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The rebel against the plastic bags continues

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Initiatives fighting malnutrition steps up in RCVF

HAPPY YOUNG HEARTS

The Interact Club joins hands in community development and promotes healthy ecology



TOGETHER, WE CAN

Greetings to my Rotary *Parivaar*!

Life is a journey. In my life journey, I have been very fortunate to have *Rotary* journey embedded in it. Ever since I came across Rotary, the path of my life has been very purposeful. I feel very destined to have experienced Rotary in my life and I feel equally overwhelmed to have been able to be part of our dynamic club and lead our club to bring smiles to people and create a positive impact in the society.

Friends, I welcome all the new members to our Phoenix *Parivaar* and assure you all that together we will bring positive impact in the society and the way I have been able to enjoy and cherish Rotary experience, I would like to take you all through a similar satisfying journey this year and I am sure the journey we take together this time will bring sense of joy and satisfaction to you to cherish forever.

Friends, with all your enthusiasm and support, we started the year with impactful projects – Project Kaushalya: Sew and Grow. Our small endeavour to bring positive change in lives of less privileged women. We were able to take our flagship project Planet Saviour to the next level by getting cloth bags stitched from these women, there by empowering women and saving the environment.

We have also got an opportunity to work towards upliftment of rural village through Gram Kalyan Project by adopting village Jamburi and we are undertaking Monthly Service Project in this village. I am sure with the support of all of you and through our projects we will be able to bring positive change in the lives of the people living in Jamburi.

So, friends lets embark this Journey of Rotary, through the flight of Phoenix and make it memorable and impactful phase of our life journey.

FROM PRESIDENT'S DESK

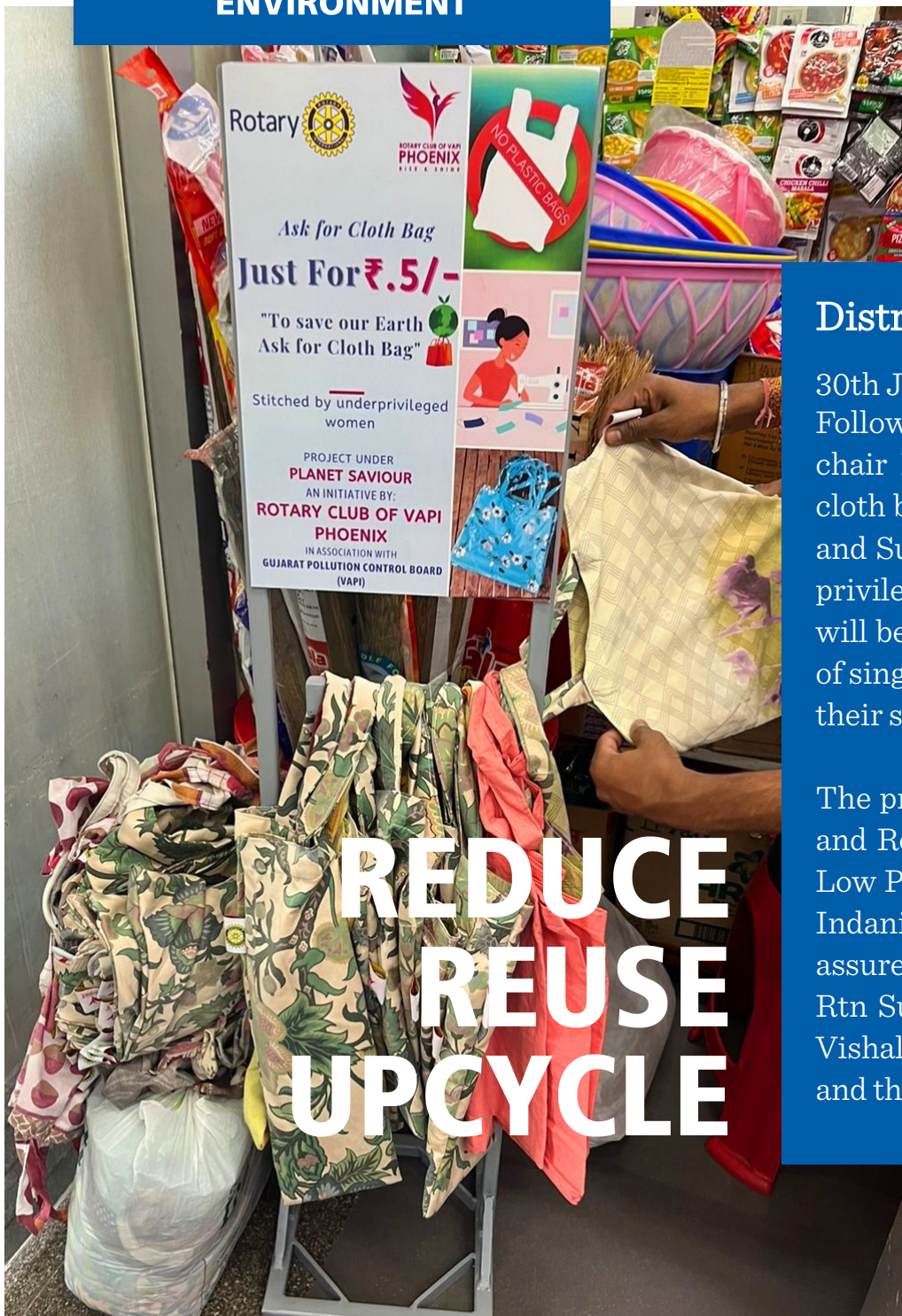
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Rtn Hemant Prajapati
President





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women

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(VAPI)

**REDUCE
REUSE
UPCYCLE**

Distribution of Cloth Bags at Supermarket Stores

30th July '22, Vapi

Following the narrative of our chartered Project 'Planet Saviour' designed by chair Rtn Smita Nadkarni, Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix distributed 500 cloth bags to two local supermarket stores – Low Price Super Store, Gunjan and Suryavanshi Mega store, Chala. The upcycled bags made by the underprivileged women from old bed sheets and curtains donated by Rotarians will be given to the customers at Rs.5 with the objective of reducing the use of single use plastic and giving employment to the underprivileged ladies and their social upliftment.

The project was inaugurated by Notified Area chief officer Shri. D. B. Sagar and Regional officer of Gujarat Pollution Control Board Shri. A. G. Patel at Low Price Super Store, Gunjan and by DG Shrikant Indani, first lady Sarika Indani and Mayor Kashmiraben Shah at Suryavanshi Megastore, Chala, who assured their full support for the project. President Rtn Hemant Prajapati, Rtn Sudha Prajapati, Hon. Secretary Sheetal Tailor, Rtn Rajan Gupta, Rtn Vishal Nadkarni, Rtn Rahi Shah and 15 other Rotarians were also present and they pledged to use cloth bags for shopping.



NUTRITION IS CURE

Fighting Malnutrition with Project Annapurna

30th July '22, Jamburi

President Rtn Hemant Prajapati, Project Chair Rtn Divya Vasave, Rtn Dr. Mahendra Vasave, Rtn Rahi Shah and 10 Rotarians of Rotary Vapi Phoenix distributed 100 packets of Nutritious protein shake powder to school going children of Jamburi village under project "Annapurna". The village Jamburi is adopted by Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix under "Gram Kalyan Project" of Rotary International for 3yrs. The club also installed sign boards at the village indicating the adoption of the village. The project was graced by their Sarpanch Gajubhai and Talati Sadhnaben, who cheered on our team distributing goodwill and bringing smiles to the children's faces.



THE WOW TEAM

2nd Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix

30th July '22, Vapi

With bated breath and grand aplomb, the Rotary Club of Vapi Phoenix conducted the installation ceremony of our President Hemant Prajapati on 30th July, who along with his team took the oath as office bearers in the presence of DG Shrikant Indani. During this occasion 9 new members were inducted in the club by the worthy hands of PDG Anish Shah. The Interact Club of Vapi Phoenix was installed by District RYE chair Rtn Rajneesh Anand. The Club also felicitated the 8 samaritans who helped through the execution of projects at some stage in the past year.



Red Revolution at Aadarsh Kanya Chhatralay

3rd August '22, Valvada (Vapi)

RC Vapi Phoenix in association with RC Valsad conducted Red Revolution awareness session at Aadarsh Kanya Chhatralaya, Faladhara, Valsad. Rtn Sheetal Tailor, as the keynote speaker, addressed the tribal girls studying there who came from remote areas and imparted insights that will help reduce the myths surrounding the natural process of menstruation. 175 girls and 2 teachers attended this session in presence of President of RC Valsad Rtn Swati Shah, Hon. Sec. Rtn Nirali, Rtn Dr. Dhara Ashra, Rtn Sarika Nandwana and 8 other lady Rotarians.

Project Red Revolution aims at educating women and young girls on the basic science of menstruation, myths surrounding it, it's harmful effects of and self-care during menstruation.



BREAKING BARRIERS





FUN AND FRIENDSHIPS

Fellowship on Friendship Day

6th - 7th August '22, Igatpuri

The spirit of Rotary is all about fellowship and service. With this notion in their minds and hearts, RC Vapi Phoenix celebrated 'Friendship Day' on 6th & 7th of August, 2022 at Tropical Retreat Resort, Igatpuri. 16 Families and their children spent the weekend bonding over food, drinks, pool and a couple of fun filled and fearless events. As a mark of continuing an everlasting camaraderie, the members also exchanged friendship bands with each other.

SANKALP SE SIDDDHI

Celebrating International Youth Day at KBS College

10th August '22, Vapi

RC Vapi Phoenix organised a seminar on 'Sankalp Safalta ki Kunji' at KBS College, Vapi which was conducted by Rtn Aditi Jain for the final year Science and Commerce students. It was held in 2 sessions and was attended by 200 students faced with the decision and indecision of further studies and future job prospects. Rtn Aditi Jain enlightened the purpose of education which is to understand the concepts and thus become fearless in your endeavours. The gist of her talk which struck all the right nerves was 'Understand your *why*; *how* will automatically follow'.



Celebrating Rakhi with Frontline Cadre.

14th August '22, Vapi

The Interact Club of Vapi Phoenix members celebrated Rakkhi by tying rakhis to police officers and other community work force in and around Vapi. 6 Interactors along with 4 Rotarians visited Vapi GIDC police station and tied rakhi to all the police force with a lady police officer even tying rakhi to one of the Interactors. Int. Zahi Nandwana and Rtn Sarika Nandwana tied rakhi to the police officers at Chala – Daman check post and to the community work force in their society. Int. Nisarg, who was in Anand, tied Rakhi to police force there.

THE BOND OF
TRUST

This project was a thanksgiving to the community workers who helped us throughout the year and helped the children understand the role of each community work force in the society. It also bridged the gap between the police force and children and made them more approachable for them during any emergencies.

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HAR GHAR TIRANGA

Sharing Patriotism with National Flag

13th - 14th August '22, Vapi

The members of RC Vapi Phoenix participated in a program of Government of India - *Har Ghar Tiranga* wherein our Service Project Chair Rtn. Rajan Gupta and Rtn. Rahul Nandwana distributed the Indian National Flag to all the Rotarians in the club by visiting their homes. These flags were hoisted by everyone at their residences on the 15th of August celebrating – *Azadi ka Amrut Mahostav*.



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Celebrating Independence Day at Jamburi Prathmik Shala

14th August '22, Vapi

An early morning Flag hoisting and sweets distribution was conducted at Prathmik School, Jamburi, which is adopted by the club under Gram Kalyan Project, by our President Hemant Prajapati along with 20 other Rotarians. Along with some motivational and patriotic snippets shared during the event, they also donated 2 steel wardrobes to the school for their academic utilisation.

INDIA AWAKES





Interact Club celebrates Janmashtami

19th August '22, Vapi

The members of Interact Club of Vapi Phoenix celebrated Janmashtami with a Dahi Handi event at Vapi. 16 Interactors along with 14 Rotarians were present during the celebration wherein the 2 *handis* were broken free of the goodies by the traditionally attired participants in 2 groups with a spirit of teamwork and friendship.

Celebrating Independence Day at Vapi Railway Station

15th August '22, Vapi

RC Vapi Phoenix celebrated our Independence Day with a new sensibility and conducted an awareness drive at Vapi Railway station by distributing 300 cloth bags to the passengers travelling via the Vapi Railway Station under Project 'Planet Saviour'. The aim was to encourage people to use cloth bags instead of plastic bags, which are stitched by the underprivileged women as a part of the 'Project Kaushalya - Sewing program'.

The event was supported by Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Station Superintendent, Vapi, Mr. Pradip Ahire, Deputy Station Superintendent, Mr. Rohan Damne Deputy Station Superintendent and their enthusiastic team. President Rtn Hemant Prajapati, Hon. Sec. Rtn Sheetal Tailor, Project Chair, Rtn Smita Nadkarni along with 25 Rotarians and 5 children from Interact Club of Vapi Phoenix were present to distribute the bags and spread the message to the travellers.



PLANET SAVIOR



Groceries Distribution at an Orphanage in Sukhesh.

29th August '22, Vapi

Rotary club of Vapi Phoenix conducted Project Annapurna at an orphanage in Sukhesh, wherein everyday grocery items like wheat (90Kg), rice (50Kg), dal (5Kg), chana (5Kg), onions & potatoes (20 Kg each), garlic (5Kg), salt (2Kg) & other spices were donated by the Rotarians. During the project president Rtn Hemant, Hon. Sec. Rtn Sheetal, Rtn Sudha, Rtn Vishal were present who brought the best smiles out of the children and vowed to give more to the institution in the future.

EARTHY ART, HAPPY HEARTS

Interactor's Workshop on Eco-Friendly Ganapati

29th August '22, Vapi

Interactors of Interact Club of Vapi Phoenix organised a workshop for making Eco friendly Ganapati in which 27 children from the Interact Club and their friends and families participated. It was a great way to honour the Ganesh Chaturthi festival by instilling the importance using earthy and sustainable resources. All the children decided to worship the Ganesh idol made by them at home during the festive season.

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LEAP OF FAITH

Mr. Rajesh Sharma visits Project Kaushalya

29th August '22, Vapi

Project 'Kaushalya' of RC Vapi Phoenix, which aspires to improve the economic status of women and their families, is going strong and steady since its inception in July 2022. 25 women have not only learned basic sewing skills but also stitched dresses with different patterns. The women are also sewing the bags which are used for our Planet Saviour Project.

Mr. Rajesh Sharma, of M/s, Mahajan Textiles, paid a visit to the sewing classes and has ensured further training and employment for the ladies after finishing their 3 months course here. Mr. Paresh of M/s, Home Decor Furnishings donated 150mt cloth for stitching the bags.

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Rtn Megha Patel, 06 Aug



Rtn Manish Shah, 10 Aug



Rtn Pooja Shah, 12 Aug



Rtn Nisha Vadhar, 15 Aug



Rtn Charu Trivedi, 15 Aug



Rtn Hardik Upadhyay, 18 Aug



Rtn Vineet Ojha, 23 Aug



Rtn Riddhi Sarayan, 29 Aug



Rtn Jose & Ann Sunni Chacko, 16 Aug

THE LIMITLESS GAME

I was reading about Serena Williams, 23 time Grand Slam champion, who recently lost US Open in round 3. It was not her best game. Perhaps the most glittering career might come to an end as she is planning to retire shortly. However, more heart winning was Sachin Tendulkar's tweet to the tennis star, a slice of which I should put here in precise words.

“Age is not what body tells you, but what mind tells the body. Teenagers can solve world's biggest problems, adults can pick up something new and excel”.

However, the thought that came to my mind was that all legendary careers, whether they were that of Serena or Sachin, would eventually come to an end and new stars will emerge. Let the stars come and go; the ball must be kept rolling. If you observe careers of these sports legends, you will realise, the game need not be about winning or losing a match; but rather about just staying in the game. This thought applies to nations and humanity too. Who won the Afghan war: the one who wanted to defeat the opponent with power or the one who vigorously sustained the will to stay in the game? Why isn't Russia, the mighty supplier of oil, gas and military equipments to the world not able to crush Ukraine? Its because the power lies in the will.

It also holds true to organizations like Rotary. I must confess here that, I never believed that Project Planet Savior would survive for long. May be I over-analyzed the hurdles in the project, thinking of myself as some wise man. I was unable to identify with the vigour of the teenager-ish rebelliousness against the use of plastic our Rotarians contained. Then again, who would have thought we would once see a daughter and a father, a mother and a son gather in a room to address concerns about menstruation and puberty in our society? Is it believable? Red Revolution proved us wrong.

There is tonne more to be done in Rotary. The key is to avoid falling into the trap of playing to win; it is a limitless game.



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