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Helping a Sri Lankan orphanage

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Rotarians, along with the children, at the orphanage.



Members of RC Chandigarh Uptown with an orphan child.

Rotarians from RC Chandigarh Uptown, RID 3080, and their counterparts from RC Nuwara Eliya, RID 3220, recently collaborated on an initiative to support The Paynter Home, an orphanage in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka, where to 40 young inmates aged between 3 and 20 years are living.

Eight members from RC Chandigarh Uptown were enjoying a holiday in Sri Lanka which included a flag exchange meeting with RC Nuwara Eliya. It was during this meeting that the idea for the joint venture to support the orphanage took shape. Ration supplies, eatables and milk powder were among the food items donated to the orphanage. ■

On the cover: Interactors painting a wall to create awareness about 'Save the Girl Child' — a project of RID 3212.

Students get trained as lab technicians

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As part of *Project Saksham*, a flagship programme of RC Latur Mid Town, RID 3132, a two-day hands-on training on handling the RT-PCR equipment was given to 20 college students at a microbiology lab of Vilasrao Deshmukh Government Medical College, Latur. “RT-PCR equipment which was used to detect Covid cases during the pandemic is a critical device which medical students must know how to use. But as the device is expensive and is not found in many colleges or hospitals, we organised a training workshop at the biotech lab of the Government Medical College and Hospital, Latur,” said club president Ravindra Bankar. The training was organised in the month of International Women’s Day. ■



College students being trained at the government medical college lab, Latur.

Notebooks, RO units for schools

In multiple projects with its CSR partner Airways Logistics, RC Belur Dharwad, RID 3170, distributed 1,800 notebooks with Rotary Wheel printed on the cover for students at the Smt MS Marigouda Government High School, Kotur, and Kotabagi Government Primary School, near Dharwad. Also, two RO plants (50 litres per hour) were installed in both these rural schools.

For people with eye defects, “we donated 100 contact lenses to the District Hospital which will be distributed free to the needy patients,” said Arun Heblikar, president, RC Belur Dharwad. To sensitise the public on road safety and the need to follow traffic norms, the club



School students with notebooks, along with Rotarians and teachers.

organised a road safety bikeathon called *Jeevan Raksha* with the support of its CSR partner, local police

and six other stakeholders in the city. The bikeathon lifted the public image of the club in Dharwad. ■

Spotlight on girl child safety

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Since the start of this year Rotary clubs of RID 3212 led by DG Muthiah Pillai have been focusing on various programmes to highlight the need to protect and empower girl children.

Fifty children from the district's Interact schools painted the outer walls of the Government Sports Complex in Thoothukudi town with themes related to the campaign and prominently displayed the Child Helpline Number (1098) on the wall. "At least 500 people pass through the complex daily and the messages from the paintings will register in the minds of every person who looks at the wall," said Dr E Flora Juanita, a member of RC Tuticorin Trailblazers and district chairman for Save the Girl Child Campaign.

RC Tuticorin Trailblazers organised a three-day car rally to spread the message of educating girl children and the Child Helpline number. Members of the club travelled across Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Valliyoor, Nagercoil, Marthandam and Courtallam, visiting four schools and a college with the awareness programmes. "The programmes touched 3,000 students, besides creating

a rapport with 250 Rotarians in these cities," said Flora.

Rotarians in Rajapalayam visited the Primary Health Centre in Rediyarpatti village and counselled 100 pregnant women about physical and mental wellbeing, and breastfeeding. A session on yoga was also organised for them at the centre.

"Our Interactors of the Alagar Public School, Thoothukudi, celebrated Oct 11, International Day of the Girl Child, by staging various programmes with underlying messages on protection of girl children, education and women's empowerment," she said. DG Pillai motivated the students



Children painting a wall of the Government Sports Complex, Thoothukudi.



DG Muthiah Pillai (2nd from R) welcomes B P Biju, member of RC Trivandrum.



District DEI chairman L Ramanathan interacting with students in a school.

Below: District Save the Girl Child Committee chairman Dr E Flora Juanita with schoolchildren.



women achievers. The various programmes targeted schoolchildren foremost, “because children, especially in villages, grow up imbibing age-old practices which include abusing women. There are instances where girl children are killed at birth. We need young minds to think and act progressively for a healthy and inclusive society,” said Flora.

The district hosted several programmes and coordinated with schools and colleges to introduce B P Biju, a member of RC Trivandrum, RID 3211, who was on a mission to promote girls’ empowerment through education. Biju was on an 800-day motorcycle expedition with a goal to touch 800 states and six Union Territories; he stopped at RID 3212 and interacted with 1,500 students, regaling them with his adventure stories, and inspiring them to focus on education.

Various competitions were held for school and college students to highlight the district programme, and educate the children. “Instilling such values in children will go a long way in creating a lasting impact in tackling gender discrimination and violence against women in the society. In the coming years we plan to continue the campaign to reach out to a wider audience. With sustained focus we can effect a positive change in the mindset of people,” said Flora. ■

to equip themselves with knowledge for a bright future. In another village, Ottapidaram, sanitary napkins were distributed to 500 adolescent girls and women, after a session on menstrual health management that focused on the need to break the myths surrounding menstruation.

The Rotarians took the message to the neighbouring district, RID 3000, when they organised an awareness session for around 1,000 students in Kodaikanal. An interactive session on mental health management was also included as part of the programme.

Street plays were organised to highlight violence and discrimination against girls and women, and success stories of

RC Surat Tapi, RID 3060, in collaboration with Pratik Medical Education and Charitable Trust, Surat, has made a significant impact on the lives of 350 girls through *Project Asmita*. Launched in 2019–20, this initiative not only addresses immediate health concerns but also empowers young girls with the knowledge and resources necessary to tackle critical issues such as sexual abuse.

The project has gained momentum with the participation of multiple Rotary districts and clubs, spanning over 250 locations. The project's outreach has expanded beyond Surat, reaching schoolgirls across four states with the distribution of videos and booklets in three languages.

Project Asmita has a comprehensive approach that includes the distribution of video content, practical tools, and educational booklets covering topics such as financial literacy, mental health, technological skills and self-defence. As part of the programme, girls were equipped with pepper spray for self-defence and provided with multivitamin supplements to promote their overall well-being. ■

Project Asmita empowers 350 girls in Surat

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A student receives a safety kit from a club member.



A section of the audience.

Rotary street plays instil voter awareness

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Rotarians performing a street play as DGE Vikram Datta, PDG Ranganath Bhat and others look on.

To educate citizens on voting and road safety while boosting the public image of Rotary, Vishwas Shenoy, an AKS member, and District Public Image Committee chairman of RID 3181, devised a unique PR project named 'Rotary on Wheel.' This car rally covered 997km across

Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar in Karnataka to instil a sense of responsibility among the public regarding civic duties and safe road practices.

Led by Rtn Mounesh Vishwakarma and his team, a series of street plays were staged at 21 vantage spots across the district as part of the

project. These performances provided insight into the electoral process and addressed common challenges and distractions voters face, offering solutions to overcome them.

The campaign emphasised road safety, advocating for strict adherence to traffic regulations and responsible driving habits.■



DGE Datta flags of the car rally in the presence of PDG Bhat and Rotarians.

Benches for devotees at Shirdi

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Club members handing over the benches to the temple authority.

In a thoughtful gesture to enhance the experience of devotees visiting the Saibaba Temple in Shirdi, the RC Shirdi Saibaba, RID 3132, with the financial support of Om Sai Sadhana Sansthan, Shirdi, donated 24 stainless steel benches. Valued at ₹4.8 lakh, this initiative aims to provide comfort and convenience, particularly for senior citizens and persons with disabilities.■

RC Tiruvallur Royals, RID 3231, organised two health camps in Tiruvallur, a suburb near Chennai, aimed at addressing the medical needs of the transgender community. The first camp focused on providing healthcare services to transgenders employed in the sanitary workforce, while the second camp targeted the broader local transgender population.

Held at the municipality office premises, both camps examined a total of 197 queer people. The evaluations included essential tests such as ECG, blood pressure, random glucose level tests, haemoglobin assessments, eye screenings, and consultations with general physicians.

Led by Dr N Aparna from RKB Multi Specialty Hospitals, Tiruvallur, the two camps were held at a cost of ₹1.8 lakh.■

Medical camps for transgenders



Transgenders waiting to register at the camp.

Upgrading school facilities

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The village school with the newly-laid paver blocks.

Rotary Club of Pune Wisdom, RID 3131, laid paver blocks at a school in Bhambharde village, 100km from Pune. The club also built a

tank with a capacity to store 15 lakh litre water. “The village gets good rainfall as it is surrounded by hills. The tank can help store water and will take care of the domestic

and farm needs of the village which has 1,000 people,” said club president Sarang Balankhe. The total cost of the two projects was ₹20 lakh. ■

Rotary library in 200 schools



DG Swati Herkal (centre) with Rotarians of RID 3132, at the books distribution event.

Rotary clubs in Solapur, RID 3132, are setting up libraries in 200 schools as per the directive of DG Swati Herkal under Project Rotary ki Pathshala. “We want to instil and encourage reading

habit in young children. Books widen the knowledge in them and reduces the risk of children hooked to the digital media,” says Poonam Deodas, district coordinator for Rotary News.

DG Swati, along with social worker Prakash Yalgulwar and entrepreneur Ram Reddy, distributed wooden cupboards and sets of books of various genres to 200 school heads at an event held in the city. ■

D 2981

RC Karaikal French City

The club hosted a year-long yoga demo class on zoom for district Rotarians under *Project Kaalaichakaram* (morning wheel). Besides the live streaming of *asanas* (yogic postures), the Rotarians interacted with each other on issues of healthy living. It turned out to be an online platform for social bonding.



D 2981

RC Kuttalam

At an event that displayed self-defence skills, 10-year-old Meenakshi Sundaram ran a marathon for 10km and created a new record for doing 100 push-ups in a minute. Then club president Rajalingam, secretary Janakiraman, treasurer Rajamanickam and AG S Pandian honoured the boy for setting a new record in this ancient exercise.



D 2981

RC Manora Pattukkottai

Club president Sathishkumar joined hands with the Alayam Trust to distribute food to patients at the government hospital. On his wedding anniversary, cake-cutting was done and he donated \$50 to TRF. He was felicitated by AG AS Veerappan and club office-bearers. Also, club's IPP Sivachandran distributed food at the hospital on his wedding anniversary.





D 2981

RC Panruti

Arvind Eye Hospital, Puducherry, presented Best Eye Donation certificate to the club during the National Eye Donation Fortnight Week. Rotary Eye Donation chairman D Shanmugam, past president Veerappan and Rtn Kavithai Ganesan received the citation. The club was honoured for its efforts in holding eye camps and creating awareness on eye donation.



D 2981

RC Sirkali

A free badminton coaching is being given to children of 5–17 years at the VOC Badminton Club. During the inaugural, 30 trainees had registered for the coaching. Rotary club president Sathyanarayanan and badminton club president Veerasenan spoke and motivated the children. The project earned goodwill for Rotary.



D 3011

RC Faridabad Aravalli

At a health camp held jointly with the Sarvodaya Hospital at the Kheri Gujran College, 140 patients were tested for health parameters such as BP, blood sugar, BMI and cholesterol. In a series of blood donation camps at Plasser India, Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital, Baghola, Global Automotive Component and NIT campus, over 130 units of blood was collected.

D 3011

RC Gurgaon

Rtn Ashok Gupta's daughter sponsored a refrigerator for the Ashraya Old Age Home, Farukhnagar, and the appliance will benefit 50 elderly women inmates. Sweaters were distributed to children at the Government Model Primary School. Rakshit Tandon gave a talk on cyber security at a workshop held at the Rotary Public School.



D 3012

RC Pilkhuwa City

Around 30 Rotarians and Anns visited the Banke Bihari temple at Vrindavan to light up diyas in the Kartik month (Oct-Nov), an auspicious period where Hindus worship Lord Krishna for prosperity. Special puja was done at the temple. The religious visit also led to bonding among club members.



D 3012

RC Sonapat Midtown

Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated with pomp at the Rotary Community Centre with 56 Rotarian families greeting each other. It was an occasion for social interaction and fellowship. All of them enjoyed a delicious *prasad* at the end of the event.





D 3090

RC Ahmedgarh

A mega blood donation camp collected over 400 units of blood in the presence of sarpanches (panchayat chiefs) and residents from around 30 villages. Punjab Genco chairman Navjot Singh Mandair was the chief guest and a number of blood banks from nearby areas visited the camp to collect blood.



D 3090

RC Mansa Royal

More than 100 patients were screened by doctors from Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot, at the cancer detection camp with mammography, Pap smear and PSA tests. Jagdeep Singh Nakai, director, IFFCO, sponsored the medical camp which was attended by PDG Prem Aggarwal, Sardulgarh MLA Gurpreet Singh, J R Millennium School MD Arpit Chaudhary and Sanatan Dharam Sabha president Vinod Bhamma.



D 3090

RC Patiala Mid Town

Patiala MP Sunita Duggal honoured past president Bhagwan Dass Gupta (2022–23) with District Best President Award at an event in the presence of DG Ghanshyam Kansal, IPDG Gulbahar Retole and DGN Bhupesh Mehta. Gupta has done 82 projects including medical camps, road safety drive, distribution of sanitary napkins, groceries and rations to installation of water coolers and marriage assistance to poor girls.

D 3110

RC Nainital

A silent rally was taken with the students and Interactors of St Mary's Convent College under the banner of 'Save girl child, educate girl child' with focus on gender equality and empowerment. Nainital MLA Sarita Arya flagged off the march. Students of Mohan Lal Sah Bal Vidya Mandir were given career counselling by Dheeraj Sharma. Club president Narinder Lamba was present.



D 3120

RC Allahabad Midtown

The club has a target of planting 15,000 saplings during monsoon at different venues including Shyam Vatika, Shyam Dairy, Army Public School, planters' bungalow and UP Rajarshi Tandon Open University. In July alone, over 4,000 saplings with geotags were planted which will be nurtured. Under *Project Akshay Patra*, healthy food, stationery and medicines are being given to underprivileged children.



D 3120

RC Allahabad South

Blankets, woollen caps and mufflers were distributed to 100 persons at many places where homeless families and destitute live in Prayagraj. Food was served to less privileged people and migrant workers at Baandh, Sangam area of the city. The club co-hosted the two-day district conference, *Udbhav*, in January.





D 3120

RC Kushinagar

Dev Diwali was celebrated on the ghats of Shreenathji Shiv Temple, Kasia, by lighting earthen lamps and decorating the venue with colourful rangolis. More than 10,000 diyas were lit at the temple and at Chhath Ghat. Kushinagar Mahotsav Organising Committee chairman Vinay Rai gave 1,000 eco-friendly diyas to celebrate the full moon day of Kartik month.



D 3142

RC Smart City Navi Mumbai

Around 150 patients were examined at a medical camp for the underprivileged community at Turbhe, Navi Mumbai, in partnership with the Don Bosco Development Centre and D Y Patil Hospital. Free medicines were given after consultations. The health camp lifted the public image of the club.



RID 3160

RC Bhalki Fort

A Walk for Heart rally was flagged off at the Channa Basaveshwar Appa Ashram to create public awareness on cardiovascular health and regular screening. AG Vasant Pawar and past AG Amit Asture accompanied club president Vilas Yadhavrao Kanse and secretary Sagar Naik. The rally was flagged off by DSP Shivanand Pavadshetty (Bhalki) and Gurubasava Pattadevaru.



Interactors provide sanitary pads to school girls

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The Interactors of Fravashi International Academy distributed sanitary pads to last for two years to 140 girls studying in the Dhodegaon Ashram School in a tribal village near Nasik. The Interactors received sponsorship from Alcon Electronics for the sanitary napkins, and with help from their parent Rotary, RC Nasik, RID 3030, went to the village and visited the school. The young members spoke about menstrual health management to the tribal students, and taught them how to use and dispose the sanitary pads.

Project coordinator Swati Mahananda, RC Nasik president

Mangesh Apshankar, the club's Interact committee directors Sucheta Mahadevkar, Damayanti Baradia and Amit Pagare joined the Interactors in this endeavour.

RC Nasik is running a 'bicycle bank' where the club members collect and add used bicycles which are provided to needy students for commuting to school. In the past 10 years the club has collected 100 bicycles, repaired and overhauled them before giving them to students. Every year the club identifies a school and shortlists girl students who travel 4-6km daily to attend school.

This year, 25 students were given bicycles at the Yogiraj Harekrushna Baba Janata Vidyalaya at Devargaon in Nashik district. Club president Apshankar, project chair Shubhada Deshmukh, Community service director Unmesh Deshmukh, past president Anil Sukenkar and club member Sanjay Lolge who funded the refurbishment and overhauling of these cycles were present at the school for the distribution event.

The club is in the process of identifying a school and students for its next tranche of cycle donation. ■

Interactors of Fravashi International Academy with Rotarians of RC Nasik at the Dhodegaon Ashram School.



Self-defence training for youngsters

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Students with their completion certificates.

RC Pudukottai City, RID 3000, is conducting self-defence workshop, and training in silambam and other martial arts for students. The workshops are conducted in association with

the Buddhas Youth Welfare and Sports Development Foundation. Around 200 students benefitted from the initiative.

Certificates were given to students on successful completion

of the workshop. Balasubramanian, chairman of the Silambam Development Trust, presided over the valedictory event. Pudukottai District Boxing Association president SVS Jayakumar was the special guest. ■

Beating summer heat

Sugarcane juice, buttermilk and water are being provided at various strategic spots in Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, by the members of RC Chidambaram Central, RID 2981, along with the Misrimal Mahaveer Jain Foundation.

The temple city receives several footfalls daily and the thirst-quenching beverages will make people comfortable during the summer months. The club members contribute funds generously for this endeavour every year. ■



Club members serving buttermilk to a woman.

D 3170

RC Kolhapur Heritage

More than 140 students from Class 8–10 at the Girls High School on the New College campus attended a special talk given by Rtn Samruddhy Ingawale, a doctor, on topics such as personal hygiene, menstrual cycle, healthy lifestyle and eating habits. Rtns Dr Jyoti Oswal, Dr Shraddha Vajramushti and Ann Shweta Burge urged the students to aim big in life.



D 3182

RC Shimoga

More than 100 Rotarians and the public have benefitted from the bone density test camp held under the guidance of Rtn Shivakumar, an orthopaedician. After the bone marrow test, patients were advised on ways to strengthen bones and muscles. The medical camp lifted the public image of the club in this town. Project director Veeranna Huggi coordinated for the camp.



D 3201

RC Coimbatore East

Around 250 people from 10 villages were screened at an eye camp held at the Karupparayan Palayam Panchayat Union Primary School with the support of Sankara Eye Hospital. Fifteen patients were identified for cataract surgery. District coordinator (school support) Mayilsamy, community service chair Varadarajan, club president Eswaran and BEO Thannasi were present.





RID 3212

RC Sivakasi Supreme

Dr Kalyani, a Rotarian, spoke on the importance of breastfeeding at an awareness event at a primary health centre in Thavilpatti village. More than 80 expectant and postnatal mothers took part in the programme chaired by club president A Ganesan. AG V Subburam sponsored nutritional packs consisting of Horlicks and biscuits for the participants.



D 3231

RC Vaniyambadi

A science exhibition was held at the Government Higher Secondary School, Kethandapatti. Two speakers (₹8,500) and a 20-litre paint (₹5,000) were donated to the school. At the 254th eye camp, an ongoing project held on third Sundays, at the Gandhinagar School, around 190 patients were examined; and 100 chosen for surgery. The eye camp is sponsored by the Canara Bank.



D 3232

RI District

Dr Sujatha Mohan, medical director, Rajan Eye Care Hospital, was presented with Rotary Nethra Pratipalika Award at the district conference titled *Sangamam*. Veteran tennis player Vijay Amritraj gave the award to Sujatha for her free cataract and corneal transplant surgeries through Rotary over three decades. DG Ravi Raman, DGE Mahaveer Bothra (3233) and PDG J Sridhar felicitated the awardee.

D 3232

RC Ambattur

Over 100 Rotaractors took part in a two-day RYLA titled *HUG-Change the Perspective* sponsored by the club and hosted by its Rotaract club. Informative sessions, cultural shows and team-building events were held at the S A College of Arts and Science, Thiruverkadu. A curated programme kits were given to Rotaractors who were groomed in leadership skills.



D 3232

RC Chennai Prestige

DGE NS Saravanan (RID 3234) was the chief guest at a tree plantation drive held in partnership with Prince Highlands flat owners in Iyyappanthangal, a city suburb. Saplings with tree guards were planted by panchayat president, ward councillors and Rotarians. District public image co-chair K P Vijayakumar and Pasumai Moorthy, a green activist, made arrangements for the event.



D 3232

RC Chennai Thiruvanniyur

DG Ravi Raman was the chief guest at the planting of 100 flowering plants and tree saplings to mark the birth anniversary of former president APJ Abdul Kalam at the Dr Durgabai Deshmukh Hospital, Adyar. The greening drive was done jointly with the district's public image team and Mangayarkarasi Mandram, a local NGO.





D 3232

RC Chennai Bharathi

The club joined hands with RCs Chennai Dynamic and Chennai Tech City to donate laptops for students at Smt Mohini Saraogi Vivekananda Vidyalaya, Thiruvottiyur. Also, uniforms were distributed jointly with RCs Madras Besant Nagar and Chennai Green City. School toppers were awarded. A tree plantation drive was taken up. DGN Vinod Saraogi was present.



D 3261

RC Raipur

PDG Shashank Rastogi inaugurated a Rotary Computer Training Centre at the Government HS School, Amlidih. The skill centre, a brainchild of past president Bharat Daga, has 16 computers and two laptops, and many Rotarians had donated over 10 computers which will be used by 700 students. Pooja Deep and Ashish Nanwani, instructors, will train the students.



D 3291

RC Calcutta Universe

A school van was donated to Anirban Pathabhavan, a rural school set up by the club, in the presence of DG Hira Lal Yadav. The vehicle was part-funded by charter president Sailen Bhowmick who started the school a few years ago in Sehai village, South 24 Parganas.

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Food distribution in Kanpur

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Project Annapurna is an ongoing project of Rotary Club of Kanpur North, RID 3110, for several years. The Rotarians celebrate their special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries by distributing food to people in public places. Recently, the club organised a food distribution event at the Hallett Medical College Hospital where 1,000 patients and their caregivers were provided hot nutritious food.■

A club member serves food to a caregiver at a hospital.



Gift of mobility



DG Ghanshyam Kansal (8th from R) with Rotarians at the mobility aid distribution camp.

Rotary Club of Sangrur Royal, RID 3090, organised a special camp, in association with the Mahavir Viklang Seva Society, Ambala, to distribute mobility

aids to the physically-challenged. Wheelchairs, tricycles and artificial limbs were provided to them after consultation with orthopaedic experts. Breakfast and lunch were

provided to all the visitors to the camp.

DG Ghanshyam Kansal visited the camp and appreciated the club for its service. The project cost ₹4 lakh.■

Essentials donated to rehab home

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Reaching out to juvenile delinquents, RC Bhubaneswar Meadows, RID 3262, donated a laptop, groceries and kitchen equipment under *Project Joy of Giving* to Udhara Foundation, a shelter home for children addicted to drugs and other bad habits.

DG Jayashree Mohanty, along with club president Suraj Raj and Rotary E-Club of RID 3262 president Major Kalpana Das, visited the shelter home at Chaudwar in Cuttack which is rehabilitating the children in the age group of 8–16 years affected by drugs. The Foundation was striving to turn the children, who were talented in many fields, into good human beings. Led by Narottam Das, Udhara Foundation is the only juvenile home in the locality. The project chaired by Gopal Agrawal, chairperson, club's Public Image, was done at a cost of ₹43,000.■



DG Jayashree Mohanty and club president Suraj Raj donate essential items to rehabilitation home.

Food served to patients, elders

Food being served at the Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam.



Food was served to patients and their attendants at the Government Hospital by RC Manora Pattukkottai, RID 2981, to mark the birthday of its past president

V Balasubramanian, a Major Donor and managing director of Laurel group of institutions. Later in the day, delicious lunch was provided to the elderly inmates and underprivileged

people at the Vallalar Sanmarga Sangam, Karikkadu. Both the programmes were held under *Project Annapurna* which is sponsored by club members throughout the year.■

UPS system for special school

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An UPS inverter system for power back-up worth ₹55,000 was donated by RC Kallianpur, RID 3182, to the Karunya Special School at Padukere in Udupi district. The 2.3KVA UPS unit was sponsored by the Annets of the club.

In another initiative, study tables and chairs (₹58,750) were donated to the Rural Anganwadi Kendra, a kindergarten school, at Shanthipalke village, Karkala block, in Udupi. ■



Rotarians, along with children, at the Karunya Special School, Padukere.

Mega food expo in Ahmednagar



Visitors through the stalls at the Foodies Mela.

A mega three-day food festival (Foodies Mela) was organised by RC Ahmednagar Mid Town, RID 3132, with the support of Nagar Badaltay, a local NGO, with the aim to promote small scale businesses and home-based entrepreneurs in the food sector.

Around 51 stalls displayed a range of food items and varieties, thanks to a good response from exhibitors who had come from all over Maharashtra. There were around 16,000 visitors to the food festival which offered a platform for small scale entrepreneurs.

Along with the stalls, there were live performances, musical events, games, prizes and luck draws on all three days. The local business in Ahmednagar got a major boost as those with signature cuisines and special recipes got positive enquiries from customers who were ready to transact with them. The food exhibition was put up at the cost of ₹12.5 lakh. ■

Club hosts Iftar dinner

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Highlighting the spirit of inclusivity and hospitality that characterises the holy month of Ramadan, RC Chidambaram Central, RID 2981, hosted an iftar (a meal taken by Muslims at sunset to break the daily fast during Ramadan) for its members.

During the event, Dr V Nadasabapathy, club president, and Dr G Arumugam, its secretary, highlighted the importance of fasting, the principle of 'Happiness is giving,' and encouraged club members to give to The Rotary Foundation.

Several projects were announced and executed after the iftar dinner. A contribution of ₹30,000 was made to support a six-year-old girl for her medical needs. The funds will cover the cost of an angiography procedure.

The club also provided a scholarship of ₹15,000 to a deserving girl pursuing her undergraduate studies. As part of their ongoing commitment to education, the club donated a smart TV worth ₹12,000 to the headmistress of Panchayat Union Middle School in Poolamedu village, near Chidambaram. ■



Club member P Mohammed Yaseen hands over a scholarship to a deserving student. Club president Dr V Nadasabapathy (behind Yaseen) and club secretary Dr G Arumugam are also seen.



Club president Nadasabapathy and secretary Arumugam hand over the LED TV to the headmistress of Panchayat Union Middle School.



Club members at the Iftar dinner.



Students in the new computer lab established by RC Udaipur Elite.

A govt school gets a computer lab

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Rotary Club of Udaipur Elite, RID 3056, donated computers, furniture and smart class equipment worth ₹5 lakh and set up a computer lab at the Government Higher Secondary School, Mehron Ka Guda, Ambari.

The Rotarians encouraged the students to equip themselves with digital knowledge and assured support to the school for their educational needs.■

English classes for girls



PDGs K Vijayakumar, VR Muthu and H Shajahan with Rotarians after distributing education kits to students.

Rotary Clubs of SPIC Nagar and Virudhunagar, RID 3212, organised a three-day English coaching classes

for students studying in the Shanmuga Sundara Nadar Higher Secondary School in a village near Thoothukudi. The

Rotarians distributed sanitary pads and educational aids such as notebooks and stationery to the students.■