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Focus on special children

Team Rotary News

Club members with students and staff at the Narayana School in Kundapura.



RC Kundapura, RID 3182, donated 50 set of books to Vagjyothi School for the Deaf and Dumb. At the Narayana

School, an organisation for students with special needs, the members of the club not only spent time

with the students but distributed dental kits and conducted a seminar on oral health.■

Health check-up for police staff



RC Chopda, RID 3030, organised a health check-up for police staff. The camp was conducted at the Gramin Station, Chopda, and 60 police personnel including lady constables were examined for diabetes and ECG. Over 10 constables were diagnosed with high blood pressure and were prescribed necessary medicines.■

On the cover: Sanitary napkins being distributed by RC Sonepat Midtown.

A training programme for the disabled

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Participants with travel bags at the workshop

A three-day training programme on entrepreneurship development was organised by RC Mahemdabad, RID 3060, in November

for the differently-abled people. Resource persons from the Apang Manav Mandal and government departments provided insight into various issues related to running a



A wheelchair and toilet chair being donated to a disabled.

The club organised an eye check-up camp at the Panchmukhi temple campus, in association with the temple's service committee. Eye specialists from the Shankara Eye Hospital screened over 120 people.



An eye screening camp in progress.

business, schemes and concessions available for the differently-abled.

Club president Chetan Patel, project chair Gauribhen Patel, club secretary Nilesh Soni and few other club members were present in the programme. The delegates were gifted with travel bags by the club members.

On World Disability Day (Dec 3) Patel and his wife Kalpana, who was celebrating her birthday, gave a wheelchair and a toilet chair to a physically-challenged man. "He and

his father thanked Rotary for the gift of mobility. That was the best blessing for us," said Patel.

In another initiative the club organised an eye check-up camp at the Panchmukhi temple campus, in association with the temple's service committee. Eye specialists from the Shankara Eye Hospital screened over 120 people. Cataract surgeries were performed on 24 underprivileged people free of cost at the hospital. Food was provided to all registrants at the temple. ■

Rotary's Pongal gift to villagers

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Pongal celebrations in the village.



New clothes and groceries being distributed to the villagers.

The villagers of Kaalatiyur near Karamadai in Tamil Nadu were excited to receive various goodies from RC Karamadai, RID 3203, as part of the celebrations for Pongal, the harvest festival.

New clothes and groceries worth ₹1 lakh were distributed among the underprivileged families in the village. Sports goods such as cricket and chess kits, carom board, shuttle rackets and corks were given to the village sports club to motivate the youngsters to take up in active sports.

In an attempt to promote greenery in the region, the Rotarians planted 100 saplings and encouraged the villagers to nurture the plants regularly. The residents enthusiastically participated in an idea-exchange session aimed to promote cleanliness and hygiene in the village.

The Chikkarampalayam Panchayat extended support to the Rotarians. Club president S Gnanasekaran presided over the celebrations in the presence of club secretary SM Vijayaprabhu, treasurer Guru Prasath, charter president Sivasathish Kumar, charter secretary Magesh, club members Ganga Palaniswamy, Saravana Kumar and the panchayat office-bearers. ■

Bengaluru, Dubai clubs exchange flags

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On the sidelines of the famed Dubai Expo 2021 at the United Arab Emirates, a few Rotarians from RID 3190 and RC Bengaluru Manyata had a fellowship meet with members of RC Dubai Cosmopolitan in which its director Malachi Halliday exchanged flags with Mohammed Tasleel, director, Disease Prevention at RID 3190.



RID 3190-Disease Prevention director Mohammed Tasleel (R) exchanges club flags with Rtn Malachi Halliday.



Rotarians distribute food to workers at a Dubai labour camp.

Tasleel is also the immediate past president of RC Bengaluru Manyata and now the club's international director. "It was a pleasure meeting with Rtn Malachi Halliday at the Dubai Expo's India Pavilion in the UAE. We had flag exchange and had a good discussion with him and his friend Rtn Renos with regard to bio-charcoal," said Tasleel. The RID 3190 team had a friendly tennis game at the Jumeirah Club and the Rotarians distributed 100 packed meals at a labour camp in Dubai. "We also supported the work of UN High Commissioner for Refugees at the Jumeirah Beach Residence," he said. ■

Club members donate blood

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RC Hathras City members mark Independence Day with flag hoisting.



Rotarians celebrate Teej by greeting each other.

When RC Hathras City, RID 3110, learned that Bagla Joint District Hospital's Blood Bank, Hathras, was running short of blood, the club conducted a blood donation drive and collected 15 units. All the blood collected was donated by club members.

Members also celebrated the festival of Teej through a family get together event. Dancing, singing and other competitions were conducted and winners were awarded with gifts.

The club members also celebrated Independence Day by hoisting the national flag. ■

Sanitary pads distributed at Sonapat factory

Team Rotary News



A sanitary napkin pack being given to a factory worker.

As part of its MHM awareness programmes, RC Sonapat Midtown, RID 3012, distributed 1,000 sanitary pads to the workers at the Brake Parts India. Project chair Vineet Garg coordinated the logistics for the event which was held at the factory premises at Murthal Sonapat Road during working hours.

A Covid vaccination camp was held at the HSIIDC Industrial Estate. Over 200 workers were inoculated and 150 Covid tests were done with Rtn Naresh Batra coordinating the project and arranging the logistics at the venue. The club distributed over 5,000 paracetamol tablets to the inoculated to mitigate the possible side-effects of Covid doses. ■

An exclusive Anns' club in Coimbatore

Anns' Club of Coimbatore East was chartered in Coimbatore, RID 3201, in July 2021 with a primary goal to involve the spouses of Rotarians to serve the society. The club is led by charter president Kalai Priya Sathish and secretary Dhivya Prija Raj Siddharth. The club is affiliated to RC Coimbatore East.

The new club has set up a vocational training centre along with an NGO, Seva Bharathi, in Coimbatore. Workshops in aari



DG Rajasekhar Srinivasan presents the charter to Anns' club president Kalai Priya in the presence of PDG A V Pathy (L) and club secretary Dhivya Prija.

embroidery and beauty treatment are provided to underprivileged women to enhance their skills so that they may get employed or set up their own business. Seventy-five

women have been trained through two batches until November and DG Rajasekhar Srinivasan distributed course completion certificates to the women. ■

D 2981

RC Pattukkottai Kings

A skating rally was conducted on the eve of World Polio Day (Oct 25) in which handbills and badges were distributed to the public, bus drivers, conservancy staff and students who took part in the rally. An awareness session on environment was held in the presence of district office-bearers who also took part in the anti-polio rally.



D 2981

RC Pondicherry White Town

To create awareness on environment protection, the club launched 'Say No to Plastic' mini posters which were distributed at business centres in the city. Also, Rotarians gave cotton bags to consumers and shoppers to curb the use of plastic bags. The eco-friendly drive enhanced the public image of Rotary.



D 2981

RC Thiruvarur

More than 50 youth donated blood to the Government Medical College Hospital, Thiruvarur, at a special camp held at the Ammayappan village. Rotarians spoke on the need to reach out to the less fortunate people who can't afford timely medical care.





D 3000

RC Thuraiyur

DG R Jeyakkan inaugurated a plantation drive on the shores of a Periya Erikkarai (lake) under the *Go Green* Project. Rotarians, along with those from RCs Thuraiyur Golden City and Thuraiyur Perumal Malai, planted 10,000 palm seeds and saplings on the lake bund which will increase the water table in the village.



D 3011

RC Delhi Rajdhani

An ice cream *bhandara* (free for all) was sponsored by Ann Vaishaly Mittal of Sankalp Foundation at the Sanatan Dharam Mandir, Jungpura, and another temple at Sarai Kale Khan. Around 1,000 cups of ice cream were distributed to the poor children on Krishna Janmashtami.



D 3020

RC Srikakulam

Covid Pandemic Hero Awards were given to 50 youth organisations for their selfless service with Additional SP P Somashekar honouring the awardees. A blood donation camp was also held at the venue with the support of the Srikakulam Blood Bank. The event lifted the public image of Rotary.

D 3020

RC Vizianagaram Central

Around 90 units of blood was collected at a blood donation camp organised at the R K Degree College with the support of Rotaractors and the Reddy JAC association. Club president and secretary urged more youth to come forward to donate blood at the regular camps being hosted by the club.



D 3030

RC Hinganghat

Cots were donated to Beghar Nivara, an old age home, by the club. On his birthday, Rtn Dr Rupen Hiwarkar sponsored the education of five students at Classes 10–12 as they have lost their parents during the pandemic. He is already teaching six students free of cost. During his OCV, DG Ramesh Meher paid tributes to martyrs at the Karanja Chowk, Hinganghat.



D 3040

RC Dewas

Woollen sweaters were distributed to 50 students at the Government Primary School, Kalukhedu, to protect them from wintry nights. Rotarians urged them to study well for a lucrative career in the future. The school faculty thanked Rotarians for the gesture.





D 3040

RC Khandwa

A workshop on making clay Ganesh idols was conducted and those families who create and sell such environment-friendly idols were honoured by the club. Rotarians urged the public not to buy plaster of Paris idols that pollute the soil.



D 3060

RC Senoras Jamnagar

An HPV vaccine camp against cervical cancer was organised in partnership with the Batukbhai Khandharia Trust and Shree Anandabawa Seva Sanstha at the Shri LG Hariya School. Around 40 girl students, aged 10–15 years, were given two doses. The project costing ₹2 lakh was sponsored by Dr Praveena Ben, project chair Dr Kalpanaben and co-chair Minaxi Ben Shah.



D 3060

RC Surat Round Town

A food distribution project is being conducted with the help of the Robin Hood Army. The volunteers collect the leftover food at Rotary dinner meetings, fellowship parties and other events, pack and distribute them to hungry people. The project was launched by club president Dr Bhavin C Jariwala at the Dilip-Paresh Rotary Hall, Surat, after a weekly meeting.

D 3070

RC Goraya

Five teachers at the Government Primary Smart School for Boys and Girls were honoured with the Nation Builder Awards. Also, gifts were presented to teachers and students to mark International Literacy Day. Club president Vimal Kumar Jain gave the awards.



D 3100

RC Moradabad Achievers

A free oxygen concentrator bank was inaugurated with 25 machines and 25 oxy cylinders at the Chankya Academy, Moradabad. Two water coolers were installed at the Manokamna Mandir and old bus stand in the city. A Rotaract Club of Moradabad Achievers was installed.



D 3110

RC Budaun Central

A gala Diwali fellowship event was hosted in which members and their families greeted each other to mark the festival. Rotarians exchanged wishes for Dhanteras, Choti Diwali, Deepotsav, Govardhan Puja and Bhai Dhooj that have symbolic value in the Hindu religion. Rotarians, along with their families, prayed to Lord Ganesh and Goddess Lakshmi for prosperity.





D 3120

RC Lucknow

Blankets and food packets were distributed to students and hostellers at the Satanam Dharm Samarpan Sansthan, an NGO at Mohanlalganj in the city which caters to the poor students. The club also donated 30 chairs for the students. Club president Naresh Agarwal, past president Y K Goyal, Rtms Ashok Tandon and A K Singhal took part.



D 3120

RC Palia Kalan

Large dustbins were given to Shri Kul Parivar Seva Sanstha, Palia, and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Marwa Paschim, as part of 'Clean Palia, Green Palia' campaign. Rotarians distributed fruits, biscuits and water bottles to students and the forest department team at the Jan Chetna rally for wildlife conservation.



D 3131

Rotary E Club Pune Diamond

Rotarians interacted with children (18–24 years) at the government orphanage in Yerwada and gave them insight to various career options. While distributing sweets on Diwali, the club assured them they will meet again for a counselling on career guidance. Club president Pawan Joshi and secretary Mahesh Pawar were present.

Kushinagar

Rotarians reach out

V Muthukumaran

A Covid vaccination camp was organised at the SN Girls High School at Veer Abdul Hameed Nagar by RC Kushinagar, RID 3120. Club president Dr MH Khan felicitated the vaccinators, Aditya Shakya and Izar Siddiqui, with the Corona Warrior Awards. A large number of elderly people from the neighbourhood benefitted from the vaccination camp.

On the eve of Republic Day, the club donated musical instruments such as dholak, majira, jhal and shankh to the Vridhashram, an old age home at Kasia, for performing bhajans and kirtans by the elderly inmates. "We also conducted a health check-up camp for 45 inmates who were given medicines after proper diagnosis by reputed doctors from the city," said club secretary Wahid Ali. In his address



Vaccinators Aditya Shakya and Izar Siddiqui being presented with the Corona Warrior Awards.



Club president Dr M H Khan (2nd from R) giving a dholak to a caretaker of an old age home.

as chief guest, Dr Gyan Prakash Rai, district president of Indian Medical Association (Kushinagar), praised the “multifaceted work of Rotary club reaching out to the vulnerable people and communities.”

IMA district secretary Dr Yogeshwar Madheshiya was also present on the occasion. Club patron Rakesh Jaiswal, Dr Khan, Wahid Ali, senior vice-president Sandeep Kumar Rauniyar, vice-president Sadar Alam and treasurer Gaurav Madheshia, among others, distributed sweets and tri-colour badges to the inmates.

On Martyrs’ Day, Jan 30, observed to mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the club hosted a tribute meeting at the Amar Shaheed Park, Kasia, in association with the Nayi Disha Sansthan, an NGO working to preserve the environment.

A wreath-laying ceremony was held at the martyrs’ memorial

site and the pedestal around the Gandhi statue was lined up with lamps and flowers. Rotarians and dignitaries observed a two-minute silence, after which tributes were paid by guests of honour. Buddha PG College former principal D S Tiwari, municipality executive officer Prem Shankar Gupta, Nayi Disha president Gaurav Tiwari and club president Dr Khan spoke on the occasion. They recalled the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and how Independence was achieved through valiant efforts by national leaders led by Gandhi.

New year gala

A selfie point was inaugurated by IPS officer Piyushkant Rai at the New Year fair which was thronged by a large number of families. Speaking on the occasion, Rai said, “the social work being done by the club is exemplary. As the danger of corona is not yet fully over, we

have to be on our guard.” The club members provided water bottles and refreshments for the NCC cadets who regulated the movement of people to ensure order at the venue. “Our selfie point was so popular as many people came, and took pictures along with their families and dear ones,” said Wahid Ali.

Christmas deed

On Christmas, Rotarians distributed 100 blankets, 100 sarees, 120 jackets and 150 woollen caps to the elderly, children and women at the Musahar Basti, a slum colony. For two weeks, from Jan 5 “we visited the various localities of Kushinagar in the night to distribute blankets to the marginalised families, destitute and the homeless,” said Ali. “We helped those who are battling cold and till late in the night, we were at the various city junctions and localities giving away the blankets to improvised families.” ■

D 3131

RC Koregaon Park

Around 150 eco-friendly reusable sanitary pads were distributed to students at the Vidya Vikas Mandir School, Andgaon, in Mulshi taluk. The tribal girl students were educated on menstrual hygiene and the importance of reusable pads from the environment point of view.



D 3170

RC Hubli Midtown

A dental check-up camp was held at a special home for HIV positive children in association with RC Hubli Vidyanagar. Hygiene packs consisting of toothpastes, mouthwashes, general medicines, cough syrups and tissue paper boxes, among others, were gifted to the children.



D 3170

RC Nipani

Good quality clothes that were sparingly used were collected, ironed and packed before they were distributed to marginalised families in a slum colony in the city during the pandemic. IPP Mahantesh Hirekodi, along with 12 other members, gave the garments to the beneficiaries.





D 3182

RC Gangolli

Conservancy workers of village panchayats were honoured by club president MG Rajesh on Gandhi Jayanthi. The event was held under Swachh Bharat Mission. Around 100 sanitiser bottles (half litre each) and 200 masks were donated to auto drivers from nearby villages as part of Covid-relief work.



D 3182

RC Hassan Royal

An awareness programme on menstrual hygiene and adolescent issues were conducted for students at the Best PU College, Hassan, in the presence of club president Manu SR and secretary Girish HB. A lecture was given by Dr Sowmya Mani who answered the queries by students.



D 3182

RC Kundapura

Rotarians handed over immunity booster medicines consisting of vitamin, calcium, antibiotic tablets and nutrient supplements to the Taluk Health Office for distribution to all the government schools in Kundapura to lessen the impact of the third wave of Covid surge among children. The project was appreciated by the local health officials.

D 3190

RC Bangalore West

A mega *Zero Hunger* Project was done jointly with RC Deonar, RID 3141, in which 10,000 dry ration kits, each worth ₹1,100, were distributed to families in various parts of Mumbai. Goldman Sachs contributed ₹1.1 crore under its CSR funding.



D 3190

RC Bhuvaneshwarinagar Bangalore

With the help of club funds, a Covid vaccine registration counter was installed at the primary health centre in Amruthalli in the presence of the chief medical officer and local councillor. The Covid counter enhanced the public image of Rotary.



D 3201

RC Coimbatore Meridian

The club donated merchandise goods and essentials for a differently-abled to start a petty shop. His daughter was given a bicycle to commute to school, while special footwear were given to the son and father. Coimbatore district collector lauded the club for helping the family.





D 3212

RC Sivakasi Diamonds

Over 25 persons were given counselling at a mental health camp for the general public. Twenty-five saplings were planted with tree guards at the police check-post, Thiruthangal, on the Virudhunagar Main Road at a project cost of ₹5,000.



D 3212

RC Yarn City Nagercoil

Club member Jayakumar is sponsoring the education of Ram, a poor boy studying Class 9, till he completes Class 12.

A cleanliness drive was taken up on the campus of SLB School on the eve of World Polio Day. All the plastic litter and garbage were collected and removed from the premises.



D 3291

RC Geetanjali Kolkata

With the help of Rotaractors, the club planted over 100 saplings of fruit-bearing trees in a vacant land on Badu Road, Madhyamgram, under Project *Hariyali*. The club has undertaken many such greening missions as part of conserving nature.

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Women Rotarians on a welfare drive

Team Rotary News



RC Kumbakonam Sakthi president Bhooma Sowmiyanarayanan (centre) along with sanitary workers.

The Rotarians of RC Kumbakonam Sakthi, an all-women's club in RID 2981, stocked a library with engineering and cookery reference books in the Kothangudi village. The club has adopted this village and is focusing on various welfare activities here. Reference books for various competitive exams were also provided by the club to the library of two schools in the neighbourhood.

Two Rotary Community Corps — RCC



Food being distributed at an old age home.

Club president Bhooma donating books to a new library in Kothangudi village.



Kothangudi Sakthi and Korukkai Sakthi — were installed in the village to coordinate and communicate the needs of the villagers with the club. Masks and sanitisers were provided to the RCC members to shield them against Covid.

The club members visited the village recently and planted 100 saplings there. Tree guards were placed around the newly planted saplings and the members urged the villagers to take care of the plants. Saplings were planted in the neighbouring village too.

A new Rotaract club was chartered by the club at the Konagar Nadu Nursing College in Kumbakonam. The club, with the help of its Rotaract club, organised a medical camp to screen people for diabetes as part of the nationwide programme — Defeat Diabetes, one nation, one day, one million tests. In another initiative, the Rotarians distributed preventive medicines to schoolchildren to safeguard from dengue.

New clothes and cash support were distributed to sanitation workers.

The club members visited an old age home and spent time with the inmates. The elderly residents were treated to a nutritious feast and the Rotarians engaged them with entertainment and games. ■



Rotarians, along with Rotaractors, planting saplings in a village.

Spotlight on literacy

Team Rotary News



'Science Lab in a Box' being presented to the Karnataka Public School.

Rotary Bangalore Lakeside, RID 3190, has been implementing a series of programmes related to enhancing the classroom experience for schoolchildren.

The club provided lab-related material, under their

project 'Gift a lab - Science Lab in a Box', to benefit students of Classes 8 to 10 at the Karnataka Public (Government) School in Bengaluru. The syllabus covers over 200 Chemistry, Physics and Biology concepts recommended by teachers

from 2,000 schools across eight states. The kits, designed by the India Literacy Project, include experiment manuals and links for demonstration videos. "We want to extend this project to other government and government-aided schools in our district," says club president Kashi Prabhu.

The club is providing mathematics classes to students of government primary schools in rural areas in the district to improve their math skills and prepare them for competitive exams such as Olympiad.

A toilet restoration work was undertaken at the Government High School in Koirā, Devanahalli taluk. Plumbing work, cleaning of the sump and overhead tank and facilitating water supply to the toilets were done. ■



Honnavar students get computer tablets

Team Rotary News

To bridge the digital divide among students, RC Honnavar, RID 3170, tied up with RC Bangalore West to donate five DigiLearn tablets to students of Idagunji Government High School. Also, 60 N-95 masks were given to the students. The computer tablets and masks were procured from the money given by Navika, an NGO from the US.

In another initiative, the club presented Vidya Setu books for 27 Kannada medium government and aided schools. The purpose of this project was to bridge the knowledge gap of students as they could not attend classes during the lockdown. The books were designed in a such way that a student who goes through the Vidya Setu syllabus would learn all aspects that he/she would have learned at school.

Twenty-two Rotarians from RC Honnavar were present at the hand-over event in which 1,478 students from Class 10 across Honnavur taluk were presented with Vidya Setu books at a total cost of ₹90,000.



Vidya Setu books on display.

Vaccination centre

The club has designed and set up a Covid vaccination centre for children below 15 years at a cost of ₹70,000 on Children's Day at the Government taluk hospital, Honnavar. Project chairman Dr Ashik Hegde coordinated the event and the guests of honour Rtns Dr Kiran Balkur and Dr Pratibha Balkur were felicitated.

An MHM awareness session was held at the Government Girls High School, Prabhat Nagar, in the city. Rtn Dr Gayathri Gunaga spoke on various issues related to personal hygiene and the programme was coordinated by project chair Rtn S N Hegde. Around 70 children along with teaching and non-teaching staff were present at the workshop.■



Schoolchildren with computer tablets.

RC Muzaffarnagar celebrates World Peace Day

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Rotary Club of Muzaffarnagar Samarpan, RID 3100, celebrated International Peace Day on September 21 by organising various competitions for students at the New Horizon School. The club honoured the school principal Meenakshi Mittal with the Nation Builder Award.

Club member Neeraj Kaushik explained the significance of the day to the schoolchildren.

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas, the club organised competitions for students at the Rampyari Begraj Inter College in the city.■



Winners of competitions held on World Peace Day.

A legal awareness programme for children



Rotarians, along with children holding prizes, at an orphanage.

Rotary Club of Nizamabad, RID 3150, along with the District Legal Services Authority, conducted a legal awareness camp for the residents of the Manavatha Sadan, an orphanage in Dichpally.

The club celebrated Republic Day with the children at the orphanage. The club members organised games and conducted essay writing and art competitions for them. Principal District and Sessions Judge S Goverdhan Reddy was the chief guest for the programme.■

A government college gets computers

Team Rotary News

RID 3170 in partnership with Accenture Software, co-sponsored refurbished computers to government colleges in the region under project *Sahakarita*.

Under the guidance of PDG Sangram Patil, RC Bailhongal, arranged for transportation and software installation of 30 computers at the Government First Grade Degree College, Bailhongal, Karnataka. DG Gaurish Dhond and Pratima Dhond handed over the computers to the college authorities.

Rotarians at the foundation-laying ceremony for Rotary Bhavan.



Rotarians at the Government First Grade Degree College.

In another project executed by the club close to 800 girls benefitted from a menstrual hygiene management (MHM) programme in a rural village near Bailhongal. Apart from the distribution of eco-friendly sanitary pads, members of the

club gave out hygiene tips. The club spent ₹16,800 for the programme.

The club has also completed the *bhoomi pooja* for 2,400 sqft Rotary Bhavan. Dhond along with club members were present at the pooja. ■



Educating women on their rights and health

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Rotary Club of Hassan Royal, RID 3182, conducted a session on opportunities for women's empowerment, rights and health issues. The session was conducted for around 50 women employees of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation. Senior advocate Girijambika updated the women about the various acts and rights open to them and Rtn Dr Sowmya Mani shared information regarding women-related health issues. ■



KSRTC women employees at the workshop.

Cheering children



Children performing in a programme organised by the club.

Rotary Club of Sivakasi Diamonds, RID 3212, organised a speech and dance fest for the mentally-challenged children being trained at the Child Guidance Speech Therapy Centre in Sivakasi. Gifts and prizes were given to all participants.

The club members visited a government children's home in the city and entertained the children. Food and goodies were distributed to them.

The club organised an AIDS awareness and a road safety programme at the Arasan B Ed College in Tiruthangal near the town. ■



Rotarians at the cancer detection camp.

Cancer screening camp for women

Team Rotary News



Women patients with their medical report.

Women working at tobacco factories, garments units, construction sites, or as housemaid, and those doing menial jobs had a chance to screen themselves for cancer under RC Nipani's, RID 3170, Project Hope.

The club carried out a cancer detection camp under the leadership and guidance of PDG Sangram Patil.

Over 100 women turned up at the camp where they attended an awareness programme followed by the screening. Club members Dr Suraj Pawar and Dr Arjun Shinde spearheaded the camp with the help of a team of doctors from Kolhapur Cancer Centre.

In order to enhance the public image of Rotary the club set up a large floating lantern in the heart of the city. ■

Healthcare projects galore in Sivakasi

V Muthukumaran

An AIDS awareness programme was conducted at the Rotary School, Viswanatham village, by RC Sivakasi, RID 3212, with club president MN Manoharan chairing the proceedings. Simultaneously, the students and other participants were linked to online programmes in which all the 143 clubs in the district took part under the leadership of DG Jacintha Dharma.

Rotary Matric HS School principal Muthukumari gave a presentation on AIDS and its severity on vulnerable people, while AG G Rajagopalan, district joint secretary VK Sembulingam and Rtn K Jayaprakash, a past president, spoke on preventive measures for keeping AIDS under control. "Students rendered the AIDS theme song, took part in poetry, essay and drawing competitions that were held across

the district clubs," said Manoharan. "The participants including teachers thanked the club and RID 3212 for giving useful information on the disease, thus creating awareness on how to prevent it in the first place," he said. Club secretary R Natarajan gave the vote of thanks.

The club donated 50 oxygen cylinders, 25 each, to the Government Hospital (GH) and ESI Hospital, Sivakasi, at a project



cost of ₹10 lakh for the emergency treatment of Covid patients.

At the handover event, Manoharan gave the oxygen cylinders to Dr Ayyanar, chief medical officer, and Dr Ashok, medical superintendent, ESI Hospital, in the presence of Rotarians and doctors. “The patients and the medical fraternity appreciated our initiative to reach out to Covid patients in these difficult times.”

Under the district’s theme project ‘Healthy and Happy Students’, the club donated 11 desk-benches to the K Madathupatti Panchayat Union Primary School at a cost of ₹35,000. In a simple event, Manoharan, along with club members, presented the benches to the school headmistress. “The benches will help around 60 students to sit comfortably in their



Students display their sketches on creating AIDS awareness.

Dress material were donated to the caretaker and workers at the gas-operated crematorium being run by the Sivakasi municipality at a tree plantation drive in which 60 saplings were planted at the Jaycees Kailash colony.

classrooms. With smiling faces all-around, the teachers expressed their happiness and thanked Rotary for the dual desks,” said Manoharan.

A JCB machine and four tractors were engaged to clean up drainage canals near a Madrassa school and

BSNL building as part of *Clean Sivakasi* campaign. “The machines removed the drainage blocks, desilted the canals and cleared the garbage and waste material. The project costing over ₹1 lakh earned us the goodwill of the residents of this neighbourhood,” said Manoharan. Project chairman Pavanasam, along with a large number of Rotarians, took up in the clean-up of canals.

Teacher’s Day was celebrated at the Rotary Matric HS School by inviting the inmates of Cybio Orphanage, Vembakottai. They were given a sumptuous meal and learning kits worth ₹6,500 were donated to them. “We reached out to 52 students from the orphanage on the occasion.” A teacher at the Rotary school guided them in a number of fun activities and learning sessions.

An eye camp was held at the Alangulam Government High School with the support of the Aravind Eye Hospital, Tirunelveli, in which around 240 patients were screened for eye disorders. Spectacles were given to 50 persons and 75 were



Left: RC Sivakasi president MN Manoharan with the Rotarians and students of the Rotary Matric HS School during the AIDS awareness programme.

taken to hospital for surgery. RC Sivakasi Sparkler was the co-host of the project.

Mental health camp

The club joined hands with Beauty Manas, a siddha clinic and counselling centre, and RC Sivakasi Diamonds to conduct a mental health screening camp.

In all, 23 persons were counselled and treated for mind-related problems and health issues by Ann S Selvarani Manoharan and Annet Dr N Raja Jayalakshmi.

There was a steady flow of patients at the first-of-its-kind mental health camp. "We offered stone, music, sleep therapies and pranic healing, along with happiness tips which were given by a psychologist-cum-healer. This was followed by a fitness check-up by a physician," said Manoharan. Individual case sheets were given to patients. The beneficiaries wanted similar camps to be held regularly as "it helped them to keep their mind fit and agile for a successful life." Manoharan, along with secretary Natarajan and AG Rajagopalan, presented



Club president Manoharan and other members with oxygen cylinders donated to hospitals.

mementoes to the psychologist (healer) and the doctor.

Rotaract installation

A new team of office-bearers led by president A John Thomas took charge at the Rotaract Club of Arasan Ganesan Polytechnic College (AGPC), Sivakasi. Monaharan presented the stole with the medal to Thomas in the presence of district Rotaract chairman

Shanmuga Nataraj. AGPC principal M Nandakumar delivered a special address. Rajagopalan, Natarajan, AGPC-Rotaract coordinator Prof SV Elangovan felicitated the new team. Also, a new team took over the reins at the RAC of SFR College for Women. The club honoured PHFs, MPHFs and Major Donors to mark Rotary Foundation Month.

Nylon nets were donated to Nandakumar, principal, AGPC, for plugging and covering outlet pipes and drains to control the mosquito menace at the college campus. The mosquito control project was initiated by past president N Ganesa Moorthy. Dr G Maran gave a lecture on herbal medicine (*Iyarkkai Maruthuvam*) to control blood sugar level and clarified the queries from Rotarians at a lecture meet organised on the eve of World Diabetes Day.

Dress material were donated to the caretaker and workers at the gas-operated crematorium being run by the Sivakasi municipality at a tree plantation drive in which 60 saplings were planted at the Jaycees Kailash colony. The project was done in partnership with RC Sivakasi Central. ■



A patient being treated for general ailment at a mental health screening camp.

A blood donation camp in Agra

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A blood donation camp being inaugurated.

Over 150 units of blood was collected from two venues — the SN Medical College and the Faculty of Pharmacy, RBS Engineering Technical Campus — in Agra through a

blood donation camp organised in December by RC Agra Neo, RID 3110. A team from the transfusion department of the college helped in collecting blood from the donors.

“Our aim was to collect 100

units but the response was overwhelming that we had to stop after 150 units as we did not have empty blood collection kits,” said club secretary Dr Abhinav Chaturvedi who inaugurated the donation drive.

Club members Rana SK Singh, Arun Kumar Singh, Rajoo C Daniel and Anil Goyal helped in managing the camp. Programme coordinator Dr Pankaj Nagayach, co-coordinator Dr SP Pandey and Dr Nitin Agarwal enthused the college students to participate in the mega drive.

Club members Dr Jitendra Srivastava, Dr Chandan Kumar, Shivani Shikha, club secretary Chaturvedi, Dr Kushal Singh, Dr Sugandh Chaturvedi and Dr Hemendra Vikram Singh formed a specialised medical team to actively manage a health check-up camp which was part of the programme. ■



An OPD counter at the health check-up camp.

Rotary recognises late actor Puneet Raj Kumar

Team Rotary News



Rotary Vocational Excellence Award was given posthumously to late actor Puneet Rajkumar by RC Bangalore Hanumanthanagar, RID 3190, in a colourful event

at the Ravindra Kalakshetra. PDGs Rajendra Rai, KS Nagendra and club president A V Satyanarayana and a large number of Rotarians were present at the event.

The award was received by Chinnegowda, uncle of Puneet Raj Kumar and an icon of Karnataka film industry. A dance tribute was staged to honour the late actor.■



Rotary helps elderly woman reach home

Team Rotary News

RC Hinganghat, RID 3030, arranged an ambulance to transport an old woman from a hospital where she was treated for 5-6 days, but was unable to reach her remote village. However, Dinesh

Varma, a social worker, and journalist Abdul Kadir Baksh, informed Rotarians about the plight of the elderly woman and the club swung into action. It sent the grandma to her home in the ambulance.■