# THE GATEWAY





#### June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

Save the date for President Manoj Patodia's Shukriya Nite, and the last meeting of the Rotary Year 2023-24. Details inside

#### July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024:

Installation ceremony of incoming President Rtn. Satyan Israni and his team (2024-25). Details inside

Members, please note that RCB has tied up with Masina Hospital for a great discount for our members, family and friends. Details inside





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Mr. Vivek Phansalkar, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Mumbai, on keeping Mumbai and Mumbaikars safe

In a recent address to the Rotary Club of Bombay, Mr. Vivek Phansalkar, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Mumbai, elucidated the challenges facing law enforcement in maintaining the safety of the city and its residents. Speaking candidly, Mr. Phansalkar outlined the realities of policing in Mumbai, highlighting both the limitations and ongoing efforts to tackle emerging threats.

Mr. Phansalkar revealed that the Mumbai Police force operates with far fewer personnel than commonly believed. With only 52,000 sanctioned positions, comprising both officers and enlisted personnel, the force faces an uphill battle in maintaining public safety. Mr. Phansalkar cautioned against blindly accepting information, cautioning against the reliance on online sources that can inadvertently contribute to fraudulent activities by providing

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false assurances to unsuspecting victims.

Highlighting a recent incident involving a highly educated individual falling victim to an online scam, Mr. Phansalkar emphasised the prevalence of cyber frauds, including the deceptive FedEx courier scam. He recounted a six-hour conversation between a doctor and a fraudster, underscoring the psychological manipulation tactics employed by criminals.

Mr. Phansalkar expressed concern over the rising tide of economic offenses and cybercrime plaguing the city. He urged industrial stakeholders to address systemic vulnerabilities, warning of the farreaching consequences of economic destabilisation.

To combat the surge in cybercrime, Mr. Phansalkar announced the establishment of five dedicated cybercrime police stations across different regions of Mumbai. These stations, equipped with



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specialised units, aim to address complaints ranging from financial frauds to online harassment.

Emphasising the importance of awareness and vigilance, Mr. Phansalkar urged citizens to exercise caution while interacting with unknown individuals online. He stressed the prevalence of tactics such as sextortion and impersonation, warning against sharing sensitive information with strangers.

In order to minimise financial losses incurred by victims of cyber fraud, Mr. Phansalkar highlighted the collaboration between law enforcement agencies and major banks to expedite fraud investigations.

Addressing the importance of surveillance infrastructure, Mr. Phansalkar also highlighted the CCTV project's role in crime prevention and detection. With close to 5,200 cameras in place on the street, there are plans to expand the network by adding over 5,000 additional cameras, bolstering the Mumbai Police's surveillance capabilities to enhance public safety.

Mr. Phansalkar revealed staggering statistics on crime rates, particularly under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, highlighting the government's mandate for swift investigations. He also outlined initiatives like the Nirbhaya project and the Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS) to streamline complaint procedures and enhance accountability.

In an effort to educate the public and empower citizens, the Mumbai Police has ramped up community outreach initiatives, aiming to familiarise residents with new legislative changes and their rights under the law. Mr. Phansalkar highlighted the upcoming implementation of revised criminal procedure laws and emphasised the importance of training officers to adapt to these changes effectively.

With the impending Model Code of Conduct and elections on the horizon, Mr. Phansalkar outlined the rigorous training undertaken by the force to ensure adherence to election protocols and uphold democratic principles. He elaborated on the multifaceted responsibilities of the Mumbai Police,



including managing law and order, economic offences, crime investigation, traffic control, and administrative duties.

Mr. Phansalkar then delved into the intricacies of the Mumbai Police's operations, shedding light on their efforts to combat a range of crimes, from maritime piracy to cyber frauds.

He also shed light on the unique jurisdiction of the Yellow Gate Police Station, responsible for overseeing maritime security along the western coast of India, south of Mumbai. He recounted instances of collaboration with the Indian Navy to combat piracy and enforce maritime laws, illustrating the diverse challenges faced by law enforcement agencies in Mumbai.

Highlighting the successful interception of a Somalian pirate vessel by the Indian Navy, Mr. Phansalkar revealed that the Yellow Gate police station played a crucial role in booking perpetrators under the maritime anti-piracy act. Despite the covert nature of such operations, Mr. Phansalkar assured the public of the city's safety, emphasising the vigilance of law enforcement agencies.

Enumerating the five verticals of the Mumbai Police, Mr. Phansalkar emphasised the pivotal role of the Crime Branch, particularly in counterterrorism efforts. He underscored the establishment of specialised units like Force One, equipped to respond swiftly to terrorist threats.

In a testament to the Mumbai Police's reputation, Mr. Phansalkar shared instances of their expertise being sought by other law enforcement agencies, both nationally and internationally. He underscored the importance of training and collaboration in upholding the legacy of the Mumbai Police.

Mr. Phansalkar recounted a recent success story involving the swift apprehension of suspects involved in a high-profile shooting case. Despite facing logistical challenges, the Mumbai Police demonstrated resilience and resourcefulness in apprehending the perpetrators, showcasing the

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department's dedication to upholding law and order.

In recognition of the exemplary efforts of police personnel, Mr. Phansalkar mentioned the IMC's commendation of outstanding achievements. He underscored the relentless commitment of officers, often sacrificing personal comfort for the safety and security of the city.

Mr. Phansalkar concluded his address by underscoring the Mumbai Police's commitment to the city's safety and the well-being of its residents, extending his gratitude to organisations like the Rotary Club for their support. He emphasised the importance of citizen cooperation and faith in law enforcement efforts.

Sharing insights into initiatives like retirement programmes for police personnel, Mr. Phansalkar highlighted the sacrifices made by officers for the betterment of the city. He expressed appreciation for citizens' awareness and urged them to channel grievances through appropriate forums.

Reflecting on the diverse challenges faced by the

Mumbai Police, Mr. Phansalkar reiterated the department's readiness to respond to emergencies, regardless of the nature of the situation. He emphasised the importance of spreading awareness about police helplines and initiatives to ensure prompt assistance to those in need.

In closing, Mr. Phansalkar invoked the words of Abraham Lincoln, urging unity and resolve in the face of challenges. He reaffirmed the Mumbai Police's dedication to upholding justice and serving the community with integrity and compassion. With a call to action for continued support and collaboration, Mr. Phansalkar thanked all the Rotarians present for the Rotary club's constant encouragement and support to the Police force in general and Mumbai Police in particular.

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## TUESDAYS WITH THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY















## Camp finale at BY Byculla







Last week marked the climax of Bhavishya Yaan Byculla's summer camp on Gujarat. The event drew a strong parent turnout, with representatives from Infotroopers, Niranjan, and Girish, also in attendance. Dressed in traditional Gujarati attire, the students warmly greeted guests in their native language. The event featured a display of arts and crafts activities, showcasing the students' creativity and skills learned during the camp.

Adding to the cultural richness, the students joyfully performed traditional folk dances from Gujarat. Our mentor engaged with the students through interactive quizzes on the camp's curriculum, supplemented by a compelling PowerPoint presentation. A focal point of excitement was the selfie station, where students captured memorable moments with their peers and parents.

Wrapping up the day, attendees enjoyed refreshments featuring renowned Gujarati cuisine, adding a flavourful finale to our summer camp journey.





## BY Worli hosts camp finale

Bhavishya Yaan Worli's summer camp finale at the Dr. Ambedkar School celebrated West Bengal's rich culture and heritage. It kicked off with engaging presentations covering various aspects of the region, from its geography to its diverse topography. Participants confidently discussed agricultural crops, cuisine, attire, and offered glimpses of the Sunderbans' beauty and Durga Puja festivities. The highlight was a graceful Bengali dance performance, accompanied by servings of famous delicacies like *roshogolla* and *jhaal muri*. Esteemed guests including PP Ramesh Narayan, PN Manish Reshamwala, Rtn. Jamshed Vakharia, Rtn. Ptn. Avaan Vakharia, Rustom Vakharia, and Vidya representatives Jhanvi Vissanji, Deepa, and Masuma, along with school principals and head teachers, provided significant encouragement to the children.







## Inclusion through compassionate support

On the morning of April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Rotarians visited Jai Vakeel Foundation, the oldest and largest nonprofit serving adults and children with intellectual disabilities. They serve over 600 individuals daily on their two-acre campus in Sewri. Their approach is holistic, and the aim is to integrate all their students into mainstream society by providing them with healthcare, education, vocational training, skill development, and job placements.

We started the session with some amazing masala chai and coffee made by the Jai Vakeel alumni. Archana Chandra, CEO, presented to us the Jai Vakeel journey from 1944 to date. What started off as one lady's vision has grown into the professional organisation we see today.

Their mission is to support intellectually disabled individuals by providing all the resources they need to achieve their full potential and lead independent lives. We were joined by Ayushi (Sr. Manager), Sangita Singh (Head of Skill Development), Pervin



Poonawala (Manager for Placements), and other members of Archana's team. The passion and devotion with which they volunteer and work were inspiring.

We toured the campus which was the highlight of our visit. This included the Counselling & Therapy units, Sports facilities, School (3 to 18 yrs), Vocational Training Centre (18 to 22 yrs), and Sheltered Workshop (22 to 50 yrs). We interacted with the students

as well as the teachers who work tirelessly to change the lives of these individuals.

Over 76% of their students belong to a lower socioeconomic stratum and, to date, no one has been turned away for their inability to afford their services. We ended the tour with some shopping at their lovely in-house store. The items are beautifully crafted, made in-house by their artisans. Archana and her team truly believe that the magic happens when we sensitise society towards intellectually disabled individuals and integrate them into our wider community.

## A MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER FEATURING

## THE SHORT AND SWEET HAMPER &

## THE BIG SNACKER HAMPER

## PRE-ORDERS START 4TH MAY

The Satellite Club of the Rotary Club of Bombay is thrilled to announce our inaugural fundraiser – Bakes & Bites! Starting May 4<sup>th</sup>! Empower underprivileged women with access to sanitary pads and menstrual hygiene education with our fundraiser. 320 million women in India still do not have access to sanitary pads and we aim to change that. Funds collected will provide sanitary pads as well as educational sessions to mitigate some of the challenges faced.

By pre-ordering our curated Mother's Day hampers (available in two sizes - the sweet and short and the

big snacker), you contribute directly to this cause while treating your mum to something delightful! Visit our website www.rcbsatellite.com to learn more about the fundraiser and the cause, and preorder for deliveries on Mother's Day – Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for empowering girls in our community. We look forward to making this a sustainable multi-year project.

Yours in Rotary, RCB Satellite Club

## RIP RTN. SHIVKUMAR ISRANI

It was with deep regret that we learnt about the sad demise of our friend and your father Shri Shiv Israni on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Shiv was valuable member of our Rotary Club and Hon. Secretary of my team during my tenure as President in 2009-2010. He was held in the highest regard by us and many others whom he worked with. His presence will be highly missed.

This grief is incomparable to any loss. We pray to Shri Krishna that his atma attains moksha and give you all courage to bear this irreparable loss. Om Shanti.

Our heartfelt condolences & prayers will be for you and your family to see this through and keep strong.

With our deepest sympathy,

Trustee PP Nandan Damani

## Shiv Israni was a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

Soft spoken, erudite, willing to share his knowledge and experience easily.

I was privileged to have Shiv as an Office Bearer when I was President of the RCB.

He brought an element of sobriety to the proceedings of every meeting, and I was very confident that the Club's finances were in his safe hands.

Another aspect that impressed me was his commitment to his exercise regimen. I vividly remember him getting up early at Rhythm Resorts and walking briskly around the swimming pool while all of us were lurching out of our beds after the late night revelry.



Shiv has left a lasting impression on me and the Club.

What's more, he's even left a legacy of excellence for the Club in the form of Satyan.

What more could we ask for?

Rest in Peace my friend.

PP Ramesh Narayan

## Rtn. Shiv Kumar Israni was a committed and honourable

**Rotarian.** Whenever he was asked, he readily accepted responsibility in the Club and fulfilled it with aplomb and sincerity.

I will always personally remain indebted to him for the great support he rendered to me in my hour of need. He showed what a true friend and Rotarian is and for me that is the epitome of his character. He served the Club in various capacities as Chairman, Treasurer and Honorary Secretary and distinguished himself in these roles. I often consulted him professionally and found his advice always balanced and reliable.

His partner, Komal, proved the ideal foil to him with her calm and pleasing demeanour and equanimity. Just like my father passed away in the April before my installation as President of the Club, so too Satyan has had the misfortune of missing out on the personal presence of his doting father.

Rest assured, Satyan, he will be blessing you and watching your back from the heavens above.

Farewell my friend, Shiv and may you rest in eternal peace. Om Shanti!

TRUSTEE IPDG SANDIP Agarwalla

## Life may be fleeting but the times you shared with us will last forever.

It's with a heavy heart, yet it's with immense gratitude, that I reflect on the time we were privileged to spend together. Thank you for being a part of our lives.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

PP VIJAY KUMAR JATIA

#### **Satyan's dad or uncle as I referred to him** was someone I knew for over 25 yrs.

It's difficult to exactly pin-point what made him special, the fact that he was a great companion, a cool dad, an amazing teacher, one of the most sought after and respected professionals, a visionary, a true blue Rotarian or was someone who was oblivious of all of the above.

Having been a regular fixture at Sukhmani



since my college days and then hovering around at the old Colaba office, uncle ever welcoming smile is what remained constant for years.

Every time that we met while Satyan and I were studying, he would unfailingly enquire about how my studies were going, whether I was enjoying law and would share his experiences to motivate when the results at times were not favourable as one would have expected, and he could sense the dejection and self-doubt that would have crept in. Over the years, he would continue to enquire about my parents, work and finally my Rotary experiences. The care and warmth was genuine and those memories will ever remain etched.

One memory that is also so vivid is him being the first to congratulate Pratiksha and me when our wedding date was fixed as ironically we were at the Israni household practicing for Satyan's sangeet when we got the call.

The memories are many and he shall be missed. However, I have been fortunate that he was a part of my life and will continue to be there always in our hearts.

Rtn. Mihir Mody



## RCB inaugurates state-of-the-art dialysis centre at Symbiosis, Pune

The Rotary Club of Bombay proudly marked a significant milestone in community service and healthcare accessibility with the inauguration of a cutting-edge 7 Bed Dialysis Centre at the esteemed Symbiosis University Hospital & Research Centre in Pune, Maharashtra. Generously sponsored by Rtn. Ptn. Gauri Vijay Jatia & PP Vijay Jatia, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Ramlah, Israel Dist 2490 under Global Grant # 2352086 of the Rotary Foundation, this initiative underscores Rotary's commitment to making essential healthcare services accessible to all.

#### Pre-inauguration camaraderie

Prior to the inauguration, members of the Rotary Club of Bombay gathered in Pune on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024. These included President Manoj Patodia, IPDG and RCB Trustee Sandip Agarwalla, PP Ashish Vaid, IPP Vineet Bhatnagar, Rtn. Hiranmay Biswas, RCB Trustee and PP Nandan Damani, PN Bimal Mehta, RCB Dialysis Chairman Swati Jajodia, Rtn. Miral Shah, Rtn. Jai Advani and other distinguished Rotarians. A fellowship gathering, hosted by Rtn. Jai Advani at Hotel Parc Estique, Pune, facilitated camaraderie and bonding among participants, with Rtn. Jai generously sponsoring the entire stay and meals for all attendees.

#### Distinguished attendance

The inauguration ceremony on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, witnessed esteemed guests including RI PE Stephanie Urchick, RI Director TN (Raju) Subramanian, RI PD Mahesh Kotbagi, and other





dignitaries. Notably, Symbiosis Provost Dr. Rajiv Yeravdekar and Symbiosis Pro Chancellor Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar graced the occasion, highlighting Symbiosis's significant contributions to education and healthcare.

#### Highlights

Heartfelt speeches delivered by dignitaries underscored the importance of the Dialysis Centre in enhancing healthcare accessibility and improving the quality of life for those in need. The event showcased a strong commitment to societal betterment, emphasising Rotary's dedication to improving lives and fostering dignity within communities.

#### Immediate impact

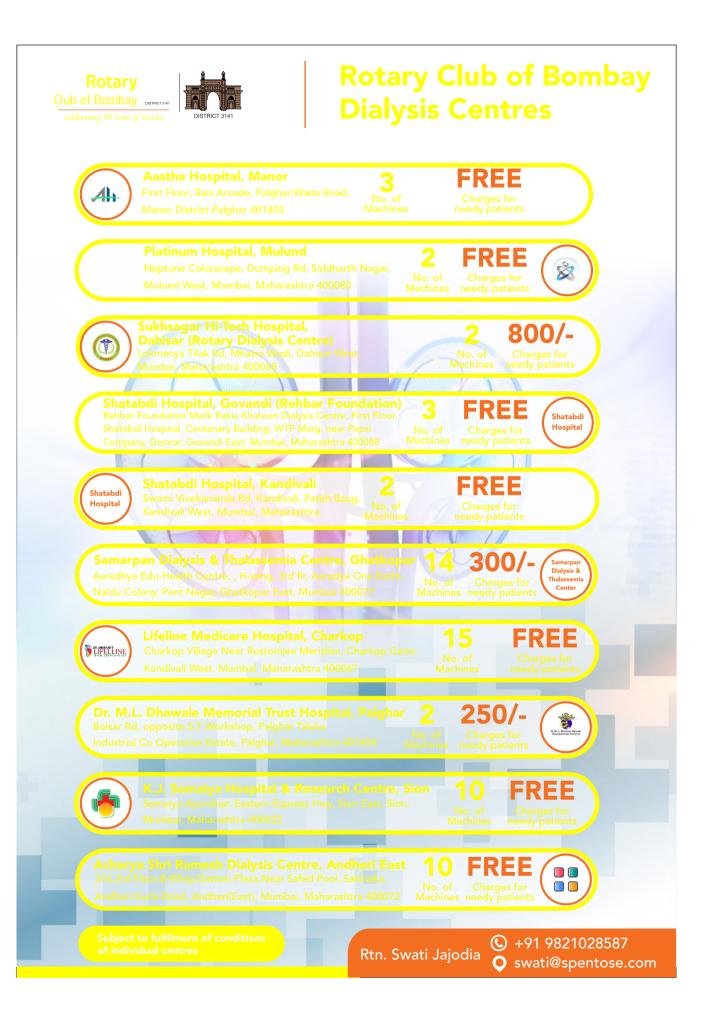
The inauguration of the Dialysis Centre promises



immediate benefits for patients, with individuals traveling from distances as far as 300 kms to access the free services offered at Symbiosis University Hospital & Research Centre. The machines donated by Rotary were put to use on the inaugural day itself, reflecting the urgent need for such facilities and the profound impact of Rotary's initiatives on community well-being.

#### Continued commitment

With the addition of the 7 Bed Dialysis Centre, Rotary Club of Bombay now boasts a network of 13 centres equipped with 80 dialysis machines. Over the last four years, the Club has completed more than 72,000 dialysis cycles, contributing significantly to saving lives and promoting health and wellness within the community.







#### Rotary Club of Bombay & Rotary Club of Mumbai Ghatkopar are relaunching

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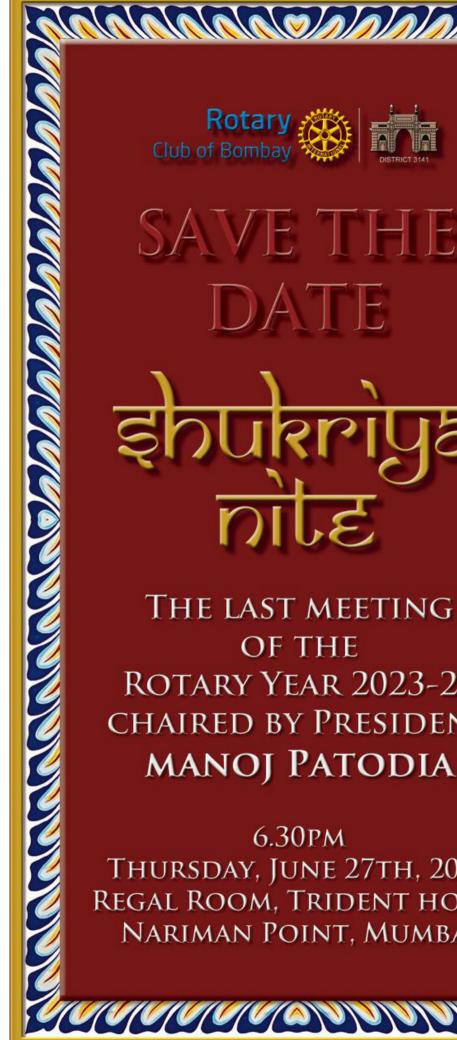




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Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala		
Committee chair/co-chair: Rtn. Dushyat Dave, Rtn. Reema Damani		
Name of the Committee: Cotton Green		
Patients visited / treated		Apr-24
Cotton Green	HOMEOPATHY	163
	DENTAL OPD	166
	OPHTHALMIC OPD	47
	PAEDIATRICS OPD	16
	GENERAL OPD	38
	PATHOLOGY LAB	8
	Total	438
Director: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala		
Committee chair/co-chair: PP Framroze Mehta / Rtn. Dr. Rohini Chowgule		
Name of the Committee: RCB Medical Centre, Talwada		
Patients visited / treated		Apr-24
PRVEC	Ophthalmic OPD	1244
	Spect Give during the month	103
	Operations	57
	The Patient kept for treatment	7
	IOL	50
	Yag Laser	12
	Green Laser	-
	Keratoplasty	-
	Total	1473
ADMC	General OPD	777
	Dental OPD	76
	Pediatric OPD	26
	Pathology Lab	78
	TB Patients	32
	Total	989





## SAVE THE DATE



THE LAST MEETING OF THE ROTARY YEAR 2023-24 CHAIRED BY PRESIDENT manoj Patodia

6.30pm Thursday, June 27th, 2024 **REGAL ROOM, TRIDENT HOTEL** NARIMAN POINT, MUMBAI

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## SAVE THE DATE

INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF INCOMING PRESIDENT **RTN. SATYAN ISRANI** AND HIS TEAM (2024-25) 12 NOON TUESDAY 2ND JULY, 2024 REGAL ROOM, TRIDENT HOTEL NARIMAN POINT, MUMBAI

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#### THIS WEEK'S MEETING

**Rotary Club** 

of Bombay



## RTN. ANIL HARISH

PARTNER - D.M. HARISH & COMPANY

speaks about

Will and Succession

THE GATEWAY ROOM THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE LUNCH AT 1 PM. MEETING AT 1.30 P.M. GUEST ATTENDANCE CHARGES APPLY VISITING ROTARIANS -₹300 GUEST -₹400 (ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR LUNCH)

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ON MAY 14<sup>TH,</sup> 2024



## SPEAKER SESSIONS



Moderated by **Richa Roy** Lawyer, Partner at Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas & Cultural Ambassador with Asia Society





RADHA GOENKA DIRECTOR - RPG FOUNDATION FOUNDER - THE HERITAGE PROJECT



BRINDA MILLER ARTIST & HON, CHAIRPERSON, KALA GHODA ASSOCIATION Cyril Amarchand Mangale Cultural Ambassador with Asia Sc



ASAD LALLJEE SVP, ESSAR GROUP AND CEO OF AVID LEARNING, CURATOR, ROYAL OPERA HOUSE MUMBAI



PRIYASRI PATODIA

MUMBAI & AQ@PRIYASRI - THE ARTIST STUDIO, BARODA

TUES 14 MAY

THE TAJ MAHAL PALACE, MUMBAI LUNCH AT 1 PM. MEETING AT 1.30 P.M. GUEST ATTENDANCE CHARGES APPLY VISITING ROTARIANS - ₹300 GUEST - ₹400 (ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR LUNCH)

#### Rotarian Member Birthdays











MAY 7 Rtn. Ashwin Thakkar

MAY 8 Rtn. Vinay Sanghi

MAY 9 Rtn. Ateeq Agboatwala

MAY 9 Rtn. Sam Katgara

MAY 12 Rtn. Siddharth Bhimrajka

#### Anniversaries

MAY 7

Rtn. Ptn. Mina & Rtn. Shyamniwas Somani

MAY 8 Rtn. Ptn. Suman & Rtn. Kishore Bang

MAY 9

Rtn. Ptn. Madhavi & Rtn. Suhail Nathani

MAY 9 Rtn. Ptn. Asha & Rtn. Rajesh Shah

> MAY 10 Rtn. Dr. Nisheeta & Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Agarwala

#### BIRTHDAY PIÑATA



#### Rotarian Partner Birthdays

MAY 7

Rtn. Ptn. Radhika Jain

MAY 9

Rtn. Ptn. Thrity Javeri

MAY 12

Rtn. Ptn. Reshma Vazirani

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