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A rally to celebrate girl children and women

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Quilon, RID 3211, commemorated the International Day of the girl child (Oct 11) with a mega rally that began from the Rotary Community Centre in the town. The rally, flagged off by Dr Smita, spouse of DG Dr G Sumithran, had a participation of Rotaractors, Anns, Annettes and school/college students.

The rally was a festive event with two-wheelers decorated with banners and festoons, and a traditional chenda melam performance and children on roller skates. Ten electric autorickshaws driven by women also formed part of the convoy. The vehicles were given to the women by the Rotary clubs in 2021 as part of the then RI president Shekhar Mehta's 'Empower women' initiative.

Kerala state minister Chinchu Rani, an enthusiastic supporter of the women's empowerment projects, was the chief guest of the event. DG Sumithran spoke about Rotary's initiatives to empower women around the world. Club president Rajiv Kumar welcomed the gathering and secretary Manuel Peeris presented the club's various projects towards women and girls' welfare. ■



DG Dr G Sumithran (2nd row, centre) participating in the rally. Women riding the E-utorickshaws gifted to them by the district Rotary clubs.



On the cover: A child is excited to receive her new dress from RC Siliguri Midtown, RID 3240.

A mega cancer screening camp in Chennai

Team Rotary News



RC Chennai Meraki president A Tamilselvi and club member Sivabala Rajendran inaugurate the medical camp in the presence of Usha Saraogi, chairperson, district women's empowerment committee.

Rotary Club of Chennai Meraki, RID 3232, along with six other Rotary clubs in the district, organised a cancer screening camp at the urban public health centre in Padi in Chennai. More than 100 women were screened at the

camp. Prior to the screening, an awareness lecture was delivered at the camp site by an oncologist for the women to understand the disease better.

The camp was inaugurated by Usha Saraogi, chairperson, district women's empowerment committee. ■



Club members with BSF personnel engage in a sapling plantation drive on the campus.

A greening initiative by Indore Rotarians

Rotary Club of Indore North, RID 3040, planted 1,000 saplings of native trees at the BSF campus in the city. Around 130 persons including club members, Rotaractors and the BSF personnel participated in the environment care drive. ■

Medical, school projects at Chidambaram

Team Rotary News

With the aim to extend convenience to patients and attendants at the emergency ward of the Government Medical College and Hospital, Cuddalore, 10 stone benches worth ₹70,000 were installed by RC Chidambaram Central, RID 2981. Jothimani, bulletin editor, Inner Wheel Club of Chidambaram, had sponsored the project.

Charter secretary and former AG M Deepak Kumar, hospital chief doctor P Thirugnanam, club president V Nadasabapathy, secretary Arumugam and other members were present at the event.

Dr Sri Shruthi gave a special address at the urban primary health centre in a joint event with Makkul Marunthagam, a pharmacy store, to mark World Breast Feeding Week. Chidambaram MLA KA Pandian, as chief guest, distributed flyers on breastfeeding and nutrition powder tins worth ₹25,000 to lactating and pregnant women. Deepak Kumar gave an awareness talk on breastfeeding. Around 1,000 flyers were distributed to various hospitals.

Stationery items were distributed to 100 students of a panchayat union middle school at Alambadi to celebrate the birth anniversary of former TN chief minister K Kamaraj. Nadasabapathy, headmaster V Latha and Deepak Kumar paid floral tributes to the portrait of Kamaraj. Bhuvanagiri BEO S Selvi gave a special address.

Around 95 teachers at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School were honoured with Nation Builder Awards on Teacher's Day. Praising the selfless service of the awardees, Chidambaram assistant



Above: RC Chidambaram Central president V Nadasabapathy and former AG Deepak Kumar at the installation of stone benches at the Government Medical College Hospital, Cuddalore.

Below: Club president Nadasabapathy distributes stationery to a student at a panchayat union middle school.





A special camp on government welfare projects at the Government Girls HS School, Chidambaram.

collector Sweta Suman recalled that she was moulded by her teachers who had contributed much to her success in life.

At the special camp on government welfare projects and environment protection at the Government Girls Higher

Secondary School, Chidambaram, government officials spoke on the various development schemes of the state. During their address, charter president Mohammed Yasin and former AG Deepak Kumar spoke on the need to preserve the environment, leadership skills and developing a service attitude among the students.

Club president Nadasabapathy donated medicines worth ₹11,000 to Government Medical College Hospital principal Thirupathi in the presence of superintendent Dr Junior Sundaresh, Deepak Kumar, doctors and Rotarians.

Rtn Sanjivkumar was honoured by the club for bagging the Best Teacher Award from the district collector. The club had upgraded the RO plant for drinking water at a cost of ₹25,000 which will benefit around 3,000 girls at the Government Girls HS School. ■



Spreading awareness to protect the rivers

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Siliguri Midtown, RID 3240, in collaboration with local communities and organisations, hosted an awareness programme on 'Life Supporting River System' as part of its *Life to Rivers* project. "We want to raise awareness, implement sustainable management practices and engage youngsters in environmental stewardship. The goal is to create a global movement to protect and restore rivers for our future generations," said club president Manoj Sharma. As part of the project, the club recently organised a rally with the participation of 300 school/college students, and 100 members from the local communities to spread awareness about the cause.

In another initiative, the Rotarians distributed new clothes to 50 women working in the Satbhaya Tea Garden, and to 150 children for Durga Puja. The club celebrated the festival by providing lunch and sweets to the labourers. ■



Children participate in a walkathon as part of the club's *Life to Rivers* project.



College students with saplings ready to be planted by a riverbed.



Women and children with the new clothes gifted to them by the club for Durga Puja.

Sprucing up anganwadis

Team Rotary News



Rotary Club of Coimbatore Millennium, RID 3201, provided sleeping mats, toys and utensils to nine anganwadis in the city. The club has adopted these centres as a signature project for the year, said club secretary Sundaramurthy Krishnan. It will make the children feel comfortable as they spend an entire day in an anganwadi while their parents are off at work. ■

Rotarians in an anganwadi after providing necessary assistance.

Water conservation lessons for students



Students attend a water conservation session at the Bhangre Public School in Nagpur.

Rotary Club of Nagpur Metro, RID 3030, briefed the Class 10 students at the Bhangre Public School, Panjara, Nagpur, about water conservation and

preservation. They discussed with the students ways to conserve water and about rainwater harvesting. The club members also pointed out to them areas where water is a

scarce commodity and how people trudge for miles to get a pot of water for consumption.

The interactive session had the participation of all the students. ■

Multifaceted projects at Nagapattinam

V Muthukumaran

A one-day workshop on health management was conducted by RC Nagapattinam, RID 2981, for teachers at the Chinmaya Vidyalaya. Trainer R Pappakannan, president-elect of the club, gave useful suggestions to the teachers.

Club president K Karthikesan presided over the healthcare workshop for teachers in the presence of school chairman P N Ramalingam, correspondent Rtn MR Prasanna and principal C Geetha Bennet. A three-day monsoon cultural programme was held at the children's park at the New Beach with the support of the Nagapattinam Beach Development Association.

As part of this event, students of Dr Muthulakshmi-Sri Sakthi Natyalaya gave a dance performance on Gandhi Jayanthi (Oct 2). Nagapattinam Municipality senior engineer Chandrasekaran, AGs Muruganantham (zone 28), Tiruvarur) and Avarani Ananthan (zone 29), and municipal planning officer Nagai Nagarajan were guests of honour at the cultural programmes. "Both locals and tourists attended in large numbers on all three days of our cultural show. All the young participants were happy to showcase their extracurricular skills," said Karthikesan.



Club special projects coordinator K Govindarajulu made the arrangements for the cultural and stage shows. "Certificates were given to all the students who participated at the three-day programmes," said the club president.

Every week, chess classes are being held on Thursday evening at the Chess Training Academy. National coach R Saravanakumar is training the students at the chess academy with the support of the club.





Above: Chinmaya Vidyalaya teachers at a meditation session.

Left: Students perform a thematic dance show at the Monsoon Cultural Programme at the Nagai beach park.

Right: A teacher training session in progress.

To enhance the learning skills of teachers, a two-day self-development and motivation workshop was held at the Prime College of Education, Kilvelur, a teacher training institute, in the presence of Karthikesan. The workshop was held jointly



with the JCI Nagapattinam Sea City. President-elect Pappakannan mentored the BEd candidates in different sessions.

Beach clean-up

A mega beach clean-up was conducted with the support of Nagapattinam Beach Development Association on the eve of Gandhi Jayanthi. "Hundreds of children

from the SOS Villages, students from Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Sir Issac Newton College of Arts and Science, ADM College for Women, Interactors, Rotaractors and NSS volunteers took part in the clean-up drive at the new beach," said Karthikesan.

Indian Chamber of Commerce, Nagai chapter, R Subash and club's past president PN Kuppusamy, who also heads the Beach Development Association, were guests of honour. SOS Children's Village director Ramesh Reddy and projects coordinator Govindarajalu took care of logistics. ■



Rotarians along with a banner at the beach clean-up.

D 2981

RC Chidambaram

During the installation of new club president S Arithanaj and secretary K Ilayaraja, an amount of ₹50,000 was given to nine schoolchildren to cover their tuition expenses, two tricycles were donated, and an iron box was given to a laundry man. PDG S Gopal and AG Sunilkumar were the chief guests at the investiture. The beneficiaries thanked the club.



D 2981

RC Nagapattinam

DG G Senguttuvan was the chief guest at the installation of new office-bearers at the Interact Club of Natarajan Damayanthi High School. New club president K Suman took charge at the helm. Club president K Karthikesan presided over the event in the presence of district secretary Siva Saravanan, AG Avarani Anathan and district interact chair V Prabakar.



D 3000

RC Madurai Sangamam

Computer tables (15 nos) were donated to Amutham Matric HS School in the presence of regional coordinator J Ashok from RC Madurai Gems. In memory of past president Inbavanan, meals were served to patients at the Balarengapuram Government Hospital. Rtn Senthil Kumaran, proprietor, Nalan Catering, sponsored the food.





D 3000

RC Pon. Pudupatti

Nutritional kits consisting of edibles rich in vitamins and proteins were distributed to TB patients at the primary health centre in Ponnamaravathi village. The patients were urged to adopt a healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet rich in protein and follow the doctor prescriptions to get rid of the disease, considered a social stigma.



D 3000

RC Thuraiyur Perumalmalai

With the support of Kauvery Hospital, Trichy, and Rotaractors, an awareness event on basic life support (BLS) at emergency situations was held at the Nehru Memorial College, Puthanampatti. Dr V Saranya gave a talk on BLS and interacted with the students. I-Day was celebrated at The Spastics Society of Tiruchirapalli, a special home for differently-abled. Sports and games were held.



D 3011

RC Delhi Humanity

Friendly tennis matches were played between the US embassy staff and Rotarians from RCs Delhi Central, Delhi Heights, Delhi Humanity, Delhi West Metro and Gurgaon. Held at the DLTA Complex, Hauz Khas, it was the maiden event in India of the International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians (ITFR). They have planned regular events among ITFR members.

D 3012

RC Ghaziabad North

A medical workshop on cervical cancer was held at the Manyavar Kanshiram Government Degree College, Nandgram. Dr Prekshi Chaudhary from Max Hospitals gave a lecture for over 200 girl students who got an insight into the symptoms of cervical cancer. A blood donation camp at Path Infotech, Noida, collected 55 units of blood.



D 3012

RC Sonapat Midtown

Ceiling fans, scanners and a printer were donated to the Government Middle School, Mimarpur. Rotarians handed over the fans and electronic gadgets to students. Around 150 persons gave blood at a blood donation camp held at the Rotary Community Centre on the eve of PM Narendra Modi's birthday.



D 3020

RC Vijayawada Midtown

During the visit of IPDG Bhaskar Ram, wheelchairs were donated to the railway station; a thalassaemia device was gifted to the Saptha Foundation; an RO water plant was installed at the Madonna High School for the Deaf; and 100 sewing machines were distributed at the Seventh Day Adventist School, Ibrahimpatnam. Over 1,000 privilege cards were issued to club members.





D 3030

RC Bhusawal Railcity

A Rotary Garden is being created on a barren land near the entrance to the city. IPDG Anand Jhunjhunuwala laid the foundation stone for the green hub in the presence of local MLA Sanjay Sawkare, then AG Vikas Pachpande and club president Makarand Chandwadkar. Apart from trees, crotons and walking track, the park will have sit-outs for elders and Rotary monuments.



D 3056

RC Shri Madhopur Sunrise

Around 100 patients were screened and 50 were identified for surgery at the 46th cataract and lens implant camp held with the support of District Blindness Prevention Committee and Sankara Eye Hospital, Jaipur. Spectacles were distributed to the needy. Transport to the hospital, food and stay were taken care of by the club. So far, 45 such camps had examined over 4,300 patients.



D 3080

RC Kharar

Children at a government primary school in Bajhedi village were taught oral hygiene and proper eating habits by Dr Neetu Goyal as part of dental check-up camp. She informed students on the need to brush teeth regularly for oral hygiene and avoid junk foods for healthy living. Hygiene kits were distributed to the children and handwash posters were installed at the school.

D 3090

RC Faridkot

Protein supplements were donated to 20 pregnant women at the Civil Hospital and two wheelchairs were donated to its emergency wing. Elderly patients were examined at the Ayurvedic medical camp on the premises of Jindal Hospital. Dress material were distributed to women taking care of children at the Radha Krishan Dham, a special home. An amount of ₹58,000 was donated to Anandean Gaushala, Faridkot.



D 3090

RC Patiala Mid Town

Reflectors and stickers were pasted on tempos, four-wheelers, tractor trollies and other vehicles at the Tempo Union, Patiala. Inspector Karamjit Kaur, in-charge of Education Cell, Traffic Wing of Punjab Police, Patiala, urged the drivers to obey road norms to prevent accidents. Municipal councillor Naresh Duggal, then club president Bhagwan Dass Gupta and inspector Karamjit interacted with the vehicle owners.



D 3100

RC Moradabad Brasscity Stars

Earthen bowls were distributed to students of Maharaja Agrasen Inter College, Green Meadows Senior Secondary School and SSK Inter College for providing water to birds on roofs and terraces during summer. Then club president Vivek Agarwal, district interact chairman Anuj Agarwal and school principals were present.





D 3110

RC Agra Royal

Dr Surabhi Gupta, head, Oncology department, S N Medical College, gave a talk at a No Tobacco Day (May 31) event. Dr Vishal Sinha, HoD, Psychology, said it was better to stay away from tobacco consumption in any form as prevention is better than cure. Prof Aparna Poddar, then club secretary Aarti Mehrotra and trainer Alok Mittal spoke on the occasion.



D 3110

RC Nainital

IPP Babita Jain and PDG Subhash Jain were honoured with Rotary Vibhushan Awards for the club's excellent performance in four categories — district projects, TRF contribution, global grant and service projects — during last year. They were honoured at the awards ceremony titled *Prashasti* held in Bareilly. Also, club trainer Vikram Syal (2022–23), Rtns Ram Avtar and Narinder Kumar Lamba were felicitated.



D 3120

RC Allahabad Midtown

Around 370 amputees benefitted at the check-up and measurement camp for those in need of prosthetic limbs. The camp held with the support of Narayan Sewa Sansthan, Udaipur, had 900 footfall including attendants and volunteers; and 39 were referred for corrective surgery. UP minister Nand Gopal Gupta and former IGP K P Singh were among the chief guests.

Cervical cancer screening event in Pilkhuwa

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Rotary Club of Pilkhuwa City, RID 3012, hosted a cervical cancer screening project (\$200), along with the distribution of sanitary napkins at Keshav Marwar Degree College, Pilkhuwa, Uttar Pradesh. An additional \$300 was spent on a health initiative at The Milton Academy, providing haemoglobin check-up, anaemia prevention education, and distributing fruits and deworming tablets to 70 students.

Under the *Samarth Bharat* campaign, the club allocated \$200 for a haemoglobin check-up and nutrition education programme for pregnant women at Sriram Medicare. A blood donation camp collected 90 units of blood which was donated to Vardan Super Speciality Hospital in Ghaziabad in the presence of DG Priyatosh Gupta.

For a Dussehra event, the club collaborated with Rotaract clubs, to distribute goodies to children and serve water to the people gathered for the event.

The club carried out *Project Gau Hara Chara Sewa* to provide fodder and nutritional food to cows at the *gaushala* on Chandi Road, Pilkhuwa. The club planted 25 green saplings to enhance the town's green cover. ■



Iron supplements were given to pregnant women under project *Samarth Bharath*.



Club members feed cows with nutritional fodder.



Club members with students of The Milton Academy.

Popularising millets

Rotary Club of Pune Camp, RID 3131, along with 15 other Rotary clubs of the district, joined hands with the Agricultural department of Maharashtra and the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development, to hold a Rotary Millet Jatra at the Alpa Bachat Bhavan in Pune.

The event aimed to promote millet as a healthy and nutritional diet for consumption. The Rotarians resolved to design community projects to support millet farmers and provide a viable platform for them to connect with the buyers. "We will explore the various sustainable schemes available for agricultural entrepreneurship that will benefit the farmers," said club president Pradip Khedkar.



A stall stocked up with millet-based snacks at the exhibition.

The day-long event included a walkathon, an exhibition with stalls from millet farmers of rural and tribal Maharashtra, a buyer-seller meet, eateries

serving millet-based dishes and a cookery competition. Over 3,000 people including Rotaractors, school/college students and farmers visited the mela. ■

Spotlight on mental health issues

Team Rotary News



A felicitation ceremony at the Mental Health Festival.

RC Delhi South, RID 3011, organised a Mental Health Festival in partnership with Shankars Foundation at the AIIMS Hospital, New Delhi. With 1,200 attendees, including doctors, scientists, students and various professionals, the event aimed to address growing concerns about mental health issues.

The club adopted the MCD Primary School in Najafgarh, Delhi, with plans to improve its classroom facilities, fix playground equipment and enhance its ambience to create a safer, more enjoyable environment for its 1,400 students. ■

D 3120

RC Kushinagar

Nutritious food packets were distributed to 18 TB patients adopted by the club. So far, the club has adopted 50 such patients as part of National TB Eradication campaign. Over 300 fruit-bearing and shade trees were distributed at a special stall at Gandhi Chowk, Kasia. Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated (July 26) at an old age home. Floral tributes were paid to the slain soldiers.



3120

RC Siddharthnagar

A traffic awareness seminar and a speech competition were conducted at the Siddharth Degree College, Birdpur. Students from Buddha Vidyapeeth Inter College, Navjyoti Inter College and Swami Vivekananda Inter College took part in the competition. While the winners were given prizes, certificates were distributed to all the participants. Traffic DSP Devi Ghulam spoke on the need to obey traffic rules to prevent accidents.



D 3131

RC Poona Downtown

A one-day workshop on the Transgender Protection Act 2019 was conducted at the Sosva Training Institute, Pune, in association with RCs Poona Central and Khadki. Rtn Pallavi Sable explained about Rotary's DEI principles. RC Khadki IPP Kirti Kelkar and RC Pune Central IPP Uday Dharmadhikar called for more skill training centres. Prof Zameer Kamble gave talk.





D 3132

RC Karad

Around 120 policemen were examined at a medical camp held with the support of RC Satara. DSP Ranjit Patil inaugurated the camp in which a team of six doctors treated the patients. Over 35 students were screened at a dental check-up camp held jointly with the Krishna Dental College, Karad, at the Krantiveer Madhavrao Jadhav Balgruh. Toothbrushes and pastes were distributed to all students.



D 3141

RC Mumbai Kandivli West

A water storage tank and water purifier were installed at the Gandhi Vidya Mandir High School, Kandivali, at a cost of ₹1 lakh sponsored by the families of Rtms Narendra Soni and Kiran Kakkad. The water facilities will benefit 800 students. Around 70 students attended the 'Entrepreneur mindset' workshop at the SVP School. The project cost ₹70,000.



D 3142

RC Dombivli East

A Rotary Children's Park was upgraded at a cost of ₹25 lakh which was raised through donations, and a fundraising event. Hindi singer Sudesh Bhosale gave a performance at a musical night. State minister Ravindra Chavan inaugurated the upgraded park in December in the presence of then DGN Milind Kulkarni, PDGs Ulhas Kolhatkar, Mayuresh Warke and charter member PS Bhatia.

D 3192

RC Bangalore Junction

A cath lab equipment was donated to Rangadore Memorial Hospital through a GG project with RCs Bangalore West and Henniker Area, RID 7870, US. There was also a directed gift of \$40,000 from Rtn Milind Deshpande. IPDG Jeetendra Aneja inaugurated the facility. Rtns Pradeep Dhandania, Manish Agarwal and Bipin Ram Agarwal sponsored three classrooms at the Ganigarapalya Government School, Hosahalli.



D 3201

RC Coimbatore Monarks

Under *Project Parpidam*, the club has built houses worth ₹90 lakhs for 120 beneficiaries with the support of their assistant governors. The project, home for the homeless, was initiated by IPDG Rajmohan Nair with the support of Kochoseph Chittilappilly Foundation as a flagship district project.



D 3211

RC Alleppey Greater

Six teachers were honoured with Nation Builder Awards by past AG R Krishnan. One of the awardees is Sunil Markose from the Government Girls HS School, Alappuzha, who had a distinguished career in teaching. Club president Sunil Kumar, members, Anns and Annets were present at the awards ceremony.





D 3250

RC Patna City Samrat

PDG Vivek Kumar and IG of police (Patna) Vikash Vaibhav were the chief guests at the presentation of Nation Builder Awards to 60 government and retired teachers. Among the awardees were 60 women teachers. They were honoured for their efforts in grooming future leaders. The event was covered in the local papers and other media.



D 3261

RC Jagdalpur

At the eye flu check-up camp held at the Sanjay market, 120 patients were diagnosed, among whom 97 were given medicines. Elders, labourers and the working class benefitted from the eye camp. Club president Dinesh Kagot and members were present to coordinate the event. The eye camp lifted the public image of the club.



D 3291

RC Garden Reach

DG Hira Lal Yadav and RI director Anirudha Roychowdhury were chief guests at a seminar on cancer awareness held at the Rotary Sadan. Oncologists and cancer survivors shared their experiences. Around 120 patients were examined at a medical camp hosted jointly with the KPC Medical College and Hospital.

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Stitching their way to success

Team Rotary News

Twelve women trainees who had passed out of the tailoring course being held at the Rotary building of RC Manora Pattukkottai, RID, 2981, were given certificates. Club president Sathishkumar assured the beneficiaries all help for a sustainable livelihood.

At the eye camp held with the support of Sankara Eye Hospital, Coimbatore, and Thanjavur

District Vision Loss Prevention Association, 150 people were screened. Among them, 50 were chosen for surgery at the hospital. The eye camp worth ₹45,000 was sponsored by Rtn S Suresh. To create dengue awareness among the public, a student rally was held in partnership with the Laurel Higher Secondary School. Local MLA K Annadurai flagged off the march in which hundreds of stu-

dents and NCC, NSS and Scout volunteers took part with posters and banners.

Pattukkottai Municipality officials, Rotarians and sanitary workers also joined the students in the march to create awareness about the disease among the residents. The rally costing ₹25,000 was sponsored by school correspondent and club secretary V Balasubramanian.



RC Manora Pattukkottai president Sathishkumar (centre) gives a tailoring proficiency certificate to a woman at the Rotary House.

In an initiative to provide eyecare to the underprivileged, a High Bird Vision Centre was set up with the support of all other clubs in Pattukkottai and Mahatma Eye Hospital. DG G Senguttuvan inaugurated the eyecare centre in the presence of PDG S Balaji, municipality chairperson Shanmugapriya and AG Faisal Ahmed.

Sathishkumar visited the residence of Rtn V Vijay on the occasion of his wedding anniversary and honoured him with a shawl and cake. Vijay donated \$50 to the Rotary club trust to mark the special occasion.■



Above: Students, NSS and NCC cadets at a dengue awareness rally.

Below: Pattukkottai Municipality chairperson Shanmugapriya (centre) at the High Bird Vision Centre along with DG G Senguttuvan (left) and PDG S Balaji to her left.



A health camp for women and girls

Team Rotary News

In a community outreach to mark International Day of the Girl Child (Oct 11), RC Smart City Navi Mumbai, RID 3142, hosted a mega health check-up camp in which around 270 patients were screened for various chronic illness, eye disorders and tested for their haemoglobin count.

The health camp was held at the SNDT College, Murbad, in partnership with the Baliraj Sevabhavi Sanstha, a local NGO. A grand cultural event also saw over 300 girls displaying their talent in ramp walk, singing devotional songs and other artistic skills. “As the echoes of laughter and the spirit of empowerment linger, the event’s impact resonated throughout the community, fostering a sense of unity



A health camp in progress for girls taking part in a cultural show.

and well-being,” said Mahesh Kumbhar, joint secretary, RC Smart City Navi Mumbai.

Eleven teachers at the New English School, Walang village in

Mahad taluk, who had excelled in their work were presented with Nation Builder Awards in a joint ceremony with RC Mahad, RID 3131. ■

A cardiac checkup camp in Mysuru



On World Heart Day (Sept 29), RC Mysore South East, RID 3181, organised a heart check-up camp that screened 130 people at Vishveshwaranagar, Mysuru, with the support of Narayana Multispecialty Hospital.

Apart from general check-up, the cardiac care camp also did ECG and Echo tests on patients who were given consultations for a healthy lifestyle. Club president KN Muralidhara and other members were present at the venue and coordinated with the doctors for the success of the medical camp. ■

A toilet block for a Kolhapur school

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Kolhapur City, RID 3170, fulfilled its promise to donate a toilet block to the Dnyan Vidnyan Madhyamik Vidyalaya, Kolhapur. Supported by TRF and several other clubs from RIDs 5770 and 5230, the project was funded by a global grant. The toilet block was handed over to the school authority in the presence of DG Nasir Borsadwala.

Under Rotary India Literacy Mission's, Lakshya initiative, scholarships were given to 25 meritorious students. As part of this project, students from Class 8–10 would attend seminars and get teaching aids to excel in their academics. DG Borsadwala awarded the scholarships to the students. ■



Above: A student receives the scholarship from DG Nasir Borsadwala.

Below: DG Nasir Borsadwala inaugurates the new toilet block in the presence of club members.



Training to save lives

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Greater Haripad, RID 3211, conducted a training session to teach higher secondary students of the NSS School in Haripad to administer CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) and tackle other medical emergencies.

The club honoured teachers at the Government LP School with Nation Builder Awards for their valuable contribution in grooming students.■

Students learning CPR techniques at the workshop.



Family members of the palliative care patients waiting to receive the essentials kits.

Essential kits for palliative care patients

RC Mannarghat, RID 3201, donated 60 essential kits to families of palliative care patients at the Government Taluk Hospital, Mannarkkad. Club president Sebastian Panakkathottam handed over the kits to the beneficiaries. The kits contained rice, lentils, palm sugar, spices and food grains.■

Adult literacy class in Bokaro

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Women at the adult literacy class at Basanti More vegetable market.

In a classroom by the *sabzi mandi* (vegetable market) in Bokaro, Jharkhand, RC Bokaro Steel City, RID 3250, is conducting adult literacy classes in partnership with Sewa

Bharti, a local NGO. With 25 adults, these classes teach women, mostly vegetable vendors and domestic help, to read and write in Hindi. Club president Ghanshyam Dass says “we’re not just

teaching them Hindi, we’re empowering them to script their bright future.”

On the International Day of the Girl Child, the club inaugurated a new toilet block for girl students at the Adarsh High School, Bokaro. This was followed by an MHM awareness session led by doctors from the Bokaro General Hospital, who interacted with around 80 girls about the nuances of the menstrual cycle.

Club members led discussions about recognising and speaking out against uncomfortable situations. Over 100 girls received sanitary pads and younger students received tasty delights like biscuits, coconuts and laddus. ■



Club members with the students of Adarsh High School, Bokaro.

E-learning project for schools

Team Rotary News

The Rotary E-Club of Empowering Youth, RID 3132, and RC Thane Ghodbunder Road, RID 3142, have joined hands for *Project Aadhunik Shiksha* (basic knowledge).

This E-learning initiative aims to provide a modernised educational experience to 450 students across Ahmednagar, Newasa and Thane through a mobile app. The *E-Learning Study App* is tailored specifically for Class 10 students, offering a detailed



School students hold aloft their mobile phones after installing the study app provided to them by the club.

curriculum, interactive videos, quizzes, question papers and assignments. They are designed to enhance understanding, foster critical thinking and effective communication skills.

The project has reached out to 150 students at Don Bosco Vidyalaya Ahmednagar; 40 students at Meher English School; 60 students at Dr PA Inamdar High School;

40 students at Gurukul English Medium School; 75 students at Sudamrao Mate Patil High School; and Jnanmata Boarding School in Newasa, Aurangabad district. Additionally, 100 students in Thane are benefitting from this initiative.

Recognising the financial constraints faced by economically weaker families, the Rotary clubs are providing this study app free of charge. ■





A walk for the heart

Team Rotary News

RC Bhalki Fort, RID 3160, organised a *Walk for Heart* event to mark World Heart Day. The walk began at the Channa Basaveshwarappa Ashram, passing through key locations in the city. Club members participated in the rally promoting heart health awareness, prevention of cardiac diseases and the significance of cardiovascular risk screening.

As part of the Rotary India Literacy Mission's TEACH programme, the club presented the Nation Builder Awards to 35 teachers from 31 schools for their commitment to enhance the quality of education. DG Manik Pawar distributed the awards and highlighted the importance of the TEACH programmes. The club also gifted printed scarves and jute bags to the awardees. ■



DG Manik Pawar (standing 5th from L) with the award winning teachers.

An inspiring RYLA at SPIC Nagar

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In its quest to nurture leadership among youth, RC SPIC Nagar, RID 3212, hosted a three-day RYLA titled *Esperanza* (hope in Spanish) that saw 54 students from nine colleges in Thoothukudi in southern Tamil Nadu taking part in various sessions. With enthusiasm they learnt to hone their diverse skills.

DGE Meeran Khan Saleem inaugurated the RYLA in the presence of SPIC group director E Balu and past AG Mayil Bala Subramanian. First, the students were taken to the SPIC manufacturing units to provide them an insight into an industrial plant and the various processes involved in it. This industrial visit paved the way for five training sessions. Under the guidance of faculty member Ephrem from Wrights Training and Consulting, students delved into various topics such as hope and resilience, self-discovery and personal growth, goal-setting and time management, teamwork, digital leadership and building a support network.

Trainers Imran Ahmed, Sayyed Ahmed Kabeer, Shaleni Priya and Solomon Karunakaran held interactive sessions which enabled the participants to climb up the leadership growth curve.



A RYLA session in progress.

Also, critical issues like cyber security laws, cyberbullying, POCSO Act and the need to equip with digital skills for a bright career were dealt with in an elaborate manner. Trainer Sornalatha, lawyer, gave an impactful presentation on all these critical topics.

For holistic development, there were sessions on physical well-being, yoga and exercises. On the cultural front, there were tough competitions in oratory, light music, instrumental, classical and fusion dance segments. The deserving participants were awarded Best RYLarian titles.

PDG Vijayakumar and SPIC director Balu presided over the valedictory session in which students recalled how the RYLA sessions had improved their diverse skills that will help them to face the life challenges ahead.

Club president V Sundaresan, secretary K Muthurajesh, RYLA chairman Ratha Krishnan and Youth Services chairman S Rajesh were the persons behind the success of RYLA 2023 which kindled a new spark among the participants. They left the venue with a new perspective about life. ■

Teachers felicitated in Kanpur

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As many as 65 teachers from degree, inter colleges, primary and composite schools were felicitated by RC Kanpur North, RID 3110, for their 'selfless service' in shaping future citizens to mark Teacher's Day at the Seth Motilal Kedia SD Inter College. The awards ceremony was held jointly with the Rotary India Literacy Mission.

PDG DN Raizaday distributed the citations to the awardees in the presence of inter college principal Suman Chandola. Under *Project Annapurna*, food was distributed to 500 patients and their attendants at the Cardiology Heart Hospital, Rawatpur. It was the sixth time this year, food was being served at different places and institutions under the annual project. A new Interact club was chartered at the Gaurav Memorial International School, Bithoor, with Aniket Tiwari being appointed as its club advisor and Ishi Katiyar taking over as charter president.

Club president Anuj Tewari honoured Vellore Institute of Technology founder-chancellor G Viswanathan at his office in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, by giving him the club's memorial silver coin in the presence of Rtn Neetika Tiwari. In a similar event, club's IPP Krishna Trivedi presented the silver coin to Kashiram Hospital, Ramadevi, chief medical officer in the presence of Rtns Vishnu Dalmia, Ajai Veer Singh and Rohit Agarwal.

A Lenovo tablet was presented to meritorious student Deepika from the Government Inter College, Kherasa Bidhnu, as part of *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao* campaign of the UP government. Also, a 42-inch LED TV was donated to the Composite School, Ramaipur, under the e-learning project, and prizes were given to the winners of a rangoli competition held for students on Independence Day.■



PDG DN Raizaday presents a citation to a teacher in the presence of RC Kanpur North president Anuj Tewari (left) and Seth Motilal Kedia SD Inter College principal Suman Chandola.



Club president Tewari and Rtn Neetika Tiwari honour VIT founder-chancellor G Viswanathan.