

From The President's Desk!

Warm Rotaract Greeting!

This period during the worldwide pandemic, has been difficult for all the people around the globe, and it has given Rotaract an opportunity to spread its wings to help and nurture lives around them. In India, the growth and spread are fast, making it difficult for authorities to contain the situation. In Mumbai, The Rotaract Clubs have done a phenomenal job to help the people affected by the Pandemic, and this bulletin is dedicated to all these astonishing works of history. Imagine a community of teenagers, trying to save the world just like in an American series, that is what we are doing in the true and factual sense, we are trying to save the world with all the available means. Right from spreading awareness, to taking precautions, to following social distancing, our clubs have done it all. It gives me immense pride in also saying that clubs all around the world are doing their bit in this difficult period. In honest sense, our Rotaractors have brought a change in this world and have proved that if they wish they can alter their society positively. May all of us rise through this problem just like how a phoenix rises from the ashes into a newborn world; a better, cleaner, healthier world.



Rtr. Mithil Panse
President 2019 – 20
Rotaract Club of Mulund Hill View

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During the last months, we have gone through a health threat unlike no other in our lifetimes. The COVID-19 pandemic, which has taken the lives of many, has also served as an amplifier of the strengths and weaknesses of our society. In our cities, our country and around the world, new circumstances have pushed us to a dynamic in which the opportunities of service are clearer than ever. While maintaining physical distance is now the norm, we cannot detach ourselves from the world. As people of action, Rotaractors and Rotarians are stepping up to demonstrate service above self. Through different approaches, the 5 committees of Rotaract Club Tecnológico de Monterrey have quickly adapted their strategic plan to address the weaknesses that this new reality has exposed. And as thousands of other clubs around the world, we have found new ways to connect and respond to the most urgent needs of their communities. That is why, now more than ever, we are proud to be members of the Rotary International family. Let's not forget that the spread of the coronavirus will peak, our economies will recover, humanity will prevail and Rotary will continue to bring our communities closer together, but through this process a unique opportunity will arise: the possibility of it all being better. Together we can make this possibility our new normality.



J. Iván Castillo
Founding President
Rotaract Club Tecnológico de Monterrey

Here's what our CP's have to Say!

This global pandemic is the first of what we have seen in our lives, it's a confusing time individually and disastrous holistically. We have been experiencing daily wage workers struggling to make ends meet, economies going down and the world as a whole reducing the pace at which it was functioning. In these testing times, the brief of Rotaract is being evidentially met and it is a very proud feeling to be one among these young heroes who have been doing their bit in trying to make this a better scenario for everyone. It gives me great pleasure to see every club doing projects about awareness, resource drives and donation camps to name a few to try and bring a positive change and that is what this bulletin about- a compilation of some of our humble efforts to help in any way we can to come out of it as a cleaner, healthier and more humane society.

Rtr. Sakshi Motwani

Editor 2019 – 20

Rotaract Club of Mulund Hill View

We have been consuming a lot of negative news ever since the pandemic began. So, Tatpar- our COVID-19 Editorial Initiative was introduced to spread positivity as well as educate the readers about what Rotaract truly stands for. While I was working on the content for this bulletin, I had the opportunity to speak with the rotaractors behind these amazing projects and the key takeaway for all of them were those broad smiles on the receiver's faces. Risking one's life, going, and helping the underprivileged as well as raising a humongous amount of funds for enlightening hundreds of lives requires a tremendous amount of courage and determination to serve people in such trying times. With Mumbai being the epicentre of the outbreak, these Rotaract clubs have yet again outdone themselves by catering to the needs of the worst-hit strata of the society- the migrant workers. Hence, Tatpar is a small endeavour on our part to spread awareness about the outstanding work that some clubs in Rotaract District 3141 have been doing.

Lastly, this bulletin wouldn't have been possible without the constant suggestions and feedbacks from my team comprising Mithil Panse, Rishabh Jogani, Nishita Thakkar, Abhishek Mani, Aniket Singh, Anuja Daud, Sakshi Motwani, and my co-chairperson Khushi.

Rtr. Navya Menon
General Body Member 2019 – 20
Rotaract Club of Mulund Hill View

My experience has been noteworthy working on this project. This project does not only aim to let people know about the caring and supportive initiatives taken up by some kind people to improve the situation for the unprivileged people but also inspired me as an individual in supporting the same. As this was my first project to cp, it was a whopping opportunity for me as collecting authentic and considerable information comes with great responsibility.

Rtr. Khushi Thakkar
General Body Member 2019 – 20
Rotaract Club of Mulund Hill View

INTRODUCTION

MAIN IDEA BEHIND THE PROJECT:

The world is battling a deadly virus which has claimed lives, torn down economies, compelled governments across the world to take extraordinary measures, and shattered the plans and roadmaps for every organization at least for the coming few quarters. This virus doesn't discriminate and has hit every single industry, institution, and person either economically or socially. Yet, in such trying times, we should consider ourselves **fortunate that we have access to necessities and a continuous flow of income into our households**. Every day we wake up with a roof over our head, clothes to wear, unceasing streaming of water, electricity, and the internet, appetizing food to eat, and most importantly having our loved ones by our side, day in and day out. Often, we fail to realize the agony of those individuals who haven't seen their family members, received severe pay-cuts, have been fired from their jobs, and have no savings to fall back on.

Nonetheless, every cloud has a silver lining. In these grim circumstances, the philanthropic side of people has come out. Multiple actors, politicians, and industrialists have come together and contributed generously to the government's relief measures. Hence, we as Rotaractors have also embraced our motto- '**Fellowship through service**'. Over these past two months, Rotaract clubs in Mumbai have filled a ray of hope in these otherwise despondent lives of Migrant workers. As we all know, these migrant workers are the breadwinners of their families. Ever since the interminable lockdown was imposed by the Government on 24th March 2020, these laborers have nowhere to go as the factories are shut and transportations in all forms have come to an anomalous halt. Pay-cuts and lay-offs have added insult to injury. In these extremely challenging months, where these migrant workers are barely able to make ends meet, some **Rotaract Clubs in RID 3141 and RID 4130** have done some extraordinary work by initiating **donation drives in various forms, the proceeds of which serve the needy**.

The first edition of Tatpar also throws light on the initiative taken up by **Rotaract Club Tecnológico de Monterrey**, which is based in Mexico. The Rotaractors from this club came up with a brilliant initiative which aims at providing a permanent solution to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

With the help of this bulletin, Rotaract Club of Mulund Hill View (RCMHV) has tried to put a **spotlight on these clubs** and we laud them for the phenomenal job that they have done. Some of the **projects have even been recognized by renowned newspapers, endorsed by celebrated personalities**, and most importantly make the society realize what Rotaract truly stands for. These projects include:

- ➔ Annadaan 2.0 by Rotaract Club of Mulund Hill View (RCMHV)
- ➔ #BeatCOVID Challenge by Rotaract Club Tecnológico de Monterrey
- ➔ Sahara by Rotaract Club of Bombay Uptown (RCBU)
- ➔ Mission Muskaan by Rotaract club of Lokhandwala (RCL)
- ➔ Food donation drive by Rotaract Club of Bombay Film City (RCBFC)
- ➔ Tarbooj Bhent by Rotaract club of Mumbai Mulund South (RCMMS)
- ➔ Housie with a cause by Rotaract club of Mumbai Salt City (RCMSC)
- ➔ Fundraiser by Rotaract club of S.K. Somaiya (RCSK)

ANNADAAN 2.0

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

This project aimed at distributing fresh food to more than 400 people in different pockets of Ghatkopar. The project was carried out in collaboration with Viniyog Charitable Trust. The amount of money collected from different sources was used to feed these people for a day i.e. on 25th April, 2020.

IN BRIEF:

Due to the imposition of a nationwide lockdown, the members could not go and volunteer for the project. So, they collected money through different online payment apps such as Paytm or GPay for roughly about a week. They not only collected money from the club members but also from outside the club. RCMHV managed to collect a total of Rs.8000 which was later transferred to the Viniyog Charitable Trust. This particular trust has been serving fresh home-made food to hundreds of people in different areas of Ghatkopar. The money collected through this initiative was spent on feeding more than four hundred people in one day. RCMHV was acknowledged by the trust for their support in the Voice of Ghatkopar newspaper.



#BeatCOVID Challenge

In Mexico, when the COVID-19 outbreak started there was a huge response from all Rotaract clubs. Projects began with helping nursing homes, donating masks to hospitals, and food for those in need.

Given the situation, an obvious question arose among the members of **Rotaract Club Tecnológico de Monterrey** about how they could save Mexico and most importantly save the world from this crisis.

The club saw that all the support measures established so far were relevant, however, they realized that all these efforts would be of little use if they did not think of a long-term solution for the future.

Solidarity Fund is a **global fund** to **support the work of the World Health Organization (W.H.O)** to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, through **preventive measures** and **research** for a **standardized treatment** and a **vaccine** that can be distributed worldwide.

This is where the #beatCOVID Challenge began. Together with all the clubs in Mexico, Rotaract Club Tecnológico de Monterrey set a goal of \$ **41400 MXN** i.e. **₹1,40,444.22**. All this was done with the intention to promote a donation to the Solidarity Fund. Each and every one of their members has dedicated all their energy in seeking to make this fund grow. They contacted other clubs, attended sessions, and have sought the best way to be ethical, efficient, and transparent, because by working together nobody will ever be apart.

MISSION MUSKAAN:

CHALLENGES FACED:

The President of RCL, Rtr. Mayank Mishra says that they faced quite a few challenges. However, the most difficult task for them was to get the maximum amount of money as they had been targeting a huge chunk of the daily wage earners. So, the underlying challenge faced was to raise a huge amount of money, channelize, and allocate it in such a manner that a large part of the target audience is benefitted out of it. Apart from that, the availability of grains impeded them. They had to segregate the grains, which was quite a task. Another critical issue was to ensure the safety and welfare of the team members while they were distributing these grains. Perhaps, the only silver lining was the police being extremely supportive and cooperative.

RESPONSE:

The response from the affluent or the privileged in the society was phenomenal. They collected a whopping total of more than 11 lakh rupees. They also managed to get donations from people located in the USA, the UK, and other parts of the globe. They even received a shout-out from quite a lot of celebrities lauding their efforts. Some of them include-Rasika Dugal, Malvika Sitlani and Akasa Singh. Mission Muskaan also grabbed eyeballs of different newspapers and eminent personalities.

IMPACT:

As the name suggests- Mission Muskaan managed to get a lot of smiles, which was the biggest takeaway from this project. They managed to help 458 families, 1947 people, and covered 11 locations in Mumbai.

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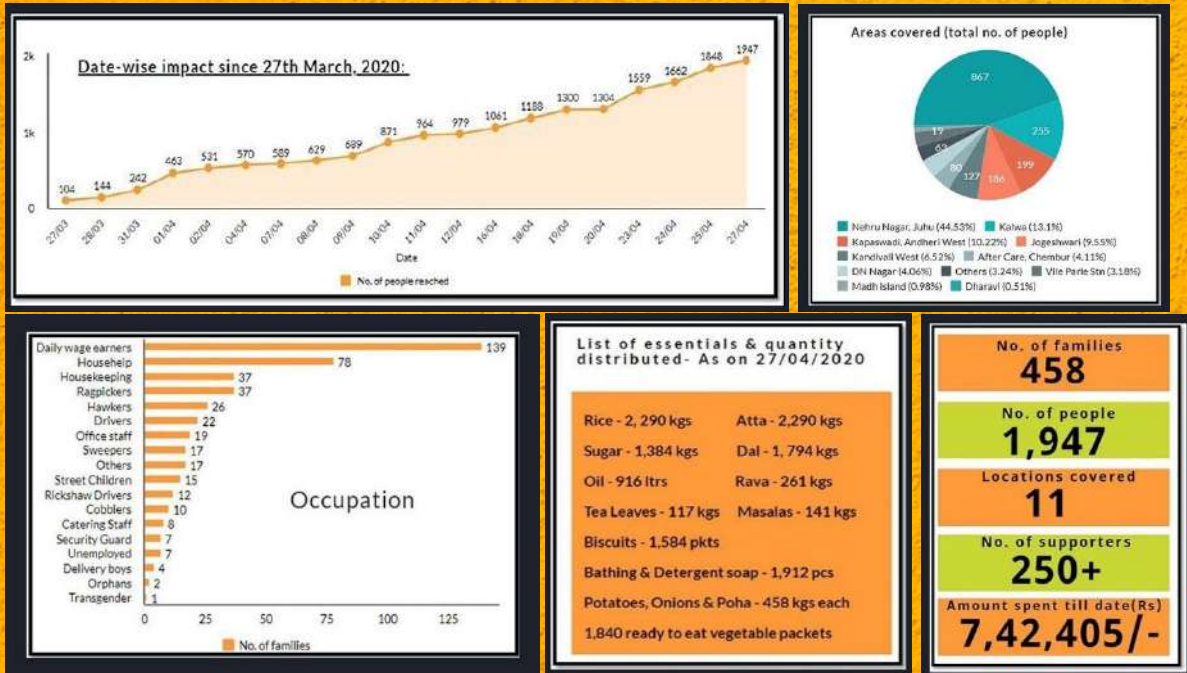
Necessities such as Rice, atta, sugar, dal, oil, tea leaves, biscuits, bathing and detergent soaps, potatoes, onions, poha, vegetables are some of the commodities distributed.

LOCATIONS COVERED:

The areas covered were majorly the western suburbs- Nehru Nagar in Juhu, Kapaswadi in Andheri West, Jogeshwari, After care in Chembur, Kandivali West, DN Nagar, Kalwa, Madh Island and Dharavi.

TEAM MEMBERS:

Oojal, Revati, Avni, Aditya, Vidur, Ritav, Vishruti



FOOD DONATION DRIVE

HOW WAS THE PROJECT CARRIED OUT?

Initially, when they started, they were helped by a few neighbours, who started preparing 5 extra chapattis which could be distributed to these daily wage earners. Gradually, more people from different societies started chipping in and now they are currently serving 150 people. They believe that 150 is just a number for them, all they want to do is tirelessly help people who are in need.

CHALLENGES:

Like most of the other clubs who carried out such similar projects, even they faced the biggest problem with ensuring safety of their club members as well as the workers while carrying out the project. Constant sanitisation and wearing of masks were their only protection. Apart from that, religious differences also prevented some families from contributing to the noble cause.

RESPONSE:

Response for this project was remarkable. Rtr. Parshwa recollects an incident which really touched his heart. Apart from RCBFC, there are a few other organisations who distribute food amongst these people. Once, they got a little late when a worker told them that some other organisation had already fed them. So, he requested them to feed those workers who work at the metro station near the Highway or suggested them to distribute the food items among animals as he didn't want the extra food to get wasted on those whose stomachs have already been fed. This incident definitely reinstated the belief in his mind that Humanity still exists during such dark times.

TARBOOJ BHENT

MAIN IDEA ABOUT THE PROJECT:

This project was the brainchild of their Past President of Rotaract Club of Mumbai Mulund South- Nikhil Lokhande. He stays at Kankavli and knew a couple of farmers who had grown watermelons but were unable to sell them in the markets due to the lockdown and restriction on transport. So, he came up with the idea and team Community Service executed the project. They raised Rs.5000 as a fundraiser to help the farmers by buying watermelons from them and distributing it to the daily wage earners. Rtr.Shreya Parekh was the Chairperson for the project.

LOCATION:

The entire project was carried out in the Kankavli Taluka region in Maharashtra.

RESPONSE:

From the money collected, they helped the farmers and distributed it to more than 120 police personnel and special forces, 100+ doctors and nursing staff, 50 staff of Kankavli Taluka, about 100 underprivileged people, petrol pump workers, and 100 villagers. The response they received was phenomenal. The receivers were overjoyed that they received watermelons in this scorching heat, straight from the farms despite the lockdown. When asked whether there will be a phase 2 of the project, RCMMS said that they would carry out another project if the need arises.



HOUSIE WITH A CAUSE

AIM OF THE PROJECT:

The project's aim was to raise fund for a village. Mission2020 in association with Live India is doing a project where they are providing sanitation kits and basic necessities including food to villages. Rotaract Club of Mumbai Salt City managed to raise more than Rs.5000 provided a month's grocery to 8 families. These included rice's, wheat, cereals, pulses, spices etc.

Response: They had more than 100 people participating. People across the country were a part of this project. People from Kolkata, Gujarat, Bangalore, Kerala, etc. joined them giving it a pan-India effect.

FUNDRAISER BY RCSK:

Rotaract Club of S.K. Somaiya College donated to the migrant workers with the help of a fundraiser by playing a game of housie. Proceeds from the sale of tickets were transferred to the 'Give India Foundation' who offered food to the migrant workers and daily wage earners in the midst of the lockdown on a regular basis.