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Program Today

**13.05.2021**

**Media & COVID**

**by  
Mr. Brian  
Fernandes**

## Take Action to Support India: *An appeal from RI President and TRF Chair*



We hoped that 2021 would bring us relief from the virus sweeping through the world. Unfortunately, the horrifying second wave in India and the worsening situation in Brazil leaves us disconsolate. There is not a region which remains unscathed.

The development and distribution of vaccines brought hope, promise and a vision of a return to normalcy in some parts of the world. Unfortunately, much of the world is lagging far behind, aggravated by the recent outbreaks that are helping to drive daily infections worldwide to their highest levels yet.

With new cases topping 400,000 a day, a critical oxygen shortage, lack of hospital beds, and a mounting death toll, the situation in India shows no sign of waning, and help is urgently needed. Likewise, Brazil and numerous other countries are facing some of the same issues and there is great need for support.



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We are calling on District Governors to provide assistance by sending supplies and equipment, such as oxygen concentrators and ventilators and anything else they require. We encourage you to work with clubs in your district and coordinate with Rotary clubs in the country in need to facilitate an in-kind donation of supplies, and coordinate shipping--either through a private company or paying to have supplies shipped yourself. You can also establish a joint effort by partnering with other clubs, districts, or local organizations.

Districts, clubs and members have already leapt into action by providing critical supplies and services, and thinking outside of the box to assist India, as well as Brazil. Examples include:

- Rotary District 6400 and the Rotary Club of Essex are partnering with Rotary India's COVID Task Force to coordinate donations that will go toward supplying oxygen concentrators.
- Rotary District 6900 is partnering with other organizations, including UPS, to ship medical equipment such as ventilators, anesthesia machines, oxygen and respiratory supplies to India.
- The Rotary Club of Madras donated two 8-foot refrigerated trucks able to transport 2 million doses of vaccine, and Rotary Clubs in Kerala State have reported nearly 51,000 free vaccinations through Rotary Centers and camps over the last three weeks.
- Rotarians in the United States are procuring and sending equipment to India. A club in Rockford, Illinois coordinated with a private aerospace company to send equipment via jet.
- A Rotary Youth Exchange alumni association has initiated a crowdfunding campaign to procure 50 oxygen concentrators.
- In Brazil, Rotary members are looking into ways to improve the vaccine cold chain to better distribute COVID-19 vaccines, and help is needed to support the funding of refrigeration equipment.

As Rotarians, we have come together in the name of service to support communities in inspiring ways throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are asking you to dig deeper and help India and other countries in need to find the light at the end of the tunnel and overcome the current wave of infections.

Thank you,


**Holger Knaack, Rotary International President**  
**K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran, TRF Trustee Chair**


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## Club Diary - 06-05-2021

### The Joys Theatre

Ms. Sangita Nambiar



Rtn. President called the meeting to order and an invocation was rendered by Rtn. Dr. Narendra Kamath. He then welcomed all the members, Anns & guests for this weeks meeting. Members celebrating their anniversaries and birthdays during the week were wished. Members were informed that a Board Meeting was held on 3rd May 2021 and Club Secretary Rtn. Vishal Mallya read out the excerpts of the meeting.

The chief guest of the evening was Ms. Sangita Nambiar. She was introduced by Rtn. Dr. Ajay R Kamath. She spoke on "The Joys of Theatre". She began her talk by sharing her early experience in theatre where she got an opportunity to play a role in an act. The joy of getting a role by auditioning is unexplainable. Though the role was small she was happy to be around professional artists. Theatre as a whole is an enriching experience, everyone acts but only a few reach the stage. She said that Films make you famous, T.V makes you rich but theatre makes you good. Vote of thanks was delivered by Rtn. Dr. Pramod and the meeting was adjourned.



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## Sharing A Powerful Moment As A Vaccination Volunteer

By Vicki Brentin, a member of the Rotary Club of Houston Skyline, Houston, Texas, USA



Anticipation. Excitement. Nervousness. Uncertainty. Hopefulness. Relief. Gratitude. I had all of these not-so-surprising emotions as I passed through the various stations at the mega vaccine site in Houston to receive my COVID-19 vaccination.

At each station, the volunteers looked into my eyes with a keen sense of understanding as if I was their first interaction of the day, when in reality I was close to number 2,500. It seemed to mean so much to them; this moment we shared. And I felt overwhelmed with feelings deep in my soul and heart.

I knew I wanted to volunteer at a vaccination center and be part of this historic moment as we help our communities return to some sense of normal. The more I shared this feeling with friends and fellow

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Rotarians, the more I heard similar sentiments. I reached out to our district governor, Scott Rainey, and discovered he also had a strong interest in getting members of our district to be a part of the vaccination effort.

For the past few weeks, I have been helping coordinate hundreds of volunteers in our district. Rotary clubs recruited members as well as family, friends, and community partners to join our effort. I also spend time in Denver, and reached out to Rotary members there to support the vaccination effort in that city. In either place, Houston or Denver, the experience was the same. Volunteers were so grateful to be a part of this epic effort. Most volunteered more than once.

One volunteer expressed it well:

**“ Volunteering was one of my favorite events of the last year. Seeing all of the people involved in vaccinating our friends and neighbors was emotional and inspiring.”**

I am grateful to have been a small part of this moment and am confident that all the Rotary members who volunteered or recruited others felt the same way. Whether I was ushering people to the right station, serving at the registration table, taking temperatures, or directing traffic, I never tired of connecting with the people coming to get their vaccines. We all shared a powerful moment that we knew to be life changing – individually and for our community.

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### HEALTH, HUNGER AND HUMANITY GRANTS



In 1978, Rotary launched its most comprehensive humanitarian service activity with the Health, Hunger and Humanity Program. The 3-H Program is designed to undertake large-scale service projects beyond the capacity of individual Rotary clubs or groups of clubs.

By 1994, more than 135 different 3-H projects have been approved and undertaken in 49 different countries, with an appropriation at more than \$37 million. The objective of these projects is to improve health, alleviate hunger and enhance human, cultural and social development among peoples of the world. The ultimate goal is to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace.

The first 3-H project was the immunization of 6 million children in the Philippines against polio. As 3-H progressed, new programs were added to help people in developing areas of the world. Now, in

addition to the mass polio immunization of over 100 million children in various countries, 3-H has promoted nutrition programs, vocational education, and improved irrigation to increase food production, polio victim rehabilitation and other activities which benefit large numbers of people in developing countries. All 3-H projects are supported by the voluntary contributions of Rotarians through The Rotary Foundation. In years to come the 3-H Program may well be considered Rotary's finest service activity, showing how Rotarians care and are concerned about people in need, wherever they may be.

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*Birthday Greetings*



**Rtn. Devadas C. Kamath**  
7<sup>th</sup> May



**Rtn. Ajith Kamath**  
13<sup>th</sup> May

*Anniversary Greetings*

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|---|------------------------|
| Rtn. Ramachandra K.S & Ann Shalini R.S      | 30 <sup>th</sup> April |
| Rtn. U. Vishall Mallya & Preeti Mallya      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> May    |
| Rtn. Madhava Suvarna & Ann Devika Suvarna   | 7 <sup>th</sup> May    |
| Rtn. U. Narendra Nayak & Ann Sunitha Nayak  | 8 <sup>th</sup> May    |
| Rtn. Ummer Farook Puthige & Salma Banu      | 11 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| Rtn. Prakash R. Prabhu & Ann Keerthi Prabhu | 13 <sup>th</sup> May   |
| Rtn. CA Srinivas S. Kamath & Ann Shobha     | 13 <sup>th</sup> May   |

**Club Pulse**

**06.05.2021**

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| Club Strength   | 96  |
| Present         | 50  |
| Absent          | 46  |
| Percentage      | 52% |
| % After Make-up |     |
| 29.04.2021      | 52% |
| 22.04.2021      | 44% |

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