

## BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



### President's Pick

Dear friends,

Here is an example of how Rotary works and makes a difference.

Three Rotary Clubs came together with remarkable alacrity to touch the life of a little Bhavishya Yaan child. Here's how we went from identifying a congenital heart disease to open heart surgery in 15 days!

Rani Santosh Talekar a 11 year old studies in grade 8th in the Bhavishya Yaan program at GK Marg municipal school. She is the daughter of Mr. Santosh Talekar, who works as a watchman earning Rs.12000/- per month (BVG India Pvt. Ltd.) for the last 2 years.

He has three daughters.



Rani was diagnosed with a hole in her heart when she was one year old. Even knowing about the condition the parents could not help her because of their poor financial situation. Keeping in mind the cost of treatment the parents did not think of a surgery. Instead they tried some alternative treatments like ayurveda and kept the child stress free.

Rani, excels in studies, has beautiful handwriting and

pushes her limits to learn more. This is why she enrolled herself into the after-school programme of Rotary Club of Bombay - Bhavishya Yaan.

Last month she started missing school more than usual and over a period of time her growth was not as much as other children.

The alert staff of our education partner, Vidya foundation, Miss Poonam was concerned and called her parents. This is when they shared the details of her medical condition. It so happened that the rotary coordinator, Ekta Shah was present at the centre the day her parents came. Immediately she shared this case in the WhatsApp group of Bhavishya Yaan with active committee members.

Within no time Rotarian Alok Sekseria responded and connected Ekta to a god sent angel named Natasha Sejpal (RC Mumbai Lakers from Little Hearts District team).

Rotary Anne Ekta Shah had to convince the parents to be confident and take this opportunity which comes once in a lifetime. They were told of all risks involved and why they should consider this to improve the quality of life of their daughter. They got back in two days with a positive mind and prayerful heart.

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## Aboard the Stewardship



**B**usiness and Environment Sustainability" was the topic of discussion at the Rotary meeting last week. So terms such as "energy efficiency," "water conservation," and "green footprint," to name a few, were sounded from time to time. But, for a change, these terms weren't used to frame accusations: The speaker, Mr. Jamshyd Naoroji Godrej, used them to inform us about India's achievements instead.

"India is the second largest country in the world for its green footprint by way of green buildings,"

**Today's Speaker** **Dr. Nadeem Rais**  
leading Diabetologist in Mumbai



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Natasha must have helped more than a hundred similar cases but still gets fully involved with every case like her own child. She continuously guided Alok and Ekta on the next steps to be done and also counselled the parents. Just when parents in their minds were all prepared for surgery, the initial reports confused everyone. The consulting doctor said Rani will have to go through cardiac CATH to see if she should be operated. The hole had become much bigger as she grew. If this operation was done when she was 6 months old, it would have been 100 percent successful but now the doctors needed to be sure. For this test which cost Rs 25000, global grant could not support and we are grateful to our own Nelum Gidwani whose contribution bridged this gap.

Natasha (wife of Rotarian Parth Sejpal who was Charter President of Rotary Club of Mumbai Lakers) requested Dr. Suresh Rao, leading paediatric cardiologist in Mumbai to take this case. He has operated more than 12000 children.

When the reports came, doctor said she could be operated. With the help of Rotary Club of Hanging Gardens and their global grants, Rani got successfully operated on 6/11/2017 by Dr. Rao and his team at one of the best hospital of Mumbai - Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani (KDA) hospital. Currently Rani is in the hospital but very shortly she will be able to live a normal life.

My sincere thanks to Ekta, Alok, Natasha and Khuzem Sakarwala. To me they epitomise the Rotary spirit and make me proud to be a Rotarian.

Ramesh Narayan



Mr. Manish Kerjriwal receiving his birthday gift from President-Elect Rtn. Vijay Kumar Jatia



PP Rtn. Arun Sanghi asks a question

he said. The credit for such an achievement goes to the team at the CII Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre, which, incidentally, is a venture chaired by the speaker.

In the words of the chairman, "the CII promotes green buildings, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water policy, in

response to the type of demand that industrialisation has put on us." Thus, when he went on to claim the possibility of India replacing the Americas as the highest ranked country for its green footprint by way of green buildings by 2050, it was hard not to believe him. However, to make it happen would require a planned approach because "India

is yet to build 80% of the buildings that it would require by 2050."

The advantages of ensuring that the entire 80% of new structures are green buildings are a dime a dozen. Improving indoor air quality is one of the more subtle ways in which sustainable architecture is changing the man-made environment; Studies have



Rtn. Ashok Jatia asks a question



Rtn. Vijay Meghani asks a question





Rtn. Natasha Treasurywala introduces the Guest Speaker Mr. Jamshyd Godrej



Rtn. Mahesh Khubchandani announces the Sindhi Fellowship lunch on Sunday, 12th November 2017

even shown that productivity in a building is directly proportional to the amount of oxygen present in it. However, the basic point is that "a green building saves approximately 40% of artificial energy during its lifespan, which is anywhere between 50 to a 100 years." So while listening to these claims made in the artificially lit Kamalnayan Bajaj Hall, it wasn't hard to imagine what it would be like if the noon time sun were to throw light on the matter.

Another important factor when constructing a building is cement. "India has a large and vibrant cement industry," and the production of this raw material requires large quantities of energy, which means a fair share of harmful byproducts pollute our atmospheres. But thanks to the CII Green Business Centre, the Cement Manufacturers Association, and the Carbon Trade initiative, we have "the most efficient cement industry in the world."

While India's cement story was

one that took fifteen years to write, a more recent topic is the government's aim to introduce the "electric vehicle" on a larger scale. Mr. Godrej fears that to see this dream through, "we will end up importing batteries and electronic systems, without thinking about the consequences that it will have on the environment." And what's worse? In trying to save some Foreign Exchange on the cost of diesel and petrol, we will end up facing "a problem of high import," similar to what India experienced "back in the day."

In all certainty, the electric vehicle would reduce pollution, but not without a consequence. It is matters like this that make environmental sustainability a hard nut to crack. To highlight this, Mr. Godrej made example of the project to clean up the river Ganga, bringing to our attention an underlying fact that applies to any effort towards environmental stewardship. "You cannot clean a river, you can only prevent it from getting polluted."

## Bhavishya Yaan Update

### Ambedkar School goes to see Shiamak Davar Show!

58 students of the Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar school were invited by Victory Arts to a Shiamak Davar production at the St Andrews auditorium last Wednesday. The show was spectacular considering that the performers were mostly mentally and physically challenged children from various NGOs. The Shiamak Davar troupe itself was exceptional. The children danced and clapped to the beat of the music. The BY children thoroughly enjoyed the show and were delighted to see a professional production. Thank you Shiamak!



### BY Students go to the movies!



Our Rotary Anne Vandana Daga celebrated her birthday on 4th November by sending BY children for a movie. We are very thankful to the generous owner of INOX-Dadar, Mrs. Nayantara Jain, a friend of Vandana for sponsoring 35 children and providing them free popcorn, samosas and coke without which watching any movie is incomplete at any age. The children thoroughly enjoyed the movie "Golmaal



Again". The staff of Inox were courteous. Mr. Parshuram personally took care of making all the children comfortable and even agreeing to their request of keeping a little longer interval as they did not want to miss the movie so they could use the restrooms and explore the area. They let the children take photographs inside the theatre. It was a lovely multiplex experience for most of the children.

### GK Marg takes on a Soccer Challenge!

Bhavishya Yaan team from GK Marg Municipal School participated in the under-14 category, in the biggest soccer challenge in Mumbai. The 9th edition of the QPR South Mumbai Junior Soccer Challenger 2017 - A Milind Deora initiative, has kicked off in style with as many as 6500 kids from 160 schools representing 800 teams participating in this championship. 85% of the participants are from municipal & government aided schools with as many as 28% being girls. Bhavishya yaan team won two matches and lost the third. They were very excited about getting the full soccer kit for free and seeing a large, cheerful and an enthusiastic crowd to challenge their skills.

We thank Rotarian Sanjiv Saran for giving Bhavishya Yaan this opportunity and providing free uniforms and soccer shoes.





## Know your Rotarian

### Abhishek Sharman



**M**r. Abhishek Sharman, aged 37 years, is founder and managing director of Carpediem Advisors Pvt Ltd (CAPL). CAPL is the investment manager for Carpediem Capital

Partners Fund I (CCPF I), a SEBI registered Alternate Investment Fund (Category II). CCPF I is a control oriented private equity fund focused on investing in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in India which are leaders in emerging businesses in the consumer and services sector.

Mr. Sharman has in total 12 years of experience in private equity and has played a key role in investing and portfolio management of 15 companies along with managing a few exits. Previously, Mr. Sharman was a principal at India Equity Partners (IEP), a USD 350 Mn India focused private equity fund. Prior to IEP, he was with the SUN Group, an emerging markets private equity fund with USD 2 Bn in AUM.

Mr. Sharman currently serves on the Board of Carpediem Advisors Pvt Ltd, Shaolin Trusteeship Pvt Ltd, Gadgetwood eServices



## Reliance Foundation Fact Files

# “Their alerts help me to get big catch of fish.”

- *Thimetheous, Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu*



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Pvt Ltd and Collateral Medical Pvt Ltd. Previously, Mr. Sharman has served on several boards, including IKYA Human Capital (currently known as Qness Corp Limited), ILFS Education, Sagar Ratna Restaurants, RG Stone and Axiss Dental. Also played a significant role in investments in Manappuram Finance and ColdEx. He completed his engineering from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi and management from the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta. Mr. Sharman is currently involved with Indian Merchant Chambers (IMC).

Mr. Sharman is fond of meeting people, reading books and playing racket games (tennis, badminton, squash).

## Golmaal for Elders from Ananda Yaan

November 2nd saw 50 elders from the Byculla centre of Ananda Yaan travel in a specially organized bus to the Regal theatre where they saw the fun-filled movie Golmaal 4. A generous donor who prefers anonymity organised this treat along with some snacks and coffee at the movie as well. One of the

elders remarked that the last movie she saw was twenty years ago. Happiness was writ large on the faces of the elders as they requested for more such outings, including one to a temple. We hear that another anonymous donor is acting on this request and some temple visit is being planned for early December. Watch this space.



## Committee Reports - Sports Committee Report

1. Name of the Committee : Sports Committee
2. Director-in-charge: Pradeep Chinai
3. Co-Chairmen: Jamshyd Vazifdar & Moy Biswas
4. Name of Committee Members:  
Mehernosh Dotivala, Satyan Israni, Anand Dalal, Sanjiv Mehra
5. Number of Committee meetings held:  
No formal meetings to date
6. Objective: To promote fellowship through sports
7. Number of Beneficiaries: More than 123 (figure from the Rotary Year 2016-17)
8. (a) Sanctioned budget: Rs. 1,50,000  
(b) Spent till date: Zero till date
9. On-going Project: Only planning in progress so far. All are planned for the coming months.
10. Projects completed till date: None so far. All are planned for the coming months.
- 11.(a) Projects planned for the rest of the year:
  - I. Third Annual Table Tennis Fellowship (December 2017),
  - II. Second Annual Underarm-Cricket Fellowship (November 2017),
  - III. Third Annual Football Fellowship (December 2017),
  - IV. Eleventh Annual Golf Tournament (6th January 2018),
  - V. Ninth Annual Cricket Fellowship with Bhavishya Yaan (February 2018),
  - VI. Seventh Annual Tennis Fellowship (March 2018)
- (b) Action plan to carry out the planned project:  
Each Committee member takes ownership of one event. They will be responsible for arranging the venue for the event, inviting Club members to participate (either as spectators or play in the event), sporting equipment and refreshments.
12. In any way the Board can help to expedite the planned projects?  
The Board has been very supportive of our efforts, and at the moment we would not require any special assistance.





George Brooks



Louis Banks



Ishaeta Chakravarty



Sheetal Kolwalkar



Salim Sulaiman



Manganiyar Brothers



Ami Shroff



Suresh Srinivasan

Rise Against Hunger- Meal Packing | Exhilarating- Races | Caricature Artist | Board Games  
Wheel chair bound student performance | MCGM- solution to waste segregation  
Care of home care plants | International youth performance | Art exhibition- 100% for Girl child



SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER | VENUE: MAHALAXMI RACE COURSE | TIME: 12.00 NOON ONWARDS

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or request tickets on [www.rotaryworldfest.com](http://www.rotaryworldfest.com) or [info@rotaryworldfest.com](mailto:info@rotaryworldfest.com)



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### Forthcoming Events

- **November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
District 3141 hosts its World Fest at the Race Course. Good fun for a great cause.
- **November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**  
Capt. Raghu Raman on 26/11 and lessons learnt from it.
- **November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
A day trip to Talwada. Why you can be proud to be a Rotarian. Simply unmissable.
- **November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
Amer Jaleel on violence against women and the role communication can play

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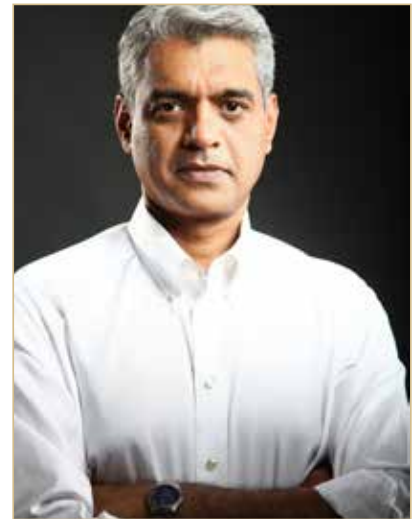
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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

### Raghu Raman on 26/11 and lessons learnt from it

Raghu Raman is the President Risk, Security & New Ventures at Reliance Industries Ltd and the former founding CEO of National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID), Gol. In his earlier avatars, he has led Mahindra First Choice, Mahindra Special Services Group and Mahindra-British Aerospace joint venture as the CEO.

Raghu is a Distinguished Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation and a frequent guest faculty at several prestigious business schools. He writes a column on National Security Strategy & Leadership for leading publications and has also authored a bestseller "Everyman's War" - a book published by Random House.



## Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. C.K. Srinivasan  
16<sup>th</sup> November



Rtn. Ashok Advani  
17<sup>th</sup> November



Rtn. Akil Hirani  
17<sup>th</sup> November



Rtn. Kiran Nanda  
17<sup>th</sup> November



Rtn. Peshwan Jehangir  
18<sup>th</sup> November



Rtn. Mihir Sagar  
18<sup>th</sup> November



Rtn. Freyaz Shroff  
18<sup>th</sup> November



Rtn. Jagdish Malkani  
20<sup>th</sup> November

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17<sup>th</sup> November - Ptn. Khorshed Moberdj  
Mr. Rohitashwa Poddar  
18<sup>th</sup> November - Ptn. Anita Raj Ajmera  
Ptn. Jita Kapadia  
19<sup>th</sup> November - Ptn. Mona Nevatia

### Anniversaries

18<sup>th</sup> November - Rtn. Sameer & Ptn. Radhika Kaji  
19<sup>th</sup> November - Rtn. Roda & Mr. Ratnakar Desai  
Rtn. Partha & Ptn. Dolon Ghosh  
Rtn. Darius & Ptn. Ketayun Irani  
Rtn. Dr. Sorab & Ptn. Thrity Javeri  
Rtn. Pratap & Ptn. Falguni Padode  
20<sup>th</sup> November - Rtn. Ashok & Ptn. Nayna Chinai  
Rtn. Ajit & Rtn. Poonam Lalvani

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### Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	116
Partners	05
Visiting Rotarians	0
Guests	04
Rotractors	08
Total attendance	133
Community Service Box Collection	₹ 2,750/-