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Dear fellow Rotarians,

As the COVID-19 pandemic put a halt to 'normal' life for most of us, on the face of it that meant more time at home to 'get stuff done'. But what if your to-do list didn't quite go to plan?

Here, we look at why it's important to let go of lockdown regrets and try to focus on what we did during the pandemic.

We might also be feeling like our time in isolation passed in a blur. As though while everyone else seems to have pivoted, up skilled and spent their time being productive, on reflection, we feel like as if we have 'underachieved'. It is well known fact that fighting disease is one of Rotary's main causes, so members shall support or involve ourselves to promote proper hand washing techniques, teach people other ways to stay healthy, and supply training and vital medical equipment to health care providers. Many of our Rotary members are helping health authorities communicate lifesaving information about COVID-19 and donating protective gear and other supplies to clinics and hospitals that are under strain because of the pandemic. We members also should be ramping up our efforts to help communities navigate through next phase of the COVID-19 pandemic: getting vaccines. We have to make use of our decades of experience in bringing polio to the brink of eradication, to highlight the power and efficacy of vaccines. Rotary's tenacity, strategic partnerships, and innovation shall support the effort to protect communities from 2nd wave of COVID-19..



Yours in Rotary
P Raghavendra, President

We Celebrate the Birthdays of ...

Annets Aditya Kumaraswamy on **19th** , and **Sharvani Raghavendra** on **22nd** of May.



E SUHRITH Conveys our Special Greetings to them on these special occasions.

Of the things we think, say or do

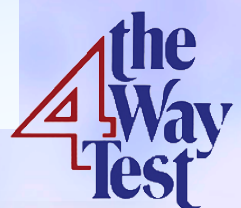
1. Is it the truth ?
2. Is it fair to all concerned ?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships ?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?



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Are we back to the square no 1?



These are some photos of last April, May and June.



With the second lockdown we are totally grounded until the



Public Administration apparatus decides to call for our usual service activities with sufficient guidelines.

Last year we had the satisfaction of feeding thousands of the needy, extending our helping hand to the front-line

workers, and procuring supplies but this year only the spirit remains and no way visible for participating in the fight against the pestilence directly.

Hope our need never arises and the country gets well soon.

Rotary in the News:

The newsclip on our Swaccha Surathkal Campaign of 5th May 2021 in Udayavani Dt. 5-5-2021.

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ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ದಿನಚರಿಯಾಗಬೇಕು: ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಬಾಳಿಗ

ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ದಿನಚರಿ ಯಾಗಬೇಕು. ನಾನು ದಿನದ ಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಕುರಿತು ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಸಾಹಸವೂ ಅದರಂತೆ. ನನ್ನ ಪುಸ್ತಕವನ್ನು ಸುಸ್ಥಿರವಾಗಿರಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅದರಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸಾಹಸಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ಬರೆಯುವುದು. ನಾನು ಬರೆಯುವುದು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ದಿನಚರಿಯಾಗಬೇಕು. ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಬಾಳಿಗ ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಾರೆ.

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RIPE Shekhar Mehta conferred Honorary Doctorate

The 9th Convocation of IIS (deemed to be University), Jaipur, was held on 9 April 2021 on the premises of the IIS. The event was graced by the distinguished presence of Padmashri Prof. Sukhadeo Thorat, the Chief Guest for the day as well as **Justice Dr. Shivraj V. Patil** (albeit virtually) and **Rtn.. Shekhar Mehta**, both of whom were conferred the degree of **D.Litt. (Honoris Causa)** on account of the stellar contribution made in their respective fields of work and influence.

Prof. Thorat is former Chairperson, University Grants Commission and ICSSR, New Delhi; Justice Dr. Patil is a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India; and, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta is the President of Rotary International for the year 2021-22. The solemn ceremony was presided over by **Dr Ashok Gupta**, Hon'ble Chancellor of the University and was joined by **Prof. T.N. Mathur**, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor; members of the Board of Management and the Academic Council as well as other invited guests, including quite a few senior Rotarians.



The graduating class of 2020 had the proud privilege to be addressed by the inspiring words of wisdom spoken by the Chief Guest and also the two special recipients, each of whom egged the graduates on to listening to their heart's calling and reaping the benefits of a robust education.

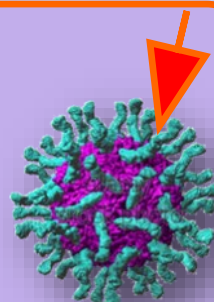
The occasion saw the conferment of the degree of D.Litt. on Rtn. Shekhar Mehta for his invaluable contribution in the field of literary-promotion in India. The ceremonious manner in which the conferment was gone about added sheen and luster to the day's proceedings. Dr. Ashok Gupta presented Sh. Mehta with a shawl, a *shreephal* and a Citation along with the Degree, before the august gathering. In his Acceptance Speech, Rtn.. Mehta began by articulating his missionary zeal to see India literate by 2025 and exhorted the youth to come forward and partake in such a noble cause by helping India achieve the status of cent percent literacy. In addition to this, he reminded the graduates to grow from the inside out; to awake, arise and not stop until the goal is reached.

Mindful of the critical times that we are in - wherein the challenges are great and urgent, and the stakes are high – Rtn. Mehta closed by motivating the newly-anointed graduating class to meet each of those challenges by imbibing the wholesome values and virtues derived from their pursuit of knowledge and learning.

Source: **PDG Ajay Kala**
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On **13th January 2014**
 India was officially
 declared as **Poliofree.**
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**Feedback...**

Dear Editor

Thanks for the 44th Electronic issue of e-SUHRITH.. PDG. G. K. Balakrishna (Geekay), Gundlupet, (DG Dist 3180-1991-92.



You are truly great sir. You haven't missed one edition of your bulletin as far as I know. Great job. :-)
ARUN Belavadi. Editor, Webmaster, RC Mysore West

Thanks Very much Sir.Ed.

FIRST SIGN OF CIVILISATION

Years ago anthropologist Margaret Mead was asked by a student what she considered to be the first sign of civilization in a culture. The student expected Mead to talk about fishhooks or clay pots or grinding stones.

But no. Mead said that the first sign of civilization in an ancient culture was a femur (thighbone) that had been broken and then healed. Mead explained that in the animal kingdom, if you break your leg, you die. You cannot run from danger, get to the river for a drink or hunt for food. You are meat for prowling beasts. No animal survives a broken leg long enough for the bone to heal.

A broken femur that has healed is evidence that someone has taken time to stay with the one who fell, has bound up the wound, has carried the person to safety and has tended the person through recovery. Helping someone else through difficulty is where civilization starts, Mead said.

We are at our best when we serve others.



Dear Friends, We are extremely sorry to inform you that **Rtn Gopal Bhandary**, President Elect, Rotary Club Of Mulki, passed away today afternoon due to covid. It is a great loss to the Rotary fraternity. Let us all pray the Almighty to give the strength to the family to bear the loss.
OM SHANTHI.