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LEADERSHIP OF PP. RTN. MANOJ JALAN**

# From the President's desk...



Dear Rotarians,

Very warm greetings to all of you!

Every month, I get a call from our talented editor, Rtn. Sunayana Vora, who respectfully requests me to pen down the President's Message for the upcoming issue. I usually get worried when I get a call from her because it shows that she means business. Little wonder that I make it a point to quickly draft the message after her phone call!

The months of September and October saw many successful events and activities taking place at the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town. The best part was the active participation from all of our club members. Even our club meetings saw a lot of improvement in attendance. I was happy to note that our club members have started looking forward to our regular meetings, projects and fun-day activities. The events organised in September and October were very well attended. Needless to say, this active participation of members keeps me going and makes me enjoy my tenure as the Club President. I hope that this high level of participation and enthusiasm will continue in the days to come.

I have said earlier too, "So little time, so much to do." Despite this, I have the strong desire to undertake some major projects and also have the strong belief that they will see the light of day. Some of these projects are:

1. E-learning Project
2. Hand Pump Project with the Rotary Club of Jalna
3. A major Fund-raiser this year
4. Compile and publish a Signature Book on our Past Presidents with information on the activities done during their tenure
5. A Play to be enacted by our club members

The last two months saw the Maharashtra Assembly elections riding the tide of nationalistic fervour. As I am writing this President's Message, I am still wondering which political party is going to come to power. Regardless of whichever party is going to come to power, I am sure that we, at Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, as promised will be working closely with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) and Traffic department on civic betterment, education, anti-noise pollution and environment based projects.

A matter of concern was the extremely heavy rain that Mumbai witnessed this year. What was scarier were the alarming messages on social media networks that Mumbai is at risk of being submerged by 2050 due to the impact of rising sea levels in major parts of the world.

On a brighter note, our club received very positive words of appreciation from District Governor Harjit Singh Talwar during his official visit to the club. A big thanks to all of our club members for their efforts in this regard!

Looking forward now to our '52nd Charter Nite' on 13th November 2019. Let's rock it this year!

Cheers, love you all.

**Thanking you in Rotary,  
Pres. Rtn. Abuzar N. Zakir**

## Editor's Note...



Dear Rotarians,

This is our first bimonthly issue for September-October. Hope you enjoy reading the fulfilling events of the past two months. PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan has been very kind to give us extensive information on the exchange students programme. Many thanks to my team members, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir and other Rotarians who

contributed by giving me write-ups.

**Correction:** On page 9 of the August Mid-Town Bulletin, the name of late Rotarian Hosi Vasunia was inadvertently mentioned as Homi Vasunia. The error is regretted.

There's no better joy than seeing our children and grandchildren prosper. We would like to carry news on the special achievements of Rotarians' children and grandchildren. I would appreciate if all of you can share the same with me or Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir.

Keep sending your valuable feedback; we strive to improve every day!

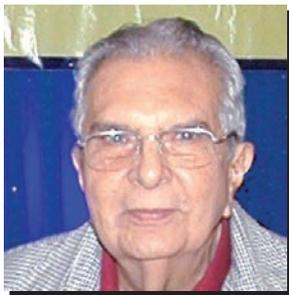
**Warm regards,  
Rtn. Sunayana Vora  
Editor**

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## Obituary of PP. Rtn. Sam Daruwala



*PP. Rtn. Sam Daruwala*

PP. Rtn. Sam Daruwala was an active and dedicated Rotarian for almost 58 years. He passed away peacefully at his home on 12th September 2019.

A passionate believer in the Rotary movement, he was one of the earliest members after the start of the Rotary

Club of Bombay Mid-Town. He served as Hon. Secretary of our club in 1975-76 and as Club President in 1977-78. As the Club President, he was preceded by Rtn. Dr. Shirish Sheth and followed by Rtn. Shaleh Tyebjee and Rtn. Khalid Ansari.

After completing his M.Com from Sydenham College in Mumbai, PP. Rtn. Sam Daruwala pursued Chartered Accountancy and obtained prestigious qualifications in the UK before returning to

Mumbai. He worked for Larsen & Toubro as a Financial Controller and later joined Cadbury as Finance Director to promote it in a multidirectional manner. At 50 years of age, he started Ahura Shipping, a company specialising in ship repairs, and subsequently gave up his interests in other companies.

He remained a Rotarian who was always actively involved in the affairs and projects of our club. He would always wear his Rotary lapel pin with pride and attend Rotary meetings to make up for lack of attendance when he was travelling overseas. He also made lifelong friends through our club and during his stay in the UK. He truly dedicated his life to living by the Rotary motto, 'Service above Self', to become an exemplary individual.

We pray for his soul to rest in peace.

**- PDG Dr. Shirish Sheth**

## Fellowship Dinner



*Members gearing up to cut the cake during the Fellowship Dinner*

Fellowship Dinners hold a special place in the hearts of members of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town. These gatherings allow club members to enjoy a dinner with other members whom they may not get a chance to meet at the regular club meetings.

On 4th September 2019, our club hosted a Fellowship Dinner at Wodehouse Gymkhana in Colaba. It was as usual a very well attended and fun affair with members having a gala time with each other.

The delicious food and refreshing beverages served to the attendees were a hit while the

company and conversation were interesting and lively.

During the Fellowship Dinner, members who had their birthdays and marriage anniversaries in September were invited onstage to cut the cake.

At the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, we believe that being a Rotarian is as much about fellowship as it is about philanthropy and occasions like our Fellowship Dinners really reinforce the former.

## Talk by Honourable Justice Roshan Dalvi



*Rtn. Antonio Fasano*



*Retired Justice of the Bombay High Court, Roshan Dalvi*



*PP. Rtn. Anil Ambo*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Munna Mitha, Rtn. Kamlesh Sonawala, PP. Rtn. Om Degan*



*Left to Right: Roshan Dalvi, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Ashwin Ankhad, Roshan Dalvi, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, Rtn. Burjor Nariman, Rtn. Suruchi Chand*

On 11th September 2019, the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town met at the Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai and had the pleasure of listening to retired Justice of the Bombay High Court, Roshan Dalvi. She retired three years ago as a judge from the High Court and currently offers her honorary services in the Arbitration Business courts.

Her tenure in the High Court was different from the others considering she offered no adjournments and no evasion of issues and gave bold and courageous judgements. She favoured the appointment of young lawyers to serve. She has had a long illustrious 27-year career and is the author of the book titled *Tangible Justice — Glimpses of a Judicial Life*. This is a book rated

by many readers as a treat for those who are legally inclined.

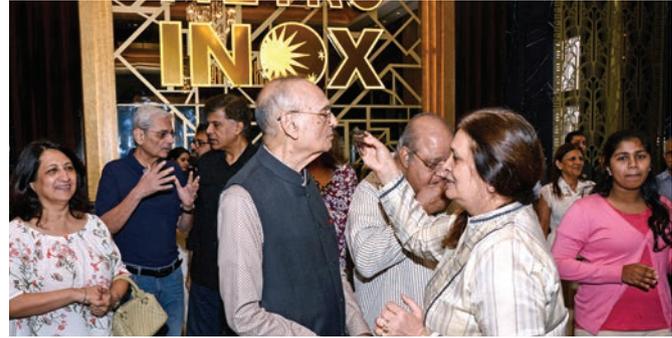
She started her mesmerising talk by discussing the importance of management principles in birds and insects before delving into their importance in homes and simple offices. She went on to discuss the management principles which form the basis of grass-roots MBA courses.

She also conveyed her aim to improve efficiency and reduce costs in Indian judicial system that is today plagued by problems that are just the opposite. She ended her talk by saying that her best 10 moral words were, “If it is to be, it is up to me.”

## A Movie Screening That Promised Fun



*Insignia Screens in Metro INOX*



*Rtn. Narendra Mohatta (centre) with Rtn. Dr. Varsha Vadera*



*Club members enjoying the movie*



*Left to Right: Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, Rtn. Narendra Mohatta, Rtn. Kamlesh Sonawala, Mrs. Manika Krishnamurti, Rtn. Mahesh Krishnamurti, Mrs. Pushpa Mohatta, PP. Rtn. Sucharita Hegde, Rtn. Rajesh Sharma*



*Club members cutting a cake to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries*

'Movie, Masti & Food Unlimited' as promised by our Club President Rtn. Abuzar Zakir turned out to be just that, and was a great success. Around 90 Rotarians attended the screening of the movie *Chhichhore* on 15th September 2019 at the Insignia Screens in Metro INOX, Mumbai.

Our club had booked both the screens of 47 seats each. The food served to the club members was delicious and arrived non-stop till the end of the movie. The movie itself was a great hit among

the members as they watched the story unfold on the screen from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During the movie interval, we had a cake-cutting ceremony to celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries of Mid-Towners in September.

All the club members who attended 'Movie, Masti & Food Unlimited' had a great time. So, overall it was a memorable day spent with all the attendees looking forward to more such fun days in the future.

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## A Talk by Journalist Kalpana Sharma



Left to Right: Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, PP. Rtn. Atul Premnarayan



PP. Rtn. Om Degan



Left to Right: Kalpana Sharma, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir



Left to Right: Rtn. Dr. Simone Currim, Kalpana Sharma, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, Rtn. Burjor Nariman, Rtn. Dr. Lotika Purohit

In India, women's single status, unlike that of men, continues to evoke everything from curiosity and questions to stigma and derision. On 18th September 2019, our club hosted a talk by Kalpana Sharma, who spoke about her own experiences as a single woman. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Rtn. Abuzar N. Zakir. Rtn. Dr. Simone Currim introduced Kalpana Sharma as the speaker and gave an overview of her being a leading journalist and the author of many books, the latest being *Single by Choice: Happily Unmarried Women*.

During the talk, Kalpana Sharma shared her many experiences as a single woman and as a journalist and gave a very factual overview of singledom. The audience also got to learn a few facts, such as many women are choosing to remain unmarried and that the percentage of women never married in 2001-2011 has seen an increase in numbers. She also spoke about the views of society when it comes to being single. As a journalist, she presented many questions and categorised them as:

- Defer Marriage
- Don't want to get married

She asked 'Why'? She also asked what the value addition of being married was and then shared the results of a survey she'd conducted that said that the top reason behind women being single was the need to be financially independent. In

her interviews of women who have never been married, she asked them what the challenges are—in front of an audience where most people were writers or journalists.

The institution of marriage was broadly discussed during the talk, keeping the audience engaged and giving them the opportunity to share their perspectives. The author also spoke about sharing her survey with members of the Dharavi slum community, having a response rate as Divorce - 1 per cent, Widow, Widow who would remarry and Divorced categories. Equality between the genders; women's rights are human rights; and marital status were aspects of her presentation during the talk and were also chapters of her book.

M - The big word also means:

- Who to marry
- When to marry
- Why you marry

She talked about women feeling incomplete without marriage and those wanting to have an equal choice in marriage. She concluded the talk by leaving the audience with a very good and important question: Why in our country, does something so fundamental ever change? The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Dr. Lotika Purohit.

- Rtn. Vinod Mirchandani

## An Introduction to Perfumes



*Left to Right: Mrs. Sapna Punjabi, Rtn. Antonio Fasano*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Antonio Fasano*



*Left to Right: Mrs. Sandhya Jain, Rtn. Antonio Fasano*



*A section of the audience*

The strong aroma of fragrances in the air was a giveaway even before one pushed the door open to the store. On 21st September 2019, 20 odd Mid-Towners gathered at SCENTIDO, a niche perfumery store on the corner of Sir Phirozshah Mehta Road in Kala Ghoda, Mumbai, in the evening hours.

The event allowed the attendees to gather some amazing knowledge about perfumes. SCENTIDO houses niche perfume brands handpicked by the store owner Shishir Mehta from different corners of the world, from France to New York, from Italy to London. The experiential perfume store's iconic fragrances have a way of enchanting the soul. The luxury perfumes on offer at the store are those of brands including Alexandre.J, Atkinsons, Berdoues, Escentric Molecules and The House of Oud.

The programme started with an introduction to perfumes, followed by a talk on the various types of perfumes, the difference between perfume,

eau de cologne, eau de toilette and the other forms that our favourite scent comes in, and the correct method to apply perfumes. Various perfumes were sprayed upon tester strips and distributed to the Rotarians; they were also given an introduction about the particular fragrance.

There was also a lucky dip where the winners were given prizes. Sapna, Sandhya and Rajesh were the lucky winners. The event was followed by some refreshments and coffee. When it was time for their departure, the Rotarians were gifted a beautiful candle in addition to some beautiful SCENTIDO postal cards as souvenirs.

Many thanks to our member Rtn. Antonio Fasano for organising this soulful event! Incidentally, Antonio himself holds a passion for perfumes and imports the Atkinsons brand of perfumes amongst others into the country.

**- Rtn. Vicky Punjabi**

## Journey to Kailash Mansarovar



*Left to Right: PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, Rtn. Ratan Poddar (District Sergeant-at-Arms, Bombay Hills South), Rtn. Deepak Mehta*



*Rotarians with members of the Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpat Rai College*



*Rtn. Shernaz Tyebjee*



*Dr. Rita Shah*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Gayomard Panthaki (Secretary, Bombay Hills South), Dr. Rita Shah, Rtn. Ravi Budhiraja (President, Bombay Hills South), Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, Rtn. Shernaz Tyebjee*

On 25th September 2019, Dr. Rita Shah shared with us her experience on her visit to Kailash Mansarovar. She had visited the region as part of a guided spiritual trip by Isha Foundation.

During the talk, she spoke about how regular medical checks and completion of the Foundation's Inner Engineering Program were compulsory for all travellers. Breathing techniques were to be done twice a day for 40 minutes daily, for 45 days prior to the journey. Walking, especially walking uphill, for 5-7 km was to be practised too.

The journey required great physical and mental strength. Dr. Rita Shah explained

that her journey from 4,500 to 15,000 ft was very tough considering the extreme cold and high altitude, and breathing was also difficult. Satsang was organised every morning. The bus journey was for 9-10 hrs a day. Thanks to her determination, Dr. Rita Shah managed to reach Mansarovar safely. During the talk, she mentioned that Mount Everest is 29,000 feet tall while Mount Kailash is 22,777 feet tall; however it is so dangerous that till date no one has been able to climb Mount Kailash!

Her talk was truly inspiring.



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# Visit to Kamla Mehta Dadar School for the Blind



*Exchange students enjoying the students' performance*



*A welcome song being sung by school students*



*School students presenting a dance performance*



*Mallakhamba performance by a school student*



*An exchange student trying out mallakhamba*



*Amazing Mallakhamba performance by two school students*



*Flexibility at its best*



*Two school students on the rope*



*A German visitor tries mallakhamba*



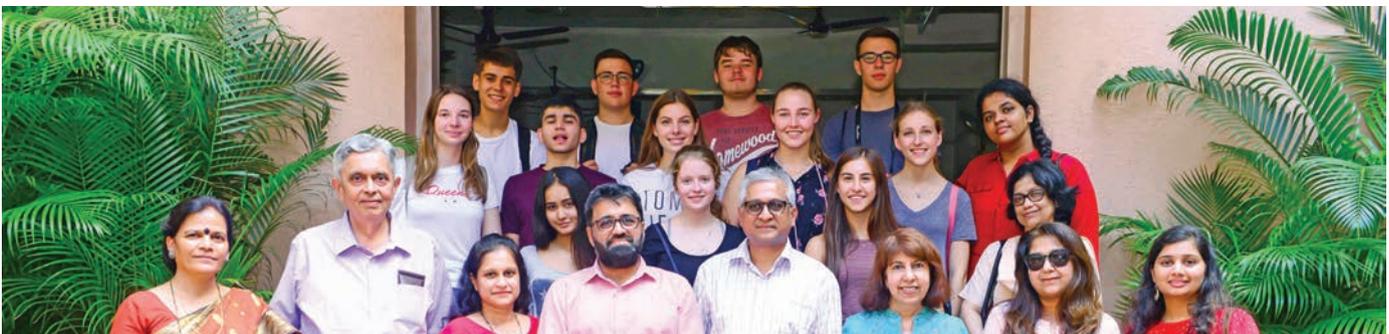
*School students doing art and craft*



*School students participating in a cooking class*



*Students learning motor skills via household chores*



*Rotarians and Exchange students at Kamla Mehta Dadar School for the Blind*

As per past practice, our club arranged a joint visit of Rotarians and Rotary Youth Exchange students from Germany and India to the Kamla Mehta Dadar School for the Blind on 1st October 2019.

The event began with a narration of the school's multifarious activities by the School Principal Mrs. Varsha Jadhav. This was followed by a welcome song sung by the visually-challenged students of the school. Later, the Rotarians and Rotary Youth Exchange students were taken

around the school to witness the school students perform various activities such as *mallakhamba*, kitchen chores, handicraft making, Montessori classes, etc.

This was followed by the attendees sitting down to enjoy tea and snacks. The event concluded with Club President Rtn. Abuzar Zakir thanking the visiting Youth Exchange students and the school authorities.

**- Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia**

## Project Kitchen Garden for Villagers of Potkhal-Baste



*Exchange students being welcomed by the children and villagers in Potkhal-Baste*



*Exchange students and Rotarians with the villagers*

After doing many projects in Potkhal-Baste village over the years, we observed that malnourishment was a serious issue with the children here. We conducted camps to collate data on the same and simultaneously ran a child nutrition project in these villages for 400 children by giving nutrition supplements in association with an NGO, Annam. Under this programme, eggs and bananas were given to children and even pregnant women were added to the recipient list. Soon, our observations showed a marked improvement in the health of

children and newborn infants. To take this project further, we preferred to make villagers self-reliant rather than be dependent on someone providing nourishment. Our club has come up with a project of helping villagers to grow vegetables and fruits in their own backyard as a kitchen garden for 270 families throughout the year, by providing them with technological help, seasonal seeds and drip irrigation system and organising organic fertiliser banks. This will provide year-round nutrition to families from their own backyards.



*The visitors were welcomed with leaf and flower crowns*



*Students trying to carry water on their heads*



*Tribal dance with the villagers*



*Students giving seeds to villagers*

The project outlay was of about ₹14 lakh. We received help from Rtn. Raju Barwale of Mahyco for technological inputs and seeds. With Rtn. Ajay Bhatnagar's help, support of ₹6 lakh came in from Rotary Club of Basel-Dreiländereck. Thanks to our association with Rotary Club Nidda through Rtn. Manfred Knoll and the annual Youth Exchange Programme, Rotary Club Nidda has supported us with €5,000 for setting up an organic fertiliser unit for this project.

The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town has put in great efforts in this project to make a marked improvement in the nourishment levels and health of children in Potkhal-Baste. We have all the resources on our hands to improve these children's health and we will make all the efforts to get the desired results. However, considering last year's drought and this year's heavy rains, the villagers are sceptical about the project because of uncertain climate conditions. The project implementation is slow as villagers are reluctant to put in their efforts. So, our club is educating them about the project and benefits they will derive on the completion of the project.

Like every year, the visiting Youth Exchange students from Germany and the host Indian

students were taken on a visit to Potkhal-Baste village on 12th October 2019. They had an amazing experience having a close look at life in a remote Indian village. The villagers welcomed the students with songs and tribal dances which the students also participated in. The students participated in all activities that a village home has and were taken to see the check-dam built by us to improve the groundwater level. The students judged a rangoli competition in which the village girls and women participated. At the end of the trip, the students tried drawing water from the village well and carrying pots of water on their head. The students from Germany distributed seeds to the identified households for their kitchen garden.

**- Rtn. Jigisha Parikh**

# Welcome Meet for Exchange Students from Germany



*Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir welcoming the students and dignitaries*



*German Consul Dr. Jürgen Morhard presenting a Participation Certificate to an Exchange student*



*A German student receiving a Participation Certificate*



*Exchange students with Rotarians and dignitaries*

The visit of the International Youth Exchange students from Germany to the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town is an annual occurrence now which allows us to meet these youngsters and interact with them and introduce them to our other club members. This year, a 'Welcome Meet' was held in honour of 10 visiting students from Germany along with their Indian host siblings and their parents as part of the meeting of our club on 9th October 2019. This was followed by a luncheon at The Rendezvous of The Taj Mahal Palace in Colaba. The young visitors were mesmerised with the view from the rooftop of the hotel, gazing in awe at the metropolis of Mumbai extending to the distant horizon. Over lunch, they interacted with our club members and our Hon. Member and Chief Guest of the event, Dr. Jürgen Morhard, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mumbai.

The meeting commenced with the singing of the national anthems of Germany and India by the students. As part of the introduction, Rtn. Manoj Jalan gave a brief review of our club's involvement and association with the Youth Exchange Programme over the years and the change it has been bringing into the lives of the participants. This was followed by a video of the highlights from the visit of Indian students to Germany as part of the Exchange Programme in the month of May. This was followed by the German students introducing themselves and sharing a Microsoft

PowerPoint presentation with us, on interesting facts and details about Germany, its education system and the similarities and differences between Germany and India.

As the Chief Guest for the occasion, Rtn. Dr. Jürgen Morhard warmly welcomed the German students to Mumbai and gave them a sneak peek into what should they expect and look forward to during their stay here. He spoke of the long-standing friendship between Germany and India and about the industrial and trade relations between the two countries. He encouraged the students to venture out in the world and gain exposure and experience and also return to India later for valuable internships in the industry here. It was heartening to listen to him convey a deep sense of appreciation and admiration for Mumbai and its people.

Rtn. Bernhard Steinrücke, in his closing remarks and Vote of Thanks, praised the students for having participated in the Exchange Programme. He encouraged the students to be outward-looking. He also motivated the Indian students to consider Germany for higher education and advised the German students to visit India again as tourists or even better, as interns, as the trade and industrial relations between the two countries is growing by leaps and bounds.

**- Rtn. Manoj Jalan**

## Indo-German Exchange 2019: When Friends Become Family



*Exchange students visit the Western Railway Heritage Gallery and meet dabbawalas*



*Visit to T. S. Jawahar*

After having spent three weeks in Germany as part of the International Youth Exchange organised by Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town and Rotary Club Nidda, we were eagerly waiting for our German siblings to visit us. They finally arrived in Mumbai on 29th October 2019. A warm Indian welcome of garlands, tilak and *aarti* awaited them. Over the next three weeks it was a whirlwind of visits, experiences and activities as a group and with the host families.

Their visit around the town began with a visit to Dhobi Ghat at Mahalaxmi followed by a

visit to Lala Lajpat Rai College and HR College where they were welcomed with dances and information about the colleges. A very touching visit was to the Kamla Mehta Dadar School for the Blind where the students of the school showed that despite their visual shortcomings, they could sing, dance, cook, do craft and also some amazing *mallakhamba*. On the same day we also visited a textile printing factory where we saw digital printing being done on fabric. In this busy city, factories were running from small industrial units and churning out fantastic products.

## CLUB EVENTS

In the middle of the week we went for an overnight trip to Alibaug. Taking the ferry from Gateway of India is a visual delight. The trip was spent having fun together, enjoying the pool at the resort and visiting Kihim beach to see the sunset and we returned to Mumbai the next day. An interesting visit was to the Western Railway Heritage Museum where we saw railway memorabilia from its history of over 150 years. Just outside the Western Railway HQ we saw the famous Mumbai *dabbawalas* doing their daily routine and tried to understand their modus operandi. We took the Germans for a sizzler lunch and they were fascinated with the steam emanating from the dish. We visited Mani Bhavan and the Jain temple at Walkeshwar. That evening we also experienced the Ramleela being held at Chowpatty. It is an interesting, centuries-old art form that many of us in Mumbai have never witnessed even though it is an annual feature. Another highlight was a visit to Training Ship Jawahar in Colaba that is used for training Sea Cadet Corps. We were taken out to the sea and all of us had a wonderful time rowing boats.

A very nice afternoon was at the Welcome Meet organised by Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town which was attended by some of our parents as well. The history and beauty of Taj Mahal Palace wowed the Germans and the venue of the meet was the magnificent 'The Rendezvous' with a lovely lunch. We sang the Indian and German national anthems at the start of the meeting. A short video showing highlights of our trip to Germany was followed by a presentation by the Germans introducing themselves and talking about Germany and their education system. We were handed over Participation Certificates by Dr. Jürgen Morhard, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Mumbai as well as the Chief Guest of the event.

Some of our other visits were to Afghan Church, Mount Mary Church and ISKCON Juhu temple followed by its delicious vegetarian buffet. All of us also partook a wonderful Parsi lunch generously hosted at home by one of the Indian participants. The Germans found street shopping very fascinating, be it at Colaba Causeway or Linking Road. They learnt bargaining skills and enjoyed practising it well with the street vendors.

One of the highlights was a trip to Potkhal-Baste villages where we had a remarkable experience closely interacting with villagers. We sang and danced with them and participated in activities of their daily life as well as ceremonial ones like drawing a rangoli. It was an eye-opener for all



*In Indian traditional wear on Farewell Evening*

of us to see the work done by RCBMT in these villages to improve their lives.

On the cultural front, the guests enjoyed a Dandiya Evening at CCI. All dressed up in ghagra-cholis and kurtas, they thoroughly enjoyed doing garba and danced away the night. We also enjoyed Germany in Mumbai by experiencing the Oktoberfest at Turf Club. A buzzing evening with live band playing great music, we all danced away to German tunes. It was Germany come alive in our city. A yoga session at Saifee Hospital also introduced them to the Indian way of health and fitness.

Towards the end of the trip we hosted a Mehndi (henna) Party for the visitors. The Germans were all fascinated by the Indian natural tattoos. The girls were all decked in Indian outfits and flaunted their designs. Even the boys wanted to get a small tattoo on their arms. A couple of days before their departure, we hosted a Farewell evening with all host families at Fariyas Hotel. The theme for the evening was Diwali and the venue was decorated with flowers and lamps. We were happy and sad at the same time as their trip had come to an end and we did not realise how three weeks flew by so fast. The Germans, us and our parents shared our experiences of the past few days.

The Exchange taught us a lot of things one of which is adaptability. We all were strangers who were trying to get through the Programme the best we could. We learned how to fall in love with people so much so as to call them our own family. Our memories and the interaction between our friends and families will be cherished for the rest of our lives. We know that we have a family eagerly waiting in Germany to meet us again someday and that feeling is priceless!

**- Anamika Bindal, Bahman Cooper, Devika Sharma, Kahan Mehta, Krish Shah, Shenelle Aldons, Shika Raika, Tullika Vahista, Vahista Anklesaria, Vashisht Agarwal**

## Interviewing Past Presidents



*Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir giving a speech*



*PP. Rtn. Rahul Mehta*



*A rapt audience*



*PP. Rtn. R. P. Anand*



*Left to Right: PP. Rtn. Om Degan, PP. Rtn. Rahul Mehta, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, PP. Rtn. Gopal Motwane, PP. Rtn. Mohan Shahani*

On 30th October 2019, a few of our Past Presidents—PP. Rtn. Om Degan, PP. Rtn. Gopal Motwane and PP. Rtn. Mohan Shahani—were interviewed by PP. Rtn. Rahul Mehta and Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir. The interviewees shared their experiences in life before and during Partition of India in 1947 and also conveyed some heartfelt real-life incidences. Their words moved the hearts of all those present.

PP. Rtn. Rahul Mehta and Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir indeed brought the best out of the interaction by asking the interviewees some well-articulated questions.

Here is a message from Rtn. Shernaz Tyebjee post the meeting:

*Dear Rotarians,*

*This meeting has been one of the most memorable ones of this year since we had the opportunity of listening about the Pre-Partition and Post-Partition days from our very own Rotarians. The pains and challenges faced by them and others during this period could be felt in the hearts of all of us who were present at this meeting.*

*Regards,*

*Rtn. Shernaz Tyebjee*

*Chairperson - Programs*

## Diwali Celebrations at Fariyas Hotel in Colaba



*Left to Right: Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, First Lady Alifiya*



*Left to Right: Rotaractor Mahav Jain, First Lady Alifiya, PP. Rtn. Sucharita Hegde, Mrs. Shetty, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Gaurav Kapadia, Mrs. Purnima Kapadia*



*Left to Right: Mr. Shrikant Parikh, Rtn. Jigisha Parikh, Rtn. Jagar Thakur, Mrs. Simit Thakur*

On 20th October 2019, the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town met at Fariyas Hotel in Colaba for a Fellowship afternoon to celebrate the festival of Diwali.

It was a well-attended, fun-filled afternoon with a live band playing music that entertained all of the attendees. The Representatives of our partner Rotaract and Interact Clubs as well as members of our partner Inner Wheel Club joined us in the fun and revelry.

There was a lavish buffet on offer with live counters of Indian chaat and Italian pasta. Members came dressed in colourful ethnic wear and, as the photographs show, the mood amongst all was upbeat. A raffle had been organised and our First Lady Alifiya Zakir pulled out the names of the lucky winners who received lavish gifts like gold-plated jewellery (courtesy Rtn. Sunayana Vora), a free stay at Fariyas Resort in Lonavala (courtesy Rtn. Jagar Thakur), gift hampers by Dabur, luxury luggage cases and backpacks (courtesy American Tourister), and many more exciting items.

The mood was festive and each and every member appreciated the efforts taken by Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir and his wife First Lady Alifiya Zakir in making it such a memorable afternoon.



*Left to Right: PP. Rtn. Navin Shah, Rtn. Jagar Thakur*



*The live band*



*Left to Right: PP. Rtn. Rahul Mehta,  
Rtn. Kamlesh Sonawala*



*Left to Right: Mrs. Sheela Mane, Rtn. Rajendra Mane*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Sunayana Vora, Rtn. Shernaz Tyebjee*



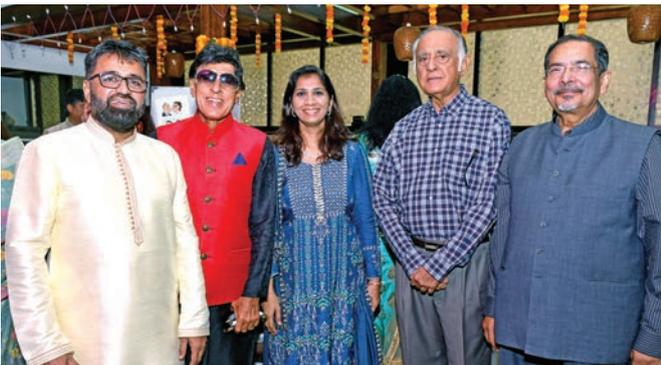
*Left to Right: Rtn. Gargi Mukherjee, PP. Rtn. Rahul Mehta*



*Left to Right: PP. Rtn. R. P. Anand, Pres.  
Rtn. Abuzar Zakir*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Jagar Thakur, Mrs. Simit Thakur*



*Left to Right: Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, PP. Rtn. Atul  
Premnarayen, First Lady Alifiya, PP. Rtn. Ajit Kamlani,  
Rtn. Prabhat Kumar Srivastava*



*Left to Right: Rtn. Sunil Gautam, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir,  
PP. Rtn. Dr. Deepak Garg, Rtn. Sunil Agarwal*

## Official Club Visit by District Governor



*The attendees posing for a group photo*



*Rtn. Nirbhay Jain (extreme right) receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award*



*District Governor Rtn. Harjit Singh Talwar*

On 23rd October 2019, District Governor Rtn. Harjit Singh Talwar conducted an Official Club Visit (OCV) of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town.

On this occasion, Rtn. Nirbhay Jain, one of our senior most members, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the District Governor and our Club President. Every member of our club is proud of Rtn. Jain and humbled by his contribution to the society. Hearty congratulations to him!

Here is a letter that District Governor Rtn. Harjit Singh Talwar penned down after his OCV, addressed to our Club President Rtn. Abuzar Zakir:

*Dear Abuzar,*

*Thank you for your warmth and hospitality at the OCV today. It was a pleasure to interact with your club members and their families, along with the Interactors, Rotaractors and members of the Inner Wheel Club. I sincerely hope that they enjoyed the interaction as much as I did.*

*You have a vibrant Rotary club and are providing exemplary leadership as the Club President, involving the team in all of your initiatives. I am confident that you will take the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town to hitherto unimagined heights of glory in the SMART RY 2019-20.*

*Please convey my sentiments and gratitude to your board members and the entire club.*

*Well done, keep it up!*

*Warm regards,  
Harjit*

## Proud to Announce...

Cathedral School has won all Mumbai Football Cup first division under the captainship of Jiya Didwania, the daughter of Anuj Didwania. She made her grandfather Rtn. Anand Didwania proud by winning the tournament.



*Jiya Didwania sitting while holding the cup*

## Hearty Congratulations

Congratulations to the boys and the proud parents and Rtn. Dr. Firoze and Rotary Ann Elinor Mirza. Jeremy D Mirza, son of Dr. Darius F Mirza, has earned his Ph.D. in Marine Biology

from Sao Paulo, South America. Christian H Mirza, son of Capt. Heinz F Mirza, has graduated after completing seven Chartered Accountant exams.

## Some Heartwarming Poetry

This month, Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir shares a few lines that he enjoyed reading recently:

*Sometimes I feel I want to go back in time,  
Not to change things, but to feel a couple of things  
twice.  
Sometimes I wish I was a baby for a while,  
Not to be walked in the pram but to see my mother  
smile.  
Sometimes I wish I could go back to school,  
Not to become a child but to spend more time with  
those friends I never met after school.  
Sometimes I wish I could be back in college,  
Not to be a rebel but to really understand what I  
studied.  
Sometimes I wish I was a fresher at work,*

*Not to do less work but to recall the joy of the first  
pay cheque.*

*Sometimes I wish I could marry again all over,  
Not to change the partner but to 'feel' the ceremony  
better.*

*Sometimes I wish my kids were younger,  
Not because they grew fast but to play with them  
a bit more.*

*Sometimes I feel I still had some more time to live,  
Not to have a longer life but to know what I could  
give to others.*

*Since the times that are gone can never come back,  
let's enjoy the moments as we live them from now  
on, to the fullest.*

*Let's celebrate our everyday life.*

## Rtn. Asha Singh's Visit to Rotary Club of St. Marylebone

Rtn. Asha Singh visited the Rotary Club of St. Marylebone on 23rd September 2019. Here is an address made by her to Rotary Club of St. Marylebone in this regard:

*Pres. Dominic Brockes, IPP, Sec. Dr. Tom Lester and Pres. Elect Margaret Pollock, thank you for inviting me. Greetings from Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir and Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town and IWC Bombay Mid-Town (I am IPP of the latter). Congratulations on your 70th anniversary in November 2018. We have had our Golden Anniversary 2018-19.*

*We are 110 members who meet every Wednesday at the Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai and have a Fellowship once a month. We also have a Charter Night in December and some more fun along the way!*

*I was very impressed to read about your carefully selected and successful projects, namely 'Woman's Trust' for abused women; 'Streetsmart' for the homeless; 'Puffin Club' for the physically challenged; and David Nott Foundation for young musicians. Our Club President and members would like to know more about them. Meanwhile, I am making a personal donation of £200 towards Streetsmart as winter is usually the hardest time for homeless people—though according to Ralph Waldo Emerson, an American essayist, lecturer, philosopher and poet, "The only [true] gift is a portion of yourself."*

*At our end, we have 10 ongoing projects and two in the pipeline. I will explain these projects in detail later. I have a printout of questions at the end of this letter and our Bulletins are tabled too.*

*What I would like to achieve today is to extend our hand in friendship or partnership. Come and visit us so that we can exchange our thoughts and ideas. I would like to take a letter from Pres. Dominic Brockes, IPP, for Pres. Rtn. Abuzar Zakir, giving a feedback on our projects.*

*Thanking you,*

*Rtn. Asha Singh*



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Dear Asha,

Thank you for making the meeting yesterday such a success with your passionate talk about the problems facing India and your efforts to try and help others.

Thank you also for your generous donation to Woman's Trust which is a charity we have supported for some years and we know they make good use of the money for counselling sessions.

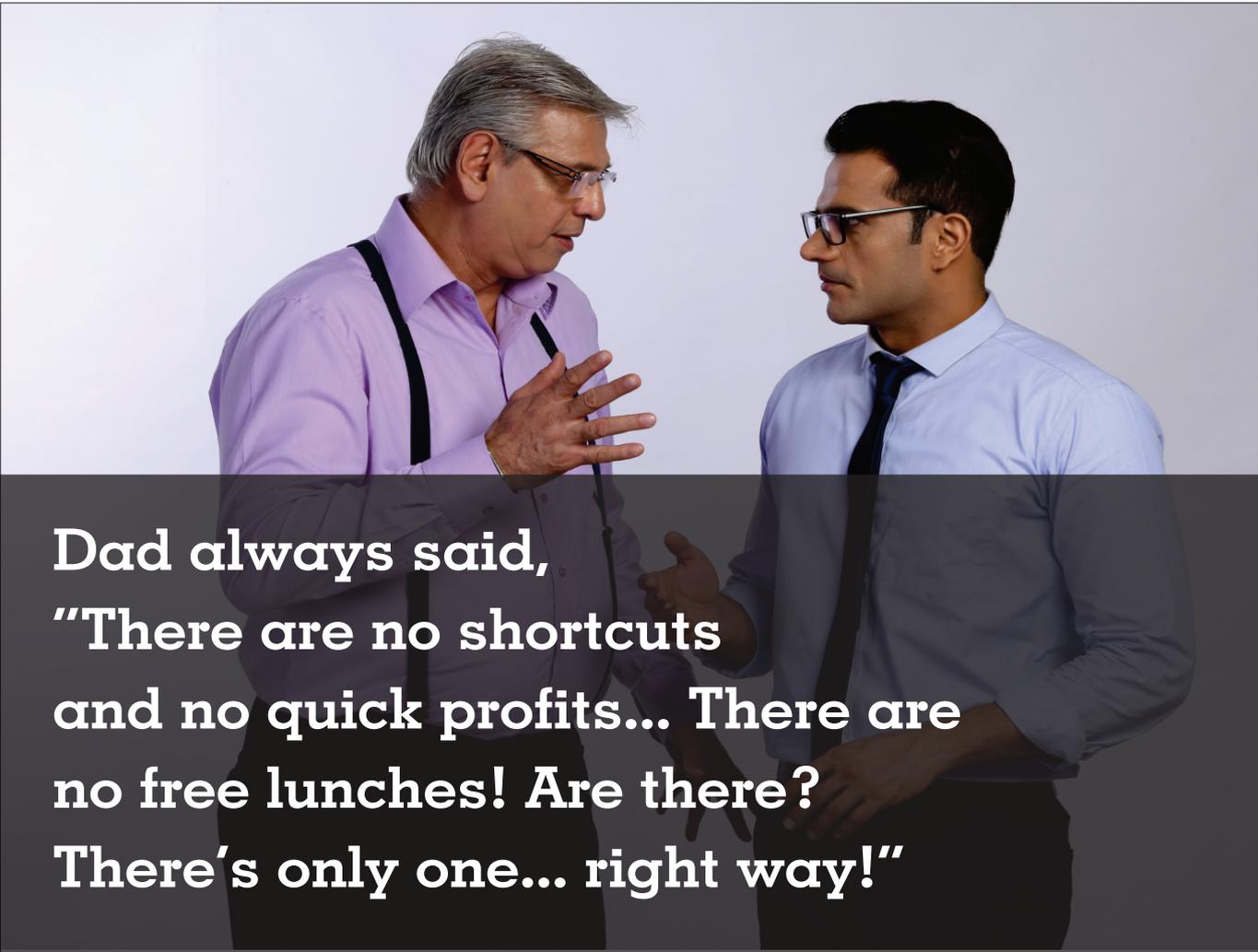
The whole Club is delighted you made contact with us. We would like to make you an Honorary member which entitles you to receive our Bulletin so that you can keep up to date with our Club.

Kevin will look into the possibilities of a trip to visit your Club.

Best wishes to you and your over 100 members from the Rotary Club of St. Marylebone.



*Rtn. Asha Singh (left) presenting a Rotary Club Flag to the President of Rotary Club of St. Marylebone*



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## The Journey from VT to CSMT

All of us have passed by the CSMT (Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus or the erstwhile Victoria Terminus) and admired the beautiful architecture of this iconic structure. However, not many of us know of or have seen the interiors which are as mesmerising and grand as the exteriors after the restoration work done not so long ago.

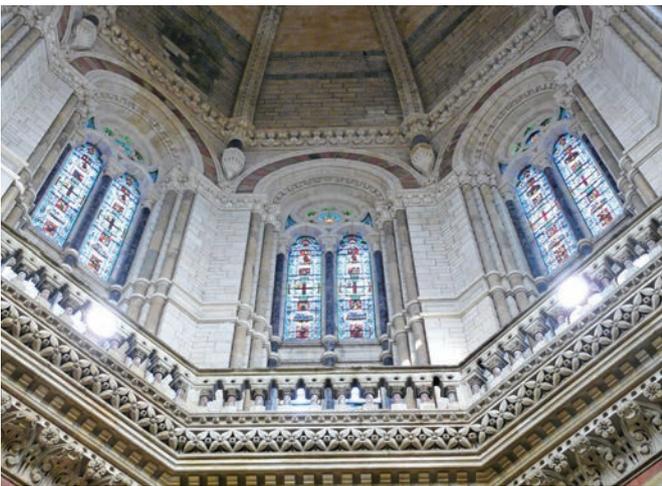
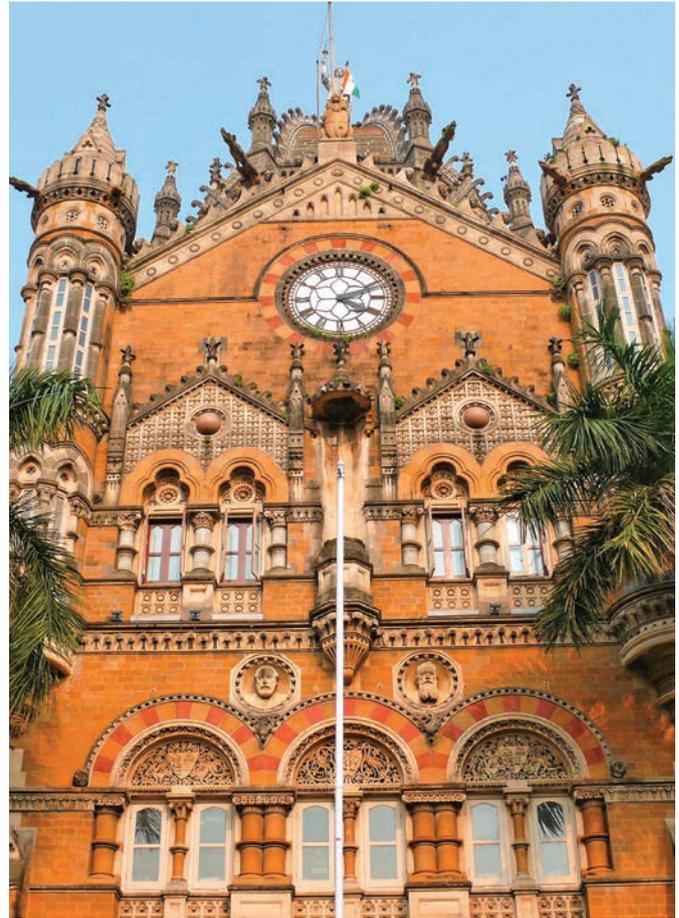
A UNESCO World Heritage Site, CSMT is like a stunning body with a noble soul inside. Designed by a young, 30-year-old British architectural engineer Frederick William Stevens, it was 10 years in the making and completed in 1887. This famous architectural landmark was built as the headquarters of the Great Indian Peninsula Railway (GIPR) and presently houses the headquarters of the Central Railway. The building exhibits a fusion of influences, from Victorian, Italianate, Gothic and Revival architecture to classical Indian architecture. The skyline, turrets, pointed arches and eccentric ground plan closely resemble the classical Indian palace architecture. Externally, the wood carvings, tiles, ornamental iron and brass railings, grills for the ticket offices, balustrades for

the grand staircases and other ornaments were the work of students at the Sir Jamsetjee Jeejebhoy School of Art.

CSMT is an outstanding example of the meeting of two cultures, as British architects worked with Indian craftsmen. There are eye-catching carvings of flora and fauna, symbols and portrait roundels of human faces on the arched tympana and stone mesh works on the decorated rose windows (wheel windows). It has carvings made in local yellow Malad stone blended with Italian marble and polished granite in a few places. There are gargoyles, allegorical grotesques carrying standards and battle axes, and figures of relief busts representing the different castes and communities of India. In prominent places on the facade the bas-reliefs of the 10 directors of the old Great Indian Peninsula Railway are shown.

As you walk inside, there are sandstone arches juxtaposed with vintage Minton flooring with geometrical patterns in the silent corridors. With the other facade of the terminus peeping out through the arches, the decorated main





central porch is a massive wooden door with metal studs, enclosed in basalt stone, Italian marble, granite columns and a limestone arch on the top. The porch leads to a grand staircase which is a sight to behold. The red carpet over the artistically decorated staircase and Gothic architecture of the central dome gives

a Hogwarts-like feel. The adjacent walls have latticed windows flanked by granite pillars. This dome is said to be the first octagonal ribbed masonry dome that was built in the Italian Gothic style. Breathtaking stained-glass windows which are found in ample numbers in the CSMT building in varied designs and tints, even in the drum of the central dome, give an effect of toning down the sun's glare. The shadow of the arches and columns that adorn the corridors lead to another spectacular element: the Star Chamber. With hundreds of commuters walking to and fro below, the Star Chamber has the most magnificent ceiling that any railway station could have. This massive hall, which contains the booking offices, has a ceiling with carved vaults in geometric designs and with gold stars. CSMT is truly and undoubtedly one of the prettiest railway stations in the world!

- Photos by PP. Rtn. Manoj Jalan

## Laboratory Grown Diamonds

With the wedding season fast approaching, it's the opportune time to buy and gift jewellery, whether it is adorned with gold, diamonds, emeralds or so on. While most of you are familiar with diamonds, I am sure you have also heard about 'lab grown diamonds' and it may have sparked your interest. There are many notions about them that I'd like to dispel.

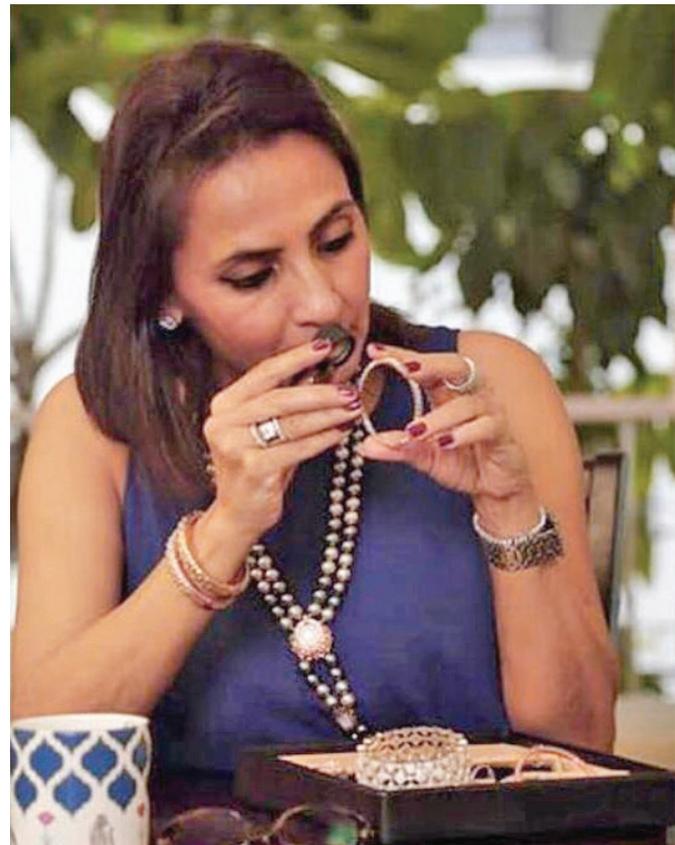
So let's start at the beginning. **What are lab grown diamonds?**

Firstly, lab grown diamonds have the same quality, properties, beauty and sparkle as natural diamonds, but with a price that is 40-50 per cent lesser than natural diamonds. Lab grown diamonds are high-quality stones, as spectacular as naturally grown diamonds, but can be formed in approximately three months unlike the natural diamonds which take many many years to form. Just as test-tube babies are made in the laboratory but they are real, lab grown diamonds are grown from a carbon seed and have exactly the same features and properties like that of mined diamonds. Lab grown diamonds are produced by two methods: one, high pressure high temperature (HPHT) and two, chemical vapour deposition (CVD)—both give almost the same output. Lab grown diamonds are—in simple terms—engineered or cultured diamonds.

**What are moissanites and cubic zirconia, and how different are they from lab grown diamonds?**

Moissanites and cubic zirconia are just like other gemstones like rubies, sapphires, etc. They are also mined and have properties which are similar to a diamond but yet, are not the same; however the lab grown diamonds and natural diamonds are 100 per cent same in terms of properties. See the table below to understand their important properties:

	Refractive Index	Specific Gravity	Hardness
<b>Diamonds</b>	2.417	3.52	10
<b>Lab grown diamonds</b>	2.417	3.52	10
<b>Moissanite</b>	2.65-2.70	3.22	9.5
<b>Cubic Zirconia</b>	2.15	5.95	8



*Rtn. Sunayana Vora*

**Are lab grown diamonds fake?**

This is the most widely asked question. And I'd like to just clear the air by saying no, lab grown diamonds are not fake! They are grown from carbon minerals just like real diamonds, by applying similar heat and pressure needed for diamonds to form under the earth's surface, thereby giving it the same properties.

And, I can safely say that no jeweller, magnifying glass or even a microscope with 50-70X magnification can tell the difference between natural and lab grown diamonds because there is absolutely no difference ! Only with specialised machines and other features which determine the origin, you can tell the difference. Diamond dealers today get these checks done before purchasing loose stones.

**So, why are lab grown diamonds less expensive than natural diamonds?**

While lab grown diamonds and natural diamonds provide the same quality and brilliance, lab



*Jewellery made from lab grown diamonds*

grown diamonds can cost up to 40-50 per cent less than natural diamonds simply because lab grown diamonds are easier to come by. Natural diamonds are still rare stones, while lab grown diamonds can offer a more convenient and budget friendly alternative without affecting the beauty or durability at all.

**Why should you buy lab grown diamonds? Besides its price, is there any benefit?**

While price can be a major reason for buying lab grown diamonds, there's a far more compelling reason behind why you should consider buying them. Did you know: we blow 20 tonnes of mountains to get 1 carat of diamond! How environmentally harmful is that! Most natural diamonds are mined and sold while causing various conflicts in other countries, especially in western Africa, and this is why they get the



name 'Blood Diamond' or 'Conflict Diamond'—boiling down to moral and ethical beliefs.

Natural diamonds are often repaired, fracture filled or laser drilled to enhance their clarity, whereas no such thing is needed in a lab grown diamond. Lab grown diamonds are completely environment friendly and involve no destruction of natural resources and no polluting of the environment at all! So you can enjoy beauty of a diamond without cruelty!

Now, the next time you go to buy diamonds, ask yourself whether you want to buy natural diamonds which are beautiful and original or whether you want to go for eco-friendly, beautiful and economical lab grown diamonds. Both are great; just buy what your heart tells you to!

**- Rtn. Sunayana Vora  
Graduate Gemologist**

## An Interview with Mr. Parab of RCBMT



*An old photo of Mr. and Mrs. Parab*

At times we forget the people behind the stage who make it all happen. These are people who operate in the background and oversee all details so that everything runs smoothly. Mr. Parab, who is part of the staff at the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town, is one such person. He is the person who ensures that every event and meeting that we organise is joyful and successful. As members, we are extremely thankful to Mr. Parab who is a cog in the wheel of our club's caravan, without whom our club is incomplete.

Let's hear from him about his journey with the club. Excerpts from our interview with him:

- **How long have you been working with our club and how has the journey been for you so far?**

I have been working with the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town for several decades now. I joined the club on 3rd May 1979. My journey with the club has been very fantastic. I have garnered a lot of experience in the process. All the people at the club are very cooperative.

- **Did you have any formal training or education to work with an organisation like Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town?**

I have had no formal training. I joined as an office assistant and learnt everything on the



*Mr. and Mrs. Parab during a visit to Gujarat*

job. I have gathered a lot of experience over the years and worked hard, which has enhanced my overall confidence to work honestly and fearlessly while handling the whole office of the club for the last 10 years. But one thing I would like to highlight is that Rtn. Anil Kamath showed me great cooperation by updating and training me on how to do the office work, deal with accounts and keep all records.

- **At our club, what are your key roles and areas of work? Also, please tell us about one of your best experiences at work.**

My key role is to do the day-to-day office work, report daily to the Club President about all office bearers, secretaries and the progress of work undertaken by the club, and keep an eye on club matters like matching grants under FCR act, Potkhal-Baste village project, child welfare project, Jalna project, eye-care project, care of handicapped people, etc. From rendering office assistance to managerial and secretarial work, I do it all with enthusiasm with the help of my colleague Anil Jadhav, who is always present in the Rotary office. Without him, it is not possible for me to handle the office work.



*Mr. Parab (centre) with his wife, son and two of his daughters*



*Mr. and Mrs. Parab during a visit to Gujarat*

- **How are the club members, directors and president cooperating with you? Do you feel a part of the team?**

All club members, directors and presidents till date have been very cooperative with the office staff. Yes, for me, it is all about teamwork.

- **In your view, what do you think is the best and the not-so-good aspect about your work here?**

The best part of my job here is that I get to work hard and honestly. Moreover, it allowed me to progress from an office assistant to handling the entire Rotary office every day. All in all, it has been a good experience in all aspects!

- **Who all are in your family and what do they do? Will you motivate them to work for the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town?**

My family comprises my wife (a homemaker), my son (a college student), and three daughters—one is married and the other two are doing jobs

in Mumbai. Yes, I motivate them to be a part of this organisation.

- **Which club president or member has formed a lasting impression on you, and why?**

All club presidents and members are of a good nature and are cooperative. Despite their busy schedules and having their own business, they have always given time to Rotary.

- **If you had to do a project, which one would you take up and why?**

These would be projects like Potkhal-Baste, Dam Construction and Shauchalaya and Sanitation Matching Grant because all of these are beneficial to adivasis and the poor public.

- **What would you like to add, or change, in our organisation if given a chance?**

Nothing as such.

- **How long would you like to work here; do you like your job here?**

Rotary is my life, so I will work until my health permits me. I love my job!

- **Is there any message that you would like to share with us?**

Work honestly and hard—God is always there with you.

**- Rtn. Sunayana Vora**

## 🎂 Birthdays in December 2019 🎂

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<b>District Governor</b>	Harjit Singh Talwar
<b>Club President:</b>	Abuzar N. Zakir



**02 December**  
Nirbhay Jain



**02 December**  
James Brunner



**04 December**  
Moorad Fazalbhoy



**06 December**  
Antonio Fazano



**12 December**  
Raju Barwale



**12 December**  
Yoginder Shankardass



**13 December**  
Tilak Mehta



**20 December**  
Ajit Kamlani



**21 December**  
Dr. Prafulla Sabadra



**24 December**  
Rajendra M. Mane



**26 December**  
Mahesh Krishnamurti



**28 December**  
Dr. Firoze Mirza

### 🎂 Spouse's Birthdays 🎂 December 🎂

- 03 Bijal Doshi
- 15 Hansa Kejriwal
- 09 Dr Rati Godrej
- 15 Jyoti Mehta
- 15 Razia Mitha
- 16 Rekha Agarwal
- 16 Dr. Vimal Kasbekar
- 22 Kalpana Srivastava

### 🎂 Anniversaries 🎂

- 01 Indira - James Brunner
- 03 Bijal - Sunil Doshi
- 04 Siloo - Dr. Shirish Sheth
- 05 Malti - Kiran Shah
- 06 Anahita - Homi Kaka
- 08 Bindu - Krishna Mehta
- 09 Pushpa - Narendra Mohatta
- 10 Anita - Prakash Mody
- 11 Sapna - Vicky Punjabi
- 12 Rupande - Bharat Parekh
- 12 Hemangini - Rajeev Thakkar
- 14 Gargi - Siddharth Murkherjee
- 15 Nasreen - Dr. Anil Tibrewala
- 20 Urvashi - Jaidev Mehta
- 23 Dr. Varsha - Dinesh Vadera
- 24 Nayana - Ashwin Ankhad
- 24 Kirti - Ajay Dalal
- 25 Nisha - Akhil Shahani
- 26 Kate - Mehernosh Currawalla
- 27 Rovina - Ghansham Dembla



**29 December**  
Suruchi Chand



**29 December**  
Anil Kamath

### DECEMBER 2019

#### DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT MONTH

#### WEDNESDAY, 04 DECEMBER MEETING

Venue: President Hotel, Cuffe Parade at 1:15 pm

#### WEDNESDAY, 11 DECEMBER MEETING

Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm

#### WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER CLUB'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Venue: Taj Mahal Hotel at 1.15 pm  
6th BOD Meeting at 2.30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, 25 DECEMBER Christmas Holiday

**Read about our November Events and  
Projects in our next issue.**



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