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Theme of the Month: WATER & SANITATION

Water and sanitation are at the core of sustainable development, and a simple solution to cleanliness is washing hands. Regular handwashing is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick, and prevent the spread of germs to others. Whether you are at home, at work, traveling, or out in the community, handwashing with soap and water can protect you and your family. During the Covid-19 pandemic, we washed our hands under compulsion and fear but today once again, we seem to have forgotten this basic precaution.

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CLUB PRESIDENT

Rtn. Siddha D. Sardessai 2022-2023

he month of March has always been special to me. It is my birthday month. And this year it has been even more special and both, the President and the Secretary are March born. No wonder then, this month had to be a very busy month and ofcourse a challenging one. But yes, since it's our birthday month, we knew that with the help of the Club, we would be able to surpass any challenge. And we did!

Asmita, a project of screening and management of Anemia in adolescent girls was executed to perfection. We screened 1000 girl students on 7 different days from 6 schools from all across the length

and breadth of Goa. Co-ordination between different agencies, lining up students in a systematic manner to be able to conduct tests swiftly and easily, counseling the students who fear a needle prick and at the same time creating awareness of Anemia – all in all, a huge exercise was executed by our team with ease and perfection.

Orator of Goa was a unique contest aimed at giving a much-needed platform for the teachers that never got an opportunity to take center stage. An exclusively designed stage set up and enthusiastic teachers buoyed up the oratory contest. We aim to take this contest to the district and have received a good

response for doing so. So gear up, we are set to upscale this project of our club.

A satisfying moment for me personally when our Midtowners family visited the traditional salt pans of my father-in-law at Nerul followed by a fellowship in the gardens of the ancestral house. It was nice to see our family come together on a day, which was also my birthday. Celebrating with the Midtowners family was a birthday wish come true.

And now, we are in the final stage of our tenure. Lots more to be done, lots to achieve. We are sure to pull this off. Don't you agree?

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Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town is committed to actively raising the quality of life for the under-privileged since 1998 through its various community service projects. This Rotary year 2022-23 is our Silver Jubilee Year. The Club has 5 flagship projects:

SAKSHARTA - This is our education grants project. Rotary Scholars from professional colleges are recommended by their respective colleges and selected on the basis of merit by our committee and are supported upto their graduation.





SUDHARTA - This is our disability corrective surgery project where we admit patients with various forms of disability ranging from limb lengthening to congenital absence of tibia. Each patient undergoes numerous surgical operations to correct their physical defect and lead a normal life

SAHAYATA - This is our Home Care Nursing School project in association with Matruchhaya. This is a 100% charity school. At Sahayata, youth are given free education & training, gainfully employed and raised to respected level in community. Your loved one can now get trained nursing care in the comfort of your home.





SWACCHATA - This is our Wash in Schools (WInS) project where we construct health and sanitation facilities to the students in schools. Toilet blocks and Washing units are being developed in schools that don't have these facilities.

SANJEEVANI - During this pandemic, we created a bank of 26 Oxygen Concentrators that are being lent to needy patients (even non-covid) for supporting them with handy oxygen. And now, we are increasing our scope by including wheelchairs, fowler beds, and other requisites to further the project and rechristen it as Sanjeevani.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST of the things we think, say or do

- · Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

WE CAN BE CONTACTED ON:

We meet:

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm Terminal Banquets, 4th floor, Caculo Mall,

St. Inez, Panaji, Goa





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CLUB SECRETARY

Rtn. Sachin Bhandare 2022-2023

Month of March tested our skills to handle many projects from conception to completion. Testing 1000 girls for their haemoglobin levels under project Asmita to a successful Orator competition and Manek Gem cricket tournament Being in the Silver Jubilee year, all our projects & fellowships have been aimed and intended to achieve newer heights. This year for the orator competition, core team took the challenge to some firsts like reach 350+ schools, an opportunity for the teachers, a big stage to perform and the participants made sure they made

the best of the occasion to prove as the nation builders. Teachers showcased they come prepared for whatever they are in.

Project Asmita was a special one for me, one project at many venues, various organisations like schools, PHC's, doctors to coordinate with, keeping in mind the school hours, last days of the academic year, no. of tests to achieve, student's eagerness to get themselves tested at the same time controlling the ones scared of the needle prick. Our newest project of lighting up the classrooms is another feather in cap among many such projects to

add value to one's educational journey. Many of the old schools have been technologically upgraded with computer labs, newer benches which are ergonomically designed but lighting a classroom for the ambient condition will definitely go long way. As we embark in the last quarter of our tenure, we are upbeat to perform better and bigger. Need your help and support too, as it has been for the last 9 months. Let's show to the world "together we can".

Club Assembly | 14 March 2023

38th weekly meeting was a club assembly in which all the decisions taken in the board meeting held on 24th February were discussed with the members. Planned events for the month of March were also informed to the members. While Team Loehr won the best team award for the month of February, Rtn Jehangir Taleyarkhan received star of the month pin.





Guest Speaker - Pravin Sabnis | 21 March 2023

Pravin Sabnis was the guest speaker for club's 39th weekly meeting. Rtn Siddha Sardessai informed the members present about the events taken place during the week and ones planned for the upcoming week. Pravin Sabnis, member of the Jury team of the Rotary Orator of Goa Contest spoke on few of the key traits of a good orator. Speaker while stressing on oratory techniques like the Power of 3s, pronunciation, punctuation mentioned that each person will have different ways to deliver his or her thoughts across to the listeners. Mr Sabnis exhibited how different personalities used various voice modulations to their advantage to impress upon the audience.

Speakers D W Kamat & Kedar Kenkre | 28 March 2023

40th weekly meeting was held with Rtn D W Kamat and Rtn Kedar Kenkre shared their cycling experiences. Rtn D W Kamat spoke on his latest cycling event of Mumbai to Goa as well as other cycling tours not only as a physical activity but also an opportunity to meet new people. Rtn Kedar Kenkre speaking on his recent Bengaluru to Ranebennur 600km expedition. Kedar explained to the audience some of the factors like the heat, route and logistics etc.



Board Meeting:

9th board meeting was held on the Yatch Lady M on 29th March to review the months activities carried for the month of March and to decide on the plans for the month of April. The meeting was hosted by Rtn Mahesh Patil and Rtn Kedar Kenkre.

Weekly Meeting:

Weekly Meeting of 7th March was cancelled on account of Holi celebrations.









ASMITA - Screening & Management of Anemia in Adolescent Girls

Our District (RI Dist 3170) in association with RC Bibwewadi – Pune (RI Dist 3131) with its CSR partner GTPL Hathway Limited have joined hands in project ASMITA. The project focuses on training to fight domestic sexual abuse, social media abuse, self-defence, gynaecological myths and nutrition. The project is Rotary India's biggest project in the field of daughter empowerment.

Through Project Asmita, the haemoglobin levels of over 36,000 girls have been checked and provided with iron supplements in

case of a deficiency. Help booklets, which will cover all the video topics in a short and concise manner with interesting pictorial representation have been distributed. "The daughters face a lot of issues in their day-to-day lives. Project Asmita is an attempt to provide confidence to the daughters, make them independent, fearless and brave."

Our mission at Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was to reach out to 1,000 girls. We accomplished that target by conducting camps at various





schools across the length & breadth of Goa

SHRI DAYANAND ARYA HIGH SCHOOL, NEURA on 25 February 2023

- 86 Students were tested for Iron-deficiency through the project ASMITA.
- Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was assisted by Healthway Hospitals & IMA, Tiswadi.
- Sr. Clency & Sr. Punam conducted the tests.
- Dr. Swapnil Usgaonkar, Pediatrician gave a talk on "Nutrition".
- Dr. Nilesh Talwadkar attended to oversee the students being checked
- Asmita Videos were shown to the students through the program.

SHRI SHRADDHANAND VIDYALAYA, POINGUINIM on 02 March 2023

- 83 Students were tested for Irondeficiency through the project ASMITA.
- Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was assisted by PHC Canacona.
- Sr. Divya & Sr. Cleta conducted the tests
- Dr. Mamta attended to oversee the students being checked.
- Asmita Videos were shown to the students through the program.

SHIKSHA SADAN, PRIOL on 03 March 2023

 78 Students were tested for Irondeficiency through the project ASMITA.

- Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was assisted by IMA Ponda.
- Sr. Kalpita & Br. Seby conducted the tests.
- Dr. Samidha Khandeparkar attended to oversee the students being checked.
- Asmita Videos were shown to the students through the program.

DR. K.B. HEDGEWAR HIGH SCHOOL, CUJIRA on 13 March 2023

- 168 Students were tested for Irondeficiency through the project ASMITA.
- Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was assisted by PHC Chimbel.
- Sr. Savita, Sr. Navnita, Sr. Lalita & Br. Hemant conducted the tests.
- Dr. Balkrishna Kanekar, Dr. Larissa Pires & Counsellor Joel attended to oversee the students being checked.
- Extension Educator, Ms Arpita Korgaonkar gave a talk on "Vector Borne Diseases".

- Nutrition Officer, Ms Zhenya D'Lima Lobo gave a talk on "Nutrition".
- TD Vaccination drive was conducted by PHC Chimbel.
- Asmita Videos were shown to the students through the program.

DR. K.B. HEDGEWAR HIGH SCHOOL, CUJIRA on 14 March 2023

- 107 Students were tested for Irondeficiency through the project ASMITA.
- Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was assisted by PHC Chimbel.
- Sr. Prasanna, Sr. Lalita, Lab
 Technician Ms. Zita Fernandes &
 Br. Hemant conducted the tests.
- Dr. Balkrishna Kanekar, Counsellor Joel attended to oversee the students being checked.
- TD Vaccination drive was conducted by PHC Chimbel.
- Asmita Videos were shown to the students through the program.









ST. ALOYSIUS HIGH SCHOOL, DIWAR on 15 March 2023

- 50 Students were tested for Irondeficiency through the project ASMITA.
- Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was assisted by PHC Diwar.
- Sr. Pragati Naik conducted the tests.
- Asmita Videos were shown to the students through the program.

M. I. B. K. HIGH SHOOL, KHANDEPAR on 16 March 2023

 432 Students were tested for Irondeficiency through the project ASMITA.

- Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town was assisted by IMA Ponda & PHC Ponda.
- Sr. Kalpita, Br. Seby, Sr. Valency Vales, MTS Succorin Fernandes & MPHW Santosh Gaonkar conducted the tests.
- Dr. Samidha Khandeparkar attended to oversee the students being checked.
- Asmita Videos were shown to the students through the program.





ANALYSIS

Dayanand Arya, Neura	86 students
Shraddhanand, Poinguinim	83 students
Shiksha Sadan, Priol	78 students
Hedgewar, Cujira – day1	168 students
Hedgewar, Cujira – day2	107 students
St Aloysius, Diwar	50 students
MIBK, Khandepar	432 students
Total	1004 students

	Dayanand Arya	Shraddhanand	Shiksha Sadan	Hedgewar	St Aloysius	MIBK	Total
Anemic	36.05%	30.12%	15.38%	29.45%	36.00%	28.94%	29.08%
Hyper	2.33%	1.20%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.30%
Severe	1	1	1	2	-	6	11

	10y	11y	12y	13y	14y	15y	16y	Total
Anemic	25.53%	25.85%	25.74%	30.05%	30.63%	34.23%	29.41%	29.08%
Hyper	4.26%	0.68%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.30%
Normal	70.21%	73.47%	74.26%	69.95%	69.37%	65.77%	70.59%	70.62%
Severe	1	3	1	2	2	2	-	11







The Midtowners' family had the opportunity to visit the Traditional Salt Pan of Adv. Govind Bhobe at Nerul. Baba, as he is fondly called, explained the process of salt making in his incomparable style. A demonstration of salt collection from the salt pans was organised. Thereafter, the group moved on to his 300-year old house for a guided tour of the house, amidst hilarious commentary by Baba. This was followed by fellowship in the garden.











Rotary Orator of Goa

Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town, in its 25th year of service organised the Rotary Orator of Goa contest, an all-Goa Oratory contest for all school teachers. The final round of the contest was held on Sunday, 26th March at the Raythatha hall at Panjim Gymkhana on an exclusively designed stage setup. This was an excellent opportunity for the teachers as there are hardly any contests for the teachers.

Tr. Anupama Mehra from Navy Children School, Dabolim won the coveted title of Rotary Orator of Goa while Tr. Manisha S. Bale from Popular High School, Comba and Tr. Annamarie Nicole Remedios from St. Xaviers's Higher Secondary School, Siolim won the Second and Third place respectively. Attractive cash prizes were given to the winners: First place Rs. 25,000/-, Second place Rs. 15,000/- and third place Rs. 10,000/- along with a trophy.

The topic for the finals was "Teaching Critical Thinking and

Media Literacy in the age of Information Overload". Mr. Amin Ladak, Mrs. Andrea Maganlal, Mrs. Geeta Hosangadi and Mr. Pravin Sabnis were the jury members. Shri Shailesh Zingde, Director of Education was the Chief Guest while Rtn. Prasad Keni was the Guest of Honour.

The show opened with a spectacular dance performance by Ms. Samah Sardessai with oratory score in the background by Rtn. Siddha Sardessai, President of the Rotary

Club of Panaji Mid-Town. The rules and regulations of the contest were informed by event chair, Rtn.
Charles Bonifacio while the jury members were introduced by Club Secretary, Rtn. Sachin Bhandare.
Vocational Service Director, Rtn.
Ashok Menon proposed the Vote of Thanks.

A week prior, on 19th March, the preliminary round was held at Terminal Banquets. From among the 60 teachers registered for the contest, 15 finalists were selected to compete at the finals. Mr. Amin Ladak, Mrs. Andrea Maganlal, Mrs. Clarissa Costa, Mrs. Geeta Hosangadi, Mr. Hari Prabhu, Mr.

John Silveira, Dr. Jorson Fernandes, Rtn. Manu Anand and Mr. Pravin Sabnis were the jury members. Club thanks Rtn Prasad Keni for his support for this event and to the Directorate of Education who supported this first event for Teachers.













Lighting up of Classroom at Shri Shraddhanand High School, Poinguinim | 02 March 2023

In our Silver Jubilee Year, we endeavour to add more facilities to our Happy Schools. School classrooms are powerhouses to change the brains of students and pleasant working environment for teachers, in absence of natural lighting. Classroom lighting plays a key role in students' performance and it's important to choose perfect lighting in order to achieve visual

comfort, functionality, safety for productive working and learning environment.

In order to meet the needs of proper lighting for schools and provide a carefully balanced lighting system for optimal learning conditions, taking into account factors such as luminance, uniformity, glare, flicker and visual comfort as per the size of the classroom, we lighted up all classrooms and laboratory of Shri Shraddhanand Vidyalaya at Poinguinim.

Club thanks Rtn Tanmay Kholkar, Rtn Shekhar Sardessai, Rtn Vijay Hede & Mr Sadashiv Govekar of M/s. Final Glow for their help to make the project a grand success.

Lighting up of Classroom at Vocational training institute run by Keshav Seva Sadhana at Canacona | 31 March 2023



Club under its newly launched "Lighting up Classroom" project, provided 32 ceiling fans and 35 overhead LED lights to the newly built Vocational Training Center run by Keshav Seva Sadhana at Canacona. The center has initiated a program of rendering the students from within the vicinity a

chance to get the better educational courses required for a student to answer the competitive exams. The organisation has many branches across Goa trying to provide an opportunity to the needy students in terms of free stays during their studies, providing night classes etc. Club thanks Rtn. Bhargav Desai, Rtn. Matin Naik, Rtn. Ganesh Ishwar, Rtn. Suraj Kudchadkar, Rtn. Kedar Dhume, Rtn. Yatin Parekh, Rtn. Jacob John, Rtn. Gauresh Nayak & Rtn. Girish Ragha for their support to this cause.

Saksharta | 24 March 2023

Under the clubs flagship project SAKSHARTA, Rotary Scholars from professional colleges are recommended by their respective colleges and selected on the basis of merit by our committee for financial support towards their graduation. On 24th March we gave a grant of Rs.1,00,000/- to 5 students: Narifo Fernandes (COMP), Gilfred Gonsalves (ETC), Manisha Gaonkar (ETC), Ayisha Shaik (MECH) & Samarth Savalkar (MECH); all final year students of Don Bosco College of Engineering, Fatorda. The Club

thanks Shivranjani Securities Co Pvt Ltd for their CSR support to this project.





Manek Gem Cricket Tournament

Rotary Club of Panaji Midtown's cricket tournament for the club within Panaji is always an eagerly awaited event for the players and cricket enthusiasts. A tournament that has evolved over the years from being a triangular cup to a quadrangular format and with an addition of the 5th club, we were happy to get them in the frame.

It was the 17th edition of the tournament with Mid-Towner's and Panaji club winning 8 times each. All eyes were on the new entrants as they were young bridage, RC Panaji eyeing for their 6th straight finals,

Miramar's always the minnows wanted to prove themselves, Riviera had been close to holding the cup couple of times and the hosts wanted to show their strength.

Tournament started with an eliminator for the 1st time by RC Dona Paula (RCDP) playing against RC Miramar (RCM). RC Dona Paula seem to have done their homework



well as they excelled in all the departments of the game with an impressive win by 8 wickets.

Main draw matches started on 5th March with the tournament opener between RC Riviera Vs RC Dona Paula. It looked RC Dona Paula are carrying their form ahead after the eliminator as they restricted the opponents for mere 136 runs and picking up wickets at ease but RC Riviera with their experience made sure they restricted the run machine of RC Dona Paula to finish off as winners in an exciting match.

Second match of the day was between the two strong teams RC Panaji Mid-town and RC Panaji. RC Panaji proved their metal with the ball as well as bat and registering their win comfortably with over 69 runs to spare.

As the teams lined up for the do or die semi-finals, the 1st semis was held between host and RC Riviera. The host with their splendid display in bowling and fielding held as many as 9 catches and restricted rivals to a target of 146 runs. In answer RC Panaji Mid-town were cruising to the total lost their way with fall of couple of wickets and in the end falling short by mere 10 runs in a nail biting semi-finals.





2nd semi-final between RC Panaji Vs RC Dona Paula and RC Panaji had all their tails up throughout the match. RC Panaji displayed their supremacy in the tournament for last few years. With a huge winning margin of 123 runs even after some early hiccups Panaji proved themselves worthy to be in the finals.

Both the finalist had 2 weeks before

the grand finals to prepare themselves for the match, teams made sure they made the best of it with RC Panaji having a day practice session for its players and members at the venue. Support for both teams made sure players had pressure to perform. Spectators witnessed a thrilling game with regular ups and downs for both the teams. In the end, it was RC Panaji who won with another huge victory to clinch the cup and their players performing at the right time as and when needed. Rtn Harshal was adjudged the Man of the Tournament for his all-round performance with bat as well as ball. RC Panaji retained the cup by winning 6th consecutive finals of Manek Gem Cricket Tournament conducted by RC Panaji Mid-Town.





Release of Club's Monthly Bulletin "THE DREAM"

The Club's monthly bulletin "THE DREAM" was released at the hands of PDG Rtn Vinaykumar Raikar in presence of Bulletin Editor Rtn Mahesh Patil on 28th March 2023



Annadata - Ration supplies to Keshav Seva Sadhana, Bethoda

The Club has initiated to supply continuous rations to Keshav Seva Sadhana, Bethoda a value of Rs. 10,000/- per month. Friend of Rotary- Adv Nitin Sardessai has committed donate Rs. 5,000/- per month for a period one year. Our Club members have committed to match the contribution so that the amount doubles up. This month,



along with the contribution from Adv Nitin, Rtn Siddha Sardessai donated for the Rations.

Annadata -Ration supplies to National Association for the Blind (NAB)

The Club has initiated to supply continuous rations to the National Association for the Blind (NAB) of a value of Rs. 5,000/- per month. Members have come forward to donate the same, and this month Rtn Kiran Shirsat donated for the rations



Samuhik Cake cutting

This year, club started another initiative of cutting a birthday cake of the Rotarians who celebrate their birthdays during the month. The cake cutting ceremony was held at the fellowship at the weekly meeting of 21 March. Rtn. Manoj Caculo gifted the Rotarians present with a token of love from the Caculo Mall Management.

Sanjeevani

A fowler bed was donated in memory of Shri Maheshwar Shamba Mardolkar, Diwar by his family to our medical equipment bank Sanjeevani. The medical equipment through the bank has been reaching out to the needy patients from the day we have inaugurated.



Past Presidents' Meet

8 of the Club's past Presidents attended the past president meet held at International Center Goa.



















Kandyatle Mutton

This fish is locally found in the rivers and backwaters of Goa. It is very tasty and in high demand.

This is a quick and easy way to prepare this fish.

INGREDIENTS

- 1. 500 gms. Mutton
- 2. 3 Onion finely chopped
- 3. 3-4 cloves garlic.
- 4. 2-3 green chillies.
- 5. A tsp lemon juice.
- 6. pepper powder (1 pinch).
- 7. Salt as required.
- 8. 2 tsp fresh coriander leaves.

Fhodni

- a) Cinnamon leaf one
- b) Nutmeg half
- c) 2 cloves
- d) 2 cardamom
- e) 2 Table spoon oil

Method

Add ginger, garlic, turmeric, chili powder, garam masala, salt, curd and mix it with mutton well.

Leave for half an hour on gas

Put a frying pan and heat two table spoon oil

Put fodni in it



Ann Swati Shirodkar

CULINARY TEMPTATIONS

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Team

This month saw Team Loehr march ahead by a huge margin. We are sure that the competitive spirit will be charged now with just a few months to go. But though the lead by Team Loehr has been a huge one, Team Harris has taken the second place for the first time this year. No one knows what happens in the slog overs. The team culture has been promoting team spirit and a sense of belonging to the club and to infuse the members with the spirit of camaraderie, cohesion and competitiveness.



The scores for the month of March





Star of the Month is awarded to a member who participates and contributes to the Club in a big way. A pin in the shape of a star is given to the member who is declared a Star of the Month. This is creating a good buzz & members are keen to stand out and be counted. Rtn Prasad Keni was declared Star of the month for March.

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BULLETIN EDITOR

Rtn. Mahesh Patil 2022-2023

arch has Water, Sanitation and Hygiene as it's theme this rotary monthMarch is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month – Over 750 million people in the world lack access to safe water and more than 2.5 billion. people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. The above is what information and data we have. In this Era of modern technology we still donot have certain basic needs like good drinking water and proper sanitation. Does it need technology? No. Basic infrastructure creation and education is required to

decrease this figures and move towards a better tomorrow. Do we have a dearth of water? No but there is an unequal distribution of this natural resource. In school we studied the whole cycle of evaporation and condensation by which water table is always replenished. Unfortunately only some areas get too much while some don't get water at all.Rotary decided to put in funds to procure clean drinking water and create infrastructure for sanitation. The best place to do it is in schools. The youngsters were more affected and they being our future, we had to invest in them first. Rotary not just facilitates projects but also educates the child who in turn educates the families. Rotary chooses schools which come from a financially backward area with financially weak students. Funds are procured either from within or from CSR projects from the big industries who are ready to collaborate with Rotary. That's the trust Rotary has won over a period of time.Rotary Club of Panaji Midtown has done many projects with schools in Goa giving them water purifies for good clean water. Toilets, basins, incinerators, for good sanitation. When you have happy children who get an all round education, we feel we have contributed to society. Until we meet again

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