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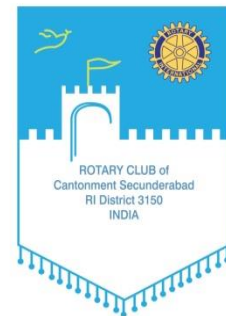


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Let us together End Polio



Barry Rassin
RI President 2018-19

RI Presidential message on the occasion of World Polio Day on 24th October

Every Thursday morning, I receive an email from the World Health Organization with an update on the status of polio eradication. It contains a wealth of information, country by country: where and how immunization campaigns are being conducted, how many millions of children are being vaccinated, and where environmental surveillance has found evidence of circulating virus. But every week, when that email appears in my inbox, my heart seems to stop for just a moment until I read the first few lines – and learn whether a child was paralyzed by wild poliovirus that week.

That, my friends, is where we are today in the work of polio eradication. The question on my mind as I open that message isn't how many thousands of cases we might see in a year, as we did not too long ago, or even how many hundreds. Instead, when that WHO email arrives every Thursday, the single, binary question it answers is: Was there a new case this week, or wasn't there?

Thirty years ago, 1,000 children were paralyzed by polio every single day. Since then, we've marked our progress, year by year, week by week. We've celebrated as country after country, region after region has been declared polio-free. As we've come closer and closer to our goal, and the number of cases has dropped further and further, the children those numbers reflect have become less and less of an abstraction. When I open that Thursday email, I don't wonder what number I'll see. I wonder, was a child paralyzed this week or not?

We are so close to eradication – but there is so much work left to do.

This month, I ask every Rotary club to help End Polio Now by marking **World Polio Day on 24 October**. Last year, thousands of Rotary clubs around the world held events to raise awareness and funds for polio eradication. This year, we want to see more World Polio Day events registered than ever. If you have an event planned, be sure to register and promote it at endpolio.org so that more people can take part. If you haven't planned one yet, it's not too late – visit endpolio.org to find ideas, information on this year's livestream, and resources to help your club organize a successful event. World Polio Day is a tremendous opportunity for clubs to highlight Rotary, and our historic work to eradicate polio, in their own communities. It is also a great way to take advantage of the challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: For every dollar that Rotary raises for polio eradication, the Gates Foundation will give two more. Join me, and Rotarians everywhere, on 24 October for World Polio Day – and *Be the Inspiration* for a polio-free world.



**Rtn Venkat Gummalla
RCCS President 2018-19**

RCCS President's personalised and inspiring message to the Cantons

My Dear Friends,

This is the first issue of the Cantonment Times since the start of my tenure as the President of your club. At the outset, I would like to thank you all in reposing your faith in me and I am sure that with the active support and participation of all in the club activities we will make this Rotary year a memorable one.

Our Rtn Rangan recently lost his mother Smt Jayalakshmi Santhanam, a renowned exponent of Carnatic Music. We extend our deepest condolences to Rangan and Padma for the irreparable loss. Both the months of July and August were eventful. We had organized many events successfully. Notebooks and Stationery were distributed, a Dental Camp held, Installation ceremonies of Interactors in four of our sponsored schools and celebration of Independence Day in our Picket school.

Rotary Focus Area Projects of WASH and Environment were taken up with the distribution of water bottles and planting saplings in our Picket school. We attended all the District events held in these two months. An electrification project was completed at a college in Miryalguda. The signature project of our club 'ParivartanPahal' in the Mudfort slum has taken off, with the setting up of three water tanks. And, we closed the month of August with a very entertaining fellowship at Vivaha Bhojanam.

Our club, as all of you know enjoys the reputation of a vibrant club. However, though the member attendance in the regular meetings and in other events is good but we often get to see the same persons. Wouldn't it be so much more fun to see many more of our friends on such occasions? Please do come.

In recent times, many changes in the regulations and objectives of Rotary have been taking place. District seminars and conferences give us an opportunity to keep abreast with the changes. . In the seminars and conferences held recently, it was a treat to hear very senior Rotarian speakers, who were erudite, eloquent and so knowledgeable. I would recommend to everyone to make the best of such events to not only learn more about Rotary, but also enjoy a time well spent.

Looking forward to an exciting Rotary year ahead.

With best wishes

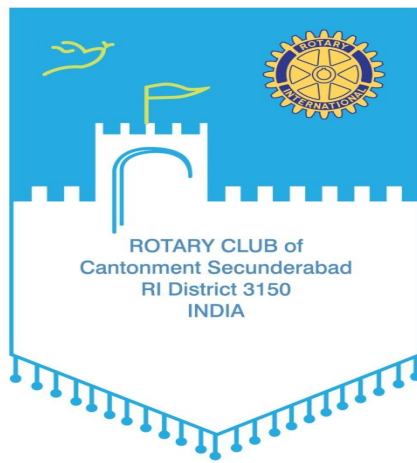
Rtn Venkat Gummalla

RCCS New Board Installation Ceremony – July 2018





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Designation	Name
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Rotary Focus Area Project – Environment – Sapling Planting



Rotary Focus Area Project – Water & Sanitation July 2018







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Independence Day Celebrations – August 2018



Teachers Day Celebrations – September 2018
*Honouring Outstanding Teachers from club adopted
Government schools & Interact clubs*



Parivartan Pahal – RCCS Working for bringing about a change *Mudfort Slum Area*



Installation Ceremonies of Interact Clubs new team for 2018-19

Pallavi Model School



Sadhu Vaswani International School



Sherwood Public School



St Michael's School



CRPF Public School



**Patriotism is not short,
frenzied outbursts of
emotion, but the tranquil
and steady dedication of
a lifetime.**



Being A Patriot *By Invitation - Rtn Srikanth Gummalla*

I always considered myself a patriot in the true sense of the word. Not in a soldierly way (that being the highest form of patriotism), but there was a deep inherent urge to do something good for the country I lived in, identified with and loved. Perhaps I picked up the initial social leanings obliquely from my father who did small but meaningful social contributions in his own quiet way. The social feeling manifested deeper over the passing years as my love for India grew stronger and I became more acutely aware of the systemic rot that tore many holes into her.

I had already begun my entrepreneurial journey by this point and began to donate to various social causes. However, there was this strong feeling within me that I was taking the easy way out. The garbage does not clear away but keeps piling on. The morning newspapers were full of blood, misery and gore- from collapsing buildings and bridges to female foeticide, women and child abuse / harassment, a rotting education system, manipulative health care facilities, a warped Male to Female ratio (1000 men:940 women), mannerless humans, splintered religious hegemony establishments, high corruption et al. Each of these issues were (and still “are”-with no firm end in sight)being addressed by the powers-that-be, but from individual leaky buckets that prevent solutions finding a firm footing. The saying “Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely”, held true in more ways than one.

A like-minded friend and I had many spirited debates on the issues and came to a common conclusion; that there is a hidden root to all problems and what is visible to our eyes above ground is a manifestation of this hidden root creature. In Marketing, there is a 80:20 ratio. If we solve 20% of the problem correctly (the root cause), the balance 80% issues will vaporise automatically because the root is dead. It’s a tried and tested principle. We were convinced that the same held true in the social spectrum too and if we identify the main root constituting the 20% and destroy it, we can bring forth an impactful and long lasting solution that will set this country of ours on the right path to its rightful destiny.

To that end, my friend and I undertook many road trips together to various parts of India spanning over a time frame of 3 years to understand ground realities better. We looked at completely different issue streams and started mapping patterns common in all.

These common patterns appearing in different field streams irrespective of topographic and class segmentations will throw up the hidden root is the belief. It’s may be a complicated road ahead (or maybe not). However, the will to complete this search and find the solution is resolute and remains non-compromised. More thinking minds are always welcome.



NINE, the magic number

By Invitation - Rtn PP Raaj Sree Ram

NINE, the magic number. I grew up with the fact that you can only win when you join forces with this number. If you cross swords with it you always lose to it. Now replace the number nine with nature. Isn't it true with nature too? We know that the earth is the only place which is conducive for life. Any life. And humans are the most advanced of the species. But it is the humans who understand the concept of existence the least. The earth is becoming highly uninhabitable due to the 'progressive' nature of the humans. While all other species co exist and follow the rules of nature, we have been constantly at war with it. All kinds of manmade disasters lead to human suffering, loss of life and long term damages to the environment. Human activity can be directly attributed to the cause of hundreds of extinctions in the last two centuries, versus the millions of years that extinctions naturally occur. Instead of using the bountiful gifts of nature we are misusing them to our own detriment. The main reason behind this is man's greed and the attitude of living for today with no plans for the future generations. In spite of seeing the degradation of the planet, people and their governments are just going about their jobs without any heed to the damage being done. There are those who are very concerned but hardly being responsible for creating a change. But then, there are some who are actively involved and making a difference. Let us encourage them and contribute to the cause by participating in safeguarding our environment. It is high time that we understand, accept and appreciate nature and flow with it and not challenge it. The earth can continue without us. But, can we?

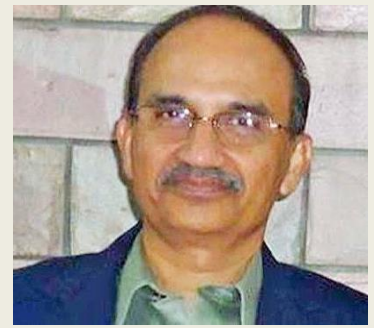
So what's the big deal?



Programmable Money

Using Blockchain Technology for

Direct Beneficiary Transfer



Rtn PP S V Rangan

India has for years been offering some level of welfare to the poor and these programs have expanded in modern times to truly large proportions. Reducing the cost of administering these programs and increasing their effectiveness has been a key challenge for all governments. **The use of technology by the Indian Government has improved benefit administration considerably.**

India's implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) has been a big step in eliminating a lot of the waste of earlier forms of benefit distribution. It not only reduces administration cost but by leaning on Aadhaar, the DBT system reduces both types of fraud – of 'duplicates' (a name getting benefits more than once) and of 'fakes' (benefits being taken in the name of a non-existent or fictitious person). These features alone make DBT far superior to other forms of benefit transfer.

In India, due to the unique Aadhaar, we have the opportunity to experiment with cutting edge technologies like Blockchain which our Government is exploring in a very big way. Even countries like UK are lauding our Aadhaar linked DBT scheme, on which they have a long way to catch up

Blockchain for DBT means Programmable Money

Blockchain is the underlying technology of Bitcoin, the famous cryptocurrency. The underlying technology when used correctly offers real benefits and the ability to take welfare payments into the 21st century. Fundamentally, blockchain enables programmable money – a concept that allows for payments to be made only if certain conditions are met. For example, you can trigger payment if and only if the purchase is related to an LPG cylinder.

Let's evaluate how this could deliver exponential benefits

1. In a blockchain-based system, the beneficiary would just need an Aadhaar and a mobile phone
2. There would be no delay in paying subsidy and no need to visit the Bank or ATM
3. A digital code or token will be sent to the direct beneficiary for every transaction
4. This digital code will be tagged to the Aadhaar number using a mathematical hash function, thereby making every digital code unique to the Aadhaar number.
5. All transactions – issuance and redemption of tokens – are stored using the blockchain technology, thereby providing transparency and audit trail
6. Multiple banking transactions (from the government to consumers) are replaced by a handful of transactions
7. The technology is scalable and same concept can be expanded to any DBT system.

