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# Disease Prevention and Treatment month

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## The President's Thoughts

Dear Friends,

After a small break for Diwali during the first week of November 2021, it was back to service as usual at Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar. The month witnessed several milestones being passed. The number of free cataract surgeries supported during this rotary year crossed 2000; heart surgeries subsidized crossed 50 and students granted scholarships crossed 475. During the current rotary year, our contribution to the Rotary Foundation exceeded the USD 10,000 mark. A big thank you to all of you for making this happen with your support.



The Youth Service team ably led by Director Rtn. Sridhar Pishay and assisted by the Chairman Sports & Culture Rtn. Sanjay Srivastava was again at the forefront of activities with two exciting events for the children, namely the 'Rotary Rapid Chess Tournament 2021' conducted jointly with Rotary Bengaluru Disha and the Indian Classical Music & Dance Competition "Raagalahari 2021". Both the events were excellently organized and were much appreciated by the participants. Congratulations to every member who worked towards the success of these events.

Our Happy Schools initiative under Rotary's TEACH Mission finally got off to a start this year with the construction of a block of 3 classrooms at the Government Higher Primary School, Benniganahalli in Bangalore.

This project is being sponsored under CSR by Can Fin Homes Ltd. PP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh & Rtn. Ram Mohan Menon put in a lot of effort and time to get the clearance, and our sincere gratitude to them.

Thanks to the generous contributions from PP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh & PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain, we will be shortly commencing the renovation of the Government Primary School in PP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh's hometown Muguli. This will be a joint project with Rotary Belthangady of RI District 3181.

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar will be one of the three host clubs along with Rotary Club of Bangalore & Rotary Bangalore Abilities, for RI District 3190's International Service ICGF "Inter-milana" to be held on 18th December 2021 along with Rotary Club of Bangalore & Rotary Bangalore Abilities. This ICGF will be held at the vintage Jayamaharaj Palace Hotel and the theme for the event is Christmas. The ICGF team comprising members from all the three host clubs, jointly led by our very capable PP Rtn. Ambika Narayan is working tirelessly to give us a memorable event. Let us all support them to the maximum extent possible.

Five Rotarians were inducted as members of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar during November 2021 and with these inductions, our strength increased to 140 members. On behalf of all of us, I extend a warm welcome to Rotarians K. Shankar Narayanan, Nitesh G. Shah, Ketan Gupta, Siddharth Gupta & Ritesh Kumar Goel, their Anns and their Annettes, to our Rotary Indiranagar family.

December is always a festive month and Christmas & New Year are just a few weeks away. Let us all continue our excellent work and make this month festive for the under-served and under-reached too. Let us celebrate our good fortune of being blessed to "Serve to Change Lives".

With warm regards,

**Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman**

**President 2021-22**

**Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar**



# Rotary Trivia

## Genesis of Rotaract

Do you know? Interact was formed before to Rotaract! The success of the Interact Clubs inspired the Rotary leaders to start Rotaract for the young people who have crossed the age limit for Interact. Though the idea of Rotaract originated in the 1960s, the formation materialized only in 1968.

In January 1968, Rotary approved the formation of Rotaract. Rotary Club of Charlotte-North, North Carolina, USA, was the first club to sponsor a Rotaract Club. They had multiple interactions with the students of the local universities and prepared them to form a Rotaract Club. On the 13th of March, 1968, Rotary certified the first Rotaract Club at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Rotaract is a service program for young people between 17 years to 30 years (Initially, the age limit was 17-25 years).



Within weeks from the formation of the said club, more Rotaract Clubs were formed in the USA, Mexico, Italy, and India. 200 Rotaract Clubs were formed in over 25 countries in a year's time!

Few facts about Rotaract:

- As of date, there are 10,904 Rotaract Clubs in more than 184 countries.
- Number of Rotaractors is 250,792!
- Rotaract is coined from two words – 'Rotary' and 'Action'.
- The unofficial motto of Rotaract is '*Fellowship through Service*'.
- The Rotaract conference is a triennial event i.e. held once in 3 years and is called 'Interota'.
- The first conference was held in 1981 at Vanderbijlpark, South Africa

The first Rotaract Preconvention was held in conjunction with the 1989 Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea.

At the 2019 Council on Legislation, RI constitution was amended to recognize Rotaract as a type of membership in Rotary.

Dual membership in Rotary, as well as Rotaract, was permitted in RI's 2016 Council on Legislation. World Rotaract Week is celebrated in the month of March

Today, Rotaract is a global movement helping young minds to develop innovative solutions to the problems of the community around and, at the same time, build leadership skills. In addition, it serves as a forum for nurturing the service leaders of tomorrow and socially responsible professionals.



December 2021

# Know Your Club

Project in Focus – Eye Care





## A Vision for a Sight!

"Opening your eyes is not enough; use them to create the world you want to see." This is what one is reminded of with the eye care service project of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and the service of Rtn. Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty. It is not just opening eyes but facilitating the opening of lakhs of eyes and creating a seeing world!



I (eye) Care

RBI, in collaboration with Globe Eye Foundation (GEF), an NGO set up by Rtn. Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty has been rendering immense service in the field of eye care in rural areas.

GEF was conceptualized when eye care was not a something everyone could afford. In the 90s, there were not many hospitals/eye care centers. Existing infrastructure was insufficient to provide the required treatments, the facilities were not hygienic enough, and there was a shortage of trained staff. Cataract surgeries used to be a year-long affair, and patients had to wait to get appointments for surgeries. This appalling state of eye care compelled Dr. Shetty to start GEF with a vision to provide eye care to every household.





GEF was set up in the year 1995 with the objective of:

- providing quality eye care in hygienic conditions;
- creating adequate infrastructure for carrying out surgeries;
- bringing in advanced treatment methodologies,
- training manpower to meet the needs of eye care.

The founder trustees of GEF are Late Mr. Srinivas Alva (Rtd. DIG Police), Dr. B. R Pai (Chief Of NAL, Retd), Late Dr. Rangaraj, Late Dr. Sundaram, Rtn. Ram Mohan Menon, Late Dr. Y N S Murthy, Mr. Sadashiv Shetty, and Late Mr. Gopal Hegde (Retd District Judge). Rtn. Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty is the Chairman.

GEF adopted a three-tier system of eye care to provide primary, secondary and tertiary eye care at taluk, district, and state levels. The first secondary level Eye Hospital was established by GEF in 1996 at Hoskote in rented premises, which was later moved to its own premises. GEF also runs a school of optometry.



RBI's partnership with Rtn. Dr. Shetty is more than a decade old, and it all started under the presidency of PP Rtn. Zarryl Lobo with the donation of the intraocular lens. Late Rtn. K P Bhaskar was the one who laid foundation to the partnership between RBI and GEF. He was instrumental in setting the vision for this project and PP Rtn. Zarryl Lobo executed the vision and continues to support even today.



RBI supported GEF with many matching grants. The hospital was equipped with the required machinery and equipment through these matching grants. RBI sponsors and subsidises the cost of cataract surgeries to needy patients. RBI even drew global grants for the purpose of this eye care project.

RBI has been successful in garnering the support of its fellow rotary clubs in district 3190. Rotary Club of Jeevanbhima Nagar, Ulsoor, Rotary Club of IT Corridor, Koramangala, and South have contributed machinery, equipment, and mobile eye care clinics.

The partnership soared when RBI decided to set up Secondary Level hospitals in all districts and Vision Centres at taluk levels. The intention was to take eye care to every household. Today, GEF runs 4 secondary level hospitals in four different districts and 3 vision centers in the Kolar district.



The Netradeep hospitals at Tumkur and Kolar were set up by the funds from Rotary International under the global grants. Rotary club of Tumkur is also a partner in Netradeep Hospital at Tumkur.



In the initial days, many doubted Rtn. Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty's vision. However, he took it as a challenge. 'The bigger the bricks critics throw at you, the bigger the palace you are going to build,' and that is precisely what Dr. Shetty did.

GEF has touched life of more than 10 Lakh individuals, over 6000 Outreach camps have been conducted and more than 1,50,000 Sight saving operations have been performed till date. As many as 200 doctors have been trained by GEF, and more than 300 students have graduated from the school of Optometry, and the number continues to increase every day.



RBI and GEF are determined to achieve the goal of

- completing the 3 tier facility in the entire Rotary District 3190,
- setting up a Post Graduate training center,
- establishing a B Sc Optometry in an independent building
- Institute of Community Ophthalmology

A deed with good intent shall be powered, and the day of seeing the above as reality is not far.

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The poster features a large blue vertical text 'DECEMBER IS' on the left. The main image shows a group of people, including a person in an orange shirt and a person in a blue shirt, working together in a community setting. A large yellow Rotary International gear logo is overlaid on the right side of the image. The text 'DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH' is prominently displayed in the center. Below this, a quote reads: 'Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.' At the bottom left is the Rotary logo, and at the bottom right is the text 'TAKE ACTION: Join a Project'.

**DECEMBER IS**

**DISEASE  
PREVENTION  
AND TREATMENT  
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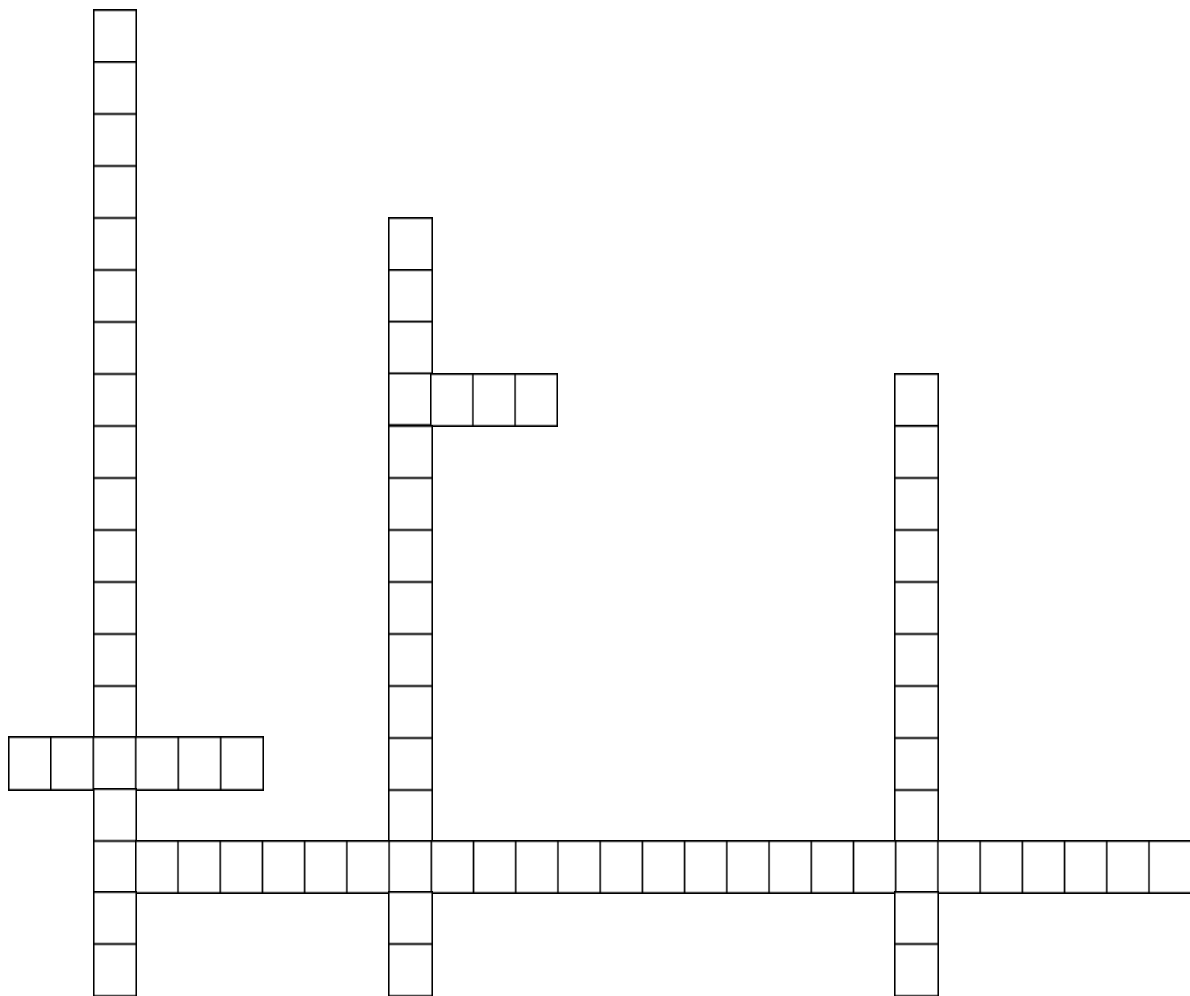
*Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.*

**Rotary**

**TAKE ACTION: Join a Project**

## Rotary Teaser -5

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### ACROSS

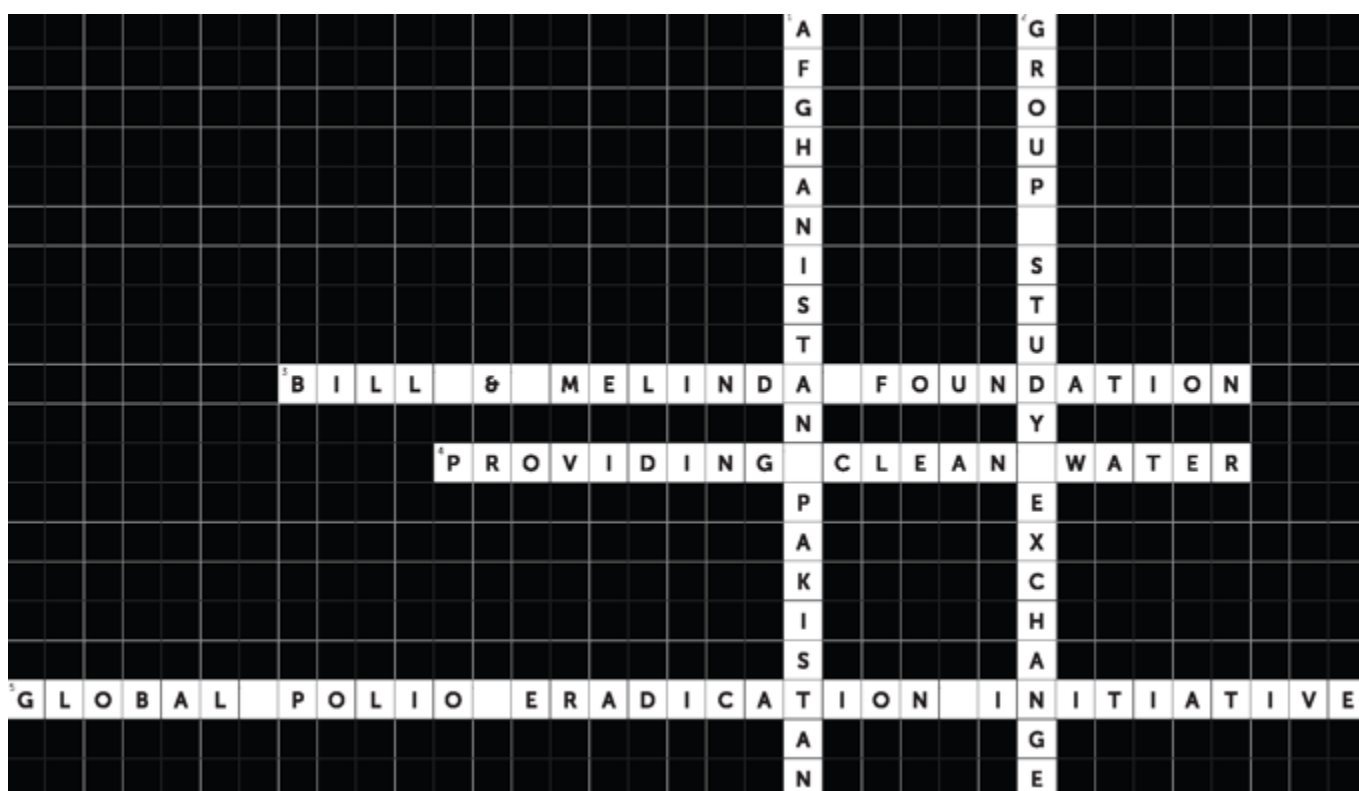
3. Number of RI Presidents from India
5. Occupation of Paul Harris
6. RYLA

### DOWN

1. Vision of Rotary Foundation
2. First Service Project of RI
4. Major Gift

## Rotary Teaser - 4

### Answers



#### Across:

1. Cultural and Vocational Exchange
2. Polio in two countries
4. Third Focus Area

#### Down

1. GPEI
3. 100M Challenge



**Rotary**  
District 3190



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**CHANGE  
MAKERS** 3190

# **ICGF INTERMILANA** INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

**Saturday, 18th Dec. 2021; 4.00 pm**  
Jayamahal Palace Hotel, Bengaluru  
(Near Cantonment Railway Station)

Distinguished  
Guest Speakers



**Rear Admiral**  
Nau Sena Medal  
**Ravi Gaikwad** (Retired)



**Ambassador**  
**N. Parthasarathi**  
Veteran Diplomat

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**Registration: Rs. 800/-**

**Last date for registration: 12th Dec. 2021**

**To register contact:**

**Rtn. John Daniel** ☎ 92431 01670

**Rtn. Ravindranath** ☎ 90368 34935



**Details for payment**

A/c No.: 0887101024339

IFSC: CNRB0000887

A/c Name: Rotary Bangalore Abilities

Bank: Canara Bank, Lavelle Road Branch.

## Community Service Report - Director Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan

### Pediatric Cancer

- This joint project with Rotary Bangalore Southwest launched in 2019 under the banner 'Rotary Health for Life 4' (RHFL4). Under this project, totally 75 children have been treated.

### Eye Care

- Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and Globe Eye Foundation organized an Eye Camp for the residents of a nearby slum, Sudama Nagar, that we have adopted under the auspices of the Hosa Bellaku project of the Rotary District 3190. A team of 11 doctors from Globe Eye Foundation were present in the camp. 102 screenings were completed, of which 17 needed cataract surgeries while 68 needed spectacles. Our PP Rtn. Jagadeesh has agreed to sponsor all the spectacles.



- **Kolar**  
OPD patients – 333, Free Treatment – 120  
Surgeries conducted – 135 ; Out of this, 109 were sponsored by RBI and Rs. 2,18,000/- was spent for the surgeries

- **Tumkur**  
OPD patients – 19, Free Treatment – 2  
Surgeries conducted – 168; Out of this, 130 were sponsored by RBI and Rs. 2,60,000/- was spent for the surgeries
- During the month of October 2021, 400 cataract surgeries were performed by Globe Eye Foundation at Kolar, Tumkur, Chikkaballapur & Bangalore Rural Districts and an amount of Rs. 8,00,000/- was donated by the MCKS Trust through Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

### Blood for Needy

- During the month of October 2021, the BMST (Rotary TTK Blood bank) has issued 1124 free blood units. Out of these, 127 units of blood were given to 65 Thalassemia patients. 254 units of blood were given in Govt. hospitals to the poor and needy patients. 743 units of blood were given through subsidies in Govt. hospitals to the poor and needy patients. The total amount donated by the MCKS Trust for this to happen is Rs. 11,43,110.

### TEACH

- Under the Happy Schools Project, RBI had signed an MOU with BBMP to rebuild the primary school building of Benniganahalli Primary School. The ground breaking ceremony of Benniganahalli Primary School was conducted on the 16th of November 2021. MLA of local constituency Mr. S Raghu was present during the ceremony. The construction is expected to be completed within 90 days.





- The Bengaluru North University (BNU) Inter Collegiate Debate competitions in English and Kannada were organized at the Government First Grade College (GFGC), Hosakote, Bengaluru Rural District. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, ASARA Trust, SCB, together with Rotary e-Club for Greater Good (RCGG), supported this first BNU Inter Collegiate debate in English and Kannada at GFGCH.



### Child Development and e- learning

- Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar organised a counselling session for the school students of Eklavya. The session was conducted by Rtn. Chandramouli and 60 students participated in the session.

### Karunashraya

- On the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, Karunashraya had organised various competitions like solo dance, solo song, group dance and fashion show for the nursing staff. The competitions were held on the 22nd and 23rd November 2021 followed by a cultural performance by the administrative staff on the 24th of November 2021.

### Mother and Child

- Five renovated Anganwadis located at Makanahalli, Geddalapura, Bommanabande, Kamaranasahalli, and Honachanahalli villages were inaugurated during the month. With these, RBI has completed the renovation of 148 Anganwadis.



- A mega MHHM and SwaRaksha program for over 200+ girl students and sensitivity programs for 200+ boy students of the Morarji Desai PU College and Morarji Desai Residential School in Kolar District was conducted jointly with 15 clubs of RI District 3190. Over 175+ Aaram cloth pads were distributed to the young girls

### COVID Relief

- The First Lady of the District 3190 Sabeeha Fazal and First Lady of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, Shamim Fazal under the auspices of the Game Changer project, donated old clothes to the needy and underprivileged people in a slum near HSR Layout on the 18th of November 2021.

### Vidyadaan

- RBI has disbursed scholarships to 475 students amounting to Rs. 1,24,30,206. Out of these, 301 scholarships were existing students and already part of the Vidya Daan system and 174 scholarships were awarded to new deserving students.

### Heart Surgery

- 53 heart surgeries have been completed during the period from July 2021 to 30th November 2021 and an amount of Rs. 15,90,000/- has been paid towards these surgeries. These surgeries were sponsored by Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal

### Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre

- The total number of patients treated at the Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre at the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research stands at 3188. Out of these, 682 were rehabilitated using echocardiography, 148 using Physiotherapy, & 990 using Yoga and Counselling. 484 lab investigations were done.

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## Youth Service Report - Director Rtn. Sridhar Pishya

### Raagalahari

- The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the RBI's Classical Music and Dance Competition- Raagalahari, was conducted on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. There were 105 performances in the preliminary round, and 36 performances in the finals, and these performances were judged by 14 Judges. The performances were held online, and the participants were to record their performances and send the videos for review. The categories for the competition were Carnatic Vocal - Junior and Senior, Carnatic Semi-vocal Junior and Senior and Bharathanatyam - Junior and Senior.

The finals were held on 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 and Ms. Meera Ganapatl Dhanu, Founder and Director, Nritya Sharada Dance Academy, was the Chief Guest.



## Chess Tournament

- The Rotary Rapid Chess Tournament 2021 was conducted jointly by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar & Rotary Bengaluru Disha on 28th November 2021 at our Rotary House of Service. There were 8 categories for the girls and boys participating and they are: Under 10 , under 12 and under 14. 5 prizes were awarded in each category. A total of 93 entries were received. Lunch & tea was provided for all the participants.



## Rotaract

- A Hygiene awareness session was conducted for the girls of GFGC KR Puram and around 100 girls participated.
- GFGC Rotaract Club organized a Yoga workshop in collaboration with the Sports Department of Karnataka on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021



PROJECTS AT A GLANCE		
S.No	PROJECT TITLE	DATE
01	● Reflective Collar Drive	21st November, 2021
02	● Canopy Distribution	29th November, 2021
03	● Rapid Chess Tournament	28th November, 2021
04	● Letterhead Exchange	21st November, 2021

## Interact

- Interact Club of Navaprajna Public School collected sarees, groceries and distributed in the slum near Ryan International School, Kundalahalli and to Nava Jeevana Nilaya, home for Leprosy cured patients on 23.11.2021.



- Interact Indiranagar hosted a donation drive for collect electronic waste. The e-waste collected will be transferred to the Saahas Recycling Centre, BTM Layout.





## Vocational Service Report - Director Rtn. Kavita Kekre

### District Award

- In the Vocational Service ICGF held by the District on the 27th of November 2021, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was recognized as the Second best Club in the District on the basis of the number of projects executed under the Vocational Service Avenue. Kudos to the Vocational Service Director Rtn. Kavita Kekre, Co-ordinator PP Rtn. Col. RV Subramaniam, President Rtn Fazal Ur Rahaman and the entire team.

### Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan:

- The 28th batch of Excel and Tally Training was conducted on the 29th and 30th November 2021. 71 students attended the training session and passed the assessment test. Admission for the next batch of trainees is in process.

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Sai Spiritual Centre Invites you to

## **Start 2022 with Divinity**

A mesmerising bhajan program by artists

*Samanvilha Sharma, Narssimhan Kannan  
and Govind Kurnool*

### **Itinerary**

- 11.00am - 12.00 pm: Bhanjans
- 12.00 pm - 12.05 pm: Welcome Note by Mr Srichand Rajpal  
{Chairman Sri Sai Spiritual Centre Trust}
- 12.05 pm {Onwards}: Aarti of Sai Baba followed by Lunch (Prasad)

### **Venue**

Sri Sai Spiritual Centre Sai Baba Temple Rd, NR Colony,  
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560028

**Date : 2nd Jan 2022 | Time : 11.00 am onwards**

\*All covid Protocols are strictly adhered to

## Donors for the month of November 2021

Sl. No.	Name of the Donor	Amount	Project
1	Rtn. Richard D'Souza	₹ 20,000.00	Vidyadaan - Adopt a Child
2	Rtn. Ram Mohan Menon	₹ 25,000.00	Vidyadaan - Adopt a Child
3	Ann Dr. Sushila Menon	₹ 1,00,000.00	Vidyadaan - Corpus
4	PP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh	₹ 2,00,000.00	TEACH
5	Can Fin Homes Ltd.	₹ 5,00,000.00	Anganwadi Restoration
6	Rtn. Sushil Kumar Sonika	₹ 10,000.00	Eye Care
7	MCKS Trust (through PP Rtn. Zarryl Lobo)	₹ 11,57,453.00	Eye Care
8	PP Rtn. C.M. Narayanan	₹ 35,000.00	Heart Surgery
9	Rtn. Kamalavadani Udayakumar	₹ 50,000.00	Hoskote - Scholarship
10	Wealth Lab Private Limited (through PP Rtn. Suresh D. Patel)	₹ 15,000.00	Hoskote - Kitchen
11	MCKS Trust (through PP Rtn. Zarryl Lobo)	₹ 11,85,598.00	Blood for Needy
12	Ann Asha Aggarwal	₹ 10,000.00	Inter Collegiate Debate
13	PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain	₹ 30,000.00	Kamadhenu
14	Commit Technologies Pvt. Ltd. (Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan)	₹ 10,000.00	General
15	PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain	₹ 70,000.00	General
16	PP Rtn. C.M. Narayanan	₹ 65,000.00	General
17	From various donors	₹ 2,14,896.00	Rotractor's Project
	<b>Total</b>	<b>₹ 36,97,947.00</b>	

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