

Shekhar Mehta to be the fourth Indian to lead Rotary International – 2021-22

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Shekhar Mehta, chair and founder of real estate development company, Skyline Group, was confirmed president-nominee of Rotary International - a global network of people committed to improving lives and bringing positive, lasting change in communities around the world.

During his one-year term as Rotary's 111th president beginning on 1 July 2021, Mehta will focus on increasing Rotary's impact by expanding partnerships with organizations that specialize in Rotary's areas of focus: promoting peace; fighting disease; providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene; saving mothers and children; supporting education and growing local economies.

He said, "It is an honor to be entrusted with the leadership of such an esteemed organization. I hope to leave a legacy of service, commitment and positive global impact."

Mehta, a member of Rotary for 35 years, belongs to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar. As head of Rotary's global network of 35,000 clubs, Mehta will oversee its top goal of polio eradication. Along with its Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, Rotary has achieved a 99.9 % reduction in polio cases, and contributed US \$2 billion to protect more than 2.5 billion children from this paralyzing disease. Once considered the most challenging country in the world to eliminate polio, India has been polio-free for more than five years. Rotary is continuing its efforts to maintain the country's polio-free status.

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