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Message from PRID Kamal Sanghvi

Dear Friends,

As we enter the last lap of Rotary year, it's time to reflect on what we have achieved so far and more importantly how grandly we can end our year. We have achieved some of the great things and learnt throughout the entire journey. I take this opportunity to thank each and every Rotarian for their efforts in this mission.

Rotary India Literacy Mission has been working tirelessly to promote adult literacy and education in India. It has formed various partnerships under the Diksha (Each One, Teach One) and the Vidya (Each One, Teach Many) models of Adult Literacy. Various organizations across the country have shown interest in promoting adult literacy and being a part of this adventurous and learning process.

In addition, RILM has partnered with BYJU's to provide quality education to children in schools across the country. In this partnership more than 125 schools have participated so far in this project.

As part of the Library Projects under the Happy School initiative and to promote reading habits among the students, RILM has partnered with Orient Black Swan to provide 90000 library books in the coming months.

Another exciting news is that Ratnanidhi Trust has shown interest to create 500 libraries for the upcoming session. These libraries will provide access to books and other reading materials to the children in remote areas, helping them to increase their literacy skills. I urge all Rotary clubs to come forward and avail 100 free books from these offers. They can then add another 100 books in the local language to create a Padho Bharat library.

I want you all to come forward and be part of these amazing initiatives. I am sure that if we keep up the same momentum, we will successfully overdo our commitments for this year.

Regards

PRID Kamal Sanghvi | Chair - RILM, Past Rotary International Director

Message of RID Mahesh Kotbagi

Dear Friends,

Greetings and good wishes to all on this last quarter of Rotary year.

Happy School Mission undertaken by RILM, envisions converting government run and government aided schools, which are in a dilapidated condition and are ill equipped, into ideal schools. This will ensure a sound learning environment and help impart quality education, and would also include in its ambit health and hygiene etiquette and norms. Post pandemic the need for such Happy Schools projects have developed even more due to gaps in access to mainstream school education during the pandemic.

Having worked on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan program of Government of India, RILM is strategically placed to execute the project through its network of Rotary Districts and volunteers, in implementing the primary mission of RILM "Total Literacy and Quality Education".

Keeping in mind the mission statement, focus would be directed towards renovating schools, upgrading libraries and labs, constructing gender-segregated toilets, hand wash stations and implementing solar lighting.

So far, Rotarians have made more than 3000 Happy Schools across the states which is a great achievement and I encourage you to come forward and take this number much higher.

I wish you all the very best for accomplishing your goals tabled at the beginning of the year and continuing the action of service. Worth to mention special thanks to PDG Rajendra Rai for his dedication and compelling the TEACH news and making it reach on your tables.

Regards

RID Dr. Mahesh Kotbagi | Advisor - RILM



Message of RID A.S. Venkatesh

Dear DGs,

Greetings to you and your team.

We are in the last quarter of the Rotary year and I am sure you all are working hard to ensure that your planned projects and program for the year is expedited and completed soon. The role of the leadership at the District and at the club level are crucial for the success of your District.

While the priority should be on the projects in the seven areas of focus, you aware that the we in India have put special emphasis in the projects related to Basic education and literacy which coincides with the T-E-A-C-H mission activities of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM).

It is heartening to note that a lot of initiatives have been taken by the clubs all across the country specifically in respect of improving the infrastructural facilities in the Government and Government aided schools. Many such large "Happy School" initiatives have been featured in this Newsletter to provide an example to other Rotary clubs who are yet to take such projects and also to highlight the importance of a secure and well developed schools in respect of its infrastructure in attracting children to such Government schools.

Our endeavor should be to transform the Government schools in your community into model schools of excellence so that the children in the Government schools get equal opportunity to excel as the children in the private schools. I am sure you and your team are in agreement with this ambitious mission of RILM.

I wish you and your team all the very best for the success of your tenure.

Regards:

RID Venky | Rotary International Director

Message from PDG Rtn. Rajendra Rai

Dear DG / DLCC,

Greetings to you and your literacy team

We have come to the last quarter of the Rotary Year 2022-23. I am sure it must have been a fascinating journey full of projects and programs. As eradication of illiteracy is one of the thrust project of Rotary in India after we eradicated polio from our country. T-E-A-C-H mission of Rotary India Literacy Mission is one of the finest programs championed by the Past RI Presidents Rtn. Kalyan Banerjee and Rtn. Shekhar Mehta. Since 2014 the program has evolved into a movement and is pursued by all of you as we all strongly believe that eradication of illiteracy should be our primary focus till we achieve Total literacy across the country.

I am sure the clubs and your District may have planned and completed many programs and projects in the field of literacy in the last nine months. Though it is not related to Happy schools, there is one great opportunity that has come our way on a platter. That is the Byju's Scholarship program. It gives a great opportunity for the clubs to help as many as 25 School Children in Government schools with a well developed learning App for a mere Rs.1000 per child for three years. I request you to make the best use of this opportunity to help as many School children as possible since it is an excellent opportunity to empower the deserving School Children studying in Government and aided schools to get access to a proven learning App.

The last quarter of your year is very crucial for you as it is the last chance for you to complete what you have planned to do. It is now or never and I wish that you conclude your tenure on a high note and leave an indelible mark in your District.

With warm regards: H. Rajendra Rai,

Member - National Executive -(Happy School Vertical) RILM



Happy School Projects of RC Kundli, Haryana, RID

We at Rotary Club of Kundli believe that well-planned community projects are more likely to have positive & sustainable results. Every community has its own strengths & challenges, so the best approach is to work closely with the people from the various groups that have a stake in the outcome. We always try to maintain effective and transparent communication with the underprivileged community and evaluate their genuine needs and difficulties. Subsequently we consult our local experts and Dist. Resource Network who have technical knowledge and Project Planning Skills to execute the Project successfully. We thoroughly understand the Project, align our Project with the thrust area of Rotary, find suitable Project partners and try to make our Project as sustainable.

Recently, we found certain Govt. Schools in our nearby community where infrastructure was badly needed. There was acute shortage of toilet blocks, hygiene & sanitation (washes), furniture for students & irregular supply of electricity. We immediately launched eight projects in a single day. Details of all the Projects are given below.

All these projects were launched on 3rd March 23 in the August presence of DG Lalit Khanna, PDG M. L. Aggarwal & PDG. EMGA Deepak Gupta.

1. 2.5 KVA Solar Inverter was installed and 100 Study Chairs were made available at Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Village Atterna, Dist. Sonapat.
2. 2 KVA Inverter was installed and 50 Chairs worth were made available at Govt. High school, Village Rasoi, Dist. Sonapat.



3. New Toilet Blocks were constructed, Wash In Hand & Dish Washing Station (WInS) were installed, 50 Study Chairs and 35 desks and benches were provided at Govt. Primary School, Village Rai, Dist. Sonapat.
4. Govt. High School, Village Rasoi was adopted by Rotary Club of Kundli under Public Image for Broad-Spectrum development. 1200 students are benefitted by these projects.

- Rtn. Sachin Abrol (President) &
Rtn. M. R. Rajput (Secretary)

"Namma Hemmeya Shaale" a large CSR Projects of RC Bangalore, Vijayanagar

Rotary Bangalore Vijayanagar (RBV) has been undertaking various community related projects since its inception 38 years ago. They have been implemented both in rural and urban areas, most of the projects have been self funded by RBV with a Global Grand rural school drinking water project being an exception.

In the year 2022 Pixel Softek expressed their interest to fund a CSR project to RBV and gave a mandate to implement in the area of Rural School upliftment. Thus began the journey of the mega CSR project. A committee under the chairmanship of PP Rtn. Hemant Bekal and headed by then Community Service Director Rtn. Shashi Mouli embarked on a mission to identify beneficiary schools.



It was a long journey to identify the needs of the schools which also matched the specification indicated by the Rotary Foundation when it comes to matching the needs of the schools. Foundation is particular about not only creating facilities but also making sure that they are well maintained.

Being not a familiar terrain, multiple trips were undertaken in the Mandya district to nearly 2 dozen schools before 6 were identified as they were really in need of help and did not have the resource or access to funds to take care of the needs. Care was taken to observe and understand needs of the schools which were not uniform in nature and accordingly each improvement whether it is infrastructure, study aids or furniture were specifically identified. Subsequently quotes were taken, being in remote rural areas civil work was an issue as labour was not easy to find. After obtaining approval from the board the Project really got going under the name "Namma Hemmeya Shaale" - Shaala Abhivruddhi Abhiyana.

CSR project at Sathnur Government High school, Mandya District got off to a good start with a guddali pooja on 13th April 2022. Then a visit to all other site locations Kallahalli, Channappana doddi and Hosa Budanur was also undertaken. Work began in earnest and in quick pace before the second wave of Covid slowed the pace followed by unusually heavy rains which prevented early conclusion as well as resulted in the cost escalation.

However, since the survey and work specifications were done properly the work got completed and inauguration happened on 18th June 2022 in the presence of large number of members of RBV, Staff, children and local legislator. It was a joy to behold seeing the happiness in the face of young children, especially girls at the sight of sparkling and modern toilet blocks, drinking water filters, benches, play areas, painting, and repair work done at the premises of schools. In the next phase the balance schools in Channappana Doddi the works such as New Class room Construction has been completed and children have started using it.

During the review period it has been reported that parents of children extremely happy that the school where their children are studying has modern amenities such as toilet blocks, access to drinking water, play area and desks to sit etc., Overall it has been a very gratifying experience to contribute to society thanks to benevolent CSR partner and extremely hard working Rotarians in the club. In same vein next phase is on the anvil.

- Rtn. V. Shashimouli



Twin Happy School Project of RC Thane Uptown - RID 3142

Restructuring and building of toilets for boys and girls, toilet for physically challenged, Hand Wash Stations, Overhead Tanks, Library, Laboratory, Play Ground Equipment, Kitchen Equipment for ZP School at Palikiroli, Bhiwandi Dist. We inaugurated the Happy School at Palikiroli, Bhiwandi. The happy faces of children spoke a million words. Thanks to Neogen Chemicals for funding the project thereby doing such a great humanitarian work.



Happy School Projects of RC Bangalore

Rotary Club of Bangalore has undertaken 6 “Happy School” projects in the following Government schools in the rural parts of RID 3190 investing over Rs. 120 lakhs with the sponsorship of various Charitable Foundations / corporate Organizations as mentioned below.

1. Govt. School, Geddalahalli, Nelamangala Taluk - Sponsored by M/s Subhash Bagaria Foundation
2. Govt. School, Byranahalli, Nelamangala Taluk - Sponsored by M/s Dirak India Panel Fittings Pvt. Ltd
3. Govt. School, Nandi, Chickaballapura Taluk - Sponsored by M/s Recipharm Pharmservices Pvt, Ltd
4. Govt. School, Avalakuppe, Nelamangala Taluk- Sponsored by M/s Recipharm Pharmservices Pvt, Ltd
5. Govt. School, Kalkunte, Hosakote Taluk- Under construction Sponsored by Ramadhyani & Family.
6. Green Field School, Mudiyanur, Mulbagilu- Sponsored by M.s Collins Aerospace. - Under progress.

The rehabilitation of the above schools involved construction of gender sensitive Toilets, Water Proofing, Plastering , Painting of the Buildings, Installing of Water Filters, New Black Boards, Sports Equipment and Nali Kali equipment specific to the needs of each School. In all it benefits over 700 School children in these 6 Schools.

Rotary Club of Bangalore (RCB) is thankful to the support of the Rotarians who have helped us to connect with the Sponsors & get the needed funds and all those who were involved with the construction of these Happy Schools ensuring timely completion to the delight of the School children, SDMC members and the villagers.

- Rtn. Sanjay Udani, President & Rtn. M.C. Dinesh, Secretary, RC Bangalore, RID 3190



Government School, Geddalahalli, Nelamangala Taluk



Government School, Byranahalli, Nelamangala Taluk



Government School, Avalakuppe, Nelamangala Taluk



Government School, Byranahalli, Nelamangala Taluk



Government School, Nandi, Chickaballapura Taluk



Government School, Mudiyanur, Mulabagilu Taluk (Under Construction)

RC Jamshedpur West provides two pre fabricated classrooms to East Bengal Colony Middle School

With the sponsorship of Blue Scope RC Jamshedpur West in RID 3250 constructed two pre-fabricated classrooms at East Bengal Colony Middle School. Club also provided the much needed desks and benches for these two classrooms. The management and students were thrilled to receive the brand new furnishing for their classrooms.



RC Madras Mount- Distribution of Benches and Desks to Sri RK Mission Sarada Vidyalaya, Chennai

RC Madras Mount collaborated with Giants group of Chennai Main (NGO) to distribute benches and desks to Sri Ramakrishna Mission Sarada Vidyalaya Middle School, T. Nagar, Chennai on 1st February 2023. The school is having 165 students and it was a lovely event with the school children.



Happy School Project of RC Bangalore Lake side through CSR support of ITC

A "Happy school" project consisting of a new classroom building block and Toilet facility was executed by RC Bangalore Lake side with the support of their CSR Partner, ITC Essentra at Bisuvanalli Village, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District was inaugurated on 15th March 2023. This project will help 80+ students to study in a secure & attractive new building and also help them to understand the importance of better hygienic toilets in improving their health.

- Pres. Rtn. Prasanna Kumari,
President, RC Bangalore Lakeside.



A Happy School Project of RC Delhi Ananta with CSR Support of KEI Industries

Our renovated and inaugurated an outstanding Community Service project on 17th December 2022 at Shree Gandhi Inter College (a Government Aided Secondary School) based at Village Ghodi Bacheda,

At the time of taking up the project the School had around 700 students and was in a shabby run down state with in adequate Bathroom and no Hand Washing area, most Classrooms did not have Light or Fans and school had old broken down Desks.

The students are happy and delighted with the new look School and encouraged to study. RCD Ananta completed the project in 4 months with CSR support from Club Vice President Rtn Anil Gupta director KEI Industries Ltd at an expense of 24.30 Lakhs.

Work Done -

Complete Renovation, Repair & Painting of the Entire School Building, providing new Desks for 400 students, Created an entirely new Toilet Block, A 12 students Hand Wash Station, Constructed entire Boundary Wall and installed of Fans & Lights in all class rooms, 30 Trees Planted, Writing and Painting useful Quotes at various walls of the school building.

This project covered the following Rotary's Area of Focus - Community Economic Development - Water, Sanitation & Hygiene - Basic Education and Literacy.

- Rtn. Vikas Goyal, President, Rtn. Kapil Jain, Secretary, Rtn. Ajay Agarwal, Project Committee Chair



Rotary Bangalore Brigades (RID 3190) dedicates 3 classrooms to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose High School, Nangli Village, Karnataka

Rotary Bangalore Brigades (RID 3190) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this Rotary Year. As part of its Silver Jubilee Year Project, it dedicated 3 Classrooms to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose High School, Nangli Village Mulbagal Taluk at a total cost of around Rs 16 lakhs received as donations in cash and in kind from members, well-wishers, and Corporate CSR. The classrooms were inaugurated by Past District Governor of RID3190 Rtn Rajendra Rai on 19th March 2023.

Rotary Bangalore Brigades has been associated with this School since 2008 and has been supporting them year after year. We also provided them with 20 school benches which can accommodate around 80 students for these 3 Classrooms.

The school started by Mr Krishnappa with students being taught under a tree couple of decades back, now has 9 classrooms with more than 250+ students up to Class 10 from in and around Nangli Village. Rotary Bangalore Brigades played a pivotal role in supporting this school to its present level from Rotary Year 2008-09.

- Rtn Saranyan, President, Rotary Bangalore Brigades, RID 3190



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RC Miramar Goa- A Happy School Project

On 23rd February 2023 we inaugurated our "Happy school" project at Government Primary School at the hands of IPDG Rtn Gaurish Dhond, AG Rtn Yogish Kulkarni in the presence of DS Rtn Rajesh Salgaonkar. It was a happy occasion as many members joined the ceremony along with President Rtn Priti Sheth, club Secretary Nikita Raykar and Community Service Director Rtn Sonia Bhosale. "Happy School Project" adds value to schools. Thus supporting the main focus area & the prime necessity of Education. Immense Gratitude to the teaching staff of Government Primary School and special thanks to teacher Sonali Helekar who was always present & helpful.

- Rtn. Priti Rajesh Sheth, Pres. - RC Miramar, RID 3170



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