

## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



### From the President's Desk



Dear friends,

Firstly, heartiest congratulations to our very own member PDG Gulam Vahanvati on his appointment as Trustee of The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

**Gulam, you make us feel so proud. Our best wishes are with you.**

The Rotary Foundation has been at the forefront of providing relief and succour to good causes all over the world. Its war on Polio is well documented. It is also a telling statement that eminent Foundations like the Melinda & Bill Gates Foundation place significant amounts of money with the TRF to spread the good work of charity across the world.

I have been personally privileged to have known Gulam for many years. In fact it was he who encouraged us in the nascent stages of Bhavishya Yaan (when he wasn't a member of our Club) to send in a submission for the prestigious Rotary International Award. The project went on to win this award and the rest as they say, is history.

I was delighted when I heard that Gulam would be interested in taking an active part in R.I. and TRF. And now that he has been bestowed this signal honor, I am sure he will take with him his customary grace and competence to a much larger canvass.

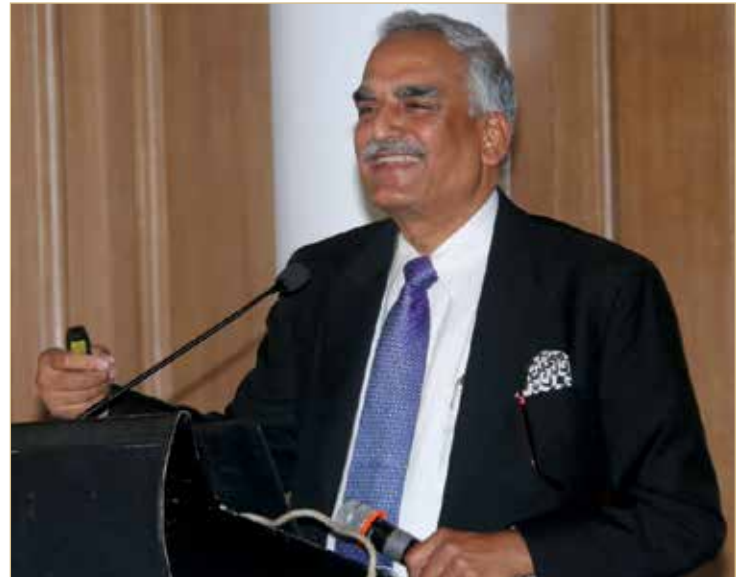
The Gateway had carried a Situations Vacant item where we appealed to members to consider a bright Bhavishya Yaan alumnus for a job. I am very pleased that this has got a positive response. This makes the program an end-to-end effort. From keeping kids in schools, to helping them dream, to holding their hands through college and now getting them jobs. I recall Arun Sanghi telling me that unless we get these kids good jobs our job is incomplete. I am glad the process of making the program even more meaningful has begun.

I appeal to all our members to take BY alumni as Interns and employees wherever they can.



Ramesh Narayan

### Cybercalifragilisticexpialidocious



"If Dawood Ibrahim would have requested my presence, I would say no emphatically, but not to Mr. Ramesh Narayan. So I'm here," said D. Sivanandhan, DGP (Retd.), before the audience burst out laughing. And with that opening line, the kind words used to introduce D. Sivanandhan's as an engaging speaker rang true.

As you'll soon realise, this Tuesday speaker often left us with no choice but to laugh, even when some of his revelations about the world of cybercrime demanded a serious reckoning. Take for example:

**Today's Speaker**    **Mr. Mathew Cherian**

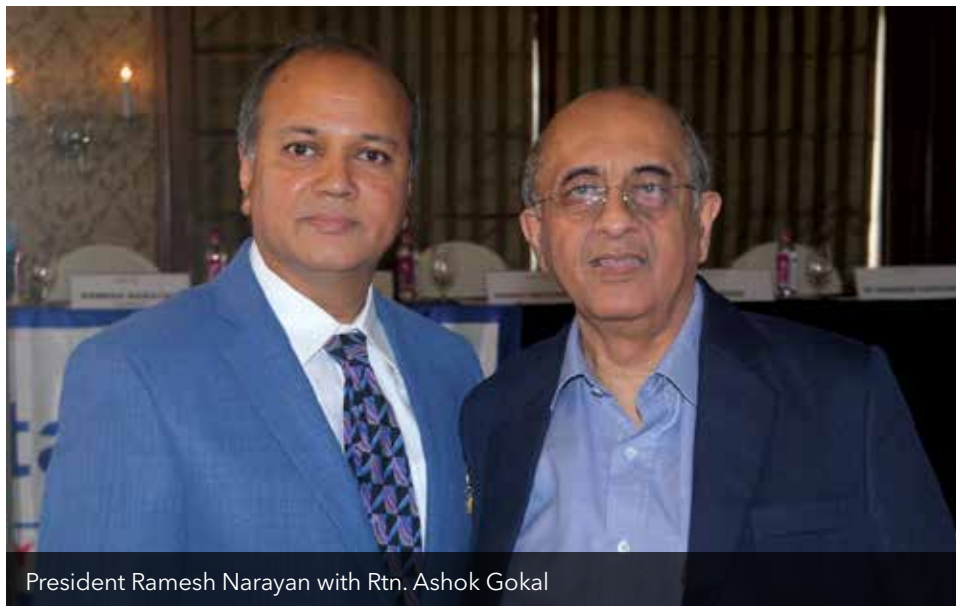


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Nowroz Vazifdar speaks about the induction process



President Ramesh Narayan with Rtn. Ashok Gokal

"We've all seen that movie: Van Damme says home, and the car takes him home, but I've come to tell you that there is a possibility that the car won't take you home. Instead, you'll be taken to a jungle, where you will be looted."

His motive was to warn rotarians about the danger lurking at every bend in the cyber world, but not without a hint of satire.

Like when he highlighted the misuse of 3D printing: "You are all business tycoons, and always want proof of concept, so here is a photograph of the 3D printed gun used by a guy to shoot two hundred rounds."

In a similar manner, he drew our attention to an incident that occurred next door to us: "Somebody in Lower Parel had ordered pizza on the tenth floor,

but when it got delivered with the help of a drone, they denied having placed the order because they feared if a pizza can come attached to a drone, so can RDX." The audience was in splits.

Those who were of the opinion that self-driven cars, unmanned flying objects (drones), and 3D printers were invented for a good cause, aren't entirely mistaken, but must be aware







Happy Birthday Rtn. Preeti Mehta



New Rotarian Jaideep Gandhi is inducted by President Ramesh

that the functionalities of these innovations can easily be manipulated. Cybercrime is the name given to such manipulation, but its definition varies according to the crime. Data theft is a variant of cybercrime that "has replaced the mafia crimes that were rampant before 2000." Realising this, at the turn of the century, the speaker had begun convincing the Indian government to establish a cybercrime branch: "Extortion used to be a major problem, but now, criminals have stopped taking away anybody's wife or

child because a person's data has become more valuable - and no one wants to pay to get [their families] back anymore."

The increased importance given to a person's data is an outcome of digitisation, which is why "cybercrime is the biggest risk to corporates today." Data can be used to create fake bank accounts, get credit card details, get loans, or worse "change medical records, to declare that a person is dead." D. Sivanandhan further revealed that Jharkhand is the hub for cyber extortions in India, and there is proof that

China, Iran, and Pakistan, provide immunity to cyber criminals who target our country.

Earlier this year, USA faced the biggest breach of information in human history, when Equifax, a credit reporting agency, was hacked. 143 million records, including social security numbers, credit card numbers, driver's license numbers, and names were breached.

The circumstance is such that even the government does not have a proper answer to retort with when a situation does arise. "UP was plunged into darkness for three days because the power grid had been hacked, but the government quietly blamed the people for over consumption of electricity."

Sensing the general alarm among his audience on revealing these facts, D. Sivanandhan quickly resorted to comic relief. "Isn't it better to shut our businesses and join hands with the hackers?" Not half a bad idea, considering the solution he had to offer to victims of cybercrime: "There is no solution; all that you can do is be aware."



Newest member Ashrafi Matcheswala being pinned by President Ramesh Narayan



## ROTARIANS MAKING WAVES



The Rotary Club of Bombay is the premier Club of its kind. And in that Club there are those individuals who make a mark in industry or society. Let's celebrate these Rotarians.

And if you know of some fellow Rotarians who are making waves, send us the news with a picture.



PDG Gulam Vahanvaty joins the illustrious ranks of Trustees of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) at Evanston Chicago. We are honored that this prestigious position would be held by our very own member. And we wish him well.



Rotarian Zeenia Master was elected as a Steward of the RWITC. We're betting big that she'll make a solid contribution.



Rotarians Fali Mehta and PP Ashish Vaid (yes him with the 100 watt smile) were elected to the Managing Committee of the Willingdon Club. Things will certainly look up at the Willingdon.

## A New Rotaract Club is born

The Rotaract Club of ISME is the latest Rotaract Club to be installed under the aegis of the RCB.

President Ramesh Narayan attended the installation and invited the Rotaractors to experience the unique joy of serving the underprivileged.

Dean Dr. Indu Shahani who is the brain behind the ultra modern ISME exhorted the students to attend the meetings of the RCB and take an active part in its activities.





## Bhavishya Yaan Siksha District Initiative

Rotaract District believes that its time for a change, its time to for a revolution, its time to spread education and see a literate India by 2020. The initiative started by PDRR Harikrishnan Pillai in 2009 -10 with an aim of bridging the gaps between municipal schools and have a literate youth so that the change can be facilitated by the youth.

This year Rotractors of district 3141 are back with the initiative with set modules and goals of how to spread education.

Here are the modules:

### A. Module 1

- a) Health & Hygiene
- b) Public Speaking
- c) Open Discussion
- d) Social Etiquettes

### B. Module 2

- a) Tracing words
- b) Days of the week
- c) Clock Reading
- d) Letters & Words
- e) Grammar
- f) Numbers (Includes basic addition subtraction)

With a view to give Rotaractors an opportunity to experience teaching, this program was kicked off with their first session with Bhavishya Yaan at GK Marg School with basic English speaking on 9th September, 2017.

They guided students as to how to pronounce words with 9 volunteers from different Rotaract Clubs who came and gave their contribution towards this noble initiative. They will conduct 5 more sessions to complete their module on alternate Saturdays.

Bhavishya Yaan Students of grade 4, 5 and 6 are participating in this initiative which is a great learning experience for both sides.



## Reliance Foundation Fact Files

**“We now have easy access to drinking water in our village.”**

- Sunanda, Beed, Maharashtra



Reliance Foundation has supported communities in 25 drought-struck villages in Beed, to ensure the easy availability of clean drinking water.

*These stories testify to Reliance Foundation's undying zeal to create equal opportunities for growth and prosperity in India.*



Touching over 12 million lives with support for Rural Transformation, Health, Education, Sports for Development, Livelihoods, Disaster Response, Arts & Culture, and Urban Renewal.



## Oktoberfest Celebrations

RCB Members celebrated the famous German Beer Festival Oktoberfest at The White Owl Micro-Brewery on 23rd September, 2017 with a tour of the micro-brewery located in INDIABULLS, Lower Parel.



## Rotary in the News

### Indian musicians have the potential to become global star: Ralph Simon

● **ANUSHA KARANJAPARAMBIL**  
Mumbai

After a session with the starliner, veteran Ralph Simon on a drive to Bandra quickly spoke about the changing trends in Indian technology to shaping up of Indian music scene.

Simon who was in the city to attend a meeting at Rotary Club of Bombay said, "Indian technology is very advanced. I have seen that development in the country." He believes that Indians have the capability to lead the world in robotics.

A Londoner who has travelled across the world for his work commitments, keeps praising India and the talent here. Enthusiastic about a session with Hollywood singer Arjit Singh, he said, "India has really smart people."

He believes that India has the potential to become a global star. He added that he is looking forward to see the country's growth in the future.



than having music. Based on the success of streaming services like Saavn and other home grown streaming services, international streaming services like Spotify is looking at entering the Indian market. He stated that lot of young people are talking about Spotify which makes India attractive in the company. However, in the past many international streaming

services like Gaana and JioSaavn have shut shops. The music industry has witnessed a hockey stick pick up for the first time in 10 years. "All of the major companies like T-Series, started to record improvement in music," he added. The booming music scene in India has worked in the favour of the industry.

"But there is one big

thing that I am looking forward to and that is finding ways in which Indian artists, writers and composers can start to make an impact internationally." Citing the example of Bollywood actor Priyanka Chopra, Simon added three years ago Chopra's international impact is internationally 50, he strongly believes. "It is going to be an Indian super star that will create an impact internationally."

But he adds that right now is becoming a global artist would be a huge Indian artists to record songs not just in Hindi but best languages like Telugu, Tamil and other regional languages. Simon, founder and CEO of Mobilium Global Limited expressed that these talented Indian artists should also record in English and Mandarin. "If an Indian singer sings in English even one chorus of the song, he will find new social media audiences," he added. This approach will help them attract huge fan following in social media. There are many YouTube stars in the past who have moved from being a YouTube star to a global artist. Reaching the top of the charts, he said that after Akon's song was used in a movie by Shakib Khan, his Facebook followers increased by 10 million followers.



A SPANER SERIES BY ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



## Bhavishya Yaan Gets Cultural

**A**kshara Foundation of Arts and Learning launched their programme "Arts for All - At the Theatre". A year long programme, Arts for All - At the Theatre focuses on providing children from NGO supported schools' engagement in theatre with workshops and age-appropriate performances. Our educational partner VIDYA has tied up with them for having their students participate over the course of the year 2017-2018.

We thank Ms. Manisha and Vidya foundation for organising bus, snacks and play tickets for Bhavishya Yaan children. A total of 104 students and 10 teachers from worli (40 students), NMJ (43 students+4 teachers) and GK marg (21 students+2 teachers) were invited to watch the play Ripples.

The show was best suited for students of 8-10th grade. The play was in English, with a

smattering of Marathi, and the theme was 'Indian Education System'. Since the show was entirely written and run by young artists, the students met some artists post the show. It was a good opportunity for our students to meet with these artists who are young, and not so far removed from their situation. We had pre-show workshops at all three centres on 6th Sep, 2017 where students were explained about different types of theatre, screenplay, lights, sound, scripts, plot and dialogue, etc. Students were exposed to



the production part. Sep 15th we shall have a post workshop meeting to discuss the play and feed back in detail with Akshara Foundation.

## Ananda Yaan Update

Come rain or shine Rotary work goes on. 50 elders were vaccinated against H1N1 (swine flu) at our Ananda Yaan Byculla centre. This will immunise them till after next monsoon. Kudos to Chairman Alok Sekhsaria, Co-Chair Chris Blue and the Ananda Yaan Committee.



## Forthcoming Events

- **October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Speaker: Gaurgopal Das Prabhuji**
- **October 17<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
The Club meeting at the Taj gets a festive spirit with the Fellowship Committee taking over the proceedings. Expect to be surprised. Come wearing your traditional best. Light up the Festival of Lights with your smile.
- **October 24<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
Dr. Darius Mirza the eminent International surgeon speaks about How to Gift Life in this Season of Giving. Organ Donation. Everything you wanted to know about this precious gift that only you can give. Our District Governor will also grace the occasion.

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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - Gaugopal Das Prabhuji

**G**aur Gopal Das is an Electrical Engineer, having studied at the College Of Engineering, Pune. After a brief stint with Hewlett Packard, he decided to upgrade his career to be a life coach. Consequently in the year 1996 he joined ISKCON & has been very active in this field ever since. Serving in the leadership at the ISKCON Chowpatty branch, Gaur Gopal Das has been speaking at various prestigious colleges in India and abroad for over 2 decades. He has been very actively involved in guiding leading doctors & medical professionals across the globe. Corporate firms like Infosys, Barclays, Bank of America, E&Y, Ford have not been an exception in his areas of continual help & guidance.



Gaur Gopal Das also regularly visits the members of the Rotary Club & Lions Club for talks and guides various top ranking celebrities and corporate leaders. He has also spoken at several TEDx events. During his 2016 visit to London, he gave a talk at the British Parliament. He was awarded the 2016 Rotary International's Super Achiever Award for outstanding contribution in field of spirituality and inspiration. Based on the timeless wisdom coming down from ages, his talks make the audience think deeper and find simple solutions to difficult problems.



## Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Alok Saxena  
3<sup>rd</sup> October



PP Rtn. Arvind Jolly  
5<sup>th</sup> October



Rtn. Meera Alreja  
6<sup>th</sup> October



Rtn. Dr. Hemraj Chandalia  
7<sup>th</sup> October



Rtn. Vikram Daiya  
7<sup>th</sup> October



Rtn. Ritu Prakash Desai  
8<sup>th</sup> October



Rtn. Poonam Lavani  
8<sup>th</sup> October



Rtn. Gautam Doshi  
8<sup>th</sup> October



Rtn. Vijay kumar Jatia  
8<sup>th</sup> October



Hon. Rtn. Keshub Mahindra  
9<sup>th</sup> October

### Partners

3<sup>rd</sup> October - Ptn. Vatsala Jatia  
Ptn. Rekha Ruia  
5<sup>th</sup> October - Ptn. Divya Mafatlal  
6<sup>th</sup> October - Ptn. Sweta Vakil  
7<sup>th</sup> October - Ptn. Swapana Murarka  
Ptn. Niloufer Vazifdar  
9<sup>th</sup> October - Ptn. Meher Poonawala  
Ptn. Arwa Tapia

### Anniversaries

3<sup>rd</sup> October - PP Rtn. Dr. Adi & Rtn. Dr. Nayna Dastur  
9<sup>th</sup> October - Rtn. Farhat & Ptn. Kulsum Jamal

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### Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	112
Partners	01
Visiting Rotarians	00
Guests	02
Rotractors	11
Total attendance	126
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