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Gateway Tibetan Art Exhibit and Solar Panel Installation

Temperatures were running high on one Wednesday afternoon at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya, and this time, it wasn't because of the sweltering Mumbai summer. It was the collective excitement of inaugurating South Mumbai's largest rooftop solar power plant at the gloriously beautiful museum! The panels are a sight to behold, juxtaposed against the rustic exterior of the museum and the backdrop of vast open skies and great Mumbai.



Rotarians at the Tibetan exhibit.

Whilst this is aesthetically pleasing, it was the inner beauty of these panels that was rather more impressive and the major talking point for the day. "As most of you know we started this project with the museum, two years ago, under the leadership of Madhusudan Daga and Ramesh Narayan

with the idea of creating something that was going to be lasting and measurable and actually have a long term impact on the environment. Our second goal was really to partner with one of our city's institutions, with which we could develop a long term relationship. I think both of

those goals have really come together wonderfully in the solar panel project," Dr Sonya Mehta, President, Rotary Club of Bombay recounted.

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EGM to be featured

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Body Meeting of the members of the Rotary Club of Bombay will be held on Tuesday, 14th June 2016 at 12.30 p.m. at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Apollo Bunder, Mumbai-400 001, to transact the special business to amend Section 4 and 5 of Article 13 (B) regarding Procedure of Electing Members. Members are requested to be present at 12.30 p.m. and not to invite Guests, as it will be a closed door meeting.

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Understanding and appreciating Sufi music.
- **June 7th**
Vidya Balan to address the gathering
- **June 12th**
Fellowship Brunch at Ymas
- **June 14th**
EGM at 12:30 p.m. and Tasneem Mehta to address the gathering at 1:30 p.m.

Guess the Rotarian!!!

Below are names of 20 Rotarians. Guess their names. Then using the letters circled in red, figure out the word below.

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FINAL WORD

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Completing 15 years as a Rotarian

Rtn Jaidev Merchant joined Rotary in December 2001. Mr. Merchant is currently a director handling the Fund – Raising, Sports and Programs committees. He joined Rotary with the sole intention of making a difference to society. He says that Rotary excites him as it provides not only a forum for fellowship but also a platform for contributing in whichever way to society at large and the not so fortunate.

Earlier he chaired the ADMC, Talwada and had made a presentation to our Rotary a few years ago. During his tenure he visited ADMC frequently and feels that a lot of good work can be done by ADMC, given adequate support and dedicated efforts.

Mr. Merchant, a commerce & law graduate started his career at “The Dharamsi Morarji Chemicals Co Ltd.” for 14 years in various capacities. He ventured out on his own in 1992 and founded “Aamirav Ingredients and Specialties Pvt. Ltd.” Aamirav is in the business of manufacturing / distribution / warehousing in Singapore and Mumbai, of Aroma Ingredients and Specialty Chemicals to MNC’s manufacturing soaps, detergents, cosmetics and perfumery.

Mr. Merchant has also been a keen



The Merchants and Harishs-a family picture

sportsman winning the Bombay Inter-Collegiate, Intervarsity, Maharashtra State Tournaments in Badminton and has even played at the International Level. Today he plays tennis and loves to watch the God of Tennis-Roger Federer “live” and on tv!

His wife Sandhya, is a freelance Tourist Guide who specialises in Indian heritage and culture. She recently took our Club Members on a guided tour of Kalbadevi and prior to that to Elephanta Caves.

Jaidev and Sandhya have 2 children. Mitali is a lawyer and is married to Adhiraj Harish, also a lawyer and is the son of Rtn. Anil Harish and

Rtn. Honey Harish. Mitali works with another Rotarian, Harish Jagtiani. Incidentally, Rishika, Adhiraj’s sister is also a lawyer, making it a complete family of lawyers!

Son, Amay, a prominent sportsman first became one of the best junior badminton players for the state and then switched to Squash where he received a Scholarship to go to USA at a tender age of 15 years. He is presently working at Morgan Stanley in New York.

We would like to thank Mr. Merchant for his immense contribution to our club and wish him & his family all the very best for the future.

An ongoing journey...

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Rotarians at the Solar Panel installation on the Terrace.

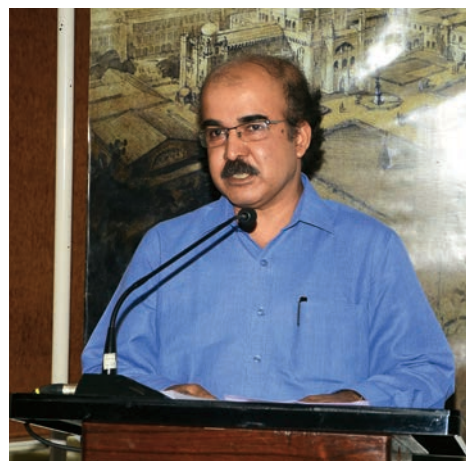
"This, as you may know, is Phase II of the project. Today we will be launching 20 kilowatts of solar energy being fed into the grid, which actually will conserve 35,000 kilograms of CO2 emissions, saving the museum nearly 6 lakhs annually in terms of their spend on electricity. It will also prevent the burning of nearly 30,000 kilograms of coal every year. So, I think that on both fronts, in terms of environment and ecology, as well as in terms of helping out a city institution with their financial planning, this has been a win-win for all of us," she added.

A project of this scale requires the united efforts of dedicated individuals across different disciplines, merging seamlessly to create the intended outcome. "We must acknowledge the leadership and hard work of Jagdish Malkani, for really sticking to this and pushing and getting this done, as well as our partners and suppliers, Belifal, who have been working very hard to get this project going," Dr Mehta stated while inviting Jagdish Malkani to the podium.

Jagdish Malkani elaborated upon the fascinating way in which these projects are brought to life. He had previously been involved in Talwada, where stored solar power was introduced to the hospital,

the eye center and in the ashramshala where the kids sat under street lamps to read. In the case of the museum, a tie up with the BEST grid is necessary. There is one gizmo that does all the hard work converting the solar, which is instantly going into a grid, which is great because this means no leakage!

The museum consumes around 1,000 units daily. With the introduction of the panels, 14-15% is being taken care of. This is against an expenditure of about 31 lakhs which has been spent, including five years AMC for the second project. It's yet another feather in the cap of Mr.



Mr. Mukerjee talking to the Rotarians.

Sabyasachi Mukherjee, who has really done a tremendous job with transforming the museum. Since his tenure in 2007, footfall has increased to 2,500 visitors, with the number doubling on weekends. During special exhibitions, the number can go up to 60,000 over the duration of the event! Jagdish Malkani recognized unstinted cooperation of Mr. Mukherjee, the Director General of the museum. "He's an eco-warrior because they started rainwater harvesting much before anyone else. It's a little known fact that they get virtually no government financial support. All of this is self-sustained from donations, from whatever they raise and now more corporates are going to work with them. Thanks to him, his board of trustees and his able admin team."

These feelings of gratitude were reciprocated wholeheartedly by Mr. Mukherjee who facilitated Dr Mehta and Jagdish Malkani with floral bouquets. As a custodian of heritage, property and culture, and someone wanting to preserve that well into the future, Mr. Mukherjee is a walking talking embodiment of how to cherish the past whilst embracing the future. As he was preparing his address, he debated upon the topic of his speech. Should he talk about the environment? "I realized

everyone knows the importance of environment, of climate changes. What's important is to preserve both, the cultural and natural heritage."

"We are passing through very difficult times all around the world. I got an opportunity to attend the US Embassy President's Global Colloquial at Yale University, supported by the UN Secretary General. The gathering was welcomed by the Director General of UNESCO. She said: 'I got an opportunity to interact with the new Iraqi Prime Minister. I simply asked him, why is so much happening in your country? Why are young people joining extremists groups?'

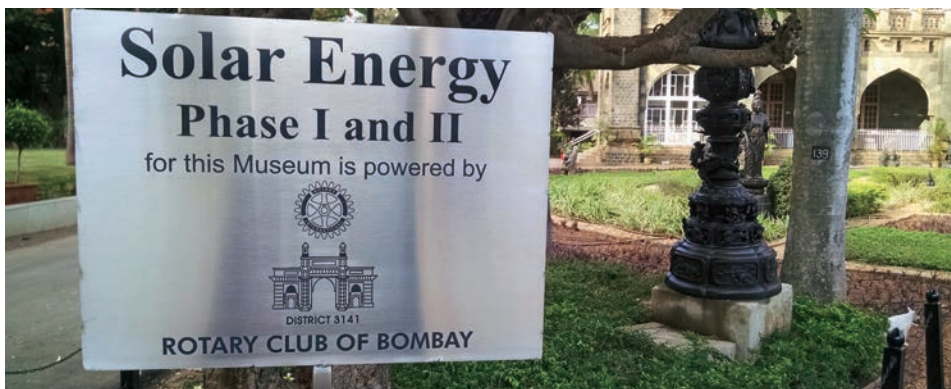
For a moment he was silent and then he looked at her and said: 'There's something terribly wrong going on with our education system. You know, for a long time, history was not incorporated in our education system. The emphasis was on science, technology and management. Now we are going to incorporate history into our school level and higher level education.'

Rightly so, an unbiased, view of the world, is one that unreservedly encompasses culture. It is this culture that helps us carve our identity. When it comes to making decisions about the negative impacts of globalization, technology and power politics, it is this identity that we draw upon; just as it was drawn upon before making the decision to go ahead with the solar panel installation.

How can we preserve this delicate



Rtn Jagdish Malkani explaining the installation of the solar panels.



New plaque fitted by the entrance to the museum.



The new solar panels with the city scape in the background.



Rtns at the meeting listening to Mr. Mukherjee

understanding of diversity and culture? "50 years ago India used to speak 720 languages, in 50 years we lost 220 languages and we'll be losing another 50 languages in the next 50 years," laments Mr. Mukherjee.

The impact of globalization extends much beyond linguistic diversity; it also has impact on our lifestyle, architectural design and urban design. Can this be stopped? Perhaps that is the wrong question to ask. Yes, these lost cultures are a matter of concern. But the real question is: are we preserving them? Are we serious about the linguistic diversity? When we support our cultural institutes, we are by default extending our support

towards cultural values and morals. In a world that is increasingly connected, these same institutions play their roles on international levels and are increasingly being used in International Relations.

"I appreciate your initiative. I've been thinking for a long time how do we switch over to the concept of a green museum. All of you, my friends, came together and only proved the fact that: alone we can do very little; together we can do many things. This is just the beginning. We are the second museum to have switched over to solar energy." Thank you Mr. Mukherjee! The journey was an interesting one, and by no means is it over!

Brief Report on the IWA Clinic

The Rotary Club of Bombay, in partnership with the International Women's Association, has been running a clinic for indigent women and children in Mumbai. The clinic has been in operation for over 50 years, however our participation is more recent. Thanks to funds collected by the Rotary Club, the clinic underwent a major renovation in the last quarter of 2015. We currently provide primary health care, dental services and gynaecological services to women and children. The scope of services is being slowly expanded to include men as well.

The goal of the clinic is prevention, along with treatment. The importance and efficacy of Pre natal check-ups and nutrition cannot be over emphasised. Many problems can be dealt with in utero if detected in time or simply prevented with giving the expectant mother guidance and information. Studies have repeatedly established the critical nature of the first year in the growth of the infant brain. Stunted, due to poor nutrition or disease this deficit simply cannot be overcome in future years.

The Rotary Club of Bombay is working to establish a Maternal and Child Care Unit that, we will provide services to the mother, from conception to delivery, and further



provide services to the mother and child which will include check-ups and counseling. These services will be delivered at our clinic, by our doctors and staff in collaboration with other NGOs and government organisations as and when needed.

CURRENT FUNCTIONING:

The clinic is being looked after administratively, by Dr. Aspi Mehta, a senior physician who worked with the Tata group as a company doctor for more than twenty years. He also provides medical services, when needed.

We have a daily visiting doctor looking after 'general practice' for women and children, as well as visiting doctors, primarily gynaecologists. In addition, we have a full-fledged dental set up, with a full-time dentist providing care.

The clinic is currently providing care to between 200-300 patients per month, and this number is steadily growing, as word of mouth of its services spread.

SCHOOL CAMPS:

The Clinic has already conducted three camps for school children, and will continue to do so on a regular basis. The goal is to provide a preventive check-up for all school going children, covered by the various programs of the Rotary Club of Bombay, especially Bhavishya Yaan. In addition the clinic also hopes to provide these services for children with special needs.

FUTURE PLANS:

The Clinic has procured a state of the art imaging facility to provide digital X-ray service, a much-felt needed. The area is in the process of being set up, and will be functional in the near future. In addition, we are looking at the option of setting up a pathology service and considering the feasibility of the same.

Fellowship announcement

A Fellowship Brunch will be held on Sunday 12th June 2016 from 12 noon onwards at Yamas, Ballard Estate. Due to space constraints, we can only accommodate the first 110 members who register. Book your place with Ms Rashmi at the Rotary office.

Asiatic Society report



The current capacity of Asiatic Society's book restoration capability is about 100 books per annum.

The Society has a competent and trained team to do the work as per international norms but are constrained by infrastructure.

This year, the Rotary Club of Bombay embarked on an ambitious project to assist the efforts of the Asiatic Society to restore, digitize and preserve our literary treasure that resides within the Town Hall of Mumbai.

Plans to double the capacity of the Conservation Laboratory have been approved and construction work on the premises has started. We hope to finish the work before June end. The project entails expanding the floor space of the Laboratory, increasing the drying platforms and shelves and installing equipment to control temperature and humidity.

In addition, our generous Rotarians and their friends have already pledged to restore the first 100 books.

Puzzle Answers

RODA BILLIMORIA
HIRANMAY BISWAS
BAJI BILIMORIA
SHIVKUMAR ISRANI
SURESH GOKLANEY
GAURAV NEVATIA
HOSHANG NAZIR
MANISH KEJRIWAL
FREYAZ SHROFF
SHRINIVASAN PRASAD
RAVI SHETH
SAMEER TAPIA
PRADEEP CHINAI
PETER BORN
SHEREBANU BALDIWALA
FAROKH BALSARA
PARTHA RAKSHIT
ASHISH VAID
JAMSHYD VAZIFDAR
BIPIN VAZIRANI
Final Word: ROTARY

Feedback Please!



Your favourite bulletin, The Gateway, invites all Rotarians to be an active part of this weekly bulletin. We plan to start a column dedicated to profiling each one of you, where you could share your experiences as a Rotarian, in your own words! Adding a more personal touch to your exclusive bulletin, we are reaching out to Rotarians from different age groups, professions and preferences, with the aim of sharing aspects to your personality that are lesser known, but deserve to be shared! Let's give your RCB comrades the opportunity to know you better! Connect with us at gateway@rotaryclubofbombay.org.

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Radhika Sood Nayak Vocalist



Radhika's journey into Sufi music began with Punjabi Sufi poet Bulleh Shah's kalaam. It has captured her heart and she has gone on to sing Sufi kalaam at the Kabir Festival in Mumbai, Malwa Kabir Yatra, Delhi's Lotus Temple and more recently at the Kala Ghoda-Make in India Festival 2016.

A disciple of Pandit Dayal Thakur and Thumri exponent Smt. Dhanashree Pandit Rai, Radhika also sings Hindustani semi-classical forms like *thumri*, *dadra*, *hori*, *jhoola* and devotional music.

Radhika is an Akashvani artiste and a recipient of the 'Sur Mani' award from Sur Singar Samsad. An MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur, Radhika worked with Unilever and ANZ Grindlays before moving out from the corporate arena to pursue her quest for music. She is now associated with Mumbai's SP Jain Institute of Management as a visiting faculty in Human Resource Management.

About the Talk

"Mein kamli Aan" – sharing my experiences on Sufi Music

"Mein Kamli Aan" (I am crazy) quite aptly describes my state of mind as I dive deeper into the works of mystic poets such as Bulleh Shah, Sultan Bahu, Kabir and Khusrau. In this 30-minute module, I hope to share my experiences with the intense, yet simple expressions of these mystic poets.

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Birthday Greetings



Vineet Bhatnagar
31st May



Gulam Vahanvaty
1st June



Murad Currawalla
5th June



Premnath
6th June

Rotaryanne Birthdays

Nandini Kamdar	1st June
Devina Shah	2nd June
Erika Born	3rd June
Hasmina Khan	4th June

Statistics of the last meeting	
Members present	41
Rotaryannes	4
Guest	1
Total	46