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### President connects..



Season's greetings to all of you dear Rotarian friends,

Rotary club of Borivli Rotarians celebrated the festive season in a most unique way. Traveling 100 km from Borivli and enjoying the festival of lights amidst of 600+ ashram shala students at Kurze village, a remote village with lush green surroundings.

Festive month happens to be the TRF month for Rotary International. Once again festivity is very much visible as far as giving is concerned with RC Borivli Rotarians. Five Paul Harris Society members, namely PDG Dr Bharat Pandya, PP Rajendra Kinariwala, PP Umesh Soni, IPP Manish Gyani and Dr. Hitesh Chedda donating \$1000 each to The Rotary Foundation, every year. Congratulations to all of them and Director-TRF Rtn Mahesh Mistry.

What we see is the tip of the iceberg, I am sure many rich hearted Rotarians of RC Borivli like Rtn Mukesh Thakkar, Rtn Harish Chandarana, Rtn Rajul Pathak, Rtn Mona Gyani Rtn. Sanjay Mistry, PP Nitin, Rtn Bhadrash Nathwani, PP Chetan Desai CP Vinay Vyas are the most likely candidates who will join this elite society in this rotary year 2010-11.

Friend's journey of five months has been a wonderful experience of my life. Kind hearted Rotarians supported all the club activities, projects and meetings, while critics corrected me and my team, helping to take the right direction towards excellence.

Wishing you very best,

**Ashok.**

### Coverage of Seminar on Arbitration by Mumbai Samachar



### Editorial ...

### The Old Pickle Jar

Dear Friends,  
Thank for sharing your joy and experience of holiday during this Diwali.  
I wish to share a small story with you.  
As far back as I can remember, the pickle jar sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parent's bedroom. When he got ready for bed, Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar. As a small boy, I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. They landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then, the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled.  
When the jar was full, Dad would take it to the bank. Every time we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile mill, son. You're going to do better than me."  
We would always celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice-cream cone. I always got

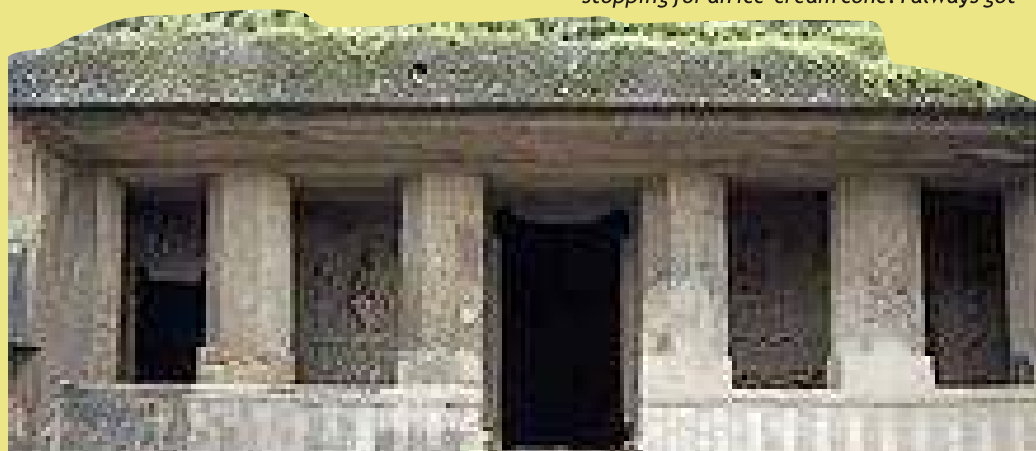
chocolate. Dad always got vanilla.

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed. A lump rose in my throat. My father was a man of few words and never lectured me on the values of perseverance and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all that. When I married, I told my wife Sapna about the pickle jar.

The first Diwali after our daughter Sweetie was born, we spent with my parents. One day, when Mom and Dad were cuddling te baby, she began to whimper. "She probably needs to be changed," said Sapna and went to change the baby's diaper.

When Sapna returned, her eyes were misty. She took me to the bedroom. "Look," she said, directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins. I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pockets, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw Dad. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither of us could speak.

**Umesh.**



## Members on Holidays!!!

### Trip to Shimla & Manali

A week on a holiday to a hill station is something that a *Mumbaikar* will always frenzy. This is something that we Chandaranas, Gyanis and the Pathaks planned this Diwali vacation, to Manali and Shimla.

We took a flight to Chandigarh via Delhi. Chandigarh is a beautiful well planned city and is the capital of both Haryana and Punjab. Cleanliness and lush greenery is one of the beauty of this place. The climate is one of the peculiar attractions of the city. After our enjoyable stay at Chandigarh we left for Manali. During our stay of four days we visited many places including the *Hidimba* temple and *Manikaran*. A bit of shopping is the most preferred activity for the ladies.

Our trip to Shimla from Manali was full of excitements. We travelled throughout by a SUV. Yak riding, river crossing were some of the activities enjoyed by us at *Vanvihar* in Shimla. Visit to *Kufri* was

also a different experience all together.

A very big surprise came to me on 11th November night when I was a little down with my health and when suddenly all the children came in with a birthday cake, I was very happy and surprised, thanks to all of them for celebrating my birthday there.

The trip was very entertaining but one thing I would certainly like to mention is that more perfectly one should choose summer season to go to north. We tend to have low immunity and ones we are in a little harsh climate, we tend to fall sick but some minor health problems were faced by all of us. Thanks to Hetal for carrying prescribed medicines, we completed our journey. Back home I just have one thing to say eat healthy, rest well and don't miss your routine excessive to enjoy your holidays at whatever height above sea level.

*R/Ann Sonal Chandarana.*



### Trip to Sirpur, Chhattisgarh

पिछले दिनों चम्पारण जाने का संयोग प्राप्त हुआ हम हावड़ा मेल से रायपुर होते हुए चम्पारण पहुँचे एक लम्बी यात्रा करके। चम्पारण एक धार्मिक स्थल है जिसका धार्मिक महत्व “पुष्टि मार्गीय वैष्णव सम्प्रदाय के स्थापक महाप्रभु श्री वल्लभाचार्यजी की प्रागट्य स्थली के रूप में प्रसिद्ध है। प्राचीन स्वरूप में यह एक जंगल के रूप में था परन्तु आज इसका सुव्यवस्थित धार्मिक स्थल के रूप में विस्तार और विकास किया गया है। सभी सुविधाओं से सम्पन्न एवं सुन्दर स्थल।

इसी यात्रा के दौरान प्राचीन वैभवी नगरी (आज एक गाँव के रूप में है) देखने का अवसर प्राप्त हुआ, ‘सिरपुर’। सिरपुर अथवा श्रीपुर रायपुर से लगभग ८५ कि.मी. उत्तर-पूर्व में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग (जयपुर-सम्भलपुर) पर महासगुन्द जिले के अंतर्गत महानदी के दाहिने तट पर स्थित है। सिरपुर एक वैभवी नगरी रही होगी उस काल में। लगभग १० वर्ग कि.मी. परिक्षेत्र में फैले पुरातात्विक अवशेषों का (समय महाशिनगुप्त बालाजुन ५९५-६५५ ई) देखकर उसके वैभवशाली अतीत का सहज ही अनुमान लगाया जा सकता है। कई पुरा तत्वताओं के ने इस का उजागर करने में अपना योगदान दिया है। सिरपुर के स्थापत्यों में धार्मिक सहिष्णुता का अप्रभुव सामजस्य दिखाई देता है। यहाँ बौद्ध, जैन, शैव, शान्त तथा वैष्णव ध्विलम्बियों को आश्रय गिला होगा। एवं इसी धर्मों से सम्बंधित स्थापत्यों का, मूर्तियों का निर्माण हुआ

होगा। यहाँ के स्थापत्य खुद ही अपना वैभव कदत प्रतित होते हैं। खण्डहरों में भी सुन्दरता दिखाई देती है। १९९३-२००४ में यहाँ हुए उत्खनन कार्य से यहाँ कई भूमिगत दर्शनिय अवशेषों के दर्शनिय अस्तित्व प्राप्त हुए हैं। सिरपुर के स्मारकों में हिन्दु एवं बौध् धर्म के दर्शन होते हैं।

राम मंदिर, लक्ष्मण मंदिर यह स्थल दर्शनिय सुव्यवस्थित नियोजित बड़े क्षेत्र में फैला हुआ मंदिर है। ईंटों से बना यह मंदिर पूर्वाभिमुख है एवं पहले यह विष्णु मंदिर था परन्तु बादमें लक्ष्मण मंदिर के नाम से विख्यात हुआ। यहाँ दशावतार, कृष्ण लिला एवं कई अन्य शिल्पाकर्मों को देख पुरानन स्थापत्य के उत्कृष्ट नमूनों की सुन्दरता देखने मिलती है। इसी तरह राम मंदिर गन्धर्वेश्वर मंदिर, बालेश्वर महादेव मंदिर आदि भी अपने समय की कथा कहते उत्कृष्ट नमूने हैं।

बौध् स्मारकों में आनन्द प्रभु कुटी विहार। स्वास्तिक विहार बौद्धविहार आवास्क्रोय परिसर आदि। यहाँ अधिकांश स्थापत्य ईंटों के बने हैं। एवं द्विमंजिला निर्माणकाभी अनुमानित दर्शन होता है। बौद्ध धर्म संबंधित धातु प्रतिमाओं का भण्डार भी यहाँ से प्राप्त हुआ था। मूर्तिशाला में रखी मूर्तिया, जैन, बौद्ध, शैव, शान्त तथा सौर सम्प्रदायों से संबद्ध प्रतिमाएँ हैं। चतुर्मुखी शिवलिंग, विष्णु की भग्न प्रतिभा, अंबिका, भूमिस्पर्श मुद्रा में बैठे हुए बुद्ध महिषासुर मर्दिनी, सप्रमातिका सूर्य एवं तीर्थकर पार्श्वनाथ आदि की प्रतिमाए अपने समय के इतिहास की कथा कहती प्रतित होनी हैं स्थापत्य का बैजाड़ नमुना देख कर हमारी यात्रा सफल हो गयी। अपनी पुरानी धराहरों को समेटकर सहेजने में लगा हुआ ‘सिरपुर’।

*R/Ann Sudha Soni*



### Trip to South Africa

It was a wonderful trip, flying by Jet airways with full of comfort and Indian food. Service was excellent, better than any international airlines and everyone was impressed with their service.

It took eight and half hours to reach Johannesburg. A lovely airport, easy process in customs, hardly anything for shopping.

After a brief halt of 3 hours, we took a flight for Capetown (2 hours flight). Beautiful and clean roads, pleasant and windy climate good surrounding. Probably the best place in south Africa. You can visit *Table Mountain* and *Cape of Good Hope*, *Penguin Park* and enjoy the waterfront.

There are malls but you do get things back in Mumbai.

From there, we moved by road to garden route (entire garden route area starts from Capetown and ends at Port Elizabeth). We stayed in Georgia with 5 hour drive from Capetown. You should definitely visit

*Cango caves*; it is rich in history and the way caves have come up is scintillating to watch.

From there we moved to Port Elizabeth (an overnight stay). City shuts at 5 pm in the evening and you can't do anything after that. We took a flight to Johannesburg and moved to Sun City.

Sun city actually is not a city but area famous with its name. It has five hotels inside the campus, in house transportation. The best hotel to stay is Palace. Hotel was deigned by American architect and budget was given US \$124 million. However, it got completed in 84 million. Rooms were well designed, you get feel of Jaisalmer, Rajasthan anyone has visited it.

We stayed for 2 days and then moved to safari. Good time and you can surely see all the wild animals. All animals are freely moving.

It was pleasant and memorable trip and back to Mumbai by Jet eating Pav Bhaji in the flight.

*Rtn. Mukesh Thakkar*