

# Hill Echoes

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**December:  
Disease  
Prevention &  
Treatment  
Month**



## President's Message

### Rotary Pranam to All Hillers...

Month of November has seen many activities. Hillers celebrated the success of covid years and recognised the Efforts of PP Dr Radhika Bondve, PP Bijay Yadav and IPP Varsha Likhite, who steered the club in difficult times.

Club recognised the efforts of PDG Ashes Ganguly and celebrated his award "Highest Individual Service Recognition of Rotary International". PP Shirish Songadkar got recognised for his achievement in a smile year. He was presented with the "Rotary International Avenues of Service award".

The Month of November is all about giving and we Hillers are always one step ahead when it comes to giving. Year on year we are proving our mettle by opening our hearts.

Once again PP Chandrasekhar has announced a 25K USD Endowment fund in his son Balaguru's name for the cause of Autism. Many Hillers promised to give more to the same endowment fund. This will surely help in the efforts on Autism in future.

I have taken the presidency with a single point agenda of building an Autism Center which will provide a one stop solution to all the questions. Dr Raju & Dr Sita understood the concept and started helping in the cause from day one. "And then comes the announcement of all time from the couple". Dr Sita announced to fund 1 Crore Indian Rupees for building a world class Autism center in her father's name. The news has energized the entire Rotary District 3142. Many Hillers assured to donate more for the cause.

### December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

Polio eradication has been Rotary International's major worldwide corporate effort since the early 1980's. PP Dr Suhas spearheading the cause from Hillers point of view. The job is not finished and we will keep working towards it.

Disease prevention and treatment is one of the Rotary Foundation Areas of Focus. Health can be seriously impaired by what in many cases is a preventable disease. Disease prevention has always been one of our major focuses. From Blood Bank to virtual Eye, from health check up camps to Mission for Vision, we Hillers are always at service.

New members are very keen in working at health segments. New ideas are pouring in on a regular basis. We will adopt some of it for sure...

- Jayaram Mendon



## Editorial

Dear friends,

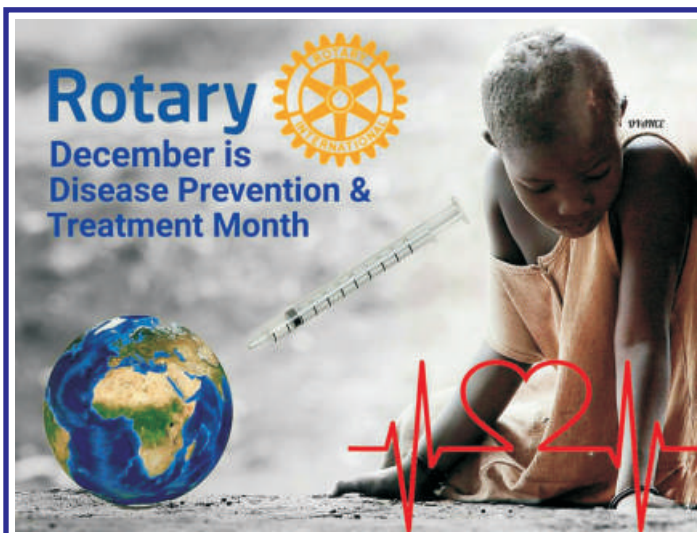
We in Rotary try to serve community in many ways. But the most important and consistent among the service avenues is medical service avenue. Every year we have medical camps of various natures by almost all Rotary clubs.

December is the designated "Disease prevention and treatment" month for Rotary year to stress the importance of the activity. It's obvious that in medical avenue of serving humanity, disease prevention is priority.

We know there are so many diseases that have been eradicated through medical intervention of vaccination in modern times. Most recent one being eradication of polio from earth that was initiated by Rotary. Polio was eradicated from our country in 2011. India was no. 1 polio affected country in the world with more than one lakh children turning physically handicapped for life per year. Now the number is zero and we are proud to be associated with the gigantic efforts. PP Dr. Suhas was the spearhead in the efforts in our district. He refused being district governor so that he could concentrate on the efforts of polio eradication. That's the kind of dedication we have had.

Every year we conduct or participate in camps for screening and prevention of medical problems. Only recently we had medical camps for rag pickers who are most exposed to diseases because of their nature of work. This week we had medical camp related to eye health for school children and their parents. The statistics show how useful such camps are. We also have so far completed twelve free cataract surgeries for the needy. Another big efforts we are starting is in the field of autism. This preventive efforts will go a long way in the improvement of quality of lives of autistic children and their parents. We will learn more in coming months about the details of the project.

- Rajesh Salaskar







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Dear FAB President **Jayaram Mendon**  
**RC Thane Hills**

Date: **10/11/2022**

Rotary Pranaam!!

It was indeed a pleasure visiting your club on **17/09/2022**. I am thankful to you and your club for the warm hospitality and courtesies offered to me & my team. I must say that you are a very committed and a motivated Rotarian and have taken up the Club Leadership role with great responsibility. Under your leadership your club is poised to achieve a lot by serving the community at large with great insight and passion.

It was very heartening to see the dedication displayed by **You, Club Secy. Samir Limaye, Treasurer Anil Joshi & PE Govind Khetan** in preparing for the OCV, the records were in perfect order, all dues paid, very well-maintained classification Roster and above all very well-kept minutes of all the BOD meetings.

*First & foremost please accept **my gratitude and compliments** to your club especially **IPP Varsha & Convenor PP Vijay Shetty** and all your club members for hosting a FABulous **DTA** on **17<sup>th</sup> April 2022** at CIDCO Convention Centre.*

*Many Congratulations to you and your club's Membership Director **Sunil Gwalani** adding **08** members in this year taking your total tally to 104 members. Recommend you to add atleast 6 more members to end the year at 110.*

*Your ongoing project of running **Triumph Blood Bank & Thalassemia Day Care Centre** is very laudable as it has always been a matter of prestige for all Rotarians of District 3142. I am glad to note that you have also started a **Rotary Charitable Eye Hospital** in tie up with **Dr. Uday & Dr. Meenal Gadgil's Sitabai Gadgil Trust**. Your club has also instituted **Educational Scholarships initiative** for higher studies of students who lost their guardians to Covid. Your services rendered through these initiatives makes all of us take pride of the work that Rotary, specifically your club is doing in Thane. Also consider encouraging the neighboring small clubs by making these facilities available for joint projects with your club.*

*Your CSR funded projects like Virtual Eye, Hamari Pari, Dry-waste Collection with SBI Bank & Aditya Birla Group and other corporates every year are exemplary. Your plans for a large **Dam Project at Ambadi & Autism Centre at Thane** are impressive and will lend a lot of credibility to our organization. I am glad that this year too, as informed to me in your OCV, you are planning various projects through CSR & with the help of District & Global Grants. But all these Grants cannot be effectuated without substantial TRF Givings, befitting a club like yours. Thanks for making a commitment of total givings of **USD 1,00,000**. Though the amount is substantial, I am sure that this is just the tip of Iceberg. I would implore you to keep the focus on Annual Fund contributions from your club as it's a most important factor for District disbursing the Grant monies through District Designated Funds. I have no doubts in my mind that with generous members like yours, the club will further contribute handsomely to the TRF.*

**IMAGINE** with all your Mind, **FEEL** with all your Heart, **ACT** with all your Passion & **BELIEVE** that Rotary can make this world a peaceful & better place for our future generations



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Request you to pay attention to certain suggestions that were made in the closed door meeting. You may please amend & **adopt new by-laws** in line with recommended by-laws. The **Strategic Planning Guide** document may be reviewed this year, by keeping in mind the real strategic priorities of the club and according a proper **timeline-based roadmap** drawn for the **next 2 years**. Your club's participation in District Events like **Netrutva**, has been very good with 48 registrations. Similarly, your registrations for **FAB DISCON 2023**, are currently at a good number of 30 registrations. Request you to better this figure by adding at least 10 more. The Club leadership is in place for next year and your inspirational leadership will ensure that there is no dearth of leaders in your club. There is a great potential in your club, tap it to the fullest, and I am sure you will achieve more than you have promised. You may even surprise yourself at the end of the year. With your strong and effective leadership, you will surely be able to place your club in the top bracket D-3142.

With avid support given by your dedicated club members, including **PDG Dr. Ashes, PPs Chandrasekharan, Vijay Shetty, Dr. Suhas, Dr. Raju Subramanyam & Seetha Raju, Sucheta Rege, Anindya Dasgupta, Radhika Bhondve, Nilesh Likhite, Rajeev Tipnis, Rajesh Salaskar, Bijay Yadav, Atul Bhide, ND Joseph and members like S. Padmanabhan, AS Kumar, Senthil, Harshad, Sunil Gwalani, Pavan Adnani, Satish Shetty, Narendra Rao and many more** and under the guidance of **DAS Mahendra Babu, AG Satish Kothare & GGR Mihir** and the CDMT, I can say that you are in a FABulous company to IMAGINE Rotary with endless possibilities to create lasting changes across the globe, in our communities and in our ourselves.

Darshna joins me in wishing you and all your club members, all the best for the remaining part of the FAB year!!

Yours in Rotary



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## ‘Thane Gaurav’ to PP Vijay Shetty



We know PP Vijay Shetty as superactive Rotarian and pillar of so many projects and all our accounting documentation. Any document related to any project and you know where to go. Same thing about statutory requirements and Rotary related documentation.

He is also very much active outside Rotary environment and in lots of social activities. He was recognized by Lokmat Foundation and conferred “Thane Gaurav” Trophy. We are proud of his achievements.



### December 2022 - January 2023 Diary

- Dec 1st - Weekly Meeting @ Thirani
- Dec 3rd - Second TRF seminar @ Ileaf - Vashi
- Dec 8th - Weekly Meeting @ Thirani
- Dec 15th - Club Orientation Program by PP Atul Bide @ Thirani
- Dec 22nd - Annual Meeting @ Rangla Punjab
- Dec 29th - Program on Annets by Sunil Gwalani @ TMA Hall
- Jan 5th - Weekly meeting @ Thirani
- Jan 15th - Club Picnic
- Jan 19th - Weekly meeting @ Thirani
- Jan 22nd - Triumph Run
- Jan 26th - Weekly meeting @ Thirani
- Jan 28th & 29th - Ryla

**My diary**

A hugely successful eco quiz and the first of its kind in the country for the students of 5th, 6th and 7th Standard. The main objective of the quiz is to develop a strong environmental consciousness and create an awareness about biodiversity, conservation, wildlife and ecology among school children.

As always, the 6th Edition of the Quiz is being organised by Rotary Club of Thane Hills. We invite your institution to take part in this prestigious event, which will enable the participating students to get moulded into ecologically sensitive & responsible citizens of the future.

- Minimum 1 team and maximum 3 teams per school
- 3 students in each team
- No Registration Charges
- Quiz on Saturday, 7th January 2023 - Reporting Time 8 am
- Last date for registration 24th December, 2022
- Venue : Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhanian School, Thane

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## Wedded to an air warrior.....

Seated in a chair before me was an exquisitely handsome gentleman (a sleek version of Aravind Swamy of Roja), quite uncomfortable yet supremely confident before a very tomboyish, garrulous and maybe a trifle immature ME. How do u sum yourself up? He asked. 'jack of all trades and mistress of most", said I. it was now my turn..... what about you? 'I live by chance, love by choice and kill by profession'... and then.... I fell.... rather hard... IN LOVE.

It has been nothing short of riding a tsunami wave for 27 years now. My first ever posting with Flt. Lt. S. Sanjay was in the National Defence Academy, where he was posted as a Divisional Officer of



Lima squadron. His best buddies, Sherry Peters (Maratha light infantry) and Tarwinder Singh Sobti (a fellow pilot) had come to Pune station to receive us. They had been guests at our Mumbai wedding reception and were miffed that the we had not catered for either non-veg fare or alcohol. They muttered some obscenities at Tam Brahms in general and riled, chided, ribbed and roasted me and my clan all through our military 'jonga' ride to the academy. I had usually been the bully in college and this was 'karma' getting back at me with a vengeance. I was like a deer in headlights till I chanced upon two beautiful 20- something damsels waving out to me..... Sharon and Sugeet elbowed their hubbies for ragging me thus and ushered me into our temporary accommodation in the Bachelor's Mess, NDA.

If ever there was such a thing called Paradise.. this would have been IT. The front door led to the sprawling ground where the cadets were busy practising show jumping for the PASSING OUT PARADE. The balcony overlooked the famous NDA swimming pool which had moulded many a officer. Sanjay took me out in his modest BAJAJ scooter to call on his superiors, his peers and his friends. I was stuffed like a thanksgiving turkey, day in and day out.... Pampered, spoilt rotten by decorated gallant soldiers in uniforms and their poised and graceful better halves. The DEFENCE FORCES sure know a thing or two about hosting and partying.

The formidable SUDAN BLOCK, the towering SCIENCE block, the endless rows of tables in the CADET'S MESS, the squeaky clean battalions of the academy..... and of course, the ALPHA

SQUADRON (fondly referred to as the ' APACHE KINGDOM') , my hubby's home through his teenage years in the academy. He had been an outstanding student of the academy and I was proud of my choice.... AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN. It was here that I witnessed the magical PASSING OUT PARADE amidst the SURYAKIRANS aerobatics and the on-point flypasts of the Jaguars, MIG-29'S and the newly inducted SUKHOI-30s..... c'est la vie, indeed!!!!!!

As I slowly grew into the defence life, it was time for the FIS (FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR'S SCHOOL) in Tambaram, Chennai. you could call it the TOP GUN ACADEMY of the IAF. The best young pilots from all over the IAF were handpicked and groomed in this school. there were around 30 of them from every imaginable squadron, each better than the other, striving for perfection. The skies thundered when the sleek metallic birds broke the sound barrier, right above our heads. The ladies were all either newlyweds or young mothers.... All friendly, chatty and oh so pretty..... and yup, I was the unabashed tomboy who stood out. We were like one big girlie sorority, sharing recipes and swapping gossip while our hubbies competed in the skies above.

The North East beckoned and we were airborne to Guwahati, with my miniscule 6 month old in my arms. The air was insanely pure and the stars sparkled like huge Swarosky diamonds in the diadem of the night sky. Shooting stars teased and a rare comet left its trail for weeks in the unpolluted skies. The LADIES CLUB outings were in the launches over the mighty BRAHMAPUTRA, with full armed security (considering the ULFA militancy that ran amok in Assam) I felt vaguely important with jawans escorting me .... A silly thought. The sun rose quickly to pierce your pupils, the day passed



languorously and meandered through the chores. The silty, muddy Brahmaputra made its murky way to our taps and my UDCT chemistry came to my help. The water had to be loaded with alum and the supernatant water had to be used for washing, cleaning and bathing. Though it was hard on the pockets, the baby was bathed in Bisleri aqua....

I remember the cosy cool winters shrouded in blankets with friends. Fires blazing in our '*jugaadoo*' make shift open air campfires, barbeques galore, raucous revelry.... while myself and my hubby looked on in amazement at the frenzied excitement that surrounded us. The thunderstorms brought with it power cuts that lasted for days on end. The sun was missing in action, the nappies refused to dry; the iron needed electricity, the fridge bailed on us..... and there was a gurgling baby who was just about teething..... and did I mention, the hubby hardly appeared for a day or two in a month. Imagine walking the baby's pram on the Tarmac, having Dahlias as huge as footballs grow in your garden, the best handpicked Assam tea and watching the mighty IL-76 land and take off.

And then came THE HIMALAYAN EAGLES (the prestigious 25 SQUADRON) the largest birds to ever take off on Indian skies. Only the very best were selected for the same and we made the cut. Chandigarh, the proud, clean, planned city rolled out its plush red carpet for us. The winter veggies, the *revdi*, the *chhole*, the '*malaidaar*' milk, the creamy divine *paneer*, the street food, the gardens, the 'sukhna' lake, the Hot millions pizzas, the rock gardens, the Pinjore gardens and..... finally the ARMY COMMAND HOSPITAL, CHANDIMANDIR, where my second



kiddo was born and delivered by a decorated officer, COL. CHOPRA. The stentorian, olive- green gentleman had me up and going in two days. Doctors were never a problem though. Even a wee little cut would have the topper of AFMC (ARMED FORCES MEDICAL COLLEGE) looking into it and that too, over a cuppa tea and some bikkis.

My bucket list was smiling itself silly when I was flown into the Ladakh valley, by none other than my husband. I fell in awe... more than love, when I saw the man of my dreams perform a 'kisser' landing in the short Leh airstrip. I was bowled over with the sheer skill and practice these exemplary pilots showed when they flew in icy, bad, weather with little or no visibility, only to carry rations for the army stationed at high altitudes. There was NO room for error as hungry men waited for their supplies. The pilots flew three sorties back- to- back each day and collapsed on the bed like a sack of potatoes at the end of it. It was single parenting all the way, by default.

Next came Agra and Nagpur (the MIGHTY JETS- 44 SQUADRON IAF) where the entire house had furniture made out of trunk and boxes. Twelve trunks made a king sized bed and two trunks placed alongside made for a decent sofa. The ladies clubs, the parties, the



official events, the unofficial get togethers, the kiddie parties, the girlie parties, compering, editing, announcing, writing, poetry, walking the ramp, event managing, dramatics, singing, dancing and choreography..... yours truly has done it all. It has shaped me into the person I am today. The MRS. MAHARASHTRA stage was not as imposing as I have faced far more imposing personalities in the audience many a times in my AIR FORCE life.

When Sanjay was deputed to HAL, BANGALORE, I witnessed THE AERO- INDIA show up close and personal. It was a matter of pride for my husband when I flew the simulator of GRIPEN and landed it beautifully. After witnessing my handling of the simulator, my otherwise reticent and hard to please hubby actually complimented me saying that I would make a damn good pilot. (I wish I had recorded that moment for posterity).

I shall have to skip a few postings and stagger to the end.... ALLAHABAD, where Sanjay was posted as the COO (CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER). I remember that once we were strolling on the grounds of the airbase, there was a stray chopper that stood hovering for a longer time than expected. When Sanjay got through to the pilot on the walkie, he meekly replied that he did not want to interrupt our conversation and hence was planning to land after we took a detour.

Being the wife of a highly respected and regarded officer makes my heart swell with pride. They was not a dry eye in his retirement party. I was exalted as his wife. I gained so much respect through my better half, it was almost like I was shining in borrowed light... and enjoying every minute of it. When asked as to why Sanjay took VRS after 23 long years..... his reply was, "I joined IAF for flying and I leave it for the same reason." He retired on July 31st only to be picked up by Kingfisher Airlines on the 1st of August.

I shall never forget the day he couldn't hold back his tears while he hung his uniform and flying shoes. The entire AIR FORCE STATION, ALLAHABAD saw us off. The sky blue uniform gave way to the pristine whites.... But the swagger, the aviator glasses, the briefcase, the WINGS and the attitude still speaks of that lanky 16 year old who passed his SSB and walked into the hallowed domains of the NDA only to fly and 'TOUCH THE SKY WITH GLORY'.

'NABHAM SPARSHAM DEEPTAM' to me and all other air force wives out there. We were the chosen few to be wed to such charming, dignified and regal gentlemen.... A rare breed indeed.



- Latha Sanjay



## Projects

### Blood Donation Camp

Rotarian Sunil Sharma and Ann Babita Sharma organized Blood Donation Camp at Acme Ozone. This was second camp.



### Eye Check Up

We had Eye Checkup camp on Saturday 26 Nov 2022 at Anmol School, Mhada Thane for 5 - 10 Std students and their parents. Special efforts were taken by Rtn Satish Shetty for this camp.

#### Some statistics -

- 59 students of 8th std
- 38 students of 9th std
- 41 students of 10th std
- 28 teachers and parents
- And 15 other students
- Total 181 people had free eye check up
- Around 30 students were given spectacle no and have been called for spectacle in our clinic
- 27 students and 20 adults need machinery checkup which will be carried out at clinic

3 or 4 cataract cases were referred to Sitabai Gadgil trust hospital Thanks to First Lady Shobha, Rtn PE Govind, Rtn Harshad, PP Radhika, Rtn Pawan and Sunil for their presence during camp and helping to run things smooth.





## Projects

### Good start...half the battle won!

The interschool plastic waste collection contest organised by RCTH in collaboration with Samarth Bharath Vyaspeeth (SBV) has seen initial success. It has been very gratifying to see that the school authorities, teachers and students are extremely charged in winning laurels for their school through the plastic waste collection.

The first of phase of collection in the months of September and October 2022 saw about 15 schools contributing about 650kg plastic waste.

Three schools bagged the top honours:



First position: Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School, Thane.



Second position: St. John The Baptist High School And Jr College



Third position: Holy Cross Convent Special School



## Projects

A team of 5 Hillers visited the above schools to give away certificates to recognise their contribution. Posters designed by the plastic waste team from RCTH were also presented to the above schools.



The achievement of the specially abled kids from Holy Cross Convent Special School is really commendable. In spite of the



smaller strength of this institution, they collected a substantial amount of plastic waste and bagged a prize.



The visit to Smt. Sulochanadevi Singhania School was very satisfying. The school had arranged for the award presentation ceremony in a hall in the school premises. Many students, teachers and administrators had gathered to witness the proceedings. The Principal addressed the students and offered words of encouragement to spur them to collect more plastic waste in the months to come so as to bag the first position repeatedly.

Rtn. Samir Limaye then addressed the children, thanking them for their involvement in the project.



The award ceremony in St. John the Baptist saw the teachers and students gleaming with pride on their achievement.



First Lady of RCTH Mrs. Shubha Mendon, Rtn Samir Limaye, spouse Manjari, Radhika Padmanabhan and the recently inducted Rtn. Bhavana visited the schools for recognising the efforts of the schools towards the cause of the environment.



When young minds are ignited, we can hope for a brighter tomorrow. This is a very good step taken by our club towards ecological sustainability.

**- Radhika Padmanabhan**



## IFRM India Convention

Music is a kind of magic. It can change the world for the better. Music transcends languages and geographical barriers and binds people from diverse ethnicities and backgrounds. IFRM (International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians) is a forum which promotes the cause of music among fellow Rotarians.

The flagship IFRM convention organised on 12th November, 2022 in Navi Mumbai at CIDCO Convention Centre, Vashi proved to be a winner all the way! The objective of the daylong event put up by IFRM Rotary district 3142 was to bring like-minded music lovers together on a common platform and present them with a 'musical bonanza' which they would savour for a long, long time. The audience of over 350, comprising IFRM members from Mumbai,

inauguration, there were speeches and felicitations.

The Chief Guest Immediate Past Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta addressed the gathering and expressed his happiness on the rapid growth of IFRM in India. He also advocated the establishment of IFRM clubs in the neighbouring nations for the promotion of global peace.

D G. Kailash Jethani recalled the days of the formation of 3142 dt IFRM.

The Immediate Past Global Chair of IFRM, Lee Den Linger and the current Global Chair Rod Fivelstad addressed the music aficionados via zoom. They appreciated the progress which Indian



Pune, Nasik, Ghaziabad, Bengaluru, Jamshedpur, Delhi, Kolkata and other far flung places assembled at this grand venue, waiting with bated breath to enjoy a rendezvous with some famed musical experts. About fifty Hillers also made their presence felt. It was a day when nothing else mattered; it was music and only music everywhere, all the way!

Another heartening feature of this show was that it was made free of cost for senior citizens; this was the CSR aspect of the event.

All the outstation guests and dignitaries were lodged in nearby hotels and well taken care of - from the previous evening itself.

The programme kick started with a Ganesh vandana, a devotional song and dance item presented by a well-known group from a reputed Bharatanatyam dance school. After the solemn

IFRM has been making in the last couple of years.

I focused on the way we planned and organized this musical extravaganza and recounted the various hurdles for the show to see the light of the day.

The charming Gaurav Sharma, the COO of Radio Nasha made the stage his home and was at his witty best. His humorous punch lines and sharp one-liners were a big hit and kept the show flowing at a good tempo. He interacted with the audience, sang and danced with them, posed questions to the music stalwarts.

The first session was the violin recital by the fiddle virtuoso Ms. Ragini Shankar. She enthralled the audience with Hindustani, fusion and film music. Her deft fingers played magic on the violin and not surprisingly, this young, upcoming instrumentalist cast a spell on



the people assemble in the venue. She was equally at ease while answering the questions posed by Mr. Gaurav Sharma and the well-known music journalist Mr. Narendra Kusnur, as she was with her violin. Her inputs on the training involved to play the violin were of great help to music aspirants.

A session with the famed music director from the South India, the music director Mr. Ramani Bharadwaj and the carnatic violin expert



Padma Shankar followed. Mr. Bharadwaj explained how he went about creating tunes for the different situations in movies. He sang a few soulful melodies and the violinist obliged with her rendering as well, in sync with the singing. The combination worked wonderfully as they did a lecture demonstration. Mr. Bharadwaj gave instances when his music had changed many lives for the better and how he managed to get recognition from distant lands. Padma played a melodious filmy number and earned a thunderous applause for the same. The music director fielded the questions posed to him by Padma and Gaurav Sharma.

Post lunch, the *ghazal* maestro Talat Aziz shared several anecdotes from his distinguished career. With his deep baritone, he rendered

several melodies and fulfilled his fans' requests too. The audience loved his intoxicating numbers and felt more than satisfied.

Next was the popular Marathi songstress Ms. Vaishali Samant whose '*aika daaji baa*' album was, and still, continues to be a rage. She gave snippets of her famous Marathi film songs and was gracious enough to sing a few songs in Bengali, Kannada and Tamil too to please fans from the respective states. The audience had a



surprise from her; these were songs sung by the Mangeshkar sisters under her musical direction. Vaishali turned out be the audience's sweetheart.

The concluding session of the event was that of the acclaimed music director Anandji of the Kalyanji Anandji pair. The nonagerian veteran became the darling of one and all as he belted out humour filled episodes from his life and career. The event ended with the song '*zindagi ka safar*' which made Anandji very emotional. The entire auditorium wept for him, along with him. The audience saluted him for his energy and humility. It was a solemn ending to a grand event.



## Inner Wheel Report

The month started with program Mamta. Donated clothes for new born babies. We did this project 2 times in this month at cost of Rs. 8000.



Our Member PP Dr Uma Bansal donated diapers and Mansi Lal Sawant donated groceries for Shree Ganesh Vrudhashram.



Our charter night was a rocking event in which inner wheel families had great time full of music, dance, food and *gapshap*. Many members as well as family members performed and showed their talents. It was a memorable evening!



Our ISO exchanged 10 flags with her counterparts.

We also sponsored mid day meal at Wakdi.



We organized donation of oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrator and nebulising machine at Shree Ganesh Vrudhasham worth Rs. 40000.

- Mala Sachdev