

# Rotary

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# A mega hearing camp in Dwarka

Team Rotary News



A hearing camp in progress at the Rukminidevi Dwarkadhish temple in Dwarka.

**A**round 40 patients were diagnosed with hearing loss and 16 with speech, voice difficulties among the 117 people who had registered at the free hearing and ear-screening camp at the Sri Rukminidevi Dwarkadhish temple, Dwarka, hosted by RC Delhi Govinda, RID 3011, in partnership with Ramco Clinic, SGT University and ISKCON, Dwarka.

Most of the patients received free ear plugs as recommended by Dr Ram Pravesh Kumar from Ramco Clinic and they were given

training on how to make efficient use of the device and steps to be taken to keep them safe. Also, 74 children from Delhi attended the camp, and their ears were screened too by audiology professionals.

The camp identified children suffering from poor academic record due to hearing loss, listening and speech difficulties, ear discharge, impacted wax and other ear-related problems. They were given protection devices to guard their ears at noisy places. So far, the club, along with Ramco Clinic, SGT University, Sonadev Aarogyam and Vision Institute, Faridabad,

had screened around 500 children at World Hearing Day camps. RC Delhi Govinda distributed notebooks, toothbrushes and tooth-pastes to children at such camps.

“Hearing and speech care for children is one of our top priorities. We will partner with organisations, institutes and hospitals to create awareness on the need for special care for such children,” said Dr Ram Kumar, director, Ramco Clinic. Giving important tips to protect the ears and stay healthy, he said, “with the deluge of smart phones, smart technology has entered our homes which has negative impact on our children.” He urged the people to get their hearing checked regularly. “Do not put cotton buds, oil, match stick or pin inside the ear at all. Never bathe or swim in dirty water pool, and don’t use other’s earphone or earplugs. Avoid loud noises and music,” he advised.

Dr Santosh and Professor Ejaj Hussain from SGT University called for evolving a concrete structure like the hearing and speech camp to cater to the needs of schoolchildren who face increasing problems on this front.

During the inaugural, chief guest Justice Shyam Kishore Singh, former judge of Patna High Court, said hearing is an important sensory impulse for progress in life and “hearing and speech camps should be organised regularly as it reaches out to the society.” RC Delhi Govinda president MP Garg noted that there has been a spike in the hearing and speech-related disorders among children in recent times. ■

On the cover: Interactors of Interact Club of Nainital Naukuchiatal with bicycles gifted to them by their parent club, RC Nainital, RID 3110.

# MHM drive at Patiala slums

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Project chairman Harbans Bansal distributes sanitary napkins to a beneficiary in the presence of RC Patiala Mid Town president Bhagwan Dass Gupta (2<sup>nd</sup> from L).



In an effort to create awareness on menstrual hygiene and provide support to women in need, RC Patiala Mid Town, RID 3090, organised a special event to celebrate International Menstrual Hygiene Day (May 28). At the Government Anganwadi Centre in Patiala, the club distributed sanitary pads to 60 adolescent girls, anganwadi workers, domestic helpers and underprivileged women from the slums.

Club president Bhagwan Dass Gupta donated a ceiling fan to the anganwadi centre in New Yadwindra Colony. He also announced that the club will introduce menstrual cups as an alternative to sanitary napkins for the anganwadi workers.

Project chairman Harbans Bansal gave a talk on the

significance of menstrual hygiene, which he noted, “is not a luxury; it is a fundamental right. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that every woman and girl have access to the resources and knowledge to maintain their menstrual health with dignity.”

### No Tobacco Day

While smoking and consumption of tobacco products have a bad effect on one's health, passive smoking also harms people and the environment, said Dr Raminder Kaur, civil surgeon. She was giving a special talk at an event organised by the club to mark World No Tobacco Day under the theme ‘We need food, not tobacco’. The event was held in partnership with the health department, Patiala, at the Rotary Bhawan.

Bhagwan Gupta explained briefly the global outreach of Rotary with its 1.2 million members and around 36,000 clubs across the world. Tobacco Control Cell nodal officer Dr SJ Singh explained about the types of diseases — cancer, breathing woes, asthma, heart problems and jaw disease — that occur with the consumption of tobacco products like jarda, hookah, khaini, cigarette, beedi, gutka etc. “With a strong willpower and right medicines, one can quit tobacco consumption,” he said.

Singh also explained about the features of the Tobacco Control Act 2003. A street play against tobacco consumption was presented by nursing students of Rajindra Medical College and Hospital, Patiala. ■



# RC Nainital reaches out to the community

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**R**otary Club of Nainital, RID 3110, led by AKS member Babita Jain, has been actively supporting the community with various service projects including a health check-up camp, cleanliness drive, and bicycles and wheelchairs distribution.

The club organised a comprehensive health checkup camp at the Indersheel Charitable Hospital in Mehragaon Chauraha village. Under the club's *Project Karuna*, wheelchairs were distributed to seven institutions and three physically-challenged persons in the city.

The Rotarians gifted bicycles to five Interactors

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Ornamental planters sporting the club's name installed at a public space in Nainital.



Interactors with bags of garbage collected from a cleaning activity.



Beneficiaries on the wheelchairs donated by the club.

of the club-sponsored Interact Club of Nainital Naukuchiatal. These students come to school from far-off villages which do not have connectivity to their school.

In a bid to promote environment care in the city, the Rotarians installed ornamental plants with pots in public places. The pots sport the club's name on it, making the project a good public image exercise, given the city being a popular tourist destination. The club had earlier installed benches at popular spots such as Malli Tal, Joggers' Park and Mall Road which are frequented by tourists.

Six baby warmers were provided to the maternity

ward at the District Hospital and BD Pandey Hospital in the city. This project was initiated by DG Pawan Agarwal who is also an AKS member. Club president Babita contributed \$1,000 for the project which also had a CSR participation.

The club, along with Interact Club of Mehraagaon, organised *Walklean Sath Sath*, a walkathon to promote the message of keeping the surroundings clean. The club, along with the young members of Interact Club of Nainital Naukuchiatal, undertake weekly cleanliness drives to clean the lake view area which gets maximum tourist footfall. ■

## CPR training to save lives

Over 240 people were trained in administering CPR under the *Dil Ki Suno* programme of RC Calcutta Presidency, RID 3291. The club put together this programme for the fourth year

in succession, in association with the BM Birla Heart Research Centre.

Interventional cardiologist Dr Ashok Malpani from the Research Centre shared valuable insight on heart health and, along

with his team of experts, provided hands-on training in CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation), ensuring that attendees were well-equipped to handle emergency situations.

Acting British high commissioner Peter Cook was the chief guest at the training programme. DG Ajoy Kumar Law, DRR Soumik Nath and Jagdish Prasad Chowdhary of Titagarh Wagons were also present.

CPR, if performed in the first few minutes of cardiac arrest, can enhance a person's chance of survival. The training event aimed to make more people aware of this life-saving technique and encourage them to become saviours in their community, said club president Rina Malpani. ■



Paramedical staff demonstrating CPR administration. Club president Rina Malpani, acting British high commissioner Peter Cook, Jagdish Prasad Chodhary of Titagarh Wagons, Dr Ashok Malpani and DRR Soumik Nath are also in the picture.



# Walkathon to promote good health

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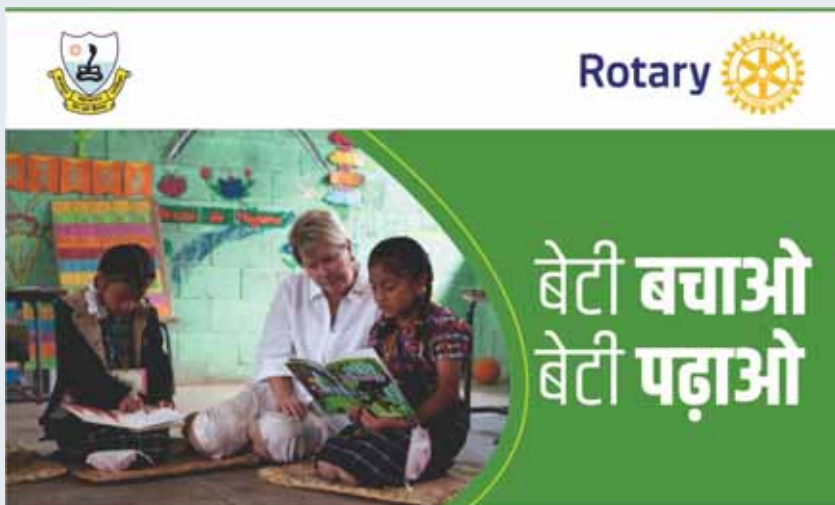
Participants of the walkathon in Srirangam.

**R**otary Club of Srirangam, RID 3000, observed World Hypertension Day (May 17) by organising a walkathon in the town. An awareness talk on managing hypertension and diabetes, and following

healthy dietary habits was imparted to the participants at the end of the programme. Staff from the Vivekananda Yoga Centre gave a demo on simple yogasanas that could be practised daily for one's physical fitness and health.

A week earlier, the club members visited a public health centre in the town and donated a foot massager to benefit patients. Mementoes and gift hampers were distributed to the nurses at the PHC. ■

## Enhancing Rotary's public image



One of the billboards featuring RI President Jennifer Jones promoting RI's literacy project.

**B**illboards and TV screens announcing Rotary's various community service initiatives have been put up at strategic places across Nagpur under *Project Prayas*, an initiative of RC Nagpur Ishanya, RID 3030, along with the Nagpur municipal corporation. Rotary's service initiatives promoting literacy, environment and healthcare form part of the displays which were inaugurated by DG Anand Jhunjhunwala in the presence of the additional municipal commissioner Ram Joshi and MLA Vikas Kumbhare.

"Our endeavour is to make Rotary a household name by providing maximum visibility to all the good things that Rotarians do," said club secretary Manisha Rathi. ■

# RC Nasik West transforms a school

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**A**s many as 1,160 students at the Adarsh Vidya Mandir, a semi-rural school in Nashik, will now have concrete building for classrooms, instead of tin sheds earlier, thanks to RC Nasik West, RID 3030, which has taken up a mega Happy School project here.

The club has adopted 60 girls studying in Classes 8–10 and is paying their school fees. As there was no cement flooring, the students sat on the ground and they suffered various health issues like backache, illness due to sitting on the cotton mats during rainy season and difficult posture etc. Now, the club has donated 210 desk-benches for the primary section which will benefit 420 students each year.



Happy students with new desk-benches.

DG Anand Jhunjhunwala handed over the new benches to the school administration.

Students of the school, started in 1991, were from poor socioeconomic background with their parents doing

menial jobs as labourers and daily wagers. Also, children travel to school from long distance either by walking or other means of transport. The club has planned many more projects in this school.■

## Kolkata clubs join hands to train nurses



DG Ajoy Kumar Law speaking at the inauguration of the one-year nursing programme in Kolkata.

**I**n a joint project, Rotary Club of North Calcutta, RID 3291, is providing training to 50 girls in Graduate Duty Assistant and Nursing, a one-year programme being conducted by St John Ambulance, Tollygunge, at the Nehru Children's Museum.

The programme has six months of theoretical training, followed by another six months of practical training. "We are supported by the Rotary

Vocational Service Trust in the project which will have participation from RCs Dumdum, Calcutta South Suburban, New Ballygunge, Belur and the Nehru Museum," said Debi Prosad Basu, past president, RC North Calcutta. Dr Amitava Bose from St John Ambulance will impart training to the nursing students. DG Ajoy Kumar Law inaugurated the vocational training in the presence of district officers and club presidents of RID 3291.■



# Modernising a cancer care centre in Ambala

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**R**otary Club of Ambala, RID 3080, recently installed a sophisticated ultrasonography machine at the Rotary Ambala Cancer and General Hospital through a \$172,078 global grant. RIDs 6930 and 7090, USA; RC Boca Raton Sunrise, Florida, US, and RC Buffalo, New York, were the international partners. RIDs 3080 and 3011 also supported the project through their DDFs.

The hospital was initially established as the Rotary Ambala Cancer Detection Centre in 2005, and was subsequently upgraded with the present name “to provide quality medical treatment at affordable costs to benefit the underprivileged,” says IPDG Ajay Madan who inaugurated the new facility at the hospital.

The hospital is managed by the Rotary Ambala Cancer Detection

and Welfare Society comprising Rotarians. Over the years, the hospital has developed into a 100-bed super specialty hospital with nearly 400 footfalls a day in its OPD. Presently, the NABH-accredited hospital boasts of clinical services in the fields of anaesthesiology, cardiology, chemotherapy, critical care, dermatology, interventional radiology, gastroenterology, neurology, surgical oncology, nephrology, urology, paediatrics, orthopaedic surgery and dentistry. Diagnostic services such as 2D Echo, CT scanning, MRI, EEG, EMG/EP, mammography, treadmill testing, USG, x-ray, clinical pathology, biochemistry, haematology, blood transfusions, dietetics and physiotherapy are offered here. The nominal medical charges — ₹30 for specialist’s consultation and ₹250

super specialist’s opinion — makes it a go-to hospital for many.

Now the new ultrasonography machine provides a platform for high-end clinical performance to detect ultras-small pathologies especially in foetal and maternal studies. It has a 4D technique to demonstrate active foetal movements like yawning, crying, and laughing in mother’s womb. The machine is specially loaded with a unique software called elastography to find out early breast tumours and liver disease without surgery. A musculoskeletal ultrasound is done to diagnose tears to ligaments, bleeding in muscles or joints, fluid build-up, soft tissue tumours and other sports-related injuries.

This is the most modern ultrasound machine available within a radius of 200km here, says Madan. ■



PDG Ajay Madan (centre) with club members after inaugurating the new ultrasonography machine at the Rotary Ambala Cancer and General Hospital.



# Gifting a metro ride experience

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**T**he students of the C R Ranganathan School were all excited as they were taken on a metro ride from the Garware College to Vanaaz metro station and back. The ride was sponsored by Asmita Patil, a member of RC Pune Katraj, RID 3131.

On another occasion, 72 blind students from the Patashibai Ratanchand Manav Kalyan Trust in Bhosari, accompanied by eight teachers, were taken on a metro train from Phugewadi station to Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation station with four stops in between, and back. The children loved the



**Tribal students from Gadchiroli district at the Garware College metro station.**

experience, and enjoyed the ride. The club's past president Nitin Naik gave information about metro trains to the students.

About 75 tribal students of Gadchiroli district, and under

the care of Trisharan Enlightenment Foundation, a city-based NGO, were treated to a metro train ride from Garware College station to Vanaaz metro station by club president Namita and

members Nitin Naik and Varsha Harwe.

"We were happy to facilitate the experience for these children who would otherwise not have an opportunity to travel by a metro train," said Namita. ■

## A digital anganwadi in Ambernath



DG Kailash Jethani and members of RC Ambernath Smart City with children at the anganwadi renovated by the club.

**A**n anganwadi in Ambernath got a fresh lease of life with the intervention of RC Ambernath Smart City, RID 3142. The club refurbished the facility with new flooring, vibrant paints, furnished it with colourful furniture, and provided hygiene kits and a variety of games to the children.

The Rotarians equipped the facility with an LED TV and simple lessons for the tiny tots. Around 35 children from the neighbourhood are enrolled here, said club president Gokul Patil.

The anganwadi was inaugurated by DG Kailash Jethani. ■

**D 2981**

## **RC Nagapattinam**

Dr J Jayalalithaa Fisheries University registrar J Felix gave prizes to the winners of the chess tournament, held with the support of the Rotaract club at the College of Fisheries Engineering. College dean N Manimehalai and Nagapattinam District Chess Association secretary Rtn V Govindarajalu were the guests of honour. Club president P Karthikeyan and Rotaract club president K P Ahash presided over the event.



**D 2982**

## **RC Jalakantapuram**

A road safety awareness event was held at the Government Boys H S School, Jalakantapuram. Motor vehicles inspector V Meenakumari and sub-inspector spoke on the dos and don'ts of traffic rules for the benefit of students. A pledge was taken for observing the safety norms. Club president Sampath Kumar was also present. The project costing ₹5,000 had received a positive feedback from the school authorities.



**D 2982**

## **RC Rasipuram Royal**

Rasipuram Municipality chairperson Kavitha Sankar cut the cake as part of women's day celebration among the members. She called upon the residents to segregate their kitchen and daily waste with green, yellow and red bins that are provided by the civic body. Ritisha Jagadishwaran was presented with the Cholan Book of World Records citation for her yoga skills.







**D 3000**

## RC Madurai Presidency

DG I Jerald distributed 150 eating plates to 180 students of the Madurai Corporation School at Singarathoppu, a neighbourhood, during his official visit. The school management thanked the club for the donation as it would facilitate their midday meal programme. He reviewed the club projects and motivated the members to do more for the community.



**D 3000**

## RC Pudukkottai City

Club president R Sivakumar along with R Umadevi, staff at Handle, an NGO, distributed new clothes to the Narikurava families, a scheduled tribe. The readymade garments were donated by Lim Deng Cheng, proprietor, SPG Marine, from Singapore. His HR officer Bharath gifted two boxes of clothes to the club during his visit for distribution to needy families.



**D 3011**

## RC New Delhi

Out of the total of 5,096 candidates who were trained in various digital skills at the Rotary Skill Building Centre, Daryaganj, 3,050 of them were offered jobs by companies. Set up in January 2020 as a global grant project in collaboration with NIIT Foundation, it was completed in Dec 2022. It offered three-month courses across industry verticals for underprivileged youth.

**D 3012**

## RC Ghaziabad North

Over 40 electronic items including air conditioner, laptops, smartphones and UPS were handed over to Attero, a partner company, in the third phase of *Project E-Clean India*. The items were monetised and the funds were used for club projects. The upcycling project benefitted 200 persons. Around 225 units of blood was collected at a blood donation camp at ABESIT College of Engineering in association with Rotary Blood Bank, Noida.



**D 3012**

## RC Kundli

Around 250 people were checked for BP, blood sugar and got their eyes screened at a medical camp. ECG was done for 30 patients and women over 50 were referred to a gynaecologist. DGE Priyatosh Gupta and local MLA Manohar Lal Bhadoli were the chief guests. A performance stage was built at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Nangal Kalan, in Sonipat.



**D 3020**

## RC Vijayawada Midtown

A week-long *Mahila Vaarotsav* was celebrated to mark Women's Day in partnership with the Spruhaapathi Charitable Trust. Each day, a guest speaker addressed the members and the public on topical issues. The programmes were conducted at different venues drawing 100-plus audience. Eight eminent women were honoured by former CBI joint director VV Lakshminarayana and Andhra Women's Commission chair Vasireddy Padma.







**D 3020**

## RC Vizag Couples

Two Rotaract clubs — RACs Vizag Couples Sun International and Vizag Couples Prism — were chartered and the new office-bearers were installed at a ceremony. A three-day sports meet at the Sun Beach campus saw Rotaractors and students taking part in indoor games and competitions such as drawing, quiz, fancy dress, skit, singing, face painting and ad-making.



**D 3054**

## RC Jaipur Pink City

As part of World Rotary Day, the club donated tiny chairs and school bags for children at an anganwadi (childcare centre) and sweets were distributed to them. Rotarians interacted with the children and their mothers and assured them of their support through donations of essentials.



**D 3060**

## RC Amreli Gir

More than 9,000 people were given Ukala drink, an herbal concoction, prescribed by the Ayurvedic department for healthy living. With the help of Amreli Ayurvedic Hospital, the club under the supervision of Dr Bhavesh Mehta distributed the herbal drink twice a day for eight days.

**D 3080**

## RC Chandigarh

A health camp was held at Dholki Colony, Mauli Jagran, an area for ragpickers, with the support of the FPAI. Every month, around 250 TB patients are given nutrition kits at the Health and Wellness Centre in Mauli Jagran. A farewell lunch was given to around 100 children, teachers and community workers at Saketri, a slum colony, at the end of a five-year-old after-school programme.



**D 3080**

## RC Kharar

More than 50 patients were screened at the mammography camp organised at the Gurudwara Shri Sant Sarowar in Sante Majra village with the support of Sohana Hospital, Mohali. Project chair Baljinder Singh thanked Dr Sandeep Kukkar, HoD, Oncology department of the hospital and camp team leader S Bhupinder Singh. Blood sugar and blood tests were also conducted at the camp.



**D 3090**

## RC Ahmedgarh

Five eminent women including DEO Jaswinder Kaur Grewal, state awardee Bhupinder Kaur Pandher, Seema Gupta and meritorious student Ananya Dhawan were honoured on Women's Day. They recalled the challenges they faced while trying to excel in different fields. Club patron SP Sofat and president Puneet Dhawan thanked the awardees. A large number of Rotarians were present.







**D 3090**

## RC Sunam

A team of specialists led by Dr Abhishek Handa from the Handa Hospital screened 90 patients at the eye check-up and cataract surgery camp in Gurudwara Singh Sabha, Moranwali. Post-surgery, 65 patients were given black spectacles and medicines. DGE Ghanshyam Kansal, project chairman Jagdeep Bhardwaj and club secretary Shiv Jindal were present at the camp.



**D 3120**

## RC Kashi

Club president Aayushman Sureka is funding the education of two sisters — Arya Pandey and Sneha Pandey — at Maa Maruka School, Varanasi, till they pass out of Class 12. As their parents found it tough to continue their schooling, the club decided to meet their expenses under *Project Sponsoring Child*. In a similar initiative, Rtn Tahir Ansari is sponsoring the education of nine-year-old Altamas Khan whose parents were unable to send him to school. The expenses will be borne for one year.



**D 3120**

## RC Varanasi Central

Over 1,000 blankets were given to homeless, disabled and villagers with the help of panchyat chiefs. Programme advisor Ashok Gupta said 1,000 women in villages around the industrial estate would be made self-reliant through a training workshop. Project coordinator Rajesh Bhatia, club president Manoj Jajodia and Anuradha Bhatia were present at the venue.

**D 3150**

## RC Guntur Vikas

Fruits, bread packets and diapers were distributed to patients at the maternity ward of Guntur General Hospital at a total cost of ₹60,000. The beneficiaries thanked Rotary for the gesture. The project earned the goodwill of the hospital, and also enhanced the public image of the club in the locality.



**D 3150**

## RC Nizamabad

Police commissioner K R Nagaraju inaugurated a daily free clinic for poor residents of Nizamabad. A specialist doctor will give free consultations and medicines to underprivileged patients. Rotary pamphlets on the free clinic was circulated in the city widely. The project boosted the public image of the club.



**D 3160**

## RC Davangere Vidyanagar

On the occasion of his birthday, Rtn HM Chandrachar and his spouse Sujatha gave away dictionaries to orphaned students from government schools. The couple, along with other Rotarians, interacted with the children and motivated them to excel in their studies for a bright career.







**D 3160**

## **RC Gudur**

A Rotary bus shelter was inaugurated at Veera Reddy Palli village by the Highways executive engineer P Ramanjaneyulu. Sponsored by Rtn Kalki Janardan Reddy, the shelter is disabled-friendly. Club president Kiran Chakravarthy and PDG Munigirish Chevuru were present. A Rotary waiting hall was set up at the municipality office. PDG Bommireddy Surendra was the chief guest.



**D 3170**

## **RC Honavar**

DG Venkatesh Deshpande inaugurated a workshop 'NEP-2020' for over 500 teachers of government schools in Uttara Kannada district. The event was jointly hosted by the District Literacy Committee, Yuva Brigade and Uttara Kannada High School Headmasters Association. The club donated a pen drive for Classes 4-10, installed a handwash station, a library, two green boards and play equipment for children at the Government Higher Primary School No 1, Honavar.



**D 3181**

## **RC Mangalore City**

Around 30 vehicles with 120 contestants took part in the four-wheeler adventure sport titled *Treasure Hunt*. It was flagged off by national rally champion Arjun Rao at the Eden Club. A cash prize, trophy and certificate were given to the winners, and the all-women team got a special prize for their participation. Club president Basavakumar, charter president Ranjan and club advisor Kalbavi Rajendra Rao were present at the venue.

**D 3190**

## RC Nelamangala

A fire safety awareness drill was conducted at the Pavada Basavanna Devara Mata for the benefit of 1,500-plus students from three schools and four colleges. Wheelchairs were donated to three disabled children from a family as they were diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy. Around 800 blankets were distributed to the homeless, disabled, slum dwellers and construction workers.



**D 3201**

## RC Coimbatore East

More than 60 students donated blood at a blood donation camp held at the Sri Ranganathar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Athipalayam. It was organised with the support of Shanthi Social Service and 123Coimbatore.com, a web portal. RID 3201 community service chair RS Maruthi inaugurated the camp and motivated the students to take up service activities.



**D 3203**

## RC Pollachi

For the Sake of Honour Award was presented to ISRO former chairman and Department of Space former secretary K Sivan for his contributions to space technology. National Security Advisory Board member SL Naraimhan presented the award to Sivan in the presence of club president PTS Maheswar. Sivan urged the youth to become space entrepreneurs.







**D 3211**

## RC Alleppey East

An amount of ₹90,000 was donated for the marriage of 28 differently-abled couples under *Project Parinayam*. The club also sponsored the interior decorations, light and sound systems worth ₹1.7 lakh at the venue. Monthly provisions, adult diapers and other essentials were distributed to spine-injured patients during an entertainment show for them.



**D 3231**

## RC Vellore North

A tree plantation drive was held at the Government ITI campus in the presence of RID 3231-Go Green chairman S Babu, environment chairman Joseph Annaiah, ITI training officers and students. Club president Ravindran led the greening mission. Tree plantations were done at many locations in Vellore in this Rotary year, enhancing the public image of the club.



**D 3240**

## RC Dimapur

An active Rotarian for 51 years, charter member Binode Bihari Chanda's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated by the club. He was inducted on the charter night in Feb 1972 and has attended all the club meetings. Club president Manish Kumar Jain wished the centenarian a long life. Chanda is a MPHF member.

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# A corporation school gets a makeover

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**R**otary Club of Coimbatore Vadavalli, RID 3201, announced its first CSR-supported project being done in collaboration with C G Vak Software and Exports. The project aims to improve the infrastructure and facilities in the Corporation High School, Ramalingam Colony, Coimbatore. The total project outlay is ₹18 lakh.

The school has over 200 students who would sit on the open ground to have lunch. They had to bear the heat during summer, and brave the rains and the wet floor during the monsoon. “The lack of basic amenities has made it difficult for students to focus on their lessons,” says Ramesh Subramaniam, the club secretary.

The club plans to construct a dining hall and a covered bicycle



Members of RC Coimbatore Vadavalli and students after the *bhoomi puja* on the school campus.

parking, and renovate the computer, science labs and the library. “We want to make the school more student-friendly and give them access to facilities that they deserve,” he adds. A *bhoomi puja* was conducted recently at the school to mark the beginning of the construction work.

Club president Karunakaran, AG Sasikumar and club’s TRF chair Rajan were present at the event. The CSR partner CG Vak Software was represented by its CEO Suresh, CFO P S Subramaniam and company secretary Haricharan at the event.■

## Enhancing school experience for children



RC Kundli members with ceiling fans gifted by them to a government school.

**R**otary Club of Kundli, RID 3012, distributed uniforms to 384 students studying at the Government Girls’ Higher Secondary School in Nangal Kalan in Mansa district in Punjab. The club arranged for training in self-defence for the girls to give them courage and confidence to tackle stalking and eve-teasers. The club will soon be delivering 25 tablets to the school for facilitating e-learning for the students.

A stage was constructed and ceiling fans were gifted to another government school in Rasoi near Kundli, Haryana.■