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PRESIDENT - RAHUL GOENKA

Evolution of Revolution

24 Shraavaan 1869 Saka (Shalivahana) Era, as per one of the Indian Solar calendars, is when India got Independence ie 15 August 1947. Not going far into history, if we study even the last 90 years before Independence, since the 1857 Mutiny for Independence, you will realise that thousands and lakhs of Indians sacrificed their lives, and many times more gave their blood, to enable us to be born in Independent India.

Each martyred or wounded were Revolutionaries.

I urge you to read the words of Revolutionaries, whomever you believe in, since 1857 CE to 1947 CE. In their vision for Independence, was hidden the vision for India post-Independence. Now read or listen those words once more. You will be shocked at the jarring disparity in their vision and our reality, 77 years after Independence. Slowly it would have dawned on you, how you have abandoned their vision and left your fate in the hands of others, in effect surrendered your Independence to the modern avatar of Colonials. You are not alone... this phenomenon has become a Global Pandemic. The colonials of the past have reinvented themselves as new evils of today, but the result is the same... Subjugation.

One modern visionary, who recognised the reason for rise of the new Subjugators, and gave us a rallying call on 20 January 1961, in Washington DC, USA, was John F. Kennedy. His address was to Americans of USA but the message was for all of us, who are yet realised that the torch of Revolution has been passed to them, a new generation of Revolutionaries, whose DNA has been "tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage", and pledged to "pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty." Alas this is forgotten in the mundane activities of life as we surrender more and more of our liberties to those who rule.

"Ask not what your country can do for you... Ask what you can do for your country." Words that were electrifying in 1961, and are still electrifying in 2024. They can leave you so charged up. You find yourself being challenged to sacrifice or commit to a larger vision. You may wonder then 'what is it you can do ... ?' especially when your country is not at war nor under foreign rule. Despair not, and fret not, my fellow Rotarians. As torch bearers, you continue to be in **the Light**, just not sure of what you are seeing. Like all great Revolutionaries before him, JFK also laid out the vision that needs, and awaits, a Revolution. He advised us to **"help people help themselves"** in an attempt to help break the bonds of mass misery by helping the masses to help themselves. 'Okay... but how do we do it?', you may wonder... He continued to guide with "let your words become deeds" and "United, there is little we cannot do....Divided there is little we can do".

Every Revolutionary does not need to take up guns, swords or arrows, or a pen for that matter. I believe that you are infact already part of a silent Revolution. When you became a Rotarian, you took an obligation and became part of a shared vision - **Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.** That ... my friends is my Revolution... your Revolution... our Revolution. Every time we do a project, no matter how small, each time we help someone, even one person at a time, we move closer to achieving the vision of Rotary, but more importantly - we are fulfilling the destiny of each one of us to be a Revolutionary... for the Revolution never ends - it just Evolves.

And you thought **RTN** just stood for Rotarian, my dear **RevoluTioNary**...

With you,

Rtn Rahul Murari Goenka

In Service of Community and Club



15th August - Lovely Celebration at Shruti School



Report on Independence Day Celebrations:

KDN Shruti School celebrated 78th Independence Day with great joy and enthusiasm. For the Celebration number of Rotarians including Rotary President Rahul Goenka, Club Chairman PP Rtn. Aslam Merchant, Club Secretary Rtn. Haituk Desai, Trustee Rtn. Manoj Patel, President elect Rtn. Jayant Sanghvi, Vice President Rtn Tejas Sura, Director-Club Service II Rtn Pravin Mehta, Innerwheel Club President Smt. Swati Patel were present to grace the occasion. The flag hoisting was done by Rotary President Rahul Goenka. Our students performed March-Past, a skit on "Story of Tiranga", Yoga Dance and Prop Dance. All the performances were applauded by the audience. A brief speech was given by Rotary President Rahul Goenka on Tribute to our Shaheeds and Jawans. Our Principal Devila Mehta spoke to the student about our duties and rights towards the nation.



15th August - Lovely Celebration at Rotary Center



Independence Day Celebration at Rotary Service Center

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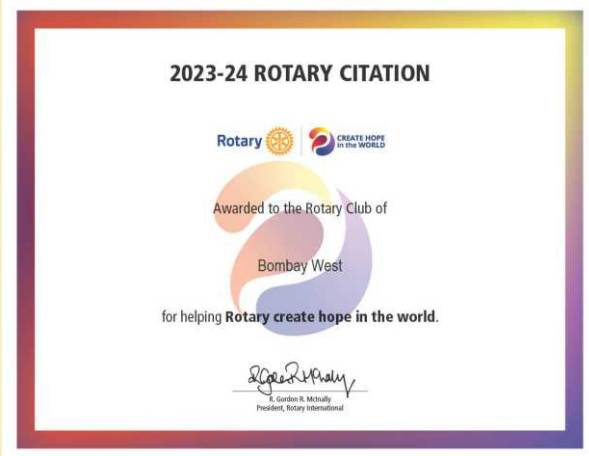
It was a day to celebrate the 78th INDEPENDENCE DAY of our country, and RCBW couldn't think less. The session started with a lovely fellowship wearing a TRICOLOURED design dupatta provided by first family children Anagha and Riyaansh Goenka, followed by a melodious band played by Holy Cross School Band, while President Rahul, first Lady Anuja & IW President Swati, unfurled the TIRANGA in our campus. Students of our KDN Shruti School gave an overwhelming gymnastic performance. The highlight was the instant DESHBHAKTI songs by Rotarians under initiation by none other than the Programs Committee Chair, Rtn Praveen Mehta. A delicious brunch was the ending gift to all of us. It made a real Independence Day CELEBRATION. May we have more similarly participated functions to enjoy ROTARY FAMILY?

JAI HIND. BHARAT MATAKI JAI.

- PP Rtn. Dr. Tushar Shah



LETTER FROM DG FOR PP RAJUL DOSHI



Dear Rajul,

Your exemplary leadership as President of Rotary Club of Bombay West has been truly inspiring!

Your dedication, vision, and passion for service have made a significant impact on the community.

Your philanthropic efforts have improved lives and made a lasting difference. Your selflessness, compassion, and generosity are a shining example for all.

My compliments to you for your tireless efforts and commitment to creating a better world.

You are a true champion of service above self.

Arun Bhargava



ROTARY EYE DONATION CENTRE (CALL ON NUMBER: 9372837213)

Our Rotary Eye Donation Centre, which was Inaugurated on 3rd July 2019 by the hand of the then DG Harjit Singh Talwar, completed 5 years on 30th June 2024. We have Mr. Uttam Kumar, a one & only trained technician available 24x7/ 365 days, who attends calls from Mira Road to Colaba over a larger geographical area of Mumbai. We have signed an MOU with Eye Bank Co-Ordination & Research Centre at Parel. Total collection of CORNEAS from 20-11-2019 till 19/8/2024.is 650/-. Our IW Club support the Cornea Transplant operation of 8 patients.

We did lots of Publicity through posters at various medical/ grocery shops, crematoriums, ambulances, Food packets—Thakkar, Etc. We have appointed Ms Komal Kiran, a Model and grooming coach, as a brand Ambassador for Publishing our Eye donation project. We, Ms Komal and I have made many reels on Eye Donation awareness. Huge Thanks to Dr Gaurav Shah for connecting us to EBCRC and to his Staff For working hard to get the Licence.

Rtn. Dr. Kamal D'mello and Dr. Girish Trivedi, Sunchitra mam, Rtn Nalini Puri, Rtn Prashant Patel, Ms. Komal Kiran, Mr. Uttam Kumar, Rtn. Mahesh Kokate, IW PP Kavita Agarwal, RC Kandivali Bhavin Toparani, and Giants Group of Juhu also support our Project. Over the past two months, I've had the privilege of speaking at the installation ceremonies for various Interact Clubs. I chose to focus on raising awareness about organ donation. My presentation covered the following key areas: What is Organ Donation and Its Types?, Importance of Eye and Skin Donation

Eye Donation: We discussed the critical need for corneal transplants and how millions await this life-changing procedure. By pledging to donate our corneas after death, we can benefit up to four people.

Skin Donation: I explained how donated skin treats burn victims, helping wounds heal faster and improving their recovery.

Local Initiatives: I introduced our Rotary Eye Donation Centre and Skin Bank at Airoli, highlighting their role in managing donations and supporting patients.

Practical Experience: To give a tangible sense of the impact, I had the students close their eyes and reflect on the experience of being unable to see. This exercise emphasised the importance of eye donation.

Call to Action: I encouraged the students to take up this cause and contact their families and communities. We distributed eye donation pamphlets and provided contact information for our trained technician, Mr. Uttam Kumar, who handles cornea retrievals and coordinates with the Eye Bank.

With 900 Interact members at Lilavatibai Podar High School alone, our goal will be achieved if each member shares this message with just one family. I also invited the schools to consider having our team of doctors speak at PTA meetings to provide more detailed information.

I have also presented at other schools, including MVM International School, Sheth Anandilal Podar Vidyalaya, Raja Ramdev Podar Shala, Podar International, and Chaturbhuj Narsee School.

- PP Rtn. Samapti Patel

BLOOD DONATION CAMP - A NOBLE PROJECT



We had two successful back to back Blood Donation Camp at NMIMS College on 8th August and on 14th August 2024 at Thakur College Kandivali East.

The inauguration of the Blood Donation Camp at NMIMS was done by College Dean Justine Paul. Pratibha Patil from BSES Brahmakumari hospital. R/Ann Brinda Desai donated blood, was appreciated as she is a universal donor. We collected 220 Units of blood at NMIMS college. At Blood Donation Camp at Thakur College we collected 266 units of blood. We have gifted Certificate of Appreciation at both college and a very useful file folder to all donors at Thakur College.



As per the reports, there are 15 donors at NMIMS and 14 donors at Thakur college are advised diagnostic tests to rule out Thalassemia Minor. Dr Bhavna Patel will be doing counselling for these patients.

We are thankful to Principal, staff and students of both college for their support and cooperation. Also we are thankful to D G Goenka Blood Bank BSES hospital team for helping us with the blood collection very meticulously with excellent arrangements.

- R/Ann Dr. Bhavna Patel



THE EVENT WAS A GRAND SUCCESS

INSTALLATION OF ROTARACT CLUB OF BOMBAY WEST

Date: 10th August 2024 • Time : 10:00 am - 12:00pm

Outgoing President : Ayush Bhatnagar

Incoming President: Jash Bhatia



INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION AT LEELAVATI PODAR SCHOOL AND SHRUTI SCHOOL

Podar International School English Medium, Raja Ramdev Podar shala, Marathi medium and Sheth Anandilal Podar Vidyalay Hindi medium hosted the installation program for their Interact Club. The program began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. During the event, all three clubs incoming Presidents and secretaries exchanged pins and officially assumed their roles. The outgoing Presidents of the Interact Club provided a summary of their activities. Rtn. Rahul Goenka the President of Rotary Club of Bombay West and the Youth Director, Rtn. Paresh Dodhiwala delivered inspiring speeches, pledging their support to help students explore their hidden talents. Past President. Rtn. Samapti Patel District Zonal Chair spoke about the importance of organ donation. The program concluded with a vote of thanks.



Installation of the President of Interact Club of KDN Shruti School held on 7th August 2024. The ceremony began with National Anthem and the collaring of current Interact President Yash Yadav. The Interact President Yash Yadav shared information about his history and the accomplishments and prosperity of the club during his tenure. The event was followed by a handover ceremony where Master Yash Yadav gave Master Shrijit Singh the upcoming President, his position for the upcoming year 2024-25. Rotary president Mr. Rahul Goenka gave an inspiring speech on his journey to Rotarians. The principal Ms. Devila Mehta addressed the Interactors with her guidance. Rotaractor Shreya Chaudhary the current president of Rotaract Club of Usha Pravin Gandhi enlightened the students with few words and well wishes for the upcoming year. Rotary president Rahul Goenka, Past president R/Ann. Samaptiben, Trustee Rtn. Dr. Manoj Patel and youth chair R/Ann Brinda Desai graced the occasion.

Congratulations



Heartiest Congratulations to Rtn. Sandeep Parikh for contributing generously to PolioPlus Fund of TRF during Incredible year, the records for which are now updated...

Keep up the good work...



Dr Snehal and Dr Reshma Jhaveri's Son Dev Jhaveri. He came first in Economics in JNIS and 3rd in overall. Congratulations to Dev and Jhaveri family

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BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

- ### Rotarian Birthdays
- 01 Aug.: PP Rtn. Dr. Mohanbhai Patel
 - 08 Aug.: Rtn. Pranav Raval
 - 13 Aug.: Rtn. Keyuri Singh
 - 14 Aug.: Rtn. Turab Chimthanawala
 - 15 Aug.: PP Rtn. Harmindar Singh Patheja
 - 15 Aug.: Rtn. Hiralal Suthar

- ### R/Ann. Birthdays
- 01 Aug.: R/Ann. Annette Michael Mascarenhas
 - 05 Aug.: R/Ann. Varsha Sanjay Mody
 - 05 Aug.: R/Ann. Saroj Vasant Zarparkar
 - 06 Aug.: R/Ann. Kirtida Indra Dave
 - 06 Aug.: R/Ann. Aditi Shalin Divatia
 - 08 Aug.: Mr. Devasish Misra
 - 08 Aug.: R/Ann. Geeta Mohan Joshi
 - 13 Aug.: R/Ann. Bharati Narendra Parekh

- ### Anniversaries
- 10-Aug.: Rtn. Balkriashna & Rita Shroff
 - 15-Aug.: Rtn. Gaurang & Dr. Parul Mehta