


# DOWNTOWN BUZZ

## JULY 2024

Rotary   
Nagpur Downtown  
District 3030



## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello to my dear Rotary Members and Downtown family,  
First of all, a very big thank you for choosing me as the President of our vibrant club. I would like to express my gratitude to each and everyone of you from the bottom of my heart. Thanks to all the Board members for accepting to be part my dream team for the year 2024-25. Thanks and welcome to all the new members who have joined our Downtown family.

You all are a special asset to our Club. Downtown has an impressive history of 28 years. We have achieved many awards in the past. Each Past President has worked hard to get greater recognition and respect for Downtown at District Level. We must take this legacy forward in a more ambitious way.

It sometimes saddens me that we are still not in the league of the best Clubs because of lower membership strength, smaller scale of impactful projects, lower contribution to The Rotary Foundation, and reach to the numerous needy people in the society.

It's time to change and try our best to create history by putting our best efforts in contributing towards the GOAL of taking our club to greater heights. To achieve this goal we need to plan in advance so that execution becomes easy.  
Each one of you is blessed with a skill, a special area of interest and a circle of contacts that can lead to ideas for doing some wonderful projects.

So, let's come together and work as a team. I request you to get back to me with your ideas of how you can help in bringing about this change.

Share your ideas for projects. Unless we have a needful project proposal, we cannot raise funds. Let me know institutions or industries which we can approach together as partners in service. We have seen, Corporates through their CSR funds can do wonders. We can work together to execute their visions.

You as an individual can also contribute by your physical presence or through financial assistance.

I believe in the concept of work hard and party harder.  
So, I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Let's have a memorable year together.

President 2024-25.

Rtn. Dr. Pratiksha Mayee

## **SECRETARY'S CORNER**

Dear Downtown Buzz Readers and Esteemed Members,  
I hope this message finds you well.

Firstly, I thank President Rtn Dr. Pratiksha Mayee and nomination committee of our club for entrusting me as Club Secretary. It is with great honor and enthusiasm that I step into the role of Secretary for the year 24-25. This position brings with it not only significant responsibility but also an incredible opportunity to serve our community and drive our mission forward. To our valued members, both new and long-standing, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome. My sincere thanks to all the members for attending and making the installation function a grand success.

The month of July was very Exciting. We started with Rotary Pathalogy Lab project and did various projects including Literacy, Medical, Non-medical. Thanks to all of you for making the first Family Meet a grand success.

I am Eager to work with all of you to build on the strong foundation laid by my predecessors and to achieve our shared goals. I encourage you to share your ideas, concerns and aspirations with me as we embark on this journey together.

Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to the continued support and guidance of all the Past Presidents, Board members, Anns and Rotakids throughout the year.

Warm Regards,  
Mrudula Sudame  
Hon. Sec. Rotary Downtown

### **Rotary Theme Story**

Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is *The Magic of Rotary* and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

"Don't misunderstand me – we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick said. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member added."

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end.

"One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again,'" she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life." Source- Rotary.org

## NEWSLETTER NO. 1: 1<sup>st</sup> JULY TO 7<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2024

Dear Rotarians & Anns,

A very warm welcome to all of you for yet another exciting Rotary year 2024-25. We are excited to announce the successful installation of our team on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024. As a team we are committed to fostering a spirit of service above self and spread the Magic of Rotary by strengthening our community ties. Let us come together and make our club a beacon of hope and service in our community. Team 2024-25 has planned resourceful projects and a wonderful year for you, so requesting each one of you to participate whole heartedly in all the forthcoming club events.

### INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF TEAM 2024-25

The Installation Ceremony of the New team was held at Tuli Imperial On 28<sup>th</sup> of June at a glittering function. Chief Guest was DG Rtn. Rajinder Khurana. AG Rtn Jyotika Kapoor was also present. New team under the leadership of President Rtn Dr. Pratiksha Mayee was installed. The event was attended by Galaxy of PDG's, Presidents and Secretaries of various clubs, distinguished guests and Rotarians and Anns of our club.



### EVENTS BEFORE THE INSTALLATION

President Elect and Secretary Elect Training Seminar ASCENT (PETS-SETS) – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Training program was beautifully hosted by Rotary Club of Nagpur Downtown at Hotel Centre Point, Ramdaspath, Nagpur. PDG Sameer Hariani RID 3191 was the Chief Guest whose presentation on You Are The Key was mesmerising. It was the pleasure & honour to listen to gifted orators on various topics including Action Plan: Creating Magic, Practical tips for effective year, Alchemy of Leadership, Club Management and club Leadership. Day-1 ended by well managed entertainment event by host city members.

Day-2 covered critical topics like District Goals, R & R of PE-SE, Rotary Grants, Budget, Stewardship, Club Constitution & Bylaws, Club Assembly etc. by prominent speakers.

**“FUSION”** – DTTS , DTA & GMS – 5<sup>th</sup> May

Hosted by Rotary Club of Akola, North the training program for PE/SE, Club Directors, Officers focusing on Rotaract Vision 2024-25, Dist. & Club Bylaws, and Dist. Budgets, CSR Funds. About 10 members of our club attended the program.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

As per our Club’s tradition, new team started their year by visiting **Tekdi Ganesh Mandir** on 1<sup>st</sup> of July at 7.30 AM. We joined in for the “Arati” performed by Nagpur Enclave. Along with President Dr Pratiksha & Hon. Club Secretary Mrudula, IPP Abhijit Deshpande, more than 20 members had joined.

## PROJECTS OF THE WEEK



### **Project: 1**

Name of the project: Rotary Pathology Lab

Date of the Project: 01/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 36

No of Rotarians Involved: about 50

Cost: INR 5000 /-

Project Description: Rotary Pathology Laboratory was inaugurated at the hands of DG Rtn. Rajinder Khurana on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the project. Executive check-up of 36 Rotarians was done and Rs. 42500 /- were collected by this project. The amount collected by this would be utilised for service projects. This project is a yearlong. Hence executive check-up can be done throughout the year.

Director Medical: Rtn Dr. Suchita Ingale

Project Director: PP Dr. Vikas Ingale



### **Project: 2**

Name of the Project: POT TO PLATE

Date of Project: 01/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 100

No of Rotarians Involved: About 20

Cost: INR 50000 /-

Project Description: This innovative project is the brainchild of President Pratiksha. Seeds of 10 different vegetables like spinach, coriander, chilli, brinjal, gourds, beans etc were distributed to members to encourage them to grow vegetables at their homes and enjoy garden fresh vegetables.

Director Non-Medical: Rtn. Prajakta Mangrulkar



### **Project: 3**

Name of the Project: Notebooks Donation

Date of Project: 01/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 500

No of Rotarians Involved: 10

Cost: INR 35000 /-

Project Description: 1000 notebooks were handed over to “Masoom” foundation that will be donated to 6 night schools. Mr. Avinash Ramteke collected the notebooks on behalf of Masoom Foundation.

Director Literacy: Rtn Mandar Joshi



#### **Project 4:**

Name of the Project: Science Lab Upgradation

Date of Project: 01/07/2024

No of the beneficiaries: 100

No of Rotarians Involved: 5

Cost: INR 45000 /-

Project Description: Science Lab Upgradation was inaugurated by DG Rajinder Khurana at Ashwini School, Beena near Koradi. To encourage scientific learning, educational charts, human skeleton, models of different organs, globe etc were given. Physical and Geographical maps were also given. Sports material for cricket, badminton, football, basket ball was also given to the school. PP Rtn Virendra Patrikar was also present.

Project Director Non-medical: Rtn Prajakta Mangrulkar



**Project: 5**

Name of the Project: Physics Lab Upgradation

Date of Project: 01/07/2024

No of Rotarians Involved: 5

No of Beneficiaries: 600

Cost: INR 25000 /-

Project Description: Physics Science Lab Upgradation was inaugurated by DG Rajinder Khurana at Tejaswini High School, Koradi. PP Rtn Virendra Patrikar was also present.

Project Director Non-medical: Rtn Prajakta Mangrulkar



**Project: 6**

Name of the Project: Tree Plantation

Date of Project: 06/07/2024

No of Rotarians Involved: About 20 including Rotractors

Cost: INR 50000 /-

Project Description: Tree plantation at Anil Dhadang's Fantasy Farm that spreads over 30 acres was carried out. He explained very nicely about growing and taking care of plants. Enjoyed his hospitality at the scenic location of Kinhi village.

Project Director: PP Rtn Nishikant Kashikar





## **Project: 7**

Name of the Project: Financial Literacy

Date of Project: 06/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 125 Families

No of Rotarians Involved: 7

Sponsored by: Think FinServ

Project Description: Financial Literacy Project sponsored by “Think FinServ” was carried out at Tirupati Logistics, Amravati Road. Rtn Mandar Joshi and his colleague Saurabh Ballal explained the importance of saving as well as investing through their presentation. Rtn Sachin Poshattiwar was instrumental in smooth execution of the project.

Project Director: Rtn Mandar Joshi



## **Project: 8**

Name of the Project: “Laadki Bahin”

Date of Project: 06/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 50

No of Rotarians Involved: 7

Sponsored by: Tirupati Logistics

Project Description: Under the “Laadki Bahin” government scheme, women were educated about filling of online forms and documents to be submitted in order to avail the scheme. This project facilitates the upliftment of underprivileged women.

Project Director: Rtn Sachin Poshattiwar



**MOU** was signed on 01/07/2024 with PENCH TIGER RESERVE, Maharashtra for medical and social projects.



**BOARD MEETING: 03/07/2024**

First board meeting was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at Two Joes, Abhyankar Nagar  
Hosts: Rtn Prajakta Mangrulkar and Rtn Deepali Dodke

**FELLOWSHIP EVENT: FITNESS SUNDAY**

Rotarians, Anns & Rotakids of our club experienced a happy energetic morning at Ramgiri Garden, Civil Lines, Nagpur on 07/07/2024 and enjoyed walking, talking, sharing some Health & Fitness tips by Project director Rtn. Sachin Shirbhavikar.



**NEWSLETTER NO. 2 : 8<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 14<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Rotarians & Anns,

Welcome all to the second week. Its my pleasure to share our club's this week's activities and future plans. Last week we successfully completed 8 projects which includes Medical, Literacy, Non-medical. Also members enjoyed the Fitness Walk on 7<sup>th</sup> July Sunday. Thanks to your unwavering support. Looking ahead, we have several exciting events and initiatives lined up.

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

**Business Meeting :** Friends the Business Meeting is essential for the effective governance and operation of the Rotary Club, ensuring that all members are informed, involved in the club activities and decisions. We started off this week with first Business Meeting that was held on-line on 10/07/24. Around 15 members joined. The decisions taken in the Board Meeting were ratified.



**Installation of Interact club :** Interact stands for **International Action**. An Interact Club is a Rotary Club sponsored organization of young people of 12-18 yrs. Its purpose is to provide opportunity for them to work together in a world, fellowship dedicated to service and International understanding and leadership development skills.

Our first Interact Club was installed on 13/07/24 at Mankar Adarsh Madhyamik Vidyalay, Waroda, Kalmeshwar. Along with President and Secretary 9 members were inducted. Firstly President Rtn Pratiksha Mayee explained the students about the interact club and their roles and responsibilities.

The students were very excited. The President and Secretary of the newly formed Interact club expressed their willingness to do something for their school through the club. Principal of the school Mrs. Jaya Mankar and teacher in charge Thakre madam were very supportive in forming the club.

Project Director : Rtn Sanket Dharashivkar



## PROJECTS OF THE WEEK

### **Project: 9**

Name of the project: Bamboo Plantation

Date of the Project: 12/07/2024

Project Description: Under the 'Environmental Awareness Program' Bamboo plantation was done in Manora Village. Under "Maharashtra Bamboo Scheme" 5400 Bamboo Saplings will be planted on 9 hectares of land. This project is promoted by our district 3030. Chairman Environment Awareness Rtn Sachin Shirbhavikar has already executed at 2 places. Rest of the saplings will be distributed soon to the members who have already registered. The cultivation of Bamboo can stabilise and rejuvenate the soil and can be used as a potential material for the reclamation of wastelands.

Project Director: Rtn Saish Kashikar.



### **Project: 10**

Name of the Project: Books Donation

Date of Project: 12/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 200

Project Description : Books play a significant role in our life. Donating books is the simplest yet the best method to encourage Literacy. The books we donated today will be helpful to students in getting extra practice on the topics of their curriculum.

Books for std 1 to 8 were donated to :

**10.1** Zilla Parishad School, Manora

**10.2** Zilla Parishad uchha Madhyamik School, Champa

**10.3** Mankar Adarsh Madhyamik Vidyalay on 13/07/24

This is a joint initiative of District 3011 and Rotary Downtown. 6000 books will be donated through this project.

Project Director : Rtn Mandar Joshi



### **Project: 11**

Name of the Project: Formation Of New RCC

Date of Project: 12/07/2024

Project Description: A Rotary Community Corps i.e. RCC is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities in collaboration with local Rotary clubs.

MOU was signed for the formation of new RCC at Champa with RCC incharge Mr. Vijay Chikhle. It was attended by Sarpanch, past Sarpanch and Elites of Champa village.

Project Director : PP Rtn Sunil Jharkhandi



### **Project 12**

Name of the Project: Tables and Chairs Donation

Date of Project: 12/07/2024

No of the beneficiaries: 25

Cost: INR 20000 /-

Project Description: Tables and chairs were donated by Smt Surma Murthy To ZP Uchha

Madhyamik School, Champa in memory of her late husband Mr.K. N . Murthy. Apart from the school activities these tables and chairs will also be helpful for their evening village meetings

Project Director Non-medical: Rtn Prajakta Mangrulkar



### **Project: 13**

Name of the Project: Spitting Spread Germs

Date of Project: 12/07/2024

Cost: INR 2500 /-

Project Description: Under “Disease Prevention” project 500 stickers will be put up at different locations. Spitting spread Germs. This is to educate villagers so that it will prevent airborne diseases. Stickers were given to students to stick on the walls of the school and also at some places in the village. Also as an anti tobacco drive.

Project Director Medical: Rtn Dr. Suchita Ingale



### **FELLOWSHIP EVENT: HERITAGE WALK**

A Heritage walk is a guided tour that takes through Historical and culturally significant areas of a city or a town. These walks often highlight Architectural landmarks, historical sites and stories about the people and events that shape the area.

On 14/07/24 one such Heritage walk was arranged for Rotarians, Anns & Rotakids of our club to experience the Chronicles Of GONDS AND BHONSALES OF NAGPUR. This 2 hr walk was enjoyed by all. They expressed that though they have been living in Nagpur for so long, but they were unaware of the great Heritage of our city and now they feel proud to be Nagpurians. Mandira madam took us through the bylanes of the Journey. Participation of newly joined members in our Sunday activities is commendable. Nice to see the enthusiasm of Rotakid Saloni Banhatti. Special Prize was given to the Best Photo clicked during the tour. Project Director : Rtn Manish Bagalkote  
For the success of both the Sunday Fellowship events Rtn Deepali Dodke was instrumental.



### NEWSLETTER NO. 3 : 15<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 21<sup>st</sup> JULY,

Dear Rotarians & Anns,

As we move through the month of July, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and enthusiasm. Our projects and events are gaining momentum and it is all thanks to your dedication and commitment to our community.

As rightly said by Mahatma Gandhi "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others "

We are trying to incorporate this through our projects.

### PROJECTS OF THE WEEK

#### **Project : 14**

Name of the project: Groceries Donation

Date of the Project: 17 / 07 / 2024

No of Beneficiaries: 52

Cost : INR 30,000 /-

No of Rotarians Involved: About 8

Project Description: Groceries worth Rs 30,000 were donated to "MANAV VIKAS TRAINING AND REHABILITATION CENTRE "Khapa village near Nagpur.

This Institution is imparting training to those with Mental disorders from 2021 July, thereby helping in their Rehabilitation. Run by Mr. Rajabhau Jodh on his own land, this is the first centre in Maharashtra where people with mental disorders are treated for a long.

Right now there are 52 inmates who are either orphans or rejected by their own families. Patients from Bangladesh and Nepal too have found their way to the rehab centre. To meet their needs, the centre is always in need of groceries. I'm happy to share that we could cater their few needs.

My sincere gratitude to all the 3 Rotarians for their prompt response and the generous donations.

PP Rtn Dr Vikas Ingale 10,000/-

Rtn Vikrant Darvhekar 10,000/- As his Birthday Donation.

Rtn Prajakta Mangrulkar 7000/- In memory of her husband Parag Mangrulkar.

Definitely their noble gesture will inspire others to donate generously on Birthdays and Anniversaries.

Director Non-Medical: Rtn. Prajakta Mangrulkar



### **Project: 15**

Name of the Project: Mental Health

Date of Project: 17 / 07/ 2024

No of Beneficiaries: 60

Project Description: Under the "Mental Health Awareness." Psychiatrist Dr. Anand Khare addressed the staff and caretakers of the "Manav Vikas Training and Rehabilitation Centre" Khapa. He visited both the wards for men and women who are with some kind of mental disorder. Guided their staff about handling the patients and gave some suggestions about medicines and their day to day activities.

Thanks to Project Director Medical Rtn Dr. Suchita Ingale for her efforts in coordinating the talk on Mental Health.



## NEWSLETTER NO. 4 : 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY TO 28<sup>th</sup> JULY,

Dear Rotarians & Anns,

As we conclude the fruitful month, I'm delighted to share the highlights and accomplishments of our club. The week was engaging with events from Medical, Finances, Literacy, Fun filled Antakshari and ended with Speaker meet on thoughtful topic.

The Enthusiasm of Newly inducted members was remarkable. They have eagerly participated in various projects and brought some fresh ideas to our club. Their energy and passion are truly inspiring. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will continue to make within our club.

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK

#### **Installation of Interact club :**

The first Interact Club was certified on November 5 , 1962 at Melbourne High School, in Florida , USA. A year later, Interact numbered 177 clubs in 24 countries.

Our second Interact Club was installed on 27 / 07/ 24 at Vidya Niketan English Medium School, 14<sup>th</sup> Mile , Amravati Road. Along with President and Secretary 9 members were inducted. Firstly President Rtn Pratiksha Mayee explained the students about the interact club and their roles and responsibilities.

The students responded enthusiastically. The Teacher - in – Charge Pranjali Tapale of the newly formed Interact club expressed her willingness to do something for their school through the club. Principal of the school Mrs. Rohini Nandanwar was very supportive in forming the club.

Project Director : Rtn Sanket Dharashivkar



**Speaker Meeting :** Friends the Speaker Meet is essential for the effective governance and operation of the Rotary Club, ensuring that all members are informed, involved in the club activities and decisions.

Our first Speaker Meet was held on 28 /07/ 24 at Navadrushti Hall. It was in association with Ashwini Kidney Trust, Inner wheel club Nagpur , Inner wheel club East Nagpur , Inner wheel club Orange city .Speaker Shrinivas Varnekar spoke about “ HEALTH – PERSPECTIVES FROM HINDUISM” Chief Guest Dr. Praveer Waradkar further elaborated his thoughts on the topic. The program was conducted by Dr. Anjali Bhandarkar. It was enlightening and thought provoking meet.

My heartfelt gratitude to Rtn Dr. Dhananjay Ookhalkar and Dr. Ashwini Ookhalkar for executing the whole program so smoothly and beautifully. Nice to see the highest number of Rotarians from our club attending the speaker meet.

Hope to receive the same support throughout the year.



**Family meet :** First family meet “ANTAKSHARI FUNTAKSHARI ” was held on 27<sup>th</sup> July at Bhaskar Sabha Gruha , Bharat Nagar. In all 5 teams participated in the event . Chief Guest Pooja Rathi judged the event. Team SULTAN comprising of Rtn Vinod Athavle , Rtn Kishori Kulkarni RK Darshita Gajbe and Rtn Dr. Trupti Gawande won the Antakshari competition. Thanks to Program Committee Chair Rtn Deepali Dodke and Ann Monali Darvhekar Ann Rakhi Kashikar who conducted the Antakshari with ease. Aply supported by Rtn Sonali Rajwadkar

Many had dressed up in Bollywood chracters . Rtn Vaishali Deo, Rtn Nitu Desai, Rtn Vinod Athavle won the prizes for their outstanding dressup. Earlier the show was started with the RAMP WALK.



Our Super kids who have excelled in their 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> std Board exams were felicitated by Our Past Presidents. Rota kids also shared their views. RK felicitated were Arnav Arya , Sae Sahasrabudhe , Avaneesh Narsigkar , Ishwari Ambhorkar, Darshita Gajbe, Raghiv Patil , Kabir Desai.

I take this opportunity to thank Rtn Manish Bagalkote for sponsoring the Award for Best Photograph during Heritage Walk. Congratulations Rtn Vikrant Darvhekar for winning the Award



## PROJECTS OF THE WEEK

### **Project: 16**

Name of the Project: Donation for food requirement of 5 girls

Date of Project: 23/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 5

Cost : 10,000 INR

Project Description : At SARASWATI VIDYA MANDIR'S MAHILA VASATI GRUHA, Tulsi Bagh Road, Mr Sharadchandra Sudame donated Rs 10,000 in the memory of his wife Sheela Sudame , mother of Rtn Nitin Sudame. This amount shall suffice the food needs of 5 girls for 1 month. Thanks Ann Rakhi Kashikar for the support.



### **Project: 7 ( 2 )**

Name of the Project : "ARTHA BODH"

Date of Project: 23/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 50 families

Project Description : At Rtn Jagadish Lanjewar's SUN ENVIRO under Financial Literacy Awareness project ARTHA BODH. Rtn Mandar Joshi of THINK FINSERV explained beautifully about importance of investment and setting financial goals.

Director Literacy : Rtn Mandar Joshi

### **Project: 17**

Name of the Project : Road Safety And Traffic Awareness

Date of Project: 23/07/2024

Project Description : Rtn Ravindra Paranjape has already started this initiative few months back and is continuing with more determination .

Rtn Ravindra emphasized on following the traffic rules thereby avoiding the accidents on the road. Thanks Rtn Ravindra. Special thanks to Rtn Jagdish Lanjewar for giving us space and opportunity to conduct both the above projects. Thanks Rtn Mandar Joshi for gifting reusable bags to promote no plastic and use of eco friendly material.



### **Project: 18**

Name of the Project: Upgradation Of Chemistry Lab

Date of Project: 25/07/2024

No Of Beneficiaries : 150

Cost : 43000/- INR

Project Description: Rtn Nandini Bhojraj handed over material and equipments worth Rs 43,000 for Chemistry Lab Upgradation at Anudanit Prathamik Ashram Shala, Deolapar as a part of Science Lab project. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> school under this project. Thanks Rtn Nandini for your support and actual involvement in the project.

Project Director : Rtn Mandar Joshi



### **Project 19 (1)**

Name of the Project: " AHA " ADOLESCENT HEALTH AWARENESS

Date of Project: 26/07/2024

No of the beneficiaries: 50

Project Description: At SHARDA MAHILA VIDYALAY, Sakkardara, under the project “AHA”, Gynecologist Dr. Indrayani Hatwar explained about “Menstrual Hygiene” and “Safe and Unsafe Touch” through beautiful slide show. Girls also interacted and cleared their doubts.

The first chapter was named " गुलाब कळी 🌹 हितगुज,थोडं तुझं थोडं माझे"

Thanks to Project Director Medical Rtn Dr. Suchita Ingale. for sponsoring the gifts



### **Project 20**

Name of the Project: Donation Of Solar Water Heater

Date of Project: 26/07/2024

No of the beneficiaries: 100

Cost : 47,500 /- INR

Project Description: Birthday project of Rtn Dr. Suchita Ingale was announced on 7th July but inaugurated on 26<sup>th</sup> July. She donated Solar water heater Worth Rs 47,500/- to Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Ganesh Nagar. This was combined project of Dr. Suchita and the club.

Also Rtn Saish Kashikar donated 500 \$ as his birthday project.

What a thoughtful way of celebrating birthday. Thanks Rtn Suchita and Rtn Saish.

Project Director Non-medical: Rtn Prajakta Mangrulkar



### **Continued Project: 10 ( 4 )**

Name of the Project: Book Donation

Date of Project: 27 / 07 /2024

No of Beneficiaries: 200

Cost: 5000 /-

Project Description: At Vidya Niketan English medium school, 14th Mile Amravati Road , books for Std 1 to 8 were distributed. These books will be useful to students in enhancing their curriculum. This is a joint initiative of District 3011 and Rotary Downtown.

Project director: Rtn Mandar Joshi .

### **Continued Project: 13 ( 2 )**

Name of the Project: Spitting Spread Germs

Date of Project: 27 / 07 /2024

Project Description: At Vidya Niketan English Medium School, 14<sup>th</sup> Mile, Amravati Road, Under "Disease Prevention" project "थुंकु नका" stickers were distributed to students and its importance was explained by Rtn Mrudula Sudame. Stickers were given to students to stick on the walls of the school and also at some places in the village. Spitting spread Germs thereby causes airborne diseases .

Project Director medical: Rtn Dr. Suchita Ingale



### **Continued Project: 7 ( 3 )**

Name of the Project : "ARTHA BODH"

Date of Project: 23/07/2024

No of Beneficiaries: 150

Project director Rtn Mandar Joshi .

Project Description : At Vidya Niketan English Medium School, 14<sup>th</sup> Mile, Amravati Road under the project "ARTHA BODH" financial literacy Awareness , Rtn Mandar Joshi of ThinkServ, explained about importance of savings and investment in a easy and understandable way. Students asked questions on the same. Thanks Rtn Mandar for giving gifts to students.



### **Continued Project 19 ( 2 )**

Name of the Project: "AHA" ADOLESCENT HEALTH AWARENESS

Date of Project: 27/07/2024

No of the beneficiaries: 100

Project Description: At Vidya Niketan English Medium School, 14<sup>th</sup> Mile, Amravati Road Under "AHA", Associate Professor at IGMC Dr. Bhakti Gurjar counselled girls about "Menstrual hygiene" and "Safe and Unsafe touch" through very effective presentation. Second chapter was named " रानजाई, हितगुज, थोडं तुझं, थोडं माझं". Thanks Rtn Suchita for giving nice gifts to girls who gave best answer to questions asked by Dr. Bhakti.

Project director Medical: Rtn Dr Suchita Ingale



*What an amazing month.*

*20 projects and some were conducted at multiple locations.*

*Thanks for the support.*



## GUFTAGU with NEW MEMBER ANAND SADAVARTE

He is an Engineer and the Managing Director of MEDINECTAR a pharma company. He stays and works from Shubhashish' Plot No 2-B Azad Hind Nagar Subhash Nagar Jaitala Main Road Near Hanuman Mandir Nagpur – 440022. He has a rare blood group O Rh Negative and is born on Feb-2. You can connect with him on 9960615091 and [itsianand@gmail.com](mailto:itsianand@gmail.com). He is a quiet person and loves reading.

His wife has a beautiful name Lochan and you can also call her Radhika. She supports her husband in their pharma business. She is born on 11<sup>th</sup> -Sep and you can reach her on 9373594155 and [itslochan@gmail.com](mailto:itslochan@gmail.com). Husband negative to wife positive. Kya baat hai. Her Blood group is O Rh Positive.

They are blessed with two kids Raavi and Suryaansh. They joined Downtown for Networking, Personal Growth, Everlasting Friendships, Sports & Cultural Events, Non-Medical Projects, Rotary Means Business "RMB" Networking and Fellowship.

Radhika already participated in Antakshari and was member of Team Mogambo and enjoyed the friendly environment at Downtown and is looking forward for a lot of interesting events in future.



## **Knowing our President Dr Pratiksha Mayee- a multi tasker, achiever and approachable Rotarian**

### **1. What made you join Rotary?**

In 2016-17 during our first Club assembly, I happened to listen to the then AG Rtn. Prakash Khemchandani who urged the then President PP Virendra Patrikar to make sure to involve more and more women in Rotary. He emphasized that Rotary can function better if we involved more women as they are full of ideas, energy and most important have a sensitive heart for serving the needy. He touched the emotional chord and on the way back home, I discussed with my husband the idea of elevating myself from being an Ann to a Rotarian. He supported the decision and immediately asked me to inform the President, who was very happy to hear that I was motivated and inspired to serve Rotary as a Rotarian.

### **2. Your profession must be time demanding and stressful. How do you find time for Rotary Initiatives?**

I am an entrepreneur, researcher, writer and an avid traveler. Professional commitments do consume my time and energy but luckily the responsibilities are shared by various stake holders and thus I can devote sometime for things that I am passionate about. My Father Late PP Vijay Kashikar was a Rotarian and thus unknowingly serving the society that has given us so much has been imbibed in me since childhood. Secondly, it's a great platform to sharpen and showcase your leadership skills.

### **3. Can you share some fond memories from your Rotary journey so far?**

I happened to travel with my husband to Milan for a conference. As I was free, I wrote to a local Club who replied back saying their member Barbara Martellini from Rotary Club of Milano Nord Ovest would get in touch with me. Barbara not only gave me a warm welcome but took me around for sightseeing, we exchanged ideas, talked about projects that we do, cultural differences and 4-5hours just flew by. She dropped me back at the hotel and sent me a parting gift, a Gucci scarf. This precious gift is a symbol of how Rotary can connect people across the globe and you can become friends instantaneously in a foreign land.

### **4. Did you expect the Best Zonal Secretary award in 2017-18? How did it feel?**

No, not at all. I had worked hard for it but never imagined such a big recognition. Ofcourse! I was super elated.

### **5. What's the role of our first lord in your Rotary life?**

PP Rishikesh has always been supportive. His Rotary journey has been exemplary as he did some exceptionally grand projects during his tenure as the Club President in 2021-22 and was a very systematic Club Secretary too. No doubt he received awards for his dedication. As a first lady then, I could learn a lot of things from him and got clarity about dos and don'ts in Rotary which will be guiding principles for me this year.

### **6. Service projects or fellowships? What your mantra for a great Rotary year?**

I believe that balance is the key if you wish to give a wonderful and meaningful time to the club members and make the year memorable for them. My team will work hard for execution of service projects and will party harder to strengthen the bond developed during the process.

### **7. What are the three focus projects in your Presidential year?**

Literacy beyond mere reading and writing skill. I wish to impart scientific knowledge by setting up science labs.

Farmers awareness. Use of good inputs for better outputs.

Wellness though disease prevention and financial knowledge enhancement.

**8. What's your dream project and how to you plan to make it a reality?**

My dream project is to create a very healthy, hygienic and happy place for children to study. As, when we had visited the schools in our periphery, we were saddened to see pathetic infrastructure and lack of facilities in some schools. So always wanted to help them revive. This dream is coming true with the support of Rtn Nitin Sudame and CSR India project that we are planning together. We are planning to adopt three schools and convert them into happy schools.

**9. What's your take on the challenges posed by clubs and way forward?**

The first challenge any President faces is membership retention and financial discipline in the club. To tackle this, we created an annual calendar and filled details about our major family events and speaker meets. We also mentioned important day's to be followed according to the monthly Rotary theme and are planning projects keeping that in mind. Thus, members got surety that it's going to be a very happening year and thus continued and paid the dues on time. We are thankful to them. We can now focus on executing our plans.

**10. Any message for the newly inducted members?**

Dear members, don't hesitate to ask details about what's happening in the club. We are there to answer your queries and to make it a memorable year for you. Participate in events, praise what you like and proceed in Rotary. Together we can do wonders.







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