

# THE GATEWAY

## WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE!

President Manoj Patodia



American musician Billy Joel wrote this song in 1989. It was nominated for a Grammy Award and listed number one in the US Billboard Hot 100. The song has fast-paced lyrics that go, “We didn’t start the fire, no, we didn’t light it, but we tried to fight it!”

The idea was that history has been ever-evolving and the state of the world is not the fault of those currently living in it. The song inspires young people to not lament on the inherited mess and instead fight to improve the present.

Joel said, “...the world is going to be a mess. All you can do is the best you can and maybe make the world immediately around you a better place”.

Rotary’s Five Avenues of Service: Club, Vocational, Community, International, and New Generations – channel us “to fight it,” even if “we didn’t light it.”

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ANUJ PURI, CHAIRMAN  
& FOUNDER ANAROCK  
GROUP, ON THE  
BUILDING BLOCKS  
OF GROWTH: THE  
ECONOMIC IMPACT OF  
INDIAN REAL ESTATE

For most of us, when it comes to real estate, we think of residential, malls, offices, and hotels, but there is a big new emerging real estate sector – warehousing and industrial – which is now larger than the office sector. In terms of volume, it became significant during Covid; American companies that were outsourcing to China

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UPCOMING  
EVENTS

August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023:  
Parsi Nite at Beaumonde  
Clubhouse, Prabhadevi,  
from 7:30pm onwards.  
[Details inside.](#)

August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023: 2nd  
Rotary Club Of Bombay  
Annual Bridge Tournament  
at Royal Bombay Yacht  
Club. [Details inside.](#)



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started to look beyond it. India has become one of the credible options, and we are getting the benefit of that.

Data centres have also gained attention: the Indian Government has said that Indian data must be stored in India, not overseas. As a result, there is a huge demand for data centres and co-working spaces. Major companies like Microsoft, Google, and Accenture are embracing co-working due to the engagement activities these platforms offer.

Other emerging sectors include co-living, student housing, and senior housing. For various reasons, senior housing hasn't picked up in India, despite its popularity globally. There may be social stigma attached to it in India. However, NRI kids who lack a support system often request their parents to go into senior housing.

By 2030, the real estate sector's contribution to the overall GDP will be a trillion dollars, as the economy is expected to be about US\$5 trillion. Real estate is still more expensive than all combined assets, including diamond, gold, mutual funds, stocks, cash, FD, bonds. It's versatile in India and becoming more transparent, well-governed, consolidated, and investment-worthy. The total construction activity as of today is 22 and a half lakh crore, with 86% residential and 14-15% commercial.

2022 was the best year for sales in the last decade, and the first half of 2023 has beaten the first half of 2022, especially in residential. On the commercial side, there's considerable square footage available in cities like Bombay and Bangalore, with varying vacancy rates. However, there are concerns about markets like Hyderabad due to excessive supply.

Globally, the office market is split. In America, a billion square feet of office space is empty, while in countries like India, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Australia, people are returning to work. Even in India, only 35% of American tech company employees are returning to work.

The retail sector is adapting, with malls continuing



to do well by shifting focus to entertainment rather than just apparel and fashion. Rent continues to increase in premium malls, and new trends like REITs are emerging, such as Blackstone's oversubscribed listing in India. Even online companies like Nykaa and Mama Earth are seeking a hybrid approach by expanding into physical shops.

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I'm going to dig a little deeper into what is doing superbly well at this stage in residential real estate.

It's still the best time to buy real estate in two decades. Over the last 20 years, while residential prices and interest rates have gone up, salaries have risen faster, making affordability the best it has been in years.

The number of months of salary required to buy a residential property had gone up to 58; it is down to 30 now.

A lot of people ask me what the total sales value in the residential market is. 3.3 lakh crore new homes get sold every year, with 50% of that in Bombay, showcasing how vibrant the city is at this moment in time. Unfortunately, the affordable housing segment has decreased from 40% in 2018 to 18% now, while luxury and ultra-luxury have increased.

In Bombay, apartments valued more than Rs 50 crores are hotly contested. There's a shift towards larger, better infrastructure, and more open space in newer buildings. During Covid, many residents realised the importance of space and amenities, leading to a demand for properties in gated communities with internal facilities like gyms or swimming pools.

Interestingly, the typical value of a two-bedroom apartment has remained the same since 2014 at Rs 72 lakhs. The price per square foot had gone up

from Rs 5100 on an average to Rs 6000 per square foot. But apartment sizes have decreased from 1400 to 790. This shows that the unsold residential inventory has started to come under control.

The number of developers in India has consolidated dramatically. In 2012, there were 22,000 developers; by March 31st, 2023, only 800 were left. New players like Birla, Hero, and TVS have entered the industry, making it more open and transparent. In the last three years, four developers including Lodha, Godrej, Prestige, and DLF have crossed Rs 10,000 crores.

Unlike in the past, developers are not as driven by greed. They are more focused on cash flow and sales momentum. For example, DLF sold a thousand apartments at Rs 8 crore each, so Rs 8000 crores in one day, not stopping the sale to increase prices, reflecting a shift in mentality.

Lastly, there are a lot more younger buyers coming in, predominantly in the age bracket of 26 to 40. This change in demographics signifies a promising shift in the residential real estate market.

The green bar on this slide represents salary earners who are currently buying across the city at prices below one crore; these are the most preferred buyers other than corporate. Internationally, people in their mid-20s buy one bedroom, then upgrade as life progresses. By the time the children leave, the home size decreases gradually.

In India, the opposite occurs as families grow in size, due to the prevalence of joint families.

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## **ROTARIANS ASK:**

### **Do you have any analysis on second homes?**

I had thought the second home trend was a blip during Covid, but I was wrong. It's doing exceptionally well today, especially plotted developments. People are crazy about buying plots of Godrej, Mahindra. Second is second homes; people are interested in locations like Alibaug and Goa, with several companies even moving their head offices there.

### **What are your thoughts on redevelopment in south Bombay?**

I am for it because this segment is attracting good quality developers. SRA – Slum Rehabilitation – did not attract good quality guys; it attracted all the wrong guys. The society redevelopment is attracting Rahejas. I am on the board of Mahindra Lifespaces; they have done society redevelopment; Rustamjee has done. None of these guys were in slums and they are saying society is a lot cleaner. You need to have a lot of patience to deal with the society, but it is not fraught with the kind of challenges that slums have.

To my mind, a big positive for south Bombay is that there are bigger brands who are willing to do society redevelopment and it's worth doing it. There's one other thing that people should think is to try and see if you can redevelop it on your own, self-redevelopment, because that is also a big part of being able to do it on your own and there is enough funding available for it.

### **What is your prediction on property prices, with figures as high as Rs 1,50,000 a square foot?**

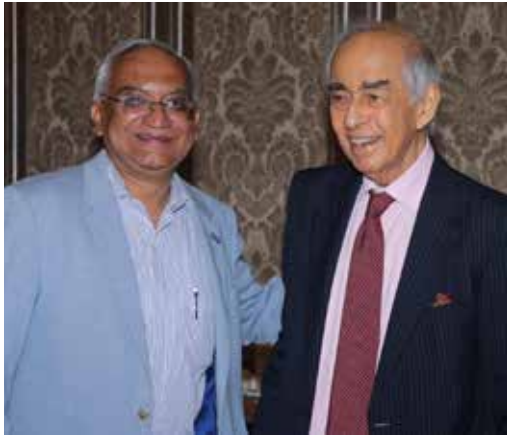
It is true, especially in buildings where the developers have no urgency to get cash and will hold their prices. But not every building will command this price.

### **How is the real estate market responding to the IT sector slowdown?**

Global Capability Centres are impacting the real estate demand. American corporations, like JP Morgan, Morgan Stanley, and Citibank, used to outsource IT to India through intermediaries. Now, they are doing it directly, setting up their own global capability centres. The quality of the buildings that they are taking is fantastic. When they were outsourcing it to someone, those guys were fitting in people like sardines at 50 sq ft per person.

These guys, because it is their global capability centre – and in the US, the norm is 150 sq ft per person – they have to follow the same norm. Otherwise they'll get crucified there. As a result, the requirement of space has trebled. From 50 sq ft. for the same job it has gone to 150 sq ft. Plus the building quality is better. Plus, they want buildings closer to the central business district rather than away, which is what third party guys used to do. It was like a factory shed. These guys with global capability centres are really investing and saying it has to be the same quality. What you get in the US, you will get in India.





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14	4	3141	86843	Mumbai Western Elite	\$4,71,679
15	4	3141	23702	Bombay Hanging Garden	\$4,64,945
20	4	3141	15497	Bombay North	\$4,38,128
27	4	3141	88082	Mumbai Royales	\$3,51,651
29	4	3141	28507	Bombay Pier	\$3,36,283
48	4	3141	29122	Bombay Queen City	\$2,78,819



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**\$3.18 MILLION**

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# ETHICS IN ROTARY

By Paul Harris in  
*This Rotarian Age*

Paul Harris devoted nearly an entire chapter of his second book to Arthur Sheldon, who helped to shape much of the early Rotary philosophy. Sheldon moved to Chicago after graduating from the University of Michigan, but found himself appalled by the business ethics that dominated Chicago, or rather lack of business ethics.

Sheldon argued that, not only can ethical business people survive in a community filled with unethical businesses, but they can prosper. Given a choice, people will always choose someone that they can trust. This principle, later formalised in the four-way test, quickly became a core element in Rotary philosophy. As Paul Harris wrote:

“Ill will and distrust characterised the attitude of business toward competitors and the welfare of employees was given scant consideration. Sheldon noted,

however, that there were certain conspicuous exceptions to the rule; that some of the most fair-minded and liberal business houses were the most successful, and he set out to study the principles which made for success. His studies led him to reverse his previous impressions and eventually to the conclusion that there was but one dependable route to permanent success, and that was the route of service.”

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# President Manoj celebrates 77<sup>th</sup> I-Day with Lighthouse Project

The Independence Day programme held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at Lighthouse gave us a great insight on India's journey before and after Independence and its progress under its prominent leaders.

Our senior students enacted two simple skits showcasing the dreams of our freedom fighters and the achievements of India under the 14 different governments. As Indians, we should be proud of our accomplishments and, also, inspire the future generation – our children – to do more for our nation.

India is a land of many cultures and to celebrate this rich diversity, our students from KG enacted the 'Indian National Integration Rhyme For Kids' – sung by Usha Uthup. Our fresh batch of Jr. KG sang 'I salute the Flag' and 'Happy Independence'. They also spoke about the national symbols and were applauded by one and all!

Students of classes 1 & 2 dressed as famous freedom fighters and confidently recited the famous slogans that stirred our patriotic sentiments. They also explained the importance, honour, and significance of our National Flag.

The following Rotarian members attended the function: Rtn. Madhusudan Daga, PP Ramesh Narayan, Rtn. Rajesh Shah, Rtn. Ptn. Ekta Shah, PP Nandan Damani, Rtn. Sherebanu Baldiwala, Rtn. Sushil Chandiramani, Rtn. Ptn. Kaavya Chandiramani, Rtn. Suresh Jagtiani, and Rtn. Ptn. Aruna Jagtiani.





# I-Day surprise for Ananda Yaan

Rtn. Madhusudan Daga, a generous benefactor of Ananda Yaan, a project for senior citizens, treated our elders at the three centres of the project to a special surprise on Independence Day.

He arranged for ice cream and snacks for the participants, who enjoyed the festive occasion with dances, songs and flag hoisting. The elders expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Madhusudan's gesture, which made their day more memorable and joyful.



Bhavishya Yaan in Byculla school enjoys I-Day with several activities



GK Marg has a creative I-Day by learning about post-Independence India



This year, Vidya came up with a creative idea for Independence Day. Instead of talking about freedom fighters, she suggested the children talk about India's achievements post-Independence.

She assigned two states to each school. GK Marg got Kerala and West Bengal. The junior school students learned basic facts about both states, such as their location, culture, language, etc. The senior school students explored the states in more depth, such as their trade and business. They showcased their learning through posters, songs and skits.





### BY Colaba's Marathi medium features Punjab on I-Day

Marathi medium students of Bhavishya Yaan in Colaba celebrated Independence with activities around the state of Punjab. They had speeches on Independence Day, Punjab, the Golden Temple, the Green Revolution, culture and food of Punjab, and India's achievements. They also sang a patriotic song and performed the lezim dance.



### Andhra showcased by BY's Hindi medium on I-Day



Last week, Bhavishya Yaan's school in Colaba celebrated Independence Day, representing Andhra Pradesh. Activities included speeches on Independence Day, the state's geography, arts, culture, Tirumala Tirupati temple, traditions, food, the Satish Dhawan Space Research Centre, and India's achievements. Pupils from various standards performed a group dance on patriotic songs, and Sonam Kesarwani of 8th standard performed a traditional Andhra Pradesh dance, Kuchipudi.

## BY NMJ zooms in on 'India ki Udan'

Bhavishya Yaan at NMJ Marg celebrated Independence Day with a short entertainment programme on the theme of 'India ki Udan' post-Independence.

Before the event, children had a week-long celebration learning about India's progress in many fields post-Independence with a special focus on Kashmir and Odisha, and the features of these two states, such as their geography, culture, language, etc. They performed skits, speeches, and dances to showcase their learning. The students were patriotic and enthusiastic.





# Fazlani L'Academie takes 2<sup>nd</sup> session at BY on nutrition and emotional eating

The second session of a six-part educational series for students of Fazlani L'Academie Global International School was held at NMJ Bhavishya Yaan on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. While the first topic had been 'Etiquette,' Nutrition and Emotional Eating was covered this time.

Students learned about the different types of nutrients and the importance of creating a balanced diet. They also understood that an imbalanced diet could lead to health disorders.

The session also covered the issue of binge eating due to emotional setbacks. The causes and triggers of emotional eating were discussed, and the students were given tips on how to overcome them. The session was highly interactive, with several activities conducted throughout the two-hour class. It was a memorable experience for both Fazlani and the BY students. The attendance was also good, which meant that many students benefited from the session.



## Snack treat for Lighthouse

PE Satyan Israni is an avid cricketer and one of the teams he plays for is called AB Devils where all the players are dads of children studying in the Aditya Birla World Academy. AB Devils learned about the good work that the Rotary Club of Bombay is doing and were eager to contribute. They sent bags full of snacks and treats for the tiny tots of the Lighthouse Project which the kids enjoyed.



# RC Atlas celebrates International Youth Day with BY kids

The Rotaract Club of Atlas SkillTech University celebrated International Youth Day with the Bhavishya Yaan kids at the Ambedkar school. Nine Rotaractors conducted a fun session of origami, learned dance moves and grooves, helping them prepare for their Independence Day song and dance performances. The BY children enjoyed the energy and rhythm of the music and the movement, while the Rotaractors felt good about the joy in the children's eyes as they expressed themselves.



## Rotarian kid teaches BY kids Odissi dance

Rtn. Akhil Sanghi's daughter Isha and her friend Sanya Kamani visited the Bhavishya Yaan school at Prabhadevi school last week to teach Odissi dance to some students. The students were delighted and enjoyed themselves.

## A Saturday of fun for Bhavishya Yaan at NMJ



On the first Saturday of the month, Bhavishya Yaan at NMJ had a fun day. The Primary children engaged in various activities from singing to making wall hangings to preparing themselves for Independence Day, dances, speeches, dialogues and more.

# Cataract surgery for AY member

Vasati Chavan, a member of Ananda Yaan, a project for senior citizens, has undergone a successful cataract surgery. She is recovering well and is grateful for the support and care provided by Ananda Yaan.

Pre-operative tests for other elders

have been done and surgery will be performed after August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Vasati Chavan lives with her two sisters, who are also unmarried. Their brother takes care of them and helps them with their needs. Ananda Yaan wishes Vasati Chavan a speedy recovery and a better vision.



## Storytelling Ananda Seva on I-Day at AY Mazagaon

Sarita Shetty, a certified family coach and a professional storyteller, writer and trainer, visited the Mazagaon centre of Ananda Yaan, a project for senior citizens, on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. She narrated an inspiring story of India's journey from being the golden sparrow to the free bird into the senior citizens of Mazagaon.

The elders listened with rapt attention and shared their views on what freedom means to them. They also sang the National Anthem and Saare Jahaan Se Acha with pride and patriotism.

They thanked Rtn. Vandan Shah for facilitating the storytelling session and expressed their gratitude and appreciation to Ms. Shetty and Ananda Yaan for making their day more meaningful and enjoyable.

## Ananda Seva brings elders joy with Mahabharata



Mythology and theatre are fascinating for many people. That's why Rtn. Vikram Daiya sponsored a trip for our Ananda Yaan elders to watch the play *Mahabharata* at St. Andrews Auditorium. He did this through the Ananda Seva initiative of the AY committee.

Ananda Seva is a wonderful opportunity for any Rotarian who wants to spread joy among senior citizens. All they have to do is contact the committee and share their idea and budget. The committee will arrange everything according to the donor's wish. No amount is too small for making a difference in someone's life.

The elders enjoyed the epic live, seeing the story from Duryodhan's (Puneet Issar) perspective and his loyal friendship with Karan. The Ananda Yaan committee thanks Vikram for his generous and creative Ananda Seva every year since the AY project started.



# HEALTHCARE FOR THE NEEDY

## Cotton Green and IWA

Objective: to serve the needy community with free and/or subsidised medical services.

Reach: Approx 7525 patients from Jul-Jun 2023 in Cotton Green

Approx 5408 patients from July-June 2023 in IWA

Director-in-charge: Rtn. Dr. Mehernosh Dotivala

Chair: Rtn. Dushyant Dave;  
Co-Chair: Rtn. Anar Shah

About Cotton Green Clinic, Sewri: The Rotary Club of Bombay is running a charitable clinic along with Bombay Cotton Merchants & Muccadams Association Ltd & Dr. Batra's Foundation at Cotton Green. The clinic is open every Tuesday and Friday. Medical services include homeopathy, dental, paediatric, GP care and blood tests.

About IWA Clinic, Fort: IWA (International women's Association) provides general, dental, gynaecology, x-ray, homeopathy, skin, and eye services, and predominant patients are for general and dental. The clinic is open Monday-Friday, 10 am-6 pm.

At a very subsidised rates: medicines, X-Ray, dental ,



paediatric, skin, GP senior medical consultant.

RCB finances it annually at around Rs. 15 lakh. The clinic is run independently by IWA. Regular club visits are planned and all are welcome to visit at anytime of the day.

The homeopathic department is run by Dr. Batra's Foundation; consultation and medicines are given free of cost. The dental department runs in association with the Indian Institute of Continuing Education & Research (Rtn. Swati Mayekar).

Blood testing is done by N.M. Medical at a concessional rate. 70% cost of testing is borne by NM Medical (Rtn. Rahil Shah). GP and Paediatric medicines are given free of cost. Eye check-up is free of cost.

In February 2023, the clinic

started a tobacco de-addiction service every Friday. The clinic is open twice a day i.e. Tuesday and Friday. We plan to increase to thrice a week.

### **Plan for 2023-24**

Increase footfall significantly.

Increase Cotton Green working from 2 to 3 times/week.

Create awareness and work with other committees within RCB and also across all Rotary Clubs that fall within the targeted geographical radius.

Focus on key social and health issues and incorporate in the clinics, including awareness programmes to optimally utilise funds.

Committee members in the process of getting identified. Suggestions welcome.



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# *Farewell to our dear PP Arvind Jolly*



*October 5<sup>th</sup>, 1946 to August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

## **By PP Ashish Vaid**

I received a shocking call from Arjun on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, in the evening, giving me the sad news. It was a shocker indeed, as I had met him in his office just two days before.

PP Arvind Jolly was a kind and noble soul, always soft-spoken and persuasive. I always called him “brother” and he treated me like a son. He loved me tremendously.

It was Arvind who introduced me to IMC when he wanted to start the IMC Youth Wing in the year 2000 and he asked me to help him by heading it. Today, it is a vibrant 23-year-old wing of the IMC.

All of us Rotarians have witnessed his generosity, as he was one of the first to become an AKS fellow. He loved Rotary, and both Rashmi and

he always tried to attend every fellowship. I also recall the fabulous time we had on the fellowship trip to Israel.

Arvind was a very successful industrialist, being the CMD of Jollyboard Ltd. His son Arjun, who is also our dear Rotarian, is now managing the business and carrying forward the legacy successfully.

Brother Arvind loved his game of golf and participated every year in our Rotary Golf Tournament. It is ironic that he felt unwell while playing golf on Saturday and was rushed to the hospital.

Our deepest condolences are with Rashmi, Arjun and Ashwin, and we pray for Brother Arvind’s noble soul to rest in peace. I miss him tremendously, as I am sure all of us at Rotary Club of Bombay do.

# *Arvind, you are the champion*



**By Rtn. Deepak Kapadia**

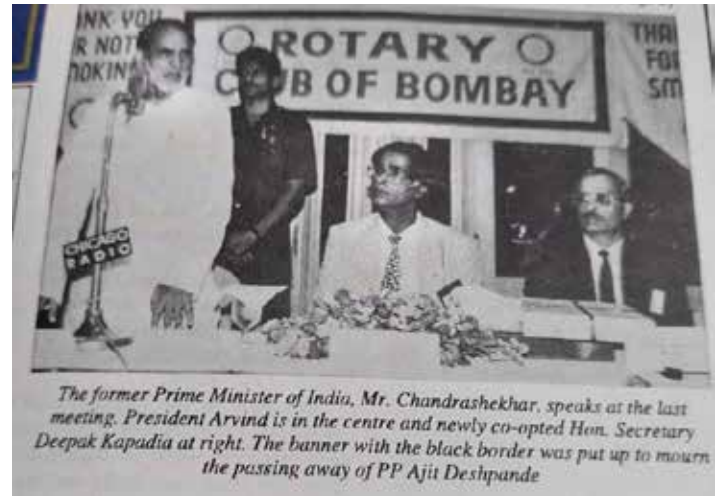
Arvind Jolly's life was based on the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". Arvind joined Rotary Club of Bombay in 1983.

After serving on various committees at the Club and District, he became President in the year 1994-95. During his tenure, he undertook many laudable projects for the handicapped, senior citizens, polio victims, heart brigade, control of T.B., oral health, Jaipur foot, and many more.

In his year, eminent speakers addressed our Club. To name a few, former Prime Minister of India Shri Chandrashekhar, Shri Aditya Birla, Shri Nani Palkhivala, Shri Arvind Mafatlal, Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Mr. R.K. Laxman, Mr. Mark Tully, Dr. Farokh Udawadia and others. During that year, our Club also had Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Gavaskar and Kapil Dev at our Club meetings.

The District presented a dozen certificates and eight awards to our Club, including the highest "Rotary Service Wheel" for outstanding work in all four avenues of service. The Rotary Foundation was very close to his heart and he was an AKS member.

In the year 2001-02, Arvind was President of Indian Merchants Chambers. Before taking over as President of IMC, he wanted to open a Young Entrepreneurs Wing, which he started and made PP Ashish Vaid the President of that wing.



Arvind nurtured the Young Entrepreneur Wing for several years and today it is still going strong.

I will never forget that on Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, he invited me to have coffee with him at his office the next day on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Arvind and I spent over an hour discussing various topics. He then came down in the building to see me off and presented me with a plaque of Lord Ganapati. Alas, I got a phone call around 6.30 pm that Arvind had left us. What a tragedy of my life.

Arvind was ably supported by Rashmiji in all his endeavours. My sincere prayers to the almighty to give strength to Rashmiji, Arjun, Ashwin and family members.

LONG LIVE ARVIND



# *Goodbye, dear Arvind*

**Rtn. Jimmy F. Pochkhanawalla**

Where do I begin, to tell the story of one of my dearest friends, the late Arvind Jolly?

We met through our Rotary Club of Bombay. Arvind became a Rotarian in 1983 and I became one in 1985. We immediately hit it off as fellow Rotarians.

Sometime in the 1990s, I was invited to address our Rotary Club of Bombay on Central Excise Laws. After my speech, Arvind approached me and asked if we could meet professionally with regard to his company Jollyboard Ltd. We met. I started appearing for him at Aurangabad, Pune and Mumbai with success.

Arvind, his charming wife Rashmi, Navaz and I began to meet socially and our friendship grew. One evening at a party in his lovely home, out of the blue, he asked me if I would sit on his Board of Directors. I accepted and for the last 25 years, I have been a proud Board member of Jollyboard Ltd.

Over the years, Arvind prospered, and our friendship deepened. We had similar ideas, especially in relation to our beloved Rotary Club of Bombay and where it appeared to be heading. Arvind became President of our club, and his year was an exceptional one. He also successfully took over the Presidency of Indian Merchants Chamber and took me on the Board there as a legal member.

Meanwhile, Rashmi became President of the Ladies Wing of the Chamber.

Rashmi grew in stature in her own rights and became the Czech Republic's Honorary Consul General in Mumbai. It was delightful to see the beaming smile on Arvind's face whenever Rashmi achieved some goal which she periodically sets for



herself. I discovered to my delight that she and I have similar views on almost any subject, and it is a pleasure to converse with her.

I watched with genuine pride as the family grew from strength to strength especially when Arjun started taking keen interest in the business and produced excellent results, both in real estate and the Board factories. The Technological Park developed by him at Kanjur is a sight to behold. His brother Ashwin meanwhile, continued to chalk out a professional life for himself, abroad.

Whenever we met, Arvind always greeted me with the endearment “Jimmy *bhai*”. Lately, the couple had invited Navaz and I to be their guests in Goa to celebrate their Golden Wedding in September this year. We were so looking forward because more gracious hosts would be difficult to find. Sadly, Providence had other plans for Arvind and called him away, without notice and left us all bereft.

I will dearly miss my friend Arvind.

“Good night sweet Prince

And flights of angels sing thee to thy rest”

# *A true golfer and sportsman!*

**By Moy Biswas**

Arvind was a true golfer at heart. He was one of the Rotarians who had participated in all the golf tournaments from the first to the 14<sup>th</sup>. He was always very kind and supportive to the Sports Committee in every respect and his words of appreciation after the tournaments were very encouraging to get ready for the next year. He was always the life of the post-tournament fellowship as he would keep us entertained with his divine style of laughter. We will sincerely miss him for the next Rotary Golf tournaments.





# *Arvind Jolly as I knew him*



**By Trustee & PP Dr. Zerxis Umrigar**

A bold, outspoken, driven, self-made individual with a true Rotary heart. Honest to the core and, more appreciatively, honest to himself and his values. Always one to put his mouth where his principles were and see the matter through. And yet a beloved, truly warm person to all who had the pleasure of being close to him.

It must have been after 1995 when another RCB icon, our dear PP Ajit Deshpande tragically passed away, when I truly got to appreciate the man's fortitude. A close friend of Ajit, Arvind said we must do something to perpetuate the memory of our dear friend.

The Deshpande family seeded the finance from which we bought the old disused, dilapidated Adivasi Mandal structure located behind the Talwada Eye Centre. With innumerable weekend trips to Talwada, Arvind painstakingly built it up from foundation upwards. He was relentless in his mission and completed it in great time. Starting out as just a dental hospital, it has mushroomed into the multi-disciplinary medical centre it now is. All thanks to him.

In almost every Rotary cause, he made a generous contribution. A well-appreciated Rotarian, his advice was sought by all, and it was given uninhibitedly without fear or favour. If one knew the cause was right, you always got his vociferous support. Always by his side, Rashmi lent her voice and support like none could have.

Always game for fellowship and golf, he grew a circle of devoted friends.

Our heart goes out to the family who will surely gain strength from a life well and purposefully lived.

Rest in peace, our dear friend. You will be remembered often and with love.



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**AUGUST 23**

Rtn. Sanjay  
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**AUGUST 23**

Rtn. Dushyant  
Dave



**AUGUST 24**

Rtn. Manoj  
Israni



**AUGUST 24**

Rtn. Narinder  
Nayar



**AUGUST 25**

Rtn. Kaushal  
Mehta



**AUGUST 27**

Rtn. Ranjit  
Singh

## Chronicles of the birthday piñata



## Rotarian Partner Birthdays

**AUGUST 22**

Rtn. Ptn. Manju Sinha

**AUGUST 26**

Rtn. Ptn. Dina Golwala

**AUGUST 27**

Rtn. Ptn. Neelima Baliga

**AUGUST 27**

Rtn. Ptn. Neeraja Taparia

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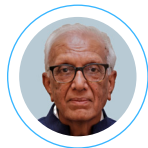
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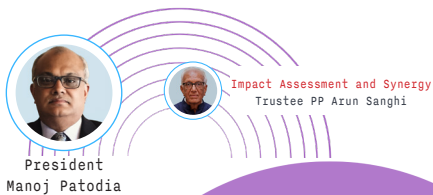
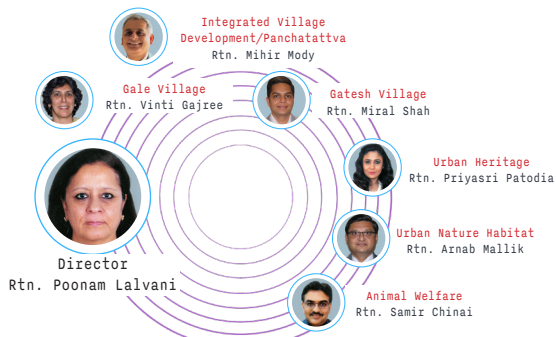
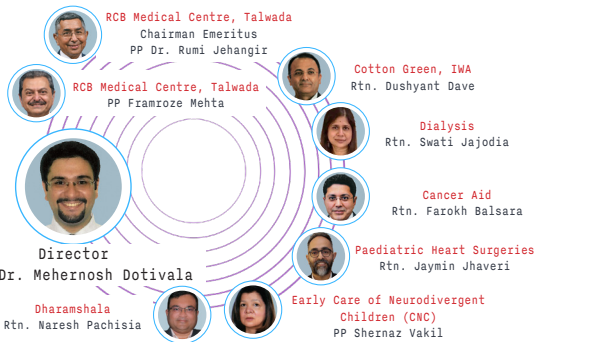
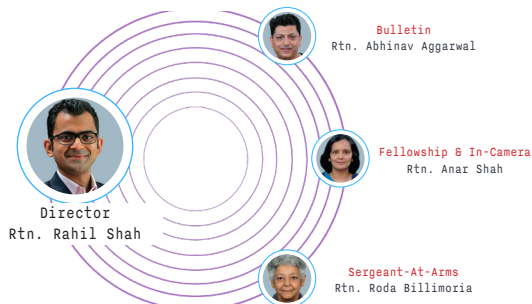
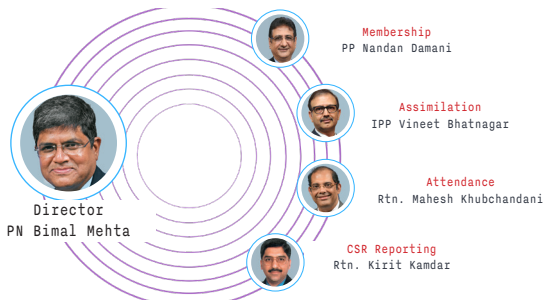
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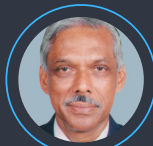
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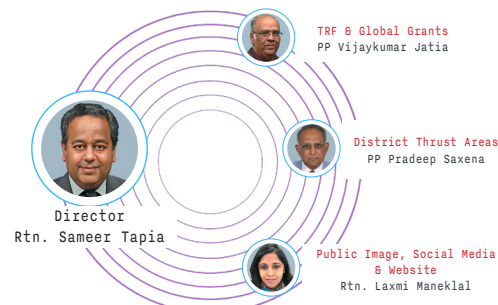
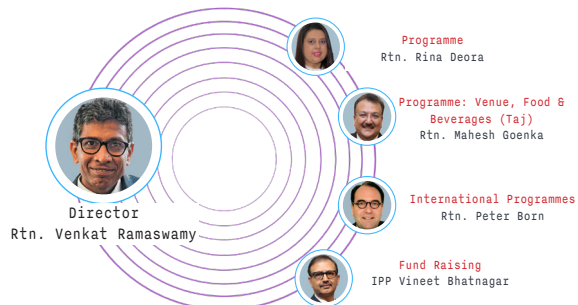
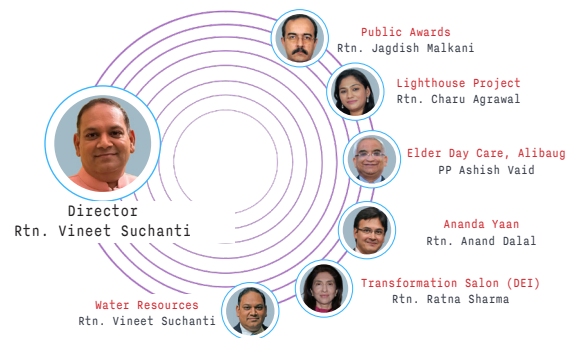
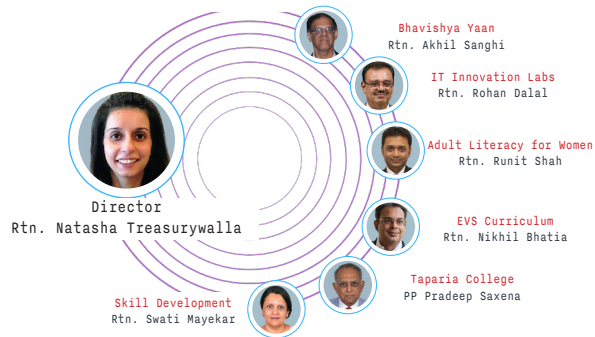
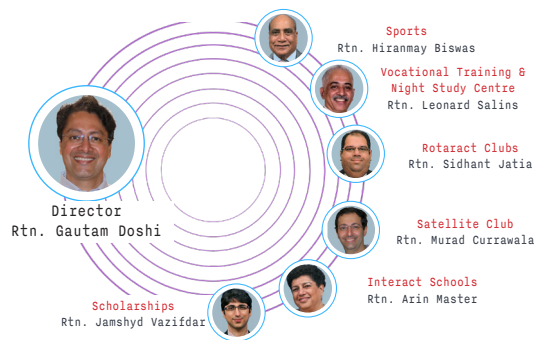
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