

C VID LIFELINE

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Challenge has another name -Opportunity. In fact, opportunity comes disguised as a challenge.

Covid-19 has been a pandemic such as I have not experienced in my life. Some of our near and dear ones have fallen victim to it. Yet, the human mind does not accept defeat and our scientific advancement around the world developed vaccines to prevent Corona virus. In India our Government is seeking support private players, NGOs to mobilize and reach the people for vaccination. With its track record in Polio eradication, Rotary must face up to the present challenges and look for opportunities to grow. We have a strong, solid organization structure under Ashok Mahajan, Chairman, Rotary India's Covid Task Force with regional and district coordinators to connect the Government authorities and Rotarian volunteers. The secret is to focus our energy to change society to a healthier and safer level.

As Swami Vivekananda has said, **"Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached"**.



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MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to note that Rotarians are publishing a "COVID Lifeline newsletter" digitally to spread awareness about COVID Vaccination. It will be a good initiative to share knowledge and experience about COVID-19 and improve uptake of COVID vaccination.

This will also update Rotarians about the COVID-19, from time to time in future, allowing them to use their full potential to strengthen the vaccination drive for prevention of the disease not only in India but across the world.

In the past, Rotarians have been reliable partners in the Polio Eradication initiatives and this experience will prove very valuable in the COVID vaccination, especially in partnership with State Governments and local administration.

NGOs like Rotary Club play a vital role in supplementing the efforts of the Government in areas of public health, sanitation and together, we can make our country healthy and prosperous.

I appreciate the efforts made by 'Rotary India's COVID Vaccination Task Force' and extend all my good wishes for success of the "COVID Lifeline Newsletter".


(Dr. Harsh Vardhan)

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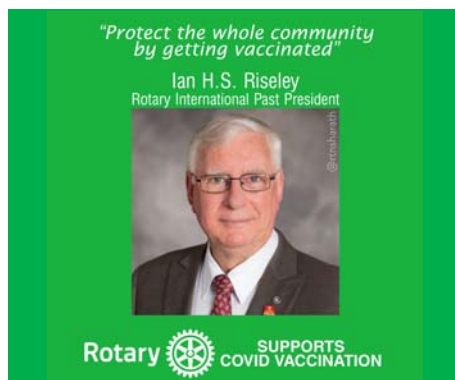
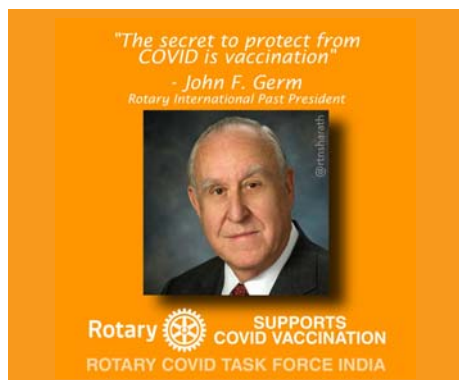
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A jab in time ... saves nine

Leading lights of Rotary get their vaccination shots



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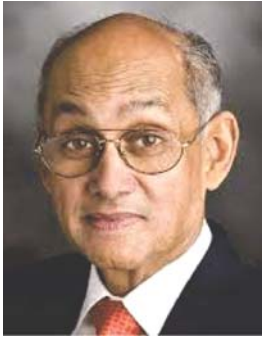
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KALYAN BANERJEE
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Rotary,

We have all been passing through difficult times the like of which have not been seen on this earth since over a hundred years. These have been times of extreme hazard and danger to humanity. Our ways, our lives, our businesses have all been affected beyond imagination. And the threats still remain.

But today, we have more information, more knowledge and indeed, more confidence about how to face these times. This has happened because of the long, dedicated and scientific approach to our problems by our government, guided by various agencies and groups and the dedicated service provided by Rotary in India, in all our Rotary districts, led by our leadership.

Outstanding among them has been PRID/Trustee Ashok Mahajan, who took up this onerous task with courage, dedication and commitment. I am sure he will lead us all, in Rotary and in the country to total success in the not too distant future. I wish and his team every success.

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TAMIL NADU

Coronavirus | Rotary Club donates equipment worth ₹1 crore to fight COVID-19



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Health Secretary J. Radhakrishnan inspecting the equipment donated by the Rotary Club of Madras. | Photo Credit: **RAGU R.**

RI Dist. 3232

The Rotary Club of Madras has donated equipment worth Rs. 1 crore to the government to preserve in cold chain and transport COVID-19 vaccines across the State.

It has donated two 14-ft refrigerated trucks with a capacity to carry 4,500 litres of vaccine (44 lakh doses) and two 8-ft refrigerated trucks with a total capacity of 2,000 litres (20 lakh doses) to transport the vaccine from the central vaccine depot to zonal depots.

The Rotary has also donated 15 ice-lined refrigerators to store 10 lakh doses of vaccine in district depots and 1,000 vaccine carriers that can be used to vaccinate up to 30 lakh people at a time.

The donors including Cookson, Godrej, SRF, Vinakaya Mission Foundation, Omega Healthcare, Rotary Clubs of Madhavaram, IT City besides Rotary Club of Madras, participated in the event.

IN THE NEWS...

पार्श्वभूमी

Sunday, 07 MAR 2021



रोटरी क्लब रेनबोतर्फे लसीकरण नोंदणीसाठी हेल्प डेस्क स्थापन

जालना/प्रतिनिधी - सध्या सर्वत्र कोविड लसीकरण सुरु असून, त्यासाठी नोंदणी करावी लागते. यात सर्वसामान्यांना अडचण येवून नये म्हणून रोटरी क्लब ऑफ जालना रेनबोच्यावतीने जालना शहरात ५ ठिकाणी लसीकरण नोंदणीसाठी हेल्प डेस्कची स्थापना करण्यात आली आहे. त्याला जनतेचा चांगला प्रतिसाद मिळत आहे.

रोटरी रेनबोच्या सदस्यांनी आज दिपक हॉस्पिटलमध्ये कोविड लसीकरण केंद्रास भेट देवून या ठिकाणी निर्माण करण्यात आलेला सल्टी पाईट, अतिशय शिस्तबद्ध आणि नियोजनबद्ध पद्धतीने सुरु असलेल्या लसीकरण कामाचे कातूक केले. या ठिकाणी दररोज १५० ते २०० व्यक्तींचे लसीकरण केले जात आहे. कलबच्यावतीने हॉस्पिटलच्या आवारात लसीकरणाबद्दल माहिती देणारा मोठा फलक लावण्यात आला



आहे. तसेच लसीकरण केंद्राकडे जाण्यासाठी माहितीदर्शक फलक लावण्यात आले आहेत.

या प्रसंगी हॉस्पिटलचे संचालक डॉ. संजय राख, डॉ. अनुराधा राख यांचा तसेच लसीकरणाचे उत्कृष्ट काम करणारे डॉ. गजानन पंडित यांचा सत्कार करण्यात आला. या प्रसंगी रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट ३१३२ चे एजी गोविंद मंत्री, अध्यक्ष सौ. स्मिता भवकड, सचिव प्रशांत पळणीकर, कोषाध्यक्ष जयेश पहाडे आणि पदाधिकारी उपस्थित होते. ज्यांना

लसीकरणासाठी मदत हावी आहे त्यांनी कपडा बाजार येथे गोविंदराम मंत्री मो. ९४२२२७६७ संभाजीनगर येथे टेक्नोसॉफ्ट सोल्युशन्स, कैलास तोष्णीवाल मो. ९९२३२२९९२३, विजय कॉम्प्लेक्समध्ये राजेंद्र अग्रवाल मो. ९७६७९५४९९, बालाजी लेन येथे ऑकार डिजिटलचे आशिष नावंदर मो. ९८८९००८८८२, मामा चौक येथे कल्पेश भवकड मो. ९४२२२२९९६२ यांच्याशी संपर्क साधवा, असे आवाहन कबच्यावतीने करण्यात आले आहे.

Lokmat Times



President of Rotary Club of Rainbow Smita Bhakkad, Dr Sanjay Rakh, Dr Anuradha Rakh, Govind Mantri, Dr Prashant Palnitkar, Vivek Maniyar, Kailash Toshniwal, Dr Ravi Bedarkar and others seen during the awareness programme for Covid vaccine, at Deepak Hospital in Jalna on Saturday.

Rotary Jalna holds Covid-19 vaccine awareness prog

Jalna, March 7: To remove misinformation and hesitancy about vaccines against Covid-19, Rotary Club of Rainbow Jalna has organised an awareness-cum sensitisation programme on Covid-19 vaccination.

The office-bearers of the club are visiting vaccination centres and give moral support to vaccine beneficiaries. The office-bearers also facilitated frontline workers who are combat-

ing against the coronavirus.

At Deepak hospital, president of the club, Smita Bhakkad, and members of the club met frontline workers and facilitated them. They also interacted with beneficiaries.

Smita Bhakkad said the aim of awareness is to eliminate several misconceptions that have been spread about the Covid-19 vaccine. She

appealed to people to follow all the requisite guidelines for the prevention of the infections.

Dr Sanjay Rakh, Dr Anuradha Rakh, Dr Gajanan Pandit were felicitated for their contribution in fighting Covid. Govind Mantri, Dr Prashant Palnitkar, Vivek Maniyar, Kailash Toshniwal and Dr Ravi Bedarkar were present on the occasion.

Rotary Club and Sainik Farm RWA tie up to donate plasma

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New Delhi: Convalescent plasma therapy, in which antibody-strong plasma from a Covid-recovered donor is injected into a patient, is being widely used in Delhi to treat critical individuals. But plasma hasn't been easy to collect and use. The residents' welfare association at Sainik Farm, despairing about being unable to arrange plasma for those at the local Covid care facility despite those who recovered there having frequently donated plasma, have now tied up with Rotary Club Blood Bank in Tughlakabad.

Hardeep Singh, president, Western Avenue RWA at Sainik Farm, explained, "Rotary Club will take two units of plasma from a donor recommended by us and determined fit to be donor. In return, the bank will keep half the collected units to help patients associated with our Covid care facility or others suggested by us."

The Covid care centre at Sainik Farm is among the first started in the city last year. It began operations in June 2020 with the approval of the local administration. The area councillors also helped arrange space at an SDMC

BEACONS OF HOPE

In the midst of crushing despair and grief, there are also stories of selflessness, kindness and courage that restore one's faith in humanity and inspire us to dream of a better tomorrow. If you know of any such individuals or organisations who are serving as Beacons of Hope, please share their story with us on www.TOIBeaconsOfHope.com. Let's light a spark and help dispel the dark.

To resolve the issue, RWA decided to tie up with the Rotary Club. The donating and allied processes there can be completed in an hour and a half. "In hospitals, it was taking our members/donors four to five hours to complete the process. There were also instances when hospitals would ask them to come on another day to finish the process," said Rajiv Bhasin, who recently donated plasma. "This motivated many residents of area also to come forward and donate plasma to the Rotary Club."

This year, the RWA has recommended 12 donors to Rotary Club and three to private hospitals. Besides, five members of the RWA who had earlier tested positive have registered themselves to donate plasma.

The RWA is also running a campaign in the area and on social media for recovered patients to donate leftover medicines so a medicines bank can be created to assist needy people. "We have been updating the list after checking the condition/expiry date of the medicines collected," revealed Tanya Singh Bhalla. "We have been getting numerous requests for medicines from people living in nearby areas."

Rotary Clubs launch project 'Sanjeevani'

STAFF REPORTER
COIMBATORE

Rotary Clubs based in and around Coimbatore have launched a project titled 'Sanjeevani' to coordinate the COVID-19 relief activities in the region.

According to a press release, the 41 Rotary Clubs of Coimbatore Region under Rotary District 3201, also known as G-41, have jointly launched this project under the leadership of District Community Chairman P.P. Lakshmanan.

This project will focus on three verticals namely 'Vertical 1' that focuses on vaccination drive, 'Vertical 2' on generation of public aware-

ness and 'Vertical 3' deals with providing medical equipment to government hospitals and primary health centres. Works are on to provide 180 oxygen beds to Coimbatore Medical College Hospital and 260 oxygen beds to Government Medical College and ESI Hospital, according to the release.

An Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) device will also be donated soon to CMCH under the project, the release said.

For further details regarding the 'Sanjeevani' project, those interested may contact 96006 77111 and 98433 49596.

ROTARY CLUBS BUILD COVID HOSPITALS IN RECORD TIME



Rotarians from all the Rotary clubs in the Erode district have come together to set up a Mega "Rotary Free Covid Hospital" in the premises of Erode Govt Medical college Perundurai. The G + 2 floor hospital Building with 401 beds facilities will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 14 crores.

The foundation stone of this hospital with oxygen facility, High Dependency Unit (HDU) and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds, was laid by Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Development, Tamilnadu, Mr S Muthuswamy, in the presence of Erode Dist. Collector Mr C Kadiravan and Dr Mani, Dean of Erode Medical College on May 18, 2021.

This project will be commissioned within 30 days and inaugurated in July 2021. This will be achieved with the support of all Rotary Clubs in Erode, apart from other charitable individuals and organisations.

For more information Please visit their website: www.rotarycovidhospital.org

The Mamlatdar, Anjar Shri A M Mandori approached Rotary Club of Gandhidham on behalf of SDM - Anjar, Dr. Vimal K Joshi, with a request to help convert an unused and dilapidated building at Nagalpur into a 36 - 40 Bed Oxygen ready Covid Hospital in just 10 days.

The project was planned in 2 phases, with the development of total 76-80.

beds. The 1st phase comprised of developing 2 separate wards for Male and Female with in total 36-40 oxygen ready beds.

The total estimated cost of the project was calculated at Rs. 50 lacs. The District Administration team lead by SDM-Anjar Dr. V K Joshi assured us about the donation from Indian Oil Corp Ltd. (IOCL), Kandla. IOCL came ahead with the donation of Rs. 25 Lacs.

The Nani Nagalpar Gram Panchayat also joined hands with RC Gandhidham to complete the project on time.

The full-fledged Covid Hospital with 36 Oxygen Ready Beds separate for Male and Female patients, Toilet blocks, Fire Safety Line, running water and other amenities is ready to help and cure the needy patients.



DISTRICT COVID UPDATES

RI Dist. 3250

- About 25+ clubs are continuing with Oxygen Banks since August 2020 and have escalated in phase 2.
- PDG Sanjay Khemka himself donated 10 cylinders on his birthday recently
- Administration has applauded the First Vaccination Center at Giridih due to excellence in set up, methodology, clean environment and supervision
- At Jamshedpur, all 30 vaccination Center, 4 staff each will be wearing Rotary Masks. Rotary is providing Sanitizers and a Certificate of Appreciation for each vaccination centre to boost their morale
- Medicsetu OPD APP has started functioning every day 9 am to 9 pm since 10th May with 75 Rotary doctors giving online council 9 am to 9 pm on video live chat through app developed by IT Wing of Ministry of Communications, Government of India through support Honorable Minister Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad ji.

RI Dist. 3040

Rotary Club of Ujjain, RI Dist. 3040 has established a 100 - bed quarantine centre. It was commissioned on Friday 23.04.2021 in the presence of Shri Dr. Mohanji Yadav, Education Minister, Madhya Pradesh, Member of Parliament (Ujjain) Shri Anilji Phirojia, Dist. Collector Shri Ashish Singh, S. P. Shri Shukla, IMA Madhya Pradesh President Rtn. Dr. Anoop Nigam, PDG Rtn. Ravi Prakash Langer and other dignitaries. The above centre is commissioned in Prashanti Garden which belongs to Rtn. Avnish Gupta's family. The above centre is erected with the help of Rtn. Avnish Gupta, Rtn. Govind Lohia, Rtn. Anand Pandya, Shri Chetan Gupta, Shri Sudeep Dhing and Vice President of Prashanti Welfare Society Shri Vishal Gupta.

RI Dist. 3190

RC Bangalore has got additional commitment of USD 40,000 from the Pragathi group and Rotary club of Austin. The club has also got commitment towards funding procurement of 3 Oxygen concentrators from Rotary Club of Bandar Sunway, Malaysia. With this the club has a total commitment of USD 80,000 from friends in the US plus Pound Sterling 470 from the UK and for 3 Oxygen concentrators from Rotarians in Malaysia.

The club plans to give 55 Oxygen concentrators to BBMP Covid care centres.

RI Dist. 3202

Rotary Vaccination Camp at Kanhaghad (D3202) in Northern Kerala created history of sorts by vaccinating 1602 people in a single day. Thanks to the mobilisation efforts, a large number of people turned up at the camp, before the counters opened.

7 data - entry counters and 5 vaccination counters were functional at a time and on average, 250 persons were vaccinated per hour. 154 vials of vaccine were used.

The Police Dept. did a great job to ensure that the camp was conducted smoothly.

More camps will be organised taking the total of Rotary Vaccination Camps held in Kerala to 51.

RI Dist. 3080

Rotary Club of Yamunanagar / Jagadhari in collaboration with the Govt. of Haryana organised on Mobil Vaccination Drive from 22nd April to 5th May 2021.

Under this community outreach programme, the vaccination service was taken to various residential areas, to prevent the spread of the corona virus.

RI Dist. 3142

Triumph Foundation, a charitable trust of Rotary Club of Thane Hills, has tied up with M/s. Godrej and Boyce for supply of Oxygen Concentrators to pre-selected hospitals all over India.

The club is engaging with other Rotary Clubs to monitor the non-commercial usages of this equipments. Effectively, the club will be involved in a multi-district and multi-location project in the fight against Covid.

RI Dist. 3011

The district has received clearance to install a 100 - bed extension at Ambedkar Hospital, Rohini, Delhi. This was achieved thanks to the good offices of PSA, Govt. of India, Prime Minister's office, Health Minister of Delhi and Rotary Leadership in India.

This Rotary facility will commence operation soon with the support of IIT Madras's Innovation Technology with pre-fabricated hospitals structure.

ROTARIANS FIGHT COVID



Covid Vaccination Awareness Rally RC KGF, RID 3190



Inner Wheel Club of Jalna



RC Umarga, RID 3132



Free Vaccination Centre at RIDE Mahesh Kotbagi's Hospital, Pune



Grocery Kits provided for the needy by RC Cochin Vypin Island



Supply of chairs and fans to Sion hospital by RC Bombay Queen City



Covid Care Centre by RC Pali



Interior of Covid Care Centre by RC Pali

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK



PRID ASHOK MAHAJAN
Chairman, Rotary India's
Covid Vaccination
Task Force

Dear friends in Rotary,

I hope you enjoyed reading the second issue of Covid Lifeline. Through this we have aimed to highlight the fantastic work being done by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs all over India in the fight against the Covid virus.

I never cease to be amazed by the energy, dynamism and generosity of Rotarians when they are faced with a challenge. As demonstrated by Rotary's success in the Polio eradication drive, the combined power of Rotarians is like a juggernaut, unstoppable and relentless on its path towards a desired outcome.

When we first approached the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, offering to help the Government in the vaccination drive, we were given to believe that our scope of work would be limited to promoting awareness of the vaccination. In the last few months, as the 2nd wave of Covid attacked India with a vengeance, it became clear that Rotary would have to do much more.

Since then, Rotarians have pro-actively responded to the crisis by arranging transport of vaccines, augmenting hospital capacity, providing oxygen concentrators and arranging free vaccination centres (with Kerala leading the way).

It is therefore no surprise that the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have now asked Rotary to come in as a partner in this ongoing battle for India's public health. It gives me great pride to share this information, because it has always been my vision that Rotary must always be the First-Choice partner for Governments and Corporates in their endeavours

We have come a long way, but friends, we have a long way to go, before every Indian walks free of Covid, forever.

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Government of India

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COVID-19 Vaccination Status
(As on 17th May, 2021 | 08:00 PM)

More than **18,44,22,218**
COVID-19 vaccine doses administered



Doses for	1 st Dose	2 nd Dose
HCWs	96,58,913	66,52,200
FLWs	1,44,97,411	82,16,750
45-60 years	5,76,53,924	92,39,392
Above 60 Years	5,46,60,900	1,79,10,024
18-44 years	59,32,704	
Total	142,403,852	42,018,366

