

INSPIRATION!

The Year of "The Incredibles"

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2023-24

Rotary
District 3141



**CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD**

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Rotary way is to light a candle.

I light one; you light one.

1.2 million Rotarians light one.

Together, we light up the world.

May we use our skills to provide service to others less fortunate and help them be self-sustaining.

*May we continue to grow as Rotarians so that we stand in our community as a symbol of those willing to freely put '**Service Above Self**' and make our community and the world a better place to live in.*

*In RCBN, '**WE,**'*

Wisdom, Witty, Winner, Wonder

are shining examples of

'Empathy, Empowerment, Enthusiasm.'

As we enjoy our fellowship, let us remember how fortunate we are.

*Let us renew our obligation of '**Service to Mankind**' with the power, influence, and wealth that we, as leaders in this place, most certainly have.*

Let us always say that these are 'blessings' and that charity is more fulfilling than decadence, and the 'Golden Rule' is a much richer yardstick than any bank account.

With our friends beside us,

and no person beneath us,

with the bonds of Rotary between us,

and our worries behind us,

with our goals before us,

and no task beyond us,

with a thirst for knowledge within us,

and a dream of a polio-free world for us.

*'**WE**' are grateful and thankful to our dear RCBN.*



COMMUNITY SERVICES

REPORT ON GLOBAL AND CSR GRANTS

During the year we closed 2
Grants of earlier years:

GG2236789

Project is to support supply of laboratory equipment and furniture for Nursing college at MSA, Goraj, Near Baroda.

Project Cost: Rs.62,00,000 (USD 82,667)

Project Status: Completed

GG2236982

Project is to support Eye Care through Cataract, Retina and Glaucoma Surgeries and Cornea Transplants.

Project Cost: Rs.1,23,11,000 (USD 164,147)

Beneficiaries: 4002 needy patients

Project Status: Completed

REPORT ON GLOBAL AND CSR GRANTS

3 Open Grants of earlier years:

GG2099986

Project to support Paediatric Heart Surgeries at SRCC.

Project Cost: Rs.62,00,000 (USD 82,667)

Project Status: Completed

GG2013320

Project is to support Early intervention and remedial centres for children with Neurological Disorder at the PNR Society: Bhavnagar.

Project Cost: Rs.1,48,79,545 (USD 1,95,728)

Beneficiaries: > 250

Project Status: In Progress

GG2127029

Project is to support Treatment of Avoidable Blindness at VN.

Project Cost: Rs.11,114,000 (USD 152,247)

Beneficiaries: 3342 Eye Surgeries

Project Status: In Progress

REPORT ON GLOBAL AND CSR GRANTS

Other 7 Open Grants of earlier years:

GG2014333

Total Knee Replacement Surgery at Masina Hospital.

Project Cost: Rs.64,50,000 (USD 86,000)

Beneficiaries: 111 patients

Project Status: Almost Completed

GG2097974

Project is to support Corrective Burn Surgeries at NBC Airoli.

Project Cost: Rs.1,12,00,000 (USD 1,57,746)

Beneficiaries: >300 beneficiaries; 173 surgeries completed

Project Status: Expect to complete by June 2025

GG2234073

Project is to support Paediatric Oncology support at SRCC.

Project Cost: Rs.1,06,36,879 (USD 141,825)

REPORT ON GLOBAL AND CSR GRANTS

Beneficiaries:

- 8 Bone Marrow Transplant Surgery at Rs 5 lakhs per surgery (Rs. 40 lakhs);
- 33 Oncology Surgery at Rs 2 lakh per surgery (Rs.66 lakhs)

Project Status: In Progress

GG2013700

Project is for Upgradation of Parli High School at Parli Wada District.

Project Cost: Rs.69,74,576 (USD 94,250)

Beneficiaries: 750 Students Annually

Project Status: Expected to be completed by March 2024

GG2348840

Project is to support Mobile Eye Clinic Bus to BPKLCOS - Primary Club Partner Rotary Club of Rajdhani, District 3292.

Project Cost: Rs.64,65,000 (USD 49,351)

REPORT ON GLOBAL AND CSR GRANTS

CSR India Grant CS2300080

Project is to support Integrated Village Development including focus on healthcare, irrigation as well as enhancing the quality of Education.

Project Cost: Rs.1,06,39,819 (USD 123,819)

Project Status: In Progress

New Grants of the RI year 2023-2024:

CSR India Grant CS2300092

Project is for supply of ENT & EYE equipment for VN- Dehradun.

Project Cost: Rs.60,73,000 (USD 73,166.85)

Project Status: Grant applied, Approved and Completed

GG2453656

Project is for Supply of Equipment, for 2nd Phase of expansion of Vocational Training Centre (VTC) at Muni Seva Ashram.

Project Cost: Rs.1,17,62,640 (USD 141,719)

Project Status: Project will commence soon

REPORT ON GLOBAL AND CSR GRANTS

GG2353036

Project is to provide Humanitarian Aid for Treatment of Avoidable Blindness - Cataract, Retina and Glaucoma Surgeries at VN.

Project Cost: Rs.1,59,84,581 (USD 194,934)

Project Status: In queue to get approval as we have 10 open grants

CSR India Grant CS2400234

Project is for Construction of 5 classrooms for Rotary Public School, Jodhpur.

Project Cost: Rs.32,55,000 (USD 39,695)

Project Status: Approved and Implementation is in progress

CSR India Grant CS2400256

Project is for Integrated Rural Development focused on irrigation to provide water for drinking and agriculture.

Project Cost: Rs.71,70,368 (USD 86,390)

Project Status: Approvals process is ongoing

STEM PROJECT

On December 22, 2023, an MoU was signed with the vendor NECTAR EDUSYS, amounting to 3.2 Lakh per school for five schools. The project's scope includes providing Basic Electronics and Basic Robotics kits, along with a curriculum featuring experiments. A minimum of 20 hours of hands-on training will be conducted for at least 25 teachers per school. To ensure proper implementation and support for trained teachers, monthly physical visits to schools and online doubt-solving sessions every 10 days will be conducted.

The project has commenced in two schools:

Maratha Mandir Baba Saheb Gawade High School:

- Training for 12 teachers began on December 2, 2023.
- Training for 200+ students is set to commence by the latest the first week of January.

Shardashram School:

- Training for 18 teachers started on December 11, 2023.
- Training for 200+ students will begin by the latest the first week of January.

The initiation of the next three schools is scheduled for January 2024.



GLOBAL PROJECTS

UNITED STATES

The Rotary Club of the Lower Keys, Florida, is known for the Independence Day festival and fireworks display it sponsors in Big Pine Key. At last year's event, the night had a sweet send-off: the creation of a massive Key lime pie in celebration of Monroe County's bicentennial. Rotarians joined local chefs Kermit Carpenter and Paul Menta as they scooped free samples of the pie, which spanned a precise 13.14 feet in diameter. The dimension, harking back to the mathematical constant pi, squeezed past a 12.25-foot creation made in 2018 by a Florida business; its producers were awaiting certification of the grand concoction — made of Key lime juice and condensed milk spread atop a graham cracker crust — as the world's largest. The precise tally of servings was unclear, but club member Keara McGraw says it's safe to say it was “a lot.”



BRAZIL

Improper disposal of household cooking oil is not only an ecological hazard, it's also a missed opportunity to recycle the waste into new products. Oil poured down drains also increases water treatment costs. Members of the Rotaract Club of Penápolis in São Paulo state distributed 400 funnels to help residents collect oil in bottles, along with pamphlets explaining the benefits of recycling and how to do it. Members of a recycling cooperative in Penápolis gather the bottled oil and sell it to be turned into biodiesel, homemade soap, paints, resin, and animal feed. “It's essential to reduce and prevent pollution in all its forms,” says club member Lucas Silveira de Campos.



GLOBAL PROJECTS

FINLAND

Rotary members are working with the Finnish Environment Institute to collect, categorize, and measure trash in the Baltic Sea. “Scientists have little time for this kind of work,” explains Liisa Stjernberg, a past governor of District 1420 and a member of the Rotary Club of Helsinki City West. Stjernberg, the Finland country coordinator for the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group, leads a group of volunteer members from her district who monitor blue algae blooms, raise funds for research, and promote marine conservation. In September the group enlisted 22 Rotary Youth Exchange students to join a measurement outing off the islands of Suomenlinna. They fished out trash including polymer fibers and shock tube detonators used in construction, Stjernberg says. Afterward they took up their oars for another cause: the Rotary-led “Rowing for Herring” longboat regatta, which drew 300 participants.



NEPAL

Dr. Anand Jha, a pediatrician and past president of the Rotary Club of Birganj, noticed that many children in his region of Nepal, about 50 miles south of Kathmandu, were underweight. “Most parents would feed only [cow’s] milk to their children,” says Jha. “As a result, the children were mostly iron-deficient,” a condition easily addressed with an improved diet. Since 2018, Jha has conducted 11 conferences on child nutrition, attracting as many as 80 parents at each session. The events include discussions of problems parents face, including, he says, the challenge of steering children from junk food. “I try to give them practical solutions. The biggest mistake that parents make is that they do not plan the diet” and fail to consider the nutritional value of food-stuffs, he says. Members of the Birganj club assist with the logistics and the management of the sessions.



OUR MEMEBERS IN LIMELIGHT



Our Rotarian Dr. Shoaib Padaria presenting in a global Webinar



Our Rtn PP Dr. Habil Khorakiwala with British PM at London for an investor conference



Our Rtn PP Firoze Kachwala exchanging club flag with Horn Church and Upminster Rotary Club



Our Rtn PP Queresh flying the country and Rotary flag aloft in serving the global community

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ROTARY STATISTICS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL STATISTICS



47
MILLION

WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

approximately 47 million volunteer hours each year



1.4
MILLION

WE CONNECT PEOPLE

1.4 million members worldwide

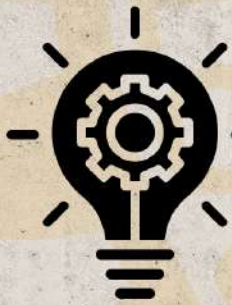


\$333
MILLION

WE FUND SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS

\$333 million awarded for global service initiatives in 2020-21

ROTARY INDIA COMMUNITY SERVICE STATISTICS



3,29,460
PROJECTS

3,283

CLUB
INVOLVED



342,216,464
VALUE (USD)

25,66,62,34,857

VALUE (INR)

2,62,40,380

MAN HOURS



ROTARY DISTRICTS STATISTICS

3060		
3375	92	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
24,09,00,047	3,212,001	

2981		
3562	106	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
8,36,47,203	1,115,296	

3232		
1930	127	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
62,24,72,917	8,299,639	

3141		
1980	87	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
52,19,98,321	6,959,978	

3203		
1583	70	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
8,50,60,759	1,134,143	

3250		
1365	68	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
4,52,13,789	602,851	

3170		
1863	104	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
32,27,76,647	4,303,689	

3291		
1404	89	
<u>Projects</u>	<u>Clubs Involved</u>	
INR	<u>Cost</u>	USD
18,24,43,489	2,432,580	



FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

SHEL BEE



I am sure that by now all are fully relaxed and rejuvenated.

This plan is Like having all the worldly things one wishes for..... including Clean Air, Water around us, Greenery and Birds. I am sure you couldn't have asked for more.

For this I am thankful to God for having given this bounty to Beejal and Bhupendra who have a golden heart to share it with us.

"Happiness not shared can scarcely be called happiness, it had no taste or flavour."

We hope that you and your family can enjoy and share the happiness of "Shelbee" for generations to come.

Thank you for the impeccable arrangements made at such a beautiful place. The food, the decorations, the dedication of your staff to give us such service.

From the welcome drink to the evening send off, everything has been a relaxed dream for us with no effort or inconvenience.

I would also like to thank those who were open to sharing their vehicles and making car pools. With the company of friends I am sure "Dotson ke saath rasta jaldi cut gaya"

Special thanks to my team for coordinating and convincing the members that this picnic was an opportunity not to be missed.

Sanjeev, thank you so much for all your efforts, RCBN is privileged to have amongst us such illustrious members like "Beejal and Bhupendra".

Three cheers to them and all the best to them in the future!

-President Nafisa

Diwali Celebration





**WEEKLY
MEETING**

WEEKLY MEETINGS



FROM PASSION TO CREATION

During the January 13, 2024, weekly meeting, Mr. Arjun Rathi shared his inspiring journey from the corporate world to becoming a passionate architect with a focus on glass art. His insightful talk covered various techniques in colored glass manufacturing, showcased through a video presentation of his studio. The meeting featured stunning art pieces by Mr. Rathi. A fruitful Q&A session ensued, concluding with an invitation for club members to visit his Chembur workshop, offering the opportunity to witness the glass-making process and potentially create something themselves.

December 23, 2023: Exceptional Weekly Meeting with Rotarian PP Arundati Paul from Rotary Club of Shillong and District Secretary Anand Ramani. However, the highlight of the day was the unique performance by Ms. Madhu Lakhota, a reverse singer, who captivated the hearts of the 50 members, spouses, and guests present. Renowned singer Rtn PP Ashok Ajmera joined in the reverse singing, and other members contributed to a delightful evening, unexpectedly showcasing the club's talent for singing.

UNIQUE SPEAKER

TRIUMPH OVER CHALLENGES! At the captivating event on Saturday, December 16, at Willingdon, we had the privilege of hearing Geeta Chouhan's remarkable journey. Overcoming daunting obstacles, including an unsupportive father, admission rejections from schools, and the challenge of people avoiding her, Geeta emerged triumphant. Her inspiring tale unfolded as she shared her experiences, from battling a brief period of depression to achieving success as a textile businesswoman. Geeta's story, narrated in her own words, showcased her transformation into a champion para athlete, representing India in wheelchair basketball, tennis, and marathons.

During the weekly meeting on November 25, 2023, CA Kalpesh Mehta, introduced by Rtn Yash Kale, delivered an engaging talk on forensic investigation. He intertwined intriguing insights about numerology and shared examples of unconventional business decision-making by an airline company. Kalpesh emphasized the importance of thinking differently, drawing parallels to the mindset of investigators, and encouraged members to benefit from such perspectives without necessarily adopting the role of investigators themselves.

FORENSIC INVESTIGATION TALK

FIRESIDE

RCBN held its second Fireside Meeting on December 17, 2023, a cherished tradition within the club. This social gathering, hosted at the elegant home of veteran Rotarians Sakina and Shabbir Shakeer, provided a platform for new members to understand the broader Rotary movement. Past District Governor Gulam Vahanavaty, a Rotary International dignitary, graced the event as the chief guest. The evening featured engaging conversations between PDG Vahanavaty and both new and veteran club members, fostering camaraderie and fellowship. Rtn Sanjay Shah orchestrated the event seamlessly, complemented by a delightful dinner hosted by Rtns Shakeers.

