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RI President



M Ranganath Bhat  
District Governor



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*"This is a changing world: we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."*

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**Rotary Mysore team 2020-21** installed on 2nd July 2020: sitting (l to r) Rtn. Santhosh V Club Service Director, Rtn. D. Ravishankar Vice President, Rtn. Chetan Vishwanath IPP, Rtn. MCS Manohara AG, PDG M Lakshminarayan Installing Officer, Manjesh Kumar President, Rtn. RoopaVenkatesh Secretary.

Standing (l to r) Suhas KN, Youth Service Director, Rtn. Ponnanna KC, International Service Director, Rtn. Praveen Vocational Service Director, Rtn. Venkatesh MN Community Service Director, Rtn. Manoj Kumar Jt. Secretary, Rtn. Subramanya Rao Treasurer, Rtn. Ramachandra Raje Urs President-Elect, Rtn. Sreenivas Seerpu Sergeant-at-Arms. Not in picture: Rtn. Arun B R, Editor & Web Master.



## Rotary Opens Opportunities

*"We will not let rapid change defeat us. We will capture this moment to grow Rotary, making it stronger, more adaptable, and even more aligned with our core values. Rotary has to change and will change. And now is the time to be revolutionary. We have to be open to new approaches."*

*"As Rotarians, we are very blessed to take on leadership roles at this challenging moment. Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere. **Rotary Opens Opportunities** for you to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on its core values."*

## Holger Knaack

RI President 2020-21, Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany

**Holger Knaack** is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company and had his own Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business. He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the COL, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor. He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and was co-chair of the Organization Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack and his wife Susanne, are Major Donors to TRF and members of the Bequest Society.



## Ranganath Bhat

District Governor 2020-21, RI District 3181

Major Donor **Manjeshwar Ranganath Bhat** is a Mechanical Engineer and an alumnus of NITK-Surathkal. He joined his family business and is now into Tyre Retailing. He has been an Insurance Surveyor for Companies and a Valuer for Banks and Financial Institutions.

Ranga, as he is popularly known, joined Rotary in 1989 and is a second-generation Rotarian. He was president of the Interact Club and was president of Rotary Club of Mangalore North during 1997-98 and AG during 2000-01. He has served Rotary in various capacities and has been a Rotary trainer.

Ranganath Bhat is Hon Secretary of the Canara High School Association, a 128-year-old organization which owns and manages 15 educational institutions and has over 12000 students. Philanthropy is his second nature.

Ranganath Bhat is married to Rajani, past president of the Inner Wheel Club of Mangalore North. They have two children, son Rohit who joined his father's business and is married to Dipti; daughter Rohini is studying in Pre-University and a grandson Vihaan.

Ever-smiling Ranganath Bhat is an avid photographer and cyclist.



## Installing and Induction Officer PDG PHF M Lakshminarayan

Born in Mysore, **M. Lakshminarayan** is the son of late Sri M R Srikantan and grandson of Rajaseva Prasakta Rao Bahadur Late M. Ramaswamy. A Masters in Political Science, he was the Private Secretary to HH Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar and is the Administrator of Wadiyar Group and Secretary of Royal Palace and Jaganmohan Art Gallery. He is deeply into Music, Arts and Culture, and is on the Board of scores of institutions and trusts.

A member of Rotary Mysore since 1989, Rtn. Lakshminarayan has served Rotary with dedication and total commitment. Rotary has shone under his leadership - as Rotary Mysore President, GSE team leader, District Governor, Advisor, Mentor. He is a major Donor to TRF and Four-Avenue Service Award winner.

His wife Sunitha is a Past President of Inner Wheel Club, a PHF and benefactor to TRF. His daughter Sangeetha is also a PHF.

Rtn. Lakshminarayan is the COL representative of our Dist 3181 for the COL 2022. COL is the council on legislation of Rotary International. Every three years, Rotarians meet at the Council on Legislation to review and vote on proposed changes to the legislation that governs Rotary.

We are sure PDG Lakshminarayan will continue to guide us as always.



## Assistant Governor Rtn MCS Manohara



**MCS Manohara**, born in 1976 is a BSc. Hons. Graduate, and owns Innovative Advertisers, a leading outdoor advertising company. Dynamic, multi-faceted, charismatic and suave, Manohara brings forth these qualities in full flow in all his interactions within and outside Rotary.

A past president of Rotary Mysore, he has chaired Rotary Zonal Sports, been part of WINS team, and has been on the Governing Council of IIRS since 2014 and currently its Hon Secretary, having successfully conducted its Golden Jubilee. He was Zonal Lieutenant and is the new AG for zone 7.

A born sportsman, he has represented Karnataka in kho kho and athletics. He plays badminton and chess, has won 15 major golf tournaments and is captain of the Rotary Mysore cricket team. He is on the managing committee of the JC Wadeyar Golf Club and is on the board of other sports clubs. Manohara is a music lover too and plays the veena and dances well. He loves travelling and adventure.

Married to Vibha, an engineer, the couple are blessed with charming Akanksha. As AG, livewire Manu is sure to bring his innovation and creativity to the Rotary district table. *Rotary Mysore is proud to have MCS Manohara as the new AG...*

## Valedictory Message by Rotary Mysore President 2019-20



As the Rotary year draws to a close, I thank each one of you for giving me this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I have found that the President is always fully supported, people volunteer whenever needed, positive feedback is provided where it is due, and every one is pulling me in the same direction. It is just so satisfying and it makes the effort very worthwhile. I will really miss all this, although I am looking forward to going back and sitting where you are! This last year has changed my life, I am now trained to be a leader, have learnt to be more patient than ever before and I am forever grateful to you all and to Rotary for literally transforming me.

Within the Club, we draw our strength from the friendships we have built over all these years, the joy and satisfaction of working together and the spirit of concern and empathy move us to help others. All these were the necessary ingredients for success.

Many of you have commented that my year as President has gone too fast. Yes it has, but it's been a lot of fun and very rewarding. Without wanting to sound too sentimental and mushy, I reiterate it has been a very affirmative experience. All of this happened because of you, the members of the Rotary Club of Mysore. You regularly step forward and volunteer to do so much and contribute in so many ways. Thank you for demonstrating what it means to put Service Above Self, to Engage Rotary and Change Lives...

The highlights of the year were the Platinum Jubilee celebrations chaired by PRIP Kalyan Banerjee, inauguration of the new Artificial Limb Center and the foundation of the new RMS school block, the massive organ donation awareness drive, the Global Grants Project at SGS, multiple activities by RMCL and RMS school, the Jeeva Raksha Emergency Care Unit, and the felicitation of Rotary Mysore by Mysore Corporation for Swachh Bharat.

The last few months have been particularly challenging what with the Corona pandemic slowly spreading its tentacles across Mysore. But with trying times, come new opportunities. My team and all Rotarians put their best foot forward and we provided food and shelter to migrants, donated protective equipment and medicines to the front-line warriors – hospital staff, policemen, pourakarmikas and others – Rotary Mysore was recognized as Corona Warriors.

I thank:

- ◆ Our board for their commitment to our club and for all their hard work to ensure we had a successful year.
- ◆ Our club members for doing what you do so well, which is to rise to the occasion when called upon to do so and make our community and the world a better place for all.
- ◆ Our Governor Rtn. Joseph Mathew and AG. Raghavendra for their guidance, positive attitude and encouragement.
- ◆ Special thanks to all the PDGs and Past Presidents who are always there to support -
- ◆ My fond proposer, my chaddi-buddy, new AG Manohara MCS, who was always behind me to ensure everything was going on smoothly.

I should actually be naming every Rotarian of Rotary Mysore for being there for me.

Serving as president was a most rewarding and humbling experience. My deepest thanks for the opportunity to serve this great Club as President.

# Acceptance Speech by Rotary Mysore President 2020-21



Dear Rotarians and friends,

Firstly, I thank Rtn PDG Lakshminarayan for taking time off and graciously accepting to be the Installing Officer for the evening.

In these difficult times it has been a herculean task for the team to organize an event which is always looked forward to by every president and fellow Rotarians. But every challenge throws up new opportunities and we will do our best in both service and fellowship. I am indeed honored to be given the opportunity to serve as the 76th President of this esteemed club. And you have my sincere assurance that I will dedicate myself to the cause of Rotary and society, just as my predecessors have been doing.

How did I get here? It all started from my schooling in Ideal Jawa Rotary Children School (then Rotary High School), then an Interactor, to becoming a Rotarian. Now here I stand in front of you as a president of the club where, as a child, I would sit and watch rotary presidents speaking. The persons who made this happen are my dad Rtn. PP Shanthamurthy, lovingly known as Dorai and my mom Inner Wheel PP Poongulali better known as Kulali. I'm sure most of you find it difficult to spell her name even to this day. My grandfather used to say that in our profession, it is not blood that runs in you, it is always petrol, diesel and oil. Later I realized that Rotary also runs in my blood.

We start realizing at some point that we have to give back to society which has given us everything in our lives, but most of us don't get that opportunity or the platform. Rotary has given us all an OPPORTUNITY to give back to society. At this juncture it becomes every Rotarian's responsibility to bring into Rotary, families who have never had a chance to give back to society. My first responsibility as a community service director opened my eyes that every Rotarian is no less than a SUPER HERO.

As our Rotary theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities" indicates, in these COVID times, we get new opportunities to serve people. I'm proud that Rotary India has given the PM Relief Fund a sum of Rs 30 crores for the COVID cause. These challenging times have taught me many things:

1. Things I took for granted, like meeting up with friends and get-togethers are now cherished.
2. I have learnt the value of good friends and family, in these trying times.
3. It has taught me the value of time, contribution of family and value of money, importance of mobility, use of technology etc.

PETS and SETS were online, and I listened to extraordinary world leaders in Rotary. We are receiving a lot of useful Rotary information - Rotary has donated Rs 30 crores to the PM Relief Fund for COVID relief - which is both invigorating and interesting. We also understand this year's challenges – towards having meetings, travel, pressure of time... but we will come up with innovative and smart ways to address them. We will do justice to the district projects. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, so we have planned some fun events too!

Like every president before me, I have lots of hope that my team and fellow Rotarians will participate in every project of the club. We hope to reach you information about the projects in advance, so that you can schedule your calendars. I am sure all of you will be richer for the experience. The smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries will be worth it – that is my promise.

To start involving Rotarians, my first step is to introduce a buddy system, where each new member of Rotary will have a buddy in the directors, who will provide information, and co-ordination on projects.

Sir Winston Churchill once said, "The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty". Friends, let's all join together to find Opportunities to serve ROTARY and SOCIETY and have Fun and Fellowship.



## 4 Way Test

of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

## CONGRATULATIONS AND ALL THE BEST



**Rohit Ramdev**

AG - Zone 7



**Jyotsna Raian Irani**

President, IW Club of Mysore



Best Wishes By  
Rotary Mysore & Rotaract Mysore

## WELCOME ABOARD



**Annapurna Srikanth** is a CA of 12 years vintage, and a rank-holder throughout. She is on the panel of a number of committees, including the FKCCI. She is an expert on GST and just started a GST webapp with who else, Rtn. Roopa Venkatesh. She has bagged a plethora of awards for her achievements. She is an excellent speaker and orator to boot. *Wow!*



**Raghu** an Electronics Engineer and a Masters in Industrial Psychology, Raghu M Das is a Chief Security Officer at Infosys Mysuru. He was a Deputy Commandant for 6 years with the SSB (Sashastra Seema Bal – Special Service Bureau) with the Central Armed Police where he has worked on counter insurgency among others. He was also a business development executive with Deccan Infosystems Bengaluru. He has great communication skills and managerial and organizational ability. He has received numerous awards from the Central Government. *Raghu will keep Rotary secure!*



**V. Rakesh** is a product of our own IJRS and is an MBA. He has 20 years of experience in the apparel business and is also the owner of Pupa Pubs and Prakesh Wines. His wife is Dr. Pavithra and they have two bonny kids Krutarth and Ishtarth. *Rakesh surely will keep up the spirit of Rotary!*



**Sanjay** was born in Bangalore and completed his Commerce graduation there before moving to Mysore for his PG. He has settled down in Mysore with his Kaveri Appliances and showroom Prestige Lamps and Shades. A past president of Rotaract, he has a way with words, plays golf and is a member of the JC Wadiyar Golf club and Cosmopolitan club. He is supported in his ventures by his wife Shobha and they have two kids Suraj and Dheeraj. *Sanjay will be shining bright at Rotary Mysore!*



**K M Nagarjun** s/o Mallikarjun, is a Commerce graduate from Mysore and did his MBA at Melbourne. He is the main dealer for Yamaha in Mysore and Kodagu districts with his Arjun Motors. He is a marketing specialist and makes friends easily. *Nagarjun should help Rotary zoom to greater heights!*



**Dr Chandrashekar G R** is the Chairman of Cauvery Hospitals, and is a laparoscopic and endoscopic surgeon. He is also a founder member of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences and sits on its senate and syndicate boards. He has earlier worked with JSS hospitals. As a Professor, he has presented many papers at different fora. His latest venture is the state-of-the-art diagnostic center MediCure. Wife Dr Sarala is a gynecologist. With Dr Chandrashekar, *Rotary Mysore will be in safe hands!*

*Having already carved a niche for themselves in their domains, they are all set to make a mark at Rotary...  
Welcome aboard!*

## ROTARY MYSORE 2020 HIGHLIGHTS



*Community Project*



*Eye camp at Annapurna Hospital*



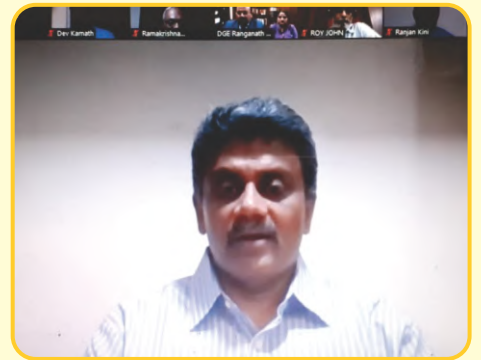
*Jeevaraksha emergency care training center*



*Jeevaraksha mobile training unit*



*Limb donation to deserving*



*PETS virtual training PP SK Sanjay*



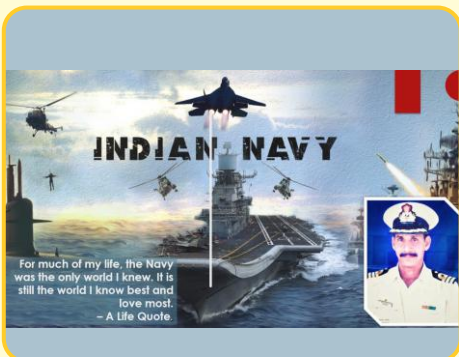
*RMS Dattagalli school exhibition*



*Rotary Mysore Children's Library hands-on activities*



*Rotary Mysore felicitated by MCC for Swachh Bharat*



*Rtn. Cmdr. Mahendra Singh on Indian Navy*



*Talk on lung cancer*



*Women Power to the fore - International Women's Day*

## ROTARY MYSORE - CORONA WARRIORS



*Appreciation from RID 3181*



*Special Recognition to Rotary Mysore for outstanding service during covid crisis*



*Rotary Mysore honored by District*



*Secretaries felicitated*

## ROTARY MYSORE - CORONA WARRIORS

Not in a hundred years has mankind experienced such uniquely challenging times. The first and second world wars and Partition of India, were more devastating. But even they did not universally affect all human beings on earth like this pandemic; demolishing both lives and livelihood. And it looks like this situation will persist for another year at least.

Rotarians have risen to every challenge over the last century and more. Over 2000 Rotarians served in the First World War and nearly 50 laid down their lives. In 1918 an influenza strain known as the Spanish flu caused the worst pandemic in centuries. When the war ended the soldiers returned home and brought it with them. Between 50 and 100 million died. Throughout the Great Depression which followed, Rotarians kept their businesses and Rotary afloat, working doubly hard to support the community. During the second world war, both Mussolini and Hitler made it clear they would not tolerate Rotary in their countries. Many Rotarians met clandestinely and continued to serve society, focusing on Peace & Conflict Resolution, helping to end the war and win lasting peace. In recent times, a number of Rotarians risked physical violence and lives in the PAN countries in their attempt to eliminate polio from the face of the planet.

*In this context, what does Rotary Mysore do? It would have been easy to shut shop in the lockdown...But that is not the Rotary way. **Rotary Mysore led in every possible service avenue - donating money and material, feeding the migrants, supplying medicines, medical kits, sanitizers, face masks, gloves, PPE kits to the frontline warriors, some providing their workplace and convention hall for packing and packaging, some emptying their hearts and pharma godowns on a daily basis...From the global grant of \$25,000 towards covid relief, we provided 20 ICU cots to the Mysore covid hospital, furnished the entire ICU, and provided patient monitoring systems to ChamaraJanagar, Madikeri and Mangalore covid hospitals.***

Every Rotarian (and many non-Rotarians) contributed - some did way beyond the call of Rotary. The work has made an everlasting impact on the covid warriors - doctors, nurses, support staff, police, pourakarmikas, drivers... **Mysore City Corporation has felicitated Rotary Mysore for its outstanding service in the last few months and the Rotary District has recognized our efforts.**

It is only during testing times that one's true colors are visible. On those parameters, Rotary Mysore has come out in flying colors. **25 years from now, when Rotary Mysore celebrates its centenary, this year's efforts would be cherished.**

- Written by your Editor

## ROTARY MYSORE - CORONA WARRIORS



*Hand sanitizers by Raghavan*



*Hand Sanitizers*



*Lakhs worth medicines to palliative care at SVYM*



*Masks to police*



*Medicines to SVYM*



*Packaging for migrants*



*Packed and ready for dispatch*



*Packing of food materials*



*PPE equipment to JSS Hospital*



*Presidents felicitated*



*Ramanathan of Digital Whizz*



*Ration kits to auto drivers*

## ROTARY MYSORE - CORONA WARRIORS



40 ration kits to auto drivers



600 N95 masks worth 1,20,000 to JSS, thanks to Raghavan



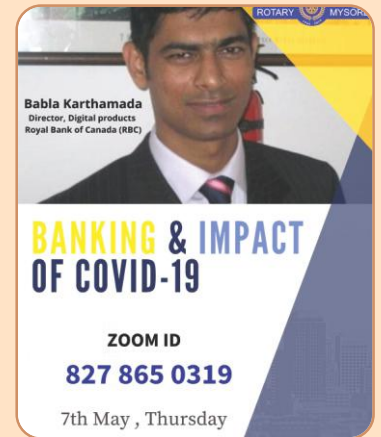
4500 Face masks to pourakarmikas



Alex Santiago Sr Manager Sales Force



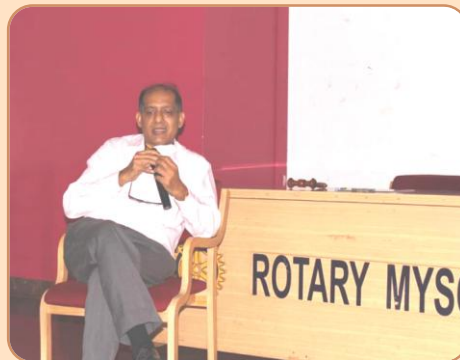
At SVYM



Babla Karthamada of Royal Bank of Canada



Dr Puneet Nagendra on corona



Dr. Shyam Prasad Shetty on covid19



Face Masks to police



Food to 2000 migrants



Truckloads of medicines to SVYM thanks to Raghavan



Virtual Meeting

# A UNIQUE CHARTER DAY AND INSTALLATION CEREMONY

This year's was a unique installation in these unique times. Happening at Rotary Mysore, it was physically attended by about 40 Rotarians. Rest of us were virtual attendees. President **Chetan Vishwanath** started the proceedings with his valedictory talk where he thanked everyone for their co-operation. *President Chetan, you and your team have done fantastic service, especially in the last 4 months, amidst great challenges. You have done us proud.*

The new team led by President **Manjesh Kumar** was installed by our **PDG M. Lakshminarayan**. The new team will do well to emulate and surpass the previous team's stupendous efforts. He recalled the many challenges faced by Rotary in the last 100+ years – the world wars, the 1919 pandemic, the Great Depression, polio...Rotary members sometimes even met surreptitiously, and overcame these challenges. He reminded us that Environment is the latest focus area of Rotary, and Rotary has already spent \$18m towards this cause.

**PDG Vasudevamurthy**, in his *aasheervachana*, called it his privilege to be a member of Rotary Mysore and blessed the new team and wished that they will take the club to greater heights. **PDG R Guru**, in his online talk, said that in his 46 years with the club, this was the first time he was missing the installation event. He was particularly effusive in his praise for Chetan and his team who had done excellent work in these challenging times. He wished Manjesh and team well and was confident that they would shine under trying circumstances. Congratulating the new inductees, he was sure that they would keep the flag of the senior-most club in the district, flying high.

**PP SK Sanjay**, briefed us about the TRF-supported projects from Rotary Mysore. Last year we did **global grant projects** worth \$100,000 – the **SGS Hospital diagnostic lab** worth \$50,000 and the **Emergency Training Center** worth another \$50,000. From the \$25,000 grant towards **covid relief**, we provided *20 ICU cots to the Mysore covid hospital, furnished the entire ICU, and provided patient monitoring systems to Chamaraajanagar, Madikeri and Mangalore covid hospitals.* District Grants of \$5000 While Rotary Mysore has contributed over \$400,000 to TRF, we have received over \$1,000,000 from the TRF. Last year, we contributed \$60,800 - \$50,000 from **Bastian Joseph** of Lunar Industries, \$2000 from **PDG R Guru** and \$1000 from **PDG Lakshminarayan**, as always. We have 12 major donors and we have **Rtn Dr BR Pai** joining them. New **PHFs** are Rotarians **Praveen, Suhas, Ponnanna** and **Chetan Vishwanath** (twice). PP Sanjay hoped that we will go beyond last year's numbers this time.

**AG MCS Manohara** too appreciated the remarkable job by Chetan and team and assured Manjesh and team that he is there with them. Love, affection and faith in Rotary has brought him here; he exhorted Rotarians to create opportunities, be a leader and create leaders. He concluded with these words from DVG.

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**“Tree with new leaves and old roots are wonderful; New ideas with old principles make good Dharma; Ancient wisdom combined with modern science & art makes life fruitful.”**

Asst Governor **MCS Manohara** inducted 6 new Rotarians into the Rotary fold. Rotary Mysore recalled the wonderful services of community services director **M N Venkatesh** for providing his convention hall Vidyaranya over the last 4 months. **Rtn. Roopa Venkatesh** spoke as Secretary. Vote of thanks was provided by President elect **Ramachandra Raje Urs**.

# INSTALLATION DAY - A BIRD'S EYE VIEW



*Get Set Go*



*Chetan's Valedictory*



*President Installation*



*Secretary Installation*



*Manjesh's Acceptance*



*Induction*



*PDG Guru*



*Sanjay on Grants Projects*



*Installation Officer*



*Secretary's address*



*Vote of Thanks*



Rotary isn't just a club to join,  
but rather an invitation to  
endless opportunities

Rotary International President Elect Holger Knaack

## INSTALLATION DAY - A BIRD'S EYE VIEW



*Treasurer*



*Jt Secretary*



*President Elect*



*Vice President*



*Club Service*



*Community Service*



*International Service*



*Vocational Service*



*Youth Service*



*Imm Past President*



*Sergeant-at-Arms*



*e-Bulletin release*

## NEW TEAM NEW PROJECTS



*Hand sanitizers by Raghavan*



*Tree planting project with Midtown*



*Two deserving limb beneficiaries*



*Venkatesh planting 300 saplings near TNarsipur lake*