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Rotary dialysis centre in Nandurbar

Team Rotary News

Rotarians at the new dialysis centre.



A new dialysis centre was started by RC Nandnagri, RID 3060, through a global grant, for the needy patients at Shahada, a town in the Nandurbar district of Maharashtra. The Tilanana

Dialysis Centre and Pathology Lab was inaugurated in the presence of Miraben Patil, president, Satpuda Sugar Factory, DGE Deepak Patil, AG Anish Shah and Rtn Shrikant Indani. The new

medical facility will enable kidney patients to undergo dialysis at concessional rates, avoid travelling long distance for this regular treatment, and thus save expenses. ■

A Covid vaccination drive by RC Shegaon

In order to help people get vaccinated for Covid-19 RC Shegaon, RID 3030, in association with Shri Shegaon Nagar Agrawal Samiti, organised a Covid vaccination camp in the locality. With the help of social media, the club spread the message about this drive for people above age 45. On the spot registration counter was set up and the club successfully vaccinated 284 people in eight hours.

Apart from this, the club distributed 10,000 face masks at bus stops, hospitals and market. In order to provide good quality hand sanitisers at low prices to the general public the club purchased and distributed 1,000 litres of sanitisers on no-profit basis. ■



On the cover: Wheelchairs distribution for the physically-challenged by RC Shegaon, RID 3030.

Handwash units installed in Solapur

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Under the banner of Happy Schools Project, RC Solapur North, RID 3132, has donated two handwash stations to government schools in the slum areas of Solapur. The sanitation facilities have water storage tanks, wash basins and foot-operated taps.

The handwash stations were installed at the SK Birajdar High School, Shelgi, that has 1,000 students and Matoshri Laxmibai High School, Solapur, having 900 students. Also, the club donated 10 big dust bins to the schools. While the handwash stations cost ₹20,000, the

dust bins were bought at ₹5,000 by the club. "The purpose behind this donation to schools was to provide a clean and hygienic environment to the students as schools will be re-opening after a long gap due to the pandemic. We all have to follow the basic hygiene norms," said club president Poonam Deodas. The dust bins would be helpful for students to collect the trash and dump it into them during school hours and later, dispose it outside the school in the absence of a proper litter management, he said. ■



A handwash station installed at a government school.

Thirvarur Rotarians provide lunch to devotees

On the occasion of Maha Shivaratri, RC Thiruvavur Tank City, RID 2981, organised an *annadhanam* (mass feeding) to residents of Kuthambadi village

in Thiruvavur district. Most of the devotees took part in the festivity and availed the delicious food distributed by the Rotarians. At the government primary school in

Adiyamangalam panchayat union, a group of women were felicitated with gifts and honoured for excelling in their livelihood skills by the club on Women's Day.

A vaccination camp was organised for primary school teachers at the Vilamal ward education office. The beneficiaries thanked Rotarians for the gesture as they got a protective shield against coronavirus. In another gesture, club secretary Elanchezhian arranged a sumptuous spread for lunch for the elderly inmates at an old age home Namathu Illam in Vijayapuram village. He sponsored the feast to mark his birthday. ■



Rotarians offering *annadhanam* (mass feeding) to devotees on Maha Shivaratri.

Books worth the weight

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RC Pune Heritage, RID 3131, organised a unique initiative to honour the DG's official club visit.

When DG Rashmi Kulkarni visited the club she was weighed against books on a double pan weighing scale. "We call it *Granth tula*," said club president Vinay Nivase. Marathi reference books, equalling the weight of Rashmi, were donated to middle school and government school students.

PDG Vinay Kulkarni and assistant governor Madhv Tilgulkar were present at the event. ■

DG Rashmi Kulkarni being weighed against books to be donated to schoolchildren.



A panchayat school gets a makeover



DG Balaji Babu inaugurating Rotary Auditorium at a panchayat school in Parangipettai.

town. "We had planned it much earlier but had to put it on hold due to the pandemic," said M Deepak Kumar, district Rotaract chairman. The cost of construction, ₹4 lakh, was donated by club member and assistant governor Mohamed Yaseen. DG Balaji Babu inaugurated the building. Saplings were planted in the school premises on the occasion.

The club had earlier adopted this school and has been taking care of its needs since 2019 when it first donated a Smart TV to help students with e-learning. Various facilities including handwash stations, repair works, ceiling fans and cupboards for classrooms have been provided by the club so far. ■

Rotary Club of
Chidambaram Central,
RID 2981, built a 'Rotary

Auditorium' at the Panchayat
Union Primary School in the
Parangipettai block near the

RC Agra Taj City celebrates 25 years with meaningful projects

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An expectant mother being given a health kit by the club.

RC Agra Taj City, RID 3110, celebrated its silver jubilee year with a slew of programmes related to water and sanitation. On its foundation day, a seminar was held on clean water and sanitation, followed by honouring of its charter members and a discussion on other important topics related to club projects and community initiatives.

Club President Dr Narendra Malhotra said in his address that “we have dual responsibilities as a civic

organisation — to spread awareness on the right to access potable water as it is a basic requirement for healthy living and adopt legitimate methods to ensure these fundamental rights.” As part of the programme, the club provided hand pumps and toilets in government schools near the Agra Fort railway station.

The club also celebrated National Safe Motherhood Day on April 11 and helped expectant mothers understand that the life of

a mother and baby can be protected by recognising the complications of pregnancy in early stages.

The awareness programme organised on behalf of the club was hosted at the Rainbow Hospital and Malhotra Nursing and Maternity Home in Agra. Sponsored by Lifestyle, gifts and health kits were given to the pregnant women who participated in the event. The gift packs included a book and DVD on safe pregnancy training for pregnant women. ■



RC Agra Taj City president Dr Narendra Malhotra inaugurates the silver jubilee celebrations of the club.

Mysuru Rotarians take up diverse projects

V Muthukumaran

An ear screening and testing camp was conducted by RC Mysore South East, RID 3181, at Hadinaru village in Nanjangud taluk in partnership with the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH).

The joint camp was also supported by Inner Wheel Club of Mysore South East and over 100 patients were tested for cochlear disorders. AIISH distributed 19 hearing aids worth ₹15,000 to needy people. Rtns Muralidhar YV and Shubha Muralidhar took care of logistics and made the ear testing camp a big success for the club.

“Dr Ravindra from PHC, Hadinaru, gave us the necessary support and help for the project that was conducted in smooth manner,” said Mohan M, club secretary.

Rotaract installation

The installation of a community-based Rotaract club was held at the Shubhangi Bhavan in Mysuru. DRR Abhijit presided over the event in which RAC Mysore South East was inaugurated in the presence of Rtn Deepak Solanki, charter president of RC Mysore South East, Youth Service director Suresh and Rotaract chairman Raj Bhat and other Rotarians.

A team of Interactors sponsored by the club took part at the two-day Interact conference at Mudbidri. “Fourteen students and two teachers from seven Interact clubs in Mysuru took part in the meeting of Interactors,” said Mohan. A new RCC at Hadinaru village was installed in the presence of AG HM Harish, club president Rajeev M, zonal leader Ashwath, RCC chairman Muralidhar and RCC president Mallikarjun S.

The club felicitated Dr Vasundara Doraswamy at her residence for her contributions to society on Women’s Day. The women members of the club were also honoured on the day. A zonal

RC Mysore South East holding an ear screening and testing camp at Hadinaru village.





A Rotaract club being installed in the presence of club president M Rajeev (centre), secretary M Mohan (third from right) and other office-bearers.

cricket tournament was inaugurated by AG H M Harish with the participation of enthusiastic teams from most of the clubs in Mysuru. The sporting contest was hosted by RC Mysore North.

Raitha Santhe

A mega *Project Raitha Santhe* (farmers' market) was organised jointly with RCs Kengeri Upanagara, Silk City Ramanagara, Bangalore Malgudi, Bangalore Nagarbhavi and

Bangalore Centennial at a huge playground at Kengeri, Bengaluru.

Karnataka cooperative minister ST Somashekar inaugurated a slew of farm-centric programmes such as health camp for farmers and their families, blood donation camp, a mobile app for access to farm produce at the market, guest lectures and entertainment shows. The clubs arranged transport for over 100 farmers from Ramanagara and Channapatna to the venue.

"Our club was awarded with certificates of appreciation for its vocational services, community activities and public image initiatives by RC Kengeri Upanagara at the Kengeri sports ground in Bengaluru," said Mohan.

Flags exchange

A grand reception was given to an all-women's car rally of RC Chennai Meraki, RID 3232, which was coursing through from Talacauvery to Poompuhar in Tamil Nadu.

"Their aim is to create awareness on saving rivers and conservation of nature," he said. DGE Ravindra Bhat and members of RCs Mysore East, Mysore North and Mysore welcomed the motorists and the club presidents exchanged flags with the guests.

The club honoured Rtn Raj Bhat, a magician and a Guinness Record holder, to mark National Magician Day on Feb 23. During the weekly meeting, the club's monthly bulletin *Sangama* was released by AG Harish. Bulletin editor Rtn Veena Ravindra and club office-bearers were present on the occasion. ■



Club president M Rajeev and secretary M Mohan receiving the certificates of appreciation from RC Kengeri Upanagara for its excellence in vocational service and projects.

Rotarians improve lives of the poor in Varanasi

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As part of its maternal and child health initiatives, RC Kashi, RID 3120, distributed food essentials including grocery items to five children at the Shivpurwa locality in Varanasi. “We want a malnutrition-free India. Even the mothers of these children whom we have adopted were given food packages. This is an ongoing project that we do every month,” said club president Shyam Rastogi. The beneficiaries, namely, Ridhi, Vashik, Veer, Deepali and Rajvir along with their mothers expressed their gratitude to the Rotary club.

During the official visit of DG K K Srivastava, the club felicitated five women who were trained at its vocational centre and are now self-dependent as they are earning a decent income to support their families. “One of the women had got her husband treated for a long-term illness, admitted her children in school and all her family members are doing fine,” said Rastogi. Another

woman, a widow, after learning the skills at the Rotary centre is earning a good income which enables her to take care of her family and other needs. “When they received their mementoes, we could see their confidence in their eyes and they have set an example in the society,” he said. DG Srivastava distributed mattresses, pillows, bedsheets etc to the inmates of an old age home at Ashapur where the club has donated a lot of utility items and appliances in the past and its building was recently innovated.

Guest lectures

Noted journalist and public speaker Pushpendra Kulshrestha gave a lecture on Sanatana Dharma in a joint event hosted by RC Varanasi North and other clubs in the city. He elaborated on the tenets of Vedic dharma, its culture and lineage and compared it with western culture. The scribe also dwelt on the future course of the Indic way of life and its principles. A perceptive analysis of the Union

Budget 2021 was given by chartered accountant Bhupendra Shah from Mumbai by covering various areas like taxation and other fiscal disciplines. The zoom meeting was organised by RC Varanasi North in association with other clubs in the city.

DG Srivastava presided over a weekly club meeting in which the various activities and projects were listed for the benefit of the district governor. “He was overwhelmed by our work and community activities. His appreciation boosted our morale,” said Rastogi.

Awards ceremony

The club joined hands with RC Vrinda to host an awards ceremony for RID 3120. Around 800 awards were distributed to various Rotary clubs for their achievements and work done for the betterment of society. The project cost ₹2.5 lakh. DG Srivastava honoured the clubs for best performances across various categories. ■

DG K K Srivastava along with five empowered women and members of RC Kashi.



Men's Cook Out

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Above : Rotarians in their aprons and caps pose for a group photo.

Left & bottom: Members of RC Pondicherry Port try their skills in cooking; Anns enjoying their day off at the farm house.

On March 8, Women's Day, Rotarians of RC Pondicherry Port, RID 2981, planned an exclusive fellowship event — Men's Cook Out — for the club's Anns. "We refer to our Anns as 'Angels' and we wanted to make the day special and memorable for them," said club secretary Rajesh Candamourty.

The event was planned at a farmhouse near Puducherry and the men donned aprons and caps, and armed with ladles and utensils, cooked lunch for the women. Biryani, *puris*, *channa* and other gravies formed the main course and the starters included *Thandai*, masala vada, fish fingers and fries.

A treasure hunt was also organised at the venue for the women. ■

D 2981

RC Kumbakonam

Six frontline workers were honoured with Covid Warrior Hero Service Awards at the Kavery Matric School. Dr Priyadharshini from the PHC, Swamimalai; Dr Sujan, a surgeon, Vijayalakshmi, PHC staff nurse, Pal Pandian, pharmacist, club treasurer Venkatesan and RC Kumbakonam East past president Andrew Rosaria were the recipients.



D 2981

RC Mannargudi

DG Balaji Babu flagged-off a Roto cycle rally in which all clubs from the district took part. Rotarians and their families along with public rode the bicycles with much enthusiasm. Manargudi DSP P Elanchezhian was the chief guest.



D 2981

RC Mayiladuthurai Delta

The club joined hands with the Periyar Government Hospital, Mayiladuthurai, to conduct a blood donation camp in which over 55 units of blood was collected. The good response from the public enhanced the public image of the club. DG Balaji Babu appreciated the work of club members.





D 2981

RC Pattukkottai Midtown

Breastfeeding Week was celebrated at the Kondikulam anganwadi in which more than 35 pregnant women were given nutritious food. Rotarians impressed upon them the importance of breastfeeding for the newborns and how to take care of them by consuming healthy and rich food.



D 3000

RC Thuraiyur Perumalmalai

The club donated a 43-inch LED Smart TV to the Government High School at Nettavelampatty village near Thuraiyur to help poor rural students. On World Doctor's Day, they honoured corona warriors in the locality with mementoes. The beneficiaries thanked Rotary for the gesture.



D 3011

RC Connaught Place Raisina Hills

During the lockdown in March, the club distributed 1,000 food packets to migrant workers at the Labour Chowk, Sector 58, Noida, in partnership with the Noida Seva Trust. The club donated ₹1 lakh to the Rotary Blood Bank, Gurugram. This project was sponsored by Anubhav and Vaibhav Jain.

D 3030

RC Chandrapur

A handwash demo was held by Rotarians and Anns at a lockdown school being conducted by Aniket Durge at Gangaram Talodhi, an Adivasi village. Also, the club donated stationery items, soap packs, nail cutters, sketch pens, drawing books, masks, sanitisers and fruit packs to the rural students.



D 3040

RC Indore Meghdoot

The club donated a 49-inch Smart TV with a software for all subjects from Clases 1–10 to a government school in Nipania village under the RILM initiative. DG Dr Gajendra Narang, zonal literacy chair PDG Nitin Dafria, PDG Lokendra Papalal and project coordinator IPP Ghanshyam Singh were present at the launch of the e-learning centre.



D 3053

RC Jodhpur Padmini

A blood donation camp was held with the support of RCC president Jaiveer Chowdhary to mark the 28th birth anniversary of late Sumitra Devi Chowdhary. Seventy units of blood was collected by the Rotary Blood Bank. In collaboration with the Period Society of Jodhpur, the club distributed 150 sanitary napkins to underprivileged women.





D 3053

RC Jodhpur Sanskaar

A training centre was started at the Sarpanch Bhawan in Tanavada village by donating four sewing machines for underprivileged women to make them self-employed. The club donated an *atta chakki* (flour mill machine) to a needy widow in this village for her livelihood.



D 3060

RC Nandnagari

A chess tournament was conducted with the support of the District Chess Association and the Podar International School at the English Medium School on Republic Day. The winners were given trophies by the dignitaries after the finals.



D 3060

RC Navsari

A free vaccination camp was arranged with the consultation of district health officer at the Rotary Hall. The first dose of Covid vaccine was given to 75 persons who are 45 years and above. Local residents benefited from the inoculation camp.

D 3060

RC Rajkot Midtown

A series of contests like story writing, read aloud sessions and video contest was held by the Rotary Midtown Library to keep people indoors during the lockdown. Also through such competitions, the club is aiming to keep people safe and also creative. Winners were given prizes by club president Jivrajani and other sponsors.



D 3060

RC Senoras Jamnagar

More than 100 factory workers including 60 women at Naghedi village were benefited at CPR training session organised by the government general hospital doctors. Rotaract Club of Amigos extended their support. Club president Dr Pravina Santwani and Rotaract secretary Mansukh Chauhan were present.



D 3070

RC Amritsar North East

Three tricycles and one wheelchair were donated to needy persons at Maqbool Pura, a slum colony in the city. The project costing ₹31,000 enhanced the public image of Rotary in the neighbourhood.





D 3070

RC Jalandhar Midtown

A cataract surgery was done for a needy patient, Ashok Kumar, a resident of Bhargav camp in Jalandhar, at the Oculus Eye Hospital in the city. The project was sponsored by club members. The beneficiary thanked the club for this kind gesture.



D 3090

RC Patiala Midtown

Three new Interact clubs were started by the club on the first day of the Rotary year, that is, July 1. Charter certificates were given by DG Vijay Arora to school principals and Interactors.



D 3181

RC Mysore Midtown

A cycle rally was taken by the students of Seshadripuram College, Mysuru, to create Covid awareness in partnership with the NSS Department of the University of Mysore, two Rotary clubs and the corporation. Sanitisers and masks were distributed on the way.

Rotary holds street plays, dramas in Kushinagar

V Muthukumaran

With the aim to create awareness on social issues such as plastic-free India, Mission Nari Shakti (women's empowerment), drug de-addiction, healthy India and 100 per cent literacy, RID 3120 took out a 10-day Rotary Jan Chetna Yatra, a car rally from Varanasi to Kushinagar. The rallyists performed plays and engaged the villagers on social uses at various pit stops to sensitise them.

The members of RC Kushinagar gave a rousing welcome to the 15-member rally team led by Sachin

Mishra, president, RC Varanasi Uday. Street plays, lectures and dance dramas were performed at the Gandhi Chowk, Kasia. RC Kushinagar patron Rakesh Jaiswal, president Anil Jaiswal and secretary Wahid Ali were present at the event along with other dignitaries. "Around 300 people including Rotarians witnessed the multiple shows and stage plays exhibited by the Jan Chetna Yatra members," said Wahid Ali.

Solo rallyist

Bike rider Ajay Pal Shekhawat, a resident of

Churu, Rajasthan, was on a national tour to spread the message of women's empowerment across states. When he reached Kushinagar, the club welcomed him at the Buddha's Parinirvana Stupa, a major Buddhist pilgrimage site.

Thanking Rotary and Lions clubs for sponsoring his journey, the motorcyclist called for enacting strict laws against gangrape and stressed on the need to save the lives of young daughters and empower them for an independent livelihood.

After Uttar Pradesh, he would be returning to Delhi through Uttarakhand, Himachal, Kashmir, Ladakh and Punjab. He would have a 15-day break, after which he plans to start his bike marathon to 26 countries from England. Prior to this bike rally, in 2019 he made a record of climbing a snow mountain in Ladakh for 18 hours continuously over an altitude of 18,000 feet in a temperature of - (minus) 33 degrees.

Banners on Chauri Chara Day

To commemorate the 90th martyrdom of freedom



A street play during the Rotary Jan Chetna Yatra at Kushinagar.

fighters trio — Bhagat Singh, Rajguru and Sukhdev, a blood donation camp was organised at the Community Health Centre, Kasia, with the support from National Integrated Forum of Artists and Activists (NIFA). Dr Gyan Prakash Rai, a renowned doctor, inaugurated the camp in which 17 eligible people out of 52 registered donated blood. At the end, blood donors were given digitally-signed certificates by the martyrs' families.

Dr Prakash Rai and Kushinagar Municipality executive officer Prem Shankar Gupta said donating blood is a noble deed and paid tributes to the martyrs on whose memory the event was organised.

The club erected hoardings and banners to mark the 100th anniversary of Chauri Chaura incident of setting ablaze a police station on Feb 5,



Rotarians during the motor rally from Varanasi to Kushinagar.

1922 during the non-cooperation movement called by Mahatma Gandhi against the British rule. The incident led to Gandhi calling of his protest movement and is being observed each year with reverence in Kushinagar.

A vaccination selfie point was installed at the government hospital (CHC), Kasia, for those inoculated to get pictures of themselves and spread the message across the social media. "As on February, around 500 people had used the

selfie point to take pictures. We spent ₹2,500 to install this public image outlet," said Wahid Ali.

The 116th anniversary of Rotary International was celebrated on Feb 23 with club president Anil Jaiswal, Wahid Ali and other senior members giving brief talks on Rotary's growth over the years and its milestone projects so far.

During the annual awards ceremony for RID 3120 held in Varanasi, IPDG Sanjay Agrawal gave seven major awards to RC Kushinagar on categories such as best public image, anti-plastic campaign, best print media coverage, best district events, corona warriors, plantation project and Pulse Polio campaign. AG Manju Agarwal honoured the club members with gifts and mementoes. ■



Biker Ajay Pal Shekhawat being feted by Rotarians.

D 3181

RC Mysore South East

The club honoured Sathish, superintendent of the Government Blind School, on World Braille Day, for his service to the visually-challenged people. He gave a talk on how to read the Braille language. The event was held at the Shubhangi Bhavan.



D 3181

RC Mysore West

Certificates were given to trainees who had completed the six-month courses in tailoring, beauty parlour, fashion design, tassels, basic computer and spoken English at the Paul Harris Vocational Training Institute, Dattagalli. AG B Ramaradya was the chief guest at the convocation.



D 3181

RC Puttur Yuva

The club in association with the child welfare department rescued an orphan lady, aged around 68 and sent her to a rehabilitation centre. A transport was arranged to shift the elderly to the special home where she would be taken care of.





D 3190

RI District

Over 3,500 screenings were done under the *Know your numbers* campaign. DG BL Nagendra Prasad and S Jayaraman, director, disease prevention, honoured Ummer from Mercy Mission and zonal managers for providing around 300 health workers to conduct diabetes, BP tests at 40 fever booths in slums. Health volunteers were given plaques and certificates.



D 3212

RC Sivakasi Town

Saplings were planted on one side of the main road leading to the Sivakasi bus terminus to provide a green cover to the pedestrians and commuters. Rotarians distributed *kabasura kudineer*, an herbal concoction, to the public at various places in the town to ward off the pandemic.



D 3232

RC Madras Central

The club honoured veteran playback singer L R Eswari with Lifetime Achievement Award on Women's Day. Brinda Sivakumar got award for the best upcoming artist. DGE J Sridhar and club president Supriya Sundararaman were present at the ceremony.

D 3250

RC Chanakya

The club donated 51 wheelchairs and felicitated 30 doctors and 70 corona warriors including nurses, health workers, paramedics and hospital staff. Also, four chartered accountants at the AIIMS, Patna, were honoured by the club.



D 3291

RC Calcutta Laketown

A one-day picnic was arranged for club members with 30 Rotarians enjoying the places of tourist attractions including Roy Kuthir, Roypara, Rajarhat Newtown and other scenic spots. It was a good occasion to know each other better and an opportunity for fellowship.



D 3291

RC Calcutta Majestic

World AIDS Day was marked by donating groceries, food, medicine, health drinks, sanitisers, fruits, chocolates and cake biscuits to HIV positive children at the Arunima Hospice. DG Sudip Mukherjee and singer Surojit Chatterjee were present. Children performed musical shows. Club president Bulbul Kundu presided over the event.





D 3291

RC Calcutta Presidency

Twelve LN-4 prosthetic limbs were given to amputees under the *Project Saksham* in the presence of DG Sudip Mukherjee. The project was done in partnership with RC Poona Downtown and Mahavir Seva Sadan. Strict Covid protocols were observed.



D 3291

RC Calcutta South City

Scholarships were given to 25 underprivileged, meritorious students who were adopted by the club for sponsoring the entire cost of their education. PRIP KR Ravindran inaugurated the project online. He gave scholarship amount of ₹10,000 to each student in the first phase.



D 3291

RC Salt Lake Central

The club joined hands with RC Calcutta Sutanuti to conduct a health camp under the *Know Your Numbers* campaign at the Chatra Mitali Club near the Rabindra Sarovar Metro. Around 240 patients were screened for BP, sugar, diabetes and general ailments. Sanitisers were distributed to patients.

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A plantation drive at the Green Valley School.

Working for better eyesight

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RC Pernambut, RID 3231, along with Vission Spring, an NGO, organised an eye camp at the Pernambut bus stand to test the eyesight of bus drivers. The event was part of the club's Road Safety Month programmes. Around

500 drivers were screened in the two-day camp and spectacles were given to the needy with poor eyesight.

Pernambut deputy tahsildar Vadivel was the chief guest and past chairman of the Pernambut Panchayat Aliyar Zubair Ahmed

was the guest of honour. Club president K Iqbal Ahmed inaugurated the camp.

In another initiative, the club, along with Annets Club of Pernambut, organised a sapling plantation programme at the Green Valley School in the town. School students were encouraged to plant saplings on the campus and taught to maintain them. The clubs conducted a lecture at the school to create awareness on caring for the environment including various ways of checking pollution in day-to-day life. "We urged the students and staff to plant native trees in their surroundings wherever possible," said club secretary Junaid Ahmed. ■



A mega medical camp in Tirupur

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Rotary Club of Tirupur Celebration, RID 3202, in association with Sri Kumaran Hospitals, organised a mega health checkup camp at the St Catherine Church in Tirupur. Over 1,000 people were screened for various ailments and many more people benefited from brief lectures on topics such as a balanced diet and managing diabetes and hypertension. Medicines were given to the needy at the camp.

Around 250 people were screened for various eye ailments and 50 of them were advised to undergo cataract surgery for which the club has promised to sponsor.



DGN B Elangkumaran,
PDG A Karthikeyan,
Rotarians J Venkatesh,
Chidambaram and assistant

governor M Rathnaswamy
participated in the camp.
Dr S Senthil Kumaran was the
project chair.■

Nasik Rotarians donate oxygen concentrators



Rotarians donating oxygen concentrators to the Jan Kalyan Samiti.

Rotary Club of Nashik Grapecity, RID 3030, provided five oxygen concentrators to the Jan Kalyan Samiti, to help treat critically-ill Covid patients who suffer from acute lung infection. The Samiti is extending treatment for

the underprivileged in Nasik.

When reports about oxygen shortage started doing the rounds the club members quickly formulated the *Project Missing O2* to raise funds to procure oxygen concentrators for treating Covid patients.

Initially the club raised ₹60,000 from among its members. Flyers were distributed among corporates and friends and soon it could collect ₹4.2 lakh.

The project was executed by Renu Panicker, director of medical services,

with support from club president Kavita Dagaonkar. DGND Asha Venugopal, club members Anil Deshmukh, Anjali Mehta and Jayant Khairnar were also present for the handing over of the concentrators to the Samiti.■

Doing good in villages

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Students of The School in the Cloud at Kiageria village near Calcutta received educational kits from RC Calcutta Majestic, RID 3291. The stationery kits included notebooks, pens, and geometry boxes. On the same day the club members distributed woollen clothes to the villagers. The club also distributed 130 spectacles to residents of Uttar Chandanpiri village at South 24 Parganas district.

An online session on Covid vaccine for Rotarians was organised by the club. The online programme saw the participation of 200 Rotarians from India and Bangladesh. ■



Providing healthcare for people



A medical camp at the government school in Karkala.

Rotary Club of Karkala, RID 3182, in association with Dr TMA Pai Rotary Hospital and RCC Kalikamba Karkala, organised a mega medical camp at the government school in the town. Kervashe Grama Panchyat, Prathamika Arogya Kendra Mala, Karkala

Taluk Madivala Sangha, Karkala Taluk Gudigara Sangha and Rubber Plantation Sangha also supported the programme.

Kervashe Mahalingeshwara temple priest Padamanabha Bhat inaugurated the medical camp. Doctors delivered lectures on topics such as managing

blood pressure and diabetes and consuming healthy diet. Around 200 people benefited from the camp.

RC Karkala donated sports equipment and sneakers to sportsmen training at the Mahalingeshwara Sports Club, Kervashe, Karkala taluk. ■