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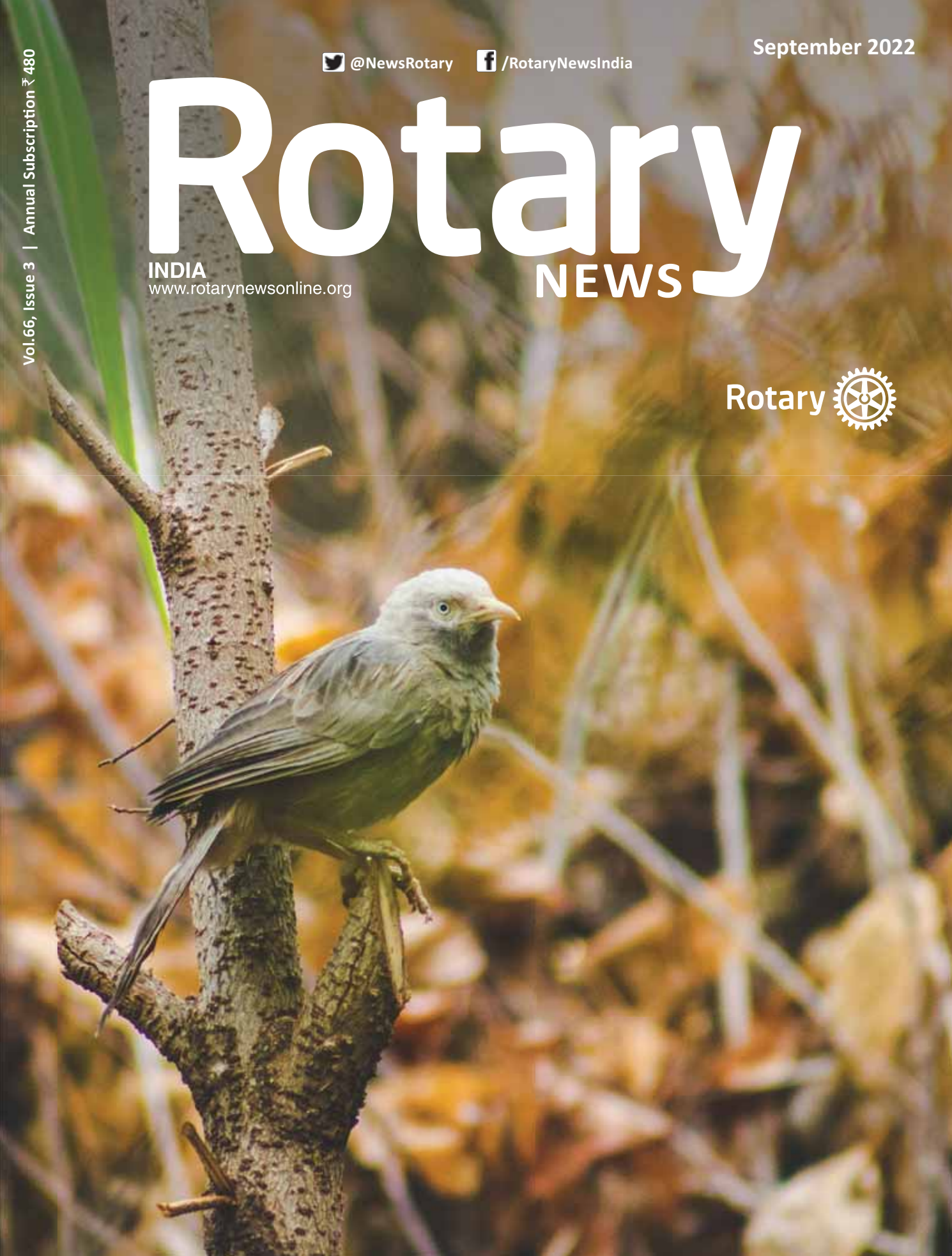
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An exemplary service project

The cover photo of a heart patient fitted with a pacemaker depicts the humanitarian deed carried out by RC Jamshedpur. I was delighted to go through the noble work done by the club in keeping hearts of over 200 patients ticking through their project under the guidance of Dr Vijaya Bharat. Glad to note that both incoming and outgoing RI presidents visited the RNT office, Chennai. President Jones describes well the importance of DEI across the Rotary hierarchy and the necessity of bringing in more women and young Rotarians into our organisation. The Editor has given a detailed account of the new RI Prez in her note which is interesting. RID Mahesh Kotbagi has dwelt on 'Imagine Rotary'. RID AS Venkatesh has focused on embracing change by getting out of our comfort zones. TRF trustee chair Ian Riseley tells us how Rotary funds are being utilised.

Other articles like *There is no limit to unleashing women's potential in Rotary*, *RID 3232 excels in projects...*, *When a village adoption project helped save a young girl*, and *Rotary's mission is to change lives* are all excellent. *Lakshya* moments are captured well in the photos.

Philip Mulappone MT
RC Trivandrum Suburban — D 3211

The cover story titled *RC Jamshedpur keeps hearts ticking through an exemplary project* is soul-stirring. Rtn Dr Vijaya Bharat's noble work speaks volumes of her dedication and compassion. A film should be made on this project, so that the world knows about her contribution. The role of Rtn N L Rungta towards this project is commendable. The story on Rotary Breast Milk Bank was educational, the pictures of *Lakshya Moments* were a



visual treat. *Project Vignettes* and *Club Hop* photos were catchy.

Anju Rathor
RC Chaibasa — D 3250

I was delighted to read that two serving RI presidents visited the RNT office. The new layout for *Inside* page looks neat and appealing to the eye. The focus on DEI is noteworthy as it has come at a time when the world is talking about it in the aftermath of Covid.

The thought of PRIP Shekhar Mehta on the value Rotary brings and how we aren't capitalising on it is worth pondering over. The story of Rotarians from RC Colombo joining the protest against corruption and how Rotary India has reached out to the island nation shows our commitment to help Sri Lanka during this crisis.

I loved the interview with TRF Trustee Geeta Manek. It is such an

inspiration to read her work and about her roots in India. The 'wedding celebration' of President Jones and DGN Nick Krayacich in Pune was awesome.

Vivek Khandelwal
RC Deonar — D 3141

The cover photo of RI President Jennifer Jones (July'22) was fantastic. As the Editor points out, her broad smile, cheerful demeanour and sparkling eyes tell you a lot about her personality. Dr Rajiv Pradhan's article — *Kashmir medical camp conducts 2,500 surgeries* — was very interesting. Kudos to the team.

Daniel Chittilappilly
RC Kaloor — D 3201

We welcome our new Rotary President Jones and will work hard to accomplish her proposals so that her year is remembered as one of the best Rotary years we have had so far. Editor Rasheeda Bhagat has nicely captured the persona of Jones in apt words. Her statement that we need well qualified and competent women for all leadership positions in Rotary is noteworthy. It is the right time to embrace the DEI mantra and expand the membership of Rotary.

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RC Dindigul Fort — D 3000

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On the cover: A shot from a Miyawaki forest being created by RID 2981.

Stephanie Urchick chosen 2024–25 RI president



Stephanie Urchick of RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, has been chosen by the Nominating Committee as RI president for 2024–25. She will be the second woman RI president. She will be declared president-nominee on Oct 1, if no challenging candidates come forward.

With the world facing incredible challenges, including the Covid-19 pandemic, disasters driven by climate change and conflict in many regions, Urchick says Rotary's leaders can offer a vision and a plan for overcoming these challenges.

“Measures taken by Rotary leadership to survive and end critical challenges often make our organisation stronger and more resilient for future events. This kind of essential leadership also creates new levels of cooperation, even among rivals, when Rotarians pull together as people of action to serve and solve a crisis,” she says. Making regionalisation a priority is crucial, says Urchick. “Because Rotary operates in more than 200 countries and regions, it is vital to recognise that the organisation has the potential to become more efficient and effective by understanding

and reacting to how regional differences affect the way Rotarians work to address providing service, promoting integrity, and advancing world understanding, goodwill and peace.”

Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University, Pennsylvania. She is active on numerous community boards and committees, and has been honoured by organisations including Zonta International and the Sons of the American Revolution.

A Rotarian since 1991, Urchick has travelled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

She has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, The Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the TRF's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review and Operations Review Committees. She is a Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

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RI Directors-elect for Zones 4, 5, 6 & 7

‘Raju’ Subramanian, RIDE for Zones 6 & 7



T N Subramanian (Raju Subramanian) is the RI director-elect for zones 6 & 7. A charter member of RC Deonar, RID 3141, he served as governor of the then undivided 3140 during 2009–10.

He is a regional Rotary Foundation chair. He has served as chairman of the 2019 zone institute (Indore), and the RI Constitution and Bylaws Committee in 2018–19. Subramanian was the vice-chairman of the Council on Legislation held in April 2022. He and his spouse Vidya are members of the Arch Klumph and the Paul Harris Societies. Subramanian is a senior counsel practicing in the Supreme Court and various high courts.■

Anirudha Roy Chowdhury, RIDE for Zones 4 & 5



Anirudha Roy Chowdhury is a charter member of RC Calcutta Megacity, RID 3291, and was DG in 2007–08 of an undivided 3290 comprising 187 clubs in India and Nepal. During his tenure, he added 450 members and 11 new clubs, and the district contributed a record \$613,000 to TRF. He was a Rotary Public Image coordinator during 2021–22, and has served as assistant Rotary coordinator and assistant Rotary Foundation coordinator. Currently he is serving as a member of TRF's Cadre of Technical Advisers. Chowdhury is a recipient of RI's Service above Self Award and the Citation for Meritorious Services Award, and TRF's Distinguished Service Award. He and his spouse Shipra are third level Major Donors and Bequest Society members.■

RC Nabha Greater — RID 3090



School uniforms worth ₹38,000 were distributed to students of Bhai Kahan Singh Nabha Government Girls School.

RC Pune Shivajinagar — RID 3131



Digital skills are imparted to 200 students through an e-platform in association with Lighthouse, an NGO, and funded by eZest Technologies.

RC Moradabad North — RID 3100



Over 300 amputees were fitted with artificial upper limbs at an LN-4 camp, held with the support of RC Poona Downtown.

RC Karad — RID 3132



A hepatitis awareness rally was conducted jointly with the Rural Hospital, Undale, to sensitise the public.

RC Gorakhpur Midtown — RID 3120



Sixty-five eye camps were done benefiting 16,000 patients last year. Around 2,000 cataract surgeries were done and an ambulance was also given to the Raj Eye Care Society.

RC Deonar — RID 3141



New clothes were distributed to 200 children at a slum colony in Mankhurd area in a joint project with Firstcry, an online store.