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A parliament-style RYLA for students in Haridwar

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The Rotary Club of Hardwar, RID 3080, conducted a unique RYLA programme on the theme 'Government and parliamentary setup in India' at the Saraswati Vidya Mandir school. The programme was designed to give students a real-life understanding of the Indian democratic and parliamentary system through active participation and experiential learning.

All 1,900 students of the school were treated as the nation's electoral population, while each of the 40 sections of the school were treated as individual constituencies. Every

section elected six representatives, resulting in a 240-member 'School Parliament'.

The elected representatives then went through a democratic process to elect leaders among themselves for key responsibilities such as prime minister, deputy PM, defence minister, deputy defence minister, parliamentary minister, judiciary minister, and other important positions.

The democratic exercise was conducted over a month and included invitation of nominations, filing of candidature, withdrawal of nominations, election campaigning, voting

process, and counting and declaration of results.

The school is now continuing this elected parliamentary body as the student administrative body under the name 'Chatr Sansad'.

School principal Saini spoke with the students on how parliamentary democracy functions in India and the responsibilities attached to leadership. Club president Alope Saraswat spoke about Rotary, democratic values within the organisation, and the important role students can play in strengthening India's democratic system. ■

Members of RC Hardwar with RYLA participants at the Saraswati Vidya Mandir school.



On the cover: Rotary Egg carts project implemented by the Rotary Clubs of Imphal and Polo City Imphal.

Egg pushcarts enhance livelihoods in the North East

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The Rotary Clubs of Imphal and Polo City Imphal, RID 3240, gave egg carts to ten youngsters from less privileged families in Imphal. The pushcarts were distributed through the Rotary Egg Bank project founded in 2017 by Hari Kishan Valmiki, a member of RC Secunderabad, RID 3150 (For detailed story, refer *Rotary News*, June 2026). The project runs in partnership with the National Egg Coordination Committee (NECC).

Earlier Valmiki, in an effort to promote the egg carts in the North East, gifted them to 50 unemployed youth at Guwahati, with the support from Rotary clubs in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur.

Stoves, utensils, electric bulbs and stools were also given along with the push carts. The new vendors were taught 100 different kinds of egg recipes and they were given seed money of ₹16,000 to start the venture. Valmiki estimates that these vendors will be able to generate daily sales of around ₹10,000, of which their profit can be around ₹2,500–3000.

RC Imphal has been associated with the project since 2021, and over 1,000 children at various orphanages in Manipur had benefitted from it.

The egg carts were presented to the beneficiaries at the Rotary Bhavan by Arunkumar Singh, a Rotarian MLA. ■



Above: The egg carts ready to be distributed at the Rotary Bhavan, Imphal.

Below: MLA Arunkumar (second from R) gifts a set of vessels, accessories and an egg cart to a beneficiary as members of RCs Imphal and Polo City Imphal cheer on.



Leadership lessons at Kashi

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RID 3053 organised its District Assembly at Kashi. The three-day event in May brought together incoming presidents, secretaries and club officers from across the district for an enriching experience of learning and fellowship.

RIDE Gurjeet Singh Sekhon was the chief guest. RID 3131 PDG Mohan Palesha, IPDG

Nisha Shekhawat, DG Brij Mohan Agarwal and past governors of RID 3053 shared their experiences and guided the incoming leaders on membership growth, strengthening TRF and inspiring Rotarians.

A series of thoughtfully designed training sessions equipped incoming leaders with practical knowledge, leadership

skills, and strategic insight required for effective club administration and impactful community service. The Assembly also served as a dynamic forum for networking, collaboration, and exchange of best practices, strengthening the bonds of Rotary fellowship across the district.

Adding a memorable dimension to the event

was the spiritual and cultural essence of Kashi. More than 600 Rotarians and family members experienced a serene cruise on the sacred River Ganga, witnessed the Ganga Aarti, and visited the Kashi Vishwanath temple.

RC Alwar was the host club; Pramod Arya was the programme chair, and Jitendra Khurana, the convenor. ■

RIDE Gurjeet Singh Sekhon (4th from L) with IPDG Nisha Shekhawat, PDG Harish Gaur and DG Brij Mohan Agarwal at the District Assembly.



Standing for hours under the scorching sun or in pouring rain is part of everyday life for thousands of street vendors. To make their work a little easier, the Rotary Club of Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, distributed large umbrellas to vendors across the city.

The umbrellas provide the much-needed protection from harsh weather, allowing vendors to continue their business in greater comfort while also shielding their customers. The initiative benefitted fruit and vegetable sellers, flower vendors, roadside snack stalls and others who depend on daily earnings.

“By helping vendors work in safer and more comfortable conditions, the club has supported the livelihoods of hardworking people who form an essential part of the local community,” said club president A R Mohammed Abdullah. ■

Umbrellas for street vendors

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Club members after giving an umbrella to a street hawker.

An anti-narcotics cycle rally in Coimbatore



The Rotary Club of Pollachi, RID 3203, organised a 50km bicycle ride in Coimbatore to sensitise the public about the ill effects of narcotics.

The event had participation of ace cyclist Vishnu Ram along with several youngsters from the city. Club president V Sathish Chandran and other members participated in the ride that was committed to building a healthier, drug-free society, and inspiring the younger generation to choose fitness, discipline and positive living. ■

V Sathish Chandran, president of RC Pollachi, with participants at the bicycle rally.

Yoga Day at Chennai school

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RID 3234 IPDG Vinod Saraogi (right) and District Conference chair C Muthusamy felicitate teachers at the World Yoga Day event.

A mega yoga demonstration event was held at the Asan Memorial Senior Secondary School in a joint initiative by RCs Chennai Port City, E-Club of Chennai Shakthi and Chennai Bullionaires, along with five other clubs, with the aim to promote community well-being and holistic development. It was held on World Yog Day (June 21).

IPDG Vinod Saraogi addressed a gathering of 500 students at the

event that also saw the presence of district Rotarians, teachers, school principals and parents. Then District Yoga chairperson Uma Maheswari coordinated the event.

Students performed various *asanas* under the guidance of the main instructor including breathing exercises and postures that enhanced physical fitness, mental well-being and emotional balance. "The event served as

a powerful reminder of yoga's role in fostering a healthier and harmonious society," said C Muthusamy, chairman, RID 3234 District Conference.

Rotary leaders spoke on the subject of yoga as a "timeless practice that inculcates discipline, mindfulness, and overall wellness of individuals." The yoga session boosted the public image of Rotary in the neighbourhood. ■

Geriatric ward renovated in Jodhpur



A special geriatric ward at the Mahatma Gandhi Hospital Jodhpur Padmini, RID 3053, at a cost of ₹15 lakh as part of its efforts to upgrade community healthcare.

The renovated ward with new facilities for senior citizens was named in memory of late Daulatmal Singhvi and Kamla Singhvi, said the then club president Neela Singhvi. Jodhpur MLA Atul Bhansali, SN Medical College principal Dr Bhawar Singh Jodha and Dr NM Mehta jointly inaugurated the eight-bed upgraded ward in the presence of hospital superintendent Dr Fateh Singh Bhati and club members.

Senior citizens suffering from age-related chronic ailments will now have access to specialised treatment and healthcare facilities under one roof. Dr Narendra Choudhary as nodal officer will manage the ward and its operation. ■

A special Yoga Day camp

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A special yoga camp was conducted by RC Pachora-Bhadgaon, RID 3030, in partnership with the Pachora Doctors Association (PDA) at the Shaktidham, a public park and a retreat centre for the elders to relax, to mark World Yoga Day (June 21).

Yoga instructors, Virendra Patil, Siddhant Teli and Sonali Teli, all doctors from PDA, along with Kishori Patil, guided the



participants on various asanas and body postures. The then club president Mukesh Teli, PDA chairman Dr Jeevan Patil, its president Dr Ajaysingh Pardeshi and vice-president Dr Vijay Jadhav, along with Rotarians and doctors, followed the instructions on yoga exercises. Light refreshments were given to all after the programme.

The club felicitated two teachers and their headmaster at the Zilla Parishad School, Khedgaon, for teaching Japanese language as an extracurricular study for students. Club president Teli honoured them with mementos at a special event on the school premises. Rotarians, students and faculty staff were present. ■

Thalassaemia camp in Nashik

More than 500 students were screened at the fifth thalassaemia check-up camp of the year held by RC Nasik, RID 3030, at the Dhanvantari Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital. Parents, along with the identified students, were also given counselling in course of time.

Janakalyan Blood Bank supported the club by taking care of technical matters, while JK Maini Precision Technology funded the screening camp through its CSR grant. "At the end of the fifth thalassaemia camp, over 3,000 students were screened, and the target for the Rotary year (2025–26) is to reach over 5,000 beneficiaries," said Rohit Deshpande, chair, Thalassaemia, of the club.



Doctors and paramedics at the registration counter.

The five-year-old thalassaemia project is being funded by CSR grants, and with the support of over 100 Interact clubs sponsored by

RC Nasik, Deshpande started the work in right earnest in organising the screening camps for students in various institutions. ■

club matters



RC Vijayawada



RC Ajmer Midtown



RC Chopda



RC Solapur Yuj

RC Vijayawada — RID 3020

On its charter day, the club honoured 10 Rotarians above 50 years and those who had rendered service for the past 50 years. Club president S Balagopal and secretary M Ramgopal Rao felicitated the veteran members with mementos.

RC Barwani



RC Barwani — RID 3040

In the last two years, eye donation pledge was received from 137 donors. Food is distributed to 200 people every day in tie-up with the Ajit Jain Mitra Mandal. Also, 240 mentally deranged people were reunited with their families.

RC Ajmer Midtown — RID 3053

A prayer area and smart classroom were built at the Government Primary School, Chandiyawas, at a cost of ₹4 lakh. IPDG Nisha Shekhawat and Jatan Construction director Reena Agrawal were present. IPP Sanjeev Agrawal spoke.

RC Chopda — RID 3030

Doctors were felicitated as a token of appreciation of their 'selfless service' as healthcare professionals to mark National Doctors' Day (July 1). It was followed by an interactive session on adopting a healthy lifestyle, and a tree planting drive.

RC Solapur Yuj — RID 3132

Sixty people were screened and had undergone medical tests for blood sugar, cholesterol, haemoglobin, calcium, thyroid and lipid profile at a health check-up camp held in partnership with Dr Lal Path Labs and Akanksha Pharma at the Vitthal Rukmini Temple.



RC Greater Hyderabad



RC Ranchi



RC Srivilliputtur Town



RC Jodhpur Gardens Calcutta

RC Greater Hyderabad — RID 3150

PDG Sam Patibandla was the chief guest at the installation of a new Interact Club of Roots and Ripples at the Nagarjuna Residency, Hyderabad. Twenty-eight Interactors were inducted at the event. Rotarians, students and their parents were present.

RC Chennai Port City



RC Chennai Port City — RID 3234

A tree planting drive and water conservation rally were held at the Jeeva Park, T Nagar, jointly with the Jeeva Park Walkers and Joggers Association, state environment department, Exnora Greater Chennai and the Lions Club of Central Madras on World Environment Day (June 5).

RC Ranchi — RID 3250

A water station, Jal Mandir, was set up at the Ranchi University to ensure non-stop access to clean drinking water to students, staff and visitors. The facility has a water cooler, pump switching system, solar panel and a boring system.

RC Jodhpur Gardens Calcutta — RID 3291

A multipara monitor (₹2.9 lakh) was donated to Sankara Nethralaya, Newton, to mark Doctors' Day and honour their life-saving work. DGN Brotindro Mullick was present at the handover event.

RC Srivilliputtur Town — RID 3132

RID 3090 PDG Bhag Singh Pannu inaugurated a bust-size statue of Rotary founder Paul Harris at the club hall. IPDG Dinesh Babu and then club president M Chinnathambai were present. The statue was sponsored by Rtn TG Nandagopal.

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