

SHEKHAR MEHTA
PRESIDENT ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
2021-2022

INTRODUCTION

Shekhar Mehta is only the 4th Indian in 115 years to be nominated as the President of Rotary International for the year 2021-22.

Shekhar Mehta was born in 1959 in Kolkata India. A keen academician, he graduated from St. Xavier's College, and has the unique combination of Masters in Commerce, a qualified Chartered Accountant, Cost Accountant and Company Secretary.

He heads the Skyline Group engaged in Real Estate Development in different parts of India, including the largest group housing in the state of Rajasthan.

He is member of many professional, cultural and charitable organizations.

He is a serving trustee of

- (i) Shelter Box (UK)
- (ii) Operation Eyesight India, a Canada based organization.

Shekhar Mehta joined Rotary in 1985 and has been Chairman of

- Strategic Planning Committee of Rotary International,
- Rotary India Literacy Mission.
- Rotary Foundation India.
- Rotary India Centennial Celebrations.
- Rotary India Humanity Foundation

He served as District Governor in 1999-2000 and was elevated to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for 2011-2013.

While serving as Rotary International Director, he helped Rotary add 2 countries to its fold – Bhutan & Maldives.

Keenly dedicated to service, Shekhar Mehta has led many major service initiatives in India. Some significant initiatives are:

- Constructing 500 homes for Tsunami survivors at Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Starting the Shelter Kit program in India which has served about 20 disasters distributing more than 15,000 Shelter Kits helping about 75,000 disaster victims.
- He started the Healing Little Hearts program – through this he has got done more than 2500 heart surgeries for children from across India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal & African Countries. He also facilitated for the program to now become a National Program.

- Conceptualizing nationwide T-E-A-C-H a literacy program in India having reached out to more than 50,000 Schools and 15 million children. T-E-A-C-H is a holistic program on literacy. Rotary is working on the T-E-A-C-H Program with the Central Government and many State Governments.
- He has been Instrumental in setting up 15 Eye Hospitals across India serving nearly 50,000 eye operations each year.
- He started a scholarship program called UDAAN for marginalized children over last 10 years. 1000 scholarships have been given.
- Responding to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's national call – He has helped set up 6000 rural toilets benefitting 30,000 people.

Shekhar Mehta is a motivational speaker. He has spoken at hundreds of events nationally and internationally.

His motivation skills are par excellence which has helped raise millions of dollars for The Rotary Foundation.

Shekhar.Mehta is recipient of the highest awards of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation,

- (i) “Service Above Self Award”
- (ii) “The Meritorious Service Award”
- (iii) “Distinguished Service Award” .

He will serve as the world leader of 1.2 million Rotarians in 200 countries and geographical areas in the year 2021-2022.

Texas is very close his heart as the annual convention of Rotary International in the year 2022 when he would be serving as Rotary International President is scheduled to be held at Houston.

Shekhar Mehta is married to Rashi Mehta. She is a social worker and is a stage artist having performed in socially relevant plays across India.

His guiding mantra in life is “*Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth*”.