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On the water front – is it time to press the panic button? Wait and watch, says Municipal Commissioner

India's biggest metropolis, often touted as the next Shanghai, is facing its severest water crisis in more than 40 years. More than a month after the non-appearance of the monsoon on its expected date of onset (June 10), it has received scanty rainfall and the six lakes that supply it with drinking water are now almost empty.

The city has sufficient water only for another 50 to 60 days and if it does not rain sufficiently by the end of the monsoon in September, the city would have to make do with this pitiful amount of water till the onset of the rains in June next year.

While no alarm (for the evacuation of residents) has yet been sounded, the portents are disturbing. In a scenario that has worried every citizen, who better than the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay to assuage their feelings?

And so it was that members at the last meeting heard Dr. Jairaj Pathak in pin-drop silence as he addressed the issue and sought to reassure everybody that even though things were grim, there was no cause for panic – at least not yet.

Speaking on "Rains and lake levels", Dr. Pathak first gave a brief overview of the city's water supply system before turning to the current crisis and the measures planned to tackle it.

Till the middle of the 19th century, he said, wells were the main source of water supply. Even today, there were 12,351 wells (7,000 bore wells and 5,000 dug wells).

Piped water supply was introduced in the middle of the 19th century. Vihar Lake, a masonry dam, was the first to be constructed in 1850. The second was Tulsi Lake (an earthen dam) in 1870. These lakes had no gates and, when full, simply overflowed into the Mithi river.

Once the lakes were in place, pipelines were laid. Water from Vihar was

supplied to the Fort area and the pipeline from Tulsi (called "Tulsi Pipe" even today) went to the Governor's Palace (now Raj Bhavan) and Malabar Hill. But today, Vihar and Tulsi accounted for only 2.5% of Bombay's supply, the city's population having gone up 40 to 50 times.

The next lakes to be developed were Tansa and Vaitarna (first Lower Vaitarna, renamed Modak Sagar, then Upper Vaitarna and now Middle Vaitarna). Finally, there was the Bhatsa, which belonged to the state irrigation department dam but about 80% of its water was reserved for Bombay and the rest for irrigation.

"It is the good fortune of Bombay and of the farmers that the canals could not be constructed for want of clearance under the Forest Conservation Act. As a result, every drop of water from Bhatsa is used for Bombay and partly for the Thane Corporation."

Dr. Pathak noted that for the city's water supply to be normal it was crucial that towards the end of September or October every year, the lakes he had listed stored sufficient supply for 225 to 250 days. (The city's daily requirement was 3,400 million litres.) The monsoon ended in September and the next season started only nine months later.

Bombay had only one monsoon unlike Chennai and Andhra Pradesh which had two, the south-west monsoon and the winter monsoon from the north-east. Thus, the water that fell for the four months (June to September) had to be stored in the dams. Thankfully, they had the capacity to store water for 250 days (365 days, less 120). In other words, June remained the crucial month. If it did not rain in June (it had not rained this year) and the water level not replenished, a crisis could arise.

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We will try every possible experiment, says the Municipal Commissioner

First Club Assembly on July 22

The first Club Assembly for the new Rotary year 2009-2010 will be held in the Babubhai Chinai Committee Hall of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate, at 6.15 pm. on Wednesday, July 22.

All Committee Chairpersons have been requested to send their reports to the Rotary Secretariat as soon as possible and to ensure that these cover the following points:

- (a) Names of Committee members;
- (b) The projects planned for the year; and
- (c) Estimated budget for the planned projects.

President Nandan Damani and Hon. Secretary Shivkumar Israni have requested all Directors and Committee Chairpersons to attend the Assembly. They have also appealed to all those Rotarians who were admitted to the Club over the last two years to make it a point to attend the Assembly. It will give them a ringside view of the functioning Club.



Pradeep Mafatlal gives Rs. 10 lakhs – fifth year in a row

Pradeep Mafatlal has donated a sum of Rs. 10 lakhs for the Club and Community Service projects of the Club.

Announcing this at the last meeting, President Nandan said that this was the fifth year in a row that Pradeep had donated this munificent sum.

Nandan joined the members present as they applauded the philanthropic spirit displayed by Pradeep.

Forthcoming meetings

July 21, 2009

"Break the fear barrier – Walk barefoot on glass pieces", a presentation by Mr. Arfeen Khan.

The Sheriff of Bombay, (Dr.) Indu Shahani, will introduce the guest speaker.

July 28, 2009

Mr. Pritam Doshi on "A top of the world experience".

August 4, 2009

Mr. Nana Chudasama and Ms Shaina N.C. to address the twin subjects of "Humour and Fashion".

August 11, 2009

Honorary member Mr. Ajay Piramal to speak.

Commissioner says seriously considering cloud-seeding

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At mid-July this year, the lakes had water only for about 20 to 40 days' supply. There had been rains (125 to 150 mm) over the weekend, but not in the areas that fed the lakes. They received only 25 to 40 mm. But the situation had improved slightly and now there was 60 days' supply.

In mid-July last year, there was water for 90 days because it had rained in June. And by the end of September there was enough water for 250 days, thanks to the heavy rains later.

And where would it have to rain the most to fill the lakes this year? Dr. Pathak said the lake areas were 100 km. to the north-east of Bombay (in Thane district and on the Bombay-Agra and Nasik Roads).

"Bombay gets water from Thane district, Navi Mumbai gets it from Raigad district. Our water supply lakes are on Agra Road, their supply lakes are on Poona Road. Bhatsa (which is to the south of the Bombay-Nasik Highway), Tansa and Vaitarna (which are to the north of the same Highway) must get adequate rainfall."

What kind of measures could be adopted to increase the rainfall? The Commissioner said that there were two options: one was cheap but did not yield copious rains; the other was expensive and gave better results.

Clouds had appeared over the lakes this year but had not carried sufficient moisture. In such a case, a relatively low-tech (and cheap) method was employed; this involved creating fumes of silver iodide which went up to the clouds and caused more rain.

The method cost about Rs. 20 lakhs and would be taken up very soon. However, it would only result in 50% higher precipitation. In other words, if the clouds would have yielded 20 mm in the normal course, the use of silver iodide fumes would increase the rainfall to 30 mm.

Another, more advanced, method was employed by the Andhra Pradesh government. In this, a radar was used to monitor the movement of clouds. When they were seen, an aircraft took off and flew above those clouds to "seed" them. The government had signed a contract worth Rs. 5 to Rs. 10 crores. Three aircraft were used to cover the entire state.

Dr. Pathak said the Bombay Municipal Corporation was studying that contract and would probably adopt the same procedure. However, since it would only cover the city of Bombay, it would involve only one aircraft and radar. Hence the cost could be lower, say, Rs. 5 crores.

It was likely that the corporation would purchase a radar because it had to tackle another two summers, those of 2010 and 2011, till the new Middle Vaitarna dam became operational by

the end of 2011 (giving 455 million litres of water per day). If it decided to go for cloud-seeding, a three-year contract would be signed.

Another option was desalination. But the expenditure was huge and it could at best be considered only for drinking water.

The cost of water in Bombay was Rs. 7 per kilolitre, or 0.7 paise per litre. In comparison, in Aurangabad and Chennai it was Rs. 30 per kl. In most cities and towns water had to be pumped, sometimes over long distances. But in Bombay water mostly flowed by gravity. Pumping was hardly required.

Water obtained through desalination cost \$1 per kilolitre. With lower labour costs in India, it could come down to Rs 35 or Rs. 40 per kl. But then a ten-acre plot by the seaside would be required to pump in the sea water.

Apart from desalination plants, the Commissioner said, the Corporation was also looking at rain water harvesting. Here, too, the cost would be high because submersible pumps would have to be used and electricity consumed to draw underground water.

"The price of water will increase tremendously as the water availability reduces. The demand curve for water will go up very steeply... Everybody will require at least 40 litres of water. At present (even with the 30% cut)... with about 100 litres of water being given every day, we have about 60 days stock.

"If we have to, then we will go for other measures, such as cloud seeding, desalination and water harvesting... These options were not tried in Bombay because they were not cost-effective. But now, when we are really hard-pressed and with our backs to the wall, we will have to try all these options," Dr. Pathak added.

Programme Chairman Nanik Rupani, who introduced him, said that Dr. Pathak was a graduate in Physics from IIT, Bombay. He did his Masters in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard in the USA. After obtaining a

doctorate from the University of Mumbai, he cleared the civil services exam and joined the IAS in 1978.

He worked with distinction as Principal Secretary in the Urban Development Department of the State government and as the Secretary for School Education.

He served as Municipal Commissioner of the Pimpri-Chinchwad Corporation, the Pune suburbs and of the Navi Mumbai Corporation before becoming the 25th Municipal Commissioner of Bombay in May, 2007.

Speaking about high tide marks, water-logging and floods, the Commissioner said that high tides occurred around every new moon day, whether in February, July or November. Problems arose only when the tides were very high during the monsoons – and only if there was heavy rainfall on that day.

Bombay was located virtually at sea level and the sewage lines were designed in such a way that the rain water flowed into the sea. If there was a high tide and if there was heavy rainfall, it was obvious that the sewage lines would not allow the rain water to drain into the sea.

On January 12 this year, the high tide was 5.04 metres and on January 13 it was 5.13 metres. This was higher than the high tide mark in July when the highest would be 5.05 metres. But it had not mattered in January because it was not going to rain at that time.

In July, however, it would matter. On July 24, the high tide would be 5.05 metres at 2.03 pm. By itself, this would not be a cause for worry if it did not rain on the same day and at the same time. But if it started raining early that morning and continued to rain even at the time of the high tide, then water-logging was inevitable.

As for flooding, Dr. Pathak said that thanks to the huge spread of the city's population, the number of days on which flooding occurred had increased – in spite of the fact that the number of days with more than 75 mm rainfall

had not gone up. This happened because of illegal constructions obstructing the waterways and preventing the water from flowing into the sea.

A study by Mr. Sanglikar, a former Deputy Municipal Commissioner, revealed that in the 1940s the ratio of flooding days to the days with more than 75 mm rainfall used to be 1:7. This meant that of the seven days on which there was over 75 mm rainfall, there was flooding on only one day.

But in 2007 the ratio had changed to 1.5:1. In other words, on practically every day when there was more than 60 mm rainfall, some flooding took place somewhere because the water was not going into the sea quickly.

Answering questions, Dr. Pathak told Dr. Rohini Chowgule that education about water conservation had been undertaken in the past, but it had not acquired momentum because the shortage of water had never been as acute. With the changed circumstances, more stress would be given to it.

In reply to another query, he said that raising the minimum drawable level of lakes with the help of modern technology was easier said than done. For one, it would involve heavy-duty pumping; for another, while some lakes were masonry dams, others were concrete dams; besides, Modak Sagar was a convex concrete dam.

Ritu Desai wanted to know whether the future generations were condemned to live in a city with dirty, unhygienic beaches.

Agreeing that this was a major problem, Dr. Pathak said that while some beaches were being maintained well, in many cases there were slums very close to the beach. With a majority of the slums not having sewerage facilities, waste water was bound to spread around the slums – and on to the beaches.

S.K. Mitra said the Powai lake was being reclaimed surreptitiously and it appeared as if construction activity was about to begin there. Besides, as far as the cleaning of the Mithi river was concerned, the silt that was dredged was dumped on the banks – and it went right back into the river.

When a similar project was undertaken in China, the river was cleaned and the Mayor went swimming in it. Here, one could not even think of dipping one's toes in the Mithi.

Dr. Pathak said a large part of Powai lake had been dredged and the silt removed. Now, even the IIT had requested dredging of the lake area abutting its campus. A promenade like Marine Drive was also under construction.

"As for the Mithi, swimming in it will be possible only when the sewage is treated and taken elsewhere."

The vote of thanks was proposed by Pradeep Chinai.



Bombay is one of the few cities where the water supplied is not pumped. It flows by gravity, Municipal Commissioner Dr. Jairaj Pathak reveals



NIRAV MAKES A DOUBLE DONATION

In the Rotary year gone by (2008-2009), he received the Club Award for Best Committee under International Service in his capacity as Chairman of The Rotary Foundation.

A year before that (2007-2008), he had bagged the award as Co-Chairman of the same Committee.

Now, Hon. Joint Secretary Nirav Shah, who has been quite generous with his contributions, has made a double donation.

He has sent in two cheques, each for a sum of Rs. 1,11,111, towards The Rotary Foundation and the Disha District Thrust project, respectively.

President Nandan, who announced this at the last meeting, lauded Nirav for his generosity and led the applause that followed.

Birthday donations

President Nandan Damani announced at the last meeting that Dr. Mukesh Batra had made a birthday donation of Rs. 10,000.

Similarly, Suresh Lulla had sent a birthday contribution of Rs. 5,000 and Hariprasad Nevatia Rs. 2,001.

Nandan thanked all three members for their respective donations.



The Jollys at the Rotary International Convention in Birmingham. PP Arvind and Rashmi Jolly were among the few Rotarians from India who attended the 100th R.I. Convention which concluded in Birmingham, England, on June 24 (See report on Page 4)

At the last meeting

(Held on July 14, 2009)

PRESIDENT Nandan called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest speaker, the visiting Rotarians, Rotaryans, guests and others.

BIRTHDAYS

Members and Rotaryans celebrating their birthday during the week were felicitated.

ATTENDANCE

Members	117
Visiting Rotarians	3
Spouses/Rotaryans	7
Total	127
Svc. box collection	Rs. 5,800

Dolly addresses 'Art Camp' at Worli municipal school

What would you give to attend a special lecture-cum-demonstration by a professional like Dolly Thakore to introduce you to the rudiments of the performing arts?

Believe it or not, the students of the Dr. Ambedkar Municipal School at Worli were given this delectable treat *gratis* – and at their own school.

Dolly was the guest speaker at the first phase of an "Art Camp" organised by the Club's Education Committee as part of its *Bhavishya-Yaan* project at the school on July 10.

The month-long "Art Camp" has been designed in order to introduce the students to art as an option both for education and as a career. At the same time, it prompts them to make an effort at creative thinking.

Dolly spoke at the first phase of the orientation and introductory programme of the "Camp" when the children were given a PowerPoint introduction to various forms of art.

This was followed by an introduction to various art materials and a visit to an art school and an art gallery. The

guest speaker for this section was the veteran artist Prabhakar Kolte.

Phase two of the camp involves the selection of art material, subjects and execution. It will be followed by a visit to the studios of CNBC TV18 where the students will be introduced to creative writing and media and will submit their works.

The guest speaker on this occasion will be Mr. Anil Dharker (writer and former editor). A detailed report on this phase is awaited.

As for the third phase, it will see a PowerPoint presentation on the techniques of art and a brief introduction to various artists.

The fourth and final phase will involve the hiring of two professionals, Urvi Shah, an alumna of Rachna Sansad, and Hemant, an alumnus of the Sir J.J. School of Art.

The volunteers for this phase will be all the members of the Education Committee and the Committee for the Promotion of Arts, Music and Dance.

Assisting them will be Ms Supriya Shah, a graduate from the Parsons

School of Arts, New York, and daughter of Hon. Joint Secretary Nirav Shah.

'Bhavishya-Yaan' seeks mentors

The *Bhavishya-Yaan* Project of the Club's Education Committee is looking for members to volunteer for its mentoring programme at Dr. Ambedkar School, Worli.

The time commitment is two hours per week as per the following slots on Friday and Saturday:

10 am to 12 noon; 1 pm to 3 pm; and 3 pm to 5 pm.

The volunteers who agree to become mentors would be guided by professional counsellors. A training programme will be held for them from 1pm to 4 pm on Saturday, August 1.

Club members, their families, friends and relatives can also volunteer to become mentors. All that they have to do is to contact Preeti Mehta on 9820028504 for the venue and other details.



Barefoot in the class. Dolly Thakore conducts an impromptu workshop as part of her lecture at the 'Art Camp' organised by the Club's Education Committee under its *Bhavishya-Yaan* project. (Centre) Manoj Israni, one of the volunteers at the project, silently watches the children in action. And at right Dolly gets the children to 'create' a bullock cart. Others came up with ideas to 'form' a lotus and the Taj Mahal



A new beginning. President Nandan Damani, Hon. Secretary Shivkumar Israni and Rotaract Chairman Deepak Kapadia attended the formal installation meeting of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College on June 21. They are seated on the dais in the first photograph and standing behind the enthusiastic Rotaractors in the second

FULL HOUSE GREETES NEW ROTARACT TEAM AT HINDUJA

The attendance at the “installation” meeting of the Rotaract Club of Hinduja College held in the college auditorium on June 21 was a healthy 122. Of these, 34 were Club members, 22 visiting Rotaractors, three prospective members, nine District Council members and four “partners in service”. There were 50 guests.

And all those present gave a warm applause to new President Pratik Kajaria and the Board of Directors for 2009-2010. Here is a brief overview of the day’s programme (it started at 11 am and ended at 2.30 pm).

After the meeting was called to order by outgoing President Fakhrudin I. Kagzi and the National Anthem recited, all the guests were extended a warm welcome. Secretary Misbah Patanwala presented his report for the year gone by.

And then it was the turn of President Nandan Damani, Hon. Secretary Shivkumar Israni and Rotaract Chairman Deepak Kapadia to make their inspirational addresses.

Following the distribution of Club Awards for the year, the College Principal, Dr. T.A. Shiware, addressed the gathering.

The formal installation of new President Pratik Kajaria and his team

was the next item on the agenda and it was followed by the launching of the Club’s banner and theme for the year. Prof. S.K. Mishra exhorted the

Rotaractors to work with dedication and make a difference to the community. After the induction of the Board of Directors, the Secretary proposed

the vote of thanks and made the Club announcements.

Finally, President Pratik Kajaria adjourned the meeting.

Join the last push to eradicate polio, says R.I. President

Rotary International President John Kenny, the first Scotsman to head the organisation in its 104-year history, encouraged more than 16,000 Rotarians from over 150 countries who attended the R.I. Convention in Birmingham to join in the last push to eradicate polio.

“Until the day the earth is declared polio-free, this work must be our first priority and our main focus. It is up to us to finish the job,” he said during the closing session of the 100th R.I. Convention on June 24.

During the Convention, Rotarians, friends and other members of the family of Rotary heard prominent speakers discussing how close the world was to eradicating polio and encouraging Rotarians to make one last push to get the job done.

Delivering the keynote address at the Rotary World Peace Symposium, Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu said Rotary had earned the world’s respect.

“When they started out saying they wanted to eradicate polio, a lot of people said you ought to have your head read (examined),” he said. “Now, there are only four countries where polio is endemic. This is fantastic. It is going to happen and it is fantastic,” he added.

At a special appearance at the opening plenary session, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called Rotary “the heart and soul of the worldwide polio eradication effort” and pledged the UN’s continued cooperation and support.

R.I. and The Foundation presented Ban with the “Polio Eradication Champion Award”, which he dedicated to three polio workers who were killed by a suicide bomb attack in Afghanistan in 2008.

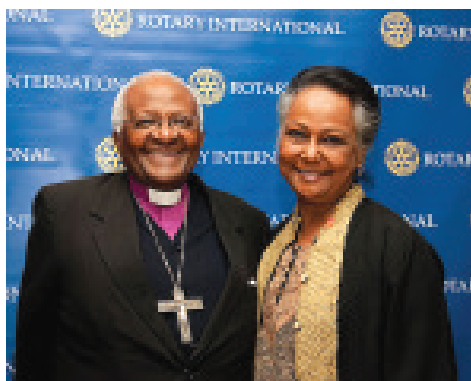
Mia Farrow, actress and UNICEF goodwill ambassador who also delivered a keynote address, told Rotarians that they were almost there and to push just a little further.

During another plenary session, primatologist and humanitarian Dr. Jane Goodall stressed the goals that her organisation shared with Rotary and called for increased collaboration.

Jan Egeland, Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, told Rotary World Peace Fellows that he felt optimistic knowing that a new generation of peacemakers coming out of Rotary’s programmes would have unparalleled knowledge, technology and training to do much-needed work.

Clarissa Brocklehurst, UNICEF’s chief of water, sanitation and hygiene, spoke about the urgent need for collaborative efforts to ensure access to clean water and improved sanitation around the world.

John Kenny emphasised the important role individual Rotarians and Rotary Clubs played in the future of the organisation, a message that was captured in the R.I. Theme, **The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.**



A Korean dance troupe performs as part of an ‘East Meets West’ entertainment feature at the 100th Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England. And a British band performs on behalf of the West at the same programme. At right, Nobel Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu photographed with Rotarian Deepa Willingham, founder of the non-profit organisation Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere (PACE Universal)

CLUB AWARDS FOR 2008-09



Outgoing President Ashish Vaid presented the Club Awards for 2008-2009 at the meeting of June 30. Paul George, Director, Club Service (Fellowship/ Meetings), and Bipin Kapadia, Director, Community Service (Education), share the Service Award Silver Plate for any Avenue of Service (donated by PP Late Taru Lalvani). Fellowship Committee Chairman Khurshed Poonawala and Joint Chair Framroze Mehta (centre) win the Service Award Silver Plate for Best Committee under Club Service (donated by PP Merwanji P. Patel). Sergeant-at-Arms Suresh Jagtiani (right) bags the award for Outstanding Performance by a Rotarian under Club Service (donated by Hans Khimji and Deepak Kapadia in memory of PDG Late Naval Ardeshir)



The PP Late Dr. P.M. Sangani Memorial Trophy for Best Committee under Community Service-Health (donated by Mrs. Prabhavati Sangani) went to the HTEC Committee and its Chairman Dr. Mitul Patel. In the picture in the centre, Education for All Committee Chairman PP Arun Sanghi and Joint Chair Alok Sekhsaria receive the award for Best Committee under Community Service-Education (donated by Govind Advani). And at right, Women Empowerment Committee Joint Chair Preeti Mehta receives the Best Committee under Community Service-Community Upliftment award (donated by PP Ajay Kanoria) in the absence of Chairperson Shernaz Vakil



RCC Committee Chairman Ratan Tankha and Joint Chair Subash Gogia bag the award for Best Committee under Community Service-Urban Development (donated by the Board of Directors of the Club for 2004-05). In the photograph in the centre, Rural Development Committee Chairperson Dilnavaz Variava and Joint Chair Pradeep Gujarathi with the award for Best Committee under Community Service-Rural Development (donated by the Board of Directors of the Club for 2004-05). In the last picture, Four-Way Test Committee Chairman Sitaram Shah with the Service Award Silver Plate for Best Committee under Vocational Service (donated by PDG Late Naval Ardeshir)



Interact Committee Chairman Mehul Sampat and Joint Chair Ashwin Thakkar with the Late N.J. Vazifdar Memorial Trophy for Best Committee under Youth Service (donated by PP Late Dr. Jamshed N. Vazifdar). In the centre, Night Study Centre Committee Chairman Sunny Pariyaram bags the huge Zodiac Trophy for Best Youth Activity. In the photograph at right, a representative of the Rotaract Club of the H.R. College of Commerce & Economics receives the Best Rotaract Club Trophy (donated by the Rotary Club of Bombay)



The Trophy for the Best Interact Club (donated by the Late Shadilal Jain) was shared by not one or two but four hard-working Interact Clubs. In these photographs the Interactors of the winning schools collect their mementoes (from left to right): the Gopi Birla Memorial School, the Bharda English High School and the Cathedral & John Connon High School



Interactors of St. Anne's High School, Dabul, the fourth Club to share the Trophy for the Best Interact Club. In the centre, Madhusudan Daga receives the Hans Khimji Trophy for the Best Active New Member of the Club (donated by Hans B. Khimji). And at right Burjor Poonawala with the Late Dawoodkhan S. Tyebjee Trophy for the Best Senior Citizen of the Rotary Club of Bombay (donated by Taher Tyebjee). The PDG Late Santosh Agarwalla Trophy for Best Woman Member of the Club (instituted by PP Sandip Agarwalla) went to Arin Percy Master (however, she was not present)



Rotary Foundation Committee Chairman Nirav Shah receives the Late Chandanben Arvindkumar Kilachand Memorial Trophy for Best Committee under International Service (donated by the Late Arvindkumar Kilachand). The award for academic topper amongst Interactors (donated by PP Gul Kripalani in memory of the Late Rupchand Kripalani) goes to Ms Ranjana Shah of Gopi Birla Memorial High School. And PP Arvind Jolly receives the award for Highest Contribution to The Rotary Foundation (donated by PP Gul Kripalani in memory of the Late Vasantrao Deshmukh)



A representative of Eureka Forbes Ltd., Mr. Rodrigues, receives the award for Corporate Social Responsibility (donated by PP Harry Singh Arora in memory of his mother, the Late Rajkarni Arora) on behalf of Suresh Goklaney, MD. In the centre, PP Vithal Palekar bags the Rotarian of the Year award (donated by Zinia Lawyer in memory of her mother Mehroo Irani). Finally, the Trophy for the Best Community Service rendered by Rotaract Clubs sponsored by our Club (donated by Feroze Patch) goes to the Rotaract Club of Government Dental College

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARDS



President Ashish Vaid presented some special awards at the last meeting of the year 2008-2009 which was held on June 30. Bharat Kumar Taparia was honoured for his magnanimity and generosity for funding the building of the Junior College to be established in Talwada. In the second picture, Programme Chairman Pranay Vakil is honoured for ensuring interesting speakers on a wide range of topics throughout the year. And at right Manoj Israni receives a special award for active participation in the Club's activities and making generous contributions from time to time



Ashish recognised the Hon. Secretary, Nowroze Vazifdar, for his dedicated work and total commitment throughout the year and for his meticulousness in keeping all the Club records in perfect order. He also honoured Ramesh Narayan for his active participation in several Committees and for sharing his expertise. At right, Ashish thanks Mr. Karambir Singh Kang, General Manager of the Taj Mahal Hotel, for his assistance in the smooth conduct of all Rotary programmes throughout the year; and also for his bravery despite his tragic personal loss in the carnage of 26/11



"He collected a record Rs. 2.55 crores in a year of economic depression!" Members loudly applauded Ashish when PP Mahendra Sanghi emphasised his outstanding achievements through the year, especially his success in fund-raising. In the centre, Naresh Kumar Jain offers a ceremonial shawl to Ashish for his outstanding performance. At right, Ashish, Nowroze and a few award winners are photographed with some the winning Rotaractors. Among those who can be spotted are Preeti, PP Arun, Priyasri, Mehul, Bipin, Madhusudan, Ramesh and Manish Reshamwala



Enjoying Fellowship after the last meeting. Here are a few photographs taken at the end of the meeting of June 30. In the first picture, President Nandan has the attention of Hon. Secretary Shivkumar Israni and Pradeep Gujarathi. Is he telling them that it's not going to be easy to match the performance of Ashish and his team? In the photo in the centre, Nandan is seen with Ashok and Vatsala Jatia. And at right Nandan is flanked by PP Kalpana Munshi and Shiv Dev Gorowara. At left are Miloni Mehul Sampat and Sweta Pranay Vakil

Happy Birthday



Sushil Kumar Jalan
 July 23

Spouses/Rotaryanns

Radhika Mehta
 July 25
 Biba Arora
 July 26

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Bulletin & Website	Arvind Agarwal
Public Relations	PP Arun Sanghi
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Control of TB	Dr. Rohini Chowgule
Hepatitis & Polio Immu.	Ashwin Didwania
Heart Brigade	Dr. Anand Somaya
Cancer Aid	Farokh Balsara
COMMUNITY SERVICE - II; Non-Medical	
Director	Ramesh Narayan
RCC	Sunny Pariyaram
Global Warming/(Dist. Thrust) Green Vision	Jagdish Malkani
Differently Abled (Dist. Thrust)	Shyyamniwas Somani
Old Age Home/ Senior Citizens	Naresh Kumar Jain
Women Empowerment	Poonam Lalvani
Welfare of Animals	Framroze Mehta
COMMUNITY SERVICE - III Youth	
Paul George to oversee	
Director	Vikram Daiya
Interact	Mehul Sampat
Rotaract	Deepak Kapadia
Night Study/Voc. Training Centres	Jacob Abraham
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Management Education	Poonam Kumar
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TEAC Junior College	IPP Ashish Vaid
VOCATIONAL SERVICE	
Director	Suhail Nathani
Rotary Public Awards	Nelum Girwani
Legal Aid	Akil Hirani
Four-Way Test	Subash Gogia
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE/DISTRICT THRUST	
Director	S.K. Mitra
R.I. Programmes	PP Rajnikant Reshamwala
Rotary Foundation	PP Arvind Jolly
Fund-Raising	Manoj Israni
Promotion of Arts, Music and Dance	Priyasri Patodia
Disha (Dist. Thrust)	PP Kalpana Munshi
Water Management (R.I. and Dist. Thrust)	Suresh Goklaney



The Sheriff of Bombay, (Dr.) Indu Shahani, speaks on 'Youth Matters' at the July 2 meeting of the Rotary Club of Bombay North

Indu Shahani speaks at Bombay North meet

The Sheriff of Bombay, (Dr.) Indu Shahani, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Bombay North held in the Coochbehar Hall of the CCI on July 2.

Addressing the Club members on "Youth Matters", she said that with 50% of India's youth under the age of 25, the empowerment of youth through education had become a very important task.

Fortunately, she had experienced the birth of "social entrepreneurship"

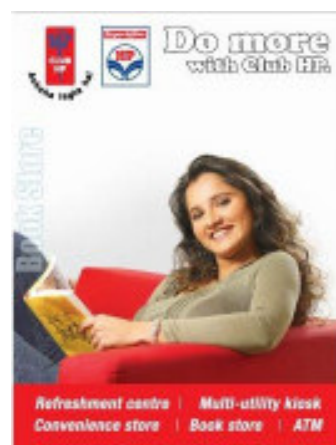
among the educated youth who were developing viable business models for social causes.

Indu appealed to all Rotarians to work in close coordination with the NGOs and to help them to become (financially) strong and sustainable.

The Presidents of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay and of the Rotaract Club of Bombay were also present along with some of their members to hear the Sheriff speak.

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