



# REFLECTIONS

*In Giving, We Receive*



## from the horse's mouth

Rajiv Punater  
President

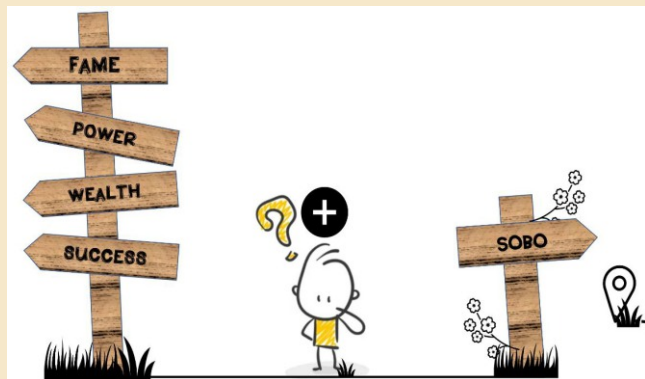
Reach high, as stars lie hidden  
in your soul;  
Dream deep for every dream  
precedes the goal.

- Mother Teresa

The picture depicts the direction we have all tread on, with personal aspirations and goals being the focus of our lives. There is an additional route that could be an opportunity for us, viz to go the SOBO way...

### Service Outreach Beyond (the) Ordinary.

Let's walk hand-in-hand to achieve the milestones that we have dreamt together.



October has been an incredible month with a mix of "social" activities of all kinds, touching lives by engaging our member community in worthy projects and encouraging the spirit of bonding in our interest groups. The "Official Club Visit" by our district governor and senior officials was a thumping success, we were touted as the "best" club in all of Bombay district 3141, certainly a matter of pride for us. The Diwali party combined with our fundraiser for the National Association of the Disabled Enterprise was a collective effort of true-blue Samaritans that went all out to make a difference.

Each one of us is a changemaker in our own ways, be it with time, money and/or effort to be involved in the club.

Keep your WHY 's alive and the roots that connect to your purpose.... WHY we are here... WHY we sign up for service each week and WHY we have to stay committed.

And if you don't have a good enough WHY, then hum along and cheer on as you watch and get inspired by our changemakers in action.... **"that's the way, uh huh uh huh, I like it, uh huh uh huh."**

In appreciation,

Rajiv

## Band together against Hunger : Meals Distribution at Nair hospital

*Information on community service non medical*

*shared by Director Community services Jaishri Kimmalkar and jt. Director Saurav Purkayastha*

Meal distribution since the past 4 months continues successfully. Food packets sourced from Ratnanidhi Charitable Trust at Khetwadi are distributed to patients and staff of Nair hospital. Additionally, sheera packets, sweets & water bottles also distributed.



## Igniting minds and courage!

**SOBO joins hands with URJA to empower women**

Urja Foundation runs three shelters at Dadar with about 35 women inmates at the facility at any given time. The inmates are generally in the age group of 17-30 years. Since most of the inmates have been subjected to abuse and violence, they require sensitive and constant care with supervision. Urja raises funds largely through donations. Of the 250 women (present and past inmates) they are supporting, atleast 80 of them will be able to secure employment and housing with the support of Urja. The inmates are given psychological counselling and vocational training along with basic computer literacy and coaching in spoken English while they are at the shelter.

Funders can support Urja's inmates by providing essentials and other products.

Rotary received funding of Rupees 7 lakhs from a donor Mr. Farokh Irani. The funds have been deposited in the bank and vendor payments on behalf of Urja will commence from 01 Oct. We are also supporting the salary of a Counsellor who is a critical member of the team. We have also donated electronic gadgets which were collected during a Rotary Mumbai SOBO drive. We now look for members who can step up to provide teaching support as well as support in kind for Urja Trust. Project can be extended to one year with more support and donations.





## Vocational Training at Urja Trust

*Great efforts by Ritika Lakdawala  
Daughter of Rtn Shilpa Lakdawala*



Mumbai to support homeless young women who are victims of abuse and violence.

Urja is a grassroots non-governmental organization working towards the rights of homeless young women and individuals affected by gender based violence from an intersectional approach from the lens of systemic oppression, mental health, gender and caste. Their mission is to work towards being a catalyst for homeless young women and trans persons by facilitating their journey to access fundamental rights, civil and social rights, reclaim their identity by building an exemplary, replicable model that provides opportunities for their economic, psychological, emotional, civil and social development. The inmates are given psychological counselling and vocational training along with basic computer literacy and coaching in spoken English while they are at the shelter.

Rikita Lakdawala, daughter of Rotarian Shilpa Lakdawala has graciously agreed to spare her weekends to teach the inmates spoken English and basic computing. Rikita is a busy professional with a hectic schedule but she has decided to put aside some time for this very noble pursuit of helping the less privileged in gaining career skills. Rikita will be at the Urja shelter on weekends to teach basic computing skills like MS-Word, MS-Powerpoint, Excel and Emailing as well as spoken English and basic etiquettes. These skills will help inmates get appropriate jobs and as well as skillsets to work in a corporate environment. We wish Rikita the very best in her endeavours and hope that many more Rotarians will take her lead and join her in this truly uplifting work.

## Lighting diyas to brighten lives Rtn Sulabh Suri promotes NADE products at the Grand Hyatt



## Youth Services project

 **JOY OF GIVING WEEK**

**Bring joy to Children & Classrooms**  
2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021



- Books ● Stationery ● School bags ● Snack boxes
- Shoes ● Clothes ● Toys ● Board Games
- eLearning resources (mobile phones, tablets, laptops)

All products to be in good condition.  
Details of drop-off points and timings to follow.

**Rotary & Rotaract Club of SOBO initiative**

   
Rotary President: Rajiv Punater  
Director Youth Services: Mahera Goel | Rotaract President: Tanya Mehta



## Door Step School

School on Wheels project  
at Crawford Market

Along with daily meals, we are distributing fruits twice a week to children from slum and footpaths. Toys collected from Joy of Giving week at Lodha Park were also presented. Diwali sweets & stationery were special treats from RoSoBo to these children. We request volunteers to support this cause in any kind, donations and facilitating education is welcomed. Please contact Rtn Jaishree Kimmatkar.





## Every drop helps Blood Donation Camp at Lodha Excelus



## Medical Equipment donated

Rotary Clubs of Mumbai SOBO & Bombay Worli joined hands to donate a Medonic M series Hematology machine to Kasturba Hospital which will enable quick analysis of CBC with high accuracy!





## Trek at Yeoor Hills-Thane



**Wine appreciation group at Aer**



## Live Projects at Mumbai SOBO ...

please participate in person  
or donate generously



### I. PROJECT DOOR STEP

Coordinator: Jaishri Kimmatkar

Read more at: <https://www.doorstepschool.org/>



### II. PROJECT KGA

Coordinator: Monisha Mullick, KGA VISION

Read more at: <https://kalaghodaassociation.com/>



### III. BHAVDHARA SCHOOL

Coordinator: Ritesh Seth

Link to join whatsapp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JivBIFdx04FfWfJoYJ0w6>

URL: <https://bhavdhara.in/>



### IV. FRUIT TREE PLANTATIONS in Palghar, Maharashtra

- A game changer for the enhancement of farmers' income

Coordinator: Rajiv Punater

Link to join whatsapp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JivBIFdx04FfWfJoYJ0w6>



### V. URJA TRUST

Coordinator: Saurav Purkayastha

Read more at: <https://www.urjatrast.org/>

Here's the link to join the WA group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L2STn2L4sQ4Gx8vqg92rFe>



### VI. PROJECT NADE (National Association of Disabled Enterprise)

Coordinator: Ravi Mullick

Read more at: <https://www.nade-india.org/>

Here's the link to join the WA group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HzHT1K8W7Yt9S5yoDiBqQ4>



### VII. PROJECT OSCAR FOUNDATION

Coordinator: Rajeev Goenka

Read more at: <https://www.oscar-foundation.org/>

Here's the link to join the WA group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/F35ajo1Jk1wEBjQeMpXiap>



### VIII. IN-HOUSE PROJECT & GROUP "PAWZ"

Coordinator: Premal Sanghvi

Here's the link to join the group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/I2Sl3qLKLEw0vq0c90e1Yc>



### IX. Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO's Job Platform

Coordinator: Supreet Singh

Please email at: [jobsrotarysobo@gmail.com](mailto:jobsrotarysobo@gmail.com)

or contact **Supreet** directly at **84339-82800**



## Our Board of Directors at the Taj Resort Convention center Goa

As per Rotary tradition, the “Pre-Pets” training program is being organised for all the President Elects of the next Alpha year. Impressively, for the first time there will be 40 women Presidents in our District 3141. It was a pleasure and honour to interact with DGE Sandip Agarwalla during the Pre-Pets!



16, 17 & 18 October, 2021





## RoSoBo OCV & Diwali Party – 5Gs; Glitz, Glam, Groovy, Gustatory and Good work

By Ritika Agrawal

Come September, the country is gearing up for the festive season and a very excited Rotary Club of Mumbai SOBO is prepping for its very 1<sup>st</sup> "Official Club Visit" (OCV) followed by a Diwali party fellowship event "in person". Given that the club was formed in a Covid times, most events/meetings were conducted in the virtual mode, understandably so, all members were looking forward to the event.

OCV is the most important annual event of any Rotary Club. The purpose is to allow the District Governor (DG) & his team to Audit the clubs working and achievements during the year. This is the time they communicate directly with all Rotarians of a club about Rotary activities, yearly plans etc. and explain how each Rotarian can participate and contribute in all Rotary matters. It was truly awe inspiring to listen to our district Service Governor Mr. Rajendra Agarwal's journey with the Rotary and incredible service record and accomplishments. Diwali party that followed was truly a celebration of this and much more with eclectic music and dance performances, good food, camaraderie and Gift hampers for:

- Best Dressed female & male: Misha Mirchandani & Deepon Patel
- Best Dressed couple: Nishrin & Mustafa Shums
- Best Dancer female: Avanti Mehta & Sonali Desai
- Best Dancer male: Sanket Jain
- Best Dancer couple: Darshana & Umesh Chazzed





## BAAR BAAR. YEH DIN AAYE



Ritika Agarwal - 1/11

Ajay Arora - 1/11

Shweta Bhardwaj - 4/11

Dharmesh Shah - 6/11

Niharika Malik - 11/11

Umesh Sanghvi - 12/11

Jasmine Vidhani - 16/11

Umesh Munot - 17/11

Bhawna Biyani - 19/11

Dilip Chabria - 20/11

Amita Kini Singh - 22/11

Swati Jatia - 26/11

Mahera Goel - 28/11

Sanket Jain - 28/11

Dipali Tanna - 30/11



## NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR

DATE	PROGRAMME
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup>	DIWALI – No meeting
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bi-monthly Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Thu 11 <sup>th</sup>	High tea / "Know Your Fellow Members" talk @ St. Regis: 7pm-8.30pm.
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Walkathon with dogs in support of animal welfare NGOs: 9.30am-12.30pm @ SB Somani Park, Cuffe Parade
Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wine appreciation group meeting
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Serafina's urban garden @ Worli (RSVP)
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bi-monthly Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Thu 25 <sup>th</sup>	Speaker meet @ St. Regis: 7pm-8:30pm

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