

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



From the President's Desk



Whew! What an amazing week it has been. Beginning with the installation ceremony on the 1st which saw a huge outpouring

of support and good wishes from all present. Thank you so much for being there in such large numbers with so much enthusiasm.

And how heartwarming was the response to our Chief Guest! Mrs. Gandhi's typically witty, gritty address moved, inspired, amused and motivated a spellbound audience. Much of what she shared was an eye opener, and a heart opener for many.

Balanced with music, merriment and *chatpatta* street food, the evening was a fit precursor of the year to come.

With the monsoon in full swing, so are we. I trust you have waded through the program and are prepared for the deluge of activities. Just jump in. Things are going swimmingly.

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I'm Astounded By How Quickly India Can Change!

In a remarkable turn of events, Guest of Honor, Mrs. Maneeka Gandhi, who's list of achievements and contribution is beyond compare, decided to give us an insight into the various projects initiated and undertaken by her Ministry. It was none of what one would expect from a Minister, but rather a truth-telling tale.



psychiatrist, nurse and 8 beds. Other important initiatives under Women's safety include the incorporation of the panic button in cellphones, *Shaurya Dals*, etc.

The 1098 Child Helpline, run in association with TISS and 700 NGOs, assures a turn-around time of 1 hour. www.khoyapaya.gov.in is a platform for reporting and tracking of missing children.

While legislation is in progress to ban child trafficking, about 4 lac children are sold outside the country every year. Another very important project is *Beti Bachao* as it aims at correcting the male-female ratio along the western length of the country.

In a bid to strengthen women entrepreneurs, Mahila e-Haat, an online marketing platform for women was launched in association with Amazon.

Concluding her speech, Mrs. Gandhi reiterated, that people who open their hearts do so for all, and not in fragments.

Starting her tenure in a borrowed office, and with nothing having been done, gave her an opportunity to bring in the reforms she envisioned. She broadly divided her work into three sections, i.e. women & children's safety and defense, women's economic empowerment as well as their social empowerment.

In order to ensure women's safety, it was important to sensitize the police. This systemic change was done by increasing the ratio of policewomen to 33% in 7 states and Union Territories.

The next step was to create *Sakhi* centers, which are one-stop centers equipped with a lawyer, doctor,



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Forthcoming Events

- July 11, 2016 **Felicitation of TRF chair PRIP Kalyan Banerjee** - Y. B. Chavan Pratisthan at 6 p.m.
Contributory dinner at the Rooftop, Oberoi Hotel - 7:30p.m
- July 12, 2016 **No Weekly Meeting**
- July 19, 2016 **Mr. Rakesh Maria, DG - Home Guard, and Former Commissioner of Police, Mumbai** - Crime and the City
- July 26, 2016 **Prof. Bradley Agle, Brigham Young University, USA** - Ethics for Successful Leadership
- August 2, 2016 **Mr. Kiran Kumar, Chairman - ISRO**

2016-17 PRESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION

Dr. Mukesh Batra Assumes Office as President

It was an evening filled with cheer and revelry as members gathered in large numbers to commemorate Dr. Mukesh Batra's installation as the 89th RCB President. The meeting started on the musical notes of 'Itni shakti humein dena daa-ta...' sung by his very-talented grandson, Hriman Batra.

The installation took place in the presence of Hon' Union Minister for Women and Child Welfare, Mrs. Maneka Gandhi; District Governor, Gopal Rai Mandhania, and other distinguished guests. Dr. Batra set the tone for the year by saying, "My priorities and approach are largely shaped by my own 44 years experience as a doctor. Fortunately as with homeopathy, I shall keep my prescriptions sweet yet sure, painless but permanent."

"My focus area will primarily be health, and as a natural extension, education. This is because, health is no longer just a medical issue - it has increasingly become a social issue, more to do with gender, economics, environment, sanitation and scores of other factors. A child's wheezing is as much about his lungs, as about his parents fight last night."

"Therefore, I would like to focus on three Cs, i.e. Compassion, Commitment and Camaraderie. Compassion is what converts cheque-book charity into a caring investment. Commitment is what turns a committee into a force for change, and Camaraderie is the glue that strengthens and holds us together!"





District Governor pins a badge on the newly-appointed President, Dr. Mukesh Batra, in the presence of Mrs. Maneka Gandhi



District Governor, Gopal Rai Mandhanhia elaborates on his plans for the TRF Centennial Year and for District's Pratham Year



Mrs. Maneka Gandhi enthralls the audience by her committed spirit and her drive to make a difference in every child and woman's life



Mrs. Maneka Gandhi presenting the keys of first of RCB's four animal ambulances to Mr. Aboodh Arras of Welfare of Stray Dogs



It couldn't have been a happier occasion as Dr. Mukesh Batra's Presidential installation happened to be on the same day as his 65th birthday. Surrounded by Union Minister, Mrs. Maneka Gandhi, jewelry designer Farah Khan, celebrated ghazal-singer Pankaj Udhas, actor Madhoo Shah, family, friends and fellow Rotarians, Dr. Batra cut his cake, while Hirman Batra eagerly awaited his turn to feed 'grandpa'



2015-16 LAST MEETING & AWARDS NITE

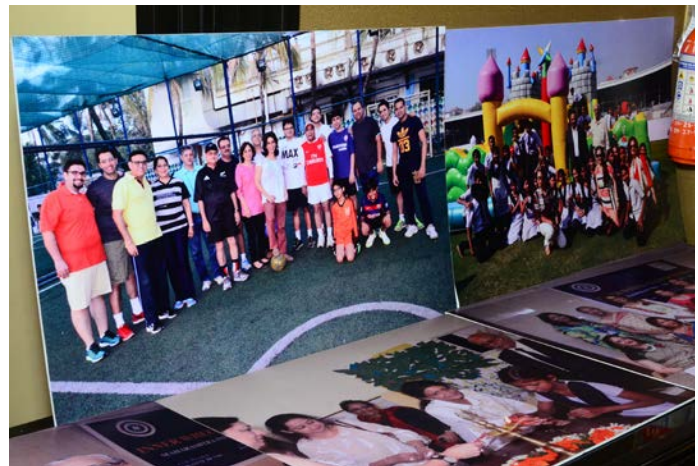
President Dr. Sonya Mehta Takes A Bow

The last meeting for the Rotary year 2015-16, started off on a high note with President Dr. Sonya Mehta inducting three new members followed by the most sought-after Excellence Awards.

After much fun and entertainment, when Dr. Sonya took over as the speaker, there was a sense of nostalgia – it was almost as though members had a quick recap of how eventful the past year had been! In a very personal and unassuming manner she spoke her heart, of her

various experiences, and of the things that the position had taught her. "It has been a year filled with many milestones and numerous achievements, but for me, what stands out is the enormous support and friendship that I have received."

"And while I'm looking forward to some much needed down time, I'm sure this amazing Club will go from strength to strength, and I'm glad to have had the opportunity to be part of this legacy", said Dr. Sonya.



Dr. Rumi Jehangir introducing Zeenia Percy Master - Classification: Management - Hospitality



Aditya Somani introduces Vivek Himatsingka - Classification: Engineering - Infrastructure



Rtn Dr. Sorab Javeri introduces Peshwan Rumi Jehangir - Classification: Advocate

On a *lighter* note, Rtn Ashish Vaid announced a very unique category **Losers of the Year Award** for those who had achieved victory over mind and body. The winners of this were PP Sandip Agarwalla and PP Paul George. From the context of the awards, 'PP' stood for 'Post Paunch' and not Past President, as together they had lost an enormous 70 kilos!



Vaid also summed up Dr. Sonya's tenure as being filled with speakers that kept the members raptured; fellowships that made the members laugh, sing and dance; outstanding trips to ISRO, Benaras and Tadoba; as well as projects and fund raising - all raising the bar (no pun intended). He ended his rather hilarious speech with the famous Bollywood song, "Kehdo na Kehdo na you are my Sonya..."



Excellence Awards 2015-16



The Khimji and Kapadia Award for Outstanding New Member:
Presented each year to a member who has been inducted within the past five years, this year, it was awarded to Mahesh Khubchandani



The Taru Lalwani and Ajay Kanoria Award for the Best Committee:
Despite the fierce competition, Urban Heritage Committee represented by Rohan Dalal and Aditya Somani, won the award for exceptional service



The Sandip Agarwalla Trophy for Outstanding Attendance and Participation by a Senior Member: Jointly awarded to Pradeep Chinnai & Ramesh Mehta, this trophy recognizes a member who is excused from mandatory attendance but has participated and made significant contributions to the Club's activities



The Vikram Kamdar Trophy for Outstanding Service by a Rotaryanne:
Rotaryannes are the often-unrecognized backbone of the Club's projects. Avaan Vakharia was recognized for her stellar work in the Bhavishya Yaan and the Women's Empowerment Committees



The Lawyer Trophy For the Outstanding Rotarian of the Year:
Recognized for outstanding contribution to the Club, Sandip Agarwalla has been involved in multiple committees, helping out and stepping in wherever there has been a need and providing direction and leadership



President's Award: This year's award was presented to Framroze (Fali) Mehta for his outstanding support to the President and to the Club as a whole. Always smiling and ever willing, no task was too small or too difficult. He stepped in and helped out almost every Rotary Committee



Dr. Mukesh Batra acknowledges and applauds Dr. Sonya Mehta on the completion of one of the most successful tenures

Glimpses of The Memorable Evening



Rtn. Naresh Kumar Jain honors President Dr. Sonya Mehta, and her husband, Dr. Bomi with shawls



DG Certain About Our Club's Contribution

Addressing Dr. Batra and the large audience, District Governor, Gopal Rai Mandhania said, "As the President of this Club, you need to have very big dreams and of course, big targets. However, it is those dreams and targets that will provide you with different, exciting experiences and learnings everyday."

"Over the years, Rotary Club of Bombay has built many temples of service to mankind, and Talwada is one of them. The membership, service projects and the unmatched efforts put in by all, including past Presidents and my friend, late Ajit Deshpande, make this a premier club in our district."

"This being the Centennial year and District's Pratham year, we have



taken up the challenge of contributing \$2.65 million to TRF, which comes to \$500 per capita. I seek your support towards this contribution, and expect at least 4 new AKS members, 25 new Paul Harris Society members, 100 percent of PHF and

ERY Club. And I'm sure that you will come forward and make our dream come true."

"We have planned six mega events to commemorate the TRF Centennial year. The mother of all these events, will be the Rotary Centennial Race for Mankind, on 29th November, at Mahalaxmi. During this event, 7000 Rotarians along with their families and friends will gather to make it into one of the most memorable events of the year."



Rotary International News

Council Grants Clubs Greater Flexibility in Meetings & Membership

The 2016 Council on Legislation will certainly be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years.

The Council, which is an essential element of Rotary's governance, adopted measures that are effective from July 1. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good

character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. Vice President Greg E. Podd said that the increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary; develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council's decisions:

- A Council on Resolutions will meet online annually to consider resolutions – recommendations to the RI Board. Council members will be selected for three-year terms, wherein they will participate in the Council on Resolutions

Blood Donation Drive by RCB



The District Thrust Committee of RCB along with other Rotary clubs in south Mumbai organized blood donation camps at the CST and Churchgate railway stations on the 1st July. As part of this drive, members of the Rotaract Club of Jai Hind Collage and the Rotaract Club of Churchgate performed a street play at CST railway station to spread awareness not only about blood donation but also to eradicate the taboo around organ donation. Total Blood collection was 152 bottles. "The measure of life after all, is not its duration, but its donation. The best social cause to start a new year with", said Bharvi Chheda, President of RCJC.

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Rtn. Arun Sanghi
Rtn. Dr. Adi Dastur
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Rtn. Dr. Sonya Mehta
Rtn. Ramesh Narayan
Rtn. Jagdish Malkani
Rtn. Meera Alreja

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Mr. Rakesh Maria, DGP - Home Guard

Starting his career as Assistant Superintendent of Police, Rakesh Maria has earned a reputation of being one of India's toughest cops. In 1993, twelve explosions rocked the city, killing over 350 people. Maria, who was then the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic, cracked the case in less than 24 hours.

He interrogated Ajmal Kasab just hours after the Pakistani terrorist was caught alive. The questioning led to important information being relayed to the National Security Guard

commandos engaged in a fierce battle with Kasab's associates at Hotel Trident, Taj Mahal Hotel and Chabad House. Using mental games on a highly indoctrinated terrorist, he got him to admit not only his role, but also that of his controllers in Pakistan.

As chief of Mumbai's Anti-Terror Squad (ATS), Maria uncovered the network of Indian Mujahideen and its sleeper cells of homegrown terrorists who had planted bombs in Delhi, Ahmedabad, Varanasi, Mumbai and others cities.



Birthday & Anniversary Greetings



Hoshang Billimoria
7th July



Suresh Lulla
7th July



Jetu-Jacques Lalvani
9th July



Pulin Shroff
11th July



Samir Chinai
13th July



Dara Mehta
13th July



Hariprasad Nevatia
13th July



Farouk Chinoy
14th July



Nirav Shah
15th July



Rekha Tanna
16th July



Dr. Indu Shahani
17th July



Kamal Bulchandani
18th July



Framroze Mehta
18th July

Rotaryanne

06th July - Leela Chandalia
08th July - Mr. Prakash Makhija
09th July - Neelam Goyal
09th July - Delna Vazifdar
11th July - Kavita Dalal
12th July - Anita Advani
14th July - Namrata Kirpalani

15th July - Nandini Narvekar
15th July - Amisha Shroff
16th July - Parmeshwar Godrej
16th July - Sumitra Kothari
18th July - Yasmin Chibber
18th July - Malti Jain
18th July - Ekta Shah

Anniversaries

6th July - Leela Chandalia
8th July - Mr. Prakash Makhija
9th July - Neelam Goyal
9th July - Delna Vazifdar
11th July - Kavita Dalal

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Statistics for last week's meeting

Members	175
Guest	92
Rotaryannes	77
Rotaracts	06
Total Attendance	350