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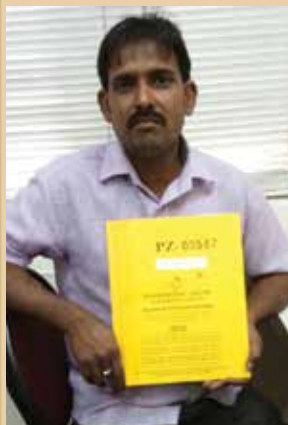


President's Pick

The Cancer Aid Committee has been working hard. And the results are showing. One part is the great help they provide to needy cancer patients at Tata Memorial Hospital. The other and newer part of their activities include preventive care. And this letter received by Rotary Anne Ekta Shah who plays a sterling role in this Committee, shows the kind of impact Rotary has on society. These are the stories that make us feel proud to be Rotarians.



Ramesh Narayan
President



Madamji,

I, Suresh Chandra Gupta, a rickshaw driver, state that I attended the Cancer Checkup medical camp held on Dt: 10/01/2018 by Cancer Patients Aid Association at 90 Feet Road.

During my check up I was diagnosed with mouth ulcer due to chewing guthka / tobacco.

Madam Anita Peter advised me to go for a consultation at Tata Memorial hospital and gave me a reference letter.

I visited Tata Memorial hospital, where they conducted a biopsy and confirmed the cancer.

I am thankful to the Rotary Club of Bombay and all the associates through which I detected the cancer at an earlier stage and saved my life. I now have a new life.

I had the opportunity to later meet Anita Peter Madam again and her other assistants for the ongoing treatment.

Thank you,
Suresh Chandra Gupta

The Optimist



Last Tuesday, the chairman of Godrej Group, Mr. Adi Godrej was awarded the Pravinchandra Varjivan Gandhi Award for excellence in public life. He was also given the "gift of trees," after he delivered a very optimistic post-award speech about how we can sow the seeds for a better Indian economy.

Today's Speaker Mr. Khushroo Santook



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The meeting is kicked off with the National Anthem

“It is a proud moment for me personally and the Godrej Group, because I believe that our business and social impact has grown on the basis of the hard work and dedication of all the Godrej employees, customers, and the larger Godrej family.” He also reminisced about his interactions with the late Pravinchandra Varjivan Gandhi, whom he had the pleasure of knowing as a banker when he was Chairman and Managing Director of Dena Bank.

“Mr. Gandhi has had a long and fruitful association with

associations such as IMC and FICCI, to name a few. He has been an inspiration to all of us through his healthy contributions to the economy and public life,” said Mr. Adi Godrej in acknowledging the award he had received in memory of the latter.

He then went on to speak about the subject that everyone was eager to get his perspective on - the Indian economy. “I’ve been part of the consumer goods industry in India for nearly five decades now, and have seen the transformation in [our] economy

from being control-based to now being more liberated.” The shift in economy, according to him, has been enabled by a number of structural and policy changes, especially over the last few years. “I would like to spend the next few minutes sharing my observations with you,” he stated.

Mr. Adi Godrej believes India remains a global bright spot with a rapidly growing major economy, with GDP growth estimated to be 7.3% (for financial year 2018). While he admits that our internal

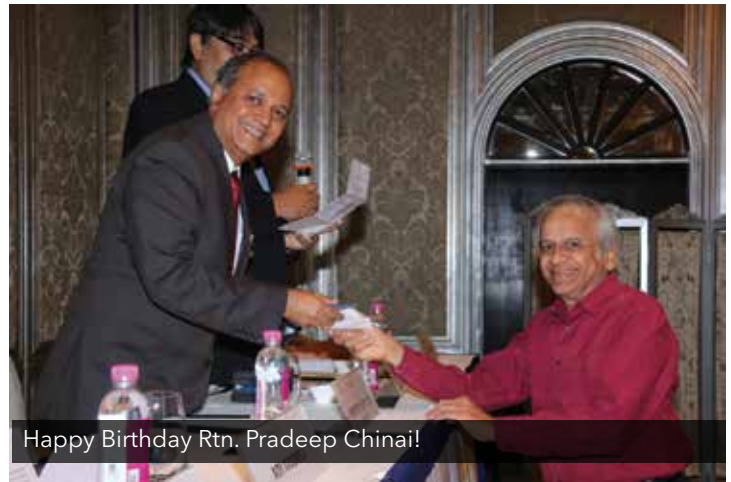


Rtn. Pankaj Baliga asks a question





Happy Birthday Rtn. Dr. Akshay Batra!



Happy Birthday Rtn. Pradeep Chinal!

assessment, as advance evaluations show, is lower, he still feels we will beat the 6.5% estimate. In the same vein, he perceives the muted growth to be a result of the “uncertainty around possible financial stress, increased protectionism, and rising geopolitical tensions,” especially in light of the current US administration’s stances on policy and its global ramifications.

Nevertheless, India has been able to mitigate some of the negative consequences of the global financial turmoil, partly on the basis of the nation’s large consumer market; The Consumer Confidence Index stands at 128 (for quarter two of 2017), which is the second highest position in the Asia Pacific region. Hence, India remains one of the most optimistic markets of the region and even globally.

This consistent confidence among consumers has resulted in some positive outcomes. For example, urban consumption, especially in middle and high income groups, has seen a sharp increase. India’s young

population, a much touted influencer of growth, also provides constructive, forward-looking growth potential. Thus, we can expect further urbanisation, greater awareness, and an improvement in communication structures that will only additionally drive economic expansion in our country.

Over the last year, the government has covered more ground in the development of our digital economy. “Demonetisation has led to a significant push towards digital financial transactions, as well as improving the tax net,” the speaker points out, which made it clear that he remains one of the optimists who believe that the passage of the Goods and Services Tax Bill is a significant achievement, and that its implementation will have a positive impact on the economy.

“In my view, to have a single national value added tax is one of the key reforms since the liberalisation in 1991.” This, he feels, is specifically because the government has taken big steps towards bringing FMCG products



Rtn. Poornima Advani introduces the guest speaker

below the 18% GST tax rate slab, which is lower than what taxes used to be earlier. This will be a crucial driver of growth and consumption in the coming years.

Towards the end, the awardee suggests a few more areas where our government can make amends, in order to enable the Indian economy to reach double digit growth figures, including: supporting policy changes such as relaxation of FDI limits in single brand retail, as well as improving ease of business through easier online applications, delicensing, and speedier approvals. “In my opinion, on a Purchasing Power Parity (PPP), India should be able to become the largest economy globally by 2050,” concluded Mr. Adi Godrej.

Rotaract in Bhavishya Yaan. Youth power at its best

"Education is the most powerful weapon which can change the world"

Evolution Revolution is project by The Bhavishya-yaan committee of The Rotary Club of Bombay and The Rotaract Club of H.R. College. The program is implemented to make a difference to the lives of 80 students of NM Joshi Municipal School, Lower Parel and Babasaheb Ambedkar School, Worli.

Through this project the Rotaractors aim at imparting basic knowledge and also develop the potential of the Bhavishya-Yaan students of the 3rd and the 4th standard to the fullest. The Rotaractors go to each school twice a week and teach the students basic English through various activities. The various activities conducted with them help them to interact with others, build up their confidence, improve their English Speaking skills, instill in them a habit of reading and other basics which would help them progress in life. The project also aims at improving leadership and teamwork skills of the students and create patterns of lateral thinking which will encourage them to question various things. The students look forward to the sessions every week as they have formed an amazing bond with the Rotaractors. The Rotaract Club of H.R. College would like to thank The Rotary Club of Bombay and The Bhavishya-yaan Committee for giving them such an amazing opportunity.



Bhavishya Yaan Update

On 16th January 2018 the second Zonal event was conducted i.e. South Zone at Immamwada Municipal school wherein 13 schools were shortlisted and 130 students participated. In this event 11 dramas, 8 Songs, & 9 posters were presented in the competition. All of them highlighted the issue and message of Anti-tobacco in different ways.

The drama & songs' scripts were written by the students themselves.

Bhavishya yaan students from Byculla East Municipal School's students' performances in drama & song were remarkable and they performed fearlessly in front of the entire audience, they showed immense confidence and impressed all the judges.

The students also presented the Poster in front of everyone and explained the harmful effects of smoking. This confidence which has been imbibed through this programme will go a long way in keeping them away from tobacco use.

The event was judged by Mr. H.R. Yadav, Principal of Jayantilal Hindi Municipal School & Mr. Pramod Ratnaparakhe, Salaam Bombay's Theatre Academy's Coach. Mr. Dr. Vilas Mohokar - B Ward Medical officer, Mr. Gadve - Inspector Of J.J. Police station, Mr. Iliyaz - Principal of J.R. Road Municipal School, Mrs. Sahera Khan - Building in-charge Immamwada B.ed college attended the program as guests.

The student winner of all three categories were awarded with certificates and a trophy. The Bhavishya Yaan students of Byculla East. Municipal School were awarded the third prize in the Song category for their song which disseminated the information about tobacco with innovative lyrics, these lyrics were written by Najmul Sheikh a class 8th STD. student from Urdu medium.

Students who presented the song (Urdu Medium)

- 1) Najmul Shaikh
- 2) Nahida Shaidiqi
- 3) Anjum Shaikh
- 4) Zaiba Nadal
- 5) Iqra Shaikh
- 6) Zahira Shaikh

DELICATE SURGERY ON 4-MONTH-OLD IS A MIRACLE



There was little hope for her survival but the doctors, led by **Dr. Shreepal Jain**, Consultant, Paediatric Cardiologist, performed a life-saving cardiac surgery on an infant with Anomalous Left Coronary Artery from Pulmonary Artery (ALCAPA). The child was discharged in 3 days and will lead a normal life. We do believe medical care of the highest order can make miracles happen.

Sir H. N.



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One more feather in Bhavishya Yaan's Cap - STEM started at NMJ



Tenth of January 2018 became an important day in the calendar of NMJ Municipal School.

Let me first turn the clock back.

Sometime in October, 2017, our President Ramesh Narayan came up with the idea of BY working with Indian School of Management & Entrepreneurship (ISME). The Founding Dean and Chairperson Dr. Indu Shahani, ISME wholeheartedly welcomed the idea.

After this, I met with Ms. Sonali Agnihotri, Director, Enterprise & Outreach and Ms. Arwa Baldiwala, Director, Academics & Director, Social Responsibilities & Enactus, both from ISME. I gave them a detailed outline of Bhavishya Yaan (BY).

After some good brainstorming sessions, all of us came up with the idea of STEM - science, technology, engineering and mathematics. I felt that it is important to introduce the BY children to this important concept, especially in today's rapidly changing world. Schools, colleges and universities all over the world and leading companies too are giving a lot of emphasis to STEM.

STEM is increasingly finding a lot of traction in today's rapidly changing world what with Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), self driven cars etc., being the topics for the future.

It was then decided by us that ISME students under the supervision of Arwa would work with BY 6th, 7th and 8th standard students in NMJ and introduce them to STEM. These classes were deliberately chosen so that the BY children get an early exposure to this important learning area thereby opening their minds, encouraging them to think out of the box.

Whilst BY has over the last so many years focused on equipping the children in the five Municipal Schools with English, computer skills and life skills, the ISME led STEM initiative is an important additional skill to the children when they step out of their school and face the outside world.

Students from ISME would be doing 8 two hourly sessions once a week from the beginning of January till end of February.

On the face of it, STEM as a concept may sound daunting. However, the ISME students worked on ensuring that it would be easy and at the same time an exciting learning opportunity for the NMJ Students.

On the 10th of January, after putting in a lot of preparation, thirteen students of ISME along with Arwa came to NMJ Municipal School to begin the once a week interactive sessions.

The first session commenced with introducing technology and engineering through two activities. The instant camaraderie and "connect" between the BY students and ISME students was noteworthy and paved the way for a good, successful beginning, auguring well for the subsequent sessions. This was all the more commendable, given the very different backgrounds they were coming from.

LED & Battery

The BY students were divided into groups, with each group given LED Bulbs and a battery cell. The moment they would connect the two ends of the bulb extensions to the battery cell, the light would come on.

The sole reason of this experiment was to make them aware of the "+" and "-" aspects of a battery. The ISME students informed the BY children that the inventor of the bulb worked pretty much on the same lines. The children were then asked to correlate this to their remote control battery cells which too have positive and negative signs.

The key takeaway was to make them aware about how batteries function, information about something we use daily and don't really know how it works.

Paper Tower

The next activity was to make them think out of the box. This is in line with what the world demands out of the ambitious new generation.



Each group was asked to build a Tower using only four things - paper, tapes, hands and creativity. They were encouraged to be the builders of their structures in which they had to display creativity and balance, with something as light as paper which was the steel and cement of their Towers for the day.

Going beyond our expectations, they ended up emulating skyscrapers like Burj Khalifa in Dubai and some used the LED bulbs to light up their Towers!

The key takeaways were to introduce them to team work, creativity and experiencing collaboration amidst individualistic ideas, apart from encouraging them to think out of the box.

It was all in all a great experience for the BY children and the team from ISME. Both of them very much look forward to the forthcoming sessions.

- Rotary Anne Jaya Prasad



RC ISME Meeting with the Rotaract Committee Chair of Rotary Club of Bombay - Rtn. Murad Currawalla

Myanmar Memories



Naresh, Rekha, Arun, Sandip, Ramesh, Htet, Narendra, Roda, Leela and Devu.



Chris, Ashish, Sabira, Mudit, Sandip in Yangon.



Manoj Patodia, Arun Sanghi, Rotarian owner of the restaurant, Mudit and Malti Jain, Ashish Vaid at the farewell dinner..



Exchanging flags with Htet Nyi Rotary Club of Central Yangon.



Two Sergeants at Arms meet in Yangon. Thu Zaw and Roda.



First Lady Devi with Malti Jain



Presenting the RCB flag to Thu Zaw Rotary Club of Yangon.



Farewell Dinner at Yangon

Forthcoming Events

- **February 6th, 2018**
Next Week's Speaker : **Shailesh Haribhakti** on **2018 Budget** Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Mumbai Down Town Sealand

- **February 11th, 2018**
Family Fellowship Lunch at the Jyran, Sofitel Hotel, BKC.
- **February 13th, 2018**
Bank Holiday. There will be no Rotary Meeting

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NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER

Mr. Shailesh Haribhakti on 2018 Budget

Shailesh Haribhakti is a Chartered and Cost Accountant, a Certified Internal Auditor, Financial Planner & Fraud Examiner. His career spans four decades and his current passions include Governance, Engaged Investing and Digitization. He actively promotes 'shared value' creation and a green environment.

Currently he is the Chairman & Trustee of National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust) - constituted by Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA); Member of Pension Advisory Committee (PAC) of Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA); Non Executive Chairman of L&T Finance Holdings Limited and Future Lifestyle Fashions Limited and is a Director on the Board of public and private companies too. He is also a Member in Advisory / Governing Boards of Doha Bank (Local Advisory Board); Excellence Enablers Private Ltd and Gaja Advisors Pvt. Ltd.

He is actively involved in the development and implementation of GST for which :

- He has made a Presentation to the Chairman and top management of SEBI detailing the impact of GST
- He is an Advisor to Thomson Reuters for the GST services
- He is uploaded videos on Youtube on GST in English & Hindi

GST English Thoughtline Part 1:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fS98s1mc-L0&t=9s>

GST English Thoughtline Part 2:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvorTs0EcJ4>

GST Hindi Thoughtline Part 1:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KoBFOTgxv0>

GST Hindi Thoughtline Part 2:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKmEwN5UQ0Q>

He represented India on the Standards Advisory Council of the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB); Actively promotes Corporate Social Responsibility, Corporate Governance and a greener environment through forums like ASSOCHAM, CII and the Indian Merchants' Chamber by participating in the process of framing regulations and standards. He has been President of IMC, President of Rotary Club of Bombay, Member on the Committee on Disclosures and Accounting Standards and Member, Takeover Panel of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), President (Bombay Chapter), Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and Chairman - Western India Regional Council of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI).



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"Distinguished Fellowship of IOD (Institute of Directors) Award - 2009", presented by the Institute of Directors,

Adjudged "The Best Non-Executive Independent Director - 2007"

Chairman of Audit Committee of ACC, which was adjudged as "Best Audit Committee of 2008"

Mr. Haribhakti is an active speaker at several seminars, conferences and training programmes and has been associated with IIM-Ahmedabad as a visiting faculty member. He frequently contributes to leading newspapers and business magazines.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Alok Sekhsaria
31st January



Rtn. Madhusudan Daga
4th February



Rtn. Dr. Hoshung Moberdji
5th February

Partners

1st February - Ptn. Phiroza Contractor
2nd February - Ptn. Nirmala Banaji
4th February - Ptn. Sangeeta Ramesh

Anniversaries

30th January - Rtn. Anuj & Ptn. Meenal Patodia
31st January - Rtn. Ashish & Ptn. Snehal Jalan
1st February - Rtn. Gaurav & Ptn. Mona Nevatia

3rd February - Rtn. Jaideep & Ptn. Chetna Gandhi
4th February - PP Rtn. Vikram & Ptn. Nandini Kamdar
5th February - Rtn. Sam & Ptn. Kamal Katgara

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| Rotary Club Bombay Members | 153 |
| Partners | 03 |
| Visiting Rotarians | 01 |
| Guests | 05 |
| Rotractors | 08 |
| Total attendance | 170 |
| Community Service Box Collection | ₹ 1,950/- |