

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



From the President's Desk



Air and water are two essentials of life. However, with the pollution of these natural resources on the rise, it has become imperative to find ways of reducing man-made pollutants in the environment.

With winters getting colder day-by-day many people burn fire wood to get some warmth. This too is an example of man-made pollution. Some others are power plants, cars, airplanes and other vehicles. Over the Diwali weekend of 2016, India's air quality was among the world's worst. Air pollution has been linked to several health problems like asthma and lung diseases. 41 cities in India exceed the ambient air quality standard, and Mumbai is no exception.

Therefore, the Environment Committee works to educate and find ways and means on how Rotary can help improve air pollution levels in our city.

In addition to air pollution, the city is also facing the problem of water pollution due to discharge of untreated sewage. Polluted waters aren't safe to drink or swim. Moreover, with increasing population, water scarcity has become a concern too. In many areas, water is received every alternate day, and even the most sought-after addresses in Mumbai have to depend on water tankers. The situation has worsened to such an extent that the states are fighting over river waters.

The Water Resources Committee is looking into water harvesting and ensures that good quality water reaches people. Our water plants at Malvani and Ambujwadi are a big boon to people. However, we have to reach out to many more so that our city gets its two basic amenities - clean drinking water and un-polluted air.

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Navi Mumbai: a new vision, a new era.



After we extended a warm welcome to Mr. Bhushan Gagrani, the distinguished IAS officer and the Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Cidco, we had our very own Rtn. Purnima Advani talk about him to the members at our RCB meeting.

She introduced him as an esteemed visionary, and also a successful planner and achiever. His is probably one of the only Civil servants who has attained a PHD in management and MBA in governance. Beyond his academic excellence, he has devoted his life to Civil service after training at three renowned institutes in Nainital, Mussourie and at Panchgani.

Today's Speaker: Rtn. Anil Harish "Budget Expectations'.



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He has been an exceptionally dynamic officer, and after a successful innings at MIDC he has also held many other coveted posts in Maharashtra, and been involved whole heartedly in the launch of 'Make in India' which as we all know is a passionate project of our Prime Minister. He has a vast experience in fields as diverse as youth affairs and sports, public health, industrial development and now Cidco. Wishing him all the very best, she then asked him to come forward and address the crowd.

Mr. Bhushan introduced Cidco, a Government of Maharashtra's corporation that was formed in 1970. During the 50's and 60's Mumbai saw a sudden growth of population, as high as 35% to 45% and that is when there was a need to decongest the city, and that's how the govt. corporation Cidco was set up to aid this process.

Many people had only a passing knowledge of Navi Mumbai while traveling to Lonavla, but not many were aware at that time, that they are crossing through one of the largest planned cities in the world.

Now with a population of over a 3 million people, it offers immense opportunities. The future development of Mumbai is concentrated in Navi Mumbai since that is where there is the most scope to grow. It spreads across an area of 340 sq kms and has its own municipal corporations and residential areas that have been developing over 40 years.

The main topic for the gathering today are related to concerns regarding the congestion at the current Mumbai Airport.

Although it sees over 45 million passengers, the airport's capacity is only 40 million. In 2030 it is estimated to reach 100 million passengers per year.

Mr. Bhushan elaborated on the topic of the expansion of the airport saying that the aero activities and operations have their own limitations due to technical factors and there is a rising need for another airport, like there are in many cities. Some cities have minimum 2 international airports, and that has become imperative in a large

city like ours. Or else it will become almost impossible to get in and around Mumbai.

The first challenge for Cidco is to find a suitable location which will not affect the flight path of the existing airports or the western ghats. And of course, the land has to have over 1200 hectares of area. We have started looking for such sites since 10 years and most were not technically fit. One proposed location that we narrowed down on is a site close to Panvel.

While a city like Delhi, comparatively has a lot of space to develop, Mumbai unfortunately has runways that are crisscrossing, allowing only one plane to take off at a time.

Although it is the only technically feasible land of that size in Mumbai, it is difficult to manage it with hills, rivers passing, mangroves and wetlands. If we plan to go beyond Vasai or Virar to get a suitable space, it happens to be too far, and therefore Cidco struggled with this dilemma before narrowing down on this one.

After several negotiations with the

ministry of the environmental forests, to obtain clearances, the technical details have been presented and the bidding process is now on with 4 companies having been short listed.

Another challenge of the site besides the geographical and geological challenges are that there are about 10 villages and almost 3000 families that reside there, and removing them and shifting them in a democratic manner will pose to be a problem. Although they haven't moved yet, the talks are still on and they have agreed to move out once the bidding process is complete, but we are not confident of this happening smoothly since it involves people and it is not an easy thing to do.

Once the work starts, it would take about 3-3.5 years towards completion. We have also proposed to plan a smart city next to the Airport, to be known as Pushpamandal. Although the work hasn't started yet, all the necessary verticals have been addressed: the shifting of the people, the plans for engineering and the bidding. We hope that we can expect the actual work to begin in 6 months.

We will have to divert an entire river, which will be a huge challenge, and we have not yet found the right engineer for taking on such a difficult



task. Although there are several issues like that facing us, we are moving forward, and quite confident that by 2010 the new airport will be ready, with 2 runways, 2 taxiways and an ultra modern cityway, he said.

Along with this project there is to be the planning of a city that scales up to 500 sq kms and that makes it larger than the existing city of Mumbai that is 450sq kms. There would be immense potential here, to invest in real estate

and industries in the next 20-30 years.

He further talked about there being plans to find the right designers and architects to build a corporate park equivalent to Bandra Kurla Complex and hoping for it to be ready by the time the new airport is built.

The session ended with a very informative Q&A session that covered concerns about bidders walking out, connectivity to the airport, and to elaborate more on the choice of location vs. picking another area.



Participation in Phoenix Mega Medical Camp

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Phoenix Mega Medical camp was held from 10 am to 5 pm, on 20th, 21st and 22nd Jan 2017 at Phoenix compound, Lower Parel, Mumbai. Rotary Club of Bombay eagerly participated and gave free service to members of our community on "Yoga Therapy and Yoga Culture of Life". Kaivalyadhama, Lonavla and their Centre at ICYHC, Mumbai partnered with Rotary Club of Bombay, to provide the necessary service, expertise and knowledge on Yoga.

The 1st day of the free medical camp started with an inauguration ceremony at 11 am by Chief Guest - Hon. Shri. R.D. Shinde, Additional Police Commissioner, in the presence of Shri. Gopal Rai Mandhanja, Governor, Dist. 3141 & Dr. Mukesh Batra, President of Rotary Club of Bombay.



After the inauguration, the chief guest, the presidents & project leader from Rotary club of Bombay Queen City and few more Rotary members visited all the stalls to get a holistic experience. They also visited the RCB stall on "YOGA" and expressed gratitude for RCB's involvement in Yoga related sciences & services.

There were a lot of patients coming in and visiting the stall all throughout the day, keeping the momentum going. The patients were first checked by the doctors and then the Yoga teachers taught them asanas and other exercises which are beneficial to their health problems and also explained the concept of 'YOGA'.

3800 people were screened in the span of 3 days. Certificates and tokens of appreciation was distributed to the doctors and staff.

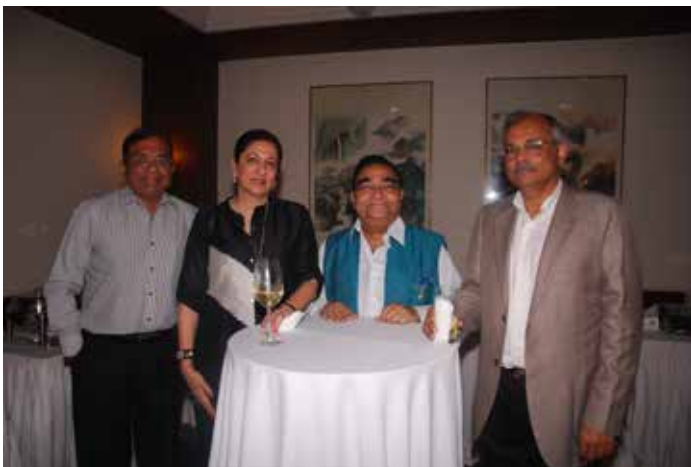
The entire event was a huge success with great response from everyone visiting the stall. It was a pleasure to see them all leaving smiling and taking back a message on Yoga, learning about the benefits and asanas that will stay with them permanently.



Documentary Screening: "The World Before Her"

The In Camera committee held a documentary screening on Thursday, 19th January 2017 at 6.30 pm. It was hosted by Ravi & Amita Sheth at their office and was followed by cocktails and dinner. The Rotarians met at 6.30 p.m. and the film screening was of 1 ½ hour followed by a Q & A session.

The documentary 'The World Before Her' is written, directed and produced by Nisha Pahuja. She is an Emmy-nominated filmmaker based in Toronto and Bombay. The documentary is a multi-award winning production about women's rights in India (Awarded - Best Documentary Feature, Tribeca Film Festival 2012; Best Canadian Documentary, Hot Docs 2012). It has been screened at over 130 film festivals world-wide and was nominated for an Emmy. The documentary was also part of Sundance's Film Forward program.



A synopsis of the movie:

In the lobby of a modest Bombay hotel, 20 young women from across India arrive for an intense, month-long beauty boot camp. They are the hand-picked contestants for the Miss India pageant, the ultimate glamour event in a country that has gone mad for beauty contests. Winning the coveted title means instant stardom, a lucrative career path and, for some girls, freedom from the constraints of a patriarchal society.

But as the popularity of pageants has exploded, so have the controversies surrounding them. The World Before Her sweeps back the curtain to reveal the intimate stories of young women determined to win the crown and the forces that oppose them.

The World Before Her creates a lively, provocative portrait of the world's largest democracy at a critical transitional moment. These young women may represent opposing extremes but in their hearts they share a common dream: to help shape the future of India as she meets the world before her.

The Tondal Durbar

BE PART OF THE UNIQUE HISTORICAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE REOPENING OF THE NEWLY RENOVATED CENTRAL LIBRARY



Music by the New York band
HOUSE OF WATERS and 3 additional international artists.

- Date** : Sunday 26th February 2017
Venue : THE ASIATIC SOCIETY, MUMBAI
Time : 6:30 to 9:30pm
Dress Code : Royal. Formal — circa 1880

Be a part of this rare event... limited invitations.



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Rotary Club of Bombay

Forthcoming Events

- **Feb 5th, 2017**

Sports - District level Tennis Tournament at MSLTA

- **Feb 7th, 2017**

Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award - Rishi Kapoor

- **Feb 10th, 2017**

Parsi Night @ Saher Agiary - Breach Candy 7pm onwards

- **Feb 14th, 2017**

Valentine Day Special

Debate by Rotarians 'What's Life without Love'

- **Feb 21st, 2017**

Speaker - Pankaj Udhas - '30 Years of Chithi Aayee Hai'

- **Feb 23rd, 2017**

In Camera - 6:30pm. Krupa Ghandhi - '**How to take good pictures on your mobile phone**' hosted by Rtn. Ramesh Mehta

- **Feb 26th, 2017**

Fund Raiser - The Asiatic Society The Tondal Durbar - 6:30pm

- **Feb 28th, 2017**

Speaker Sameer Dua - Author 'Creating a future that matter'

- **March 6th - 13th, 2017**

Fellowship to Bhutan

- **March 7th, 2017**

Speaker - Ashwini Bhide - MD, MMRCL 'Mumbai Metro - The project that would change the life of Mumbaikars'

- **March 14th, 2017**

District Governor visit to RCB

- **March 21st, 2017**

Speaker Parveen Pardesi -

Principal Secretary, Office of The Chief Minister, Maharashtra.

'Return of Tigers to Maharashtra'

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Actor Rishi Kapoor – Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award

Rishi Kapoor is an Indian film actor, producer and director known for his works in Hindi cinema. He received the National Film Award for his debut role as a child artist in his father's 1970 film Mera Naam Joker. Kapoor had his first lead role as an adult, opposite Dimple Kapadia in 1973 with the film Bobby and received the Filmfare Best Actor Award in 1974. Since then, he played leading roles as the romantic lead in 92 films between 1973 and 2000, of which 41 were multi-starrer films. He was honored with the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008. He appeared opposite his future wife Neetu Singh in twelve films from 1973 and 1981.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria
31st January



Rtn. Madhusadan Daga
4th February



Rtn. Dr. Hoshung Mobedji
5th February



Rtn. Ashok Gokal
6th February

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1st Feb - R/anne. Piroza Contractor
2nd Feb - R/anne. Nirmala Banaji
4th Feb - R/anne. Sangeeta Ramesh
6th Feb - R/anne. Ummehaani Bagasrawala

Anniversaries

31st Jan - R/anne. Snehal & Rtn. Ashish Jalan
1st Feb - R/anne. Mona & Rtn. Gaurav Nevatia
4th Feb - R/anne. Nandini & PP Rtn. Vikram Kamdar
5th Feb - R/anne. Kamal & Rtn. Sam Katgara
6th Feb - R/anne. Padmini & Rtn. Aditya Somani

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Members present	107
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Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	03
Rotaractors	06
Total attendance	119
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