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SCHOLASTIC GANGA

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OUR VISION

To support and enable through education, deserving underprivileged students to be gainfully employed.



WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of the Vidya Daan newsletter. The vision of this newsletter is to bring to you the latest news from the Vidya Daan project. The various successes, challenges and of course the testimonials.

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VIDYA DAAN

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."

~ Mohammed Ali



Vidya Daan is an initiative by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar to support education of needy & deserving students from PUC-I onwards to Graduation or even post-graduation. Education is the catalyst of change in society. Through education, we can create harmony, mutual tolerance and social upliftment. People from the underprivileged section of society get an opportunity to meet their aspirations.

RBI started the scholarship program for higher education in 1999 with the support of one child & has grown rapidly over the years. This year our Vidya Daan project supported education of over 500 students with a disbursement of Rs. 1 Crore 19 Lakhs

Funds are raised by generous contributions from members of our Rotary Club. We have also received tremendous support from Menda Foundation, JSS Foundation & other Rotary Clubs of our district. Karnataka Offset Printers Association also helped our project last year.

Selection of recipients is based on merit i.e., marks obtained in 10th Standard board exam.

Financial background of students is also checked through various means like BPL cards etc. Panel of our Rotary members interview each candidate before sanctioning scholarship. Continuation of scholarship each year is subject to students getting 60% or above in their annual examinations. Scholarship amount is given by cheque / DD directly to the college.

Besides financial support, we also provide following additional support to our students

- Career Counselling
- Public Speaking
- English Proficiency
- Placement after graduation
- Monitor academic progress of students
- Develop a database of students

We have also encouraged our students to form an Alumni so that they can support other deserving students.

Our target is to support at least 1000 students by 2023.

We are also in the process of initiating impact assessment of our project by an independent agency.

Students Supported



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Amount Disbursed



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DONORS OF VIDYA DAAN

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Sl. No	Donors	Amount
1.	O.P. Khanna	₹90,68,735.00
2.	Ranjeet Singh Gulati (Pritam Gulati)	₹60,00,000.00
3.	Raja Kaura	₹29,00,000.00
4.	General Fund – Rotary	₹22,30,000.00
5.	Manoj Agarwal Family	₹15,00,000.00
6.	Rajiv Menon	₹10,50,000.00
7.	Indu Modi (Raja Kaura)	₹10,00,000.00
8.	RBI Scholarship 2019-20 Fund	₹10,00,000.00
9.	Prem Lata (Ramesh Agarwal)	₹10,00,000.00
10.	Chandra Mouli	₹6,26,925.00
11.	Ashok Saraf	₹6,00,000.00
12.	Guna Thantry	₹5,50,000.00
13.	VN SUNDAR Memorial Educational Fund (Kavitha Paramesh)	₹5,00,000.00
14.	Thakker Charity (Suresh Patel)	₹4,50,000.00
15.	Misc.	₹4,41,069.00
16.	Amarnath Tandon	₹3,00,000.00
17.	Pradeep Vishwanathan	₹2,50,000.00
18.	Lal Rakhra (Sandeep Rakhra)	₹2,50,000.00
19.	Ram Mohan Menon	₹2,25,000.00
20.	Rotary 2013-14 Scholarship Fund	₹2,00,000.00
21.	Kavita & Shashank Kekre	₹1,75,000.00
22.	Prakash Rao	₹1,50,000.00
23.	Harish Kumar S	₹1,50,000.00
24.	Vidyut Shenoy	₹1,39,380.00
25.	Sunshine Collection	₹1,35,000.00
26.	Ranganath Kuntumalla	₹1,00,716.00
27.	Bhaskar NL	₹1,00,000.00
28.	Philip George	₹1,00,000.00
29.	T.G. Mathew	₹1,00,000.00
30.	Commit Technologies (Narsi)	₹1,00,000.00
31.	Ranjan Bhandary	₹1,00,000.00
32.	Pradeep Lal	₹1,00,000.00
33.	Shalini Sethi	₹1,00,000.00
34.	Sanjay Srivastava	₹48,929.00
Total		₹3,17,40,754.00

Fund Raising Projects

Raffle

This is a unique project whereby our Rotary members raised funds by way of purchasing/selling raffle tickets of a draw. Attractive prizes like a car, two-wheeler, laptop, etc. were given to the winners of the raffle draw. Most of the Rotarians who won the major prizes, donated it back. We generated nearly 17 lakhs from this project and hope to keep it as our yearly fund-raising project.

Crowd Funding

Through this project, we encourage children of affluent schools to donate for underprivileged, deserving students. Last year we generated Rs. 15 lacs through the efforts of our Rotary members. This is envisaged as a yearly project.

Talk-a-thon

A wonderful project by our Rotarian Chandramouli, wherein he enlightened us on various topics non-stop for 24 hours to generate funds for Vidya Daan. This effort resulted in contributions of Rs. 5.74 lacs from various well-wishers.

CSR Funding

Thanks to the efforts of PP Rtn. Jagadeesh and Rtn. Kesavdas, CANFIN Homes donated Rs. 15 lacs as CSR Funding. We hope that many more Business Houses and Large organisations will contribute part of their CSR funding to this deserving & worthy project.

Other Funding Sources:

- Received donation of Rs. 10 lacs from Rotary IT Corridor, thanks to the efforts of PP Rtn. Shashank Kekre.
- Received donation of Rs. 5 lacs from Karnataka Offset Printers Association, thanks to the efforts of Rtn. Chandramouli.



DONORS OF VIDYA DAAN

Adopt-a-Child

List of Donors who started supporting in 2015

Sl. No	Donors	No. of Students	
1	Sanjay Dugar	2	
2	Sanjay Srivastava	1	
3	Vinod Sawhney	1	
4	Peeyush Jain	1	
5	Richard D'Souza	2	
6	Venkat Reddy	2	
7	Mohit Aggarwal	1	
8	Jaya Shree	Dr. Simha	3
9	Shesh		
10	Raghavan Ratna		
11	Joseph Abraham	2	
12	Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty	1	
13	Balakrishnan Narayanan	2	
14	Jagadeesh M	5	
15	Raja Kaura	10	
Total		33	

List of Donors who started supporting in 2016

1	Pradeep Visvanathan	5
2	Suresh Patel	3
3	Ranjan Bhandary	5
4	Ranganath Kuntumalla	1
5	Karthik Reddy	1
6	Raja Kaura	10
Total		25

List of Donors who started supporting in 2017

1	Ranganath Kuntumalla	2
2	Ashok Maheshwari	1
3	R.N. Hegde	2
Total		4

List of Donors who started supporting in 2018

Sl. No	Donors	No. of Students
1	Sanjay Dugar	3
2	Ranjana Anand	5
3	Bhaskar NL	1
4	Gopinath Narayanan	1
5	Supriya Kandhari	1
6	Samartha Srinivasa	1
7	Ashok Maheswari	1
8	Philip George	1
9	Peeyush Jain	5
10	Chandrashekhar Viswanath	5
11	Ramesh Agarwal	1
Total		33

List of Donors who started supporting in 2019

1	Jagadeesh M	5
2	P.M. Bhansali	2
3	Ramesh Agarwal	1
4	Kasthuri Saravanan	1
5	Karnataka Offset Printers Association	21
6	Rotary IT Corridor Trust	10
7	Shri V.G Gohel Memorial Trust	2
8	Ramesh Agarwal	1
9	Deepak Bajaj	2
Total		45

List of Donors who started supporting in 2020

1	Kavitha Paramesh	2
2	Malathi Jagadeesh	3
3	Thirumala (Malathi's Sister)	3
4	Dr. Savita Kaura	3
5	Vinod Sawhney	1
6	Abraham Joseph	2
7	K. Harish Manae	2
Total		16

PARTNERS IN SERVICE



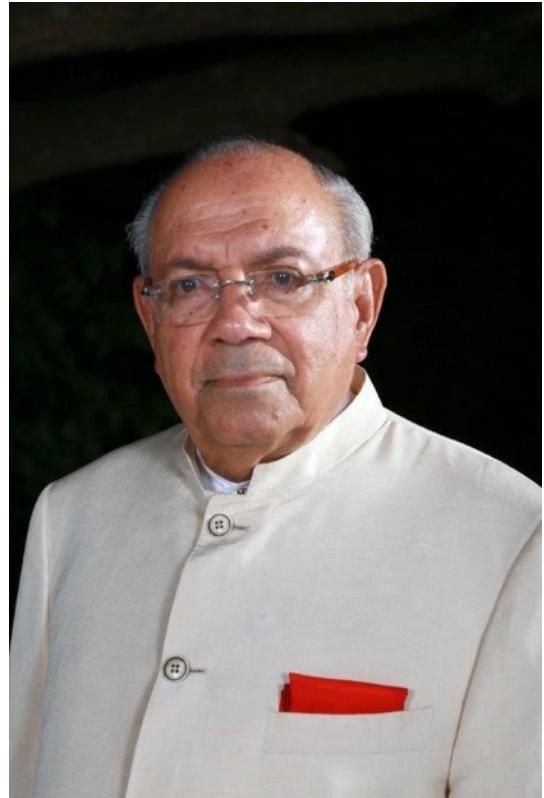
Menda Foundation

Menda Foundation is the charitable trust set up in 1990 by Sri Arjun Menda, the Group Chairman of RMZ Corp. Arjun Menda is a philanthropist and has been closely associated with the Rotary Clubs in all their Scholarship and Educational activities since 2002. Being deeply affected by the plight of the under-served children in rural areas and their economic compulsions forcing them to work than study coupled with lack of educational impetus, pathetic educational infrastructure and the apathy towards their integration into the mainstream ideated the setting up of Menda Foundation.

Vision

Educate and empower the under privileged children in India, and to help them to achieve their academic goals.

"We are happy to be associated with Rotary club of Indiranagar, in supporting the children referred by them for scholarship, and also being a part of their initiative."



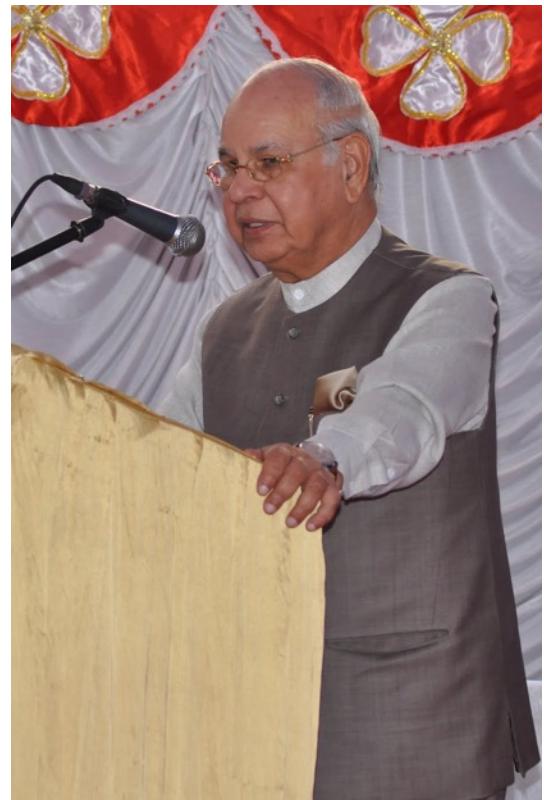
JSS Foundation

JSS has its genesis long back as charity was part of the personality of Dada Chellaram Kripalani. Later it was organised through Jai Shiv Shakti Trust in Bengaluru. Further, to cater to the growing need and to give depth to its activity, the company registered under the company act 25(b) on June 1st, 2011. Our prime motto is to lend our hands to the downtrodden brothers and sisters.

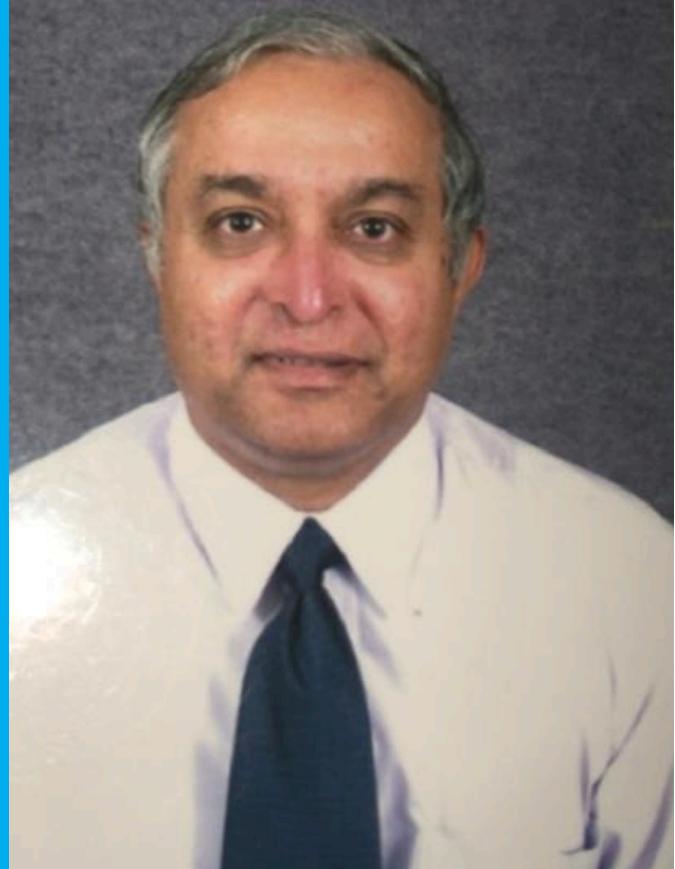
JSS provides seva through various Trusts in India, in the sectors of Health, Education, Upliftment, Vocational Training and Family Sustenance.

Our Mission: "JSS will form a chain of such NGOs/Trusts/social workers who are of high integrity, selfless and with full of compassion to serve the motherland and its neglected people."

Our Vision: "Our vision is to enlighten the life of an individual and to make him live on his own with self-respect and dignity by providing them basic Education and amenities."



The genesis of the Vidya Daan movement is nothing less spectacular and astounding than the origin of the great river Ganges. The massive Ganges has its unostentatious beginnings at Gangotri. This is akin to how PP Rtn. Dr. Krishnan Menon started the Vidya Daan movement with merely one student.



GANGOTRI

PP Rtn. Dr. Krishnan Menon

The idea of a scholarship program called the “**Rajeev Menon Memorial Scholarship**” was conceived in the year 1998 in the memory of my late son. The then club President, Rtn. Geeta Khashav welcomed the proposal and the first scholarship was awarded in the year 1999 during the installation of the new club president Rtn. Kailash Advani.

In the year 2000, President Rtn. Ranjeet Gulati made this scholarship an Annual Event every year at the installation night. He, along with PP Rtn. Raja Kaura and I went on to frame the various broad guidelines for the scholarship program which have been followed ever since with improvements over a period of time.

The scholarship is awarded to a deserving student from an economically challenged background. It pays for his/her education from Class XI till he/she finishes degree.

I still remember the first student – Nagesh who came to my house with a teacher from the Hoodi school. He was shy and introverted and could only speak Kannada.

He had only a mother and sister. His mother supported the family by working in different houses as a household help.

He had procured 70% in his SSLC exams. Over the next five years he blossomed into an amazing and confident youngster. He cleared his BA with flying colours and also did his MA in English Literature. Today, he is a lecturer in English in a Govt. College, speaks fluent English, and has educated his sister also. He is married and has settled with his mother and family in a house near his college.

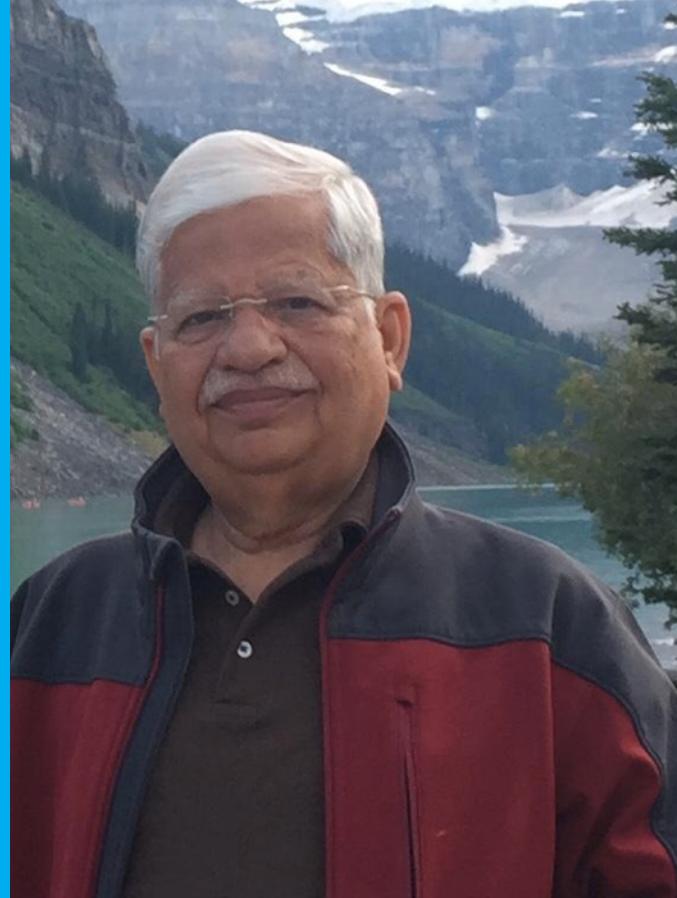
Subsequently many more like minded Rotarians have joined the cause. PP Rtn. Raja Kaura, PP Rtn. Ranjeet Gulati, PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna and PP Rtn. Jagadeesh have spurred the program to new heights with their generous donations, guidance and ideas.

This year our program Vidya Daan supported more than 500 students, thanks to the efforts of all these and many more generous Rotarians of our club.



Unpretentious and diminutive, Vidya Daan has now grown into an enormous project that has supported more than 500 students so far. Similarly, the river Ganga is joined by several important rivers and tributaries to grow into a mighty river Alaknanda.

PP Rtn. Raja Kaura starts steering the Vidya Daan movement with great enthusiasm giving it the necessary force to generate funds for supporting more and more students.



ALAKNANDA

PP Rtn. Raja Kaura

We make a living by what we get and make a life by what we give... Having said that, the best form of giving is education, which remains lifelong. There are so many brilliant students who are not able to pursue their dreams because of lack of financial resources.

In Vidya Daan project, we are trying to give wings to all those birds, who despite financial hardships, have managed to show scholastic achievements and are not able to go ahead because their parents do not have money to afford their education.

We have seen children of daily wage makers, coolies, maid servants, farmers, auto drivers etc., scoring 80% and above in their qualifying exams, despite the fact that they have to participate in household works, besides studies.

We are even more enthused to see the girl students excelling & scoring big. More than 65% of our scholarship recipients are girls.

We are fortunate that Dr. Krishnan Menon started on this noble path of supporting education of underprivileged. PPs OP Khanna, Ranjeet Gulati & self- joined hands with Dr. Menon & found tremendous support from our club members & subsequently from our partners in service Menda Foundation & JSS Foundation.

Project touched the noble hearts of our club members & soon our successive presidents starting from Shashank Kekre, Ambika, Peeyush Jain, Pradeep Vishwanathan, Harish Anand, Jagadeesh, Manoj Agarwal gave full support.

Our aim is to extend support to 1000 students by the year 2023 and also corpus amount to reach Rs. 5 crores. So many of our Alumni have already started supporting the students & I am sure this will grow. Grateful thanks to all who are helping us to surpass our targets of helping the deserving & needy.



*Ganga amasses force at
Devprayag when river
Bhagirathi joins
Alaknanda.*

*PP Rtn. Ranjeet Singh
Gulati joins to make Vidya
Daan a gigantic force...*



BHAGIRATHI

PP Rtn. Ranjeet Singh Gulati

My mother would tell me often that Satguru would truly Bless you if you can help some poor students to complete their studies to stand on their feet. She would give me examples of some girls who would become domestic helps as their parents would refuse to pay for their studies or not deem it important enough especially for the girl child.

The boys on the other hand would face an immediate pressure to bring in income and leave their education midway or not give enough importance to the same and would become assistants, mechanics, run cycle repair shops, or other similar skilled or semi-skilled professions. I was convinced that focusing on education would have far reaching effects beyond just helping the immediate families, they would improve society as a whole, make it safer, more prosperous, cleaner, and more self-dependent than ever before and the results would only compound over time to give an exponential kick back to all those a program like this could

touch. Nelson Mandela said, quite accurately, that "education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Dr Sushila and Dr Krishnan Menon's thoughts of educating a child in memory of their beloved son Rajeev Menon started one year before my club Presidentship. We thought of making this an annual feature at the Installation ceremony. This worked as a seed for a fruit bearing tree for eons to come. Raja Kaura was instrumental in bringing first major contribution and then many of us followed. Salute to PP Raja Kaura's leadership in bringing this project to the current state.

I dream that soon we would have all Rotarians involved in this worthy project by either starting a 'Corpus for Education' or 'Adopting a Student', you would be seen as someone who permanently changed the standard of living and thinking not just of that Student but his/her entire family for generations to come.

We have truly covered some ground for which, I am proud of the entire team, including every contributing member. But when we talk about the vision as a whole, there is so much more to do, so many more deserving students to cover, so many more lives to change for good. We have barely begun; as Jeff Bezos says, "It is still day 1".

*Ganga continues its journey
and gathers more thrust when
river Ramganga joins it.*

*PP Rtn. O. P. Khanna adds a
dimension of supporting
“Awards of Excellence” to
school students.*



RAMGANGA

PP Rtn. O. P. Khanna

Vidya Daan Scholarship scheme of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is one of the signature Projects of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar (RBI). It is designed to benefit the meritorious students belonging to economically challenged families. Students who have passed the 10th/SSLC examination from a well-recognized educational board can apply for this scholarship program.

This scheme under the leadership of PP Raja Kaura ably supported by RBI Past Presidents, Rtn Arjun Menda Foundation, Jai Shiv Shakti Foundation and dedicated Rotarians like Narssimhan Kannan has been progressing year after year. Last year we gave scholarship to about 500 needy bright students coming from poor families. The interest from the Corpus of Rs 3.1 Crores and donations by individual Rotarians financed the Project.

One important wing of this scheme is G S Khanna Awards which was instituted by me in 2001 in memory of my parents who had struggled hard to educate themselves with no schooling facilities where they lived.

Under this scheme brilliant students and teachers of 16 Schools in Bangalore, are rewarded each year. Stalwarts like PP Col Subramanian, Rtn Sugunan have been spearheading this Project so far. This is financially supported by the interest from a corpus of Rs 50 Lakhs given by me. If I can, I propose to give Rs 10 lakhs every year to this corpus.

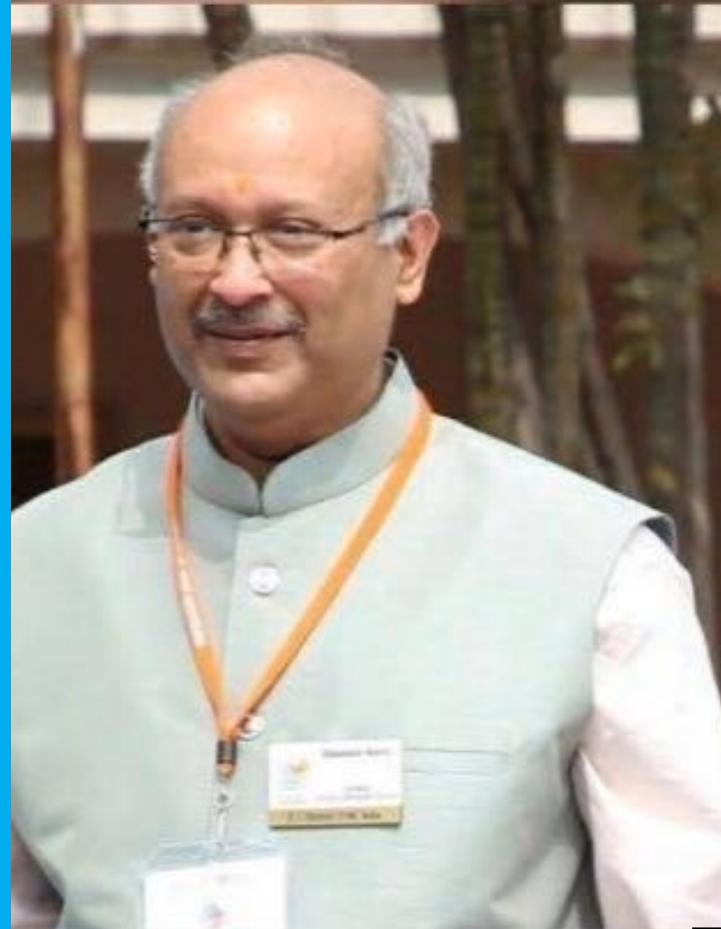
This Award was instituted (2001) to encourage & inculcate a sense of excellence amongst the students & teachers at the adopted schools, both in academic excellence & extracurricular activities like Sports, Music, Dance, Painting, Art & Craft etc.

It is heartening to note that many students selected for this Award have reached the state level teams in different activities like sports, Dance, music etc.

This year this scheme has been extended to give Scholarship to needy IIT students starting with IIT Kharagpur and IIT Delhi.



Ganga continues its journey into the plains mobilising more steam till it becomes a real powerful river where it joins the river Yamuna. This is when PP Rtn. Shashank Kekre joins forces and also brings in the Menda Foundation on board, which takes the Vidya Daan movement to greater heights.



YAMUNA

PP Rtn. Shashank Kekre

During my year (2012-13), as President of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, I had started a scheme called "One 2 Ka 4" where if anybody from Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar wished to contribute for some cause, we as RBI would match it with the same amount.

There were other benefactors who were willing to match the entire contribution. Thus, one rupee would be matched by RBI to make it two rupees which would then be matched by the donor to make it four rupees.

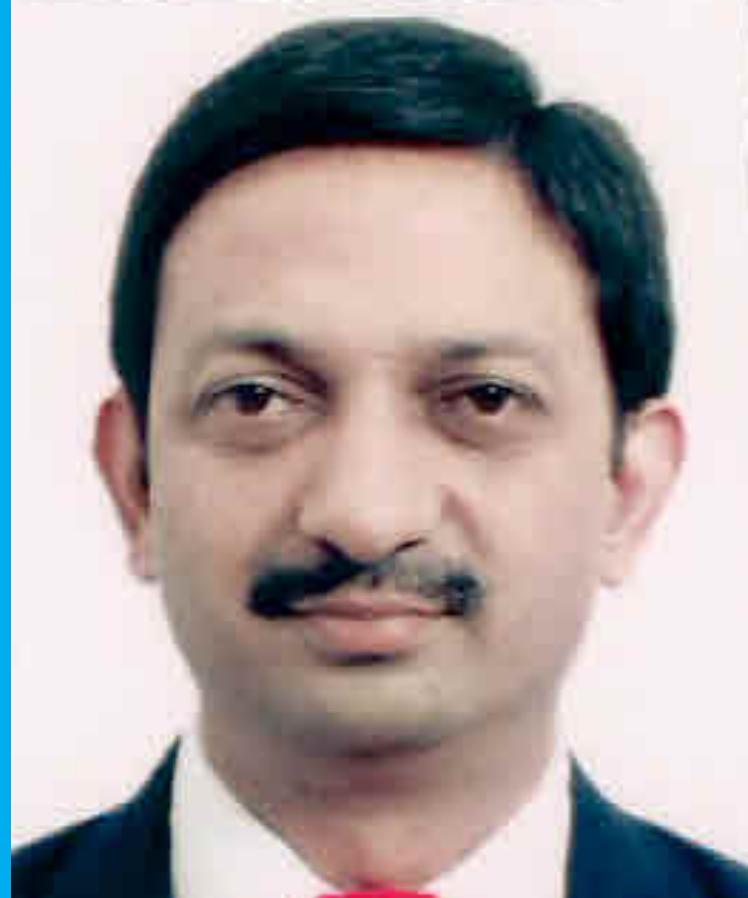
After I deliberated about the success of my campaign "One 2 Ka 4", I was inspired to approach philanthropist Rtn. Arjun Menda of the Menda Foundation. I wanted to delve into the opportunity as I had heard that the Menda Foundation supports scholarships. Arjun Mendaji graciously and readily agreed. He was extremely supportive of the concept.

This resulted in a meeting with Mendaji, the people from his Foundation, and our Rotarians, including our PP Rtn. Raja Kaura. It was during this meeting that Mendaji readily agreed to match whatever Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar contributed.

So, the concept of matching whatever we contributed was introduced into the annals of Vidya Daan and the Menda Foundation became our esteemed partner for life.



The river Saraswati joins Ganga at the Triveni Sangam in Prayagraj. Congruent to this PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain started the Adopt-a-child scheme to further enhance the scope of Vidya Daan support.



SARASWATI

PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain

As you all know Vidya Daan is one of the flagship projects of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

When I was the President of this illustrious club in the year 2015-16, among various innovations being done to raise donations, our Scholarship committee decided to come out with a novel concept of Adopt-a-Child.

This was thought about as there would be continuity in committing funds for the entire period of their education. Moreover, the Donor would have the satisfaction of taking this responsibility.

I am happy that our members and community at large were magnanimous in getting associated with this scheme and helping the deserving children.



*More and more tributaries join
as it flows into Bihar when
Gomti joins to give it more force,
like how PP Rtn. Jagadeesh M
brought in required intensity by
introducing the Raffle and
Crowd funding projects.*



GOMTI

PP Rtn. Jagadeesh M

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is known to create enduring and sustainable projects. Vidya Daan is one such exceptional jewel in the crown of RBI. It has achieved this noble status only because of the humongous efforts of PP Rtn. Dr. Krishnan Menon, PP Rtn. Raja Kaura, PP Rtn. O P Khanna and PP Rtn. Ranjeet Singh Gulati. These Rotarians are the four pillars of the magnificent edifice which we call Vidya Daan. Their contribution and participation in this project are unparalleled, unlimited and unpretentious.

During the Rotary year 2018-19, when I was the President, we planned to support more than 500 students. Our challenge was how to raise the funds. To meet the challenge, as the President, I thought out-of-the-box and initiated a few creative fund-raising activities like:

- A crowd funding program, wherein we raised around Rs. 15 Lakhs.
- An Annual Raffle ticket sale. The campaign generated more than Rs. 17 Lakhs.

- An extremely unique non-stop 24 hrs talk by our own Rtn. Chandramouli, where we were able to garner approximately Rs. 11 Lakhs.

We associated with Rotary IT Corridor, Sri Jai Shivshakthi Foundation, Karnataka Offset Printers Association and The Goyal Trust who became our esteemed partners in service, for Vidya Daan.

A key event of the year was a donor felicitation program conducted at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. The event saw more than 450 students, their parents, our alumni and some key partners in service participating. The event was very well received and appreciated by all.

They say that a team that sweats together sticks together. I would like to personally thank PP Rtn. Shashank Kekre, Rtn. Chandramouli, PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain, and Rtn. Ram Mohan Menon.



SCHOLASTIC GANGA

Flowing east, the Ganga is joined by many other important tributaries like Tamsa, Ghagra, Son, Gandaki & Kosi.

Vidya Daan movement is marshalling more & more strength with important contribution from PPs Pradeep Vishwanathan, Harish Anand, IPP Manoj Aggarwal, Rtns Chandramouli, Ramesh Aggarwal, Sanjay Dugar, Col. Subramanian & more recently Rtns Narssimhan Kannan and Kavita Kekre have added tremendous strength to the Vidya Daan Movement.

The Ganges Delta is the world's largest delta, at about 64,000 km² before it merges with the Bay of Bengal. Today, Vidya Daan has become a force to reckon with. From one student, it has provided scholarship to more than 500 students this year and has become one of the flagship projects of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

TESTIMONIALS

Manjunath

I am Manjuntha D, did my schooling from the Govt High School Hoodi. Fortunately, I was shortlisted for scholarship from Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar when I was struggling to continue my education. Unfortunately, I couldn't utilize it properly because, when I was pursuing my 12th std, situations had forced me to work for supporting my family, so I discontinued my education. After two years I joined for diploma in Computer Science at MVJP, completed it successfully and I joined for engineering in CSE in CMRIT college. Two years I managed to pay my academic fees but again my fiscal conditions worsened. Then I approached Dr Menon Sir for help. He heartily welcomed me and helped me for paying my academic fees through Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar. After completing my BE, I was trying for competitive exams and cleared SSC Exam and got recruited as a Sub Inspector in CISF. Now I am leading a happy and secure life. Thanking you from my heart, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and Dr Menon Sir.



Anand U

I come from a middle-class family. Due to the poor financial condition of my parents, it was not possible for them to support my education as well as my younger brother's. But the Rotary scholarship has played a major role in completing my engineering education. Without their support, I would have faced many financial hardships, given the fact that my family is not strong financially.

After completing my studies, I have found employment in a multinational company - CGI and am receiving good remuneration. I feel strongly that I should start helping other meritorious but financially underprivileged scholars to pursue their education.

Many thanks for your assistance!



Ramba D

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself, I am Ramba D who has been a recipient of the Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar scholarship since 2001 to 2015. I completed my B.com and currently working at Bemax Pvt Ltd company. I am writing this to convey how deeply grateful I am to have received scholarship from RBI.

Since I come from a poor family background where my father worked as security guard in Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and his being the only source of income, it was impossible for us to pay the fees for my education, but with your support I have completed my studies and now I am able to earn for myself and support my family. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give something back to society.



Srilakshmi

I am Srilakshmi. I completed my graduation in the year of 2018 from the Govt Sri Krishnarajendra Silver Jubilee Technological Institute obtaining 76%. Now I am glad to share this happy information that I got placed in one of the world's largest IT service company CGI Information Systems and Management Consultants Pvt. Ltd., as an Associate Software Engineer. This is all because of my parents and the financial support from Rotary Bangalore, Indiranagar. I would like to share one incident which happened in the journey of my life. After completion of my 10th class, my father was not able to send me to college because of financial problems. At that time one of my relatives told me that Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is providing financial help to students who have good percentage and coming from financially challenged background. I went to Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and met some of the Rotary members and applied for scholarship and I got the scholarship cheque. I am very much thankful to Rotary for helping me financially. Since the past 6 years, I have got the Rotary scholarship (2012 to 2018) & successfully completed my graduation & got placed. This is all because of Rotary, without whose support I would not be in this position now. I would like to convey my hearty thanks to Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and I am grateful to the people who made me happy and self-reliant.



Karthik R

I would like to thank each and every member of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar from the bottom of my heart for providing me scholarships from nursery to graduation. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. I wish, I could be a part of the Rotary family in the future. I am currently working as a process engineer at WISTRON Infocomm Manufacturing Pvt. Ltd.



Ankitha KS

My journey with Rotary started after the completion of my 10th standard. I got 75% but my parents were not that financially sound to send me to a good college. I thought of giving up my education. This was the time one of my colleagues suggested that I contact Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar. They provided the scholarship for my studies for 1st and 2nd PUC. I completed my studies at Sree Vijaya PU College in Chintamani and got 77%. After completion of 2nd PUC my life's ambition was to do engineering and I approached Rotary and explained to them about my wish. They accepted and I joined S J C I T in Chickballapur. They provided all my four years college fee as scholarship. Finally, I completed my engineering degree with 73%. After completion I went to Rotary with a lot of confusions about my career (higher studies/job). They suggested that the best option was to do a Testing course. They provided me with everything that I needed for my studies and they are the ones who searched and suggested the best course for coaching in testing. They even provided the fee as a scholarship, but I faced another challenge. I did not have a place to stay in Bangalore as I did not have the money to stay in a PG. Again, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar helped me and provided me a place to stay in the BGMS Hostel till I completed my course. Whatever I am today, it is because of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.



P.S. Ms. Ankitha, informed us that her company had confirmed her job. And that she wanted to donate her first full salary to BGMS as a token of her gratitude. Indeed, a proud moment for Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar. Our heartiest congratulations to Ms. Ankitha and we wish her all the best for her future.

FROM THE EDITORS' DESK



"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step". Having said that, when Raja Sir approached us for a distinct newsletter for Vidya Daan, our first thought was to how we can bring the great work done by all the stalwarts of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar to the forefront.



But then, during the conversation, Sir mentioned that he had written some notes about a metaphor. A metaphor that compared the journey of the river Ganges with the journey of Vidya Daan.

Raja Sir had compared the amalgamation of every river and tributary to the joining of the stalwarts at Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar to give the momentum and push that the Vidya Daan movement had gained over the years. We found this to be a great idea and taking notes from him started to flesh out the metaphor.

We navigated the entire journey of Ganges and also the journey of Vidya Daan and as Raja Sir rightly said, there were tremendous similarities. We mapped every major source of the Ganges to one Rotarian who has played a major role in Vidya Daan. We are so happy to bring this metaphor as the salient feature of the inaugural issue of the Vidya Daan newsletter.

It wouldn't be far from the truth to say that without the help and support of our two great partners: Menda Foundation and Jai Shiv Shakti and the Donors from Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar this journey would not have been possible. As this is the inaugural issue, an introduction of Vidya Daan was in order along with the Objectives of Vidya Daan.

We hope, you will like this introductory issue of the Vidya Daan newsletter and will enjoy traversing the journey of both the magnificent river Ganges and the illustrious Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar project **Vidya Daan**. Do let us know about your opinions and thoughts. We would be most happy to incorporate the same in our next issue.

Rtn. Kavita S Kekre

Rtn. K. Narssimhan



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