

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Members,

It has been a year since the lockdown was imposed.

Just as we were gearing up to open the gates of the Gymkhana for our members and members guests, after the unavoidable delay arising due to the internal structural repairs and renovation, post the long occupation and return of our premises as a Covid Care Centre (CCC) by the government authorities, the virus decides to revisit the city and our State in a big way and we are back to where we were.

Most of us have got ourselves vaccinated or are in the process of doing so. In the midst of all this we have a new set of protocols promulgated enforcing restrictions, all for our good as the number of cases reported every day are multiplying with unprecedented speed. Let us not let our guard down as we need to resolve to act as responsible citizens. It is imperative that we follow the prescribed protocols and take due safeguards to protect ourselves and our families.

On behalf of the Managing Committee I would like to thank Dr. Vernon De Sa, Dean Saifee Hospital for very kindly allotting special slots, offered to CG members, who registered to receive the Covid vaccination at Saifee Hospital, a initiative arranged by Sanju. We are delighted to receive positive feedback from many members on the expeditious service experienced by them, on their visit to get themselves inoculated. One such appreciative message coming from the legendary Nonagenarian Gerson Da Cunha.

The structural repair and renovation is progressing with the watchful coordination by the Chairman of our Projects sub-committee Vernon Noronha and Addl. VP Clyde Crasto duly supported by the four Office Bearers. We were hoping to open our facilities to members during the month of April '21, as we were assured by our Architect of the completion of the work by mid-April.

In the meanwhile, I have to inform you with regret that the BMC have issued an order to CG, requisitioning our premises once again as a CCC-2 facility. Refusal to comply with the directives of the authorities attracts action under section 188 of the IPC. I wish to inform our members that we submitted a representation to the authorities to exempt CG from being requisitioned as a CCC. The dealing Authorities visited CG for an on-site inspection of the premises when various aspects were presented for their consideration. Notwithstanding all that was brought to their attention, they decided to requisition CG for set up as a Covid Care Centre. I wish to state that I have been observing the progress at CG for over seven decades and this has been one of the most critical periods in the 109 year history of CG.

We hope that the second wave of the virus will be short lived and life returns to normal soon. Until such time we hope to maintain our contact with our members through the virtual Members Nite which has been highly appreciated and complimented from various corners of the globe. All this made possible due to the enormous efforts put in by our enthusiastic Entertainment and Technical sub-committee members, who have done CG proud by presenting some memorable evenings of musical entertainment. Thank you Domic, Evette, Leslie, Everilda, Ralph, Sanju, Ian and Aubrey.

I take this opportunity to thank Dr. Cheryl Misquitta, President Bandra Gymkhana (BG), Mr. Roger CB Pereira, Trustees and Members of the Managing Committee of BG for extending the tenure for usage of BG facilities by CG members during the month of April 2021.

On behalf of the Managing Committee, I extend our Heartiest Greetings to all our Members on the Joyous Occasion of Easter.

I will miss meeting you at the bumper Easter Housie evening. The city has just celebrated Jamshed Navroze, a “Rang Birangi” Holi and we end the lenten season with the celebration of Easter. These festivals and festivities herald the arrival of spring with great cheer, joy and happiness all around. We have had our share of depressive fluctuations and look forward to brighter days ahead.

I do hope to be giving you Dear Members news you have been awaiting for long about the gymkhana opening up as and when the government restores normalcy.

Take Care!! Stay Safe!! Stay Healthy until we meet again.

With all good wishes,

VERNON MIRANDA
President

**The President
and Managing Committee
wishes you a very**

