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# Providing livelihood opportunities for women

## Team Rotary News



**R**C Nasik, RID 3030, provided microcredit to the tune of ₹1.25 lakh to six women who lost their husbands to Covid. This short-term interest-free loan will help meet working capital requirements for their businesses such as setting up a tailoring unit or a beauty parlour. The club has set aside ₹5 lakh this year for helping at least 20 more women establish their business and earn a livelihood.

Club member Dinesh Sharma visited the Netherlands recently to meet his daughter who resides there. While there, he attended a meeting of RC Diemen in Amsterdam and explored opportunities for global grants and Rotary Friendship Exchange on behalf of his club. ■



**Above:** RC Nasik members with beneficiaries of the club's microcredit project.

**Top:** RC Nasik member Dinesh Sharma with Rotarians of RC Diemen, the Netherlands.

**On the cover:** RC Mayiladuthurai Pride, RID 2981, celebrates Independence Day with children at a government school in the town.

# Diwali dresses for destitute women

Team Rotary News



Dress material being given to women inmates at Imayam shelter home.

Following a request from sub-inspector V Revathi from the Anti-human Trafficking wing of TN Police to AG Sashikumar, dress material were donated by RC

Coimbatore Monarks, RID 3201, to 24 young women and children at Imayam, a shelter home for women abandoned by their husbands and families, to celebrate Diwali. “The dress

material including chudihar sets were sponsored by our member Srikanth who was gifted a special Rotary pin by AG Sumit Kumar Prasad,” said CN Sharavana, club secretary.■

## Diwali Dhamaal in Raigarh



RC Raigarh Steel City, RID 3261, hosted a grand Diwali fellowship for its club members and their families. Club members were treated to an entertainment programme followed by a dinner.

The club conducted a health camp post-Diwali. MRI, CT scan, ECG and other tests were done free of cost.■

Club members at the Diwali celebration.

# Special Onam kits to over 350 families

## Team Rotary News

On the occasion of Onam, RC Cochin Midtown, RID 3201 distributed 375 Onam kits to families that belonged to the club's RCC Kammattipadam.

The kits included groceries and vegetables, needed to prepare an Onam feast at home. Club director Noby EA, AG Reghu Ramachandran and PDG Babu Joseph, along with club members, distributed the kits to needy families at a gala event.■

A beneficiary receives the Onam kit from the immediate past president Janardana Pai.



## 3-day RYLA for over 100 students



A RYLA session in progress.

More than 100 students from various schools in Kerala and a student from Coimbatore sponsored by RC Coimbatore Vadavalli, RID 3201, took part

in the three-day RYLA organised by RC Angamaly at the Assisi Convention Centre, a scenic place.

DG S Rajmohan Nair was the chief guest at the inaugural session

which was followed by interesting events, group activities that focused on mental strength, leadership qualities and fearless speech through games and fun sessions. "After the RYLA, our student

was happy and said it had given him confidence and the aptitude to develop communication and leadership skills," said Ramesh Subramaniam, secretary, RC Coimbatore Vadavalli.■

# Tree plantation drive in Dayalgarh village

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Over 50 plant saplings were planted by the Rotarians of RC Yamunanagar Riviera, RID 3080, at an open ground in the Government Middle School in Dayalgarh village, near Yamunanagar in Haryana. Native plants like amla, kachnar and jamoya were planted. The school principal, village sarpanch, club members and Anns participated in the plantation drive.

The club celebrated Independence Day with the students of the Government Middle School. Members donated notebooks, stationery kits, geometry boxes, watercolour paints and snacks to the students. The club also donated mats to the school for students to sit comfortably for midday meals. ■



**Above:** Members of the club after hoisting the national flag at the Government Middle School in Dayalgarh village.

**Below:** A plantation drive by the club.



# RC Karamadai hosts training seminars

## Team Rotary News

**D**G B Elangkumaran inaugurated a tree plantation seminar for 16 clubs from the Tirupur region, RID 3203, hosted by RC Karamadai. The event started with the visit to the Samappa Vanam, an urban Miyawaki forest at Kallipalayam, by the delegates who planted saplings to mark the occasion.

Forest College and Research Institute dean Dr Parthipan gave

a historical account of various tree species and technical aspects of their growth. During the final session, Rishab Shankla from The Tree Club talked about urban forestation and the effectiveness of Miyawaki technique to usher in a green environment in urban landscape.

District trainer Aruljothi Karthikeyan, IPDG K Shanmugasundaram, DGN Dr Suresh

Babu, district secretary general V Varadharaj, district coordinator RP Raaj, regional coordinator Boopathi, AGs Anandajothi and Siva Sathish Kumar were among the participants. More than 200 Rotarians from RID 3203 took part in the one-day seminar, which was followed by dinner and fellowship. The event was coordinated by regional tree plantation chair Gnanasekaran.

**PDG K Shanmugasundaram giving a talk at the tree plantation seminar. Also seen are DG B Elangkumaran and RC Karamadai president D Magesh.**





DG Elangkumaran with Rotarians at the Miyawaki forest.



### Membership, key to growth

DG Elangkumaran spoke on new member induction, retention and motivating Rotarians to expand Rotary's activities in this part of the world at the district membership seminar titled *Young buds*.

All the four sessions focused on the growth of Rotary through membership expansion and engaging them with interesting service projects. Speakers Pulavar Ramalingam, PDG Asoka, DGN Suresh Babu and PDG Dr Sundararajan made forceful arguments on the need to strengthen Rotary clubs through diverse means.

DSG Varadharaj delivered the final session of the day. District trainer A Karthikeyan, PDGs Shanmugasundaram, L Narayanasamy and district membership chair S Jayabalan spoke on the occasion. Event chair Siva Sathish Kumar and club president D Magesh took care of logistics and other arrangements. Around 800 Rotarians took part in the district seminar, among whom 260 were new members. ■

# Rotary helps woman to rebuild her house

## Team Rotary News

Financial assistance being given to a woman by members of RC Mayiladuthurai Pride to rebuild her battered house.



In a noble gesture, RC Mayiladuthurai Pride, RID 2981, gave ₹15,000 to a poor woman to rebuild her dilapidated house. Two blood group identification camps were held in partnership with the Veda Educational

Institute at the Punitha Chinnapar Government Primary School.

Government school teachers were honoured with Nation Builder Awards at an event. Independence Day was celebrated at the Chithamur

Primary School and Punitha Chinnapar School with Rotarians greeting students and teachers. A family get-together was arranged for Rotarians to enhance bonding and forge better understanding among them. ■

## A homeopathy camp in Aligarh



RC Aligarh, RID 3110, organised a homeopathy camp in Aligarh. Club member Dr Mahesh Banerjee provided his services at the camp. Other members were present at the camp and assisted patients with the registration and distribution of medicines. ■

Club members at the inauguration of the homeopathy camp.



# A village school gets a makeover

## Team Rotary News

**R**C Coimbatore East, RID 3201, along with few other NGOs, raised ₹15 lakh to facilitate massive infrastructure work to convert a government elementary school into a world class school at Karaiyur near Dharapuram in Tirupur district of Tamil Nadu.

Furniture, computers, laptops, fans, LED lamps, water tanks, RO water purifier, four toilets with disabled-friendly ramps, new sewage and electrical lines, paver blocks, false ceilings, projectors, tile floors,

switches, television, webcam, UPS, CCTV cameras, inverter, blackboards and 3D augmented virtual reality were incorporated at the school which will now benefit thousands of children hailing from underprivileged families across the region.

The revamped school was inaugurated on Aug 15 by club president Jaya Kumar in the presence of other members and the school staff and principal Kalpana.

In another initiative, the club organised an eye-screening camp,

in association with the Sankara Eye Hospital, at a neighbouring village. Over 200 villagers were screened and cataract surgery was performed on 30 people. The camp cost ₹5 lakh, and was inaugurated by Mylsamy, district director, RID 3201.

The club members celebrated Diwali this year by distributing new dresses and sweets to 110 visually-challenged people at the National Federation for the Blind (Coimbatore chapter), and 50 girls residing in an orphanage. ■

### Women after cataract surgery sponsored by the club.



D 2981

## RC Mayiladuthurai Pride

Organic wellness food packs were given to anaemic girl students of Komal Government HS School at Kuthalam taluk near Mayiladuthurai by club president K Tamilazhagan to mark International Girl Child Day. A paramedic Radhika gave a talk on leading a healthy life with balanced diet



D 2981

## RC Nagapattinam Mid Town

Major donor Dr E Raj donated a 40 litre-RO water unit to the eye hospital campus at the Nagapattinam Medical College and Hospital. The potable water dispenser will benefit patients and doctors at the campus. In the past, the club has donated similar facilities at the GH earning goodwill among the doctors and patients.



D 2981

## RC Nagapattinam

At a gala Diwali event, 65 elderly inmates at the Sudaroli Trust were given dress material and sweets; 50 school students and their families were also given vouchers for buying sweets and new clothes; and new dresses were distributed to 50 HIV positive children. Rtn P Ananthan from Puducherry was the chief guest and club president Karthikeyan welcomed the gathering.





**D 2981**

## **RC Pondicherry Elite**

Around 300 girl students benefitted from the dental awareness camp held at the Government Girls Middle School, Muthialpet. Dr Shanmugapriya and Dr Vijaykumari from the Ever Smiles Dental Clinic examined the students and gave consultations for oral hygiene.



**D 2982**

## **RC Salem Junction**

*Project Annapoorna* was celebrated at the Nirai Vaazhvu, an old age home, with Rotarians led by club president Ranganathan and secretary Rangasamy, interacting with 60 senior citizens. Following the custom, delicious meals were served on all three times of the day. Little Pearls Trust executives thanked the club for this annual event.



**D 3000**

## **RC Madurai Midtown**

Under *Project Sweet Kids*, Contour Plus units (99 nos), a device to measure blood glucose level, and 198 diabetes test strips were donated to the paediatric department, Rajaji GH, Madurai. The devices were sponsored by Rtn Bose with the help of his daughter-in-law Dr Vallimayil. Dr Balashankar received the medical kits in the presence of dean Rtn Dr Rathinavel Pandian.

**D 3000**

## RI District

Film lyricist Snehan visited the Rotary Mental Health Mission, a livelihood training centre for children, and interacted with the inmates. Project coordinator Maruti K Mohanraj, special educator Amudha, fitness expert Manikandan and other Rotarians were present at the event.



**D 3000**

## RC Srirangam

A half-marathon was flagged off by DG I Jerald to create awareness on breast cancer. The run was organised by Dr K Shanta Breast Cancer Foundation (SBCF) and Dr GVN Group of Hospitals. Along with the marathon, the club took up a *Swachh Bharath* – Clean India Campaign. PDG Zameer Pasha and E R Higher Secondary School president R Raghavan were present.



**D 3030**

## RC Akola

Reading and writing skills of children from low-income families are being cultivated throughout the year under *Project Read with me* which is being led by Rtn Radheshyam Modi and is one of the focus areas of club president Premkishore Chandak. This initiative will prevent school dropouts of poor children.





**D 3030**

## **RC Bhusawal Railcity**

Over 6,000 people enjoyed the four-day *Rotary Danidya Utsav* held after a gap of two years. PDGs Rajiv Sharma, Rajendra Bhamre, MLA Sanjay Sawkare, MP Raksha Khadse and state ministers Gulabrao Patil and Girish Mahajan visited the event and praised the good work done by the club. The amount raised will be used for the club's adopted Mushaltanda village.



**D 3030**

## **RC Nagpur Fort**

Around 125 patients were examined at the eye camp hosted in partnership with the Art of Living and Madhav Netralaya in Lohari Sawanga village. Rtns Uday Chitnavis and Milind Hastak gave talks on organic farming and ill-effects of tobacco and liquor respectively. Club president Suresh Bhake formed an RCC with 10 villagers.



**D 3030**

## **RC Nasik Godavari**

A fundraiser, *Goda Garba* for the welfare of differently-abled saw around 4,500 people taking part in it with enthusiasm and the amount of ₹4.5 lakh raised from the event will be used for the upliftment of special persons and those with disabilities. Legal workshops are held to make them aware of their rights to secure property and wheelchairs are being donated.

**D 3060**

## RC Surat East

A Rotary Circle (*rountana*) was inaugurated by DG Shrikant Indani at Sardar Chowk, Mini Hira Bazaar, around the statue of Sardar Vallbhbhai Patel. The structure was built in partnership with RC Emory Druid Hills, Atlanta. The green hub will boost the public image of Rotary in Surat.



**D 3070**

## RC Amritsar East

Rotarians distributed sarees and chudidhars to women at the Kusht Ashram where around 70 leprosy patients and their families are living. The club held its weekly meeting at the colony set up in 1948 to house leprosy patients and interacted with the families assuring them of all help.



**D 3070**

## RC Jalandhar South

A blood chemistry analyser was donated to the Arya Samaj Charitable Hospital at Model Town, Jalandhar. The device will enable the hospital to do various tests to deliver better healthcare to patients. The project was done during the visit of DG Dr Dushyant Chaudhry and initiated by club president Jyoti Sharma.





**D 3080**

## **RC Kharar**

A road safety awareness camp was conducted at the local bus stand with SDM Ravinder Singh (Kharar) distributing reflectors, chargeable batons and neon aprons to the traffic police. A lecture meet on following traffic rules was also held. Seven teachers were feted with Nation Builder Awards by Om Prakash Jasuja, former dean, Punjabi University and a forensic expert.



**D 3110**

## **RC Agra Neo**

Twenty-five senior academicians, poets, litterateurs and artists were felicitated with Nation Builder Awards in the presence of Prof DK Hajra, Bankelal Gaur, vice-president, Sanskar Bharti and Kendriya Hindi Sansthan director Bina Sharma. Club president Abhinav Chaturvedi and other members were present.



**D 3120**

## **RC Lucknow**

Rtn Naresh Agarwal, past president (2021–22), exchanged club flags with Jana Keighley, president, RC Pattaya, during his visit to Thailand. They also shared their project activities and Agarwal was honoured with a Rotary pin by the host club. After returning home, he shared his Rotary experience in Pattaya with club members.

# Nutrition kits for terminally ill

## Team Rotary News

**R**C Deonar, RID 3141, distributed nutrition kits to 100 patients suffering from tuberculosis at the Shatabdi Hospitals in Deonar, a Mumbai suburb. The club plans to continue this initiative every month for this year.

In another initiative, the Rotarians led by club president Vidhya Subramanian visited the paediatric cancer care department at the Sion Hospital and entertained the children admitted there. A special entertainment programme with professional musicians was organised by the club to cheer the young patients. Snack boxes were distributed to the children. ■



A club member gives a gift to a child patient.

## A panchayat school gets a smart classroom

**R**otary E-Club of Metro Dynamix, RID 3201, set up a smart classroom at the Panchayat Middle School in Thudiyalur, a suburb in Coimbatore, under the club's *Project Shikshaa*. This facility will benefit 200 students. Some of the students have been selected for the NASA ISRO Asteroid Detection Programme.

The smart interactive boards will enhance education, stimulate creative thinking and make the students tech-savvy and ready to achieve their full potential, says club's past president Preetha Rajkumar.

The club was chartered in Nov 2020 and was sponsored by RC Coimbatore Metropolis, RID 3201. The members are from around the world and they connect electronically to enjoy fellowship and plan service projects. ■



Smart classroom being inaugurated at the Panchayat Middle School.

# Celebrating the girl child

## Team Rotary News



**From top:** Club members handing over infant kit to a new mother in the presence of the hospital staff; DG Selvanathan along with PDG Bagh Singh Pannu, RID 3090, and members of RC Panruti at the inauguration of Paul Harris bust.

**R**otary Club of Panruti, RID 2981, celebrated the birth of girl children at the Malar Hospitals in Panruti on the International Day of the Girl (Oct 11). The Rotarians gifted the parents with baby kits containing two pairs of clothes and delicate toiletries for the babies.

To commemorate Gandhi Jayanthi the club members donated blood at the government hospital and also conducted a blood donation camp for the public.

The club is one of the few clubs to have a bust of Rotary founder Paul Harris installed in its Rotary Hall. DG Selvanathan inaugurated the structure in the presence of RID 3090 PDG Bagh Singh Pannu who is on a mission to install Paul Harris busts for Rotary clubs that have their own buildings to enhance Rotary's public image. ■

# Bicycles for girls

**C**ommemorating the International Day of the Girl (Oct 11), members of Rotary E-club of Empowering Youth, a cause-based club chartered this year in RID 3132, gifted bicycles to 10 girl students in Parner village to help them commute to school and back. The project, coordinated by Dr Bindu Shirsath, was sponsored by club president Nandini Jaggi and Rajesh Jaggi. The project cost was ₹45,000.

Under its signature project — *Project Mindstrong* — which aims to empower youth with positive



Students with bicycles presented to them by RC E-club of Empowering Youth.

mental health, the club plans to reach out to 5,000 students annually and train 250 volunteers as Emotional Health First Aid (EHFA) Saathis who would in turn impart positive health lessons to youngsters in schools and colleges across the district.

The project comprises self-development programme which would help youth build strategies for emotional wellbeing; community support programme which would train volunteers as EHFA saathis; and grapho-therapy, an art that helps systematically control negative emotions. ■

**D 3132**

## RC Karad

A blood donation camp at Babarmachi taluk saw 45 villagers donating blood. Welcome kits containing nutritional baby foods and toiletries were given to mothers of girl babies born during Navaratri under *Project Save Girl Child* as a token of appreciation by the club to mark the Durga Puja festival.



**D 3142**

## RC Ambernath Smart City

Sadashiv Panchal, a motivational speaker, gave a speech titled 'Hoy, Ata Jinkaychach' for over 800 students from Classes 8–10 and 35 teachers at a lecture session to inspire children who had lost focus on studies due to the Covid pandemic. IPDG Dr Mayuresh Warke honoured 12 teachers from government schools with Nation Builder Awards.



**D 3142**

## RC Dombivli West

Tree plantation was taken up on a busy thoroughfare with the support of Udyan Vibhag of Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation, Paryavaran Dakshata Mandal, Inner Wheel club, Rotaractors and Mountaineers Association of Dombivli. Club president Shailesh Gupte and project chair Sunil Velling coordinated with the other partners.





**D 3182**

## **RC Shimoga East**

A sports day was organised for 600 learning disabled children in which study kits were distributed to them under *Project Amrutha Kalikotsava*. The club gave a special training for teachers and parents of special children in the presence of DG Dr Jayagowri Hadigal. The programme was conceived and executed by club president Sumathi Bidanoor and secretary Kumaraswamy.



**D 3182**

## **RC Sringeri**

Dr Naveenkumar, psychologist, gave an orientation lecture to 60 teachers on ways of early detection of learning disability in children for timely remedial action. He answered questions and clarified doubts at the interactive session that followed the lecture.



**D 3190**

## **RC KGF Prime**

Eight new members including six women, were inducted at the installation of new club president PA Saravanel and secretary KM Basavaraj. DGE Satish Madhavan was the installation officer. A new club bulletin was released by chief guest Dr Suresh, orthopaedic surgeon.

**D 3211**

## RC Alleppey East

District collector Krishna Teja inaugurated the under 11 state basketball championship. The club is training four teams over the last one year and district police chief Jaidev gave away the prizes and the winning trophy, sponsored by the club. An anti-drug pledge was taken by the participants.



**D 3212**

## RC Sivakasi

A tricycle worth ₹6,500 was donated to a physically-challenged to help him earn a regular income. Also, an umbrella canopy was given to street vendor S Lakshmi who sells idli at the Kamarajar Park, Sivakasi. The donations earned goodwill for the club from the communities.



**D 3212**

## RC Tuticorin Trailblazers

An awareness session on the harmful effects of social media was organised for Interactors at the Alagar Public School. Rtn V Subachini, advocate, gave a speech attended by 150 girls. She also gave a talk on POCSO Act for students at the Holy Cross Home Science College, Thoothukudi.





**D 3262**

## **RC Bhubaneswar Meadows**

More than 200 students from 48 schools took part in the art competition titled Swambhiman held with the support of Odisha State Museum to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence. There were two categories — one for students from Classes 6–8; and another for Classes 9, 10. The event was covered in the local media and dailies.



**D 3291**

## **RC Calcutta Samaritans**

Club president Gita Sarkar and Rtn Shikha Purakayastha took part in a farmers' seminar at Nayagram, West Midnapore, conducted by the state government. Local MLA, BDO and other officials gave speeches and farmers were urged to cultivate on their own lands. Vegetable seeds were distributed to farmers through RCC Ghatakpur.



**D 3291**

## **RC Howrah**

As part of its diamond jubilee celebrations, an eight-member team led by club president Rabindranath Datta visited 10 houses where Durga puja is being conducted for over 100 years to honour the family heads with special scarves (*uttorios*) and mementoes. The Rotary team visited the puja residences on Maha Sasti Day, Feb 1, and feted the families.

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# Tumkur Rotarians visit RC Chandigarh Midtown

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The members of RC Chandigarh Midtown, RID 3080, led by its president Sanjay Kalra, extended a warm welcome to the 47 Rotarians of RC Tumkur, RID 3190, during their visit to Chandigarh, along with their spouses. The occasion was a joint cultural exchange meeting organised by the host club at the Chandigarh Press Club.

The traditional welcome accompanied by the beat of the dhols and the recitation of the auspicious *shabad* by Ann Bir Gulati, all representing the Punjabi culture, set the tone of the cultural meet.

Host club president Kalra and RC Tumkur president Shivanna updated the delegates about the various humanitarian service projects being done in both the regions. Shiv Shankar, membership chair, RID 3190, pointed out a coincidence that Nov 1 is observed as Karnataka Day as well as Punjab Day. He spoke about a mega Happy Schools project where RC Tumkur is providing furniture and building toilets in schools in Tumkur, and suggested the host club to participate in the project.

Rtn Manjushri Sharma hosted the cultural event. Folk songs of Punjab were sung by Ann Bir Gulati and Rtn Ajit Gulati translated the version in English. The Tumkur Rotarians performed classical music in Kannada and Hindi,



RC Chandigarh Midtown president Sanjay Kalra being felicitated by RC Tumkur president Shivanna.

and the air was charged with the enthusiasm of the North and the South. The Punjabi food was a hit among the guests.

Both clubs exchanged flags and Kalra presented

the guest club president with an Open Hand memento which represents the symbol and emblem of Chandigarh designed by architect Le Corbusier. It signifies

“hand to give and hand to take, peace prosperity and unity of Mankind” which also embodies Rotary’s spirit.

The Tumkur Rotarians bade farewell to the

Chandigarh counterparts, and invited them to visit Tumkur and experience their culture and gain opportunities for active project involvement and support. ■

## A greening drive in Sunam

**F**our hundred saplings were planted at various places under a greening drive by RC Sunam, RID 3090, in the presence of club president Sumit Bandlish and project chairman Sandeep Garg. The president urged the club members to plant saplings every month to help provide green cover to planet Earth.

The club felicitated the outstanding services of nine school teachers in shaping their students to become responsible adults. They were honoured with Nation Builder Awards at a special programme organised at



the Rotary Hall in the city. Sunam tahsildar S Sandeep was the chief guest. DGE Ghanshyam Kansal attended the event. Bandlish welcomed the gathering. Pawanjit Singh Hanjra was the project chairman.

Over 60 units of blood was collected at a blood donation camp organised by the club at the

Rotary Hall in September. Punjab minister Aman Arora was the chief guest at the camp. The camp was coordinated by the Sangrur Blood Bank and the blood collected will benefit hundreds of thalassaemia patients, said Bandlish. DGE Kansal, a member of the club, led the camp. ■

# A trauma awareness rally in Chidambaram

V Muthukumaran

A mass rally was conducted to mark World Trauma Day, Oct 17, by RC Chidambaram Central, RID 2981, in partnership with the Government Cuddalore Medical College Hospital, also known as Raja Muthiah Medical College, with club president P Rajasekaran welcoming the participants consisting of

medicos, paramedical staff and Rotarians.

Medical college dean Dr Thirupathi, DSP Arockiaraj and AG M Deepak Kumar, zone-8, jointly flagged off the procession with nursing students and faculty holding placards with messages on road safety, helmet awareness and observing traffic rules for two-wheeler riders.

Most of the HoDs of various specialties took part in the trauma awareness rally, while Rotarian doctors including Balaji Swaminathan, Bhaskaran and Ramanathan walked with their spouses.

Cuddalore medical superintendent Dr Lavanya Kumari, deputy medical superintendent Dr Jayashree



RC Chidambaram Central president P Rajasekaran (4<sup>th</sup> from L) and to his left AG M Deepak Kumar with police officials and paramedical staff at the trauma awareness rally.



**Above:** Blood grouping and blood tests being done on students to mark International Girl Child Day at the Government Nandanar Girls HS School.



Ramanathan and resident medical officer Dr Pari were part of the assemblage of over 500 volunteers including medical students, youth and Rotarians. A mock drill was staged by students from the School of Nursing affiliated to the Annamalai University.

“The rally passed through important roads in Chidambaram with participants holding banners and placards, raising slogans and playing songs to create awareness among the public on trauma prevention and emergency care,” said Rajasekaran. “We distributed flyers and pamphlets of the Tamil Nadu Accident and Emergency Care Initiative (TAEI) with dos and don’ts for the public during an emergency such as road accident.” Rtns N Kesavan, P Mohamed Yaseen, K Indar Jain and Bhavin Patel coordinated the rally with the support from Dr Banugopan and Dr Anand from the Government Medical College.

International Girl Child Day was celebrated at the Government Nandanar Girls HS

School by joining hands with RC Chidambaram Temple Town. Around 300 girls had their blood grouping and blood tests done to know if they were anaemic or not. “All the girls from Classes 7 to 12 were given sanitary napkins, followed by an interactive session on menstrual health and hygiene. They were thought about sexual abuse, stalking and harassment by three doctors, and means to protect themselves in these situations,” he said.

#### **A different Diwali**

Diwali was celebrated by donating festival kits containing dress material, groceries and sweets to differently-abled which brought a smile on their faces. Club members sponsored the Diwali kits. Cloth bags with message ‘Say no to plastic’ were distributed to the public as part of awareness campaign against the hazardous use of plastics in daily life.

In a joint project with the Inner Wheel Club of Chidambaram and Palani Babu Jewellers, a



Club president Rajasekaran and AG Deepak Kumar along with girl students holding welfare kits at the Sri Ramakrishna Vidyasala HS School.

desktop computer worth ₹43,300 was donated to Sri Ramakrishna Vidyasala HS School to promote literacy; and welfare kits, each worth ₹2,500, comprising new clothes, stationery and nutritious edibles, along with a few cash, were given to 29 students (10 boys and 9 girls) of the school who had lost either one or both parents during the Covid pandemic.

### Cardiac check-up camp

At a mega heart-screening camp hosted jointly with Palani Babu Jewellers and Chettinad Super Specialty Hospital, 210 patients were examined by a panel of doctors following a series of tests for BP, blood sugar, body mass index and other parameters for healthy living.

PDG N Manimaran inaugurated the heart check-up camp which was presided over by club president Rajasekaran. Heart Camp district chair Palaniappan and headmaster A Muthukaruppan at the Ramasamy Chettiar Town Higher Secondary School, the camp venue, spoke on the occasion.

In his address, AG Deepak Kumar, camp coordinator, stressed on the importance of getting the heart examined once a year and

called for lifestyle modifications for a healthy, disease-free life. Out of 200 patients registered, 150 were recommended for ECG and ECHO tests at the camp site. Further, 50 patients were asked to get “reviewed for angiogram and surgery at their convenience at the Chettinad Super Specialty Hospital.”

A 20-member Rotary team worked for the smooth conduct of the medical camp. Also, district chairs Sakthivel, R S Ravichandran, AG Ravi, Past AGs Muthiah, Kamalchand, and district membership chair S R Ganesh were present at the venue. Students of the Government Nursing College, Cuddalore, and medicos from the Government Medical College took part as volunteers for the success of the cardiac camp. Club secretary Dr V Ravichandran gave the vote of thanks by noting the contributions of medical professionals in making the health camp a huge success.

Around 240 Rotarians and their family members watched Tamil film *Ponniyin Selvan*, a historical flick, with AG Deepak Kumar sponsoring the event through his Mishrimal Mahaveerchand Jain Trust. Some of the Lions members too joined to watch the movie at the local theatre.

### Installation projects

During the installation of new office-bearers, Chidambaram MLA Rtn K A Pandian and Palani Babu Group proprietor P Palani donated sewing machines worth ₹90,000 to three women for them to earn regular income.

Goats were given to four deprived women from the club’s adopted Mela Thirukazhi Paalai village; scholarships were presented to three girl students; and all the beneficiaries were also given vegetable and fruit-bearing saplings.

Deepak Kumar inducted five new members and welcomed them to the Rotary world. PDG A Mani installed the new president Rajasekaran, secretary Ravichandran and other office-bearers as chief guest. Charter president Mohamed Yaseen, Rtns Rm S T Subbiah and Viswanathan coordinated the event.

An air conditioner (₹55,000) was donated to the eye operation theatre at the Kamarajar Government Hospital, Chidambaram. The appliance will be useful for performing cataract operations which were suspended for some time due to non-availability of a central air conditioning system. ■

# Medical check-up & cleanliness drive in Ghaziabad

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**R**C Ghaziabad North, RID 3012, organised an eye check-up camp at the Composite Government School, Ghaziabad. Around 200 students from Classes 1–8 and 20 parents were screened at the camp. Since these students belong to low-income families the club facilitated a follow-up medical screening for 20 students, who were asked to come back for a review by the doctors at the camp.

The club will further facilitate check-up and arrange spectacles for the students. Fruits were distributed to all the students. The club funded this project at a cost of ₹7,500.

At a cost of ₹18,000, the club conducted a health camp at the Lions Eye Hospital, Ghaziabad. Over 50 people were screened for BP and sugar. Eye screening and body analyser tests, among others, were conducted at the camp.

Under the project 'e-Clean India' the club in association with Attero, an e-waste recycling company, collected old air conditioners, LED TVs, refrigerators, desktops, laptops, printers, water coolers, DVD players and printers. They were handed over to Attero to be disposed of in a safe manner.

Club members undertook a 30-hour non-stop Swachh Bharat cleanliness drive in Mohiuddinpur village, near Ghaziabad. The project was carried out in partnership with the RC Ghaziabad Heritage and the village panchayat of Mohiuddinpur. Rotarians alongside the villagers picked up and cleared plastic waste and cleaned the entire village. ■



**From top:** A student being screened at the eye camp; Students awaiting their turn at the camp; A cleanliness drive at Mohiuddinpur village, near Ghaziabad.

# Faridkot Rotarians on a service drive

Team Rotary News



Members of RC Faridkot, along with DG Gulbahar Singh Retole, at the Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara in Pakistan.

**T**he Rotarians of RC Faridkot, RID 3090, distributed cheques, sponsoring the school fees for underprivileged girls at the Bhai Kishan Singh Government School, Sandhwan. “Inability to pay school fees should not hamper a child’s education,” said club president Aarsh Sachar

A traffic awareness seminar was organised for bus drivers and conductors, and school/college students at the Dasmesh Public School in Fardikot to sensitise them about safe driving and safety rules.

The Rotarians took out a cycle rally to promote the celebration of a green Diwali and reduce bursting





**Above:** Children with sweaters distributed by the club.



**Left:** A bird nest being installed on a tree.

**Left:** Club president Aarsh Sachar after giving a tricycle cart to a beneficiary.

**Below:** Club president Sachar and members of RC Faridkot with recipients of education aid provided by the club.



crackers to check air and noise pollution. A marathon was organised to spread awareness against drug abuse.

In another initiative, sweaters were distributed to students of a government primary school in Bazigar basti, a slum colony in the city. Dresses and dress material were distributed to less fortunate women in the Radha Krishan dham. Bird nests were put up on trees by the Rotarians.

Medical camps are a regular feature of the club, said Sachar. Cancer screening, dental and eye check-up camps are conducted in various localities and spectacles are distributed to people with vision disorder at the Gurudwara Sahib in Hari Nau.

The club members, accompanied by DG Gulbahar Singh Retole, visited the Kartarpur Sahib Gurudwara in Pakistan.

The club has been providing tricycle carts to men to help them earn a livelihood. ■

# Dental check-up camp for villagers

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A dental camp was conducted at the community hall in Melathediyoar village by RC Tirunelveli Town, RID 3212, with the support of RC Tirunelveli Suburbans, SM Dental and Orthodontic Centre and PSN Engineering College.

Panchayat president Vasanthi Balasubramanian and college principal Manikandan were the guests of honour. Rtn Dr Dhivakar Selvaraj from SM Dental gave a talk on the need to maintain oral hygiene at the orientation session for the patients.

Sarees and chudithars worth ₹18,000 were donated to inmates at the Arulmigu Sri Kanthimathi



A patient being screened at the dental camp.

Amman Anbu Illam, an orphanage for girl children at Suthamalli village near Tirunelveli. The

dress material was sponsored by Rtms Senthil Kumar and Dr Selvaraj. ■

# Health camp for transgenders



Rotarians with transgenders at the shelter home. The desktop computer, donated by the club, is seen in the background.

A health check-up camp was conducted by RC Dombivli Diamonds, RID 3142, for over 100 transgenders at the Kinnar Asmita Garima Grih, a shelter home for the LGBTQ community at Kalyan East,

Mumbai. Following a thorough examination of the patients with eye, dental and general check-up, BP, blood sugar and haemoglobin tests were done on them.

Medicines were given and follow-up treatment was

assured for patients in need of cataract surgery etc. To facilitate their computer education which they plan to introduce shortly, a desktop computer with Wi-Fi was donated to the shelter home. ■

## 5 Interact, 4 Rotaract clubs formed at Nagapattinam

### Team Rotary News

To mark Rotary Literacy Month, five Interact clubs and four Rotaract clubs were formed by RC Nagapattinam, RID 2981, on each Friday on all four weeks of the month.

In one such event, a new Interact club was formed at the Natarajan Dhamayanthi High School, Nagapattinam, with M Varun taking charge as its president. Past AG Siva K Vivekanandan from RC Manora Pattukkottai who is also district chair, Consumer Awareness and Protection, and Rotaract district chair C Somasudaram were the guests of honour at the charter ceremony. ■



A new Interact club was formed at the Natarajan Dhamayanthi High School in the presence of RC Nagapattinam president P Karthikeyan and other office-bearers.

## A new tailoring centre in Vellore



DG JKN Palani and RC Vellore North president C Ravindran at the inauguration of the tailoring centre.

A tailoring training centre set up by RC Vellore North, RID 3231, was inaugurated by DG JKN Palani in the presence of club president C Ravindran, Rotarians and members of the Indian Council for Child Welfare, local chapter. At a mega medical camp to mark

International Day of the Girl Child (Oct 11), around 230 students were examined for general health issues.

Doctors from the SIHR & LC Hospital, Vellore, diagnosed the students for dental, eye, skin and other ailments at the Government

Girls HS School, Katpadi. Some of the students were referred to the hospital for treatment. Ravindran, secretary M Sekar and community health director V Arumugam, along with school headmaster, teachers and corporation councillors, were present at the health camp. ■