



#### A NEWSLETTER BY ROTARY CLUB OF MUMBAI SHER E PUNJAB



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### FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Building on the Magic of Rotary



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Community Members - Having completed 3 eventful months of the Vibrant year, fills me with a feeling of gratitude towards the Almighty, for having given us the blessings and opportunities to serve the community at large. At the beginning of the year, being a baby club of 11 months, I was not sure how our Club will fare and whether we would be able to do justice to the expectations of the community and the district.

One thing that I was always sure was, that we will put in our very best efforts and leave the outcome to the Almighty. Our club members were having high aspirations and brimming with boundless energy to reach newer heights.

We celebrated our Club's 1st Birthday on 21st August and despite being a baby club and as we read this Newsletter, we have completed 3 months. Looking back, with great sense of humility and sense of satisfaction, I declare that we have managed to build on "**The Magic of Rotary**" during this period. Some of our magical achievements during this Quarter, are reflected in the Dashboard below:

Performance Parameter	Achievement	Performance Parameter	Achievement
Projects Completed	46	Beneficiaries impacted	5084
Projects Worth	5.12 Lac	Member Manhours	691.5
New Members added	14 (50% 👚)	Fellowship events	8
District Events participated	5	TRF Achievements	1 Major Donor

We have already completed more projects, than the total count achieved last year. Our target on increasing our new members count by 50% is also achieved. Our completed projects were aligned to most of the 7 RI focus areas. Our key projects include – SMART GIRL project for adolescent girls, financial awareness & free registration of underprivileged for various Government schemes, Health Camps (General Health, Eye & Dental), Annapoorna for the truly needy, Infrastructure for schools (Library, Notebooks, Textbooks, Teaching Aids etc).

While we did our projects, we continued our focus on building greater bonding, teamwork and camaraderie amongst members through various fellowship events (Birthday celebrations, Independence Day, Teachers Day, Onam festival, Navratri etc).

In the coming months, we will continue building further magic, by focusing on bigger, ambitious and bolder projects. We also wish to focus on CSR partnerships and funding for these bigger & bolder projects. We aim to form Interact and Rotaract Club, during this year, to help achieve our goal of nurturing the next generation.

Thank you, dear Members & partners, for your unwavering support and commitment during all the projects. I urge each of you to continue the spirit of 'Service above Self' to make a real difference in the lives of those we serve. I also thank our partners Gur Samarath Foundation & Chingari Shakti Foundation for their contribution in achieving our common goals. May God continue to shower his blessings, so that we continue our journey along this noble path with unending commitment.

"Deh Shiva Bar Mohe Ehai, Shubh karman te kab hu na taro" — Guru Gobind Singh ji (O Lord, give me this boon, May I never ever shirk from doing good deeds)

Yours in Rotary Service,

Rtn. Jotinder Singh Ahluwalia - Club President (2024-25)

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# **INSTALLATION HIGHLIGHTS – 12th MAY 2024**



























































VIBRANT LIFE SAVING EXPRESS - MEGA BLOOD DONATION CAMP
WHEN:- 1st JULY 2024 WHERE:- ANDHERI RAILWAY STATION

DONORS: 112 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT D-3141 FOCUS: BLOOD DONATION



















**VIBRANT ANAND – MAKING THE DIFFERENCE** 

WHEN:- 1st JULY 2024 WHERE:- BAL GANDHARVA RANG MANDIR, BANDRA

BENEFICIARIES: @200 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & D-3141 FOCUS: BAGHBAAN & DISABILITY TO ABILITY







DONATION OF WATER PURIFIER TO BRAHMAND OLD AGE HOME WHEN:- 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024 WHERE:- NAIGAON

BENEFICIARIES: 35 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT, WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

D-3141 FOCUS: DISEASE PREVENTION & HYGIENE



DONATION OF HEARING AID FOR A NEEDY PATIENT – ASHA INDER KUMAR KHOSLA WHEN:- 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE:- SION, GTB NAGAR

BENEFICIARIES: 1 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

D-3141 FOCUS: DISABILITY TO ABILITY



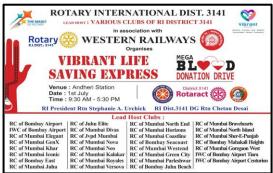


DONATION OF WHEEL CHAIR FOR DISABLED PATIENT – BALASAHEB GADKAR
WHEN:- 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE:- NASIK

BENEFICIARIES: 1 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT,

D-3141 FOCUS: DISABILITY TO ABILITY







VIBRANT LIFE SAVING EXPRESS - MEGA BLOOD DONATION CAMP
WHEN:- 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE:- ANDHERI RAILWAY STATION

BENEFICIARIES: 102 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT, D-3141 FOCUS: BLOOD DONATION











FREE EYE, DENTAL & GENERAL HEALTH CHECKUP CAMP FOR THE NEEDY
WHEN:- 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE:- OBEROI PRISMA, JVLR

BENEFICIARIES: 123 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT, D-3141 FOCUS: DISABILITY TO ABILITY













FREE EYE CHECKUP FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS OF RC MARUTI HIGH SCHOOL
WHEN:- 28th AUGUST 2024 WHERE:- RC MARUTI HIGH SCHOOL, ANDHERI - EAST

BENEFICIARIES: 574 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

D-3141 FOCUS: DISABILITY TO ABILITY







WALK-WITH-THE-DOC WITH DR. AKSHAY MEHTA TO CELEBRATE WORLD HEART DAY WHEN: 29th SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE: MAHAKALI ALM PARK, ANDHERI - EAST

BENEFICIARIES: 60 RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

D-3141 FOCUS: DISABILITY TO ABILITY

# RCMSEP FOR ANIMAL WELFARE (RAW)









DONATION of Rs. 5000 TOWARDS WELFARE OF STRAY ANIMALS, FOOD, SHELTER, STERILISATION, TREATMENT OF ILLNESS & WOUNDS ETC
WHEN:- JULY 2024 WHERE:- MUMBAI

BENEFICIARIES: 80 DOGS & 7 CATS RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT,

D-3141 FOCUS: DISEASE PREVENTION





















ANNAPOORNA - CHINESE FOOD, SWEETS AND LOTS OF FUN WITH SPECIALLY-ABLED CHILDREN WHEN:- 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 WHERE:- MBA SCHOOL, CHANDIVALI

**BENEFICIARIES: 37** 

RI THEME: MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

**D-3141 FOCUS: ANNAPOORNA** 













VASTRA MELA - PROVIDING QUALITY & CHEAP CLOTHES FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED WHEN:- 13th & 14th JULY 2024 WHERE:- GURU NANAK HIGH SCHOOL, SHEREPUNJAB

**BENEFICIARIES: 100+** 

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC **DEVELOPMENT** 

**D-3141 FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE** 















FACILITATING AWARENESS & REGISTRATIONS OF GOVT. SCHEMES FOR NEEDY COMMUNITY WHEN:- 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 WHERE:- OBEROI PRISMA, JVLR

**BENEFICIARIES: 83** 

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEV.

**D-3141 FOCUS: SUSTAINABLE WELFARE** 







ANNAPOORNA WITH ENTERTAINMENT AT BRAHMAND OLD AGE HOME WHEN:- 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 WHERE:- BRAHMAND OLD AGE HOME, NAIGAON

**BENEFICIARIES: 35** 

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEV.

D-3141 FOCUS: ANNAPORNA, BAGHBAAN











ANNAPOORNA WITH ANGEL EXPRESS UNDER-PRIVILEGED KIDS WHEN:- 29th JULY 2024 WHERE:- ALM PARK, OPP. POONAM NAGAR

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEV. **BENEFICIARIES: 50** 









DONATING LIBRARY BOOKS, BOOKS HOLDER, BEDDINGS & DIAPER PACKS WHEN:- 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 WHERE:- BRAHMAND OLD AGE HOME, NAIGAON

BENEFICIARIES: 42 RI THEME:

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEV.

**D-3141 FOCUS: SUSTAINABLE WELFARE** 







DONATION OF USABLE CLOTHES TO AAHAR SADAN SANSTHA FOR USE IN TRIBAL VILLAGE BELTS
WHEN:- 21st JULY 2024 WHERE:- PLOT 153, GUR SAMARATH FOUNDATION

BENEFICIARIES: @200

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

D-3141 FOCUS: SUSTAINABLE TRIBAL WELFARE









DONATION OF RATION KITS TO THE NEEDY FAMILIES UNDERGOING CANCER TREATMENT WHEN:- 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE:- HOLY SPIRIT HOSPITAL, ANDHERI

BENEFICIARIES: @160

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT













DONATION OF BEDSHEETS & BLANKETS TO THE DISABLED INMATES & RAKSHABANDHAN WHEN:- 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE:- CHESHIRE HOME, ANDHERI

**BENEFICIARIES: 12** 

RI THEME: DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

**D-3141 FOCUS: DISABILITY TO ABILITY** 









DONATION OF RATION KITS TO THE NEEDY & UNDER-PRIVILEGED COMMUNITY
WHEN: - 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE: - NR. JAGDAMBA MANDIR, BAPTISTA WADI, ANDHERI

BENEFICIARIES: 160 RI THEME: COMM

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT















INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION – GROUP SINGING COMPETITION UNDER RYPEN WHEN: - 15th AUGUST 2024 WHERE: - R.C. MARUTI HIGH SCHOOL, ANDHERI

**BENEFICIARIES: 100** 

**RI THEME: PEACE BUILDING** 

D-3141 FOCUS: PROJECT NATIONAL INTEGRATION









FREE CAMP FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED TO OPEN ZERO-BALANCE BANK ACCOUNTS FOR AVAILING
BENEFITS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES
WHEN: - 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 WHERE: - OBEROI PRISMA, JVLR

**BENEFICIARIES: 32** 

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

D-3141 FOCUS: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT













FREE REGISTRATION CAMP FOR UNDERPRIVILEGED TO OPEN ZERO-BALANCE BANK ACCOUNTS AND FOR VARIOUS GOVERNMENT BENEFIT SCHEMES (AYUSHMAN BHARAT, LADKI BEHEN ETC)

WHEN: - 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2024 AND 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

WHERE: - OBEROI SPLENDOR, JVLR

BENEFICIARIES: 284 + 212 RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

D-3141 FOCUS: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT





SNACKS DISTRIBUTION FOR THE CHILDREN OF ANGEL EXPRESS
WHEN: - 02ns SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE: - MAHAKALI ALM PARK, ANDHERI

**BENEFICIARIES: 75** 

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT















CELEBRATING TEACHERS DAY WITH GAMES, QUIZ, PARTY & PRIZES WITH TEACHERS OF GNHS
WHEN: - 05<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE: - SHEREPUNJAB GYMKHANA

BENEFICIARIES: 22 RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & D-3141 FOCUS: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY







DISTRIBUTION OF RATION KITS TO MIGRANT WORKER FAMILIES LIVING BY STREETSIDE WHEN: - 12th SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE: - SHEREPUNJAB GYMKHANA

BENEFICIARIES: 60 RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC D-3141 FOCUS: ANNAPOORNA DEVELOPMENT







**DONATION OF DELL LAPTOP TO ANIMAL FOUNDATION** WHEN: - 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE: - SHEREPUNJAB GYMKHANA **BENEFICIARIES:** RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC **D-3141 FOCUS: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC** 

200 **DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT** 









**DISTRIBUTION OF NUTRITION GRAINS RATION KITS FOR TRANGENDERS & HIV PATIENTS** WHEN: - 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE: - HAMSAFAR TRUST, VAKOLA

RI THEME: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC D-3141 FOCUS: COMMUNITY ECONOMIC **BENEFICIARIES:** 480 **DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPMENT** 























DONATION OF UNIFORMS FOR THE BAND SQUAD
WHEN:- 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 WHERE:- GURU NANAK HIGH SCHOOL, SHER-E-PUNJAB

BENEFICIARIES: 44 RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT







DONATION OF 240 NOTEBOOKS TO ANGEL EXPRESS KIDS OF ALM PARK WHEN:- 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 WHERE:- ALM PARK, OPP. POONAM NAGAR

BENEFICIARIES: 120 RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT

RISE: RCMSEP INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT EDUCATION						
S.No.	Name of student	Course	Institution	Fee	Date	Donor
1	Sneha Arvind Gupta	BBI	Prahaladrai Dalmia Lions College	19097.00	03-07-2024	Sunita Bedi
2	Kushi Santosh Mishra	SYBA MMC	Prahaladrai Dalmia Lions College	8500	29-07-2024	Sunita Bedi
3	Esha Gajanan Lad	FYJC Commerce	JES Junior College of Commerce	19097.00	24-08-2024	Sunita Bedi
4	Navya Nagesh Kamble	Class-4	Carmel of St. Joseph Primary School	25000.00	02-08-2024	Minishaa
5	Nidhi Nagesh Kamble	Class-6	Carmel of St. Joseph Primary School	10000.00	02-08-2024	Minishaa
6	Om Vishwakarma	BSc IT - 2nd yr	Shri L.R. Tiwari Degree College	10000.00	03-08-2024	Minishaa
7	New Girl student	-	JES Junior College of Commerce	5000.00	08-08-2024	Minishaa

Partner: Gur Samarath Foundation

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL-FEE FOR THE TRULY NEEDY & UNDER-PRIVILEGED WHEN:- JUL to SEP 2024 WHERE:- WITHIN & AROUND CLUB LOCALITY

BENEFICIARIES: 6 RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT











	RISE: STORY TELLING, ACTIVITIES & GAMES						
S.No	School Name	Date	Topic	Student count	Volunteers	Manhours	
1	R.C. Maruti High School	12-08-2024	Story Reading by Snehal ji for Class- 1A & 1B (Lion & Mouse)	95	1	2	
2	Guru Nanak High School	21-08-2024	Story Reading by Roma ji for Class-I (Aesops Fables)	65	1	1	
3	R.C. Maruti High School	22-08-2024	Story Reading @ RC Maruti High School by Snehal ji for Class-1A, 1B & 3B	160	1	2	
4	Guru Nanak High School	23-08-2024	Story Reading by Kanchan ji for Class-2 (Lion & the Monkey)	61	1	1	
5	R.C. Maruti High School	02-09-2024	Story Reading @ RC Maruti High School by Snehal Ji for Class 2A & 2B	100	1	2	

MORAL STORY TELLING, GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG SCHOOL CHILDREN
WHEN:- JUL to SEP 2024 WHERE:- WITHIN & AROUND CLUB LOCALITY
BENEFICIARIES: 481 RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT













DISTRIBUTION OF 140 SETS OF TEXTBOOKS TO ZP SCHOOLS OF VIKRAMGAD WHEN:- JUL to SEP 2024 WHERE:- 3 TRIBAL ZP SCHOOLS AT SAARSHI & KEGWE

**BENEFICIARIES: 339** 

RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

**D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT** 



















DISTRIBUTION OF BAG-DESKS TO STUDENTS OF ANGEL EXPRESS & JUNOON FOUNDATION WHEN:- 02,03,28 SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE:- ANDHERI & BORIVALI

**BENEFICIARIES: 100** 

RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY

**D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT** 



DONATION OF WHITE BOARD AND 5 CHAIRS TO A SCHOOL WHEN:- 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024 WHERE:- ANDHERI

BENEFICIARIES: 100 RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT













SMART-GIRL 2-DAY WORKSHOP FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS
WHEN:- 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> SEP 2024 WHERE:- GURU NANAK SCHOOL & R.C. MARUTI HIGH SCHOOL

BENEFICIARIES: 68 RI THEME: BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY D-3141 FOCUS: SKILL DEVELOPMENT

#### **MEETINGS**

#### **BOD OF VIBRANT YEAR - 04 JUL 2024**



**CLUB MEETING - 04 JUL 2024** 



**BOD OF VIBRANT YEAR - 08 AUG 2024** 



**CLUB ASSEMBLY - 08 AUG 2024** 



FIRST CLUB ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION & CLUB MEETING - 29 AUG 2024





**BOD & CLUB MEETING – 12 SEP 2024** 



**CLUB MEETING - 26 SEP 2024** 



# **FELLOWSHIPS**

### **FELLOWSHIP EVENT - 04 JUL 2024**



## FELLOWSHIP EVENT - 08 JUL 2024



FIRESIDE & CLUB MEETING WITH FELLOWSHIP - 18 JUL 2024





**CLUB ASSEMBLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER - 08 AUG 2024** 





# **FELLOWSHIPS**

# FELLOWSHIP EVENT - 15 AUG 2024









## **TEACHERS DAY EVENT - 05 SEP 2024**







# ONAMADHURAM-2024 EVENT - 22 SEP 2024 (With RC Mumbai Horizon)







# **FELLOWSHIPS**

# DANDIYA NIGHT EVENT - 28 SEP 2024 (With RC Mulund Hills) - GOLD SPONSOR















# **14 NEW MEMBERS (50% INCREASE)**



Rtn. Pinkky Rajgarhiya



Rtn. Deepak Wadhwa



Rtn. Dr. Gopinath Menon



Ms. Sunita Bedi



Mr. Govinder Singh



Mrs. Baljeet Kaur



Rtn. Gurpreet Singh Uppal



Mr. Amarjit Singh Puri



Mrs. Tavinderpal Puri



Rtn. Ravinder Ahluwalia



Ms. Karuna Uppal



Dr. Sunita Sharma

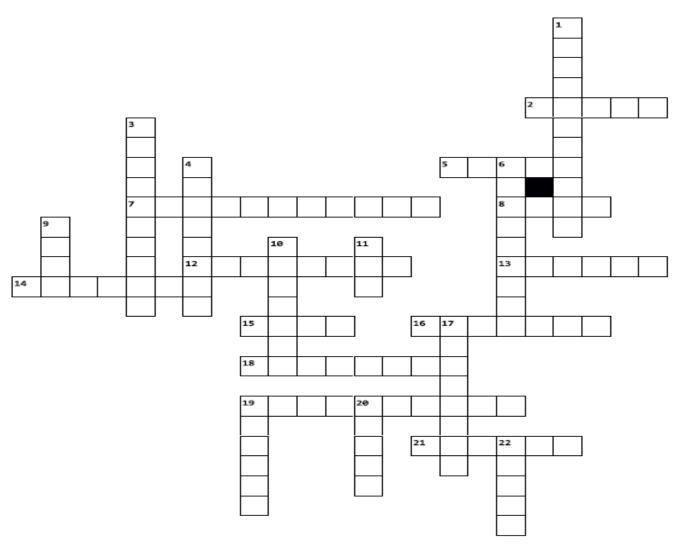


Rtn. Aarti Jadhav



Rtn. Jasbeer Nagi

# THE GREAT ROTARY CROSSWORD



#### Across

- 2. Rotary India Headquarters is located here
- 5. The name of our Club's Newsletter
- **7.** Name of the RI theme that encourages tree-planting initiatives
- 8. Acronym for the training program for President Elects
- 12. Name of the District initiative for care of Senior Citizens
- 13. Name of one of the schools where we formed an Interact Club
- 14. This is the primary motto of Rotary
- **15.** The first name of the person who founded Rotary
- **16.** If 2023-24 is "INCREDIBLE", what is 2024-25?
- 18. Type of Club that brings young adults with ages 18 and older
- **19.** Name of our Rotary initiative that serves food for the needy community
- 21. Acronym of our Club

#### Down

- **1.** Name of one of our Interact Clubs "Guru Nanak \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3. RI Theme for the month of August
- 4. This is the "Rotary Foundation Month"
- **6.** Month devoted to the theme of "Basic Education and Literacy" as per RI
- 9. Acronym of our Clubs initiative for promoting & supporting Education
- **10.** Where was the first Rotary Club established?
- 11. Acronym for our Clubs initiative for Animal
- 17. Rotary-sponsored club for school students
- 19. Month in which our Club was Chartered
- **20.** What disease has Rotary committed to eradicating globally?
- 22. The number of Rotary International Focus areas

Answers on the Page-27

#### MEMBERS CORNER

# Women Empowerment in India: Catalysts and Challenges in the 21st Century – By Rtn. Prof. (Dr) Sunita Sharma (Joint Secretary – RCMSEP)

**Empowerment** refers to the process of gaining freedom, authority, and control over one's own life. It involves increasing the capacity of individuals or groups to make choices and transform those choices into desired actions and outcomes. Empowerment encompasses various dimensions, which include: Personal Empowerment: Developing confidence, self-awareness, and self-esteem.

Social Empowerment: Enhancing the social status and roles of individuals or groups.

Economic Empowerment: Increasing access to resources, opportunities, and economic independence.

Political Empowerment: Ensuring participation in political processes and decision -making.

The Journey of Women's Empowerment in India: The journey of women's empowerment in India is a complex one, marked by significant milestones and ongoing challenges. This journey spans centuries and is characterized by various social, political, and economic movements aimed at improving the status and rights of women in Indian society. It can broadly be divided into the following periods:

#### **Ancient and Medieval Periods**

Vedic Period: Women enjoyed a relatively high status, participating in religious ceremonies, receiving education, and having access to property rights.

Later Periods: The status of women began to decline, with increased patriarchal controls, the practice of sati, child marriages, and purdah (seclusion of women).

#### Colonial Era

Social Reform Movements: The 19th and early 20th centuries saw various social reform movements aimed at improving women's status. Key figures included Raja Ram Mohan Roy (against sati), Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar (advocated widow remarriage), and Jyotirao Phule (worked for women's education). Legislative Changes: British colonial rule introduced several legal reforms, such as the abolition of sati (1829), the Hindu Widow Remarriage Act (1856), and raising the age of consent for marriage.

#### **Post-Independence Period:**

Constitutional Provisions: The Indian Constitution, adopted in 1950, enshrines equality before the law and prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender. Articles 14 to 16, specifically address women's rights. Legal Reforms: Several laws were enacted to protect women's rights, including the Hindu Marriage Act (1955), the Dowry Prohibition Act (1961), and Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (2005). Women's Movements 1960s-1980s: The women's movement gained momentum, addressing issues such as dowry deaths, domestic violence, and workplace harassment. Organizations like the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) and All-India Democratic Women's Association played crucial roles.

#### **Recent Decades:**

Increased activism around issues such as sexual violence, reproductive rights, and gender discrimination. The Nirbhaya case (2012) led to significant legal reforms, including stricter penalties for sexual assault.

Panchayati Raj Institutions: The 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments (1992-93) mandated the reservation of one-third of seats for women in rural and urban local bodies, significantly increasing their political participation.

Parliament and State Legislatures: Efforts continue to increase women's representation in higher political offices, with the Women's Reservation Bill (proposing 33% reservation in Parliament and state legislatures) still pending.

Employment and Education: Initiatives to improve women's access to education and employment, such as the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme and 'Skill India Mission', have been launched.

Entrepreneurship: Government schemes like the Mudra Yojana and initiatives by various NGOs support women entrepreneurs.

**Contemporary Challenges and Progress -** Despite progress, significant gender disparities remain in areas such as workforce participation, wage gaps, and access to education and healthcare. Ongoing

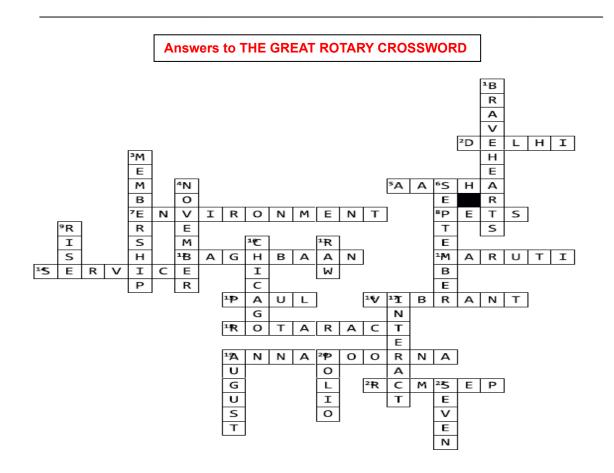
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challenges include combating domestic violence, dowry, female infanticide, and gender-based violence. Continued efforts are being made to strengthen legal frameworks and implement policies promoting gender equality.

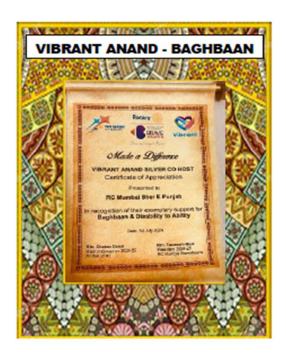
Rotary & Women Empowerment - Rotary principles of "Service Above Self" and commitment to ethical leadership create a solid foundation for promoting women's empowerment worldwide. By fostering equal opportunities, Rotary actively supports projects that focus on women's education, vocational training, and health, thus addressing key barriers to their social and economic independence. Rotary empowers women to build sustainable livelihoods and lead in their communities. Additionally, Rotary's dedication to diversity and inclusion ensures that women not only benefit from but also contribute significantly to leadership roles within Rotary, advancing gender equality and creating ripple effects of progress in society. This alignment of Rotary's service-oriented mission with the goal of women's empowerment reflects a shared vision of a world where every individual, regardless of gender, has the opportunity to thrive and make a meaningful impact.

**Conclusion -** The journey of women's empowerment in India is marked by both achievements and ongoing struggles. It involves a continuous effort from the government, civil society, and individuals to challenge and change entrenched patriarchal norms and create a more equitable society. The progress made so far is significant, but the road ahead requires sustained commitment and action.

The evolution of the Industrial Revolution parallels the journey of women's empowerment. Just as the industrial revolutions have transformed economies and societies by embracing new technologies and values, the empowerment of women signifies a transformation towards a more inclusive and equitable society. The focus on societal well-being in Industry 5.0 resonates with the goals of women's empowerment, highlighting the importance of integrating gender equality into the broader narrative of progress and development.



#### **RECOGNITIONS**









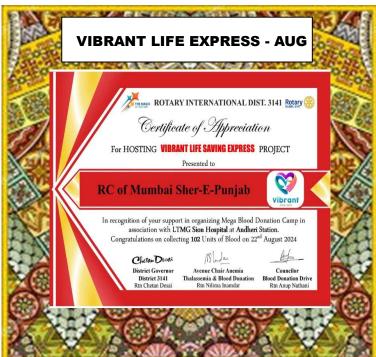
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