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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT MANOJ AGARWAL



Hello friends,

It is indeed a privilege & honor for me to be bestowed the prestigious position of President of an illustrious club - our own Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar. Manju shares my sentiment.

During the previous year President Rtn. Jagadeesh & team have done phenomenal work. I applaud him for a marvellous year in office. Consequently, my task has been simplified. I just need to follow in his footsteps. In the coming year we will build on the work done earlier and take the club to greater heights.

Rotary year 2019-20 is special for all of us. 2019-20 marks 100 years of Rotary in India and the silver jubilee year for the Bangalore Hospice Trust. As we celebrate these milestones, we rededicate ourselves to do good for society in line with Rotary's areas of focus. We will continue with Anganwadi Renovation, BGMS, Pediatric Heart Surgeries, Vocational Training, Support to adopted schools, Vidya Daan, Eye Care and many more. Our flagship project Karunashraya is poised for a huge expansion. Apart from these, we will take up new initiatives such as WINS, Koti Nati, support to C V Raman Hospital, and completion of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center.

Some areas of focus for us during this year will be Rotary family programs & fellowship and membership development. We also plan to form a satellite club with best practices and principles imbibed from Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar. Apart from this, Rotary is focusing on our public image. A major thrust area of Rotary is contribution to the foundation. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar has always been at the forefront as far as contributions are concerned. We will continue to support the Rotary Foundation as always. Apart from our various fund-raising efforts, our members have been contributing in abundance. I seek your support further so that we can take all our service projects to the next level.

Dear friends, we are 140 members. We are all not separate. We are all connected as one. As our leader, Rtn. Mark Maloney says, Rotary connects the world. Using these connections, I appeal to each one of you to wholeheartedly open your hearts and purses and contribute as much as you can so that we can transform our world.

Rtn. Manoj Agarwal

President - 2019-20

RI President Mark Maloney's message for SEVA



Dear fellow Rotarians,

When Gay and I began practicing law, we joined my father-in-law, Gilmer Blackburn, in his law firm. He had been practicing law in Decatur, Alabama, for more than 25 years and, in that time, had also served for six years as the mayor of our city. One of the first things he taught us when we joined the firm — something he never stopped teaching, by word and by example — was the importance of paying what he referred to as our “civic rent.”

He considered paying your civic rent an obligation similar to paying your taxes or contributing to your place of worship. You benefit from being here, and those benefits are not free. You need to give something back for the privilege of being part of your community.

Organizations like Rotary allow us to pay our civic rent to our local and global communities. And when we join Rotary — when we work to keep the organization itself strong, when we give back through Rotary with our abilities, our time, and our resources — we are declaring that we know that our presence in this world carries with it the obligation to serve.

All of the service that Rotary does, all of the lives we change, all of the children in the world who will never, ever get polio — all of this happens because we, joining together through Rotary, are strong. Because Rotarians, with the family of Rotary, have risen to the challenge and with each passing year strive to make our world a better place.

As a global organization with over 1.2 million members, Rotary Connects the World. You help make that connection last and ensure both Rotary’s legacy and its future.

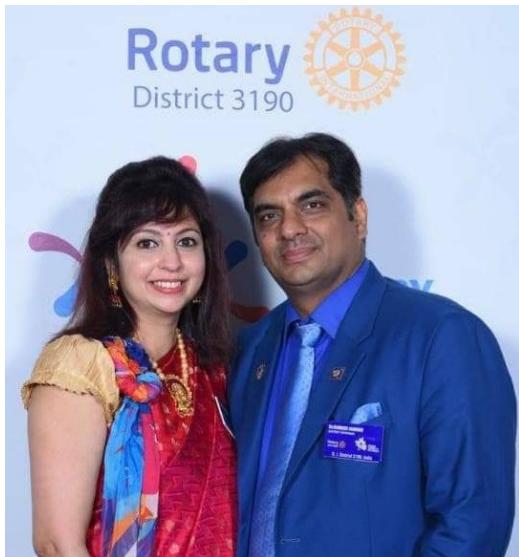
Kindest regards,

Mark Daniel Maloney
Rotary International President, 2019-2020



The Rotary International theme for 2019-20, **Rotary Connects the World**, asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary Connects the World, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful, and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service.

DG Dr. Sameer Hariani's Message



Rtn. Dr. Roopa & Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani

Dear Rotarians & Families of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar,

It is a great honour for Roopa and me to be given an opportunity to lead RI District 3190, a world class district that has created many miracles.

Over the years, Rotarians of your club, have Made a Difference by ensuring Rotary serves Humanity. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is an ideal and model club which inspires many clubs in our District. You have produced some of the best leaders seen at the District level, namely Past Governors Uday Kumar S., P.M. Bhansali, Badri Prasad R.

Rotary Year 2018-19 saw the emergence of inspirational District leaders Suresh and Anita Hari who created hitherto unforeseen miracles. Rotarians are now inspired to work towards Rotary Connecting the World.

To sum it up in one word, Rotarians in clubs of RID 3190 during the Rotary Year 2019-20 will ... Dazzle!! **Dazzlers** are a shining reflection of the title given to our batch of District Governors 2019-20 - "Torchbearers".

Rotary Year 2019-20 is very special for Rotary India, as we celebrate 100 years of Rotary in India. To celebrate this centennial milestone, our district has inspired a Pan-India Green Movement through our Rotary 'Koti Nati', aimed at planting 1 crore tree saplings in the revenue districts of our Rotary District. The concept will be replicated by other districts and Rotary 'Koti Nati' could well achieve 100 Crore tree saplings to celebrate a century of doing good in India.

Each Rotarian can Dazzle by helping Grow Rotary, involving Family of Rotary, connecting with other major organisations like the UN and other NGOs to Expand our Reach, Increase our Impact, Enhance Participation Engagement and Increase our ability to Adapt.

Rotary Clubs too can Dazzle if they progress towards becoming Effective and Vibrant clubs. Effective clubs are those who grow and sustain membership, implement successful service projects, contribute to The Rotary Foundation and build leadership beyond the club level. Vibrant Clubs involve and engage their members, develop deep and strong relationships, ensure good governance and reflect the diversity and personality of its members.

Let our entire District 3190 stay connected and come closer together through "SAMEEPA" our special portable ICGF package and let us connect with the next generation at the biggest event of the year "Nexus 2020 - Next Gen & Us", the 43rd Rotary International District 3190 Conference.

Dazzlers of 3190 will ensure that the torch of torchbearers will keep shining bright. Our District Team is here to support you all along the way.

We congratulate Miracle Maker President Jagadeesh and Ann. Malathi for Being the Inspiration and wish Dazzler President Manoj Kumar Agarwal and Ann. Manju the very best as they set out to make Rotary Connect the World, in their own unique "Shayirana Andaaz"

Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani
District Governor 2019-20
Rotary International District 3190
Pre-installation Club Assembly

How does Rotary Indiranagar ensure that its projects are relevant, in line with RI and District 3190 focus areas, while securing involvement of Rotarians and others well beyond the club?

The answer is simple, by finalizing project objectives well before installation each year, and involving its members and the district while doing so. It is done through a Pre-installation Club Assembly.

A key element of Rotary Indiranagar's sustained success is a joint review of incoming year's project objectives by senior District officers, prior to finalization. These are formally reviewed by incoming District leadership before being cast into stone for the year. The entire exercise is done in earnest. Preparation for the assembly commences months before it actually happens.

A few days before installation, the entire club assembles to present project objectives to senior district leadership. The interactive event focusses on key focus areas of RI and RI District 3190, and alignment of Rotary Indiranagar project objectives to them.

The healthy exchange results in a more robust set of objectives giving us a higher probability of success and greater reach. The costs and likely obstructions are identified early enough. Learnings from our club in executing similar objectives, the District viewpoint and synergy with other clubs for like goals is brought in. It gives the District leadership an opportunity to bring in their thoughts and identify new ideas from other clubs to emulate. Ultimately, it is Rotary and society that wins.

The club assembly is now an annual event, which every member of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar aspires to be part of. It is always a sight to see the Rotarians attired in the incoming year's attire. The uniformity visibly underscores togetherness.

On 16 June 2019, the Club Assembly of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was held at Rotary House of Service, Indiranagar. President Rtn. M Jagadeesh, called the meeting to order handed over proceedings to President Elect Rtn. Manoj Agarwal.

PE Manoj after welcoming DGE Rtn. Sameer Hariani, ZGN Rtn. Anil Kumar, AG Rtn. Devadasan Kizhapat, and Rotarians requested incoming Directors of the different Avenues of Service and their teams to present objectives planned for RI year 2019-20. Charter President PDG Udaya Kumar was present, as always, lending his weight to the proceedings.

DGE Sameer Hariani complimented Rotary Indiranagar and likened it to a mini RI forum. He reiterated to Rotarians the importance of connecting internally to achieve the higher goal of global connect.

PE Manoj Agarwal outlined his plan to support Eye Care at CV Raman Govt Hospital using contributions by Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal. He also plans to start 3 Interact clubs and one Rotaract Club. PE Manoj also expressed his desire of starting a Rotary Community Corps (RCC).

Avenue wise, each project, its objectives, sub-objectives, chairpersons and members, were displayed on the screen and explained by chairpersons/members or avenue directors. The panel comprising Rotary Indiranagar leaders and especially district guests made notes as projects went on. Whenever a significant change was suggested by the district leaders, it was discussed and incorporated.

After 3 hours, our District leaders shared their comments and suggestions that could get incorporated into objectives of different projects for publishing and tracking. DGE Sameer Hariani shared the DG Citation criteria, that included starting a satellite club.

Secretary Elect Rtn. AK Sugunan, expressed gratitude to DGE, ZG nominee and AGN, as also the 81 Rotarians who had assembled. Raju and Bahadur our club staff were appreciated for their dedicated support, and the caterer for breakfast and sumptuous lunch.

While RBI gained immensely from the activity, District officials too saw value in the event.

The event concluded with Lunch and Refreshments at the Attic at RHOS.

We share an observation from a district leader about our club assembly:

AG Rtn. Devadasan Kizhapat said - "Your club assembly is a big talk of the district. Yesterday in our AG's meeting, Dist. Trainer Dr. S. Nagendra specifically complimented it and suggested to other clubs to emulate it. I felt proud to be part of it. Let's keep the same momentum and plan out a flawless and time bound Installation Night."

Adapted from Secretary Elect Rtn. A.K. Sugunan's original notes.

Through these pictures, savour some memories of this year's club assembly and fellowship thereafter.



MEET OUR CHIEF GUEST



PDG Dr. Ravi Vadlamani is a chartered Accountant by profession and Senior Partner in M/s Umamaheswara Rao & Co, a social entrepreneur, philanthropist, past District Governor RI Dist. 3150, President Round Table India, Chairman Indian Red Cross Society, Guntur. He has held several senior executive positions in Professional and Social Service organizations such as Round Table, Red Cross Society and Rotary International.

He has been decorated many times over by Professional organizations, Rotary International, Round Table Associations, Association of Chartered Accountants, Governments and Civic Associations.

Some of his Rotary Awards

- Service Above Self Award
- Best Rotarian in Rotary District 3150 - 1989-90
- Presidential Citation, Rotary for Four Avenues of Service - 1998
- Best DG in the World - 2001.
- Certificate of Meritorious Service by TRF
- Member of the Arch Klumph Society

Round Table awards

- Best Floor Tabler, Round Table India - 1991
- Best Area Chairman of Round Table India - 1995
- Distinguished Service Medallion by Round Tables Association of Arabian Gulf
- Louis Marchesi Fellow

Other:

- Honorary Doctorate - "Doctor of Letters" Honoris Causa by Acharya Nagarjuna University for his Service to the Society as a Social Worker

Professional information

B.Com from Andhra University, Chartered Accountancy, A.C.S., F.C.A., Fund Management & Merchant Banking by UTI. Fellow Member, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and Member, The Institute of Company Secretaries of India.

He started his career as a CA with Umamaheswara Rao & Co. and has handled tax matters of Corporate, Non-Corporate, Not-for-Profit Organizations and represented clients at different levels of the IT Dept of GOI. He has conducted audits for various Indian public sector banks that include SBI, Canara Bank, Pinakini Grameena Bank and Indian Bank. He has led teams conducting official audits for several public sector corporations like Power Grid Corporation of India, NTPC, HPCL, Visakha Refinery and NMDC.

He represented the 5 Southern States as Regional Council Member of ICAI from 1988 to 1991. He has been Chairman, Professional Development Committee of ICAI's Southern India Regional Council and been on the Company Law Committee of Southern India Regional Council of ICAI. He has served as the Chairman, PR Committee of Southern India Regional Council of ICAI, and Vice-Chairman, Guntur Branch of the Southern India Regional Council of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

From 1998 to 2002 he was Member, Taxation & Corporate Laws Sub-Committee of FICCI.

PDG Ravi's and spouse PDG Raaji (RI Dist 3150) are Level-4 Major Donors of the Rotary Foundation.

For more information on PDG Ravi please visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ravi_Vadlamani

NETRADEEP EYE CARE HOSPITAL inaugurated at Tumakuru

It was a dream come for many in Tumakuru, when the state-of-the-art Netradeep Hospital got inaugurated on 22nd June 2019. The labour of love for Dr. Sundar Ram Shetty, saw its fruition once local MLA Shri G B Jyothi Ganesh formally commissioned it. Netradeep will significantly improve eyecare in Tumakuru.

IPDG Asha Prasanna Kumar was all praise for the effort put in by Globe Eye Foundation, and especially Dr. Shetty, to ensure that the contemporary ophthalmic equipment was commissioned. She expressed her gratitude to the numerous PPs and Rotarians of Rotary Indiranagar who contributed to Netradeep Hospital's construction. The prestigious project jointly managed by Rotary Indiranagar and Rotary Tumakuru East was completed with a global grant from Rotary International. DG Rtn. Suresh Hari and Dist First Lady Rtn. Anitha Hari graced the occasion.

Over 40 Rotarians and Anns were present at the event held on a Saturday morning at Tumakuru. IPP Rtn. Harish Anand, President Rtn. Dr. Vijay Kumar (Rotary Tumakuru East) and President Rtn. Jagadeesh M played the role of hosts.

After the event, PP Rtn. Rajaram Hegde hosted a fellowship for RBLans & spouses in the visiting party.

Adapted from Secretary Rtn. A. K. Sugunan's report

Memories of Netradeep Inauguration on 22nd June 2019 and lunch thereafter





JULY BIRTHDAYS

Rtn. Ajay Gupta	01 July
Rtn. D.V.R. Rao	03 July
Rtn. Pradeep Lal	07 July
Rtn. J Vishwanath	07 July
Ann Ranjana Gopinath	07 July
Rtn. S.K. Chakraborty	07 July
Ann Gayathri Chandrashekhar	08 July
Ann Veena Sawhney	11 July
Rtn. Samartha Srinivasa	11 July
Rtn. Deepak Agrawal	12 July
Rtn. Badri Prasad R	13 July
Rtn. P.M. Bhansali	13 July
Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal	13 July
Ann Meenakshi Venkataraman	13 July



ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Chitra & N. Krishnamurthy	01 July
Penelope & Jeremy Johnson	01 July
Savita & R N Hegde	02 July
Chandra & Lalit K Anand	07 July
Dr. Deepika & Dr. Lokesh Kenkre	30 July



Rotary celebrates 100 years of presence in India.

RBI SOMBRE MOMENTS



WITH PROFOUND GRIEF
WE INFORM THE SAD DEMISE
OF OUR BELOVED

SURESH N VASWANI

On 12th June 2019

"Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday"

Our condolences to Ann Asha
Vaswani as also Annets Neeta,
Mahesh and their families.



Ann Eliamma

Ann Eliamma passed into the ages on 14th June 2019. RIP Eliamma.
Our heartfelt condolences to Rtn. T.J. Mathew
and family.

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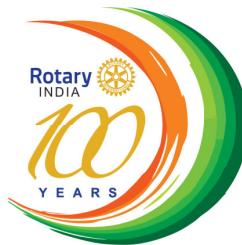
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From the Editor's desk


Dear friends,

The editor of SEVA gets an exceptional opportunity to be a key information link between Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and you the reader.

It is a position that comes with an enormous responsibility - to provide accurate, timely and reader worthy content. It assumes even more significance given that SEVA chronicles our club's history as it evolves.

Despite best intentions it is impossible for the SEVA editor to be present at all RBI events. Consequently, the SEVA editorial board will request project specific inputs for featuring in our issues. These inputs help us build wholesome and credible reports for SEVA. Thank you for helping make SEVA a premium reading choice.

At present SEVA reaches beyond Rotary and helps enhance our public image as well. It simultaneously provides an incoming communication channel. Readers, beyond the Rotary movement, also have an incredible variety of information that can enable an even better Rotary connect with the world.

To celebrate Rotary India's 100th year of service, we will shortly commence a 'Share your idea' column through this medium. We wish to seek your inputs [via email](mailto:SEVA.RCBI@GMAIL.COM), in areas where Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar could synergize with your ideas and make a difference. Those may well evolve into new projects we can pursue and serve our community even better. We will also seek ideas that the general public can implement on their own. The new SEVA forum can create a trove of resource ideas that empowers readers to make a difference in their lives and strengthen our fragile environment. Please await the announcement in the next issue of SEVA.

We welcome your feedback at SEVA.RCBI@GMAIL.COM with comments on specific issues of SEVA. It will surely help us improve.

As earlier, we plan to print only a limited number of paper copies of SEVA. However, the E-copy will be sent to all RBI members, our sister organizations and our partners in service.

Thank you for being a part of our world.

We hope you will remain connected with us always.

Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor - 2019-20

RI PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY'S EXPLAINS THE GENESIS OF THIS YEAR'S ROTARY THEME



I love to travel! I even enjoy the mundane process of getting from here to there. But last year, my wife, Gay, and I had one of those experiences that would strain the optimism of even the most cheerful traveler. We found ourselves with six hours to wait, at an airport where we were not scheduled to be, on a day we had not planned still to be traveling, having woken up that morning at a hotel unknown to us the night before. It was one of those days.

As we waited at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York City, Gay and I took a walk to people watch. We went from one end of the terminal to the other and back, looking at every gate, every destination, every group of people waiting for their flights.

Each gate was its own island of humanity. When we walked down the center of the concourse, we were in New York, moving along with everyone in one river. But when you veered off into those seats, you left that current and landed on an island. You were already in Delhi or Paris or Tel Aviv.

As we started our walk, I thought: "All these different people, all these different countries, all in one place. This is like Rotary!" But as we walked past gate after gate, I realized something. It was not like Rotary at all. Because everyone in that river was heading for an island. And every island stayed an island. The people heading to Taipei might be talking to one another, but they were not talking to the people heading to Cairo or Lagos.

Contrast that with Rotary. Rotary allows us to connect with one another, in deep and meaningful ways, across our differences. It connects us with people we would never otherwise have met, who are more like us than we ever could have known. It connects us with our communities, to professional opportunities, and to the people who need our help.

Connection is what makes the experience of Rotary so very different from walking along that concourse at JFK Airport. In Rotary, none of us is an island. All of us are in Rotary together, whoever we are, wherever we are from, whatever language we speak or traditions we follow. We are all connected to one another — part of our communities and members not only of our clubs, but also of the global community to which we all belong.

This connection is what lies at the heart of the Rotary experience. It is what brings us to Rotary. It is why we stay.

Please join your fellow Rotarians on this journey as



Mark Daniel Maloney
President 2019-20

RI PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY'S MESSAGE for AUGUST 2019



During 2019-2020, I am encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors to grow Rotary. We must grow our service, we must grow the impact of our projects, but, most importantly, we must grow our membership so that we can achieve more.

Let us try a new approach to membership, one that is more organized and strategic. I am asking every club to form an active membership committee consisting of people of different backgrounds who will look methodically at the leadership of the community.

Your club's membership committee will then apply Rotary's classification system — designed to ensure that the range of professions in your community is well represented — to identify potential leaders with the skill, the talent, and the character that will strengthen your club. If your club's membership committee is unsure how to proceed, look to the club membership committee checklist on [Rotary.org](https://www.rotary.org) for clearly defined steps to organizing its work.

How else will we connect to grow Rotary? We will also form new types of clubs — either independent clubs or satellite clubs — with different meeting experiences and engaging service opportunities, not just where there is no Rotary, but also where Rotary is already thriving. No Rotary club in the world can possibly serve all segments of its community. Therefore, we must organize new clubs to engage the community leaders who cannot connect with our existing clubs.

Growing Rotary is all about taking the connections that make our organization unique in the world and strengthening and multiplying them. Let us commit ourselves to growing Rotary and to welcoming the next diverse generation of women and men as



Mark Daniel Maloney

President 2019-20

August is Club and Membership Development month.

Please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfOAhbh4Gnw> for RI President Mark Maloney's message



ROTARY BANGALORE INDIRANAGAR

INSTALLATION OF OFFICE BEARERS For ROTARY YEAR 2019-20

The office bearers of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, led by Rtn. Manoj Agarwal were installed in a glittering event held on the evening of July 1st 2019, at Taj MG Road. RI District 3190 DG Dr. Sameer Hariani, first lady Dr. Roopa Hariani and a host of District 3190 dignitaries were present at the event.

Due to a family urgency the Chief Guest PDG Ravi Vadlamani had to return home at Vijaywada, in a hurry and could not be present at the event.

In true RBI style the event was managed with clockwork precision. The evening program commenced and concluded as scheduled. SEVA is pleased to carry this short report on the event by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal.

On Monday 1st July we started Rotary Year 2019-20 with a bang. We started with a blood donation camp at RHOS, that was supported by our community based Rotaract club. A big thank you to our blood donation chair Rtn. Lata Amashi for organizing the camp, Rtn. Philip George for the follow up and Rtn. Ranganath for getting his colleagues to donate blood.

We had the inauguration & installation of the newly formed Interact club at Shree Cauvery PU College. This was possible due to the efforts of Secretary Sugunan, Youth Service Director Rtn. Ajay Gupta & Interact Chairman Rtn. Sujeeth Joseph. Thank you guys.

In the evening we had the installation of the Board 2019 -20 at TAJ M G Road. It was well attended and enjoyed by everybody. The venue was a refreshing change, and the event went off with clockwork precision. I would like to thank the following members for their effort.

- The wonderful choir group led by Ann Sierra. Rtns George, Philip, Kesavadas, Nayyem, Sridhar Pishay, Vipin, Asad, Narssimhan, Jayashree, Kavita & Kamalavadani along with Anns Varsha, Vidhya, Rajani, Sushila, Indira, Meenakashi, & Manju lent their melodious voices. Our choir group performed excellently.
- International Service Director K. Narssimhan for doing the PPT Presentation. We worked on this for about a week.
- Rtns. A.K.Sugunan, Supriya Kandhari & T.K. Chandramouli for bringing out Roster & Objective booklet, and printing copies of Seva.
- Rtn. Ajay Gupta & his team for all the creative - designing of the poster, car sticker, souvenir appeal & backdrop.
- Rtn. Viduy Shenoy for bringing out the special edition of Seva from USA
- PP Col. R.V. Subramaniam for bringing out first issue of Info-champ.
- Sergeant-At-Arms Rtn. Bhaskarmoorthy, Rtn. Kavita Kekre & Rtn. Supriya Kandhari for handling the memento & gift table.
- Rtn. Sanjay Koppikar for live streaming of the event in Facebook
- All directors Supriya Kandhari, Ambica Motupalli, Narssimhan Kannan, Ajay Gupta & N. Gopinath for their unstinted support.

A big thank you to PP Shashank Kekre for helping with the venue.

Thank you Raju & Bahadur for your help & support.

Friends, This is only the beginning, let's keep the momentum going. Let's rock 2019-20.

We share some memories of the Installation ceremony at Taj M G Road.



Continuing last year's (RI year 2018-19) dream run of renovating anganwadis, RBI crossed the 50 mark and surged ahead to 60. Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahman, in a reflective mood, shared that RBI's target of 100, which appeared daunting - if not impossible - at the start, now seems to be well within reach.

Congratulations Rtn. Fazal for the achievement and your quiet perseverance.

Here is a brief summary of Anganwadis renovated in this Rotary year 2019-20. (Inauguration pictures follow after report.)

50th Renovated Anganwadi - 26th July 2019

The 50th renovated anganwadi under Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's "Anganwadi Restoration Project" was inaugurated at 10 am on Friday, 26th July 2019 by our Charter President PDG Udaya Kumar S. and his family. The anganwadi is located at Chikkalakshmi Layout on Hosur Road opposite Christ University. Upon reaching this milestone, PDG Uday's family, who sponsored renovation of this anganwadi, conducted a pooja before dedicating the anganwadi to society. PDG Uday, Rtn. Kamalavadani, Rtn. Karthik Uday and Ann Dr. Sabina apart from IPP M. Jagadeesh and Rtn. Fazal, were part of the sizeable RBI contingent at the spanking new anganwadi.

51st, 52nd & 53rd - 27th July 2019

Renovated anganwadis at Benniganahalli, Triveninagar & Chikkadevasandra in Bangalore South Taluk were inaugurated and dedicated to children on Saturday, 27th July 2019. These were the 51st, 52nd & 53rd anganwadis renovated under Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's "Anganwadi Restoration Project". The renovation of these anganwadis were fully sponsored by our Rtn. G.J. Raja and his family in memory of his father late Sri. G. Jayaram Reddy. Our sincere thanks to them for their support. Kudos to Rtn. Vankulpati Vinay for successfully coordinating the renovation of these anganwadis and ensuring timely completion.

Rtn. G.J. Raja & Ann Srishaila Raja were present at the inauguration functions and cut the ceremonial ribbons to dedicate the renovated anganwadis to children of the localities. Both Rtn. Raja & Ann Srishaila were very happy with the project and enjoyed spending the morning with the children at the anganwadis.

54th, 55th, 56th, 57th & 58th - 29th July 2019

The renovated anganwadis at Halevuru, Tarabahalli, Nelavagilu (Centre 2), N. Hosahalli & Kondrahalli villages in Hoskote Taluk were inaugurated and dedicated to the children on Monday, 29th July 2019. These renovations were fully sponsored by Mr. Chempi Madhava Pai and his family. Our sincere thanks to them for their support. Mr. Madhava Pai, Dr. Hema Pai, Mr. Vinay M. Pai & Mrs. Radhika V. Pai, who were very happy with the project, spent their morning with the children at the anganwadis, prior to cutting ceremonial ribbons to dedicate these renovated anganwadis to children of the villages. RBI was represented by Rotarians M. Jagadeesh, Col. (Retd.) R.V. Subramaniam, Philip George, Vankulpati Vinay, Bijith Ganga Bhaskar & Fazal Ur Rahaman.

Thank you Rtn. Fazal-ur-Rahman (Chairman - Anganwadi Restoration project) for the information and pictures

RENOVATED ANGANWADIs Inaugurated



50th Restored Anganwadi at Chikkalakshmi Layout on Hosur Road (July 26, 2019)



51st, 52nd & 53rd restored Anganwadis at Benniganahalli, Triveninagar & Chikkadevasandra Bangalore South Taluk (July 27, 2019)



54th, 55th, 56th, 57th & 58th restored Anganwadis at Halevuru, Tarabahalli, Nelavagilu (Centre 2), N. Hosahalli & Kondrahalli villages in Hoskote Taluk (July 29, 2019). Sponsored by Chempi Madhava Pai, Dr. Hema Pai, Mr. Vinay M Pai & Mrs. Radhika M. Pai

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



RI District 3190 strikes GLOBAL GOLD

During RI Year 2018-19, RI District 3190 emerged largest in net giving to the Rotary Foundation. IPDG Suresh Hari, a senior member of RBI, thus earned the distinction of being crowned the DG with the largest Net giving to The Rotary Foundation. RBI, under IPP M Jagadeesh, contributed about 0.5 Million US\$ of the US\$ 3.057 Million that Dist. 3190 contributed to TRF. In doing so, RBI became the club giving the 4th largest amount in South Asia to TRF.

IPDG Suresh Hari was honoured by DG Dr. Sameer Hariani with the sash declaring him the *WORLD # 1 IN TOTAL GIVING*. See picture with DG Dr. Sameer Hariani, Dist First Lady Dr. Roopa Hariani and DGE Nagendra Prasad shared alongside.



RBI Ann Kavita Pishay is IFRM 3190 Chair for RI year 2019-20

Inw. Kavita Pishay was installed as Chair of IFRM 3190 for 2019-20. She is seen here with Rtn. N.R. Jagadish Imm Past Chair IFRM 3190, Rtn. Shridhar Pishay, Rtn. Soma Sundar Zone Chair IFRM India and Rtn. Nagesh Sidhanti Vice Chair, IFRM India after her installation on 21st July 2019 at Rotary House of Friendship on Lavelle Road.

Rtn. Kavita Kekre of RBI is Vice Chair, IFRM 3190.

Congratulations to two of RBI's Kavitas on their installation in the world of Dist 3190's melodies.

The event named **Arambh** was followed by a **Ghazal Nite** featuring noted singers Govind Kurnool and Rumana, who sang soulful melodies.

**SERVICE CAREER GUIDANCE commences in earnest**

The Vocational Service Avenue started with a bang in this Rotary year.

Two Career Guidance sessions have been conducted so far.



The 1st session was held on July 17, 2019 at Navaprajna Public School for 45 students of Class X.

Rtn. Suresh Balasubramani, the lead trainer, conducted the session which was accepted very well by the students. They responded to a well-crafted questionnaire and each student was able to identify the area best suited for themselves. Rtn. Balasubramani then responded to their queries and clarifications.

PP Dr. Krishnan Menon and Rtn. Philip George were there for the entire session, assisting in the proceedings.



Domlur Government PU College was the venue for the 2nd session, held on August 7th 2019. The hour and a half long session conducted in Kannada by Rtn. Vinod Sreedharan of Rotary Platinum City addressed 70 students. Rtn. Vinod's interactive approach was much appreciated by everybody. Rtn. Suresh Balasubramani and Rtn. K.S. Kumar assisted Rtn. Vinod.

Computer Education at GICET

The Gandhi Institute for Computer Education and Training (GICET) at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, recommenced activity after renovation of the premises. During July 2019, 62 students of the 23rd session, that was suspended temporarily to facilitate renovation, were evaluated in MS EXCEL. 53 were placed in Grade A and 9 in Grade B. 18 students, who remained absent for long, were not assessed. PowerPoint, Tally and Internet will be taught in August 2019 to Office Assistant, Accounts Assistant and Sr. Citizen courses respectively.

GICET's admission process for the 24th session, commencing in September 2019 is now underway.



YOUTH SERVICE

RBI's 2019-20 Interact Club Rush **DAZZLES**

RBI's Youth Service Avenue team under Director Rtn. Ajay Gupta's youthful stewardship hit the road running this year. In the past few weeks, they have conducted orientation sessions and installed many Interact Clubs. A remarkable feat, with following institutions becoming part of RBI's 2019-20 family thus far:

Sree Cauvery PU College (on 01-Jul 2019)

Airforce School Murugeshpalya (on 06-July 2019)

Navaprajna Public School (on 08-Jul-2019)

Army Public School, ASC and C&C on Kamaraj Road (on 12-Jul-2019)

Community Interact Club at RBI (on 15-Jul-2019 at RHOS)

The Deens Academy (on 26-Jul-2019)

Little Flowers English High School (on 30-Jul-2019)

Gear Innovative International School (on 31-Jul-2019)

Government Lower Primary School, Garudacharpalya (on 04-Aug-2019)

Each of these installations was preceded by an Orientation program. Most of these were conducted by PP Col (Retd.) R. V. Subramaniam.

All of these installations were coordinated by our indomitable Interact Chairman, **Rtn. Sujeeet Joseph**. Is it any surprise then that he was conferred the **Dazzling Rotarian Award** for July 2019 award by President Manoj Agarwal on 5th August 2019?

Congratulations Rtn. Sujeeet Joseph for your exceptional work. Here's wishing you more power.



DG Dr. Sameer Hariani installed the Interact Club at Sree Cauvery PU College.

The installation of Interact at APS ASC and C&C was graced by DICC Rtn. B.S. Shankar and at The Deens Academy by Rtn. Shivanand Bellare of 3190's District Interact Team.

Event Pictures follow on the next page.

Thank you Youth Service Avenue Director Rtn. Ajay Gupta for the pictures and inputs for this article
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Pictures of Interact Clubs' installations by RBI



Sree Cauvery PU College Interact



Air Force School, Murugeshpalya



Navaprajna Public School



Army Public School



Army Public School



Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar Community Interact



The Deens Academy



Little Flowers English High School



Gear Innovative International School



Govt Lower
Primary School,
Garudacharpalya

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Recognition for PP O P Khanna



Our own Karmayogi PP O P Khanna has been chosen for the '*Distinguished Alumnus Award*' for 2019 by his Alma Mater **IIT Kharagpur**.

Congratulations OP for the richly deserved award.

The award will be conferred at a conferment ceremony during their 65th convocation ceremony to be held at the IIT Kharagpur campus during August / September 2019.



ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

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Sally & Philip George	09
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Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan	04
Rtn. Dr Sundar Ram Shetty	05
Ann Renuka Abraham	06
Ann Sally George	07
Ann Shallu Seetharam	08
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EVENTS

KEY DATES IN AUGUST

- 10th Rotaract Club Installation, Surana College, District 3190 Awards Nite
- 15th Independence Day Celebrations
Renovated Anganwadis (#s59, 60) inauguration
- 17th CLUB SERVICE ICGF at NIMHANS
- 19th 30th G S Randhawa Memorial Hockey onward at KSHA
- 24th **DONATE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE – IFMR, CII, RBI initiative across the city.**

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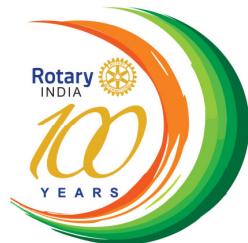
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From the Editor's desk



Dear friends,

In this issue we chronicle many events that have occurred since the release of SEVA Issue 02 of Volume 39.

Our members have been working hard in all areas of service. During the time since our previous release we have received accolades for doing exceptional work. We bring you a mega sized issue this time and appreciate the constant support and encouragement of our well-wishers.

We are pleased to announce the readers' column for actionable inputs on societal and environmental issues. 'Soch aur Kar' (Think and Do) is the readers' idea column that we launch in this issue. We will take up issues relevant to our community and spread them far and wide so that many can utilize your ideas to improve our environment. As a voluntary social service organization, Rotary is well respected and comprises People of Action who make things happen. Your simple idea will surely get a look in and help all of us create quick implementable plans. We look forward to receiving your ideas which we believe will enhance how .

The first version of 'Soch aur Kar' will seek your implementable ideas on preserving fresh water. It's rapidly diminishing volumes in Bengaluru and its surrounding areas are a source of deep worry. For details on contributing your idea please see page 6.

We welcome feedback at SEVA.RCBI@GMAIL.COM with your comments on specific points in a SEVA issue. It will surely help us improve our connect with you.

Thank you for being a part of our world.

We hope you will remain connected with us always.

Vidyut Shenoy

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ROTARY INDIRANAGAR - The Inspiration for Miracle Makers

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was the toast of RI District 3190 when it swept awards across the board including "**Best Club** in the **Large club category**". The Award function was held on Saturday 10th Aug 2019, at Bunts' Sangha Auditorium, Vijayanagar, Bangalore. The impressive list of awards reads :

Best Inspiration Club 2018-19

Club Service Avenue - **Platinum**

Community Services Avenue – **Platinum**

Public Image - **Platinum**

Rotary Action - **Platinum**

APF contribution - **Platinum**

TRF - **Diamond**

Vocational Services Avenue - **Diamond**

Youth Service Avenue - **Gold**

Membership Development – **Gold**

International Service Avenue - **Silver**

District Governor's Platinum Citation

Miracle Marker Award IPP Rtn Jagadeesh M

Arch Klumph Society contribution Rtn Ajith Rai

Contribution to TRF Rtn Suresh Hari

Contribution to TRF Rtn Ghanshyam Agarwal

Contribution to TRF Rtn Jagadeesh M

Sustainable Blood Donation Rtn Lata Amashi

Contribution to Polio Fund Rtn. Ajith Rai

RBI also received awards for

Max members contributing to TRF, Achieving Foundation target, Sustainable Cardiac Surgery, Achieving Membership target, Anganwadi - Special Project, Rotary.Org Registration, Rotary-on-Wheels Registration (ROW), Polio Immunization

Individual contributors (and RBI) for support to Dist 3190 were awarded in 16 areas that included Dist Conf – chair, Dist Conf Venue chair, Training support, Sambrama, Asst Gov Coordinator, Dist Secretary, Dist Treasurer, District Trainer, Exemplary community Service, ROW Roll out support, Dy Trainer, Awards Night, TRF and T-E-A-C-H.

Besides these RBI was honored with 22 Certificates of Gratitude by RI District 3190 for Blood Donation, TEACH, Friendship Exchange, Global Grant, Registration for International Convention, Rotary Days, Vocational Training Centre, Hosting Sports Events, People of Action, Polio Immunization, Village Adoption, Tree Plantation, Public Image, Interact Club, Micro Credit, Participation in WINS, Vocational Excellence Award, Inducting Lady members, Career Guidance Prog, Number of Club Bulletins issued during 2018-19, Eye Camps and Promoting 4 WAY Test.

Certificates of Appreciation were awarded by District 3190 to our office staff Raju and Bahadur.

The flood of awards & certificates underlined RBI as **District 3190's Premier Club**.
CONGRATULATIONS TEAM RBI!!!

Club Service ICGF JOSHILAY – RBI with a bar raising experience

JOSHILAY, a word that evokes images filled with energy, high-spiritedness and verve! And that was exactly what the first ICGF of the current Rotary year, hosted by namma Rotary Indiranagar (RBI), delivered, raising the bar very high for all other ICGF's to come.

August 17- what an absolutely swashbuckling start to the year it was! RBI's famed meticulous execution and military-like precision, in keeping with the event's Patriotic Theme did it again.

The auditorium was awash with the colours of our flag. The decor, the background, and even our attires reflected the vibrant hues of our Tri-colour. And naturally, the whole programme was also woven around the chosen theme.

An inter-faith prayer, rendered by Lamba, Narsi, Fazal and Philip set the tone for the evening. After customary introductions and speeches, the audience was treated to an engrossing address by key-note speaker, Dr. Ushy Mohandas. Her topic was "evolve through Change". And boy, did she catch the audience by its ears! Her effervescence and quirky sense of humour had us spellbound. Her bilingual speech was, as powerful in Kannada as in English.

After this, the curtains were raised for another spell of captivating events. "**Badluram ka Badan**", the rousing anthem of the **Assam Regiment**, rent the air to render the audience with patriotic zeal, which clapped enthusiastically in tune to the infectious melody.

It was also an opportunity to show our immense regard and gratitude to Servicemen, past and present, who are Rotarians of our District. Over 40 Brave hearts, from all wings of the Services, were honoured by our DG Sameer Hariani and all those present, with a standing ovation and continuous applause. Their poignant stories, read out with much reverence by Rtn. Chandramouli, had us metaphorically doffing our hats in respect. The patriotic fervour in the auditorium was palpable and goosebump-inducing. Salute to our courageous warriors.

These recognitions were interspersed with cultural programmes that served to heighten our appreciation of the bravery of our Armed Forces, the keepers of our freedom & independence.

Clubs vied with each other to showcase their abundant talent, drawing loud cheers and applause at the end of each piece. There were songs, dances and skits galore, with the audience gamely rooting for all, cheering the inventiveness and creativity that was amply displayed. RBI, being the host club, was definitely under some pressure to perform well. After all, we have a reputation to defend! And happily, we certainly lived up to our billing. Dressed in greens and whites, we sang the iconic "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara", to a rousing reception. Kudos to Narsi for very patiently coaching the singers and infusing confidence in them to perform in front of such a distinguished audience.

While each performance was entertaining, our anchors were no less praise-worthy. Rtns. Narsi and Chandramouli were impeccable, and ensured that the pace never faltered. Hats off!

The excitement and novelty inside the hall were equally matched by the variety at food stalls outside. Each region of the country had a culinary representation. The specially selected delicacies had us unabashedly licking our fingers, and the crowds beside each stall conclusively proved that our diversity definitely goes to cement our unity.

In reply to DG's query, "How's the Josh?", I think, based on the overwhelming response to Joshilay, we can confidently say that it is very much present, all around us!

JOSHILAY was an exercise in excellence and perfection. It is a Dazzling start to the slew of events to follow and its success bodes well for the year ahead. Take a bow team RBI!!

Contributed by Ann Vidhya Mahadevan Pradeep

Glimpses of the Josh at – Joshilay



More Josh from – Joshilay



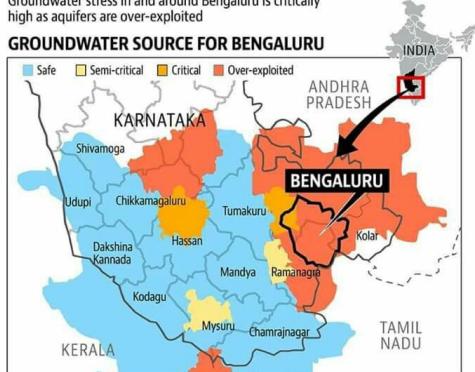
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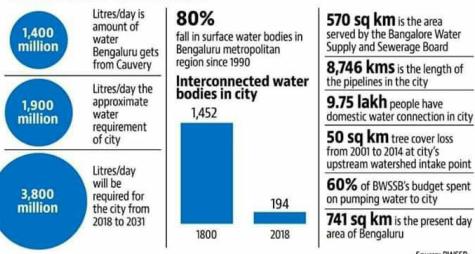
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Groundwater stress in and around Bengaluru is critically high as aquifers are over-exploited

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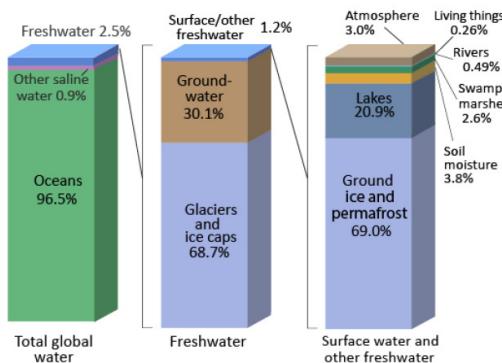
WATER WOES IN NUMBERS



Water on earth

From outer space Earth, the blue planet, appears to have an abundance of water with 71% of its surface being covered by it. In reality only 2% of its mass is water, and only 0.03% of earth's water is surface freshwater (see chart below).

Where is Earth's Water?



Source: Igor Shiklomanov's chapter "World fresh water resources" in Peter H. Gleick (editor), 1993, Water in Crisis: A Guide to the World's Fresh Water Resources.
NOTE: Numbers are rounded, so percent summations may not add to 100.

BBC's Feb-2018 study listing 11 global cities most likely to run out of drinking water puts Bengaluru at number 3. The ignominious position follows Cape Town and Sao Paulo. Cape Town is already on the brink.

The adjoining image from BWSSB shows the picture clearer. Since we do not have a flowing freshwater source close at hand, Bengaluru has to move water to a height from the Cauvery river that flows way below the city. To augment that sparse water. Bengalureans choose to dig into the ground water. Much of it has been rampantly misused, leading to the dire straits that we find ourselves in. The water table has receded sharply and only brackish water is now being mined. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) compiled chart paints a stark present.

Let us first understand about the surface freshwater we consume.

Freshwater, essential for all living beings, is under grave threat of extinction. And Namma Uru's water is in even graver danger.

Each of us can help ensure that the crisis is warded off at least for the time being. Conserve water when it is still available.

What can we do to stretch our scarce water resources?

Follow the 3 Rs:

- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Recycling is a collective drive requiring huge resources to set up STP's and the like. We will focus here on individual actions, that are easily doable and need only a changed mindset. These are mainly in the Reduce and Reuse areas.

Please consider water as our own precious personal resource. Just as we do not throw money away, we cannot afford to throw away fresh water. Please share your experience and fresh ideas on saving water through an email to seva.rcbi@gmail.com with subject "THINK & DO: SAVE WATER".

TEACHER Training

A Teacher Training Session titled "Effective Teaching – Accountability and Responsibility" was held at Navapragna Public School on Aug 17, 2019. The 90-minute Workshop was attended by 42 Teachers. The workshop was well received and the teachers participated with much enthusiasm. Their general complaint was ... '*90 mins is too little*'. Rtn Sanjay Dugar and his team conducted this excellent workshop.



Inputs from Rtn. Ambica Motupalli

Desks and benches for our Little Flowers



The Little Flower High School, which is in the neighbourhood of RHOS, got a facelift through the desks and benches that RBI provided to them through a matching grant project.

Do see the radiance evident in the students while they occupy the new furniture.



Renovated Anganwadis abound

RBI surged ahead in inaugurating renovated Anganwadis. The 59th and 60th renovated anganwadis were inaugurated and dedicated to students at Nagavarapalya (Centre1 & Centre2) on Thursday, 15th August 2019. The renovation of these two anganwadis was jointly sponsored by Rtn. A.K. Sugunan's "Forum For Former LRDEians" & IPP M. Jagadeesh's sister-in-law K. Thirumala Mandappa.

Rtn. A.K. Sugunan monitored the renovation work.

Some moments at the two new Anganwadi inaugurations captured for you.



On 28th August 2019, 5 Anganwadis were dedicated to children by PP Ajith Rai, IPP M. Jagadeesh and Rtn. Supriya Kandhari near Bommasandra, at the following locations:

Kachanayakanahalli Vinayakanagar
Kachanayakanahalli Janatha colony
Kachanayakanahalli Basaveshwaranagar
Kachanayakanahalli Police quarters
Yaradanahalli Janatha colony

The renovation of these were supported by District Grants and Suprajit Foundation. With these the number of renovated anganwadis dedicated to children of society stands at 65.



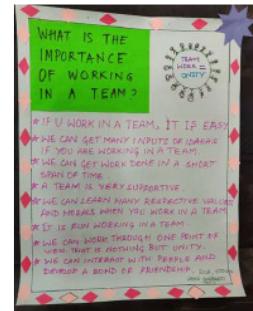
Blood Donation camp at BMS College of Engineering

Rtn. Lata Amashi led a blood collection drive at BMS College of Engineering. The event collected 200 units of blood, that can potentially help between 600 and 700 persons. The event was held on 22 Aug 2019 at the BMS College of Engineering premises. A few images of the event are shared below.



Working in Teams at Navaprajna Public School

At Principal Mr. Suresh's request, RBI conducted a 3 hour 'Team working' session on 24th Aug 2019 for 39 of their Std X students. The session was designed and facilitated by the Bangalore Hub of International Association of Facilitators, and led by Rtn. Sanjay Dugar. The interactive session was appreciated by students and Navaprajna Public School authorities alike. Some chosen moments are reproduced here.



The facilitating team with Mr. Suresh

CARDIAC REHABILITATION CENTRE INAUGURATED

Our Signature project, the Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre (CRC) at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICSR) was inaugurated by Trustee Chair PRIP Gary C.K. Huang and Ann Corinna on 2nd September 2019. The joint project of SJICSR, RBI and Needy Heart Foundation was built with support of a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. Padmashree Dr. C. N. Manjunath, Director SJICR, Trustee Chair PDG Gulam Vahanavathy and a host of RI District 3190 dignitaries including DG Dr. Sameer Hariani, Dist. First Lady Dr. Roopa Hariani, IPDG Suresh Hari, PP O P Khanna and a host of PDGs graced the occasion.

Enjoy these memorable moments from the Inauguration function.



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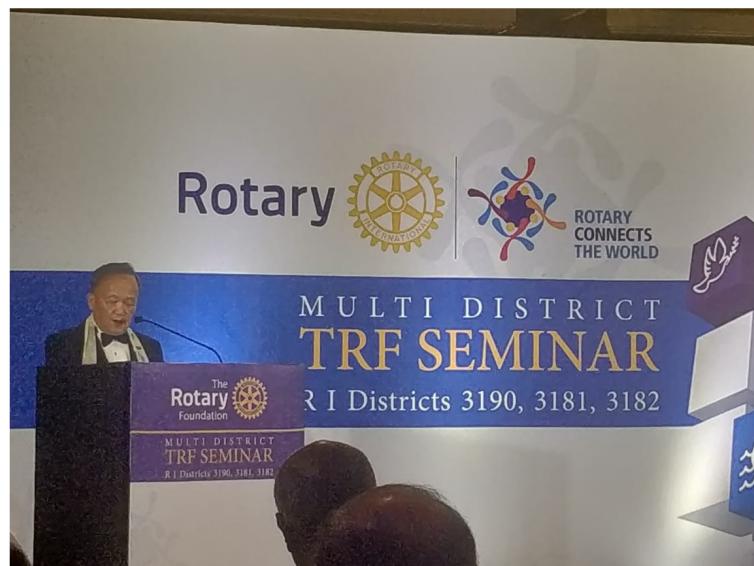


Multidistrict TRF Seminar

At the multidistrict Seminar held on 23rd August 2019 at TAJ M G Road, three of our stalwarts Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal, PP O P Khanna and PP Prabhakar Bothireddy were recognized. IPDG Suresh Hari got a special mention being DG of the **Global No. 1 Net Giving District** for Rotary year 2018-19. His efforts were repeatedly recognized. The 3 RI Districts participating were 3181, 3182 and 3190.

Trustee Chair PRIP Gary G C Huang and Ann Corinna were guests of honour. Trustee TRF PDG Gulam Vahanavathy, and RI Directors Dr. Bharat Pandya and Kamal Sanghvi were also present at the event.

Selected pictures of the event are shared below.



Trustee Chair PRIP Gary G C Huang



RI Director Dr. Bharat Pandya



DG Dr. Sameer Hariani



Career Guidance sessions at FAPS

Two Career Guidance workshops for students of class XI were conducted at Frank Anthony Public School on 26 and 27 August 2019 respectively. The session on Day 1 was for students of Humanities & Arts and the one on Day 2 for science stream students. The sessions were conducted by Rtn. Suresh Balasubramani. Students received the sessions enthusiastically. The valuable feedback we have received will help us improve content in the future workshops.

Rtn. Kumar patiently followed up with FAPS and ensured flawless execution. PP Col. Subramaniam, and Rotarians Manju Verma, Sujeeth Joseph and Saravanan were present at the venue.

These are a few pictures of the sessions.



Based on inputs by Rtn. N. Gopinath

Be a Star Teacher based on values, ethics and behavior

An interactive 'Teacher Training' session was conducted at APS ASC Centre on Sept 7, 2019. 72 teachers in 2 batches (48 teachers at 9.15 am & 24 at 11.30 am) attended.

The subject 'Be a Star Teacher based on values, ethics and behaviour' was a big hit. The program was conducted by Rtn. Sanjay Dugar and his team of facilitators, while certificates were organized by Rtn. Chandramouli.



Based on inputs by Rtn. K.S.Kumar



YOUTH SERVICE

Chak De RBI

29th Dr. G S RANDHAWA MEMORIAL BOYS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

8 gruelling days, 11 teams (6 from outside Bengaluru), 5 referees, 50 goals, countless spectators, all watching a white ball slicing through the blue astroturf. That sums up the 29th version of the GS Randhawa Memorial Hockey tournament for the statistics minded. But that would be simplistic considering the clockwork precision with which RBI conducted the tournament. KSHA stadium was the tournament venue (17 Aug 2019 to 26 Aug 2019).

The well turned out outstation teams appeared more than a notch above the local city boys. From day 1, the outstation teams played wonderful hockey, outplaying their opponents. Their grounding in sports and fitness was very evident. Of the 7 matches in the first stage, one was a walkover. The other 6 matches produced 41 goals, all by the winning teams who were from beyond Bengaluru. It showed up the chasm between the two groups of teams.

At the tournament's business end, as it approached final stages, the teams appeared better matched, with opponents managing to breach the zero mark against winners. The semi-finals were a bit closer than the earlier stages - 6 winning goals and 1 against in the two matches. The final which was inaugurated by DG Rtn Dr Sameer Hariani, was closely fought between defending champions RDT, Anantapur and last year's runners up, Sports School, Kudige. The Anantapur team took home the winner's Rolling Trophy winning 2-1.

However, the team that won all hearts comprised boys from ZP High School Nakapally, Vishakapatnam. The Vizag boys had never stepped out of their village, and hadn't ever played on AstroTurf prior to the tournament. Their humility and superior stamina stood out. The panel of KSHA umpires chose the Vishakapatnam outfit for the FAIR PLAY award, and were awarded an additional cash gift.

Chief Guest, Anil Aldrin, an Olympian and Hockey captain gave away the prizes, along with PP Gurmeet Singh Randhawa and President Manoj Agarwal. The meet ended with fellowship at the KSHA club premises.

RBI Secretary A.K.Sugunan's efforts ensured exceptional media coverage, and the efforts of Rtns. Suraj Chalam and Philip George contributed to the tournament's great success.
Chak De RBI !!



Adapted from the original by Rtn. Philip George

Interact / Rotaract Club Installations

The Interact club at Army Public School, Kamaraj Road, was installed on 30th Aug 2019. President Manoj Agarwal installed its office bearers. Interact project Chairman Rtn. Sujeeth Joseph, as always, was the force behind the event.



Two Rotaract clubs were installed during the past month. Both installation events were graced by members from the District Rotaract team and RBI Rotarians.

Aug 11 Surana College

Sep 04 Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship



Rotaract Installation at Surana College



Rotaract Installation at Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship

Adapted from information by Rtn. Ajay Gupta

Rural Athletics Meet

Along with Govt Girls High School - Hoskote, RBI co-hosted and conducted a rural athletic meet for adopted schools at the Hoskote Sports Stadium on 27th August 2019. 6 government schools from Hoskote, as well as BGMS, Navaprajna Public School and Government schools from Hoodi and Garudacharpalya participated in the 7 events (100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 1500 m, Relay, Long Jump, and Shot Put).

President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal and PP Dr. Krishnan Menon graced the occasion and shared valuable insights with the athletes. Rtn. Shyam Aggarwal who was present at the event also spoke to students. Many RBI Rotarians and Anns were seen cheering the athletes. Rtn. Philip George, Chairman Sports & Culture and Rtn. Suraj Chalam coordinated execution of the meet.

Enjoy these moments from the meet that we have captured for you.





Sep - Oct BIRTHDAYS

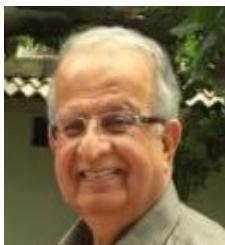
September

Ann Subhashini Chalam	15
Ann Asha Ramesh Agarwal	16
Rtn. Mahesh Parikh	17
Rtn. R. G. Venkatesh	17
Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy	18
Rtn. Sandeep Rakhra	24
Rtn. Suresh Hari S	27
Rtn. Muniraju	30

October

Rtn. Chandra Mouli T K	02
Rtn. Zarryl D. Lobo	02
Ann Vandana Hinduja	02
Ann Penelope Jeremy	02
Rtn. Ramesh Chand Agarwal	03
Ann Pavitra Reddy	03
Rtn. Ramani Aiyer	04
Ann Kumud Shirish Mathur	04
Rtn. Suresh Patel D	04
Ann Vidhya M. Pradeep	04
Rtn. Lt. Col. Lester Herbert	04
Rtn. Ramesh Agarwal	05
Ann Meera Achar	06
Ann Anita Suresh Hari	07
Rtn. Philip George	07
Ann Kavita Kekre	08
Ann Valsala Sivasankaran	08
Ann Soumya Ranganath	08
Ann Devi Devaraj	09
Hon. Rtn. Ashwini Mehra	09

Sombre moment for RBI



Rtn. Mohammed Jamal, known to most as **MJ** passed away after long and protracted ill-health on 2nd Sep 2019.

MJ's amiable presence and genial demeanour will be missed at RBI. Our heartfelt condolences to Ann Nazneen and family members. Rest in eternal peace MJ.

Distinguished Alumnus Award



Our Karmayogi PP Om Prakash Khanna was bestowed with the Distinguished Alumnus Award by his alma mater, IIT Kharagpur at its 65th annual convocation on 27th August 2019.

He received his award from Union HRD Minister, Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank,' in the presence of Chairman of the IIT Board, industrialist Sanjiv Goenka and Director, Prof. S. K. Bhattacharya.

We at RBI are proud of you sir.



KEY DATES IN SEPTEMBER

September

- 09 Installation of new Interact Club at Charan School
- 09 Installation of new Rotaract Club at Govt. First Grade College. K R Puram
- 15 ICGF Youth Service and Inter Club Dance Competition Nacchle
- 21 Maestros 2, Ek Sunehri Shaam (RBI musical Fund raiser) Chowdiah Memorial Hall (18:00 onwards)
- 29 Club Fellowship Onam Celebration at HAL convention center
- 30 **Funtakshari** at Rotary House of Friendship



ANNIVERSARIES IN SEP-OCT

September

Parvathy & Bijith	12
Apoorva and Samarth	25

October

Meera & Vijaykumar Achar	07
Simran & Ranjeet Gulati	08

Oct 10, 2019

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From the Editor's desk



Dear friends,

Rotary Indiranagar is a bundle of energy that erupts into action whenever projects have to be acted upon and completed. It showed up in very many ways in the month that flew by.

We wish to give you but a glimpse of RBI events. These accounts just cannot faithfully reproduce the incredible excitement at actual events.

RBI continues to do exceptional work. This issue brings you a ringside view of key events that have been happened since our last issue. We had an incredible fund-raising event, an inter-club Antakashari competition where we emerged victors yet again, a great fellowship and more.

'Soch aur Kar' (Think and Do) the readers' idea column that we launched in previous issue (wherein we sought your actionable ideas on preserving fresh water), has evoked a tepid response so far. By enabling more people to practice what has worked for you, will help our environment to breathe better. Your actionable ideas on conserving and saving fresh water are very precious. Please document and share them through an email to seva.rcbi@gmail.com with subject "THINK & DO: SAVE WATER". You can download a copy of the previous issue from [here](#).

We welcome feedback at seva.rcbi@gmail.com with your comments on specific points in a SEVA issue, to help us improve our connect with you.

Thank you for being a part of our world, and hope you will remain connected with us always.

Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor - 2019-20



On Oct 01st, our member IPDG Suresh Hari was appointed as National committee member of Happy School - RILM & National Fund Raising committee – in-charge of a funding vertical of RILM. Earlier in Sep 2019, he was designated as a member of the Grant Planning Resource team by RI. Our heartiest congratulations on the well-deserved appointments.



Maestros 2 – The year's first musical fund raiser

Chodo Kal ki Baatein, Kal ki Baat Puraani ..

Barely three months into its tenure, President Manoj's team delivered a super-duper **DAZZLER*** as this year's first fund raiser - **Maestros 2 – Ek Sunehri Shaam**. A brain-child of President Manoj Agarwal, (*no prizes for guessing*) it was a Musical show honouring two legends – Mohammed Rafi and Usha Khanna. Needless to say, the event bore RBI's stamp of event management experience and expertise – meticulous execution & sophisticated presentation.

The evening commenced with a delectable surprise – an effervescent rendition of the iconic “*Chodo Kal ki Baatein*” from *Hum Hindustani*, by a bubbly Deens Academy choir of teens, led by Pranjali Sinha. Their pure, lilting voices set a perfect tone for entertainment that followed.

The show was deftly divided into two segments; the first half featured masterpieces from music director Ushaji's stable. Her touch of the quirk was amply displayed in playful numbers from “*Dil Deke Dekho*”, her stupendous, blockbuster debut film. The title song was sung with great verve by Srikanth Narayan and Samanvita Sharma. Govind Kurnool then stepped in with “*Bade hai Dil ke Kale*”. One could catch the twinkle in their eyes reflecting the catchy melodies!

And to our pleasure and surprise, Ushaji's songs even had the serene King of soul and romance, Ram Tirath, getting flirtatious, and beseeching Shruthi Bhide to not go alone into the garden in the sprightly duet “*Tum Akele to kabhi Baag mein Jaaya na Karo*”.

Ushaji's vast repertoire of songs conveyed multitude emotions and not just joy and peppiness. While her spirited and naughty numbers like “*Dil Deke Dekho*” and “*Shaayad Meri Shaadi ka Khayaal*” (with Shruthi and Narssi at their teasing best!), had the crowd cheering along, her romantic songs like “*Maine Rakha hai Mohabbat*”, “*Hum aur Tum aur yeh Samaa*”, “*Dil ke Tukde Tukde Karke*” had the audience sighing in bliss.

Soulful renditions of “*Ajnabi Kaun ho Tum*”, “*Teri Galion mein na Rakhenge Kadam*”, “*Tu iss Tarah se meri Zindagi*”, transported all of us to another place altogether.

Kumaran beautifully rendered her all-time classical hit, “*Madhuban Khushboo Deta Hai*”. Very reminiscent of Yesudas, it only underscored Ushaji's talent in using varied voices and genres. The philosophical “*Zindagi Pyaar ka Geet ha*”, was a fitting tribute to a remarkable music director.

Usha Khanna sat through the whole programme, encouraging artistes with her mere presence. Her petite frame belied the strength and determination she had displayed to become such a success in a male dominated industry. Listening first hand, as she took us through her journey, was a treat. We came to know how she herself has given breaks to aspiring singers. She spoke about her association with poet and lyricist par excellence Nida Fazli. A few of his beautiful ghazals were in the song list.

There was no question that she deserved the **Vocational Excellence Award** that RBI conferred on her that evening.

Ushaji chose to remain on stage for the programme's second part too – the tribute to Mohammed Rafi. By this time, the mood had been entrenched, and the audience couldn't get enough.

Rafi's prodigious versatility as a singer, covers the entire spectrum of music. The organisers must have had the unenviably arduous task of selecting just a small fraction of his songs for

showcasing. The superb song selection turned out to be a true microcosm of his incredible talent. They traversed all emotions from the romantic “*Wadiyaan mera Daaman*”, to the bewitching “*Ab kya Misaal Doon*”, from the haunting “*Awaaz Deke hamein tum Bulao*”, to the soulful “*Jo Vaada kiya Woh*” while reaching the exquisite “*Mann re, tu Kahe na Dheer Dhare*”. Each was a priceless gem. Rafi’s frisky and lively side to his singing was presented in “*Husn Chala Kuch Aisi Chaal*” (Narssi rendering one of his rare Rafi numbers) and Srikanth’s spirited rendition of “*Mere Paison mein Ghunguroo*”.

But the *pièce de résistance* of the show was undeniably, an unplugged medley of Rafiji’s songs by Ram Tirath. Without musical accompaniment, and no background music, the audience was completely, utterly mesmerized.

“*Jab Jab Bahaar Aayi*” was a touching conclusion to the evening, with all singers coming together for this wistful tune. Maestros 2, *jab jab aapke taraane duniyaawale gungunayenge, hamein aap log zaroor yaad aayenge*.

Each of the seven singers, Ram Tirath, Srikanth Narayan, Samanvita Sharma, Shruti Bhide, Kumaran, Govind Kurnool and our very own Narasimhan Kannan (Narssi), were absolutely at their very best and had the audience clamouring for more. Pioneer Suresh’s orchestra performed at its customary high level of excellence

While the singers and orchestra enthralled with their impressive renditions, the anchors, RBI Rotarians Kavita Kekre and Narasimhan Kannan (playing a dual role) seamlessly took the show along. They were impeccable on stage, with their musical tidbits, their cheerful banter and warm presence. Most definitely we now have a KK and NK fan club!

The planning for this mega show began months earlier, with both Manoj and Event Chair, Rtn. Kavita Kekre pulling out all stops to ensure a smooth show. They were ably supported by the Committee throughout. The ever dependable Fazal with ticket sales, Sujeeth and Srikanth with venue arrangements, Supriya and Varsha with backstage support, and many Rotarians and Anns to staff the counters at Chowdiah. Once again, RBI proved that teamwork under a supportive leadership can achieve wonders.

Maestros 2 has become the talk of the town, garnering much appreciation and accolades from all quarters for its professionalism and high music quality. As one enthusiast hopefully appealed, “*yeh dil maange more*”!

And through the program, RBI proclaimed .. ***Naye daur me likhenge milkar nayi kahani !!***

Contributed by Ann Vidhya Mahadevan Pradeep

Excerpts from unsolicited “Maestros 2” (non-Rotarians’) accolades ...

It was indeed a memorable evening! For more reasons than one. Presence of legendary Usha Khannaji, who while conversing with anchors narrated interesting anecdotes from her long musical Hindi film industry journey to take us down memory. The show was an object lesson in professionalism emphasizing attention to detail. Superb song selection in both segments. 7 experienced singers who enthralled with beautiful singing! Especially simple unassuming Ram Tirathji, whose soulful medley of a few choice Rafi sahab numbers held the audience spellbound. Able support by an excellent team of musicians. Anchoring by Kavita Kekreji and Narsimhan Kannanji whose light hearted banter had audience in splits almost throughout! Instead of mundane presentation of songs’ facts & figures, their relaxed, spontaneous and easygoing anchoring, ensuring no compromise on quality and authenticity of information provided was simply delightful. Kudos to the RBI team, ably and efficiently led by Sri Manoj Agrawal for putting up a show that will be long remembered by music lovers of Bengaluru. We look forward to more such memorable shows from them. With regards, **Usha Rao**

Congratulations and a huge applause to Manoj Bhai on putting together - yet another - blockbuster - sizzling show. Each and everyone enjoyed – some sang and drooled in their seats:) No one wanted the show to end:) All singers and Orchestra were outstanding and praiseworthy:) Apt and superb song selection. The legendary Usha KhannaJee exemplarily graced the Stage all through with a quiet smile to answer all questions put forth to her by - Anchors Narsee and Kavita - whose off-and-on entertaining "Knok Jhonk" (all in fun) between songs and while presenting a song - was truly lovable and enjoyed by all. :) Effectively we felt the intensity and presence of many legendary Singers - Rafi Saheb, Kishore Kumar, Yesudas, Lata and Asha too. :) It was " paisa vasool " :) :) :)**Ramesh Narain Krupad**

Unforgettable Scenes from Maestro's 2 - Ek Sunehri Shaam



Onam celebrations - RBI style

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is known for its traditions. One of these is celebrating Onam, a festival traditionally celebrated in Kerala and wherever there is sizeable a Malayalee community.

At RBI, however, it is different. It is a celebration of India's unity reflecting oneness through diversity! Only here will you see a Marwari hosting the party, a Bengali trying to sing a beautiful Malayalam song; a Sikh wearing a traditional veshti, a devout Christian or a Muslim being the revered King Mahabali himself! Rotary's unity through celebration of humanity is entrenched in RBI's tradition. The bar went a few more notches up this year. And what a celebration it was! I have the impossible task of capturing this wonderful event in 600 or so words!

The venue, HAL convention center, was decked up with a beautiful Pookalam created by Rotaract Indiranagar President Ritika Kandhari. At least 6-7 feet in diameter, she had done it almost all alone! It was, quite literally, the center of attraction.



The programme started on a high with his Royal Highness, King Mahabali arriving amidst Pushpanjali, the floral shower, by beautifully dressed Anns and Lady Rotarians. Just then the rhythmic beating of drums, Chendamelam, reached its pinnacle!

After welcoming the audience, event anchors Ann. Vidhya Pradeep and Rtn. Gopinath, introduced Chief Patron of the Day, an Ultra fit Mahabali a.k.a. Rtn. Asad. The story of how Mahabali, grandson of Prahlada, who ruled both the Worlds with elan and Vishnu's Vamana Avatar pushing him deep inside the earth to rid him off all ego with his 3rd step – had the rapt attention of the capacity crowd. Vidhya & Gopi also introduced to us, every aspect of the celebration in explicit detail.



The programme started with a beautiful Thiruvathirakali (or Kaikottikalii) a unique dance performed in Kerala on the auspicious Thiruvathira (Lord Shiva's birthday). It is performed by women seeking blessings for eternal marital bliss. Mythology, has it that this dance brought Kamadeva (God of Love) back to life after he had been burnt to ashes by Lord Shiva's fury. 6 RBI ladies in traditional Kerala attire, danced in a graceful circle made for a wonderful sight. The dance movements are

enchanting and elegant. The attire - white saris with colourful borders, and fresh jasmine adorned hair.

Next was a breath-taking Kalari Payattu act by 4 brave girls trained at the Kalari Academy of Performing Arts and lead by Shri. Ranjan Mullaratt. Kalari Payattu means the Battlefield Fight. It includes ferocious, coordinated fights with hand, swords, and sticks among others. The acrobatic display by the well-trained and highly skilled girls was awe inspiring.



Shri. K C Rupesh, an artist of repute and founder & director of Arangam, gave a series of Bharatnatyam performances as an ode to womanhood. The grace and style of the artist with 27 years of experience was mesmerizing.



Our last act had to be the famed RBI Choir. It was such a delight to see representatives of almost every part of India, coming together to sing a medley of lovely Malayalam songs. As the clamour for an encore, reached a peak, calm and soothing Malayalam songs by Rtns Bijith and Narssimhan enthralled and pacified the audience.

It was then the time everyone was looking forward to. Sumptuous Onasadya on banana leaf, awaited us. A delicious spread of over 30 dishes was just the ending everyone was looking forward to. This year's celebration and fellowship will be remembered for a long time.

Rtn Sugunan, Rtn Keshav & Ann Jayashree enthusiastically led the Onam team backed by, the wholehearted support of President Manoj & First Lady Manju. The time and effort of all our in-house performers (dancers, singers, actors, comedians, etc.) ensured a wonderful event attended by 180 members and others. Guest of honour, Rtn. Devadason Kizhapat, our AG RI Dist 3190, a Kathakali Artist himself, was seen thoroughly enjoying the event.

Contributed by Ann Varsha Kopikar

RBI retains Raag Rang – Funtakshari



RBI retained the 2019 version of Interclub Antakshari, Raag Rang – Funtakshari hosted by Rotary Club of Bangalore at Rotary House of Friendship on 30th Sep 2019. President Manoj Agarwal, Hindi movie trivia ace Rtn. Kavita Kekre and our Community Rotaract Secretary Rtr. Abhilash made up the new RBI trio, that was named **Alaap** at the event. They were up against formidable contenders in Rotary Club of Bangalore, Rotary Bangalore Cantonment and Rotary Bangalore South. Rtn. Manoj Nair of the host club conducted the event.

The four round quiz was a tight race. Until the final round RBI and Rotary Cantonment were neck and neck. RBI trumped the last round - a unique Dumb Charades which the RBI trio deciphered and performed, and were worthy winners. Congratulations to the RBI trio for holding RBI's flag high.

With inputs from Rtn. Narsimhan Kannan

More Renovated Anganwadis inaugurated

Renovated Anganwadis were inaugurated and dedicated to the children on Wednesday, 11th September 2019 at Halasinakayepura, Chiknalala, Gugutahalli, Chinandahalli & Poojaramanahalli villages in Hoskote Taluk. These were the 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th & 70th anganwadis renovated under Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's "Anganwadi Restoration Project". Restoration/renovation of these anganwadis was carried out under District Grants DG 1977256 of RI District 3190 for the year 2018-19 and sponsored by PP Rtn. Ajith Kumar Rai's Suprajit Foundation. Here are some pictures from the event.



Renovated anganwadis at Dargah Mohalla & A. Narayanapura (Centre 2) in Bangalore South Taluk were inaugurated and dedicated to the children on Saturday, 28th September 2019. These were the 71st & 72nd anganwadis renovated under Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's "Anganwadi Restoration Project". Renovation of these anganwadis was fully sponsored by M/s. Tommy Hilfiger. Our sincere gratitude to them for their support. Their Chief Finance Officer (CFO) Mr. Ravi Rao attended the inauguration along with his wife Mrs. Mamta Rao. They together cut ceremonial ribbons to dedicate the renovated anganwadis to the children. Anganwadi workers, helpers and parents of the anganwadi going children were thrilled with the improved facilities and better conditions provided.

The efforts put in by PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy resulted in Tommy Hilfiger partnering with us in our Anganwadi Restoration Project. Rtn. Vankulpati Vinay monitored the renovation work and ensured good quality of work and timely completion.

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was represented at the inauguration by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal, PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy & Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman. Enjoy these moments from the inauguration.



With these inaugurations we have now successfully completed the renovation of 72 anganwadis - 43 in Hoskote Taluk, 17 in Anekal Taluk, 5 in Bangalore South Taluk & 7 in Bangalore North Taluk.

Pieced together using inputs from Secretary A K Sugunan and Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahman

BGMS to get a new front office

Bharatiya Grameen Mahila Sangha (BGMS) will soon have a spanking new 1000 Sq feet, modern office space. The ground breaking ceremony was held on 3rd October 2019. President Manoj, Secretary Sugunan, PP Ambika Narayan, Rtn Balki, B R Ganesh, Ann Prasanna along with Bimba Raikar and Jaya Gopalakrishna of BGMS were present. B R Ganesh, Managing Director - Team Technology Ltd., contributed Rs. 10 Lakh towards the cost of construction of this structure. Our grateful thanks to him. The pictures below captured President Manoj breaking the ground at BGMS and handing over the cheque to the ladies from BGMS.



The company of recovering heart patients

It was a humbling experience for President Manoj Agarwal when he visited Manipal Hospital accompanying Cardiac Surgeon Dr. Devanand of Manipal Hospital and PP O P Khanna to handover a month's supply of medicines to patients on the verge of being discharged. A few moments of their experience at Manipal Hospital are shared below.





YOUTH SERVICE

Interact / Rotaract Clubs

Rotaract Club at Government First Grade College (GFGC), K R Puram

A new Rotaract Club was started this year at Government First Grade College, Krishnarajapuram. It's office bearers for Rotary year 2019-20 were installed on 9th September 2019. Rtn. T.K. Chandramouli conducted the orientation program, while Rtn. Sanjay Srivastava, Chairman Rotaract coordinated seamless execution of the installation program.

Some memories from the event ..



Blood Donation camp at Government First Grade College, K R Puram



At a blood donation camp held on 9th September 2019 at GFGC, K R Puram, courtesy our most recent Rotaract Club, 100 units of blood were collected.

Here are some pictures from that event.

Women health and hygiene program

Dr. Nisha, a Rotarian at heart and in service has been guest speaker for awareness programs on menstrual hygiene management in government colleges. Her aim is to bring about a behavioural change in society by educating women on the benefits of re-usables especially in the menstrual hygiene sector. Nisha is co-founder of Reva Econauts, a social prospective Eco-vert. She spoke at GFGC, K R Puram on 4th October 2019, courtesy their Rotaract club.

The session was informative and was appreciated by all 140+ attendees.

For the record, here are a few memories of the event.



Interact Club at Charan's PU College

Adapted from information by Rtn. Sanjay Srivastava

A new Interact club commenced at Charan's PU College, Cambridge Layout, Halasuru, Bengaluru. The installation ceremony was held on 09th September 2019.

PP Col (Retd) Subramaniyam R V conducted the orientation program. President Manoj Agarwal graced the event which was co-ordinated by Chairman Interact, Rtn. Sujeeth Joseph. Some pictures of the event follow.



A prelude to Raagalahari 2019

Adapted from information by Rtn. Ajay Gupta



RBI is conducting its annual Indian classical dance and music competition for youth 'Raagalahari' in November 2019. Every RBI project is a story of teamwork excellence. November 2018's Raagalahari was no different. Last year, Narasimhan Kannan (Narssi), an RBI volunteer, braved Murphy's Law and tense technology moments. Read his own account of a successful battle with Murphy on that fateful Sunday last November.

When Murphy visited Room no. 5 at Raagalahari...

By 8:45, I had setup the computer and speaker for my friend Ambica in room no. 8. Next was Gopi. He said, he would manage; a fellow nerd that he was. So, I enthusiastically returned to

room no. 5 where I was the room volunteer. I started setting up the computer and speaker system. I first checked the plug points below the table. Both did not seem to work. Two school staff members present there agreed that these were indeed not working. Something told me that it did not need two staff members to reiterate.

My hunt for an alternate plug point, ended with one near the ceiling, high above the smart board. With my great height I perched myself on a sturdy plastic chair that wobbled ecstatically with my body mass's downward force. After an intense struggle, I reached the plug point, connected my extension box plug to the point and switched it on. A merry green LED on my system greeted me. After connecting the computer and speaker system, I played a favourite Kishore Kumar number to check the sound. It was ethereal.

At that moment, dance competition participants began trooping in. I accepted their event fee and wrote receipts for each person. Kavita, fortunately, had spare receipts that I could use. After registering participants, I asked parents to come forward with their sound files so that I could copy all of them. I had some from their emails but not all. I copied two files. When I inserted the third pen drive, the computer did not detect it. I tried another one, no luck. My USB ports had malfunctioned.

Restarting the computer system did not help. I quickly opened my second laptop, connected and started it. While all this was happening, a few more participants had arrived. Fortunately, Manju and Sharada appeared from nowhere and helped with registrations. 10 agonising minutes later, I realised that the second laptop was a non-starter too. I darted to the volunteer room for my third laptop. It was locked. I ran down to look for Doc. Srikanth. Got the key, ran up, opened the room, picked my bag, locked the room, and charged down to Room no. 5.

I connected the new laptop, copied all the files and heaved a sigh of relief. By this time, the crowd was restless. In the meanwhile, Sharada read out the rules that I was supposed to. The judges had arrived. Doc. Srikanth read out their respective introductions. However, I did not hear a word of what was said, since I was busy trying to connect the new laptop to the sound system. I plugged the AUX cable in and waited. The sound was coming from the laptop speakers but not the external speaker system. I tried again. And again. Opened Control panel and changed the settings. No change.

I made an announcement that due to technical difficulties; the event is getting delayed. The audience and children were very understanding. Next, Gopi came and tried troubleshooting. Nothing changed. In the meanwhile, Ajay got a Bluetooth speaker. But it had an international plug and could not be plugged in. While all this was happening, I realised that it was almost 10:10 am as against the scheduled start of 9:30 am! Three participants came up and asked if they could use their Bluetooth speaker and tablet to perform. They appeared like angels to me. From the 16 participants, at least 3 would be able to perform. I immediately agreed and they started.

In the meanwhile, I realised that this laptop was also not going to work so asked Ajay to get me Balki's laptop. At this juncture Kavita came and gave me Pavitra's Bluetooth speaker. I tried to switch it on, it had no power. After a few minutes, I got Balki's laptop, copied all files onto a pen drive from my laptop, connected Balki's laptop and tested the sound on my headphones. I could hear something. Which meant it would also come through the AUX cable. Since participants were performing, I could not test it with the speaker system on. By now, drops of my perspiration were falling on to the floor.

After the third performance, I requested the judges and audience if I could test the equipment once again. They readily agreed. I played one of the tracks. The sound blared from the speaker system. Never before in my life had I heard a more beautiful sound! The audience broke into rapturous applause. The hero that day was the speaker system! It had finally worked. A few ladies requested an applause for me, for having screwed up so magnificently since morning.

I announced the first participant's name in the list, played the track and sat down. I looked up and nodded my head. I had a lot of questions to ask HIM. After a few performances Sharada came in and asked if I could reduce the volume as it was disturbing the adjacent room. I quipped to the audience, "First there was no sound; now there is so much that others are complaining". The audience laughed. I smiled too; for the first time in hours. ☺

In the first person by Rtn. Narasimhan Kannan

Editor's note: *Raagalahari 2018 was a stupendous success! Raagalahari 2019 will surely be too.*



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Anne Radhika Venkatesh	11
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Anne Dr. Deepika Kenkere	16
Rtn. R. Nagaraj	16
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Rtn. Raja Kaura	24
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Rtn. Sridhar Pishay	27
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Sneha Prabha & O.P.Khanna	12
Sarojini & D.V.R. Rao	13
Indira & Prakash Rao H	19
Jayashree & Kesavadas R	26
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Srimathy & Baskarmoorthy	26

November

Meenakshi & Prakash Venkataraman	06
Jayashree & Badri Prasad R	09

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KEY DATES IN OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

October

- 12 DISHA, Vocational Service ICGF
NIMHANS Convention Centre
12 Karunashraya 25th year anniversary celebrations

November

- 04 Karnataka Sambhrama, Rotary Sangama at Chowdiah Memorial hall, 4:30 PM (RBI is a lead club with PP Ambika Narayan in charge)





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From the Editor's desk



Dear friends,

Rotary Indiranagar has a diversity in projects that just a few clubs are able to match. Some of our ongoing projects have completed 25 years of service, while others are just about sprouting. A few from this amazing array of projects had significant activity since our previous SEVA issue.

One example of an enduring project whose ever-expanding scope combines well with immense goodwill is Karunashraya - our iconic Hospice for patients with advanced cancer. It just turned 25 years. While a report on the anniversary celebrations are carried in this issue, you can expect to read some stories of its early days in a later issue of SEVA.

Our new Interact club at Charan's PU College and the Rotaract Club at Government First Grade College saw new projects take hold. With Rotary Indiranagar's support we are sure that they will emerge stronger with time.

Another relatively new project of ours that is fast acquiring a permanent place in Bengalurean hearts is Raagalahari. The 2019 edition of this competition was held at Vasavi Education Trust School, Basavanagudi on 10th Nov 2019.

'Soch aur Kar' (Think and Do) the readers' idea column remains somnolent. We turn a new page by following the lead of our infant Interact Club at Charan's PU College projects for our next 'Soch aur Kar' focus area – Managing plastic responsibly. Read about the background and our request for ideas from you on Page 11 of this issue. Your ideas are very precious and will benefit our environment. Do email them to seva.rcbi@gmail.com with subject "MANAGE PLASTIC".

We would love to receive feedback at seva.rcbi@gmail.com. Your comments on specific points in a SEVA issue, will improve our future issues and enhance our connect with you.

Thank you for being a part of our world, and hope you will remain connected with us.

Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor - 2019-20



Karunashraya turns silver

On October 26th 1994, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar & Cancer Society of India's Karnataka Chapter came together to form Bangalore Hospice Trust. Its aim, provide palliative care to advanced cancer patients. In 25 years over 24000 patients have been beneficiaries of this care. That it has been humbling is to say the obvious. Patients and their family members have found it a calming experience.

PP Nagesh Simha & PP Gurmeet S Randhawa have been dedicated warriors in the endeavour from day one. Our grateful thanks to the two PPs for exemplifying leadership through action.

RBI's support to Karunashraya continues as earlier. To mark Bangalore Hospice Trust's silver jubilee, RBI performed *bhoomi puja* to commence expansion of Karunashraya with an OPD & a Training & Research Center. It will be built at a cost of Rs. 6 crores. All approvals have been obtained, and construction of this new block is expected to proceed at a brisk pace. PP Dr. Nagesh Simha & Kishore Rao, initiators of Karunashraya, shared a few of their thoughts with those present.

RBI is understandably very proud of this achievement. Enjoy these few memories from the simple yet landmark event.



Contributed by President Manoj Agarwal

Bangalore Hospice Trust celebrates 25th anniversary in style

Bangalore Hospice Trust (a joint project of Indian Cancer Society Karnataka Chapter and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar), well known for its incredible work in Palliative Care for Advanced Cancer patients at Karunashraya, completed 25 years of Service on 26th October 2019. It called for a super celebration, which it did in style on the evening of 3rd November 2019. The well planned and executed event, was held at Taj MG Road.

The program commenced with a welcome address by PP Gurmeet Singh Randhawa, a key player in the formation of BHT, where he welcomed attendees and walked them through the Karunashraya idea through a short speech.

To acknowledge their dedicated work at Karunashraya, three of its employees, Babita Varkey, Girish Krishnamurthy and Georjo Vaipana were honoured with Honorary Paul Harris Fellowships by RBI.

An exceptional Kathak Dance Drama - "Uttar - The Ramayana Revisited" by Ponnamma Devaiah, was one of the highlights of the evening.

The event also provided an opportunity to meet old friends such as Rtn. Lalit Sawhney, who provided the link between Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and Indian Cancer Society, Karnataka for eventually setting up Bangalore Hospice Trust.

The dedication of PP Dr. Nagesh Simha & PP Gurmeet Randhawa at Karunashraya, and their eye for excellence in the entertainment programme, was clearly visible.

As always, here are some pictorial memories of the event.



RBI's block buster Diwali Celebrations

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's "Diwali Social" was held on Saturday 19th September 2019 at our Rtn. V. Venkata Reddy's home at Embassy Pristine, Iblur Village, Bellandur.

RBI organized a bus to ferry Rotarians & Anns from RHOS to the venue and back. Many opted to be on the bus while the rest drove to the venue on their own.

It was an excellent evening with rain deciding to keep away. The festive atmosphere, scenic location and great weather kept all in good cheer. The evening commenced with everyone enjoying a drink while being treated to mouthwatering chaats & starters and an entertaining game of Tambola. Then it was time to build an appetite through the energetic Dandia and dancing that followed. An enthusiastic DJ egging on the crowd to an inviting dance floor, ensured just that, and everyone did justice to the delicious dinner spread.

As guests reluctantly departed for their homes, a surprise gift awaited them. An attractive box of excellent chocolates, was thoughtfully presented to all by the gracious Rtn. Venkata Reddy.

Our sincere thanks to Rtn. Reddy and his family for their warm and wonderful hospitality. They opened their home to us, providing us a fairy tale venue for the Diwali social.

President Manoj Agarwal, First Lady Manju Agarwal, PP Harish Anand, Rotarians Narssimhan Kannan, Manju Verma and Ann Varsha Koppikar helped in the planning and arrangements.

A few glimpses of the event that remain etched in everyone's memory are shared below.



Contributed by Vice President Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahaman

RBI leads Karnataka Sambhrama Rotary Sangama for Karnataka Rajyotsava

Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations - Karnataka Sambhrama Rotary Sangama was held on Monday 4th November at Chowdiah Memorial Hall. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was the lead club for this District 3190 event. It was led by event chair our PP Rtn. Ambika Narayan. Her meticulous planning & months of hard work paid rich dividends.

The excellent event was appreciated by all those present. The event's highlight was the Ekikarna song by children from our adopted school BGMS. The children were coached by Kannada film and theatre personality Prakash Belvadi's daughter. Another unforgettable item was a dance drama on Karnataka Vaibhava by Dr. Sanjay Shantaram & team, which was co-ordinated by our Anne Sowmya Srikanth.

Our ever dependable IPP M Jagadeesh took care of catering & food.

RBI Anns & lady members did a wonderful job in the reception area and handled the welcome desk.

These are a few glimpses of the event...



RBI's Renovated Anganwadi flood continues unabated

Renovated anganwadis at Sulibele (Centre 2), Arasanahalli, Sulibele (Centre 6), Bettahalli & T. Agrahara villages in Hoskote Taluk were inaugurated and dedicated to children on Wednesday, 16th October 2019. These were the 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th & 77th anganwadis renovated under Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's "Anganwadi Restoration Project".

Renovation of these anganwadis was fully sponsored by M/s. Can Fin Homes Ltd. Our sincere gratitude to them for their support. Their Managing Director & CEO Mr. Girish Kousgi and their Assistant General Manager Mr. Prashanth Joishy attended the inauguration. Mr. Girish Kousgi cut the ceremonial ribbons at Sulibele (Centre 2), Arasanahalli, Sulibele (Centre 6) & Bettahalli to dedicate the renovated anganwadis to the children. He was very happy with the project and promised to continue supporting our Anganwadi Restoration Project during the next financial year.

Since Mr. Girish Kousgi & Mr. Prashanth Joishy had to return to Bangalore after the inauguration of the fourth anganwadi, Rtn. Geoff Cooper of the Rotary Club of Stafford Knot, RI District 1210, United Kingdom, was given the honour of cutting the ceremonial ribbon to dedicate the renovated anganwadi at T. Agrahara to the children. He too was very impressed with the project.

The anganwadi workers, anganwadi helpers, anganwadi parents and other residents of the villages were very happy with the improved facilities and better conditions provided for the children.

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was represented at the inauguration by Rotarians Col. (Retd.) R.V. Subramaniam, M. Jagadeesh, R. Kesavadas & Fazal Ur Rahaman.

The project was covered extensively by local vernacular newspapers on 17th October 2019.

We have now successfully completed the renovation of 77 anganwadis - 48 in Hoskote Taluk, 17 in Anekal Taluk, 5 in Bangalore South Taluk & 7 in Bangalore North Taluk.

A few photographs from these dedication events are attached below.



Adapted using inputs from Secretary A K Sugunan and Vice President Fazal-Ur-Rahman

Pediatric Chemotherapy project at Kidwai Memorial

Two Pediatric Chemotherapy Projects, Health for life - 3 (through a global grant by RB Southwest) and Health for Life - 4 (crowd funding platform, RBI's project with RB Southwest) were launched by DG Dr Sameer Hariani on 23 Oct 2019 at Kidwai Auditorium, Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Hosur Road, Bangalore. President Manoj Agarwal, first lady Manju Agarwal, and a number of RBI Rotarians including IPDG Suresh Hari, and Rtn. Anita Hari lent weight to RBI participation in this epochal event. A number of Pediatric Chemotherapy kits were handed over to patients during the function. Some select moments of the event are captured here for you.

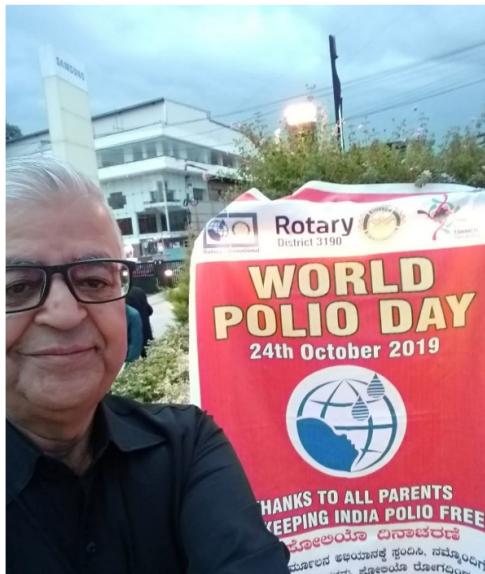


Our new Rtn. Assok Saraf handing over Chempot needles



Adapted using inputs from President Manoj Agarwal and Secretary A K Sugunan. Pictures courtesy Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar

World Polio Day Color A Thon



RBI celebrated World Polio Day (24th October 2019) in two ways - both in accordance with RI District 3190's recommendations.

Quite a few RBI Rotarians participated in a walk for Polio Awareness at Samsung Opera House Brigade Road, thanking parents for keeping India Polio free.

Another group of Rotarians participated in a Color-a-thon at Rotary Bhavan BBMP School at Srirampuram, where students of Class I used crayons and color pencils to color up posters for learning how Pulse Polio works.

The objective of both was to enhance awareness about Pulse Polio and ensure that India remains Polio free. We are certain you will appreciate these pictures from these World Polio Day projects.



With inputs from President Manoj Agarwal



Rotary Club of Ramna, Dhaka achieves a landmark

PDG Rajendra Rai posted this message on his Facebook page

Delighted to attend the meeting of Rotary Club of Ramna, a 42 year old Rotary Club in Dhaka, this evening. It is heartening to note that this club has just completed a 190,000 USD Global Grant project to establish an Eye Care Centre to provide quality eye care services to the poor in association with Rotary Club of Indiranagar in our district.

Congratulations to Rotary Club of Ramna and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

Thank you President Manoj Agarwal for prompting me to attend the meeting.



PDG Rajendra Rai with luminaries at Rotary Club of Ramna

RBI is proud of Rotary Club of Ramna's singular achievement, as also the contribution of our own icon of Eye Care, Rtn. Dr. Sundaram Shetty.



Charan's Interactors takes plastic fight to the streets

Interactors from the RBI affiliated Charan's Interact Club of Charan's PU College ventured out into the streets of Cambridge layout and S V Road to sensitize citizens on reducing use of plastics. In a first, the interactors took up an environmental issue to make an impact. Kudos to the team and its leaders. These are some on-the-spot images of their walk held on 31st October 2019.



RBI's Community based Rotaract Club aces it at District 3190

Congratulations from Rotaract
District Council 3190 [Inbox](#)

 DRR Rtr Shashi Kumar M 3:32 PM
to Ritikakandhari, Abhi, me ↵ ...

Dear Rtr. Ritika Kandhari, Rtr. Abhilash P Lapasia,

I hereby take this opportunity to congratulate Rotaract Club of Bangalore Indiranagar (Club ID: 8187), for being nominated as the Star Club for Quarter 1 under Community based clubs.

Keep Roaring and touching many more lives, thereby enriching the Rotaract movement.

The Rotaract District Council 3190 will recognize the Q1 Star Club during the next President & Secretary Meet, we will share the details on the agenda in due course of time.
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Yours in Rotaract,



PP. Rtr. Shashi Kumar M
District Rotaract Representative | 2019-20
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ROTARACT DISTRICT COUNCIL | RID 3190

RBI's Community based Rotaract Club was adjudged the **Star Club for Q1** among Community based Rotaract Club in District 3190.

An image of the formal mail by the Rotaract District Council, informing about the recognition is shared alongside.

Congratulations **President Rtr Ritika Kandhari** and **Rtr Abhilash Lapasia** for being while emphatically turning around RBI's Rotaractors in double quick time.



Rtr Ritika Kandhari



Rtr Abhilash Lapasia

Readers' Column – Soch Aur Kar (Think & Implement)

Manage Plastics

We borrow an initiative of Charan's PU College, the newest addition to our Interact family. They chose to focus on the menace of rampant plastic use. On 31st October, these enthusiastic young Interactors walked the streets of Cambridge Layout, Indiranagar with catchy handmade posters imploring observers to do something drastic and reduce plastic.

Plastics are incredibly convenient to us in our daily life. Unfortunately, we appear to have overused our hand and the specter of plastics haunts the global environment today. The billions upon billions of items of plastic waste choking our oceans, lakes, and rivers and piling up on land is more than unsightly and is harmful to plants and wildlife.



The following 10 facts shed light on how plastic is proving dangerous to our planet,

FACT #1	About 8 million metric tons of plastic are thrown into the ocean annually. Of those, 236,000 tons are microplastics – tiny pieces of broken-down plastic smaller than your little fingernail
FACT #2	There are five massive patches of plastic in the oceans around the world. These huge concentrations of plastic debris cover large swathes of the ocean; the one between California and Hawaii is the size of the state of Texas
FACT #3	Every minute, one garbage truck of plastic is dumped into our oceans
FACT #4	The amount of plastic in the oceans is set to increase tenfold by 2020
FACT #5	By 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than there are fish (by weight)
FACT #6	Plastic is found in the ocean as far as 11km deep, meaning synthetic fibers have contaminated even the most remote places on Earth
FACT #7	Many marine organisms can't distinguish common plastic items from food. Animals who eat plastic often starve because they can't digest the plastic and it fills their stomachs, preventing them from eating real food
FACT #8	The likelihood of coral becoming diseased increases from 4% to 89% after coming in contact with marine plastic. It damages the skin of coral, allowing infection. Coral reefs are home to more than 25% of marine life.
FACT #9	There is more plastic than natural prey at the sea surface of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, which means that organisms feeding at this area are likely to have plastic as a major component of their diets. For instance, sea turtles caught in fisheries operating within and around the patch can have up to 74% (by dry weight) of their diets composed of ocean plastics.
FACT #10	Many fish that humans consume, including brown trout, cisco, and perch, have at one time or another, ingested plastic microfibers.

health, and wildlife.

To learn more about the threat and impact of plastic pollution and tips to reduce plastic consumption, download the [Plastic Pollution Primer and Toolkit](#) today!

Connect with us at seva.rcbi@gmail.com with the subject "MANAGE PLASTIC" to suggest green alternatives to replace plastics. Also, if you have suggestions on how you would responsibly dispose of existing plastic, please share that with us as well.



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Ann Indira Flavia Herbert	10
Rtn. Seema Satish	11
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Rtn. V.T. Thomas	13
Rtn. Sanjay Dugar	20
Rtn. Dr. Srikanth AVS	21
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Ann Shamim Rahaman	22
Ann Manju Agarwal	23
Ann Jayashree Badri Prasad	24
Ann Chandra Subramaniam	24
Rtn. Chandrashekhar Vishwanath	25
Rtn. Ashok Maheshwari	26
Ann Kavita Pishay	27
Rtn. Ramesh Jhunjhunwala	29
Rtn. Ram Mohan Menon	29
Ann Asha Maheshwari	30
Ann Dr. Jayashree Simha	30
Ann Tasqeem Hajeebhoy	30

December

Ann Mahadevi Rajamane	02
Ann Meera Parikh	02
Rtn. Prakash Venkataraman	07

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November

Jayashree & S.N. Simha	12
Pushpa and Ravindra Gaikwad	15
Rajini & C.M. Narayanan	16
Asha & Shyam Aggarwal	16
Rani & Amarnath Tandon	19
Tara & Ramesh Jhunjhunwala	20
Mona & Pradeep Lal	21
Anita & Suresh Hari S	21
Asha & Ashok Maheshwari	26
Sridhar & Kavita Pishay	27

December

Varsha & Sanjay Koppikar	01
Lata & Prabhat Amashi	04
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EVENTS

KEY DATES IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

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10 Raagalahari at VET School, Basavanagudi

December

**ROTARY BANGALORE
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PRESENTS

Raagalahari

INDIAN CLASSICAL MUSIC AND
DANCE COMPETITION

DATE | 10/11/2019 | SUNDAY
TIME | 9 AM TO 6 PM

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VET SCHOOL (VASAVI EDUCATIONAL TRUST SCHOOL)
#99 DIAGONAL ROAD VV PURAM BANGALORE 560004.
(Opposite Jain College, VV Puram. Close to National College Metro Station on Green Line)

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District Governor Dr. Sameer Hariani's message



Dear Dazzling Rotarians of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar,

Roopa and I bring you warm greetings on behalf of all Rotarians of District 3190 on the occasion of the Official Visit to your club.

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is an iconic club standing tall for the last 38 years in our District.

The members in your club are very closely connected and bonded to each other and this wonderful connection results in some pathbreaking SEVA to the world.

You have been an inspiration to many clubs on continuity, sustainability, retention and commitment to service.

You have continued to serve humanity and make a difference to the community around you for close to four decades which speaks volumes of the vibrancy and effectiveness of the leaders of your club.

Many of your club leaders have served the district at the highest level with dedication and commitment and we are thankful to their contribution to Rotary District 3190.

Your signature projects like Karunasharaya have greatly enhanced the Public Image of Rotary while consistently serving the needy.

This year you have established another landmark with the Rotary Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre at Jayadeva Institute of Cardiac Sciences.

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar always leads the way by their contributions to The Rotary Foundation.

This Rotary year 2019-20 as we look at Growing Rotary, Developing Next Generation of Leaders, Involving Family of Rotary and partnering with other major organisations to do good in the world, we are sure Dazzler President Manoj Kumar Agarwal and team will continue to keep the flag of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar flying high.

We deem it our privilege and honour that Rotary Connected us to your world.

Keep Dazzling !

With Warm Regards

Rtn. Dr. Sameer & Rtn. Dr. Roopa Hariani
District Governor 2019-20, RID 3190



Dear Reader,

We are happy to place before you yet another special issue of SEVA. It is being released on account of the District Governor's Official Visit (GOV) to our club. As in all endeavours we take great pride in this event.

For us it is a time to rejoice, reflect and buck up all at the same time.

Why does GOV hold so much importance for us?

Primarily, because it is an objective external assessment of our performance in projects' during the year so far. Like everybody else, we hope to receive accolades for a job well done. However, we also welcome guidance in areas where the DG's office feels we can do better.

It gives us an opportunity to bask in glory for work we have accomplished well, as also a call to action in areas where we have been not up to the mark. Usually held somewhere in the middle of our year the GOV helps us recalibrate our velocity and reach our goal faster.

To celebrate this annual assessment, our members led by the President, hold a dinner for district officials, where we showcase our famed hospitality and cultural face. More often than not we have been applauded for the evening too.

Starting tomorrow we will re-immerse ourselves in service, focusing on yet-to-be accomplished work.

We would like to thank the DG, for yet another opportunity to prove ourselves.

Please do share your feedback on this issue of SEVA at SEVA.RCBI@GMAIL.COM.

Happy Reading.

Viduy Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20

p.s. Having returned from a long personal trip overseas, this is the first SEVA issue of this Rotary year that I publish from Indian soil. I cannot thank the SEVA editorial board and RBlans enough for being my eyes, ears and hands in my absence.

President Manoj Agarwal's Message

District Governor Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani, First Lady Rtn. Dr. Roopa Hariani, Assistant Governor Rtn. Devadasan, Secretary Sugunan, Anne Manju, Anne Prabhavati, Dist. Secretary General Rtn. Vijay Tadimalla, Dist. Secretary Rtn. Harshvardhan, Zonal Governor Rtn. Anil Kumar, Galaxy of PDGs, District officials, my Dazzling co-presidents, Past Presidents, Our Partners in service, Rotarians, Charming Annes, guests & my fellow friends.

The Governor's official visit to a Rotary club is an important event in a club's calendar & I whole heartedly welcome you all to this important function of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

It has been 154 days since I took over the mantle of this wonderful club & so far we have achieved a lot but much more needs to be achieved. It is generally said that once GOV is completed, 90% of the President's work is done but in my case it's just about 30% done. At Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, service projects are an ongoing process 365 (oops this year it's 366 days) 24/7. A few highlights of our activities so far:

- We have completed a landmark 100 Anganwadi Renovations. A big round of applause to Rtn. Fazal & IPP Rtn. Jagadeesh for their splendid work.
- We raised Rs.60 Lacs through Crowdfunding for Pediatric Chemotherapy. Thank you, Ranganath Thota of Fuel-A-Dream & Mrs. Manju Balasubramaniam, Principal DPS North for making this happen.
- Thanks to Ranganath Thota through Crowdfunding we raised Rs.38 Lacs for Cataract Surgeries.
- We completed 25 years i.e. Silver Jubilee of our flagship project Karunashraya.
- Inaugurated the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center at Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research; the first facility of its kind in Southern India. Total cost of the project is Rs. 5 Crore
- Bhartiya Gramin Mahila Sangha (BGMS) is growing from strength to strength
- In the last 5 months we collected around 6100 units of blood, undertook 1647 Cataract Surgeries, supported 80 heart surgeries, had 138 Students benefit from our Vocational training courses, and 1281 patients from palliative care. The list goes on.

A More detailed account will be presented in the Secretary's Report.

All this was possible due to the invaluable support from all of you. I would like to recognize the support received from our partners in service, request Rtns. Supriya, Kavita Kekre & Ambica Motupali to please present bouquets as a mark of our appreciation and gratitude.

Menda Foundation – Rtn. Arjun Menda
Canfin Homes – Sri Girish Kousagi - MD
Citrix Systems
Mistral Solutions
Jayashivshakti Foundation – Sri J M Maheshwari ji/Vinod Advani
Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan – Sri K G Raghavan
Sai Spiritual Trust – Rtn. Srichand Rajpal ji
Fuel A Dream – Mr. Ranganath Thota
DPS North – Mrs. Manju Balasubramaniam

I can't thank my board enough & our club members who have been supporting me & the club's activities. Friends, in the next 7 months I have some big dreams. With all of your support, I am sure we can make a big difference to society.

Thank you



Presidential message

December 2019

**Mark Daniel Maloney
President 2019-20**

There is no experience quite like attending the Rotary International Convention. Discover the true spirit of aloha and Rotary with your family, friends, and fellow Rotarians from 6 to 10 June in Honolulu. It is the perfect setting for the entire family of Rotary to celebrate, collaborate, and connect.

There are two types of people who enjoy visits to Hawaii — those who have never been to the islands and are about to have unique and wonderful experiences, and those who have had those Hawaiian moments etched into their memories already and cannot wait to create some new ones.

The convention is the best place to find and share your aloha, which you will soon discover is much more than a greeting. Just as Rotary is a way of life for Rotarians, aloha is a way of life for Hawaiians — one that focuses on living in harmony, being patient, treating everyone with respect, and sharing joy with your family, or 'ohana.

Our host committee has arranged some fabulous events for you and your family. This includes a Hawaiian Culture and Lunch Boat Cruise, a two-hour tour that will feature spectacular views of Diamond Head, Waikiki, and the Kahala Gold Coast. On board, you can learn to play the ukulele, take part in hula dancing, and create your own Hawaiian flower lei.

You will also have the opportunity to enjoy a full range of island hospitality events, from small backyard picnics to multicourse family meals. There will be fantastic service projects to see, including two ancient Hawaiian fishponds. And a sunrise Walk for Peace will take place at the beautiful Ala Moana Beach Park, a 3-mile stroll in the shadow of the iconic Diamond Head crater.

Inside and outside the convention halls, we are going to hold the most family-friendly convention in Rotary history, including a family-centered opening ceremony and family-focused events in the House of Friendship. The opening session will, of course, include our traditional flag ceremony.

Our 2020 convention will also be a time to celebrate Rotary's historical ties to the United Nations. As I mentioned in my November message, June 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter. On the day before the start of the convention, Rotary and the UN will host our fifth joint event of 2019-20, one focused on environmental sustainability.

In addition, we are planning the greenest convention in Rotary history — and I will share more details about this in the months ahead. But now, go to riconvention.org and click the REGISTER button right below the Honolulu Hawaii 2020 logo. Early registration discount pricing ends 15 December, so do not delay.

Rotary Connects the World in no better way than at the Rotary Convention. Bring your family to meet our family. See you in Honolulu!

Secretary Rtn. A.K. Sugunan's report

Good evening,

I am glad to present to all of you the brief report on the projects accomplished by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

We started the year with the Club Assembly wherein the objectives and plans for the year were presented.

Rtn. Manoj Agrawal was installed as the 39th President, of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar by DG.

Rtn. Dr Sameer Harijan on 30 June 2019 at the NIMHANS Convention Centre while

The board of Directors were installed at Hotel Taj, MG Road on the 01st of July 2019.



Club Service:

Under the leadership of Rtn. Supriya Kandhari, the Club Service team has brought a new direction to the avenue of service.



Weekly Meetings: Weekly meetings were held regularly. We have completed 19 weekly meetings with excellent speakers talking to our members on interesting topics. One Club Assembly per month was held for periodical review of club's activities. Outstanding performance by Rotarians, Rotaractors and Anns were recognised in the weekly meetings, and they were appreciated for their contributions. A joint meeting of three clubs, Rotary Bangalore Kalyan, Rotary Bangalore North West and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was held, and another joint meeting of four clubs namely Rotary Club of Bangalore, RC Cantonment, RC South & RBI with the annual Antakshari competition was held. As expected and hoped for, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar were the winners.

Membership Development:
During the year so far, we have inducted 8 new members and 1 more member will be inducted this evening, bringing the tally to 9 new members out of which 4 are Women members.

Attendance: Club's Average attendance has been 80%

Fellowship is an important aspect of Rotary where RBI is at its best.

A fellowship was organised at Club House of Bangalore Hockey Association on 26 August after the valedictory function/meeting of the GS Randhawa Hockey tournament.

A family lunch fellowship was organised at the residence of Charter President Rtn. Udaykumar to celebrate Independence day.

ONAM was celebrated in traditional Kerala style, reflecting oneness through diversity! A variety entertainment programme performed by Rotarians, Anns and guest artists enthralled the RBlans gathered. Traditional ONASADYA was enjoyed by everyone.

"Deepavali Night was celebrated with a delectable entertainment programme at our member Rtn. Venkata Reddy's house.



Monthly club assembly & joint meetings are always followed by fellowship & dinner.

Spirit of Rotary: The committee regularly arranged visits to fellow Rotarians who are in distress and/or unable to attend meetings.

Public Image: RBI received excellent media coverage through print, FM Radio Fever 104 and TV for our community service projects & fundraiser. Karunashraya featured in a full-page article on its silver jubilee.

Fund raiser: Our Musical fund raiser, now an annual event, was Maestros 2, a tribute to the legendary composer Usha Khanna & ace singer Mohammad Rafi. We felicitated Usha Khanna with a "Vocational Excellence Award".



From July till now we have raised a total of Rs.1,15,13,614/- through crowdfunding. Ranganath Thota & his team at Fuel A Dream did a superlative job. Our CSR Partners have contributed large sum of monies for our service projects. Individual donors & our members too have contributed large sums of money.



On 17 Aug 2019, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar hosted the Club Service ICGF as lead club. It was a resounding success and received appreciation from attendees. A key aspect was the felicitation of Rotarians who have served in the Armed forces. The gesture was well appreciated. The excellent entertainment programme based on patriotism was presented by various Rotary clubs. The event was enjoyed by all.

Karnataka Rajyotsava – Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was the lead club along with Rotary Bangalore Midtown for the District Event Karnataka Sambhrama Rotary Sangama. The program was a huge hit. Event Chair PP Ambika Narayan did a fabulous job.

Finance – All statutory dues have been paid promptly, monthly accounts are submitted at the Board meeting & reviewed.

Community Service:

Avenue director, Rtn. Ambica Motupali supported by Dy Director Rtn. Philip George and the team of Community Service Avenue are doing a great job.

Mother & Child

Anganwadi Renovation – We have completed renovation of 100 Anganwadis, a symbolic achievement – to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in India. A big thanks to our CSR partners for their support & Rtn. Fazal & IPP Rtn. Jagadeesh for passionately driving this project.



Heart care:

NHF / RBI Joint Heart Surgery Program: In this year, we have completed 80 Heart surgeries



Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre (CRC): Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre (CRC), a project of RBI in association with Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular sciences and Research, Bangalore, and Needy Heart Foundation was inaugurated by TRF trustee chair, Gary CK Huang along with Ann Carolina in presence of Trustee Gulam Vahanvati, Dr. CN Manjunath, and DG Dr. Sameer Hariani. A big thank you to PP Rtn. O P Khanna, PP Rtn. Krishnan Menon & Rtn. Amarnath Tandon for their wonderful support. It's

first such facility of its kind in South India.

Karunashraya: In it's silver jubilee year it has offered palliative care to 1281 patients. The 25th anniversary celebrations of Karunashraya were on 03 November 2019 at Hotel Taj MG Road. Karunashraya is poised for expansion with a Palliative Care Training Institute & Research Centre. This is being set up at Karunashraya and Construction for the new building has started. Rtn. Wing Cdr (Retd) Ashok Saraf has committed Rs 60 Lakhs for this project. Total cost of the project is Rs. 6 Crores.



Eye care: Both our Eye Care Hospitals Netradeep Kolar & Tumkur are doing well, through regular screening & camps. They have performed 1647 cataract surgeries so far.

Pediatric Chemotherapy – This year we started a new project- providing **Chemotherapy** support to children. For this joint project with Rotary Bangalore Southwest, we have raised Rs.60 lacs towards this project through crowdfunding. Thank you, teachers & students of DPS North & Fuel-A-Dream for raising the funds.

Blood Donation: Our Blood donation champion Lata Amashi is doing an amazing job. We have so far collected over 6100 units of blood from 80 camps.

T-E-A-C-H: Teachers' Training on 'Accountability and Responsibility', 'Values, Ethics and Behaviour were carried out at Army Public School, Navaprajna Public School and is scheduled to be conducted in other schools in December 2019. Rtn. Sanjay Dugar, a professional facilitator and his team conducted sessions as a voluntary service. Rtn. Kumar is doing an amazing work. **113 Teachers** from different schools were trained under the Teacher's training program.



Adult literacy Classes: Adult literacy classes at Little Flower English School under the leadership of Secretary Sugunan were restarted. Classes are regularly held. An awareness Programme was arranged at the centre wherein PDG Manjunatha Shetty, the Zonal Literacy Committee, RILM, PDG Mathura Chatrapati, Chairman District T-E-A-C-H, committee and Rtn. Gurunagesh, Chairman, District literacy Committee attended the program.

Child Development: We completed a Workshop on 'Team building' for 39 Grade X students at Navaprajna Public School, on Aug 24. Rtn. Sanjay Dugar and his team of facilitators led the event.

A Painting competition is scheduled for the 12th of January 2020 at Cubbon Park, Bal Bhavan.

Happy Schools:

975 Benches and desks have been distributed to various schools.

Uniforms and Books have been donated to Huttins school students on August 15th 2019, these were sponsored by Rtn. Karthik Reddy and Rtn. Balakrishnan.

W I N S

Ann Sowmya conducted a workshop on "Menstrual Hygiene" in the Govt First Degree College, Hoskote for 146 girls and at BGMS for 75 girls. We plan to extend this new initiative to other schools as well. We have identified 10 schools attached to the Anganwadis to start the W I N S Programme. Work on these will commence shortly.



Scholarship - Vidyadaan: The scholarship programme of RBI supporting deserving economically underprivileged students in their higher education is growing with each passing year. This year we have successfully supported 501 students.

Rajeev Menon Memorial Trophy: An outstanding student from the Government High School, Hoodi has been awarded with the Rajeev Menon memorial Trophy along with scholarship to class 11 and beyond to degree. Thank you, PP Dr. Krishnan Menon for making this happen.

GS Khanna Excellence Award: GS Khanna Awards were presented to high school students who excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. A Total of Rs 94,000/- has been disbursed so far. Thank you PP Rtn. O P Khanna ji for instituting this award.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Director Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan and his team infused new life in the International Service Avenue's activities.

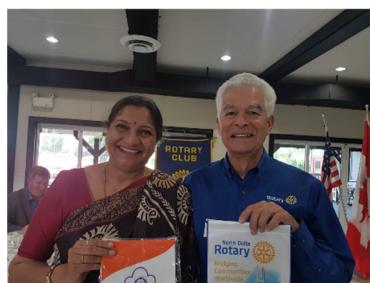
In the International month, we invited an appropriate speaker, Dr. Veena Ravikumar to address us on the 11th of November. A senior international relations faculty member at Lady Shri Ram College, she spoke on India's foreign policy and comparative politics. The talk covered areas such as India's boundaries, protecting the Indian Republic, non-aggression, equality and peaceful co-existence.

An International Night has been scheduled for 6th of January 2020, to promote Rotary in the International Forum. The event will feature a live English musical extravaganza, best International Dress competition, a ballet dance and a stand-up comedy performance

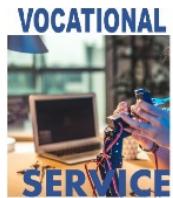
For the Rotary Foundation, many of our members like Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal, PP Rtn. O P Khanna, Rtn. Chandrasekar Vishwanath, PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy, and Rtn. Wg. Cdr. Ashok Saraf contributed generously for a total contribution to the foundation to the tune of 240 thousand dollars.

In addition, this evening we are honouring Ranganath Thota of Fuel-a-Dream and Vinod Advani of JSS Foundation with Honorary PHFs for their invaluable contributions to Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

As for Global Grants, we have successfully utilised seven global grants and completed the associated projects. Only one Global Grant is still a work in process. We have also planned to apply for seven new Global Grants, initiated and supported by various members of our club. In the area of promoting International Friendship and Cooperation, we have planned for family overseas trip to Russia in April 2020. In addition, our Club Service Director, Supriya Kandhari, attended a meeting of Rotary Club of North Delta, Canada on the 19th of July 2019, Rtn. Philip George exchanged flags with Rotary Club of Washington (Dist 7620) and pinned our flag on their wall on 3rd October 2019 while Rtn. Chandramouli attended a meeting at Rotary Club of Los Altos and exchanged flags with President Ms. Debbie Walker on 25th October 2019.



Last but not the least, in line with this year's Rotary International theme, Rotary Connects the World, our Global Networking Group is convincing members to join at least one of the various Rotary International Fellowship groups of their choice.



Director Rtn. Gopinath Narayanan and his team have ushered in a new dimension.

Vocational Month was celebrated befittingly with a vibrant panel discussion on the Rotary Mission Statement. The panelists were IPDG Suresh Hari, PDG P M Bhansali & PP Karthik Reddy. The discussion was moderated by President Manoj Agarwal.

Vocational Training – At Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan's Gandhi Institute of Computer Education & Information Technology, a batch of 80 students have graduated and a second batch of 80 students is undergoing a Computer Course at the Gandhi Institute.

With Jeevika Skills, one batch of 35 students completed their banking course at the K R Puram Center, while a second batch of 30 students is undergoing the banking course at Bommanahalli.

Vocational Excellence Awards were conferred on legendary Music Composer Usha Khanna, and famous cine & theatre artist Prakash Belwadi.



Career Guidance – Career Guidance sessions were conducted in 6 schools with 8 sessions benefitting 400 students. Great work done by Rtn. K.S. Kumar & team.

A **4 Way Test** seminar is being organized jointly with District 3190's Vocational Avenue group, in the next few months and build on the momentum set by last year's 4WT panel discussion conducted by RBI.

Vocational Visits – On last Saturday our members visited the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center & Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research.



Rtn. Ajay Gupta, Director Youth Service and his team have achieved wonders.

Interact: Four new Interact clubs were added this year (Sree Cauvery PU College, Airforce High School, Little Flower English High School and Charan's PU College). Installation of the existing nine Interact Clubs were also completed.





Installation of our 4 Rotaract Clubs

1. Rotaract Club Community based Indiranagar on 16/07/2019
2. Surana Collage Rotaract on 30/08/2019
3. Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (XIME) on 04/09/2019
4. Govt. First Grade College, KR Puram on 09/09/2019

The Interact clubs and Rotaract Clubs have carried out projects such as organizing funfairs, Food Drive, visits to Karunashraya and BGMS. They also participated in RILM's programme on Literacy. Our community based Rotaract club donated Rs. One Lakh each to Karunashraya and BGMS on their Installation.

G S Randhawa Memorial Inter School Hockey Tournament

The 29th edition of the Dr. G S Randhawa Memorial Inter School Hockey Tournament for Boys was conducted during third week of August in association with the Karnataka State Hockey Association at their Astroturf field. The Finals and Valedictory function were conducted on 26th August at the Club House of the Hockey Association. The tournament attracted good press coverage throughout the tournament.



Ragalahari 2019: We organised the 3rd edition of our Classical music and Dance competition for children on 10th November 2019. 189 youngsters participated in 200 unique performances. This event is aimed at promoting Carnatic Classical Music & Bharatanatyam among youth.

The SAEVUS ECO- ACHIEVERS QUIZ 2019-20 was conducted on Saturday 9th November.

An Athletic meet for Rural Government Schools and our adopted schools, held on 27th August at Hoskote attracted nearly 300 students in various track & field events.





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Anne Mahadevi Rajamane	02
Anne Meera Parikh	02
Rtn. Prakash Venkataraman	07
Rtn. Mamata Tayal	11
Anne Kuki Bhupinder Lamba	12
Anne Savita Kaura	12
Anne Pushpa Nawka	15
Rtn. Karthikeya Reddy K	17
Anne Padma Balsubramani	17
Anne Sneha Prabha Khanna	18
Rtn. Pradeep Visvanathan	18
Anne. Sathi Ram Menon	20
Anne Simran Gulati	21
Rtn. Damodar Nawka	24
Anne Aloka S K Chakraborty	24
Spouse Prasad R (Rtn.Ambica)	25
Rtn. Sujeeth Joseph	25
Rtn. Lokesh N Vemulkar	25
Anne Sadia Ismail	25
Rtn. Udaya Kumar S	31

ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

Lata & Prabhat Amashi	04
Dr. Supriya & Ajith Kumar Rai	04
Dr. Jayashree & Vijay Kumar Mane	05
Harish Kumar Anand & Sindhoo	05
Mamata & Naveen Tayal	11
Meera & Mahesh Parikh	11
Deeksha & Deepak Agrawal	11
Sushama & Rajendra Karnawat	12
Rakhi K & Mahesh Thakurdas	13
Sathi & Ram Menon	14
Kavita & Shashank Kekre	18
Mala & Ranjan Bhandary M K	23
Vasant & Suresh Patel D	27
Dena & Rejin Chalappuram	27
Valsala & Sivasankaran N	28
Sharada & Vidyut Bhaskar Shenoy	29
Kavitha & Sujeeth Joseph	29

DECEMBER IS

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

"The prevention of disease today is one of the most important factors in line of human endeavor." Charles Mayo

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KEY DATES IN DECEMBER

- 09 Joint meeting with Rotary Bangalore West to honor Dr. C N Manjunath with Cardiovascular Sciences and Research with Gift of Life Award
- 12-16 RBI trip to Bhubaneswar, Puri, & Konark
- 12 Joint meeting with Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Friends
- 21 ICGF on Public Image. RI President Nominee Rtn. Sekhar Mehta will be felicitated
- TBD Joint meeting at Karunashraya to celebrate Christmas

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From the Editor's desk

**Dear Reader,**

A lot can happen in a day. And considering that it has been 40 days since the 6th issue of SEVA, the current issue has turned out mega given the extent of ground it covers. The next issue of SEVA will feature the Governor's Official visit.

A group of 31 Rotarians and family members had a successful Odisha sojourn in mid-December 2019. A vivid essay on that trip commences on page 02.

One community service project that figures constantly in RBI's discourse is our heart surgeries project. PDG Ravi Bhooplapur - trustee of **Gift of Life** that regularly contributes to this project, visited RBI on 9th December 2019 and addressed us just before he felicitated eminent cardiac surgeon Dr. C.N. Manjunath with the **Gift of Life Award**. We cover that event on page 05.

On 23rd December 2019, a group of 15 bikers was welcomed at RHOS. They were led by an IFMRer from Rotary Thane ACES on a Bharat-Ke-Veer mission. Read about them at RHOS on Page 05.

Our Anganwadi Restoration project surges on. RBI's score passed the 100 mark and 150 looks well within sight. It required little persuasion for project chair, RBI President Nominee Rtn Fazal-Ur-Rahman, to pen a detailed article on the project. Read about this epochal project and more from page 07.

On pages 10 and 11 we chronicle a first of a kind lake revival project that turned the weed encrusted Lake Manae into an oasis for animals in summer. 5 students of Grade 8 at Vidyashilp Academy who raised funds for the project through crowdfunding will be showcasing this WFUNA (World Federation of UN Associations) project at UN HQ in NY in February 2020. Our best wishes for their continued success.

The fantastic effort of Dist 3190 in RI year 2019-20 under IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari got recognized at Rotary Zone Institute at Indore. The awards list is on Page 11.

RBI's stupendous International Night on 6th Jan 2020 at Bangalore International Centre is detailed on Page 12.

RIPN Rtn. Shekhar Mehta was felicitated by RI Dist 3190 at its ICGF on 21st Dec, 2019. As always, RBI played a vital role. A brief account ensues on page 14.

RBI's annual sub-junior non-medallist swimming competition was held on 25th Dec. A poolside view unfolds on page 15.

Do share your feedback on this issue of SEVA at SEVA.RCBI@GMAIL.COM.

For earlier SEVA issues visit <https://www.rotaryindiranagar.org/newsletters/>

Happy Reading.

Vidhy Shenoy

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ODISHA – INDIA'S BEST KEPT SECRET (12th Dec 2019 to 16th Dec 2019)

Orissa had always been on my bucket list, and thanks to RBI, it got ticked off.



33 excited travellers were at the airport even before the Sun lord was up!! Thus began RBI's 'Odisha Sojourn'. We started by wishing Rtn Savita Kaura on her birthday as also Ann Sushma & Rtn Rajendra Karnawat on their anniversary. Upon arriving at Bhubaneshwar, we were warmly welcomed by members of **Rotary Club of Bhubaneshwar Friends**.



After checking-in to the hotel and tucking in a sumptuous breakfast, the group headed to the neatly maintained, **Khandagiri** and **Udayagiri** Caves. The partly natural and partly artificial caves near Bhubaneshwar have archaeological, historical and religious significance. The caves are situated on two hills, Udayagiri and Khandagiri, mentioned as Kumari Parvata in the Hathigumpha inscription. The innumerable finely and ornately carved caves were built in 2nd-century BCE. Most of these caves are believed to have been carved out as residential blocks for Jain monks during King Kharavela's reign. Udayagiri means "Sunrise Hill" and has 18 caves while Khandagiri has 15 caves.

Next, we headed to Bhubaneshwar's largest temple - **Lingaraja temple**. Its central tower stands 180 ft (55 m) tall. The temple represents quintessential Kalinga architecture around the end of the local architectural tradition's medieval stage.

Our lunch at Bhubaneshwar Club was very well organized by RCB Friends. With so many ladies around, the discussion topic at lunch was whether to go shopping right after lunch or after resting a bit. The majority (read ladies') view prevailed, and it was shopping time at 'Priyadarshini'. The ladies went gaga over the saris and turned out an unexpected bonanza for the shopkeeper. They were a happy lot that evening, though not yet satiated!!

Rtn. Asha Vaswani had thoughtfully picked up a cake from Bangalore. In the evening, we celebrated Rtn. Savita Kaura's birthday in the hotel foyer as also the Karnawat's anniversary.

Then it was time for the Rotary meeting **BANDHUTWA**, organized by Rotary Club of Bhubaneshwar Friends (Club 84183 - District 3262). The stage was occupied by DG Rtn Debasis De (Dist 3262), Club President Rtn Ranjan Misra, Secretary Rtn Prajakta Debroy, Chairman Rtn Vijay Agarwal and our own Agarwal, RBI President Manoj.



The meeting started by welcoming us. President Manoj Agarwal then briefly covered RBI's marque achievements and projects. DG Rtn De gave the highlights of activities in District 3262. RCB Friends felicitated each of us individually with a personalized plaque.

The cocktails and sumptuous dinner was made livelier, by dance & music. Members of both clubs joined in the fun, with Mamtha Padhi (RCB), Sowmya and Vidyut rendering some soulful numbers.

Cake cutting for the birthday girl and anniversary couple followed. The BANDHUTWA of RCB Friends was overwhelming and their hospitality amazing. It brought the curtains down on a long, yet fulfilling Day 1.



Day 2 was our day out at Asia's biggest Salt water lake, **Chilika Lake**. The noisy bus ride was enlivened with Antakshari by our very own music enthusiasts. It was a lovely day for the two hour round trip boat ride, with a brief stopover at the colourful Goddess **Kalijai Temple (Kali)** located on an island on Chilika Lake.



Post lunch, we headed back to the hotel. But, the ladies refused to be held back!! Some went silver shopping, while others shopped for saris. By chance there was an exhibition by weavers at the hotel. Another terrific day done, we looked forward to the next day's interesting schedule.



Early on Day 3, we set off to **Dhauli**, an area where the Kalinga War was fought. Presumably, King Ashoka after seeing the bloodshed, embraced Buddhism right there. The Shanti Stupa at Dhauligiri is also known as the Peace Pagoda. It was indeed a peaceful and calming place.

We then headed to **Pipli**, and you guessed it, for more shopping, this time for Applique handicrafts made by local artisans. It was a beautiful and colourful feast for the eyes.

Then it was time for one of the high points of our trip – The **Konark Sun Temple**, where we had a guided tour. Its symbolic architecture is a chariot whose twelve pairs of wheels that represent 12 months of the Hindu calendar, with each month paired into two cycles (Shukla and Krishna). Our Guide explained the significance of each of these wheels. It would be a gross understatement to state how beautiful the monument is. The creativity and skill of the 13th century artisans was simply incredible.



Post lunch, we headed to Puri, the holy land. All of us were blessed with a wonderful Darshan of the Lord at Jagannath temple that evening. And thanks to President Manoj we had the Prasad delivered to our hotel by night.



Sunday was a lazy day at the beach for some. A few went to the Satpada side of Lake Chilika to watch rollicking dolphins while others shopped. A little birdie, who made some fast bucks, spoke of a card session too! A

A few accompanied President Manoj and first lady



Manju on a nostalgic trip to his childhood home and school, as also the



Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose museum.



The day's highlight though, was the Mahaprasad, known as 'Abadha', arranged by our President. Kudos to him for his untiring effort to ensure the trip succeeded!! The Mahaprasad brought to the hotel as a head load, was served as per tradition on banana leaves. Cooked in pure ghee, it was divinely satisfying and filling. All at the table were barefooted as per tradition. We were truly blessed. The relaxed evening had lots of 'gupshup', followed by dinner.



Some early birds, got a second Darshan of the Lord early on Monday (Day 5) morning. After



breakfast, we headed to Bhubhaneshwar for our return flight. Enroute, we gleefully learnt that our flight had got delayed and (yippee!!) our holiday was extended by a few more hours. We got an opportunity to see the beautiful **Raja-Rani** temple. Odisha Crafts Museum - **Kalaboomi**

became an added attraction for us and made for yet another shopping event. A group member calculated that the RBI group will have contributed significantly to Odisha's economy given the quantum of artefacts, jewellery, cloths, cashew nuts and local goodies that we all purchased.



Our joyous trip went off flawlessly thanks to the wonderful planning, execution and personal involvement of President Manoj, perfect hostess First Lady Manju, Rtn. Supriya Kandhari & Chrysalis Holidays and the unflappable camaraderie of Rotarians and Anns on the trip.

President Manoj's untiring efforts in taking care of the smallest of details during the entire trip, was commendable. 'Rotary Club of Bhubaneshwar Friends' was omnipresent, ever ready to guide and help us at all times from Arrival to Departure. Kudos to their **Bandhutwa** spirit !!

We will cherish fond memories of this Odisha trip and cannot wait to be on the next trip that RBI arranges.

Contributed by Ann Radha Kumar

The Gift of Life

RBI's 21st weekly meeting on 9th December 2019 at RHOS, was held jointly with Rotary Bangalore West. The guests of honour were Dr. C N Manjunath Director Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Science and Research, PDG Ravishankar 'Ravi' Bhooplapur (RI District 7255), DG Dr. Sameer Hariani and former Solicitor General of India Justice Santosh Hegde.

The meeting focussed on Gift of Life, a humanitarian organization that funds heart surgeries in India. It has helped many children get a lease of life. PDG Ravi Bhooplapur, who conceived of GoL, was noticeably excited at the event.

RHOS was overflowing with Rotarians from RBI and Rotary West. Dr. Manjunath was conferred the 'Gift of life' Award by PDG Ravi Bhooplapur for his yeoman efforts in Cardiac Care. Dr. Manjunath, after gratefully accepting the award shared his experiences with cardiac care in India, especially among the needy of our society. He then spoke of the thousands of cases that he has personally dealt with, and how RBI and Gift of Life have both helped to provide a new lease of life for young children with a bad heart condition. He shared his vision for the future of the Jayadeva Institute of Cardio Vascular Science and Research, and how RBI remains an integral part thereof.



In his keynote address, Justice Hegde recounted some of his first hand experiences, in helping the poor secure quality health services. He felt that organizations like JICSR, Gift of Life and



Rotary were doing a lot to help the poor, but a lot more needs to be done. He believes that health care professionals need to show their human face to poor patients, like Dr. Manjunath does.

Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal was presented his Arch Klumph Society plaque that had recently arrived, making him the 3rd RBI member to be an AKS member.

The evening ended with fellowship and dinner.

Bharat Ke Veer

The 23rd weekly meeting of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was held at RHOS on Monday 23rd Dec 2019. 15 Bikers led by IFMR member Rtn. Dr. Sudarshan L Singh of Rotary Club of Thane Aces, RI District 3142 were felicitated. The riders rode their Harley's through the Golden Quadrilateral imploring people to donate to Bharat-ke-Veer. Having started from Thane they were on the last quarter of their journey as they entered Bangalore.

In keeping with the day's theme, 3 RBI Rotarians all former defence services officers representing the three arms of our armed forces, spoke about their respective service wings. Lt Col (Retd) Lester Herbert spoke about the Army covering its vast range of activities. He spoke about the NSG, amphibian personnel carriers and air wings. Rear Admiral (Retd.) Ravindra Gaikwad, detailed the Navy's unceasing role around the peninsula and beyond to keep India's maritime interests secure by patrolling the vast seas. In particular he highlighted the speed with which the Navy neutralizes external threats thru the submarine force and the role of aircraft carriers therein. Wing Cdr (Retd.) Ashok Saraf's ex-tempore talk was incisive and humorous as well. He focussed on the variety of planes in IAF and described their support to other arms of defence service.

Bharat-Ke-Veer bike expedition leader Rtn. Dr. Sudarshan L Singh explained the complexities of a long expedition that covers many different terrains. He spoke of various challenges and their quick resolution. Through a crisp talk he exhorted RBlans to contribute to the cause that is close to their hearts. He ended his speech (as a physiotherapist) with tips for all of us. The expedition hopes to garner Rs. 1 Crore for Bharat Ke Veer. *In a follow up to the request, RBlans pledged over Rs. 1.5 Lakhs to the cause.* Some others have contributed directly.

Rtn. Kavita Kekre was presented the Dazzling Rotarian of September 2019 for her extraordinary effort in making RBI's Musical fundraiser Maestros 2 a resounding success.

The meeting was followed by a special musical fellowship featuring patriotic songs by RBlans and IFRM members. Fellowship and simple dinner topped an intense day at the office for the visiting biking team. Here are some images from that awesome evening.



Club Assembly

The 24th weekly meeting of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was the monthly club Assembly held at RHOS on Monday 30th Dec 2019. The primary objective was to take stock of the progress of projects in all 5 avenues.

In a small deviation, the projects discussions were preceded by a short pictorial presentation on the recent 33-person RBI visit to Odisha. Rtn. Manju Verma and Ann Sharada Shenoy covered the tour well in about 15 minutes.



ANGANWADI RESTORATION PROJECT

An Anganwadi is a mother and child care centre in India. It was started by the Indian government in 1975 as part of the Integrated Child Development Services program to combat child hunger and malnutrition.

The objectives of the Integrated Child Development Services Program are:

- To improve nutritional and health status of children in the ages 0 to 6 years
- To reduce incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school drop-out
- To achieve effective coordination of policy and implementation among various departments to promote child development
- To enhance the capability of a mother to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of her child, through proper health and nutrition education



Anganwadis in Karnataka provide the following facilities to a mother and child:

1. Children between the ages of 3 to 6 years spend Monday to Saturday between 9-30 am and 4 pm at the anganwadis. They are provided a nutritional snack and a hot lunch, the provisions for which are supplied by the government. They participate in pre-school activities such as singing nursery rhymes, learning the alphabet and numbers, and playing with educational toys. They also enjoy their afternoon siesta.
2. Monthly provisions for children between the ages of 6 months and 3 years are provided to their mothers by the anganwadis. The mothers thus have the ingredients to cook meals at home for their young children.
3. The growth & health of children is monitored. Their weight and height is recorded at regular intervals and doctors visit periodically. Growth charts are maintained for every child.
4. All pregnant women and nursing mothers are also provided a hot lunch.

Project genesis, early success and calibration

Sonahallipura is a village in Hoskote Taluk of Karnataka at which Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar has, over the years, carried out numerous projects like dental camps, general health camps, weekly clinics, animal health camps, gifting cows to needy women, installation of solar streetlights, renovation of government school and construction of bus shelter, under its ‘Rural Development Project’.

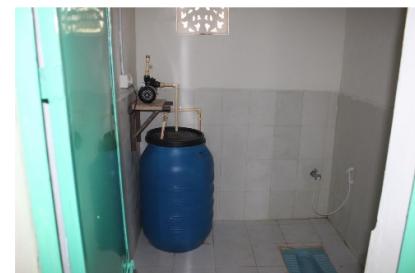
Sonahallipura also had a poorly maintained anganwadi located in the government school campus at which smart and eager young children in the age group of 3 to 6 years spent the entire day in dull, dark and dreary conditions. The toilet in the anganwadi was in disuse as there was no plumbing and no water connection. With the idea of giving these children a clean, bright and cheerful environment and a hygienic toilet, renovation of the first anganwadi was undertaken at Sonahallipura as part of our Rural Development project during 2016-17. The renovated anganwadi at Sonahallipura was much appreciated by children, their parents and other inhabitants of the village.

During 2017-18, two more anganwadis were renovated as a pilot initiative under the newly christened “Anganwadi Restoration Project” at Kammasandra and Lakhondhalli villages in Hoskote Taluk. It was very apparent to all who visited the three renovated anganwadis, that the improved conditions had significantly bettered lives of anganwadi going children. The ‘Anganwadi Restoration Project’ had thus proved its worthiness and was here to stay.

Our focused specifics

What did we do while renovating the anganwadis to warrant so much appreciation?

- We redid the entire anganwadi flooring using high quality vitrified tiles
- Provided a working platform and washing sink in the kitchen
- Provided storage shelves in the storeroom
- Provided a ground level water tank and an overhead water tank with the necessary water pump
- Redid the toilet with ceramic floor tiles and glazed wall tiles
- Provided necessary plumbing in the kitchen and toilet to ensure running water
- Redid waterproofing on the roof
- Fixed a steel mesh on windows to solve the monkey problem
- Redid electrical wiring and provided a light point in every room and a power socket in the kitchen
- Did external & internal painting of the Anganwadi building including doors & windows



After deliberations within Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's 'Strategic Planning Committee', it was decided to give greater thrust and attention to the "Anganwadi Restoration Project" from 2018-19 onwards. To motivate Rotarians of the Club, a target of renovating at least 100 anganwadis between 2018-19 and 2021-22 was set and the task of raising funds for this project commenced in right earnest.

The project caught the imagination of our Rotarians as well as corporate sponsors who came forward without much persuasion to sponsor renovation of anganwadis.

As on 6th December 2019, a total of 100 anganwadis have already been renovated and dedicated to children of the respective villages and localities under our "Anganwadi Restoration Project" (57 of them in Hoskote Taluk, 28 in Anekal Taluk, 5 in Bangalore South Taluk & 10 in Bangalore North Taluk). Renovation work on many other anganwadis has commenced and is presently in progress. We believe that a good Anganwadi gives young children a strong start to a healthy life. It also relieves young mothers the onerous task of procuring healthy food for their little ones.

Given extensive media coverage that it receives, the project has ensured a very positive image for Rotary in general and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar in particular.

Rotarians who have made this possible through their personal sponsorships or through sponsorships from their family members, well-wishers or companies are PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain, Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan (Commit Technologies Pvt. Ltd.), Rtn. V. Venkata Reddy, IPP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh (Ms. K.M. Thirumala & Mr. Chempi Madhava Pai & family), Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal (Nagel Special Machines Pvt. Ltd.), PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna, Rtn. Lokesh N. Vemulkar, PP Rtn. Amarnath Tandon, Rtn. Sanjay K. Srivatsava, PP Rtn. Ajith Kumar Rai, Rtn. G.J. Raja, Rtn. Kamalavadani Udayakumar, Rtn. A.K. Sugunan (Forum for Former LRDEians), Rtn. Sanjay Koppikar, Rtn. Ashok Maheshwari (Garcicon India Pvt. Ltd.), PP Rtn. Suresh D. Patel, Rtn. Joseph Abraham (Ms. Divya Gulati) and Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman.

Corporates who have partnered with us, under CSR or otherwise, are M/s. Mistral Solutions Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Rarewala Steels & Alloys Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Citrix R&D India Pvt. Ltd., M/s. Tommy

Hilfiger and M/s. Can Fin Homes Limited. The Bothra Foundation has also associated with us in this project. IPP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh, Rtn. Guna Thantry, PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy, Rtn. R. Kesavadas & Rtn. Fazal Ur Rahaman have been instrumental in sourcing the funds from the aforementioned corporates under CSR.

IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari S. also extended great support to this project under District Grants.

We sincerely thank all our sponsors and partners for having joined hands with Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar in this project.

With further support from members of our Rotary family and our many corporate partners in service, we hope to reach our second milestone of 150 anganwadis before the end of Rotary year 2019-20.

Contributed by Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahaman

RBI's 98th renovated Anganwadi inaugurated at Devasandra

When Rtns. Fazal and Narssi drove a bunch of RBlans to Devasandra, we looked forward to meeting new folks. The day turned out superb for an outing in pristine Hoskote rural, and we enjoyed every bit. With Hoskote's terrain and geography mapped firmly in his mind, Fazal's drove us unhesitatingly through a maze of good rural roads to an anganwadi full of people. Narssi followed in his car. The Koppikar family which funded the renovation was in full force.

Fazal knew just about everyone there, a result of his perseverance in getting Anganwadis turned out anew. It was evident that he had visited the place more often than he let out, a wonderful testimony to his single-minded pursuit of driving the anganwadi renovation project. RBI could not have had a better project ambassador.

He explained the etiquette as we approached the renewed structure. The clean ground covered with a fresh, clean and dry coat of cowdung gave off a great earthy smell. A rice flour rangoli but not a speck of unwanted stuff adorned it. It felt sacred, perhaps expressing the villagers' thoughts.

After the ribbon-cutting we were taken on a proud tour of the spotlessly clean interiors by grateful village adults accompanied by a well turned out bunch of curious, enthusiastic and happy young kids. A simple dedication ceremony kick-started the activities.



The Koppikars were ready too. Sanjay with his quick wit and Kannada expertise and Varsha with her homemade laddoos that she distributed to the children. An RO water purifier cum storage device was also gifted on behalf of employees of Quadwave by Rtn. Sanjay Koppikar.

Devasandra showered us with simple village hospitality - traditional hot coffee in steel cups, with Marie biscuits. Us city dwellers got chairs to sit on, while the locals, (Varsha, Sanjay and Narssi too) sat on the floor.



Once the coffee had settled, the children regaled us with the Kannada Nadu song and their pledge to India. They eagerly looked forward to their new anganwadi.

Villagers had requests such as concretizing the school ground to make it easier for children during rains. We explained that doing so will deprive the village of precious groundwater, and that alternatives will need to be worked out.

We walked away satisfied but wished we could have stayed longer at the village.

A big thank you to Fazal and the Koppikars.

3 more Anganwadi's in Bangalore North Taluk

Three renovated Anganwadis were dedicated to children at Sudhamanagar (Centre 1), Papareddy Palya & Mallathahalli in Bangalore North Taluk. They were sponsored by Chempi Madhava Pai & Family, Rtn. Joseph Abraham & Family (in memory of his father Mr. Vattakuzhy L. Abraham) and PP Rtn. Suresh D. Patel & Family (in memory of his parents) respectively. The Anganwadis were ready but could not be dedicated earlier.

Here are a couple of pictures from these events held on 6th January 2020.



LAKE REVIVAL

Quietly and without much fuss, one of our newest Rotarians, Rtn. Saravanan Kasthuri, worked hard to ensure that Lake Manae near Banerghatta in Bengaluru South got revived. As on 5th December 2019, 70% of the lake was filled with weeds. RBI, in association with Bengaluru's Lake man **Anand Malligavad**, and the Rs. 8.27 Lakhs raised by **5 students of Vidyashilp Academy** through crowd funding, revived the lake in 22 days. The project was declared complete on 31st December 2019. The revived wildlife lake which is in the elephant corridor of Banerghatta, is expected to provide drinking water to cattle, sheep & wild animals during the summer. The funds were used to cover the costs of hiring multiple earth movers, diesel, bunding and stone pitching on site. Hopefully many such moribund lakes in Bengaluru will get a new lease of life through RBI's lake revival project. It is probably the first such project in India. The 5 students visited the site every weekend and learned salient aspects of reviving lakes from the Lake Man himself. It is with pride that they will showcase this project next month at the United Nations Headquarters in New York as part of WFUNA (World Federation of UN Associations).

It was a wonderful new year gift to Bengaluru in Rotary's centennial year in India.

Kudos to the 5 students of Vidyashilp Academy who raised the money, Anand Malligavad for planning and executing the project and Rtn. Saravanan for his continuous support.

We trace the progress through a series of images during various stages of the project.

A weedy lake at the beginning



Clearing of the lake underway



Bunds being built.



The lake brimming with water



Stages captured from Lake revival video

Awards for District 3190 under IPDG PP Rtn. Suresh Hari

At a recently held recognition event at the Rotary Zone Institute at Indore, our PP IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari was conferred the following awards:

1. World Rank - 1 Highest Total Contribution to TRF
2. Rank 1 Highest Contribution to Annual Fund
3. World Rank - 1 Highest Total Endowment Fund
4. Rank - 1 Highest per capita APF Contribution to TRF
5. Nitish Laharry Trophy for All India Highest Contribution to TRF
6. Binota and Kalyan Banerjee Trophy for All India Highest contribution under his able leadership
7. Second highest Rotaract club formation
8. Public image exemplary work



In the picture above he is seen flanked by various dignitaries including DG Dr. Sameer Hariani

**INTERNATIONAL NIGHT**

Where can you meet Sheikhs and their bevy of Burqa clad ladies, cowboys and cowgirls, a Pharaoh, Cleopatra, Sherlock Holmes, Watson, a Japanese spiritual judoka, Bhutanese men and women, Hawaiian Leis, shirts and shorts, Mexican senors and señoritas, Chinese couples and the Dalai Lama - all in one place? Just connect the dots and you discover



Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and Rotary Bangalore RMV held the audience spellbound at Bangalore International Centre when in-house talent (members and spouses) put forth a ramp walk of/for the world by showcasing themselves in international attire at the International Night. Add to that a bunch of NYOTHS in their element with guitars, a keyboard, drums and good ole singing, and Salsa and Contemporary dances, a stand-up comedian, and cocktails. What you got was a fun filled potboiler. The event on 6th Jan 2020 celebrated International Night. DG Dr. Sameer Hariani and Dist Director International Service Avenue Rtn. Rajesh Hiremath were very pleased with the outcome. Rtn. Hiremath felt that the concept ought to be reproduced across all clubs in the district to foster an International spirit.

President Manoj Agarwal, Director International Service Avenue Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan and Rtn. Shridhar Pishay led all of RBI and Rotary RMV to an unassailable level that evening.

What or who are NYOTHS ... individuals who are not yet over the hill aka PP Rtn. Pradeep Viswanathan and team. They treated us to some wonderfully foot tapping retro western music. It was closely followed by Aastha and Pushyank performing contemporary dance. Kim and Faith then regaled us with a Salsa performance. Rupen Paul had us in splits as he put forth utterly common happenings with a deliciously funny twist.

All good things must come to an end they say ... and it did, but only to another great element. Cocktails and dinner. The dinner was continental and delicious. Added to that was soulful lounge music by Fabian.

Enjoy these memories of the event ..







ICGF - Public Image

At the recent ICGF - Public Image UTSAV held at TAJ BIAL on 21st Dec 2019, **RIPN Rtn. Shekhar Mehta** was accorded a rousing welcome by RI District 3190. DG Sameer Hariani was accompanied by a host of District dignitaries, Rotarians and family members.

RBI's Choir as always dazzled, with Christmas Carols and Rotary songs.

In the picture alongside, **Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal** is felicitated by RIPN Rtn. **Shekhar Mehta** on the AKS status he recently acquired. Also seen are Ann Saroj Agarwal, DG Dr. Sameer Hariani and President Manoj Agarwal.





Non-medallist swimming competition for sub-juniors

It was thrilling to see youngsters jump into the Basavanagudi Aquatic Centre pool's cold morning waters, encouraged by their enthusiastic parents. Their joy in the pool was amazingly evident. And this at 07:00 when most of the city was still in bed on a cold Christmas morning. The dedication of children and parents alike needs to be commended.

The non-medallist stature of participants ensured that 178 participants from across the state competed in 28 events in 3 age groups. The 3 groupings were Group III (participants born in 2007,2008), GROUP IV (born in 2009,2010) and GROUP V (2011 born). Each group had 4 individual events (Freestyle, Backstroke, Butterfly Stroke and Breast stroke) for boys and girls. Making it 8 events per age group. Groups III and IV also had medleys for each gender.

From the poolside, enthusiastic "swimming parents" encouraged their young wards to give off their best. And their children obliged. Every child in the pool was a winner, and those who came first, second and third in their specific event were given recognition certificates. Every child who competed received a participation certificate. In due course, some of these children will emerge hopefully as international swimmers and bring glory to our nation.

PP Harpreet Singh Rana treated all Rotarians present that morning to Idlis and Coffee at the nearby Brahmin's Cafe.

Here are a few memories of that wintry cold day made warm by enthusiastic young kids and their parents.

With inputs from PP Rtn. Harpreet Rana



Editor's note: PP Rtn. Harpreet Singh Rana, a "swimming parent" earlier, has voluntarily associated himself with this event for the past few years. His younger son *Angad Singh Rana* has been a state level swimmer.



JAN-FEB BIRTHDAYS

Anne Namrata Jain	13
Anne Mona Lal	13
Anne Dena Rejin	14
Rtn. Bhupinder Singh Lamba	15
Rtn. Dilip Surana	18
Rtn. Sanjay K Srivastava	20
Anne Prema Aiyer	20
Rtn. Balakrishnan Narayanan	22
Anne. Ranjana Anand	22
Anne Asha Shyam Aggarwal	23
Anne Mala Bhandary	29
Rtn. Jaiprakash Hinduja D	31
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Rtn. Lata Amashi	01
Rtn. Kailash Advani	04
Anne Sri Shaila Raja	04
Anne Deeksha Agrawal	07
Anne Promilla Mathur	10

EVENTS

KEY DATES IN JAN-FEB

- 13 Weekly meeting
PDG U B Bhat will share his experience of being in a hijacked plane.
- 19 Rang Rotary Ke Sang, painting competition for children at Bal Bhavan
- FEBRUARY
- 01-02 District Conference NEXUS at Ebisu Convention Center, Hegdenagar Main Road



RANG ROTARY KE SANG

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From the Editor's desk



Dear Reader,

In SEVA Issue 7 we had held back coverage of the Governor's Official Visit (GOV) to RBI on 2nd Dec 2019. We cover it extensively in this issue.

GOV is a huge event for us, and coverage needs to be commensurate with it. Realizing the information that we needed to feature and the size of the SEVA issue it would need, we took a decision to release a GOV only issue!! Consequently, we dedicate this issue exclusively to GOV.

A typical GOV day at RBI has three parts:

Part 1 is held solely at RHOS. It commences early in the morning with a perusal of RBI's statutory and project related documents in the President's office. It is quickly followed by a club assembly where projects' progress is shared by individual chairpersons.

Part 2 comprises visits to key projects. The DG's entourage accompanied by RBI President, Secretary and chosen directors, starts immediately after the club assembly. Depending on the distance to the project sites, it can take the best part of the morning and afternoon.

Part 3 is at the end of day where we sign off with a typically RBI gala dinner event, where we showcase many items, including projects chosen specifically for the evening. The DG's observations about our work is the icing on the cake.

RBI did not fail to **DAZZLE** in any of these three parts on 2nd December 2019. The evening event was path-breaking and unique in many ways, not least of which was the AV.

We are delighted to share with you in this issue, details and memories from all three parts of the Dec 2019 GOV.

RBI, meanwhile, has been unceasing in its projects and is forging ahead in all avenues of Service. These projects will be covered in our next issue, which will follow very soon.

Do share your feedback on this issue of SEVA at SEVA.RCBI@GMAIL.COM.

And for earlier SEVA issues, visit <https://www.rotaryindiranagar.org/newsletters/>

Happy Reading.

Vidyut Shenoy
Bulletin Editor, 2019-20

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Governor's Official Visit (02nd Dec 2019)

The Governor's Official visit to our club was held on Monday 02nd Dec 2019. As always, it is a significant event that serves to assess our performance while showcasing our activities since the installation of our current year's board.

Part 1: The Club Assembly

Despite being a Monday morning, 78 Rotarians assembled at RHOS by 8:00 AM, attired in this year's white shirt. The singular objective → to present our achievements so far, and seek advice on the way forward.



As soon as they arrived, DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani and other district officials huddled in the President's office to examine club records. They were impressed that everything was in order. Other RBI Rotarians in the meanwhile treated themselves to breakfast in the hall.

At the stroke of 9:00 AM President Manoj Agarwal called the club assembly to order in the 1st floor meeting room. Avenue wise presentation of projects' performance commenced. Directors of Service Avenues marshalled their troops in presenting their activities so far. The visiting district dignitaries had a printed copy of slides, to pen down their observations. The crisp and pointed presentation was completed within the hour. The DG had very few comments on actions that were covered. He remarked that thanks to RBI's systematic presentation and ambience, he felt he was in the RI Board Room at Evanston and not at RHOS. He commended RBI on the scale of activities which he felt were in a district league and well beyond a normal club's realm. Here is how RHOS looked during that club assembly.



Part 2: Project visits

Once the presentations were done, DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani, and some of his district colleagues accompanied President Manoj Agarwal on a visit to a few of our key projects. On that course, he cut the ribbon and formally inaugurated the new state-of-the-art, freshly minted Tata ClassEdge classrooms at Bhavan Rotary Indiranagar BBMP School, Srirampuram. The project was completed with funds support from a US\$ 88000 RI grant for furniture, as also contributions from Suprajit Foundation and RBI.



The next stop was a visit to GICET (Gandhi Institute for Computer Education & Training) where they met up with a number of students. Bhavan has been conducting a vocational training course in contemporary software tools. This project, supported by RBI and Suprajit Foundation, aids seniors and young students alike. It helps seniors prolong their productive years, while young students are encouraged to become competitive in today's world. Almost 80 students had completed this course. All of the graduates of this program were given their certificates. Some memories of the event..



Later, both DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani and RBI President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal were honoured with the traditional peta by Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan.



But the day wasn't over quite as yet for RBI. In the evening we hosted DG Dr. Hariani & his team, past District officials and current Rotary leaders of the District at a glittering GOV dinner held at the Royal Orchid Hotel. The formal event was a landmark as well for some unique ideas. Cocktails and dinner succeeded the formal program.

Part 3: RBI's gala GOV evening event and Dinner

President Manoj Agarwal called the meeting to order after Secretary Rtn A.K. Sugunan affixed the collar on him. The meeting proceeded with RBI's customary clockwork precision aided by a crisp set of slides.



RBI's well turned out choir led by Ann Sierra Pearson presented a couple of its peppy numbers to commence proceedings. President Manoj Agarwal welcomed the gathering and shared with them a few salient points of the day, along with a preview of the evening. He began by recognizing our partners in service, Fuel-a-dream's Ranganath Thota and Vinod Advani of JSS Foundation. In a significant departure from the past, RBI Secretary's report was in the form

of a precast AV Presentation. The presentation wowed the audience, and ensured completion on schedule. And due to it, not a single point of significance got missed out. The audience sat glued to its seats, watching RBI events sail by on the screen aided by Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan's rich voice. *Salient contents of that AV presentation are detailed later in this issue (with far fewer images than in the original).* The AV presentation's wide acceptance suggests that it could be a fixture in future RBI GOV's.

It was then time for Directors to present their specific projects for the GOV.

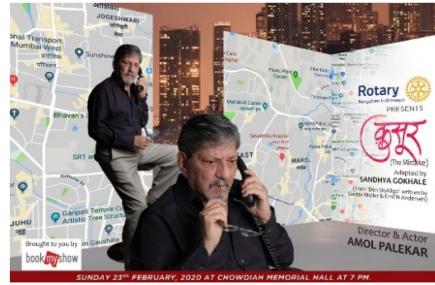
Club Service Director Rtn. Supriya Kandhari's first project was a GOV special issue of SEVA. It was released by DG Dr. Sameer Hariani, in the absence of District First Lady Dr. Roopa Hariani who could not be present for the event.



Membership Chair, President Elect Dr. AVS Srikanth then urged the DG to induct Anne Gayathri Chandrashekhar as a Rotarian. The induction of Rtn. Gayathri Chandrashekhar helps increase the number of lady Rotarians in RBI in line with RI goals.

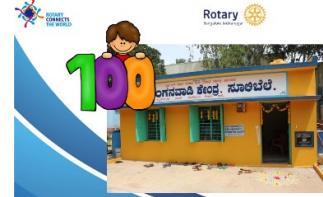


DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani then launched our fund raiser - Renowned theatre artiste Amol Palekar's single-act play **Kusur**, that heralds his return to the stage after 25 long years. A masterful AV clip created sufficient suspense for the play. The fund raiser will kickstart our efforts to install a Cathlab at Jayadeva Hospital.



Community Services Director Rtn. Ambica Motupalli had quite a few projects to showcase. The first was presentation of a cheque for Rs. 15 Lakhs by Rtn. Wg. Cdr. (Retd) Ashok Saraf to Bangalore Hospice Trust Trustee PP Rtn. Gurmeet Randhawa. It heralded Rtn. Saraf's commitment of Rs. 60 Lakhs toward expansion of Karunashraya.

The next project was an announcement of the completion of renovation of 100 Anganwadi's by RBI. A milestone that was reached well ahead of schedule. Project Chair RBI President Nominee Rtn. Fazal-ur-Rahman and IPP Rtn. Jagadeesh were recognized for their key role in this far reaching project. They vowed to push the project even further.



Shen then shared the next project, by announcing the Global Grant Project at Bhavan BBMP School that was inaugurated earlier in the day. As part of the Happy schools' program, the school received state-of-the-art classrooms including electronic black boards.



Rtn. Ambica Motupalli then announced RBI's Water Wheel project, being done jointly with Dist 3190. The project literally eases the burden of rural women by helping them transport water through rolling pots (drums) → termed water wheels.

She also asked Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal to be feted for his enormous contribution to various RBI projects.

In keeping with the day's flavour, Director Vocational Services, Rtn. Gopinath N had multiple projects too.



Two vocational excellence awards were presented that day. The first awardee Mrs. Manju Balasubramani, a teacher at Vidyashilp Academy, has contributed immensely to her students. The 2nd awardee was a teacher of sorts too - Karnataka Cricket Coach Mr. R. Muralidhar, whose coachees include Indian Cricket Star Mayank Agarwal.



The last Vocational Avenue project was exchanging of an MoU with Jeevika Skills to continue with their vocational skills training sessions in retail and banking.

International Service Avenue Director Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan announced a slew of projects.



The avenue's long list of projects commenced with an Honorary PHF for Ranganath Thota of Fuel-a-dream.



Vinod Advani of Jai Shiv Shakti Foundation was similarly honored with an Honorary PHF.

Rtn. Asha Vaswani was presented her PHF certificate by DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani.

Rtn. Ambica Motupalli also received her PHF certificate from the DG.

PP Rtn. O P Khanna then presented a Cheque for US\$ 30,000 toward securing a Global Grant for Heart Surgery.

PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy was recognized on his ascent to Level 4 Major Donor based on his TRF contribution.

Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan then announced Rtn. Chandrashekhar Vishwanath's commitment of US\$ 30000 term gift.

In the same vein, Rtn. Ashok Saraf was appreciated for his commitment to be a Major Donor to TRF.



Director Youth Service Avenue, Rtn. Ajay Gupta's project was an impressive Youth Icon Award - to India's latest cricket star Mayank Agarwal. The award was presented to Mayank, to a standing ovation by the audience. He is the latest Indian to score successive double centuries in tests, and the 2nd fastest to do so. He was accompanied by his wife Aashita.

With so many projects zipping past, DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani must have felt exhausted.

After being introduced to the audience, he commenced his brief address.

An evidently happy DG Dr. Hariani was all praise for RBI's professionalism and diligence in work. He repeated his morning comment about feeling he was in RI's Board Room at Evanston while at RBI's club assembly. The extent of commitment to excellence and expanse of projects was another key point.

At the end of his inspiring talk, he honoured RBI by presenting President Manoj with a – memento, a dazzling holder to showcase the RBI Dazzler President's collar.

Secretary Rtn. A K Sugunan announced pleasantries for the week, and the next week's meeting details.

He then presented a vote of thanks before asking the audience to stand for the national anthem. All those present sang in unison with Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan who lead it.

President Rtn. Manoj then closed the meeting and invited everyone present to cocktails and dinner.

After the meeting, the gathering was treated to a wide array of drinks and cocktails as also a dinner to remember.

The exceptional event was yet another feather in RBI's legacy.

Secretary's Report presented in AV form (trimmed by using only a few chosen pictures)

Good evening,

I am glad to present to you a brief report on projects accomplished by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar.

We started the year with the Club Assembly wherein objectives and plans for the year were presented.

Rtn. Manoj Agrawal was installed as the 39th President, of RBI by DG. Rtn. Dr Sameer Hariani on 30 June 2019 at the NIMHANS Convention Centre while the board of Directors was installed at Hotel Taj, MG Road on the 01st of July 2019.

Club Service:

Under the leadership of Rtn. Supriya Kandhari, the Club Service team has brought in a new direction to the avenue of service.

Weekly meetings were held regularly. We have completed 19 weekly meetings with excellent speakers talking to our members on interesting topics. One Club Assembly per month was held for periodical review of club activities.



Outstanding performance by Rotarians, Rotaractors and Anns were recognized in the weekly meetings for their contributions. A joint meeting of three clubs, Rotary Bangalore Kalyan, Rotary Bangalore North West and Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was held. Another joint meeting of four clubs namely Rotary Club of Bangalore, RC Cantonment, RC South & RBI with the annual Antakshari competition was held at the Rotary House of Friendship.

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar were the winners.

During the year so far, we have inducted 8 new members and 1 more member will be inducted this evening bringing the tally to 9 new members out of which 4 are Women.



The club's average attendance has been 80%

Fellowship is an important aspect of Rotary where Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar is it's at its best.



A fellowship was organized at Club House of Bangalore Hockey Association on 26 August after the valedictory function/meeting. A family lunch fellowship was organized at the residence of Charter President Rtn. Uday Kumar to celebrate Independence Day.

ONAM was celebrated in traditional Kerala style, reflecting oneness through diversity! A Variety entertainment programme was performed by Rotarians and Anns while guest artists enthralled RBLans gathered there with a Kalaripayattu performance. Traditional ONASADYA was enjoyed by everyone.



Deepavali Night was celebrated with good entertainment programme at our member Rtn. Venkata Reddy's house.

Monthly club assembly & joint meetings is always followed by fellowship & dinner.

Spirit of Rotary: Periodic visits were carried out by this committee to fellow Rotarians who are in distress or unable to attend meetings.

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RBI received excellent media coverage through press, FM Radio Fever 104 and TV for our community service projects & fundraiser. Karunashraya received a full-page coverage in Deccan Herald on the occasion of its silver jubilee.

Our Musical fund raiser has become an annual event and this year also we have conducted a show called Maestros 2 which was a tribute to the Legendary composer Usha Khanna ji & Mohd. Rafi Saab. Legendary composer Usha Khanna ji herself was present. She was felicitated with a "Vocational Excellence Award".



From July till now, we have raised a total of Rs.1,15,13,614/- through crowdfunding. A big thank you to Ranganath Thota & Fuel-A-Dream-team. Our CSR Partners have contributed large sum of monies for our service projects. Individual donors & our members too have contributed large sums of money.



The Club Service ICGF on 17 Aug 2019, hosted by Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was a resounding success and received appreciation from all attendees. Felicitating Rotarians who have served in the Armed forces was well appreciated. An excellent entertainment programme on the Patriotic theme was put together by the various Rotary clubs. The event was enjoyed by all.

Karnataka Rajyotsava – Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar was the lead club along with Rotary Bangalore Midtown for the District event *Karnataka Sambhrama Rotary Sangama*. The program was a huge hit. Event Chair PP Ambika Narayan did a fabulous job.



Finance – All statutory dues have been paid promptly and monthly accounts are submitted at the Board meeting & reviewed.

Community Service:

Director of the Avenue Rtn. Ambica Motupalli with the efficient support of Rtn. Philip George and the team of Community Service Avenue is doing a great job.



Mother & Child

Very happy to inform you that we have completed 100 Anganwadi Renovations. It is a landmark achievement - 100 Anganwadis to mark 100 years of Rotary in India. A big thanks to our CSR Partners for their support as also to Rtn. Fazal & IPP Rtn. Jagadeesh for driving this project so passionately.

Heart care:

NHF / RBI Joint Heart Surgery Program: During this year so far, we have completed 80 Heart surgeries. Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre (CRC), a project of RBI in association with Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bangalore and Needy Heart Foundation was inaugurated by TRF trustee chair, Gary CK Huang along with Ann Carolina in presence of Trustee



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Gulam Vahanvati, Dr. CN Manjunath, and DG Dr. Sameer Hariani. A big thank you to PP Rtn. O P Khanna, PP Rtn. Krishnan Menon & Rtn. Amarnath Tandon for their wo. on 03 November 2019 at Hotel Taj MG Road. Karunashraya is poised for expansion with a Palliative Care Training Institute & Research Center. This is being set up at Karunashraya and Construction for the new building has started. Rtn. Wg Cdr. (Retd.) Ashok Saraf has committed Rs 60 Lakhs for this project. The total cost of the project is Rs. 6 Crores.

Both our Eye Care Hospitals Netradeep Kolar & Tumkur are doing well and regular screening camps are being held. We have done 1647 cataract surgeries so far.

This year we started a new project of providing Chemotherapy support to children. It is a joint project with Rotary Bangalore Southwest. We have raised Rs.60 lakhs towards this project through crowdfunding. Thank you, teachers & students of DPS North & Fuel A Dream for raising the funds.

Blood Donation: Our Blood donation champion Lata Amashi is doing an amazing job. We have so far collected 6100 units of blood from 80 camps.

T-E-A-C-H: Teachers' Training on 'Accountability and Responsibility', 'Values, Ethics and Behaviour were carried out at Army Public School, Navaprajna Public School and are scheduled to be conducted in other schools in December. Our member, Rtn. Sanjay Dugar, a professional trainer and his team offered the training as part of their voluntary service. Rtn. Kumar is doing an amazing work. **113 Teachers** from different schools were trained under the Teacher's training program.



We have restarted Adult literacy classes at Little Flower English School under the leadership of Secretary Rtn. Sugunan. Regular Classes are going on. An awareness Programme was arranged at the centre wherein PDG Manjunath Shetty, the Zonal Literacy Committee, RILM, PDG Mathura Chatrapati, Chairman District T-E-A-C-H, committee and Rtn. Gurunagesh, Chairman, District literacy Committee attended the program.

Child Development: We completed a Workshop on 'Team building' for 39 Grade X students at Navaprajna Public School, on Aug 24. The event was conducted by Rtn. Sanjay Dugar and his team of facilitators.

A Painting competition is planned for the 19th of January 2020 at Cubbon Park, Bal Bhavan.

Happy Schools:

975 Benches and desks have been distributed to various schools.

Uniforms and Books were donated to Huttins school students on August 15th 2019. These were sponsored by Rtn. Karthik Reddy and Rtn. Balakrishnan.



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Ann Sowmya conducted a workshop on "Menstrual Hygiene" in the Govt First Degree College, Hoskote for 146 girls, and at BGMS for 75 girls. The Plan is to extend this new initiative to other schools as well.

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We have identified 10 schools attached to the Anganwadis to start the W I N S Programme. Work will commence on these shortly.



Scholarship - Vidyadaan: The scholarship programme of RBI to support deserving, economically underprivileged students to continue their higher education is growing with each passing year. This year we have successfully supported 501 students.

Rajeev Menon Memorial Trophy: An outstanding student from the Government High School, Hoodi has been awarded with the Rajeev Menon memorial Trophy along with scholarship to class 11 and up to degree. Thank you, PP Dr. Krishnan Menon for making this happen.

GS Khanna Excellence Award: GS Khanna Awards have been presented to high school students who have excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. A Total of Rs 94,000/- has been disbursed so far. Thank you PP Rtn. O P Khanna ji for instituting this award.

Youth Service:

Rtn. Ajay Gupta, Director Youth Service and his team has achieved the following.

Four new Interact clubs were added this year, these are Sree Cauvery PU College, Airforce High School, Little Flower English High School and Charan's PU College.



Installation of existing nine Interact Clubs have been completed.

Installation of Rotaract Clubs

1. Xavier Institute of Management and Entrepreneurship (XIME) on 04/09/2019
2. Govt. First Grade College, Krishnarajapuram on 09/09/2019
3. Rotaract Club Community based Indiranagar on 16/07/2019
4. Surana College Rotaract 30/08/2019

Most Interact clubs and Rotaract Clubs have carried out projects such as organizing fun fairs, Food Drives, Visiting Karunashraya, BGMS and the RILM programme on Literacy.

The community based Rotaract club donated Rs. One Lakh each to Karunashraya and BGMS on their Installation.



The Twenty Ninth edition of the Dr. G S Randhawa Memorial Inter School Hockey Tournament for Boys was conducted during the third week of August at the Hockey Stadium in association with the Karnataka State Hockey Association. The Finals and Valedictory function was conducted on 26 August at the Club House of the Hockey Association. We received good press coverage throughout the tournament.

We organized Raagalahari, a Classical music and Dance competition for children on Sunday 10th November 2019 wherein, 189 candidates participated in 200 unique performances. This annual event is held to promote Carnatic Classical Music & Bharat Natyam among youth.

The SAEVUS ECO- ACHIEVERS QUIZ 2019-20 was conducted on Saturday 9th November.



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The Athletic meet for our adopted schools and Rural Government Schools was held on Tuesday, the 27th of August at Hoskote. nearly 300 students participated in various track & field events.

International Service:

Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan, Director and his team have enthused new life in the activities of the International Avenue.

To promote Rotary in the International Forum, we have planned an International Night on 6th of January 2020. The event will have a live English musical extravaganza, the best International Dress competition, a ballet dance and a stand-up comedian performing.

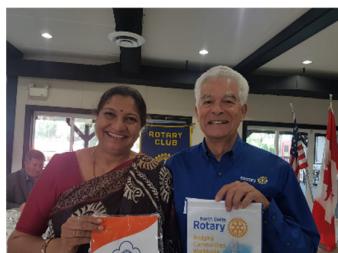
For the International month, we had invited an appropriate speaker, Dr. Veena Ravikumar who addressed us on the 11th of November. She is a senior international relations faculty member at Lady Shri Ram College and spoke on India's foreign policy and comparative politics. The topics covered were India's boundaries, protecting the Indian Republic, Non-aggression, equality and peaceful co-existence.

For the Rotary Foundation, we have our dear members like Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal, PP Rtn. O P Khanna, Rtn. Chandrasekar Vishwanath, PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy, and Rtn. Wg. Cdr. (Retd.) Ashok Saraf who have been extremely generous and have taken the total contribution to the foundation to the tune of 340 thousand dollars.

In addition, we are honouring Ranganath Thota of Fuel-a-Dream and Vinod Advani of JSS Foundation with Honorary PHFs for their invaluable contributions to RBI.



On the Global Grant front, we have successfully utilized seven global grants and completed the associated projects. Only one Global Grant is in process. We have also planned for another seven Global Grants initiated and supported by various members of our club.



In the area of promoting International Friendship and Cooperation, we have planned a family overseas trip to Russia in April 2020. In addition to this, our Club Service Director, Rtn. Supriya Kandhari, attended a meeting of Rotary Club of North Delta on 19th of July 2019, On 3rd October 2019, Rtn. Philip George exchanged flags with Rotary Club of Washington (Dist 7620) and pinned our flag on their wall; and on 25th October, 2019, Rtn. Chandramouli attended a meeting at Rotary Club of Los Altos and exchanged flags with President Rtn. Debbie Walker ..

Last but not the least, in line with the motto of Rotary this year, which is Rotary Connects the World, our Global Networking Group is convincing members to join the various Rotary International Fellowship groups of their choice.

Vocational Service:

Rtn. Gopinath Narayanan, Director & his team have brought a new dimension to this avenue.

Vocational Month was celebrated in a befitting manner by having a panel discussion on the Rotary Mission Statement. The panelists were IPDG Suresh Hari, PDG P M Bhansali & PP Karthik Reddy, it was moderated by President Manoj Agarwal.

Vocational Training –At Gandhi Institute of Computer Education & Information Technology at Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan - One batch of 80 students has graduated & a second batch of another 80 students is undergoing a Computer Course.

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At Jeevika Skills, one batch of 35 students has completed their banking course at their K R Puram Center, and the second batch of 30 students is undergoing the banking course at Bommanahalli.



The Vocational Excellence Award was conferred on legendary Music Composer Usha Khanna ji, & to famous cine & theatre artist Prakash Belawadi.

Career Guidance – We have completed Career Guidance sessions in 6 schools with 8 sessions benefitting 400 students. Great work done by Kumar & team.

Shortly we plan to have a Four-way test seminar jointly with the District.

Vocational Visits – Last Saturday our members visited the Cardiac Rehabilitation Center & Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research.

Significant Contributions to the GOV presentations and write-ups were made by

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Rtn. Ambica Motupalli

Rtn. Gopinath N

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We hope you enjoyed this **GOV** Special SEVA issue

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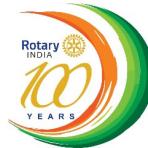
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From the Editor's desk



Dear Reader,

In this issue we present RBI activities that occurred after the SEVA issue 07 was released. The intervening SEVA issue 08 carried an in-depth coverage of the Governor's official visit (GOV) to RBI.

Like we mentioned earlier, RBI is unceasing in its efforts to make our world that much better. A plethora of project work has gone on. We share with you only a fraction of it.

We feature the following events in this issue:

A personal account of the IC 814 hijack by PDG U B Bhat – Terror in the Air

Visit by RI President's Representative Mahesh Mokalkar and Ann Arti Mokalkar

RBI at District Conference Nexus 2020

Cardiac Care poised for a new turn at RBI

RBI Adult Literacy Initiatives

'Belief is a Multiplier' for Lake Manae

RBI at Pulse Polio – NID Jan 2020

Karunashraya Expansion

MoU by RBI for Sishukunj at BGMS

Urban Afforestation

RBI's Anganwadi inauguration unabated spree continues

Sree Cauvery School Interact Club installed

Saevis Eco Quiz held on 25th Jan at Sree Cauvery PU College

Rang Rotary Ke Sang

GSK Excellence Awards

Rotaract Club of SIBM, Bangalore Installed

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And please send your comments on this issue to SEVA.RCBI@gmail.com

Happy Reading,

Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20



Terror in the Air

On 13th January 2020 at RHOS, PDG Rtn. U B Bhat (UB) narrated his ordeal on IC 814 flight in December 1999, in great depth. As a passenger, he had an in-flight side view of that fateful hijacking



Christmas eve 1999 was a routine bright December day in Kathmandu with Christmas spirit in the air. PDG Bhat like other co-passengers hoped to have a wonderful Christmas in Delhi as he prepared to board the aircraft. He was somehow struck with the airport security staff's casual attitude at check-in. He attributed it to the unusually crowded airport. Staff laxity was normal at this airport but on that day it seemed more than usual.

Passengers boarded the aircraft and hoped to be in Delhi soon. The crew members served breakfast and a drink to those in the business class section. While nursing his drink, sudden commotion in the economy section alerted UB. One passenger had stood up masked, ostensibly holding a live grenade in his hand. All pandemonium broke loose in the cabin. A cabin crew member rushed to the pilot's cabin and informed about the possibility of a hijack. Quickly, 4 other masked passengers joined in to make up a 5-member hijack team. In his powerful authoritarian voice, the leader started barking commands. They informed the pilot about live ammunition in the cabin including a handheld gun, and that it was a hijack. Next, they demanded the business class to be vacated and passengers therein be accommodated in the economy section. And in a hurry. They got window panes pulled down. Passengers were ordered to remove their spectacles and blindfold themselves with the breakfast tray napkin (despite some of them being sambar stained). They barked orders and pushed the passengers to comply. Next, they ordered passengers to get into a crouch position and place their heads on their knees. They randomly chose 10 passengers, who were marched into business class and made to sit there blindfolded like the others. The entire plane was silent, with palpable fear. The flight was over Lucknow at that point. The reorganization within the aircraft had taken 8 minutes, but seemed like an eon. Drawn window shades, dimmed lights, and lack of light in the cabin served to heighten the fear.

Hijackers told the captain that they would start randomly killing the 10 chosen passengers one by one if their request was not complied with. The fear multiplied. The closest passenger was the newly married Rupin Katyal, returning from his honeymoon - his wife was in the economy section. He was stabbed brutally in full sight of his neighbouring passenger. The stabbed passenger's requests for water, went unheeded. The death, so caused, served as an example of the hijackers' intentions if their wishes were not complied with.

Hijackers demanded that the plane be taken to Lahore, but it couldn't be, due to insufficient fuel. After negotiations, the plane was forced to land at Amritsar for refuelling, and parked right in the middle of the runway to ensure that no other plane could land. Due to perceived danger from an abruptly stopped fuel tanker, captain Sharan was ordered to take off from the same spot, despite the captain's objections - it being too short for the A 300 aircraft. The unmoved hijackers threatened to start killing passengers one by one. The pilot took off, barely managing to clear the tanker and boundary wall. Lahore ATC initially refused permission for allowing the aircraft land, but gave in, due to paucity of fuel, and the pilot's threat to land on a crowded

main road. The Lahore authorities hastily agreed to the landing, but no one was allowed to be offloaded.

After taking off from Lahore post refuelling, Dubai allowed the plane to land, at Al Minhad Air Base, where it refuelled and took off for Kandahar. A few passengers and the body of Rupin Katyal were offloaded there. Since there was no mention of any Indian diplomatic action in the airwaves, hijackers taunted Indian passengers that their government did not care for them and had forsaken them. Hijackers suggestions of lightening of mood by asking passengers tell jokes and sing songs was met with silence for a bit. After a while, UB started off with a couple of jokes, which the hijackers seemed to enjoy. A Nepali on board the flight suggested that he would mimic the hijackers. UB's fellow passenger in his neighbouring seat, a RAW officer, felt it was a stupid idea. The Nepali actor did his mimicry only to quickly earn a lump on his head thanks to a sharp pistol whip from the hijacker who was the butt of his jokes.

IC 814's penultimate leg of the journey was from Dubai to Kandahar. A plane load of negotiators from India had landed and was waiting there. Protracted negotiations enabled the Indian plane to be released along with passengers after India let off a few dreaded Pakistani terrorists. Having been in their seats for 8 long days, the passengers were finally released after the plane took off for Delhi.

UB Bhat was greeted at Bangalore airport on his return by a number of his Rotarian friends that included PP Rtn. Dr. Simha, PP Rtn. N Krishnamurthy, PDG Rtn. PM Bhansali. Rotarians across Bangalore helped his family cope with the tensions and tribulations while he was captive, for which PDG U B Bhat is ever grateful. UB celebrated the new year - 2000 - with his extended family and Rotarians.

Visit by RI President's Representative Mahesh Mokalkar and Ann Arti Mokalkar

RI President's Representative PDG Mahesh Mokalkar & Ann Arti Mokalkar visited Karunashraya & BGMS on 31st Jan 2020. They interacted with staff at both institutions, and were impressed with both projects. Quite a few Rotarians and a galaxy of RBI PPs and two PDGs (IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari and PDG H.R. Ananth) accompanied them. Here are some moments from the visit.



Inputs by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal

RBI at District Conference Nexus 2020



In keeping with RBI's recent tradition, we played a key role at this year's District Conference at EBISU Centre on 1st and 2nd Feb 2020. PP Rtn. Shashank Kekre presented the District Club Service

slides of its work during the year. The slides were interspersed with wonderful animations created by our in-house animation expert Anne Sowmya Srikanth.



RBI's quartet presented an interfaith prayer to commence the 2nd day's proceedings at the conference. The quartet, led by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal, comprised - 3 other RBlans, Rotarians Narssimhan Kannan, Nayeemullah and Philip George, who presented the Hindu, Sikh, Islamic, and Christian prayers.

Karunashraya got special mention in RI President's Representative PDG Mahesh Mokalkar's opening remarks on the 2nd day. He spoke glowingly about the project, which he had visited a couple of days earlier.

PP Rtn. O P Khanna, Dist 3190 Community Service Avenue Counsellor, addressed the conference as well.

DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani honoured RBI President Nominee Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahman and Secretary Rtn. A K Sugunan for their yeoman efforts at enhancing Adult Literacy.

And the icing on the cake was DG Elect Rtn. Nagendra Prasad's announcement of an all-women team for *Darbar Mysuru*, the 2020-2021 District Conference being held at Mysuru. It will be headed by PP Rtn. Ambika Narayan of RBI, and has three other RBI lady Rotarians Rtn. Supriya Kandhari, Rtn. Guna Thantry and Rtn. Kavita Paramesh heading various sub-committees.



Inputs by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal

Cardiac Care poised for a new turn at RBI

For long, PP Rtn. O P Khanna has been spearheading RBI's cardiac care initiative through Needy Heart Foundation (NHF), an organization that he set up expressly for the purpose. As head of NHF, he established lasting partnerships with hospitals, cardiac surgeons, equipment manufacturers, voluntary organizations, corporate donors, Rotary clubs across the world and was the on-call face for RBI's Cardiac Care initiative. By managing just about everything for cardiac care he has been synonymous with it. Recently, he felt the need to share his expertise with others and gradually transfer ownership of the cardiac care project to RBI.

As a first step toward that goal, IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari convened a meeting, on 1st Feb 2020, of RBI volunteers for the cause.

The meeting attracted a sizeable number of members, who would over time shoulder the total responsibility of cardiac care for RBI.

Cardiac Care's many facets were covered in that meeting and a decision to document all of it in a process form to enable repeatability, role assignment and tracking.

The procedures are being documented so that responsibility can be borne by RBI members as a club project.

Secretary Rtn. A K Sugunan has roped in like-minded Rotarians into this little mentioned project of RBI. With an objective to get older people to read and write in local language Kannada, the project has attracted participation of many individuals from areas around RHOS. The classes are held at Little Flower High School in RHOS's vicinity. Rtn. Sugunan is ably supported by Bahadur, his Man Friday. The adjacent picture depicts enthusiasm of the students. Great commitment by Secretary Rtn. A. K. Sugunan. He and RBI President Nominee Fazal-Ur-Rahman were feted at District Conference Nexus for their stellar role in being enablers of Adult Literacy.



A related project that comes under vocational services is Computer literacy for retired people. GICET (Gandhi Institute for Computer Education and Training) at Bhavan conducts courses on popularly used tools such as Microsoft Word and Excel. It empowers retirees gain a new lease of professional life. Over the years, well over 300 persons have benefited from these sessions. You will recall its coverage in the SEVA Vol 39, Issue 08.

'Belief is a Multiplier' for Lake Manae



18th January 2020, was an incredible experience for RBlans who participated in the formal inauguration of Lake Manae on Kanakapura Road. The moribund lake was revived in just 22 December days. The architects were Anand Maligawad, called Bengaluru's lake man, and our own Rtn. K. Saravanan was his contact point at RHOS.

Significantly, funds for this rejuvenation were collected by 5 students of Vidyashilp Academy. These bubbly strong-willed children (4 of them girls) are to present this as a case study of WFUNA at UN HQ later in the year. They collected Rs. 8.47 Lakhs through crowd funding, and wished to do something worthwhile. Hats off to their perseverance.



Our inauguration party included a host of dignitaries. The most important being the 5 children and their proud parents. Then there was Anand Maligawad who, as is his wont, was effusively full of words. The Manae family elders along with project spearhead Rtn. Harish Manae were present. Three earth mover operators who did most the heavy lifting stuff came next. Then there was a group of RBI Rotarians and Anns led by President Manoj Agarwal and RBI lake rejuvenation project chair Rtn. K. Saravanan. A few hidden peacocks and peahens provided a chorus for this motley bunch of happy individuals.

The RBI group's long journey that morning from RHOS, took us past deafening city traffic enroute and ended with a winding drive into farmlands. We passed a few fruit trees and a couple of vegetable garden beds before climbing an elevated bund, where others waited for us.



A balmy morning, with the Sun playing hide-and-seek, provided a perfect setting. The wide artificial bund was adorned with a table containing pictures of deities and pooja material. Standing next to it was a local priest. The visibly amused Manae family elders were evidently pleased with the visitors' interest. The chirpy but quietly confident children participated whole heartedly in the ceremony while moving busily around. After invocations seeking the almighty's blessings, the group was treated to a customary Bagini wherein the newly rejuvenated lake is feted with a basketful of fruits. A Manae family senior lady did the pious honours while a drone captured every moment of a simple ceremony.

Partners in its rejuvenation, including earth mover operators and support staff, were recognized. They were worthy recipients of the honour given for their exceptional hard work.

The 4.2 acre Lake Manae at the edge of Bannerghatta National Park, sits squat within the Manae agricultural property. Lake Manae provides potable water to domesticated animals, and is an essential part of their summer lives. Thus, the rejuvenation could not have come at a more appropriate time.

After the ceremonies, our talk turned to the project and how rejuvenation happened. Anand Maligawad explained in explicit detail all that was done. He felt belief of all those who participated multiplied and contributed in no mean measure in the project's success. A Vidyashilp parent on the side-lines exclaimed how she initially had misgivings about Anand's loquacious presence at a TED Talk, and wondered if they had decided correctly by enlisting him for their task. She then stated that he was the best, given the way he involved the children and made them understand underlying reasons for each activity and the sequence. She now thinks of him as a wonderful teacher.



The newcomers, i.e. RBI Rotarians, were treated to a typical village brunch made from fresh local farm vegetables. A horse gram *pachhadi* clearly stood out. Background music to the gathering was provided by an unseen group of peacocks and a few birds flying overhead. The arrangements were sparse yet complete.

We left feeling wonderful to have been a part of an amazing day. Thank you Manae family for being such wonderful hosts, and the children for being eco-warriors with a great sense of purpose. Kudos to the kids for showing us the way and our best wishes for unparalleled success on their presenting the project at UN HQ this month under the aegis of  .

World Federation of United Nations Associations

RBI and Pulse Polio – NID Jan 2020

19th January 2020 featured more than one project for RBI. The annual National Immunization Day (NID) was held on that day. RBI was responsible for 3 Public Health Centres, which we staffed with great pride. After all Rotary has played a central stellar role over the years in pushing Polio onto the back foot, and on its way to extinction.

RBI's Pulse Polio Chair Rtn. Deepak Agarwal, managed the show stupendously. He ensured capable people were linked up with respective PHCs to help them achieve and exceed the expectations.

The immunization drive was held over 4 days, and the results are incredibly heartening. They are tabulated here for your perusal.

Centre	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Total	Expected	Coverage%*
Murphy Town	9283	826	101	56	10266	10413	98.6
Bhuvaneswari Nagar	8500	813	711	562	10586	10541	100.43
Old Byappanahalli	8309	958	193	100	9560	9459	101.07
							100

Inputs by Rtn. Deepak Agarwal

* The excess/deficit is often due to a floating population of migrant workers.

Karunashraya Expansion



A Bhoomi Puja initiating construction of the new OPD block and Karunashraya Institute for Education Research (KIPCER) was held on 20th January 2020. It is Karunashraya's largest endeavour yet. The proposed facility includes a state-of-the-art auditorium with a large seating capacity.

Inputs by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal



A joint meeting with 4 other Bangalore based Rotary clubs - Cubbon Park, Kuvempunagar, Shankarapark & Shantiniketan - was held by RBI at Karunashraya on 26th January 2020. PP Rtn. Gurmeet Randhawa and PP Rtn. Dr. Nagesh Simha walked the audience through the Karunashraya story. Starting with the initial idea,



they covered its early days & trying times to emerge finally into the much-revered organization that it now is. To a deeply interested audience, PP Dr. Simha shared information about the new multipurpose OPD and Karunashraya Institute for Education Research. He touched upon Volunteering opportunities through CSR, Common Cancers observed, flow rate of admissions over the years, elements of Palliative Care, Home care, Rotary's involvement, as also its Mission & Vision, Objective & Core values. All queries from the audience were readily answered. Later the visiting group was entranced on a tour of the facility, after which many of them participated in a fellowship and lunch arranged at RHOS.

MoU by RBI for Sishukunj at BGMS

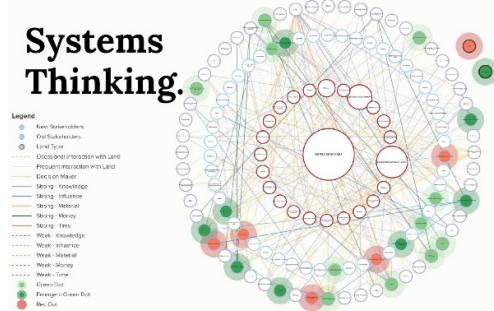
On 20th January an MOU was signed by RBI with BGMS & JSSF for Sishukunj. In doing so, RBI's involvement in the BGMS project gets further enhanced.

Urban Afforestation

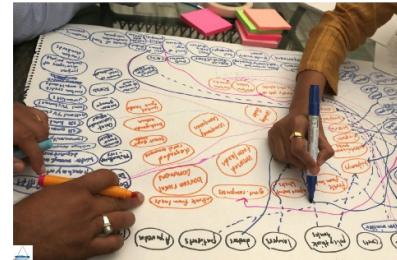
At RBI's weekly meeting on 20th January 2020, Ms Sheeba Sen, Founder and CEO of Aalap, spoke on the basic rules of afforestation that subsume urban afforestation. By keeping reversal of climate change as the focal point of the attempt to restore nature, she underscored the urgency more than ever before.



of Uttarakhand and the exceptionally bio-diverse Karnataka. Both areas are victims of rapid deforestation resulting from poor policies. She feels the effects can be restored if handled well. Sheeba then shared information about a design sprint she had led at Belawadi, to uncover real and unarticulated needs of landholders. She explained Aalap's unique business approach using a scheme that pays farmers to lease 20% of their land for a 10-year period to grow a forest in the space, guaranteeing consistent monthly income from the lease and carbon income. Aalap discovered that for farmers it was really about food, keeping in mind what the land means to them. Using the World Cafe approach for Systems Thinking they created a System Map which included stakeholders, land types, needs, knowledge, material, money and time. The impressive System Map was presented in a single picture. The land-holders primary motto is "No Food No Forest". She fielded audience questions and answered them patiently. Sheeba's wonderfully illustrated climate change reversal talk was a symphony of digestible food for the brain and a veritable green treat for our eyes. Aalap's endeavour to green our world is a welcome sign, which we hope will bear fruit in abundance.



The first pair of pictures taken at the same spot, a year apart exemplified nature building itself when left as is. She then explained the basics of a forest as comprising 4 layers at different heights ... shrub, sub-tree, tree and canopy, in increasing order. We also learnt that plants have a neat communication web underground, and how plantations are monoculture while a multi-layered forest is what Aalap believes in. The multi-layered forest which has a diverse set of plants, is typically healthier and tends to be more natural and local. Aalap's initial efforts were in two widely different environments, the heights



of Uttaranchal and the exceptionally bio-diverse Karnataka. Both areas are victims of rapid deforestation resulting from poor policies. She feels the effects can be restored if handled well. Sheeba then shared information about a design sprint she had led at Belawadi, to uncover real and unarticulated needs of landholders. She explained Aalap's unique business approach using a scheme that pays farmers to lease 20% of their land for a 10-year period to grow a forest in the space, guaranteeing consistent monthly income from the lease and carbon income. Aalap discovered that for farmers it was really about food, keeping in mind what the land means to them. Using the World Cafe approach for Systems Thinking they created a System Map which included stakeholders, land types, needs, knowledge, material, money and time. The impressive System Map was presented in a single picture. The land-holders primary motto is "No Food No Forest". She fielded audience questions and answered them patiently. Sheeba's wonderfully illustrated climate change reversal talk was a symphony of digestible food for the brain and a veritable green treat for our eyes. Aalap's endeavour to green our world is a welcome sign, which we hope will bear fruit in abundance.

RBI's Anganwadi inauguration unabated spree continues

4 renovated Anganwadi's (106th, 107th, 108th& 109th) Anganwadis dedicated

RBI's tryst with Anganwadi Renovation pushes further relentlessly. On 28th January 2020, 4 renovated Anganwadi's were dedicated to young school going children. Renovation of these Anganwadis was sponsored fully by M/s. Citrix R&D India Pvt. Ltd. Their Corporate Citizenship Specialist Ms. Sohini Karmakar participated in the inauguration ceremonies at Sulibele

(Centre 8), Sulibele (Centre 9) & Volagerepura.

Enjoy these moments from that day..



And a few more on 6th February 2020...

8 renovated anganwadis, at Olagerepura, Mylapura, M. Hosahalli, Gadigenahalli, Manchappanahalli, Gangapura, Lingapura & Tavarekere (Centre 2) villages in Hoskote Taluk, were inaugurated and dedicated to the children. RBI has now dedicated 117 anganwadis renovated under Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's "Anganwadi Restoration Project" to society.

These anganwadis were restored under RI District 3190 Grant No. DG 19722 of 2018-19, with the support and sponsorship of PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna and his family members - son Ashish Khanna, daughter Mini Khanna Chaudhuri, son-in-law Nilanjan Chaudhuri, sisters Raksha Khosla, Sulaksha Handa & Santosh Khanna, brother-in-law Krishandev Khosla, and his grandsons Shloke Chaudhuri & Aditya Khanna. Thank you PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna and family.

PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna & Mrs. Mini Khanna Chaudhuri who were present on the occasion, cut the ceremonial ribbons together to dedicate the renovated anganwadis to children of the respective villages. Anganwadi workers, helpers, parents and other residents were delighted with the improved facilities provided for the children.

RBI Rotarians PP Col. (Retd.) R.V. Subramaniam, IPP M. Jagadeesh, Secretary A.K. Sugunan, Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahaman & Rtn. Baby Cherian were present on the occasion. IPP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh coordinated with the contractor and the District Grants Committee to ensure timely completion of renovation of these 8 anganwadis.

A chosen few photographs of these 8 dedication events are shared below



The 117 restored anganwadis inaugurated by RBI are spread over 4 Taluks as below:

- Hoskote -69
- Anekal - 33
- Bangalore North - 10
- Bangalore South - 5

Inputs by Secretary Rtn. A K Sugunan & Rtn. Fazal-Ur-Rahaman



Sree Cauvery School Interact Club installed

RBI installed Interact Club office bearers at Sree Cauvery School on 13 Jan 2020. The club that had receded into somnolence was resurrected by this year's Youth Service Avenue team. Here are a couple of images from the installation event.



Saevus Eco Quiz held on 25th Jan at Sree Cauvery PU College

The Saevus Eco Quiz conducted by Saevus Wild Life magazine, Mumbai was organized at Sree Cauvery PU College on 25th Jan 2020 by RBI along with Rotary e-club. In the morning we arranged light breakfast for the attending teams and also lunch for qualifying team members. Rtn. Philip George, coordinator-in-chief of RBI's efforts for the quiz did an exceptional job.

The environment and ecology quiz was held in two parts. The forenoon session featured a preliminary round for Bangalore schools drawn from the multiple teams of 10 local schools. The qualifiers saw 6 teams step up from these multiple teams. Deens Academy - winners of the Bangalore round and runners-up Vidyashilp Academy - qualified for the semi-finals. In the afternoon session, schools from major South Indian cities – qualifiers from their respective preliminaries vied for honours at the South India Regional semi-final with the 2 Bangalore qualifiers of the morning.

The semi-final round had schools from Goa, Kochi, Trivandrum, Belgaum, Hyderabad, Mysore Chennai and Bangalore. It was won by Holy Angels, Trivandrum followed by DAV, Chennai and PSBB, Chennai. The 3 teams will represent South India at the finals to be held in Mumbai later this year.

Goa based Quizmaster, Rajiv D'Silva professionally ensured smooth conduct of the event.

Ms Sree Nandy, CEO Saevus Wildlife magazine, Mumbai, gave away the prizes along with our President, Rtn Manoj Agarwal. Ms. Nandy was visibly impressed with our arrangements for the event. Sree Cauvery PU College Principal's personal interest and deputing her own staff as volunteers made a significant impact. Over 20 RBI Rotarians, Anns, Rotaractors and Interactors cheered participants while volunteering, invigilating and correcting the entries. Rtn Gopinath N manned the e-scoreboard to keep it ticking on that wonderful day.

We captured these memories of our enchanting experience of the event specially for you.



Inputs by Rtn. Philip George

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Rang Rotary Ke Sang

RBI conducted a new project named "Rang Rotary Ke Sang" (रंग रोटरी के संग) on 19th January 2020. The painting/drawing/colouring competition for Sub-Juniors, Juniors, Seniors and Differently Abled school students attracted 315 registrations on-line, after which it was decided to stop registrations. The free event held at the Jawahar Bal Bhavan (JBB) in Cubbon Park provided wonderful environs for students, organizers and judges alike. The painting competition topics were drawn based on environment/pollution and road safety. RBI had a welcome surprise - visitor Assistant Governor Rtn. Davinder Grewal of District 5040, Canada.

A carnival like atmosphere descended on JBB as the children took their places. Each chose a topic from those mentioned against his/her age group.

Eager yet apprehensive parents were assuaged that their wards would be taken care of well within the JBB confines. Parents and teachers were requested to step outside the gates for the duration of the event. RBI had provided sufficient seats for them. To keep them engaged for the 90-minute duration of the competition, RBI arranged a talk on Environment and Bangalore Traffic. The speaker Retired Director General of Police KVR Tagore covered these two topics in inimitable style. The highly interactive session interspersed with simple advice, anecdotes, humour, word play and examples was more than a sell-out. Hardly anyone ventured away from the talk as he had them all spellbound. A brief of that talk is covered at the end of this article.

Ann Sowmya Srikanth was the brain behind the event, while President Elect Rtn. Dr. A V S Srikanth was the engine that drove it. His countless trips to the JBB authorities to cajole and convince evinced great results. We doff our hats to your perseverance Doc.

278 children participated in the painting competition, making it memorable. There was a rush at the registration desks and some names appeared to be missing. Only to discover that they had registered online in incorrect groups. Given the inevitable absentees at the event, a spot decision was taken to register a few more children. Some of these won prizes too.

Based on their scholastic class, children were assigned specific age groups at the competition. They went about their painting quietly in areas allotted to their age group within the JBB. The ambience will have kindled their imaginative minds. They hardly moved from their places ... even when the JBB Toy Train made its repeated merry trips round the venue.

Competition judges, painters and artists in their own right, were absolutely thrilled with the participation. After some time had elapsed in the competition, they roamed amidst the

engrossed participants to see their progress with their art. They also commented on the superb organization of the program.

At the end of the allotted time, judges took to their task with vigour and purpose to choose the award-winning entries. It is only fitting to say that all of the children gave off their best, only some did so better than the others.

The winning pictures were announced at an amphitheatre overflowing with family members, contestants, volunteers, Rotaractors and a lot of bystanders who were just curious to see what was happening. The open-air amphitheatre made watching easy despite the hard and hot mid-day sun bearing down.

The event was an unqualified success, given the number of participants turning up, despite a much-advertised larger event being held in the city concurrently. Rang Rotary Ke Sang got off to a stupendous start, prompting organizers to get back to the drawing board with lessons learnt from our inaugural foray. We now look forward to the next year with renewed vigour and expectation of an even better turnout.

The judges, parents, participants and even JBB workers were wowed by the professionalism with which the event was conducted.

The organizing team, its brains trust, and foot soldiers had pulled off a stunner that Bengaluru will remember with awe. Congratulations on creating a superstar event that began with just a seedling of an idea. It augurs well for a very long life for the event.

Here is a just sample of what you may have missed ..



From waiting at registration



to sweating with the throng



and tranquillity



From overseeing



to observing



and intermingling



From completion



to recognition



and achievement



From anticipation



to expectation, hope



and accomplishment

For RBI ... it was heartening, satisfying and absolutely fulfilling

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Adults' Day out at Rang Rotary Ke Sang

KVR Tagore, Retd IPS officer → *Retired no way he insisted*

He began by asking people their feelings when approached by traffic police. Most experienced anger. He pointed that it was just one alphabet away from danger (D anger), and prodded them to reflect before responding.

A large fraction of the audience was not fluent in Kannada, but were very conversant with English. He stated that knowing Kannada was an additional qualification while communicating with locals. Hence his talk was a healthy mix of English and Kannada.

He lamented that the Pollution Control Board is seen as a somnolent body. They are doing their bit but citizens too need to reciprocate. He shared how every home can help Karnataka become the paradise it is. The bio-diversity, variety of terrain, and natural beauty of Karnataka is unparalleled. He spoke of how even in ancient times, Karnataka had exceptional artisans backed by great technology. He directed people to the Gol Gumbaz, Hampi, Belur and Hale Beedu as examples.

Knowing Kannada is an additional qualification he felt, but it should not be forced. There is nothing wrong with knowing English, it communicates to 60% of the world, while French accounts for the remaining 40%. *Malinya* is the Kannada word for pollution. He felt the name of pollution control board should be changed appropriately.

Mr. Tagore suggested that we start with automatic composting by letting wet waste remain untouched for a month. It will help both the home and environment.

To be as attractive as a rose, one has to learn to adjust with thorns. Similarly allow children to grow in their own environment and don't shield them too much. That way they will learn to deal with the world better.

Pick garbage and consign it to the correct place and be an example that guides children. Children are more intelligent than is thought - they are creative, focussed and instinctively love the world. If you love children, plant at least two fruit plants. Ask children to wash their hands at its roots. Trees manage all the filth by themselves and consume what they can. Allow plants to shed their leaves. It turns on its own into manure. Nature is self-perpetuating and results in zero waste.

Rotary acts a catalyst to improve the world, as seen by the painting competition topics - industrial pollution, trees, greenery. These he felt will help the children understand and express their thoughts.

If our culture is intact, he said, it is so overseas but not in India!! People abroad cling to their heritage and propagate it better, whereas locally we take it for granted.

Karnataka's hospitality is unparalleled. He feels no country is better than India, and no state better than Karnataka for sheer exploration. Stone architecture at Halebeedu and Belur, natural beauty at Jog falls, Deserts at Talakadu, bird sanctuaries, Mysuru palace (only 30% is shown), wild life sanctuaries, 14 times echoes in Gol Gumbuz's whispering gallery. Tunnel 14 inside Bijapur palace. One could almost visualize these places as he described them.

Karnataka also has the best educational institutes, medical facilities, IT services and climate.

As for improving one's life he said we should aim for 'One more friend tomorrow and Respect for everybody by being good to everyone'. Never retire he says. Visit one place in Karnataka

every year with your children and allow them to experience it. Visit the best country in the world once a year → India.

Now on to traffic ...

When he took over as head of the Traffic Police in Karnataka, he looked at the statistics and realized that drivers were at its root, especially drunken ones. There were 12000 accidents per year in Bangalore. He ordered the arrest of drunk drivers to keep them overnight so that they would not unknowingly commit accidents. The instances of accidents by drunken drivers came down significantly. He also felt that people should become more human when they drive. Some of the axioms he shared at various points in the program ...

Smile begets smile ... dissolves anger and makes a better world.

Don't complain about anybody else ... just highlight their goodness.

Non questioning children are not normal. Don't correct them ... just help them understand.

Extract answers from children ...

Be a model to your children ... learn yourself and help your children learn

The almost completely adult audience hardly realized passage of time and only reluctantly got up from their chairs, once time for announcement of the painting competition results raced in. IPS Officer Tagore, sans slides, had their ears and minds completely glued in.

Retd IPS officer KVR Tagore held parents spellbound ... for almost 2 full hours



The RBI family (with community Rotaractors) that made a success of the event. AG Rtn. Davinder Grewal District 5040, Canada is also seen

GSK Excellence Awards

PP O P Khanna on 27th January 2020, again did what he is well known for – Philanthropy. He presented the GSK Excellence Awards to deserving students of the Government High School, Ejipura. These are some pictures taken at the event.



Annet Mini Khanna accompanied her father not only at this event, but at the next one - Government Urdu High School in Ejipura - as well. The following moments are from the Government Urdu High School.

Inputs by Rtn. A.K. Sugunan



Rotaract Club of SIBM, Bangalore Installed

On the afternoon of 29th Jan 2020, President Manoj Agarwal installed office bearers of the Rotaract Club SIBM Bangalore. Dr. Rajesh Panda, Director of the institution who was present at the event urged the new office bearers to carry forward the good work that Rotaractors of the institute have been doing. The installation had been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances. We share with you these few moments from the event.



Inputs by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal



FEB-MAR BIRTHDAYS

Rtn. Naresh Agrawal	23
Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy	25
Anne Savita Hegde	26
Rtn. Jeremy Johnson	28

MARCH

Ann Srimathy Baskarmoorthy	03
Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar	03
Spouse Prabhat Amashi	04
Rtn. Sushil Kumar Sonika	04
Rtn. Shirish Mathur	05
Anne Tara Jhunjhunwala	07
Rtn. Cyrus Unvalla	07

ANNIVERSARIES IN FEB-MAR

Alice & Roshan Jacob	25
Pushpa & Damodar Nawka	28
Sri Shaila & G J Raja	28

MARCH

Chandra & Col. (Retd) RV Subramaniam	01
Meher & Cyrus Unvalla J	09
Kuki & Bhupinder Singh Lamba	10

RBI's fundraiser for Cathlab Project at Jayadeva Hospital

Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar

The image shows two men in the foreground, both wearing dark shirts and talking on black corded telephones. They are positioned against a background of a city map and a night-time cityscape. The map highlights areas like Juhu, Chowpatty Beach, Mahakali Caves, and various temples. Overlaid text includes "JSW & ANAAN NIRMITEE creations", "KUTIR (The Mistake)", "Adapted by SANDHYA GOKHALE", and "From 'Den Skyldige' written by Gustav Moller & Emil N Andersen". At the bottom, it says "Director & Actor AMOL PALEKAR". A yellow banner at the bottom reads "In aid of the Cath Lab project at Sri Jayadeva Hospital". Below this, there are details about the event: "VENUE Chowdiah Memorial Hall", "DATE Sunday, 23rd Feb 2020", "TIME 7 PM", "For online booking, log on to bookmyshow ₹2,500/-, ₹2,000/-, ₹1,500/-, ₹1,000/-, ₹800/-", and "FOR TICKETS, CONTACT: KAVITA KEKRE: +919886010830 | NARSSIMHAN KANNAN: +919820026636 | MANOJ AGRAWAL: +919845012716".

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From the Editor's desk



Dear Reader,

RBI's unceasing drive to empower individuals and improve their lives fills up most of this issue of SEVA. News of some of this work reaches people well beyond the Rotary world and gives us a positive push in the public eye.

And while putting our efforts in, we take some time out to rejuvenate ourselves through some fun, interact with other clubs in the district, before charging ahead yet again.

In this issue of SEVA, we chronicle the following for you:

Our yearly cricket tryst with Rotary Bangalore Cantonment

RBI's Annual picnic – a well-earned breather

Vidya Daan RBI's helping hand to those who wish to learn

Spirit of Rotary team visits Rtn. Venkat Reddy

A behind-the-scenes account of RBI's cracker of a fund-raiser—**Kusur**—that befits a SIX SIGMA certified professional set-up with its adept handling.

IFMR 3190 Bikers Ride for Literacy – a long ride for a worthy cause

Lending a healing touch through WINS

Water Wheels that help lives of rural women to roll on

Understanding startups - a close-up view

Launch of RBI's 2nd Adult Literacy Centre

We bring all of this information to you, only with active support of our many Rotarian colleagues who diligently document activities for us.

We do hope this issue of SEVA meets up with your expectations, and would love hearing from you. It keeps us going.

For earlier SEVA issues, visit <https://www.rotaryindiranagar.org/newsletters/>

Please do send your comments on this issue to SEVA.RCBI@gmail.com

Happy Reading,

Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20



RBI - RBC Bonhomie over Cricket match

A cricket match between RBI and Rotary Bangalore Cantonment is an annual affair. The match featuring Rotarians, Annets and sometimes Anns is an opportunity for both clubs to compete fiercely on the field and yet demonstrate camaraderie. On 9th Feb 2020, the two teams met on the field and played a 12-overs a side match at the Clarence High School Ground off Assaye Road.

Interesting rules backed by a vibrant running commentary on proceedings by RBC's Rtn. Jasbeer Singh, made it a very memorable morning. The RBC team this year was more than ready for RBI's wiles, having practiced seriously for this all-important match up.

The two captains Rtn. D Ashok (Dash) and Rtn. Sujith Joseph agreed on boundaries and match rules before tossing the coin. RBI chose to bat first on a sunny morning. However, RBI openers appeared unnerved by Rtn. Mithun Pai's brisk pace, and just could not muster many runs. Rtn. Karthik, with his wily spin and occasional faster one, kept a tight leash on RBI batmen as well. It was left to batsmen down the order Rtn. Nayeem, Annet Yash Koppikar and Rtn. Bhaskar to lift RBI to a not too mean 110 for 7. Nayeem top scored for RBI.

RBC's batsmen were more than ready and looked to overhaul RBI's score within just a few overs with their scoring rate. Introduction of Annets Yash and Savio helped slow down the run rate in the 3 overs that they could bowl. RBC, who were decidedly the better team in this year's encounter, won with an over and more to spare. The RBC team shared that they had a couple of practice sessions in the prior fortnight, which they believed made the difference.

The victors and the vanquished met for fellowship and lunch at Indian Gymkhana. Wonderful hosts, RBC, were there with a ready peg of liquor or a mug of beer for Rotarians and their family members. A few rounds of friendly games and Antakshari paved the way for a Sunday lunch.

Our Rotarian Nayeem was declared the best batsman of the day (for the 2nd year in succession). All other cricketing laurels went RBC's way.

Three cheers to the RBC - RBI bonhomie.

Thank you, Rotary Bangalore Cantonment for being such gracious hosts.

Enjoy these few memories of the event.



RBI's Annual Picnic

RBI's Annual Picnic at Rtn. G J Raja's farmhouse on 16th Feb 2020 was a fun riot. A bus lot of RBlans and more were easily accommodated at the farmhouse on Bangalore's outskirts. The house set on a 120-acre plot was spacious enough for us to picnic with abandon.

After breakfast at RHOS a chirpy bunch of RBlans and family members boarded the bus. As the bus edged towards Bengaluru's edge, it suddenly was Antakshari time. RBlans found different ways of making their songs count, and loudly so. With President Manoj's encouraging presence, RBlans turned out a jolly lot of songs - mostly in tune, but often out of it. Not that it made a difference to the ultimate enjoyment quotient.

Soon we were into farm lined roads. Expert navigation saw the bus remain inside the Karnataka boundary, without touching TN roads that would have meant horror for the '*Karnataka road permit only*' bus.

Within 1 ½ hours of driving we stepped onto and began enjoying hospitality of Rtn. G J Raja and family at their Farmhouse. A soothing welcome drink was more than welcome. Road weary picnickers congregated under the shamiana for more fun.

Quickly we were into party mode. The RBI ladies brigade of Pavitra Reddy, Vidhya Pradeep, Sharada Shenoy and Rtn. Kavita Kekre had cooked up fun games for us. Dumb Charades of movie names had animated chatter but few answers. Some that even game organizers found difficult to mime for success.

How could singing remain under wraps with so many RBI Rotarians? Rtn. Nayeeem's tracks and music system ensemble were on from the start. A host of Rotarians and Anns gave it their full-throated selves. The singing went on in tandem with other sundry activities such as lunch, beer and cocktails.

The singing gave way to an inevitable Tambola. All of RBI won that day in a wonderful environment not too far away from home. Did we want to leave the picnic spot? No. Did we have to? Yes ... in order to beat the Sunday evening traffic.

Thank you Rtn. G J Raja and family for opening your new abode and making all of us feel at home. Here is a sample of the enjoyment at that great location. The event pictures below cannot express the fun that we had.



Spirit of Rotary team visits Rtn. Venkat Reddy

A group of 15 Rotarians and Anns led by IPP Rtn. M. Jagadeesh, visited Rtn. Venkat Reddy at his home in Bellandur on the evening of 3rd March 2020. The dapper senior Rotarian is recovering from a spinal surgery. His close family has been looking after him extremely well. Mr. Reddy felt confident of complete recovery soon, as he believes the most difficult part of the healing process has now passed. He was happy that so many from his Rotary family came to visit.

The group chatted and had tea with him. The team also regaled him with a few songs before returning to home base.

Rtn. Reddy and his family were ever so hospitable and ensured that we were all well taken care of in that short visit. We had a tough time explaining that we were only there to cheer Mr. Reddy up and would not be staying for dinner.

Here are a few pictures from that evening.



Behind the scenes of Kusur

Efforts to make *Kusur* succeed commenced more than three months prior to the event. There was so much to do - Selling around 1000 tickets, bringing the entire troupe to Bangalore, arranging their stay, getting props ready for the show, collecting money, organising sponsorships, coordinating with Bookmyshow, organising PR for the event, coordinating with the DG and the district Rotarians, planning for VIPs attending the show and a 100 other things. Whew!

An event Core Committee comprising President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal, Event chair Rtn. Kavita Kekre, Rtn. Fazal-ur-Rahman and Rtn. K Narssimhan was formed. Responsibilities were assigned thereof. Liaison with Amol Palekar, Sandhya Gokhale and their troupe was to be done by President Manoj. He was in constant touch with both Sandhya Gokhale and Amol Palekar. There were several occasions, when the situation became so difficult that he felt that the play may not happen. He was also coordinating with the PR agency responsible for creating a buzz about the play and interview Amol Palekar when he was in Bengaluru.

Event Chair Rtn. Kavita Kekre and President Nominee Fazal-Ur-Rahman managed tickets sales meticulously. Scores of people would call Kavita each day for tickets. Fazal and she would patiently assign tickets for each request, go to Rotary House to get the physical tickets and organise for their pickup or drop. Fazal on his part, maintained records of ticket deliveries in digital form helped by Raju, our Admin In-charge.

Fazal had primary responsibility of stage props as well. The *Kusur* troupe had a longlist of props to be made in Bangalore, such as a huge work table, pantry table, shoe rack, dust bins, umbrella, desktop computers, computer chairs, landline phones etc with exact dimensions. Fazal got in touch with furniture rental companies and found that none had tables with the needed dimensions. Finally, he decided to get them made by his own carpenters. It was a huge challenge as the entire set was to be made in one week. But, super Fazal managed it.

As we approached the event date, a flurry of activity commenced. Noting that Bookmyshow was doing a stellar job in selling tickets, President Manoj and Fazal constantly added more tickets to the portal. We sold more than 500 tickets through Bookmyshow. Sensing the demand, our own members and Anns started picking up more and more tickets from Kavita. It was a full house. Meanwhile, President Manoj had to organise for the stay and transport of the entire troupe. As is his wont, it was another storm that he sailed through with elan.

A day before the show, President Manoj organised a press conference at the hotel where Amol Palekar was staying. It was well organised and the maestro enthusiastically replied to all questions from the press. The press was well represented and hence their coverage was also equally impressive.

Finally, on event day, President Manoj managed overall arrangements, while Fazal took care of tickets. Kavita was in charge of the VIPs and Narssimhan controlled the backstage. All four were present at the event venue from early morning to ensure that everything went as per plan. Fazal had organised for all props to arrive at the venue by 11 am. After they saw that everything was in place, they all returned, only to be back at the venue by 4 pm.

Just before the show also we had some minor challenges, such as missing connecting cables for the telephones, jam sandwiches that had not been cut into two triangles and the quarter bottle of rum ought to have been just small enough to fit into ones back pocket, but wasn't. Fortunately, we solved all those challenges and the program started on time. In the meanwhile, Kavita was ushering in all the VIPs and Fazal was ensuring that all the tickets were being distributed to the right people.

President Manoj Agrawal spoke about the fund raiser's cause - a Cath Lab at Jayadeva Hospital. DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani followed with an inspiring speech after the President. Without further ado, the play started. It was mesmerising to see Amol Palekar perform after 25 years. It was further awe-inspiring to see the star whom we had all seen in movies live on stage getting into the character of the retired Commissioner.

The slow-paced play was grippingly intense. Only at the very end, did we realize that the lady's mistake (Kusur), had inspired the commissioner to atone for his own mistake (Kusur). After the dramatic ending, where the actor walks off stage into the audience, he and Sandhya Gokhale fielded audience questions. A small felicitation ceremony was conducted before the Q&A where Amol Palekar, Sandhya Gokhale and all the members of the troupe were presented a token of our appreciation and gratitude.

All's well that ends well, they say. It was very true in this case as well. We all heaved a collective sigh of relief as we did not make any mistake (Kusur) on our part!

The evening was magical and replete with luminaries as you can see from these pictures.



By Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan

Business + Innovation = Entrepreneurship

Balkishen Birla by his own admission is a fake Marwari. None of his family members before him had ever ventured into business. In fact, he had traversed the oft trodden path of a chosen few to acquire a Computer Science degree from IIT Kanpur before joining the employed world. For a decade and half and more, he worked at Infosys and Amazon, two shining stars of India's corporate world. On 9th March 2020, he enlightened us with an interesting talk.



A chance thought drove him to be a true Marwari. While on the way to work one morning he realized that his long-cherished love for retro Hindi music was gradually receding into the background. He had just no time to listen to those wonderful old songs. Thus was born Bhule Bisre Geet (BBG) - an idea to savour those old gems for at least 15 minutes of each busy day. He created an e-platform that people could log into while traveling or at work just to get that daily booster dose of good old retro music. And he did it to rejuvenate himself. BBG was the first of the case studies that he discussed that evening - a personal idea that went public.

He metaphorically likened Entrepreneurship to jumping off a cliff and then looking for a parachute for a soft landing. The thrilling experience is wonderful as long as customers get what they expect from your set-up. An entrepreneur must have crystal clear vision of what to create and offer to users/customers. E.g. what does Facebook offer - "Everyone wants to feel like a celebrity without being one!". He epitomized entrepreneurship wonderfully as a constant tussle between Profit and Value on one dimension and Brain and Heart on another.

He discovered an opportunity to help students at his Alma Mater IIT by founding '*IITians for Life*', a platform for sharing feelings and ideas. A typical IITian fails for the first time in life at an IIT and needs to discover ways of recovering. He also felt the need to sensitize people about failure being an essential part of an individual's growth. Ahem, parents need to be tolerant of failure too. *IITians for Life* enables connect between erstwhile students of IIT to help build a greater connect with the world, and use technology for enhanced impact.

The next case study '*RJ with Radiowalla*', was a chatbox based techRJ. The venture weaved old Hindi songs with classic literature of greats such as Tolstoy and Dostoevsky. It made people bring their thoughts and ideas together through song and literature.

Slack was the next case study. A chatbox that began as a gaming company's internal tool, it helps organizations work more effectively. The simple tool received a 21 Billion \$ valuation at IPO, and did not bother about funding, preferring to go the IPO way. Even simple ideas can strike a chord and riches for the originator. Just follow your belief and gut feeling he says.

He took up *Gramin Bank* as a non-technology start-up case. It was started in poverty ridden Bangla Desh in 1974. At the height of the 1974 famine, Mohammad Yunus made social collateral as security for loans. The success of Gramin bank and its profitable outcome was sufficient to win a Nobel Prize for Mohammad Yunus. The repayment rate of close to 100% especially when over 97% of the borrowers were women was just one more remarkable statistic.

Christopher Columbus was the last start-up case study. The explorer did not let 12 earlier failures deter him, and got funded one more time by Spain and discovered the American continent in his quest to find a western route to India.

He then led a freewheeling discussion and shared how businesses change their character over their lifetime. To begin with they are driven by ideas, and once it takes root, they find more efficient ways of satisfying customers, and only later do they think of revenue. The thinking at each stage needs different structures, and organizations morph themselves accordingly.

RBI's epochal project Vidya Daan was the topic of our weekly meeting on 17th Feb 2020. PP Rtn. Raja Kaura, a leading light of this long-term project, spoke passionately on how the project is scaling great heights. He spoke about the project mission and its aim to reach out to a much larger set of needy students who may be hampered by lack of support. Vidya Daan covers deserving BPL students from PU to their Degree. A student needs to satisfy identified performance criteria each year for the scholarship to be disbursed.

On that evening, RBI felicitated  partners. Key partners Menda Foundation (trustees Arjun and Chatru Menda), JSS Foundation (Mr. Vinod Advani), Fuel-a-Dream (Ranganath Thota) and RBLans who contributed in the corpus crowd-funding effort were covered.

The icing on the  cake were confident talks by scholarship recipients Dhanalakshmi (now an Accenture employee), our office manager Raju's son Karthik (working on a project at National Aerospace Laboratories) who completed a Mechanical Engineering degree and Bahadur's daughter Rambha who received a Vidya Daan scholarship to complete a BCom degree. They spoke of Vidya Daan's important role in their lives, and the confidence it has imparted to them. In the previous scholastic year, Vidya Daan supported 506 students disbursing Rs. 118 Lakhs. Those numbers are expected to swell to 1000 students with an equivalent rise in the amount by 2023.

Mr. Arjun Menda released the Vidya Daan Raffle appeal. The raffle will be held later this year.

We wish Vidya Daan even greater success in lighting up lives of more needy students.

Here are a few memories of the evening when PP Rtn. Raja Kaura led the talk.



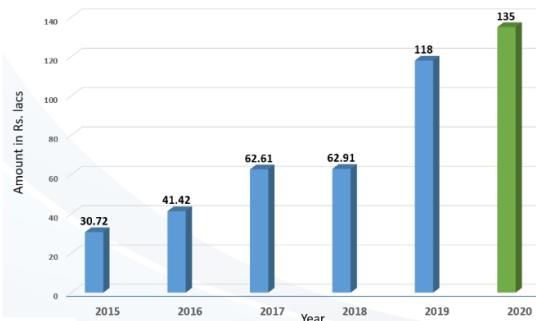
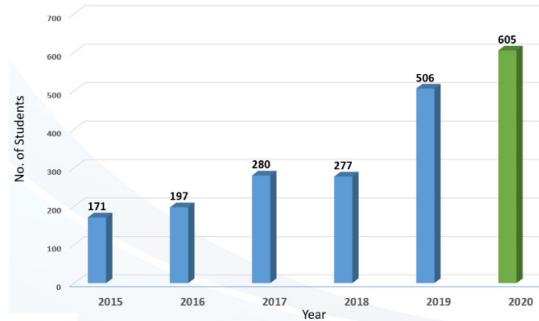
What is Vidya Daan?



is a Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar initiative that supports education of needy & deserving students from PUC-I onwards to Graduation. Education is catalyst of change in society, through which harmony, mutual tolerance and social upliftment is achieved. Vidya Daan provides an opportunity to our society's underprivileged sections to meet their aspirations.

Initiated in 1999 by RBI, to support one child, the scholarship program for higher education has grown steadily over the years. In the previous Rotary year,  supported the education of 506 students, disbursing Rs. 1 Crore 18 Lakhs.

Trace Vidya Daan's growth story over the years through the following graphs ..



The needed funds are raised through RBI members' contributions. It is also generously supported by Menda Foundation, JSS Foundation and other Rotary Clubs of our district. Karnataka Offset Printers Association helped last year, and is expected to continue this year as well.

Vidya Daan recipients are selected on merit i.e. marks obtained in the 10th Standard board exam. The financial background of students is checked through various means such as BPL cards. A panel of RBI members interviews each candidate before sanctioning the scholarship. Continuation of scholarship each year is subject to students securing good marks in the annual examinations. The scholarship amount is via cheque / DD directly to the educational institution.

Besides financial support, RBI also provides following additional support to our students

- Career Counselling
- Public Speaking
- English Proficiency
- Placement after graduation

Plans are underway to form a Vidya Daan Alumni association so that they can help by supporting other deserving students as well.

The Vidya Daan target is to support at least 1000 students each year by 2023. You can help Vidya Daan by helping enhance the scholarship corpus, identifying students who need scholarships, helping in interviews and also in the training of students in various aspects.

The process of initiating impact assessment of  by an independent agency is underway.

With inputs from PP Rtn. Raja Kaura

Water Wheels Roll on

Eight Rotarians and a spouse invested the best part of 5th March 2020 to travel to Kogunde Village for handing over 100 water wheels to women. President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal led the group which included IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari, and 3 directors from the RBI Board. The group left at 07:00 A.M. and returned only late that evening. DG Rtn. Nayan Patil (District 3160) welcomed the RBI group at Brahamasagara and accorded them wonderful hospitality.

Water wheels recipients at Kogunde village (about 8 km from Brahamasagara) were delighted with the new accessory that would significantly lighten their load. The water wheels help women to transport water from distant locations without having to actually carry it.

DG Rtn. Nayan Patil addressing the local gathering hoped that RBI would help more rural women of his District. DG Nayan Patil evinced hope that RBI would continue partnering with his district to support up to 4000 women in other areas of his district (3160), namely in Gulbarga, Yadgir, Bidar and Raichur District. The 45 litre capacity water wheels are manufactured by NILKAMAL at Rs 2500 apiece. We bring you some bright moments from that day. Super job RBI !!



WINS

March is Water & Sanitation Month. On 2nd March 2020, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar inaugurated WINS (Wash in School) in 9 Govt Schools in Hoskote Taluk. These schools are located at Hasicala, Alapanahalli, Lakondahalli, Kamasandra, Hasicala 2, Vabasandra, Sangdilipura, Shankaripura, & Varadapura. All these wash stations are permanent with concrete, shiny tiles & granite. Water supply has also been ensured to these stations. High five Hygiene Ambassadors were appointed at each location. Snazzy WINS kits were also distributed.

The commendable work was accomplished by Rtns. Bijith, Fazal-ur-Rahaman and Philip George. Here are a few memories of that day.



RBI's 2nd Adult Literacy Centre inaugurated

After the success of our first Adult Literacy Centre at Little Flower High School, RBI chose to launch a 2nd one at Thippasandra on 11th March 2020. The second one too is in association with Forum for Former LRDEians (FFFL). It will operate from the premises of The Government Primary School in New Thippasandra.

The centre was inaugurated by RBI President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal in the company of many former LRDEians who have been the key to success in our Adult Literacy project. Secretary Rtn. A K Sugunan, RBI's link to the FFL, explained the project context and its goal to help achieve 100% literacy in our part of the world. He shared how Mr. Kesava, head of the local vegetable vendors' association has been drafted into the activity. He has been promoting the cause and recommends all vendors who are not literate to enroll in the program.



Many students from RBI's first Adult Literacy program at Little Flower High School were present at the event. These ambassadors of our well-run Adult Literacy program, were effusively grateful to the various teachers who made them literate. They were proud at being able to read destination of buses, make their own choices, and also thrilled at being able to read product labels. One student, Mrs. Varalakshmi, a housemaid who has graduate children of her own, was elated to be in the company of people who can read and write. She spoke

to the gathering with great passion about her achievement. *You can see her in the picture alongside President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal.*

PP Rtn. P C Haran and Rtn. Guruganesh represented RI Dist 3190 at the event. Rtn. Guruganesh, Chair of the District Literacy Committee lauded RBI and former LRDEians for helping Rotary work towards 100% literacy. He was particularly impressed with the confidence of the newly literate adult students who addressed the audience with ease. He felt that if RBI churned out literate students at the same rate, we could help Karnataka achieve its 100% literacy goal well ahead of schedule.

The Government Primary School headmistress appealed to those present to invite their friends' and acquaintances to join the program. She promised to open up new classrooms to accommodate more students.

Upon witnessing so much excitement at the inauguration, it is likely that the program at this new location will be another huge success.

Great going Secretary Rtn. A. K. Sugunan.



MAR-APR BIRTHDAYS

Rtn. Seetharam H.R.	17
Ann Malathi Jagadeesh	19
Rtn. R.K.Shetty	19
Ann Neetha Harish Kumar	21
Rtn. Jayashree Prabhakar	22
Ann Parvathy Bijith	28
Rtn. Jagmohanlal Maheswari	31
APRIL	
Rtn. G J Raja	01
Ann Kavitha Joseph	01
Ann Sowmya Srikanth	03
Rtn. Manoj Agarwal	04
Ann Sushama Karnawat	04

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAR-APR

Annie & PP Rtn. Gurmeet Singh Randhawa	23
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Nalini & Rtn. Muniraju	14

EVENTS

KEY DATES IN MARCH - APRIL

As per RI Guidelines and Governmental regulations,
please await messages from the President & Secretary
regarding events.



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From the Editor's desk



Dear Reader,

We live in testing and trying times. The Covid-19 pandemic has thrown our normal routines haywire. Such extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. Adversity brings out the best in RBI Rotarians, and the lockdown sparked off innovative means of keeping in touch. It was business as usual as we continued our service to society - by reaching out to people needing assistance. We educated ourselves on the pandemic to discover ways to serve society. Much of this issue of SEVA focusses on our urgent efforts to be of service to society.

All RBI events, fellowships and in-person meetings were cancelled in conformance with lockdown regulations to ensure social distancing. Innovative tools helped bridge that gap. Even our fellowships and weekly meetings used internet tools such as ZOOM and got hyphenated with an e-.

In the specially sub-captioned **CoVID-19** articles, we cover many of our dazzling CoVID-19 pandemic related projects. Our well-subscribed crowdfunding campaign for funds to provide rations to Bangalore's daily wage labourers is part of it. It threw up some heroes as well. We cover one young student warrior who came in from the cold, and worked out of his skin to ensure that his crowd funding campaign was oversubscribed.

RBI's weekly meetings were not given a miss in all of this, and were conducted through the Zoom App. We appreciate speakers and district officers who made it a point to not miss their date with us.

SEVA Issue 10 had somehow missed out an article on IFMR 3190 riders who went on a long ride to garner support for Rotary's Literacy Mission. Our apologies to Rtn. Vijay Mane for this miss. We include it in this issue.

RBIans' efforts to help reduce the CoVID-19 footprint and diminish impact of the resultant lockdown on underprivileged sections are much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you about this issue of SEVA at SEVA.RCBI@gmail.com.

For earlier SEVA issues, do visit <https://www.rotaryindiranagar.org/newsletters/>

We urge all of you to keep safe, stay at home and remain healthy.

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IFMRers for Rotary Literacy Mission

A group of 12 bikers of the International Forum of Motorcycling Rotarians District 3190 (IFMR 3190) embarked on a riding mission from Kanyakumari to Kolkata, to support Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM). Their objective – to raise Rs. 1.2 Crores through Crowdfunding for sponsoring 3000+ Asha Kirans across 14 RI Districts in India.

Asha Kiran seeks to bring out-of-school children back to formal school. Typically, such children are juvenile offenders and/or progeny of convicts, sex workers and migrant workers. Some are street children, a few special children and many who are HIV +ve.

The bikers rode over 4,200 km, in 19 days including 16 Stops. They traversed 11 Indian states encompassing 14 RI Districts, averaging 300 kms of riding each day. A typical day ended with a press conference and a public event. The 19 days, culminated in a recognition for the 12 IFMR bikers at Rotary India's Centennial Celebrations at Kolkata on 14th February 2020. Rtn. Vijay Mane, of our club, with his 24th Feb 2020 talk had RBI spellbound with specifics about the unique ride. Rtn. Chandrashekhar Vishwanath's Shekar Logistics was one of the 9 sponsors of the ride.



The riders had congregated at RHOS on 24th February 2020 along with Rtn. Vijay Mane.

Great work by IFMRers in helping make India better.



IFMRers at RHOS on 24th Feb 2020.

Rotary Literacy Ride Kanyakumari to Kolkata

Objective

- 12 bikers
- 4000+ km
- 19 days
- 16 Stops
- 11 States/UT's
- 13 RI Districts

Riding to support the **Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM)**

Target to raise **Rs. 1.2 Crores** through **Crowdfunding**

Sponsor **4500+ Asha Kiran's** across **13 RI Districts**

International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR), India Chapter

Rtn. Vijay Mane featured in an information brochure about the Rotary Literacy ride.

Adapted from Rtn. Vijay Mane's documentation

Lake Rejuvenation

RBI's 36th Weekly meeting was its 1st e-meeting. Joe Fernandes of IITians for Influencing India's Transformation (IIT - IIT) was the guest of honour and speaker..

Joe Fernandes, a social reformer who heads IITians for Influencing India's Transformation (IIT-IIT), harnesses collective effort for social development causes. IIT-IIT partners with NGOs to scale up programs in healthcare, livelihoods and education nationally.

The following is the gist of Joe Fernandes's talk.

Revival/restoration of Lake is a recent program of IIT-IIT. It has seen enormous success in Maharashtra. They hope to extend it to other states by using the same model. In their model, silt removed from the lake is carted away by farmers for their use. The farmers arrange transportation, thereby reducing the cost and effort for IIT-IIT. The silt is very nutritious for their crops.

All IIT-IIT projects have various NGO partners in them. Rotary India and more recently RBI and RI Dist. 3190 are part of this set of partners. Art of Living is another huge partner.

The IIT - IIT partnership with RI District 3190 is for multiple years.

For Year 1 Rs 45 L has been budgeted based on the Maharashtra figure of Rs. 25/cubic metre of desilting.

RBI has already contributed 6 lakhs as one of the 4 partners. We expect the project to scale up once the model succeeds in the first case.

There are other add-ons to lake rejuvenation, with possibility for further action, where RBI's continued involvement may be needed. These include planting trees, bunding, etc that call for active engagement and involvement of local villagers. Rotary can play a huge role in such areas

OVBI (Overseas Volunteers for A Better India) is one of the steady partners in this drive. And so is Caring Friends. IIT - IIT hopes to complete the project by end-June, once an MOU is signed with RBI and the other NGOs. 2 other Rotary clubs from Dist. 3190 are expected to participate in the project. *Impact of the Corona virus pandemic lockdown on the project has yet to be factored in.*

Active involvement of RBI members is essential in making the project a success.

Desilting of percolation lakes, that make up most of Karnataka's lakes, is a one-time activity. Best results are achieved when a lake's highest recharging point is chosen for desilting.

Bunding ensures that silt does not flow back into the lake. Often more bunds are required, to alleviate additional desilting. Desilting and transportation of silt is the largest cost in a lake rejuvenation project. Between Rs. 12 and 15 Lakhs of the lake rejuvenation cost is borne by villagers. Other partners need to put up the remaining Rs. 10+ lakhs.

IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari interjected by sharing that Environmental projects such as Tree planting and lake rejuvenation will henceforth have TRF involvement. According to IPDG Suresh Hari RIPN Rtn. Shekhar Mehta's target of 10000 water bodies rejuvenation can easily be achieved in Karnataka itself, with so many lakes needing it here.

Will the projects be only around Bengaluru? It will enable RBI Rotarians to visit these projects. President Manoj stated that we are taking up 4 projects close to RBI on the Eastern side of Bengaluru.

When asked if afforestation around the lake could be taken up if the lake permits, Joe's response was that it is an add-on when rejuvenating percolation water bodies. Most lakes that

they work on are percolation lakes. Historically Karnataka has favoured percolation lakes since they recharge ground water too. Hence there are few storage lakes here. Maintenance has been a big issue since a certain level of water and resultant pressure is needed for percolation to happen. The challenge in such lakes is keeping silt from re-entering it. Reforestation is also a challenge, but it must be an add-on that involves villagers for execution and carrying forward as a local activity. The local village community must be engaged for it to succeed.

Who identifies the right water body? Typically, an NGO does it. All 10 lakes up until now have been identified by Art of Living. Easily 1000 lakes fall in RBI area of interest. Permission is given at Panchayat level right now, but in future it may involve the Forest department and Water Management departments as well

Anganwadi renovation is another area of interest. But that can be taken up offline.

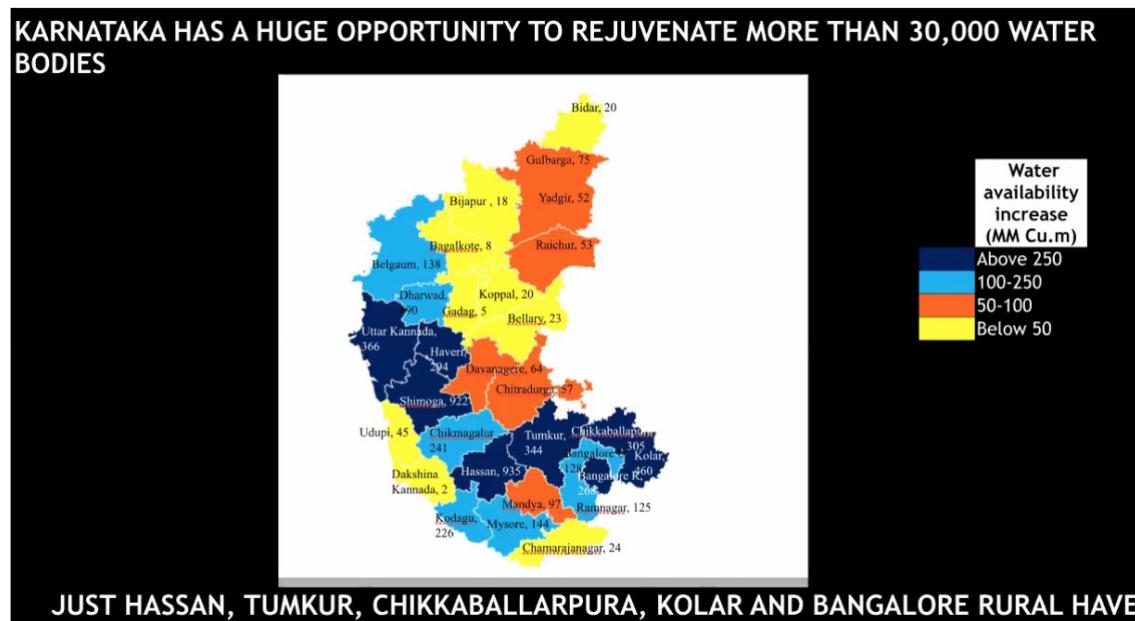
What about micro enterprises for women (artisan community) and partnering with Sankara Eye Foundation? Joe responded that other projects type will require separate conversations.

What is the gestation period of a typical Lake rejuvenation activity? It has to be done post-harvest and must be finished before the monsoon sets in. The biggest problem is transporting silt. It takes 10 to 12 days work on the site depending on the transportation truck size. Smaller trucks have taken 30 days. The entire rejuvenation project takes between 75 and 80 days. Movement of tractor trolleys across the farm takes a long time.

IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari wished to know the specifics of village involvement so that Rotary could be involved in perpetuity. Joe informed that Ayyappa Masagi is the NGO partner for scaling up. JCB fork lifts come thru contractors. Rotary contacts with such organizations can help speed up the project and reduce cost.

Add-on work needs an NGO like Rotary to carry on ongoing engagement for reforestation, compartment bunding, drip irrigation and so on. Practical funding aspects could be considered too. IPDG Hari felt that this was TRF related.

A screen grab from RBI's first weekly e-meeting using the Zoom App, that shows regions where water bodies rejuvenation is needed. RBI could well take up projects in some of these areas.



As captured by SEVA editor during e-meeting

**Rotary adapting to changing times & Covid 19 initiatives by Rotary
RI Director Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi**

37th weekly meeting (2nd E-meet, 53 participants) on 30th March 2020

President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal welcomed members to the meeting.

He quickly briefed RI President's Representative Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi as follows:

- In these tough times, we are doing our bit to help
- Club meetings are held as planned, all in e-mode with not one being missed
- RBI had a musical fellowship on Zoom with IFRM District 3142
- Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal donated Rs. 1.8 Cr to TRF
- PP Prabhakar moved this year from 3rd Level to 4th Level Major Donor
- Rations to migrant labour ... crowd funding netted Rs. 12 Lakhs within 3 days
- 2000 kits will be distributed along with Rotary Sankarapark, thanks to Rtn. Sanjay Dugar's proactive effort supported by Rtn. Naresh Bhandia (of our new club)
- Rs. 7.5 Lakhs were received thru V P Goyal Trust, thanks to PP Rtn. Peeyush Jain
- Rtn. Pradeep Lal and his brother Rtn. Manoj Lal (RI Dist. 3012) handed 50000 masks (costing Rs. 8.36L) to National Centre for Disease Control
- 10 renovated Anganwadis are ready and await clearance from authorities for inauguration
- PP Rtn. Suresh Patel's friend Aneesh contributed Rs. 50000 toward Souvenir
- Rtn. Sanjay Dugar is doing great work for Covid-19 Rations Distribution. He foresees strife, exploitation, and feels need of facilitation of knowledgeable persons to alleviate it.

PP Rtn. Karthikeya Reddy introduced DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani.

In his brief address DG Dr. Hariani stated that both President Manoj and RI Director Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi are adept at Shayari. He felt proud to adapt to changed times through e-meetings. He commented that RBI is the best club of Dist 3190, wherein all Rotarians live the Rotary ideals. The highest contribution to TRF from District 3190 has consistently been by RBI.

President Manoj acknowledged the nice words, and promised to do our best.

IPDG Suresh Hari then introduced RI Director Kamal Sanghvi as an RI International Training leader, who has done Aman Ki Asha for Heart surgeries.

A synopsis of RI Director Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi's address is featured below

He always feels butterflies in his stomach together with elation while addressing RBI. He was confident that Rtn Dr. Sameer Hariani would turn the Corona problem into an opportunity. These are unprecedented, crippling and testing times for India. Flattening the curve is the key.

Gulzar once stated

"Muddat se Arzoo Fursat Ki, Shart yeh hai ke kisise Na milo". It rings so true these days.

He also quoted the oft quoted line, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going".

Rtn. Sanghvi commended RBLans for being such great citizens and heeding to the call.

At a recent national Rotary meeting of Sr Leaders (India), the great ground level work of Governors and Governor Elects was commended. Distributing masks and food, communicating and involving others (prisoners in jail have been creating masks from old clothes) were some of the actions mentioned.

He told Rotarians, "Keep yourself safe to serve others. Do not risk by going out. And be in sync with the government's directives".

On 14th March 2020 he had flown to Raipur to inaugurate the Satya Sai Hospital (for heart surgeries) - a project funded in part by Rotary (by 300 Rotarians for 400 heart surgeries). There he raised Rs. one crore in an hour. The flight to Raipur had Covid +ve co-passengers, and he had to be in 17-day isolation. Rtn. Sanghvi had got out of isolation that morning. 300 Rtns and Children in wards would have got infected had he not been in isolation.

He then advised Rotarians through these crisp comments:

Be very, very careful

Take opinions from District Admin and work in sync with them

Give Personal safety highest priority, but don't stop from doing your tasks

Be the angels of giving - make others happy and make them smile

Carry on what you are doing

He referred to the National Lockdown Policy, and felt that Rotarians should use the time constructively.

GOI had done well with the steps it has taken. In an unprecedented move 100+ Cr people are sitting at home. The exceptional resolve shown by citizens who committed close to Rs. 300 crores heading to the PM's call is amazing.

Let us give 25 Crore to PM's fund to fight COVID-19. We need to have a local focus but also a national view. Karnataka has a few cases, and Rotarians in Bengaluru and Karnataka need to be vigilant.

Methodology of contribution to PM's fund:

If each Rotarian gives at least Rs. 1000 to PM's National Fund (we will collect 15 Crores). DG Sameer will share modalities when they are finalized.

It affects everybody. Please donate and persuade corporates to help as well. "Money cannot buy happiness!" is a common refrain. In his view that is incorrect. Money can buy happiness by providing food and shelter. Thousands are walking home 1800 kms from Bangalore to UP just to be with family.

Make the country proud of Rotarians. Let us be there when we are needed.

He recalled former AB Vajpayee's poem which he felt reflects the current situation

Aao Phir se Diya Jalayein
Bhari dupheri mein Andhiyara
Suraj Parcchayise Hara
Antar Tam ka Neha Nicchhode
Bujhi Hui Baati Sulgaayein
Aao Phir se Diya Jalayein

आओ फिर से दिया जलाएँ
भरी दुपहरी में अँधियारा
सूरज परचाईसे हरा
अंतर तम का नेह निछोदे
बुझी हुई बाती सुलगाएँ
आओ फिर से दिया जलाएँ

He reminded us that **Mankind is our Business** and we ought to follow it.

There were two RBlans who wished to comment

Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal stated that he has already contributed 15 Lakhs to the PM Cares Fund. He wanted it to go to the club and provide recognition to RBI. He stated that he only follows the 140 other members of the club who lead him.

Rtn. Sanjay Dugar then stated Rotary is a leader in all that we do. How can Rotary start thinking right away to deal with the aftermath of COVID? What can we do together?

RI Director Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi responded with



We need to start thinking right away.

Labourers will return, we need to think of how we can help them upon their return after a month. Let us create passages i.e. warehouses for temporary lodging and boarding, and help them find jobs. Factories will have lost a lot of effort by then. We can enable daily wagers get back their jobs in industry. Think with a large heart. Be kind to your servants and helpers. Global Grants for procurement of ventilators by hospitals can be thought of too. Rotarians cannot change the world on their own, we need to partner with others to make a better world. Come up with a Concrete solution.

President Manoj tasked Rtn. Sanjay Dugar to draw up a blueprint for a course of action, which he will with inputs from others. Sanjay cited the example of how 5 Japanese facilitators channelized thoughts of experts after the double whammy of Nuclear Disaster and Tsunami to cut down time and reduce rehabilitation effort.

Rtn. Chandrashekhar Vishwanath announced a Rs. 25000 contribution to PM Cares.

PP Rtn. OP Khanna thanked RI Director Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi for his inspiring words, and wished to know if RBI could use the Raipur facility to help our heart patients who need assistance. Rtn. Sanghvi informed him that it is a '*No cash counter*' hospital.

Responding to a question about the psychological aspect of the disaster apart from hospitals, Rtn. Sanjay Dugar stated that the civil arm can help a lot. Let us keep such people ready for helping others as soon as it is needed.

To a question if unused fully constructed buildings could be used to house displaced labour, IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari hoped that such an event will not occur. He felt that it will be inappropriate to use unsold flats. Instead the entire accumulated funds (for social causes) in National CREDAI Cess fund can be channelized to help labour.

Rtn. Kamal Sanghvi felt that we ought to *Challenge others to help..*

Screen grab of e-meeting from ZOOM software.

As captured by the SEVA editor during e-meeting

Covid 19 Relief Bangalore, Ms. Aparna Ponnappa

38th weekly meeting, (4th E-meeting, 44 participants) on 6th April 2020.

RBI's 38th weekly meeting was held through the now familiar Zoom platform. The speaker Aparna Ponnappa, is an entrepreneur, social worker, President of the Bangalore Chapter of XLRI Alumni Association, and an exceptional certified facilitator. She is helping RBI co-ordinate activities of its urgent objective of delivering 21-day ration packets to migrants and daily wage earners.



Using catchy PowerPoint slides to reinforce her points, Aparna began by thanking Rtn. Sanjay Dugar and the Rotary Indiranagar family for helping with funds, volunteers and packets of food. The first slide summarized the objective aptly, *Covid-19 Relief Bangalore – We're in it together, We'll be out of it together*. She was speaking from the Covid Relief Centre, Bangalore that co-ordinates the relief activity. Throughout her talk, whoops of joy erupted from outside her office. She attributed it to volunteers unloading relief material from trucks. It almost felt as if we were there in the midst of all the great work.

From Humble beginnings come great things was another catchy statement that summarized the relief activity. The idea to start a relief program for migrant workers was a brainwave as she sat in the quarantined balcony of her home a week and a half earlier. Having been in social work for a long time, it was a no-brainer. The most vulnerable section of our society would have it rough in the aftermath of the lockdown precipitated by Covid-19. They would be without a job, and more importantly without money for daily needs. Oh yes, all she needed to do was appeal for funds, get friends and acquaintances to donate (and perhaps raise funds as well). However, the enormity of the problem meant that a vastly different approach was needed.

Money did not seem to be a problem, as people were more than willing to donate. The number of people needing help and the wide geographical spread of their shanty dwellings was quite another issue. An added point was travel between locations. The lockdown made it a challenge for volunteers to travel. Lastly, wholesalers were not amenable to sell in these trying times. Government departments helped alleviate the raw materials supply issue. That sorted, they had to ensure that the logistics worked seamlessly. Here is where the facilitators group assisted to create a seamless process. Executing the plan was the next challenge. Though in theory it was simple, on the ground it got difficult for multiple reasons:

- There was no documentation of the city's migrant labour population, and much of it had to be collated as they distributed the packets. Many labourers did not have any sort of documentation on them either.
- Other individuals and agencies had the same idea as Aparna's, thereby creating a crowd of givers, with little communication between each other.
- The multitude of agencies operating in the same area meant repetition of the giving in a single area, but nothing in others. Was there a possibility of hoarding too?
- How could different giving agencies co-ordinate with each other to ensure there was no duplication? They had to come up with a way to ensure that only one database was used. That meant a quick update as soon as these kits were handed over. Aparna took it on herself to ensure that.
- Lastly, traveling with supplies was impossible during the lockdown. They met up with civic, government and police officials to give them special passes for the humanitarian work. They had to prove authenticity to the authorities and convince them that it was only rations that were being distributed and nothing else. Special passes helped simplify the process.

She waded through all of these issues and emerged a well-deserved star.

As captured by the SEVA editor during e-meeting

RBI's Fund Raiser for providing Food Packets to Daily Wage Labour

COVID-19 FUND RAISER- GIVING FOOD PACKS TO DAILY WAGE LABOUR IN BENGALURU, TO COMPLEMENT GOVT EFFORTS

Bangalore, Karnataka, India

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Rotary District 3190 | **Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar**

THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWN IS THEIR WORST NIGHTMARE. HELP THE FAMILIES OF DAILY WAGE WORKERS.

This campaign will provide emergency food packs to daily-wage labour families across Bengaluru who are impacted by COVID-19.

RAISED
INR 15,61,980
GOAL INR 15,00,000

DAYS LEFT 7 **FUNDERS** 331

104% FUNDED

Accepts funds from outside India, too.
Rs. 100,000, 1000, 2000 or more.

CONTRIBUTE

To contribute any amount without rewards.

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to distressed citizens. Some of the recipients had been hungry for a few days, when they received these packets. RBI chose **Fuel-a-dream** to crowdsource funds for this cause. The wonderfully crafted campaign was oversubscribed in a matter of days. **Rtn. Lata Amashi** too helped in disbursing the packets.

Each packet contains sufficient material to make meals for 21 days for a family of 4. Volunteers put together its contents from high quality raw material sourced from wholesalers at wholesale prices. The cost of each packet works out to Rs. 1500. The packets were created to suit the preferences of labourers from North and South India resp. Here are the typical contents.

21 day ration package (North)

White Rice	9 Kgs (5 Kg + 2 Kg + 1 kg X 2)
Wheat Flour	4 Kgs (1 Kg packets x 4)
Toor Dal	3 Kgs (1 Kg packets x 3)
Turmeric/Chilli	1 Pkt
Oil	1 ltr
Potato, Onion	3 kg, 1kg
Tea/Coffee	250 gm pkt
Soap	
Sambar powder	

21 day ration package (South)

Raagi Flour	4 Kgs (1 Kg packets x 4)
White Rice	9 Kgs (5 Kg + 2 Kg + 1 kg X 2)
Toor Dal	3 Kgs (1 Kg packets x 3)
Jaggery	3 Balls
Turmeric/Chilli	1 Pkt
Tamarind	1/2 Kg packet
Oil	1 ltr
Soap	
Sambar powder	

The Fuel-a-dream campaign attracted a few high school students who motivated people to contribute for this worthy cause through the crowdfunding site. On the next page we capture the experience of one of these committed youngsters who managed to not only attain but also exceed his target through sheer dedication.

Our sincere appreciation to all Rotarians and students who worked hard to bring a smile on the faces of the distressed daily labourer in these trying times.

Compiled by the SEVA editor

RBI's teen VID-19 hero

Soon after sharing our Crowdfunding campaign (for daily wage worker rations) on my friends' groups on WhatsApp, I received a call from an erstwhile neighbour, Physician and Consulting Cardiologist, Dr. Anupama Kakade. She wished to know how it worked and whether her son could be a part of the project. Her 15-year-old son Ameya, a Standard IX student at an elite International school in Bangalore, wanted to participate in it. President Manoj Agarwal spoke to Ranganath Thota (Ranga) of Fuel-a-dream, and asked that Ameya speak with Ranga and that his project would be amalgamated with RBI's other student projects.

Ameya must have impressed Ranga, because in just a few minutes, Ameya's campaign was online with a target bigger than those of other students. Ameya was quickly off the blocks, and easily exceeded his Rs. 50K target within a day. When I sought a short telephonic interview with him, Ameya was speaking to Ranga as one particular donor contribution that was not reflecting under his campaign.

Earlier, Ranganath Thota, Founder and CEO Fuel-A-Dream, in a 45-minute coaching session with Ameya over telephone, had shared key lines for interaction, statistics, as also the process of successfully completing a funder's transaction. Along with it, he offered suggestions on crafting a successful appeal. Follow-up as the key to success was firmly reinforced. Ameya ascertained contents of the ration package and that these would be distributed locally. All of Ameya's queries about acknowledgement of his contribution to the project got answered.

Ameya's mother Dr. Anupama Kakade, a cardiac consultant, was elated that this success had enhanced her son's self-esteem almost instantaneously, in front of her very eyes.

After congratulating him on his stellar maiden performance at crowd fundraising, it required little prodding for the normally reticent Ameya to share his insights and learning. These are excerpts from my freewheeling interview with Ameya.

'I am very inhibited about asking people to contribute money, and was initially scared about making so many calls asking for just their contribution.'

Now it feels really good to know that people are willing to contribute, if it is for a good cause, especially when everything is transparent. The Rotary name and the project's local nature for a huge current cause also helped.

Ranganath sir was a very patient coach. He said that if my campaign had no money to start with, it would attract few funders, and asked me to be the first funder. Thereafter prospective funders would feel confident about contributing to the campaign by noticing my personal intent and the non-zero balance. Ranganath Sir's analogy of an empty restaurant being a put-off for would-be diners helped reinforce the idea of initial seeding.

My mother funded first, and thereafter I made my first hesitant call (to my grandmother). She was very supportive and immediately contributed her mite. I approached my other set of grandparents and they too became funders. Grandparents from both my mother's and father's side contributed readily. My funded amount looked very healthy as did my confidence. Within an hour I had 15K in my campaign from mom, me and close relatives.'

How did he go about soliciting contributions?

'I first made a note of all people I knew - relatives, my friends and friends of parents, and then prioritized based on their ability to contribute

Next, I called up friends and their parents. Some did contribute but a few deferred.

I then spoke to some people that I had never spoken with. One of them was Chander K Baljee, of Royal Orchid Hotel, whom I greeted with a namaste (as per Ranga Sir's instructions).'

Did people contribute without question?

'I found that calls work better than an inanimate message. Potential funders want their queries answered right away. An ongoing current issue makes it easier.

I was asking on behalf of a local campaign, backed by a reputed organization. The Rotary Indiranagar name helped convince many who were indecisive. Later I shared with them pictures, on the actual ration packet distribution already underway by Rotary volunteers, that my mother had received. That had enormous impact too.'

What got him interested in this cause?

'My aim is to be an Automobile engineer who constantly tracks current environmental issues. At present I keep in touch with these issues through an organization called Advanced Placement. It helps with credits for my undergrad applications. With so many TV discussions around the Corona Virus, and its impact on migrants and poor people in Bangalore, it was impossible to miss. I wanted to be a part of the effort to help these unwitting bystanders impacted by the lockdown. I spoke to my mother about it. The crowdfunding effort was a timely campaign that came my way. And I am very happy that I participated in it.'

Here is Ameya's campaign page. At the time of compiling this SEVA issue, his appeal has notched Rs. 1,44,200 (288% of his target). How's that for his maiden appearance at helping out in crowdfunding? Congratulations Ameya, you make us proud.

AMEYA S KAKADE'S COVID-19 CAMPAIGN - GIVING FOOD PACKS TO DAILY WAGE LABOUR IN BENGALURU

Bengaluru, Karnataka, India

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I am AMEYA S KAKADE, 15 years old and in Grade 9. I am raising funds to provide 21-day food packs to daily wage labourers across Bangalore who are impacted because of COVID-19.

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Interview conducted by SEVA editor

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Lasting impressions of RBI's Food Ration Packet distribution activities



Wholesale packages of rice being unloaded



Stacked & stored for Ration pack assembly



Smaller packets created for ration packs



Ration pack contents



Sorting tamarind for ration pack



Rtn. Sanjay Dugar oversees Ration Pack creation



Packs on way to recipients



Handing over a Pack



Packs await recipients

BENEFICIARY LOCATIONS PLANNED



Handwash at RHOS



When the threat of COVID-19 loomed large, RBI thought of different ways to ensure that the general public would remain safe and healthy. Realizing that the area around RHOS does not have a handwash for general public use, on 20th March 2020, RBI decided to install one, along one side of the RHOS perimeter wall. The two-tap handwash is easily accessible and can be serviced very quickly. Our resident staff, Bahadur, has been tasked with ensuring that it is always in a working state. The handwash has a soap dispenser, and pictorial representation of the correct hand washing technique to clean hands effectively. The pictorial representation has been adapted from Rotary's WINS program.

RBI's decision to install the handwash could not have come sooner, given the regular stream of users of this facility. And especially so in the wake of the national lockdown.

The image alongside captures a typical queue at the installed handwash.



A date with RI President Elect Rtn Holger Knaack

A number of RBI Rotarians were present at a joint e-meeting arranged by our sister club Rotary Club of Colombo on 9th April 2020. The speaker was RI President Elect Rtn. Holger Knaack. After a round of introductions from RC Colombo, he started speaking from his home in Germany. As with everyone else, he felt it was 'Like a miracle' right then. Despite a lockdown, the miracle of technology had helped to connect Rotarians far away from his home. He planned to reach out to Kathmandu later. He had been continuously on Zoom speaking with Rotarians around the world, after returning from the US a couple of weeks earlier.

He acknowledged feeling safer in Germany and was enjoying spring. No one had expected things to take such a turn. A few thousand people have died in Germany, and the country's economy has closed. No one is sure about the future. And interestingly, more people are in zoom meetings than in physical ones. He urged Rotary leaders to take care of people in their clubs and ensure that everybody has a smart phone. It is easier than a PC he said, especially with its superior camera.

He then advised Rotarians to take care of people in the community. It is now a good time to reach out to communities by meeting community leaders. He asked us to identify large industries and seek donations from them. Another source would be local charities. He firmly believes that after the shutdown ends there will be other issues to contend with. It will be difficult to return to normal, but we should strive to improve. He felt it was now time to be revolutionary.

He wished that there be at least one strategic meeting each year in every Rotary Club. These should focus on:

- What are we giving to our constituents?
- Are we attracting younger people?
- What do we do to provide opportunities?

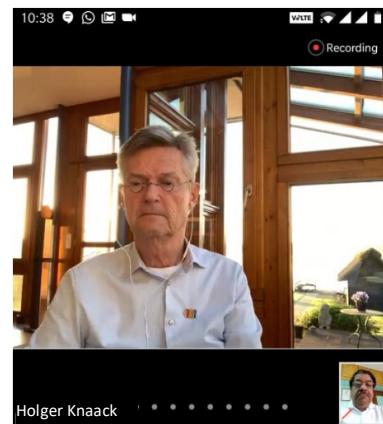
He suggested some sort of self-assessment to help clubs change direction if needed, and shared a Check Test at his Rotary club. They ask these questions:

- What we do need to change?
- How do we grow Rotary?

People do not usually worry about the numerical strength of a club. And people leaving Rotary speak about Rotary. Some of which is not always flattering. He wanted sustainable growth in Rotary by identifying and inviting people who fit well within their Rotary Club and adjust too. That he felt was the best way to grow Rotary.

Have friends for life in Rotary, he said. Such lifelong members engage in Rotary. We should look for both young and experienced members to ensure stability and energy. Age is no bar, just get those who fit the best. Invite more women to be members to help Rotary live up to one of its core values. We have people from different backgrounds, languages and culture, but remain bound by friendship.

The Rotary experience, he explained, in different countries is different. But the 4 Way Test remains unchanged. He urged Rotarians to take up every opportunity to serve. Each such act of service changes and grows us. Projects, he advised, ought to be sustainable and relevant. Do things together. For a Rotarian it has to be '**We** and not **I**', and '**Our** not Mine'. He believes that it is a great joy to share with others, the more we share, the better the world will be. *Our ambition should be to improve Rotary for the future.*



He answered a few audience questions next

Q. How did Rotary clubs in Germany react to the deaths and extent of Corona virus?

Thankfully we are in a better state than others, in that we have beds and medicine. Angela Merkel is a Rotarian. The government is doing much better than others. It is honoring all those who are working right now (in hospitals). Easter in Germany is the most important festival. Yet, they are working to serve others without caring about themselves. They are also working on disaster relief fund.

Q. Our President Manoj Agarwal wondered whether under prevailing circumstances there would be a cut in the number of global grants.

RE President Elect Holger Knaack felt it is for Club members and Trustees to decide. He did not think there would be curtailment. Rotary, he said, runs on money. And believes that people in the Rotary world must contribute to TRF. RI needs the money now.

Member, College of Governors PDG Rtn. K R Ravindran added that there will be no reduction in global grants. However, each may not be more than USD 25000 and restricted to no more than one per club. He spoke of how countries have used such funds well, and shared the example of how Sri Lanka improved the quality of their labs using global grants.

He also believes that Round Tabling approaches may help reduce Rotary's formal ways. Tablers learn about service, and meet in person. 20% of members from RI PE Holger's club are Tablers'.

Another question asked was whether RI was planning for the recovery period after CoVID-19. *Can we come up with a plan so that we are not taken by surprise? Is Rotary doing anything?* RIPE Holger agreed that all were taken by surprise by the COVID pandemic. And that there will be a huge need for rehabilitation soon. Every country has a different challenge. Rotarians across a country need to be in touch with each other. He stated that there were no plans to send an official and unified message across the world, and stated that we ought to look in our areas and discover those special needs where Rotarians can adapt.

All President elects will have restrictions placed on them. What message will you give us on interactions with members and projects to take up?

It depends on the country you are in. Take decisions based on local concerns. Try and ensure that everyone attends meetings. Keep members involved. Let us make sure we discover and address needs of the community.

CoVID-19 is an unprecedented problem. Will it impact Rotary's Polio campaign?

Globally door to door Polio campaign may be stopped. But don't stop contributing to Polio... your help is needed now.

All our facilities and logistics are trained on the Corona Virus. Corona showed us how fast the virus travels. It suggests that other viruses can also travel as fast.

How many Rotarians have been affected by the virus?

5 staff members have been affected by the virus. But not while they were working for Rotary. I believe Rotarians in Italy are doing a lot of projects that will improve their economy.

Member, College of Governors PDG Rtn. K R Ravindran felt that next year will be challenging. He stated that in RI President Elect Rtn. Holger Knaack, we have the right man in the right place at the right time.

All of us need to keep our spirits up and get through these troubled times together.

Joint e-meeting between IFRM 3142 members, IFRM 3190 CC and RBI IFRMers

It was a song-filled evening on 1st April 2020, when a first of a kind joint e-meeting was held, with IFRM Dist. 3142 members, IFRM 3190 Core Committee members and RBI IFRMers in attendance. Members logged in with enthusiasm into Zoom, and launched into songs almost right away. All of those attending either sang or offered interesting insights into the songs. The soulful evening lasted almost 2 hours. We invaded their homes in Thane and they ours in Bengaluru. Here is a screenshot of the 21-participants Zoom singing session. What a way to overcome lockdown constraints.!! Thank you IFRM 3142 for reaching out and livening up the evening!



EVENTS

KEY DATES IN MARCH - APRIL

Zoom e-meeting with RI President Nominee Rtn. Shekhar Mehta on 13th April 2020. 19:00 to 20:00

Due to space constraints we are unable to carrying the regular Birthdays and Anniversary information. Our apologies for the inconvenience.



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From the Editor's desk



Dear Friends,

It is a rare privilege for a SEVA editor to bring out a special issue of our bulletin to commemorate 25th Memorial Day of a seminal RBI project.

Through this issue of SEVA, we hope to give you a glimpse of how our wonderfully compassionate project, Karunashraya, that tended to its first patient 25 years ago, came into being.

In spite of serving for over 25 years, RBlans never tire of feeling proud about Karunashraya which gives patients with advanced cancer a short lease of positive living. That this lease comes at the fag end of their stay on earth does not in any way diminish how it helps patients and their loved ones, while providing an exceptional fillip to Rotary Indiranagar.

We dedicate this issue to Karunashraya and the terrific team that made it happen and keeps it going relentlessly ahead. PP Rtn. Dr. Nagesh Simha and PP Rtn. Gurmeet Singh Randhawa very graciously shared their experiences about the creation and moulding of Karunashraya. They provided the firm foundation for this special issue of SEVA.

In this issue we help you discover reasons behind Karunashraya's deep and lasting impressions on any visitor.

Thank you, Bangalore Hospice Trust for reaching out, caring and providing a compassionate shelter for cancer patients in pain.

Congratulations Karunashraya for your continuing compassionate service for 25 years and counting.

Given this is a special issue, we do not carry the last page pleasantries.

We welcome feedback at seva.rcbi@gmail.com with your comments on specific points in this issue, and help us improve our connect with you.

For earlier SEVA issues, visit <https://www.rotaryindiranagar.org/newsletters/>

Happy Reading,

Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20



Karunashraya – a game changer

Strange are the ways of the Universe! It brings people together in uncanny ways. The story of my association with palliative care and Karunashraya is interesting. Serendipitous in a way!!

After qualifying as a General Surgeon from Mumbai, my wife Jayashree and I relocated to Bangalore. A chance encounter in the Operating Rooms between Jayashree and Dr. B A Ananthram saw me becoming a Rotarian of Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar (RBI) in February 1983, barely fourteen months after my arrival in Bangalore.

Sometime in 1986, my friend and fellow Rotarian Lalit Sawhney invited me for a Sunday brunch at Bangalore Club. This was to seek my suggestions for possible activities of the newly formed Indian Cancer Society Karnataka Chapter (ICSK). His colleague Manohar Row and another friend Kishore S Rao met me. And, with the help of a few mugs of the famous chilled draught beer of Bangalore, we exchanged ideas. One of them was to begin Cancer Detection Centres in some of the charitable hospitals. And very soon, I was invited to join the ICSK Board. A few years later in July 1989, I became President of RBI. We then sponsored a few detection camps for people who were economically challenged.

During my many interactions with colleagues from ICSK, Kishore kept talking to me at every opportunity that he got, about his passion to establish a cancer hospice in Bangalore. In fact, I walked into an aircraft for a flight from Mumbai to Bangalore sometime in 1992, and, lo and behold, Kishore is sitting in the very next seat. The Universe was working overtime! I must confess that I did not know the meaning of a hospice and Kishore very kindly educated me about this during the seventy minutes that we were in the skies. I kept agreeing with him that it was an idea worth pursuing.

In July 1993, Gurmeet S Randhawa became President of RBI. He expressed his dream of RBI being involved in a large ongoing project, though it was customary for Rotary Clubs to undertake short – term projects to serve the community.

An idea came to my mind; why not RBI and ICSK join hands in working on the proposed hospice? This thought found acceptance by ICSK and RBI. A series of meetings fructified into the formation of the Bangalore Hospice Trust in October 1994. BHT would have five trustees each from the two organisations.

It is amazing how things fall into place if there is Divine Will. Be it the willingness of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to take the responsibility of nursing care, or the allotment, by Government of Karnataka, of five acres of leased land in Marathahalli that was surrendered by Nava Jeevan Nilaya – a centre for the vocational rehabilitation of persons cured of leprosy, or the unexpected visit to Bangalore of Dr. Richard Woof, a palliative care physician from the UK.

Richard had heard about the home care service that we had begun in March 1995, from Gilly Burn, a nurse from the UK who has been passionate about supporting palliative care in India. After a series of lectures on palliative care, Richard attended a dinner at the home of Rotarian Ajith Rai. As he was leaving, he mentioned that his late father was a Rotarian in the UK and the family had established a fund in his memory. He was very impressed by the warmth and fellowship of my fellow Rotarians. This finally led to the Rotary Club of Faringdon and District, RI District 1090, becoming our partner in our application to the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for a grant under the Health, Hunger and Humanity programme (3-H). We were fortunate to get US\$156,000 (then worth Rs. 6.5 million), which funded the entire equipment for the hospice.

I do not intend to make this a chronicle of all events that were orchestrated by The Universe.



Palliative Care is really a philosophy. Its essence is the reaching out to the core, the soul of a suffering human being. Initially, I had absolutely no idea whatsoever, about what it was all about. We were fortunate to have the guidance of Dr. S Vijayaram - one of the pioneers of palliative care in India. He introduced the use of morphine for pain relief at the Kidwai Memorial Regional Cancer Centre in Bangalore, over twenty-five years ago.

During the initial days when we were busy getting things organized, there were many times when we felt overwhelmed by the enormous task ahead. To name a few, a humongous budget, no experience of taking care of dying people and the lack of knowledge of palliative care amongst the medical profession and the people at large. Often, we wondered if we would be able to overcome the many obstacles that we perceived standing in front of us.

Another act of the Universe was to introduce us to Dr. Jeremy Johnson and his wife Penelope. Kishore Rao and Jeremy Johnson were going through the motions of a "Hello" at a palliative care conference in Mumbai. The word "Bangalore" uttered by Kishore brought an instant wide smile from Jeremy. The reason was that Jeremy was born in Bangalore and had spent the first decade of his life in India. His parents and grandparents on both sides lived in India.

From then on, Jeremy and Penny have been abiding friends and mentors of our work here. More particularly, Jeremy has played a seminal influence in my growth as a palliative care physician.

I was elected the first Chairman of the Trust; Kishore took the important responsibility of Managing Trustee. During the initial years, I was not involved in the medical care of patients; in fact, I knew nothing of palliative care. A few months after we began the in-patient facility in May 1999, I had a chance meeting with two eminent persons; Sister Frances Moore of St. Joseph's Hospice in London, and Marie Coughlan who was a nurse from Australia volunteering with us. Strangely, both of them were together in the Training Room. And what followed had a stereophonic effect. They kept insisting that I pursue the Diploma in Palliative Medicine course of Cardiff University.

And apply I did, supported by a fees grant from the Rotary Club of Faringdon and District in the UK. Little did I know that this was going to play a very crucial role in the future.

During the course in 2000, I was detected to have end stage kidney disease, needing a kidney transplant. As I went to Cardiff in June 2001, I was almost ready for surgery. The period January 2002 to November 2006 was turbulent. I was mortally ill, undergoing three kidney transplants, a host of complications of the second transplant, and bilateral hip replacement.

After the third transplant in November 2006, my nephrologist recommended that I stop operating, thus ending my career as a General Surgeon. He was hesitant to suggest this, fearing that I would be upset. Strangely, my heart was filled with joy! What a relief! By then, I had lost the enthusiasm to lead the exacting life of a surgeon.

That was the start of a new chapter in my life. I continued my association with the hospital for another two years, in a purely advisory role on matters of training. But my heart and soul were in palliative care. I was able to spend much more time at Karunashraya.

I had a phone call from Prof The Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, sometime in 2007 June, enquiring if I would be able to host the annual teaching for the students from India pursuing the Diploma course of Cardiff University. I conveyed my delight at being able to collaborate with her. This resulted in Karunashraya being the resource centre for students in India.

During one such visit in 2009, Prof Finlay motivated me to register for the MSc programme. I did take up the challenge and submitted a thesis on spiritual concerns of Hindu patients admitted to Karunashraya. I am proud that I secured a distinction for the thesis.



Around the same time, I was invited to become the President of the Indian Association of Palliative Care. It was a singular honour to lead the national association of palliative care professionals. I began a second three-year term in 2013. During the years that I was President, I have been privileged to play an important role in the passing of the amended Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. This will make it easier for people to access morphine and other such drugs for pain relief.

And a most unexpected honour came to me, thanks to the infinite affection that my friend Jeremy has for me. I was elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London. The FRCP being given to a surgeon is very, very rare. This was in recognition of my work in palliative care. It is serendipity that Jeremy has joined us as Director of Education and Research.

I mention all this, not to brag about it. I only want to stress that none of this would have happened but for my association with Karunashraya. It is not possible to put in words, what this has meant to me. What influence this has had on my life!

Incredible, Invaluable, Important, Indelible, Immense, Immatchable, Ineffaceable...! These are some of the words that come to my mind.

Palliative care has given me a reason to live. My attitude to life has changed. I am a totally different person. And I have received affection, fame and glory way beyond my wildest expectations. And undeservedly too!

Karunashraya is on the threshold of some exciting changes. It is Karunashraya Version 2. We have increased our bed strength to 75 beds.

We have collaborated with Cardiff University's Palliative Medicine Department and cancer and created a 20-module online resource for palliative care. This is available to all, free of cost.

We have signed a MOU with National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences. This is a unique honour as NIMHANS is an institution of National Importance. Our collaboration is mutually beneficial.

We are also working, via a MOU, with the Government of Karnataka to train their doctors and nurses in palliative care. We have also been recognised by the Union Ministry of Health and WHO as a training centre in palliative care for doctors and nurses.

We have worked with ecancer, an organisation in the UK that has on its website enormous resources on all aspects of Cancer. Karunashraya, ecancer and Cardiff University created 21 modules on all aspects of palliative care

Karunashraya has signed a major MoU with Manipal Academy of Higher Education (a University of Eminence) and we have been recognised as a PhD centre.

In order to take the education and research activities to the next level, we have created a separate entity- Karunashraya Institute for Palliative Care Education and Research (KIPCER) We hope to play a major role in India for palliative care education and research

I feel blessed that I have been associated with this noble work. It has given me wonderful friends who have inspired me. I am humbled by the dedication of my colleagues. They have overwhelmed me by their diligence, dedication and devotion. And of course, working with my fellow Trustees has been very special!

I hope I will be given the privilege to continue my work in palliative care for a long, long time!

Contributed by PP Rtn. Dr. Nagesh Simha

Chosen memories of the Karunashraya story



PP Dr. Simha & PP GS Randhawa with President Ken Diccox of RC Farringdon & District, our 3H grant partner



PP Rtn. Ken Lunt, Ben Bazely (a close friend of Ann Dr. Supriya Rai's father), PP Dr. Simha and PP GS Randhawa



John Greatrex, John Tancock Vice Chair of Severn Hospice, DG Mike Laws and Dr. Jeremy Johnson.
(DG Mike Laws funded travel of 2 of our nuns to UK)



Construction of Karunashraya underway, (May 1999)



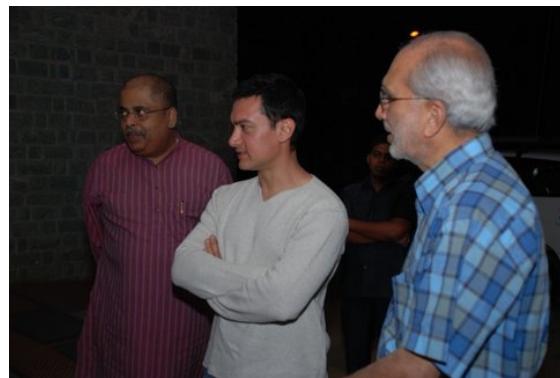
Karunashraya Inauguration. PP Dr. Simha & Kishore Rao lighting the lamp.



Key RBInians PP Dr. Simha, Rtn. K P Bhasker, PP Rtn. Ajoy Chakravarthy, PP GS Randhawa



Celebrity cricketer, former Indian captain Rahul Dravid when he graced Karunashraya with his presence



Indian cinema star Amir Khan with two Karunashraya titans at our hospice
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Applying the Object of Rotary Prism on Karunashraya

At PDG Manjunath Shetty's installation ceremony in June 2014, Chief Guest **Past RI President Kalyan Banerjee** in his keynote speech said,

"One of the finest projects perhaps that I have ever seen, and this I hear from many of the Past RI Presidents who have visited Bangalore, is Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's hospice project (Karunashraya).

Why do I say that?

Because it is a project of faith, it's a project of hope, it's a project about love, it's a project about a human being supporting another human being. And frankly my brothers and sisters, isn't that what Rotary is all about?

True love is neither physical nor romantic

True love is an acceptance of all that is, has been, will be and will not be.

Why do I speak of this, while talking about your hospice project? A project as ideal as any that Rotary can do. Because this is what is about true love - acceptance of all that is, has been, will be, can be and will not be."



Karunashraya is a living example of how RBI Rotarians collaborated with each other and non-Rotarians to build a masterpiece and a colossus that strives to serve society. The founding group was fiercely entrepreneurial and extremely dedicated to their vision. It has been a source of immense pride for RBI, RI District 3190 and indeed Rotary India. How does Karunashraya manage to remain in this exclusive league?

The exceptional passion for service at Karunashraya notwithstanding, there must be something else that makes the project alluring and sustaining. To unravel the puzzle, one needs to view the project through a prism of the Object of Rotary,

Throughout Karunashraya's evolution, RBI has consistently upheld all Rotary's values and continues to do so. In this article we attempt to link RBI's actions and Object of Rotary. Karunashraya to this day is immersed in service with a humane face.

"The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them." – Paulo Coelho

Rotarians from RBI along with help from District 3190 and other Rotary clubs at crucial times built Karunashraya from scratch. Persuasion, farsightedness and forthrightness were key attitudes of RBI Rotarians in Karunashraya's success story. RBIans engaged with non-Rotarians who reciprocated in good measure to help make the Karunashraya dream come true. As you will see from the timeline, that we share later, a lot of related activities were bunched together and accomplished at appropriate times. The focus on getting things done never wavered. RBI Rotarians were in mission mode once BHT was formed, and they never sat still until that dream was realized. Always capitalizing on opportunities that came their way, RBI rarely let any opportunity slip by. That zeal continues and keeps Karunashraya functioning in the same vein. That is just the way Rotary Indiranagar is, think big and achieve big and take everybody along.



Here is a **timeline** of key activities in the Karunashraya story:

- 1983 Dr Simha joined RBI - 14 months after moving to Bengaluru
- 1986 Rtn. Lalit Sawhney invited President Rtn. Dr. Simha for a brainstorming meeting with Rtn. Manohar Row & Kishore Rao about the newly founded Indian Cancer Society Karnataka (ICSK). Soon thereafter Dr. Simha was invited to join ICSK Board
- 1989 RBI President Rtn. Dr. Simha sponsored cancer detection camps (for economically challenged) conducted by ICSK.
- 1992 PP Rtn. Dr. Simha & Kishore Rao found themselves in adjoining seats of a Mumbai-Blore flight. Kishore educated PP Rtn. Dr. Simha on a Cancer hospice.
- 1993 RBI President Gurmeet Randhawa expressed a breakaway need for a long-term project that serves the community as against the trend of only short-term projects. PP Rtn. Dr. Simha suggested the idea of a Cancer Hospice.
- 1993 RBI's Cancer Hospice idea was placed before the ICSK Board, which it agreed to. President Rtn. Gurmeet Randhawa was asked to commence planning for a Hospice.
- 1993 Kishore Rao and President Rtn. G S Randhawa along with Rtn. K P Bhasker ironed out specifics of Bangalore Hospice Trust that would fuel an ICSK-RBI initiative.
- 1994 Bangalore Hospice Trust (BHT) would comprise 5 trustees each from RBI and ICSK mooted. Concurrence of next 5 RBI Presidents and seniors was achieved. Senior District 3190 officials including PDGs were involved in finalizing arrangement between RBI and ICSK. PDG Ramdas drafted the Trust deed.
- 1995 From March, Sisters of the Holy Cross took responsibility of nursing care once the 5 acres of land in Marathahalli (surrendered by Nava Jeevan Nilaya) was leased to BHT. Home care services for palliative care for cancer patients started. A nurse and a counsellor travelled to a patient's home with palliative medicines in a hired auto-rickshaw. The service was conducted from TTK Blood Bank's office in Thippasandra.
- 1998 UK based Palliative care specialist Dr. Richard Woof came to Bengaluru on a short visit. Gilly Burn a UK based nurse, passionate about supporting palliative care had informed him of BHT's work. He observed home care palliative services offered by BHT. He was invited to attend a Rotary fellowship event at Rtn. Ajith Rai's residence where he met key BHT members and RBI Rotarians. Impressed with RBI and its Palliative Care initiatives he mentioned his Rotarian father's Trust, for Palliative Care, with RC Rotary Club of Farringdon and District.
- 1998 Number of faxes and telephone calls were made to UK from Rtn. H R Seetharam's office phone for BHT
- 1998 Rtn. John Greatrex (Rotary Club of Farringdon and District, UK) donated 5000 British Pounds to BHT, for propagating Palliative Care.
- 1998 President Rtn. Ajoy Chakravarty (1997-98), applied for a 3-H (Health, Hunger, Humanity) grant for the hospice, (a maximum of 2 of 3-H grants/year were) awarded by RI. Jointly applied with Rotary Club of Farringdon and District, UK (as the mandatory overseas partner for 3-H grant application). PP Dr. Simha and PP Rtn. G S Randhawa addressed Rotarians at Farringdon and District and Shrewsbury Darwin. They interacted with Dr. Jeremy Johnson who would play a key role in Karunashraya later.
- 1998 Rtn. Ken Miller at RI headquarters, Evanston became an advocate of our hospice project thanks to passionate appeals to him by PP Rtn. Dr. Simha and PP Rtn. GS Randhawa. They explained how the hospice would benefit society.
- 1999 RBI Past Presidents, PDGs of District 3190, PRID M K Panduranga Setty and DG Madhura Chatrapathy all spoke highly about RBI to Rtn. Eunice Maris who was on a

- site visit to assess credentials of RBI and the Karunashraya project to help decide on the 3-H grant.
- 1999 President Rtn. Ajoy Chakravarty, PDG Uday Kumar and PP Rtn. GS Randhawa negotiated hard with equipment suppliers to stretch the Rs. 65 lakh corpus of funds available for the hospice through 3H grants.
 - 1999 Apart from the 3H grant and various donations from overseas, there were 3 major local donations at the time, IDBI Rs. 10 Lakhs (from CSR funds), ICICI Bank Rs. 8 Lakhs and Surinder Bhandari's family, through Rtn. Rajendra Karnavat, donated Rs. 20 Lakhs (in memory of a son killed in a car accident)
 - 1999 PP Rtn. Dr. Simha's chance meeting with volunteers Sister Frances Moore and Marie Coughlan resulted in him applying to Cardiff University for the Diploma in Palliative Medicine course. Rotary Club of Farringdon and District, UK provides support through a fee grant.
 - 2007 Dr. Simha agreed to a request from Prof The Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, for hosting of annual teaching for students from India pursuing the Diploma course of Cardiff University. An MOU was signed with Cardiff University.
 - 2009 Prof Finlay motivated PP DR. Simha to register for the MSc programme, and his thesis on 'Spiritual concerns of Hindu patients admitted to Karunashraya' secured a distinction
 - 2009 PP Dr. Simha was invited to become President of the Indian Association of Palliative Care
 - 2010 Tremendous growth seen in Homecare services and patients at Karunashraya. It required setting up of outreach centres at Jayanagar and Kalyan Nagar.
 - 2012 BHT improved upon the erstwhile voluntary nature of employees and appointed paid managerial and support staff to ensure professional operations of Karunashraya. Earlier all managerial staff was only reimbursed expenses.
 - 2013 PP Dr. Simha invited to become President of the Indian Association of Palliative Care for a second time. He played a key role in passing of the amended Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act to help patients access morphine and other similar drugs.
 - 2015 MOU signed with leading cancer portal **ecancer** to provide information on Palliative Care for cancer patients. Karunashraya, **ecancer** and Cardiff University created 21 modules on all aspects of palliative care.
 - 2015 A mutually beneficial MOU was signed with NIMHANS.
 - 2016 MOU with HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE - Government of Karnataka for training their doctors and nurses in palliative care. Recognized by the Union Ministry of Health and WHO as a training centre in palliative care for doctors and nurses.
 - 2019 MOU with Manipal Academy of Higher Education (a University of Eminence) for recognition as a PhD centre.

Karunashraya's history is replete with hard, focussed and exacting work. RBI carried forward Rotary's legacy of ideals by following the Object of Rotary by building strong bonds within RBI Rotarians, District 3190 Rotarians as also overseas Rotarians. We also forged enduring relationships with professionals in the Palliative Care space, and ensured high levels of compassionate community Service. Karunashraya thus remains a colossus in palliative care for cancer.

Is it any wonder that Karunashraya remains recognizably tall among Rotary projects? Kudos to Karunashraya's founding fathers and RBI Rotarians who helped make it a project for Rotary and the world to cherish.

With inputs from PP Rtn. Dr. Nagesh Simha & PP Rtn. Gurmeet Singh Randhawa

An important recognition to the Karunashraya story is an RI ‘**Service Above Self**’ award bestowed upon the late Rtn. K P Bhasker who supervised activities during construction of Karunashraya. Past RI President Rtn. Raja Saboo upon observing the ever dedicated Rtn. Bhasker at work onsite had no hesitation in deciding that he deserved the award.

Throughout, RBLans have remained dedicated to this temple of compassion called Karunashraya. The extent of this dedication is amply visible by applying The Object of Rotary to events during its history. Just assess the events in the timeline above, against the four Objects of Rotary (shared below) and discover, for yourself, all of the reasons for Karunashraya’s enduring image and stature.

Rotary International Guiding principles

These principles, developed over the years provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction and serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other

Object of Rotary

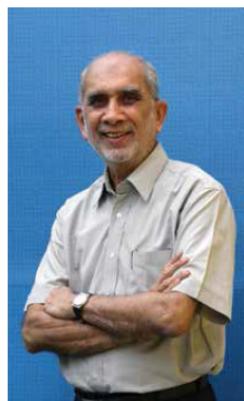
The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD:** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Hats off to Karunashraya and all RBI Rotarians who ensured its calm and enduring presence.



PP Dr. Nagesh Simha and PP Gurmeet Randhawa at Shrewsbury in 1998, with Penny and Dr. Jeremy Johnson



Kishore Rao



When Karunashraya met Indian Cancer Society once again in 2019.



The new KIPCER on the Karunashraya block

For many years, Karunashraya has been running training programmes on an ad-hoc basis. It was felt that a separate entity for education and research within Bangalore Hospice Trust was necessary to be created for Education and Research. In addition, the MoU with Manipal Academy of Higher Education- a University of eminence- and NIMHANS - a Centre of National Importance - needed to be used more effectively. With this in mind, Karunashraya Institute for Palliative Care Education and Research was created. KIPCER will be the research and training arm of Karunashraya. It will help us focus better on this important aspect of work. The possibilities are enormous and we look at the future with great anticipation. KIPCER will have a full-fledged multipurpose auditorium with 100 seats, stage, curtains.

Areas of KIPCER's focus:

EDUCATION

- Run multiple level courses with good content
- Do high quality academically based education in Palliative Care in India
- Forge close collaboration with other institutions
- Collaborate and assist in running training programs in Palliative Care for Ministry of Health (MOH) Government of India (GOI), Government of Karnataka and other State Governments
- Assist the MOH – GOI in setting up Centers of Excellence in Palliative Care all over the country
- Function as a center for Ph.D. in Palliative Care in collaboration with MAHE
- Serve as a liaison center for various Palliative Care centers in the State

RESEARCH

- Provide opportunities to researchers interested in the breadth of Palliative Care in emotional, ethical and spiritual matters
- Improve the standard of Palliative Care through Education and Research
- Organise Seminars and Colloquia on various aspects of Palliative Care
- Initiate and facilitate research in all aspects of Palliative Care

Contributed by PP Rtn. Dr. Nagesh Simha



MoU with MAHE being signed



MoU with MAHE signed and shown



Karunashraya's spiritual centre



A Bird's Eye View of Karunashraya



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From the Editor's desk



Dear Reader,

We bring you an issue of SEVA wherein everything featured was accomplished during the CoVID-19 induced lockdown. It is a surreal feeling to have been a part of so many activities, without being physically present at the events. However, the satisfaction and accomplishment remain undiminished.

There were weekly e-meetings on very interesting topics, and a few fellowship events - a music event held by RBI, an e-tambola pioneered by our fellowship team, as also an Antakshari. These events helped to pep up the spirits of home-locked RBlans through welcome interactions with RBI Rotarians and Anns whom everyone missed.

There were a few energetic and selfless RBlans like Rtn. Sanjay Dugar, Rtn. Vijay Mane, Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar, Rtn. Saravanan Kasturi, Rtn. Lata Amashi and Rtn. Asha Vaswani who ran that extra mile. We are collating this information and will shortly bring to you (in a special SEVA issue) accounts of their efforts to help many whose lives were adversely impacted by the pandemic and the resultant lockdown. All of these proved that RBI Rotarians are in action.

RBI did stupendously when contributing to help CoVID lockdown affected people. We include a short report shared by DGND Rtn. Jeetendra Aneja on Facebook.

Our next crowdfunding project to provide food for daily wage workers is already underway.

All of RBI deserves applause for its terrific effort, and especially our own CoVID heroes.

We welcome feedback at seva.rcbi@gmail.com with your comments on specific points in this issue, and help us improve our connect with you.

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Happy Reading,

Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20



RIPN Shekhar Mehta's address to RBI on 13th Apr 2020

President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal commenced with a customary Shayari before sharing information about our efforts to alleviate the hardships of migrant and daily wage earners. Here is a summary of our CoVID 19 related work..

For providing rations to migrant Labour & daily wage earners, RBI has thus far disbursed packets worth Rs. 59 Lakhs (Of this Rs. 19 L was collected from well-wishers and crowdfunding)

He then listed out key RBI projects:

- New Club (Rotary Bengaluru Disha)
- PM Cares already collected 19 L will cross 20 L (Thanks to Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal)
- An RTPCR machine worth Rs. 24 Lakhs to be installed at Anand Diagnostics
- We have so far touched 1.3 Lakh lives by expending 1100 manhours and Rs. 19L

DG Rtn. Sameer Hariani introduced RIPN Shekar Mehta, and IPDG Suresh Hari welcomed him to the meeting.

RIPN Shekhar Mehta began by stating that *Service is the rent we pay for living on this earth*

RIPN Mehta's Vision 2025 is the Power of One (3500 clubs in India)

The present time is the most trying time in our lives. A total lockdown has never been heard of in India earlier. India is 25 times the size of Italy. He believes it is a bold decision by the PM to earmark Rs. 15000 crore for health. It has been the result of minute thinking

Rotarians have done well, by sitting at home and using Zoom to communicate.

It has been a lesson in thinking big .. a contribution of Rs. 25 Cr to PM Cares would be as good as Dhoni's and Birlas. Rotarians give from savings, while others have done so from their profits.

After 100 years of Rotary in India, we have 13 % of the world's Rotarians and we are the No 1 in number of clubs. We get USD 20 Million for Rotary India projects (No.2 is UK with 1.5 Million).

The value of projects in India in 2025 will be over Rs. 2000 Crores by the 13% Rotarians globally who are part of Indian Rotary clubs.

He urged members to grow Rotary, but not necessarily their club. His suggestion for clubs - add 2 clubs in 2 years.

Rotary India has 1.5 Lakh outstanding professionals, and does 10% Water & Sanitation projects globally (including 10000 check-dams)

By 2025, (through Rotary) we will do 10% of the 1 Lakh Lakes being rejuvenated. Rotary Madras who converted a stream into a water body, plans to work on 100 lakes. RBI can do more than that he felt. RBI, which is No 2 in giving to the Rotary world should double its membership.

He felt that RBI is one of the jewels in the crown of India (India is the Rotary World's Kohinoor). He suggested these areas for us to consider taking up:

- Water, Sanitation, Health, Disaster Mgt, TEACH
- 1000 villages tap water to every household
- ODF+ (Open Defecation free)
- Improve education system in India
- Push e-Learning in Karnataka (Rotary will pay for software it gets developed)
- From Swachh Bharat to Shikshit Bharat

- From 34% to 90% literate India by 2025

1.5 Lakh Rotarians will work on Mission mode. Everyone is seeking help from India

Rotary should get the NOBEL PEACE Prize → Rotary's body of work is exemplary. It almost says '*Whenever you see service .. think of us*' like the Jensen & Nicholas slogan.

He also came up with these slogans for Rotarians in India

- Rotary Mere liye
- From the heart (not from the mind)
- Find the Goal and the path will follow

Rotarians in India have raised Rs. 17.5 Crores for Polio eradication

When asked about his thoughts on Vocational Education, he said

"In TEACH, one of the verticals of Adult Literacy is Vocational education. 30K people are being trained (15+ years). The new Education policy will probably have it. In your district there is Project Dignity (Adult Literacy 3190)."

RIPN Shekhar Mehta invited PP Rtn. OP Khanna to be a part of the Health Committee

Courage is key he stated and came up with a typical couplet to give his talk a positive end:

Yun He Nahi Milti Rahi Ko Manzil,
Ek Junoon Sa Dil Main Jagana Hota Hai
Pucha Chidiya Se... Kaise Bana Ashiyana?
Boli-
Bharni Padti Hai Udaan Bar Bar
Tinka Tinka Uthana Hota Hai!

यूँ ही नहीं मिलती राही को मजिल,
एक जुनून सा दिल में जगाना होता है
पूछा चिंडिया से... कैसे बना आश्याना?
बोली-
भरनी पड़ती है उड़ान बार-बार
तिनका-तिनका उठाना होता है!

Here are some memories of the weekly e-meeting on 13th April 2020.



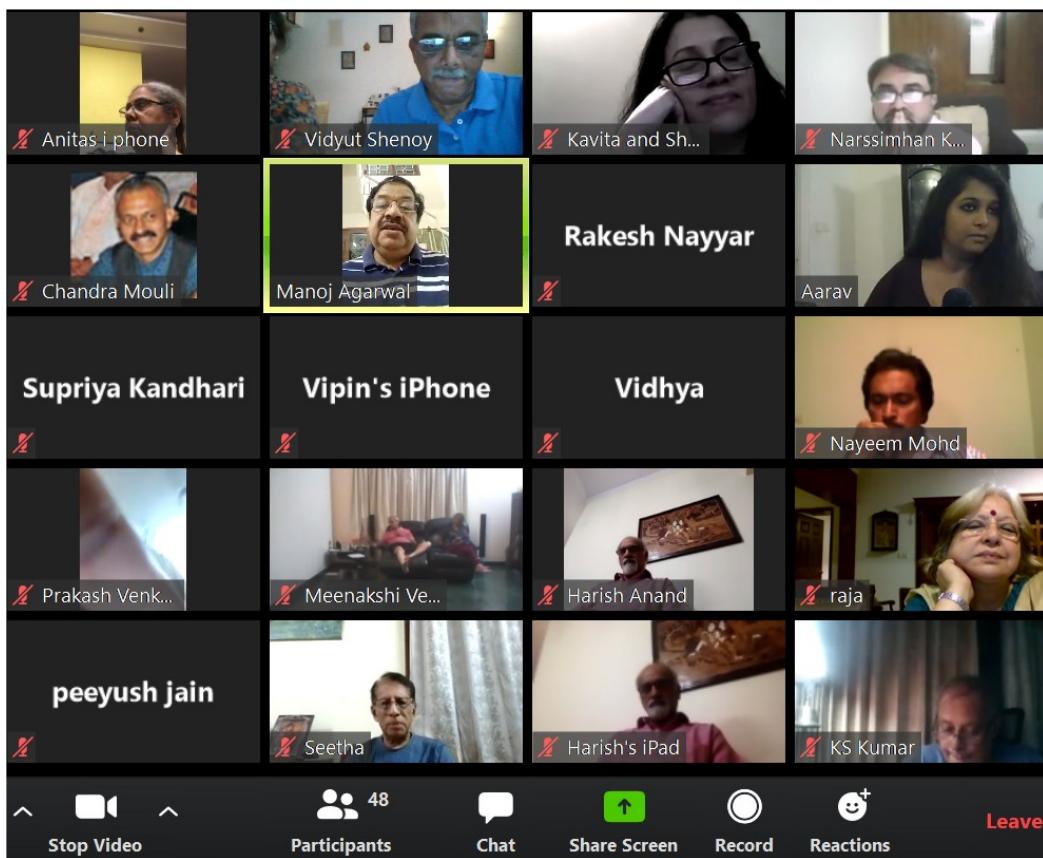
Musical e-fellowship involving invited singers

Early into the CoVID-19 induced lockdown, President Manoj, sensing a need for some revitalizing of spirits, suggested a musical fellowship wherein requests made from RBI's family were sung. On the evening of 16th April 2020, RBI singers and two invited professionals Samavitha Sharma and Govind Kurnool entertained the RBI family. Given the professional singers' hectic schedules, requests for them were taken up first, while the home singers came in later. Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan, Rtn. Nayeemullah and Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy of RBI sang a few requests. Rtn. Kavita Kekre and Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan donned roles of event co-anchors and coordinators.

From all accounts it was an enjoyable evening. It most certainly provided a melodious release for the lockdown RBI family.

The event also proved that Zoom based entertainment was eminently possible at RBI. Hitherto it had been used only for RBI official business meetings.

Here is a snapshot from the Zoom software showing the audience and singers.



The Power of Sport

RBI's 40th weekly meeting (our 6th e-meeting) on 20th April 2020, was a visual treat. The meeting commenced with an interesting twist. RBI inducted 4 new members who had been patiently waiting in the wings. In a first, all four, Rtn. Harish Manae - the lake revitalizer, Yogendra Mahipal, Ann Kavitha Pishay and Ebrahim Sabjan were e-inducted by DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani. That done, we moved to the speaker of the day.

The Power of Sport to Do Well and Do good

To begin with, the speaker's name was uncommon as was the topic. For those of us who disregarded these little oddities, it was an education, and more importantly a visual treat.

Paul Dupuis is a diehard sport enthusiast. As a young Canadian, he dabbled in various sports that his native country offered. He became proficient in games he chose to play. He was good at Baseball, Ice Skating and Ice Hockey. As a young child he helped set up the *Optimist Club* (ice hockey) in Windsor. He also is a Karate Dojo. His interest in karate made him explore Japan, where he lived for a few years, before moving to Bangalore as CEO of Randstad India, an HR consulting firm. He was unsure about Bangalore's offerings. But once here, he followed his instinct to explore Namma Uru. In Bangalore he sorely missed ice-skating, but did the next best thing by going roller skating/roller blading. On one of those outings in Cubbon Park he met a local roller bladers group → the *Bangalore skaters*. He befriended them and discovered later that though they had not tried it yet, they were not averse to playing Roller Blade hockey.



His search for an Ice Hockey rink in India, took him to Ladakh. It is a place he now loves going to, given its similarity to Canada, especially the cold weather. He used his time in Ladakh to improve the competence of the local Ice hockey team - all equipment for the team was airlifted to Ladakh from Canada. The Bangalore skaters accompanied him and played an ice hockey game with the local team in Ladakh, for which they set a Guinness World Record for playing an ice hockey game at the highest altitude.

Ladakh's ice hockey rink is maintained by the Indian Army. Due to Climate change, the winter in Ladakh is getting shorter and milder. Hence maintaining the rink is getting increasingly difficult and expensive. The army decided to stop maintaining the rink given it's huge expense. Since ice-rinks rapidly deteriorate if not maintained regularly, the local rink could see the end of its tryst with ice-hockey. The army therefore chose to host '**The Last Game**' at the rink. To make it memorable, Paul Dupuis invited an ice hockey team and the highly decorated, and globally recognized ice hockey legend, Viacheslav Fetisov. The local players were absolutely energized. It diminished the pain of losing their precious stadium to nature's vagaries. Paul believes that the Ladakh team, which hopes to participate at international level has a few merited players.



He used the event to highlight the plight of remote places like Ladakh, and put the focus back on ways to arrest Climate change.

His presentation had stunning pictures from his childhood in Canada, great pictures of Ladakh's landscape and a few from his stays in Bangalore and Japan.

All we can say is THANK YOU Paul.

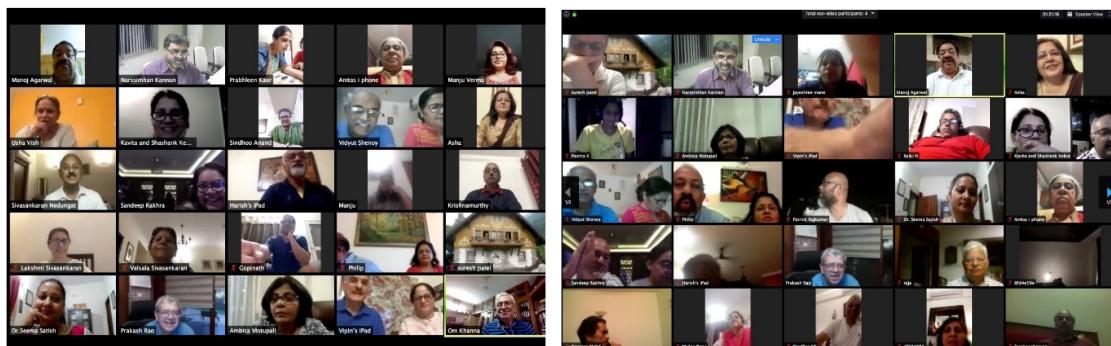


E-Tambola for RBIans by Fellowship team

There is no stopping RBI, when it comes to fellowships. Soon after the *farmaishi* musical evening, there was an e-tambola that the RBI fellowship team put together to infuse some fun and excitement in drawing rooms across the RBI family on 22nd April 2020.

The tambola was attuned to changing times. The called number was simultaneously shared on WhatsApp and Zoom chat. Everybody had unique (numbered) e-tickets sent to them on WhatsApp. Any exclaim of scoring a win, was checked by the back-room group of the fellowship team. The excitement banter and fun of a normal tambola was present in full form.

A measure of its appeal can be seen from the number of eager participants in the screenshots below, all of who were locked to their screens during lockdown.



It got over all too soon despite there being multiple prizes for top-line, bottom-line and middle-line. There were multiple full house prizes as also the Jaldi 7, Bamboo and 4 corners.

In keeping with the e-theme, prize money was transferred to respective PayTM or G-Pay accounts. How's that for a clean, paper-free and no waste tambola?

Covid 19 Myths and Facts

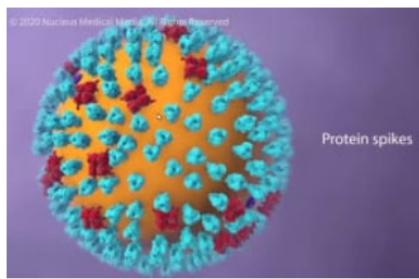
In these CoVID-19 ridden times, it was essential for a subject matter expert to throw light on the matter and dispel some myths. That is exactly what Dr. Maneesh Paul, microbiologist, and Director R&D Acharya Group of Institutions did at our 41st weekly meeting (7th e-meeting) on 27th April 2020. Needless to say, it was a near full house.



The gist of Dr. Paul's talk is captured for you below.

3 months have changed the way we look at the world.

Dr. Maneesh Paul's explanation through expressive slides helped us understand infectious diseases and pandemics through great slides and lucid details.

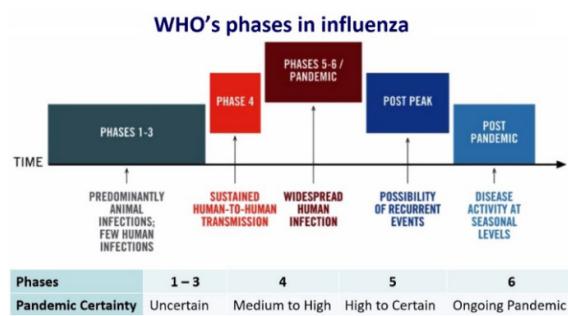


Dr. Paul commenced his talk with the beautiful world of microbes. He explained that these are (electron) microscopic and their sizes are expressed in micrometers or nanometers. Many of them live routinely in a healthy human body. Only when some of them decide to feast on a healthy organ, for whatever reason, does a person fall ill. He then went into some details about viruses, which are made up of genetic material, the normal building blocks of life. While DNA (Deoxyribonucleic acid) has a double helix structure made up of two strands,

a typical RNA (Ribonucleic acid) is single stranded. Some RNA based viruses have two strands and these are termed double stranded RNA viruses. Many two stranded RNA viruses cause human diseases such as common cold, influenza, SARS, COVID-19, hepatitis strands, West Nile fever, Ebola virus disease, rabies, polio and measles. Once these are studied in depth, scientists can identify and come up with antidotes and vaccines.

He informed us the differences between Endemic, Epidemic and Pandemic. The primary differentiators are geographic. While an endemic is always in a particular place or community, an epidemic is specific to a city, region or country. When the number of people, in an area or part, experiencing an infection is higher than the expected number it is an epidemic. A pandemic occurs when a disease spreads across a wide geographical area, beyond national boundaries and often worldwide. It is caused by a rapidly spreading novel infectious agent. Often humans have little or no immunity against such agents. Invariably Pandemics have far higher death tolls than Epidemics. Resistance to antibiotics increases risk of future pandemics.

Infectious diseases occur due to human demographic change, travel, civil unrest and war, biowarfare or bioterrorism, and evolution of infectious agents. Often these diseases reemerge in a new form.



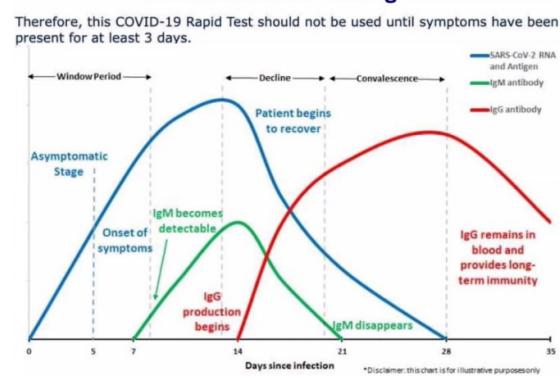
He explained the (time) phases of influenza as defined by WHO in pandemic phases. It starts with predominantly animal infections, with a few human infections in the first three phases. In the next phase it shows sustained human-to-human transmission. When widespread human-to-human infection occurs (in phases 5 and 6) it is declared a pandemic. After this peak there is a stage (7) of possible recurrent events.

The last stage is post pandemic (8), where the disease activity resurfaces seasonally. The phases of a disease also tell us about the extent of a pandemic.

He then helped us understand the difference between bacteria and a virus. While bacteria are able to reproduce themselves, a virus invades another living cell (host), takes it over and causes it to make copies of viral particles. This is what an infection is. While bacteria respond to antibiotics, a virus responds only to antivirals.

Vivid visuals detailing the current CoVID-19 pandemic explained the sequence of events in a human lung. And then its spread and impact on other parts of the body. He explained CoVID symptoms as also prevention techniques, persistence of Coronaviruses on surfaces and how long they last there. He shared different diagnostic tools available today for CoVID-19.

The Dilemma of Testing



In tune with the current discourse, Dr. Paul explained the dilemma of testing .. through a visual representative chart illustrative of the different stages.

Dr. Paul also walked us through the 4 stages of drug-development, and continued in the same vein about treatment goal in relation to the end purpose of the drug being developed.

And lest we forget, he covered the entire life cycle of identification, contact tracing,

monitoring, symptom tracking, isolation, treatment, tracking and discharge, all in easy to follow visuals.

Throughout his talk, Dr. Paul quoted from reputed medical journals.

He dispelled a few myths, especially these:

- The Indian immune system is better than the west's
- Coronavirus passes through mutton and chicken
- The lab developed virus was manufactured and deliberately released
- Chinese food is unsafe to eat now
- You can get the virus from Made in China products
- Ordering or buying products shipped from overseas will make one sick

He ended with a note on India's pluralistic health care system that has both public and private sectors. Most of the hospital beds, ICU beds and ventilators are concentrated in 7 states. He also mentioned that capacity of government hospital beds is saturated and accommodating an influx of CoVID-19 patients calls for urgent expansion of current capacity or modification of admission policy.

He also believes that in the days to come, all suspected cases will be home-isolated, close contacts will be traced, congregations must be avoided and physical distancing mandated even after the economy opens up. Use of face masks will be made compulsory.

The talk ended with a slide on resistance development in the virus to antibiotics used on it.

Dr. Paul thank you for making it so easy to understand for non-medical people.

Quarantine Antakshari

Does anything else lift the collective RBI mood more than a vibrant Antakshari? Given the obvious answer, President Manoj Agarwal tasked the Fellowship team to come up with a short session to engage as many RBI Rotarians and family members as possible.

On 30th April, a little over a month after the lockdown was in force, RBI had its Quarantine Antakshari over the Zoom platform. There were 11 teams plus the audience and an enormous buzz around.

The rounds were different from a usual run-of-the-mill Antakshari event

1. 2 regular rounds of evenly fought Antakshari - to set the mood just right
2. Songs on pairs of stars (with bonuses for movie name) started making things more interesting
3. The Antara, sung by a member of the fellowship team, to recognizing and singing the Mukhda by teams, resulted in a number of face-palms and amusement
4. Asking teams to sing songs featuring a word given by the anchor, got the tempo further up that little bit
5. To slowly wind down the event and yet leave on a high, there was the round to 'Identify the song in a specifically described scene' (naming movie and actors fetched bonuses)

The event attracted a lot of participation from teams and the audience, banter among RBlans and much needed fun. And all of this sitting in the comfortable ambience of home, with one's own choice of beverage and knick knacks.

Every participant won on that evening and retired with an elevated mood. Rtn. Manju Verma secured the highest number of points.

Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan and Rtn. Kavita Kekre anchored the rounds, while Ann Sharada Shenoy kept score. Rtn. Shashank Kekre and Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy played support roles.

Here's how the Antakshari session looked on a laptop screen...



e-Meeting with Past RI Director Jennifer Jones

PRID Rtn. Jennifer Jones, during the 1st May 2020 meeting, began by explaining how Canada has quarantined CoVID-19 infected patients in a big way. She noted too that many hospital staff in Canada have been infected with the virus. Consequently, patients were shifted to a community hospital. Now, everyone takes ample precautions, such as a shower before touching anything or meeting anyone upon returning home.



It is a horrible pandemic but there are positives such as cooking at home. Rotarians she says are much better connected during this pandemic. She explained how one president inducted two members in e-mode just that day.

She then urged Rotarians to be engaged and review their own clubs to identify those who only attend meetings but do no Rotary work. Also, she urged members to seek out those who are not attending, since they may be all alone.

The economic landscape after lockdown ceases, may change significantly. Before going into lockdown, RI allowed the Disaster Relief fund to respond by moving US\$ 1 Million to its active account. The amount was completely utilized in 5 days, necessitating infusion of another US\$ 2 Million. But even that got depleted quickly.

She announced the holding of a global telethon through Facebook live on 2nd May, wherein stories of CoVID-19 related activities from across the globe would get shared. It would be in the 8 official languages of Rotary, in a first time ever initiative. The aim is to spread Hope, Inspiration and Gratitude. She implored Rotarians to donate to the Disaster Relief Fund knowing how well Rotary stewards the funds.

An audience member, upon seeing RI's Facebook page, stated that many US districts now seek Global Grants. It doesn't augur well, since this means funds will dry up for countries like India. The member wished to know if RI rules would be changed to reflect the new reality.

The response was that North American clubs have underutilized their DDF, and we are now in uncharted waters, especially since no International partner is seeking Disaster Relief Funds. It means the current scenario will be a case for new best practices to add to existing ones. She then encouraged districts to disburse and release their DDF funds, since it has no value when not used.

She commented that the Polio eradication surveillance network is something that every Rotarian should be proud of. It is now being utilized for CoVID-19. In the past it helped address the Ebola virus issue. She was certain that we will eliminate Polio. All of Africa including Nigeria is free from Polio. Only Pakistan and Afghanistan have a few cases. Polio has a vaccine, it is our moral responsibility to cross the finish line by ensuring everybody is vaccinated.

She was confident of seeing a woman at the helm of Rotary soon - not because of the gender, but because she is qualified for the role.

PDG Rajendra Rai wished to know the Programs of Scale that TRF is looking for, and the kind of sustainable effect we can achieve.

The response was that as yet there is no test. The focus is only on investment returns, using the conservative approach. The losses will be small, but not negligible. The information will be shared when available.

With this Pandemic, will TRF contribution also come down?

The only data that can be compared is that during the Spanish Flu epidemic in the 1920s and WWII. There were no significant dips then, hopefully the same will be true now.

We are currently US\$ 19 Million short of the targetted 50 Million for Polio, in order that the Bill and Melinda Gates donation comes through. Districts need to come out and donate.

Can the DDF be moved to Districts like 3190, that need the funds?

She felt that it is a good opportunity to cultivate networks and build on them.



Responding to a request by Nigeria for Rotary help to release funds that it needs urgently for PPEs and PCRs, she promised to share an HK-based Rotarian's contact, who had helped a Jamaican Rotarian to obtain ventilators from the source. Since all of these are Rotarians, it would help to get in touch with them directly. She was confident that the HK contact could come through with PPEs and PCRs for Nigeria.

RIDN PDG A S Venkatesh holds forth at weekly e-meeting on 4th May 2020



RI Director Nominee PDG A S Venkatesh (Venky) launched into his talk after an AV clip that depicted his exceptional career.

He shared his thoughts on where Rotary should be, and how we could handle the shift.

He began by describing past expectations from Rotary. The primary motivation was attending weekly meetings that exposed attendees to fresh ideas apart from providing networking opportunities. Over the years he felt that both these objectives have become irrelevant at Rotary, thanks to Google and networking applications such as WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram.

He then rhetorically asked ... 'What will attract and retain Rotarians?', and proceeded to answer his own question in 4 parts:

1. Opportunity to experience something yourself.

Now that attendance is irrelevant, how can members be engaged by retaining interest? Hands on engagement is the key. It is something that no app can offer. We could spread the Rotary message through meaningful projects, Interact, Rotaract, fund raisers and family meetings for large clubs.

2. Adopt new technology

While it was already on the cards, the CoVID-19 driven lockdown has only accelerated it. The pace of technology seeping into Rotary is rapid, as can be seen by On-line reporting, Online application for funds, and even the RI Annual Convention being replaced by a virtual one, where no physical presence is required. It is amazing how quickly technology has taken centre stage. He believes that RI will phase out all its in-person meetings by Dec 2020. Adapt or be left out, could well become the credo at Rotary. Weekly meetings will be all online. He disclosed that recently 130 PDGs were trained on leading Zoom meetings .. it was led by RI President Nominee Shekhar Mehta.

Similarly, most fundraising will be done through online means such as crowd funding. These will be exponential changes, and technology challenged Rotarians will need to change ... since even Rotary is changing.

3. Large Projects

Large scale projects will become more common place. Rotarians are getting increasingly restless doing only small projects. Most are not content by doing business as usual. The feeling is epitomized by a Delhi-based Rotarian who said, "If I were to do the same things that I did before I joined Rotary, what was the point in joining Rotary?" Similar sentiments are being expressed by many. Small projects can no longer be the mainstay.

He invoked the term 'Power of Collective Charity', where *1+1 does not equal to 2, but is 11*. A few weeks ago, he met Rotarians from all verticals of Rotary in India, and obtained information from them about projects that they do. He stated that the value of projects planned by Rotary in India by end of 2021 will be Rs. 758 Crores. The number would have been met by raised eyebrows just a few years ago, but not any longer.

How do we achieve such big numbers and do such projects?

Small clubs could join with each other and execute big projects.

Those who do not do so will fall by the wayside.

4. External partnerships

He carried the collaboration idea to the next level and suggested that Rotary clubs could do large projects by partnering with other organizations and 'Aim for the Stars'. These external organizations could be in the Public or Private sector. They could also be other NGOs who provide skills that complement Rotary's. 5 years ago there were a few such deals, now these are almost commonplace.

Once he concluded, President Manoj Agarwal thanked RIDN Venkatesh for sharing the roadmap for growth of Rotary. He informed Venky about RBI's various collaborative projects over the years. He shared these few examples:

- Karunashraya with Indian Cancer Society Karnataka
- Heart Surgeries with Needy Heart Foundation, and
- Vidya Daan with CanFin Homes

He shared that external partners expect transparency, which RBI offers. President Manoj also explained how RBI has not missed a single weekly meeting during the lockdown by adopting technology options. It showed how RBI has adapted quickly to the new normal. RBI also participated in the 2nd May 2020 Telethon on CoVID-19 efforts across the Rotary World.



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**From the Editor's desk**

Dear Reader,

Welcome to this special edition of SEVA. We are sure that you will enjoy this issue just the way you have our earlier issues.

You will be pleased to know that RBI just scored almost a perfect 10 in our response to CoVID-19 and to the unwitting misery that befell some due to the lockdown. We just heard that RBI topped the Charts with our CoVID-19 effort. We will keep those details for the next issue of SEVA.

We have used the expressive logo on each page of this issue.

While most of us were just getting to grips with the sudden CoVID-19 sparked lockdown, there were a few brave-hearts who decided that they could not just look at the world go by. They chose to be at the frontlines of the fight against the CoVID-19 virus and the lockdown's aftermath.

Some others stayed at home and pulled appropriate strings to get vital work done quickly. It is this diversity of thought and action that makes RBI uniquely successful.

We reached out to some of these CoVID-19 heroes to get a peek into their work. These busybodies responded with their experiences.

We will begin with the recognition for RBI, thanks to its quick off-the-blocks action and resulting achievement. And then hear from the heroes.

All of RBI deserves applause for its terrific effort, especially our own CoVID warriors, whom we feature in the pages of this issue.

As always, we'd love to hear to from you about this issue of SEVA, with a simple message to SEVA.RCBI@gmail.com.

Please do indicate the specific point that you refer in your message. It helps us improve our connect with you.

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Happy reading,

Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20

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RBI's CoVID-19 relief project wins big

RI District 3190 recently announced awards and certificates for clubs and Rotarians who achieved significant results in the fight against hardships heaped by the Co-VID 19 related lockdown. RBI's result was a perfect .

In reality it was double that - a perfect 20 as seen from the 20 certificates that RBI and its partner organizations were awarded by RI Dist. 3190. As the work progressed, RBI not just exceeded its initial target but also those that were subsequently revised multiple times.

The perfect 10 was formed from the 15 certificates that we received for RBlans and RBI associates who got involved directly through us. The remaining 5 certificates have been sent directly to other associates in this initiative.

President Manoj Agarwal spearheaded the work by enabling all the support needed. He was our champion warrior who kept communication lines open at all times and channelized effort to where it was most needed.

These were some key CoVID-19 related projects that RBI embarked upon:

- RBI contributed Rs. 20 lakhs to PM Cares Fund through Rotary India. Prominent contributors - Rtns. Ghanshyam Agarwal (Rs.15 lakhs) PP Prabhakar Bothireddy (Rs.1 lakh), PP Peeyush Jain (Rs. 51,000), PP Suresh Patel (Rs.25,000), Wq Cdr Ashok Saraf Rs. 25,000/-, PP O P Khanna (Rs.25,000) were among the many who contributed to the PM Cares Fund.
- 50000 face masks were given to National Disease Control Center, New Delhi jointly with Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka, Dist. 3190 & Dist. 3012 at a cost of Rs.8,26,875/. Our own Rtn. Pradeep Lal and his brother Rtn. Manoj Lal of Rotary (Dist 3012) spearheaded this initiative.
- Four clubs jointly plan to give RT-PCR CoVID-19 testing equipment to Anand Diagnostics. The total cost of the machine is Rs.22 lacs. RBI will contribute Rs.5 lakhs for the equipment. Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal contributed Rs. 2.5 lacs for this project.
- RBI provided essential rations to BGMS worth Rs.20,000/-
- A hand wash facility was installed outside Rotary House of Service with a poster of the correct hand washing technique to benefit the nearby community.
- IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari & TRF Trustee Rtn. Gulam Vahanvati of Rotary Club of Bombay helped RBI get 750 nos. of PPE Kits valued at Rs.7,50,000. These PPE Kits will be supplied to Government Hospitals in Bangalore which face a shortage of PPE kits
- RBI undertook 6 crowdfunding projects through Fuel-a-Dream for CoVID-19 related projects

We briefly state work done by some of our CoVID-19 warriors in the paragraphs that follow. Later in this issue we expand these into the specific actions that made them heroes.

Very early into the lockdown, Rtn. Sanjay Dugar foresaw a need for humanitarian service of food for migrant workers and daily wage earners. He brought it to the notice of President Manoj Agarwal, who agreed with him. Sanjay mobilized his wide network of specialists, in which he was ably supported by Rtn. Naresh Bhandia of our yet-to-be-installed satellite club. Their network did a superb job of coordinating, collating, packing and delivering. Upon realizing that many recipients were undocumented in civic records and that their abodes were temporary, the situation required some deft handling and quick process recalibration.

Parallelly, Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar mobilized his Mission Chai experience and network for this cause. He also walked that extra mile for additional impact by helping defog and sanitize closed spaces such as RHOS and the Jeevan Bima Nagar Police Station. He helped with food packet distribution in far flung areas as well.



Our experienced Blood Donation champion Rtn. Lata Amashi applied her years of experience spearheading camps for RBI, to seamlessly manage her effort. She liaised with like-minded NGOs and enabled a force multiplier.

Rtn. Vijay Mane's do-gooder spirit was vividly evident as he systematically launched into distributing Ration Kits with members of Rotary IT Corridor. Due to Vijay's long association with the club he has many close friends there. They worked together and helped reach kits to the target audience, while documenting the whereabouts of individuals thereof.

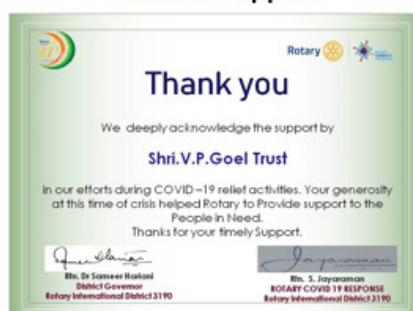
Rtn. Asha Vaswani pitched in by involving her own circle. Her work was timely and effective.

President Manoj, backed this solid team to the hilt by motivating them and mobilizing funds from well-wishers. His communication at vital times kept the team spirit up. He enhanced RBI's image in RHOS's neighbourhood by having a washing station installed on the RHOS periphery for use by locals. A poster depicting effective hand washing helped immensely too. He was the key to publicizing our work with our Rotary district and beyond.

Is it any surprise that we scored that perfect 10? The '10' icon of the previous page is expanded here, so that names of these heroes are visible on their certificates. Let us all applaud them for their yeoman effort in dealing with the CoVID-19 pandemic driven crises.



Exceptional external support



RBI's CoVID-19 Heroes Circle of 12 Honour Certificates

RI Dist. 3190's Covid-19 Awardees from RBI	
Appreciation Certificates	
IPDG Suresh Hari	Rtn. Lata Amashi
PP Prabhakar	Rtn. Vijay Mane
Bothireddy	Rtn. Asha Vaswani
PP Ajith Rai	Rtn. Kasthuri Saravanan
PP Peeyush Jain	Rtn. Pradeep Lal
Rtn. Sanjay Dugar	Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal
Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar	Rtn. Lata Amashi
Acknowledgement Certificates	
Shri C. P. Bothra Charitable Trust	Shri V. P. Goel Trust

The COVID19 Pandemic, and what RBI accomplished

On 25th March 2020, Rtn. Sanjay Dugar and a friend Aparna Ponnappa, had an empathy filled conversation about people near their homes who needed help. These people were migrant labourers who were stranded in the lockdown situation – away from their family, with no money in the pocket, no home to stay in, and no idea where they would get their food from. And as they spoke, they got more information that there were many such cases in Bangalore. Immediately, they committed to supporting 10,000 such persons.

They began speaking with others to get them involved, and eventually put together a team that went by the name **COVID19 Relief Bangalore**. The team brought in people with varied skills in different areas such supply chain, logistics, nutrition, sourcing and packaging. One such person was Rtn. Naresh Bhandia from our yet to be installed satellite club (Rotary Bengaluru Disha).



The task force involved many NGOs who provided support at various locations around Bangalore, to distribute ration kits to families. They were surprised to observe overlaps, with many areas getting less than required, and other places where people collected rations without real need. With these ground level insights, the task force developed a process of validating, geo-tagging, and distributing specifically to identified migrant labour. They were able to successfully eliminate duplication. The process ensured transparency with personal data confidentiality that was highly appreciated by many groups, including government bodies. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar fully supported this group, and when the process was shared with DG Dr. Sameer Hariani, he promoted it at the District level, and got many other Rotary Clubs aligned to this process as well.



aligned to this process as well.



What made this relief work unique?

It was a massive collaboration effort where we had Educational Institutions and Alumni, like St. Joseph's Institutions, XLRI, Jamshedpur, IIM Calcutta, FMS, Bishop Cottons, Mount Carmel College, and many more getting involved.

Associations and Organizations, like **Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar, International Association of Facilitators**, PotHoleRaja, Bangalore Multi-purpose Social Service Society (BMSSS), AICUF, With Bengaluru, RWAs near Langford Road, and a few more.

Corporates, like Titan, Compass, Metro, Balurghat Technologies, Big Basket, Wipro, ITC, 3M, Himalaya, Intel, Goldman Sachs threw their lot in with the initiative

Many NGOs and Foundations, like Diya Ghar, Azim Premji Foundation, SDFMM, Utopia, Hasiru Dala, CFAR, Accelerate India, Janagraha, Development Focus, Whitefield Rising, Mercy Mission also chipped in.

All these organizations with different foci and varied objectives, came together to work as one body. It was streamlined through some facilitation by Sanjay Dugar. He was able to align all of them to a common goal and get people in the group to use their strengths and expertise to develop and implement processes and help optimize the output. Everyone was highly energized to perform. The group worked without a break for many weeks in trying times,

despite issues like a few volunteers getting beaten up and some vehicles being seized by the police. The team continued to move forward meticulously with consummate ease. The multifaceted team through the power of collaboration, eliminated duplicates, reached out to the poorest of the poor, brought in multiple types and levels of expertise, and made a huge difference. The knowledge gained has been shared with many others to replicate the methodology.

A very quick dip stick research claims to have brought in a minimum of 30% cost saving, and at least 50% time and effort saving.



Daily updates shown through eye-catching messages like the one alongside, kept everyone's spirits high.

In the home run lap, they easily managed to handover over an enormous number to kits to surpass the 80,000 kits target that was set. The report alongside, which was the last one published, indicates that the target has been more than exceeded.

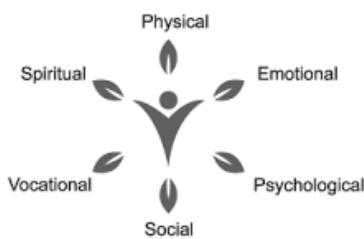
The story does not end here. The focused team brought together with its diversity harnessed, did not want to stop at this point.

The first objective was to decide until when the Relief process should continue. To decide its sustenance, the group's decision was that it be driven by Rotary's 4-Way Test.

The team wished to move ahead into the rehabilitation stage, and eventually into the redevelopment. Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and Rotary District 3190 remain keen to support them as plans around these unfold.



6 Focus Areas of Rehabilitation



Rehabilitation is an interim step to be implemented before moving to the redevelopment stage. It is an involved process needing focus in multiple areas, as described in the picture shown alongside. Rehabilitation is an essential step which if delayed could result in consequences, worse than that from the pandemic itself. The effort needs professional assistance and inputs in each of these 6 focus areas.

Different approaches to achieve rehabilitation evolved through the facilitation process. They included methods such as bringing together diverse groups of individuals under one roof, facilitated conversations for ideation, creating task forces to build plans and implement tasks thereof. Communication to society at large as also building safety nets in each of the six focus areas were also highlighted by the group.

The group resolved to use their network to bring together and collaborate with diverse groups, go sector by sector (in parallel) and use the expertise of experienced facilitators and together accelerate by harvesting group wisdom. They also suggested using the *How Might We* template (seen alongside) to empower individuals for readying themselves for the post lockdown environment.

How might we

How Might We SUPPORT **Action**
What
for People who have lost their jobs **Stakeholder**
in order to Reskill them for new jobs **What change?**

The Mantra to accelerate to the new normal is possible by following Rotary's principles:

- We think service above self
- We connect the world
- We demonstrate Rotary in Action
- We execute as guided by the 4-Way Test

Rtn. Sanjay Dugar, through diligent leadership and facilitation, has shown how to step ahead with confidence to people who are yet to come to grips with the post-lockdown scenario.

Adapted from Rtn. Sanjay Dugar's original manuscript



A leaf from ROTARY DIST 3190's MAY 2020 BULLETIN



RB Indiranagar Covid 19 initiatives:

1. We have provided more than 103000 ration kits for the migrant labourers and daily wage earners. This was a joint initiative with XLRI Alumni Group & Global SME Hub. Cost of the project Rs. 11 Crores
2. For the PM Cares Fund we have contributed Rs. 20 lakhs, out of this Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal contributed Rs. 15 lakhs.
3. We contributed Rs. 5 lakhs towards joint project of 4 clubs to provide RT PCR testing machine at Anand Diagnostic. Total cost of the equipment Rs. 17 lakhs.
4. We have donated 50000 face masks jointly with Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka & Dist 3190 & Dist 3012 to National Centre for Disease Control, New Delhi. Cost of the project Rs. 8.26 lakhs. Another 1000 face masks distributed in Indiranagar area.
5. We provided 20000 food packets to the needy through the District program. Cost of the project Rs. 4.5 lakhs.
6. We have distributed 1200 hand Sanitizers to vegetable, fruit & kirana shops in New Thippasandra and for Asha workers in Ramnagaram. Cost of the project Rs. 1.8 lakhs.
7. We will be providing 750 PPE Kits to Sir C V Raman General Hospital next week. This is a joint project with Rotary Club of Bombay. Cost of the project Rs. 7.5 lakhs.

Total cost of projects undertaken - Rs. 11.5 crores Number of lives impacted - 6 lakhs Man hours spent - 1500 hours.



From receiving wholesale packets

to creating subpacks for ration packets

and despatching to different locations

Rtn. Sanjay Dugar co-ordinated action down to the last detail

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Mission Chai founder turned CoVID-19 warrior

Rakesh Nayyar, a junior engineer at ISRO, and his daughter Prerna Nayyar started Mission Chai with a vision to help people in need. It is now supported by a dedicated team

Mission Chai commenced on 16th August 2015 with the simple idea "चाय तो बहाना है, हमें लोगोंके पास जाना है" (Tea is just an excuse to interact with people)". Starting with 200 cups at Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology's Hospital it began with the support of friends and like-minded people who wanted to serve society. Mission Chai has today expanded to 1000+ cups providing biscuits and fruits at Kidwai Hospital and Sanjay Gandhi Hospital, Bengaluru. Similar services have started at MNJ Cancer Hospital, Hyderabad, Gandhinagar General hospital, Gujarat by Mission Chai members who moved to these cities. Apart from serving tea, they hold blood donation camps every three months with the support of Kidwai blood bank and GURUDWARA SRI SINGH SABHA ULSOOR. Their recent projects also include setting up Drinking water facility in all wards of the Kidwai memorial hospital.

When the 'service minded' Rtn. Rakesh joined RBI in 2019, he learned about our many सेवा (service) related activities. He believes that these have been very helpful in the Covid19 crisis. His approach to service is to be hands on and have direct contact with the people in need. Since day one of the lockdown, Mission Chai started a centralized kitchen to cook food and distribute Ration Kits in multiple areas across the city. He has also been a very active participant in RBI's Ration kits distribution project. Rakesh and his team went a step further and helped sanitize police stations, slums and other public places (including RHOS). Their regular midnight Mission Chai seva at police check-posts is a big hit with our hardworking police force. Importantly, his group also distributed masks. Rtn. Rakesh arranged Food and Ration kits to be distributed to Taxi drivers, as also in village areas near Devanahalli where migrants were stuck.

He feels a lot of synergy with RBI's goal to help and empower society.

Given their multifaceted service, it is difficult to estimate the number of lives that these Mission Chaiwallas have touched in the CoVID-19 effort. It will easily exceed 20000. And much of it has been with their own funds. We share just a few memories of their work.

Thank you, Rakesh and your agents of सेवा.

Adapted from Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar's original



Sanitizing Magadi Road Police Station



Ration kits to Pourakarmikas in Devanahalli



Packed food for migrant workers at Devanahalli



Breakfast packets delivered to Jeevan Bima Nagar Police Station

When Blood Donation experience helped in CoVID-19

While others battled physical lockdown at home, I was fighting a drift into mental lockdown. An unexpected call by Corporator Shilpa Abhilash and Mr. Abhilash made me focus on distributing food grain hunger kits to the poor. I got exposed to a powerful platform hitherto unexposed to me. My earlier experience of conducting blood donation helped me craft the CoVID service initiatives, videos on social distancing for maids, hunger kits for marginalised people, supply of masks and sanitizers to push cart vendors, sanitizers to ASHA workers and supply of PPE kits to COVID accredited hospitals.

The grim truth is that health quality is inequitably distributed among people. It was vital to address marginalized people during the lockdown. These crises pushed my sense of duty, since it is undignified to ignore the trauma of another human being. And stepping out of my comfort zone helped me grow and transform.

The lockdown forced us to concentrate on providing dignity of decent living to those in need. We concentrated on clusters of migrants across Bangalore and its periphery. To that we added needy farmers in Hoskote and Kolar (impacted by transport bottlenecks) and the specially-abled in Kolar and Bangalore.

We estimated the number of needy individuals in the areas of coverage, that included construction workers, pourakarmikas and garbage collectors. Our channel partner in rural areas, a technocrat turned agriculturist, built a software to effectively bridge the consumer - producer gap

Traders tend to hoard food grains during crises and arbitrarily hike prices. Consequently, the farming community needed support by directly sourcing their pesticide free and naturally healthy food grain. It also helped women cooperatives become financially independent and feel empowered.

We procured and distributed the following:

- 1200 food grains kits (with 570 still in the pipeline) to farmers and specially-abled people. It touched the lives of 80000 individuals.
- 400 masks and 160 sanitizers to pushcart vendors on the entire Thippasandra Main road
- 1100 sanitizers from a Rotarian's factory to ASHA workers in Ramanagaram, Indiranagar and Sarjapur.

Others who offered a helping hand were

- 1) Immediate family
- 2) Close friends
- 3) Ladies clubs (Friends of Tribal Society, Bengaluru Mahila Chapter and Sneha Charitable Trust Indiranagar chapter)
- 4) Local Corporator Shilpa and Abhilash
- 5) Members of our Resident welfare association
- 6) Friends and relatives from overseas
- 7) A few NGOs
- 8) Well-wishers and neighbours on my road

The activity was full of MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- 1) The gleam in a 95-year-old lady's eyes in Kengeri satellite town, the sole bread winner in her family (her son had lost both his legs in an accident), upon receiving her Hunger Kit made us brim with joy.
- 2) My book - COOKING INITIATIVES IN THE WONDERLAND OF THE PINEAPPLE - using pineapple as the primary ingredient, to support pineapple farmers, got featured in METROLINE (HINDU). The book has been well received.

Here is a summary of my LEARNING during this crisis

- 1) Sharing is caring
- 2) Being healthy is unrelated to being wealthy
- 3) An early warning system is key to effectively manage crises
- 4) We are everyday stewards of each other's dignity
- 5) Sustainable development results from balancing pressure on Mother Earth by protecting all living things (from animals to insects) and the environment
- 6) Eliminating middleman in aggregating agricultural production can help immensely
- 7) Compassion during medical crises has no boundaries, religion, race caste or creed
- 8) Believe in yourself - You are braver than you think you are, more talented than you know and capable of more than you can imagine
- 9) Life is about accepting challenges along the way, choosing to keep moving forward while savouring the journey all the way
- 10) Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries - without them humanity cannot survive (HH Dalai Lama)
- 11) Don't ASK, ACT. Action will delineate and define you (Thomas Jefferson)

President Manoj Agarwal pandered to my every request, be it gloves, masks, sanitizers, PPEs suits, or hunger kits or indeed additional funds or project contacts. He was there all the time like a rock, supporting, guiding and accommodating. He never let show the extreme physical and mental stretch caused by pressure exerted on him by many people like me.

Contributed by Rtn. Lata Amashi



Rations packs distribution at HAL III



200 PPE packs delivered to Bowring Hospital



Vegetables with ration packs delivered at HAL III stage

Service Above Self

Since Rotary believes in "*Service above self*", I never wanted to miss an opportunity to serve during this pandemic. Looking at the lockdown scenario & Section 144 imposed, I evolved a way by which to support the cause by distributing **RTE** (**Ready To Eat**) food initially & staple grocery kits later, to the needy & migratory labourers. Here is the process that we followed:

Step 1- The Police Connect

We connected with the police to be the angels in distribution along with Rotary. The DCP, Whitefield appreciated the idea and committed all support. With the 144 section in place, we convinced the Police department to work with RBITC (Rotary Bangalore IT Corridor) in this endeavour.

Step 2- Core Team

As soon as the police support was secured, it took RBITC barely minutes to agree & put in place a core team - (President Rtn. Vamsi, Secretary Rtn. Pawan, PP Rtn. Abhishek, Rtn. Manoj Jhanji, Rtn. Ezhi & Rtn. Sumedha).

Step 3- Fund Raising

The core team supported by all of RBITC, started raising funds through corporates, and commenced crowd funding, apart from individual contributions. I helped catalyze diversion of corporate CSR funds through the Police department connect.

Step 4- Survey

Along with Police personnel, we quickly identified labour camps, mapped the areas, got names of labourers & built a data team that personally visited the camps to ensure credibility and accuracy.

Step 5- Strategy

Since many government agencies & NGO's were engaged in providing food & grocery kits, we wanted to avoid repeat supply. We marked huts and handed appropriately coloured coupons to individuals who had not received kits on a particular day. They could collect the kits in exchange for the coupons.

Step 6- Sourcing RTE food

For ready to eat food, the team identified a pop-up restaurant run by Mr Asad & got food prepared under strict & hygiene conditions. We shortlisted veg pulao with a lot of vegetables, potato & soya chunks to make it nutritious in a 350 gm. pack. That is more than sufficient to sustain a person for 1 day. We discovered that many had not eaten for 2 days in a row.

Step 7 - Sourcing Staple grocery kits.

Initially, we sourced kits locally. But after noticing the superlative team work of Rtn. Sanjay Dugar & RBI, we started sourcing from them. There could not be a better trusted partner than RBI in procuring the kits. The team of Sanjay Dugar, Aparna & Vishal Ponnappa had converted St Joseph's College into professional distribution hub. The grocery was packed into (15 day or 30 day) kits for a family of 3 to 4 persons.

Step 8- Logistics

Logistics were planned by RBITC Rotarians and Volunteers from Whitefield Ready & Whitefield Rising - with their cars and Hoysala Patrol vehicles engaged to travel & distribute the kits.

Step 9- Awareness on Safety, Health, Hygiene & Social distancing.

Not just distribution of kits, we also helped create awareness on these aspects among the recipients.



Step 10-More than just Food & Grocery kits

While the food & grocery kits were still being distributed, we also distributed masks, face shields, etc.

Ultimately it is a perpetual *Service Above Self* through these pandemic relief measures.

For me the heroes are RBITC, Police, Whitefield Ready volunteers, & Team Sanjay Dugar.

We chose to serve, with no intention of indulging in any publicity through social media. Our media presence was only among the donor community and Rotary Clubs to inspire donations and engagement.

Contributed by Rtn. Vijay Mane

Here are some memories from the COVID Relief activities spearheaded by Rtn. Vijay Mane



The Beginner's Touch

Relatively new Rotarian Asha Vaswani's story is unique. She ensured the last foot (mile is just too far) connectivity and ensured that aid reaches the target population. She believes that she did hardly anything to deserve recognition and is touched to be treated as a COVID hero. However, we know that the eternally modest Asha was a vital cog in our distribution chain.

Here is what she told us:

'I am really touched to be treated as a COVID Warrior! There's very little I have done to deserve this. Here is what I did:

- organized tea for the Indiranagar traffic police through Mission Chai and had it distributed
- arranged ration kits through Sanjay Dugar and distributed them to daily wage workers
- connected up with Compass for cooked meals
- arranged funds for ration kits locally and from overseas

It's hardly worth mention but since you have asked there's very little I have done and all through I never ventured out from the house.

We got about 100 cups of chai delivered through Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar's *Mission Chai*.

Distributed biscuits and water to the traffic policemen cops at Jeevan Bima Nagar signal by my son Maneesh Vaswani

Arranged 50,000 cooked meals by Compass coordinated by my son Maneesh Vaswani !

These are some chosen pictures from Asha's effort.





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From the Editor's desk



Dear Reader,

Rotary Indiranagar never stops, lockdown or not.

In view of our unceasing work and meetings, we chose to have this issue to feature weekly e-meetings and some other exceptional news for RBI.

Our weekly meetings notched a new high with some amazing speakers. Attendance at weekly meetings has risen too.

We cover 3 weekly meetings, a couple of recognitions and a good old fellowship.

In the midst of all this, a silver lining. We all can attend the Rotary International Convention 2020. It will be in e-mode and held at our homes ... all you need to do is log-in. The specific session timings are shared on page 11 of this issue. Do be there to experience the virtual ambience.

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Please reach out to us with your thoughts about this issue of SEVA with a message to SEVA.RCBI@GMAIL.COM.

We wish you happy reading.

Rtn. Vidyut Shenoy

Bulletin Editor, 2019-20

DON'T MISS THE 2020 ROTARY VIRTUAL CONVENTION





Sports in the current situation and beyond



Digvijay Singh Deo, leading sports journalist and head of the WION Channel's sports division was guest speaker at our weekly meeting on 11th May 2020. His topic - 'Sports in the Current Situation and Beyond' was unusual yet relevant. The young editor, who is a veteran sports journalist has covered two Olympics, and has interviewed 50 leading sportspersons of India.

He delved in depth on the fallout of the CoVID-19 Pandemic on various aspects of sports. It has resulted in the shelving of friendly sports visits, and large sporting events like the EPL and IPL. He even wondered if the 2020 Olympics would be cancelled.

The indecision of many sports bodies has delayed closing of sports events, and some have become financially unviable. English Premier League, for example, stands to lose a large amount of money owed to it by media outfits.

Discussing the world's premier sporting event, the quadrennial Olympics, he spoke about its eminence and the prestige of athletes competing in it. He shared how reaching the final line-up at any of its events is something athletes aspire for throughout their lives. By being there, their prestige gets enhanced and rises further upon winning a medal, whatever the color. He cited Abhinav Bindra who rues that he was unable to garner even one point in the Rio Olympics shoot-out for 3rd place and lost out on a bronze. And that despite having won the gold in the previous olympics at Beijing, which still couldn't provide solace for losing the bronze.

Spectator involvement and presence at the Olympics is another aspect he touched upon. The constant motivation and pressure from fans often helps athletes to do better than their best. He feels the atmosphere is unlike anything else that the world offers. He specifically commented on the roar that follows progress of the men's 100 metre sprint final from start to finish. Most athletes there would have trained throughout their life for that one event. And winning a medal there would be more than worth it. That is true of almost every medal at the Olympics. He also shared how eminent sportspersons at the Olympics Village meet up freely with sportspersons from other parts of the world. It is this camaraderie that makes the Olympics unique. Hence, he says, cancellation of this year's Olympics would be disastrous for many medal hopefuls across the globe.

India's Olympics performance has been way below par, given that only a handful of Indian athletes have reached the finals. It can be traced to poor facilities, inept Indian sports bodies, inherent physique of Indian athletes, lacklustre encouragement and motivation, as also inadequate preparation. He also spoke of missed chances such as no practice being allowed for the Indian Hockey team, that was holed up at the Sports Authority of India facility in Bangalore throughout the lockdown. In other countries it would have been seen as a godsend for teams to make best use of the facility to train hard. The same is the case, he rues, about accredited solo performers like cyclists who have qualified for the Olympics. They are not allowed to venture out for practice, and are punished if they do. Elsewhere cyclists have been training hard. Such an attitude he feels is also discouraging youngsters to take up sport.

Digvijay then touched upon training regimes. Most athletes train in the off-season to iron out flaws in their game and acquire new skills. The lockdown has prevented many from pursuing their practice. Consequently, many will not be at peak performance or indeed fitness levels when the Olympics arrive, even if delayed. The results would be unpredictable, since athletes performance data will be unavailable. Also there could be unexpected results with big names failing and unheard ones gaining. A delayed Olympics may put paid to the hopes of fading athletes like Roger Federer and Leander Paes in what could be their last Olympics outing. It will take longer for them to reach peak fitness levels. For younger athletes it would be a test of their endurance and ability to get in shape quickly and remain there.

He feels the same is true of other organized sports like cricket. Indian women cricket star Mithali Raj was not sure of when the team would be able to get together and prepare to compete at the upcoming WC. For her, too, it is a last chance at more cricketing glory.

Consequently neither the press nor athletes are hazarding any guesses on performance and standings. In that sense neither unlocking nor a soft opening may be able to help.

The COVID pandemic has hurt sportspersons at all levels, including budding Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal, who took the first set off Roger Federer at the US Open last year. Nagal is faced with a severe money crunch in Germany with no tournaments being held there.

The speaker then moved to India's sport apathy or indifference and frustrations coming out thereof. He feels that neither the government nor parents encourage sports in our lives. Consequently, there is no push for better facilities or fitness levels. Our athletes today have to compete on unequal terms at the international stage. He spoke of the vast difference in physique (and performance) between Indian rower Savarn Singh and British rower Redgrave. Both of them competed in a race, which the Indian lost by a huge margin.

He ended his terrific talk a little too soon for us, but hoped that India's focus on sports will improve, notwithstanding Khelo India Youth games which he feels may not help improve the quality of sports performance in India.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre shines

Kannada Daily Prajavani on 29th May 2020, carried a crisp article on our signature project, **Rotary Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre** at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research (SJICSR). The news item quoted Dr. C.M. Manjunath, Director of SJICSR stating, “1500 patients have been treated (at a daily average between 40 and 50) at Rotary Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre at Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research”.

The joint project of SJICSR, Needy Heart Foundation and RBI, was supported by a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. It was inaugurated by Trustee Chair PRIP Gary C.K. Huang and Ann Corinna on 2nd September 2019.

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RBI pep-up quiz

The COVID-19 lockdown has created a feeling of being away from members of the usually close RBI family. President Manoj Agarwal thought a quiz would be another means of enabling bonding, albeit remote, between members. The fellowship events group cajoled and coaxed teams to join ... and then we had a zoom quiz with 12 teams.

At 7:00 PM, on 15th May 2020, excitement in the ZOOM auditorium was palpable. You would be forgiven if you thought it was a college quiz, with so much enthusiasm around. People, including those who had logged in from faraway Delhi, just waited for the next question.

Event MC and quiz-mistress Ann Sharada Shenoy shared rules and launched into the quiz. Unanswered questions were not passed to help speed up the event. These were the 4 rounds, with some audience questions in each:

1. Potpourri (general)

The general questions were lapped up enthusiastically and most teams opened their account.

2. Eventology (Identify the event)

The Quiz Mistress shared some information about a well-known event which a team had to guess. The round proved that RBlans were very clued into the world.

3. Khana Khazana (All things food)

Here is when things started getting spicy. The round exposed us to some brilliant facets about food that we hardly knew about.

4. Just do it (Trier's Envy, Winners Pride) - Tag lines of popular products

The last round held up tag lines and teams had to identify the exact product. Reverse engineering the product from a tag line didn't seem as easy when the round was on.

After 2 hours of brain searching, banter, excitement and whoops, the Quiz ended with points in participants' and RBI's bags. We had a very vocal and energized audience too.

Rtn. Jayashri Bothireddy and family secured the maximum points, followed by the Agarwal family (President Manoj, First lady Manju and their niece).

Don't go by the intense faces in this screen grab of the event. They were focusing on the question being asked.



The need to support and strengthen Public Education

RBI's 44th weekly meeting that was held via the ZOOM app on 18th May 2020 featured a talk by S. Giridhar, COO, Azim Premji University (APU). He works on improving Public Education and is also a passionate author of books on cricket.



He believes that every Public school in India is a heroic school which needs support due to the emotion and passion involved. Statistics about them do not cover their environmental conditions. He visited government schools in remote districts, to uncover their working, wanting to see what works, since media anyway tells us what is not working. There are more than a million schools with 600 million kids studying in them. All schools provide good mid-day meals, but a fault on one particular day makes national headlines. Newspapers fail to realize that it is a huge effort, wherein most of their work is perfect. Similarly, media highlights the one teacher in a million who runs a grocery school, but forgets the rest who only teach. If we don't support diligent teachers he asked, 'Who will?' and 'What will happen to India?'.

Public education in USA and Scandinavia rules the roost, but we in India deride it. He pointed out that we all studied in government aided schools. Rural Indian students who earlier went to government schools are now moving to private schools. He cited the example of a person earning Rs. 10K sending his children to private schools, where fees are Rs. 1500 p.m. The reasons he cited were that children in those schools wore ties and shoes to school, apart from learning and speaking English. Giridhar also discovered that girls walked to school, but boys go by bus. Neither group however, was able to converse in English for more than a minute. He discovered that 60% children remain in government schools, 20% go to aided schools or private schools, and the rest do not attend school. The huge change needed to make a difference, will be visible 30-35 years hence if we start now. To build a just and equitable society as enshrined in our constitution ideals is difficult, but can happen with equitable education in government. It calls for enormous effort.

During his visits to schools over an 18 year span, he has observed that building trust is key. APU has ensured that they cover every district and as many schools as possible. However, we can never be there to support teachers at ground level. He feels a voluntary Teach the Teachers, giving credit for good work which demonstrates its importance will help. All teachers are unsung & anonymous, and in 40 years not a single block officer has sent recommendations for awards. He has met and observed 150 teachers, with whom he has had detailed discussions.

The scenario is slowly changing and improving. Government schools remain the main option. Around 50% children come hungry to school, and a large group has both parents who are daily wage earners. Hence, he believes, we need to support these schools. Inspiring stories are one way to build a healthy connect between those who wish to support and the schools themselves. Since we are outsiders, the teachers tend to hold a mirror to us. We need to win their trust if we are to help them. What struck him is that if you search for one good teacher, you will find hundreds if not thousands, each overcoming obstacles. He therefore chose to write a book Ordinary People, Extraordinary Teachers - The Heroes of India, that features uplifting stories from the rural hinterland. The book has become very popular.

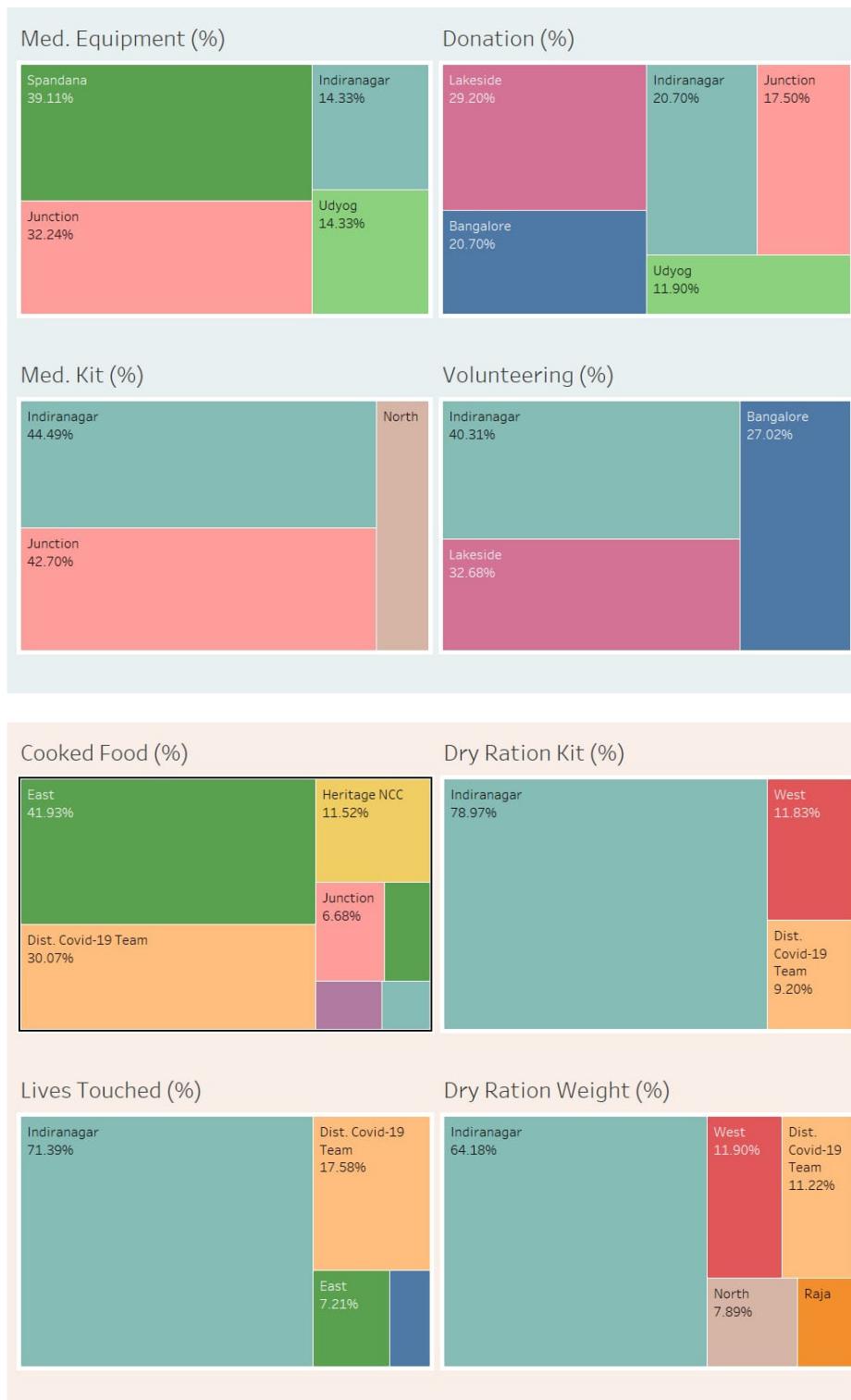
He then highlighted some of the difficulties faced by teachers such as language of instruction being different from the language of students. Also in some cases, teachers have to teach multiple subjects and classes, including those where they have little expertise. Teaching at grassroots has its own challenges, and teachers have to think of innovative ways to engage children. Most teachers are extremely committed to their work.

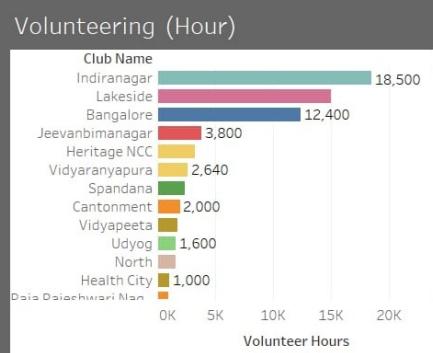
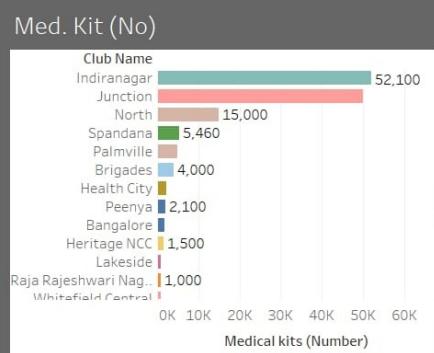
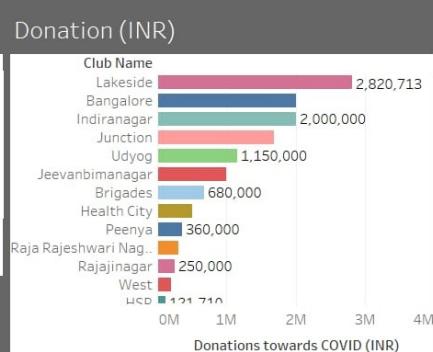
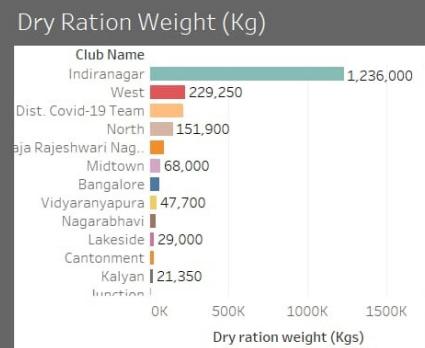
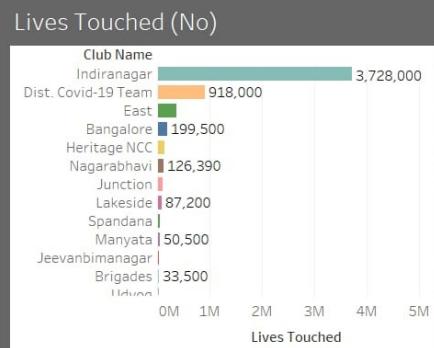
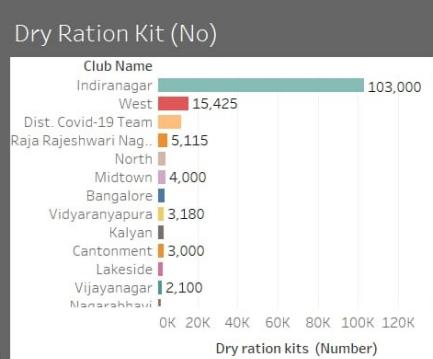
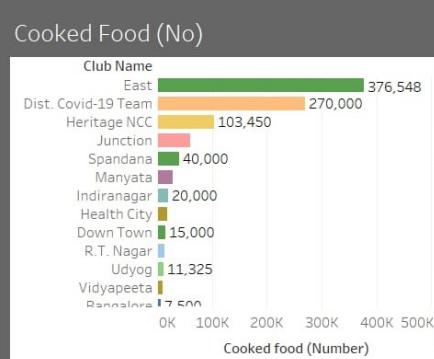
But all is not dusty and dreary. He spoke of some district schools that have been able to send and enlist a large fraction of their graduating students into the elite Navodaya, Jawahar or Morarji Vidyalayas. It speaks volumes about the resilience of teachers and their ability to motivate children deeply. He knows a district where a school of 245 students has sent 230 to Navodaya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Schools or Morarji Schools. These schools have awesome standards, due to the exceptional work by teachers against all odds.

He fielded many other questions which he answered patiently. Some of them covered challenges of getting jobs, social issues, managing diversity, transition to English, students' absorption ability, socio-economic disadvantage, employability, teacher-student ratio, transformation in the post CoVID-19 era, translation, using technology to teach teachers and students, post school education, literacy goals, school-university education funnel ... and also his romance with writing cricket books.

RBI CoVID-19 Stature in RI District 3190

These are a few charts put out by District 3190, all related to CoVID-19 Relief work done by clubs in the district. We share these with you to draw your own conclusions on RBI's contribution to RI District 3190's CoVID-19 Relief effort.





Yes, we figure prominently in all but 2 of these 16 charts.

Bharat Bala Tujhe Salaam

Internationally acclaimed filmmaker Bharat Bala filled up our Zoom screens on 25th May 2020 as guest speaker at our 45th Weekly meeting (and 11th e-meeting). In typical filmy fashion he likened becoming a frontline filmmaker from a medical seat aspirant to destiny. He did not make the cut in medical entrance examinations, but his acquaintance with A R Rahman launched him into making films.



Delhi's spirited dose of patriotism exposed to him during his growing years, was very different from Chennai where he completed his X and XII grades in elite schools. The famed Dileep (now known as A R Rahman) was his school friend. Once out of school he studied movie making for TV, and imbibed ideas that fostered creativity.

His very first advertising film, made in 3 months, won the 'best ad film of the year' award. That was part of his first assignment to make 10 advertisement films for MRF, wherein he strove to be different. For the assignment he chose the right global talent, and reached out to ace cinematographer John Mathieson, a BAFTA awardee for Best Cinematography in the movie *Gladiator*. Mathieson guided him immensely in those 3 months.

Bharat Bala's films are unique, since he chooses varying and different landscapes. He learned from that experience. He is convinced that to do good ad films, one must think different. His first film-making sojourn being a success, made him look for something meaningful.

Advertising involves creating emotion through ideas, which consumers buy into. The search for a meaningful idea kept Bharat Bala involved. His staunch Gandhian father persuaded him to apply his talent to motivate young minds by creating a strong emotion for India. His father's thoughts on Vande Mataram and the freedom struggle appeared promising. But there was nothing concrete to start with. He sought out the reclusive AR Rahman's to sing in the video (*Maa Tujhe Salaam, Vande Mataram*). He spent a lot of money, travelling across the country for the right locations for the video. It was not just an album for Bharat Bala, but an awakening. Upon getting Colgate Palmolive (after Tata Sons, Rajiv Bajaj and Reliance had declined) to sponsor the video with Rs. 5 crore, without any strings attached, he chose to put "Colgate Keeps India Smiling" on the video. A few MPs felt that Vande Mataram was too Indian to be sponsored by Colgate.

In his new line of thinking, he decided to make 200 1-minute films across locations in India to showcase his credentials. The travel to different parts of India triggered fresh ideas. However, he had to bear attendant costs. For this endeavour, in 1997, he spent approximately Rs. 2 crores - all of the money earned from the A R Rahman video. While pursuing his dream, Bharat Bala kept doing music videos for A R Rahman. For his father, he commenced parallel work to create a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi, called *Idea of Ahimsa*. To make it really appealing he decided to meet 8 icons ... all Nobel Peace Prize winners. Among those he met were - Mikhail Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat. He got them to sign on an *Ahimsa Painting* made by Thota Tharani.

Similarly, he created a Jana Gana Mana version by weaving parts of the national anthem sung by 50 Indian classical and folk music doyens. Big names such as Lata Mangeshkar, Bhimsen Joshi, Bala Murali Krishna, D K Pattamal, Hariprasad Chaurasia, and Pandit Jasraj were part of this endeavour. None of the Indian government's planned spend of Rs. 100 Crore for celebrating 50 years of Independence, was available to him since he was not an acclaimed film maker. Later Amitabh Kant, IAS, appointed him to create the *Incredible India* videos, for which he, once again, travelled across India.

For the Commonwealth Games being held in India in 2010, he pitched an idea in 2009. As Creative Director, he suggested using best available technology, but asked that Bollywood be distanced from the event. He engaged 18000 performers from Tribal and Classical areas to perform something very Indian to entertain spectators. It was a great opportunity to showcase something uniquely Indian for posterity. With total independence he worked for 15 months in Delhi. In a first, he had a huge, unique and cost-efficient balloon installed to capture event images and videos.

His passion for India excites him and lives on. Overseas, people experience and learn about a country in their many museums. But how and where can someone experience the Idea of India? He thus chose to make sub-10-minute videos on various aspects of India, each telling a different story. They used the best technology in the world to create these fine movies. **Virtual Bharat** is modeled to be this virtual museum of stories from India. Of the 1000 planned, 85 movies have already been made, of which 9 have been released. They have been made in their native languages such as Kosli, Odiya, Malayalam and Punjabi to keep them authentic. He travelled thousands of kms to get these shoots done. The aim is to answer the question, '*What is India?*'. These timeless and priceless videos contain history, culture and stories.

Bharat Bala wanted to create a movie on the Covid-19 situation and lockdown. It was an opportunity for documentary film makers to make great movies. Since the Central Government vacillated, he approached governments of 16 states to permit his 117 crew members to shoot. In some cases, they used drones to take video shots where permission was not available for crew to move around. He plans to release these as a movie titled *Uthenge Hum*, on 31st May 2020, which he hopes will surpass expectations. In the movie he has filmed India's busiest railway station, the *Mughalsarai* station, which is absolutely empty on account of the lockdown. He covers many such stark stories in the movie. Even though it is difficult to make films right now, he constantly looks out for ideas, and uses creativity for inspiration.

When asked if David Lean's fascination for landscapes inspired him, he said it is really not so, as once gets sucked into a theme, it just happens.

He feels Bigness should be through emotion, and not by size. Large arrays of people make an event big, but does its key emotion reach the audience?

He likes natural light and prefers to shoot in external environments. His belief that *Quirkiness is essential for Creativity*, makes him see the most difficult/most boring situations as challenges to whip up his excitement. Consequently, he has used bizarre location set-ups to make a movie, such as a shoot at Siachen Glacier on Jan 27th, when the local temperature was minus 40 degrees Celsius.

When asked if A R Rahman was a difficult person, he said he personally has had no issues. A R Rahman has always given him time, given their simple relationship as schoolmates and not as filmmakers.

Bharat Bala arrived at RBI as an icon, but left his mark as a brilliantly talented Indian.



RI Platinum distinction for RBI's Community based Rotaract Club

Our community Rotaract Club team, led by President Ritika Kandhari, has done a stupendous job through this year. It was duly rewarded with a Rotary citation with platinum distinction, by RI President Mark Maloney (image alongside). The team was guided by Rtn. Ajay Gupta, Director - Youth Service Avenue and Rotaract Committee Chair, Rtn. Sanjay Srivastava. The Platinum recognition is the highest award that a Rotaract Club can receive.

The club's remarkable turnaround was scripted by President Rtr. Ritika Kandhari who steered our Rotaract club to greatness.

She had inherited a moribund club needing a serious dose of positivity. She infused it by identifying and inducting energetic members. They partnered with RBI in many projects as well. They ensured exceptional communication within and outside the group. In short, they brought to life the exuberance of a typical RBI Rotaract club, through a persistent focus on projects and objectives. Evidently, it did wonders for them.

They got involved in RBI's fundraisers, conducted workshops for RBI on innovative themes, engaged with children at RBI's adopted schools, planted saplings, enhanced environmental consciousness and overall did an incredible amount of service. Secretary Rtr Abhilash Lapasia was part of RBI's team that won the Funtakshari organized by Rotary Club of Bangalore on 30 Sep 2019.

Earlier this year, in Quarter 1, our community based Rotaract Club had been adjudged the Star Club of RI District 3190. That was perhaps a stepping stone for future achievements.

Congratulations Rtr. Ritika Kandhari and team for elevating our Community based Rotaract Club to the heights that it deserves to be at.

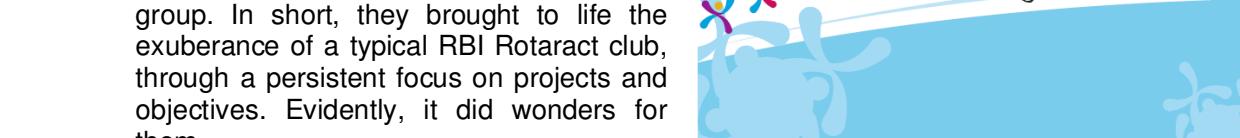
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18:30	Grow Rotary Through New Club Types
22:30	President-Nominee Session
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04:30	How to Start and Manage RAGM Microfinance Projects (presented in Spanish)
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- 01 Corona Virus & the future of Indian Foreign Policy by Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale
 11 RBI Anniversary Nite
 18 Joint Board meeting (2019-20 & 2020-21)
 29 Open House (IPDG Suresh Hari & PDG Badri speak on Global Grants - to be confirmed)

Sombre moment for RBI

Prabhat Amashi, spouse of **Rtn. Lata Amashi**, passed away on 30th May 2020, at Lagos, Nigeria.
 Our heartfelt condolences to Lata and her family members.

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From the Editor's desk

Dear Reader,

As Rotary year 2019-20 draws to a close, we have to bid you goodbye. In this, anniversary issue of SEVA Vol 39, we bring a smorgasbord of information and pictures picked from SEVA issues through this year.

For RBI, 2019-20 has been incredible. We cover dazzling epochal projects, from the Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre to renovated Anganwadis that we dedicated to society. We speak of a wonderful trip in late 2019 to President Manoj Agarwal's home state Orissa where he led a bunch of energetic Rotarians. His knowledge helped the group stitch together a memorable trip.

RBI put in more effort in 2020. The COVID-19 spawned lockdown in late March 2020 was a huge dampener, threatening to throw a massive spanner in our works. But it only spurred us further. A few RBLans lead by our indefatigable President Manoj Agarwal took it upon themselves to offer relief to those most impacted in the lockdown. To migrant labourers who lived in temporary abodes and shanties, our support of food ration kits meant the world. We associated with a few like-minded NGOs and associations, for a stupendous end result. Our contribution to national funds was among the top few Rotary Clubs in the country.

RBI meetings went into e-mode. Weekly meetings, Board meetings, project discussions, fellowships, national appeals, all came through without a stutter. RBI's early mover advantage in utilizing technology helped greatly. Leading the group, was President Manoj ably assisted by Secretary A K Sugunan. Our speakers at e-meetings were exceptional, and so was member attendance. The lockdown was a productive sojourn for us. We carry a short interview of President Manoj Agarwal on his experience this year.

My innings as SEVA Editor began with the first few issues released from overseas, while on personal travel, and ends with remote releases in the CoVID-19 lockdown. Between these two points we released 16 issues. We just may release one more issue covering a few RBI events before this eventful year flows out. We hope you enjoyed this year's SEVA, wherein we endeavored to offer insights into RBI's functioning and reasons for its oft unchallenged status.

Grateful thanks are due to my exceptional editorial team, comprising Rtn. H. R. Seetharam, Rtn. T K Chandramouli, Ann Vidhya Pradeep and Ann Sharada Shenoy. They plucked faults out, untangled & straightened threads while checking on facts to ensure a clean, clear, correct and accurate SEVA. Despite delays in sending first cut documents of each issue, they turned them around in double quick time. Bengaluru based team members ensured capture and forwarding key information for SEVA, during my overseas stay. No thanks suffice for fellow Rotarians and Anns, who penned articles on projects. Impossible was never a word in their vocabulary. They carved time out from busy calendars and came up with outstanding pieces to make SEVA relevant and informative. As on now, 27 RBI Rotarians and 2 Anns have contributed 176 articles and a whopping 63506 words in the 198 pages of 16 issues we published this year. A big **Thank you** for playing a key role in making SEVA a cherished item and a Dazzler.

Anurag Patwary of IC Solutions was super quick in uploading new issues of SEVA to Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar's website – the place for all released issues. And you dear readers have been dazzlers too. We will cherish your accolades forever and are delighted that you always waited for the next issue!

It is difficult to walk away from something that has consumed much of my creative energy this year. It has been exacting and tiring yet immensely satisfying. Wishing the 2020-21's SEVA team the best in making SEVA fly again.

Thank you and Happy Reading - Vidyut Shenoy, **Bulletin editor (2019-20)**

President Manoj Agarwal's address – a gist

CLUB SERVICE AVENUE

The avenue led by Director Rtn. Supriya Kandhari and guided by Coordinator PP Rtn. Shirish Mathur has done a phenomenal job. We had 46 Weekly Meetings, including Joint Meetings. Not a single meeting was missed despite the problems posed by COVID-19. Once the COVID-19 lockdown was announced we conducted all meetings on online platforms. Prior to that we had a variety of meetings in RHOS and elsewhere. Celebrities like Kannada cine-star Prakash Belvady, legal luminary Justice Santosh Hegde, and serial entrepreneur BK Birla spoke to audiences ranging from young to-be Rotarians to Anns and Rotarians with lots of experience. Our club members also participated in an Inter-District Friendship Programme meeting at Rotary Bhubaneswar Friends, titled Bandhutwa, where many of our travelling members sang alongside members of the host clubs.

Our membership strength keeps growing. During this year we inducted 13 members including 5 lady members. We also started a new club called Rotary Bangalore Disha. In addition we started 1 RCC.

Our Fellowships remain as vibrant as ever. These are some highlights of the year:

- RBI participated in a joint meeting of 4 clubs (with Rotary Bangalore, Rotary Bangalore Cantonment & Rotary Bangalore North). The joint meeting was followed by an Inter Club Antakshari which our club won.
- A joint meeting & fellowship was organized with 4 other Rotary Clubs, Cubbon Park, Shanthiniketan, Shankara Park, & Kuvempunagar.
- Rtn. Kamalavadani & PDG Rtn. S. Udaya Kumar hosted an Independence Day Lunch Social in their new home at Laughing Waters, Whitefield, Bangalore.
- Monthly Board Meetings are followed by fellowship & dinner.
- Onam Celebrations were held at HAL Convention Centre, with a 'Kerala Traditional' dress code. 170 Rotarians, Anns/Spouses, Annettes & Guests enjoyed the cultural program & Onam Sadhya lunch.
- RBI's' Diwali Social was held on 19th October 2019 at Rtn. V. Venkata Reddy's home, with 'Festive Ethnic' as Dress Code.
- Our Annual Picnic was held on Sunday 16th Feb 2020 at Rtn. G J Raja's farmhouse in Krishnagiri.
- 32 Rotarians & Anns travelled on a 4 night/5 day trip to Bhubaneswar, Puri & Konark from 12th to 16th of December 2019.
- We moved from outdoor fellowships to e-fellowships after the lockdown. We had singing sessions, tambola and an energizing quiz.



Club Finances

RI Dues, District Dues and Magazine Dues have been promptly paid

The Club Budget was presented at the Club Assembly and Audited Accounts were presented during the Board Installation

Monthly Accounts are perused at every Board Meeting

Public Image

We did exceptionally well on public image. Read a piece on **RBI's two quietly efficient COVID heroes**, later in this issue.

All RBI projects have been widely promoted in print, digital and social media

Our web-presence is updated constantly, improving our visibility on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube

Our online donation portal is now functional on our website.



The RBI Website is being redesigned, while being updated regularly in its current form

The print media, both English and Kannada, have given us extensive coverage. The installation of office-bearers 2019-20 at Karunashraya, our cancer hospice project, and our musical fundraiser Maestros-2, featuring veteran music director Usha Khanna, were allotted a lot of print inches in mainstream media

Fund Raising

Due to our multitudinous on-going projects, there is always a requirement for funds and more funds.

These are some ways by which we raised funds for different projects:

- Our Musical Fund Raiser “Maestros 2 - A tribute to the Legendary Usha Khanna ji and Mohammed Rafi Saab”, with legend Usha Khanna ji herself present was a resounding success
- “Kusur” (The Mistake), a Hindi Play starring Amol Palekar was hosted by RBI at Chowdiah Memorial Hall on the 23rd February 2020 to a packed audience.
- Corporates have been approached frequently to raise funds for our Service Projects through CSR Funding.
- Through Crowd Funding, RBI received funds for various causes including Vidya Daan, Lake Rejuvenation, COVID rehabilitation as also to help Tribal farmers who grow turmeric



Club Bulletin



Our Bulletin SEVA has been very vibrant this year and has been released punctually

Apart from the periodic issues, we have had special issues released for the following events:

Installation of Club Office Bearers

Governor's Official Visit

Karunashraya Silver Jubilee

COVID-19 Relief

The Anniversary issue of SEVA is also expected to be released on time

All Issues of SEVA have been uploaded to our website regularly and circulated to our Sister Clubs and Partners through email.

Support to District

RBI was Lead Club for Joshilay - the District's Club Service ICGF Event. PP Karthikeya Reddy and PP Shashank Kekre marshalled our troops for this event.



We were also the joint lead club for RI Dist 3190's Karnataka Rajyotsava celebration event Karnataka Sambhrama Rotary Sangama. Over 1300 people attended the cultural extravaganza held at Chowdiah Memorial Auditorium. PP Ambika Narayan was the point person for this event Succession & Strategic Planning



Over the years, RBI has evolved a well laid out succession plan. Consequently, we know our leaders for the next five years. All our major activities/ projects go through strategic planning.

The plan lays down the path for future projects & various activities for the next five years. All of it is done in consultation with the future leaders.

Club Bylaws & Constitution

These have been updated as per the resolutions in COL 2018/2019.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AVENUE

Director Rtn. Ambica Motupalli, worked in tandem with her coordinator, PP Rtn. O.P. Khanna. Here is a brief summary of activities in the avenue.

Karunashraya

Karunashraya's dedicated services to mankind notched up a silver jubilee. After 25 years of offering palliative care services, the 75-bed facility is now poised for an expansion with an OPD training block. The Bhoomi Puja was done earlier this year and construction work is now in progress. The estimated cost of this expansion project is Rs.6 Crores. As on now, the number of patients of Karunashraya is 2014. Of these the number for in-patient care is 1175, and for Home care it is 246.



Bharatiya Gramin Mahila Sangha

A number of activities and actions were done at this institution that are supported by RBI along with Jai Shiv Shakti Foundation. Some highlights through the year:

Through the process of crowd funding, RBI collected Rs. 13,27,869 to sponsor children at BGMS's Shishukunj Vidyalaya, an English medium school offering studies from class 1 to class 10. The amount was duly handed over to the institution.

President Manoj Agarwal and PP Rtn Peeyush Jain inaugurated Sanskar classes conducted by Sandipani Gurukul. The classes are held every Friday from 12:45 to 3:00 PM.

GSK Excellence Awards were presented by PP Rtn. O. P. Khanna to meritorious students at Shishukunj Vidyalaya, for academic and extracurricular activities.

Construction of the Front Office at BGMS is in progress and is expected to be completed shortly. RBI has contributed Rs. 10 lacs for this project.

Ann Sowmya Srikanth conducted Awareness program on Menstrual Hygiene.

The children from BGMS participated in the Karnataka Rajyotsava Celebrations.

Heart Care

During this year so far, we have completed 150 Heart Surgeries. A Global Grant application for another 90 Heart Surgeries has been submitted.

RBI is in the process of filing its biggest Global Grant application to provide a Cath lab at the Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences & Research.

Our Homograft Bank project conducted jointly with Manipal Hospital & NHF continues to serve the community, ensuring a supply of Heart Valves.

Cardiac Rehabilitation Centre (CRC)



CRC at the Jayadeva Hospital was inaugurated on 2ndSep 2019 by Trustee Chair Rotary Foundation, Rtn. CK Gary Hwang, Trustee Rtn. Ghulam Vahanvati & DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani. The centre assists in post-surgery rehabilitation of heart patients. The facility, a first of its kind in South India, has so far benefited hundreds of patients.

Eye Care

4772 patients were treated in Nethralaya's Kolar & Tumkur facilities and in other camps conducted. Funds for 3773 patients were generated through crowdfunding. Camps identified and treated 1500 patients.

TEACH

As part of this key initiative, Rtn. Suresh Balasubramani organized 2 Teacher Training sessions facilitated by Rtn Sanjay Dugar's team of facilitators.



'Accountability and Responsibility' for 41 Teachers at Navaprajna Public School, on 17 Aug, 2019, and 'Values, ethics and behavior' at APS ASC center in Sept, attended by 72 teachers, were some of the programmes organized.

Adult Literacy

Our club conducts Adult Literacy program in two centres. We also got the adult literacy book translated from Hindi into Kannada. Thanks to Secretary A K Sugunan's efforts, the bedrock of our Adult Literacy program is formed by the Forum for Former LRDEians which comprises retired LRDE employees.

Pediatric Cancer Treatment

In this joint project with Rotary Bangalore Southwest, medicines and needles were supplied for 30 children undergoing Pediatric Chemotherapy treatment at Kidwai Memorial and St. John's Hospitals. 20 more children have been identified.

WINS

Hand Wash Stations were installed in 9 Schools in the Hoskote area. This effort was led by Rtn Bijith, Rtn Philip George and Rtn Fazal.

Anne Sowmya Srikanth conducted a workshop on "Menstrual Hygiene" at GFDC, Hoskote for 146 girls and at BGMS for 75 girls.

C V Raman Hospital - Tonometer

The Tonometer installed as part of an early RBI project of this year, was used to screen 1496 OPD patients for Glaucoma. 167 of these have been diagnosed with Glaucoma.

Vidyadaan

The project's underlying belief is that Education is a catalyst of change in society and creates harmony, mutual tolerance and social upliftment. It aims at providing an opportunity for students from underprivileged sections of society to meet their aspirations. Vidyadaan funds studies of students from Class XI to Degree.

We support 550 students at present, through returns from a corpus amount of Rs. 220 Lakhs. The project target is to support 1000 students by 2023.

GSK Excellence Awards

Under the auspices of Rotary Indiranagar, GS Khanna Excellence Awards are presented to school children who excel in academics & extra-curricular activities.

Students from 15 schools were awarded this year.

Rural Schools & Colleges

2 laser Printers for College for printing handouts for students of MSc Physics and English, installed at Government First Grade College (GFGC), Hoskote.

Drinking water equipment to meet requirements of 1500 students.

Organized laptops from Sankya Foundation for Scholarship Girls.

An athletic meet was conducted at Hoskote School on Aug 27, 2019.

Lake Revival

We revived Lake Manae, located just off Bannerghatta Road. 5 amazing kids of standard 8 at Vidyashilp Academy crowdfunded the project. Bangalore's Lake man Anand Malligavad executed the project.

These 5 children from Vidyashilp Academy presented the lake revival project at the UN as part of  .



Blood Donation

We collected 9400 units despite the COVID-19 pandemic scare.

RBI donated Rs. 42 lacs to the TTK Blood Bank, to support pregnant women, accident victims and BPL citizens. A big thank you to the MCK Trust

Water Wheels



We gave away 100 Water Wheels to people of Kogunde village in Chitradurga Dist.

These water wheels help ladies to fetch water with ease from distant locations.

700 more Water Wheels will be given next week in the Kalaburgi area, a dry district of Karnataka. Our sincere thanks & gratitude to DG 3160 Rtn. Nayan Patil, who had this project implemented in Dist. 3160.

Pulse Polio

NID was conducted on the 19th of January 2020

Interact Club of Cauvery School and Rotaract Club of Surana College volunteered for it.

No. of kids immunized during the NID Pulse polio campaign

Murphy Town - 9283 out of 10413

Bhuvaneswari Nagar - 8500 out of 10541

Old Byappanhalli - 8309 out of 9459

COVID-19 Relief

1,18,000 ration kits were distributed to migrant labourers & daily wage earners

We provided 1,05,000 face masks to the National Centre for Disease Control, SSLC appearing students & others

Rs. 20 Lacs was contributed to the PM Cares Fund

850 PPE Kits were given to Sir C V Raman General Hospital & Bowring Hospital

20000 meals were distributed to daily wage earners

We supported stressed tribal farmers with a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to sell their organic turmeric.

1200 Hand sanitizers were distributed to Asha workers and fruit & vegetable vendors

As a joint project with three clubs, we provided an RT PCR Testing machine to Anand Diagnostics

17 migrants were sent by flight to Calcutta and Bagdogra

Another batch of 16 migrants are ready and waiting to fly

OUR COVID-19 INITIATIVES TOUCHED 6 LAC PEOPLE

A TOTAL OF 1800 MAN HOURS WERE SPENT

THE COST OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN IS Rs. 15 CRORES.



Anganwadi Renovation



RBI started the year with 49 Renovated Anganwadis that had been dedicated to society. As on now, we have gone past 100. A number of renovated anganwadis are ready, but are being held back from being dedicated due to the CoVID-19 pandemic driven lockdown.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director Rtn. Narssimhan Kannan with Co-ordinator PP Rtn. Suresh Patel's guidance did a great job.

Flag Exchanges

A number of Rotarians who visited overseas Rotary clubs exchanged flags with them. Rtn. Philip George, Rtn. Supriya Kandhari and Rtn. T.K. Chandramouli exchanged flags with clubs they visited

SEVA Bulletin issues sent to Sister clubs

RBI's periodic Bulletin/newsletter SEVA has been routinely emailed to our sister clubs across the Rotary World.

International Night



The International Night Event held at Bangalore International Center (BIC) on 6th Jan 2020, was very well received. A host of Rotarians and Anns turned up dressed in International Costumes. The event featured a musical extravaganza presented by PP Rtn. Pradeep Vishwanathan's group NYOTH. There were also, the Best International Dress competition, Latin / Salsa and Contemporary dance & a Stand-up Comedy act.

Rotary Foundation

Rtn. Ghanshyam Agrawal joined the Arch Klump Society by contributing USD 1,50,000. PP Rtn. O P Khanna paid a Term Gift for Heart Surgeries. Each Rotarian of RBI contributed USD 26.5 towards the Annual Fund. PP Rtn. Prabhakar Bothireddy moved from level 3 to level 4 by bringing his total contribution to 1,00,000. Rtn. Wg Cdr. Ashok Saraf has agreed to become a Major Donor. The total contribution to TRF from RBI is USD 2,28,710

Global Grants

6 open Global Grant projects were completed during the year. 4 projects relating to Pediatric Heart Surgeries totaling 391 heart surgeries. The other completed projects were the Nethradeep Tumkur Eye Care hospital and the BVB BBMP School Upscaling project.

Of the other 4 projects, the Global Grant project for 90 Heart Surgeries is awaiting approval, while the project relating to ICU equipment for Jain Mission Hospital for Rs. 81 Lakhs has been approved. The Bangladesh Eye care project awaits approval, while the last one, for CRC equipment is partly completed, with equipment already installed and inaugurated, from 75% funds received earlier. The remaining 25% funds have been received and will be utilized shortly.

4 new Global Grants have been proposed. These are a Water filter project valued at Rs. 1 Crore, Cathlab Project at Sri Jayadeva Hospital, Equipment for Phase II of Kolar Eye Care Hospital. And that for expansion at Karunashraya.

Sister Club Agreements

We have the following sister club agreements:

- ROTARY CLUB OF RAMNA (R.I. District 3281, Dhaka, Bangladesh)
- ROTARY CLUB OF MEDAN DELI (R.I. District 3410 Indonesia)
- ROTARY CLUB OF COLOMBO (R.I. District 3220, Colombo, Sri Lanka)
- ROTARY CLUB OF WHEELERS HILL Inc (R.I. District 9810 Australia)

Family Overseas Trip

The planned family overseas trip to Russia, which had already been arranged and confirmed had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 73 Rotarians and family members had confirmed their participation.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE AVENUE

Rtn. Gopinath Narayanan directed the avenue guided by PP Rtn. Dr. Krishnan Menon.

Career Guidance

RBI conducted 9 sessions in 7 schools, reaching out to 550 students. These were conducted by PP Rtn. Ganesh Balakrishna of Rotary Lalbagh and Rtn. Suresh Balasubramani. They were all well received.



Vocational Visit

26 Rotarians visited our epochal CRC project at SJICER.

Skill Development



In association with Jeevika Skills, 87 students of Banking & Finance courses were covered in three batches at Government First Grade College KR Puram (2 batches) and one batch at Dream a Dream, Bommanahalli

Through our online donation platform, we raised ₹1.26 lakhs for skill development initiatives.

At Gandhi Institute of Computer Education & Technology

- 345 students were trained in MS Excel, MS Word, MS PowerPoint and Tally
- The refurbished training centre was inaugurated by DG Rtn. Dr. Sameer Hariani on Dec 2, 2019.

Four Way Test

Every career guidance session featured the Four Way Test.

A 4 Way Test seminar scheduled for April 2020 was postponed due to the COVID 19 crisis.

Vocational Service Month

We celebrated October 2019 as vocational service month

On 14th October Kannada film actor Rtn. Prakash Belvady addressed a joint meeting of RBI, Rotary Bangalore Kalyan and Rotary Bangalore North West.

A seminar on Rotary's vision featuring PDG Rtn. Paras Bhansali, IPDG Rtn. Suresh Hari and PP Rtn. Karthik Reddy was facilitated by President Rtn. Manoj Agarwal during a regular weekly meeting on October, 28 2019.

Vocational Awards

RBI felicitated 3 luminaries with Vocational Excellence awards



- Veteran music director Usha Khanna during the Maestros 2 Fundraiser on September 28th
- Noted actor and director Rtn. Prakash Belvady on 14thOctober 2019, for his contribution to the world of stage and art
- Test cricketer Mayank Agarwal during the GOV on Dec 2nd, 2019

YOUTH SERVICE AVENUE

With Coordinator PP Rtn. Harish Anand guiding Director Rtn. Ajay Gupta, the Youth Service avenue was vibrantly active.

The 29th edition of the Dr. G S Randhawa Memorial Hockey tournament was held at the KSHA Astroturf from 17thAug to 26thAug 2019. The keenly contested tournament was won by RDT, Anantapur who prevailed over Sports School, Kudige.



Ragalahari (Music & Dance) a competition that promotes Carnatic Classical Music & Bharatanatyam among youth for Children was held at Vasavi Education Trust's School on 10thNovember 2019. It featured 4 events, across age-wise categories. As in earlier years, it was a popular draw. 189 youngsters participated in 200 unique performances.

A Rural Athletic Sports Meet was held on 27th August 2019 at Hoskote. Young students from 10 local institutions participated in 7 track and field events

Our annual Non-medalist Swimming Competition for Boys & Girls was held at the Basavangudi Aquatic Centre on 25thDecember 2019. It featured 3 age categories with 4 events for each gender. In addition, there were medleys for each gender in the two senior groups.



Rang Rotary Ke Sang, a painting competition for children was held on 19thJanuary 2020 at Cubbon Park. It was well contested. The event attracted 278 students. Former IG of Karnataka Police, KVR Tagore was guest of honour. For 2 hours, KVR Tagore, the retired IPS officer, spoke to parents of participating children, on Culture, Pollution and Traffic etiquette while their wards were painting their pieces. An artist himself, the former IPS officer handed out the prizes to winners.

The SAEVUS Eco- Achievers Quiz 2019-20 was held on 25thJanuary at Sree Cauvery Junior College premises. The first part was a preliminary round featuring 10 teams from schools in Bengaluru. In the afternoon the semifinals featuring 8 teams, including the Bengaluru winners was held. Both were conducted by Quizmaster, Rajiv D'Silva. Ms Sree Nandy, CEO Saevus Wildlife magazine, was visibly impressed with our arrangements.



Interact

RBI has these 15 Interact clubs:

1. Army Public School, ASC
2. GEAR Innovative International School
3. Interact Club of Bangalore Indiranagar
4. Sree Cauvery PU College
5. Little Flowers English School
6. BBMP Public School
7. Navaprajna Public School
8. Army Public School, Kamaraj Road
9. Frank Anthony Public School
10. Airforce School, MP
11. Government Lower Primary School, Garudacharpalya
12. Charan's School,
13. The Deens Academy, ECC
14. Army Public School, PRTC
15. Sree Cauvery School



Our Interactors visited Karunashraya, BGMS, slums, orphanages and old age homes. They conducted Food drives, Fun Fests, Career Guidance Programs and participated in Swachh Bharat Mission.

Rotaract

RBI has 5 active Rotaract clubs at

- Xavier Institute of Management & Entrepreneurship (XIME)
- Govt. First Grade College, Krishnarajapuram
- Community based Rotaract club at RBI
- Surana College
- Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Bengaluru

Our Rotaractors were involved in a number of activities that included Campaign for Literacy, Pulse Polio, TEACH Mission, Blood Donations camps, Tree Planting, Quiz Competitions and Youth Service Month Programs.

Our community based Rotaract club was awarded the Platinum Citation by Rotary International.

President Manoj Agarwal's thoughts about RBI in 2019-20

Just before embarking on the anniversary issue of SEVA, we thought it would be nice to get President Manoj Agarwal's insights into the year that went by.

The questions and President Manoj's responses are reproduced below.

1. What is the most memorable event of your year as President? Why?
Lake rejuvenation project. One of the biggest challenges the world is facing today is environment protection. This is our first step towards it.
2. What were your first thoughts upon hearing about the nationwide lockdown?
My first thought was what its impact would be & how Rotary could help in this situation.
3. What were the initial steps that you took upon hearing of the lockdown?
I spoke to some of our members and things started falling in place. We took quick decisions & moved fast. There was no dearth of funds.
4. How did your family take to your year as President?
My family was very supportive and lent their full support.
Manju would always remind me of things to do.
Mohit joined the new club Rotary Bengaluru Disha.
Megha joined the Rotaract club of Jindal Law School.
5. What is the most satisfying aspect of your presidency?
During the year we could impact more than 7 lakh people through wide range of projects of our club.
6. What is your message to future RBI Presidents?
Keep your eyes and ears open for projects.
Don't worry about funds, they will come.
Act fast. Have patience and persevere.
7. Were you able to execute all of your original plans? Do you have any regrets vis-à-vis projects?
Yes, executed much more than my plans. No regrets at all.

RBI's two quietly efficient COVID heroes



The quiet persistence of Rtn. Narssimhan and Rtn. Rakesh Nayyar in helping migrants fly home, got noticed by volunteers from another group. Here's what one of them, Alice, wrote in her institution's (NLSIU) Alumni Group on 5th June 2020. Evidently, her observation of our two champions was limited only to checking-in of the first-time air passengers. She would not have been aware of the intensity of their journey in the story of migrant labourers returning home en masse. The title of this piece is SEVA's contribution, but contents of Alice's original article are reproduced verbatim, except for the *italics* font of *RBI relevant info.*

RBI's Santas flood migrants with Labour of kindness

What a fantastic labour of care, love, perseverance and persistence to see this all come together. Our 17 travelers on their way to Kolkata by air today. These are no ordinary 17! They have had the harshest hands dealt to them already. Besides being financially unsteady, they have been hit by a loved one getting sick with cancer/tumor/kidney disease and so on.

When we met them, it was apparent they could not go home by trains or other modes of transport. So Preeta reached out to her friends in Mumbai, who as an initiative of their NLS alumni group had sent a whole plane of people back home! *Before we knew it, we got support from not only her Mumbai friends but other groups in Bangalore (Fuel a Dream – a crowd funding platform, Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar and their partner Rotary in Kolkata). Funds were raised literally overnight and logistics were arranged quickly.*

One volunteer made baggage tags that are now necessary. Another acquired flight friendly suitcases to give them. They were counselled on the whole process of flying including how to pack, what to pack etc.

5th June 2020, bright and early, at 6.55 am, the first volunteer showed up and soon 4 of us awaited the bus that Inventure academy organized with Bhagirathi. Breakfast arrived lovingly cooked in the morning by one volunteer and packed with such care including a little add-on for in flight food. Our Bangla speakers make them all feel comfortable. An important detail - a volunteer brought Horlicks. Apparently, every Bengali appreciates Horlicks! And another volunteer brought sandesh that is considered a good omen. No wonder, the travellers said, this was not food – it was Prasad!

The two younger ones Noor (15 years old and operated for a brain tumor) and Aryan (4 years old, one kidney removed) had excitement writ on their faces. The mothers were dressed in their best! Little did we expect these extra joys, busy as we were with the mundane details of logistics.

The Rotary team of Narsi & Rakesh was all geared up to take over from us at the airport and the first part of the relay was successful! Affectionately dubbed as Santas for all their kindness, they ensured that our 17 successfully navigated check-in, security! That was a

milestone as we had discovered a pocket knife earlier in one of our passenger's carry-on as he had intended to cut fruit on the flight 😊.

At 1pm, many of us had a prayer in our hearts as we knew that Spice Jet would be taxiing for takeoff with our special group. *By 3.30 we started receiving cheerful word of their being near baggage claim and finally the pictures of them all getting into the specially arranged Tata Sumos to take them home courtesy Rotary Kolkata.* Little Aryan was spotted wearing a PPE his size and we all heaved a sigh of relief.

Many of us have never met each other before. But here we are working across groups, across states to help this small group of 17 reach home even as we ready ourselves for the next set. This, is the power of people coming together in times of crisis.

Write-up by Alice in NLSUI alumni group 🙏



Register for the convention at:

https://www.riconvention.org/en/sign-2020-rotary-virtual-convention?cid=soc_virtualconvention+ 20200610_soc_fb_mem_na_signup_en



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From the Editor's desk

Dear Reader,

As suggested in our previous issue, here we are. If only to keep up a key objective of SEVA (to chronicle RBI events), we felt it was imperative to say Hi just one more time this year.

All honoured guests at our Anniversary Night meeting showered high praise on RBI for our unceasing work even during the direst of circumstances. It amply demonstrated our focus on Rotary's ideals and our unceasing resolve to help society. All of us would have had a warm feeling of achievement and of being in the right place when speakers extolled RBI's virtues that evening. We share some memories of the event, as also a gist of the speakers' messages.

A few events in the pre-Anniversary-nite period this year, needed to be captured and chronicled for our archives, along with the two more Platinum citations for our Youthful clubs. We apologize for poor quality of some of the screen-grabbed pictures. We believe they resulted from poor internet connectivity and/or sub-optimal lighting at the speaker's end.

We also take this opportunity to take you down memory lane on SEVA's first e-avatar which helped RBlans and our patrons to bond together.

In all of this we had a sombre moment, senior Rotarian DVR Rao bid us a final farewell.

With this issue of SEVA our final content contribution scoresheet reads 27 RBI Rotarians and 2 Anns who contributed 187 articles and a whopping 68312 words in the 214 pages of 17 issues we published this year. We hope to create a consolidated SEVA Volume 39 and post it on our website.

And to our SEVA Committee for 2020-21, we are confident that you will fly SEVA to greater heights and remain the much-sought source of information on Rotary Indiranagar.

Past issues of are at SEVA <https://www.rotaryindiranagar.org/newsletters>

We invite you to join The Rotary 2020 Annual Convention and register at https://www.riconvention.org/en/sign-2020-rotary-virtual-convention?cid=soc_virtualconvention+20200610_soc_fb_mem_na_signup_en

Happy Reading and Bye from us,

Vidyut Shenoy

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RBI's 39th Anniversary Nite Celebrations

Due to the CoVID-19 dictated lockdown, this year's Anniversary Nite was in e-mode, for the first time ever.

DG's Address

In his introductory speech DG Dr. Sameer Hariani spoke highly of the invited guests, great leaders of RI Dist 3190, and District officers and mentors from RBI, before greeting RBI on its Birthday. He felt RBI was the best there is, since it has:

- Grown internally and externally.
- Enhanced participation and engagement (Fellowship and Service were world class)
- Developed next generation of leaders (Young Rotarians, Lady Rotarians, Interact, Rotaract)
- Showcased Rotary through Service (RBI's landmark projects - Karunashraya, CRC)



(These four criteria were set out by RI President Mark Daniel Maloney to assess a club).

He justified RBI's leadership status, as seen by its quick and sustained action as also contribution in CoVID-19 Relief work. He ended by saluting RBI's many individual contributors who performed as leaders in Dist 3190.

President Elect Dr Srikanth introduced RI Director Dr. Bharat Pandya before handing over the mike to him.

One needs to have a PHD to lead - RI Director Dr. Bharat Pandya



Dr. Pandya began by wondering if he was addressing a district meeting with 159 participants, and not just a club meeting. He lauded RBI's CoVID-19 response, and felt that everyone had to light the candle of service, which he believes RBI members have done very well.

He cited Issac Newton's quote, 'If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants' to explain why RBI Presidents do so well year after year.

He believes RBI activity parallels that of a district, and that RBI builds leaders rather than followers. Quoting another historical persona Alexander the Great - 'I need to inspire self in order to inspire' he said in RBI everybody leads by example. Rtn. Ghanshyam Agarwal's contribution came in for specific mention.

RI Director Dr. Pandya stated that everyone needs a PHD to lead. And then explained what that **PHD** constitutes ...

P – Passion Bringing passion, enthusiasm, energy to action inspires others
Do things that you expect others to do.
Convert that 1degree advantage to convert boiling water to steam so that it can drive locomotives.

H – Hunger Be hungry for success
Ambition is important for success, but even more how we handle the ambition. His example of Socrates telling his disciple, 'when hunger for Air equals Hunger for wisdom, come to me' summed up what he meant by Hunger is essential for success

H also stands for **Humility**: not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less and treating everyone with courtesy and kindness.

D - Discipline Discipline to keep to the task to achieve goals
He alluded to Nadia Comaneci's Practice discipline that led to her perfect 10

He buttressed it with the Polio example ... no new case since 2011 because of Rotarians' diligent work

Daring to Dream is another expansion for **D**

Leaders are like eagles ... and have that high-level vision and dare

Because we do not dare, things become difficult. To succeed one has to dare. To support his thought, he spoke of eagles who are fearless - while others run scared of a storm an eagle uses the currents to fly over the storm

As a healthcare worker, he thanked RBI Rotarians for their work in CoVID-19 relief, in which they saw opportunities in obstacles i.e. challenging situation.

He asked Rotarians to Develop warrior spirit, and as was now customary in his talk, came up with another quote. And this time it was Carlos Costaneda quoting Don Juan Matus's Cubic Centimeter quote

"All of us, whether or not we are warriors, have a cubic centimeter of chance that pops out in front of our eyes from time to time. The difference between an average man and a warrior is that the warrior is aware of this, and one of his tasks is to be alert, deliberately waiting, so that when his cubic centimeter of chance pops out he has the necessary speed, the prowess to pick it up. A warrior is always alert and tight and has the spring, the gumption to grab it"



He urged us as Rotarians to inculcate the warrior spirit and stay prepared and be ready to grab that cubic centimeter of a chance to do work for our club, community and district.

Congratulating President Manoj and RBI for outstanding work done in 2019-20, he said every leader aims to leave behind a legacy of goodwill and good work and that is exactly what President Manoj has done. He said he would make a special mention of it to RI.

He quoted George Bernard Shaw - Life is not a brief candle, it is a blazing torch which I have to hold for the moment, and I have to make it burn as brightly as possible before I hand it over to the future generation.

Finally, he referred to the boxing saying which goes, IT IS NOT OVER TILL THE FINAL BELL IS RUNG. It means that work is not yet over for the club or the district. There are still those 18 plus days left in this year. RBI's work will be over at midnight on 30 June 2020. He felt sure that the club and district would try and burn the two torches they held a little brighter over the remaining hours and days.

As he signed off he told everyone, "ENJOY ROTARY ENJOY YOURSELF".

IPDG Suresh Hari introduced keynote speaker PRIP Kalyan Banerjee as an outstanding Rotarian who has been at the forefront of community service and business, RI President in 2011-12 and also head of TRF in 2017-18. He recalled parts of his Bangkok convention speech, as also at Rotary India's Centennial celebrations in Kolkata. PRIP Kalyan he told us was an exceptional speaker and a Rotary Bangalore Indiranagar well-wisher.

Editor's note If RI Director Dr. Bharat Pandya's speech was a condensed nutrient-rich pill, PRIP Kalyan Banerjee's speech was a delectable salad spread which you wouldn't have wanted to miss.

PRIP Kalyan Banerjee's message



After President Manoj and First lady Manju cut a birthday cake at RHOS for PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, and Narssi crooned a birthday song for him, IPDG Suresh Hari introduced Kalyana as the much admired 101st President of RI (2011-12) and after whom Rotary Bombay West has named an award.

PRIP Kalyan Banerjee started his 30-minute address by reciprocating birthday greetings to RBI. He believes that in the e-dimension meetings of the lockdown era, more members meet than before, and better halves can also be brought back to Rotary. Reminiscing his 35-year association with RBI, he shared his bonds with PDG Uday Kumar and fellow IIT Kharagpur alumnus PP O P Khanna. He feels Karunashraya's extraordinary compassion, pediatric surgeries, CRC, heart surgeries, adopted schools, vocational training are all hallmarks of our club's generosity. RBI's support of CoVID-19 masks, sanitizers, equipment and food rations relief were special too. Commending our contribution of 2.5 Million USD to TRF, he asked us to continue that way, since we are simply one of a kind which he insisted was the pure unadulterated truth.



In his talk '*100 years of Rotary and 100 years of its future*', he delved into the past and crystal gazed the future. His snippets of Rotary history in a smooth flowing talk were fascinating.

The 4 founders' initial name 'The Conspirators' and subsequent acceptance of Paul Harris's suggestion 'Rotary' as more appropriate was the start of Rotary's famous journey.

Starting with Rotary's first project, a comfort station in Chicago City Hall by Rotary Club of Chicago (now called Rotary/One), he took us down the history path.

The first club outside USA at Winnipeg, Canada in 1910 commenced Rotary's International spread.

1911 saw clubs opened beyond the Atlantic Ocean at Dublin, Ireland and London, England.

In 1920, Canada's Jim Davidson - the Marco Polo of Rotary - went round the world and started new clubs at Manila, Japan and Calcutta, Australia and New Zealand. He also championed global Rotary by starting clubs in Morocco, Algeria, Egypt and Iceland. Rotary continued in popularity, and grew numerically in the Americas, Asia, Europe, North & S Africa, Australia and New Zealand. It spanned different cultures, geographies and languages needing an office to manage affairs. Chesley R. Perry took charge as General Secretary along with some staff. He held the office for 32 years. The General Secretary had complete powers to run Rotary.

Rotary in post-world-war-II was invited to be a 'conceptualizer' when countries decided to abolish the pre-war League of Nations and created the UNO. (*FYI, every year, on the 2nd Saturday in November, UN celebrates Rotary Day at UN HQ, where Rotarians and officials meet and discuss current affairs.*)

The 1960s: During JFK's US presidential term, Nitish Laharry took over as RI President in 1962. He was the first Indian to do so. He started Rotary's focus on Youth by setting up the Rotaract and Interact for the future generation. The first Rotaract club was in the USA, but it was equally popular in Australia and India.

In the 70s, Australian Sir Clem Renouf became RI President, and in 78-79 he shifted focus from small community projects to large international ones. Despite opposition from US clubs, COL opted for large projects and provisioned 1/4 Million USD to focus on 3H (Health Hunger Humanity) projects marking the birth of the 3H program. (*At this moment there is no consensus among Rotarians on how and how often the Council of Legislation (COL) should meet.*)

During the 1980s, the focus was on controlling Polio. It also was the first project of global concern and global fund raising. Rotary approached WHO in 1985 to join in controlling Polio. The eradication idea came later. Rotary's participation in the Polio programme showed Rotarians' global capacity to raise funds by raising over USD 200 Million.

In 1992 Raja Saboo became RI President. Later as trustee of TRF he proposed the Rotary Peace Scholar program, one of RI's best successes ever. Over 500 Peace Scholars, from 6 global universities promote peace by working with organizations and governments to prevent conflicts. Women were admitted to Rotary after COL's Singapore 1989 resolution that followed up on a US Court directive to RI to admit women. US Rotary clubs resisted but it was overcome. However, many large US Rotary Clubs still refuse to admit women. He believes that the RI Board does not fight this battle as effectively as it could and should.

Rotary celebrated its 100 years in 2005 at Chicago.

Bill Gates partnered with Rotary in 2006 to provide funds for Polio eradication, primarily due to our ability to mobilize people and work for the cause.

In 2012, Rotary eliminated Polio in India. By 2025, Afghanistan and Pakistan should also be free of the scourge.

PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, in 2017, was TRF Chair during its 100th year.

He asked us to remember those who risk their lives to ensure we live ours safely. He was alluding to volunteers in the CoVID-19 shadow that we are currently a part of.

Looking forward is more difficult than looking back he said. His take on life after CoVID -19 was interesting to say the least.

Rotary Meetings will be different like this one where distance becomes irrelevant. It could help arrest the declining member meeting participation in countries like the US. In the 2030s climate will play a big role as its disruptive power will be more than that of the two World Wars combined. Climate Cess or Carbon Tax will be introduced, and the capital will be used to move people to safer zones to accommodate climate change. More nuclear power and solar power will be norm since they are cleaner. The quantum will be 20-30 times that of today. Automation will make services & products cheaper but make it difficult for people to get jobs. Capitalism will come under intense scrutiny. Countries will create and use digital or crypto currency, and not money as we know it today. Plant based diets will dominate by 2030. Meat will be a delicacy like caviar. Food production will increase but will move to the laboratories, from fields & farms, and it will be a developing business. The world will be run by millennials and Generation Z when age and experience will stand for far less than vision, innovation and courage. Genetics will massively advance and we will come close to winning the war against cancer and other terminal diseases. Fertility and reproduction practices and norms will change. We will have long since conquered CORONA.

Will all this happen? Bill Gates once said, "People always overestimate what will happen in a year, and underestimate what will happen in a decade". Hence answering the question about what will happen definitively is difficult e.g. did anyone in Dec 2019 know that the world would be shut down in six months and millions would be affected by Corona? He asked if we can predict that in a 100 years people will live on other planets beyond our solar system and travel at the speed of light or if normal humans will live to 150 years or more? If we did, nobody would believe us now nor will he himself believe it. But one thing is certain, Rotary will be there and its headquarters will be in India. But for the rest, everyone's guess is as good as his. He recalled Doris Day's famous song, "*Que Sera Sera, whatever will be will be, the future's not ours to see, Que Sera Sera*" as he signed out.

Corona Virus & the future of Indian Foreign Policy - Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale

When he started his talk at our weekly e-meeting on 1st June, Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale (in-Charge, Foreign Affairs Dept, BJP), asserted that it would not be a political spiel, but a talk on changes in India's Foreign Policy, and actions thereof.



He listed the few broad objectives behind India's changed Indian Foreign Policy

- Plugging erstwhile gaps in India's Foreign Policy Agenda
- Overcoming India's historical hesitations
- Connecting India's ancient civilization with today's global civilizations
- Enhancing India's energy security

The Indian PM visited many countries that had remained unvisited by an Indian PM. Prime examples are Mongolia and Israel. That bridged a huge gap in our foreign policy through initiation of unique themes such as tight aggregation of domestic and external agenda. As examples Digital India, Swachh Bharat and Swachh Ganga were in line with the cleanliness and technology drive of Nordic countries. Climate Change and Solar power was another theme underlying these visits. Overall wellness and mindfulness got highlighted on the international stage through International Yoga Day. Sri Lanka, Nepal and Maldives visits were to enhance our ancient friendly ties with them. These underlying themes helped India bond strongly with more nations than ever before.

Overcoming historical hesitations such as no Indian PM having formally visited Israel were achieved smartly. The PM first visited all the Gulf countries (which oppose Israel), to reinforce our commitment to and friendship with them. Visits to Israel and Palestine were delinked thereby underlining friendship commitment to both countries. The Israel visit helped India to forge strong bonds in their areas of strength viz. Defence, Water Harvesting, Agriculture, Clean Environment and Drip Irrigation.

A theme around India's ancient civilizational ties was behind state visits to Nepal (*birthplace of Sita*), Sri Lanka (*Ashok Vatika*) and Abu Dhabi. Such visits laid the foundation to recover ancient idols stolen from India.

With a focus on enhancing Energy Security, the Indian government forged strong ties with many oil exporting countries. Consequently, our oil import basket has diversified and now spreads across 20 countries; not just the Gulf countries and Venezuela.

India's diaspora overseas has always supported India. Targeted events in countries such as Australia, Great Britain and USA forged stronger bonds with them, apart from building immense goodwill. Indian citizens there may have a huge role to play in India's future.

By forging ties with all these countries, India found strong international support for actions such as crossing the LOC with Pakistan and imparting punitive action against Pakistan's misadventures.

During the CoVID-19 crisis, India emerged as a rational, responsible and compassionate partner. An embargo on exports prevented scarcity of some goods within India. Limited export of pharma was allowed only after an assurance on stocks available in India for all Indians. In addition, India exported drugs to over 100 countries, while neighbours such as Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Nepal were given those first and free. India supplied food to Maldives and contributed 10M\$ to a SAARC specific fund for PPEs and test kits

Diplomatically India engaged with the entire world including Nordic Nations through SAARC, NAM summits and G20 in the e-mode. India held 45 talks with heads of government in High Income Group countries, where either the PM or Foreign Secretary spoke to at least one country every day for 2 months. That is the kind of connect that was established. Hence our engagement with the external world is fine.

The post COVID future, he feels, is difficult to predict.

He spoke of a few scenarios, and at the epicentre of all of them is China, whose role in the pandemic such as the origin of the CoVID 19 virus, its spread, the how and the why, especially about Beijing and Shanghai being spared, is highly questionable. China has also been opaque and less than transparent especially after the pandemic, retreating into almost a black box state, by not sharing any data.

To reduce the world's excessive dependence on China, a move to create alternative supply chains is underway. The USA is driving this initiative, by reigniting manufacturing in friendly countries such as Vietnam, Philippines and India.

A Security Concerns Alliance involving India, US, Japan and Australia is being drawn up. Vietnam has been added to address the Indian Ocean Security Concerns.

He spoke of China's Belt and Road Initiative, its size and way of implementation with Chinese funding driving it. The implementation imposes heavy debt on partner nations, exploits them and ensures that all the assets are possessed by China very soon.

The only European country to agree to these conditions was Italy, where serious questions are now being asked. He shared how Tanzania returned a \$ 20M loan from China and freed themselves from their stranglehold.

WHO's role is also under question. Reforms have been suggested, even at the UN. The meaninglessness of G7, he felt can be addressed though expansion by including S Korea, S Africa and India. More attention to improve public health systems and our deep knowledge of traditional medicine may be of immense value.

Post CoVID, China is breathing down on us. It is not the first time, since such scenarios have happened for ages. Our LAC with China is not well defined nor demarcated. Diplomat Nirupama Rao has pushed for its early demarcation. Ladakh and Doklam are very different. At Doklam we were at a height, but in Ladakh it is plain ground, and hence we are face to face. India's Border Roads Organization (BRO) has taken a tremendous leap in the last few years in this area. Roads are being constructed across all borders and the one in Ladakh is in the last phase of completion. It will soon reach the Tibet border. Being in the plains, we have no strategic advantage. But there is no possibility of a full-scale war.

The report that Pakistan has been intentionally sending CoVID positive patients across the border with India is unlikely to be true. There always is some infiltration, and it is not to spread CoVID. A CoVID patient will be weak and unable to manage those heights. The security apparatus that we have now is world class and far better now than before.

Our relations with neighbouring countries are great. Even countries like Myanmar have caught infiltrators and handed them over to India. He therefore felt that though the Chinese String of Pearls exists, it may not be a one-way traffic. Bangladesh's government is friendly with India too, Maldives has a new friendly regime. Pakistan's anti-India resolution about the LOC at UN was quashed by Maldives. Sri Lanka is friendly as well.

He asserted that there is no large-scale infiltration happening right now.

Joint Musical Fellowship with Rotary Bangalore Orchards

On 8th June 2020, RBI engaged with Rotary Bangalore Orchards in our friendly annual musical fellowship. Being under lockdown, the only solution to the fellowship meant e-meeting. We took that for a 'Yes' and had a ball. The two groups matched each other song for song and enjoyed the event thoroughly.

RBI's array of singers included Narssimhan Kannan, Vidyut Shenoy, Nayeem, Kavitha Pishay, Kavita Kekre as also the Koppikars, Varsha and Sanjay and Labroos Indira & Vipin.. RBO's brigade of singers were more than a match. The groups together pushed the tempo up and enhanced the entertainment quotient. All through, the friendly banter and ribbing was a constant.

Here a couple of moments from that melodious night..



Keyboard magic regales Rotary Indiranagar

RBI's weekly meeting on 15th June 2020 was vastly different from other meetings. It was an e-meeting that featured a musical star and celebrate a successful anniversary nite. Though the star's name was new (to us), the songs that he has performed were well known. It was an acoustic bonanza.

Patrick Rosario was at the centre of it all. The visually impaired artiste dished out a variety of songs on the accordion and keyboard. Most songs he chose to play were from Hindi Cinema. And he forayed into Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil as well. His versatility was very evident, as the songs transcended a few generations of music. Keeping him company on the octopad was Srinivas. Between them they created magic. They were playing in a studio in Bengaluru .. Maadhurya Entertainment.



Chalte Chalte.

Between all of the Hindi tunes, he brought in the Kannada song Baare Baare Chandada Cheluvina Taare from Nagarahaavu, a Malayalam classic "Manjani Kombil" from Manjil Virinja Pookkal, and Tamil hit 'Illaya Nila' from Payanangal Mudivathillai. Often Patrick played the keyboard along with the accordion making for a memorable performance.

Everyone watching the program was enchanted not just by the variety of songs, but also by the dexterity of Patrick's fingers as they caressed the keys on the key board and accordion.

RBI's last meeting this Rotary year turned out to be a fitting finale for RBI given President Manoj's penchant for music. The lively evening was a wonderful rejoinder to the quiet chaos created by the CoVID-19 led lockdown. Like all good things it ended all too soon.

Thank you President Manoj for organizing that memorable evening.

Rajeev Anand who managed the acoustics and equipment is also an excellent Rafi voice, we were told, but he kept to himself.

Commencing with popular numbers Patrick entered our hearts on that balmy evening. We crooned as he played on into the moonlight with enchantment. Along that road, we learned that the accordion could make us almost hear words of the original song. It was mesmerising. Brilliant is too faint a word to describe the evening.

For Hindi music aficionados, he played Ye Shaam Mastani, Pukarta Chala Hoon Main, Chaudhvin Ka Chand Ho, Ajeeb Daastan Hai Ye, a medley of Aisa Mauka Phir Kahan Milega and Jaane chaman, Aaja Sanam Madhur Chandni Mein Hum (the first accordion piece in Hindi movies), Jab Koi Baat Bigad Jaaye, Zindagi Ik Safar Hai Suhana, Jeena Yahan Marna Yahan (with Karaoke) and ended the evening with

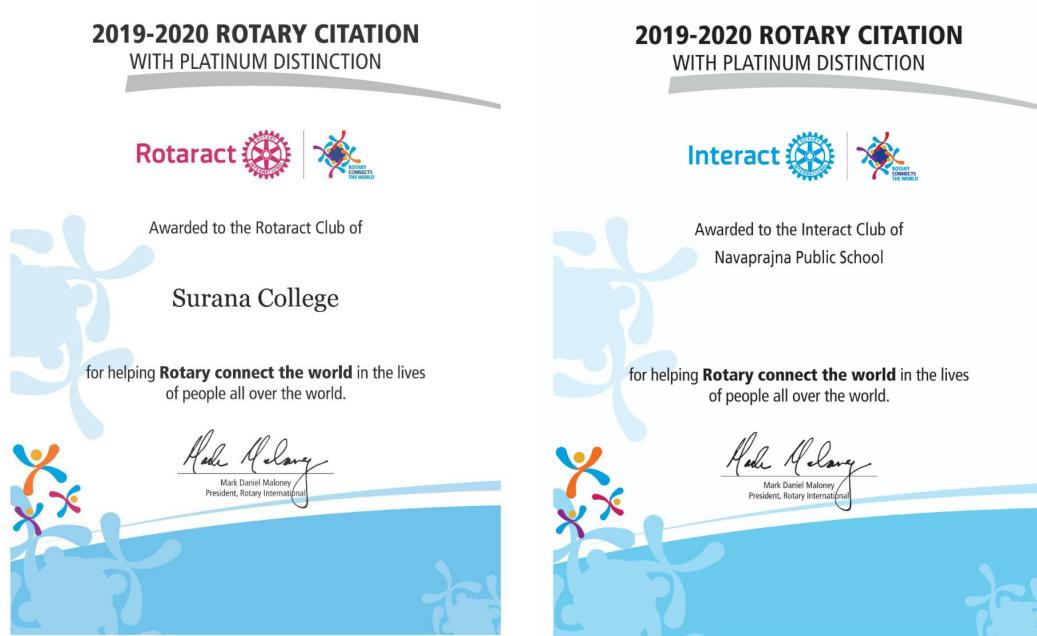


Youth Services Avenue scores an unparalleled HAT TRICK

A few weeks ago, to our delight, RBI's Community based Rotaract Club of Bangalore Indiranagar, was awarded RI President Mark Maloney's 2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION WITH PLATINUM DISTINCTION. If you thought it was a flash in RBI's proverbial pan, think again. Just a few days ago, two other youth clubs affiliated to our club got awarded similar certificates. We are justifiably proud that the Rotaract Club of Surana College affiliated to RBI was awarded for their stupendous work.

And not to be outdone, youngsters of the Interact Club of Navaprajna Public School were awarded the RI President Mark Maloney's 2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION WITH PLATINUM DISTINCTION as well. It was a remarkable achievement given that Platinum is the highest level that one can get.

Here is how their amazing certificates look...



Our congratulations to the two clubs for their incredible achievement.

In the Rtn. Ajay Gupta led Vocational Service Avenue, Rtn. Sanjay Srivastava guided Rotaractors and Rtn. Sujeet Joseph guided Interactors. All of them have done RBI really proud yet again.

Kudos to the Youth Service Avenue on topping a brilliant year with platinum icing.

Register for the Rotary Convention at:

https://www.riconvention.org/en/sign-2020-rotary-virtual-convention?cid=soc_virtualconvention+20200610_soc_fb_mem_na_signup_en

E-SEVA - a historical perspective

Dont we all love receiving SEVA in our email and reading it? Now that RBI's first e-anniversary nite went off like a dream, let us see how electronic SEVA or E-SEVA happened in the first place.

To do that we need to go back 10 years...

Here is the front page of RBI's first E-SEVA that rolled out → Installation Issue, July 2010.



cost cutting measure, we propose to mail SEVA through soft copy to all those members who opt for it. Hard copies of SEVA will be available for the rest of the members. A few additional copies will also be kept at RHOS. Also, members who do not collect their copies from RHOS will be receiving them by post.

Please confirm your preference to Bulletin editor Vidyut Shenoy before the 15th of June."

And thus was born our first E-SEVA mailing list. Only a small fraction of RBlans emailed their assent to receive E-SEVA at that point. Others wished to keep getting their printed copies. A key reason for Rotarians wanting printed copies was that they adorned their office tables, making them a good talking point with visitors and customers for enlisting support and/or donations for RBI. As you are aware, SEVA has always been smartly compiled and is reader friendly.

With this, RBI got itself committed to E-SEVA. Over the next few months, more Rotarians joined the e-fold primarily due to the convenience factor. By the end of that year, most were on the E-SEVA track. A couple of years later RBI started sending E-SEVA to everybody - Rotarians and Anns - through the standard email route. E-SEVA also enables RBI to quickly share its bulletin with overseas partners. Printed copies were very few .. partly because application for any Bulletin Award requires submission of printed copies, and helps compiling physical archives.

2010-11 was my first stint on RBI's Board, after 9 years of being an RBlan but dithering for one reason or another. To me, bulletin editor seemed a safe post on the board ... thanks to some rudimentary experience in document editing software many years earlier. In 1990, as

Until then SEVA remained the good old printed newsletter that popped physically into our mailboxes at home if it had not already been picked up at RHOS. Every issue was neatly folded and slid into a wide paper sleeve with a name and address printed on it. Each of those names was of an RBI Rotarian, district official, patron and sister club.

E-SEVA gained traction in June 2010, when then President Elect Rtn. Suresh Patel felt it was a great idea. In a prelude to taking over as President, he suggested creation of a vehicle to place e-seva into Rotarians' email-boxes. The email-id created was seva.rcbi@gmail.com (RCBI → Rotary Club of Bangalore Indiranagar).

PP Rtn. Suresh Patel explained his thoughts behind E-SEVA in a crisp email to all RBI Rotarians - *"As an environment friendly and a*

Product Manager (at Wipro) of a suite of software development tools, which included publishing software from WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) pioneer Interleaf Inc, I had to understand it really well. To do so meant creating scores of documents with embedded pictures. That hands-on practice had helped me respond knowledgeably to client queries.

Twenty years later in 2010, the editing tool of choice was MS WORD. It was slowly becoming WYSIWYG compliant with a number of fonts in its repertoire. Though editing was easy, visualizing the document in WYSIWYG was still cumbersome. Also, PDF versions of a document could not be done at my PC. They had to be created by specialized software by our printing partner, Rtn. T K Chandramouli's WQ Judge Press. The WORD version then, had no option to create PDF versions. In fact, even today, MS WORD's pdf saver has a few wrinkles that I shared with a young developer who is part of Microsoft's MS Office product team in Vancouver. Since its first year, E-SEVA has become the norm. Often it has been shared through document publishing software like ISSUE. But PDF remains the medium of choice for most readers.

E-SEVA enabled me to remotely edit and release SEVA in the early part of this Rotary year, while on a long personal trip overseas. The SEVA Editor role has also changed now, moving from get, edit and paste ... to collect, metamorphose, add pictures, format, proof read, improve language ad nauseum, save and publish. Editing is easier and creating a PDF version not at all difficult. Proof reading by the editorial team and changing content with track mode ON is ... a bulletin editor's dream.

In an interesting co-incidence, both the installation issue of SEVA in 1990 and this year's anniversary issue feature PRIP Kalyan Banerjee in a big way. Hence on this the 10th anniversary of E-SEVA, we thought it fit to bring this bit of SEVA history to you.

Our newsletter SEVA has two primary objectives:

1. Share information about current happenings at RBI
2. Chronicle events as soon as they happen and maintain club history

You surely realize the difficulty that every bulletin editor endures. It will be just wonderful if you share with the SEVA editor, as much information (and pictures) as possible on events under your watch. It helps keep SEVA informative and complete. Your voluntary sharing will help reduce the SEVA editor's load significantly and enable complete coverage of your project / event.

Thank you for continued association with SEVA.



Sombre Moment for RBI

PP Rtn. D V R Rao left for his heavenly abode on 16th June 2020.

His smiling presence will be missed at Rotary Indiranagar.

We pray that his soul achieves Sadgati

Om Shanti

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