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Celebrating 100 years of Indian Hockey

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A winning team being given a trophy by the guest of honour, while club president R Saravanan (5th from Left) looks on.

In a fitting tribute to Indian hockey, and to mark the 100 years of this sport, RC Pondicherry Marina, RID 2981, organised an event celebrating its milestone (centenary) year at the Saradha Gangadharan College, Mudaliarpet.

All the participating students were given jerseys by the club and winning teams were presented trophies and the Best Player Award. The major highlight of the tournament was some of the iconic moments of Indian hockey over the decades were showcased through audio-visual presentation, during which legendary players who had won medals for the country in the Olympics and other international games were recalled and praised by Rotarians in their speech.

Club president R Saravanan, secretary KN Senthil Kumar and other members paid glowing tributes to the hockey greats of the country.



Club president Saravanan hands over a food plate to an inmate at the Jwala Home for special children and adults.

Over 100 students from different schools and across age groups took part in a drawing and painting competition held as part of Children's Day event held in tie-up with the Deaf Enabled Foundation. Eight winners from their respective categories were awarded a cash prize of ₹2,000 each, amounting to a total project cost of ₹16,000.

On World Kindness Day (Nov 13), food was distributed to inmates at Jwala Home for the Mentally Challenged at Murungapakkam under Project Annadhanam. Club members led by its president Saravanan interacted with the special children and abandoned elders to spread love and compassion. ■

On the cover: Children being trained to perform cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) as part of a project by RC Nagpur Ishanya, RID 3030.

RC Kalyan hosts a Rotary Run

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To create awareness on local heritage and the need to protect it, RC Kalyan, RID 3142, organised a Rotary Run in partnership with CREDAI-MCHI (local chapter) that also promoted health and community spirit.

Called Heritage Run, the seventh edition of the DB Rotary Run started from the Jio Mart (food carnival), Khadakpada, with enthusiastic



Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation commissioner Abhinav Goel (4th from Left), to his right RC Kalyan president Ruita Sapkal, and PDG Milind Kulkarni (4th from Right) with Rotarians at the Heritage Run.

response from Rotarians, youngsters, fitness buffs and people from all age groups.

Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation commissioner Abhinav

Goel and DG Harsh Makol flagged off the event in the presence of PDG Milind Kulkarni, DCP Atul Zende and Machindra Jadhav, founder, DB Jadhav School and Sports Foundation. ■

Diwali with orphaned children



RID 3231 DG V Suresh releasing seed balls tied to balloons, along with PDG JKN Palani and other district Rotary leaders in Tiruvannamalai.

Diwali was celebrated with 600 orphaned children from special homes in and around Tiruvannamalai, a southern district of Tamil Nadu, in a day-long event conducted by RI District

3231 with its DG V Suresh as its chief guest.

Some of the highlights of the celebration include distribution of school bags to all children, a special delicious lunch, and in the

end, seed balls tied to helium balloons were given to the children to be released up in the air to aid in the disbursal. The special day was coordinated by project chair M Vivek Kumar. ■



Promoting eye donation

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RC Nagpur Ishanya, RID 3030, in partnership with the Ophthalmology Society of Nagpur, observed *Netradan Pakhwada* (eye-donation fortnight) with a series of programmes promoting eye donation. The club held school awareness sessions, drawing competitions for Interact clubs, and skit presentations by medical students to dispel myths on eye donation. A city rally with the slogan *Netradan Shreshth Daan*

(eye donation is the noblest form of giving) concluded with prize distribution.

Club members Praveen and Keerti Deshmukh were felicitated for donating the eyes of their late father, while another member Rajasekharan pledged to donate his eyes. On Teachers' Day, senior ophthalmologists and medical teachers were honoured at a special event attended by DG Dnyaneshwer Shewale.

The club is also executing a major health initiative, *The Chain of Survival*, focusing on maternal and child health, congenital heart disease, CPR training, and heart-attack response. Posters on vaccination and maternal health were distributed across hospitals, and medical equipment was donated to Matru Seva Sangh. Under its CHD support programme, the club assisted 38 paediatric heart surgeries last year and aims to support 50 this year.



Club members along with medical students and Interactors at an eye donation awareness rally.

Over 2,500 students and teachers have been trained in CPR and Basic Life Support in collaboration with Swasthya Hospital and Chitnavis Trust.

Under the *Project Keychain of Survival*, keychains carrying an emergency Aspirin tablet were distributed to 3,000 beneficiaries on World Heart Day. The initiative was led by club president Manisha Rath and secretary Vinamra Khemuka. ■



Winners of the drawing competition which was part of the eye donation awareness programme.



A student performs CPR in the presence of medical trainers.

club matters

RC Muthupettai



RC Ghaziabad Smart City



RC Mettur Dam City



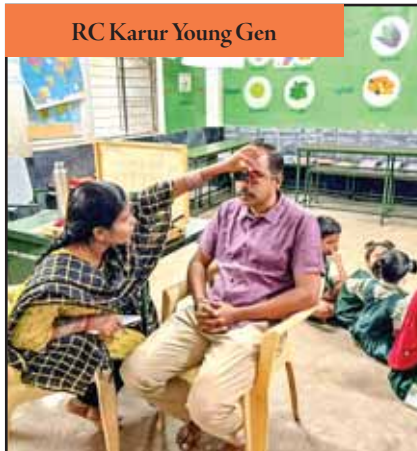
RC Akola



RC Muthupettai – RID 2981

In a novel gesture, the club took 120 students who are either orphans or from underprivileged families to a clothing store and gave them freedom to select dresses of their choice. The event brought ready smile on the faces of children.

RC Karur Young Gen



RC Ghaziabad Smart City – RID 3012

A one-month beautician course was imparted to 16 girls from underserved communities. PDG Subhash Jain and club president Bharti Garg handed over the certificates to the passing out trainees at the make-up studio of Richa Madan.

RC Mettur Dam City – RID 2982

New dresses, toiletries, blankets, stationery items, water bottles and firecrackers were given to 400 children from orphanages and special schools at a pre-Diwali event. DG P Sivasundaram, district deputy collector A Mayil and forest official A Selvakumar gave speeches.

RC Karur Young Gen – RID 3000

An eye check-up camp was held at the Vasavi Government Primary School with Dr T M Sathish Kumar screening the patients. After diagnosis, patients were advised on further treatment. Spectacles were distributed.

RC Akola – RID 3030

More than 300 patients, mostly from underprivileged families, were examined at an eye check-up camp. Among them 160 were selected for cataract surgery done free of cost. Club president Narayosang Taraporewala guided the patients at the cataract surgery camp.

RC Jodhpur Garima



RC Hardwar



RC Halvad



RC Nabha



RC Jodhpur Garima — RID 3053

Around 50 exhibitors showcased their products at the fourth edition of *Project Auraa*, a two-day fundraiser, that displayed a wide range of handicrafts, jewellery, clothing and home utilities. Jodhpur (North) mayor Kunti Deora inaugurated the expo that saw over 2,000 footfalls.

RC Tapi Surat



RC Hardwar — RID 3080

A cash assistance of ₹25,000 was provided to an underprivileged family for their daughter's marriage. The barber approached Tarun Bhatia, and within few hours, members pooled in money, and a washing machine was gifted.

RC Halvad — RID 3060

A second ambulance was flagged off to provide emergency medical service with state-of-the-art facilities. The vehicle will be available 24x7 to serve patients at Halvad on a no-profit- no-loss basis.

RC Tapi Surat — RID 3060

A dialysis machine was handed over to the Sanjivani Multi Specialty Hospital, Chaltan, under a GG project and with RC Edjeba, RID 9141, as the partner. The project was initiated by IPDG Tushar Shah.

RC Nabha — RID 3090

DG Bhupesh Mehta distributed fruits to 200 patients and their attendants at the Civil Hospital, Nabha, on Independence Day. He garlanded the statue of Rotary founder Paul Harris at the Rotary Bhawan and visited club projects.

Workshop for parents of disabled children

Jaishree

The Rotary Club of Pollachi, RID 3203, in partnership with Sree Saraswathi Thyagaraja College, Pollachi, Tamil Nadu, organised a specialised workshop for parents of differently-abled children at the Newbridge Centre for Special Needs. The initiative aimed to empower parents with practical skills and strategies to support their children's development while enhancing their own emotional well-being.

The workshop was led by experienced psychotherapists who introduced creative art-based techniques and coping strategies designed to help parents manage the daily challenges of raising differently-abled children. Participants were guided through interactive sessions that encouraged self-expression, stress management and constructive problem-solving.

Around 150 parents and caregivers participated in the programme which also provided a platform

for parents to share experiences, exchange ideas, and build a sense of community among families facing similar challenges.

In another initiative, the club provided tailoring machines, wet grinders and other livelihood equipment worth ₹3 lakh to empower differently-abled individuals.

A blood donation camp organised at the NGM College in the town saw overwhelming participation from students, Rotaractors and members of the public. Over 70



Parents of children with disability engaged in therapeutic activities.



Club members commemorate World Polio Day at the government hospital in Pollachi.



Club president V Satish Chandran and secretary S V Sreekanth after gifting a wet grinder to a differently-abled girl.

units of blood were collected at the camp with the club president V Satish Chandran and secretary S V Sreekanth setting an example by donating blood themselves.

The club marked World Polio Day on October 24 with a series of awareness activities aimed at reinforcing the importance of polio eradication under Rotary International's global campaign, End Polio Now. This included branding activities at prominent public locations and a signature campaign that engaged over 250 members and community participants.

The Rotarians visited the maternity and childcare block of the Government Hospital where they interacted with doctors, nurses and mothers to highlight the importance of timely polio vaccination. During the visit End Polio t-shirts and caps were distributed to healthcare professionals. Informative pamphlets were given to mothers and expectant women to encourage adherence to the vaccination schedule. ■

club matters

RC Bareilly Metro



RC Dharwad



RC Kushinagar



RC Mangalore Seaside



RC Bareilly Metro — RID 3110

A singing competition was conducted for school students in and around Bareilly to promote fine arts among them. All the seven winners were given trophies with certificates by club president Anil Mehrotra.

RC Khopoli



RC Dharwad — RID 3170

More than 200 school students took part in the End Polio Now rally flagged off by Niradi Jagadish, president, IMA (Dharwad). They carried placards and raised slogans to create awareness.

RC Kushinagar — RID 3120

Sewing machines were donated to 10 women, while five individuals were honoured for their exemplary service on the 156th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at the Shaheed Smarak Park, Kasia. People took selfies with the spinning wheel. Kushinagar Municipality president Kiran Jaiswal spoke.

RC Khopoli — RID 3131

A workshop on the New Education Policy 2020 and AI was attended by 92 teachers. Monica Apte, director, MIT World Peace University, Pune, conducted the session which was appreciated by Rtn Tanuja Marathe.

RC Mangalore Seaside — RID 3181

On Children's Day, a series of competitions titled *Chinnara Chilipili* saw 800 students from 52 schools giving shapes to their creativity. In all, 20 different contests including stage performances and outdoor games were conducted.

RC Tumkur



RC Walajapet



RC Alleppey Greater



RC Calcutta Kankurgachi



RC Tumkur — RID 3192

Three para-athletes selected to take part in the International Sitting Throwball tournament in Sri Lanka were felicitated at the house of past president Nagesh Kumar and Anitha. The club also part-funded their tournament expenses.

RC Tiruvallur Bright



RC Walajapet — RID 3231

Large umbrellas were donated to roadside vendors at Walajapet, a small taluk in Ranipet district of Tamil Nadu, to protect them from sun and rain. Club president S Sivaperumal and his team presented the canopies to the retailers.

RC Alleppey Greater — RID 3211

Twenty-five Rotarians with their families celebrated Onam with 100 differently-abled women at the Mariadam Rehabilitation Centre, Paravoor. It was a lively event with cultural performances by the inmates. Onam Sadhya was arranged.

RC Tiruvallur Bright — RID 3231

A series of projects worth ₹85,000 lifting the school environment was completed and handed over to the management at the Panchayat Union Primary School, Vengathur. The assistant educational officer (AEO) was present.

RC Calcutta Kankurgachi — RID 3291

Under *Project Medhabritti*, literacy projects are being done to empower young minds through RCCs. RCC Feriwalla president Soumitra Mandal was handed over the charter citation by club president Ranjana Mutsuddi. Around 30 students were given solar study lamps.

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Eye care camp in Chidambaram, TN

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Club president V Hari Krishnan with members at the eye camp.

The Rotary Club of Chidambaram Central, RID 2981, in association with the Lions Club of Chidambaram Cosmopolitan, Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS), and the Aravind Eye Care System, organised an eye camp at the Ramasamy Pillai Vidhyasala Middle

School, Mandakara Oomakkulam, Chidambaram.

Screening for eye disorders and consultation were done for 250 individuals. A team of ophthalmologists and paramedics from Aravind Eye Hospital, Puducherry, offered their services.

Another initiative, the *Annapoorna* project, launched as a monthly service activity by the club, focuses on providing nutritious breakfast to the residents of Anbagam Old Age Home in the town on the first day of every month.■



Rotarians serve breakfast at an old age home.

Skilling schoolchildren

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Club president AR Mohamad Abdullah with Road Safety Awareness Committee chair Mohanraj visiting the school exhibition.

The Rotary Club of Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, organised a science exhibition for students at a local primary school. Around 200 students exhibited various science concepts. District Children's

Welfare Committee chair Sadasivam demonstrated simple scientific experiments for the children.

In another initiative the club launched its 18th edition of a martial arts training camp

for youngsters. Road Safety Awareness Committee chair Mohanraj participated in the opening event. The club has tied up with Buddha's Veera Kalaigal Kazhagam to impart training. ■

An Interact club for special children

The Rotary Club of Pune Central, RID 3131, led by its president Lekha Nair, chartered an Interact club at the Sayudh School for the Deaf and Mute in Hadapsar near Pune.

The Rotarians participated in the Independence Day celebrations at the school and were impressed by the students' disciplined march past, inspiring cultural programmes and vibrant rangoli designs. ■



Hearing and speech-impaired children of the Sayudh School perform the national anthem in sign language.

Showcasing classical dance

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A patient being screened at the health camp.

RC Nanganallur Elite, RID 3234, conducted *Nrithya Utsav*, a Bharatanatyam competition to promote classical dance and provide young performers with a platform to showcase their talent.

District Governor Vinod Saraogi and Usha Saraogi attended the event. The club announced that the

competition will be held annually. The event also helped the club raise ₹25,000 which will be used for community service projects.

On World Diabetes Day, the club, in partnership with the Hindu Mission Hospital, Nanganallur, held a free medical and awareness camp. Some of the medical tests included BP and blood sugar check, BMI

assessment, X-ray, ECG, dental and eye screening, apart from consultations with specialist doctors. Around 120 people benefitted from the camp.

The camp was inaugurated by Chandran, chairman, Zone 12, Greater Chennai Corporation in the presence of diabetologist Vikram Vasagan from the Hindu Mission Health Services. ■

DG Vinod Saraogi and Usha Saraogi along with Rotarians and the winners of the *Nrithya Utsav*.



Cricket & eye care for rural people

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Children at the prize distribution ceremony of the cricket tournament.

RC Coimbatore East, RID 3206, in partnership with RC Coimbatore New Town and Coimbatore District Sports and Games Welfare Association, organised a cricket tournament for rural school students in October, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanthi.

Twenty-six schools participated in the competition, which featured matches in the under-14 and under-16 categories. Cups and medals were awarded to the top four teams in each category.

The prize distribution ceremony was held on the same day, with club presidents, secretaries and invited guests in attendance. The cricket

tournament was managed by the District Sports Association, while the event coordination was led by its secretary Shanmugasundaram, along with Ramesh Kumar, project chair and Bala Sundaram, project co-chair.

The club also conducted an eye care camp at the Sarkarsamakulam Town Panchayat in association with the Sankara Eye Hospital. The camp catered to residents of 12 surrounding villages. Beneficiaries requiring further treatment were transported to the hospital, where cataract surgeries were done. The patients were sent back home. ■



Beneficiaries after cataract surgery.

Motivational talk for members

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RCs Bikaner Royals and Bikaner Uprise, RID 3053, jointly hosted *Dream to Reality 2.0*, a fundraising programme featuring motivational and spiritual speaker Jaya Kishori.

Held at the MGSU auditorium, the event drew more than 900 attendees, including students, homemakers, professionals, entrepreneurs, and industrialists from Bikaner and neighbouring districts. Jaya spoke on teachings from the *Bhagavad Gita*, emphasising the importance of choosing the right path, staying calm amid distractions, and using wealth for social good.

In another initiative, the clubs collaborated with Bhoj Kala Pranyas, Dhora International Art Society, and Bikaner Zila Udyog Sangh to organise *Rang Malhar 2025*, a clay painting event. Over 120 participants, including students, teachers, independent artists, and a visiting artist from Sri Lanka took part. They painted on *mitti*



Jaya Kishori being felicitated in the presence of club members.

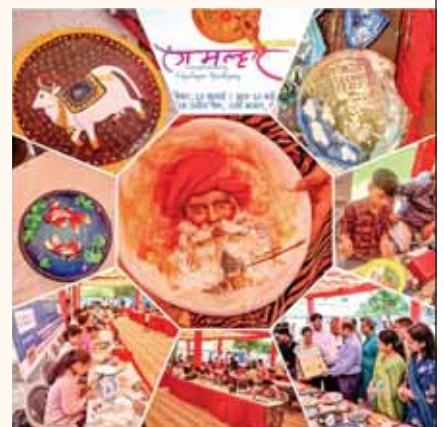
tawa (pans made from natural clay or terracotta) featuring Rajasthani motifs and monsoon themes. The event concluded with a public exhibition and a felicitation ceremony.

The clubs also supported the development of local sports infrastructure through the construction of a large tin shed

at the Eklavya Archery Academy in Brahma Baghi. Built with support from the Gomadevi Chamdiyan Charitable Trust, the shed extends protection to young archers from harsh weather conditions. The structure was inaugurated by club president Sunil Chamdia along with PDG Rajesh Chura. ■



Young archers and Rotarians at the inauguration of the new shed at Eklavya Archery Academy.



Glimpses from *Rang Malhar 2025*.

Job fair benefits 60 youth

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DG Santosh Marathe (second from L) inaugurating the job fair in Pune.

RC Pune Heritage, RID 3131, organised a mega job fair at the Sinhgad Institute of Management and Computer Application (SIMCA), Narhe campus, drawing strong participation from job seekers and recruiters. The youth empowerment initiative brought together over 500 job opportunities for graduates, ITI holders, diploma candidates, engineers and MBAs.

A total of 21 companies, including Axis Bank, LG Electronics, HDFC, Ashok Leyland, LIC and Equitas Bank took part in the fair. Around 350 candidates attended, of whom 130 were shortlisted for the next round of interviews. One hundred

shortlisted candidates were from economically weaker sections. Sixty participants received final job offers.

The event was publicised through hoardings, newspapers and digital platforms, significantly boosting the club's public image. Supported by facilitation partner Equitas Development Trust, the fair featured dedicated interview rooms for companies, a waiting area for applicants, and three registration counters.

Club president Subhro Sen said the fair provided an effective platform for young talent, and congratulated all candidates who secured job offers. ■



Aspirants at the job fair.



Interviews underway at the fair.

RID 3060 clubs take up public image projects

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E-waste collected by RC Amreli Gir.

The Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Amreli Gir, RID 3060, organised an e-waste collection drive that gathered more than 300kg of discarded electronic items, including laptops, mobile phones, televisions and cables. The waste was handed over to an authorised recycler. According to the club, the effort prevented an estimated 450–600kg of CO₂ emissions, the equivalent of planting 25–30 trees. The drive also helped raise local awareness about responsible disposal of e-waste.

RC Halvad installed large hoardings in busy market areas and at the Sara Cross Roads junction

on the Halvad–Maliya Highway. The displays promoted the message ‘Reduce, Reuse, Recycle’ alongside the Rotary’s Wheel logo, aimed at strengthening its public image and encouraging environmental responsibility.

As part of six-day Diwali Funfair celebrations, RC Jetpur put up 24 large hoardings across the town featuring the Rotary logo, the Four-Way Test, Rotary’s history, and details of current initiatives. The outreach campaign received extensive coverage from local media and news channels. ■



The Reduce, Reuse and Recycle poster in Halvad.



A display of Rotary's history and The Four-Way test in Jetpur.

AI awareness for students

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The Rotary clubs of RI district 3231 came together to organise a mega AI awareness programme for school students. The event held at the VVNKM School in Vellore had a participation of 2,000 students from various schools.

Former superintendent of police A Kalamurthy presided over the event. PDG JKN Palani and DGN T Sivakumar were the guests of honour. Experts on AI delivered lectures in a simple format that was easily understood by the students. "Our aim was to educate children about the potential, opportunities and responsible use of artificial intelligence among children, and inspire them to make informed choices," says DG Suresh.

The district organised quiz programme on science and technology for school students. Around 300 children from 70 schools participated. ■



Fun events for children

The Rotary Club of Tiruchirapalli Phoenix, RID 3000, celebrated Children's Day with a series of fun and creative events for the students of YMCA Nursery and Primary School in the city.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day participating in essay, speech, drawing and fancy dress competitions.

The club gifted colourful chairs to the school for use in the classrooms for the children. ■

