ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO. NEVER BE LESS THAN WHAT YOU**

CAN BE. If you cannot do something then that is fine too. But try to be like a bird who takes the morning flight to its utmost potential. A bird does nothing but be true to its nature – fly. But, in doing so, it leaves nothing undone. Take that flight; let your soul soar as high as it wants to. Use your personality to serve your soul the energy it needs from your physical self. In his book "Seat of the Soul," Gary Zukav calls this as the authentic power of being a human.

A DIALOGUE WITH SEEMA TAPARIA: A JOURNEY FROM ARRANGED MARRIAGES TO NETFLIX STARDOM







Seema Taparia, matchmaker and star of Netflix's successful series, Indian Matchmaking, engaged in an extensive conversation with Rtn. Renu Basu last Tuesday. This discussion touched on her life, her ascension to fame, and her perspectives on marriage, love, and the evolving landscape of relationships in contemporary society.

Hailing from Gulbarga, Karnataka, Taparia was born into a prosperous Lahouti family. At the age of 19, she became part of the Mumbai-based Taparia Group of Industries through an arranged marriage - a conventional practice at the time. Taparia fondly recalled her first encounter with her husband, a brief meeting of merely 30 minutes. The families had assessed each other based on shared values, astrological compatibility, and upbringing before finalising their decision. This early experience seemingly laid the foundation for her ensuing career as a matchmaker.



In 2005, Taparia began her journey in matchmaking, capitalising on her unique ability to connect with people and understand them. This endeavour represented a significant service to her community, she felt. Her breakout moment arrived in 2010 when she was contacted by Smriti Mundhra from Los Angeles for matchmaking services. This engagement led to Taparia's feature in the award-winning documentary, 'A Suitable Girl,' which also chronicled her daughter's 2014 wedding. Subsequently, Netflix offered Taparia her own reality show, Indian Matchmaking, marking a transformative turn in her life.

Subscribing to the mantra, "A perfect marriage isn't found, it's created," Taparia attributed the difficulties in contemporary marriages to a perceived lack of core values such as giving, sharing, and loving among the younger generation. She underscored

the necessity for patience, a balance between professional and personal life, and realistic expectations in marriage.

"NO ONE EVER FINDS A 100% MATCH," SHE EMPHASISED, PROMOTING COMPROMISE, AND UNDERSTANDING.

Taparia was astonished by the international success of her Netflix series. She credited the show's triumph to an authentic depiction of her life and the family values she represents. Her sudden fame expanded her influence to 190 countries, attracting an audience ranging from those familiar with the tradition of Indian arranged marriages to those discovering it for the first time. This widespread recognition only intensified her passion for her work.

Contrasting the impersonal nature of matchmaking apps and platforms, Taparia said her personalised approach involved visiting her clients' homes to



understand their lifestyles and ascertain their preferences for a match. She staunchly defended arranged marriages as a time-tested system that had demonstrated its success over centuries, observing its resurgence among young viewers of her show.

The show's fame significantly altered Taparia's life in Mumbai. While she cherished the global admiration and respect, she acknowledged that her lifestyle had drastically changed. Now involved in brand endorsements, TV appearances, and even movie offers, Taparia strived to maintain a balance between her work and personal life. Her fondness for socialising, hosting parties, and traveling persisted, as did her value for time spent with family.

Incontestably, Taparia's life underwent a dramatic change, with her emerging as a global ambassador for traditional Indian

values. However, her primary mission stayed constant – to assist individuals in finding love and happiness through her exceptional matchmaking skills.

Comparing her matchmaking methods with the impersonal approach of dating apps such as Tinder and Bumble, Taparia stating that her hands-on, mediator role led to a higher success rate.

TAPARIA ALSO HIGHLIGHTED
THE NEED FOR PATIENCE,
UNDERSTANDING,
COMPROMISE, AND RESPECT
IN NURTURING A SUCCESSFUL
RELATIONSHIP. She shared her
perspectives on arranged marriages,
unique to certain cultures like India's,
and expressed how she had witnessed
interest in this form of matchmaking
from people worldwide.

TUESDAY @ TAJ



























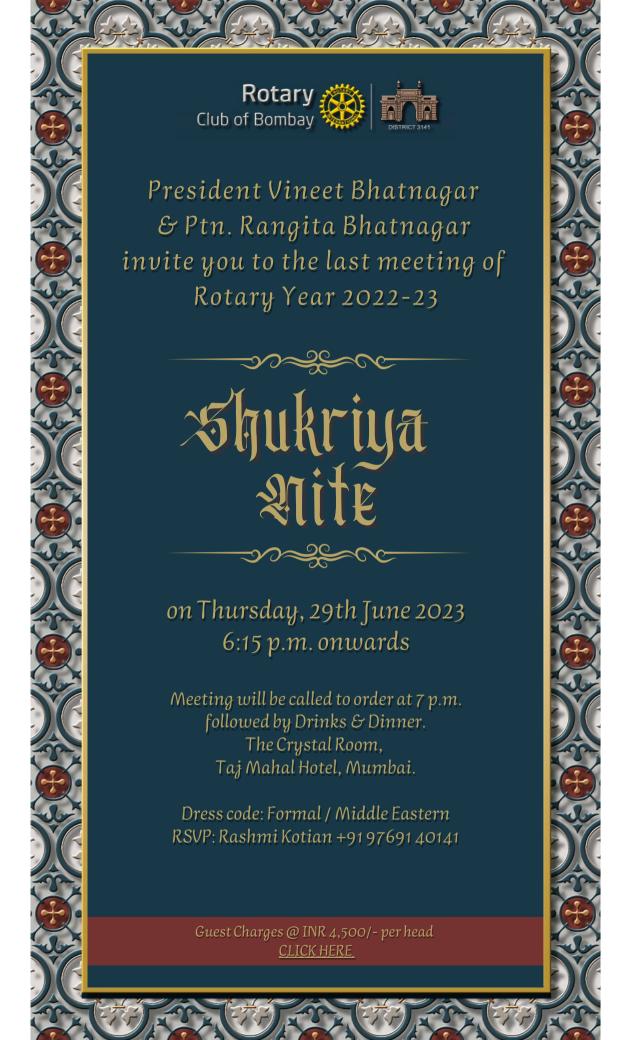








EACH ONE OF US IS MORE CAPABLE THAN WHAT WE THINK WE ARE AND WHAT WE **CAN DO FOR SOMEONE ELSE. THE BEST PART IS** THAT BY DOING GOOD FOR OTHERS, WE **NOURISH OUR SOUL** WITH THE LASTING FEELING OF **FULFILMENT.** PRESIDENT VINEET **BHATNAGAR**













Integrated Village Development at Gale

By Rtn. Bimal MehtaChairperson, Panchattava Committee

Rotary Club of Bombay has been involved since October 2021 in the upliftment of Gale, a tribal village 200 km north of Mumbai. The challenges faced in the Gale are health & sanitation, education, sustainable livelihood opportunities and advocacy & governance. Our approach has been 360-degree integrated development.

INITIATIVES UNDER HEALTH

- Health camps, including Covid vaccination camps
- Facilitation of government insurance schemes
- Internet connection to PHC
- Water filter for each household
- Toilets construction

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INITIATIVES UNDER EDUCATION

- Renovation of ZP School at Gale
- Educational material & bicycles for students
- Renovation of ICDS centres

INITIATIVES UNDER LIVELIHOOD IMPROVEMENT

- Solar-based pumps for irrigation provided, bringing a 35-acre area under agriculture
- Drip irrigation foot pumps for the farmers.
- Planting of fruit-bearing trees & Floriculture plants
- Construction of Livelihood Centre
- Setting up of nursery

INITIATIVES UNDER CONVERGENCE WITH GOVT SCHEMES

- Camps for MGNREG, eShram, Aadhar and ration cards
- Camps for bank account opening
- Facilitation for NSAP for villagers

Thanks to our solar lift irrigation project, water availability ensured that people engaged in agriculture got year-round water. This enabled them to increase their income through double-crop cultivation and harvesting cash crops. However, some landless villagers did not benefit from our agricultural initiatives. We built a livelihood centre in the village to ensure that they get regular income.

DG Sandip Agarwalla and President Vineet Bhatnagar inaugurated the Rotary Livelihood Centre on June 14th, 2023. We have installed a leaf plate and oil extraction. We will also install a cashew nut processing machine soon. We are also setting up a learning centre for the village youth for agrobased industrial training. RCB plans to support the community in operations,

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financial governance and marketing of the products.

DG Sandip and Vineet also inaugurated toilets for the households. WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED 76 TOILETS, ONE FOR EACH FAMILY. THIS INITIATIVE WOULD HELP IMPROVE THE VILLAGERS' HEALTH, ESPECIALLY THE WOMEN.

The Panchattavva committee would like to thank Rtn. Jamshed Banaji for designing and supervising the

construction of the livelihood centre (free of cost), Rtn. Dinesh Lal for sponsoring the livelihood centre and Rtn. Poonam Lalvani for the toilet construction. The numerous initiatives undertaken at Gale would not have been possible without the generous contribution of Rtn. Abhin Alimchandani. The Rotary Livelihood Centre is dedicated to the late Rtn. C.R Alimachandni.

Finally, thanks to our implementation partners, Diganta Swaraj Foundation and Rotary Club of Wada, for all their support over the last three years.

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RCB celebrates Vaidu women's literacy achievement













Women from the nomadic Vaidu community in the Jogeshwari/Marol area, aged between 22 and 62, have been awarded certificates to celebrate their successful completion of a three-month Adult Literacy module. This initiative was designed by TCS and implemented by the Rotary Club of Bombay (RCB). The event, held on Sunday June 10th, 2023, was attended by DG Sandip Agarwalla, RCB President Vineet Bhatnagar, and RCB ALP Committee Chair Runit Shah.

In the Vaidu community, a minute percentage of women are literate. It's well acknowledged that a child's physical and cognitive development is directly linked to the literacy of their mother, which also contributes to the overall wellbeing of the family. Under the guidance of Rtn Ptn Ekta Shah, the RCB has carried out numerous projects within the Vaidu community.



The Adult Literacy
Programme (ALP),
in partnership with
TCS, aims to promote
and strengthen adult
education amongst
illiterate women of
any age. The goal is
to help participants
reach functional
literacy within 50 to
55 hours, over the
course of roughly

70 sessions. Amongst other skills, learners acquire a vocabulary of about 700 words, sufficient for daily requirements such as reading bus destination signs, bank documents, and newspapers.

In addition to basic reading, writing and arithmetic, they also gain exposure to government schemes like Aadhar, Pradhan Mantri Yojanas, and more. Literacy leads to benefits like employment, upliftment for the family and society at large, better political representation for women, later marriages, smaller families, and poverty reduction.

Over the past year ending in April 2023, the Rotary Club of Bombay, in conjunction with the Anum Foundation, successfully trained and certified approximately 800 beneficiaries through 17 Prerikas from their own community. The project was completed at a cost of around Rs. 7 lakhs.













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1.30 PM ONWARDS: LUNCH

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Medical Report May '23

	Cotton Green, IWA] [
Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala			
Chair: Rtn.	Rahil Shah & Co-chair: R	tn. Anar Shah	
Patients vis	sited / treated in Cotton (Green: May 23	
НОМЕОРАТНУ		215	
DENTAL OPD		146	
OPHTHALMIC OPD		53	
PAEDIATRICS OPD		31] [
GENERAL OPD		52] [
PATHOLOGY LAB		5	
Total		502	1
		•	1 [
Patients visited / tr	reated in IWA: May 23		1
Gynaecology OPD		7	1 [
Paediatrics OPD		3	1 [
Dental OPD		123	1
General OPD		140	1
Xray		96	1
Homeopathy		10	1
Dermatology OPD		24	1
Medical Consultant		3	1
Total		406	1 [
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RCB Medical Centre	 e, Talwada	,	1 [
Director: Rtn. Dr. M			1 [
	Mehta & Co-chair: Rtn. I	Dr. Rohini Chowaule	1 [
Patients visited / tr			1 [
	Ophthalmic OPD	1072	1 [
PRVEC	Spect Give during the month	97	
	Operations	41	1
	The Patient kept for treatment	7	
	IOL	36]
	Yag Laser	9	1
	Green Laser	-	1
	Keratoplasty	-	1
	Total	1262	1 [

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ADMC	General OPD	689			
	Dental OPD	81			
	Pediatric OPD	19			
	Pathology Lab	52			
	Total	841			
Dialysis Centres					
Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala					
Chair: Rtn. Swati Jajo	dia				
Patients visited / treated: May 23					
Platinum Hospital, M	12				
Aastha Hospital,Manor (3 machines)		18			
Sukh Sagar Hospital, Dahisar (2 machines)		20			
Shatabdi Hospital, Go	74				
Shatabdi Hospital, Kandivali (2 machines)		-			
Meenatai Balasaheb Thackrey Centre, Malad		34			
Samarpan, Ghatkopar		51			
Lifeline Medicare Hos	spital Charkop	21			
Dr.M.L.Dhawale Memorial Trust Hospital, Palghar		37			
K.J. Somaiya Hospital & Research Centre, Sion		208			
Total	475				
Paediatric Heart Surg	jeries				
Director: Rtn. Dr. Mel	nernosh Dotivala				
Chair: Rtn. Jaymin Jha	averi				
Patients visited / Treated: May 23					
SRCC Childrens Hospi	ital, Mumbai	2			
Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital		7			
Total		9			
RCB Medical Centre, Talwada					
Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala					
Chair: PP Framroze Mehta & /Co-chair: Rtn. Dr. Rohini Chowgule					
		May 23			
Disease Profile		тв			
Patients Seen	27				

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JUNE 23 Rtn. Raj Ajmera



JUNE 26 Rtn. Karl Divecha



JUNE 23 Rtn. Abhishek Saraf



JUNE 26 Rtn. Ajai Kumar



JUNE 23 Rtn. Vandan Shah



JUNE 28 Rtn. Ashok Chinai

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JUNE 20

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Rtn. Ptn. Gopi Vaid

JUNE 24

Rtn. Ptn. Amita Sheth **JUNE 25**

Rtn. Ptn. Shirin Katgara **JUNE 26**

Rtn. Ptn. Manek Guzder

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Rtn. Ptn. Brinda Somaya **JUNE 28**

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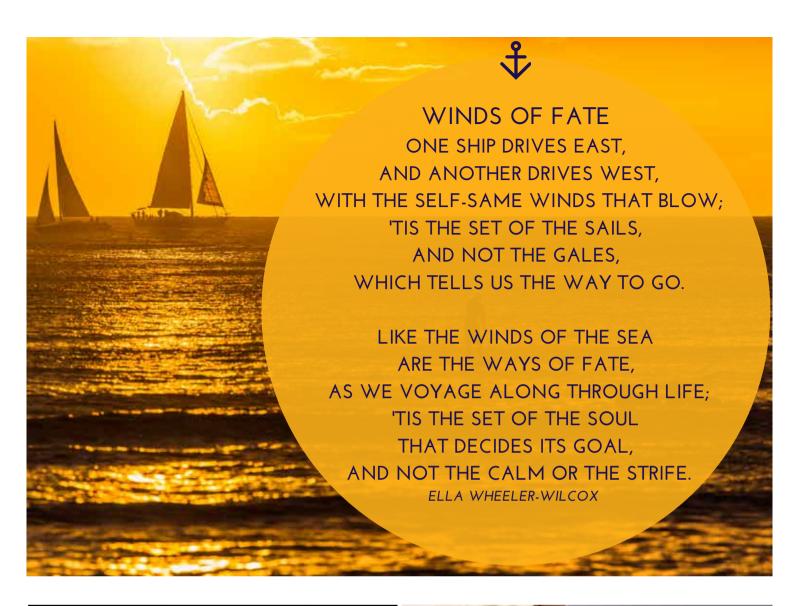
Rtn. Ptn. Devi & PP Ramesh Narayan **JUNE 21**

Rtn. Ptn. Renu & Rtn. Sudarshan Chokhane **JUNE 26**

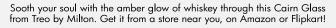
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