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TODAY'S TALK

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TOPIC : LESSONS IN HUMANITY - MY
THIRTY YEARS WITH THE TATA GROUP



Profile

- A career with the Tata Group spanning nearly thirty four years in the consumer, brand, hospitality and retail space; Titan, Tata Business Excellence Group (CEO), The Taj Group (COO), Tata Capital (COO), and Trent Hypermarket Pvt Ltd (Managing Director).
- Over twenty years of experience in heading profit centers and businesses.
- Senior mentor for the Tata Business Excellence program and the member of the Tata Administrative Service.
- Currently an Independent Advisor in the consumer, retail, and hospitality space. Working closely with the leadership team of start-ups, small and medium enterprises. Partner at TenX2, an accelerator working with companies aligned to UN Sustainability Goals and Strategic Adviser with MergerDomo, a financial marketplace connecting start-ups and SMEs to key eco-system players.
- Director on the Board of Trent Hypermarket Pvt Ltd and the Co-chair of FICCI Committee on Retail.
- Principal Advisor and Executive Board member at VConnect Foundation, a Parent Support Group for parents of children with hearing loss.

Address by Army Commander - 12 July 2021

Rotary Club of Poona continued with their tradition of installing the new President and his Board of Directors on the first Monday of July and further continued the tradition by inviting our Honorary Member, **Lt Gen JS Nain, AVSM, SM**, the Southern Army Commander, to address our second meeting on 12th of July. The introduction of the Army Commander was done by Rtn Maj Gen RS Jambusarwalla.

The General chose to speak on the subject of **safeguarding our planet and environment**. He also covered what the Indian Army was doing to help our country in this regard.

He stated that amongst all the threats that our country is facing, **Environment and Covid 19** are the most important and urgent ones. Environment, he said, gets our attention only when we face a calamity and at other times it is put on the backburner, and he is happy to talk to us on this very important subject.

Most of us in pursuit of trying to make ourselves comfortable forget about the environment and the damage caused by our actions. The huge amount of minerals and fossil fuel that we extract from the earth, the **deforestation and desertification** which is done mindlessly, is causing immense damage to planet earth. He said that the earth's population is growing so fast that it cannot be sustained by just 'one earth', and **we may need one and a half earths to sustain** this population as every second we are adding more mouths to feed. This thoughtless exploitation manifests into extreme weather, rising sea levels, unseasonal rains causing floods, disease and air pollution.

He stated that even the Indian Army in the line of their duty is contributing to combat this, and went on to explain how even in the most inhospitable locations like **Siachen Glacier**, the highest Army post in the world, the Army is disposing all bio and other wastes properly to ensure no damage is caused to the environment. It shows our commitment to nature protection. He highlighted how the **Armed Forces take pride in maintaining their cantonments** in every aspect. He explained how the Army has constructed accommodation for troops in snow bound areas with all available local resources, which protect soldiers from extreme cold weather, without using fossil fuels and any external methods and resources. He next showed a video of how the Army is using waste material for Environmental Protection. He said that **if the trees could give Wi-Fi connection** everyone would be planting trees all around them! Unfortunately that is not the case, and we have to address the important issues of tree protection and tree plantation all around us.

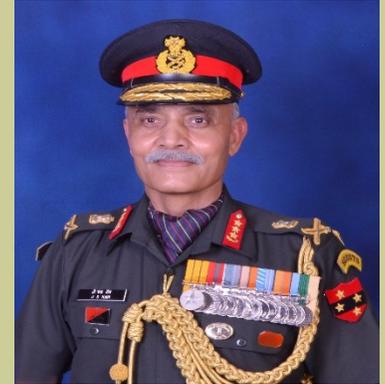
He then covered the Army's effort in conserving nature and explained in detail the **Army's Ecological Battalions** that have been raised. These Eco Battalions are raised for a specific task and are deployed accordingly. He mentioned about a battalion raised to look after the sacred **River Ganges**. He stated that within the jurisdiction of the Southern Command, there are two such battalions one stationed in Rajasthan for de-desertification work and the second one at Aurangabad. He also said that as far as possible, our **Cantonments do not transfer any waste to the municipality** but treat them within the Cantonment. Use of septic tanks have been discarded long back and replaced by sewage treatment plants to avoid ground water contamination. Waste plastics are also used in **road building** which has proved to be very effective. Such roads are stronger and last longer and at the same time use up tons of plastic waste which otherwise would be polluting our environment. In addition to all the above, the Army has also been interacting with various NGOs in their environmental protection activities.

To sum up his talk he drew our attention to an **old advertisement showing a father and son sitting in a car** at a traffic signal with the engine running. The son innocently says to his father that he has decided that when he grows up, he will open a cycle repairing shop. When asked by the father why, he simply replies that the rate at which we are consuming petrol now, there will be no petrol available when he grows up, so opening a cycle repair shop would be a good option. This set us all thinking whether the way in which we are depleting our natural resources now, there will be nothing left for our children and grandchildren.

In the **question answer session**, answering a question if Southern Command would be agreeable to joining hands with Rotary Club Poona on any such activity, he confirmed that if we get in touch with the Command HQ, they will definitely help us in any project of such nature. Replying to another question if they will help **removing water hyacinth** in our rivers and lakes, the Army Commander stated that two such battalions are already in the area of Southern Command and if we can get the civil authorities to approve the project, the Command will do all that is required and even raise a new eco battalion if sponsored by the civil authorities. The Q & A session had to be curtailed due to shortage of time.

Rtn Col K Viswanathan proposed the vote of thanks for this wonderful and educative talk.

.....Contributed by Rtn Col K Viswanathan



Happy Village Project - GHERA PANAVIDI



Our Community Services target for Rotary Year 2021-22 is to identify a remotely located village deprived of the basic needs of health, education, drinking water, skill development, general awareness, etc.

To meet our goal, we have identified a remotely located village, Ghera Panavadi, located approximately 45 km from Pune in Saswad Taluka. This village has a population of 450 living in 60 self-made houses. It is located in hilly terrain with acute shortage of all the basic amenities. Villagers survive on limited farming and some women travel up to 25 kms every day to work as labour for a meagre sum of Rs 200/- per day. There is one school with Primary and Secondary sections, with very limited resources.

The village was visited on 14 July 2021 by a team consisting of President Rtn Col Bharat Haladi, Rtn PP Kailash Monga, Rtn PP Sanjay Kher, Rtn PE Maithili Manakawad, Rtn Col K Viswanathan, Rtn Zarir Dadachanji and Rtn Col GS Kohli.

The team went around the entire village and found the village merits being adopted as a 'Happy Village Project'.

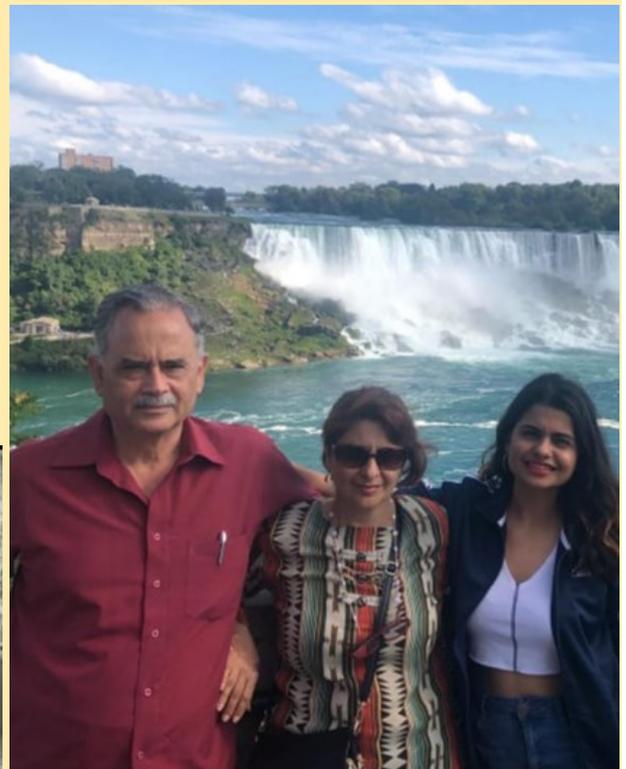
We will be discussing the project in detail with the proposer, Mr Prakash Yadav, and his team, along with the village Sarpanch, and will work out our plans shortly.

..... Contributed by Rtn GS Kohli

KNOW YOUR ROTARIAN

Rtn Zarir N Dadachanji

- Rotarian Zarir N Dadachanji joined our Club in February 2019.
- He holds an LLM Degree in International Law from the University of Bombay.
- He thereafter pursued a Master's degree in International Aviation and Space Law from McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- Selected by IATA and worked in the Legal Bureau at its Headquarters in Montreal.
- Authored several studies including those on Data Protection Laws of various European Countries.
- Appointed as IATA's legal representative on the Trans border Data Flow Strategy Group, having Swiss Air, Lufthansa, British Airways and others, as members.
- Co-authored IATA's Conditions of Carriage, which after due modifications, were adopted and implemented by its 250 plus member airlines.
- Retired from Air India in 2011.
- R/Ann Dilshad is an Army officer's daughter (Artillery) and holds a B.Com degree from University of Poona - retired as a Senior Manager - IFSD from Air India in 2017.
- Daughter KHUSHNAZ, on completing her post-graduation in International Fashion Management from Canada, is presently settled in Toronto.



The Gayatri Mantra

**‘Om bhur bhuva swaha tat savitur varenyam
Bhargo devasya dheemahi dheeyo yonah prachodayat’**

This is The Gayatri Mantra which many of us chant, but hardly know the meaning.

This mantra belongs to Rigveda and is found in its 3rd Mandala as the 10th Mantra. It is attributed to the great sage Vishwamitra. This Mantra is dedicated to Lord Savitur, who is the Sun God. It is a prayer for ‘light’ so it is addressed to the source of all lights, ‘The Sun’.

Its actual meaning is - ‘We meditate upon the auspicious godly light of Lord Sun. May that heavenly light illuminate our thought flow in our intellect’.

It is always chanted with Omkara and minimum 11 times. It was mainly chanted in the evening to reintegrate one’s own mind that has run wild during the day. It is also chanted early morning to purify our mind. It should not be chanted after sunset. It is said that chanting this mantra removes all the cravings and negative thoughts which destroy our spiritual essence. In Hindu religion, boys are initiated to the Gayatri Mantra in their young age at a ceremony called ‘Upanayan’ (thread ceremony).

Let us recite this mantra daily and pray that the light of consciousness shines through us.

.....Contributed by R/Ann Mridula Deshpande



Upcoming Programs

**26 July – Presentation of Club Budget.
02 August - Induction of New Members.**

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

19-Jul	R/Ann Renu Gupta
20-Jul	Rtn PP Jamshed J Khursigara
22-Jul	R/Ann Rajinder Kaur Ghai

Sacred Space

What use is wealth that is not shared?
It is wealth only as long as it is useful.
The mean-minded or the person with
a narrow mind, differentiates between
what is his and what is someone
else’s. To the magnanimous, to the
large-hearted, all men are his family -
‘vasudhaiva kutumbakam’.

Anonymous

Attendance Report

12 Jul 21	
Rtns	32
Anns	16
Spouse	01
Guests	08
TOTAL	57