

Rotary

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A medical camp benefits 205 villagers

Team Rotary News

A medical camp benefitting 205 patients was organised at Vaijanath village, Karjat, by RC Kharghar Midtown, RID 3131, in association with RCC Health Horizon, Medcover Hospital, and Annasaheb Chudamani Patil College of Engineering, Kharghar.

The camp was conducted as part of the NSS project of AC Patil College students, who actively participated in organising and managing the event.

Seven specialist doctors offered their services during the camp, including a general physician, surgeon, physiotherapist, cardiologist, diabetologist, dentist and dietician. Four health workers from RCC Health Horizon supported the initiative, along



Villagers waiting to register at the camp

with a dedicated team from Medcover Hospital.

Comprehensive medical services were provided, including general consultations and physiotherapy sessions. Diagnostic tests like blood sugar screening and ECG were conducted by the Medcover team. Ophthalmic check-up was also conducted, and spectacles were distributed at concessional rates.

Free medicines were distributed to patients according to their medical needs. Nursing staff from Vatsalya Nursing Home assisted in dispensing medicines and ensured the smooth conduct of the camp.

The arrangements at the venue were efficiently managed by AC Patil College, with enthusiastic involvement from its students who provided multivitamins, calcium and iron supplements at the camp. ■



The team of Rotarians, students, doctors and volunteers.

On the cover: Schoolchildren at the government hostel being screened at a joint medical camp in RID 3170.

Pongal celebrations with children

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Pondicherry Marina, RID 2981, celebrated the Pongal festival with children at the Jolly Children's Home in the city. The children entertained the Rotarians with traditional dance and music performances. Sumptuous lunch was served to over 100 inmates at the special home.

In another initiative, the club, in collaboration with the Hunter's Academy, a chess coaching institute, organised an international classical FIDE-rated chess tournament. Around 2,000 students from various schools and chess academies participated in the event. The club awarded 400 prizes, trophies and certificates to the participants, encouraging young talents and promoting sportsmanship.

The club also sponsored the travel kit comprising jerseys, t-shirts, pants and travel bag for 16 national-level soft tennis players participating in the 19th Sub-Junior National Soft Tennis Championship organised by the Amateur Soft Tennis Federation of India at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, in December 2025.

On National Polio Day (Oct 24), the club members administered polio drops to 180 children and organised an awareness talk for the local people, reiterating the need for continuing polio immunisation despite India being declared polio-free. Toys were distributed to the children.

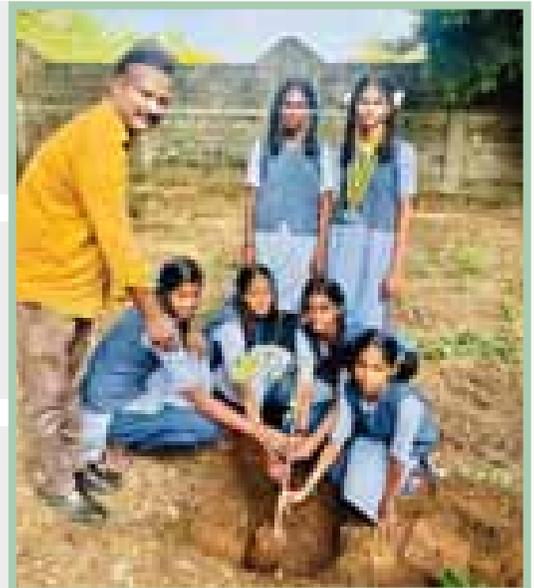
A sapling planting drive was conducted for Interactors at the TTSTN Government School in the city. ■



Rotarians celebrate Pongal with children at the orphanage.

Middle: Interactors planting a sapling on the school campus.

Above: Chess tournament in progress.



Joint medical camps at **RID 3170**

Team Rotary News

For the month of December, five Rotary clubs from RID 3170 collaborated to do impactful projects as instructed by their DG Arun Bhandare.

First, RC Vaibhavwadi conducted a healthcare camp in Karul village with the support of Rotaractors from RAC ASPM College, Sangulwadi. AG Prashant Kolte and Darshana Kolte, both doctors, examined around 190 patients after their BMI (body mass index) was recorded. Other medical tests including pulmonary check and blood sugar were also done, and medicines were given to needy patients. Club president Sachin Rao Rane and secretary Namedo Gavali, along with their

members, were present to coordinate at the medical camp.

Members of RC Malvan visited Anandshray, an old age home at Anav village, Kudal taluk, where 35 elderly inmates were examined by Dr Kolte, Dr Chetan Mhadgut and Dr Vaibhav Aeer. Blood sugar test was done on all the patients and medicines were distributed. Club president Pankaj Pednekar and secretary Ranjan Tambe extended support to the doctors.

During the third leg of the joint project, Rotarians from RC Vengurla Midtown visited Jivhala, an old age home at Pinguli village in Kudal taluk, and arranged a medical camp for the elderly. Dr Prashant Kolte examined 30 inmates and prescribed

medicines for them after a blood sugar test. Club president Anand Boglekar, Rtn Datta Thakur and Inner Wheel Club of Vengurla president were present. Some essential items of daily use were donated to the old age home.

RCs Kudal and Sindhudurg Central joined hands to conduct a healthcare camp for around 80 tribal and underprivileged students at Nagya Mahadu Vastigrhu, a government hostel at Vetalbambarde village (Kudal taluk). Dr Kolte and Dr Darshana screened the students who were given an awareness lecture on personal hygiene. Sanitary pads and emergency medical aid box were handed over to the hostel caretakers. ■



Assistant Governor Prashant Kolte, a doctor, examines a patient.



AG Kolte and Dr Darshana Kolte with students at the government hostel.



A beneficiary being examined for pulse.

club matters

RC Madurai Sangamam



RC Bikaner



RC Pudukkottai City



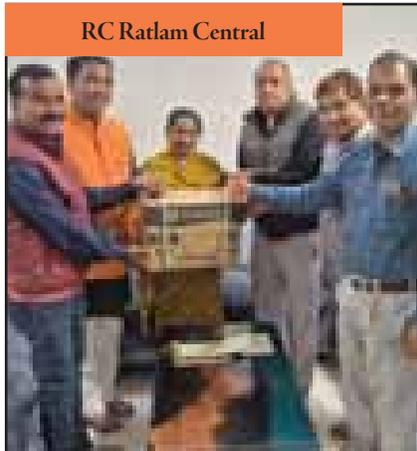
RC Surendranagar



RC Madurai Sangamam – RID 3000

Small roundtables were donated to the Holistic Healing Happy Special School, Karisalkulam, to provide an interactive learning experience for differently-abled children. The club's IPP SR Ganesh sponsored the project.

RC Ratlam Central



RC Bikaner – RID 3053

A well-equipped ambulance was donated to Apna Ghar Old Age Home with support from the Mundhra family, known for their philanthropy in Bikaner. Industrialists Hari Mohan, Shashi Mohan and Vijay Mohan came together for the project benefitting 250 elderly inmates.

RC Pudukkottai City – RID 3000

Awareness pamphlets on safe driving were distributed to mark the National Road Safety Month (January) at the New Bus Terminus. The project held jointly with the Road Safety Awareness Association and Sakthi Foundation was inaugurated by traffic inspectors Prabhakaran and Manimaran.

RC Ratlam Central – RID 3040

In December, the club donated around 160 units of blood; donated a sewing machine to a woman; two folding beds and a wheelchair were given; and took up food distribution drive benefitting over 200 people.

RC Surendranagar – RID 3060

A cyclothon was organised in which around 500 volunteers pedalled their way under two categories — 24km and 12km. The cyclers rallied across the town creating a buzz. Rotaractors and the municipality staff took part in the rally.



RC Bilaspur



RC Chennai Chola



RC Parur



RC Calcutta Kankurgachi

RC Bilaspur – RID 3070

Lohri and Makar Sankranti were celebrated by distributing woollen sweaters, jerseys and sweets to 47 students at the two Government Primary Schools in Malhahat and Kanon villages. Club president Sanjeev Vatsyan and secretary Narender Khanna led the initiative.

RC Coimbatore New Town



RC Coimbatore New Town – RID 3206

A district-level yoga championship, *DREAM – Mann Sakthi*, was held at the TKS Matric School, Chinnavedampatti, with the participation of 225 students (Class 2–8) from 18 schools. Spiritual guru Kumaragurupara Swamigal from Siravai Aadheenam was the chief guest.

RC Chennai Chola – RID 3233

DG D Devendran and his wife Archana took part in the Pongal festival organised at the Ananthavanam, a scenic farm house, and greeted the club members. District club presidents were also present and took part in various fun events.

RC Parur – RID 3205

All the 52 members of the club became members of Polio Plus Society by giving \$100 to TRF. At the event to celebrate the milestone, they came together and exchanged greetings. It was a moment of bonding and sharing project ideas.

RC Calcutta Kankurgachi – RID 3291

A pathway was constructed with paver blocks in Gosaba village, Sundarbans, near a school and a tailoring centre. The new concrete path would provide easy access to the school and the stitching centre. A solar lighting on the path was also installed.

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A mental health seminar in Karur

Team Rotary News

With an aim to create awareness among school students on mental abuse, its adverse impact on emotional wellbeing, and empower them with knowledge on identifying unhealthy behaviours, RCs Karur Young Gen and Karur Wings, RID 3000, jointly

conducted a one-day seminar on mental wellness at the CSI Girls Higher Secondary School for students of Class 6–12. Around 150 students benefitted from the event held under the clubs' monthly district *Project Ethiroli* (Reflections in Tamil).

Charumathi L, a clinical psychologist from NIMHANS, Bengaluru, delivered a lecture

on various mental health issues, how to identify the symptoms, and the need to build self-esteem and seeking timely support. She is also a senior consultant at Amaha, an organisation dealing with mental health in Bengaluru.

The mental healthcare session focused on helping students understand the concept of mental abuse, its signs, its impact on one's



Clinical psychologist Charumathi L addressing students at the mental health seminar.



Project chair Rengasamy interacts with MBA students.

emotional balance, and the ways to building the coping strategies, said R Vishnuvardhan, president, RC Karur Young Gen. “The resource person (Charumathi) delivered the content in a student-friendly manner using

real life examples and interactive discussion, making the session impactful,” he said.

According to club secretary Imdad Shariff, the programme received positive feedback from both the students and teachers.

“The seminar created awareness among young minds about mental health, self-respect and emotional safety, aligning with the mission of our district *Project Ethiroli*’s core objective of commitment to the wellbeing of the community,” said Shariff.

A session on effective public speaking was held for the first year MBA students with the support of RC Virudhunagar, RID 3212, and the Rotaract Club of Chettinad College of Engineering and Tech, Karur. Project chair MAPR Rengasamy gave an inspiring talk to the management students.

With CSR funding from Rep Co Ltd in Tokyo, Japan, and support from Abinaa Textiles, Karur, the club built a new toilet block for students at the Gandhigramam Government Middle School, Karur. ■



Students use the handwash station at the newly inaugurated toilet block.

101 projects in 10 days by Trichy clubs

Team Rotary News

In a display of unity among Rotary clubs in Trichy, RID 3000, *Project Dream December* completed 101 service projects in 10 days with RC Trichy Diamond City Elite taking the initiative as the lead club.

From Dec 8–20, the ‘service marathon’ brought together 14 Rotary clubs and the Inner Wheel Club of Tiruchi Rockfort under one banner for a series of community initiatives worth ₹6 lakh, benefitting 5,600 people. DG J Karthik flagged off the service marathon that began with an awareness rally on cervical cancer in Srirangam, a temple town near Trichy.

Around 300 students from the Srimad Andavan Arts and Science College joined Rotarians to march for women’s health, setting the tempo for the days to come. With a structured approach, all the 101 projects covered the seven focus areas of Rotary.

Some of the projects like the newborn kits and nutrition support; medical camps and cancer awareness sessions; revamping toilet blocks and water filter in schools; library upgrades and skilling workshops; livelihood tools for artisans and women; tree planting drive and waste management; and youth harmony workshops boosted the

public image of Rotary in Trichy and surrounding villages.

“We wanted to show that when Rotarians unite, no goal is too high,” said Joseph Raj, president, RC Trichy Diamond City Elite. “Every club brought their unique strength to the table.” The power of collaboration and sharing of project ideas were there for all to see, creating a new bonhomie among the Rotary fraternity in Trichy that comes under RID 3000.

Project Dream December ended with a fellowship that celebrated the success of 101 projects they have completed in just 10 days, “which strengthened our bond in the Rotary family of RID 3000,” said Raj. ■



Rotary clubs in Trichy, RID 3000, led by DG J Karthik (top, left), reach out to beneficiaries under *Project Dream December* comprising all the seven focus areas of Rotary International.

Furniture for an anganwadi

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Kolhapur Heritage, RID 3170, provided colourful benches and desks to an anganwadi at Kurdu, a village in Kolhapur.

“The project was carried out in association with the RCKOP Heritage Foundation and was supported through CSR contributions along with donations from our Annets,” said club president Pooja Gandhi. The initiative aims to provide young children with proper seating facilities, creating a more comfortable and conducive learning environment, she added. ■



Members of RC Kolhapur Heritage with children at the anganwadi.

A toilet block for a tribal school



Members of RC Mumbai Juhu with students at the Adivasi Ashramshala School.

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Juhu, RID 3141, constructed a toilet block at the Adivasi Ashramshala School in Ambivali in Shahapur taluk, Thane, Maharashtra. The facility built at a

cost of ₹3.6 lakh will benefit 400 tribal children and staff of the school.

The club plans to undertake larger and more impactful projects at the Ashramshala in the future,

focusing on education, healthcare, hygiene and holistic development of tribal children. “We will build a sustained association with the school to ensure continued support,” said club president Ananthalakshmi Ramesh. ■

Strengthening public health through awareness initiatives

Team Rotary News

RC Bhiwadi, RID 3053, undertook public healthcare initiatives, focusing on preventive care and early disease detection across the city.

As part of a large-scale awareness drive, around 150 Sugar Awareness Boards have been installed by the club in various schools. The boards educate students about the harmful effects of excessive sugar consumption, highlighting risks such as obesity, diabetes, and dental problems. Placed prominently within school premises, the boards serve as daily reminders encouraging children to adopt healthier eating habits at a young age.

The club has set a target to install 1,000 Sugar Awareness Boards this year to expand the campaign's reach and promote



A beneficiary, along with members of the club, at the mammography camp.

mindful dietary choices among students across the region.

In addition to the school-based awareness programmes, the club has conducted 22 cancer screening mammography camps as part of its planned 50 camps. The initiative focuses on early detection of breast

cancer and improving access to preventive healthcare services for women. The camps have screened hundreds of beneficiaries and recorded a seven per cent detection rate, underscoring the importance of regular mammography in identifying potential cases at an early and treatable stage. ■



Members of the clubs holding the Sugar Awareness Boards.

Promoting literacy

Team Rotary News



Club president V Durairaj with students after distributing notebooks to them.

The Rotary Club of Bengaluru Kanakapura Road, RID 3191, distributed 2,000 notebooks to students from various schools. The initiative was aimed at motivating children from less privileged families to pursue education. Lack of financial resources should not deter their education, said club president V Durairaj. Plans are being made to extend more support to the schoolchildren. ■

A music programme for a cause

The Rotary Club of Nanganallur Elite, RID 3234, completed its fourth edition of *Elite Singer of Tamil Nadu*, a state-wide music competition for various age groups. The event is a fundraiser for the club's healthcare initiatives done in partnership with the Hindu Mission Health Services, Chennai.

The programme this year will support the construction of a geriatric ward in an upcoming



PDG J Sridhar presents a trophy to a winner of the Elite Singer of Tamil Nadu event. Club president VS Gopalakrishnan is on the left.

new building adjacent to the hospital, and a dialysis unit for the hospital. The club had sponsored one room in the geriatric ward from the surplus funds of the *Elite Singer Season 3*.

Club president VS Gopalakrishnan and members V Natarajan, J Suryanarayanan have each sponsored a room at the ward and three more rooms were sponsored by Natarajan's friends and relatives.

Through its earlier editions, the club has raised and channelled around ₹15 lakh towards charitable initiatives.

DG Vinod Saraogi lauded the club's initiative in combining cultural showcase events with fundraising for community service. PDG J Sridhar distributed the prizes to the winners. ■

A job fair at Virudhachalam

Team Rotary News

A job fair was organised by RC Virudhachalam, RID 2981, in which 1,000 of students took part. All the participants were guided by resource persons from various industrial domains. Virudhachalam is a taluk in the Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu.

Club president Anbukumaran welcomed the resource persons who gave inspiring speeches to the participants. District public image chair Thomas Arockiaraj delivered a lecture, which was followed by presentations by the guest speakers.

Those who had received placement offers by companies at the job fair will be called by the HR officials of their respective firms to decide on their corporate postings. ■



RID 2981 public image chair Thomas Arockiaraj gives a lecture to participants at the job fair.

RC Thane helps Sri Lankan students



Sri Lankan Rotarians with children holding school kits.

In an international outreach, IRC Thane, RID 3142, joined hands with the Rotary Club of Panduwasnuwara, RID 3220, in the Northwestern province of Sri Lanka to distribute school kits to 54 students worth ₹91,000 to the students affected by the recent Cyclone Ditwah.

Overall, the Sri Lankan Rotarians distributed school supplies that included school bags, notebooks and stationery to around 200 schoolchildren across various schools.

The school authorities thanked Rotary for the gesture as it would facilitate classroom learning for underprivileged students whose families were some of the worst hit by the cyclone that wreaked havoc rendering many homeless. ■

A mega medical camp in Chennai

Team Rotary News



A wheelchair-bound patient being escorted by Rotarians at the medical camp.

More than 200 persons were examined at a mega medical camp held jointly by RC Chennai Port City, RID 3234, at the Maitri Cultural Association to mark International Day of Persons with Disabilities (Dec 3). The healthcare camp was conducted with the support of Saksham, a local NGO working for the disabled, Get Up Charitable Trust, Chakkaram Foundation and SIMS Medical Foundation.

All the patients were served both breakfast and lunch at the venue. Club president-elect Guruprasad,

Rtns Padmanathan Alwar and KP Vijayakumar coordinated for the success of the medical camp. A *Mupperum Vizha* (three-in-one project) was organised in partnership with the Human Rights Puratchi, a social activist body. Guruprasad, charter president C Muthusamy, and other members, distributed utility items to beneficiaries. Raincoats, reflective coats and umbrellas were given to health workers and needy families.

Human Rights Puratchi founder Sundaramoorthy appreciated Rotary for its multifaceted projects for the underserved communities.

An awareness event on 'Smokeless Bhogi' was held in collaboration with the Jeeva Park Walkers and Joggers Association, Department of Environment and Climate Change, Exnora Group and Lions Club of Central Madras.

Programme officer K Muthukumar from the state department of environment spoke on the need to protect clean air and other natural resources for a healthy life on the planet. The awareness meet was attended by Rotarians, joggers, Exnora members, Lions members, and other associates of Rotary. ■



Rotarians with a 'Smokeless Bhogi' banner at the Jeeva Park, T Nagar, in Chennai.

Spoken English for schoolchildren

Team Rotary News

RC Hiranandani Estate, RID 3142, has launched a six-month English-Speaking Development Programme at Gautam Hind School, Thane. The project, fully funded by club members at a cost of ₹1.02lakh, aims to strengthen communication skills among underserved students and enhance their confidence in academic and professional settings.

The structured programme will run for six months and focus on improving fluency, pronunciation, and practical usage of English. The sessions will be conducted by facilitators from Nativ, a language training academy, who introduced an interactive, engagement-based learning model during the inaugural session.



A student receiving a guidebook.

The launch event was attended by club members and the school management. School authorities expressed appreciation for the initiative and assured full administrative support for the programme.

Students responded enthusiastically to the initiative. Grade 9 student Anjali Gupta shared that the interactive approach made learning enjoyable and reduced the fear of making mistakes. ■



Students in the spoken English programme.