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My dear family of Seafacers

One is always looking for acceptance and recognition in a relationship; be it personal or professional. The desire, most of the time, comes camouflaged as modesty and humility. However, when this desire remains unfulfilled, one feels the resentment. One feels alienated, one sulks. One distances oneself from others, feeling sad and disappointed. This is a food for thought for the month of September.

August month was a busy month with projects happening on every second day basis. I realised in a positive way, that Rotary keeps you occupied in being with the people, doing things, again for others and the most important part is, managing activities on time and giving quality output. Had it not been for my Incredible board and Seaface members, I would have been stressed out.

August month was declared as Membership and Club Development month by the district. While today we are at membership of 79, which a slight increase of 6 members over last few years. It is important, we induct more younger members. While our membership Director Rtn. Dr. Sarita Bhalerao is already spearheading this area, it is important that each one of you support her in getting the right balance of quantity and quality into our club. In my opinion as a team if we follow a three-point strategy, then we will get what we want on membership numbers.

- 1.EACH ONE BRING ONE AND KEEP ONE
- 2.APPROACH CORPORATE COMPANIES FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP.
- 3.LOOK AT OUR NEXT GENERATION... CAN WE MAKE THEM FEEL INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SEAFACE MEMBER?

I was overwhelmed when the feed back on "Seafacers Incredible" alias *Ready Reckoner (RR)* was more than positive. I am sure going forward it will be an well maintained, sustained and updated Book for every Seafacer. Please keep it in a safe and easy to find place. Other initiatives like digital monthly calendar, birthday greetings with Zodiac signs , pod casts on our Face Book (FB) is catching up. My Dear Seafacers... do not get left behind in this fast-moving digital world. Pandemic taught us to use Zoom platform and got us connected, when we were not allowed to meet each other.

End of second month of incredible year, we have a lot to do. The members who for some reasons who are in the low-profile mode, should start participating in some way or the other, it may be giving a simple vote of thanks or participating in a project. Feel free to come up with ideas, share your thoughts and experiences. My Incredible board and self are just a call away.

JAI HO!!!



Hello friends  
Need I say more?

Here we are at the fag end of a historic month of...  
that has given numerous reasons for celebration.



August is considered a special month because it marks the beginning of Shraavan, an auspicious period of time and what is the importance of August month in Indian history?

At the All India Congress Committee session in Bombay on 8 August 1942, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi launched the 'Quit India Movement'. It is also known as August Movement or August Kranti. August Kranti Maidan at Gowalia Tank is a living testimony for this.

Originally, August did not have 31 days.

Now this is probably one of the most intriguing facts about August because it seemingly came from a tinge of jealousy. August had only 30 days, while July, which was named after Julius Caesar, had 31 days. However, Augustus, the Roman Emperor after whom August is named, did not want his month to have fewer days than Julius Caesar's month. So, he added a day to August, making it 31 days long, just like July.

Recently, the Rotary Club of Thane West arranged a unique Chess event. 22 Chess players were seated one next to the other, each having a chess board placed in the front...in the "august" presence of grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand! In a matter of seconds, walking in front of them, he demolished them one by one, by deftly moving pegs on their boards. Quite a sight that was.



On to other things, as you scroll through.

- PP Rtn. Ramola Mahajani

# AUGUST REFLECTIONS

## PROJECT HARMONY - SYMPOSIUM



On 5th August, we had a Symposium at Sir H.N. Reliance Convention Center, Girgaon, on the subject of Women Health, exclusively for Women. More than 79 women from Rotaries and their friends attended the program well organized by Sir H.N. Reliance Management, courtesy Rtn. Dr Anil Mehta. The highlights of the program were... the address by Lt. Governor Rtn. Rajan Dua and our club signing a MOU with the hospital management offering discounts ranging from 10-15% for the medical services offered by the Management at the Hospital.

## QUIZ-WIZZ



12th August was a fun-filled Saturday afternoon with 5 teams participating in the Quiz Wizz, very professionally conducted by 2 TG... Rtn. Tejaswini Modak, Rtn. Cool Ghadiali & Rtn. Tejal Gandhi. The energy of the participants as well as the audience was mind-boggling with a record audience of Rotarians and spouses.

# AUGUST REFLECTIONS

## NSS / SEVA SADAN



14th August was a day with our Rotaractors of NSS college. They individually collected contribution and distributed stationary to the primary class students of Seva Sadan. The smiles of these girls and boys reflect the infinite happiness.

## FLAG HOISTING

15th August was our country's 76th Independence Day. The day began at 8 am, with flag hoisting at Yusuf Meherally Vidyalay, Tardeo. It was attended by many of our Seafacer members. Our Club, if you remember had announced a cash prize to the student which stood first last year in the board exams.



## INVESTITURE CEREMONY



My dear Seafacers Family, last week on 15th August we had investiture ceremony of our interact, Modern School, Sikka Nagar. The event was well organised by the school management with clock precision. Sharing a few glimpses

# AUGUST REFLECTIONS

## PALGHAR TRIP



Palghar Trip on 23rd August ... National Integration

Amongst a thunderous applause of all rotarians, the girls from Kashmir were welcomed to manor for their mid wife training or have started this write up with the highlight of the day's event. The confidence, excitement and the energy of these girls was on a high!!!

We (Rtns. Uday, Anil Kumta, Leena, Minal, Preeti & self ) started our day at 7.00 am. It was a cumbersome journey as we got into massive traffic jam ; a journey which takes Around 2.5 hrs took us 5 hrs. We girls were in one car and Preeti had a lot of questions about our projects etc which our Leena was at her best explaining the whats and whys of our projects.

We reached Aina school where Panse Sir fed us a sumptuous lunch. we discussed projects on skill development programmes for the women of the villages..mainly sewing, computer training, etc .

The district representative Rtn. Sunita Sainani who had also joined us was at the helm of the talks as she has a ready setup a training academy in Andheri in collaboration with ICICI.

Next we visited Ashram school where we met with different heads of the surrounding Kutilpada and Damkhind village .

In June we had set up a biogas plant in one of the villager's home and he was very happy with the result.

Also the village needs support rain water harvesting project which The RCC team has started their ground work on and we will request Rtn. Rajubhai Koradia to spearhead this .

We were saddened while we met a 5 year old girl, Aarohi who is blind since birth and her parents have not been able to take her to a proper Ophthalmologist. We are trying to coordinate the same for her. Also a lot of seniors need medical aid which will also be looked into. From there we went to Silent resort to meet the Kashmiri girls. We started on our way back home at around 7.30. Fortunately there was no traffic and we reached home by 9.30!

All in all a very satisfying day!!

I request all our rotarians to visit these villages whenever possible..it is here that we the villagers need us ... so my dear seafacers please , please come and feel and see what's happening in Palghar

- Rtn. Jigna Shah

# AUGUST REFLECTIONS

## SPEAKER MEETING - ASHWIN BHADRI



My Dear Seafacer Family, On 26th August 23, Saturday, we had a very interesting Speaker.... Mr. Ashwin Bhadri who spoke on... HOW DO YOU SCALE YOUR BUSINESS... Ashwin cited different experiences of start ups and the most interesting part was ... he shared with us on how to celebrate failures. Rtn. Abhay Bhalerao introduced the speaker in a real unconventional way with Rtn. Paresh Tejura ending the meeting with unique vote of thanks . We also had the formal induction of Rtn. Charoo Mehta. Few Glimpses of the meeting



## Annapurna

This month Annapurna was at KEM, Vashi, Chandaramji school. Sponsors were Rtn. Hetal Shah, Rtn. Gita Parikh, Rtn. Yogesh Parikh, Anonymous, Rtn. Dr. Snehal Sanghvi, Hon. Rtn. Dr. Kulin Kothari, PDG Rtn. Nitin Mangaldas



# AUGUST REFLECTIONS

## BOARD MEETING



August board meeting on 28th August was sponsored by PP Rtn. Leena Shah at Girija Khandala. It was great blend of business and pleasure. While minutes will be circulated in the due course, few fun moments of that day

## INVESTITURE CEREMONY - VANITA VISHRAM

My dear Seafacer Family, on 29th morning we has investiture event at Vanita Vishram. Rtn. Dilip Mulay, District learning facilitator was the chief guest. It was very well organised and flawless event... Thanks to the Vanita Vishram Management, Rtn. Gool Ghadiali, Rtn. Deepak Khambati and Principal Santosh Gupta. Few glimpses of the event.



# GLOBAL WARMING

## A SERIOUS CONCERN

I happened to be having coffee with a travel agent friend on a rainy afternoon in the month of July. He's busy from April to August because of the tourist season in Europe, but I could sense he was a little low this year. He shared his view on European weather. Because of the very hard summer in Europe, most of the travellers were avoiding the trip. Unbelievable but true! Year by year European countries are witnessing scorchy heatwaves, adversely impacting the tourist inflow.

Most environmental scientists agree on one opinion that global temperatures are set to touch new records in the next five years. Since the past few years European countries are facing historical heat strokes.

From March, Venice has made major headlines for this. Many of us must have seen photos of Venice on social media. There's one thing you wouldn't miss: the half-dry canals, containing more mud than water. Gondolas, water taxis and ambulances are finding it impossible to navigate canals in these conditions.

Earlier it was flooding that threatened the canals of Venice. But this year, they are drying up due to an unprecedented spell of dry winter weather and scarce snowfall in the Alpine mountains. Images being shared on social media show the canals reduced to muddy pits.

It's the result of bassa marea, or low tide – although in Venice that means something rather different to what you might think of. Also known as acqua bassa, or low water, the term is used when water levels in the lagoon city are more than 50cm (20in) lower than average. In the last couple of months, levels reached a low of -70cm (28in below average) as per newspaper reports.

As per reports published on various sites, the Po, Italy's longest river that flows from the northwest Alps to the Adriatic, has 61 percent less water than usual at this time of year. Meanwhile, Northern Italy's Lake Garda has experienced record-low water levels, so much so that it is now possible to walk across an open path to the tiny island of San Biagio.

A UNESCO World Heritage site, Venice has 118 tiny islands which are linked by canals and bridges. The iconic Grand Canal is the main route through this historic city, which is often most at risk from rising sea levels. A high-pressure system, a full moon, sea currents, and the lack of rain are all being cited as contributing reasons to the problems in Venice.

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# GLOBAL WARMING

## A SERIOUS CONCERN

This comes after unprecedented warm weather across Europe that thawed the snow on ski slopes and forced ski resorts to close this winter.

I happened to be having coffee with another travel agent friend on a rainy afternoon in the month of July. He's busiest from April to August because of the tourist season in French resorts near Mont-Blanc had to cancel the World Cup telemark ski race. Some ski destinations had to resort to artificial snow. Most of the snow had melted from the slopes, many ski resorts in France and Switzerland announced that they would be closed. Among the countries affected by the winter heatwave were Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, Spain, and Switzerland which had their warmest January days on record, with temperatures climbing to 21 degrees Celsius.

So, what's going on? Will it affect travellers to Venice or Europe? Does it mean this is a situation for Venetians and traveller's only?

The answer is NO.

This is not the problem of Venice or Europe. This is global warming. The worst projection for climate change in 2023, is that the chance for the average global temperature to rise above 1.5°C has increased to almost 50% for the next five-year period between 2022 and 2026.

We have witnessed heavy floods in North India, torrential rains in many states. This is also part of global warming.

This calamity is powerful enough to change the demographics of the world.

As a citizen of the world everyone should be consistent to save our mother the Earth. This problem cannot be tackled without literacy and strong will.

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."  
Native American Proverb

*Article by PP Rtn. Pinki Dalal*

# CHANDRAYAAN 3

A feeling of pride not only as Rotarians but as Indians, a historic moment for 1.3 billion Indians.

With the successful landing, India also became the first country to land on the Moon's south pole.

With the successful landing of the Lander Module of ISRO's third lunar mission Chandrayaan-3, India has reached the Moon! It has also become the first country to land near the Moon's south pole.

The Lander Module (LM) of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) third lunar mission Chandrayaan-3, launched on July 14, made a successful landing on the Moon's surface on August 23, making India only the fourth country after the erstwhile USSR, the U.S. and China to make a soft landing on the lunar surface. Congratulating the team of scientists at ISRO, PM Modi said, "India's successful moon mission is not India's alone...Our approach of one earth, one family one future is resonating across the globe...Moon mission is based on the same human centric approach. So, this success belongs to all of humanity."

Precisely at 6.04 p.m. the lander touched the lunar surface and there was euphoric celebrations at the Mission Operations Complex (MOX) at ISRO Telemetry, Tracking, and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru. Following this, the Lander successfully deployed the Rover which will carry out in-situ chemical analysis of the lunar surface during the course of its mobility. The Lander and the Rover with a mission life of one Lunar day (14 Earth days) have scientific payloads to carry out experiments on the lunar surface.

- Sourced from Times of India



# THE FACEBOOK OF SEAFACE



## The Face of Seaface.

Facebook wins hands down over other forms of social media. Instagram is too photo-focussed, whatsapp is only inclusive of club members, and Twitter (I mean X) is tad political. Facebook, on the other hand, supports all kinds of content format. More members are accessing our Facebook page than ever before. So are people from other Rotary Clubs, but the real success will be when all our members start to engage with our club Facebook page- when they show their appreciation through the "likes.". Rotary Club of Bombay Seaface started its Facebook page in the presidential year of PP Rtn. Harsha Ghadiali. It has chronicled the club activities over the years, be it investitures, community/ medical projects, or be it fellowships. 'Scrolling up and down the pages' brings smiles to our faces. The dances and skits we took part in, our vocational awards ceremony, medical camps, speakers who visited our club, Interact District Conferences..... - it's all there- history preserved in the form of pictures and write ups. It even has the pictures of some members who have left for the heavenly abode, reminding us how much we miss them even today.

But Facebook is not just about the past. It is an "Adda"- a forum. A place for current members to interact, for potential members to check us out, and for former members to still keep in touch with our activities. We have huge plans. We have started featuring our members through interviews, write ups, and videos. We have started displaying in house talent through their paintings, performances and their collections related to Rotary. Further plans include-

- A photography exhibition in September for 'World Tourism Day,'
- Shayari sharing in October.
- Drawings and writings of little angels celebrating 'Children's Day,' in November.

The opportunities are limitless. We love Rotary and want to share the spirit of Rotary with the world. Our life is an open book. Right here for you- on Facebook.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/rotarybsf>.

*an appeal by Rtn. Tejaswini Modak*

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

The nation commemorates its independence from the United Kingdom on 15 August 1947, the day when the provisions of the Indian Independence Act, which transferred legislative sovereignty to the Indian Constituent Assembly, came into effect.

## THE INDIAN TRICOLOUR

Why is the Indian tricolour 'unfurled' on Republic Day but 'hoisted' on Independence Day? On January 26, the national flag is UNFURLED, while on August 15, it is HOISTED.

The logic behind this is that on August 15, the flag is tied to the bottom of the pole, and it is lifted to the top i.e. hoisted. Lifting it up the pole symbolises the struggle for independence.

While on January 26, India became an independent Republic! On the top now, free from the clutches of years of foreign occupation. Thus the flag is tied to the top of the pole and not at the bottom. It is then UNFURLED! (Credits: Sudhir Bawa)

Ponder on this quote; it cut through my heart:

**"I will come back waving the tri-color or wrapping myself in the tri-color, but I will definitely come back"**

**- Capt. Vikram Batra  
Param Veer Chakra**



**Our flag does not fly because the wind is blowing, it flies with the last breath of every young man who sacrifices his life to protect it.**

**- Indian Army**

*- PP Rtn. Ramola Mahajani*

# PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE INCREDIBLE YEAR



**NATIONAL INTEGRATION  
PROJECT**



**ANNAPURNA  
PROJECT**

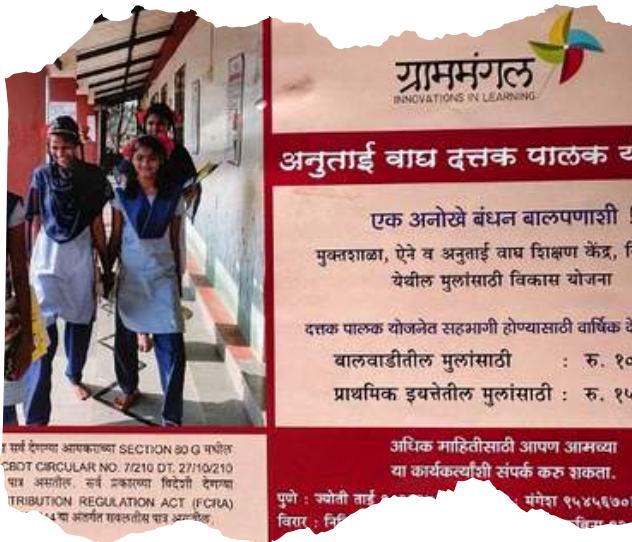


**MODEL VILLAGE IN  
PALGHAR**



**BANGANGA  
PROJECT**

# PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE INCREDIBLE YEAR



**GRAMMANGAL SCHOOL AT AINA**



**YUSUF MEHERALLY PROJECT**



**JAIPUR FOOT**



**CANCER DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT**

**GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT**



August 21 was Senior Citizens' Day, so here's an ode for those of us in this bracket:

The Mirror (Edmund Burke 1729-1797, Irish Philosopher)

I look in the mirror And what do I see  
 A strange looking person  
 That cannot be me  
 For, I am much younger  
 And not nearly so fat  
 As that face in the mirror I am looking at  
 Oh, where are the mirrors  
 That I used to know  
 Like the ones which were  
 Made thirty years ago  
 Now all things have changed  
 And I'm sure you'll agree  
 Mirrors are not as good  
 As they used to be  
 So never be concerned, If wrinkles/ extra flab appear  
 For one thing I've learned  
 Which is very clear,  
 Should your complexion  
 Be less than perfection,  
 It is really the mirror  
 That needs correction.



- Adwait Kher

Origin of the term: “it’s raining cats and dogs”

When the rain is pounding on us we often use this term. It’s just recently that I wondered why and here’s what I found as the most plausible reason:

Odin, the Norse god of storms, was often pictured with dogs and wolves, which were symbols of wind. Witches, who supposedly rode their brooms during storms, were often pictured with black cats, which became signs of heavy rain for sailors. Therefore, “raining cats and dogs” may refer to a storm with wind (dogs) and heavy rain (cats).



Credit Line

Ailsa Mellon Bruce Fund

National Gallery of Art, Madison, USA

- PP Rtn. Ramola Mahajani

# BIRTHDAYS



**SEEMA KULKARNI**

04TH SEPTEMBER

**MINAXI KOTHARI**

06TH SEPTEMBER



**YOGESH PARIKH**

08TH SEPTEMBER

**HEERU TEJWANI**

14TH SEPTEMBER



**ANIL POPAT**

17TH SEPTEMBER

**MEENA KOTHARI**

21ST SEPTEMBER



**NILAM MEHTA**

25TH SEPTEMBER

# CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

03<sup>rd</sup>

## Fellowship Program

Mad Hatters Brunch at Bombay Cartel, Kamla Mills @ 11:30 am

27<sup>th</sup>

## Board Meeting

Sponsored by Rtn. Purna Mehta

30<sup>th</sup>

## Speaker Meeting

Lt. General H. S. Kahlon  
AVSM, SM  
GOC Western Command

Subject - Role of Army in Nation Building - Experiences of A  
Soldier at IMC @ 06:30 pm

September

# STEPPED UP COMMUNICATION

At Seaface we believe in keeping every member informed on every event, every happening and also try our best to send reminders, on some events so that one does not miss on the same . We have stepped up the communication process by designing the 'READY RECKONER ' (feed back on this initiative has been बहुत बढ़िया.... इसकी जरूरत थी) and for digitally savvy members, a digital calendar to help you to organise your presence ... rather participation in the Rotary activities, at the same time handling your other schedules. While innovation will be continuing, suggestions on what can be done better are always welcome.



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