

# Rotary

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# Significant services of RID 3060

## Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Bhavnagar, RID 3060, has planted 28,635 saplings over an area of 13,000 square metres using the Miyawaki method, known for creating dense, fast-growing native forests. This plantation will help enhance biodiversity, improve air quality, and develop a self-sustaining green ecosystem in the years to come.

The Rotary Club of Seaface Surat built a toilet block for the students of the Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Bamroli.

About 1,600 packs of reusable sanitary pads were distributed to 1,600

girl students of four local schools. The project was organised by the Rotary Club of Bhavnagar Royal, in collaboration with Rajkot Greater Unipads Foundation and State Bank of India's CSR grant, as part of District 3060's initiative.

The Rotary Club of Tapi Surat signed its first International Friendship Club Agreement with the Rotary E-Club of One Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia).

This landmark partnership marks the beginning of stronger global connections, cultural exchange, and collaborative service beyond borders. Two



Sanitary pad packets distributed at a school.

members from the Rotary E-Club of One Kuala Lumpur visited Surat to officially sign the agreement. Adding to the celebration,

members from Malaysia also joined virtually through a Zoom meeting, making it a beautiful blend of physical presence and digital unity. ■

Club members with members of Rotary E-club of One Kuala Lumpur after signing the International Friendship Club Agreement.



**On the cover:** Footwear was distributed to sanitary workers by RC Nanganallur Elite to mark Women's Day in Chennai.

# Solar lights at Children's Village

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**F**ive solar streetlights were installed by RC Trichur, RID 3205, at the SOS Children's Village, an eight-acre shelter campus that provides care and protection to around 90 children.

The children were accommodated at 10 special homes and were taken care of by wardens. They were either abandoned by their parents or orphaned. The installations will enable the authorities to provide lighting at key locations on the fenced campus, and the project was led by club president Santhosh T P. ■



RC Trichur members donate solar panels to the home in-charge at the SOS Children's Village.

# Women sanitation workers honoured

**F**ootwear was distributed to around 110 women sanitation workers of Chennai Corporation by RC Nanganallur Elite, RID 3234, to honour the frontline workers for their efforts in maintaining public hygiene and a healthy city. They were felicitated at an event to mark Women's Day (March 8)

The comfortable footwear would assist them in their daily duty. Corporation – Zone 12 chairman K Chandran appreciated Rotary for “their thoughtful gesture as it recognised the invaluable contribution of sanitation workers.” Ward councillor Natarajan also spoke at the event.

Club president VS Gopalakrishnan thanked charter



Sanitary workers being given footwear on Women's Day.

president Kananan who first mooted the idea of felicitating women workers of the civic body. Public Image chair Sivakumar

coordinated for the event's success. Club members, along with their Anns and Annets, were present at the event. ■

# A greening mission in Salem

Team Rotary News

A mega tree planting drive was taken up by members of RC Salem East, RID 2982, with the involvement of police officials and civic authorities on a barren land as part of its monthly projects. The greening mission boosted the public image of the club, earning goodwill among the residents of the neighbourhood colonies. ■



A police official planting a sapling at the mega greening drive.

## Winter garments distributed in Jodhpur



A Rotary vehicle distributing winter clothes across Jodhpur.

A four-day winter wear collection and donation drive was taken up by RC Jodhpur Garima, RID 3053, with an aim to provide clean, usable winter clothing to underprivileged families and their children during the cold season (Nov-Dec).

The winter cloth distribution drive was supported by Asian Yoga gold medallist Lekhika Choudhary, a Class 8 student, who is inspiring the people by teaching free yoga to children.

“Donation boxes were placed across various locations in the city in which the public can drop their clean winter clothing for our members to pick, sort and package them before distribution to the needy families,” said Kaveri Bajaj, club president.

The collected garments including jackets, sweaters, mittens, blankets, socks, warmers and suits were sorted and neatly packed by the project team, before taking them out for distribution in a vehicle across neighbourhoods in Jodhpur in December. ■

# Promoting education among the less privileged

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Club members with students after distribution of footwear to them.

The Rotary Club of Shahabad Markanda, RID 3080, donated tubelights and fittings to 10 schools in the city and shoes were gifted to 100 students at the Government Middle School, Lotni.

Poster-making and slogan competitions were organised by the club for students at the Khanewal Khalsa Senior Secondary School on the topic 'World Peace and National Integration'. Around 100 students participated in the programmes, showcasing their creativity, even as they gained awareness on the themes which are more relevant to today's world experiencing global crises in recent times.

The club, along with the Naveen Jindal Foundation, organised a medical camp to benefit the underprivileged families. ■

## Sewing machines for the disabled

The Rotary Club of Pollachi, along with RC Tirupur Bharathi, RID 3203, gifted sewing machines to six physically-challenged skilled women to enable them to earn a sustainable livelihood with dignity. A wheelchair was given to one of the beneficiaries to enable her mobility and enhance her quality of life. ■



RC Pollachi president Satish Chandran, RC Tirupur Bharathi president Tara Jaishankar and secretary KG Lata with a beneficiary.

# club matters

RC Alwar



RC Nagpur Fatehabad Dynamic



RC Guna



RC Agra Royal

RC Alwar – RID 3053

A Medical Equipment Bank was inaugurated at the Rotary Bhawan with Dr Yogendra Sharma, CMHO, as the chief guest. Wheelchair, O2 concentrator, Bi-PAP machine, walker, ICU bed, cardiac monitor, suction machine, mortuary box etc will be rented at subsidised rates.

RC Jodhpur Padmini



RC Jodhpur Padmini – RID 3053

Desk-benches were donated to three government schools benefitting 220 children. So far, 4,770 bench sets were donated to 64 government schools, reaching over 9,500 students at a cost of ₹1.24 crore.

RC Nagpur Fatehabad Dynamic – RID 3090

Gifts were presented to 21 women from an underserved area at an event to mark Women's Day. Club president Pawan Narula, secretary Prem Kumar and project chair Harish Khurana coordinated for the event.

RC Guna – RID 3053

Over 4,250 patients were examined at the 32 medical, eye and blood donation camps held by the club. The camps were held to provide timely medical assistance and spreading health awareness.

RC Agra Royal – RID 3110

PDG Neerav Nimesh inaugurated gender segregated toilet blocks at two government primary schools in Heta village. School principal expressed his gratitude to club president Meera Gupta. Panchayat chief and other villagers were present.

RC Bombay Bandra



RC Mannarasala



RC Palghar



RC Mavelikara



RC Bombay Bandra – RID 3141

Under *Project Pragati*, the club hosted an event that provided financial literacy to women in partnership with NM College of Commerce and Economics. RC Bombay Mahakali Heights supported the initiative to empower women.

RC Karwar Seaside



RC Mannarasala – RID 3211

District project chair Josch Joseph inaugurated a smart anganwadi which was set up under the leadership of club president Sony Samuel. The new edifice boosted the public image of the club in the neighbourhood.

RC Palghar – RID 3141

Over 50 people were examined at a medical camp held at the ST Depot in tie-up with Swasthyam Hospital, Rotary Eye Centre, Boisar, Lupin and Path Life Diagnostic Centres. Fifty-five patients were screened for eye illness. ECG was done on 20; and cataract was detected on three patients.

RC Karwar Seaside – RID 3170

Fruits, biscuits, health tonic and hair oil were distributed to elderly inmates at the Siddar Old Age Home. In partnership with the Unani Ayurveda Department, a health camp was also held in which BP and blood sugar tests were done. Rotarians interacted with the inmates.

RC Mavelikara – RID 3211

DG Tina Antoney inaugurated a gender segregated toilet block at the Mattom North Lower Primary School as part of golden jubilee projects of the club. The project comes under 'Nirmala' vertical of District *Project Oppol*.

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# New clothes, sweets for orphan children

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**R**C Solapur Smart City, RID 3132, celebrated Gudi Padwa with a service initiative at Prarthana Foundation, an orphanage in the city, distributing new clothes and sweets to 66 children.

The programme, held on the Hindu New Year, focused on supporting underprivileged students and promoting education and wellbeing. Club president Akbarsaheb Nadaf extended New Year greetings to the children and encouraged them to stay committed to their studies.

Club secretary Baswaraj Birajdar and club members participated in the event.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Birajdar, who said the club would continue to undertake similar initiatives. ■



Club members at the orphanage.



Rotarians along with the children after distributing the clothes and sweets.



Beneficiaries at the camp.

# Technology-driven prosthetic camp

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**R**C Ranchi, RID 3250, in collaboration with the Inali Foundation, organised a free electronic prosthetic hand implantation camp at the Rotary Bhawan, benefiting 62 persons with upper-limb disabilities.

During the camp, beneficiaries were fitted with battery-operated electronic prosthetic hands designed to assist with everyday activities, helping improve functionality, independence and confidence.

The programme was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth, who described the initiative as significant, noting that the loss of a limb affects both physical ability and self-esteem. He commended the effort and said he would recommend similar support for injured soldiers.

The camp concluded with beneficiaries adapting to the devices by practising to write and hold objects with their electronic limb. ■



Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth and club members along with a beneficiary.

# Focus on menstrual hygiene

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The Rotary Club of Dimapur, RID 3240, organised a menstrual hygiene management programme for the female workers of Silver Plywood factory in Dimapur.

Dr Khushboo Agarwal, an obstetrician and gynaecologist, delivered an informative session on menstrual hygiene. The event promoted hygiene, broke taboos, and equipped workers with resources for better health. Around 200 women were present at the programme.

The Rotarians distributed sanitary napkin packets to the factory workers. ■



Sanitary napkin packets being distributed to factory staff.

# Cataract surgery camp at RID 3231



Rotarians with doctors and paramedical staff at the eye surgery camp.

Esight was given to 208 visually challenged by RC Kanchipuram Grand, RID 3231, at the seven-day cataract surgery camp held jointly with Sankara Nethralaya. Over 1,800 patients were screened at the eyecare

camp, and 160 procedures were done at the Surgery-on-Wheels.

Also, 48 patients were referred to the hospital for surgery. The club partnered with Young Indians (Yi) team, St Mary's College and another

NGO to organise the week-long eye surgery camp in Kancheepuram.

RID 3231 PELS chair Kishan Chand and district co-convenor was the chief guest at the valedictory session. ■

# Supporting an orphanage

## Team Rotary News

**R**C Hubli Vidyanagar, RID 3170, organised a programme 'Hearts for Hubli,' supporting the education and welfare of orphaned girl children, with contributions from both local members and international partners.

As part of the initiative, donors from Australia, connected through Rotarian Sadhna Rao, contributed ₹54,500 towards the education of the girls. They also provided kitchen utensils and appliances worth ₹25,000 to the orphanage.

Club members supplemented the effort by donating blankets, sarees, groceries and sweets. The event highlighted the club's focus on empowering the girl child through access to education and basic resources.

The programme was coordinated by event chair Bhavani Shankar and Sadhna Rao. The evening also marked the wedding anniversary of club president Praveen Jain, which was also celebrated at the orphanage. ■



Club member handing over a blanket to a child.



Club president Praveen Jain celebrating his anniversary at the orphanage.

# Walkers distributed to patients

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**R**C Bhubaneswar Meadows, RID 3262, distributed 15 walkers to the Orthopaedic Department of Capital Hospital as part of a healthcare support initiative.

The walkers were handed over during a programme attended by superintendent Dr Susant Kumar Nayak and

additional superintendent Dr Dhananjay of PGIMER Capital Hospital. The project was carried out in association with SBI General Insurance and UCO Bank.

The initiative aims to support patients with mobility challenges, improve patient care, and promote

independence during recovery.

Rotary members, including project chair Dr Swastik Satapathy and club secretary P K Amar participated in the distribution event. Club treasurer Sujit Nayak facilitated funding for the project. ■



Club members waiting to hand over the walkers to beneficiaries.

# Youth initiatives in RID 3261

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Rotary clubs in District 3261 organised a series of youth-focused initiatives, including a large-scale festival and district-wide sports activities, engaging more than 50,000 students.

In Raipur, RCs Cosmopolitan Raipur and Cosmo Divas hosted “Cosmo Shine 2025,” a youth festival held at MATS College. The event, now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, saw participation from over 2,000 students representing 80 schools.

A total of 24 competitions were conducted across categories such as debate, group dance, chess, mathematics, business planning and painting. More than 200 entries were submitted for the painting competition themed *Operation Sindoor*. The programme also featured a cultural performance by students of Dumartarai Talab Happy School.

No participation fee was charged, enabling a good response from students. DG Amit Jaiswal appreciated the initiative and encouraged other clubs in the district to organise similar programmes for the youth.

Under the district’s sports *Project Spardha*, more than 100 Rotary clubs conducted indoor and outdoor competitions, including cricket, basketball, badminton, chess, kabaddi, running and volleyball. ■



From top: A student plays the flute at a music competition; Students participating in a dance competition; Rubik’s cube contest at a school; Rotarians, along with winners of a speech competition, and other students.

