

## ***RI 2021-22 Theme Revealed: Serving Others Changes Lives***

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The incoming Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, ***Serve to Change Lives***, a theme inspired greatly by the worldwide pandemic, at the virtual February Rotary International Assembly. “Caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people’s lives, but also our own,” stated Mehta.



### **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**

In his address to the Assembly, Mehta encouraged district and club leaders to lead by example and to inspire Rotarians and Rotaractors to participate in projects that have a sustained impact. He recognized the need for Rotarians to join hands with other Rotarians, other organizations, corporations, and to develop and carry out projects that impact their community, their city and the world— projects that can change lives of people across the country and around the world.

Mehta shared these words of Vivekananda, one of India’s greatest philosophers: “When you help someone, do not think that you are obliging him or her. In fact, it is he or she who is obliging you by giving you an opportunity to give back something to this world from where we have received so much.” Mehta also shared that Vivekananda added the following, “In life, take the position of the donor or the server, and yet be so humble in giving and serving that let the donor or server kneel down and ask: ‘May I give? May I serve?’ ”