

# THE GATEWAY



**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024:**  
President Manoj Patodia inaugurates the Integrated Village Development Project in Khardipada and Kharpadpada villages.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Public Awards committee of the Rotary Club of Bombay is delighted to inform the members that the Jolly family has instituted a Public Award commencing in RY 2024-25 for "Excellence in Sports" in memory of Past President & Trustee Rotarian Arvind Jolly who sadly passed away recently. This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> Public Award, including 3 Club awards.

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## Archana Chandra, CEO & Board member, Jai Vakeel Foundation & Research Centre on finding her passion and purpose. In conversation with IPP Vineet Bhatnagar

**Thank you for spending this afternoon with our members. 1992, you are just finishing your undergrad degree in commerce from HR College, what are you thinking about your career?**

Good afternoon, everyone, and thank you for having me here. Yes, I had just graduated from HR College and the first job I applied for and got happened to be with The Times of India group, Femina and Filmfare. 1994 was the year that both Sushmita Sen and Aishwarya Rai won Miss Universe and Miss World respectively. Of course, we strutted around like we had won it. They were fun years, there was so much glamour, but what was really interesting was learning how to do events at scale. But I was done after two years, and moved on to an organisation called Informix, a database company, or rather which was a database company. It was based in the US, so it meant

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international travel and a great paycheque. In all respects, my career looked like it was on the right trajectory. It was also around that time that I met my husband, Amit. A small known fact is that we knew each other for less than two months before we were engaged and in four months we were married. I was all of 22 and he was all of 25.

### **Child marriage, may I say?**

Child marriage? Absolutely. But there's a lot to be said for getting married young and growing together. That has been one of our biggest secrets, where we grew up, had each other's back, and we're better friends or greater friends today than we were back then.

**After two stints in the corporate sector, you immediately shifted gears to the social sector. What were the experiences that gave you the clarity to make this very unorthodox change?**



I think what happened is that there were a series of events in both my personal and professional space. Informix got bought over by IBM in the US and they decided to wind down their India operations. So, for no fault of mine, one fine morning I had no job. My dad, and I'm an only child so this was a big one for us, my dad was diagnosed with cancer, and we lost him within a month. It was also at this time that Amit and I were planning our family and we had three back-to-back miscarriages. With the last one, we lost our child at eight months. So, it was probably the lowest and darkest point in my life.

That's when I started saying, why me? You know, what really is the purpose of my life? And it was at this time that I found my spiritual school, which is the pranik healing and the school healed me physically, emotionally, mentally and gave us the strength to have a beautiful 19-year-old daughter today. But it also helped me understand the purpose of our life. Is there a broader canvas that one can work with? Another very dear friend, an American by the name of Sue, volunteered with Akanksha and she would go into the community and worked with children for career advice and vocational training. I was like Sue, what are you doing? How are you even communicating with them? But she always had a spring in her step and her stories were not always of success, right? But they motivated me to get to Akanksha.

Akanksha works for the education of children from the slum community. It was started by Shaheen Mistri when she was 18. So, I met Shaheen, and I started volunteering at Akanksha. I was doing the only thing that I knew how to do at that time, which was a little bit of events and some fundraising. But what I loved about that space was that it didn't matter if you were the best HR person or the best finance person, or the best marketing person. You were there for the child. And that is what I really, really loved. I stayed there for two years. Then, at a social dinner, I was having a conversation with Dr. Anahita Pandole, one of the leading gynaecologists of the city, and the most amazing, amazing person who said, "Oh Archana, you have to come and see this place called Jai Vakeel. I've been going there since I was a kid. It is magical and they're all intellectually challenged."

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## ISHWARI CAN HOLD A SPOON 9 YEARS OLD

### History

- Severe Intellectual & Developmental Disorder
- Seizure disorder
- Inability to sit
- No head control
- No muscle control

### TODAY

- Gained body control
- Able to hold and grasp
- Reduced seizure frequency

A Jai Vakeel case study

I have to admit while I'm nodding furiously at her, in my head, I was like there is no chance that I'm going here. Because the truth of the matter was that I didn't even understand intellectual disability. And I was like, what am I going to do there and how am I even going to engage with these kids?

Needless to say, if any of you know Anahita Pandole, there's no saying no to her. She literally put me in her car one morning and brought me to Jai Vakeel. I walked the campus, met the kids, felt the positive energy as well as unconditional love from them. My heart got engaged. Then, because of my training and background, I went back home to look at data. The truth is again, I found no data, and when I did find it, it said 2% of our population has intellectual disability. I remember thinking that 2%, loosely broken down, means 1 in 50. And if the number is so high, for someone like me who I think is fairly well travelled, exposed, educated, I couldn't remember the last time I saw these people in any public spaces that we visit, whether it's a theatre, mall, family function, et cetera.

So that's how my head and my heart got engaged.

And I stayed and decided to give whatever little skill set or experience that I had to a cause that was so underserved and help shine some spotlight on it.

**Awesome... I want to delve into how your and Amit's journey of giving started, so please share how it began and what keeps it moving.**

Amit and I are both professionals, right, so there's no inherited wealth that we come with. But from the day we got married, we gave a certain percentage of our then really meagre income. Over the years, as our income grew, the ability to give grew. Initially we were giving more to people and causes that we knew, so family and friends. I think at some point we said, can we also give some more time? All of you know Amit was probably the youngest investment banker under 30 when he built out DSP Merrill Lynch, but a lesser known fact is that he joined a not-for-profit board before he joined any other corporate board. So, Akanksha was the first board that we joined. Over time, we started thinking more seriously about how we can give both our time and money. We were also very blessed

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to have had exposures and conversations with many, many people who influence the way we think. One such person who I think even Amit mentioned in his talk last time was Chuck Feeney. We read his book called *The Billionaire Who Wasn't* and Chuck Feeney built his wealth through duty-free stores and then gave it all away anonymously and helped build the higher education movement in Ireland or eradicate AIDS in South Africa, built Cornell University, et cetera.

So, these kinds of conversations started pushing us in terms of what more we can do. I think in 2007, Amit said, one day, "Let's define our wants and needs." And I was like, what does that even mean? So, we had a conversation around where our income is growing, our ability to have more is increasing but let's kind of fence our material possessions. While I conceptually loved the idea, I didn't know how to do it and so we actually got some professional advice. We got our financial advisors to work with us and how do you create this grid? Again, I'm going to be honest, it was much easier for Amit to put a number on the ground. For me, it's not like I had grown up with wealth, so I enjoyed the freedom that money gave me, whether to travel to a place that I've always wanted to, or an experience, etc. And I did not want to feel guilty the next time I wanted to travel somewhere or even wanted a piece of jewellery.

So, it was harder for me, but we stayed the course and Amit as well as the financial advisor helped me navigate, to actually put a number on the ground. It was one of the hardest things I've done, and I have done some pretty hard things, but this was one of the hardest.

Then, after that, it became really easy, because the rest of it just moved to the Foundation that we created called the ATE Chandra Foundation because by then we also realised that our giving needed to have more structure. So now all of that goes to the Foundation and the two main areas that we are passionate and excited about through the Foundation are rural water and sustainability as well as capacity building for the social sector.

**Thank you for being so candid. The Jai Vakeel Foundation – what drives you to remain so**

**focussed now on their activities for so many years now? What brings that spring in your step every morning to run to the campus?**

Like I said, I walked the campus, fell in love and I stayed. But Jai Vakeel is an organisation that is 80 years old. This is our 80th anniversary. So, we were started in 1944, which is actually before even India's Independence, by Mr. and Mrs. Vakeel who had a daughter, Dina, who was born with Downs and there was nowhere to send her for education or therapy. So, they started in their house with one child, and today we have grown on to serve over 700 students across our three campuses.

**You said three campuses?**

So, we had one in Mumbai in Sewri, which is very close to the ITC Parel Hotel. We have one at Talegaon, near Pune, one at Deolali, close to Nasik. And Mrs. Vakeel was clearly the pioneer of her times, right? She was ahead of the curve. She even won a Padmashree for the work that she was doing. And she ran the school for 30 years. She was succeeded by another daughter, Tehmina Shroff, who ran it for 39 years. I came to Jai Vakeel way back in 2007, was invited to the board in 2009 and I took on the leadership role after Mrs. Shroff passed away in 2013.

**And what is intellectual disability?**

Using IQ as a starting point, we don't use this model much these days but if 100 is normal IQ, all the students that we serve on our campus have an IQ of 70 and below but it's a whole spectrum-based condition. The film that we saw was more for the severely and profoundly challenged kids. We also have the mild, moderate, etc. So, what we're trying to do with these kids is provide inclusion and we have defined inclusion to be at a family level because unless the family accepts you, honestly, you can't move ahead. And then at a community level and finally at societal level. On our campus, we are doing whatever we can to empower and equip these children and their families through three broad interventions: health care, education, and skill development.

From 2013 to 2018, the team just put their head down trying to get our house in order. We were



## KRISH APPEARS FOR SSC 13 YEARS OLD

### History

- Mild Intellectual & Developmental disability
- Hydrocephalus
- Seizure disorder
- Fearful of society

### TODAY

- Registered for SSC exam
- Plays the drums
- Independent & sociable

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trying to strengthen all the verticals that we work with. In 2018, we looked up and said, we're doing a good job, I think, with respect to whatever kids we have direct access to. But in a country like ours, where 26 million have this, what is our answer to scale? And again, Vineet, our kids have choice of ICSE and so many boards, but these kids have no board. Therefore, there is no curriculum, there's no standardised methodology of testing. So, one of the things we did over those five years is build a standardised assessment checklist and a curriculum and workbook. In 2019, we partnered with the Government of Maharashtra to take this out to scale in over 475 schools across Maharashtra impacting over 20,000 kids.

**So, Jai Vakeel worked with the Government of Maharashtra to come up with a template which is being used in other schools that take care of ID students?**

Absolutely. Jai Vakeel has been very fortunate to work with the government since our inception because there was nobody else. Initially, we worked to create the framework. We've been getting a grant from them for the past 55 years and therefore when

we made this checklist and curriculum for our kids and tested it with our kids, they were like come on let's take it to scale, let's go all over Maharashtra.

**Wonderful. So, technical question: does Jai Vakeel actually follow a metric which gives you your rate of success?**

Absolutely, because while I said the government gives us a grant, the truth of the matter is it's a percentage of our total spend. Our annual budget is around Rs 22 crores whereas only Rs 4-5 crores comes from the government. The rest is through CSR, foundations, individuals, HNIs and they're all asking for impact. So one of the pieces we're working really hard on is how do we articulate impact in a space like ours because we are not giving regular education to regular kids but there's still a difference that you're making and how do you measure and articulate that.

**Okay, great. With both Amit and you having so beautifully structured your lives around giving, and living with very well-managed materialism even in a maximum city like Mumbai, what is the**

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## **typical dinner table conversation at home and how is this actually shaping your young daughter Anika?**

The truth of the matter is you may think you can shape everything with your child, but I don't think that you could. What we can bring to the table for our kids is really just a good set of values, conversations around what we are doing with our time and our resources, and then leave them to that.

So, Anika's been volunteering, first at Akanksha when she was really little and she has also volunteered at Jai Vakeel. There was a time, ironically, when she said, "I'm going to grow up and be like my mother and only serve." And I was like, "Who's going to put food on the table for you, honey?" So she was like, "No. I don't want to make any money." And, it was absolutely wrong messaging because we then actually had to articulate to her that you have to be self-sufficient. I can go out and make money to fulfil whatever want or need that I may have. Today, I chose to do something different, right? So, I think today she's in a better place, more balanced, where she is looking at careers which will get her the money. But I think she does come to the table with a high level of empathy. And I think that's going to hold her in good stead in life, no matter what she chooses.

**Well said, well said. Excellent. So it is fair to say that you have found your passion and purpose. But what is the guidance that you want to leave behind with some of us here, because not many can claim that they have found their passion and purpose?**

Life happens. If I hadn't reached the lowest point in my life maybe I wouldn't have been here. At that time it did feel like the end of the world but what I have learned is that whenever something happens, just look for 'what is the learning in it for me,' 'what does the lesson really mean,' rather than getting overwhelmed by the situation.

Before I joined Jai Vakeel, I did go out and meet other organisations and meet other leaders but it was Jai Vakeel that made my heart sing and that's how I stayed. Till date, I feel that sometimes we lose context of what's really important in life. 'My driver's gone on holiday, now I have to go there,

there's no parking, what am I going to do?' Meeting these kids and their families every day, working with them, seeing their resilience, puts my life in perspective about what is really important and how not to sweat the small stuff.

The third thing I would say to each one of you is go out and see other causes. Go out to meet different leaders from different organisations. I think we're fortunate in some way where we live in a country like India where there's so much happening and so much that needs to be done. For me, it was Jai Vakeel, but there's so much that needs to be done. Each one can go out and find the cause that your heart connects with and do more there. I would also say, move out of your comfort zone. I am inherently an introvert; in college, I was happy to be the wallflower. And if I had a choice, I would really go through my life like that, do my own thing, but put my head down.

And that's what I did when I took on the leadership role at Jai Vakeel. From 2013 to 2018, I was happy or happier because I was just doing my work. But in 2018 -2019, which was actually our 75th anniversary, we looked up and said, people still don't know what intellectual disability means; and it's been 75 years that we've been doing this.

So, we said let's start talking about our work, our course, our space, because inclusion is not going to happen if this segment of society doesn't include and embrace my kids and that is when I was thrown out of my comfort zone to do conversations like these which are hard for me, in all honesty, they don't come to me naturally. Amit is the more extroverted people person. So, I have learned again that no growth happens without getting out of your comfort zone.

Lastly, all of you here have already done so much. My mom and dad were in Rotary; my dad was President of the Rotary Club of Bombay North. My mom is 92 but very actively involved in the Inner Wheel Club. So, I do know that each one of you is always already doing so much. The question I would really ask is, is that enough or can you do more?

**I want to make an on-the-spot request to you. I would like to bring a group of 15-20 of our**



## TANISHA LEARNS TO WALK 12 YEARS OLD

### History

- Moderate Intellectual disability
- No head control
- Seizure disorder
- Inability to walk
- Fearful of society

### TODAY

- Walks independently
- Gained body control
- Sociable & happy

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**members and their spouses to visit the Jai Vakeel Foundation campus in Byculla.**

Tell me when?

**Next month, April 26th.**

Done. Only 15, 20?

**If there are more, we will split them into two batches. The next question would be, a hypothetical, is what happens when these children become adults? What is the next step and how do they look after themselves?**

Thank you for that question, it's a great question. We have 350 kids in school on our Jai Vakeel Mumbai campus and while academics is a goal for them, one of the bigger goals for them is actually independence in their activities of daily living. So, how can you be independent in looking after yourself? And that's a goal from almost the first day that they enter the campus. We work not just with a child, but also with the family to make this happen and this continues till they're 18. We have another 300 students from ages 18 to 50 and our goal for the ones that can go out to work is for them to work outside. When we are saying our vision is

inclusion, it actually means that if the right thing for Archana is to go out and get a job then that's what she should be doing.

So, from 18 to 21, we have a vocational training section and that is why conversations like these are so important and powerful because that's what you all can do, right? We are doing whatever we can on our campus to empower and equip the children and their families, but unless a society as a whole is aware, accepting and including them, change is not going to happen. So, there is a whole training programme that they are put through, but we may realise after three years of training that Archana is NOT going to be able to sustain this job at Bombay Gymkhana for whatever set of reasons. Then, we have a sheltered workshop on our campus where another 170 students from the ages of 21 to 50 work. We have seven different vocations that we teach them, and they make things like Agarbatti, candle etc and trust me the products are kick-ass. Then we use those products for gifting which is to spread awareness about the cause but also to showcase the abilities of the kids. So, they're with us

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till almost 50 and there's constant counselling and career conversation with the parents.

**Just to get a little technical, so what all, but here's all these terms, what are the various manifestations, the actual afflictions, you know, at the end of it, like one knows Down syndrome, ADHD, the whole alphabet soup out there? If you can just spell out what they are, because there's tons of terms one hears.**

As a society, we really need to do away with labelling. But I will explain what is really going on. Again, IQ is not an accurate way to this conversation but just for simplicity of understanding. If 100 is normal IQ and 70 is all my kids with intellectual disability, 70 to 90 is typically the learning disability spectrum. So, your ADHD, dyslexia, inability to comprehend numbers, alphabets, slow learners, some sort of a learning disability, would typically come in that category. With the case of the kids that we serve, their brain has been affected, and no amount of surgery or medication is going to change IQ.

So, because your brain has been affected, you will have some other disability with it. It could be in the form of visual impairment, hearing impairment, cerebral palsy, layered with autism and or some combination of this. I cannot change your IQ, but what we do with you through our interventions of healthcare education and skill development is empower and equip you to be self-sufficient in your activities of daily living, as well as do other services. Whereas in the other situations, and I'm now coming to the side which is mental illness, often we also get mixed up with mental illnesses. People are like, 'Oh all your children are schizophrenic.' No. Mental illness can be cured through therapy, through medication, through counselling, you can beat it. So, that's broadly the difference.

**I admire the work you're doing. My one query was that the parents of such children are largely worried what will happen to my child after I'm no more. And I think Jai Vakeel used to have a residential place which is closed. So, is there any chance of reviving it?**

Yes, we had a residential home on our campus when I took over in 2013 and we had 38 students and that was coming from a place of the journey of Jai Vakeel and which had been very organic. So as and when the parents felt the need for something, Jai Vakeel would step up to provide it. So, a parent came and said, "I stay in Thane, I can't come up and down every day, will you keep my child Monday to Friday?" And we said, "Yes." Similarly, somebody came and said, "After me, what? Will you keep my child?" And we said "Yes." So, what had happened by 2013-2014, was that my youngest child coming to campus for therapy was a few months old. And my oldest on campus was 70 years old. The ones who were 70 actually needed nursing and medical care which, as an organisation, we were not designed or equipped to provide. They were even coming into the classrooms. So, as a leadership team, members of the board, and members of the family, we actually came into the room and said, what are we really trying to do over here, what is our core competency? Because the truth of matter is, that nobody can be excellent at everything, right, no company, let alone a not-for-profit. So, what is really our goal?

Inclusion and we're going to provide it by doing healthcare education and skill development and therefore whatever was non-core, we mindfully decided to wind down and partner with others for whom it was core. So, the landscape had evolved and now there are residential homes like Aadhar, the one in Karjat set up by SPJ Sadhna, et cetera, which are designed to look after people like the kinds that we had. I literally visited homes, found the right fit for each child, had a conversation with the family, and made that transition happen for them. That's why we wound that down. Having said that, even as we speak, I have two kids on my campus. Both of them have come to me, they're abandoned, they are orphans, they came to us through the Child Welfare Committee, and we do know that no other organisation will take them, and if we push and move them, they will not survive. So, despite it not being the most financially viable proposition, we are running a residential home for the two kids on our campus.



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## The colour of Fellowship

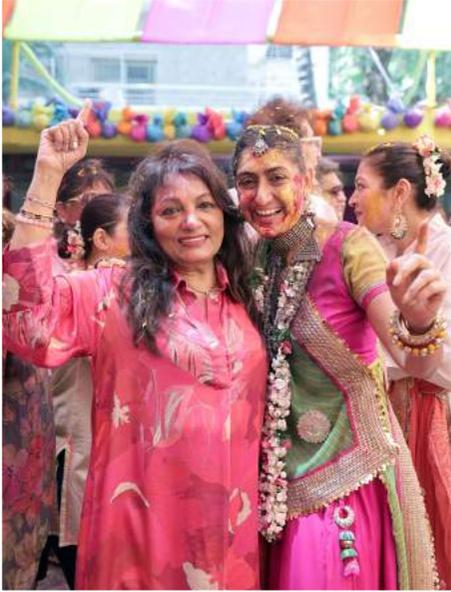


The festival of colours was celebrated at the annual Phoolon ki Holi hosted by Rotarians Naresh and Mudit Jain on March 25th, 2024.

Many Rotarians and their partners enthusiastically participated in the Holi celebrations held at the Jain residence. The festive decor included baskets of flowers and a colourful pandal with umbrellas. Guests were welcomed with a flower garland and gulal.

The lively music had many shaking a leg and the lip smacking chaat was enjoyed by all.

President Manoj Patodia thanked the gracious hosts, Naresh Jain and Mudit and Radhika Jain for their warm hospitality on behalf of all the Rotarians present.



# Picnic for AY elders



## AY BYCULLA'S DAY OF ADVENTURE

On the morning of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 75 members from Ananda Yaan's Byculla centre embarked on an enchanting journey to Hadshi Adventure Park in Pune for a memorable picnic. Filled with anticipation, they embraced a day of adventure, spiritual discovery, and pure enjoyment.

The scenic Hadshi Adventure Park welcomed the group warmly, offering thrilling activities and tranquil moments. Before diving into adventure, members began with a soulful visit to Ganpati Mandir and Vitthal Rukhmani Mandir, finding solace in seeking divine blessings.

Next, they explored the Sant Darshan Statues Museum, captivated by artistic depictions of revered saints. Immersed in cultural and historical significance, they delved into the region's rich spiritual legacy.

Energised by a delectable lunch amidst serene surroundings, members eagerly embraced adventure activities, including breathtaking boat rides. Yet, the spontaneous dance session aboard the bus became the day's highlight, fostering unforgettable camaraderie and joy.

Reflecting on the day, long-time member Mr. Vijay shared, "Today's picnic was truly rejuvenating. From temple blessings to thrilling adventures, every moment overflowed with happiness. It was heartwarming to see everyone come together, dance, and cherish this memorable day."

As the sun set, Ananda Yaan bid farewell to Hadshi Adventure Park, hearts brimming with gratitude for shared moments and strengthened bonds. With excitement for future adventures, the community remains united in pursuit of happiness, spirituality, and togetherness.



## AY DR. E MOSES RD. GOES TO GOVARDHAN ECO VILLAGE

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 55 eager members of the Ananda Yaan from our Dr. E Moses Road centre set out for the Govardhan Eco Village in Wada, Palghar, seeking spiritual enrichment. Despite its nearness to Mumbai's hustle, the eco village offers serene tranquillity, making it a top wellness ashram in India.

The journey, however, wasn't easy. Traffic delays tested everyone's patience. Yet, under the guidance of Dilip Chauhan, the group's coordinator, delays turned into bonding opportunities through engaging activities.

Arriving at the Govardhan Eco Village, members found solace amidst chaos. The day brimmed with community joy, featuring dance, devotional songs, and entertainment. Meals, prepared with organic ingredients from the village, symbolised harmony with nature.

As members departed, they carried home lessons in patience, leadership, and positivity. Govardhan Eco Village left an indelible mark, fostering self-discovery and communal harmony.

## AY MAZAGAON'S SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE



Ananda Yaan members from our Mazagaon centre embarked on a spiritual journey on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, with 75 senior citizens seeking divine enrichment across Maharashtra's sacred sites. The meticulously planned itinerary began with Mahad Ganapati Darshan, invoking blessings from Lord Ganesha. The pilgrimage continued to Pati Shirdi, synonymous with Sai Baba, and then to the revered Samadhis of Annadi Dyneshwar Maharaj and Sant Tukaram Maharaj in Devu.

Beyond spiritual exploration, the day fostered camaraderie and friendship amidst Maharashtra's picturesque landscapes. Shared laughter, stories, and culinary delights nourished both body and soul, underscoring the journey's communal spirit. Reflecting on profound experiences, the return journey brimmed with contentment and gratitude.

This pilgrimage transcended physicality, becoming a spiritual odyssey where hearts were touched, souls uplifted, and bonds fortified. It exemplified the collective power of devotion and the transformative journey of the spirit.

# Thank you!



The Ananda Yaan Committee thanks our Rtn. Ptn. Shalina Advani for donating a walker and a set of crutches for our senior citizens. We have given the walker to our member who needed it.



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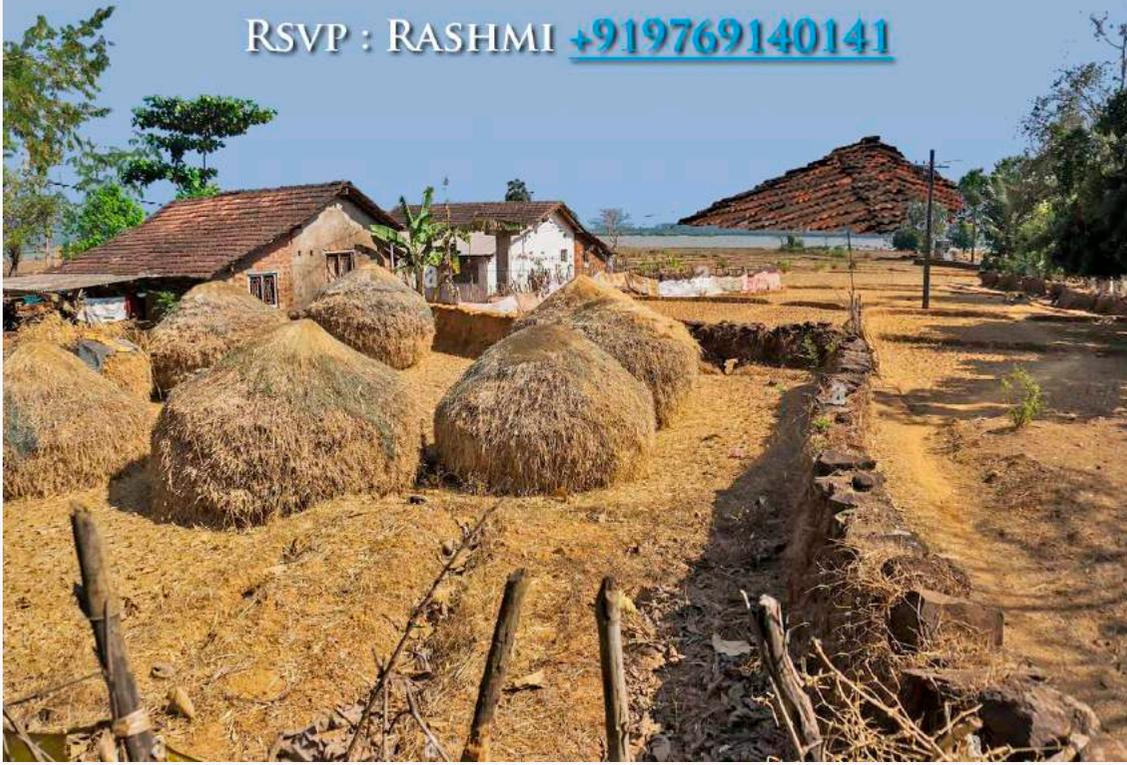




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Radhika Gupta, the MD and CEO of Edelweiss Mutual Fund (Asset Management Company Limited), is a transformative young leader in the Indian financial landscape. Her career, particularly her tenure at Edelweiss, has significantly transformed and impacted the asset management sector. She appeared as a shark on the reality TV show *Shark Tank India Season 3* on SonyLIV in 2024.

Under Radhika's stewardship, Edelweiss Asset Management witnessed significant growth in Assets Under Management (AUM). She led the acquisition of JP Morgan Mutual Fund and seamlessly integrated it into Edelweiss in 2016-2017. Additionally, Radhika spearheaded the launch of Bharat Bond ETF in 2019, India's first corporate bond ETF.

Transcending her corporate identity, Radhika is a compelling voice on financial literacy and mental well-being. Often referred to as the "girl with a broken neck", her resilience and drive resonate



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Hon. Rtn.  
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APRIL 6

Rtn. Suresh  
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APRIL 6

Rtn.  
Kalpana  
Singhania



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Rtn.  
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Sheth



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Rtn.  
Manjeet  
Kripalani



APRIL 10

Rtn. Ramesh  
Dhir



APRIL 11

Rtn. Dr.  
Rohini  
Chowgule



APRIL 12

Rtn.  
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Rtn. Nilesh  
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Jolly



APRIL 14

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APRIL 5

Rtn. Ptn.  
Vrishali Pispati

APRIL 5

Rtn. Ptn.  
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APRIL 9

Rtn. Ptn.  
Vandana Sinh

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Rtn. Ptn.  
Rachna Agarwal

APRIL 15

Rtn. Ptn.  
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APRIL 15

Rtn. Ptn.  
Avadhesh Mandelia

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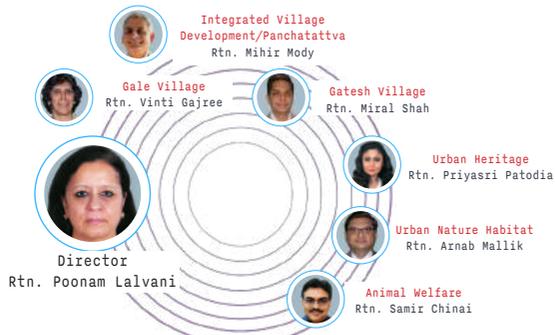
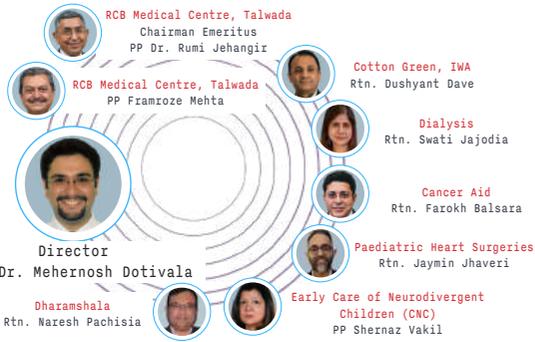
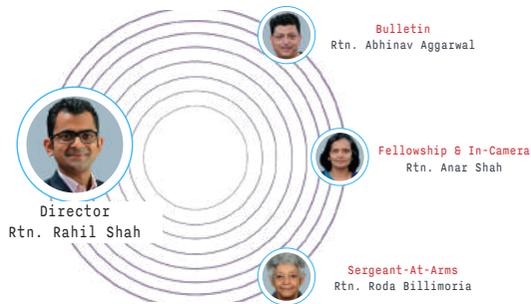
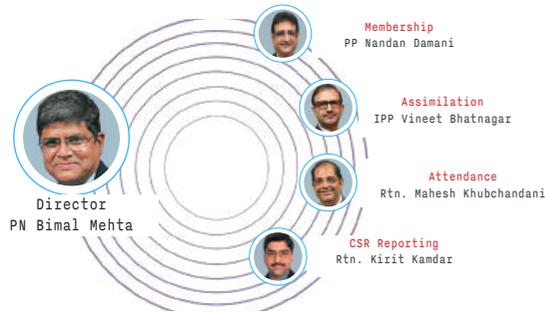
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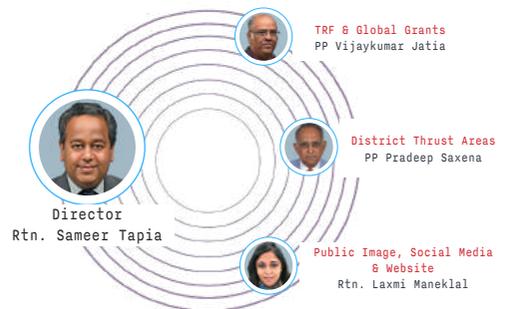
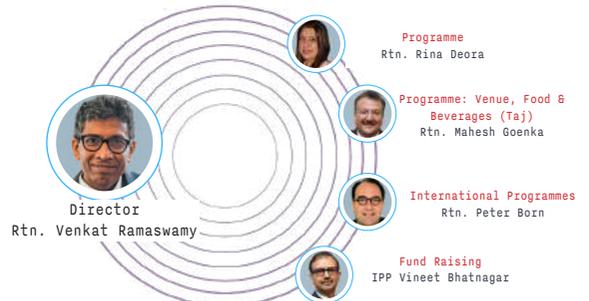
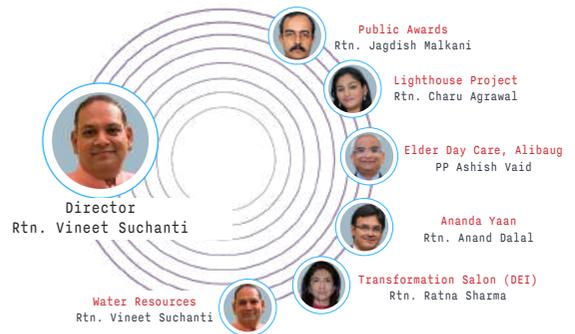
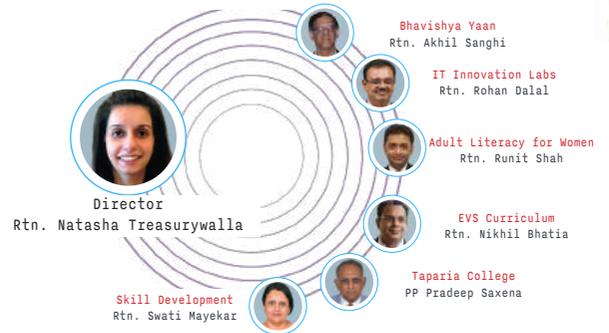
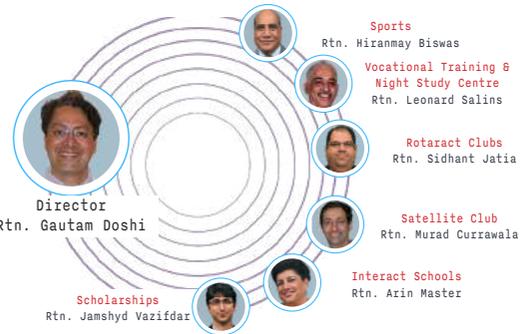
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