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Retired teachers honoured in Belur

Team Rotary News



Club members, along with the retired teachers, after the felicitation ceremony.

RC Belur, RID 3182, has been honouring retired government school teachers in the region annually. Keeping up with

this tradition the club, this year, on the occasion of Teacher's Day honoured 26 retired teachers who dedicated their career to serving in

government schools in the Belur taluk. The club also honoured Narayana KP, the taluk's block educational officer. ■

Multidistrict sports RYLA in Vengurla



DG Nasir Borsadwala handing over the trophy to the winning team in the presence of Rotarians.

RC Vengurla Midtown, RID 3170, hosted the multidistrict sports RYLA. Co-hosted by RCs Banda, Cashew City Dodamarg, and Rotaract Sindhudurg, the

two-day programme began with a training session by national volleyball coach Atul Sawadawkar for 57 participants. On the second day, 300 players from Sindhudurg,

Ratnagiri, Goa, Nipani, Latur, and Mumbai competed as part of 25 different teams. Cash awards were presented, and DG Nasir Borsadwala praised the efforts of the club. ■

On the cover: Schoolchildren participating in a cooking contest organised by RC Patna City Samrat, RID 3250, to promote healthy eating.

A friendship cycle rally to Kanyakumari

Team Rotary News

An eight-day cycle rally to promote friendship and kindling interest in physical activities was taken up by 17 members of RC Osmanabad, RID 3132, from their town to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. During their journey, they visited several Rotary clubs and took part in some of their projects as well.

Members from RCs Bijapur, Hospet, Chitradurga, Sattur and Nelamangala gave a warm reception to the cyclists; and a special health check-up was done for the rallyists at Sattur. "Whenever their cycle tyres got punctured, other members extended help to sustain the moral of the expedition. During the course of the rally, they developed a feeling of camaraderie with each other and interacted with Rotarians of the host clubs and villagers on the way," said Anar Salunke, secretary, RC Osmanabad.



A member of the cycling team exchanges club flags with RC Bijapur president GS Kulkarni.

Members of RC Osmanabad, families and friends of cyclists supported their adventure in every possible way. They also exchanged

club flags with members of RCs Nelamangala, RID 3192, and RC Bijapur, RID 3170, during their pit stops.■

Road safety campaign in Hassan



Rotarians after pasting a reflective sticker on a goods carrier.

Reflective stickers were pasted on 80 commercial vehicles and tractors by RC Hassan Midtown, RID 3182, as part of a road safety awareness drive to prevent mishaps and fatalities.

The club members engaged the public and motorists on the need to follow traffic rules, especially during the night, to prevent accidents. "Most of the road accidents occur during the night resulting in loss of lives which was also due to the non-visibility of speeding vehicles on the highways," said KS Suneetha, secretary, RC Hassan Midtown.■

A skill development centre at Delhi

Team Rotary News



RC Delhi South member Dr HK Chopra being honoured with the release of a postal stamp.

for children residing at the Missionaries of Charity Mother Teresa Home in Nizamuddin. The club, along with the Interact Club of BVN, organised a webinar on cervical cancer awareness and the importance of immunising young girls against the deadly HPV virus. The event was streamed on BVN's YouTube channel and it was attended by the parents. The programme was anchored by club member Dr Vaneeta Kapur and assistant governor Vandana Bhalla.

The Indian government issued a postal stamp in honour of cardiologist and club member Dr HK Chopra for publishing 12 books on cardiology in the last 12 years. Dr Chopra is associated with the Mool Chand Hospital, Delhi.■

Pramod Agarwal, president, RC Delhi South, RID 3011, signed an MoU with the Arya Samaj, Vasant Vihar, to set up the Arya Samaj Rotary Club of

Delhi South Skill Development Centre. This centre will train youngsters in various fields to help them earn a livelihood.

The club sponsored lunch

Washrooms for students

Rotary Club of Jaipur Midtown, RID 3056, with the help of a global grant, constructed gender-specific toilet blocks in three government schools at Chomu City near Jaipur. Around 1,000 students will benefit from this project.■



Culinary contest for children

Team Rotary News

RC Patna City Samrat, RID 3250, organised a training and cooking contest at the Jesus and Mary Academy with the message 'Say no to junk food'. This initiative aimed to educate young students about the importance of nutritious food while cautioning them against the pitfalls of consuming junk food.

During the event, three club members conducted training sessions on various topics to help the students receive valuable insight into making healthier dietary choices. Close to 80 students competed in the final round of the fireless cooking competition and prepared dishes that were nutritious. ■



Young contestants dishing up healthy recipes.



Rotary honours teachers

Team Rotary News

In a mega outreach programme, members of RC Manora Pattukkottai, RID 2981, visited four schools including Laurel Higher Secondary School in Pattukkottai, Thanjavur district, to honour 240 teachers with shawls and sweets on Teacher's Day (Sept 5) at a project cost of ₹60,000.

Club president Sathishkumar, along with office-bearers and members, also visited Government Middle School, Government Girls and Boys HS Schools and felicitated the teachers. The awardees thanked Rotary for recognising their service to society. ■



RC Manora Pattukkottai president Sathishkumar felicitates a teacher at a government school in the presence of Rotarians and students.

Nutritious food to expectant mothers



Rotarians with the beneficiaries at Project Paripurna.

With the aim to ensure the well-being of mothers and their infants, RC Yuva Udaipur, RID 3056, has distributed curated nutrition packages rich

in iron and protein supplements with baby clothes under Project Paripurna, a new initiative under the focus area of mother and child care of Rotary. The nutrition packages, along with

baby essentials, were distributed to expectant mothers across various anganwadis in the rural area of Udaipur, thus lifting the public image of the club among the villagers. ■

Pondy club helps Sri Lankan women

Team Rotary News



RC Pondicherry Beach Town president Suresh Jaiswal (L) exchanges club flags with PDG George Jesuthasan from RC Colombo South during a joint meeting in Sri Lanka.

A team of 19 Rotarians from RC Pondicherry Beach Town, RID 2981, led by its president Suresh Jaiswal exchanged club flags with RC Colombo South, RID 3220, during a joint meeting at Mount Lavinia, a residential suburb south of Colombo. The Puducherry club donated Sri Lankan ₹100,000 for the maternity health camp to be conducted under the *Project 100 Pregnant Mothers*.

The health camp to be organised by RC Colombo South will reach out to expectant mothers grappling with malnutrition and lack of medical resources. A twin club agreement was signed between the two sides in the presence of AG C Kumaran, club members from India and PDG George Jesuthasan and club president Reza Sulaiman, among others, from Colombo.

The beneficiaries at the health camp would be selected based on

medical reports given by doctors and health officials. “At the health camp in a rural hospital, a team of doctors, nurses and midwives will screen the pregnant mothers. All the necessary items including medicines, protein supplements, baby food and items, and nutritious food for expectant mothers will be stocked and delivered to the hospital ahead of the medical camp,” said Suresh Jaiswal. ■



Puducherry Rotarians on a joyful mood.

Training students for competitive exams

Team Rotary News

RC Sirkali, RID 2981, has set up a classroom at its Rotary Hall to train students for the competitive exams such as TNPSC and bank exams.

The first batch of around 120 students have been inducted and they will be trained for three months, said club president Sathiyarayanan, presiding over the inauguration of the classroom. The club has also launched a career counselling workshop to guide school students to choose the apt course of study that will help in shaping their career.

Twenty benches were given to the Corporation Primary School in Thiruvalli village near the town. The club constructed two classrooms, a toilet block and gave hygiene products such as soaps and sanitisers to the school. The Rotarians also



DG Senguttuvan (second from L), along with club president Sathiyarayanan and members, at a newly built classroom in the Corporation Primary School, Thiruvalli village.

conducted an awareness lecture on hygiene and sanitation to the students. DG Senguttuvan inaugurated the newly constructed

classrooms. Saplings were planted on the school premises and the school building was given a fresh coat of paint.■



A career counselling session in progress.

Awareness rally on organ donation

Team Rotary News



Club members leading the rally on organ donation awareness in Puducherry.

In a collaborative effort between SOTTO (State Organ and Tissue Transplantation Organisation)-Puducherry,

RC Pondicherry Friends, RID 2981, and other Rotary clubs, a rally on organ donation awareness was organised with the help of students. The event

saw the enthusiastic participation of more than 500 NSS students and coordinators.

The rally was flagged off by Dr Sriramulu, director, health department, Puducherry, in the presence of Rajasegarane, president, RC Pondicherry Friends, club secretary Sakthivel and project coordinator Suganyadevi. A large number of Rotarians took part in the rally.

Passing through major streets of Puducherry, the march creating awareness about the importance of organ donation. SOTTO distributed certificates to the participants. The event saw speeches by Rotarians and officials on the significance of organ donation. ■



School students at the rally.

D 2981

RC Chidambaram Mid Town

A range of medical gadgets and amenities such as BP, blood sugar monitors, bed covers, blankets wheelchairs worth over ₹1 lakh were donated to the primary health centre, Vilaagam. Club IPP S Pragadeeswaran handed over the devices to medical officer Priyadarshini in the presence of then AG Deepak Kumar, doctors, paramedics and Rotarians.



D 2981

RC Cuddalore Coastal City

A cancer awareness seminar was conducted at the Krishnasamy College of Science, Arts and Management for Women, Cuddalore, with PDG Ramesh Babu as the chief guest. The Indian Medical Association (IMA) was the co-host. IMA members Dr Kannan and Dr Venkataramanan spoke about healthy lifestyle. A large number of students took part in the seminar.



D 2981

RC Thiruvaiyaru

Among the 225 patients screened at the eye check-up camp, 159 were identified for cataract surgery. The eye camp organised with the support of Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore, lifted the public image of the club in this temple town as it reached out to the elderly people.





D 3011

RC Delhi Khubsurat

Tricycles were donated to a woman, a polio survivor from a slum who lost her husband, and a male breadwinner living under a flyover. The handover event was held at a library in Safdarjung Enclave. Umbrellas were also given to them. Both sit outside a temple for alms to earn money.



D 3020

RC Visakhapatnam

Rtn Vamsi Mohan sponsored a freezer box for the corpses which will be available for Rotarians and the public to do final rites. The club donated a stretcher, first-aid kit and safety equipment to a tourist enquiry kiosk at the RK Beach, Visakhapatnam, for rescue operations of police personnel.



D 3020

RC Vizag Couples

Around 200 baby kits, sponsored by Rtns Subodh Kumar Rakhecha and Sunitha, were distributed to mothers of newborns at the Government Victoria Hospital. Steel racks, wardrobe and pedestal fans (₹28,700) were donated to The Hidden Sprouts, a school for special children. A privilege card for Rotarians was launched to avail discounts at hospitals, hotels, labs and retail outlets.

D 3030

RC Bhusawal Railcity

Over 750 people took part at the Rotary Cyclothon 2023 to promote 'Green Bhusawal, pollution-free Bhusawal'. Local MLA Sanjay Sawkare, a Rotarian, sponsored the cycle rally which had three categories of 5, 10 and 20km. All the cyclists were given a goody bag on registration that included a t-shirt and cap. Winners got bicycles, cycling helmets and wireless ear buds.



D 3053

RC Bikaner Marudhara

Kidney recipient Karan Gaur who won a bronze medal at the World Transplant Games 2023 in Perth, Australia, was felicitated, along with five other state-level badminton players. He represented India in badminton and athletics. They awardees got mementos and boxes of shuttle cock. Donor Chandrakant Bhati gave a badminton racket, t-shirt and bag to Gaur.



D 3056

RC Shri Madhopur Sunrise

At the 405th homeopathic medical camp, 70 patients were examined by Dr S Ale Chowdhary for chronic ailments like skin diseases, stomach pain, asthma, psoriasis, sciatica, allergy, migraine and fungal infections. So far, over 45,000 people had benefitted at the fortnightly camps held on second Sunday at the Rotary Bhawan.





D 3060

RC Dondaicha

Over 110 patients were examined at the cataract surgery camp hosted jointly with Sankara Eye Hospital, Anand, and Pravin Eye Clinic, Dondaicha, to mark the birthday of Sindkheda MLA Jaykumar Jitendrasinh Rawal, a native of Dondaicha. In the first batch, 55 patients were chosen for surgery. The club with the support of Pravin Mahajan at the eye clinic is holding eye camps that had identified 30,000 patients for surgery.



D 3080

RC Ambala Diamond

To mark the 118th anniversary of Rotary, along with the Haryana health department, anaemia-free camp was held in which 385 women, children and men were examined and given folic acid tablets and syrups. The medical camp at the Civil Hospital, Ambala, was held under the banner of *Anaemia Mukht Haryana*, a programme of the state government.



D 3080

RC Kharar

A seminar on 'Lifestyle and health of Indian women' was organised at the Shiv Mandir complex in Badala Naya Shahr village to mark Women's Day. Dr Shweta Tahlan, Fortis Hospital, spoke about the prevention and detection of various diseases including breast and cervical cancer. Dr Nishtha from Chandigarh University gave a talk on good social life and healthy nutrition.

D 3090

RC Faridkot

Grocery bags and edibles are distributed every month to 10 TB patients at the Civil Lines Hospital under *Project Nikshay Mitra TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan*, a Gol's programme. A mega medical camp was held at the Mahatma Gandhi Senior Secondary School with the help of Gupta Hospital. Children were made aware of brushing their teeth to maintain oral hygiene at the dental camp at the West Point School, Sandhwan.



D 3090

RC Patiala Mid Town

World Environment Day was celebrated by planting saplings at Maharaja Bhupinder Park. Industrialist Raj Kataria donated ₹11,000 for upgrading the park. Rakesh Sharma, former principal, Jail Training School, Patiala, spoke on the occasion. Club IPP Bhagwan Das Gupta urged everyone to work together to protect the environment, soil and water.



D 3100

RC Moradabad

Around 250 students and residents at Ram Ganga Vihar were examined at the medical-cum-dental camp held at the Shanti Niketan Inter College, Moradabad. Dr Amit Tirth from Kothiwal Dental Research Centre, Dr Saloni Verma from the state health department and Dr Tabassum, club member, treated the patients. Children were told how to keep their teeth clean and were given free dental kits.





D 3110

RC Agra Royal

An awareness event was held on World No Tobacco Day (May 31) for college students with Dr Surabhi Gupta and Dr Vishal Sinha from SN Medical College, Agra, as guest speakers. They urged the youth to shun tobacco as it is a major risk factor for chronic diseases and stroke. Arti Mehrotra, past secretary, spoke about Rotary's focus area on disease prevention.



D 3120

RC Kushinagar

A group of 20 cyclists pedalling from Delhi to Patna Sahib was given a grand reception by club members. They were presented with mementos and shawls. The lead cyclist Jagdeep Singh Puri said the aim of the rally was to promote coarse grains like millets and spread the benefits of cycling for a healthy life. Club secretary Wahid Ali, patron Rakesh Jaiswal and vice-president Vijay Kumar Gupta honoured the cyclists.



RID 3120

RC Siddharthnagar

Students at the Tilak Inter College, Bansi, were told to follow traffic rules at a road safety awareness campaign held jointly with the police station. IPS officer Devli Gulam Singh urged children to convince their parents to obey traffic rules. School principal Krishna Kumar advised parents to avoid accidents by driving/riding cautiously. District Secondary Teachers Association vice-president Harendra Bahadur Singh gave useful tips.

A cancer care home in Coimbatore

Team Rotary News

As cancer patients are vulnerable to depression and anxiety due to prolonged pain, RC Coimbatore Meridian, RID 3201, has set up a palliative care ward with 15 beds on the premises of Kovai Medical Centre and Hospital (KMCH) under *Project Guardian*.

KMCH chairman Dr Nalla G Palaniswami, a Rotarian, inaugurated the palliative care wing in which around 200 terminally-ill patients will be admitted in a year. This homecare centre will focus on enhancing the comfort level of patients to improve the quality of their lives. The club will offer psychological care, along with medical and physiotherapy



Kovai Medical Centre and Hospital chairman Dr Nalla G Palaniswami (centre) at the inauguration of cancer care home, along with Rotarians.

support, for free to all the patients. The homecare at the KMCH will also relieve the burden of families

having to do with cancer patients and strengthen relationships with loved ones. ■

Patient amenities for Thalassery hospital



AG Krishna Kumar and his wife Sharmila donate a wheelchair with commode at the Government Hospital Thalassery.

RID 3204 Assistant Governor RCP Krishna Kumar's wife Sharmila, a Rotarian, donated a wheelchair with commode, fibre commode chair and walker to the palliative care unit of the

Government Hospital Thalassery. RC Tellicherry president Narayan Kuteri, Ann Anita Santosh, members Srinivas Velandy and Dr Vanaja, among others, were present during the handover event at the hospital. ■

Mattresses for girl's hostels in RID 3020



Beneficiaries of mattress distribution project at a girl's hostel.

What started as a multi-club project by RC Visakhapatnam, RID 3020, the 'Let them not sleep on the floor' initiative was soon adopted by the district governor as a women's empowerment project in which mattresses are provided to girl's hostels of the Social Welfare department.

The club joined hands with RC Vizag Diamonds to distribute mattresses to inmates of a girl's hostel. The project is a brainchild of Rtn Jagan Mohan.

At an online lecture meet, RIPE Stephanie Urchick delivered a talk on 'Rotary yesterday, today and tomorrow' which was attended by members from 30 clubs across five RI districts from India, the US and Pakistan.■

Honouring teachers for their service



Coaching centre staff with the mementoes they were honoured with by RC Delhi Mayur Vihar.

On Teacher's Day, Rotary Club of Delhi Mayur Vihar, RID 3012, honoured the staff at the coaching centre housed at the NGO Dastak in Mayur Vihar. Twenty-five students of Class 10 are being given extra classes at this centre. The club

provided sanitary napkins to the NGO to be distributed to adolescent girls.

The club, with the support of the Noida Traffic Police, organised a lecture on the importance of following traffic rules and about road safety for college students.

The club distributed helmets to the attendees and stressed the importance of wearing it even if the ride is for a short distance. The traffic police gave instances of gory road accidents and elaborated on the mistakes drivers/riders do on the road.■

D 3120

RC Sultanpur

A water cooler was installed at the Sultanpur Government Medical College and Hospital for the benefit of patients and their families arriving at the hospital. The water booth with the display of club name at this major hospital which draws thousands of people will boost the public image of Rotary in Sultanpur.



D 3131

RC Poona West

An Adult Literacy Centre is being run at Shelkewadi village near Pune with the help of Symbiosis University in which 15 women employed in brick kilns are taught literacy and arithmetic skills. Rotary volunteers and Saira Sheikh, a SIU student, teach at the centre. It is hoped that this partnership will attract more people from the community.



D 3132

RC Latur Sreyas

More than 500 girls from Shri Godavari Devi Lahoti Girls High School and Jijamata Kanya Prashala, Latur, attended a workshop on healthy living to mark the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule, social reformer. Dr Bhaskar Patil and Dr Suchitra Bhalthandra spoke on healthy diet, regular exercise and tackling age-related changes in the girl's body. The emphasis was also given to menstrual hygiene.





D 3142

RC Dombivli Diamonds

Mattresses and bedsheets were donated to visually-impaired persons at the Aandh Nivaran Kendra, Ambarnath. Also, a water dispenser was installed at the Vishnunagar post office in Dombivli which will be useful to postmen and staff at the government office. Both the projects lifted the public image of the club.



D 3170

RC Kolhapur Heritage

Rotarian doctors, Abhijit Vajramushti, Santosh Daphale and Sonal Mehta, screened 150 patients at a health check-up camp held jointly with Shree Babeshwar Seva Dham Trust. Mostly examination on dental and gynaecological issues was done. Follow-up consultations are being provided at the clinics of the doctors. Fruits were distributed to 80 special children at the Swayam School on Guru Purnima Day.



D 3170

RC Sevan Hills Dharwad

Karnataka Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot presented an honorary doctorate to PDG Rajan Deshpande, a senior paediatrician, at the 24th convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bengaluru. The awardee, a medical director at the Vithal Institute of Child Health and Specialty Care, Dharwad, works in the field of mother and child care.

D 3212

RC Sivakasi

Over 70 people were screened at an eye camp held in association with Dr B Anil Kumar Eye Hospital, Sivakasi, at the Panchayat Union Elementary School. Among them eight were chosen for surgery. A smart TV (₹1.5 lakh) was donated to Thiagarajapuram Nadar Primary School which will benefit over 130 children. Also, a handwash station (₹17,000) was installed at the Mallipudur Government Children's Home.



D 3231

RC Vellore South

More than 100 students took part in the two-day RYLA organised with the support of Sri Venkateswara Polytechnic College and Rotaractors. Leadership and team-building sessions were conducted. At the end, resource persons were honoured with mementos. Club president J Prakashraj motivated the students to aim big in life.



D 3240

RC Dharmanagar

BK Mamoni from Prajapita Bhrama Kumari spoke at a women's empowerment seminar inaugurated by Dharmanagar Municipality vice-chairman Manju Nath. Soumen Nandi, deputy director, Agriculture, and ex-banker Soraj Goswami also spoke. Over 150 women SHG members took part. Around 500 college students took part in a thalassaemia awareness event held in partnership with Thalassaemia Society and National Health Mission, Tripura.





D 3250

RC Jamshedpur East

Nutritional food supplements worth ₹500 each were given to five TB patients to mark World TB Day. The food supplements will be given to the same beneficiaries for the next six months at the District TB Centre, Sakchi. The sponsor Rotarians were designated as 'Nikshay Mitra'. The project lifted the public image of the club.



D 3262

RC Cuttack Greater

Free OPD medical service is provided at the Rotary Community Multi Specialty Clinic on Tuesdays in Brajabihariapur village. The medical centre was inaugurated by IPDG Pravudutta Subudhi. Infrastructure and manpower are arranged by social worker Prakash Chandra Ray. Sign boards and wall posters were installed to inform the villagers of date, time and availability of doctors.



D 3291

RC Garden Reach

Hundred patients were examined with tests for BP, CBC and ECG at a medical camp at RCC Joypur Sanskritik O Seva Sangathan, Howrah. The doctors from Ekbalpore Nursing Home screened the people. Dr Arabinda Ray, past president, gave a talk. Over 40 students at the Vedanta College were screened for thalassaemia at an awareness seminar.

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Giving leadership skills to girls

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Madurai Sangamam, RID 3000, organised a RYLA programme under its *Project Aram* for 80 girl students of the Government High School in Virakanoor village on the outskirts of the city.

The one-day programme taught leadership skills and developed their lateral thinking capacity through a mix of activities. Life skills such as self-defence and administering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) to save lives were also taught to the girls.

The club gifted storage cupboards to T Thirugnanam Primary School in the city and an annual subscription to a Tamil daily, *Dina Thanthi*, was given to the students. Club member S Balaji sponsored the almirahs for the school.

In another initiative, under the club's signature project, *Akshayam*, fresh meals were packed and distributed to the patients admitted in the Balarangapuram Government Hospital, and their caretakers. The project was sponsored by the club's IPP B Vanjinathan.

A blood donation camp was organised at the Social Sciences College.■



RC Madurai Sangamam president Rajan and IPP Vanjinathan serving food to a beneficiary.



Students of the Government High School in Virakanoor village attending a RYLA workshop organised by the club.



Rotarians, along with students, after installing a cupboard in the T Thirugnanam Primary School.

Medical camp at Kanpur

Team Rotary News

More than 170 patients were examined for chronic illness at a health check-up camp organised by RC Kanpur Aryans, RID 3110, at the Jai Narayan Vidya Mandir Inter College in partnership with the Rama Dental and Medical College and Centre for Sight and Doctors Association.

Medical tests for eye disorders, BP, sugar and BMI (body mass index) were done by a team of doctors who offered consultations and distributed medicines to some of the patients.

Club president Rajeev Katiyar, charter president Bhakti Vijay Shukla, secretary Amit Khanna and charter secretary Mayank Gahoi were present at the camp venue and interacted with the patients. Project director BN Acharya took care of the arrangements for the medical camp. ■



RC Kanpur Aryans president Rajeev Katiyar (centre), along with office-bearers, at the medical camp.

Felicitation for teachers

Team Rotary News

Twenty-nine teachers were felicitated on Teachers' Day (Sept 5) at a gala programme organised by RC Nasik, RID 3030. Swami Kanthanand, the chief guest, appreciated the teachers for their valuable contributions in grooming the children. ■

Teachers felicitated in the presence of club members and chief guest Swami Kanthanand.



Mental health initiatives in Bangalore

Team Rotary News



On World Suicide Prevention Day, observed on 10th September, RCs of Bangalore and Platinum City, RID 3192, partnered with People Tree Maarga Hospital to address the global concern of suicide. The theme for World Suicide Prevention Day 2023 was 'Creating hope through action.'

The clubs carried out initiatives to raise awareness

and provide support. A walkathon from Rotary House of Friendship to MG Road highlighted the Rotary Maarga suicide prevention helpline number. A panel discussion at Rotary House of Friendship featuring psychologists, doctors and psychiatrist Dr Satish Ramaiah from Maarga, educated attendees about suicide warning signs, the impact on families, and

available assistance for those at risk.

DG Srinivasa Murthy, emphasised on prioritising mental health in his inaugural address and commended the two clubs for their efforts.

To provide support, a toll-free Rotary Maarga suicide helpline number, 9900035245, is available 24*7. Excess food from the event was donated to an orphanage. ■



Multiple Rotary projects in Chidambaram

Team Rotary News

A dengue awareness campaign was held at the Brilliant Kindergarten and Primary School with RCs Chidambaram Mid Town, Temple Town, Central, RID 2981, and Government Medical College and Hospital, Cuddalore, coming together to organise the event.

While the club presidents spoke urging students and the public to take precaution, government college medical superintendent Dr Junior Sundaresh gave a special address. A team of six doctors led by Dr Devasenan gave an awareness talk, examined patients and distributed medicines.

Delicious Pongal was served by RC Chidambaram



Chidambaram MLA K A Pandian distributes Pongal to devotees in the presence of Rotarians.

Central to around 1,000 devotees at a Mari Amman temple festival. Chidambaram MLA KA Pandian was the chief guest at the event held in partnership with Misrimal Mahaveerchand Jain Foundation.

Saplings were planted on the campus of Government Girls Higher Secondary

School during a welfare programme hosted by RC Chidambaram Central with the help of district welfare officials. Charter president Mohammed Yasin and former AG Deepak Kumar, special guests, gave talks on the need to conserve natural resources, building leadership and service attitude.■



A doctor examining a patient for dengue at an awareness-cum-medical camp.