

“ September is Basic Education and Literacy Month”

ROTARY LITERACY MISSION

The Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), formerly known as Rotary South Asia Society for Development and Cooperation (RSAS) aims to work towards Total literacy and Quality Education in India. To achieve that RILM have designed a comprehensive program called "T-E-A-C-H" where :

- T - Teacher Support
- E - E-learning
- A - Adult Literacy
- C - Child Development
- H - Happy School

Each of these programs has a specific focus and it is interlinked with each other in achieving the common goal of bringing total literacy and improving the learning outcomes of primary education, in various parts of the country.

UPCOMING EVENT OF THE SEPTEMBER MONTH

- 4th Sep'22 - Inter Rotary Cricket Tournament (Hosted by Roundtown)
- 6th Sep'22 - Nation Builder Award
- 23rd Sep'22 -Fellowship Meet
- 24th Sep'22 - HUMF 3 and Nanhe Kadam

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“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

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- 8th August to 10th August - Science Teacher Training (MPIP Service Project)
- 13th August- Pre-Independence Day Celebration (MPIP Service Project)
- 15th August - Independence Day Celebration
- 17th August to 21st August - BLS Workshop (Service Project)
- 18th August - The Dangs Contribution
- 21st August - The Dang Giving
- 23rd August - BLS Session with Lourdes Convent Students
- 23rd August - Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of LCHS.
- 27th August - HUMF 2 Nanhe Kadam

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

3rd August - Raksha Bandhan@Juvenile Home (MPIP Service Project)

Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud. Raksha Bandhan at a juvenile home was like trying to be a rainbow in the lives of the juveniles. It was a unique opportunity to celebrate the bonding between brothers and sisters by the Lourdes Interactors. This made the juveniles feel an integral part of the society even though destiny has had it otherwise for them. It was indeed a noble act supported by the WOW team of RSR.

8th August to 10th August - Science Teacher Training (MPIP Service Project)

Online Science Teacher Training Program was organized. Total 54 teachers were benefitted.

13th August - Pre-Independence Day Celebration (MPIP Service Project)

The River Side Rotarians visited **Kavishri Ushnas Primary School No: 318** on 13 August to celebrate Independence Day, an event hosted by Rtn Vijay Zanzarukia. The tricolor was hoisted with immense pride and the rally displayed by the children was impressive. President Ritu Talwar distributed chocolates to the students bringing smiles and sharing happiness.

15th August - Independence Day Celebration

Patriotism is your conviction that this country is superior to all others because you were born in it... The RSR members proved these words of George Bernard Shaw with much grace and panache, as the completion of 75 years of independence was celebrated at Segvachama School, under the GKP Project. After hoisting the flag, notebooks were distributed among the children of class 3 to 8. Annapurna too was celebrated by distributing snacks of their choice.

17th August to 21st August- BLS Workshop (Service Project)

As a part of Mass Awareness Workshop, Life saving techniques in case of emergencies were demonstrated and taught to 120 students by Dr. Prashant Kariya, Dr. Ashwini Shah, Dr. Faizal Vora, Dr. Madhusudan Umaraji, Dr. Munin Hakimchichiwala.

18th August - The Dangs Contribution

Our young Annets, Anay and Arjun had been immensely thoughtful by taking the initiative of sharing and collecting stationery items: crayons, chart papers, color pens for the children of Dang.

The Lourdes Interactors even extended their support for the Dangs Project by collecting clothes for the needy children. Their act of kindness at such a tender age will take them a long way.

All these collections and contributions were packed by the Annets and Interactors on 18 August, for dispatch on 21 August.

21st August - The Dang Giving

No one has ever become poor from giving... The Dang project undertaken by RSR is a living example. This year the project was carried out at Dhulchond village in the interiors of Dangs. Generous donations and contributions made by RSRians could fulfill the basic requirements, for about six months, of the children who are in need.

A free medical checkup was organized by PP Dr. Prashant Kariya and Dr. Ashwini Shah to check their health conditions. Free medicines and multivitamin tablets were distributed for the welfare of the children.

Heartfelt gratitude to the RSRians for their benevolence! Indeed a worthy project under the able leadership of the President Ritu Talwar.

23rd August - BLS Session with Lourdes Convent Students

An extremely important and resourceful session of BLS was conducted with the students of Lourdes Convent School on 23 August by PP Dr. Prashant Kariya. The indispensable lessons being imparted will enable the youngsters to save many lives in case of an emergency.

A super relevant project undertaken by RSR demonstrating the Basic Life Support skills!

23rd August - Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of LCHS.

The exuberant aura of the new Interact team was apparent in the Rotary Club at Jeevan Bharti School on the evening of 23 August. Their musical and dance performances were enthralling and they mesmerized the audience. The Oath Taking Ceremony was conducted under the able guidance of PP Nehal Shah.

Heartfelt gratitude to PP Rashikaji, President Ritu Talwar, Secretary Nirupa Patel and the entire RSR team for their encouragement, support and sparing of valuable time with the Interactors. Such support from veterans will enable them to manage various responsibilities by serving the society as teenagers.

27th August - HUMF 2 Nanhe Kadam

The HUMF Nanhe Kadam is a joint venture of Hexa GEO and RC Surat Riverside. It has been undertaken to add education, nutrition and fun to the experience of the kids adopted by us at Anganwadi, once very month. HUMF 2 was organized on 27 August, it was a noon which was a blast sharing splendid joy and valuable time with the happy *nanhe* faces.

Our sincerest gratitude to Rtn. Jaina Gajiwala for sponsoring the snacks and PP Rajesh Mehta for initiating and organizing the visit!



Raksha Bandhan @ Juvenile Home



The Dangs Contribution



Pre-Independence Day Celebration



Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of LCHS.



Independence Day Celebration



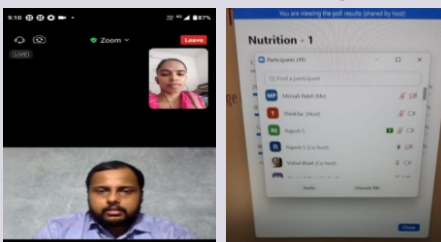
BLS Workshop



HUMF 2 Nanhe Kadam



Science Teacher Training





FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

7th August - Friendship Day
9th August - Board Meeting

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The only way to have a friend is to be one... To share this beautiful message in the society the members of RSR spared their friendship day morning at Jogger's Park, Ghoddod Road, tying friendship bands to the early birds who came for a jog or a run. The brimming smiles couldn't go unnoticed.

9th August- Board Meeting

On 9 August the board members along with their spouses met at PP Rtn. Rajesh Patel and Secretary Nirupa Patel's residence over dinner to discuss the upcoming projects. The celebration of Independence Day at Kavishri Ushnas Primary School No: 318 and at Segvachama plus the Dangs project was discussed at length by the members.

Friendship Day



Board Meeting



Rotary Woman of the Month. - Rtn. Amita Desai



Punctuality is a first step towards success.

A Lady, a true Rotarian, a Super woman, who does not work for fame nor position, simple at heart, but with big dreams to work on. She envisages each opportunity to serve the needy and justifies the right cause and ensures that if it is for the right cause, then it happens.

A very strong lady with a Golden Heart.



Birthday & Anniversary of September

Birthday

- 4th September Ann. Alpa Vaidya
- 8th September Annet. Abhinav Viradiya
- 9th September Rtn. Jatin Vaidya
- 9th September Ann. Pinky Jariwala
- 10th September PP Rtn. Bankim Vashi
- 10th September Ann. Purvi Dalal
- 11th September Ann. Tejal Shukla
- 17th September Ann. Ami Adhiya's

Birthday

- 18th September Ann. Avani zanzarukia
- 20th September Annet. Parish Dalal
- 20th September Annet. Vivaan Singh
- 20th September Annet. Aariyan Singh
- 24th September PP Rtn. Dr. Ajay Bhardwaj
- 24th September Rtn. Kapil Arora
- 25th September Rtn. Rajan Talwar
- 26th September Spouse. Sanat Desai

My First Year with Rotary

Grab It When You Got It...

A visit to Dang is a customary annual act of kindness extended by the Rotary Club Riverside. On the 21st of August, we had set out to Dang to pay a visit to a school at Dhulchond. The history behind this school is another story to cover up but all of us were amazed by the existence of it and the way the children were getting groomed.

We were welcomed with pretty smiles and innocent faces as we reached our destination. From there on began a sea of revelation about this school and the noble act extended by the Principal, Mr. Mahindra Gavit. The prayers, dances and their efforts to communicate what they have learnt were commendable as it reflected the hard work put forth by the team. The fact that we could bring in some smiles to their faces with a small act of kindness made us feel accomplished.

This being my first act of benevolence in RSR (needless to say this is my first year) made me nostalgic about my school days. Whenever, we were given to write an essay on 'Your Aim in Life', my first option had always been 'a social worker'. The little social worker then, used to extend services in every small way being a part of Rotary Club Guwahati. Today, I feel the dots have got connected and I have found a path to tread on in a constructive manner. And so I have grabbed the opportunity eventually.



-By Rinki Barman



Importance of Finding Happiness in Little things in Life

Blessed are those who have a life filled with ready made meaning and purpose. Often we have to create meaning and purpose to rise out of our otherwise mundane life. Here's an example.....(sent by a friend)

How to be Happy?

Since I was not using it for a long time, my old Moped (Pleasure scooty) was becoming obsolete. I thought why not resell it online. So I put out an advertisement, quoting its price at Rs 30,000/-.

There were many offers ranging from Rs 15,000 to Rs 28,000. I thought if people are willing to pay Rs 28,000, someone might be ready to pay Rs 30,000 as well. One person offered Rs 29,000 but I didn't confirm and kept him waiting too.

One morning a person called and said, "Hello Sir, I saw the advertisement for your moped and liked it too. I tried a lot to earn Rs 30,000 but have only been able to collect Rs 24,000 until now.

My son is in his final year of engineering. He has worked very hard. Sometimes he walks to his college or uses a bicycle and sometimes travels by bus or takes a lift from someone. I thought at least in his final year he should have his own vehicle. I request you Sir, please reserve your scooty for me.

A new one will cost more than twice as much. I would not be able to afford it at any cost. Please give me some time, I will arrange for the money. Selling my mobile phone will also get me some money. But I pray to you, please do not sell it to anyone else."

I just said a formal "Okay" and hung up.

Then a few thoughts came to mind and I called him back. I said, "Don't sell your mobile phone; just bring that Rs. 24,000 tomorrow morning and take the vehicle. I will sell it to you in Rs 24,000 itself."

So I was going to sell my scooty to an unknown person for Rs 24,000, even though I had an offer for Rs 29,000.

I thought of how much 'pleasure' or joy this must have brought to that family. Tomorrow, they would have a 'Pleasure' scooter at home and it wasn't really causing much loss to me. God has been gracious and given me a lot; the biggest wealth probably is the ability to help someone in need. May God keep this family happy.

The next morning he called at least 6-7 times

"Sir, what time should I come?" "I hope it will not disturb your schedule""Are you sure I should come now?" "Shall I bring my son along, or should I come alone?" "But Sir, please don't give the vehicle to anyone else."

He brought with him a collection of Rupee notes in various denominations – 2000, 500, 200, 100, and 50. His son had also joined him. It seemed he had collected the money from a lot of different sources – maybe withdrawn savings or borrowed from many.

The son was looking at the moped with great eagerness and gratitude. I handed him both the keys, and the documents. The son was gently running his hand over the vehicle and wiping it with his handkerchief.

He asked me to count the money, and I said, "It's okay, you must have counted and brought it."

As they started to leave, I took out Rs 500 and returned it to him saying, "Do take some sweets for your family."

I was wondering whether they would have any money for fuel. And in any case, then they could get both fuel and sweets with this money.

With tears of gratitude in his eyes, he bid farewell to us and took away his 'Pleasure' (moped). Bowing down politely, he kept thanking me again and again till he left.

It was on that day, while selling my 'Pleasure', that I really understood the meaning of pleasure or joy. We simply say 'it's my pleasure'. At some occasions in life, one should not see profit or loss. We should also consider if we are bringing joy to someone through our actions and dealings.



Motivational Story

He is also known as Mountain Man. Friends, how is he a source of inspiration for us? And why is he called Mountain Man? Let's know.

He was a resident of Gehlaur village in Gaya district of Bihar. He was born on 14 January 1934. There was a big mountain in his village, only after crossing which one could go from one town to another. Even the smallest needs had to cross the mountain.

It is a matter of one day when he was working near the mountain and like every day his wife was going to give him lunch when unfortunately suddenly she fell into a mountain pass due to slipping of her feet. Everyone in a hurry started trying to take her to the hospital. But his wife died due to not reaching the hospital on time. Because it took time to reach the hospital after crossing the mountain.

In this way he started believing the mountain guilty of the death of his wife. He loved his wife very much. He used to affectionately call his wife. The death of his wife shocked him. That's when he decided that he would make a way by cutting the mountain so that like his wife, no one else would be late in reaching the hospital.

Due to his decision, the world started calling him the Mountain Man of India. He picked up a small chisel-hammer with his lofty intention and started cutting the mountain. In the beginning, people used to laugh at him, called him mad and used to say that he is in shock due to the death of his wife, so he is doing such a thing. But he continued to work.

In this way, days passed and many years passed, but whether it was hot or cold, rainy or sunny, He did not give up and continued to work hard to achieve his goal.

And after 22 years of hard work, the mountain made a 360 feet long, 25 feet deep, 30 feet wide road. We now know this road on his name. In this way, his life is an example for millions of people who are working hard for many years but still not getting success. From his life, we get to learn that by working hard, we can definitely achieve our goal one day or the other.

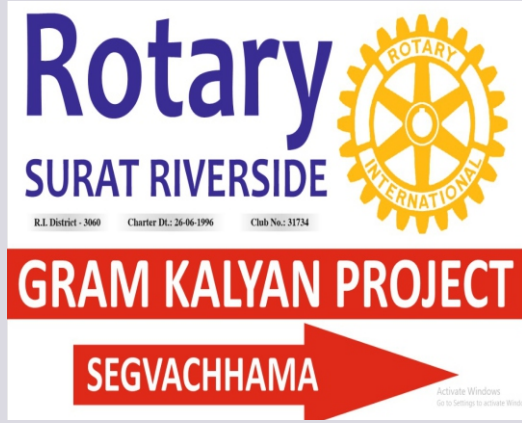


Quiz:

- 1) Pls name the person in the the motivational story?
- 2) From the picture below the motivational story "This farmer can't find his wife and is very puzzled. But she is surely there. Perhaps, it's you who can do it to help the unlucky man." This optical illusion asks you to find the face of the Farmer's Wife hidden inside the picture. So, the trickier part of this optical illusion is to spot the face of the woman. Circle the Farmer's wife, take a snapshot and send.
- 3) What is the full form of GKP and which village is our club working on under this project?
- 4) Give the full form or TEACH under the Rotary Literacy project.
- 5) What is the post of the current month "Rotary woman of our club"?
- 6) Who was the chief guest on the "Installation ceremony of Interact club"?



GRAM KALYAN PROJECT (September)



We have Adopted SEGVACHAMA school and village as a part of our Gram Kalyan Project and have signed an MOU for development to be carried out under the GKP Project assigned by the District.

Public image in Newspaper

Events such as Raksha Bandhan @ Juvenile Home, Independence Day Celebration
Notebook Distributions



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AVENUES OF SERVICE

Channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service.

CLUB SERVICE

focuses on making clubs strong.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

YOUTH SERVICE

recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding.