



# Airport Diaries

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## Editor's message

**Dear Rotarians of Navi Mumbai Airport City,**

I hope this message finds you healthy and inspired.

Welcome to Airport Diaries!!!

This is a journey that we will create together with purpose and passion, serving the community, creating impact and uplifting each other.

In this edition, I'm thrilled to bring you highlights of the impactful projects and vibrant events that reflect the spirit of Rotary in action. Each initiative is a step toward a brighter, more compassionate world — made possible by your dedication and drive.

Let us continue to engage, ideate, and lead with the values that define us: fellowship, service, and action.

Thank you for your energy, your time, and your commitment.

Nitin S Nair



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## **Stephanie A. Urchick President 2024-25**

As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, we have an opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to each other and to the communities we serve.

A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a program providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care.

Club member and Past District Governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack.

Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots, and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a check for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about US\$2,000) to support its efforts. They also committed to volunteering their time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilizing resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.

As we embrace the renewal that spring offers, let's take inspiration from the Windsor-Roseland club. Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club:

**Identify emerging needs:** Stay attuned to the evolving challenges in your communities. Engage with local organizations to understand where your club's support can make the most difference.

**Mobilize resources quickly:** When opportunities arise, act swiftly. Leverage the skills and networks within your club to gather resources, from financial contributions to equipment to volunteer time.

**Foster collaboration:** Encourage members to take initiative and collaborate on projects. Empowering individuals to lead and contribute their unique talents enhances engagement and drives success.

**Commit to ongoing involvement:** Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support.

Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact.

By embracing these approaches, we can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let's seize this season as an opportunity to revitalize our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world.

This is The Magic of Rotary — transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve.



**Raju Subramanian**  
RI Director, 2023-25

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Nature thrives on balance — every creature, from the smallest insect to the tallest tree, follows an unspoken code, existing in harmony with the ecosystem. Seasons change with precision, rivers carve their paths with purpose, and animals take only what they need to survive. Yet, amidst this intricate order, humankind stands apart — driven not just by necessity but often by desire. Unlike nature, which sustains, we consume; unlike forests, which replenish, we deplete. Our choices, shaped as much by need as by excess, have upset this delicate balance, making it imperative that we rethink our role as stewards of the planet. This month, as we focus on the environment, let us reflect not only on what we can do but what we must do to restore this equilibrium.

As the Rotary year wanes, we shift from counting months to counting days. The *Magic Year* will soon yield to *Unite for Good*, and while new leadership is prepared, the present teams press forward to fulfil their commitments. The seamless transition of leadership within Rotary is a testament to the strength of our organisation. As the proverb reminds us, “A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.” True leadership is not about authority but legacy — the ability to sustain momentum, inspire those who follow, and ensure that every Rotarian and their family find meaning in fellowship and service.

For over 120 years, Rotary has worked magic in communities worldwide. Now, it is time to create magic for Rotary — to strengthen the very organisation that has given us so much. Two priorities demand our focus: growing our membership and securing our Foundation’s future. We stand at the threshold of achieving our \$2.025 billion endowment goal, but until the final dollar is raised, our mission remains unfinished. This is our moment to seek, inspire and lead by example. True generosity is not just about giving — it is about igniting the spirit of giving in others. As I once read, “Spend your money on the things money can buy and spend your time on the things money can’t buy.” Let us invest in a future where our contributions create a lasting impact — one that money alone cannot measure, but humanity will always cherish.

The measure of our time in Rotary will not be in the projects we complete or the funds we raise, but in the lives we touch and the futures we help shape. As we stand at this juncture, with one year drawing to a close and another on the horizon, let us act with the quiet determination of those who build not for today, but for generations to come. Whether through service, generosity or the simple act of bringing others into our fold, our legacy will be written in the opportunities we create and the goodwill we foster.

The moment to act is always now, and the true measure of our effort will not be found in recognition, but in the better world we leave behind.



**Rtn. Dinesh Mehta**  
**District Governor**  
**Rotary International District 3142**

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As the vibrant energy of February peace initiatives flows into March, we embark on our critical mission WASH WINS : Rotary's March mission. The journey of service is never static, it involves, building momentum with each passing month.

January's focus on health awareness through our thalassaemia sessions and February's peace building activities have laid the ground work for our March WASH initiatives. From witnesses, 1600 children running for the health causes to inaugurating life-saving, paediatric heart surgeries, we have demonstrated our commitment to holistic community well-being.

The water cooler installation at Hutatma Maruti Kumar Vidyalaya wasn't simply an isolated project. It was a harbinger of our March focus. Just as our environmental initiatives from 500 tree plantations to hazardous material management workshops, reflect our understanding that clean water requires a healthy ecosystem.

As we transition to WASH projects, remember that each monthly theme is a different face of our enduring commitment to service above yourself. Like the continuous flow of water, our service must remain constant, adapting to each season while maintaining its essential purpose.

As we Embrace this vital mission, remember that WASH isn't merely a project. It's a profound gift of dignity, health, and opportunity for community worldwide.

"Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth " - Shirley Chisholm



**Chandrakant Said**  
**Club President**  
**Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport**  
**City**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am much delighted to be with you sharing my thoughts.

Your club has been creating buzz with the superb quality of projects that you have conceived, planned and executed. This has been possible as a result of the strong bonding amongst the members and churning out great ideas as a Team. Your participation in Club Fellowship events is a testimony to this camaraderie.

As I stepped into my new role as President I was aware that I had a big shoes to fill. But, my fellow senior Rotarians never let me feel that pressure. Their experience, wisdom and never ending energy of other young Rotarians was a fuel in abundant quantity that we used to begin one of our memorable journey into the Rotary world.

The **Awesome** year experience, I am sure, has been amazing for you. We touched many lives with Blood donation & Thalassemia awareness initiative, Clear Vision, Ayushman, CPR Training, Seavus Eco Achiever's Quiz, Legal Awareness on POSH and POSCO acts, Akshay Kiran and have given the Club adequate mileage and much needed visibility to spread awareness about the activities of Rotary. Some of the projects truly qualify to be our signature and sustainable projects.

Your wholehearted support in organizing financial resources to execute these projects is praiseworthy and deserves appreciation of the highest order.

Rotary International President, Dr. Stephanie Urchick, has chosen the theme, The Magic of Rotary, and she has called on members to "recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives." In her vision statement, Dr. Urchick acknowledges, "There's magic as people unite to create sustainable change". We recognize our ability to make change when we utilize the synergic energy of our club members working together with a common goal.

Moving forward, we aim to build on the club's accomplishments and expand the family with more members having same passion of Service above Self. Let us continue to seek out ways to support sustainable projects and disadvantaged individuals, by raising funds and rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck in to make things happen.








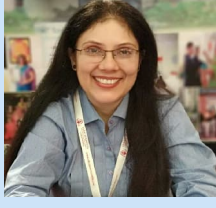







Yours in Rotary

Rtn Dr. Chandrakant Said  
President  
Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City





## Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City – Club members

				
Gouri Bhattacharya	Pranay Bhattacharya	Dr. Damodar Dukle	Anit Kaur Banga	K., Vishwanath
				
Aarti Nair	Nitin Nair	Saibal Roy	Samriddhi Roy	Dr. Chandrakant Said
				
Deepti Said	Jaydip Sensarma	Stuti Sensarma	Dhruva Sensarma	Dr. Mukul Thorat
				
Akshay Venkatachalam	Dr. Sonali Pimpale	Pallavi Rath		



## ✈️ Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City Takes Off



The **Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City** officially took off on **15th May 2024**, marking the beginning of a vibrant journey rooted in **service** 🧡, **fellowship** 💬, and **purpose** 🌐.

Formed by a group of 21 dedicated individuals driven by the spirit of *Service Above Self*, the club set out with a clear vision — to make a meaningful difference in the community 🌱. With each initiative and gathering, the club continues to build momentum ⚙️, create impact 🌍, and foster connections that go beyond boundaries 🌐.

💬 **Charter President Mr. Chandrakant** shared,

*"This club is more than a beginning — it's a commitment. A commitment to serve, to grow together, and to leave a lasting impact on the world around us."*

This is just the beginning — and the **sky is the limit** 🚀.



## Installation of Interact Club



### Certificate of Organization

This certificate recognizes that the  
Interact Club of Sadhu Vaswani Navi Mumbai Airport City

Club ID 229922      Established 01 August 2024

has been organized and has agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound  
by the constitution and bylaws of the Interact program of Rotary International.

Sponsored by the  
Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City, Maharashtra, India

*Chandrakant Said*  
PRESIDENT, SPONSORING CLUBS

06 September 2024  
DATE

*Rephani A. Mishra*  
PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

21 August 2024  
DATE

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## ✨ Laying Strong Foundations in First 100 Days

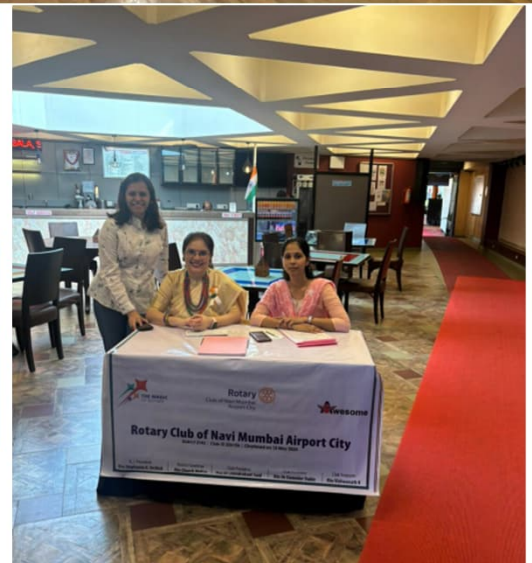
Since our club was formed on **15<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, the **Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City** has been on an inspiring journey of connection, action, and community-building. Within our first 100 days, we proudly took a significant step forward by installing our very first youth wing — the **Interact Club of Sadhu Vaswani High School and Junior College**.

On **1st August 2024**, the Interact Club was officially launched with an enthusiastic team of **50 young members** who embody the values of leadership, service, and fellowship. This early milestone reflects our commitment to nurturing the next generation of changemakers and fostering meaningful partnerships within our community.

Together, we're building a future rooted in service — one connection at a time.



## Blood Donation + End Thalassemia



On 15th August 2024, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City, in collaboration with Nerul Gymkhana and Triumph Blood Bank, successfully organized a blood donation program to benefit 90 Thalassemia children registered with the TRIUMPH Blood Bank and Thalassemia Day Care Center.

With a focus on Thalassemia Awareness, Prevention, and Treatment, the camp collected 55 units of blood and conducted 68 Thalassemia tests (Hb Electrophoresis), highlighting our ongoing commitment to the District Thalassemia project "End Thalassemia Now,"

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**Project Chairperson :**  
▪Rtn Saibal Roy

**Number of  
beneficiaries**


**55**

## Clearer Vision to Young Eyes


    
**ROTARY CLUB OF NAVI MUMBAI AIRPORT CITY**  
in association with  
    
organises  
**CLEAR VISION**  
AN EYE CHECK-UP CAMP  
"Empowering Children Through Clear Vision"  
 **FREE SPECTACLE**   
on Sunday, 27th October 2024, 2:30 pm onwards  
at Shreeram Radhakrishnan Memorial Trust, Belapur Gaon, Sector 20, Near Ram Mandir & Lake (Belapur)







On Sunday, 27th October 2024, the **Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City** conducted a much-needed **Eye Screening Camp** for underprivileged children at **Shikshangan**, Belapur Village — an initiative managed by the *Shreeram Radhakrishnan Memorial Trust*.

 **Location:** Shikshangan, Belapur Village

 **Children Screened:** 78 (ages 5–16)

 **Health Partner:** Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital (AEHI), Sanpada

A team of expert optometrists from **AEHI**, the Club's reputed health service partner, screened all 78 children. During the camp, **7 children were identified** for further evaluation involving **pupil dilation**, which will be carried out at the hospital in the coming week. The Club is ensuring that all necessary follow-ups are completed without delay.  

In a heartening collaboration, these 7 children will receive **custom spectacles with Essilor lenses**, sponsored by the Club's CSR partner, **Ratna Nidhi Charitable Trust**, Mumbai.  

This initiative reflects the Club's ongoing commitment to **community health and child welfare** and stands as a testament to the power of service and partnership.

**Project Chairperson :**  
▪ Rtn Dr. Chandrakant Said

**Number of  
beneficiaries**

**78**



## Project Ayushman: Health Camp



On November 30, 2024, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City organized a health screening camp at Podar International School, Nerul (CBSE) for parents, guests, and staff. This event highlighted the importance of regular health monitoring.

### Health Services

Participants received essential health checks, including Random Blood Sugar Testing, Blood Pressure Monitoring, Spirometry (Mini PFT) and General Physician Consultation

### Impact

The camp identified many undiagnosed conditions related to blood sugar and blood pressure. Medical professionals provided immediate counseling, underscoring the need for regular health check-ups.

### Support & Collaboration

- Sponsored by Akumentis Pharma and Cipla
- Medical staff from Platinum Diagnostics

### Filling a Healthcare Gap

Addressing statistics from Lancet reports, the initiative sought to catch undiagnosed conditions early, preventing complications.

### Future Plans

Encouraged by this success, similar health camps are planned to ensure continuous preventive healthcare access, reinforcing the commitment to early disease detection and management.

**Project Chairperson :**  
 ■Rtn Dr. Sonali Pimpale

**Number of  
beneficiaries**

70



♥ **CPR Training Workshop at Podar International School, Nerul**



On **December 26th**, the **Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City** organized a hands-on **CPR workshop** at **Podar International School, ICSE Nerul**, equipping over **75 faculty and staff members** with vital life-saving skills.

Participants actively engaged in practical training using mannequins, learning critical techniques such as **chest compressions** and **rescue breathing**. The session aimed to build confidence and preparedness among attendees to respond swiftly and effectively in emergencies.

This initiative plays a key role in **strengthening community emergency response** and significantly enhancing the **survival chances of cardiac arrest victims**. Led by trained experts, the workshop reaffirmed the club's commitment to community welfare and safety.

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**Project Chairperson :**  
▪Rtn Dr Mukul Thorat

**Number of  
beneficiaries**

**75**





## Saevus Eco-Achievers Quiz



The Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City, in collaboration with Saevus Magazine, successfully conducted the 10th edition of the national level SAEVUS Eco-Achievers Quiz, Navi Mumbai chapter on January 19th, 2025

Known as India's premier wildlife quiz, it fosters environmental awareness among middle school students through an engaging edutainment format.

The event saw participation from 22 teams across Navi Mumbai. Podar International School CBSE emerged as the winner, followed by North Point as the First Runners-Up and Sadhu Vaswani International School as the Second Runners-Up.

With a focus on sustainability, the Rotary Club continues to champion initiatives that nurture young eco-warriors.

The event was featured Free Press Journal and Punya Nagari, released on January 25<sup>th</sup>

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**Project Chairperson :**  
▪Rtn Samriddhi Roy

**Number of  
beneficiaries**

**66**



## Akshay Kiran: Tuberculosis Awareness and Eradication Campaign



Akshay Kiran

### क्षयरोग जनजागृती रॅलीसह क्षयरुग्णांना पोषण आहार कीटचे वितरण

बेलापूर (वार्डहॉर) - जगातक क्षयरोग दिनाचे औचित्य साधून नवी मुंबई महापालिका कार्यक्षेत्रात आयुक्त डॉ. कैलास शिंदे यांच्या मार्गदर्शनाखाली क्षयरोगाविषयी व्यापक जनजागृती करण्याकरीता विविध कार्यक्रम संचर झाले. रोटरी क्लब नवी मुंबई एअरपोर्ट सिटी यांच्या क्वीने नेरुळ बस स्थानक ते नेरुळ रेल्वे स्थानक येथे क्षयरोग जनजागृती रॅलीचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते.

या रॅलीमध्ये नमुंमपामार्फत शहर क्षयरोग अधिकारी डॉ. प्रवीण कटके, वैद्यकीय अधिकारी डॉ. निनाद काकडे, डॉ. प्रदीप परदेशी व राष्ट्रीय क्षयरोग दूरीकरण कार्यक्रम अंतर्गत कार्यरत कर्मचारी तसेच रोटरी क्लबमार्फत अध्यक्ष डॉ. चंद्रकांत सेद, वरिष्ठ रोटरी सदस्य डॉ. जयदीप सेनशर्मा, प्रकल्प अधिकारी डॉ. मुकुल धोरात व साधू वासवानी महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थी उपस्थित होते.

या रॅलीमध्ये क्षयरोगाबाबत घोषणा देत जनजागृती करण्यात आली. रॅलीची सांगता नेरुळ रेल्वे स्थानक येथे करून महाविद्यालयातील विद्यार्थ्यांनी क्षयरोगविषयक पथनाटय सादर केले. त्याचप्रमाणे जागतिक क्षयरोग दिनानिमित्त रोटरी क्लब नवी मुंबई एअरपोर्ट सिटी यांच्या क्वीने प्रधानमंत्री टीबी मुक्त भारत अभियान अंतर्गत निश्चय मित्र बून २० गुरुक्षयरुग्णांना पोषण आहार कीटचे वितरण करण्यात आले. या कार्यक्रमाकरिता वैद्यकीय आरोग्य अधिकारी डॉ. प्रकांत जवादे, आरोग्य विभागातील अधिकारी, कर्मचारी तसेच रोटरी क्लबचे सदस्य उपस्थित होते. नवी मुंबई क्षयरोगमुक्त करण्याकरिता खाजगी संस्था व नागरिकांनी सर्वोत्तमरी सहकार्य करण्याचे तसेच जास्तीत जास्त नागरिक, संस्था इत्यादी यांनी निश्चय मित्र बून क्षयरुग्णांना मदत करण्याचे आवाहन नमुंमया आयुक्त डॉ. कैलास शिंदे यांनी केले आहे.



On the occasion of World TB Day, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City led a powerful Tuberculosis Awareness and Eradication Campaign—Akshay Kiran—to raise awareness and inspire action against TB.

The day began with an inspiring TB awareness march, where participants passionately spread the key message: "Spread Awareness, Eradicate TB." Banners, placards, and energetic slogans created a striking visual impact, drawing attention to this crucial cause.

At Nerul Station, students from the Interact Club delivered a captivating Sentience Street Play, instantly forging an emotional connection with the audience. The performance effectively highlighted the real impact of TB on individuals and society, making a lasting impression on the community.

As part of the campaign, members of RC Navi Mumbai Samaritans distributed food kits to 15 patients at NMMC Public Health Centre in Turbhe slums (Navi Mumbai), who are undergoing treatment for Tuberculosis. This gesture of providing food kits is not only a humanitarian act but is also essential for the patients' recovery.

This impactful initiative was a collaborative effort by the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City, Interact Club of Sadhu Vaswani International School & Junior College, White Lotus International Hospital & Research Centre, and NMMC. Together, they made a meaningful difference in the fight against tuberculosis!

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**Project Chairperson :**  
▪Rtn Dr. Mukul Thorat

**Number of  
beneficiaries**

20



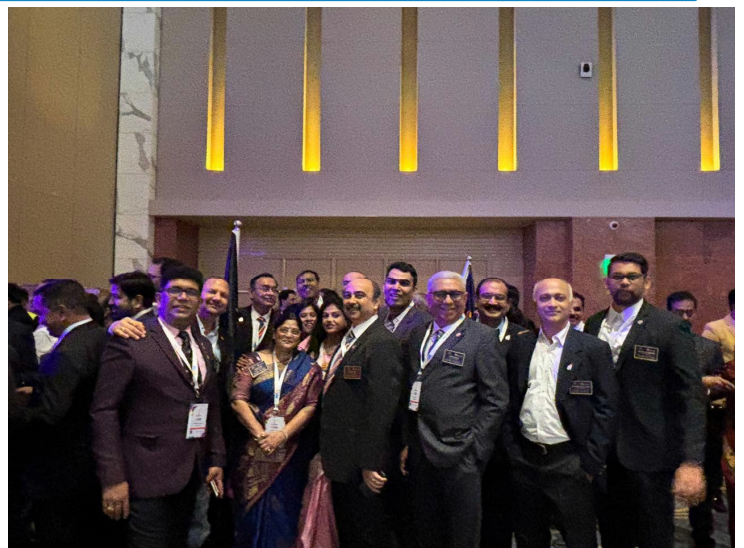
## Learning

### Legal Awareness Session

On 22 September 2024, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City hosted a legal awareness session for educators and counsellors, led by Advocate Girishma Lad. The session focused on child abuse crimes, prevention, and legal remedies, held at SDM Hospital & Vedic Healing. Future follow-up sessions are planned for ongoing support and optimization.



### Learning @ DISCON



### Essence of Rotary

On **6th April 2025**, the Rotary Club of Navi Mumbai Airport City had the privilege of hosting a meaningful session on the **Essence of Rotary**, led by **Dr. Lucky Kasat**.

The session beautifully highlighted the core values, vision, and purpose that define Rotary. Members left the session inspired, with a renewed sense of purpose.





***Bonding and having FUN !***

## Club Family Night





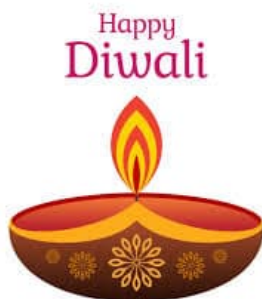


***Bonding and having FUN !***

**DG Milind  
Kulkarni  
Shukriya  
Event**



**Diwali Dinner**





## Teaser - History of Rotary

### Rotary History 'Quiz'

- 1) In which year was Rotary founded ?
- 2) On which date was Rotary founded ?
- 3) In which city was Rotary International founded ?
- 4) Who was the founder of Rotary ?
- 5) In which year was Rotary founded in India ?
- 6) In which city was Rotary founded in India ?
- 7) When was RC Navi Mumbai Samaritans chartered ?
- 8) What is the motto of Rotary ?



### THE HISTORY OF THE FOUR-WAY TEST

The Four-Way Test was conceived in 1932 by businessman Herbert J. Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, Illinois, USA, who served as Rotary International president in 1954-55. Having taken on the task of saving a company from bankruptcy, Taylor developed the test as an ethical guide to follow in all business matters. The company's survival was credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary International in 1934, The Four-Way Test remains an essential standard against which Rotarians measure ethical behavior. It has been translated into dozens of languages and promoted by Rotarians worldwide.

- Answers:
- 1) 1905
  - 2) 23rd February (The night four men decided to start an organization in Chicago)
  - 3) Chicago
  - 4) Paul Harris
  - 5) 1920
  - 6) Kolkata
  - 7) 28th September 2021
  - 8) Service above self



# ***Thank You***



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