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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROTARACT CLUB OF UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA

Dear Rotaractors,

It is with immense pleasure I pen these thoughts on our very first joint bulletin between the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and the Rotaract Club of Hindustan University. Ever since the beginning of our very valuable friendship, the two clubs have worked side by side in bringing notable projects to life and I believe this joint bulletin will be a great testimony to the relationship the two clubs have.

Rotaract has been a game-changer for you, me and many other people living in the world. Its ability to influence people to become better people, leaders while serving the community at large has been nothing short of inspiring to see. Especially given the fact that both clubs come from an Institute based background, we have seen how the movement can transform the lives of many undergraduates in our universities.

Rotaract Mora as a club has always believed in the power of sustainable, high impact projects and we are delighted to see our partnership bringing life to projects such as Rostrum that are of similar nature. Projects catering to the educational requirements of the community have a larger meaning and an impact when they are done connecting two countries through the International Service avenue of Rotaract.

Sri Lanka has truly been blessed to have a neighbour in the form of India and our history bears witness to how much the two countries lived in great understanding and collaboration. Just like that, we believe the partnership between the two clubs can also be meaningful. We hope to have a wonderful time with you in the years to come.

May this be the first of many years of friendship and fellowship to come.

Thank you
Rtr. Samila Imbulana
PRESIDENT
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa
RID 3220



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROTARACT CLUB OF HINDUSTAN UNIVERSITY

Dear Rotaractors,

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to Pen down this message for the joint twin club bulletin for the Rotary year 20-21. Communication is the real work of leadership and we always strive and depend on effective communication. This twin club bulletin represents projects done in international service from the Rotaract Club of Hindustan University and Rotaract Club of Moratuwa in the Rotary year 20 - 21 and this Bulletin recognise great achievements done by women's in their respective fields, and this joint Bulletin is also a special edition for Women Day. I am happy and fulfilled with the efforts taken by the team in making this join bulletin and I believe it will be very useful to the clubs and the Rotaractors. I am confident that this Bulletin will help in knowing both the clubs and making the twin club relationship strong. I wish RaC Hindustan University and RAC Mora together always.

Regards,
Rtr.Gokulakrishnan S.
PRESIDENT
Rotaract club of Hindustan University,
RID 3232.



EDITORIAL



Rotaract is the ideal platform for the youth of the world to not only serve their kind, but also develop themselves into better human beings who are able to lead positive change throughout the world in the imminent future. But the perks that Rotaract brings to its passionate members do not just stop at that; Rotaract rather extends to create opportunities for members to not only work for their own local communities, but also create new friendships and extend helping hands to their brethren across geographical borders.

Following the Twin Club Agreement between Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of Hindustan University on the 27th of November 2020, our fellowship has flourished in leaps and bounds.

Coming from similar institutional backgrounds has further strengthened the understanding and bond between our clubs and the journey we have embarked upon holds promise for many new experiences to obtain and novel opportunities to explore. Our similarities as well as differences in various aspects is sure to add much flavor to our fellowship which, though written down so far for a very short period of time, will undeniably last us for years to come.

Through the joint bulletin of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa and Rotaract Club of Hindustan University, we hope to provide our readers with a taste of the signature projects of the International Service avenue of both clubs and the joint ventures the two clubs have given life to so far.

So let's dive in and witness the start of a story of two twin clubs trying to do their part for the world while making long lasting memories together and discovering fellowship through service. Happy Reading!

Viva La Rotaract!

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Rotaract Club of
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RID 3232)

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FIRST JOINT MEETING

under project Black Pearl of Rotaract Club of Hindustan University

2020-10-10



- Both clubs went on with a brief explanation of the projects they've done, by a presentation depiction.
- The procedure came to a conclusion with the sharing of the letterheads of both clubs on the screen.
- A fellowship event was then held with fun games to play and the meeting ended with a frank discussion about Tourist attraction places, unique foods and sports in both countries.



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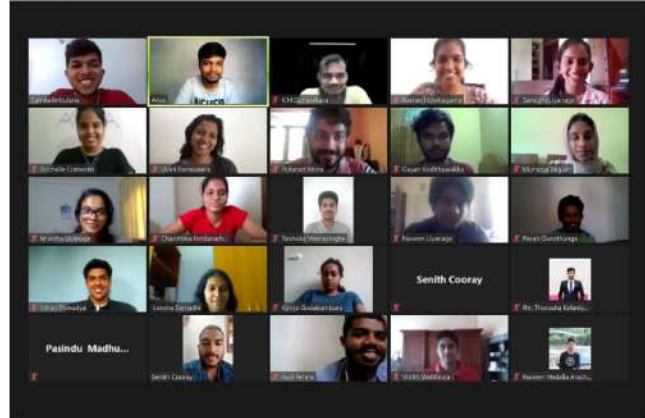
ANDURATA ATHWALAK

Voice donation camp

2020-10-31

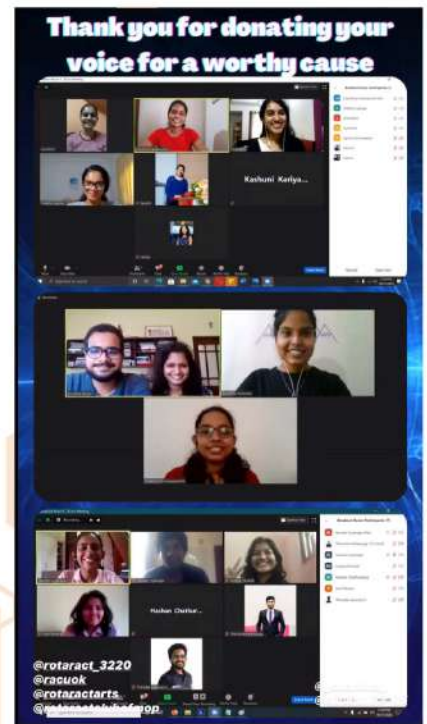
- Andurata Athwalak is a novel movement initiated by Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa.
- The project aspires to create a positive impact in the lives of young, visually impaired souls by enhancing their English skills to ensure better career opportunities.

- Andurata Athwelak caters for an audio-based course on daily conversations in English.



- Following Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Hindustan University participated in the Online Voice Donation Camp and extended their utmost support for this unparalleled endeavour.

Rtr. Shyama
Rtr. Aishwarya Vijayaalakshmi
Rtr. Sivasri V
Rtr. Dhaarini GV
Rtr. Susritha
Rtr. Sivambika
Rtr. Anusha Ranganath
Rtr. Shravya Sukumar
Rtr. Sunehra Lakshmi
Rtr. Gayathri M
Rtr. Meenakshi
Rtr. Krishnanath
Rtr. Shewtaa
Rtr. Swedha
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DOVECOTE STAMPS

2020-11-01

- Collecting stamps is a fascinating hobby that can be turned into a learning experience.
- Taking this hobby in a different direction the Rotaract Club of Hindustan University launched the project, Dovecote Stamps, where they built birdhouses, bird feeders, and posted awareness posters about the important role of birds, for each unique stamp that fellow Rotaractors have collected throughout their lives.



- The project requested five distinct photographed stamps from Rotaractors.

Rtr. Uvini Ranaweera,
Rtr. Bawun Mawitagama
Rtr. Dinidu Gunathilake

from the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa participated in this one of a kind project by posting their favourite five stamps from their collection.



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TWIN CLUB AGREEMENT SIGNING

2020-11-27

- The Twin Club Agreement was one of the most anticipated moments shared between the members of both Rotaract Clubs.
- The validity period of the agreement is from 27th of November 2020 to 30th of June 2021, but the memories we cherish will no doubt be valid for a lifetime.



- The agreement gave life to amazing projects such as Rostrum and ensued innumerable interactive and insightful discussions.
- The main objectives of the Twin club Agreement are,
 1. To emphasize the international aspect of Rotaract Service and Friendship
 2. To establish a long-term relationship with another club that will lead to ongoing projects
 3. To enhance understanding of another culture and foster goodwill
- It is no secret that the Twin Club Agreement created the opportunity to make memories while learning, doing and becoming more as Rotaractors as well as citizens of a boundless world.



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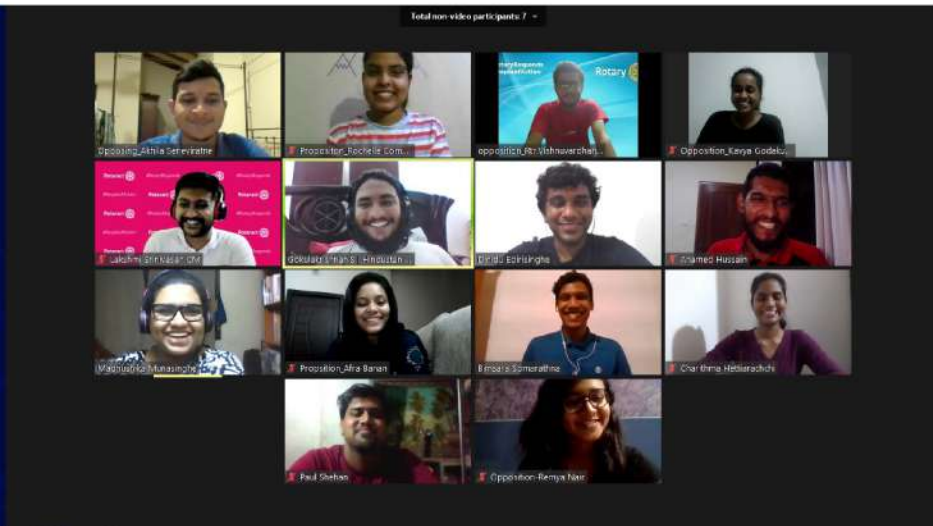
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ROSTRUM

The joint project

2020-12-05

- The Rostrum was a friendly online debate under the motion "The COVID-19 pandemic situation poses more of an opportunity than a threat to new businesses".
- The initiative was undertaken by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with Hindustan University, aiming to create room for the conversation on how to revolve the emerging new norm into an opportunity that can leave a lasting change in the economy of the world.



- The event bridged the connection of the two clubs that contributed to the development of fellowship through Rotaract.
- The bonds between the clubs that got created and strengthened during Rostrum, undoubtedly speak out for its paramount success.



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THE EDUCATORY

An education directory

2021-01-12

EDUCATION DIRECTORY

This is an initiative to collect the information of education institutes around the world and to make into single directory. This is first of its kind project as of our knowledge, this will help many students who are stepping out from schools and also it will be useful to the student who are aiming for higher studies.



- The Educatory is a project that aims to compile information of education institutes around the world into a single directory.
- Since it contains information of education institutes and enrollable causes in Sri Lankan Universities too, it has created a platform for those interested in pursuing their higher studies in Sri Lanka to have a glance at all of the available choices in one place.



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THAI PONGAL CELEBRATION

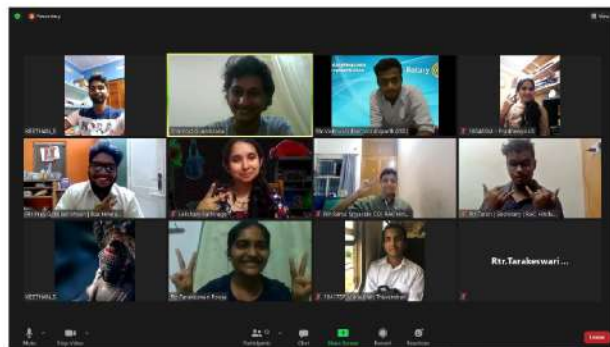
The cultural exchange project

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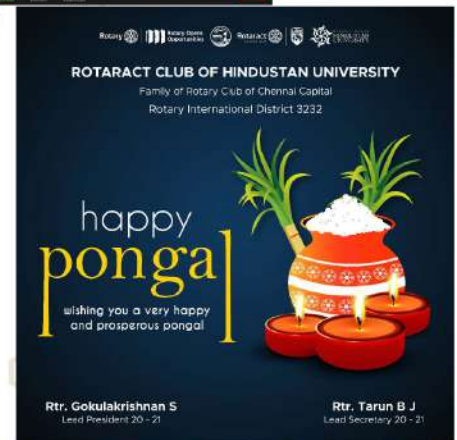
- This cultural exchange project was one of the most admired projects that ensued between the two clubs.
- The members from both clubs enjoyed the celebrations by sharing insightful stories behind the Pongal festival and the diverse ways the two nations celebrate it.



- The event contained heaps of fun games and interactive sessions which included singing and dancing.



- It was undoubted that this project gave both Rotaract Clubs the opportunity to reminisce the memories of the meetings recently held, which tightened the bonds of fellowship.



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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AVENUE PROJECTS

Rotaract Club of
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ROTARACT MORA MODEL UNITED NATIONS



- SLRMUN is a Model United Nations Conference that will be hosted by RMMUN and will be the first-ever MUN Conference organized by a University-based Rotaract club.
- It is primarily concerned with the implementation of UNHRC resolutions as well as the legal studies conducted under the Consilium project.
- Consilium is one of the subprojects launched as part of the main project, RMMUN.
- The prior intention of this is to find a long-term and viable solution for the problem "Undergraduate responsiveness for cybersecurity violations and its correlates in Sri Lanka".
- The research data obtained by Consilium will be used by the delegates of the SLRMUN conference as resources for their delegation.



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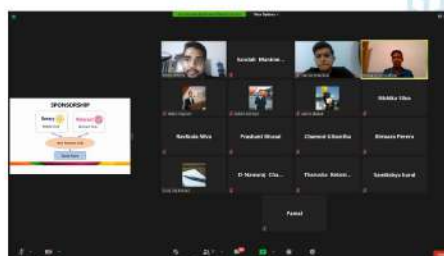
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SAHAYOGA

13TH OF NOVEMBER 2020



- This project was an initiative undertaken by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Pokhara University, Nepal.
- A virtual session organized by Rotaract Mora for the board of officials of Rotaract Club of Pokhara University to assist them in planning and initiating the administrative processes of the new club.
- The event was graced by the Assistant District Rotaract Representative Rtr. PP Paveen Perera and the Director of Professional Development, Rtr IPP Dhanuka Perera who shared and provided extensive knowledge on Rotaract.
- Sahayoga was able to mark a positive conclusion for another impactful initiative with all the fruitful knowledge sharing and service rendered.



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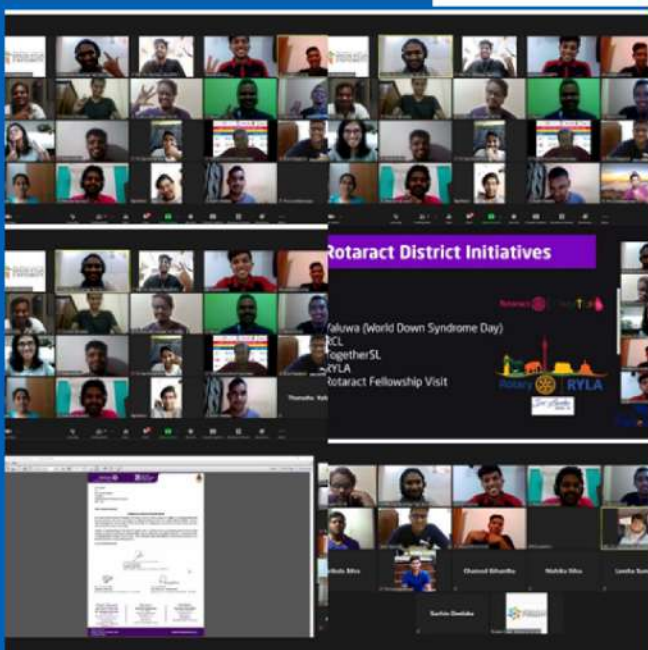
BLACK PEARL

18TH OF AUGUST 2020 - ONGOING



- "BLACK PEARL" is an intercultural youth exchange program where clubs from different parts of the world meet at a platform and share all the cultures.
- The main goal of the project will be to develop a strong communication and team bond to do projects jointly that helps out the society in some of the other ways and serve the society with peace and happiness.

- From starting till date there are nearly 12-15 clubs (one from each district) from distinct parts of the world and creating many miracles with great projects and a great friendship.

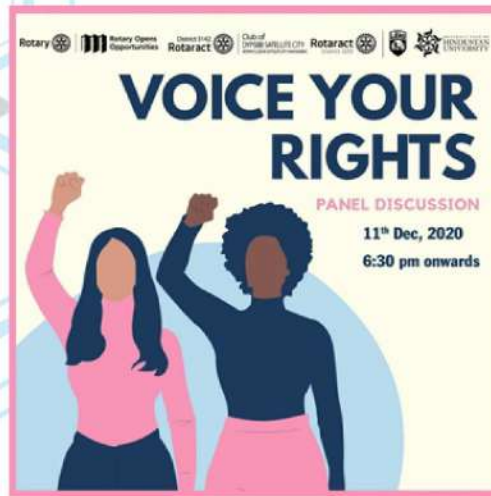


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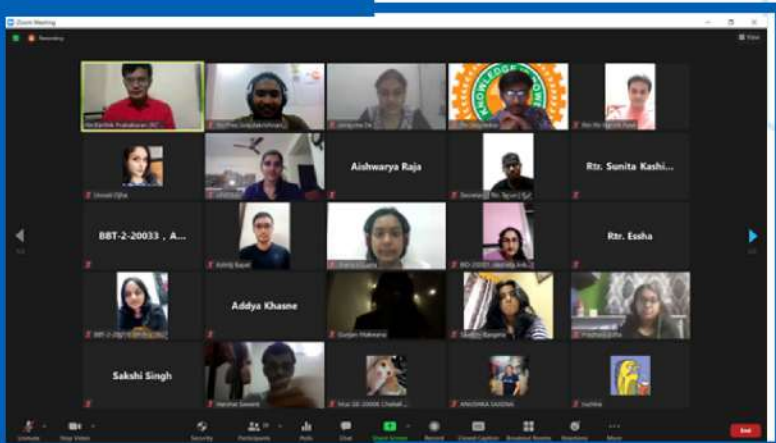
VOICE YOUR RIGHTS

11TH OF DECEMBER 2020.



- Voice your rights is a panel discussion conducted aiming to spread awareness on human rights and freedom in India.
- The initiative was undertaken by the Rotaract Club of Hindustan University in association with the Rotaract Club of DYPSSBB satellite city, RID of 3142 and was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Chennai Capital.
- Indigenous People's Rights, Freedom of Expression through Social Media, and LGBTQ Rights in India were the three topics spoken elaborately by the panellists and the discussion was followed by an exciting Q & A session.

- The initiative truly inspired the team and many other individuals around the nation to voice out for their rights while creating miracles in society.





OTARA GUNEWARDENE

“Dare to be different,
stand out from the crowd.”

She is a distinct personality who created a new era of business in Sri Lanka. She has been recognized as the, 'Most Outstanding Young Person', 'Best Female Entrepreneur', and 'Most Powerful Woman' in Sri Lanka throughout the years.

So who is she?

Otara Del Gunewardene is an internationally recognized Sri Lankan entrepreneur, animal welfare advocate, conservationist and philanthropist. She is the founder of ODEL, Embark and Otara Foundation.

Her faith in the power of purpose and commitment took her a grand way through her life. Starting off by selling factory surplus garments and apparel from her car boot to family and friends in 1990, she came all the way to owning more than eighteen ODEL stores all around the nation.

She is very well known for her passion and kindness towards stray dogs, nature and wildlife.

Her fashion brand named Embark, some of the income from which is donated to fund the eradication of rabies, canine vaccinations, sterilisation surgeries, puppy adoptions, and caring for injured street dogs was formed in 2007.

She is now devoting her time fully for the growth of Embark and continuing her amazing mission and vision to serve our nation as a citizen and working towards giving all street dogs, wildlife and nature the love, care and respect they deserve.

WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL

Rotaract Club of
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DR. ASHA DE VOS

“Women should define themselves by their capacity and not let their gender limit their potential”

Asha de Vos is a Sri Lankan marine biologist, ocean educator and pioneer of blue whale research within the northern Indian Ocean. De Vos is the first and only Sri Lankan to gain a PhD in marine mammal research. She was a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California Santa Cruz and a guest blogger for National Geographic. She is known for her Blue Whale Project. She is a Senior TED Fellow and was chosen for a BBC 100 Women award in 2018.

De Vos is a Duke University Global Fellow in Marine Conservation and has been selected as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. In 2013, she received the President's Award for Scientific Publications. In 2015, she was a Marine Conservation Action Fund Fellow and in 2016 she became a Pew Marine Fellow. In 2018, she received the WINGS WorldQuest Women of Discovery Sea Award. On 26 May 2018, she was awarded the Golden alumni award in the Professional Achievement category at the first edition of the British Council Golden Alumni awards. On 27 March 2019, de Vos was celebrated as one of 12 Women Changemakers by the Sri Lanka parliament. In 2020, de Vos was named Sea Hero of the Year by Scuba Diving magazine.

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AKHSHAYA NAVANEETHAN

“Embrace your uniqueness and never stop loving yourself.”

“Courage” and “Self-Love” are the two important tools through which one can make their dreams come true. This is exactly what Akhshaya Navaneethan did. She replaced self-pity with self-love and made her dreams come true. A plus-size model, anchor, actor and motivational speaker; Akhshaya has done it all and is surely an inspiration for all of us. She has also unabashedly defied all the norms and has decided to live her life on her terms and with this zeal, she stormed the fashion industry and is known for her tremendous work!

For Akhshaya Navaneethan, fashion is not just about looking and feeling good. It is political, polarising and a fight to be accepted for who she is: A size 20 model who wants to catwalk her way into the elite circles of India's fashion industry that defines beauty as an external attribute.

She might be getting somewhere with this tall ambition, given that her recent appearance was at the Lakme Fashion Week (LFW), one of the biggest, most glamorous events in India's fashion calendar. Walking the ramp for designer Rina Dhaka, Navaneethan says she felt her efforts (which include training prospective 'plus size' models to flaunt their best versions for a niche, but the growing market) have received a leap. “We might be in the 2020s but there are still certain topics where people's perceptions haven't changed much.

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PRIYA PAUL

“She Followed Her Heart”

Priya Paul achieved success quite early in life, overcoming the challenges that came her way. When she lost her father and chairman of the Apeejay Surrendra Group, Surrendra Paul, she had to take on the responsibility of looking after three hotels. She overcame that challenge, notwithstanding her lack of experience. She says she chose to follow her heart and not a hotel guidebook and the outcome was a 400 per cent expansion in the hotel business her father had left her.

“We are poised to leap into the capital markets soon. The current situation with COVID-19 will bring huge challenges for our company, for India and the world. This is the time to restructure and relook at the way businesses are being operated. With our vision of leadership through differentiation, I am confident that my team and I will use innovative ideas to tackle the challenges ahead,” she goes on to say.

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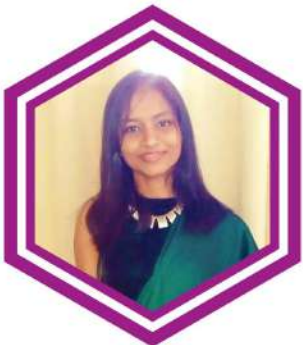
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