

## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



### From the President's Desk



Celebrities enjoy a larger than life status in India. People follow their every move closely. Their recognition can therefore become a powerful force in raising awareness for crucial domestic as well as international social issues.

In today's times of digitalisation, there are many ways through which celebs can reach out to people with a social message. It can be through endorsements, chat shows, news channels, reality shows and social media. With the kind of spotlight they enjoy, they must put their best foot forward to serve society by supporting a social cause and promoting it through different mediums.

There are many celebrities who are already working diligently towards bringing a change in society. Shabana Azmi has been a children and women rights activist for a long time, apart from fighting the stigma and injustice associated with AIDS. Aamir Khan is a perfect example of how to use stardom to create awareness and awakening. He managed to bring in a positive change in society with India's first talk show on social issues, 'Satyamev Jayate,' which he hosted. Actress Nandita Das was the face of the campaign 'Dark is Beautiful', aimed at those who think that fair skin is better. Deepika Padukone chose to talk about her depression publicly. Her foundation, 'The Live Love Laugh Foundation', is in the process of being setup and aims to spread awareness about mental health and offer help to those who are affected. Superstar Amitabh Bachchan has been involved in numerous social works and supports various causes and charities. Amongst his several campaigns, some of the important ones are polio eradication campaign, the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao campaign and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Today, we are awarding actor, entrepreneur and social activist Juhi Chawla with a Social Service Award for her support to social causes like creating awareness about harmful effects of plastic and overuse of mobile phones.

With the wonderful work that the Rotary Club of Bombay is doing, a brand ambassador for our club may help us to enhance and create awareness for our projects. Would celebrities like Juhi Chawla step up and fill this role?

## The Art of Giving by the Young and Old



Back in 1972, Kalyan Banerjee began his journey as a Rotarian in Vapi, Gujarat. Forty years hence, he has served as the 101<sup>st</sup> president of Rotary International, and is, at present, the International Chairperson of TRF. While every senior Rotarian has played a character in the story that sums up this triumphant journey, each one of them waited eagerly for him to enchant them with the details.

### Today's Speaker

Juhi Chawla to be presented the 'Rotary Club of Bombay Social Service Award'



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During the time he spent away from India, his work and efforts towards upholding the Rotary mission could only be appreciated through social media and online newsletters - which throws light on how the internet has made the world a smaller place. However, forty years of undeterred service cannot be given its due respect with just a cursory glance from a distance. So to finally have Banerjee back on the dias was like turning back the hands of time, back to when he was a regular at the Rotary meetings in Mumbai.

Just as St. Paul proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, our very own

Mr. Paul George, ex-president of the Rotary Club of Bombay, proclaimed Banerjee as "one of India's outstanding Rotarians" and ushered the speech of "the third Indian to occupy the prestigious office as the president of Rotary International." Here, the audience was let in on some inside stories, the kind of stories that go on to mark a man for life: "Back in 2001, in the state of Gujarat, where Banerjee hails from, came a terrible earthquake, measuring 7.2 on the Richter scale. It occurred on the morning of 26th January..."

Those present, were glad to be narrated the entire story in the

somber pitch that comes naturally to George, but in summary: The 26th of January, 2001, would find students in their school premises for morning assemblies and flag hoisting ceremonies. It was then that the devastating earthquake took place. Many towns and villages were affected; thousands died. In the town of Anjar, probably the worst affected, Banerjee was acquainted with an old lady, who visited the makeshift Rotary office several times to offer Rotarians her savings for Anjar's redevelopment work. At one point, the acquaintance turned into a lasting friendship, when the lady "narrated her tale of woe."

By the time the houses had been rebuilt by the efforts of philanthropic Rotarians, she had contributed over a lakh of rupees. Thanking the Rotarians for their efforts in rebuilding Anjar, she said: Two years ago her son and daughter-in-law were killed in a bus accident. She survived the catastrophe, only because she felt she had to stay alive for her granddaughter. And then tragically, on the 26th of January, her granddaughter went to school and never came back. Banerjee, who was among the Rotarians she was addressing, could not help but shed tears when she went



on to say, "I gave you whatever I saved for my pilgrimage to Hajj, but today you have given me more than I have lost. I don't need to go to Mecca. My Mecca is right here."

"Paul George, my God! You remembered all those stories. But you know what? If you are coming to Atlanta, you will hear me tell that story again," began Banerjee as the applause subsided. Since he is now the International chair of TRF, he proclaimed that he was glad to be back to his "most favourite Club in the world." He went on to congratulate the President Dr. Mukesh Batra, for his successful year, that has included some "outstanding work with the youth."

For the current year, Banerjee has set the optimistic target of raising 300 million dollars in order to serve the underprivileged. In this way, he is raising the bar from last year's total collection of 230 million dollars. He urged Rotarians to continue making the impossible possible, especially considering that the Club is not far from its promise of raising a million dollars. The result of which, would be overtaking "Japan and being the number two country in giving to the world."



It was indeed an invigorating start to his discourse on giving. He went on to invite Rotarians to the 101st anniversary convention in Atlanta, which occurs later this month. "It happens to be the largest convention in the history of the Rotary," stated Banerjee. Incidentally, the venue is the same used for Arch C. Klumph's initial speech when setting up the Rotary Foundation in 1917, "when World War 1 was raging." The comparison does not seem too audacious because "Klumph was a dreamer of colossal proportions. But today Banerjee thinks the foundation

can surpass even his most colossal dreams. He was proud to know that in its first hundred years, the foundation has provided 3.7 billion dollars worldwide." And to think that the foundation began with only twenty six dollars and fifty cents.

The impressive numbers at which the Rotary is contributing was well summed up, by taking the worldwide Polio issue as an example. "16 million. That is the number of people walking today, who would have otherwise been paralysed due to Polio, without our Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The world is beginning to look more Polio-free than you can imagine."

Surely, as the Rotary enters its second century, "The end seems to be in sight, and India, with the help from Rotary India, is on its way to fulfill literacy. Congratulations Rotarians!"

This proud moment in Rotary Club history was a quick overview of the power of giving by an old friend. But the Rotarians also made a new acquaintance last Tuesday...





home, quickly making his “selfish need,” the need of the hour. But since curiosity survives formal education, it was hard to get one’s head around the mystery of why a constitutional lawyer would use his hands instead of his power of analysis to fight for the cause of marine welfare. At least not until this revelation - “I love the constitution and I want to follow it in my life. But as we have certain rights, we also have duties: The same constitution under which you seek protection, tells us that we have a duty as well. It is a fundamental duty to protect our environment.”

Afroz Shah was also a part of the meeting. The UN has described his work as “the world’s largest clean-up in history, and the honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi has responded to his once-impossible feat, stating, “It is our duty to protect the environment for our future generations. One of Mumbai’s dirtiest beaches, Versova, has been completely transformed into a clean and pristine beach. The entire credit for this goes to Versova Residents Volunteers (VRV) and their leader Afroz Shah, who began the clean-up in October 2015.”

of great pride that Afroz Shah was awarded the Taru Lalwani Award for his environmental work, the audience did not seem to mind the minor interlude. On the contrary, Shah made a polite yet firm plea to all Rotarians to take out a few hours from their weekends to clean the beach nearest to them. In the words of Afroz Shah, “I stand here with a very selfish need. It gives me gratification that I do something for my planet, my country, and the marine species who don't have their own tongue to speak for.”

That quite clearly explains why Afroz Shah chose to silently go about his duty of protecting the environment a year and a half ago. With time, two hands have become the many hands that form the Versova Residents Volunteers (VRV), yet the lawyer’s indomitable conviction was reflected in his concluding statement. “There are more than 18 million people in Mumbai, which means 36 million hands. If these hands were to pick litter, the job would be done in no time.” As he returned to his seat, he received a resounding applause - the result of 126 attendees, who put 252 hands together.

It came as a surprise to many that they were going to be addressed by two speakers. It was a matter

A well-made audio-visual presentation was shown after a brief introduction to his cause. It undoubtedly drove the point



## JJ Hospital Inauguration

Sir JJ Group of Hospitals is a conglomerate of 4 Hospitals: Sir JJ Hospital, St. George's Hospital, Gokuldas Tejpal Hospital & Camal Albless Hospital. A combined effort of Sir Jamsetjee Jeejabhoy & Robert Grant saw the birth of this Institute to cater to the medical care of the patients and offer Western Medical education to the Indians.



Sir J. J. Group of Hospitals is the largest referral hospital in the state of Maharashtra.

Sir J. J. Hospital alone has more than 30,000 indoor admissions every year and more than 5 lakhs out patients every year. The hospital being a Government hospital is giving free service to all the patients.

There are 45 wards, with a bed strength of 1352. Daily in patients are around 1200. Also, they have separate hostel facilities for Girls

and Boys in JJ hospital. Girls' hostel comprises of two buildings while Boys' hostel comprises of two buildings.

Currently, the water purifiers on each floor, are out of order due to poor maintenance. The solution is to change them to a single plant in order to keep the maintenance costs low. The hospital approached Eureka Forbes Institute of Environment and Rotary Club of Bombay to undertake this project as part of the Water and Sanitation thrust area. Upon receiving this request the Dean of JJ Hospital, Eureka Forbes Institute of Environment officials conducted a detailed survey on each of the buildings of the hospital. Their findings came back with the solution to install four 1000 LPH UV plants, since the source of water is from BMC.

The hospital will be taking care of all the infrastructure needs while Rotary Club of Bombay under their thrust area of "Water" along with Eureka Forbes Institute of



Environment under their "Jal Daan" initiative will install these four plants and also provide Comprehensive AMC for 5 years.

These plants will be installed at the following places which are inside the campus of JJ Hospital:

1. RM Bhatt Boys Hostel
2. Apna Boys Hostel
3. Apna Ladies Hostel
4. Ladies Hostel

A formal MOU was also signed on 13th April 2017 for this initiative between JJ Hospital, Rotary Club of Bombay and Eureka Forbes Institute of Environment. This initiative will provide clean and safe drinking water to over 1,000 students. The inauguration took place on 25th May 2017 and Dr. Mukesh Batra was the chief guest.



## Cancer Aid Committee celebrates NO TOBACCO DAY

Rotary club of Bombay celebrated World NO TOBACCO DAY at CST station by creating an awareness campaign in association with Salaam Bombay, reaching more than 2500 people through the day.

World Health Organization (WHO) started World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) to create awareness among the masses about widespread prevalence of tobacco use and its negative health effects. This day is observed by all the members' states of WHO all around the world on 31st May. Each year, the WHO selects a theme for the day in order to create a more unified global message for WNTD. This year the theme for World No Tobacco Day 2017 is "Tobacco - a threat to development."

The event was held on 30th May 2017 at CST station which is the main station of the Central Railway lines of Mumbai. The city of Mumbai is one of the most populated cities in the world, and it is growing each and every day. The people of Mumbai come from various backgrounds and they are vulnerable to various diseases and health hazards. The idea was to reach the masses at CST Station and create awareness.

The event started early morning at 7am. The commuters were excited to see the children drawing rangoli and it captured their attention. The artwork depicted that the students have themselves taken the mantle in their own hands and are cleaning out the evil of tobacco from our nation, which is a major threat to our nation's health and development.

Rtn. Dr. Mukesh Batra, President - Rotary Club of Bombay, Rtn. Madhusudan Daga, Chairman - Cancer Aid Committee, Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, President elect of Rotary Club of Bombay, Station Manager Of CST Mr. Ramkaran Meena graced the event with their presence. They inaugurated the event by finishing the rangoli by filling up colour, and unveiled the posters which were made by the children of Salaam Bombay Foundation. The students of Dongri Municipal School, Sandesh Vidyalaya & Glove Mill Municipal school explained the posters to the dignitaries. Through the posters, people were made aware about the hazards of tobacco. All the dignitaries were invited to the stage & Mr. Sandeep Gawde of Salaam Bombay Foundation explained the concept of World No Tobacco day to the masses and thanked the efforts of Rotary Club Of Bombay, Cancer Aid Committee & Central Railway for supporting the cause against tobacco. Dr. Batra the president of Rotary Club Of Bombay shared his experiences about the hazards of tobacco to the people gathered during the event as well.

The Bhavishya Yaan children of Byculla School, performed a street play which spread the awareness about tobacco and how tobacco hurts our development. The students performed with great enthusiasm and the crowd enjoyed the performances and applauded their efforts. The children performed thrice during the day and reached out to more than 300 people through this activity.



The Chief Guests Dr Batra and Mr. Madhusudan Daga appreciated the efforts of students and were impressed with their display and confidence. Rtn. Dilip Dalal and Ekta Shah also participated in the event.

The other event which attracted huge crowds at the event was the "Chalta Bolta Tambakula Dhishoom Quiz show." A total of 6 quiz shows were conducted and made aware about the hazards of tobacco. During the event we used Social Media as a platform where people clicked selfies in "Tambaku ko Dhishoom" selfie frame and shared their pictures in the "Tambaku ko Dhishoom" Facebook page.

### Statistics:

1. Quiz conducted 6 times and approximately 900 people participated throughout the day
2. Street play enacted 3 times and around 300 people enjoyed and took videos
3. Rangoli and art display attracted many commuters and around 2000 people throughout the day clicked pictures and appreciated the art



## Elder's Day Care Centre, Aawas Village, Alibag



On Saturday 27th May 2017 a group of 60 Members from Rotary Club of Bombay went by a catamaran to Aawas Village in Alibag for the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of 'The Elder's Day Care Centre,' to be constructed there. The same was inaugurated by President Rtn. Dr. Mukesh Batra. The Panchayat of the village was kind enough to allot us a half an acre plot at a prime location adjoining their educational complex and the recreation garden. The Elder's home will cater to all the nearby villages of Aawas. It will have 2 large rooms for elders as a day care centre.

Chairman of the Senior Citizens Committee PP Rtn. Ashish Vaid felt there is a dire need for such a centre. Many young couples can go to work leaving the elders in the day care centre where they will

have company and also be well looked after. Light meals are also planned for the elders. The home is being funded by PP. Rtn. Nalin Parekh.

We hope to commence the construction soon and complete the same within one year. The Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony was followed by brunch at PP. Rtn. Ashish Vaid and Partner Gopi's Aawas home, where they played fabulous hosts. We then boarded the evening catamaran to return back to Mumbai.



The Fellowship Committee is pleased to invite you for a Farewell

# CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

Sunday, 25th June 2017  
12 noon to 3 pm  
Rooftop, Trident  
Nariman Point  
Mumbai

Dress : Smart Casual  
For members & spouses only  
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## Forthcoming Events

- **June 13th, 2017**  
**Speaker - Dr A. Herwadkar** to receive the 'Rotary Anita Parikh Award' for women empowerment.
- **June 20th, 2017**  
**Club Awards**  
**Speaker - Varun Gandhi:** MP & National General Secretary, BJP "Ideas for a new India".
- **June 21st, 2017**  
World Yoga Day celebrations. 7:30 am at Colaba Municipal School.
- **June 25th, 2017**  
Farewell Brunch at the Trident Rooftop at 12 noon.
- **June 28th, 2017**  
Special In Camera event for Office Bearers, Directors and Chair persons "Singing for my Supper" - Dr Mukesh Batra at the residence of Rekha Tanna, 6:30 pm onwards.

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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

### Dr. Asavari Herwadkar - Rotary Anita Parikh Award



women living in the slums of Mumbai through vocational training. She is a John T & Catherine D Mac Arthur Fellow and recipient of Ma-Bapu Gandhi National Award.

A microbiologist, researcher, physician, educationist and social worker by profession, after completing her research fellowship at the University of Maryland Institute of Human Virology, she came back to India and founded the Ojus Medical Institute and Damini.

Founder and Director of Damini, a programme supported by Concern India Foundation, focuses on employment generation for



## Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Premnath  
6<sup>th</sup> June



Rtn. Anuj Arenja  
8<sup>th</sup> June



Rtn. Shekhar Bajaj  
8<sup>th</sup> June



Hon. Rtn. Rahul Bajaj  
10<sup>th</sup> June



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12<sup>th</sup> June

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10<sup>th</sup> June - Ptn. Mr. Noshir Desai  
11<sup>th</sup> June - Ptn. Gulrez Contractor  
12<sup>th</sup> June - Ptn. Mr. Firoze Vakil

### Anniversaries

6<sup>th</sup> June - Rtn. Nelum & Ptn. Avan Gidwani  
Rtn. Chiranjilal & Ptn. Sushila Joshi  
8<sup>th</sup> June - Rtn. Meera & Ptn. Mr. Sushil Kumar  
9<sup>th</sup> June - Rtn. Rohit & Ptn. Vaidehi Dhoot  
12<sup>th</sup> June - Rtn. Alok & Ptn. Mayuri Sekhsaria  
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### Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	111
Partners	01
Visiting Rotarians	03
Guests	05
Rotractors	06
Total attendance	126
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 3,000/-