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DECODING THE POWER OF DREAMS – A LANGUAGE OF ENIGMATIC PARABLE

President Manoj Patodia



Year 2015... Alice turned 150 years old and yet, we still love Alice in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll, in his narrative, attempted to enthrall the reader's imagination which

led to a hilarious outcome. Wonderland – the “dream” framework of the story became a metaphor for the journey inwards, towards the uncontrolled urges of the subconscious.

I was inducted as the 94th President of the Rotary Club of Bombay in this month. The grand event held at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel in Mumbai marked the beginning of a new chapter in the Club's history and my own life.

At the event, a galaxy of speakers triggered the inter-galactic dreams of our Rotarian colleagues in attendance. Galaxy 1 includes the world we live in, and Galaxy 2 consists of the destinations we thrive to reach. Between them (intergalactic) exists the ‘World of Dreams’.

I quote here Rtn. Rory Anakotta: “Give the world a dream to believe in... Give yourself something to belong in... Join us now, to make it better... Into a world of peace forever...” the lines from the famous Rotaract song he composed at RCA Victoria.

Oftentimes, people like to simply go for the sure thing but then settling for easier dreams may lead to a potential lifetime of regret. Instead, trying for harder goals and failing is guaranteed to put regret to rest.

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The Big Dreamers feel it the other way; for them, their goals have to be challenging to be both effective and satisfying. They need the dreams to inspire, give purpose and define a trajectory for their lives.

Dreams are not just 'small' or 'big'. In fact, as we live our lives, we come across a variety of dreams. For instance, the 'London Dream' is the dream of being in London city associated with royalty and draws its own charm. Living in a busy city is about pursuing greater social needs and having a good time in one's life which allows one to grow. However, one cannot get carried away by the charms associated with the dream and we must also be ready to grab the opportunities.



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Remember the 'Kitty Cat' in the famous nursery rhyme who went to London to look at the Queen? "What did you do there?" A quick reply: "I frightened a little mouse under her chair". The rhyme further elaborates that despite being startled at first, the Queen became amused and later even gave the cat an opportunity to enjoy wandering around the royal residence as long as it kept it free of mice!

ACCORDING TO A HARVARD STUDY, OUR HOPES FOR OUR FUTURES, OUR GOALS, NEED TO BE "SPECIFIC, MEANINGFUL AND CHALLENGING". FOR THE DREAMS TO BE EFFECTIVE, IT WILL REQUIRE US TO SCALE UP THE LEVEL OF SKILLS AND COMMITMENT NEEDED TO ACHIEVE THE PRESENT GOALS.

Oprah Winfrey said, "...the biggest adventure you can ever take is to live the life of your dreams".

Dreaming big is more difficult, harder to achieve, and can feel daunting as it opens you up to all kinds of possible failure. But it is also more satisfying not just when achieved but in experiencing the process as well.

The Rotary movement has taught us that "goal setting is a skill" and, as such, benefits from "collaboration and feedback." To become a wise dreamer, let us break larger goals into smaller achievable ones, enrich our own motivation levels, continue to seek and receive feedback, and, most importantly, raise our commitment to attain our goals.

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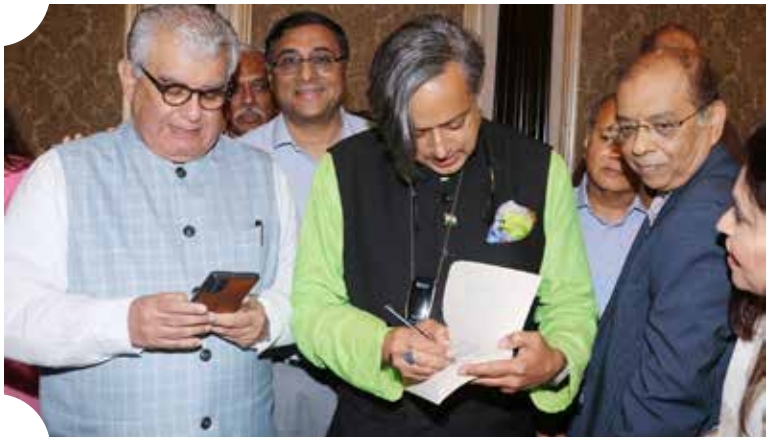
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LAST TUESDAY, DR. SHASHI THAROOR'S DISCUSSION WITH FARAH KHAN TOUCHED UPON DIVERSE TOPICS SUCH AS LANGUAGE, POLITICS, AND PERSONAL ANECDOTES

- ⦿ One word Dr. Shashi Tharoor used to describe himself: Confused.
- ⦿ He finds the many memes made about him amusing and appreciates the creativity involved in them.
- ⦿ The absence of an asylum and refugee bill in India frustrates him, he even prepared a draft and presented it to the then Home Minister, Rajnath Singh.
- ⦿ Tharoor has written three novels and if he had to trade lives with a character from one, it would be from his novel "Show Business". The character is a person who reinvents himself as a godman to Bollywood stars, preaching hedonism.
- ⦿ He had a chance to act in Bollywood as a foreign minister in a blockbuster film, but he declined the offer on the advice of a friend who suggested that playing a foreign minister might not help if he wanted to actually be one.
- ⦿ His favourite politician of all time is Jawaharlal Nehru, not for political reasons, but for his mind, his readings, his retentive memory, and his exceptional writing abilities.
- ⦿ Tharoor is an avid cricket fan, though he acknowledges he plays it very badly.
- ⦿ When asked about the possibility of playing a finance minister in a movie, Tharoor expressed interest in replicating the memorable speech of former Finance Minister Manmohan Singh regarding the liberalisation of the Indian economy.
- ⦿ He believes perception to be more important than truth in politics and the media. He illustrates this point with a personal experience where a woman declined to vote for him due to a misunderstanding about the term "cattle class".
- ⦿ Tharoor advocates for a "common minimum programme" to address the polarised political landscape, urging politicians to find common ground to improve the lives of their fellow citizens, despite their differences. He emphasises the need for healthy debate and friendships across political lines for the betterment of the country.



TUESDAYS

WITH DR. SHASHI THAROOR

AT RCB









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TAEKWONDO AT LIGHTHOUSE

WE INITIATED TAEKWONDO TRAINING AT LIGHTHOUSE

under the guidance of International Master, Sujit Singh, from October 2018. Mr. Singh, a national medallist, teaches our children as a way of giving back to society. He has also won medals in international championships.

Post-Covid, our students have reached the second level (yellow belt). Some of our Lighthouse children have participated in District Level Competitions, and with their impressive performances, they have won gold and silver medals. Taekwondo is well appreciated in the Macchimar community.



A LITTLE MORE ABOUT MASTER SUJIT SINGH

- 6th Degree Black Belt
- International Master (South Korea)
- National Referee & Instructor
- Four-time National Gold Medallist
- International Gold Medallist (South Korea, 2022)
- Trained more than 3000 children to date
- Produced 150 Black Belts and five National Referee & Instructors
- Received three National and one State Level Awards
- Has been teaching Taekwondo for the last 25 years
- Worked for Army & Navy as a Taekwondo coach in Colaba Military Station for 15 years

IMPACT STORY FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

Manasvi Nijap, a Year 4 student studying in Chikista (Marathi medium), has been a regular attendee of RCB's Lighthouse Project.

She was pleasantly surprised when her teacher formally appreciated her English reading skills.

Manasvi spoke glowingly about the programme and credited it

for her familiarity and ease with spoken English.

The teacher suggested that more children should join this beneficial programme, leading to seven new admissions from the Marathi medium school, Chikista.

The Lighthouse Project is truly a beacon of hope for these underprivileged children.



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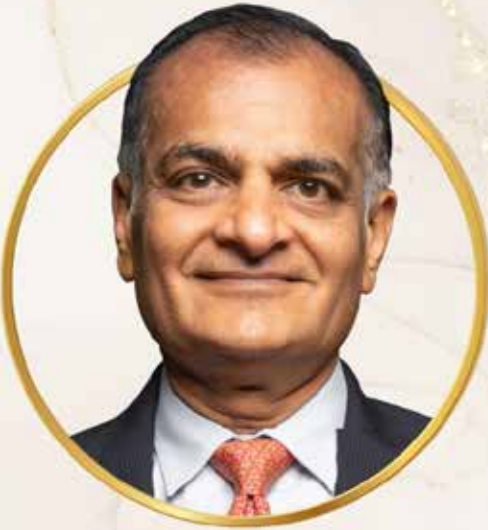
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CHAIRMAN
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PROFILE OF AWARDEE DR. RAJU MOTIRAM KASAMBE

Dr. Kasambe is a passionate ecologist, educator, and author, with diverse academic qualifications including B.Sc., M.A., M.Sc., B.Ed., M.Phil, and Ph.D. in Environmental Science. With a love for bird and butterfly research, he left his 17-year pharmaceutical career, inspired by the film “The Three Idiots.” He now serves at the Bombay Natural History Society (BNHS) as Assistant Director - Conservation, having held previous roles in project management and conservation education. He’s travelled globally for conferences, and is a recognized Ph.D. Supervisor in Zoology, Ornithology and Lepidoptera. He’s authored 26 books and numerous research papers, contributing significantly to Indian environmental literature.

Rotarian Member Birthdays



JULY 18

Rtn. Kamal
Bulchandani



JULY 18

PP Framroze
Mehta



JULY 19

Rtn. Dr. Ashok
Kirpalani



JULY 20

Rtn. Pradeep
Gupta



JULY 23

Rtn. Sushil
Jalan



JULY 24

Rtn. Vivek Gupta

Chronicles of the birthday piñata



Rotarian Partner Birthdays

JULY 18

Rtn. Ptn. Malti Jain

JULY 18

Rtn. Ptn. Dr. Papa Rao Meka

JULY 18

Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah

JULY 19

Rtn. Ptn. Ashutosh Maneklal

JULY 20

Rtn. Ptn. Neha Jotwani

JULY 22

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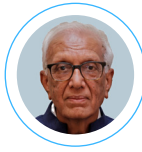
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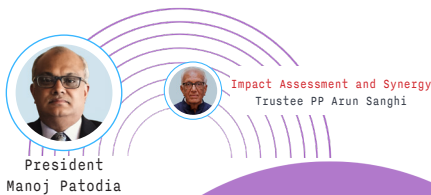
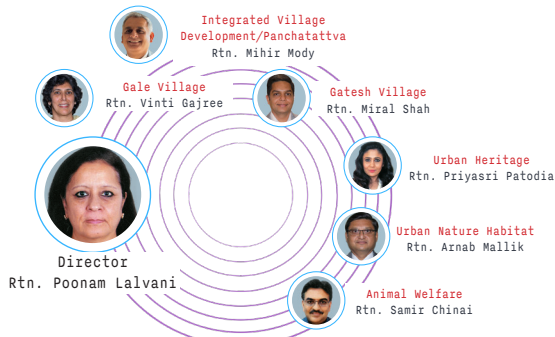
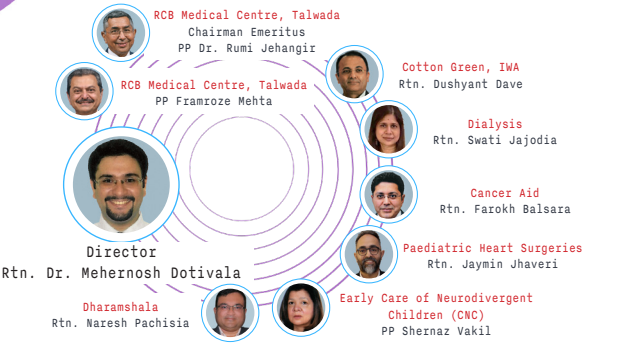
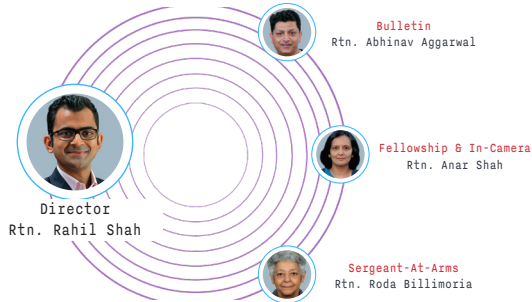
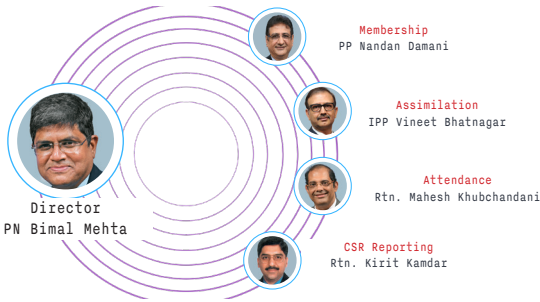
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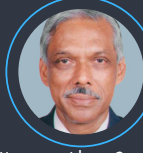
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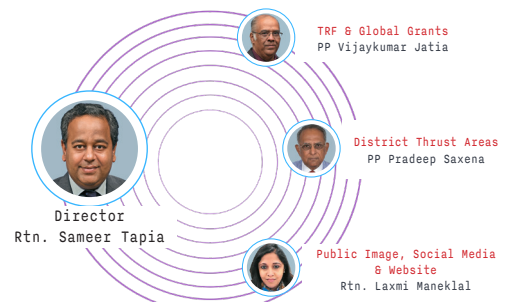
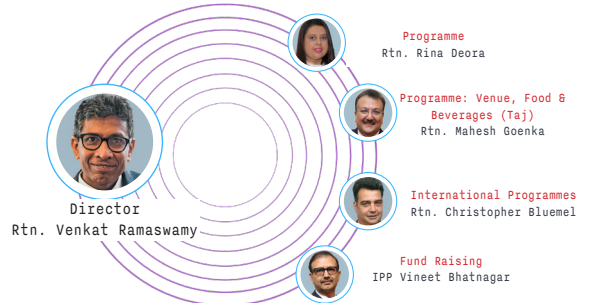
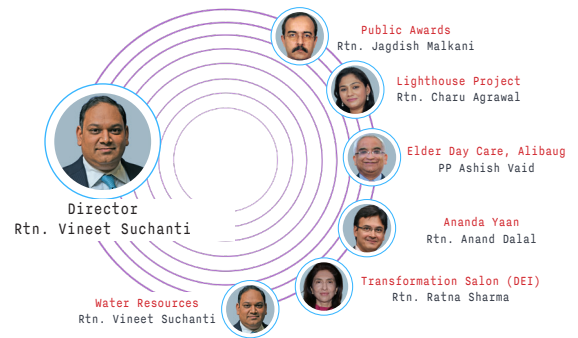
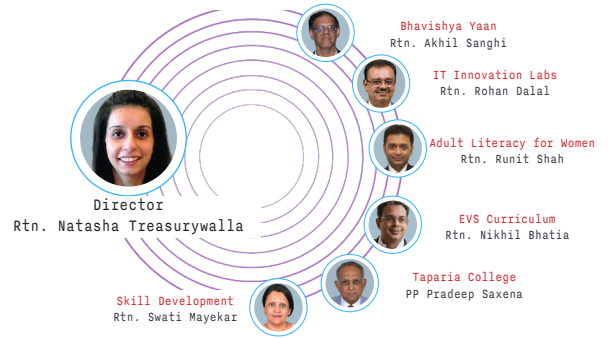
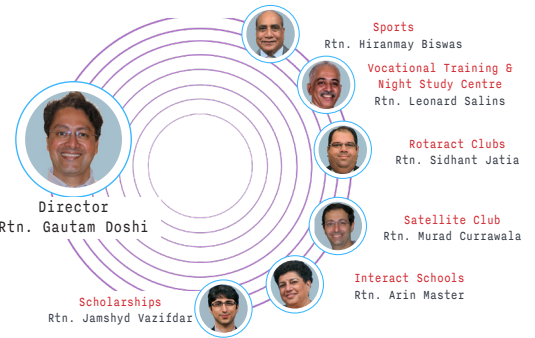
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