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Dengue awareness camp in Chidambaram

Team Rotary News



PDG A Mani (centre), club president K Nirmala (seated 4th from L) and Rotarians, along with the Nation Builder Award winning teachers.

A mega dengue awareness camp was organised at a school campus in Chidambaram by RCs Chidambaram Mid Town, Chidambaram Temple Town and Chidambaram Central, RID 2981, in association with the Cuddalore District Government Medical College Hospital.

A team of six doctors from the hospital screened people for dengue and preventive medicines were given to the weak. The hospital superintendent Dr Junior Sundaresh delivered an awareness lecture on dengue, how to protect oneself from the disease and the treatment that one has to undergo in the event of contracting the illness. The doctors stressed on keeping the



A health checkup camp in progress.

environment free of stagnant water which becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes, the main cause of spreading dengue.

In another initiative, RC Chidambaram Mid Town

felicitated 15 teachers with Nation Builder Awards in commemoration of Teachers' Day. Vocational Excellence Awards were given to people who have excelled in various fields. ■

On the cover: A physically-challenged person receives a Jaipur Foot from Rotarians at a camp organised by RC Dindigul West, RID 3000.



A group of students practise handwash as demonstrated by the club.

4,500 students learn to wash their hands

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On Global Handwash Day (Oct 15), RC Udaipur Meera, RID 3056, organised a mega programme to teach over 4,500 school students the right way of washing hands. Students from 14 schools in the city participated in the event where teachers demonstrated the basic techniques of handwash and its significance to good health and hygiene. The club's WinS director Seema Gupta was also present.

In another initiative, the club organised a RYLA for 90 participants from various educational institutions. The two-day residential programme taught the students various leadership and time management aspects, and all about teamwork and delegation. Zumba and meditation sessions were also part of the programme. The students took out a rally campaigning for a clean environment at the end of the RYLA. ■



A session at the RYLA.

Artificial limb camp at Dindigul

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In a prosthetic limb camp, RC Dindigul West, RID 3000, distributed artificial limbs to 45 selected beneficiaries out of 65 amputees who have registered for the camp. The limb distribution camp was arranged jointly with RC Dindigul Queencity and Coimbatore Mid Town, RID 3201. Dindigul mayor J Elamathi and PDG P Dhamodharan were present at the venue.■



A beneficiary is fitted with artificial limb at the camp.

Toys bring smiles on Sonipat kids

Around 150 toys were distributed to less privileged children by RC Sonapat Midtown, RID 3012, after collecting them from donors. The toys of various sizes and shapes were distributed to children at the Welfare Centre for those with speech and hearing impaired; Renu Vidya School for special children; and Sangort Special School, Parasvanth.

Club president Ravinder Bhardwaj appealed to well-to-do families with the aim to spread smiles and make a difference in the lives of children from underprivileged families.

As part of its *Clean and Green Sonipat* campaign, the club distributed 150 dust bins for collecting garbage and litter



Rotarians with children after distributing toys to them.

across the city. The garbage bins were installed at busy junctions like Subhash Chowk, Kacche Quarter market and Model Town during the clean campaign.

Corporation commissioner Vishram Kumar Meena and

Sonipat mayor Nikhil Madan appreciated the club for taking up the clean campaign which will usher in an eco-friendly lifestyle for the residents. Bhardwaj gave a detailed account of the project for the civic officials.■

Making women self-reliant

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Club members with women after gifting them sewing machines.

Commemorating the 154th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, Rotary Club of Kushinagar, RID 3120, gifted sewing machines to 20 less privileged women to help them earn a livelihood. Sub-divisional magistrate Kasya Yogeshwar Singh and municipal council chairman Kiran Rakesh Jaiswal were present at the event.

Celebrating former President of India Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary, the club members planted saplings at Kachari Kasia in Kushinagar, and at an old age home. The city's municipal council executive officer Santosh Kumar, club president Wahid Ali, vice-presidents Vijay Kumar Gupta, Ajay Kumar Singh, Dinesh Yadav, treasurer Durgesh Chaturvedi, director Amit Srivastava and joint secretary Akhilesh Sharma were among those present at the events in both the venues. New clothes and nutritional food were distributed to the inmates at the old age home.

On the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,



Saplings being planted at Kachari Kasia, Kushinagar.



A river cleaning drive undertaken by the club.

observed as National Unity Day, the club organised a blood donation camp where over 65 people participated, and the collected blood was given to the Kushinagar Charitable Blood Bank.

In another endeavour, the club gifted solar lamps to five families engaged in scrap collection. "These households lacked electricity, and the nights were spent in darkness," said club president Ali. ■

A painting contest on road safety

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A police official addressing students at the painting contest.

More than 200 students from 21 elite schools displayed their creative skills on canvas at the painting competition on road safety conducted by RC Chandigarh Midtown, RID 3080, at the Rose Garden as part of Police Week Celebrations.

The heart of the event was the insightful sessions conducted by the club to enlighten

students about following road safety norms and the significance of adhering to traffic regulations. The discussions were aimed at instilling a sense of responsibility among the young participants while on the road.

Dr Malvika Ranjan, wife of DGP Praveer Ranjan, gave a motivational speech, while Neelima, wife of IG of police Raj Kumar Singh, turned

the focus on involving the community to create awareness on road safety. SSP Manisha Choudhary pointed out that law enforcement agencies are striving their best to ensure safe, accident-free roads for motorists and commuters.

Kokuyo Camlin supplied the stationery kits for children and Vishal Dairy distributed refreshments throughout the event. The

event not only fostered creativity but also left a lasting impact on the participants, imparting critical knowledge about road safety. “The engagement of the students, schools, law enforcement personnel and community partners served as a catalyst for promoting responsible road behaviour,” said Kadam, spouse of club president Jeetan Bhambari. ■

Grooming leaders

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RC Bhopal Hills, RID 3040, organised a workshop on developing communication and leadership skills for the students of the NRI College of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The event was supported by the Denasia Group and Bhopal Story Tellers Society. PDGs Mahendra Mishra Dhiran Datta presided over the programme which benefitted over 200 students.

A dental checkup camp was organised by the club at the Government High School, Barkhera Bonder in Bhopal. The school was adopted by the club and was transformed into a Happy School recently. A *nukkad natak* was enacted



Children watching a *nukkad natak* sensitising about oral hygiene.

by a team of dentists for the benefit of the students to provide them better knowledge about oral health.

The club also donated sports equipment to the school on the same day.■

A unique walkathon

Women participating in the 'Saree Walkathon'.



RC Hosur Angels, an all-women club in RID 2982, organised a unique walkathon where its members, all clad in red or pink coloured saris, walked a 3-km stretch, to “promote tradition, empowerment and health awareness,” says Kalpana Kothandapani, regional chair, GML. “We wanted to send the message

that tradition and progress can coexist harmoniously, and women, as a united force, can bring positive change,” she adds.

The day-long event commenced with holistic insight into women’s health from doctors in Hosur. This was followed by a Zumba session, and then the walkathon.

The event raised funds for the club’s community service programmes such as supporting education, vocational training and women’s empowerment initiatives. A medical camp for breast cancer screening was also organised in association with the St Peter’s Medical College Hospital.■

Agricultural workshop in Karur

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A two-day training camp on organic agriculture hosted by RC Karur Texcity, RID 3000, saw 60 farmers from

across Tamil Nadu taking part in various technical sessions on setting up farm practices, environment and soil fertility,

inputs preparation, pest control, organic farming, rainwater harvesting and beekeeping.

The farm workshop was organised in partnership with the Nammavar Biochemistry Centre at the Vinayaka Matric HS School. During the valedictory session, Cauvery Irrigation Farmers Welfare Association president Magathanapuram Rajaram, PDGs P Dhamodharan, S Rajendran and P Gopalakrishnan spoke and felicitated the participants.

“Our agricultural event was widely covered in the local media and newspapers as our aim was to sustain agriculture and soil fertility to take care of our future,” said club president KS Bakgyaraj.■



Farmers being trained at the workshop.

Grocery donated to patients

Patients being treated for mental illness at the Government Medical College and Hospital were given a set of grocery items including 50kg rice, 5kg pulses and 25 detergent soaps by RC Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, on the occasion of club president B Asokan's birthday.

The grocery items were handed over to the medical college principal for distribution among the patients. Dr Rajmohan, Dr Indrani and club members were present at the handover event.

A new Interact club was chartered at the Sri Manickam Matric High School after an orientation session for the new office-bearers and members. DGN Karthik (2025–26) as special guest took part in the induction ceremony



RC Pudukkottai City president B Asokan (4th from L) handing over grocery items to doctors at the Government Medical College and Hospital.

and gave the charter certificate to the new club president Lokesh.

Maruti Mohan Raja coordinated the installation ceremony in

which 20 students were inducted as Interactors including secretary Munish Jeeva and treasurer Joy Rexima.■

A school gets a green cover

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Rotary Club of Bangalore Oasis, RID 3192, along with Toshiba Software (India) and Ninedots Foundation, planted 500 grown plants in the campus of the Koira Government High School on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Club president Sachin Gururaj thanked the corporate for their participation in Rotary's focus area — Supporting the environment. Venkataraman Annavarapu, past president of the club, emphasised the need for the children's involvement in nurturing the plants and told the students that it was a good opportunity for them to learn more about different species of plants.



In another initiative, the club, along with the People's Trust, Rajanukunte Panchayat and Dr Reddy's Foundation, organised a job fair where 200 youngsters

were interviewed by 25 companies. Around 100 job aspirants got through the preliminary selection. The club has been organising this event every year. ■

Felicitating bus drivers



Rotary Club of Pudukkottai, along with RCs Maharani and Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, organised a felicitation programme

to honour responsible bus drivers for their safe driving techniques and who have not had any accidents during the course of their career. A medical

camp was also organised for them to screen for diabetes, blood pressure, cholesterol and basic parameters. Necessary medicines were given. ■

D 2981

RC Chidambaram Central

Service projects worth ₹1.2 lakh were executed at the installation of club president V Nadasabapathy. Three wheelchairs were donated to the Government Hospital; tricycle for a disabled; educational assistance to three college students; honouring board exam toppers; sewing machine to a widow, and planting 50 timber, coconut trees at adopted village are among them.



D 2981

RC Nagapattinam

Cooking vessels were donated to Annai Sathya Children's Home and, along with the Manavalakkalai Mandram Trust, yoga classes are held for students. Notebooks and stationery were distributed to them. Over 70 elderly patients and disabled were screened at the eye camp at the Nirmala Anbu Illam, Velankannai, held jointly with the VPN Eye Hospital.



D 2982

RC Attur

More than 30 doctors and five auditors were honoured with mementos to mark Doctors and Chartered Accountants Day (July 1). It was an opportunity for members to network with professionals and the event boosted the public image of the club in this town. The awards ceremony concluded with dinner and fellowship.





D 3000

RC Madurai Blossom

Under *Project Libra*, team members led by Kavitha and Revathi, club secretary, distributed bedsheets, blankets, slippers and served dinners to 72 inmates at the Leprosy Rehabilitation Centre, Pudupatti. Sarala Kanna, GML editor, was the chief guest. The beneficiaries thanked Rotary for the gesture.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai City

A mega siddha camp at the Pudukkottai Officers Forum screened elderly patients. Club president B Asokan, Officers Forum president S Ramasamy, Road Safety Awareness Association president 'Maruti' Mohan Raja, Nehru Yuva Kendra district coordinator Joel Prabhakar, and Sports Development Trust chairman Sethu Karthikeyan were present. A Clean India drive was held at the Officers Council complex along with NGOs.



D 3011

RC Delhi South

A webinar on cervical cancer awareness was held jointly with the Interact Club of BVN under the leadership of Naman Agarwal, director, Youth Services. Many parents took part in the online event streamed live on BVN's YouTube channel. Rtn Vaneeta Kapur and AG Vandana Bhalla spoke on the importance of early immunisation of girls against the deadly virus, and interacted with students and parents.

D 3012

RC Sonepat Ardent

A 3Kw solar plant was set up at the Government Senior Secondary School at Garh Mirkapur village near Sonipat. The new plant was inaugurated by DGE Amita Mohindru in the presence of IPP Ashu Nagpal and the facility will provide 24x7 free electricity to 600 children of the school and provide power back-up for the local families.



D 3030

RC Nashik Midtown

During the installation of club president Manoj Kabra and secretary Sonia Vohra, 11 farmers, including three women, 14 doctors, five chartered accountants and three GST officers were felicitated. DGE Rajinder Khurana and DGN Dnyaneshwar Shewale wished the new office-bearers. Outgoing president Dilip Kale greeted the new team.



D 3030

RC Nasik

Twenty-one new members were inducted at an event presided over by Endowment Major Gifts advisor PDG Rajiv Sharma, zone-6, taking the membership to one of the oldest clubs in RID 3030 to around 200. The event turned out to be an occasion for fellowship and networking among the district Rotarians. PDG Sharma complimented the club for its membership drive.





D 3040

RC Barwani City

A mega blood donation camp was held to mark Doctor's Day (July 1) as this municipal town in Madhya Pradesh has a large number of people suffering from thalassaemia and sickle cell anaemia. Club president Dr Arpit Laad said they would hold medical camps for the betterment of patients in Barwani district. The event boosted the public image of the club.



D 3053

RC Bikaner Marudhara

The club bagged seven top honours at a district award ceremony presided over by IPDG Rajesh Kumar Chura. IPP Kailash Kumawat and his secretary Prem Joshi got outstanding awards for their performance. Over 400 Rotarians from 70 clubs took part in the event held at the Chameli Devi Agarwal Auditorium, Bikaner. Kumawat and club trainer Puneet Harsh thanked the IPDG for honouring the club.



D 3056

RC Jaipur

Rotary's Four-Way Test is being recited by students at the morning prayer session at the Rotary School, Ladana village. Teachers are also made aware of the club projects and Rotary's global activities to make the world a better place. A number of welfare projects for the students are being conducted throughout the year.

D 3060

RC Baroda Jawaharnagar

A PolioPlus camp was held at the Gotri Urban Primary Health Centre on National Immunisation Day under the guidance of Dr Minaxi Chauhan, deputy health officer, Vadodara Municipal Corporation. The club donated vehicles to 40 PHCs for the transport of vaccines, paramedics and medical officers to and from 20 booths attached to each centre.



D 3060

RC Surat West

At the eye surgery camp held at Vandsa near Surat, 57 procedures were done on elderly patients. More than 3,000 notebooks were distributed to students at Shantaba School in Kukeri village. Rtms Sanjay Jalan and Anurag Kapoor have pledged to sponsor the education of a student each for the whole year. Children at the school were treated to a delicious lunch. Six water coolers will be maintained by the club.



RID 3070

RC Goraya Midtwn

PDG US Ghai distributed sewing machines to needy women at the installation of new club office-bearers. District secretary Dr Narinder Pal was also present. Rotarians, along with Anns and Annets, greeted the new club president and secretary. It was also an occasion for fellowship and social interaction.





D 3070

RC Hoshiarpur Mid Town

An awareness campaign was held to mark the National Eye Donation Fortnight (Aug 25-Sep 8) at the Punjab National Bank with its senior manager Kamaljit Singh as chief guest. Eye Donation Society members Bahadur Singh Sunet and Baljit Singh gave talks on the importance of eye donation. Club members took oath to donate their eyes.



D 3090

RC Nabha Greater

Under its 'Say no to plastic' campaign, Rotarians distributed steel bottles to truck drivers who submitted their plastic bottles at the Truck Union Office for safe disposal. The plastic bottles were converted into plant pots and recycled in an eco-friendly manner. Nabha MLA Gurdev Mann complimented the green drive of the club.



D 3090

RC Padampur

DG Ghanshyam Kansal installed a 101-feet high national flag (₹7.25 lakh) at the club building in the presence of local MLA Gurmeet Singh Khular and special guest, RC Sri Ganganagar Grace president Sonia Chauhan. Club president Kuldeep Godara, secretary Deepak Jain and AG SS Vashisht were present at the venue.

Patiala students get school fees

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DG Ghanshyam Kansal and RC Patiala Mid Town president Ashok Rauni, along with students, after distributing the school fees.

DG Ghanshyam Kansal distributed school fees worth ₹1.08 lakh for 78 students from five schools in an event hosted by RC Patiala Mid Town, RID 3090.

The amount was received as CSR grant arranged by Rajiv Goyal, district vice-chair, CSR Grant. Club president Ashok Rauni, AGs Ramanjit Singh

Dhillon, Jatin Pal Sharma, past presidents Manik Raj Singhla and Bhagwan Dass Gupta, school principals, staff and students were present at the handover event. ■

E-waste collected at Navi Mumbai

In all, around 150kg of electronic waste was collected in a special drive conducted by RC Smart City Navi Mumbai, RID 3142, in partnership with the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation at the Belapur jetty and Sadhu Vaswani International School. Following the success of the e-waste collection drive, many citizens have requested the club to hold such campaign at regular intervals, said Mahesh Kumbhar, club member. ■



Rotarians at the e-waste collection drive.

Teachers awarded in Villupuram

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Rotarians with teachers holding Nation Builder Awards.



Nation Builder Awards were given to school teachers who have excelled in their vocation by RC Villupuram, RID 2982. Presiding over the awards ceremony, club president Kanya Ramesh hailed the contributions of teachers in shaping the future citizens. Charter president

Samikannu distributed the awards and gave the felicitation address.

Prof Kumaran and zonal AG Bhagyaraj also spoke. Vivekananda College chairman Thiagarajan, lecturers and Rotarians were present on the occasion.

The club facilitated an eye donation process following

the demise of its member Vijayaraghavan's mother Varalakshmi. The deceased person's eye was donated to the Aravind Eye Hospital, Puducherry, thanks to the timely coordination from Kanya Ramesh and past AG Saravanakumar.■

Workshop to prevent mobile addiction



Students follow the instructions at one of the sessions.

To create awareness among students on mobile phone addiction, RC Pune Kothrud, RID 3131, with the support of Reflection Foundation organised a one-day workshop on 'Mobile addiction prevention' for students in the age group of 12–18 years from Chandrakant Darode and Shishuvihar Schools.

A number of interactive sessions through games and role plays attracted students to participate with enthusiasm and they realised the adverse impact of mobile phone addiction in their lives. The sessions made the students evaluate how much time they spent on the mobile phone every day to avoid such excessive harmful exposure. Rtn Vandana Dandekar and past president Vija Raikar anchored the sessions.■

D 3110

RC Bareilly Shree

Hariyali Teej was celebrated with fanfare as women members and Anns came together to hold competitions. Saloni Agarwal was chosen as the Rotary Shree Teej Queen among the contestants. Earlier, during the installation, IPP Navneet Agarwal handed over the baton to new president Nitin Sehta by draping a collar around the latter.



D 3142

RC Bhiwandi Central

Stationery and household items were donated to 300 school students and 40 families at Takipathar village, Shahapur taluk in Thane, under *Project Khushiyan ki Diwali*. Club president Santosh Pashikanti distributed the goodies worth ₹1.25 lakh to the beneficiaries.



D 3160

RC Davangere

A *Swachatha* awareness rally was held from Mothi Veerappa High School to Vidyanagar on Gandhi Jayanthi. More than 500 Rotarians, Inner Wheel members and students from MNS Convent School and Delhi Public School took part. Members of Namma Davanagere, an NGO, and councillor K Prasanna Kumar also joined the rally. Twelve civi staff were honoured.





D 3160

RC Gulbarga

Rtn Ramesh Yelsangikar, former AG, celebrated Children's Day at his Shishu Kalyan Child Clinic. A cake was cut and distributed to all children who were greeted on the occasion. A number of welfare projects are held for children at this clinic being run by the doctor Rotarian earning goodwill among the public.



D 3170

RC Dharwad

A new toilet block was constructed at the Government First Grade College for Women, Dharwad, through a district grant. The sanitation facility was handed over to the college authority in the presence of PDG Rajan Deshpande. Club president Nandi Bewoor, secretary PK Nandyalkar and other members were present at the handover event.



D 3203

RC Karamadai

Students from the Interact Club of SVGV Friendly Fortune led by its president Vidur Krishna distributed specially-designed boards to over 500 shops to create awareness on cloth bags to prevent the use of plastic as carry bags. The Interactors urged the customers and the public to shun plastic, and use cloth bags for shopping.

D 3204

RC Calicut Hilite City

A walkathon on National Vascular Day with a tagline 'Walk a mile to live with a smile' drew 300 participants who campaigned for an amputation-free India. The jawans from the 122nd Infantry Battalion and staff from Starcare Hospital, Vascular Society of Kerala and Aham Arogya Foundation took part. DG Sethu Shiv Sankar and Col Naveen Benjit, commanding officer, flagged off the march.



D 3212

RC Tuticorin Trailblazers

In partnership with the Thoothukudi District Para Sports Association, a sports meet was held for special children and disabled women at Tharuvai stadium. Rtn Chandra Manoharan, MD, DSF Group, was the chief guest. Disabled welfare officer Sivasankaran, district sports officer Anthony Athishta Raj, and District Para Sports Association president Mohammed Nazeer were present.



D 3212

RC Yarn City Nagercoil

An amount of ₹1 lakh was given to learning disabled students from Jothi Nilayam Special School to participate in the Special Olympics in Berlin, Germany, held in June. DGE M Saleem handed over the amount to Kanyakumari district collector PN Sridhar who gave it to the special athletes.





D 3240

RC Burdwan South

Dr Shyam Sundar Guin delivered a lecture at a seminar on 'Cervical cancer awareness and HPV vaccination' as part of a zonal project. All clubs under zone-4 hosted the seminar in their areas. Club president Saborna Kumar Dey coordinated for the event aimed to sensitise women for early cancer screening.



D 3240

RC Dharmanagar

Eleven students who excelled in the Class 10 (Madhyamik) and Class 12 (higher secondary) board exams were felicitated by club president Subir Som in the presence of SP, North Tirpura, Bhanupada Chakraborty during the installation. Silver medallist at the national yoga competition, Snehasish Nath was also awarded.



D 3261

RC Bargarh Central

Over 100 amputees were fitted with Prabha foot and LN-4 hands at the five-day artificial limb fitment camp held at the Sanskar International School. Odisha minister Ashok Chandra Panda urged the club to take up more such projects. Steel tiffin boxes were donated to patients.

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Kabaddi mats for students

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PDG Dhian Chand and Himachal Pradesh CM's chief advisor Naresh Chauhan, along with others, at the handover of kabaddi mats to a government school.

Kabaddi mats worth ₹2.5 lakh were donated by RC Shimla Midtown, RID 3080, to the Government Senior Secondary School, Sanjauli, in the presence of PDG Dhian Chand and Naresh Chauhan, chief advisor to the chief minister of Himachal Pradesh.

Project Manthan, the club's flagship project, was conducted at the St Edwards School.

Around 280 students from 30 schools took part in oratory, painting and on-the-spot slogan competitions on the topic of population and environment. State education minister Rohit Thakur was the chief guest at the event jointly organised with the Rotaractors and the Inner Wheel Club of Shimla Midtown.

Club president Yogesh Arya, secretary Ravi Kant

Jain, Rtms Ashok Jain and JK Pathak were present at the installation of RAC National Law University Ghandal. DRR Chinmay Abhi attended the ceremony in which Aakshi Sharma took over as the new club president. In a similar event, Chirag Sharma took charge as president of RAC Shimla Midtown in the presence of parent Rotary club members.■

Rotary honours school teacher

Nation Builder Award was presented to Reena Sherly from BEM Lower Primary School by RC Payyanur, RID 3204, for her 'selfless service' in moulding the young minds.

District Literarcy (Kannur region) chair AK Vinod Kumar briefed about the activities of Rotary India Literacy Mission. Club president K Sukumaran presided over the event.

President nominee P Surendran, past president UV Shenoy, AG K Aravindakshan, headmistress Lasitha Samuel and ward councillor Maniyara Chandran were present. Reena thanked Rotary for honouring her with the award.■



IPDG Pramod Nayanar (2nd from L) presents Rotary award to Reena Sherly. Club president K Sukumaran is third from right.



Music classes for students

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Rotary Club of Solapur Elite, RID 3132, has organised music classes for the students of Vimal Kanya Prashala, a school transformed into a Happy School by the club.

Club member Manjusha Kandibedala has volunteered to provide music education to

the students. This programme is for girls who have no musical background and cannot afford private music classes. Eleven classes have been conducted so far and this activity will be continued throughout this year, said club president Venkatesh Somani. ■



Workshop for teachers

Over 50 school teachers benefitted from a two-day workshop called 'Become an incredible teacher — Being effective and happy'. It was organised by RCs Mumbai Kandivli West and Bombay North West - Malad, RID 3141, and was conducted by Sunil Parekh of Rise Academy. "The

programme was a huge success and we got requests from school principals and teachers to hold more such workshops," said club secretary Vipul Gaglani.

In another initiative, over 100 units of blood was collected from 175 donors at a blood donation camp organised by the club. ■

A fun trip for children

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Mimicry artiste Ambadas Kankatti entertains the children.

An educational trip to Machnoor, a pilgrimage town, in 35 cars was arranged for around 225 less privileged children by RC Solapur MIDC, RID 3132. The

children enjoyed the fun day-out as Rotarians provided them with delicious food during the journey.

Children visited the Siddheshwar temple in Machnoor, enjoyed the games

and were treated to a plenty of food items. The cars were decorated with flowers and balloons; and mimicry artiste Ambadas Kankatti entertained the children by mimicking the sounds of birds and animals. ■

Managing menstrual hygiene in Pune



Students with reusable sanitary napkin kits given to them by the club.

Rotary Club of Pune Sportscity, RID 3131, has undertaken a global grant project to distribute reusable cloth sanitary napkins to less privileged woman and adolescent girls in the city to help them have access to healthy menstrual management. The ₹30-lakh project is

implemented by the club, along with RCs Pune Sinhagad Road, Pune Shaniwarwada and Pune Saras Bagh, international partner RC Fort Collins Breakfast, USA, and TRF.

The environment-friendly napkins are sourced from Stonesoup, an NGO based

in Bengaluru. The first set of sanitary napkin packets were distributed to 300 girl students of Class 9 and 10 of Dr Dada Gujar Marathi Medium School in Mohammadwadi, Pune. The club organised an MHM seminar at the school where a team of professionals from the NGO and Youth Aid explained to the girls and their mothers, who were also invited for the programme, the concept of reusable cloth pads and their benefits and care for their good health and hygiene.

Reusable sanitary pads when produced with good quality cloth and properly cleaned in cold water can last up to two years. They are free of chemicals and plastics, and do not have any side effect on the users' health. These do not have any disposal issues as they are upcycled. This was the message that was emphasised at the seminar. ■

A tribal school gets Rotary's help

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DGE Meerankhan Saleem (4th from L) inaugurates the smart board at the government school in Kanyakumari. Club president S Saradha is seen 4th from right.

Rotary Club of Sivakasi Diamonds, RID 3212, donated a 65-inch smart board costing ₹1.65 lakh and other infrastructure facilities to the Government ADW Higher Secondary School in Vazhayathuvayal village

in Kanyakumari district. The school caters to the tribal population with poor economic means. Rotary's intervention is a godsend to this school as it lacks basic facilities, said club president S Saradha. Around 100 students are enrolled in this school. Tamilnad

Mercantile Bank also partnered with the club in this project.

DGE Meerankhan Saleem handed over the furniture and electronic appliances to the school authorities in the presence of Major Donor S Maheswaran from the club. ■

Mental health awareness for teachers

RI District 3191 has initiated the ESTeAM (Educating School Teachers on Mental Health) project to train teachers in identifying and addressing mental health issues in students. Eighty schools across Karnataka

will benefit from this project which is being funded by the Food for Hungry Foundation.

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurological Sciences (NIMHANS) will provide the resource for the project.

This programme will cover building awareness, removing mental health stigma and referring affected students to right counsellors for medical/psychological help, said Raghu Allam, director, Mental Wellness Committee of RID 3191. ■

DG Udaykumar Bhaskara and Raghu Allam, director, Mental Wellness Committee, with Dr Pratima Murthy, director, NIMHANS, at the launch of the project.



Cricket tournament for rural students

Team Rotary News



Diwali dresses being donated to a beneficiary.

Around 300 students from 18 rural schools took part in a cricket tournament hosted by RC Coimbatore East, RID 3201, with the support of District Sports and Games Welfare Association at the TKS Matric HS School, Chinavedampatti.

Spiritual guru Thavathiru Kumaragurupara Swamigal from Siravai Adheenam, Rtn Mayilsamy, district coordinator, School Support, AG Justin Premkumar and PR Muthuswamy, governor's group representative, RID 3201, distributed the rolling trophy and medals to the four winning teams. Club's past president Ramesh Kumar, secretary, District Sports and Games

Welfare Association, coordinated and took care of the logistics for the tournament. Club president Easwaran and secretary Gokul Raman were present to support the organisers and motivate the players.

On the occasion of Diwali, the club distributed dress material worth ₹1.25 lakh to 150 visually-impaired, 50 physically-challenged men and women, and 25 orphaned children. RID 3201 director S Gokulraj, service projects chair Varatharajan, AG Justin Premkumar and GGR Muthuswamy were present at the meeting hall of the National Federation of the Blind where Diwali dresses were gifted to the beneficiaries. ■



Rotarians with the winners of the cricket tournament holding their rolling trophy and medals.



Rotarians and Rotaractors at the anganwadi.

Wall paintings at anganwadi

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The walls of an anganwadi was decorated with colourful art and painting by RC Coimbatore Millennium, RID 3201, in a joint project with their Rotaractors. Project coordinator Hendry Amalaraj and Anganwadi Project chairman Rajesh Kumar coordinated with the Rotaractors and the public volunteers in completing the painting work. Around 50

volunteers from the public and 10 Rotaractors took part in the interior work at the anganwadi.

Dr PV Cumur who gave an awareness talk at the dental check-up camp held with the support of Arasu Dental Clinic was honoured by Rtn Durairaj. Along with 40 members of the Interact Club of Madhampatti School, Rotarians cleaned the school premises and took up gardening work.■



Rotarians and students who were trained as environmental stewards.

Environmental stewards of RID 3131

Over 340 students were trained as 'environmental stewards' in a series of joint workshops conducted by RCs Pune University, Pune Katraj and Patalganga, RID 3131, under the direction of DG Manjoo Phadke.

The trained students who were given certificates and badges will act as green ambassadors and

motivate the public to adopt an eco-friendly lifestyle.

RID 3131-Supporting the Environment co-director Rajendrakumar Saraf is the trainer for the workshop. The clubs aim to train 5,000 youth, and each of them in turn will reach out to a minimum of 100 people in their society.■