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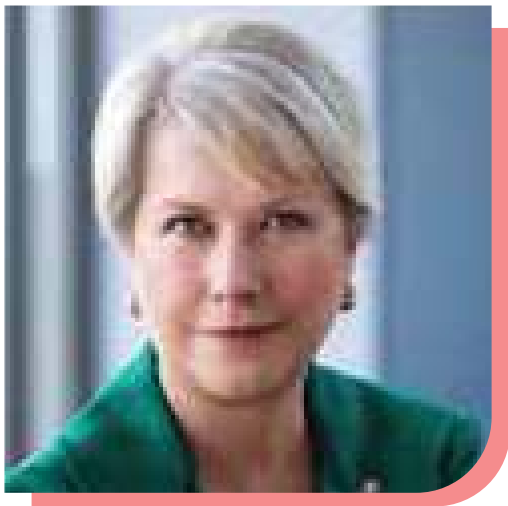


Rotary observes December as Disease Prevention and Treatment month. According to global healthcare security index 2021 India ranked 66 out of 195 countries with an overall Index score of 42.8 and along with a change of -0.8 from 2019. According to Health and health systems ranking of countries worldwide in 2021, by health index score India was ranked 111 out of 167 countries. Inadequate access to basic healthcare services such as shortage of medical professionals, a lack of quality assurance, insufficient health spending, and, most significantly, insufficient research funding. One of the major concerns is the administrations' insufficient financial allocation. In the Economic Survey of 2022, India's public expenditure on healthcare stood at 2.1% of GDP in 2021-22. The challenges currently staring at the healthcare system are many, primary among them are **Lack of infrastructure** - India has been struggling with deficient infrastructure in the form of lack of well-equipped medical institutes for quite a while now. To add to it, the rate of building such medical teaching or training facilities remains less as compared to the need of the hour. **Shortage of efficient and trained manpower**-One of the most pressing problems in India remains a severe shortage of trained manpower in the medical stream, this includes doctors, nurses, paramedics and primary healthcare workers. Unmanageable patient-load-Even prior to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, healthcare facilities had been feeling the strain due to **unmanageable patient-load**. Moreover, serving a population of 1.4 billion remains a Herculean task in itself when it comes to suitably managing healthcare facilities. Public health policy and proactive healthcare- The latest National Health Policy (NHP) 2017 highlights the 'Health for All' approach to provide assured healthcare for all at an affordable cost.

Rotary must play the role of an interventionist as they are already doing by making free or subsidised in several sectors, specially in the eye care segment. But the need of the hour in countries like India or developing economies as well as the poorer Nations is immense and in days to come we shall witness more and more speciality hospitals for the challenged population by organizations as Rotary.

EDITORIAL

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Presidential Message December 2022

Jennifer Jones President 2022-23

that in all likelihood saved his life.

Calmly, Timothy tells me about his other son's bout with the disease a few years earlier. He had to race that son to a medical clinic more than 5 miles away. Riding a bike and carrying his child on his back, he tells me, he could feel his son's legs turn cold and then his little body go limp. As he finally entered the clinic, he screamed for help, but it was too late. The camera stops rolling, and we sit in silence. He begins to weep, and I hold him tightly. "I lost my son, I lost my son," he says.

This story is all too familiar for the families we meet over the next few days. And yet there is hope. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is Rotary's first Programs of Scale grant recipient, and it is saving lives. Across two provinces of Zambia, 2,500 volunteer health workers have been selected by their communities. They are trained to bring medical care closer to those who need it, and they are able to diagnose and treat malaria and other ailments. Rotary partnerships create lasting change.

While sitting with a group of Rotary leaders outside of Lusaka, Zambia, I ask a question: "How many of you have ever had malaria?" Every hand in the room goes up. They even begin to tell me about the first, second, or third time they experienced the disease, one of the main causes of death and sickness in many developing countries.

They are fortunate. They have access to medical treatment and lifesaving medicines. For the people of rural Zambia, their story is very different.

On a wooden bench in a small village, I sit with Timothy and his young son Nathan. With a camera crew capturing our conversation, he tells me of the time Nathan showed signs of malaria. He brought the boy to the nearby home of a community health worker, where Nathan quickly received medicines

Rotary projects around the globe December 2022

United States



The Rotary Club of Conway-Morning, Arkansas, is aiming to deliver birthday messages to every child and young adult in the state's foster care system. Between January and September, more than 2,100 cards had been mailed, with an anticipated 3,700 individuals to be reached annually. A dozen or so Rotarian volunteers coordinate writing and forwarding cards to foster homes with the Arkansas Division of Children and Family Services and The Call, a state-wide non-profit that works with churches to match children with families. American Greetings, which operates a production facility in the area, donated a supply of cards and envelopes expected to last nearly two years, Altland says.

6.5 billion - Greeting cards sold annually in the U.S.

Mexico



The Rotary Club of Guadalajara Internacional in March began training girls from the city's underserved communities in the Korean martial art of

taekwondo. The Reconoce Tu Poder, or Recognize Your Power, program has trained dozens of girls. Sánchez García, a brown belt in the discipline, and Zulema Fernández Sariñana, a member of the Rotary Club of Guadalajara, developed a manual and a training regimen with the assistance of Patricia Mariscal Alcalá, an Olympian who is one of Mexico's most accomplished female taekwondo athletes. The effort has been replicated by clubs in two other Mexican towns as well as in India.

8th Mexico's rank in Olympic taekwondo medal count

Germany



A project by the Rotary Club of Rosenheim - Innstadt serves as a reminder that the simplest of gifts can bring joy to children –

and delight to the givers. For the past five years, the club has taken up a collection among members, raising about \$1,500 each year to buy Christmas presents. The gifts, delivered to 33 youths during the 2021 outing, included toys and clothing.

522 euros- Average 2021 Christmas spending per person in Germany, about US\$500 now

Italy



Up to 169 million tons of unused food is wasted in the European Union every year, and only about 40 percent of Italians take home

their uneaten restaurant food. Working with the office of agriculture and food in the Piedmont region, the Rotary Club of Acqui Terme launched a project in April to encourage people to take home their leftovers. It offers recyclable and compostable boxes and wine bags to restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and farmhouses.

17% -The share of food waste in U.S. landfills from restaurants

India



Impressed by the work of District 3201 following a 2018 monsoon, Mumbai-based technology company Atos Global IT Solutions and Services decided to collaborate with Rotary members in its corporate social responsibility endeavors. The company donated nearly \$300,000 for two global grant projects. About \$250,000 of that funded construction of 31 low-cost shelters to house 126 displaced people in a project that involved eight Rotary clubs in Kochi (formerly Cochin) during the 2018-19 Rotary year. The second grant to support the installation of 25 water purification plants is underway in Kerala.

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Experience a special curated weekend in Scotland



Ten couples or pairs will get the chance to experience a specially curated weekend in Edinburgh, Scotland, hosted by 2023-24 Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally.

President McNally plans to thank the first 10 donors who make outright gifts of \$100,000 or more, or bequest commitments of \$250,000 or more, with an invitation to spend 18-20 August enjoying a series of special events in his home country. The Royal Edinburgh Rotary Foundation Million-Dollar Weekend in Scotland will include:

VIP reserved seating at the world-renowned Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

A private dinner in Edinburgh Castle

Breakfast and a private tour aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia, once owned by the royal family

A tour of the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the official residence of King Charles III in Scotland

A choice of optional side trips, such as a round of golf with senior Rotary leaders at St. Andrews Old Course, lunch at the world-famous Gleneagles Hotel, or a trip by air to Islay, the home of island malt whisky, for a tour of Ardbeg distillery

Access to a room block at a five-star hotel in Edinburgh

Space is limited to the first 10 donors. For more information, write to Past District Governor Alasdair Seale, a member of The Rotary Foundation's Fund Development Committee, ataseale@trinityfactors.co.uk.

Club News

PDG Shyamashree Sen writes on her recent visit to Rourkela as the keynote speaker at RID 3261's invitation in the Seminar on DIVERSITY EQUITY & INCLUSION



"I reached on 17th by Ispat. The train was very clean and the journey, though of a bit more than 6 hours, went off very well. That evening, PDG FC Mohanty invited my friend PP Rtn Anjana Maitra and Rtn Suchismita Biswas to the Indo-German club for dinner.

In the morning of 18th December, the Multi District Seminar on DEI took place at Radhika Regency where I was given a beautiful and spacious accommodation by the organising committee of the host club RC Rourkella Steel City. I met DG Shashank Rastogi and many other luminaries of this district.

After my introduction by Rtn Lalita Muduli, I addressed on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion at length. After my keynote address, DG Shashank was introduced by Rtn Putul and

he spoke with so much flair!

The inaugural session ended with a vote of thanks by Rtn Suchismita and it was followed by cake cutting for the Charter Anniversary of the host club.

This was followed by two business sessions. Demystifying DEI which was moderated by PDG FC Mohanty and the other was DEI and its relevance which was moderated by me. I was lucky to have Rtn Arghya Guha who faces challenges as a differently abled person and Ms Anindita Mohapatra DGM RSP who spoke about DEI in industry and PP Rtn Anjana Maitra who spoke about DEI Policy and Code of Conduct. The last session was the one that closed the programme and asked everyone to enjoy a sumptuous lunch.

I truly enjoyed addressing an extremely attentive and eager assembly and they were eager to know about a completely new subject. I am sharing a few glimpses from my memorable visit to Rourkela and as I prepare to represent RI President Jennifer Jones at Aurangabad I wish all a Merry Christmas in advance."

Greetings

Happy Birthday to Sudipta Das for 13th December!

Happy Birthday to Sandip Kar for 25th December!

Happy Anniversary Spouse Preetam & Namrata Ghosh for 10th December!

Forthcoming Events

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