

WORLD DISABILITY DAY TO BE OBSERVED ON [DEC 2](#)

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World Disability Day is observed on [December 03](#), every year. This was first proclaimed in 1992 by the United Nations General Assembly. It aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. The theme this year is “Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world”.

One of the flagship projects of the Rotary Club of Panaji Mid-Town is Sudharta. This is our disability corrective surgery project where we admit patients with various forms of disability ranging from limb lengthening to congenital absence of tibia. Each patient undergoes numerous surgical operations to correct their physical defect and lead a normal life.

Rotary Club of Panaji Midtown has been carrying out corrective surgeries for the disabled patients since the first year of its inception (1998-99). In the early stages there used to be quite a few children affected by Post-Polio Residual Paralysis, however over the years the numbers of polio affected children have decreased as Goa has been Polio free since 1998.

This highly successful and much applauded project is structured to meet all the demands of the needy patients. This project provides for the cost of investigations like blood tests, x-rays etc. A thorough preoperative work-up is done. The surgeries are conducted by Dr Deep Bhandare personally and have been ably assisted by a team of dedicated doctors. The Anesthetist, Assistant Orthopedic Surgeon and Paramedics like the physiotherapist; Orthotics and Prosthetic persons also help in this project.

Few hours of the surgical time and expertise of the team with back up by the Rotarians and The Rotary Foundation has resulted in making so many unfortunate to be independent members of the society. We hope to

continue this project and give a ray of hope to the crippled children and adults. We aim to make them independent and useful members of society.

In its Silver Jubilee year of service, the club has organized to felicitate our Sudharta beneficiaries and handover to them some additional support like calipers and wheelchair at the hands of the Governor of Goa, Shri P. S. Sreedharan Pillai. The function will be held at the Old Durbar Hall at the Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula on [Friday, December 02](#), 2022 at 05.00 p.m.

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