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Amit Chandra, Chairperson and Founder of Bain Capital's India, recipient of Rotary Club of Bombay's P.V. Gandhi Award for Excellence in Public Life

It is with deep gratitude and humility, on behalf of everyone who has contributed to my journey, that I accept this award, named after a towering personality, Shri Pravin Chandra Gandhi.

By sheer law of averages, very few people in their lives get an opportunity to climb to a leadership position in any one industry. In that context, it is worth noting that Shri Gandhi was not just a pioneer but a leader in a whole range of them: banking, media, education, and sports. I feel particularly honoured to be a recipient of this award, therefore, in the name of someone who was decorated with a Padma Bhushan and in presence of someone who has recently received one.

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On a lighter note, as an honorary member of the elite Sanghi family fan club, seeing a reasonably large number of them gathered here today makes this even a more memorable moment for me. But there are friends here who know me really well from different phases of my life, some from my days in helping build and run DSP Merrill Lynch before it merged with Bank of America, some from my days in founding and building Bain Capital, some from my roles on boards and NGOs, and then, apart from that, some who've seen me on my social sector journey. But then there are a few like Bimal and Archana with whom I've shared a room and other unmentionable things for long periods of time, and therefore they know me perhaps better than I know myself.

Therefore, the implication of all of this is that I have to walk a really tight rope in being extremely honest as I share **SEVEN REFLECTIONS OF LEARNINGS** I've had from these different phases of my journey.

Friends, my **FIRST** reflection is:

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Barring a few exceptions like Elon Musk, IQ and theoretical knowledge are perhaps highly overrated as predictors of long-term success.

From our early days be they in school or later in college we are taught, as students, we have to simply crack our exams and that's the way we will do well in life. Even later on, we confuse people who are highly intelligent and can spew facts as those who are most likely to succeed. In fact, once a person starts succeeding, we regard her to be highly intelligent.

I would urge all of you to go back and think about your classmates be they from school, college or postgraduate days. Did all the toppers succeed or are some of those who became successful toppers? Importantly, are all the toppers happy and well-adjusted as human beings? For those of you who

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know me well, I'm a good example that one does not need to be very smart to do reasonably well in a field and in my case, actually in a few different fields. So, then, the question really is, what does it take to be successful?

So, I move to my **SECOND** point. I think the most underrated character trait is actually perseverance and having a great attitude to one's work. Now, I've had the privilege to work with hundreds of leaders and entrepreneurs in my life, in some cases very closely as an investor or as a board member, and I can say without doubt that a common thread I've seen running between the ones most successful is their incredible zest for work.

There will always be ups and downs, sometimes caused by our own mistakes and often by extraneous events. It is the ability of these extraordinary people to remain calm and positive at these times and mobilise people around them that I find a differentiating factor. We have a tendency to shelter our own children from all kinds of ups and downs when they're growing up; we take the challenges upon ourselves. However, building this kind of resilience is an essential character trait that differentiates girls from women, boys from men.

People get to see and admire success, but very often we forget that it is built on great amounts of perseverance against all odds.

And, let me actually give you an example not from the business world, but the media world. You know, **AMITABH BACHCHAN IS A HOUSEHOLD NAME TODAY**; everybody in this room knows him. On his graduation, his father approached Prithviraj Kapoor to see if there was an opening for him at Prithvi Theatre. But he didn't have luck. After some false starts, he finally got a break in movies, after many years, actually. By the time he was 30, he built a reputation for being a flop actor. 85% of his movies were flops. He persevered and it was only in 1973 that he got a role in a movie made by my neighbour, which everybody else refused. It was called *Zanjeer*. The rest is actually history and what followed was two decades of stardom that's unmatched even today.

However, there was a major setback, and he was forced to take a sabbatical because of a near-death accident. To make matters worse, on his comeback trail in 1996, he disastrously forayed into the

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corporate media world by setting up a company called ABCL. It wiped out his entire life's savings and in 1999, it pushed him into bankruptcy to the extent that his house was nearly auctioned.

Late Dhirubhai Ambani offered him a loan to bail him out, which gave him great hope, but he went to work with a vengeance. The turning point was when Rupert Murdoch offered him *Kaun Banega Crorepati* in 2000. In the post-KBC phase, both his earnings and his fame have outstripped those in all other prior phases of his life.

So, in whatever we do, I do believe it is important for us to recognise and teach both ourselves, our kids, and our grandkids that success never comes quickly or easily. In fact, we will often be faced with failure. We should not hide it. Even with the exception of the IQ that I mentioned, Elon Musk, in fact, faces failure often. The difference is he publicly embraces it. What will matter is our perseverance and our commitment to succeed, being down but never out.

As I move to the **THIRD** character trait that I reflect on, I know many will ask the question, how to build the spirit to persevere? What creates that drive to work hard? Friends, I believe the answer to this lies in finding and having a sense of purpose. It is very difficult to get up every morning and push yourself to fight unless you want to do something extraordinary or something you really love. I learned that having some amount of social consciousness – taking it beyond the self – woven into it makes it much easier. And there is no better place to give this example from than this very building, 120 years old, built by Jamshedji Tata.

JAMSHEDJI TATA WAS PERHAPS THE GREATEST INDIAN ENTREPRENEUR WHO'S EVER LIVED and perhaps the greatest Indian philanthropist and one of the greatest philanthropists the world has ever seen.

But was he born rich? Did he have a family with great connections? No. He was a preacher's son. And then, in an era where the British worked actively to deny each Indian the opportunity to build enterprises, Jamshedji had a powerful purpose.



He wanted to build businesses which fought this very norm, making him the *atmanirbhar* Indian of pre-Independence era. During his life, he laid the foundations of iconic businesses like Tata Steel, Indian hotels, Tata Power, a leading textile company and the Indian Institute of Science, the highest rated educational institute in Asia. Importantly, Jamshedji believed that community is the very purpose of the existence of business and designed his businesses to reflect that philosophy.

Be it the radical changes in how his textile company engaged with workers at a time when mill workers were exploited or the way in which Tata Steel integrated communities around it and Jamshedpur was born. He was also a global pioneer in ensuring that the wealth he created from his extraordinary work completely went back to serve society via the Tata Trust structure. I was one of the privileged few to have been custodians of his wealth. We have so much to learn from studying his life closely even today.

The **FOURTH** character trait is steadily going into shortage today over the past few decades, having a good sense, a set of values or integrity.

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The legendary investor, Warren Buffett says integrity is the most important trait he looks for in his new hires.

As a society, we need to ask ourselves whether we respect integrity or reward those who don't espouse good values. At the minimum, I personally believe that we should be clear that cutting corners on this is not great as an indicator of success in the long run.

I was in my early 20s when I joined DSP Merrill Lynch and my mentor, Hemendrabhai Kothari – some of you may know him – pulled me into his cabin and asked me, what is the most valuable thing you possess? Seeing me perplexed, he quickly answered, it's your sleep. Knowing I was confused, he explained that we work in finance where temptation is easy, lots of money is at stake, and I could easily take shortcuts for my benefit or the business's benefit. He however stressed that there should be no shortcuts to success.

The most important thing in life is to be able to sleep well every night with a clear conscience. That very first lesson he gave me of many has always stayed with me.

One of the reasons for DSP's extraordinary success and market share was because our clients saw this value in its leadership team.

Friends, I had the privilege of being a trustee of the Tata Trust and a board member of Tata Sons for a long time. Their history has not been without challenges, and I was even a part of a very difficult phase of its history. However, they have only emerged from all of that stronger. There is not one large business house created over a century ago that still stands as a leader, not just in India but in Asia; the Tatas are an exception. The reason I believe this to be the case is because they endure given their deep value system and that sets them apart from everybody else.

Let me now talk about the **FIFTH** character trait

that I believe is not just critical to success, but to a happy life and building enduring relationships. Some of you may be familiar with the famous and long-running Harvard happiness study that looks closely at the drivers of happiness in individuals and how they change over time. The study shows that it is actually nurturing close and happy relationships, much more than money or fame, that keeps people happy throughout their lives. We now know that if we want to leave this world happy, what we have to start doing today. Yet, I know that most of us will focus on what matters much less. I frankly consider myself truly blessed. I was not born into a well-to-do family, but it was one that loved and nurtured me enormously.

It provided me with the possibility of accessing education well beyond our means. However, as I look back at the past 55 years of my life, I think apart from the values I inherited from my parents, I've had the good fortune of bringing, of building extraordinary relationships in each and every phase of my life.

Today, I count a number of close friends from my school days, my college days, the days I came back from the US and started building my career. Many of these people with whom Archana and I have travelled, we knew before any label of success or wealth was put on us. And most of them will be with us in times of pain. You might have noticed, I didn't mention close friends from the corporate world. The fact is, I have very few. I have great relationships in the corporate world, ones built on trust, honesty, and excellence, but I have always believed that corporate networking in the form that we think about it, wining and dining is a highly overrated concept. That's why I don't join any clubs.

My Guru Hemendrabhai used to actually wonder if he would ever need to sign any entertainment bills for me. I would joke with him because I don't drink, eat non-veg or play golf; so why would clients want to go out with someone as boring as me? Within the realm of relationships, I would like to pass on one piece of advice my brother-in-law, Nitin Nohria, who was the Dean of Harvard

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Business School, gave me 29 years ago. He told me, we don't get to choose the families we are born into, but the most important decisions we make in our lives are two: the choice of life partner and that of close friends. I have fully seen this principal work both positively and negatively and I urge everyone who cares to listen to be very thoughtful about these two decisions in our lives.

I personally consider my biggest blessing to have had someone smarter, stronger, wiser, a lot better looking than me, Archana, as my life's partner as well as the closest friend that I have. Frankly, it has been the equivalent of winning the Maharashtra Rajya Lottery Bumper draw not once but twice. And, you know, she made that decision to marry me when I was a pauper, a nobody in banking. So, if that was not enough, I think a bigger blessing has come in the form of our lovely daughter Anika who, as she grows, is becoming more of a friend than a child, an incredible companion to us on this journey, someone who we greatly enjoy seeing grow into a wonderful, thoughtful human being.

As I conclude, I must talk about my last two reflections. The **SIXTH** is:

We must learn to treat life as much as a journey, as a destination.

Let me explain this a little bit. Every morning, I have a bad habit that before I get out of bed, I look at my phone to see if there are any important overnight messages. As I opened my phone today, I was, you know, saddened and shocked to read a message from my sister in Boston about a good friend of her family who suddenly passed away in a car crash. My mind flash-backed to my niece's wedding celebrations in Udaipur in December where she and her husband had come down from Texas and we all had a lovely time. She was one of the most successful and celebrated women in business in the US, married to one of the most successful venture capitalists in the world, and she

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START EACH DAY WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

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went quickly and too soon. It made me think once again about the fragility of life.

In a flash, it was all gone. We are all so focussed on our goals that we forget about the moment. Does our child need us? Can I help a friend who has reached out? Does my body need rest? Is my mother having a good day?

Even if I'm successful, am I enjoying what I'm doing, or do I need another purpose? All of this to me is answering the question, are we fairly balanced in focussing on our journey as much as we are on our destination? Often if we are just destination focussed, when we reach the station, it might be empty. Or we might not feel the high that we thought we would when we get there. I say this from experience, my goal was to run the country's most successful investment bank by the time I was 40. I ran it when I was 34. When I got there, I felt completely empty, and I decided to quit. I urge you all to reflect on this as you lead your own lives and guide your loved ones. I would like to end with perhaps **MY FAVOURITE REFLECTION**. The most selfish route to becoming happy is to inculcate a deep sense of generosity and kindness in our lives. As a follower of Guru Nanak, I deeply believe in the principle of *kirat karo vandd chhako*, which is to work hard and honestly but give back generously.

At some point in our life about 15 years ago, we decided to cap our material needs and give away everything else that we make. We decided we will stay in the house that we lived in. We would not compete with any of the peers who were running companies. And in virtually every dimension we

decided we wanted to put a full stop. And I feel really blessed that we made that decision. Since then, we have already donated a multiple of our current savings and a larger multiple of our annual savings, but we feel richer than ever.

We may have capped our needs, but we have never capped our desire to be fulfilled. We still have our fun holidays. We lead a decent life by most standards. But we draw extraordinary happiness from the success of tens of thousands of students who have graduated from universities we have built, schools we have seed funded, the two hospitals we have built, the transformation we see in the millions of lives of villagers across five states that we have done work in water security.

We have realised that it is not about giving but about receiving. I think we have done three simple things. We have not let society define us. Second, we have invested in experiences both with close friends and families since those stay longer with us. And third, early in our journey, we inculcated a giving habit, be it time or money, which has made us feel more fulfilled in our lives.

Friends, I've tried my best to openly share my reflections from Archana and my journey. I hope some of you will find it helpful as you think of your own. I think this is the longest I've spoken in the presence of Archana. So let me quickly conclude by thanking the Club again for this honour. I am deeply grateful for the blessings of Vaheguru and for the unconditional support and love provided by her, members of my family, my mentors and

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my closest friends, without whom someone as ordinary as me would not be where I am.

As we Punjabis do, I would like to conclude by praying for what we call *Sarbat da bhala*, that is, may Vaheguru's blessings be upon us all, may everyone prosper. Namaste.

ROTARIANS ASK

What is the legacy you would like to leave behind? And what would you like us to do to fulfill some of the things that you have talked about?

I don't think I lead a full life; I am always deeply anxious, deeply dissatisfied. And part of that is what keeps me going and thinking about how to keep doing something, pushing myself every day. I think, unless you have that anxiety, I personally believe that you can't do more. And if I felt satisfied, I could have, you know, two of us made enough money 15 years ago that we could have bought a house somewhere and lived the life that many people dream of. But I think I do believe that having that sense of anxiety, especially when you look around, you travel – and you don't even need to travel, if you just visit any place five kilometres from wherever we live – and you see the condition of how 99% of the rest of India lives, it's very easy to build that sense of anxiety.

Answering the second part of your question, I feel that if there is one thing that each one of us needs to think about – whether Rotarians or Lions or any other club or Indians in general – it is, what will be our purpose and what more can we do with our lives to impact the lives of others? As Rumi said, you think that you're doing it to change others, but you will change your own lives. There is so much to be done;

It is my belief that this is the land of 1.3 billion opportunities.

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Only 100 million people lead a decent life in this country, we are a part of that 100 million. So, we can ask ourselves everyday if there's something more to do and, are we doing it to our full potential or not?

Can you share a little more about your philosophy of giving?

So, there are two separate parts to this which is how much do we give and why do we do that, and the second is how do we give? I think there are two very distinct aspects. On how much we give, I think that's a deeply personal decision.

Let me step back, I think we are inspired by two people a lot. One is the teachings of Guru Nanak, which is *Kirat karna*; I talked about that in my speech. And the other is the life and journey of an extraordinary philanthropist, well, two philanthropists: Jamshedji Tata and an Irish American called Chuck Feeney, who we all know from his work which was duty-free stores. He made US\$8 billion from that business and gave away 99.9% of it. We had the privilege of spending time with him. With that donation, he changed the education system of Ireland, the healthcare system of Vietnam, AIDS as we know it in South Africa, Cornell University exists in the shape it exists today

because of him.

So, it really amazed us how one person can do it and none of us know him because he did most of this anonymously. So, in my mind there are examples in the world. We know about great celebrities, you know, but we don't know about extraordinary people like this because we don't celebrate them, right? But I do believe that we have an opportunity in our lives to decide what we want to do, and we should do it for ourselves. We don't need to do it for anyone else. And, so, our philosophy has been to do what you want to do and think is right, you decide how much you need, what you think you need, and what's enough. And we defined long back what's enough for us. Once you define what's enough for you, it becomes very easy to give away the rest, right? That's what we did many years ago. We defined what's enough, and after that it has been a very easy journey.

We are very focussed on giving highly efficiently in an impactful manner. And so, the mission of our work is transformation at scale and that requires a lot of time, it requires tools, it requires data, it requires research, it requires advocacy. And so, a lot of the work we do – our foundation is not very far away from here at Kalaghoda – we get engaged with causes, we go deeply. We don't write cheques; we try to build movements. We try to make sure that the work we do, we become irrelevant in 10 to 15 years of engaging with the cause, because the worst form of giving is charity.

When you do charity, you are essentially making

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the recipient dependent on your giving for a lifetime. We are very clear that our engagement with them within a finite period of time. And so that is the ethos with which we engage with communities. We also make sure that when we engage with communities, we do so with dignity, with respect, they have equity in the work that we engage with them on. So, all of this requires a very different approach, and that's the work we've been doing for the last 15, 20 years.

How much have spirituality and philosophy made you what you are today? How much do you give importance to spirituality and the philosophies that you follow?

I think spirituality saved me, to be honest with you. It was my first turning point in all of this when I was completely bereft of answers at the peak of my career as a banker.

I felt completely empty and directionless. I went to my corporate guru, Hemendra Kothari, and I told him, I feel like I don't know what's happening to me. I was on virtually the cover page of every business magazine in the country. I used to regularly come on the cover page of *The Economic Times*. And yet I would come home, and I would be unhappy... I couldn't figure out what was going on. The first thing I did, under the advice of Vallabh Bhansali and Anu Aga, was to go and do Vipassana. The first time, I spent 10-12 days by myself. It was very helpful because even now I believe that spending time by yourself to reflect on things that you're going through and thinking is very, very important. So that, in my mind, was my first experience with something spiritual.

My second experience with something spiritual which has stayed deeply with me for the last 15-20 years is when I started reading the Granth Sahib. I'm a Hindu, you know, but for some reason I got very inspired by the philosophy of Guru Nanak. I went at it philosophically, not religiously. Even now I practise it more philosophically than religiously. But I do believe I'm deeply spiritual in my practice. I derive a lot of my strength from spirituality. I do believe it's a great pillar that each one of us can have in our lives.





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Ananda Yaan seniors attend Shankar Mahadevan Academy event

Shanmukhananda Hall was filled with joy as singers from various age groups performed at the EKTA concert organised by the Shankar Mahadevan Academy for their Inspire India project.

The Inspire India Project (IIP) aims to provide high-quality music education to children from underprivileged backgrounds (families holding a Yellow or Orange Ration Card). The primary goal of IIP is to empower underprivileged children through music education, enabling them to lead fulfilling lives. Beyond nurturing musical talent, IIP offers coursework, workshops, and performances to help children develop

confidence and become well-rounded individuals capable of shaping their own futures.

The event, which attracted a large audience, also featured performances by underprivileged elders from the Ananda Yaan (Mission to Happiness) project of the Rotary Club of Bombay. These elders showcased their talent by singing two songs, earning praise from Shankar Mahadevan for the positive energy they exuded on stage.

Rtn. Anand Dalal, Chairman of the Ananda Yaan Committee, expressed the elders' joy at receiving training, a platform to perform, and the opportunity to share the stage with Shankar Mahadevan.

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First BY alumni meet is a hit



On February 10th, 2024, something special happened – the very first Bhavishya Yaan alumni meet took place at the IMC Hall. Around 130 alumni turned up, making the event buzz with excitement.

We were honoured by the presence of our generous donors, Rtn. Suresh Kotak and Rtn. Ptn. Indira, alongside other well-known faces like D. Sivanandhan and Manasi Salvi.



The gathering was a mix of Rotarians, Bhavishya Yaan mentors, and friends, all eager to catch up and celebrate.

Bhavishya Yaan, a project close to our hearts at the Rotary Club of Bombay, has been transforming the lives of underprivileged students in Mumbai's municipal schools. We empower them with spoken English, computer skills, and life skills.



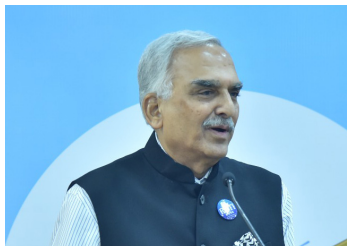
The event itself was a smooth operation, thanks to careful planning. Rtn. Tara Deshpande, our emcee for the evening, ensured it was a night to remember. As we reminisced about the journey of Bhavishya Yaan, our alumni shared touching stories and experiences.

One thing became crystal clear – Bhavishya Yaan isn't just a project; it's a game-changer for over 5000 students, helping them find their place in society. And, it also checks all the Rotary boxes – Community Service, Member Involvement, and Public Image.

All our mentors were recognised for their hard work with a well-deserved certificate. Plus, we premiered a 90-second film on BY, courtesy of Bollywood Director Radhikaa Joshi.

In a nutshell, it was an evening of reflection, celebration, and making memories.







RCB explores Khotachiwadi: A journey through time and community

The Fellowship & In-Camera Committee organised an interesting event to explore Khotachiwadi on February 10th, 2024.

Khotachiwadi is a 200-year-old Portuguese-style village in the heart of Mumbai at Girgaon. An enthusiastic group of 25 Rotarians participated in a walk to explore this historic art and cultural precinct, led by Rtn. Ptn. Sandhya Merchant.

She took us on a journey through the fascinating history of the East Indian community, who first came to the city and settled in this hamlet in the late 18th century. Originally, there were around 75 homes, built in the traditional Portuguese style, of which only around 25 still remain, thanks to the





efforts of some conservationists.

The highlight of the programme was high tea and interaction with noted designer and conservationist James Ferreira at his beautiful heritage home. He shared some nostalgic anecdotes about his family and home in Khotachiwadi.

President Manoj Patodia thanked Rtn. Ptn. Sandhya and Mr. Ferreira on behalf of the group, as well as the Fellowship committee, for organising this uniquely enriching experience. Those present were delighted to be a part of this event and expressed interest in similar events in the future.

BY kids head to CSMVS



Last week, children from Bhavishya Yaan Ambedkar embarked on a trip to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS).

Guided by three museum experts, the children received a thorough explanation of each exhibit. From the grandeur of Hindu deities to the intricate sculptures of Egypt and Rome, every display sparked curiosity.

Mrs. Marina Datta summarised the day's lessons, ensuring that the children grasped the nuances of the rich heritage of these ancient civilisations.



Lighthouse kids go to MuSo

The children from our Lighthouse Project recently visited the Museum of Solutions (MuSo) for a special screening of the English film "Hidden Figures," which celebrates women and girls in STEM. This excursion provided them with a unique opportunity to explore the museum and immerse themselves in STEM-related activities. From interactive exhibits to reading nooks and quizzes, the children not only found inspiration but also gained a deeper understanding of what STEM entails.

Ananda Yaan elders shine under Raell Padamsee's Direction!



Over 50 fantastic seniors took to the stage at our Destress Drama Workshop, hosted by the Create Foundation and Raell Padamsee ACE Production at the Ananda Yaan's Mazagaon Centre.

From hilarious improv to heartwarming character scenes, these seasoned stars illuminated the stage with their talent and zest for life! Laughter filled the air as everyone danced, laughed, and acted our hearts out together!

The Ananda Yaan Committee extends heartfelt thanks to the ACE Foundation and Create Foundation for bringing the magic of theatre into the lives of our seniors!

This may be just the beginning of their creative journey, with many more fun and unforgettable moments yet to come.

Ananda Yaan is dedicated to spreading happiness creatively in the lives of senior citizens.



Satellite Club members journey into Access Consciousness



In a recent introductory session on Access Consciousness led by Urja Shroff, RCB's Satellite Club embarked on a profound journey of self-discovery. We delved into transformative techniques and pragmatic tools aimed at expanding consciousness. Through Urja's personal journey of overcoming mental health challenges, we gained insight into the profound impact of Access tools. The session seamlessly blended philosophy with practicality, offering a unique perspective on overcoming limitations and embracing personal empowerment. We also explored energetic techniques to manifest our desires into reality, while fostering a heightened awareness of choice.

Engaging discussions and experiential exercises facilitated a shift in perception, opening up new possibilities for exploration. The

dynamic interplay of energy work and mindful awareness left us inspired and intrigued. Access Consciousness emerged as a pathway to self-discovery, encouraging a collective commitment to living authentically and consciously. This introductory experience ignited a spark of curiosity, paving the way for continued exploration and personal growth. It served as an invitation to embark on a journey of personal evolution within the realm of Access Consciousness and authentic self-expression.

“What else is possible that you haven't considered? How can it get any better than this? Life unfolds with ease, joy, and glory!”

About Urja Shroff: Urja is an Access Certified Facilitator, Energetic Facelift Facilitator, Talk to the Entities Facilitator, Symphony Advance Practitioner, and Maestro.



RC Sydenham brings joy to Bhavishya Yaan

The Rotaractors of Sydenham College recently brought joy to the 6th to 8th standard Bhavishya Yaan students at G.K. Marg School through a series of engaging activities. Under the guidance of the college students, the Bhavishya Yaan students immersed themselves in lively games, including the entertaining “Dog and the Bone.” Laughter filled the air as they also enjoyed the classic game of “Chinese Whispers,” which proved to be both amusing and captivating. The day culminated in a spirited general knowledge quiz, where the students not only had fun answering questions but also expanded their factual knowledge.

RCHC engages BY kids



The Team Partners-in-Service of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College recently organised a lively event called “Bottle Blitz” for the Bhavishya Yaan children of Ambedkar school.

They kicked off with the classic dog and bone game, with participants displaying teamwork. Next up was the apple, mango & banana game suggested by the students themselves. This activity challenged participants to synchronise movements with fruit cues, promoting coordination and quick thinking.

Finally, the timeless favourite Simon Says game wrapped up the morning. The Rotaract Club of Hinduja ensured it was a fun-filled learning experience for the students!



Members, please note that we have tied up with Masina Hospital for a great discount for our members, family, and friends.

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MR. SUBHASH GHAI, FILMMAKER, DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, SCREENWRITER, MUSIC COMPOSER, LYRICIST

Mr. Subhash Ghai is popularly known as the Showman of Indian Cinema. His films include *Kalicharan*, *Vishwanath*, *Maeri*, *Karz*, *Vidhata*, *Hero*, *Meri Jung*, *Karma*, *Ram Lakhan*, *Saudagar*, *Khalnayak*, *Pardes*, *Taal*, *Yaadein*, *Kisna*, *Black & White* and *Iqbaal*.

He has introduced and groomed many stars including Jackie Shroff, Madhuri Dixit, Anil Kapoor, Sanjay Dutt, Manisha Koirala and Mahima Chowdhary.

In 2001, Mr. Ghai corporatised the film industry by making his company Mukta Arts Ltd. as the first publicly listed company. In 2006, he established a film school of creative performing arts known as



Whistling Woods International. Mr. Ghai has been honoured with various awards by numerous institutions at the various platforms of social, education, economics, media and entertainment.

He has been the chairman of CII Media and Entertainment from 2005 to 2007 and chairman to Skill Council of Media and Entertainment under the Ministry of Skill Development, Govt of India from 2019 to 2022 and initiated a most valued

and unique public movement called Vidyadaan, a *guru-shishya* platform to share knowledge and experience with younger generations. He has been honoured by both IIFA and Filmfare with lifetime achievements awards for his outstanding contributions.

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Rtn. Deepak
Kapadia



FEBRUARY 23
Rtn. Azim Tapia



FEBRUARY 24
PP Ramesh
Narayan



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Rtn. Anuj
Patodia



FEBRUARY 26
Rtn. Ramon
Kirpalaney

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Rtn. Ptn. Anita Almeida

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Rtn. Ptn. Swati Dalal

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FEBRUARY 22

Rtn. Ptn. Dina Nayar

FEBRUARY 24

Rtn. Ptn. Indira Kotak

FEBRUARY 26

Rtn. Ptn. Aruna Jagtiani

Anniversaries

FEBRUARY 20

Rtn. Ptn. Sakshi & Rtn. Rajan Gupta

FEBRUARY 20

Rtn. Ptn. Malti & Rtn. Mudit Jain

FEBRUARY 20

Rtn. Ptn. Priti & Rtn. Premnath

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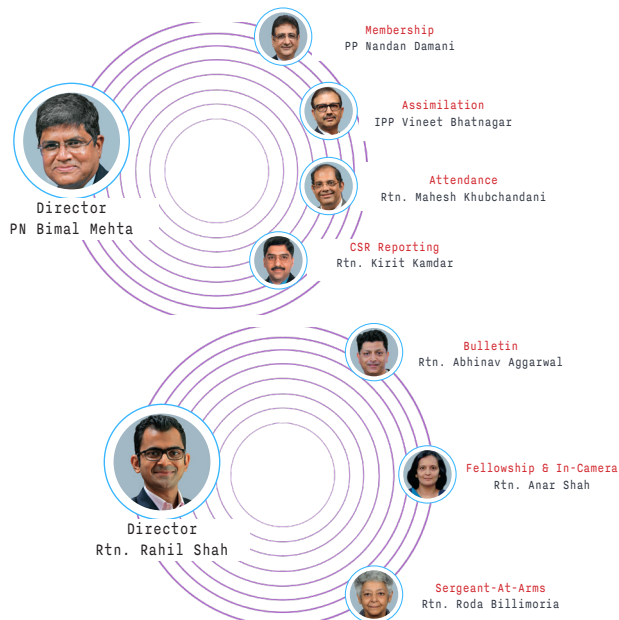
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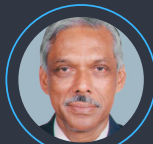
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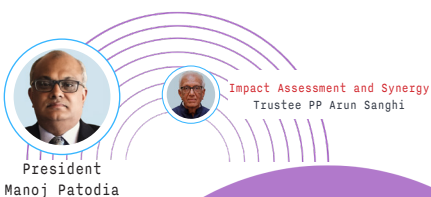
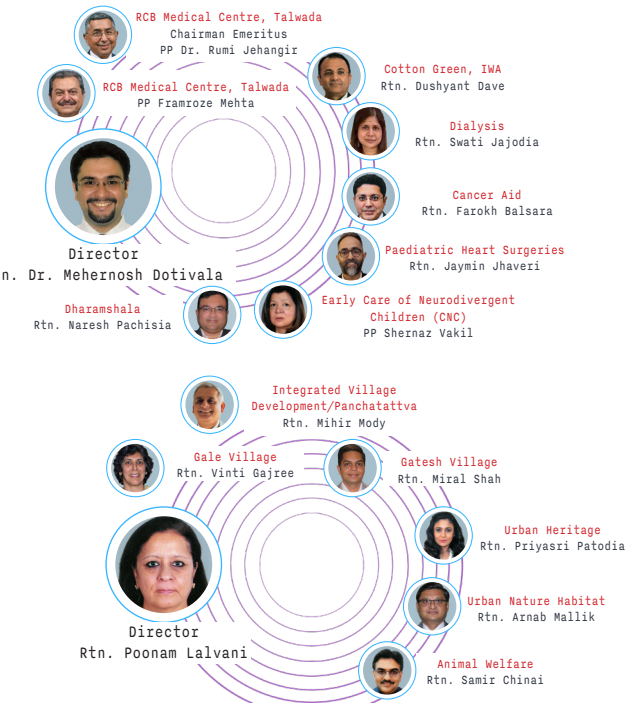
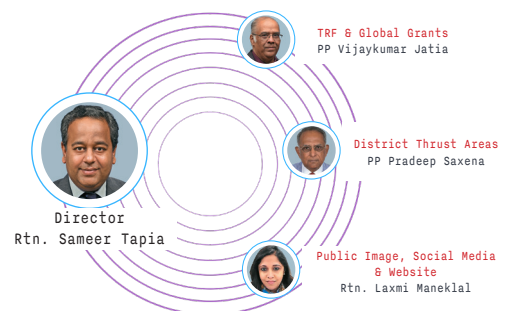
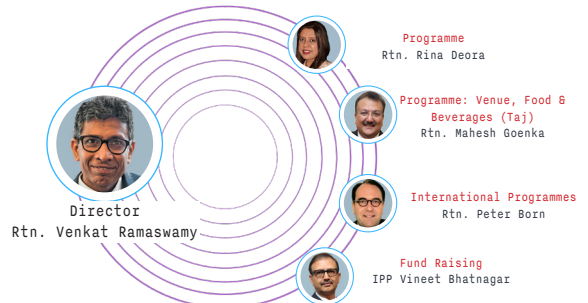
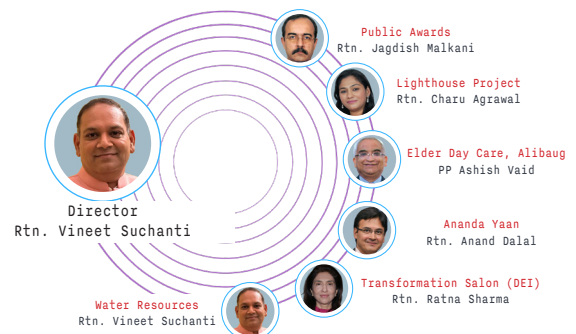
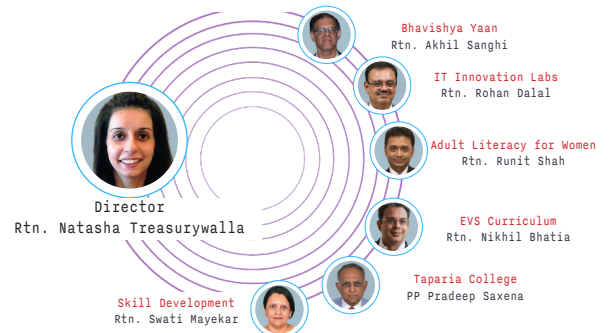
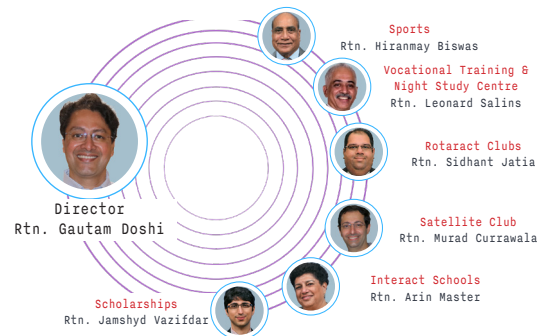
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