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Plantation drive in Shirol

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Rotarians plant trees at the Kalleshwar temple.

On the occasion of 75th Independence Day of India, RC Heritage City Shirol, RID 3170, planted trees in and around Kalleshwar temple, Shirol. Club members along with Anns planted 75 native trees like neem, peepal and rudraksha. The total cost of this project was ₹25,000 which was donated by club member Pruthiviraj Yadav.

The club also conducted a health checkup camp for children below the age of 14 years. The camp was co-hosted by Matoshri Children's Clinic and close to 110 children from Shirol benefitted from it. ■



A health check-up camp for children.

On the Cover: Rotary clubs of RID 3000 celebrating World Polio Day (October 24).

On a greening drive

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DG R Jeyakkan with members of Rotary clubs in Thuraiyur during the plantation drive.



RID 3000 is on a greening drive as all the Rotary clubs have undertaken sapling plantation in their neighbouring localities. DG R Jeyakkan inaugurated the

district's signature project by participating in planting 10,000 palm seeds on the banks of a lake, Periya Erikkarai, in Thuraiyur town. RCs Thuraiyur, Thuraiyur

Golden City and Thuraiyur Perumal Malai, and Rotaract Club of Kothampatti Young Achievers, together embarked on this initiative.■

Covid vaccination camp in Nashik

Rotary Club of Nasik, RID 3030, helped 650 adults get their first dose of Covid vaccine recently at a special camp organised at the HCG Manavata Hospital in Nashik.

The club plans to facilitate vaccination for 1,000 underprivileged people such as rickshaw pullers, autorickshaw drivers and daily wage earners. "We came up with

this idea as there is huge demand for the vaccine provided free at government centres and in private hospitals the cost of vaccine is unaffordable for the poor," says Vinayak Deodhar, a club member.

The Indian Valve Company is sponsoring the purchase of the required number of vaccines as part of its CSR initiative.■



A vaccination camp in progress at Nashik.

Mega rallies, special events mark World Polio Day

V Muthukumaran

Despite the looming threat of Covid third wave, Rotary India organised rallies, special events and awareness sessions to mark World Polio Day (Oct 24). Rotaractors and Interactors too jumped into the bandwagon to distribute handbills for sensitising the public.

Around dozen clubs in Agra led by RC Agra Neo, RID 3110, took a pledge to eradicate polio completely from the world. Dr Arun Srivastava, chief medical officer, Agra, recalled the pioneering efforts of Rotary in

fighting polio. “The services of Rotary clubs during this global pandemic is commendable,” he said. WHO representative Dr BS Chandel said Rotary has played a significant role in partnership with global health agencies to root out polio from the earth.

PDG Sharat Chandra said Rotarians must not relent from their hard work till every human being is freed from this crippling illness. He made a strong appeal for every child to be vaccinated against polio “as polio vaccine is the only sure way to save our children from this deadly virus.”

Rtn Neerav Nimesh called upon Rotary to build a society where there is no pain. “None should suffer from hunger, diseases and thirst. There should be no child labour and say ‘no’ to drug addiction. All these are possible as we have Rotary that is involved in achieving these goals,” he said. The event was coordinated by Vinod Gupta from RC Agra, Than Singh Chaudhary from RC Agra Greater and Dr Rajnish Kumar Singh from RC Agra Neo.

A motor cycle rally was taken out by RC Budaun Central, RID 3110,



Agra Rotarians celebrate World Polio Day.



DG R Jeyakkan, RID 3000, at the mega Polio Day Rally in Madurai.

with AG Dr Sanjeev Gupta as the chief guest. He whistled off the bike rally from Krishna Park Colony at 8am and the motorists passed through residential areas to create awareness among the public on polio eradication. Club president Mukesh Maheshwar led from the front.

An End Polio Now rally was jointly conducted by RCs Nizamabad, Gems Nizamabad and the nursing staff of District Hospital with banners and placards. They marched with a slogan to deliver on the Rotary's promise of a polio-free world. Under the guidance of project chair Dr Ramesh Yelsangikar, winner of Regional Service Award (SEARO) for a Polio-Free World 2020, a number of events were organised by RC Gulbarga, RID 3160, for students, teachers, Rotarians and Inner Wheel members spread over three days. WHO senior medical officer (Karnataka) Dr Anilkumar Talikoti gave a special lecture; followed by an essay contest for students at the Rotary Higher Secondary School; and

oratory competition for students on polio eradication.

Rotary Bangalore Brigades, RID 3190, joined hands with RAC Bangalore Golden Rock to launch a polio awareness drive covering 11 villages from Bagalur to Bengaluru having a combined population of around 50,000. Rtn Dr Raghu, PolioPlus chair, RBB, took care of the logistics and the Rotary rally against polio was widely covered in the local media.

Colourful events at RID 3250

In a grand rally staged by RC Sheikhpura Central, elephants, camels and horses carried polio awareness banners accompanied by the high decibels of over two dozen dhols. This colourful pageantry attracted the onlookers and residents. Around 200 children, Rotarians, staff from the WHO and UNICEF, besides the guards at the Sadar Hospital, took part in the mega march.

A drawing competition was held by RC Narkatiaganj that saw around 60 children from 12 schools giving colourful sketches on the EPN campaign by Rotary; While RC Motihari erected an EPN banner to convey a public message.

At the Polio End event hosted by RC Bettiah Central a huge banner



World Polio Day is being observed for over a decade to mark the birth anniversary of Jonas Salk who developed a vaccine against poliomyelitis. The WPD theme for this year is Delivering on our promise of a polio-free world!

was signed by club members. In a show of strength, all the eight clubs in Patna hosted a mega rally that saw over 200 Rotarians marching with placards and banners. Polio drops were administered to children. A polio song and a street play by school-children were some of the highlights.

Rotarians at RC Chapra wrote messages and slogans over a huge canvas pasted on the wall at a crowded Saran locality. A health check-up camp by RC Lakhisarai drew hundreds of elderly patients who were given free medicines. In Gaya, colourful posters carrying Rotary messages and a rally by school children were the talk of the town.

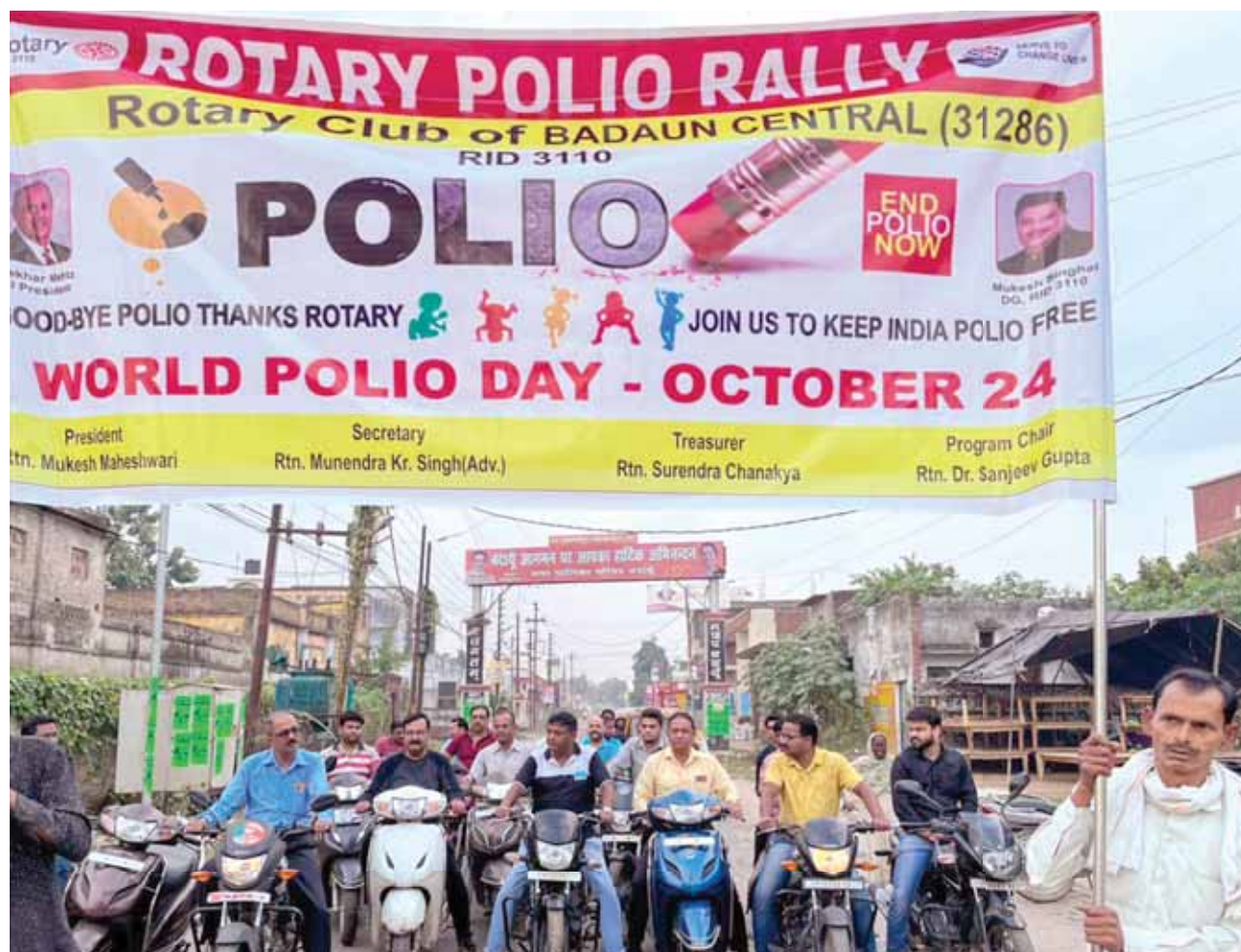
Around 100 Rotarians from RCs Burkhunda, Damodar Valley, Ramgarh and Hazaribagh Jagriti went on a Bullet bike rally with EPN post-



ers. Colourful banners and posters were displayed at the Morhabadi ground in Ranchi. “A press conference was held by RC Ranchi. Over 100 people were present at the rally venue that saw a large turnout of

Rotarians and Rotaractors,” said Alakananda Bakshi, district secretary, RID 3250.

RC Chaibasa members along with Rotarylets organised a cycle rally to spread the message of polio





Left: Members of RC Tirupur North take out a cycle rally.

vaccination. ‘Rotary and Polio’ was the topic at the panel talk hosted by RC Jamshedpur. “We covered all aspects of PolioPlus projects, right from its conception, history and its growth; success, obstacles and efforts leading to 100 per cent eradication of polio,” she said. Rotarians donated generously to the PolioPlus Fund. A giant hoarding was erected by RC Jamshedpur Steel City at a busy junction.

IPP Kusum Thakur and Rajesh Chouhan from RC Jamshedpur Midtown donated \$20 and \$25 respectively to Polio Fund. An online End Polio poster campaign by RC Jamshedpur Dalma on its Facebook and Instagram got many hits. “Within few minutes, the poster campaign drew around 750 people,” said Alakananda. Rotarians at RC Giridih took out a cycle rally to spread End Polio message and erected a hoarding at a vantage point. Members of RCs Bhagalpur, Muzaffarpur,

Buxar, Biharshariff, Tathagat and Nalanda staged rallies with placards and banners. Schoolchildren and volunteers made these events a memorable occasion. Festive balloons, caps, Rotary t-shirts and hoardings created a festive ambience.

Tirupur clubs create impact

In the western region of Tamil Nadu, RCs Avinashi East, Kunnathur and Anandham, RID 3203, jointly took out End Polio Now rally with students, Rotaractors and Rotarians

carrying placards with messages for the public. AG Francis Xavier was one of the coordinators.

RC Sakthi Nagar, RID 3203, hired a jeep to spread the message of the ill-effects of polio through a loudspeaker which called upon the villagers to mount a united fight against the disease by adopting best hygiene practices and inoculating the children with vaccine.

A cycle rally was conducted by RC Tirupur North, RID 3203, with the support of local riders’ club in which pamphlets were distributed by Rotarians. EPN t-shirts were given to cyclists and End Polio bib was tagged to each cycle to spread the message. The project cost ₹18,000.

EPN handbills were distributed at public health centres and Government Hospital, Tirupur. “We explained to the pregnant and lactating



Left: Motorcycle rally at Budaun.

Right: Polio survivor Madhu being given financial aid by RC Nileshwar.

mothers about the importance of polio drops to their newborns. They were briefed on the global efforts of Rotary to eradicate polio. We distributed pamphlets to Kindergarten schools and roadside shops,” said Surender Gopalswamy, president, RC Tirupur North. A slide presentation on EPN awareness was displayed at eight movie screens reaching out to 7,000 viewers in a single day.

A polio awareness hoarding was installed by RC Tirupur West at a busy junction in the presence of its club president L Nagaraj. In a novel initiative, RC Tirupur Meridian hired a tempo to spread Rotary’s message of polio-free world. AG Abdul Karim sponsored the tempo campaign which carried Rotary’s EPN banners.

RC Tirupur Metal Town, along with three other clubs, hosted a mega polio-free rally which was flagged off by DCP (Tirupur) S Arvind in the presence of police commissioner (traffic) P Ravi and club president Velusamy. A large

number of Rotaractors, Interactors and volunteers marched along the busy roads that created a buzz in this industrial town.

RC Nileshwar, RID 3204, contributed \$300 to Polio Fund and polio survivor Madhu, an artist, was given financial assistance at an event held near the railway station. Club president Vinod Kumar and secretary Balan Kakkanath was present. In turn, Madhu donated his painting as a token of gratitude.

Garbage removal drive including anti-plastic campaign was taken up on the eve of World Polio Day by RC Yarn City Nagercoil, RID 3212, at the SLB School. Rotarians engaged students on Rotary’s efforts to get rid of polio from the world.

Mega event in Madurai

Madurai district collector S Aneesh Sekhar flagged off a mega cycle rally jointly organised by all the clubs in RID 3000 to mark Polio Day. DG R Jeyakkan, District PolioPlus chair VR Lakshmanan and club presidents were present at the gala event. The rally began from the Gandhi Museum at 7.30am and coursed through various landmarks of Madurai including Raja Muthiah Mandram, corporation office, American College,

Government Rajaji Hospital, Collectorate building and ended back at the museum.

A polio awareness session was held at the Mamalar Hospital in the town by RC Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, with club president G Marimuthu chairing the event. Charter president K Naina Mohammed and senior Rotarians took part in the deliberations.

Handbills were distributed to policemen and residents by RC Cuddalore Coastal City, RID 2981. The club also installed a giant hoarding carrying the picture of a girl child getting polio drops to mark the occasion. The importance of timely polio drops was conveyed through pamphlets distributed by RC Chola Thiruvarur, RID 2981, to commuters at the Thiruvarur bus terminus. Club president Dr N Devadas led his team in the EPN drive.

Marathon, car rally at RID 3231

In a mega rally, the first such project after the pandemic, RC Katpadi joined hands with the district PolioPlus team and Vellore Volleyball Association to hold a First Marathon to boost the public image of Rotary with focus on creating awareness on EPN campaign.

Members of RC Chennai Capital at the Marina beach in the city.





Above: DG Nirmal Raghavan (centre), RID 3231, at the marathon in Vellore.

Around 1,000 students ran the 3km-marathon and winners received prizes with certificates. “We also spread the message of Fit India as we celebrated the 75th year of the country’s Independence and gave t-shirts starched with the three colours of the tricolour,” said J Gajendran, chairman, District PolioPlus.

DG WM Nirmal Raghavan, Vellore Institute of Technology vice-president G V Selvam and Vellore SP Selva Kumar gave the prizes to the winners. The marathon was flagged off from the Katpadi-Chittoor bus stand and culminated at the VIT College-end.

With the support of Vellore Municipal Corporation, all the 19 Rotary clubs in the town jointly organised a car rally to create awareness on End Polio, Covid vaccination, obeying traffic rules and blood donation. Four autorickshaws carrying Rotary banners on these issues were pressed into service to create awareness.

DG Raghavan flagged off the car rally, along with Vellore Corporation commissioner Sankaran and district

collector Kumaravel Pandian. Vellore legislator Karthikeyan and SP Selva Kumar were among the dignitaries.

Starting from the Vellore Corporation building, the cars moved along the Anna Salai, through the Hazrat Makkan mosque and green circle and ended at the Corporation office. “Each batch of 20 cars carried banners and placards with messages on End Polio, blood donation, road safety and Covid vaccination,” said Gajendran. Rotarians distributed t-shirts with End Polio and Covid vaccination messages. IPDG Pandian was the project advisor to the car rally programme.

Hyperactive RID 3232

- RC Adambakkam kicked off *Gift a Fitness Challenge* initiative that encourages physical activities like running, cycling and walking to create awareness on End Polio Now.
- Members of RC Agaram did a flash mob at a shopping mall in Chennai with the help of Rotaractors. Pamphlets were also distributed to the shoppers.
- Around 350 people out at the Marina beach early in the morning were briefed by members of RC Chennai Capital on EPN campaign by Rotary. Club president Rajiv Sampat and Polio director Ashish

Mehta led the group of Rotarians and volunteers who engaged the morning walkers. Rotary caps and t-shirts were given to all participants.

- Anti-polio campaign was conducted at a shopping mall by RC Chennai Celebrities. Six autorickshaws with EPN posters were pressed into service to mark Polio Day.
- RC Chennai Korattur with the support of two Interact clubs organised polio awareness rallies at two places. The volunteers engaged the public and distributed handbills. The placards carried Rotary messages for a polio-free world. Club president R Kalaiselvi took part in the EPN rallies.
- RCs Chennai East RA Puram and Chennai Madhavaram took up Polio Day activities in their respective localities through banners and promotional materials.
- RC Chennai Rainbow president Dr Chandraputa led his team at the Anna Nagar Tower Park, an iconic place, to hold awareness campaign with placards and banners. Rotarians explained to the public the efforts and commitment of Rotary in eradicating polio from the world.
- RC Chennai Renaissance created two EPN promotional videos which were circulated on social media. A poster-cum-registration campaign was held for the ‘Rise to Raise’ Polio Fund campaign. The club took part in RID 3232 roadshows featuring EPN banners and other publicity materials.

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D 2981

RC Chola Thiruvarur

Fifty coconut saplings were donated to residents of Alangudi village adopted by the club. Panchayat president M Venkatesan was the chief guest. Stationery items were distributed to 70 children of this village to mark former CM K Kamaraj's birthday, which is observed as Education Development Day.



D 2982

RC Sankagiri

Around 5,000 palm seeds were planted on the banks of three lakes with the help of volunteers and NGOs. Club president Helena Christopher gave a special talk for pregnant women at a public health centre. She spoke on the need for them to consume healthy foods and to calm their mind with meditation. The participants were given nutritious food packs at the end of the awareness session.



D 3000

RC Manora Pattukkottai

A mega Covid vaccination camp was held in which elders and differently-abled persons were brought in a special van which was flagged off by legislator K Annadurai. More than 1,300 people were vaccinated in a single day and the MLA planted saplings at the school venue. Top scorers in Class 10–12 exams were given prizes.





D 3012

RC Delhi Mayur Vihar

Students who excelled in Class 10 board exams were felicitated with awards. In partnership with Dastak, an NGO, the club donated a projector, computers, books and other classroom requirements to government schools. Poor students are provided with school essentials.



D 3012

RC Delhi Vikas

Over 500 school books were distributed to poor students at the JJ Colony, a slum cluster. Club secretary Pankaj Goel sponsored the project. A health check-up was conducted in which all types of blood tests were done on more than 300 patients. PDG Mukesh Arneja inaugurated the medical camp on Rotary Day.



D 3012

RC Sonipat Midtown

At a Covid vaccination camp, around 200 people were inoculated. Event chair Basant Kohli made arrangements for hassle-free conduct of the camp at the Rai Industrial Estate, HSIIDC township, in Sonipat. The medical project lifted the public image of the club in the neighbourhood.

D 3020

RC Narsipatnam

Around 1,000 Ganesh idols embedded with seeds were distributed on the eve of Ganesh Chathurthi. The club organised screening camp for blood glucose level for 200 people and 20 thyroid tests were done on Rotarians and their families. The camp lifted the public image of the club.



D 3030

RC Nagpur Metro

Bedsheets, towels and hygiene kits containing toothbrush, paste, comb, soap and coconut oil bottle were given to 40 inmates at the Vijayashram at Dongarmouda village near Kuhi town, 50km from Nagpur. Rtn Dr Shyam Babhulkar has promised to donate ₹1.25 lakh to the old age home.



D 3040

RC Bhopal Midtown

Five ventilators and five syringe infusion pumps were donated to the Jawaharlal Nehru Cancer Hospital, Bhopal, under a GG project. RC Taiwan, 3501; RID 3502; RC Singaore, RID 3310; and RC Tokyo Sunrise Shiodome, RID 2750, were the global partners. DG Mahendra Mishra and IPDG Gajendra Narang handed over the gadgets to the hospital authorities.





D 3040

RC Bhopal Shahpura

A tree plantation drive was held at the Narmada water treatment plant, Shahganj, led by Rtn Chandrashekar Kawalkar. DGE Jinendra Jain was also present. Twenty-nine teachers were presented with Nation Builder Awards.



D 3053

RC Bikaner Aadhya

A sanitary napkin incinerator was installed at the Central Women's Prison in Bikaner. Jail warden thanked the club for the gesture. Saplings of diverse tree species were planted at the Garden City to provide a green canopy for the residents with an eco-friendly ambience.



D 3054

RC Capital Gandhinagar

The club donated air cooler, water cooler and water purifier to a hostel for children affected with cancer. Rotarians also gifted a number of play boards, and related items, such as carrom board, block games, ball, Ludo and alphabet blocks for mental development of children and engage them in fun games.

D 3054

RC Kota Central

A 14-hour torch relay was organised with 70 runners as a tribute to Kargil war heroes and this marathon entered into India Book of Records. Also, 54 Army veterans were felicitated by the club. Participants were given t-shirts and medals; the event conveyed the message of good health and responsible citizenship.



D 3070

RC Hoshiarpur Midtown

National Girl Child Day was celebrated by distributing baby kits to mothers of female newborns at the Civil Hospital, Hoshiarpur. The beneficiaries thanked Rotarians for the donations. Juice packs were given to youth at Bikhawal, a sports club village, to mark International Day of Peace.



D 3070

RC Jalandhar Central

School bags were distributed by Rotarians to 150 students at the National Child Labour Project Schools at Lamba Pind and Landhewali in Jalandhar to mark 75th Independence Day. The club will be holding similar projects in the months ahead with contributions from members.





D 3110

RC Aligarh Smart City

Seventy-five teachers were honoured with Nation Builder Awards under the RILM initiative in the presence of DG Mukesh Singhal, district trainer Arun Jain and AG Kamal Kant Varshney. Club's Literacy Committee chair Rajat Pratap Singh and event chair Vidhu Mohan were pillars behind the award ceremony.



D 3132

RC Ahmednagar Priyadarshini

Over 250 students and Interactors across India took part in a virtual poster competition titled *Freedom from polio*. The winners were given prizes and certificates were issued to all participants. The project also focused on vaccination against childhood diseases and the poster contest was highlighted in the local media.



D 3141

RC Deonar

Under the vocational service avenue, forty students were trained with digital skills for three months after they passed out of Class 11 board exams. The digital course as stipulated by the Maharashtra government will help students when they enter college and given them confidence.

Projects galore by RC Panvel Elite

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RC Panvel Elite, RID 3131, donated 2,500 sanitary pads and medicines worth ₹40,000 to the flood affected areas of Mahad and Chiplun in Maharashtra. The donations were sent through the club's non-Rotary partner — Yusuf Meherali Trust, Panvel, who have a local hospital in the flood affected region.

The club also launched a plastic, metal and glass waste collection drive in August 2021. Over 23kg of waste was collected and sent to be recycled in Thane areas of Maharashtra. The club



An online letter-cum-poster contest titled 'Jai Jawan'.

Below: Medicines and sanitary pads for the flood-hit regions of Maharashtra.

Bottom Right: A 'Make-up' workshop.





Waste bundles being transported to Thane.



partnered with Samarth Bharat Vyaspeeth and Thane Municipal Corporation who have a recycling plant set up in this area.

Seven schools and organisations across Panvel participated in the *Jai Jawan – A Letter of Gratitude* event organised by the club to express their solidarity with the Indian Army. Participants submitted creative hand-made greeting cards and letters to the Indian Army. These cards were sent to 11 different Army battalions across India. Students from Classes junior KG to 12 participated in this project.

The club also conducted an online 'Make Up' workshop. Over 400 people registered for the event with most of the participants from small towns across India and few from Australia and Oman. ■

D 3170

RC Belgaum North

A drawing competition for children on the eve of Ganesh Chaturthi saw 400 students taking part and 14 awards, along with 70 certificates, were distributed by the club. Ganesh idols created by underprivileged women were sold with help of the club. Four banners were displayed about the idols to publicise the effort.



D 3170

RC Belgaum South

A well-equipped ambulance was donated to the Lifeline Hospital, Belgaum, in partnership with the Veerashaiva Samaja of North America, Dallas chapter. DG Gaurish Dhond was present at the handover ceremony. Dr Sanjeev Naik and Shailendra Kulkarni accepted the vehicle. Club president Ashok Naik and his team made it a successful project.



D 3170

RC Honavar

Vidya Setu books were distributed to around 1,500 students from 27 schools at a gala event at the Rotary Park House in the presence of Honnavar block education officer Savita Nayak. Event chair SN Hegde, AG Nagaraj Joshi and Rtn Dinesh Kamat were among the 20 Rotarians present at the venue.





D 3170

RC Hubli Central

An eye-screening camp was conducted at Gamangati village near Navanagar in Hubli that saw an OPD count of 395 patients. Of which, 105 were selected for cataract operation which will be done at the MM Joshi Trust Hospital. Pamphlets were distributed a week ahead of the camp to inform the public.



D 3182

RC Kallianpur

A new house was built and given to daily wager Dinesh and his spouse Geetha who were living in a thatched hut with plastic sheets and coconut leaves as their roof at Puttur village in Udupi. During monsoon, the couple suffered due to massive flooding of their hut. The new concrete house was built in 26 days.



D 3201

RC Coimbatore East

Around 200 small farmers were given farm implements, tools, bio manure, vegetable seeds and saplings. This was followed by a seminar and veterinary camp at Athipalayam village. Grocery bags and walking sticks were given to 100 visually-impaired people.

D 3201

RC Perumbavoor Central

Under the district project *Lovely Planet*, the club honoured two farmers with Karshakashree Awards on Farmer's Day. AG Harikrishnan and Governor's group representative Dr Prasannan were present at the awards ceremony. The awardees thanked the club for the recognition.



D 3201

RC Wadakanchery

A breastfeeding room was set up at the District Government Hospital, Wadankanchery. DG Rajasekhar Srinivasan, along with the municipal chairman, inaugurated the facility built at a cost of ₹45,000. The project lifted the public image of the club.



D 3212

RC Sivakasi Diamonds

An RO plant was installed at the CSI Primary School; donated two umbrellas to street vendors; ₹5,000 as educational allowance to R Satya, a student of AJ College, Sivakasi; and a printer costing ₹10,400 to the Government Hospital, Srivilliputhur.





D 3231

RC Vandavasi Town

In a proactive approach, the club installed an Annetts club, Interact club and Rotaract club in July. Rotarians sponsored notebooks and bags for government school students; donated grocery bags to families; sponsored ₹5,000 for sports equipment; and gave 10,000 for TRF.



D 3262

RC Bhubaneswar Metro

Covid-intervention devices such as oximeter, nebuliser, inhaler and reusable PPE kits were donated to five orphanages in and around Bhubaneswar. The devices will help in the screening of children for Covid infection and enable them to take prevention steps. Ready-to-cook food items were also donated to the special homes.



D 3262

RC Cuttack Golden Star

A plantation drive was conducted at the Carcinova Cancer Hospital on the eve of *Van Mahotsav* to promote the importance of trees in our life. Fifty trees were planted by Rotarians, Rotaractors, cancer fighters and doctors in a mega greening campaign.

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Rotary to revive maternity hospital in Rajahmundry

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RC Madras past president Dr Vijaya Bharati with members of RC Rajahmundry River City.

In her presentation, Dr Vijaya Bharati Rangarajan, past president, RC Madras, RID 3232, said efforts are on restore the free services at the Dangeti Narayanaswamy Memorial Maternity and General Hospital in Rajahmundry. Speaking at the club meeting of RC Rajahmundry River City, RID 3020, she sought the collaboration of the host club to revive the free maternity services at

this hospital, also known as Fair Price Hospital, in which she is a board trustee.

Dr Vijaya recalled the healthcare services offered by the hospital in the past and expressed hope “once again the hospital will be able to deliver such free medical care to the needy families.” She is the founder trustee of the Sundaram Medical Foundation, Chennai, which operates

a 200-bed multispecialty hospital with contributions from her family trust. Club president K Partha Saradhi said his club will extend cooperation to Dr Vijaya to provide affordable medical care at the hospital and restore the legacy of this 75-year-old medical institution in Rajahmundry. Over 60 Rotarians took part in the lecture meet and also interacted with the guest speaker. ■

Retired professors honoured at Kushinagar

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Ten retired professors and lecturers were honored by RC Kushinagar, RID 3120, with Rotarians visiting their homes and felicitating them for their dedication in the field of education on Teacher’s Day. Club patron Rakesh Jaiswal, president Dr MH Khan, secretary Wahid Ali and former president

Anil Jaiswal, along with other members, social workers and journalists were part of the team that visited and honoured the former lecturers at their homes.

To observe the martyrdom of havildar Abdul Hameed, who was awarded Param Vir Chakra posthumously for his heroic actions in the Indo-Pak war 1965, the club hosted a blood donation camp at the Madrasa Umar Farooq at Kasia in Kushinagar. Over 30 youth who turned up to donate blood on the occasion were given citations by the club.



A retired professor being honoured by members of RC Kushinagar.

An inter-district club meeting was held with RC Bettiah Central, RID 3250, at the Pathik Niwas, Kushinagar. “We shared new ideas, plans and ways to scale up our work in the coming months,” said Wahid Ali. ■

A diabetes screening camp at Jamnagar

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Rotarians at the diabetes check-up camp.

Diabetes screening camp, along with a health talk, was organised by RC Senoras Jamnagar, RID 3060, at the Narmadeshwar Mahadev temple in the Panchavati area that benefited sixty people in

the neighbourhood. The camp was supported by Dr Sushant Sood, AG Minaxi Shah, Rtns Dr Pravina, Dr Ankita, Nimisha and Nisha. Club president Jaya Chavan was present at the venue.

DG Santosh Pradhan sponsored the distribution of 36 grocery kits to the families affected by heavy rains at Jamnagar. AG Minaxi, club members Sahara, Dr Pravina, Dr Kalpana, Nisha, Hina, Veena and Kamala gave away the food packets in the presence of Jaya.

Handwash Day

Global Handwashing Day (Oct 15) was observed at the Vikas Gruh Primary and Secondary Schools in partnership with Shree Batukbhai Khandheria Charitable Trust. Karsan Dangar, president, Kasturba Stri Vikas Gruh, an NGO; Dr Kalpana Kanhderia from the Trust; and principal and staff of both the schools were present at the event.

Club president Jaya, secretary Prachi Kirkol and project director Nisha Iyer made the programme a success. Dr Kalpana and Dr Pravina Santwani gave a talk on the importance of regular handwashing to the students for personal hygiene. ■

Rotary benches at a lake in Jalgaon

Fourteen colourful benches were installed on the banks of Mehrun lake by RC Jalgaon Gold City, RID 3030, for residents to sit, relax and enjoy the natural beauty of the surroundings.

The project was carried out on July 1, the first day of the Rotary year, in the presence of AG Vishnu Bhangale, district enclave chair Laxmikaant Maniyar and 30 Rotarians.



RC Jalgaon Gold City members at the inauguration of new benches.

PDG Mahesh Mokalkar conducted a membership orientation seminar for the club that saw the participation of 45 Rotarians. "The

seminar was an enriching experience for club members, thanks to PDG Mokalkar," said Dr Neeraj Agarwal, club secretary. ■

Nutritious food for children in Belthangady

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With an aim to reduce malnutrition among underweight children, RC Belthangady, RID 3181, distributed 54 nutrition food tins at Kuvettu, Kaliya, Gardadi, Melanthabettu, Malady, Padangady and Belthangady villages through anganwadi teachers in these hamlets.

Club president Sharathkrishna Padvetnaya, secretary Aboobakker, their Anns club president Naveena J Shetty and Kuvettu panchayat president Asha were present at the distribution of food tins to children's mothers. The beneficiaries thanked the club for their gesture as it will help them to provide protein-rich foods to their children.



Ann Dr Bharati giving a talk at a nutrition awareness workshop.

The club joined hands with its Anns club to conduct a nutrition awareness drive titled *Posham Abhiyan*. A workshop was held for students and

parents at the Government High School, Badanaje village in Belthangady taluk in which Ann Dr Bharathi gave a motivational talk. She gave useful tips on

ways and means to provide rich foods to children which are essentials for their strong growth and to ward off diseases.

Defeat Diabetes

The club partnered with the Benaka Health Centre to hold a Defeat Diabetes camp for the public. Blood sugar and BP were checked and consultations were given to the patients. Club president Padvetnaya inaugurated the medical camp in the presence of a large number of Rotarians. The health check-up benefited the families residing in and around the camp venue. ■



A Defeat Diabetes camp in progress.

Promoting sapling plantation in Sunam

Team Rotary News

Members of RC Sunam, RID 3090, are actively encouraging communities in their neighbourhood to plant as many saplings as they can and also nurture them until they grow to a reasonable level. Rallies are being organised and 'Go Green' stickers are being pasted on vehicles as part of the promotion.

The club organised a sapling plantation drive which was presided over by Alam Vijay Singh, superintendent of police, Sangrur. He appreciated the club's initiative and urged each club member to plant at least five saplings a month.



RC Sunam president Jagjit Singh giving group insurance policies for students.



A greening mission in Sunam.

The saplings plantation programme was coordinated by project leaders Manpreet Bansal, Laddi Chand Garg, Naveen Kular and M.L. Arora.

In another initiative the club has sponsored accident insurance policies for 697 students from three different schools. "This will be of great help to tide over medical expenses and treat injuries if any of them meets with an accident," said club president Jagjit Singh Jaura. Each policy is for ₹1 lakh. ■

Pondy Rotarians **clean up a canal**

Team Rotary News



Members of RC Pondicherry White Town participate in planting palmyra seeds on the banks of a pond.

Rotary Club of Pondicherry White Town, RID 2981, helped to clean a canal in the Poornakuppam village near Puducherry. The canal

had remained dirty and unattended for almost 25 years and the club members acted on the request from the farmers of the village. The

club adopted the village and in its first phase, did a massive clean up of the canal.

The villagers were overjoyed to see the rainwater flowing on its natural path to get stored in a pond at the vicinity. "The water will be useful for cultivation. We spent about ₹55,000 to clean the canal, but the happiness of the villagers meant a lot to us," said club president R Vaitheeswaran.

As there was a blind spot near the canal, the club installed two road safety reflector signboards there to alert passersby. The club plans to provide more facilities in the village through the year.

In another initiative, some of the club members planted 500 palmyra saplings in a neighbourhood as part of their greening enterprise. ■



Club president R Vaitheeswaran dedicates the spruced up canal to the villagers at Poornakuppam.

A roadshow to promote organ donation

Rotary Club of Cuttack Golden Star, RID 3262, organised a roadshow to create awareness about organ donation and inspire people to pledge their support for the cause. The event had a footfall of 300 people and over 40 donors signed up for organ donation. Autorickshaws with the awareness messages were driven across the city. The event enjoyed good coverage in print and electronic media.

Right: Members of RC Cuttack Golden Star celebrate Independence Day with cancer patients.

Below: A booth to spread awareness on organ donation among the public.



In another initiative, the club, along with RAC Cuttack Golden Star, AWAAKEN Cancer Care Trust, a non-profit working for cancer care in Odisha, celebrated Independence Day at the Carcinova Cancer Hospital, with the cancer patients.

The club members spent time with the patients and cheered them up with games and other fun activities. They distributed Happiness gifts to them. ■

Discovering new opportunities

Team Rotary News

The Annettes Club of RC Royapettah and the Interact Club of Chhathrapathy Shivaji DAV Secondary School, RID 3232, recently organised *Lakshya*, a virtual speaker meet about higher education opportunities abroad.

“We felt that this would be an extremely relevant topic to discuss. While guidance about education is vital normally, its importance increases tenfold in such uncertain times,” said Shreya Raji, president of Annettes Club of RC Royapettah.

Rtn Debie Avila from Rotary Club of Madras Silver Beach



and A Sowmiya from TI Abroad were the resource persons. They covered various aspects like higher education in different countries and all the necessary documents required to go there.

Sixty participants dialled in, including Annettes, Interactors and their school mates. “All the participants enjoyed the session and we received extremely positive feedback from them,” added Shreya. ■

A Rotarian's unique tribute to martyrs



Rtn Umesh Gopinath Jadhav at the Kargil War Memorial.

On Kargil Vijay Diwas (July 26) Umesh Gopinath Jadhav, a member of RC Bangalore Lakeside, RID 3190, drove from Bengaluru to Kargil to pay homage to the Kargil martyrs. He has travelled over 100,000km across the country in the last two years and has collected soil from the homeland of 130 martyrs of the Indian Armed Forces. His dream is to build a memorial for the war heroes in J&K and include this soil in its construction. ■