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Rotary Club of Bharuch



M. I. Patel Rotary Youth Centre



Shroff Poonamchad Devchand Rotary Diagnostic Centre



"Romakadu" A Toy Library



Pay & Use Toilet



Reverse Osmosis Plant Sustainable Water & Sanitation Project



"SHANTIVAN" Crematorium **Green Environment Project**



Critical Care Ambulance



"HUM HONGE KAMYAB"



Project "Aadhar"



8 A Side Corporate Cricket Tournament

1st Mar - RC Bharuch participated in the District Literacy Project Pratibha ie. education thru stories. 2 Schools, New Rays School, Kalla and Smt. CKG High School, Govali with approx. 350 students have registered for it.



7th Mar - District Cyclofun event, with total 150+ enthusiastic participants in 25/50Km group and 5/10km group. Active participation along with volunteering by Rotaract & Interact Clubs of Bharuch. A big thank you to Event Chairman Rtn. Kishore Shadapuri and team for the well planned successful project. It was well highlighted on social media and a big public image of RC Bharuch too.







10th Mar- RC Bharuch had distributed 3000 note books to students of Shree Navrang Vidhyamandir, Moriyana village, Valia. This has been generously sponsored by Rtn. Andrea Pontarolo, RC San Vito, RID 2060 Italy. Thank you CDG Rtn. Ashok Kapadia for this project and PP Rtn. Vanrajsinh Mahida for well-planned arrangements. It was followed by candid talks on MHH and Sexual Harassment with the Girls Hostel inmates by Sec. Rtn. Rizwana Zamindar.









14th Mar - Rotary, Rotaract and Interact Clubs of Bharuch had organised the "Pet's Empire" Rotary Mega Pet Show 2021. In this exhibition, pet owners of Bharuch and nearby areas showcased their pets. It was inaugurated by our MLA Rtn. Dushyant Patel. Free Pet Medical Checkup service by 6 Veterinary Doctors was provided. Animal food and Medicine stalls were also present. Highlights of the show were unique breeds in the 250 registered participants of Dogs, Cats, Birds, Horses, Fishes, Rodents etc who participated in different competitions. 3 judges judged the various events. It was witnessed by 1500+ general public viewers. Our promotional partners Narmada Channel and CT Channels had been instrumental in spreading publicity for this event.









16th Mar - under the Rotary Agricultural Project of RC Bharuch at Segva village - demonstration and initiation of Rain Irrigation system was taught to the farmers highlighting its various benefits with 70% water conservation. It was in association with Farm Bridge Foundation.







18th Mar - Inaugural of the School paint work Project of Rang Rupan under CSR project of Kansai Nerolac was held by Rotary Club of Bharuch NN. In total 5 schools had been undertaken by RC NN from which Husainia School was jointly with RC Bharuch. It was inaugurated by DGE Santosh Pradhan, Hon. Rtn. Rajesh Patel (Kansai Nerolac), President Rtn. Pravindan Gadavi and President Rtn. Talkin Zamindar.

18th Mar - RC Bharuch had donated 5 Ceiling fans to Sarkari Madhayamic Shala of Kaladara village.





21st Mar - International Forest Day, RC Bharuch along with many NGO's were invited to be part of the Reva Aranya Tree Plantation drive of 500 trees.





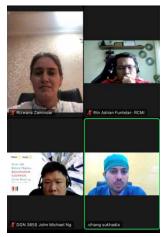
23rd Mar - RC Bharuch started distribution of combat Covid equipments to all the 27 Muncipal schools of Bharuch. We started from Station Road Mishra Shala 39. It was in the presence of CDG Ashok Kapadia, Sashan Adhikari Nishant Dave and Chairman Indiraben Raj. CDG Ashok Kapadia initiated a process to collect fund from friends and relatives in USA in a BIG CONTRIBUTION of USD 10,000 was made by his family friend Puranchandji, who is having his factory both at Ankleshwar and Jaipur as well as in Birmingham USA, other relatives also contributed and he was able to collect USD 16,000 for the club contribution for GG 2013305 to Combat Covid 19 at Bharuch.



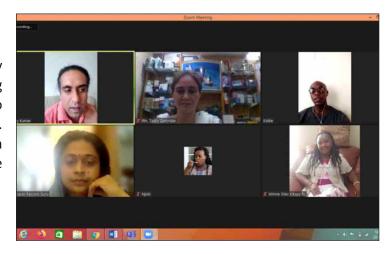


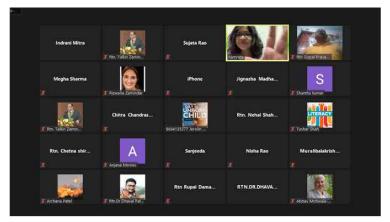


23rd Mar - RC Bharuch had co-hosted a multi Dist. Seminar hosted by RC Gurgaon passion on topic 'Seva se Badlav" by our RIPE Shekhar Mehta. It was an interview with 5 leading News Paper representatives in Hindi.



24th Mar - We had a primary fellowship and planning meeting with Rotarians of RC Metro ILoILo RID 3850 (Philippines). DGN Shrikant Indani & DGN John Michael were guiding all on the event planning.





25th Mar - RC Bharuch, RC Surat Tapi (RID 3060), RC Kalyani Nagar (RID 3131), RC Bilaspur Queens (RID 3261) and RC Arghakhanchi (RID 3292 -Nepal) had hosted an Inspirational Session of Guest Speaker Namrata Sunderesan. She is an Artisian Chef, Cheese Maker and "Nari Shakti Puraskar" Awardee. She spoke on Topic: "Cheesy Tales...Empowering Women with Hope & Happiness" with event coordination by Ann. Sujata Rao.

26th & 27th Mar - RC Bharuch continued 2 days Covid Vaccination Camps at the MIPRYC Club premises along with Nagar Palika for the News and Media persons.





27th Mar - MIPRYC Inter Club Badminton tournament was held. It was inaugurated by President Talkin Zamindar and PDG Ashok Kapadia. The event was managed by Chairman Rtn. Harshad Bhalodwala with participations.





27th Mar - Combat Covid Equipment distribution was held at Vejalpur Mishra Shala No. 15 in presence of Nagar Palika President Amit Chawda and local Corporators.





31st Mar - RC Bharuch along with JSS Bharuch and Sanskruti Samaj had organized a seminar on Topic: Are we hearing the Child? That is on how to identify Children behavior due to Sexual harassment or family issues and how to deal with it. Guest Speaker was Rtn. Dr. Suketu Dave and he well explained the topic to the teachers of Primary and Kindergarten. It was followed by distribution of "Red Dot Rally" participation certificates. Menstrual Cups of 'Cup of Life' Project were also distributed.







DISTRICT AWARDS FOR 2019-20

Rotary club of Bharuch won loads of awards for the year 2019-20 under the able leadership of President Manish Poddar.

Rizwana Zamindar -Top 10 Rotarians of the year



Rachna Poddar- Best Spouse in Supporting Role, GOLD



Vihang Sukhadia- Best Club Secretary Gold



IPP Manish Poddar – Best Of the Best Club President





PP Amardeep Singh Bunet- Rotarian of the Year Award



Rotary Foundation Award TRF – GOLD



TRF EREY BANNER and TRF GIVING BANNER



E-Learning Platinum Award



Child Development Award -Gold



Adult Literacy Award – Platinum



DISTRICT AWARDS FOR 2019-20

Teachers Training Award – Silver



Best MHM Project - Bronze



RECYCLABLE PENCIL PROJECT-**BRONZE Award**



Award for 100% Registration in Conference



Best Club Bulletin- Region 2



Membership Award - Gold



CDG Ashok Kapadia – Counsellor Rotary Youth Exchange

Ashok Kapadia



PP Amardeep Singh Bunet - Dist. Membership Chairman



and loads of awards in sports Categories as well







APPRECIATION AWARDS

PDG Devang Thakore-Counsellor Literacy PP Ketan Shah- District Sports Meet Chairman KamaljitBunet- Adult Literacy Chairperson

8th MARCH DISTRICT GOVERNOR OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT

RC Bharuch President Rtn. Talkin Zamindar, Hon. Secretary Rtn. Rizwana Zamindar and OCV Event Chairman IPP Manish Poddar along with the dynamic team of RC Bharuch Rotarians left no stones unturned for it to be the first - one and half day OCV of Dist 3060 that too with a marathon of impactful Events for our DG Rtn. Prashant Jani and First Lady Rtn. Hita Jani.







The Events of these 2 days were - Club Assembly





General Meeting



New members Inducted



Endowment and TRF commitments





Bulletin Release



Recognition of Donors for the Rotary Foundation





Press Meet



DG Prashantji, First lady Hitaji and AG Ishwarji's Covid Vaccination



8th MARCH DISTRICT GOVERNOR OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT

Inaugurals of total worth of projects - Rs. 1,17,85,000/during the OCV.

- 500 Menstrual 'Cup of Life' (MHH) project launch

Inaugural of Swamman Store





With generous sponsorship by Kansai Nerolac and supported by Hon. Member Rtn. Rajesh Patel 2 public toilets for ladies & Gents at the Amrut Nagar Palika Garden



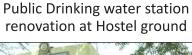








Bhoomi Pujan for new Furnace at Rotary Shantivan Crematorium









9th MARCH DISTRICT GOVERNOR OFFICIAL CLUB VISIT

CDG Ashok Kapadia, "During my stay at USA, my Rotary activity was at standstill except attending few online meetings, but tried to contribute to R C Bharuch, inspite of being away to USA for 18 months, I was trying for a District Global Grant to provide clean Drinking water to schools and villages in Dist 3060, Unfortunately the proposal was rejected by TRF, that provoked me to think of diverting the resource for schools in Bharuch, contacted international Partner, my friend PP Massimilliano from Italy, he and his club and Dist approved the proposal and that is how GG 2010229 to provide improved facility in 5 schools Bharti Vidhya Mandir, Shri B.H. Modi Vidyamandir, Ekta Vidhyalaya, Navjivan Vidyalaya, Ambemata Vidyalaya of Bharuch started materializing., I was in touch with then President Manish Poddar, Rtn Rizvana, Dr Palak, Dr Vikram, Rtn Talkin, Rtn Vipul and all other provided the input for the application & the GG was approved and is getting implemented in the current year. We are grateful to Timken LTD, our Hon. Member Rtn. Deependra Pareek for his efforts in Timken for their generous donation for school project. We are also thankful to R C of Ancona Conero, Dist 2090, Italy our partner for the school project, PP Upendra Bhatt, Rotary Club of Emory Druid Hills, Dist 6900 USA, partner for Covid GG, IPDG Anish Shah, DRFCC Ashish Ajmera, Rotary Dist 3060 n Rotary Foundation of Rotary International."



Computer Lab development

Science Lab development

Indoor & Outdoor Playing equipment at all 5 needy schools.



Smart E-Board



Toilet Block for Girls & Boys in Ekta Vidyalaya



Science Lab at Navjivan Vidyalaya







ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND UPDATES

Living with Polio in Pakistan

Polio survivor Mujahid Miran recalls the challenges of growing up with disabilities, and how his own experiences led to his commitment to creating awareness on the virus. In his English writing class, Mujahid Miran was asked to write an essay titled the "Aim of life". This was a space for the students to imagine who they could be and what they saw themselves as when they grew up.

Miran wanted to be a captain in the army and he eagerly shared this 'aim of life' in his essay. After his hopes made it to the page, his teacher immediately shot it down: There was no way he would make it, she told him, because he had polio. Born in 1985, Miran grew up in Kohat and contracted polio when he was two. This was a year before the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was founded in 1988, leading to a worldwide vaccination campaign to fight the spread of the disease. In the decade of the '80s, the estimated number of cases was over 350 000 per year, while the disease was still prevalent in 125 countries. With focused efforts around the world to eradicate the poliovirus, the number of paralytic cases was reduced by 99.99% with 42 cases in 2016. For Miran, school was among the most challenging periods of his life. "School life was generally very hard. It must be easier for polio survivors to study in special schools, but in a usual school, I was always referred to as langra, mazoor (derogatory words in Urdu for people with disabilities). I was always made to feel different."

The challenges were frequent, never letting him forget that he couldn't walk from one leg. "Among the things that would hurt a lot was sports class or recess. "Every time kids would be chosen for a sports activity, I was completely sidelined — as if I wasn't even there." he says. Academically, Miran always performed well in class and would usually be among the top three students. I always had among the best grades, but I would never be nominated to be the class monitor or get a position as part of the student council, he says. "Every week I'd go to my teacher and ask her why I was never nominated because other students who would be poorer than me academically would be chosen instead. A part of me knew even back then that it was my disability, but now looking back, I know it was exactly that."

After having lived with polio for 33 years now, Miran is now based in Karachi and is part of a small seafood export business. He buys seafood from factories in Pakistan to sell in southeast Asia and makes an income for the commission he makes per sale. Miran is able to independently support his family of his wife and two children, aged six and two, but the everyday realities of living with polio make the smallest of tasks harder. There is such little awareness in Pakistan, and it's even within government institutions. I had to get my special driver's license and when I went to get it made, the officer on duty asked me to raise my shalwar in front of a group of people and stand on one foot to prove I had a disability, he adds. "The humiliation is too much."

This virus has also been an obstacle in maintaining friendships, as most places for leisure in Pakistan have no access for people with disabilities. "Plus, there is also so much shame in it. I was in

Dubai once and I was walking with a friend who turned around to me and said that the way I was walking was embarrassing for him. This virus impacts your life in every way."

Last year, Africa was declared wild polio-free after Nigeria, the last remaining country in the region that had polio and accounted for more than half of all global cases less than a decade ago, had no cases of wild poliovirus for the fourth year running. Today, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only two endemic countries in the world and global efforts continue to vaccine children in this epidemiological block, and finally make the dream of a polio-free world possible.

Miran says this interview is his personal effort to spread awareness on polio. "I talk to everyone in my friends and family circle who have young children. I give them my example and tell them they can't afford to miss out on vaccination. I am very regular with my children's vaccination too. Whenever polio teams come to our house, I make sure the children take polio drops."

At many times in the interview, Miran mentions how the physical pain caused by the disease is often unbearable. "I almost never express how much pain I feel because people will think I'm asking them for financial help or wanting their sympathy. But I just want everyone to know that living with polio is hard. Very, very hard."

Dear Rotarians ...

We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of three polio workers in Jalalabad, Afghanistan today. The three women are Nagina, a supervisor since 2012, Basira, a volunteer since 2016 and Samina, a volunteer in the last few rounds. All were shot while working in the field during the current immunization rounds. In addition, an explosion took place at the entrance of the cold chain office in Nangarhar province with no one injured but there was damage to equipment.

Mohammed Ishaq Niazmand, our Rotary polio national chair, participated in meetings with the health minister and polio program lead later in the day. As is our custom, we will provide immediate payments to the families to assist them in the short term. Rotary and the BMGF provided US\$ 1500 each and WHO Afghanistan provided \$1,000. Ishaq will join a group delivering the funds to key known survivors in the next few days. We have provided condolences to the Polio Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Jalalabad.

These incidents show the importance of working with all parties to finish the job of eradicating polio in the endemic countries. We all pray that there is no more loss of life.

Best regards,

- Michael K. McGovern RI Polio Chair .

Let us Help Afganistan and Pakistan to END POLIO Soon ...

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The \$2 million grant goes toward Rotary Club-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program; an additional \$4 million contributed by partners the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Vision USA

- by Ryan Hyland Illustrations by Gwen Keraval

The Rotary Foundation is giving a significant boost to the fight against malaria in Zambia with a new \$2 million Programs of Scale grant that will scale an already successful program model. Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is a Rotarian-led effort that will use a community health worker model proven to effectively respond to cases of malaria and prevent transmission. The program aims to help reduce malaria cases over time by 90% in 10 target districts in two of the country's provinces.

Malaria, a preventable disease caused by a parasite spread through the bites of infected mosquitoes, continues to be one of Zambia's leading causes of illness and death, especially infant and maternal deaths.

The grant will allow Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia to strengthen the country's health system by working with Zambian health officials at all levels and training 380 health facility staff members, as well as training and equipping more than 2,500 new community health workers. This will increase access to malaria diagnosis and treatment for the more than 1.3 million people in heavily affected areas in the Central and Muchinga provinces and greatly contribute to the national effort to eliminate the deadly disease.

Rotary club-led Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia program will help reduce malaria cases by 90% in 10 target districts in two of the country's provinces.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Federal Way, Washington, USA, the program brings together local Rotary members and partner organizations who share a goal to combat malaria in Zambia. In addition, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and World Vision USA will co-fund the program with \$2 million each, bringing total funding to \$6 million.

"This project complements and builds upon the leadership of the government of Zambia in working to eliminate malaria from the country," says Philip Welkhoff, director of the Malaria Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "We are thrilled to expand on our longstanding partnerships with Rotary and World Vision to advance progress in hard-to-reach communities and to realize the goal of ending malaria for good."

To diagnose and treat community members, health workers will be supplied with rapid diagnostic test kits, anti-malaria medicine, lancets for finger pricks, and educational materials. They'll also receive bicycles and mobile phones, allowing them to reach communities and regularly report cases and share malaria data within the national health system. Making sure local and national information is integrated and providing ongoing support for the community health worker network are essential to the program's goal of strengthening provincial health services for long-term success fighting malaria.

By empowering these volunteers, who are selected by their

fellow community members, the project connects people in areas with limited access to health care with trusted members of their community, says Bill Feldt, a member of the Federal Way club.

This proven health care delivery model is effective and financially sustainable and will bring lasting protection by reducing and eliminating this disease at the local level.— Bill Feldt, member of the Rotary Club of Federal Way

"This proven health care delivery model is effective and financially sustainable and will bring lasting protection by reducing and eliminating this disease at the local level," says Feldt, who has been involved in Rotary's efforts to control malaria in sub-Saharan Africa for more than 10 years. John Hasse, World Vision's national director in Zambia, says it's leveraging the strength of local community health workers that's most appealing about the program. "We've learned from our experience the importance of bringing healthcare closer to those who need it," says Hasse. Hasse adds, "Such an effective, proven and local strategy is exactly what is needed to reduce the dreaded disease of malaria and move us closer to malaria elimination in Zambia."

With COVID-19 still a health threat around the world, the program's leaders are prepared to ensure a safe environment for health workers and community members. Training of community health workers will follow COVID-19 protocols, including social distancing. Training class sizes will be limited according to guidelines from the World Health Organization and Zambian government. Personal protective equipment will also be provided. And when a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available in Zambia, community health workers will be well-positioned to mobilize communities to receive the vaccine.

Scaling proven methods

Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia is the first recipient of the Foundation's <u>Programs of Scale</u> grant. Programs of Scale will award \$2 million annually to expand a well-developed service program that is led by a Rotary club or district and has demonstrated success in effecting change. The funding enables evidence-based programs that align with one of Rotary's areas of focus to scale over three to five years to help larger populations of people and foster policy development to increase sustainability. Programs of Scale will expand Rotary members' ability to implement large-scale, high-quality programs with experienced partners — and share their program knowledge and results with other Rotary clubs.

"Rotary's Programs of Scale is encouraging our members to think big and to work with other organizations to find comprehensive solutions to large-scale issues," Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair K.R. Ravindran says. "The power of

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Rotary is greatly magnified when we partner with like-minded organizations."

Fighting malaria has long been a priority for the Federal Way club. For more than 10 years, club members have been building relationships and working with international partners, including Zambian Rotary clubs, Malaria Partners Zambia, Malaria Partners International, PATH's MACEPA project (Malaria Control and Elimination Partnership in Africa), the Ministry of Health's National Malaria Elimination Centre, provincial health leaders, World Vision, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other nongovernmental organizations. Since 2011, the Federal Way club has worked with its partners and several Rotary clubs to distribute tens of thousands of mosquito bed nets, drug treatments, and testing kits across Zambia's Copperbelt province. In recent years, clubs in the U.S. and Zambia used Rotary Foundation global grants to train and deploy more than 1,500 community health workers in target Copperbelt districts, after seeing this model help reduce malaria cases in Zambia's Southern province.

Building on this evidence and their experience and commitment, Federal Way members saw Programs of Scale as an opportunity to work with The Rotary Foundation to make an

even greater impact in Zambia. Using the latest research in malaria and combining the strengths and resources of each partner organization, they developed Partners for a Malaria-Free Zambia to bring lifesaving care to more communities.

Martha Lungu, a member of the Rotary Club of Ndola, Zambia, and executive director for Malaria Partners Zambia, says volunteer community health workers are paid small stipends and work long hours. The driving force behind their dedication is knowing that they are making a difference.

"They are well-respected in their community," Lungu says. "It's prestigious to be trained. If you ask them why they really stay on, they talk about the people they're helping, the mothers and children. They are looked up to by their community."

She thanks her fellow Rotary members for their commitment to the program and role in facilitating trainings and building relationships with rural health centers and government leaders.

"Every day I witness firsthand the effects of malaria," says Lungu. "This program demonstrates that Rotary members are true partners in our communities and focused on supporting community health workers to help loosen the grip malaria has on the Zambian people."

Partners in Action

INTERACT CLUB

14th Mar - Interact club of Bharuch in association with Rotary club of Bharuch and Rotract club of Bharuch conducted Pets Empire. Where we provided free medical check-up and vaccines, also conducted different games and fashion show for them. There were more then 150+ entries of different breeds of dogs, cats, birds, fishes, horses, etc.





27th Mar - TALENT UNLIMITED EPISODE 3 – POWER OF PASSION Interact club of Bharuch in association with BDMA, Rotary club of Bharuch, Rotract club of Bharuch, Rotex and many more clubs conducted a webinar on Courage unlimited. The aim of the project was to spread awareness about poetry, storytelling and being a writer as a career option.



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ROTARACT CLUB

8th Mar. - We celebrated International Women's Day as a part of world Rotaract week. This event was sponsored by Wonderchef Bharuch and hosted by Rotaract club of Bharuch. The event was successfully conducted with 25+ ladies. We have arranged the events like Speaker, cake work shop and fun games along with high tea. we had celebrate this with a fun event for women's in association with Wonderchef Bharuch, NISHANT SONAWALA.





9th Mar. - As a part of community service project, we had done awareness of road safety and car bin project at Bharuch toll tax. We have visited Bharuch toll tax and distributed car bins and also we have placed stickers on cars trucks and bikes for road safety. Project chair - Kishan Patel







19th Mar - We have planned fellowship dinner meet and fun activity at MIPRYC. We have celebrated our chartered day with lots of fun and games activities and delicious food. Project Chair - Meet Faldu







RCC CLUB

Took part in Ladies cricket match, organised at Tapoven, by RC Femina.









Birthday Greetings



04-Apr Rtn. Manish Poddar

07-Apr Rtn. Manan Bakulbhai Patel

07-Apr Rtn. Talkin Zamindar

08-Apr Rtn. Shailesh Arvindbhai Patel

09-Apr Ann Rupal Paritosh Modi

10-Apr Ann Disha Rahil Patel

15-Apr Rtn. Salim Patel

17-Apr Ann Neha Bhadresh Modi

18-Apr Ann Meghna Hardik Shah

21-Apr Rtn. Nirav Joshi

21-Apr Ann Nehal Nirav Joshi

22-Apr Rtn. Dara Mahudawala

22-Apr Ann Dr. Parul Ashwin Modi

25-Apr Rtn. Priyank Sarvaiya



Happy Marriage Miniversary



16-Apr Rtn Dr Falguni & Dr Chintal Thakkar25-Apr Ann Rejal & Rtn. Brijesh Parikh25-Apr Rtn Rachana & Rtn. Manish Poddar

25-Apr Ann Swati & Rtn. Satishkumar Parmar

29-Apr Ann Nikki & Rtn. Harish Mehta

30-Apr Ann Sunita & Rtn. Bharat Kabrawala



Rtn. Vipul Thakkar



Rtn. PP Brijesh Parikh



OBITUARY

We regret the sudden demise of Rtn. Bharat Kabrawala. Not only we lost a great Rotarian but we lost a great human being too. May lord embrace the pious soul in its eternal space and family be strengthened enough to bear this loss.