

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BOMBAY



President's Pick

Whose year is it? Mine for sure!



RCB grows on me. The volunteering experience makes it truly special. Its a privilege to work with super successful Rotarians doing simple things and with full involvement. I am inspired!

As a committee member with Bhavishya Yaan, Ananda Yaan, Cancer Aid, Nutrition committee and Child Welfare - this year

has given me many moments to be grateful for in life.

Seeing lives of people change like:

1. Pooja (BY)- who joined Taj Vivanta for a course in hotel management (and sharing her official wine-tasting stories with me).
2. Rani (BY) - whose life (which her parents had accepted would be short due to lack of resources) was saved due to open heart surgery being done on her at Dhirubhai Ambani hospital by a leading cardiologist and financed by RCB.
3. Nine students (BY) learning an important skill - swimming at YMCA pool
4. Ankush Sawant (Ananda Yaan) who could hardly see with both his eyes and now he is able to see, and has begun walking with a stick.
5. Mr. Sureshchandra Gupta, a Rikshaw driver (Cancer Aid Committee) was diagnosed with cancer before he had any symptoms due to the RCB screening camp and he was cured with medical intervention which followed.

All these have left an indelible impression on me. And I am overwhelmed that I could be a part of all this.

What has touched me, being a woman, is seeing kids who are cheerful despite not having one or both their parents.

Kids not having homes, sleeping on the streets and yet having a yearning to learn.

Happiness is a quality within, which became a living experience for me, while spending time with these children.

I thank our President Ramesh, and all the committee chairpersons I worked with this year, for the joy I got, in doing all this.

Rotaryanne Ekta Shah

All power to the flower



The week before last, we heard Deepak Parekh's perspective on the government's development efforts in our city. As the chairman of the Housing Development Finance Corporation, he was very optimistic about the government's plan for our city. The same optimism percolated into the speech of Niranjan Hiranandani, the speaker last Tuesday. As you

Today's Speaker

Uday Kotak of Kotak Mahendra



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Honorary Secretary Rtn. Manish Reshamwala makes a few important announcements

well know, he heads the Hiranandani Group, so for him it was a matter of picking up right from where Deepak Parekh left off.

He began: "Those living in South Mumbai are about to receive a gift that they would have never imagined." The gift he was referring to was a three hundred acre garden, stretching from Nariman Point to Ballard Estate, with a canal going upto Badhwar Park. In case the numericals don't translate into some sort of pictorial depiction of the size of this garden, the speaker further elaborates: "Azad Maidan, Cross Maidan, Cooperage Maidan and Oval

Maidan put together, make up the size of this new Maidan."

While the bright idea of infusing a few shades of green into the otherwise greying landscape might suggest a hint of 'goodness', in the coming years the importance of South Mumbai will come down. This will be due to the infrastructure projects that are underway that will soon connect South Mumbai to the suburbs; Incidentally, a recent study has shown that out of every hundred jobs created, only two of them are city centric.

Further, the speaker highlighted a few more

consequences that are to follow the completion of, what many consider, the most ambitious infrastructure projects. He asserted, "In the next seven years, you will have an addition of 170 kms of metro and suburban lines." The cross harbour bridge will open up enough land, which is equal to the whole of Mumbai and more. So that we'll soon have enough vacant land in the region "stretching right from Puram to Khopoli." What's better is that by the next fortnight, we will be able to put our cars onto a ship, which will take us to Mandwa.

The outcome of such connectivity will help address

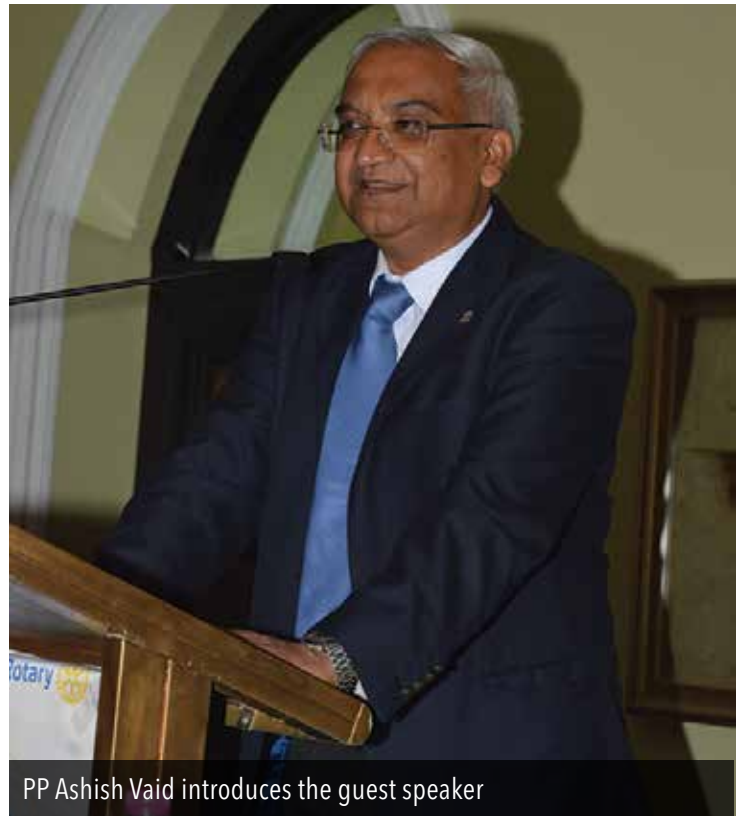
the issue of unauthorised housing. As the speaker explained: "When the British left India, there was no such thing as an unauthorised house, in the city of Mumbai." Today, in a population of 1.2 crore people, almost 50% of the people live in slums. Hence, the prime minister has given developers, like Niranjan Hiranandani, the challenge of providing authorised housing for everyone by 2022. But according to the speaker, even if we somehow manage a 50% GDP growth per annum, for the next five years, we will achieve only 30% of the prime minister's target.

Now, if you've already become pessimistic after hearing the statistics, Niranjan Hiranandani was yet to share a promising reality: When Narendra Modi and Nitin Gadkari decided to connect

every city in the country with national highways, they realised that the only way to do so was to increase the per day execution, which, back then, was a mere 4 kms. This was considered a huge achievement a few years back, but that has completely changed.

According to the speaker, we are now able to execute 25 kms of national highway in a day, and continue to chase the target of 40 kms.

So Niranjan Hiranandani concludes that "when aggression is shown, there is no reason why targets cannot be met."



PP Ashish Vaid introduces the guest speaker



The Making of a Masterpiece

Once Creative Directors Dhananjay Khotpal and Rajeev Prabhu with their team came together with five Bhavishya Yaan Alumni, and veteran architect Moy Biswas (and some Rotarians) to spend a fun Sunday transforming two dull walls at the Child Care Clinic at the RCB Cotton Green Clinic into lovely colorful, cheerful murals. When people from diverse backgrounds come together for a good cause, the result is pure magic!



**“I was a school drop-out, but today,
I handle the cash counter at the
Reliance Market in Guntur.”**

- Stephen Babu, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh



He was forced to leave school for financial difficulties. Signing up for Reliance Foundation’s free classroom training programme for the retail industry, helped Stephen secure a job as a retail executive and support his family financially.

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.



Dr. Batra’s won the Bizz peak of success award at Prague from over 120 countries around the world.

MY YEAR, MY RCB



The Current Rotary Year which started with a Record Fund Raiser in the history of our Club has been full of exciting New Projects that has had

a veritable impact on the Young, the Old, & the Environment.

“Anand Yaan” was launched which provided a loving community to the Elderly. Bhavishya Yaan continued to swell with over 1000 students & 5 State Of Art New Computer Labs recently inaugurated. A “Child Welfare” initiative was started providing education to Street Children.

Green initiatives such as a “Flaking” Machine for a Plastic Free Environment & Solar Installations at Marina Bay View Gardens & at the

Chatrapati Shivaji Museum was executed & planned. A Child Care Clinic today to be inaugurated at Cotton Green Centre would also add feathers to our Club’s already brimming hat.

Personally, a year like this makes me thankful for being in the company of such dedicated Rotarians led by our Dynamic President Ramesh Narayan and is proof that we are capable of making a Real Difference.

Know Your Rotarian - Mr. Vikash Mittersain

Mr. Vikash Mittersain was born in Mumbai on 4th June, 1954. He is an Electronic Engineer from Walchand College.

He is the Chairman and Managing Director of "Nazara Technologies Ltd." started in the year 2000, a company in the Mobile games space.

Nazara Technologies is expanding to be a Global company and is already operating in many countries.

Apart from this he has a company in ecommerce, in the Food industry called Gourmet Company and which is into gifting solutions.



He is the Founder & President of India Business Group, a Chamber of Commerce which is growing rapidly and will soon touch 3500 Members. This Chamber connects with all segments and sectors of Business. The Chamber focuses on 12 major sectors

and would be connecting worldwide through various events and Members who are global in nature. The Chamber has already Cooperating arrangements with 20 Chambers around the world and many more are expected to join us as Cooperating Chambers.

He is well connected in the business and Political circles both in Maharashtra and New Delhi. He is also well known in the Expats and Consulate circles in Mumbai.

He has a vast experience spanning over 30 years in business in multiple sectors and connected to almost all important sectors of business as the President of IBG.

Success Story of our Clinic at Cotton Green

Mr. Ritesh Dhoke, age 21, has thanked our Clinic at Cotton Green for being cured of Dust Allergies, which he was suffering for the last two years. He thanked Dr. Rekha and Dr. Batra's homeopathy medicines on being treated within two months from his illness of dust allergy for which he was sneezing continuously for 5 /6 hours.

Kudos to Dr. Rekha and Dr. Batra.

Rotarians:

Ordinary people doing extraordinary things



Time for FAMILY.
Time for WORK.
Time for COMMUNITY.

Time to make
A DIFFERENCE.



Time  Rotary

Child Care Clinic Inaugural



President Rtn. Ramesh Narayan with Rtn. Manoj Patodia, Chairman of Rotary Cotton Green Clinic lighting the lamp of inauguration



(From L to R) President Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Mrs. Bhavna Daftary of Bharat Serum & Vaccines, DG Rtn. Prafull Sharma and Rtn. Shamsunder Makharia

The new Child Care Clinic run by the Rotary Club of Bombay in association with the Bombay Cotton Merchant and Muccadams Association Ltd. at Cotton Green was formally inaugurated on 8th. May 2018 by District Governor Prafull Sharma along with president Ramesh Narayan, Bhavna Daftary of Bharat Serums and Vaccines and

Chairman, Cotton Green Committee Manoj Patodia.

Among other speakers were Rtn. Suresh Kotak and Shyam Makharia.

The Clinic, supported by Bharat Serums and Vaccines will be operated on Tuesday's and Friday's to begin with.

A large number of Rotarians and Rotaryannes, media

persons and guests were present.

The event was widely reported in the media with reports in the Indian Express, Free Press Journal as well as television coverage in APB majha and Saam TV.

Kudos to Chairman Manoj Patodia, Co Chair Rahil Shah and Rotaryanne Nandita Patodia.



(From L to R) Rtn. Ganesh Vishwanath, President Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, DG Rtn. Prafull Sharma, President Ramnath Subramanian of RC of Bombay Hills South and Rtn. Shamsunder Makharia



(From L to R) DG Rtn. Prafull Sharma, Mrs. Bhavna Daftary, President Rtn. Ramesh Narayan, Father of Mrs. Bhavna Daftary, Rtn. Shamsunder Makharia and Mr. Atul Ganatra

Forthcoming Events

- **22nd May 2018**
Uday Kotak will receive the Ramkrishna Bajaj Award for Good Governance and address the Club.
- **29th May 2018**
So which way will the stock markets go? A lively discussion with **Manish Chokhani** of Enam Holdings and Bharat Shah of ASK Investment Managers, moderated by Rtn. Dipan Mehta.
- **5th June 2018**
Amit Chandra on the joy of giving.

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NEXT WEEK'S MEETING - INVESTING IN A MATURE BULL MARKET



Rotarian Dipan Mehta will moderate a discussion between Manish Chokhani of Enam Holdings and Bharat Shah of ASK Investment Managers.

Bharat Shah
Executive Director, ASK Group



With a career spanning three decades in the markets, Mr. Shah has deep interface in the Indian corporate world, providing comprehensive insights in Indian capital markets (Equity and Fixed Income) and giving strong emphasis towards bottom-

up investing. With stock picking being his special strength, he has a significant understanding of global businesses. As the Executive Director of ASK Group, Mr. Shah provides strategic guidance to the CEOs in managing their respective businesses while closely supervising the Investment Management business of the group. In 2013, he authored a book titled 'Of Long-Term Value & Wealth Creation from Equity Investing: Observation, Ideas & Reflections'. He has been featured in 'Wizards of Dalal Street' (CNBC TV18), '20 Market Wizards' (Forbes India), 'India's 40 Market Minds' (Outlook Profit), 'India's Money Monarch' (Investment Interview Book), among others.

Manish Chokhani
Director, Enam Holdings



Mr. Chokhani is one of India's most respected financial advisors. He was the CEO

of Enam Securities, India's leading investment bank that was the trusted "house banker" to several leading corporates. In 2011 he led the merger of Enam Securities with Axis Bank to create Axis Capital that continues to lead the league tables in India. Mr. Chokhani has also helped devise and implement the India investment strategies of several funds including the India Capital Fund, ZA Capital Fund and TPG Growth India (as Chairman).

Mr. Chokhani is currently a Senior Advisor to TPG Capital. He also serves on the boards of the publicly listed Zee Entertainment, Westlife Developers (McDonalds) and Shoppers Stop as well as on the Governing body of Flame University. Mr. Chokhani is one of the youngest MBAs to have graduated from the London Business School and a Chartered Accountant.



Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Dilnavaz
Variava
24th May



Rtn. Dr. Ambrish
Dalal
25th May



Rtn. Pritam
Sanghai
25th May



Rtn. Mehul
Sampat
26th May



Rtn. Vasant
Manohar
28th May



Rtn. Chetan
Shukla
28th May

Partners

22nd May - R/anne. Geeta Dhawan
26th May - R/anne. Ritika Arenja

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Rotary Club Bombay Members	98
Partners	02
Visiting Rotarians	01
Guests	01
Rotractors	02
Total attendance	104
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