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From the President's Desk

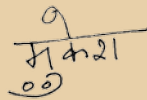


One cannot emphasize enough the importance of transportation in a city. No wonder it is called its

'lifeline'. Though our city Mumbai has seen colossal development in transport infrastructure in the last decade, the ever increasing population in Mumbai is rendering the present day infrastructure facilities inadequate. The growing vehicular population and consequent traffic congestion are still issues that need to be addressed. On an average, a Mumbaikar still travels a minimum of 2 hours and a maximum of 4-5 hours a day to work.

It was good to hear from our last week's speaker that Mumbai is geared up for some revolutionary development in transport infrastructure.

Mumbai is the highest tax paying city in India. Let's hope that our political masters finally give our city and its Mumbaikars its due.



Future Of Transport Infrastructure In Mumbai

India, the seventh largest nation with over a billion people, has one of the largest transport sectors. However, not without its own set of challenges. Mumbai, the financial capital of the country has seen immense development in its transport infrastructure over the last decade, but the ever increasing population in the city is rendering the present day infrastructure facilities inadequate. However, the city is gearing up for a major infrastructure development informed Mr Radheshyam Mopalwar, MD, MSRDC, while speaking on "Future of Mumbai."

Mr Mopalwar started his talk with a quote that emphasizes the importance of transport infrastructure for a common man. He said, "If a city wants to become prosperous, the city has to talk about the quality of life that it provides to the common man who walks. The city walks, it does not travel on wheels." He further questioned, "Are we any way closer?"

Answering the question, he spoke



Mr Radheshyam Mopalwar

about the transport infrastructure development projects executed by MSRDC over the last few years. He said, "Started in 1996 with a vision to create a dedicated organization in road infrastructure, MSRDC has completed some mega projects including the Mumbai-Pune Expressway as well as the network of 55 flyover bridges in Mumbai. Bandra Worli Sea Link (BWSL), a new iconic structure and Mumbai's new land-

Today's Meeting Indu Sahni, President & Executive Chair ISDI, ISDI WPP, ISME - 'Re-imagining Education'.

Forthcoming Events

- Dec 06, 2016 AGM [Venue: CK Naidu Hall, CCI]
- Dec 13, 2016 Don Gardner - Principal, B.D. Somani International School - 'Learning from Shakespeare'
- Dec 20, 2016 2016 X'mas Dinner
- Dec 27, 2016 2016 Housie

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mark has put MSRDC on the map of world transport infrastructure companies. "

He further went on to talk about the Mumbai Metro. "Till 2003, we didn't even touch the concept of the Metro in Mumbai. It was only post the success of the Delhi Metro in 1998 and 2003 that we thought of having a Metro in Mumbai. Two sections of this metro are already in action, work has already started in the Colaba-Seepz and Dahisar-Andheri corridor and the remaining corridors are in an advanced stage of development. An additional line was introduced recently between Thane-Bhiwandi-Kalyan.

He further mentioned, "For a long time, we have been talking about Mumbai and North-South connectivity. This Metro network for the very first time also takes care of east-west connectivity, south-west to south-east, and from south-east. All corridors will be connected. It will also connect the Santacruz airport and the Chatrapati Shivaji International airport to the new Navi Mumbai Airport. Navi Mumbai has already taken up its first Metro segment for execution. This entire network covers more than 2,000 sq kms of area out of 4,400 kms of area. This I suppose is the biggest infrastructure project ever thought of. This got a boost in the last 2 years."

Mr Mopalwar also informed, "The Government has already approved projects on the Metro at a cost of 89,000 crores. Now, a lot of you



might ask from where the funds come from? As you are aware that by 1995, the first PPP (public-private partnerships) projects came in. In fact, all the 55 bridges that came in Mumbai were not made by the tax-payers money but they were constructed by the users money. Bhiwandi by-pass was the 1st user-free based infrastructure project, which came in 1991. And now the tax concessions will come in 2017-2018. Talking about PPP, the bankers just don't want to look at you because they have thousands of crores stuck in various PPP projects. Despite the challenge of financing, the Govt. of India is aggressively, pursuing it in the last 2 years."

Mr Moplwar added, "All over India, we have 97,000 kms. of national

highways and the Govt. of India has proposed another 95,000 kms. of national highways in a very short span of 3-5 years. In Maharashtra, we have 7,400 kms of National Highways. We are adding another 13,000 kms of national highways, out of which 4,000 kms has already been executed by MSRDCs ."

He further said, "People never believed that we will be able to do that type of work. However, we have achieved it. As an organization, we have done projects only on user-fee basis whether they are 55 bridges or the Mumbai-Pune Expressway. The biggest initiative was the Bandra-Worli sealink. "

Talking about the tolls and associated challenges, Mr Mopalwar said, "A lot of investment goes into developing infrastructure. Once the project is complete people feel happy, as it makes their life convenient. However, within few years they start asking when are you going to stop taking tolls? Now, the first term of ease of doing business in the international market and in the national market is the sanctity of contract. You have a contract with the BOT operator or the private investors. But, if he is not very confident that he is likely to collect the toll for the next 20 yrs or 25 yrs for whatever amount he has already invested, that becomes a very scary scenario. Despite these challenges, in Mumbai, we are taking on other projects. We really hope to change the way Mumbai commutes in the next few years and provide some relief to the people of this city."

RCB Expands Its Membership With Two New Members



Rtn Rasik Ajmera introducing Raj Ajmera



Rtn S.K. Mitra introducing Ajay Kumar

President Dr. Mukesh Batra pins the Rotary emblem on the newly inducted members Ajay Kumar (left) and Raj Ajmera (right)

During last Tuesday's meeting, two new members were inducted into the Club - Mr Ajay Kumar and Mr Raj Ajmera

Ajay Kumar is a former board member of MCX. He is a senior banker and has served as a chairman & managing director of Corporation Bank. He has done his Masters in Physics from University of Allahabad. He is a law graduate and also holds a CAIIB certificate. Being a chairperson of a nationalised bank, he has served in various domains including IT operations, SME loans and agri-business. He was on the board of Indo-Zambian Bank and was the Founder-Director on the board of National Payment Corporation of India which

has brought game-changing innovations in payment systems of the banking industry. He is currently on the board of Yes Bank, one of the leading banks in the country. He is also an independent director of Nuclear Power Corporation.

Raj Ajmera was a Senior Consultant in Accenture and has also served as an Equity Research Analyst at Morgan Stanley. Currently, he is a partner at Excellent Engineering Corporation. He holds a Bachelors degree in Science (Industrial Engineering). Also, he is an MBA in Finance and Marketing from Vanderbilt University.

Our club membership now stands at 316.

3rd Jal Jeevan Centre inaugurated at Ambujwadi, Malad

On 21st November, the Water Resources Committee established its 3rd Jal Jeevan Centre at Ambujwadi slum in Malwani to



provide safe, clean drinking water to the residents of that community. A Global Grant project of the Rotary Club of Bombay in partnership with Rotary Club of Detroit, the Jal Jeevan Centre houses a Reverse Osmosis water purification plant installed by Eureka Forbes Institute of Environment. The plant was inaugurated by President Dr. Mukesh Batra, donor Mr. Kantibhai from Detroit and Rtn. Suresh Goklaney of Eureka Forbes. Rotary Club of



Bombay also partnered with United Way, India and NGO Ghar Banao Ghar Bachao Andolan to conduct a Hepatitis-B immunization camp for residents of the slum.

Committee Reports – Plans & Achievements

Interact Committee

Chairperson: Rtn Bipin Vazirani

Number of Interact Clubs - 25

The Interact Committee has so far executed the following projects:

1. Newspaper Drive

We usually sell old newspapers to raddiwallas. But have we ever considered that the funds so generated can be used for several good causes like providing meals to malnourished children, or providing clothes to the needy? One such unique initiative was carried out by the Interact Committee where school students were asked to collect newspapers from their own house as well as from the neighborhood. The amount collected by selling these newspapers was given to the school's helping staff. The newspapers, magazines and waste thus collected can also be further recycled. Isn't this a fun, yet a social as well as an environment caring program? Kudos to all the committee members for this wonderful thought and congratulations to all the kids for making this possible.

2. Cleanliness & Awareness Drive - Dengue Awareness

Dengue is a viral disease that is



transmitted by the infective bite of a mosquito. To spread awareness regarding the disease, a Cleanliness and Awareness Drive was carried out by the Interact Committee where posters and charts were made to inform and educate people on the rapid spread of dengue, its preventive measures and precautions that should be taken.

3. Green Commandos program

Through Green Commando program, the committee will educate the children on the effects of global warming. It will also create awareness of segregation of dry, wet, bio-medical & E-waste and teach the children how to segregate waste in the school as well as at their home and surrounding areas.

4. Patriotism

As a small gesture of showing our gratitude towards the Armed Forces of our country, some students tied rakhi to the defence/ army personnel on Raksha Bandhan day.

5. Cyber Safety - Modern Safety: A seminar was held

for raising awareness on issues such as cyber bullying, security, inappropriate content, trolls, plagiarism and bogus websites.

Fort Convent School

1. Save the girl child and protect crime against women

To spread awareness on the importance of women in society and to avoid crime against women, Fort Convent School initiated an awareness drive to save the girl child and protect crime against women in India.

2. Save Water: Save Water is a project to show different ways of carefully using water.

3. Best out of waste: This was a unique project to make the best use of waste. The foremost benefit of recycling is that it helps in protecting the environment in the most balanced manner and reduces energy consumption.

Hindu Vidya Bhavan (HVB School)

Elder Abuse Awareness

The students of HVB School discussed elder abuse issues and also presented solutions for the same.

Rotaract Committee

Chairperson: Rtn Mehul Sampat

Number of Rotaract Clubs - 6

Rotaract Clubs of Jai Hind College, HR College of Commerce & Economics, Hinduja College, Government Dental College, Bombay and Indian School of Design & Innovation.

The major projects executed by the Rotaract Committee include:

- 1. Rotary Club of Bombay:** Project Rishtey. It offered a rakhi-making class for the kids of Aruna Shelter Home
- 2. Government Dental College:**



Visits Talwada twice a month

3. Jai Hind College: Blood donation drive

4. HR College: Project Echo

5. The Rotaractors help Bhavishya Yaan students by coaching them in English, Science and Mathematics

6. Supported Animal Welfare Committee by selling tickets of the fund raiser event for Welfare of Stray Dogs (WSD).

7. Participation in the District Interact Conference named "Udaan".

District Thrust Committee

Chairperson: Rtn Alok Sekhsaria

Some of the major projects executed by the District Thrust Committee include:

DIABETES CAMP

The Club participated in the Diabetes Camp, an initiative of the District and examined around 904 under privileged citizens. It was found that about 244 people were diabetic.

PAEDIATRIC HEART SURGERIES

Our club has committed to 100 Surgeries.



The Rotary Foundation

Chairperson: Rtn PDG Gulam Vahanvaty

The centennial year of The Rotary Foundation was celebrated by felicitating PRIP and TRF Chair Rtn.Kalyan Bannejee. The club has remitted till date US \$4,92,650 to the RI foundation. The donors are Rtn.Manoj Israni \$250,000; Rtn.Ajay Piralal \$200,000 (term gift); Rtn Manoj Murarka \$25,000, Rtn.Meera Alreja \$10,000, Rtn.Rajas Doshi \$5,000 & PP Rtn.Nirav Shah \$2,650



Chairperson: Rtn Rekha Tanna

Sonal Holland, India's First Master of Wine talks about the five S's of Wine tasting

A wine tasting, appreciation and education event was hosted by Vrinda Rajgarhia on 17th November 2016 at her residence. Attended by 40 Rotarians and Rotaryannes, the event saw India's first and only master of wine, Sonal Holland, educating the guests on the 5 S's of wine tasting - See, Swirl, Sniff, Sip and Savor.

Sonal educated the guests on the varieties of white wines available, various regions of the world growing white wine grapes; and how to differentiate good wines from the bad ones. She also suggested at what temperatures white wine

should be stored & served.

Sonal then gave insights about red wine. She spoke about how to identify if the wine is new, mature, light bodied, or heavy bodied, which one can tell by the colour, sniff, swirl, and sip.

She went on to discuss about other Indian Wines too. This was followed by a long session of questions & answers after which a vote of thanks was given to Sonal Holland & Vrinda Rajgarhia by the In-Camera Chair Person Rtn Rekha Tanna. The wine session was followed by the cocktails and dinner hosted graciously by Rtn Vrinda Rajgarhia.



IWC's Library Preservation Project



Inner Wheel Club of Bombay inaugurated the Library Preservation project on 16th November at Mani Bhavan, the Gandhi memorial museum at Gamdevi, Mumbai.

The project supports 84 important books by and on Gandhiji, the Father of the Nation. These books are part of the library at Mani Bhavan and a rich source of information to researchers, scholars and students.

The event was attended by IW District Chairman Falguni Mehta, several IW Dignitaries from Nigeria and Mumbai, important guests and club members.

The donors along with the IW District Chairman and President Sweta Vakil presented a cheque of Rs 6.75 lakhs to Dr. Usha Thakkar, President of Mani Bhavan Gandhi Sangrahalaya

In Camera Committee
Invites you to

A Talk On
Safeguards Against Back & Joint Problems

By
Dr. Rumi Fardun Beramji

On
Wednesday, 14th December
At 6.30 PM



Followed by
Cocktails & Dinner

Hosted By
Divyaa & Mayank Kumar

At
The Terrace, Shikhar Kunj
29 A Carmichael Road, Mumbai - 26

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Limited Seats. Please Confirm in Advance.



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TODAY'S SPEAKER

Dr. Indu Shahani

President & Executive Chair ISDI, ISDI WPP, ISME

Dr. Indu Shahani is the former Sheriff of Mumbai and Founding Dean of the Indian School of Management & Entrepreneurship (ISME). She served as the Principal of H.R. College of Commerce & Economics. An academican with over three decades of teaching experience at university and degree colleges, Dr. Shahani served as a member of the University Grant's Commission. She is also a member of various committees such as the Academic Council and the Audit & Corporate Governance Committee of HSBC. She has been an Independent Director at United Spirits Limited since August 14, 2014. She has pioneered linkages with various bodies such as CII, BCCI and IMC. She was awarded the Honorary Doctor of



Letters degree by the University of Westminster in London. She holds a PhD in Commerce from the University of Mumbai on enhancing academia institutional linkages.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Ashish Contractor
29 November



Sudha Motwane
30 November



Bipin Vazirani
30 November



Sohrab Khushrushahi
30 November



Nandan Damani
1 December



Sharukh Golwalla
2 December



Ashok Kumar
4 December



Trilochan Sahney
4 December

Rotaryane

29 Nov - Alpana Chinai
29 Nov - Arti Sanghi
30 Nov - Kashmira Dalal
1 Dec - Renu Chokhani
2 Dec - Malini Agarwalla
2 Dec - Ayesha Soonawalla

Anniversaries

30 Nov - Anita & Satya Bansal
30 Nov - Meher & Khurshed Poonawala
30 Nov - Priyanka & Mudit Jatia
1 Dec - Arnaz & Dr. Phiroze Sonawalla
1 Dec - Sharmila & Dr. Vikram Lele

2 Dec - Vasudha & Abhin Alimchandani
4 Dec - Mrudula & Hiranmay Biswas
4 Dec - Nandita & Manoj Patodia
5 Dec - Arin & Mr. Percy Master
5 Dec - Neha & Prakash Jotwani

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The statistics for the last week were as under:

Members present	114
Rotaryannes	04
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	07
Rotaractors	05
Total attendance	131
Community Service Box Collection	- ₹11,900/-

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