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Cataract surgeries in Jalna

Team Rotary News



Club president Dhawal Mishrikotkar hands over a cheque for the surgeries to Shri Ganapati Eye Hospital.

RC Jalna Midtown, RID 3132, has undertaken an initiative to provide free eye surgeries through their Netra Narayan Motibindu Free Vision Camp.

Under the leadership of their president Dhawal Mishrikotkar, the idea of organising a service project

focusing on cataract surgery took shape. Following the successful Rotary Jalna Expo 2022, which garnered substantial revenue, the club with the availability of seed money from the interest earned on the Expo fixed deposit, inaugurated the project.

Additional funds were required to serve more underprivileged individuals. Club member Nikita Bagadiya, the project chair, devised an innovative solution to appeal to club members to contribute on the birthdays of their loved ones or in memory of departed family members. “The response was overwhelming, with more than 80 members contributing,” says Mishrikotkar. The club also received CSR funding from the Lloyds Infinite Foundation, increasing the number of surgeries being sponsored.

“These surgeries are dedicated to patients living below the poverty line and are performed in Shree Ganapati Netralaya, a renowned eye hospital in Jalna,” says the club president. Shri Ganapati Netralaya not only conducted the surgeries but also agreed to perform all the surgeries being sponsored by the club. Over 410 surgeries have been completed. ■



A beneficiary after the cataract surgery.

On the cover: Children with their chocolate packets gifted to them by members of RC Karala Valley Jalpaiguri, RID 3240.

Tree plantation in Aagardih village

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Ghanshym Dass, president of RC Bokaro Steel City, RID 3250, emphasises the significance of tree planting as a civic duty. “It’s not merely an activity; it’s a responsibility that we, Rotarians, must shoulder. Trees, often referred to as the lungs of the earth, play a crucial role in our ecosystem. Trees also play a vital role in conserving water and preventing soil erosion,” he says.

With this ethos in mind, a significant tree plantation initiative was undertaken in Aagardih village, on the outskirts of Bokaro city. More than 1,000 saplings were planted, which included a variety of shade and fruit-bearing trees like mango, cashewnut, gooseberry, mahogany and rosewood.

Dass further stressed on the importance of combatting global warming and providing clean air for future generations. He believes projects like *Each One Grow One* are pivotal in creating a cleaner and healthier environment for our successors.

The club received valuable support from the Vanvasi Kalyan Kendra, Bokaro, and the villagers from Aagardih, “making this initiative a collaborative effort towards a greener future,” he says. ■



Club members planting a sapling at Aagardih village.



Club members with the students of Aagardih Primary School.

‘Drive safe’ campaign in Pudukkottai

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As part of a road safety awareness campaign, pamphlets containing traffic rules for motor vehicles and pedestrians were distributed at a special drive organised by RC Pudukkottai City, RID 3000.

During his speech, club president B Asokan, urged the public to respect the road rules to prevent loss of lives. The road safety awareness handbill was released by deputy inspector (traffic) Tamilmani. A cardiac screening camp for women was held at the Pon Pudukkottai Government Girls High School in partnership with the Ma Malar Hospital. State law minister S Reghupathy inaugurated the medical camp.



RC Pudukkottai City president B Asokan distributing road safety awareness pamphlets to motorists. Also seen are (to his right) club advisor 'Maruti' Mohan Raj and other Rotarians.

Saplings were planted to mark Independence Day at the Thirumayam Panchayat

Union with panchayat council chairman S Azhakappan and Asokan giving speeches.■

I-Day cyclothon in Sonipat



More than 400 participants took part in the cyclothon titled *Clean Sonipat, Green Sonipat* organised by RC Sonapat Midtown, RID 3012, as part of Independence Day celebrations.

The cyclists included students, the public and Rotarians, all of whom shared the vision of a sustainable future, said club president Ravinder Bhardwaj. DGE Prashant Raj Sharma

distributed the certificates to students and cyclists, recognising their commitment to the noble cause. The club is committed to build on the momentum generated by the cyclothon, said Bhardwaj. “We aim to launch a series of awareness campaigns throughout the year, designed to educate, inspire, and drive positive change towards a healthier environment.” The event was organised with the support of RC Sonapat Ardent. Rotaractors and Interactors volunteered to make the event a success.

In another initiative, around 150 patients were screened at a health check-up camp organised with the support of Balaji Hospital, Delhi, for below poverty line families.■

A colourful I-Day event

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Club members with the students of Government High School, Somur, Karur.

RC Karur Young Generation, RID 3000, celebrated the 77th Independence Day at the Government High School in Somur, Karur. Club president S Selvaraj hoisted the national flag and presided over the event.

Prizes were distributed to students for their cultural performance. The club initiated a tree planting activity and planted 10 saplings on the school campus to promote environmental awareness.

The club provided writing pads to all 140 students. During the event, discussion was held with the school management regarding the construction of handwash stations and maintenance of toilet facilities at the school. ■

A cycle rally to promote fellowship and fitness

Rotary Club Osmanabad, RID 3132, organised an 8-day cycle rally involving 17 club members from Osmanabad, Maharashtra, to Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu.

During this adventure, they visited various Rotary clubs and participated in Rotary projects along the way. The primary motto of the rally was 'Friendship, sharing, and promoting physical



activities'. Along their route, they visited the Rotary Clubs of Bijapur, Hospet, Chitradurga, Sattur and Neelmangala.

Throughout their journey, the Rotarians were given a rousing reception from the Rotary clubs along the way. The Rotary Club of

Sattur organised a health checkup for the rally team. Despite hurdles like tyre puncture on the way, the team members supported each other through these challenges fostering a sense of camaraderie among them and the people they met during the rally. ■



Making children happy

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The Rotarians of RC Karala Valley Jalpaiguri, RID 3240, visited four children's shelters on the eve of Bengali new year and distributed chocolate packs to the children. They organised games and entertained them with music and dance. "The children were excited to get their

treat. They made our day. We were so happy to spend time in the homes and we would like to do more for them," said club president Arnab Saha.

In another initiative, the club organised a blood donation camp, in association with the Marina Medical Centre. Over 100 units of blood was

collected and given to the Marina Nursing Home. Cancer screening camps were organised, jointly with the Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute of Calcutta, for two days at the nursing home and in the Maynagari club. Over 150 people benefitted from the camps. ■



A cross-border Rotary Quiz

Kiran Zehra



The winning team — Interact Club of Galaxy School - Wadi, Rajkot.

Below: Interact Club of Fireflies, Pakistan.



RC Ahmedabad Greater, RID 3055, recently organised the Transnational Quiz on Zoom with an aim to foster international peace and promote collaboration between Rotary and Interact clubs across Asia. Thirty-six teams participated in the programme, “representing a diverse array of countries and regions,” said host club president Arup Sinha. There were four teams from Nepal-Bhutan, three from Bangladesh, seven from Pakistan, four teams representing Sri Lanka and the Maldives, and 18 teams representing India. “This international turnout demonstrated the wide-reaching impact of the quiz in bringing together young leaders from different backgrounds and

fostering cooperation and friendly competition.”

PRIP Shekhar Mehta delivered an inspirational message to the participants. “Even great leaders like Abraham Lincoln faced failures before achieving greatness. View failures as opportunities for growth and resilience,” he said.

RID Anirudha Roychowdhury advised the children to take advantage of the privileges offered by Interact clubs. “Have fun and enjoy your time in Interact. Building strong friendships and camaraderie is part of this experience. Understand that even small actions can have a significant impact in your community and the world. Your efforts matter,” he said.



Above: Team from Interact Club of Valmiki, Nepal.

Below: Interact Club of Khalsa, Kolkata.



The keynote speaker for the event was Sparsh Shah, an American rapper who has overcome a rare disorder, Osteogenesis Imperfecta. He motivated the Interactors to embrace their unique talent and contributions. “Stick to your vision, because what you can bring to the table, nobody else can,” he said.

The Interact Club of Galaxy School - Wadi in Rajkot, India, won the competition and the Interact Clubs of Visakha Vidyalaya (Colombo, Sri Lanka), Fireflies (Lahore, Pakistan), Valmiki (Narayangarh, Nepal) and Khalsa (Kolkata, India) were the runners-up. The awards will be couriered to the winners.

The quiz was hosted by Aliya T Sayed from RID 3272, Islamabad, Pakistan, and Zeaul Huda Hemal, district secretary, RID 3281. The event was supported by D Raja Cotton in Kadi, Gujarat, and Rotarians Sanjay Dalal, Mahendra Patel, Purvish Patel and Punita Mehta from Ahmedabad. ■

Promoting mental health awareness

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Rotary Bangalore Downtown, RID 3191, recently organised a mental health awareness programme — *Manodarpa* — which was inaugurated by DG Udaykumar Bhaskara. Various events such as informative talks, workshops, interactive sessions anchored by mental health experts and counsellors, aimed to promote open discussions and eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

The event was open to all — community members, schools and local organisations. G Balamurugan and Radhakrishnan from the Department of Nursing, Nimhans, provided insight on mental wellness and spoke about how to recognise issues such as anxiety and depression and how to overcome negative thoughts.

“Our initiative not only emphasised the importance of mental well-being but also provided practical tools and resources to help



DG Udaykumar Bhaskara (4th from R) with the presidents and secretaries of the host clubs. Raghu Allam, director, Mental Wellness Committee, is seen 2nd from left.

individuals and communities better understand and manage their mental health,” said Biju, the club’s Public Image chair.

The highlight of the programme was a unique ‘Drum Jam’ performed by a team from

Nimhans, entertaining the audience with a medley of music using various types of drums and percussion instruments.

Seventeen other Rotary clubs co-hosted the three-hour programme. ■

Drum Jam session in progress.



Community initiatives in Ganaur, Haryana

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RC Ganaur Royal, RID 3012, organised a blood donation camp in Ganaur, Haryana. The camp saw enthusiastic blood donors coming forward, resulting in the collection of 70 units of blood. Municipal chairman Arun Tyagi inaugurated the event, and the Rotary Blood Bank team from Sonipat provided support. The project had a budget of ₹10,000.

The club extended a helping hand to the Kanwariyas (devotees) during their pilgrimage to Kairana in Uttar Pradesh via Ganaur. Members provided mobile medical services and distributed essential medicines, bandages, ointments and food items to the devotees.

A tree plantation drive was conducted at the Government Secondary School, Garhi Kesari Ganaur. More than 100 saplings were planted by club members. Club president Jatin Jain emphasised the importance of environmental conservation to the school students. Project chairman Ajay Jain and other members were present during the event. ■

From top: Club members distributing refreshments to devotees; Donors donate blood at the camp; A tree plantation drive by the club.

D 2981

RC Chidambaram Central

A water booth is installed every summer for the public in a joint project with Mishrimal Mahaveerchand Jain Trust. This time, it was inaugurated by the local MLA KA Pandian. The 155th birth anniversary of Rotary founder Paul Harris was celebrated by distributing bread packets to mothers of newborns at the Government Hospital.



D 2981

RC Chidambaram Mid Town

Sports equipment worth ₹20,000 were donated to youth at the five villages in and around Kannangudi panchayat. Then club president S Pragadheeswaran chaired the distribution event in which he stressed the need for youngsters to keep their mental and physical health in good condition. Panchayat president Saranya Rajesh received the sports material. Prof Raghupathy from Annamalai University and village elders were present.



D 3000

RC Madurai Sangamam

The club jointly with RC Madurai Metro Heritage donated a cupboard and set of chairs to the Madurai Corporation Middle School, Karumbalai, sponsored by Rtn Balaji from Raga Industries at a cost of ₹25,000. Both the club presidents, Vanchinathan (Sangamam) and Venkatesh (2022–23), gave a speech at the handover ceremony. The chairs will facilitate classroom learning for students.





D 3011

RC Gurgaon

Renovation work was done at the GMS Primary School with CSR support of ₹6.74 lakh from COFCO International. Five toilet blocks were renovated, three handwash stations were installed and a library was set-up, apart from electrical and plumbing work, repair of two drinking water stations and complete painting of the school walls with proper signages. Further, 250 sets of tables and chairs will be donated to the school.



D 3012

RC Ghaziabad North

Rotary notebooks with the club name and The Four-Way Test on the covers and stationery were distributed to students of Composite School at Madhuban Bapudham, a neighbourhood. Also, stationery items were distributed at a government primary school, Razapur. A mega blood donation camp was held at the Krishna Engineering College and certificates were given to the donors.



D 3020

RC Visakhapatnam

Around 100 women were tested for BP, sugar and four ECGs were taken at a health check-up at the Subham Indoor Sports Complex to mark Mother's Day. Also, 23 units of blood was collected at the blood donation camp at the venue. The health camp was organised with the support of East Coast Railway Women's Welfare Association (ECoRWWA) and East Coast Railway Sports Association.

D 3030

RC Nagpur Black Gold

A Zilla Parishad Upper Primary School, Bidgaon, got a new compound wall with gate, upgraded toilet block, pathways from the gate to the classrooms, play equipment and water filter unit as part of Happy Schools project. While a dental camp is held every year, school bags and stationery are distributed to children regularly.



D 3090

RC Faridkot

More than 500 patients were treated at the OPD of Dr Lal Singh Memorial Ayurvedic Hospital, Golewala, at a mega medical camp. Medicines were given to all patients. An air cooler was installed at a special home of Indian Red Cross Society. Rotarians distributed sweets and fruits to children and the elderly. Ceiling fans were donated to Anandean Gaushala to provide a comfortable stay for the bovines.



D 3090

RC Hisar

The club is providing nutrition kits to 51 TB patients each month at the community health centre, Arya Nagar. The club IPP Sanjay Dalmia distributed the kits in the presence of then secretary Mohit Gupta and project chair Vikas Puri. The patients were assured of continuous support and doctors gave tips for healthy living.





D 3110

RC Bareilly Heights

A two-day programme on detection, screening and treatment of cervical cancer was held at the club hall and Rajshree Medical and Research Institute, Fatehganj, reaching out to over 150 doctors and public. A thermal coagulator and spectrum device were handed over to the hospital for holding cancer detection camps in rural areas.



D 3120

RC Allahabad Midtown

A prosthetic limb measurement camp was held with the support of Narayan Sewa Sansthan, Udaipur. Among the 405 amputees who attended the camp, 366 were identified as potential beneficiaries and the balance 39 were referred for corrective surgery at Udaipur. Total footfall including attendants and volunteers stood at 900, thus it boosted the public image of the club. State minister Nand Gopal Gupta and former IGP K P Singh were among the volunteers.



D 3120

RC Lucknow Rajdhani

DGP Aparna Kaushik flagged off a 'treasure hunt' car rally for women in which 37 participants showcased their vehicles to promote a greener earth. Sports additional chief secretary Navneet Sehgal was the chief guest. Covering a distance of 51km, the women drivers lifted the public image of the club.

D 3132

RC Karad

An antenatal check-up camp for pregnant women was conducted with the support of Sanjeevan Medical Centre. They were taught on selfcare and the proper way of nurturing the newborns. Meals are being distributed to the patients and their attendants at the Government Hospital, Karad, under *Project Rotary Annachchatra* for the last two years. The 66th charter day was celebrated with cake-cutting, and members, Anns and Annets greeting each other.



D 3142

RC Dombivli Diamonds

More than 50 patients were screened at the eye check-up camp held with the support of Vihaay Netralay, Dombivli West. They were checked for diabetic retinopathy. Around 90 residents of various apartment complexes took part in the workshop on the management of housing society and its redevelopment. The club partnered with Aaditi Institute of Housing Society for the event.



D 3142

RC Dombivli West

A three-day semi-residential camp was conducted for students of Classes 6–7 at Posu Bal Patil Vidyalaya, Bale Waklan, adopted by the club, with the help of Jnanaprabodhini, Dombivli Kendra, as part of extracurricular activity. Students had a chance to enjoy a range of outdoor games, took part in debate and presentation, and other team-building activities.





D 3142

RI District

The district PR team had installed 25 circular signages, ₹10,000 each and sponsored by 15 clubs, to promote Rotary's visual identity at different places such as Ambarnath, Ulhasnagar, Badlapur, Dombivli, Kalyan, Navi Mumbai and Thane. The name of the sponsor club and contact information were displayed on both sides of the signage. The outdoor branding initiative created a bold visibility of Rotary in these areas.



D 3150

RC Nizamabad

Desk-benches, school bags, stationery and a water filter unit were donated to the Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPPS) at Lingasamudram village under *Project Grama Vikas*. IPDG Talla Raja Sekhar Reddy inaugurated two sign boards, donated a RO unit and distributed school bags to anganwadi children. He inaugurated renovation work, new toilet blocks and handwash stations at the MPPS.



D 3170

RC Dharwad Central

Charter member Arvind Kulkarni spoke 15 minute-a-day for 365 days till June 30 on the club's Facebook page on the subject 'Imagine Rotary each day'. More than 1,100 ideas of service for Rotary clubs were discussed across the avenues of service, TRF and the seven focus areas. Each day, he got hundreds of likes and comments to his online videos which boosted the public image of his club.

Caring for senior citizens

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Members of the RC Bangalore Metro, RID 3191, brighten the day of senior citizens at the Asaktha Poshaka Sabha, a retirement home.

The club organised a special meal for the elderly residents at the home. A sumptuous South Indian thali was served, bringing smiles on the faces of 15 senior citizens who enjoyed the delicious spread. More than 60 club members spent their afternoon at the retirement home, creating an atmosphere of warmth and care.

Arun Prabhu, club president, says, "This has been a very satisfying experience for all of us. We not only catered to their needs but also had the opportunity to interact with them, making them feel truly cared for. It's a fulfilling experience for both sides."

In addition to their visit to the retirement home, the club also conducted an eye-screening camp at Sri Jayachamarajendra Engineering College. Close to 300 people had their eyes screened at this camp. ■



PDG Fazal Mahmood (seated, third from right) with club members at the Sri Jayachamarajendra Engineering College at the eye-screening camp.



Left: A beneficiary gets his eyes screened at the camp.

Below: Club members serving meals to a senior citizen at Asaktha Poshaka Sabha, a retirement home.



D 3170

Rotary E-Club Belgaum

Past president Narasimha Joshi received Regional Service Award for a Polio-Free World from RIPE Gordon McNally during his visit to India. The award presented by TRF trustees recognises his efforts in polio eradication. The coveted award is being given to Rotarians who had contributed to the eradication of polio through promotional activities and sustainable campaigns.



D 3170

RC Honavar

Around 250 patients were screened and primary treatment were given to over 100 beneficiaries at a dental check-up camp done with the support of KMC College of Dental Sciences, Manipal. Both Sangama Seva Trust and Government High School, Hadinbal, helped in identifying the beneficiaries. Along with RC Bibwewadi, haemoglobin tests were conducted on 73 girl children at the Government High School, Manki Chittar. Tablets were distributed to those with low Hb content.



D 3191

RC Bugle Rock Bengaluru

Yakshagana artiste Keremane Shivanand Hegde was presented with Vocational Excellence Award by Chandrashekhara Kambara, Jnanapeeth awardee, at the two-day International Dance Day event hosted jointly with RCs Bangalore Banashankari, Highgrounds, IT Corridor, JP Nagar, Lakeside, Lake World and Midtown.





D 3191

RC Bangalore Raja Rajeshwari Nagar Centennial

Nutritional food and snacks are being given to children at the School-on-Wheels (SOW), an initiative of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike to educate out-of-school children in buses. The hygienic food is provided at Kengeri and Summanhalli areas under the concept of 'food, play and learn,' after getting the nod from the civic body.



D 3201

RC Kovai

This new club was inaugurated in February in the presence of IPDG Rajmohan Nair, AG Sitaram and other district officials. Charter president Manju V and secretary Sathish Kumar, along with other office-bearers, were installed in a ceremony attended by new members and the public. One of the focus areas will be setting up a low-cost medical centre and holding blood donation camps at regular intervals.



D 3211

RC Quilon Heritage

During his visit, IPDG K Babumon honoured 26 women traffic wardens of Kollam with new dress material (called *Vishukkodi* on Malayalam new year) for their 'selfless work' in regulating the traffic flow. Babumon was accompanied by his spouse Beena, club members and RID 3211 officials. The distribution of new dresses to women police lifted the public image of the club.

D 3212

RC Sivakasi

The club donated a patient stretcher, reclining bed and a wheelchair at a total cost of ₹47,000 to the Government Hospital, Sivakasi. Club IPP R Natarajan handed over the essential items to Dr Ayyanar, chief medical officer, in the presence of a large number of Rotarians, hospital staff and patients. The project was funded by a mix of CSR grant and member donations.



D 3240

RC Dharmanagar

A tailoring school was started at the adopted village, South Ganganagar, with 13 women trainees. Uttar Tripura Zilla Parishad chief Bhabotosh Das and district officials were present at the inauguration. Club IPP Subir Som gave a talk on Rotary's global activities and the work being taken up by his club. Dharmanagar Municipality chairman Pradyut Dey Sarkar distributed prizes to the winners of an art competition in which 560 students took part.



D 3240

RC Gauhati South

More than 100 participants including faculty, research scholars, Rotarians, college teachers and students attended the one-day seminar at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, to mark International Day of Women and Girls in Science. Motivational talks were given by scientists. An interactive session with a panel of women scientists was the main highlight.





D 3262

RC Bhubaneswar Meadows

Over 80 patients were examined at a health check-up camp to mark World Health Day at the Labbix Labs, near Government Hospital, Pipili. Rtn Jenamani Ashsih Ranjan chaired the medical project which was widely covered in the local media. Also, the health camp earned the goodwill of local residents.



D 3291

RC Calcutta East Central

District Literacy chairman PDG Mukul Sinha felicitated Debarati Ghosh of Sri Aurobindo Institute of Education, Kolkata, for securing third all-India rank, with a score of 99.25 per cent, in the ISC Exam. She was given a certificate of appreciation and a book on *The Constitution of India* written by BR Ambedkar. The event was held under *Project Easy School 2*, a district literacy campaign of RID 3291.



D 3291

RC Garden Reach

A wheelchair was donated to a polio-affected child, Purnima Nayak, by Rtn Sanjay Bhagat, during the World Immunisation Week. Around 100 children took part in a special rally at Nabarun Samity, Santoshpur. Dr Minu Jha spoke child immunisation. Five municipal health workers were honoured for the relentless work.

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Promoting mangrove plantation

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Club president Sathish Kumar and PDG Balaji Babu present a mangrove sapling to DG Senguttuvan in the presence of IPP Sivachandran (L) and AG A S Veerappan (R).



An eye camp in progress.



Club president Sathish Kumar gives nutritious diet to a new mother in the presence of club treasurer TRS Lakshmiraj, secretary N Manoharan and club members.

RC Manora Pattukkottai, RID 2981, has planned to plant one lakh mangrove saplings during the year and the project was launched in the presence of DG G Senguttuvan as chief guest and PDG Balaji Babu who was the guest of honour. B Sivachathiran is the project chairman.

Commemorating former Tamil Nadu CM Kamaraj's 121st birthday, the club distributed notebooks to 350 students at a cost of ₹50,000. An eye checkup camp was conducted for 300 students, in association with Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore. The club members served lunch to 300 residents of an oldage home in the town.

To sensitise youngsters about the ills of substance abuse, the club, along with the police personnel, conducted a rally and a lecture session. The club highlighted the importance of breastfeeding for newborn children to the new mothers through a programme organised at the government hospital in the town. Accessories such as towels and talcum powder for the newborns were gifted to the participants.■

Service projects for students

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Dental checkup camps were organised by RC Karwar, RID 3170, for students in various schools. The Rotarians distributed stationery items such as notebooks to the children in all these schools.

The club has designed a unique activity — One Rotarian, One Project — under which every Rotarian will be performing one community service project. Under this, club member Mobhan Naik has distributed colourful chairs to the government primary school in the Devtevaa village near Karwar.

A photography exhibition on nature and wildlife was conducted by the club on World Photography Day (Aug 19) and a district-level chess competition was organised the next day. It had a participation of 125 contestants.■



Above: Chess tournament in progress.

Below: Club members with students after distributing notebooks and stationery kits to them.



Photography exhibition on nature and wildlife.

Awareness on breastfeeding at Malkapur

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Clockwise from above: RC Malkapur president Vilasrao Pawar gives paper bags to a vegetable seller; Club president Vilasrao Pawar (centre), members and participants at the breastfeeding awareness event; An eye camp under *Project Drushti*.

An awareness event was held by RC Malkapur, RID 3132, for pregnant women at the primary health centre, Vadgaon Haveli, in Karud taluk to mark Breastfeeding Week. They were urged to consume a nutritious diet for conceiving a healthy baby.

At the camp for pulse examination, patients were diagnosed in a traditional manner and alternative treatment is given instead of reliance on allopathy medicine. Kargil Vijay Diwas was observed with former army officers

and school students. The sacrifices of soldiers who guard our border facing difficult terrain and harsh climate were recalled.

Under *Project Drushti*, students got their eyes checked for ailments for early detection and treatment. During the plantation drive at the Zilla Parishad School, Sonawade, the importance of growing trees was stressed and students were sensitised on the need to conserve the environment. Consultation was given to pregnant women while x-ray and sonography tests

were done at discounted rates at a medical camp in a rural area where people don't have access to modern healthcare. Anaemic and rheumatic patients were diagnosed and medicines were distributed to them.

Rotarians distributed paper bags at a vegetable market and urged the people to shun plastic to protect the environment. During the seminar for farmers, they were guided to use modern agricultural tools and adopt the best practices to get more quality yield in less land area. ■

Blood donation drive in Mysuru

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DG H R Keshav donates blood in one of the camps in the presence of Rotarians.

Around 953 units of blood was collected and given to six blood banks in three districts — Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagara — thanks to a mega blood donation drive executed by

RCs Mysore, Mysore South East and Vijayanagara, RID 3181.

Blood donation camps were held at 12 locations over three days in August.

DG H R Keshav who inaugurated one of the camps,

also donated blood. Police Commissioner Ramesh Bhanoth and Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wodeyar, scion of Wodeyar Royal family, visited one of the camps. ■

Protecting vendors from sun and rain



Members of RC Surat West after giving an umbrella to a vendor.

Mega sized umbrellas were distributed to street vendors by members of RC Surat West, RID 3060, to protect them from the sun and rain. “This is our small effort to make them feel a bit more comfortable as they sit on the pavements working for their livelihood,” said club secretary and project chair Meeta Kapoor.

The umbrellas sported the club’s name and the Rotary Wheel, giving mass visibility to Rotary. ■

Jute bags were distributed as part of anti-plastic awareness drive by RC Pilkhuwa City, RID 3012. At the same venue, special task force officer Amit Nagar educated girls on self-defence and ways to fend off stalkers. Pregnant women were taught the importance of breastfeeding by Dr Namita Agarwal.

In another initiative, the club has decided to sponsor the education of Rashmi Thakur who would be doing the three-year UG programme in general nursing and midwifery. An amount of \$700 would be spent for the college education of Rashmi.■

Anti-plastic drive by RC Pilkhuwa City

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Jute bags being distributed to beneficiaries.

Homeopathy doctors feted in Kanpur



RC Kanpur North president Anuj Tewari presents an award to Dr Akanksha Dixit at her clinic.

Ten homeopathy doctors were felicitated by RC Kanpur North, RID 3110, at their clinics for serving humanity to mark Doctor's Day. On same day (July 1), senior chartered accountant Alok Bansal was honoured at his office to mark CA Day.

Food packets were distributed under *Project Annapurna* on the occasions of marriage anniversary of Rtns Manoj Agarwal, Gaurav Mishra and Arun Goel. Club president Anuj Tewari distributed food packets to around 400 persons at the Ursula Hospital,

Kanpur. During his installation, 200 saplings were given away and the club members took part in a plantation drive at the NRI City. Club director Aaditya Pandey won the Best Speaker Award at the District Intercity Meet held recently.■

Medical camp for transport personnel

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Medical camp for transport staff in progress.

RC Nagapattinam, RID 2981, as part of its Road Safety Awareness project, organised a medical camp for the employees of the state transport corporation (TNSTC) in the town. Around 300 drivers and conductors were screened for BP, diabetes, lung health and other basic parameters. Medicines were given to those with ailments. A guest lecture on healthy practices was also arranged for the staff. The camp was executed with the support of EGS Pillay Engineering College and VPN Eye Hospital.

In another initiative, the club organised 'Rota Sports,' a sports event for students at the Nagapattinam Natarajan Damayanthi Higher Secondary School. DG G Senguttuvan distributed prizes to the winners.■



DG Senguttuvan honours a Rotasport participant with a certificate in the presence of club president Karthikesan (on his right), secretary Uvan Raaj (on his left) and club members.

Notebooks for schoolchildren

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Rotarians along with students holding notebooks.



Notebooks were distributed to schoolchildren at the Government High School, Virakanoor, by RC Madurai Sangamam, RID 3000, at a project cost of ₹5,000. Charter president Rma Rajesh Khanna as chief guest distributed the notebooks,

along with club president P S Rajan, secretary R Sivakumar and treasurer Rajasekaran.

Cultural programmes were staged by the students during the 77th Independence Day celebration at the school. Rajan distributed prizes to the winners of various

competitions held earlier. The I-day project cost ₹8,000. On the occasion of his birthday, former club secretary T G Praveen Kumar sponsored a delicious meal to 28 inmates at the Bharathi Old Age Home, Tirunagar. The project cost ₹6,000. ■

Mega blood donation camps at Sangamner



Rotarians, along with volunteers who had donated blood, at a blood donation camp.

Around 330 blood bags were collected at mega blood donation camps hosted by RC Sangamner, RID 3132, jointly with the Inner Wheel Club, Sangamner Coop Industrial Estate, local manufacturers and trade bodies.

The camps were held at the Rotary Eye Care Hospital, Sangamner Industrial Estate and Varma Arts. Also, accidental insurance cover of ₹1 lakh was given to all the donors. Pranita Soman, an award-winning cyclist, inaugurated the camp at the Rotary hospital; and Ekvira Foundation president Jayashree Thorat was the chief guest at the industrial estate venue.

The blood donation camps were supported by the Arpan and Aadhaar Blood Banks. Club president Anand Hase, secretary Madhusudan Karwa and Sangamner Industrial Estate chairman KK Thorat made arrangements for the success of the camps. ■



Rotarians with students after distributing workbooks as part of a spoken English course organised by the club.

Skilling students

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School bags being distributed to students.

RC Mumbai Kandivali West, RID 3141, launched a Spoken English and personality development courses in 11 schools in the region. The classes will be conducted for 600 students in 15 batches over eight months. The project costing ₹6.5 lakh was done with support from BNI India.

The club has also introduced an 'entrepreneur mindset' course for college students. The classes will be conducted in six batches over six months. The project will benefit 300 youngsters and costs ₹7 lakh.

School bags and stationery material worth ₹1.5 lakh were distributed to students in the Hilda School, Kandivali West, with support from an US firm, Eisneramper. ■