



## President's Message



We have stepped into the new Rotary Year. I am thankful for your support and good wishes that each and everyone has expressed in the past few days. We have already collected funds worth 1.5 crores.

As quoted by Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." The more the members the better we can reach out. Memberships are the

backbone of any association. In our Club, members represent professionals that establish standards and ethics in a given industry and, more importantly, they drive revenue.

Membership at RCB over the past years has been stagnant. I humbly request you all to get newer younger energetic individuals to join our club to carry on the spirit. Thank you!

Dear President Vijay Jatia,

Congratulations on assuming leadership of RC of Bombay. Thank you for inviting me as chief guest at the first meeting. It was a well-organised, well-attended meeting and went off well.

You have put lot of thought and have good plans for the 2018 - 19 Rotary year. TRF Contributions of \$110,000 is a very good start. In PP Sandip Agarwalla you have a PP who will be an asset to you.

I am sure you will take the Rotary Club of Bombay to a greater level of Rotary service in the club's 90<sup>th</sup> year.

Best Wishes to Gauri and you,  
Dr. Bharat Pandya, RI Director Elect

Dear President Vijay,

Please accept my grateful thanks for the grace and courtesy with which you and Gauri received me yesterday at your Installation yesterday.

The meeting was very well organised. I was very happy to note that the meeting began on time and ended almost exactly as scheduled. Well Done!

Your vision and plans for 2018 - 19 were well presented and I feel very proud that as a fellow member of RC Bombay we will see another year of committed service to the Community.

You have a soft and gentle style and I could see that you connect to every one whether senior or new. This is a quality that will stand you in very good stead as you begin your year of service as President of the Club and 'Be The Inspiration.'

As always you have my full support and if there is in any way that I can be of assistance, you know that you can count on me.

With best wishes and warm regards to Gauri and you,  
Gulam Vahanvaty, Trustee (2018 - 2022) The Rotary Foundation

## Looking Back, Moving Forward



Making The Miracle Happen.

Narrating an incident from a few years ago, Vijay Jatia took to the stage for the first time with his new title - President Jatia. Once, while travelling from Mangalore to Mumbai with his son Mudit, his son was stopped at the boarding gate. The official at the gate asked Mudit, "Are you a Jatia? Are you from Bissau?" Mudit was surprised by his questions and upon enquiry, discovered that the gentleman had studied in the school built by his family in Bissau. Having studied in Seth Shri Durgadat Jatia School, the guard was in that post only because of the Jatia family.

Today's Speaker **Ms. Sooni Taraporevala**



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and his team for 2018 - 2019



L to R: Sandip Agarwalla, Hiranmay Biswas, Bimal Mehta, Framroze Mehta, Preeti Mehta, President Jatia, Rekha Tanna, Tara Deshpande, IPP Ramesh Narayan, Madhusudan Daga, Dr. Ashok Kirpalani

This incident is one that President Jatia often recalls, reminding himself that when one does good without any expectations, it is always fruitful. What better way to give back than the Rotary? President Jatia said that the incident changed him and so he declared, "From a spectator, I became a doer - an honour I shall strive to be worthy of."

He then thanked IPP Ramesh

Narayan for inspiring him and congratulated him for the work he did in the past year, President Jatia mused on a lesson he learnt from IPP Ramesh Narayan: "Individually, we are a drop, together, an ocean."

Beginning to describe the grand plans President Jatia has for the Rotary, he spoke about fundraising events like Dil Se, Race for Humanity and a corporate Cricket Tournament.

Along with this, the club will be focusing on ongoing projects like the expansion of the medical centre at Cotton Green, by scaling up the current services and introducing new ones, starting primary sections in all five Bhavishya Yaan schools and adopting another one in Prabhadevi, and upgrade the Phiroze Ratanshah Vakil Eye Centre at Talwada amongst many others.

Moreover, under the leadership of President Jatia, the Rotary has taken on many new projects - an association with Paani Foundation, an NGO set up by the team of Satyamev Jayate and supported by renowned names like the Reliance Foundation, Bajaj family, Tata Trusts, and the Government of Maharashtra to combat drought in rural Maharashtra, a tie up with WOTR Foundation to provide safe drinking water to slums, hospitals, schools and the underprivileged in Marathwada



DG Shashi Sharma, RI Director Elect Bharat Pandya, Lata Subraido, Pradeep Saxena



and Jalna district. This total outlay for these two projects is around Rs. 10 Crores.

Additionally, the Rotary has tied up with the Masina Hospital to build a State of the Art Casualty and Emergency ward, attaining the platinum LEED certification at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya which will be spanned over 2 years, restoration of the Darbur hall at the Asiatic library and digitisation of the books amongst many other initiatives will be taken on in this Rotary year.

Ending his address, President Jatia urged the Rotarians to bring in younger participation. He also introduced a collaboration with Reliance Hospitals through which members and their spouses can avail special discounts and privileges with the Rotary and Reliance co-branded card.

District Governor Shashikumar Sharma followed President Jatia and let the Rotarians know that this Rotary Club is incredibly close to his heart as his professional leader is a part of it. DG Sharma acknowledged the good work done by IPP Ramesh of consolidating the old projects and launching two new projects - Ananda Yaan and Bhavishya Yaan, remembering the motto of the year, "We are the warriors that we were waiting for."

Then, titling President Jatia

as the 'Miracle President,' DG Sharma ensured that the upcoming Rotary year will create history. "It is the names of people who imagine the impossible, [that are] engraved in history," he said. Ending his speech, the District Governor asked the Rotarians to ponder, "What would I like to be remembered for?"

Next on stage was TRF Trustee, Gulamhusein A. Vahanvaty. Instead of listing the various accomplishments IPP Ramesh Narayan achieved, TRF Trustee Vahanvaty chose to speak about PP Narayan's unique style of leadership - a gentle, soft, and fun approach that encourages every single member of the Club to give their best. Conveying his congratulations and best wishes to President Jatia, TRF Trustee Vahanvaty stated, "Vijay, I've known you very briefly but I have had the pleasure of working with you for the past few months, especially on Race for Humanity. And what I found in you is that you are very proactive, you are open to suggestions, you give valuable suggestions, and most importantly, you are a man of action. Everything decided has



DG Shashi Sharma congratulates President Jatia and presents the certificate of commitment



Tara Sharma dines with Nalini & Vikram Kamdar



L to R : President Jatia, DG Shashi Sharma, Nirav Shah & TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty

been acted upon.” Finally, he assured the Rotarians that the incoming Rotary year will be another outstanding one, with meaningful projects and fun-filled fellowship.

Recognising the outstanding club and its 90 years of service, TRF Trustee Vahanvaty said, “Let us never minimise the power of the individual for it takes just one person to make all the difference.” He encouraged the Rotarians to set higher goals and wished them the best for the new year. In closing, he stated, “Together, let’s make Rotary the enabler of dreams for all people.”

The last speaker of the evening was RI Director Elect Dr. Pandya. He began with a story: Over 2600 years ago, Chinese Philosopher Lao Tzu was walking one cold wintery morning and was startled to hear some loud crackling noises. He observed that the snow would fall on the branches and break them though they aimed to resist the snow. However, some branches would simply bend and snap back into position once the snow slid off of them. Here, he learnt that it

is always important - and better - to be flexible and bend with the change rather than resist it. Otherwise, it could break your very being. “Today, if the Rotary Club of Bombay is strong after 90 years, it is because Rotarians have accepted change, but with continuity,” said RI Director Elect Dr. Pandya.

Appreciating the work that the Club has been doing, RI Director Elect Dr. Pandya said that Rotary Club of Bombay is a shining example of what a Rotary Club should be. He then recognised Past President Narayan, appreciating the work done in the year 2017 - 18.

Both, RI Director Elect Dr. Pandya and TRF Trustee Mr. Vahanvaty concurred on the fact that RCB is on the best clubs in the world.

“Rotary has a very important role to play in the times that lie ahead,” concluded RI Director Elect Dr. Pandya. His inspiring monologue ended with an encouraging endnote asking the Rotarians to lead by example and enjoy their time at the Club.



From L to R : R/anne Sandra Merchant, R/anne Lata Palekar, R/anne Sweta Vakil, President Inner Wheel Club Ms.Pallavi Nerkar, R/anne Susmita Mitra and R/anne Malti Jain

## The Last Lecture - All is Well that Ends Well - Shukriya Night 25th June 2018

The Rotary Club of Bombay's last meeting for the 2017 to 2018 year began with President Ramesh Narayan acknowledging the efforts and passion of all the committee members, office bearers, and past presidents. Reflecting upon what he said at the beginning of the year, "We are the warriors we were waiting for," President Narayan believed that the Rotarians have proved that they, in fact, are the warriors they were waiting for all throughout the Club's successful year. Upon being asked how the year had been, the President was left wondering, "Whose year was it anyway?"

President Narayan then walked us through an audio visual journey of all the service projects that the RCB undertook in the past year, beginning with Bhavishya Yaan. Talking about this project, the President said, "Bhavishya Yaan is an idea whose time has come. It is eight years old now. I would have said 'through its highs and lows,' but it has only had highs." Now established as one of the best projects in India, it provides vocational training, life skills, and English lessons to underprivileged children in municipal schools. Not only that, the program grants opportunities for students to go beyond school by providing exposure. He chose to raise funds with a more professional approach by creating a music video for the promotion of Bhavishya Yaan, organising a concert with the renowned singer Shankar Mahadevan, amongst other efforts. Further, the film that depicted all the achievements and accolades of the Rotary year during the meeting was created by Abhishek, a student of Bhavishya Yaan.

Next, introducing Ananda Yaan, President Narayan said, "It's hard to be poor in India. It's hard to be old in India and it's really hard to be old and poor in India." Ananda Yaan is an elder day-care centre, launched during the year with a centre in Byculla, and has now grown to another centre in the Dadar-Sea Link area. This philanthropic venture was presented the Committee of the Year award.

The Talwada Project, adopted in 1971 by the Rotary Club of Bombay, stands for two things: the eye centre now renamed the Phiroze Ruttonshaw Vakil Eye Care Centre and the Ajit Deshpande Medical Centre which houses departments for pediatrics, dentistry, pulmonary, chest, and pathology. The Deshpande Medical Centre will also receive an all-new look this September. As he announced this, he urged all Rotarians to visit Talwada, because he feels proud every time he visits the site.

Reaffirming the RCB's commitment to animal welfare, President Narayan said, "Any society is judged by the way it treats its animals." The Rotary Club of Bombay has donated ambulances, sterilised numerous cats, and has initiated numerous other projects. The Club has even been recognised for its good work across various news channels. "The media loves a good story and ninety years of good work is a great story," President Narayan stated as he stepped into the fourth requisite of being a great president - brand building. The Club celebrated its 89<sup>th</sup>



From L to R : R/anne Devi Narayan, IPP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan and IPDG Rtn. Prafull Sharma



From L to R : First Lady R/anne Gauri Jatia, R/anne Fouzia Muljiani, PP Rtn. Dr. Rahim Muljiani, IPP Rtn. Ramesh Narayan and R/anne. Devi Narayan

anniversary and stepping into its 90<sup>th</sup> year brought in a lot of coverage for the Club as India's largest and oldest Rotary Club.

In conclusion, President Narayan asked, "Whose year was it anyway?" Not the president, not the chairpersons, not the members. "This was the year of a taxi driver cancer patient, Rani, whose heart surgery we did; the old man at Ananda Yaan; Pooja who works in this hotel (Taj Vivanta President) itself; another girl, a vegetable vendor who is on her way to the SCA. And these are just examples of the hundreds and hundreds of people who we have been able to impact. I believe that this was their year." Humbled and honoured, he expressed his gratitude for being given this opportunity to help these hundreds. Thanked for his incredible service to the Club, the Rotarians roared with a thunderous standing ovation and bid a bittersweet farewell to President Ramesh Narayan.

## Celebration of International Yoga Day on 21st June, 2018

Rotary Club of Bombay in association with Kaivalyadhama & BMC celebrated "International Yoga Day" in Fifteen Schools of Brihan Mumbai Corporation (BMC) on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

### At G. K. Marg Municipal School

The program was co-ordinated by Sri Ravi Dixit (Dy. Director), Dr. Nutan Pakhare (Medical Consultant), Mrs. Ranjan Chauhan of Kaivalyadhama, Rotarians and Rotary Annes, from RCB, Members and officers of BMC Schools and dignitaries of Mumbai.



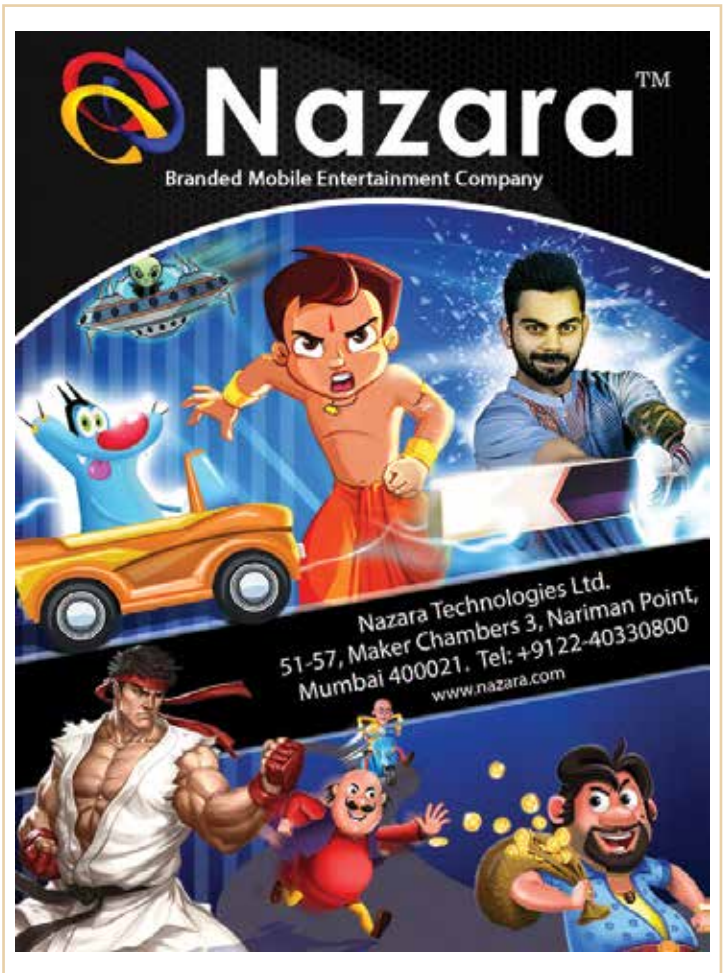
G. K. Marg School



Colaba Municipal School

### At Colaba Municipal School

Colaba Police Station Incharge, Mr. Vijay Dhopawakar was welcomed as Chief Guest by The Principal Shri. Ambarsing Magar & Yoga Teacher Rasheeda Kazi and Assistance Teacher Roshan. The function was supervised by Rtn. Vnadan Shah, Rtn. Dr. Ashish Contractor, & Ms. Havovi Sukhadwala. In total 220 persons including students participated.



### Donations Received 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2018 onwards : Total contribution Rs. 8276001/-

Anjan Kejriwal	Gaurav V Nevatia	Jagdishprasad V Bubna Trust	Kashyap Barai	Manoj Murarka	Pradeep R Mafatlal
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### Donations received 1st July, 2018 onwards for TRF : Total contribution Rs. 7480000/-

Arin Master	Ashwin Didwania	Gaurav V Nevatia	Manoj Murarka	Anonymous	Mudit V Jatia	Nandan Damani	Zeenia Master
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## Menu (Chinese)

17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### SOUP

Lemongrass Scented Vegetable Broth  
Assorted Bread Rolls & Butter

### SALAD BAR

Crispy Noodle Salad  
Toasted Sesame Topped Haricot Bean Salad  
Tofu and Bean Sprouts Salad

### VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Mixed Vegetable In In Schezwan Sauce  
Stir Fried Greens  
Kung Pao Potatoes  
Veg Manchurian

### NON VEGETARIAN MAIN COURSE

Chicken in Black Bean Sauce  
Sliced Fish in Oyster Sauce

### ACCOMPANIMENTS

Hakka Noodles  
Burnt Garlic Rice

### DESSERTS

Darsan  
Chinese Orange and Chocolate Ice Cream

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## Forthcoming Events

- **July 17<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**Speaker: Mr. Ishaat Hussain**  
The Importance of Culture in an Organization
- **July 24<sup>th</sup> 2018**  
**Panel Discussion: Mr. Jatin Paranjape, Mr. Milind Rege, Ms. Anjali Vedpathak Bhagwat,**
- **July 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**  
**Dr. Anil D'cruz**  
Topic will be announced later
- **Dr. Kaustubh Radkar and Col. Gaurav Dutta**  
Is Our Obsession With Cricket Hindering Olympic Glory?

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## NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - MR. ISHAAT HUSSAIN

Mr. Ishaat Hussain is a former Director of Tata Sons and was with the Tata Group for 37 years. During his tenure with the Group, he served on the Boards of several Tata Companies.

Mr. Hussain is a graduate in Economics from the Delhi University and a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales (ICAEW). He has also attended the Advanced Management Programme at the Harvard Business School.



Mr. Hussain is on the Advisory Board of Bain (India board) and the Murugappa Group. He also serves as a Director on several Foundations and Trusts.

Mr. Hussain will be sharing his insights on the importance of Culture in an Organization.

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## Birthdays & Anniversary Greetings



Rtn. Pulin Shroff  
11<sup>th</sup> July



Rtn. Samir Chinai  
13<sup>th</sup> July



Rtn. Dara Mehta  
13<sup>th</sup> July



Rtn. Hariprasad Nevatia  
13<sup>th</sup> July



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14<sup>th</sup> July



PP Rtn. Nirav Shah  
15<sup>th</sup> July



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16<sup>th</sup> July

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11<sup>th</sup> July - Ptn. Kavita Dalal  
14<sup>th</sup> July - Ptn. Namrata Kirpalani  
15<sup>th</sup> July - Ptn. Nandini Narvekar  
Ptn. Amisha Shroff

### Anniversaries

13<sup>th</sup> July - Rtn. Jayesh & Ptn. Divya Jhaveri  
16<sup>th</sup> July - Rtn. Shailesh & Ptn. Neelima Patkar

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### Statistics for last week's meeting

Rotary Club Bombay Members	183
Partners	98
Invitees & Guests	93
Total attendance	374
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