

As I look back at the Rotary year passed since I took over as the President of vibrant Rotary Club of Mangalore Down Town, I have a lot of satisfaction for what we have already achieved. Given that we are functioning during a pandemic we are unsure about a number of things but never unsure about the resilience and dedication of our Rotarian pledge of service above self. There are still much more to achieve. I believe we can also be hopeful towards the future.

The theme of the new Rotary year is "ROTARY OPENS OPPORTUNITIES" and in these times, the theme has a bigger impact than we could imagine. True to its theme, Rotary has opened may opportunities for us to serve the community. More so in our case, as we have executed lot many projects during COVID severity period. We have conducted an International Webinar on 24th October, 2020 on World Polio Day including 19 Rotary Downtown Clubs of India. We also co-hosted three International Joint Meetings with one International Rotary Downtown Club and 19 Indian Rotary Downtown Clubs. These things would have, otherwise, unimaginable. These hard times made us flexible, think differently and taught us not be hesitant doing something extra for the community.

We should strive for a positive difference in the world through the practical application of our love for humanity. This love can be expressed in lending a helping hand wherever it is needed, feeding the hungry and practising justice. This is the fulfillment of our motto 'Service above self".

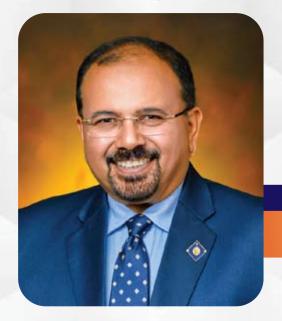
We Meet on Venue Every Tuesday
Vaibhav Hall, Hotel Utsav,
K. S. Rao Road, Mangalore
7:30 PM



Time

#### **OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR**





#### Rtn Major Donor M Ranganath Bhat

#### District Governor RID 3181

Manjeshwar Ranganath Bhat is a Mechanical Engineer and an Alumnus of NITK-Surathkal. After a brief stint in Industry, he joined his family business of Motor Freight Transportation. Now he is in Tyre Retailing, Computerised wheel Alignment and Allied services in Mangalore under the name of 'Rohit Auto Care'. He was one of the first to introduce Computerised Wheel Alignment during 1988 in Mangalore. He has been a Insurance Surveyor/Loss Assessor for Insurance Companies and a Valuer for Banks and Financial Institutions.

Ranga, as he is popularly known as, joined Rotary in 1989 and is a second generation Rotarian. He was president of the Interact Club of Canara High School-Main during 1973-74. He was president of Rotary Club of Mangalore North during 1997-98 and Assistant Governor during 2000-01. He has served in various capacities in Rotary at Club and District levels. Ranga is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation.

Ranganath Bhat has been Honorary Secretary of the Canara High School Association, a 129 year old organisation which owns and manages 14 Educational Institutions from Kindergarten to Engineering levels and has over 11000 students. Philanthropy is his second nature.

Ranganath Bhat is married to Rajani. Rajani was president of the Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore North and is a Rotarian. She is a an Artist and a Painter. They have two children, son Rohit who after a 7 year stint at L&T Ltd joined his father's business and is married to Dipti; daughter Rohini studying in Pre University and a grandson Vihaan.

Widely travelled, Ranganath Bhat is a avid photographer and rides the bicycle to keep himself fit



#### **OUR ASSISTANT GOVERNOR**





#### Rtn PHF Ekanath Dandekeri

#### Assistant Governor Zone-3, RID3181

Rtn PHF Ekanath Dandekeri is a member of Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown. A very active Rotarian joined the club in the year 2007. The 13 year veteran went on to serve the club in various capacities including 2 terms as President when the Club reached new heights. Popularly known as 'Eku' the eversmiling friendly Rotarian is popular among all the Rotarians in Zone 2 & 3 and never fails to add life to Rotary Fellowship events his humor and quick wit. An Engineer by qualification Rtn Ekanath completed his Civil Engineering at NIE, Mysore and his M. Tech from NITK, Suratkal. He completed his basic education in St Aloysius., Mangalore. He is currently runs his own Structural Designing Firm M/S SIGMA CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL CONSULTANTS is actively involved in various professional bodies. Married to Rtn Aashlata, a member of RC Mangalore Downtown and blessed with 2 wonderful kids John Aryan and Annet Niharika.





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## Rotary (%)

#### Rtn Sathyajith S Rao

Secretary's Club Activity Report (July 2020-January 2021)

Secretary

At the outset I would like to congratulate our honorable District Governor for a very successful year till now. It was a pleasure & a great learning experience for all our members. Sir, under yourinspiring leadership our District has achieved greater heights. It is my pleasure to present our club's report for the year 2020-21. We are in the middle stage of our journey through the Rotary year 2020-21. We had our ups and downs.

**Rotary Opens** 

Opportunities

Even though a small club, we, Rotary Club of Mangalore Down Town, known for its vibrancy, are actively involved in all the activities, be it zonal events or district events and also carried out many projects benefiting the society at large. The activities carried out by the Club under different avenues are listed as under:

#### CLUB SERVICE:

₽	No. of members as on 01.07.2020	100.00	27
₽	No. of members as on 31.12.2020	:	22

 $\Rightarrow$  We have inducted one new member Rtn. Prashanth Kotian this year.

➡ Owing to COVID Pandemic this year, physical meetings could not be held during the initial period. However, meetings were continued to be held on virtual mode on ZOOM or Webexor JIOMEET or GOOGLE MEET platforms. From the month of December, 2020, our club started conducting meetings in physical mode.

➡ We held 26 weekly meetings. Out of the above 3 meetings are Speaker Meets where we had speakers from our own member Rotarians and also a human rights activistetc and covering varied subjects likeRotary Theme for 2020-21- "Rotary Opens Opportunities", Engineers Day and Democracy & Human Rights, Environmentetc.

▷ We held Board Meeting one in each month. Till date we had 6successful Board Meetings where decisions regarding various club activities including projects were taken.

➡ We have also held an Intra Zone Joint Club meeting with our neighborhood club Rotary Club of Mangalore Metro on 23rd July, 2020 on virtual Zoom Platform where Chief Guest. Rtn Sridhar, RFO spoke about our role in conservation of Nature and development of forests.

 $\Rightarrow$  Proposed to have Two Pot Luck Dinnerslater this year at our member's place.

➡ Proposed to have a Family Picnic in the month of April or May, 2021

Celebrating Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries of Rtns, Anns, Annets& Johns during our weekly meets.

➡ Our Club E-Bulletin 'Rotovision' is issued twice a year on special occasions viz. One during Installation of new Office bearers and another during Official D.G. Visit to the club. Rtn. Suraj Hebbar Neria is the successful editor for the Club Bulletin.

Attendance promotion: Regular Whatsapp alerts are made available to the members, both in our Club Group as well as individually, regarding conducting of meetings or any events.

Being avibrant Club, we are regular attendees for various Zonal/ District events.





➡ Our members (a total of 18 numbers) participated in the event 'Zumba by the Beach- an initiative for being health with fun' organized by RC Mangalore Metro on 13th December, 2020 at Tannirbavi Tree Park Beach, Mangalore.

Along with RC Mangalore East jointly conducted Zonal Review Meet for Rotary Clubs of Zone 2 and 3 on 07.11.2020.

➡ In the Zonal Indoor Sports held on 8th November, 2020 a good Show by Team Downtown by bagging two Medals in the event.

▷ With limited participation, our team won 3 gold medal and one silver medal at Rotary Zonal outdoor Sports Meet held at Mangala Stadium, Mangalore on 03.01.2021.

➡ We have successfully conducted "Rotocrick-2021", the Zonal Cricket Tournament for Zone 2 and 3 of RID 3181 on 10.01.2021 at Padua High School Grounds, Mangalore where 13 out of total 16 Rotary clubs participated.

#### **PROJECTS UNDER TEACH:**

Under TEACH programme, we have carried out the following projects:

Sl No.	Name of the Project	
1	On the occasion of India's Independence Day, Sujan and Harshith K. Acharya, students of Government Kannada Medium School, Adyapadi near Bajpe who scored good marks in SSLC examinations and also Vivek, a Second PU student of Besant PU College, who passed with distinction were given financial assistance of Rs.5,000/- each totaling to Rs.15,000/- to pursue their future academic career.	15,000
2	School books were distributed to the students of Ashoknagar School on 25th August, 2020.	12,905
3	Distribution of face mask of 105 Nos with Rotary Logo to Anganwadi workers during the installation of RCC Neria on 29.08.2020	4,200
4	Received a request for the supply of wall clock, ground carpet and a water filter from a to be formed new Anganwadi at Ullasnagar near Kavoor, Mangalore. Our club responded immediately and handed over these items on 3rd September, 2020 at the Anganwadi.	3,146
5	On 12th September, 2020, donated 8 Mixer Grinder and 175 baby chairs to 8 Anganwadis / Government run Day Care Centres and a local school totally costing around Rs.53,000/- as a joint project of Rotary from Rotary Belthangady, Rotary Mangalore Downtown, Rotary Mangalore Midtown, Rotary Mangalore Seaside and our project partners in Neria the vibrant Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Neria.	61,450
6	Honored two distinguished teachers who excelled in the sphere of teaching – Shri Kasheeray G. Patil, Headmaster of Ashoknagar Higher Primary School and Smt. Chandrika M., Teacher at Canara High School, CBSE, Dongerkery, Mangalore on 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	3,550
7	HonouredSmt K. Sunanda, retired Head Mistress of DKZP Higher Primary School, Ombattukere, Ullal on 30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	1,775
8	A laptop was donated to Ms. Kavya, who is pursuing her final Year Engineering at Alva's Institute of Engineering & Technology, Moodbidri on 17.10.2020.	17,000
9	As a Joint project with Rotary Club of Belthangady, Financial assistance of Rs.15,000/- was given to Kum. MADHUSHRI, 2nd Year B.A. student pursuing her academics through distant education, while working	15,000



#### **YOUTH SERVICE:**

Due to COVID pandemic, Schools have not reopened. Even if opened, it is with limited attendance. Hence, we could not install our only Interact Club operating at Sri Ramashrama Composite Pre-University College.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

Being a service-oriented Rotarians, we have carried out many community developments projects. The details of the projects are as below:

S1 No.	Name of the Project	Project Cost (Rs)
1	Handing over a cheque for Rs.30,000/- to Bharath Sevashram, Kanyana, a Old Age Home for maintenance, on the day of installation i.e. 1st July, 2020 to the representative of Bharath Sevashram.	30,000
2	A request received for financial assistance to a child named Tejas, who was suffering from blockage of urinary tract and needed immediate surgery. He was admitted to KMC, Balmatta and his surgery was performed on 5th September, 2020. Child's parents have already spent all their savings and sold their land to take care of his medical expenses and are struggling to pay his medical Bills. The members of RC Mangalore Downtown along with our common friends pooled in money totaling to Rs.53,000/- and handed over the cheque to Shri Chandrashekar, father of Master Tejas on 11.09.2020 to meet his medical expenses.	53,000
3	Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown sponsored One Day Lunch for the inmates of Bharath Sevashram, Kanyana on 02.01.2021.	8,500
4	Handing over of the heavy Duty washing machine and a hair trimmer costing at Rs.56,385/- to Bharath Sevashram, Kanyana as a District Grants project to meet the needs of the inmates of the Ashram.	
5	Lending a helping hand to the management and inmates of Bharath Sev Ashram, Kanyana. Our Club facilitated the construction of a Cowdung slurry tank for the gobar gas plant of the ashram at a cost if Rs.1,66,500/ The project was inaugurated by District Governor, RID3181, Rtn Major Donor ManjeshwarRanganathBhat on 02.01.2021.	1,66,500
	TOTAL	3,14,385

Joint Webinar was organised by our club on "End Polio Now' on the occasion of World Polio Day on 24th October, 2020 wherein all 19 Rotary Downtown Clubs of India participated.

➡ We have co-hosted the following 3 International Webinar meetings along with All India Rotary Downtown Clubs (Total 19 Nos) and an International Downtown Club:

1) On 16th June, 2020, a Joint International Meeting with Rotary Club of Downtown Olongapo of Philippines (RI District 3790).

2) On 10th July, 2020, a Joint International meeting with Rotary Club of Downtown Davao, Phillipines (RI District 3860).

3) On 4th August, 2020, a Joint International Meeting with Rotary Club of Downtown Victoria of Canada (RI District 5020).

Rotary Club of Mysuru North organised a joint meeting of total of 13 clubs including RC Mangalore Downtown from RI District 3181 and 3190. The Chief Guest was His Highness Shri YaduveerKrishnadattaChamaraja Wadiyar of Mysuru who spoke on "Cultural and Educational contribution to Mysuru by Esteemed Maharajas".



#### Rotary Opens Opportunities

#### **TRF CONTRIBUTION & COMMITMENTS**

➡ We, the Rotarians from Rotary Club of Mangalore Down Town promise to contribute TRF amounting to 1,500 US \$ before the end of this Rotary Year 2020-21.

 $\Rightarrow$  We have already paid a minimum of 10 US\$ for each member totaling to 250 US\$.

➡ We have paid US\$ 1 each per member totaling to 25 US\$ (Rs.1,850/-) towards Polio Fund. As per the request of District Governor to contribute at least Rs.200/- per member towards Polio Fund, we have earmarked the balance amount of Rs.126/- per member totaling to Rs.3,150/- and will make the payment at the earliest.

As on date our Club's contribution to TRF stands at US\$ 520.27

➡ We have 18 PHFs. Out of the above 18 are Active Members (2 members are Multiple PHFs viz. Rtn. Suraj Hebbar Neria and Rtn. Shrikanth Nayak M). 5 are former members, One is Annet and One is a Club's Well Wisher.

Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown was eligible for \$762.19DDF, which is 25% of our Annual Giving for the year 2017-18. Under this DDF, we donated a heavy duty 10 Litre capacity washing machine and a hair trimmer costing around Rs.56,385/- to Bharath Sevashram, Kanyana, Vittla for the benefit of the Ashram inmates. The handing over was done by our District Governor Rtn. M. Ranganath Bhat during the programme held on 02.01.2021 at Bharath Sevashram.

#### **VOCATIONAL SERVICE:**

Mr. Binouy D'Costa, a youth hailing from Mannagudda, Mangalore, who lost his job at McDonalds during Pandemic but still chose to become #AtmaNirbhar by selling samosas. He was using a handwritten placard to sell his samosas. From RC Mangalore Downtown, we provided him with a printed flexi poster wherein his price and other details of his samosas are beautifully displayed.

In recognition of the services rendered in the field of education, three eminent teachers viz. Shri Kasheeray G. Patil, Headmaster of Ashoknagar Higher Primary School; Smt. Chandrika M., Teacher at Canara High School, CBSE, Dongerkery, Mangalore and Smt K. Sunanda, retired Head Mistress of DKZP Higher Primary School, Ombattukere, Ullalwere honoured on 30thSeptember, 2020.

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#### **DISTRICT PROJECTS:**

The dream projects of our District Governor are taken to heart by our club. The following are the projects undertaken under District Project "Project Positive Health", "Tree Planting" and "WINS":

#### **PROJECT POSITIVE HEALTH:**

Sl No.	Date	Name of the Project	Project Cost (Rs)
1	22-07-20	As a part of District Project, 3000 Nos of Face shields were handed over to Dist Administration of Dakshina Kannada District on 22nd July, 2020. From our club we have made a contribution of Rs.10,000/- towards the said project or 05.08.2020 through NEFT.	
2	25-07-20	7-20 Distributed 160 Nos of facial masks, valued at Rs.6,400/-, with the logo Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown' printed to the inmates of Beggars' Rehabilitation Centre (NirashritharaParihara Kendra) located at Pacchanady near Vamanjoor on 25th of July, 2020	
3	25-07-20	COVID-19 Pandemic is spreading its tentacles all over the country and the world. To stay healthy and to prevent this pandemic, one of the easiest and effective way is to wear mask and keep social distancing. Keeping this in mind, the Rotary Club of Mangalore donated Hands-free sanitiser dispenser along with 160 Nos of face masks, to the inmates of Beggars' Rehabilitation Centre (NirashritharaParihara Kendra) located at Pacchandady near Vamanjoor.	9,500
4	01-08-20	In a joint project, Rotary Club of Belthangady and Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown handed over 4 Nos of Water Geysers to the District Wenlock Hospital on 1st August, 2020 to meet their urgent requirement of hot water to treat COVID-19 patients.	
5	15-08-20	Handed over Hands Free Sanitiser dispensing machine along with One litre of hand sanitiser to Appela Uma Panchalingeshwara Temple, Appela, Neria on 15th August. The project is funded by the club and implemented by our project partner RCC Neria	
6	15-08-20	A cheque for Rs.30,000/- was handed over to Dr. Murali Krishna Irwathraya, SriKrishna Hospital, Kakkinje on 15th August, 2020 towards the Home Ambulance and Disease Prevention and Treatment project co-sponsored by the Club and implemented by our project partners RCC Neria.Project with Rotary Club of Bantwal	30,000
7	29-08-20Distribution of face mask of 105 Nos with Rotary Logo to Auto rickshaw and Jeep Driver's association members during the installation of RCC Neria on 29.08.2020		4,200
8	29-08-20	Distributed 15 Nos of facial masks, valued at Rs.600/-, with the logo 'Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown' 'RCC Neria' and RC Belthangady' printed to the on 29th of August, 2020 to the staff of Primary Health Centre, Neria.	600
9	29-08-20	Distributed 30 Nos of facial masks, valued at Rs1200/-, with the logo 'Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown' 'RCC Neria' and RC Belthangady' printed to the on 29th of August, 2020 to The staff and members of Gram PanchahyathNeria.	1,200





#### TREE PLANTING- "NammaNelanamma Gida":

Sl No.	Date	Name of the Project	
1	25-07- 20	conducted 'Vanamahotsava' at NirashritharaParihara Kendra in Pacchanadi near Vamanjoor. We have planted about 45 Nos of different varieties of fruit bearing plants. The place is well maintained and full of lush greenery.	2,550
2	04-09- 20	Through our project partners RCC Neria, distributed 200 Nos of fruit bearing tree saplings to the members of Neria Milk	
3	Producer's Cooperative Society at Neria on 4th September, 2020.On 12th September, 2020, as a joint project of Rotary from Rotary Belthangady, Rotary Mangalore Downtown, Rotary Mangalore Midtown, Rotary Mangalore Seaside and our project partners in Neria the vibrant Rotary Community Corps (RCC) Neria under District Project planted fruit bearing tree saplings in the premises of DKZP Higher Primary School, Bayalu, Neria under the aegis of Assistant Governor Zone-4 Rtn PHF Prathapsimha Nayak		750
		TOTAL	6,300

#### WINS:

Sl No.	Date	Name of the Project	Project Cost (Rs)
1	Proposed	Proposed to install wash basins at Government schools at Neria Village, Belthangady.	10,000
2	Proposed	Proposed to conduct a sanitory and hygiene awareness programme to the school students, once the schools start with full strength.	
		TOTAL	15,000

### CLUB WEBSITE - www.rotarymangaloredowntown.org



Rotary Club of Mangalore Downtown launched its own website – www.rotarymangaloredowntown.org on 18th June, 2019. It is regularly being updated about the activities and projects undertaken by the club. We are also active in social media platforms with

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT IN REGISTERING IN 'MYROTARY':**

↔ Out of 22 existing active members, 16 are registered on MyRotary, which is 72.73%.

We, the Rotary Club of Mangalore Down Towners, promise to keep up the momentum of activities for the remaining part of the Rotary Year 2020-21.

#### **PICTURE GALLERY**







#### Rotary Opens Opportunities

#### **3** ANGANWADI PROJECTS

ROTARY CLUB OF BELTHANGADY ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE DOWNTOWN ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE MIDTOWN ROTARY CLUB OF MANGALORE SEASIDE AND

R.C.C. NERIYA

INVITES YOU TO

#### DISTRIBUTION OF CHAIRS AND MIXIES TO ANGANAVADIS IN NERIYA AND DISTRICT PROJECT NAMMA NELA NAMMA GIDA

VENUE : DKZP HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL BAYALU, NERIYA

CHIEF GUESTS : RTN. PHF. PRATHAPSIMHA NAYAK ASST. GOVERNOR. ZONE IV RTN.P.H.F. EKANATH DANDEKERI ASST.GOVERNOR ZONE III

> DATE : 12 th SEPTEMBER 2020 TIME : 2-30 P.M

FOLLOWED BY HIGH TEA







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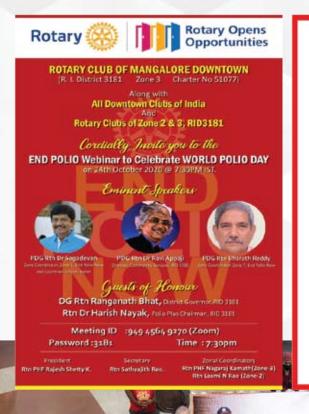




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#### 6 World Polio Day celebrations and Polio Webinar



CO-Hosts of the Webinar		
BANGALORE DOWNTOWN 3190		
BHWANI DOWNTOWN	3090	
CALCUITA DOWNTOW	N 3291	
COCHIN DOWNTOWN	3201	
COMBATORE DOWNIN	OWN 3201	
DELHI DOWNTOWN	3012	
DOMBIVILI DOWNTOW	N 3142	
KAPURTHALA DOWNTO	WN 3070	
MADRAS DOWNTOWN	3232	
MADURAL DOWNTOWN	4 3000	
MUMBAI DOWNFOWN	SEALAND 3141	
NAGPUR DOWNTOWN	3030	
POONA DOWNTOWN 3131		
SALT LAKE DOWNTOWN 3291		
THANE DOWNTOWN	3142	
TRICHY DOWNTOWN	3000	
VARANASI DOWNTOW	N 3120	
MORADABAD DOWNI	OWN 3100	
Zone-2, RID 3181	Zone-3, RID 3181	
Balkompady	Derolokotte	
Mongalore Central	Mangalore City	
Mongaiore East	Mangalore Metro	
Mangalore Port Tawn Mangalore South		
Mongalore Hillside Mongalore		
Mongalore North		
Mangalore Sunse Mangalore Midtown		
Suratkal Mangolore Seaside		
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#### Rotary Opens Opportunities





















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PICTURE GALLERY

#### Rotary Opens Opportunities



#### **Tree Planting Projects**









#### 10 Downton Clubs International Meet



#### THE ROTARY DOWNTOWN CLUBS OF INDIA

cordially invite you for Joint International Meeting with

ROTARY CLUB OF DOWNTOWN VICTORIA RI District 5020, canada

> by 09.00 PM, IST (08.30 AM. PDT) on Tuesday, 04 August 2020

> > Meeting Password : downtown

Via ZOOM Meetings

Meeting ID : 846 5880 6731

THE ROTARY DOWNTOWN CLUBS OF INDIA

Bangalore, Karnataka, RID 3190 Bhiwani, Harvana, RID 3090 Calcutta, Bengal, RID 3291 Cochin, Kerala, RID 3201 Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, RID 3201 Delhi, New Delhi, RID 3012 Dombivili, Maharashtra, RID 3142 Kapurthala, Punjab, RID 3070 Madras, Tamil Nadu, RID 3232 Madurai, Tamil Nadu, RID 3000 Mangalore, Karnataka, RID 3181 Mumbal, Maharashtra, RID 3141 Nagpur, Maharashtra, RID 3030 Poona, Maharashtra, RID 3131 Salt Lake, Bengal, RID 3291 Thane, Maharashtra, RID 3142 Trichy, Tamil Nadu, RID 3000 Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, RID 3120

## Rotary 🛞



February 2021 Message



#### HOLGAR KNAACK President 2020 - 21

In Rotary, 23 February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace. There is a reason for this: Contributing to peace and international understanding has been a high priority for us since our earliest days.

We are often asked: "How can we get involved in peace now?" There are many paths to peace in Rotary. Our youth programs point us in the direction of Positive Peace, as does the work of intercountry committees and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nino Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers.

During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalized women will reclaim their inner strength as peacebuilders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region, but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals — three in Bangladesh, one in Iraq, and one in Poland — that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people. I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen

Here is further proof that in Rotary, we prefer action to words. This is Rotary at its best. I encourage you to visit rppi.ch to explore the projects and support them.

We have lasted 116 years because of our strong ethics, our passion for Service Above Self, and our unique approach to problem-solving. One of our greatest strengths is how we reach across our communities and across national, ethnic, religious, and political divisions to unite people of all backgrounds and to help others. This month, let's celebrate our history and the many ways that Rotary Opens Opportunities to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission.







## Birthdays and Anniversaries

26th January: Annet Niharika Dandekeri, D/O Rtn EkanathDandekeri

**3rd February: John Arjun Kotian, S/O Rtn Rakesh Kotian** 

13th February: Ann Bharathi, W/O Rtn Madhuchandra

18th February: Ann Pallavi Rahul, W/O Rtn Rahul Suvarna

23rd February: Rtn Madhuchandra





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#### **DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2020-21**



Date : April 30, May 1st & 2nd Venue : Adyar Gardens, Mangalore (Air Conditioned)



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