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Digital health centre inaugurated

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The first ABHA ID (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) centre in Rajasthan was inaugurated at the District SDM Hospital with the support of RC Bikaner Royals, RID 3053, marking a step toward digital healthcare services and easier access to medical records for patients. The centre will help patients create ABHA IDs, enabling them to digitise health records, prescriptions, investigation reports, and treatment history for easier access and direct coordination with doctors.

The centre was inaugurated by Vishram Meena, the divisional commissioner of Bikaner, in the presence of hospital superintendent Dr Sunil Harsh and club president Sunil Chamadia. Meena appreciated the club and described

the project as “an important step toward digitalisation.”

Chamadia said the initiative was taken up after the hospital superintendent, Harsh, informed the club about the need for a dedicated ABHA facility at the hospital. Following this, the club members, including Vipin Laddha (club secretary) and senior members, approved and facilitated the project.

Project coordinator CS Nitesh Ranga said the centre is expected to reduce dependence on paper prescriptions and physical medical files, while helping patients avoid long queues and difficulties in managing medicine and investigation records. “With health data available online, the initiative is expected to improve convenience for patients and support more efficient healthcare services.” ■



Club members at the inauguration of ABHA Centre in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

On the cover: Winners of a painting contest organised by RC Kushinagar with their gifts.

Talk on cardiac health

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RC Nagpur Horizon, RID 3030, organised a talk on 'Sudden cardiac death' during its regular fortnightly meeting held at the Blind Relief Association, Nagpur.

The session was delivered by cardiologist Dr Shankar Khobragade, who spoke about the causes of sudden cardiac death and various aspects of heart disease, highlighting the importance of awareness and preventive care.

DG Dnyaneshwer Shewale attended the programme. The meeting also hosted guests

from Indore as part of the first Friendship Exchange between RIDs 3030 and 3040.

During the meeting, new club members Dilip Dattatray Mirzapure, Ashish Thakre, Satish Bang and Dr Shankar Khobragade were inducted into the club by DG Shewale.

The meeting was hosted by club president Sudhir Mangrulkar and secretary Mrunalini Ballal delivered the vote of thanks. The programme concluded with a fellowship over dinner. ■



DG Dnyaneshwer Shewale (left) and club president Sudhir Mangrulkar (second from right) look on as Dr Shankar Khobragade receives a certificate of appreciation.

Community outreach initiatives

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RC Kushinagar, RID 3120, organised a Holi celebration and a felicitation event called *Rangotsav* at Kasia near Kushinagar, UP, for journalists and media representatives. Journalists were presented mementos, sweets, and Holi kits during the event.

A painting competition was organised at the Buddha Mahaparinirvana Temple in Kushinagar on World Heritage Day (April 18), along with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Around 200 students

from different schools participated in the event.

ASI chief development officer Vandita Srivastava appreciated the initiative and encouraged the participants. Winners were awarded prizes including bicycles, table fans, wall clocks, cash prizes, certificates and notebooks. The competition aimed to promote interest in art and awareness about heritage conservation among children.

Under *Clean Kushinagar, Healthy Kushinagar* campaign, a public awareness programme on cleanliness and hygiene was



Below: Club members, along with journalists and media representatives, at the *Rangotsav* event.





Above: Club members create awareness on segregating waste.

Right: A student receives a pedestal fan and a certificate at the painting contest.



conducted at Kanshiram Awas, Kasia, on the birth anniversary of BR Ambedkar. The initiative was jointly organised by the Swachh Bharat Mission of Nagar Palika Parishad Kushinagar and the club. Participants were encouraged to segregate waste, reduce plastic use, and maintain a clean environment.

Rotary members and municipal representatives took part in the campaign.

The club also organised a voluntary blood donation camp at the PWD Guest House in Kasia. Around 50 people registered for the camp, and 47 eligible donors donated blood. ■

club matters



RC Dharwad



RC Sambalpur



RC Vita City



RC Bhubaneswar Metro

RC Dharwad – RID 3170

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) session was held jointly with the SBI Pensioners Association. Dr Prakash Ramangoudar and Dr Gauri Tavargeri shared their insight on the CPR technique with around 100 participants. Club president Nandyalkar also spoke.

RC Vita City – RID 3170

In a joint project with the Sadhu Vaswani Mission, artificial limbs were fitted on 106 beneficiaries, mostly elderly amputees. The project sponsored by Finolex Cables boosted the public image of Rotary in this town in Sangli district of Maharashtra.

RC Tiruvannamalai Vegan



RC Tiruvannamalai Vegan – RID 3231

Over 1,500 students and community members took part in a marathon titled 'Clean Tiruvannamalai and yoga awareness'. The Rotary run promoted cleanliness, physical fitness and yoga. Prizes were given to top 10 winners under each category.

RC Sambalpur – RID 3261

A water cooler was installed at the Kainsir Government High School to provide safe and clean drinking water for students and teachers. The school authorities thanked the club for the sanitation facility as it will ensure the health of students.

RC Bhubaneswar Metro – RID 3262

A water filter and handwashing station were set up on the premises of Hanuman temple at Jangaon, a remote hamlet, on the occasion of Sri Ram Navami (March 27). The project was done jointly with RC Jagatsinghpur.

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Women's Day projects at Jindal Nagar, UP

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DG Amita Mohindru gives a school bag to a student at the Anchal Nath Vidyapeeth. Also seen are members of RC Jindal Nagar.

To mark Women's Day (March 8), RC Jindal Nagar, RID 3012, conducted four projects related to social service, education and women's empowerment.

DG Amita Mohindru inaugurated a cow shelter named Anchal Gaushala which was built at a cost of ₹12 lakh; she felicitated

women teachers and staff at the Nandramal Maheshwari School for their 'selfless service,' and school bags were distributed to 150 students of Anchal Nath Vidyapeeth which would motivate them to attend classes regularly.

DG Amita also gave financial assistance of ₹75,000 to Acharya Nyas Seva Trust, an NGO, which would help them to pursue a range of service activities in Jindal Nagar, a locality in Ghaziabad in the national capital region. ■

Solar lights on a Kerala highway



RID 3211 DG Tina Antoney at the inauguration of solar lights on the Alappuzha-Changanassery State Highway.

As part of its road safety drive campaign, RC Alleppey Greater, RID 3211, has installed two solar blinking lights on the Alappuzha-Changanassery State Highway with DG Tina Antoney inaugurating the warning lamps on the pavement of this major thoroughfare.

Sewing machines were presented to five women from underprivileged families with the

aim to empower them through a sustainable livelihood.

On Feb 23, to mark Rotary's 121st anniversary, baby kits were distributed to mothers of 22 newborns at the Women and Children Hospital, Alappuzha. The club members distributed drinking water to traffic policemen which provided relief to them from the scorching heat. ■

Water purifier installed at a pension office

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Under *Project Shuddh Boond*, RC Bhubaneswar Meadows, RID 3261, installed a water purifier at the ward office to ensure access to clean drinking water, especially benefiting senior citizens visiting the office for their pension grievances. In addition, a water dispenser providing both hot and cold water was installed for their convenience.

As part of the service activity, Glucon-D was also distributed to all the pensioners present, adding a small gesture of care and support. DG Manoj Tripathy inaugurated the project. ■



DG Manoj Tripathy (centre) with club members after inaugurating the water purifier.

Rotary chess tournament in Odisha

Around 300 individuals from across Odisha participated in the Trilochan Rotary Chess Tournament organised by RC Sambalpur, RID 3261 at Sambalpur. Held over three days in April, the event carried a prize money of ₹2 lakh for the winner.

Interactors and Rotaractors helped in the smooth conduct of the chess tournament. ■



Participants at the chess tournament.

Grooming future entrepreneurs

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For the fourth year in a row, RC Mumbai Kandivli West, RID 3141, conducted an Entrepreneurship Mindset Program (EMP) with an aim to transform job-seeking, educated youth into budding entrepreneurs and businessmen.

In the latest edition of EMP, 160 students from four schools across Mumbai took part in the multiple sessions and events spread over three months of learning, mentoring and transformation. “The grand finale showcased the journey of students who, under the guidance of trainers, demonstrated confidence, creativity and innovative thinking,” said the club’s past president Bharat Dhruv.

EMP was designed with a clear purpose to shift students from a job-seeking mindset to a job-creating mindset. “In today’s fast-changing world, nurturing entrepreneurial thinking and problem-solving skills has become essential,” said Dhruv. The present of club president, members and Anns encouraged the participants, and added value to the three-month-long mentorship programme.

Sunil Parekh from Rising Mind Foundation and Avani from Udhyam Learning Foundation as resource persons gave “invaluable support in making the programme a success,” he said. Finally, the commendable display of talent and energy stood as a testimony to the success of the EMP initiative of the club, a step in building the future entrepreneurs. ■



RC Mumbai Kandivli West president Sashikala Charles (3rd from R) with members and resource persons at the programme for school students.



Students display their creative art work.



At one of the multiple sessions at the Entrepreneurship Mindset Program.

A mega eye camp at Katpadi, TN

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Hundreds of people were screened at a mega eye check-up camp conducted by RC Katpadi, RID 3231, in partnership with the Indian Red Cross Society, Vellore, and CMC Eye Hospital.

The medical camp enhanced access to quality eyecare services and created awareness on eye health among the community, said DG V Suresh who was present at the venue. A glaucoma awareness rally was held jointly with a local eye hospital, followed by eye screening. The public and rally volunteers were educated on the ways and means of preventing vision loss. The club gave financial assistance of ₹50,000 to A Rohan, a 20-year-old patient diagnosed with a serious heart condition



RID 3231 DG V Suresh (4th from R) and RC Katpadi members at the eye check-up camp.

and is waiting for surgery at the Apollo Hospitals, Chennai.

While the surgery cost is ₹2.5 lakh, the club's donation will lessen the burden on the family and

enable them to meet emergency spend on medicines. The cheque was handed over to the patient's mother through Dr Chokkalingam on behalf of the Katpadi club. ■

High-tech equipment for Asansol hospital

RID 3240 DG Kameswar Singh Elangbam inaugurated a number of high-tech diagnostic equipment at the Maa Sarada Charitable Dispensary, the maiden global grant project done by RC Asansol, RID 3240, valued at \$32,974. RC Turtle Creek Valley, RID 7305, US is the global partner.

With these high-tech devices, the charity hospital attached to the Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama in Asansol, will be able to reach out to over 2,400 eyecare patients, including 600 new patients, who were referred to elsewhere; over 3,000 dental patients; and provide diagnostic services to more than 2,000 patients each year. The club's IPP Abhay Jayant laid the foundation for the GG project, along with past president



Swami Somatmananda Maharaj, secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Asansol, is felicitated as DG Kameswar Elangbam looks on.

Satvik Lall who was supported by Anirban Dawn, a club member.

DRFC Subhashish Chatterjee took care of paperwork for the

global grant. DGE Asim Adhikary, PDG Swapan Choudhary and District-Public Image chair Pallavi Maji were among those present. ■

Silver jubilee celebrations with 25 service projects

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To commemorate its silver jubilee, the Rotary Club of Chennai East RA Puram, RID 3233, executed 27 projects in 25 consecutive days from Feb 1–25. The club was chartered on March 13, 2002.

The total value of the projects was ₹8 lakh, benefitting around 3,800 individuals, said the club president K Kannan. Some of the initiatives included yoga training programmes for schoolchildren; adult diaper distribution in old age homes and a palliative care centre; medical camps, wheel chair distribution; financial support for cataract surgeries; provision of bunk cots and beds to a care centre; distribution of baby kits; large umbrellas to street vendors; electrification of a computer science lab in a government school; stationery kit distribution; vocational training programmes for youngsters; and sapling plantation drives in various localities.

P R Srinivasan was the project chair. ■



Vocational support to the students of Thakkar Baba Vidyalaya, Chennai.



A medical camp for conservancy workers at Urbaser Summit Office in Chennai.



Distribution of adult diapers to Soul Palliative Care, Medavakkam, Chennai.

Rotary's healthcare services in Chennai

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The Rotary Club of Anna Nagar Madras, RID 3234, with CSR support from Aptus Value Housing Finance, provided four dialysis machines and a cot to the Saidapet Government Hospital in Chennai.

The project worth ₹31 lakh was funded by M Anandan, founder, Aptus Value Housing Finance. The hospital's CMO Dr Thanikachalam, Dr Shiram, medical director, Wockhardt Foundation, and DG Vinod Saraogi were present at the handing over event of the medical devices at the hospital.

In another event, the club presented Anandan with Vocational Excellence Award for his professional achievement and commitment to social responsibility. In his acceptance speech, he shared Aptus' growth journey, highlighting its expansion to 350 branches, a workforce of 4,000 employees, and a customer base of over 200,000 across the country.



A dialysis machine being inaugurated at the Saidapet Government Hospital. M Anandan, founder, Aptus Value Housing Finance, is seen second from right.

A cardiology camp was organised by the club, in association with the Apollo Specialty Hospitals, for elderly people residing in Asiana Shubham, a senior citizens community in Chennai.

A wide range of medical services was offered during the camp, including ECG, Echo, blood sugar testing, blood pressure

measurement, and height and weight assessment. Nearly 75 senior citizens benefitted from the free health screening conducted at the camp.

Following the diagnostic tests, the participants received specialised cardiology consultation from expert doctors along with a comprehensive medical guidance. ■



Eye check-up for villagers

The Rotary Club of Mamandur, RID 3231, in association with the Aravind Eye Hospital, conducted an eye check-up camp to promote eye health and early detection of vision-related issues in Mamandur, a village near Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu.

A total of 300 patients were screened during the camp. Beneficiaries were screened for eye disorders, given medical advice, and referrals for further treatment, if required.

Spectacles were provided for those with for sight disorder. ■



Club members along with singer and musician Anup Jalota at the inauguration of the fundraiser.

A music fundraiser for thalassaemia care

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RC Ahmedabad Airport, RID 3055, marked its silver jubilee year with a healthcare-focused service initiative to support patients with thalassaemia through fundraising, raising awareness and medical assistance programmes.

As part of the initiative, the club organised a live bhajan concert by Anup Jalota in August 2025. The event raised ₹9.5 lakh, which was dedicated entirely to thalassaemia-related healthcare activities.

Using the funds generated through the concert, the club conducted thalassaemia and anaemia screening camps at several educational institutions in Ahmedabad, including St Xavier’s College, MP Shah College and Sadhu Vaswani School. More than 1,000 students were screened during the outreach programme that identified thalassaemia traits and anaemia at an early stage while also spreading awareness about preventive care.

The club also launched a Thala Pump Bank to support patients undergoing regular treatment for thalassaemia. The initiative provides iron chelation pumps, which are used to manage iron overload caused by repeated



Thalassaemia patients at the concert.



Anup Jalota performing at the concert.

blood transfusions, a common requirement for patients under treatment.

Club secretary Rushang Soni said, “The project was meant to combine community participation with long-term healthcare support. The initiative was carried out with support from educational institutions, donors and local community members.” ■