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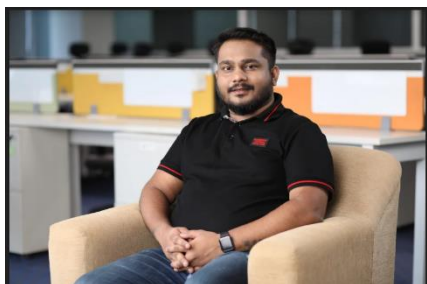


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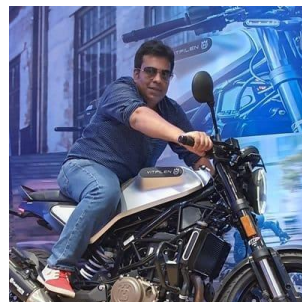
Today.....

In our quest to keep everyone engaged, the RCPC program committee brings to you an interesting talk on "Cryptocurrency" by guest speaker **Mr. Sharan Nair** who is the Chief Business Officer at CoinSwitch Kuber.



Sharan Nair was the Vice President- Business Development and Marketing at Unocoin. He comes with a deep understanding of the crypto ecosystem and has played a crucial role in driving mass awareness of digital currencies in India. He holds a Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology and an MBA in Finance and Marketing.

The session will be hosted by Mr. Aditya Dharmadhikari. Mr. Aditya Dharmadhikari is a marketing professional in the automotive sector, currently working as a Regional Marketing Manager with Bajaj Auto Ltd. in the Pro Biking department, creating consumer experience and uplifting Europe's largest sports motorcycle brand KTM and the Swedish motorcycle brand Husqvarna. His hobbies are Sports, Networking and travelling to exotic locations, speaking at various forums, anchoring Talk Shows.



Details of Zoom Meeting :

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Please do join for this interesting session with **Mr. Sharan Nair** on Zoom.

I look forward to meeting all of you on Zoom today at 6pm. (6.00 pm to 6.30 pm Pre-meeting fellowship and meeting called to order at 6.30pm).



The week that was

From Rtn. Lekha Nair.....

Pre-fellowship started at 6 PM on Zoom where many members joined and interacted with each other on various topics. Post pre-Fellowship, the meeting was called to order by Pres. Amitabha Mukhopadhyay and all members and guests were welcomed to the meeting.

President Amitabha updated all members about the Vaccination on Wheels Project status. 93429 vaccines have been administered as on 14th August.

President announced the receipt of donation of Rs 5,66,750 from Alkyl for the Covid 19 mobile vaccination project. The Club members congratulated Rtn. PP Rakesh Bhargava who has been appointed in the following two Rotary India Committees:

1. Member, National Advisory Committee DPT and MCH (II), Rotary India Humanity Foundation
2. Member, RY 2021-22 CSR Working Group for India.

The Jagruti and Happy School Global Grant Project has been approved. The project value is US\$ 51,360. Project objectives are to improve learning facilities for rural students and the blind girls of Jagruti School.

President also updated the progress of the GG project of Gift of Sight for the sightless. Orders for the first lot of equipment has been placed in July'2021. Deliveries have commenced and will be completed during Aug'2021.

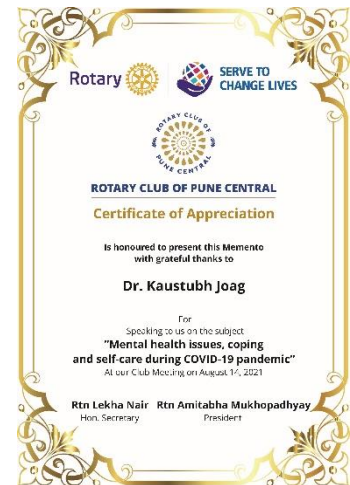
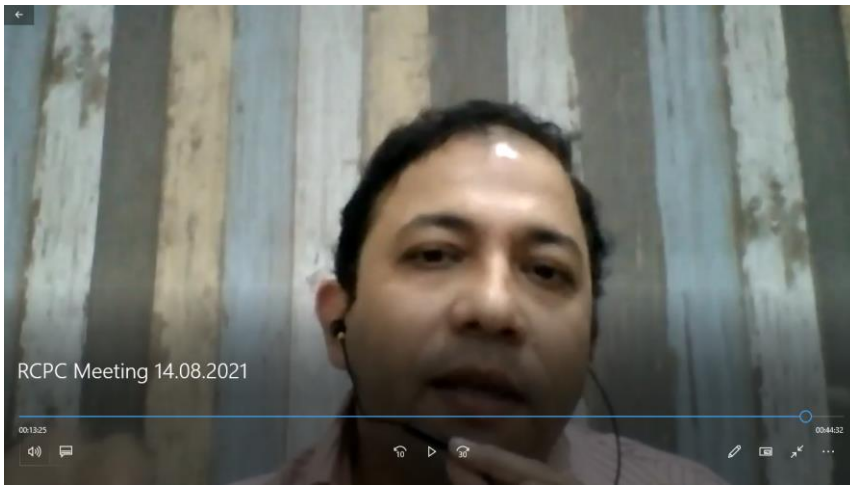
The GG project, Gift of Vision for conducting cataract surgeries has also commenced and vision of 59 patients have been restored till date.

Rtn. Anil Bora and Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala visited the Vaccination-On-Wheels project at the Khivansara Patil Hospital CVC Thergaon. This CVC unit is supported by TATA Technologies. Mr. Siddharth Yevalekar from CSR department, TATA Technologies also visited this site.

We wished happy birthday to President Amitabha Mukhopadhyay, Rtn. PP Krishan Jhunjhunwala, R'Ann Sadhana Lachyan. We wished happy anniversary to Rtn. Oni and R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala.

This week Dr Kaustubh Joag gave a talk on the topic "'Mental health issues, coping and self-care during COVID-19 Pandemic' He spoke about how mental health is a spectrum with conditions varying from stress, distress, depression, anxiety and grief leading to severe mental health conditions. He also covered the coping measures, resilience and self-care that needs to be done to address mental health issues.

Next Week **Saturday, 21st August 2021 ZOOM at 6.00 PM Guest Speaker Mr. Sharan Nair will talk on "Cryptocurrency"**



From Rtn. PP Ravi Kapoor.....

Status and progress of various Global Grant and CSR projects

I am happy to share a report on the status and progress of Global Grant and CSR projects currently being implemented by RCPC.

GG198182 – HPV Vaccination

HPV Vaccination Drive at Harjeevan Hospital, Pune and G R Palkar Primary School, Karvenagar

Harjivan Hospital (opp. Sarasbaug, Swargate) has joined hands with RCPC for the HVP vaccinations for girls from schools in Pune city. Daily vaccinations are given from 11 am to 5 pm at the hospital till 25/26 August. Mr. Prasad Sohani and Ms Pallavi Desai from the hospital are managing the drive.

They have completed around 150 vaccinations till date since it started from 15/08/21.

On Wednesday 18/08/21 a drive was arranged at G R Palkar Primary School, Karvenagar and around 60 girls were vaccinated.

Rtn. Oni Kakajiwalwa and Rtn Anil Bora were present during a brief function arranged on 15/08/21.

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HPV Vaccination Drive at Shirur area Schools, Pune

Rotary Club of Pune Central in association with Shirur Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Shirur and with the support of "Vaccine-On-Wheels" had arranged a HPV vaccination drive at Manikchand Dhariwal Institute, Shirur on Wednesday 18/08/21.

The vaccination drive was a great success and received very good response from people in and around Shirur. The team of doctors and the support staff, volunteers from C T Bora college and the local schools also participated in the drive by providing their support in planning and creating an awareness about the program.

Girls of age group from 9-14 years were the beneficiaries who were mostly from rural areas and underprivileged / needy population. In spite of the limited time available, 249 vaccinations were completed as a part of the first dose of the vaccine and the second drive is now planned on Wednesday 25/08/21 when around 350 vaccinations are planned.

Rtn. Anil Bora organized the HPV vaccination Drive.

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Vaccine-On-Wheels – Covid 19 Mobile Vaccination Project :

A virtual celebration – achieving milestone of administering more than 1 lakh COVID19 vaccination doses to underprivileged and marginalized population within Maharashtra' Pune, Mumbai and Satara.

On 19th August 2021, CfHE, IIT Hyderabad, Rotary Club of Pune Central and Vaccine-On-Wheels celebrated over ZOOM , the milestone of administering more than 1 Lakh COVID vaccine doses. The following persons attended the program:

- Prof. Renu John, Head of CfHE, IIT Hyderabad
- Dr. Raj Shankar Ghosh, Senior Adviser, Vaccine Delivery at Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- Arun Venkatesan, Co-Founder and CEO at Villgro USA
- Mr. Kirat Patel, Executive Director, Alkyl Amines
- Board Members, Rotary Club of Pune Central
- Members of RC Pune Central, RC Pune Deccan Gymkhana and RC Pune Sinhgadh Road
- CSR Partners and NGO Partners

With the support of our NGO and CSR Partners – 3M India, Alkyl Amines, Angel Broking, American India Foundation, BMC Software, British Petroleum, Conductix Wamphler, ENAM Assets Management, Global India Fund, HVAC Solution, ICERTIS, IIM Bangalore Alumni Association, NASVI, Petrofac, Persistent Foundation of Persistent System, Rotary Club of Sighgad, Rotary Club of Deccan Gymkhana , Samhita Social Ventures, Tata Technologies, YRG Care, United Way Bengaluru, United Way Mumbai, ZS Cares, we achieved the milestone of administering 1 Lakh vaccine doses to vulnerable population of Pune, Mumbai and Satara of Maharashtra.

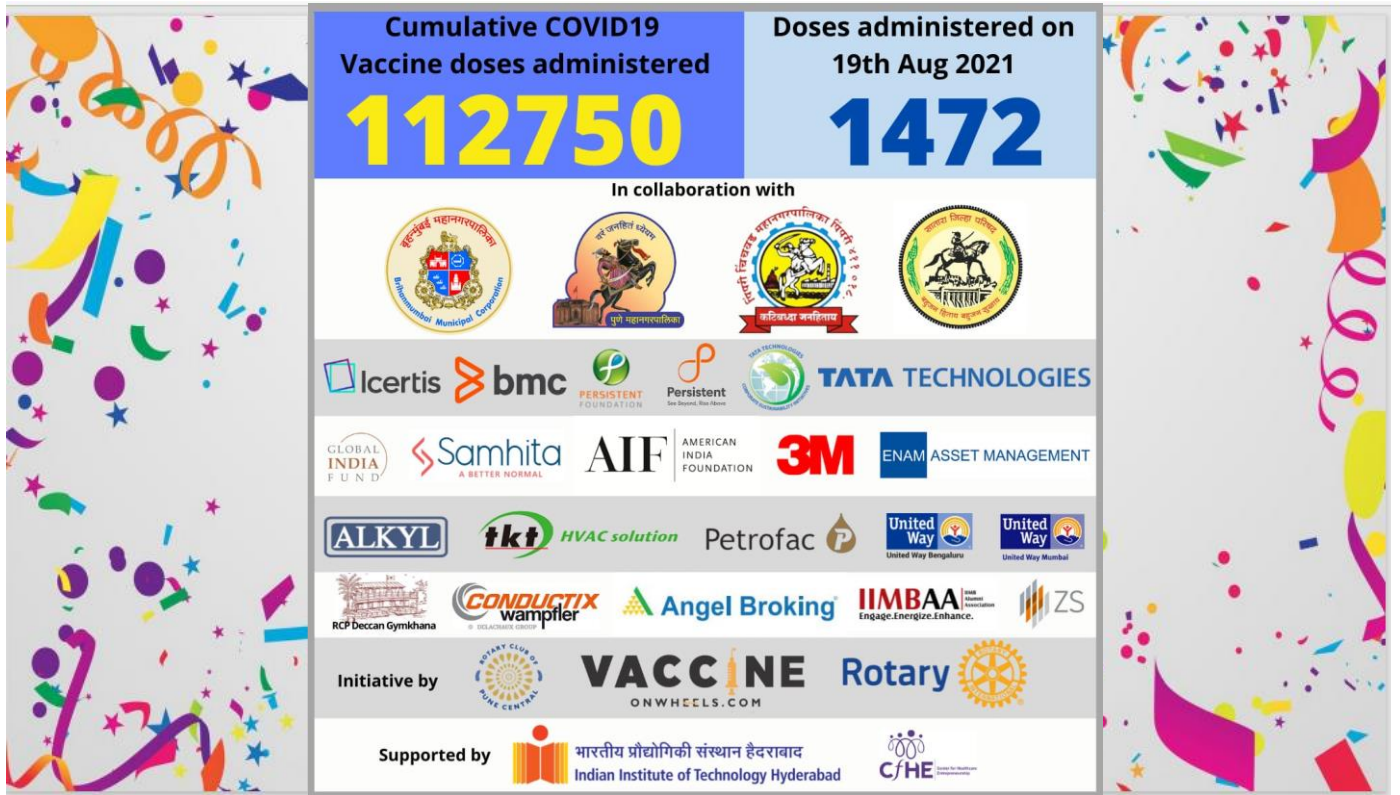
Under this unique project, with the help of 22 Mobile Vaccination Clinics deployed in various parts of Maharashtra, we are proud to immunize 112,750 as on 19th August 2021.

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Visit to Covid 19 Mobile Vaccination Center

Glimpses of visit by Rtn. Anil Bora and Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala at Khivansara Patil Hospital CVC Thergaon. This CVC unit is supported by TATA technologies. Mr. Siddharth Yevalekar from CSR department, TATA Technologies was also visited this site.



From Rtn. Oni Kakajiwala

R'Ann Nafisa Kakajiwala and Rtn Oni Kakajiwala distributed 24,000 N95 masks which were received by Rtn. Jignesh Patel for Covid 19 Mobile Vaccination "Vaccine-On-Wheels" Project. Also distributed 600 nos. N95 masks to Harjeevan Hospital.



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From Rtn. PP Prakash Gurbaxani



From Rotary Connect Committee or RCC

Past Presidents Raja, Prakash, Neeraj and Arvind

7 reasons young people should join Rotary

Posted on **April 21, 2020**



Ryan Bell explains what Rotary has to offer young people, including exciting service opportunities that will connect you to others in your community.

By Ryan Bell, Iowa City District 6000 Public Image Co-Chair

I have a message for all you young people out there who may never have heard about Rotary. Or if you have, it was from a parent or grandparent who spent more time talking about the lunch menu or how great the salad bar is. If that's all you've heard about Rotary, then you're missing a lot. And let me tell you why, in the middle of this pandemic, Rotary is more relevant than ever. It's definitely something you want to know about.

Rotary is kind of a big deal. With over 1.2 million members worldwide, it's the biggest service organization on the planet. If you're a fan of the planet, that's just what Rotary wants to preserve. Our members are working on helping save mothers and children, supporting basic education for children, and fighting diseases. Many of those members are now using their connections and resources to help combat COVID-19.

Rotary has no religious or national affiliation. We don't care what you believe or who you voted for. The way Rotary sees it, the most important thing is that we come together to accomplish some much-needed tasks for a group we like to call humanity.

Rotary efforts have already helped [eradicate 99.9 percent of global cases of polio](#). If you've never heard of polio, you can thank a Rotarian for that. Armed with a massive investment and partnership with the Bill and Melinda

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Gates Foundation, Rotary has taken on the incredible task of ridding the world of this crippling disease so no child need get it ever again.

In addition to these large-scale, international projects, Rotary clubs are always working to improve their own communities. Just check out the list of [activities Rotarians are involved in to help their communities get through this pandemic](#).

I would never pressure you to do something that will improve your life in every conceivable way. But let me tell you the benefits I've personally seen from being involved in Rotary for seven years.

1. **You'll make local connections.** During the pandemic, Rotary clubs have been staying connected through virtual meetings, which you can join conveniently from the safety of your home. Even in these unusual times, Rotary is keeping people connected. We all need that sense of connection. You will meet wonderfully diverse people from many walks of life. For many of us, this is the main appeal: local friends, local colleagues, clients and contacts. It's actually why a group of young professionals in Chicago started Rotary back in 1905. When it comes to networking and advancing your business, Rotary membership isn't like the fickle, transactional networking and "referral" groups you've likely been encouraged to join. It's authentic and real.
2. **You'll make a global impact.** Bill and Melinda Gates saw the efficiency and effectiveness of Rotary, and have partnered with us to commit \$450 million to eradicate polio. Once we crush polio, we'll move on to other important challenges facing our world.
3. **You'll see your work pay off locally.** Sure, the whole "saving the world" thing is cool, but if you're wanting to make a difference a little closer to home, don't worry, Rotary does that. We are leaders in our communities. We are a funding source (through a grant program), a volunteer source (because we're awesome like that) and we even come up with our own initiatives, like in 2018 when we planted over 1.2 million trees.
4. **You can inspire the next generation.** We have amazing youth programs that involve students in service and leadership. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards weekends fuel and shape the potential for greatness that's already inside these students. They get fired up about making the world a more peaceful, loving place — and have the contacts, plans, and direction to make it happen.
5. **You can spend time with the Greatest Generation.** Rotary includes members of all ages. Sure, Rotary has a reputation for having a lot of members over the age of 50. But there is also a ton you can learn from the Greatest and Baby Boomer generations. If you're looking for mentoring, or just great stories, look no further.
6. **You'll get inspired.** No matter what your motive is in considering Rotary, you will be inspired by guest speakers or performances, online or otherwise. I've seen amazing singers, legitimately awesome circus clowns, environmentalists, coaches — you name it. And virtual meetings make it easier for clubs to line up dynamic speakers from even further away.
7. **You'll put your energy where it's really needed.** Here's (perhaps) the best part of getting involved in Rotary: These clubs need you like crazy! We need leaders from every community in the world to join Rotary and amplify our impact. Feel helpless during the coronavirus outbreak? Consider the impact you could have joining a family of volunteers committed to doing whatever is needed to help the community.

About the author: Ryan Bell has been a Rotary member for seven years. He is the owner of Locals Love Us Iowa City. His great passions include community-building, Pearl Jam and Iowa whiskey.



From Rtn. P K Malhotra.....

I got on to the bus. Seeing the crowd inside, I was upset. There was no place to sit. Just then, a person vacated his seat. The man standing next to the vacant seat could have sat there, but instead he Offered the seat to me.

At the Next stop, the Same Thing Happened Again. He gave his seat to another. This happened *4* Times During the entire journey. The Man Looked like a normal worker, Returning Home after a Long day At Work...

At the last stop when all of us got off, I Spoke to him.

" *Why were you giving your seat to another person every time you got a vacant seat?"* His Answer took me by SURPRISE.

"I Haven't *Studied Much* in my life Nor Do I know many things. I Don't Have Much Money Either. *So I don't have anything much to give to anyone. That's why I do this every day. It is something I can do easily. * "After Working all day, I can stand for a little longer I Gave my Seat to you and you said *thank you*. *It gave me satisfaction that I did something for someone. * I Do this Daily and feel I am CONTRIBUTING IN SOME WAY. I go back home refreshed and happy every day that I GAVE SOMETHING to SOMEONE"

I was SPEECHLESS!!! *Wanting to do something for someone on a daily basis is the ultimate gift. *

This stranger taught me a lot -

*How easy it is to be rich from within! *

*Beautiful clothes, lots of money in the bank account, expensive gadgets, accessories and luxuries or even educational degrees - may or may not make you rich and happy; * *but without possessing expensive things just SMALL ACTs of GIVING are ENOUGH to make you FEEL RICH and HAPPY EVERYDAY*

Change the TEXTURE of your THOUGHTS and your LIFE WILL CHANGE!

What to expect in the next five weeks.....

- **28 Aug:** Guest Speaker Mr. Avinash Oza will talk on "Astrology"
- **04 Sep:** To be announced
- **11 Sep:** To be announced
- **18 Sep:** To be announced
- **25 Sep:** To be announced



Birthdays and Anniversaries...



Rtn / R'Ann

Rtn. Ashish Goyal
Mr. Sidharth Bajaj
R'Ann Dr. Sheila Bhawe
Rtn. Rajan Khinvasara

Birthday

August 22
August 22
August 22
August 24



Member and Spouse

Rtn. Pravin and R'Ann Monica Nadkarni

Wedding Anniversary

August 27