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Membership and New Club Development Month

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*"The Opportunity of planting trees that creates hope
to conserve the flora & fauna - The need of the hour"*
Varad Gavli : Ashoka Universal School, Interact Club, Arjun Nagar

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LETTER FROM RI PRESIDENT

At the 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, I asked all Rotary members to become champions in our effort to illuminate mental health needs near and far. This includes helping one another feel more supported, advocating for mental health services, and building bridges with experts in the field to expand access to treatment.

It's an important task and a big ask. But it's also something that should feel familiar to every Rotary member — because everything we do is in the spirit of caring, giving, friendship, and compassion, and has been from the beginning of our organization.

We've grown into an amazing global network of 1.4 million interconnected community leaders — leaders who share a deep commitment to doing good in the world. But what makes Rotary powerful isn't just what we do for the communities we serve. We also support and empower each other, by creating a safe space for our members to bring their whole, authentic selves. We show each other comfort and care. These connections are deeply meaningful. The U.S. surgeon general recently declared loneliness a public health epidemic. Dr. Vivek Murthy said, "We must prioritize building social connection the same way we have prioritized other critical public health issues such as tobacco, obesity, and substance use disorders." I am proud of what Rotary has done across generations to build those kinds of social connections — and this magazine focused on loneliness and what Rotary can do about it in its January 2023 issue.

Our worldwide community and our foundational value prioritizing Service Above Self makes Rotary a powerful global advocate for mental health. A recently published study by Ohio State University found performing acts of kindness was the only one of three mental health interventions tested that helped people feel more connected to others. Study co-author David Cregg said, "Performing acts of kindness seems to be one of the best ways to promote those connections."

This research suggests what we've known all along — that doing good helps transform not just the communities we serve, but it also transforms us. As we put a greater focus on mental health, let's not think of this effort as something new to Rotary, but rather as something we can do better and as a result have a greater impact on ourselves and the people we serve.

We are not starting this effort from scratch. The Rotary Action Group on Mental Health Initiatives has been focused on these kinds of issues for several years — and we will be looking to members of that group for leadership as we continue to build awareness.

Mental health care fits comfortably within several of our areas of focus. As of May, there are 41 global grant-supported projects with a mental health focus. Many of them have tremendous promise, and we will be highlighting them in the months ahead.

So let's work together to erase the stigma associated with emotional well-being, raise awareness of mental health needs, and improve access to preventive and interventional mental health services. Together, we will Create Hope in the World.

**R. Gordon R. McNally -
President 2023-24**



LETTER FROM PRESIDENT



Namaskar!

July, the first month of the Rotary year was earmarked as Mother and Child Health month and we also celebrated the same by arranging two promotional programs by experts, one by Dr Nivedita Pawar on Taking Care of 'Her' and the other by Dr Charushila Ghongde on breastfeeding and diet of lactating and expecting mothers. The month started with tree plantation and cycles donation, followed by a spectacular event of installation of board members, which was held at our own Rotary hall. Vice chairman of TRF, PRID Dr Bharat Pandya graced the occasion as chief guest. This month our Shetkari Bazaar was also started at a much scenic, lively and central place of Udaji Maratha boarding campus which is witnessing a record footfall.

August will be a month of colourful festivals like raksha bandhan, independence day etc. Our month leaders, Rtn Vandana Summanwar and Rtn Aditya Sharma, along with respective directors have chalked out their programmes wonderfully.

August is denominated as "Membership Development month". Friends, members are strengths of any Rotary club and retaining members is a more challenging task. For this, we must give our members a meaningful Rotary experience by offering them opportunities to make a positive difference and connect with others. They'll make valuable friendships and feel good about Rotary. We must find ideas to help our club take a fresh approach with these resources. We should identify your club's problem areas and make changes to help it stay relevant for members and the community, by developing a long-term strategy for strengthening your club's membership. Find ideas for engaging new members, getting them involved, by analyzing our members' profiles. Our club encourages identifying prospective members, diversifying our membership and giving this comprehensive overview to new members.

Our club works in all seven areas of focus and encourages working hard to deliver an experience that will keep members excited about Rotary. The top two reasons people join Rotary are, to meet new people and to get involved in their communities. Many of the non-Rotarians you know are looking for the same things. Invite them to help with a service project, attend a networking evening or participate in a club gathering so they can see for themselves how Rotary connects leaders to make positive change.

Best wishes to all our new members and their families!

Rtn Mangesh Apshankar



LETTER FROM EDITOR

Hello Rotarians,

The first month of the new Rotary year started with a bang with some informational and some fellowship programs and I am sure all the coming months will follow suit. We had some informative seminars on Women's / mother's and Child health which had eminent speakers in the field of medicine. Such seminars enlighten not just the women but also her family and the people who surround her. Amid the sky rocketing prices of Tomatos, we had a program by some highly respectable Agriculturist and Entomologist on Plant diseases, Soil nutrition, water management and many more relevant topics. This month started on a very creative note where team Rotarynama and team interact worked in conjunction to design the cover page of our very own 'Rotarynama'. We were overwhelmed to see such talented interactors that are associated with our club. It was a difficult choice to select 1 picture for the cover page. Amongst us we also have some high performer who got into some prestigious colleges like IIT, Government law college Mumbai. We have some Rotarians who achieved accolades on their professional front. We also have some precious gems who are not just good at what they are expected to do, but are exceptionally good artists. I am really proud of all such members who not only are a 100% good at managing family, taking responsibility towards the society but also has an outstanding eye toward creativity and art. We, as a Rotary Family are very proud of each one of us as everyone has done or achieved something extraordinary in their fields be it at a personal front or a professional front.

On this note, I would like to present to you the Rotarynama for the month of August. Do enjoy the read, and as always your comments, appreciations, recommendations, criticism are always welcome, because; "Together we can and we will MAKE A DIFFERENCE and CREATE HOPE"

Rtn Rucha Kelkar, Editor



 **Bonvista**



सुखकर भविष्यासाठी गुंतवणूक

- ▶ माझी जोखीम घेण्याची तयारी किती आहे?
- ▶ मी कुठे गुंतवणूक करावी?
- ▶ माझ्या गुंतवणुकीचे वर्गीकरण कसे असावे?
- ▶ गुंतवणूक करण्यासाठी माझ्यासाठी उत्तम प्रॉडक्ट कोणते?
- ▶ मी किती पैसे गुंतवावेत?

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INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Rtn Mangesh Apshankar was installed as the 79th President of RC of Nasik at the hands of PRID & Vice Chair of TRF, Rtn Dr Bharat Pandya. IPP Rtn CA Pratul Bardiya handed over the collar of President. Secretary Rtn Omprakash Rawat handed over the collar of Secretary Admin to Rtn Dr. Gaurav Samnerkar and addl Srctary Rtn Hemraj Rajput



Congratulations



SEMINAR ON AGRICULTURE

1 JULY 2023

Village : Jambutke, Dindori, Nasik

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Nasik, a guidance seminar was organized for tomato and grape farmers at Village Jambutke, Taluka Dindori on the occasion of Agriculture Day on 1st July 23, under the initiative of Krishimanthan. The Rotary Club of Nashik has been conducting this project under the heading of Krishimanthan, a training program to farmers based on modern technology for solving their problems for the past several years. This seminar was organized on the occasion of July 1, 2023, being Agriculture Day.

In the seminar, Prof. Tushar Ugle, Entomologist KK Wagh Agricultural College, Nashik, gave guidance on various fungal diseases and pest control on tomato crop. Professor Hemraj Rajput, Horticulturist Agricultural Science Center at Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University, gave guidance on soil, nutrients and water management in tomato and grape crops. Rtn Mangesh Apshankar, President of Rotary Club Nashik informed about the various activities and social commitment of Rotary. Community Service Director Rtn Unmesh Deshmukh assured that in the future Rotary Club Nashik will try to train farmers in financial balance sheet and planning by conducting various activities. Rtn Shamkant Patil informed the farmers about the various schemes of the Agriculture Department. Secretary, Rtn Dr. Gaurav Samarankar expressed vote of thanks. Fifteen women and thirty five male farmers were present for this program. Jambutke Village Sarpanch, Panchayat Samiti Deputy Chairman and Gram Sevak were present for this training program.

Experts answered queries of farmers in Q & A session held at the end of this seminar.



स्त्री
आरोग्यम्



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**नाशिकच्या प्रसिद्ध स्त्रीरोगतज्ज्ञ
डॉ निवेदिता पवार
यांचे स्त्रीचे आरोग्य या विषयावर
माहितीपूर्ण भाषण.**



१९४५ साली स्थापना झालेला रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नासिक, विविध प्रकारचे कार्यक्रम राबवत असतो.

याच अंतर्गत, नाशिकच्या प्रसिद्ध स्त्रीरोगतज्ज्ञ डॉ निवेदिता पवार यांचे “स्त्रीचे आरोग्य” या विषयावर माहितीपूर्ण भाषण रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नासिक ने आयोजित केले होते.

अजुनपण समाजात स्त्रीच्या आरोग्याबाबत थोडी अनास्थाच दिसत असते. बऱ्याच स्त्रिया स्वतः च्या आरोग्याबद्दल म्हणावी तशी काळजी घेत नाही. आपण सर्वांनी याबाबत पुढाकार घेऊन ही स्थिती बदलायला हवी असे आग्रहाचे आवाहन डॉ निवेदिता पवार यांनी केले.

एका स्त्रीच्या आयुष्यात वयपरत्वे होणारे बदल हे निसर्ग नियमानुसार होत असतात. पण ह्या प्रत्येक टप्प्यावर आरोग्याची काळजी घेणे हे कसे अत्यंत आवश्यक आहे हे डॉ निवेदिता यांनी उदाहरणे देऊन समजावून सांगितले.

अर्थात गेल्या १०-१५ वर्षात यात बराच फरक पडला आहे पण अजून देखील बरेच काम बाकी आहे असे त्यांचे आग्रहाचे प्रतिपादन होते. जेव्हा एक स्त्री माता बनणार असते तेव्हा तर तिने व त्याहीपेक्षा जास्त, घरातील इतर पुरुष व्यक्तींनी जबाबदारीने वागून ह्या होणाऱ्या मातेची काळजी घ्यायला हवी असे त्या म्हणाल्या. एकेकाळी असणाऱ्या १००० बाळंतपणात १५० मातांचा मृत्युदर आता आरोग्याची चांगली काळजी व बाळंतपणे दवाखान्यातच करण्याचा सरकारचा आग्रह, यामुळे खूपच खाली आला आहे हे देखील त्यांनी सांगितले.

डॉ निवेदिता यांनी आरोग्याची काळजी घेण्याकरता, एक साधी, सुरेख व न विसरता अमलात आणण्याजोगी सूचना केली. त्या म्हणाल्या की प्रत्येक स्त्रीने आपल्या स्वतः च्या वाढ दिवसाच्या निमित्ताने संपूर्ण मेडिकल चेक अप करून घेतला तर त्या सुदृढ तर राहतीलच पण त्याच बरोबर भविष्यात संभवणाऱ्या कॅन्सर किंवा हृदयरोग या सारख्या रोगांची पूर्व कल्पना आल्यामुळे त्वरित उपचार करता येतील. त्याच बरोबर रक्तामध्ये काही गोष्टी कमी सापडल्या तर ताबडतोब औषधे घेऊन इलाज करणे शक्य होईल. असे आवाहन करून त्यांनी आपले भाषण संपवले.



Once again Team RCN has triumphed with 18 awards !!

District Awards Function of RID 3030

**For Rotary Year : 2022-23
06 August 23 at Wardha**

Following is the list of RCN Awards

1. Best Unusual Activity- Rotary Chowk
2. Best Ophthalmic Service - Ujjwal Dristi Abhiyan
3. Best DTTS Event
4. Best project in Upliftment of Women In Society- Pink Riksha
5. Best Interact Activity
6. Best Non-Medical Project
7. Best Work in Blood Donation
8. Best Public Relations
9. Best Bulletin Rotarynama
10. Best President
11. Best Secretary
12. Maximum Heart Surgery
13. Membership Chair- Ajay Narkesari
14. Public Image- Dr Shreeya Kulkarni
15. Interact Chair- Aditi Agrawal
16. District CSR Chair- Ravi Mahadeokar
17. RMB- Sagar Bhadane
18. AG Mugdha Lele



RCN is Thankful to each & everyone

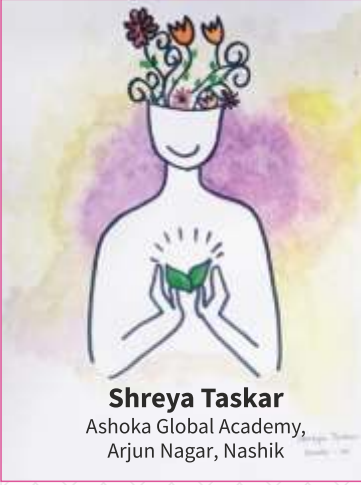




Maternal & Child Health

Motivating and educating pregnant women on importance of diet and breastfeeding.

Location: Hinduridaysamrat Balasaheb Thakre Rughnalaya Bytco Hospital Campus, Nashik Road.



Shreya Taskar

Ashoka Global Academy,
Arjun Nagar, Nashik

This 'mother & child health program' was conducted to educate pregnant women about diet & breast feeding at Hindurudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackrey Rughnalaya, Bytco Hospital campus, Nashik road on Thursday 20/7/23 at 10 am.

Rtn Dr. Charushila Ghongde explained importance of mother's milk to a huge gathering of expecting mothers at Bytco hospital.



रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटी

नमस्कार, आपल्या क्लबची स्थापना २३ मार्च १९४५ या दिवशी झाली. १९९४-९५, हे वर्ष आपले सुवर्ण महोत्सवी होते. (५० वर्ष) या सुवर्ण महोत्सवी वर्षात रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नासिकचे अध्यक्ष डॉ. रोहित शहा होते. डॉक्टरांनी त्यांच्या कारकीर्दीत नाशिक भूषण पुरस्कारा प्रमाणे रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटी ची सुरुवात केली. रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटी स्थापनेच्या वेळी माजी अध्यक्ष शांतीलालजी लोढा यांनी दीपचंद फकीरचंद लोढा यांच्या स्मरणार्थ रु. २५०००/- ची (रु.पंचवीस हजार) देणगी दिली. रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटीची दर महिन्याच्या चौथ्या शनिवारी मीटिंग असते व या मीटिंगमध्ये नाशिक



मधील सुप्रसिद्ध डॉक्टरस वेगवेगळ्या आजारांबाबत व त्यावरील उपचार या बाबत मार्गदर्शन करतात. तसेच योगासने, झुम्बा, एरोबिक्स अश्या व्यायाम प्रकारांबाबत माहिती विषयक व्याख्याने आयोजित केली जातात. वर्षानून एकदा सर्व सभासदांची आरोग्य तपासणी (Health checkup) केली जाते. एक वार्षिक सहल देखील आयोजित केली जाते. असे विविध भरगच्च कार्यक्रम रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटी राबवत असते. रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नासिकचा अध्यक्ष हा रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटीचा पदसिद्ध अध्यक्ष असतो. तसेच आपले मेडिकल डायरेक्टर हेल्थ सोसायटीच्या कार्यकारिणीवर असतात. बाकी पदांची दर वर्षी सभासदांकडून अर्ज मागवून निवडणूक होत असते. (शक्यतो बिनविरोध निवड होते). अश्या प्रकारे रोटरी क्लब ऑफ नासिक संचालित रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटीचे कार्य चालते. आज या सोसायटीची २९ वी वार्षिक सर्वसाधारण सभा झाली आहे आणि त्यात २०२३-२४ या वर्षाच्या कार्यकारिणीची निवड झाली आहे. मित्रांनो एवढे सगळे कार्य करणाऱ्या हेल्थ सोसायटीची आजीवन फी (life time fee) आहे फक्त २०५१/- माझी सर्व रोटरी सभासदांना विनंती आहे की आपण सर्वांनी रोटरी हेल्थ सोसायटीचे आजीवन सभासद व्हावे व या सुविधेचा फायदा घ्यावा, आनंद घ्यावा. अणि सगळ्यात महत्वाचे म्हणजे या सोसायटीच्या निधीत भर घालावी. धन्यवाद,

अनिल सुकेणकर, अध्यक्ष

(२९१६-१७) असिस्टंट गव्हर्नर (२०२१-२२)



AUGUST 2023 MONTH PROGRAM SCHEDULE

No	Day	Date	Time	Programme	Location
1	Tue	01-08	7:00pm	Induction of new Members	Rotary Hall
2	Wed	02-08	7:30am	Joint program on Meditation with RC Mid Town	Rotary Hall
3	Tue	08-08	5:30pm	कायदे संथन कुसुदा अणवणी मंडळाने जमि कायदी	Rotary Hall
4	Tue	15-08	8:00am	Flag Hoisting Special attraction - Dance Performance by SAMRUCHI KTHANKI Skin Donation Promotion in association with Rotary Health Society	Rotary Hall
5	Sun	20-08	-	Rainy season Picnic to Scenic Destination	-
6	Tue	22-08	-	Break	-
7	Sat	26-08	7:30pm	Musical Programme Doctor's Orchestra musical Family Entertainment program with dinner	Rotary Hall
8	Tue	29-08	-	To be decided	-

SHETKARI BAZAAR ON Every Sunday Morning 9:00 to 12:00
Location - Udaji Maratha Museum Campus, Near Akashwani Gangapur Road

Rtn Dr. Gaarav Sarnenkar
Hon. Secretary (Admin)

Rtn Mangesh Apshankar
President

Rtn Hemraj Rajput
Adm. Secretary (Projects)

BIRTHDAYS



BIRTHDAYS AUG 2023

- 1st Rtn. Pandit Khandve
- 9th Rtn. Shivangi Devi
- 10th Rtn. Varsha Mahore
- 12th Rtn. Deepak Kotkar
- 13th Rtn. Dilipsingh Beniwal
- 17th Rtn. Shrivijay Pandit
- 18th Rtn. Vijaykumar Sonawane
- 21st Rtn. Supriya Andole
- 22nd Rtn. Nilesh Sonaje
- 27th Rtn. Adesh Dadawala
- 28th Rtn. Damayanti Bardiya
- 30th Rtn. Sanjay Lolge

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SUDOKU & PUZZLES

- My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.
- I went to buy some camo pants but couldn't find any.
- I failed math so many times at school, I can't even count.
- I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.
- I was wondering why the frisbee kept getting bigger and bigger, but then it hit me.



ROTARY GOT TALENT



Painting by **Rtn. Damayanti Bardiya**

अवघड नसे काही अवघड,
अवजड असं कधी काही
वाटलंच नाही
कायम मनात जे पण हातात घेऊ
ते मनापासून पूर्ण करण्याचा
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ती करण्यापूर्वी आणि नंतरही
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मन शुध्द आणि विचार स्पष्ट
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ACHIEVEMENTS



Rtn Dr Anita Nehete

Rtn Dr Anita Nehete will be taking charge as President Elect of Indian Society of Anesthesiologists Maharashtra State Chapter from Oct 23 to Oct 24 and as President from Oct 24 to Oct 25.



Shravani Rajput

Shravani, daughter of Rtns Surekha & Hemraj Rajput, is presently in Spain on IYE Outgoing from our club. She is seen here exchanging RCN flag with RC Mahajadahoda, Spain during their ongoing project.



Avanee Madnoorkar

Avanee, Youngest daughter of Rtn Dr. Nagesh Madnoorkar got selected in the prestigious IIT Kanpur



Dhruv Balajiwale

Dhruv Balajiwale Stood 72nd in MHCET - LAW exam in the Maharashtra State to get an admit into the Government Law College, Churchgate, Mumbai (GLC), top in Maharashtra and amongst the top 10 in India. He would be pursuing the BSL.LLB, 5, Year's Law degree.

RCN Induction Ceremony



Rtn. Sanjay Sonar
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Sara Infrastructure



Rtn. Mona Gaurav Samnerkar
Samtek IT Labs Pvt. Ltd.



Rtn. Siddharth Ramesh Shah
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Hotel Royale Heritage



Rtn. Rupesh Haribhau Kishte
Sahyadri Farms, Manager



Rtn. Kavita Rupesh Kishte



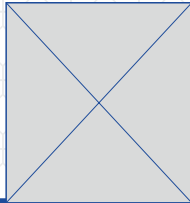
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Rtn Dr Shilpa Dayanand



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INTERACT ACTIVITIES



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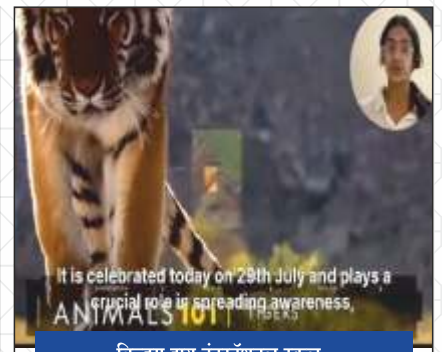
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KARGIL DIVAS

26th July 1999 is the day to remember in the modern history of India. It was on this day that our prime minister declared Kargil operations to be over and announced that our armed forces have completely liberated various mountain tops and about 150 check posts in Drass Kargil sector from Pakistani intruders.

However this came at the cost of almost 1000 martyrs, scores wounded, aircrafts lost. Be that as it may, India triumphed once again defeating comprehensively, the sinister designs of our nuclear armed neighbour.

What began as detection of small intrusion, in the first week of May 99, turned out to be only the tip of the iceberg. There is a long mountain range in the Indian side of LOC, whose peaks get covered in thick snow and temperatures



plummet to almost minus 100 degrees celsius. In such inhospitable terrain, Indian army used to vacate its more than 150 check posts and come down to the plains during these winter times and again occupy the same posts in the month of May every year. In the beginning of the Year 1999, after the top level meeting between the prime ministers of both countries, the atmosphere was actually of peace and tranquility rather than of hostility. It was in this background that Pakistan moved in its army to occupy these peaks, armed with shoulder fired missiles and varieties of armaments and armed to the teeth. Possibly perhaps to break the Indian line of supply to forces in Siachen with the aim of possession of that very strategic area.

Within a week of detection of intrusion, Indian Air Force revived its high altitude, snooping aircrafts and started photographing this area in detail. Satellite imagery too was requisitioned and ISRO too responded with alacrity.

Based on these and other intel inputs, Indian troops regrouped for repossession of our checkpoints. Army inducted the elite and battle ready formations. However, perhaps due to some geo-political considerations, IAF was kept only on standby and was not allowed to take part in operations in this initial phase.

One has to see to believe and appreciate the almost impossible situation from which our forces began their assault in May 99. Enemy was fully entrenched on top of these mountains and very well armed. Our troops had to climb these hills against an almost continuous barrage of fire. This resulted in much more casualties than what were anticipated. To prevent such large-scale attrition, govt finally relented and allowed the Indian Air Force to mount airstrikes on enemy held positions. Imagine the quandary of IAF in finding a speck of dust like Pakistani bunkers on hilltops from amongst sheets of white snow that covered the entire mountain range. To the chagrin of the enemy, the IAF had utilised these couple of weeks to train her pilots for precisely such a scenario. Frontline fighters were moved to bases in Srinagar and Avantipura and they then started unleashing deadly laser guided bombs which struck targets with pin point accuracy. As per one estimate more than 500 sorties were mounted by IAF and some at night.

With largescale destruction of men and bomb dumps with this continuous bombing, ability and morale of enemy troops to offer resistance of any kind was shattered. And as they say, 'rest is history'!

Country and armed forces learnt lots of things from this skirmish. Warplans have since been revised to take care of almost any such contingency should need arise in future.

26th July, since then is celebrated across India as "Vijay Diwas" every year, to commemorate the sacrifices made by our brave jawans and of course to inculcate pride of being citizens of this great country.

Rtn Group Capitan Vinayak Deodhar

Writer was posted in Air Head Quarters of IAF during this period and had ringside view of whole operations



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Pink Rickshaw Abhiyan

(Riksha driven by women for Women)

This project was conceived by the then President, Rtn CA Praful Bardiya and the then club trainer Rtn Ajay Narkesari, as part of the 'mission women empowerment'. The idea was to provide resource to women through which they can earn livelihood besides improvement in their finances. For execution of this project a dedicated team was formed to look after different aspects as given below. Desired impact was for women to have, financial independence, support to family, safety of their future, building confidence in themselves.

CNG autorickshaws were preferred over diesel or petrol as these are environment friendly. Club subsidised each riksha by ₹25000.00 The funds for six riksha's were provided by the then treasurer, Rtn Sandeep Khandelwal and M/S Ring Plus Acqua through the then CSR director, Rtn Kamlakar Tak.

Social welfare dept of Nasik Municipal Corporation helped in identifying eligible women with correct driving licence and training. It is also understood that this is pioneering first project of its kind anywhere in Maharashtra. Club intends to give more such riksha's in current rotary year also.

Formal handing over of these riksha's was done at the hands of the then DG, Rtn Anand Zunzunuwala and the then DGE Rtn Asha Venugopal.

This project of our club was appreciated very well and bagged award too during District Award Function held recently

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