

# Rotary

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# Music for a cause

## Team Rotary News



RID 3234 DG NS Saravanan being honoured at the Elite Singer of Tamil Nadu, a music contest.

**R**C Nanganallur Elite, RID 3234, hosted the Elite Singer of Tamil Nadu (EST) 2024, to raise funds for a geriatric ward at the Hindu Mission Health Services in Nanganallur, Chennai. The event provided a platform for aspiring singers, with winners chosen by celebrity judges, while promoting Rotary's community initiatives.

A total of 225 contestants participated across three age groups and only 21 finalists competed, and prizes were presented by DG NS Saravanan.

The event was sponsored by Batliboi Renewable Energy Solutions, Go Colors, PDG Abirami Ramanathan and Kesar Gifts. Schools provided the venues, and the winners were awarded a 3-day, 2-night hotel stay at Yelagiri, a hill resort in Tirupathur district of Tamil Nadu.

Along with RC Vellore Angels, RID 3231, and the Inner Wheel Club of Vellore North, the club donated 100 bedsheets, gloves, bandages, medicines and biscuits to leprosy patients at Schieffelin Hospital, Karigiri, in Vellore. ■



Club members donating snacks and a bedsheet to a leprosy patient.

**On the cover:** Children of Rotarians at RC Wadhwan Metro offer buttermilk to the public.

# Impactful projects in Wadhwan

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An eye check-up, one of the permanent projects of RC Wadhwan Metro, is in progress.

**A**n eye check-up and cataract surgery camp is one of the ongoing projects of RC Wadhwan Metro, RID 3060, reaching out to many elderly and rural people who don't have access to modern healthcare.

In the latest eye surgical camp held in December last year, among the 25 patients examined five were diagnosed of cataract, and had undergone the surgery with all expenses including for

transportation, food and stay at the hospital were sponsored by the club members at a project cost of ₹5 lakh.

Under *Project Parab*, the club installed an RO purifier and water cooler dispenser at the Surendranagar Gate Railway Station at a cost of ₹5,000. With this drinking water unit, over 3,000 people transiting the railway station daily will be able to access pure, clean water.

Around 100 students had benefited from a thalassaemia check-up

camp held at the MM Shah Education Society with the support of the Indian Red Cross Society.

A Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training was given to over 50 staff of three retail shops at the Hashmukh Furniture Mall. Dr Rajdeepsinh Solanki and DRR Darshansinh Padiyar jointly conducted the CPR session and gave a demonstration on how to revive a critically ill person with this technique before he was rushed to the hospital. Clothes, blankets, footwear, utensils, hygiene kits, stationery items and food packets were distributed to over 1,000 labourers and their families employed in the salt production at the Patdi Rann, near Surendranagar district of Gujarat, under *Project Arpan*.

Under *Project Annapurna*, a weekly initiative by club members, food and buttermilk are distributed to hundreds of people living in underprivileged colonies in and around Wadhwan, a municipality in Surendranagar district. The food distribution has lifted the public image of Rotary across the town. ■



Rotarians distribute food and daily essentials to families at the salt pans of Patdi Rann near Surendranagar, Gujarat.

# Mock interview at Mumbai college

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RC Mumbai Coastline president Nishant Mehta interviews an MBA student.

With the aim to equip students with skills to crack job interviews, RC Mumbai Coastline, RID 3141, joined hands with the Young Indians, a catalyst group for the youth, to host a mock interview drive at the KJ Somaiya Institute of Management.

The mock interview gave practical guidance and feedback to around 90 MBA students who participated in the event that offered a platform for aspiring youngsters to gain valuable insight into industry expectations and how to reorient themselves to the market demand.

Club president Nishant Mehta, past president Siddharth Sathaye, Nikhil Sahajwani and club's youth director Kautilya Cyclewala conducted the interviews. The panellists brought their vast experience to mentor the students, offering interview scenarios and feedback that will be useful for aspiring professionals to climb the corporate ladder. ■

## Nashik Interactors distribute blankets



Interactors, along with beneficiaries, holding winter blankets.

On Christmas night, Interactors from the Fravashi International Academy, RID 3030, turned modern-day Santas as they distributed winter blankets to over 125 homeless, destitute people living on the streets and open spaces. The Interact club, sponsored by

RC Nasik, is being guided by school coordinator Reena Malhotra in their project initiatives.

The Interactors have done a "heartwarming work of distributed woollen blankets to shelterless people eking out a hard life on the streets of Nashik," said Group Captain (retd) VG Deodhar, club

admin, RC Nasik. Motivated by their club president Vanya Gupta, they pooled in their own money and also mobilised some amount through donations to purchase the blankets which were then sorted, packed and then distributed to the homeless people. The project lifted the public image of the club in Nashik. ■

# Inspiring seminars for students

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The Rotary Club of Coimbatore Millennium, RID 3201, conducted a series of seminars for higher secondary students at the Sri Ramakrishna Matriculation Higher Secondary School in the city, to ignite their interest in various fields of study.

The topics focused on agriculture and related fields such as organic farming and biomimicry which explained how nature-inspired innovations can revolutionise agriculture. Experts on the topic shared details about courses and institutions that specialise in these fields, and career opportunities. A motivational session inspired students to approach their exams with confidence and focus.



A session in progress at the school.

The programme was anchored by the members of the Interact Club of Sri Ramakrishna Matriculation Higher Secondary School.

District Interact chair Hendry

Amalraj and club secretary Manoj Jayaram who is also the Eco Action Club chair participated in the programme which was appreciated by school principal R Saradha. ■

# A government school gets a toilet block



Members of RC Vedaranyam inaugurating the toilet block in the school.

RC Vedaranyam, RID 2981, constructed a toilet block at a government

school for girls in the town. The project was completed at ₹2.5 lakh

with support from a local NGO, MN Gayathri Charities. ■

# Batting for a cleaner Kushinagar

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RC Kushinagar president Wahid Ali and Rotarians, along with the Nagar Palika staff, at the cleanliness awareness rally.

**M**embers of the Rotary Club of Kushinagar, RID 3120, participated along with local citizens, in a cleanliness awareness rally organised by the Nagar Palika Parishad, Kushinagar. The club, led by its president Wahid

Ali, plans to conduct awareness campaigns to inspire the public to keep the city clean.

The club members distributed sweets, juice and water to the public participating in a rally at the Chandrashekhar Azad Tiraha as

part of Milad-un-Nabi celebration. Sarwray Alam Chhote was the programme coordinator.

In another initiative, the club honoured around 50 school teachers for their contributions to improving literacy. ■

## Keeping children warm in winter

**T**he Rotary Club of Delhi Mayur Vihar, RID 3012, distributed woollen jackets to children to beat the city's winter chill. The jackets were sponsored by the club's past president Rajeev Gupta and his wife Shashi.

The club organised a health checkup camp at the Sharp Sight Centre in Ghaziabad. The local people were provided eye, dental and general health diagnoses at the camp. Club member Yatendra Singh Rana, an ophthalmologist, offered his services for diagnosing and treating eye-related issues. ■



RC Delhi Mayur Vihar president Awadesh Kumar (right) presents a woollen jacket to a girl.



Left: A beneficiary with his new winter jacket.



Below: A club member distributing snacks to students at the Shri Hanuman Prasad Poddar Andh Vidyalaya.

# Ensuring winter comfort

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**R**C Varanasi Kabir, RID 3120, conducted several community service projects across the city, including a clothes distribution drive, where garments were distributed to underprivileged people near the Batuk Bhairav Mandir to help them during the winter season.

As part of the *Annapurna Seva* project, the club provided lunch and sweets to differently-abled children at the Shri Hanuman Prasad Poddar Andh

Vidyalaya, Durgakund. The initiative was funded by the club at a cost of ₹2,800.

In collaboration with RC Varanasi South, the club organised a blood donation drive at Motijheel, Varnasi.

To welcome year 2025, the club hosted a new year celebration. The event featured games, dance performances and fire-works with awards distribution to winners. The celebration aimed to strengthen camaraderie among members. ■



Club members at the new year celebration.

# club matters

RI District 3080



RC Lonand



RC Kushinagar



RC Singarkonda



RI District 3080

DG Rajpal Singh has a goal to set up 50 Early Act clubs for primary schools. The bylaws were based on the Early Act Handbook of RID 7305, US. RC Chandigarh sponsored an Early Act club at the Bhavan Vidyalaya Junior.

RC Lonand — RID 3132

An anaemia check-up camp was held at a government girls' high school in Lonand, a small town in Satara district of Maharashtra, in which students were given medicines after examination. They were advised on a healthy diet.



RC Barsi

RC Kushinagar — RID 3120

Over 500 people benefitted from a blood group testing camp held on the first day of the new year in partnership with the Kushinagar Charitable Blood Bank. The camp was inaugurated by Rakesh Jaiswal, municipality chairman.

RC Barsi — RID 3132

A state-level table tennis tournament saw 200 players contesting with enthusiasm. Citation-trophies were given to the winners. The TT event boosted the public image in this temple town in Solapur district of Maharashtra.

RC Singarkonda — RID 3150

DG Sharath Choudary and his wife Sahiti distributed new clothes and sweet packets to 20 pregnant women during baby shower event. The event boosted the public image of the club in the neighbourhood.





**RC Chikmagalur  
Coffee Land — RID 3182**

Two convex mirrors were inaugurated by DG Dev Anand and his wife Rakha at a highway curve that witnesses fatal accidents. Later, he distributed food at the Asha Kirana School for the Blind, and honoured two eminent persons, Padmakar (agribusiness) and Ruben Moses (social service).

**RC Coimbatore Millennium**



**RC Kazhakuttom — RID 3211**

The club is distributing quality water bottles to children with their photos affixed at primary schools in and around Thiruvananthapuram. The club will be covering 25 schools, with focus on reaching out to children below 10 in this Rotary year.

**RC Bengaluru  
Viswaneedam — RID 3192**

An amount of ₹50,000 was given to Bhavana TS who had scored 100 per cent (625/625) in the Class 10 Board exam. The club also honoured her teacher Bhooshan, principal, BNR School for the student's academic excellence.

**RC Coimbatore  
Millennium — RID 3201**

Two anganwadi centres were given toys and stainless steel drums which would benefit 80 children. Each centre is managed by a teacher and two assistants, and the steel drums will help them to store nutritious food. The project cost ₹8,000.

**RC Srivilliputtur Town — RID 3212**

District collector VP Jeyaseelan inaugurated a free cardiac screening camp held at the Hindu HS School, Mangapuram, with the support of Cauvery Hospital. BMI, blood sugar, BP, ECG and ECHO tests were done on patients who were given consultations.

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# Bonding over cricket

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DGN K Vaithianathan (4<sup>th</sup> from R, top row) with the winners of the cricket tournament.

**R**otary Premier League, a two-day cricket tournament for Rotarians of RID 2981 was held in Puducherry in which 140 Rotarians from various Rotary clubs of the district participated. DG S Baskaran and DGN K Vaithianathan were the chief

guests at the event. RC Pondicherry Marina was the host club.

The club installed a 25-litre RO plant at the Government Primary School in the town. The facility will benefit 60 students and staff. ■

## Pongal celebration with children



Schoolchildren participating in the Pongal festivities organised by RC Madurai Sangamam.

**T**he Rotary Club of Madurai Sangamam, RID 3000, organised Pongal celebrations in January for students at the Viraganur Government Higher Secondary School. The club had arranged various performances by

traditional artistes to entertain the staff and children, and educate them about the state's culture. Competitions were held and prizes were distributed.

The club organised a special camp at the NMS Muthulakshmi

Ammal Corporation School to fit artificial limbs for physically-challenged children. Food and beverages were provided to the visitors.

In another endeavour, the club provided lunch to the elderly inmates at the Sai Old Age Home in Madurai. ■

# Generating water from air

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Club members at the inauguration of the AWG kiosk.

**R**C Bangalore Lakeside, RID 3191, has implemented *Project Water from Air*, installing Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG) kiosks at four government schools in Kolar, Karnataka. The

initiative is a CSR project sponsored by Kistler Morse Automation in collaboration with technology partner Maithri Aquatech from Bengaluru.

The project, with an estimated cost of ₹20 lakh, aims to provide

clean drinking water to students in government schools. The kiosks were installed in Morarji Desai Residential School, Madanahalli Cross, Velagalaburre; Morarji Desai Residential Schools at Shingehalli, Vemagal; Yelasandra, Bangarpert; and Dr BR Ambedkar Residential School in Kolar.

The inaugural event took place at Morarji Desai Residential School. Attendees included Sudhakar SV, district secretary, Kashinath Prabhu, director, CSR, Abhilasha Pandit, president of the club, Naganand Kemparaj, president of RC Kolar, school staff and students, members of RCs Bangalore Lakeside and Kolar.

This initiative uses AWG technology to produce clean drinking water in locations where conventional sources are unavailable. The project aims to install over 100 AWG units at government schools and colleges in rural India. ■



The newly installed AWG kiosk.

# Service projects near Thanjavur

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A neurology camp in progress.

The members of the Rotary Club of Gandarvakottai, RID 3000, reached out to the people

in Gandarvakottai, a taluk near Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, with various service projects over a month.

A neurological special treatment camp was organised by the club in association with the

Neuro One Hospital, Trichy. The club sponsored treatment at the hospital for those with neurological issues.

The Rotarians visited a school for mentally-challenged children and provided stationery items and lunch boxes to them. The club sponsored lunch for the children, and cheered them up with a variety of games. Nutritious food and fruits were provided to a centre taking care of people suffering from tuberculosis.

Books related to competitive exams were donated to the government library. The club conducted a district-level silambam competition for school children. ■

## A day with senior citizens

The Rotary Club of Borivali Wonders, RID 3141, organised a *garba* night specially for senior citizens. Various handcrafted products created by differently-abled children were displayed in stalls that were put up by the club members.

The club holds vocational training programme for these children where they are taught to make bags, lamps and other handicrafts using eco-friendly material. ■



A stall exhibiting handicrafts.

# Community wellness

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**R**C Mumbai Dahisar, RID 3141, donated a water purifier-cum-cooler to the BMC eLibrary in Borivali West in October 2024.

The library serves over 650 registered students from nearby slums, with 50–60 students present at any given time. There was no drinking water supply in the library before this donation. The equipment was donated by club members Vikram Davawalla and Harsha Davawalla in memory of their fathers. The initiative was led by AG Ninad Save and Nilam Save of RC Palghar. The project will benefit over 650 students and is valued at ₹44,000.



Club members at the BMC eLibrary in Borivali West before donating the water purifier.



Students at the malaria awareness programme.



Left: Club members Satish Sharma and Sanjay Shah with their awards after winning the badminton tournament.

The club also organised a Malaria Awareness, Prevention, and Eradication camp at the Infant Jesus High School, Mumbai, with the assistance of the pest control officer from BMC R-Ward. Sixty students from Class 9–10, along with their teachers, attended the event. The project was led by project chairman Rajkumar Chadha and cost ₹1,000.

Four members and Annets of the club participated in the district badminton tournament held in Juhu. Club members Satish Sharma and Sanjay Shah won the men's doubles 50+ category and the team event. Annets Manan Sharma and Chinmay Sharma were runners-up in the men's doubles open category. ■

# Legal quiz at Vellore Law College

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With the aim to expand the knowledge of college students, RC Vellore Vegan, RID 3231, hosted a Legal Knowledge Quiz programme for them at the Government Law College.

The club also donated a desktop computer to the admin staff. The quiz programme offered a platform for students to test their general knowledge and awareness on the current issues across the social and political spectrums. The college authority thanked Rotary for the event as students took part in it with enthusiasm. ■



Rotarians and students of Government Law College, Vellore, in front of the desktop computer donated by the club.

## Food, clothes, groceries for tribals



RID 3262 DG Yagyansis Mohapatra partaking food, along with tribal children, at Nagada village of Jajapur district of Odisha.

Rotary clubs of RID 3262 in Odisha have been distributing essential items including groceries, clothes and cooked food to tribal villages across the revenue districts of the state as instructed by their DG Yagyansis Mohapatra.

In one such food distribution drive, Rotarians led

by DG Mohapatra served freshly-cooked food items to tribal families at Nagada village, one of the most under-developed areas at Sukinda taluk in Jajapur district of Odisha. “Our food distribution lifted the public image of Rotary as we reached out to residents of one of the most backward areas of the state,” said Mohapatra. ■

# A visit to National Defence Academy

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Members of RC Pune Central, RID 3131, and their families led by club president Brig (retd) PKM Raja visited the National Defence Academy (NDA), a premier institute that trains top leaders of the country's armed forces.

The Rotarians were taken on a guided tour of the NDA campus including its landmark sites, modern training facilities, and monuments that reflects its rich legacy. "A short film on the defence academy was screened for us that highlighted its role in fostering unity, leadership and service to the nation," said Uday Dharmadhikari, director, Public Image and Vocational Services of the club. Raja presented a memento to Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh, commandant of the NDA, as a mark of respect for the NDA's contributions in nation-building and



RC Pune Central president Brig (retd) PKM Raja (left) presents a memento to National Defence Academy commandant Vice Admiral Gurcharan Singh.

its alignment with Rotary's ethos of leadership and service above self.

The interaction with Gurcharan Singh was inspiring leaving the members with a great sense of pride and admiration for the academy's

mission. "Also, our visit to the NDA emphasised the importance of vocational excellence and community service, thus motivating us to foster a spirit of leadership and integrity in our spheres of influence," he said. ■

## Equipment for Rotary Blood Bank



Equipment for sorting and separating components and partitions were donated for a blood fraction unit by RC Tirthahalli, RID 3182, at the Rotary IMA Blood Centre through a global grant project.

Vasanth Prabhu, a major donor from RID 7250, US, DRFC Dr Narayan, PDGs BC Geetha and Rajaram Bhat, and past AG KPS Swamy were present at the inauguration of the new facility at the blood bank. RC Central Chester County, Lionville, Pennsylvania, US, was the global partner. ■

PDGs Rajaram Bhat, BC Geetha, along with others, at the inauguration of a facility at the Rotary IMA Blood Centre.

## Focus on childcare and literacy

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Governor of Assam Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurating Mission Child Health and Literacy of RC Guwahati Smart City.

The Rotary Club of Guwahati Smart City, RID 3240, launched 'Mission Child Health and Literacy' in the presence of Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya and MLA Siddhartha Bhattacharya.

The project aims at regular eye and oral health checkup for government school students and sponsoring treatment for those diagnosed with health issues. Inculcating reading habit in rural children is another aspect of the club's twin mission wherein the club plans to equip government schools in and around Guwahati with educational books and games that will stimulate the brain.

"These two initiatives will be our signature projects for the next few years," said project chairman Mantu Paul. ■

## Sweets for Diwali

RC Sabarmati (Ahmedabad), RID 3055, distributed sweets to 260 underprivileged families as part of its annual Diwali celebrations.

The initiative was funded by club member Guntant Shah, who has sponsored the project for 33 years. Club members organised the distribution drive, ensuring the sweets reached families across multiple locations. ■



A club member distributing sweets.





DG Sukhminder Singh (last) and RC Greater Tezpur president Jayant Tibrewala, along with other Rotarians, at the handover event of desk-benches at a government school in Tezpur.

# Desk-benches donated to Tezpur school

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**W**ith aim to provide a cosy classroom, RC Greater Tezpur, RID 3240, donated 10 desk-benches made of heavy metal frame and of quality brand to the Government Bengali Boys HS School, Tezpur Town, at a project cost of ₹65,000.

DG Sukhminder Singh was the chief guest at the handover event

in which AG Mukul Bothra, club president Jayant Tibrewala, secretary Ankit Khetwat and other members were present. The desk-benches would benefit over 20 students.

Springly-used clothes and household products donated by Rotarians and their family members were collected, and distributed to the 40 underprivileged people in Bam Pukhri village in Charideo near



Club's Women's Empowerment chairperson Neha Singh distributes clothes to poor families.



Sanitary pads distributed to students and teachers at a school in Tezpur.

Tezpur on Children's Day benefiting their families. "The villagers expressed their gratitude and were moved by our commitment to make a difference to their lives," said Tibrewala, club president.

Biodegradable sanitary pads were distributed to 300 students and teachers at the Rashtra Basha Hindi Vidyalaya, Tezpur, as part of a RID 3240 project. A menstruation awareness session was conducted by the team led by the club's Women's Empowerment chairperson Neha Singh to educate school girls on hygienic living. ■