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A colposcopy unit and thermocoagulator, worth ₹6.5 lakh, were donated by RC Chennai ECR, RID 3234, to the Adyar Cancer Institute to strengthen its cervical cancer prevention and screening efforts. The devices will enable early detection and treatment. The medical project was done with CSR partner, e-care India.

The colposcope enables specialists to identify abnormalities at an early stage, while thermocoagulator provides a safe and painless treatment in a single visit. "Together, these two devices will help prevent cervical cancer in 480–600 women every year, particularly benefitting those from underserved communities who may otherwise lack access to timely health-care," informs Sudha Sathiyamoorthy, secretary, RC Chennai ECR. ■

Hi-tech devices for Adyar Cancer Institute

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RID 3234 IPDG Vinod Saraogi (centre) with RC Chennai ECR members at the Adyar Cancer Institute, Chennai.

Cataract screening at Sambalpur jail



A jail inmate being screened at the eye camp.

On the last day of the Rotary year 2025–26, RC Sambalpur, RID 3261, conducted a free eye check-up and *motiabindu* (cataract) screening camp for convicts at the Circle Jail, Sambalpur. The medical camp was led by the club's immediate past president Rashmi Mahapatra.

The eye camp was supported by doctors and paramedics from Trilochan Netralaya, Sambalpur. Community outreach, including free eye screening and cataract detection camps, is an ongoing initiative of the club which partners with local hospitals and a regional correctional facility to provide medical care to underserved groups and prison inmates. ■

On the cover: RC Karwar members and their families try their hand in planting paddy saplings.

Van Mahotsav in Karwar

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The Rotary Club of Karwar, RID 3170, celebrated *Van Mahotsav*, the annual tree planting festival celebrated across the country during the first week of July, with students of three educational institutions in Karwar, Karnataka. Over 100 students participated from each institution and the club members helped them plant saplings on the school campuses. The club distributed saplings to the students and teachers, urging them to plant them in their residential neighbourhoods.

In another initiative, the club members, along with Inner Wheel members, learnt to plant paddy saplings in the fields of farmers in a neighbouring village. "It gave us an opportunity to learn the challenges of farming and understand the value of the food on our table," said club president Gurudatta Ishwar Bant. ■



Club president Gurudatta Ishwar Bant and his wife plant paddy saplings in a field.



Rotarians with students at a school after distributing saplings to them as part of *Van Mahotsav* celebrations.

Ortho care at Nanganallur, Chennai

Team Rotary News

Free orthopaedic consultations are being given every Friday at Dr Vels Ortho Clinic as part of *Project Free Friday* launched with fanfare by RC Nanganallur Elite, RID 3234.

With the aim to promote community health, AG Raghuram Avula inaugurated the free ortho clinic in Nanganallur, Chennai, in the presence of Rotary leaders, club members, doctors, paramedics and other guests. Orthopaedic surgeon Dr K Velmurugan, a club member, has come forward to offer specialist consultations to the public as part of his contribution towards community welfare. “The medical programme will benefit around 30 patients every week, reaching nearly 120 beneficiaries every month. The consultations, valued at ₹48,000 every month, will be provided free of cost, ensuring that quality orthopaedic



RID 3234 AG Raghuram Avula (2nd from L), to his right, RC Nanganallur Elite president Meena Sathish, along with District secretary Kannan Azhagirisamy and Dr K Velmurugan, at the launch of free orthopaedic care.

care is accessible to people from all sections of society,” said club president Meena Sathish.

The Free Friday initiative is designed as a sustainable flagship project aimed at preventive healthcare, early diagnosis and timely medical intervention. “By doing away with consultation fee, the project seeks to encourage more people to access expert medical advice for their orthopaedic conditions before it turn severe,” adds Meena.

RID 3234 Community Health chairman Maheswar honoured four doctors with mementos — a shield of appreciation — for their exemplary service and commitment to humanity. At the event held to mark Doctors’ Day, each awardee was also given an infrared thermometer sponsored by District secretary Dr Kannan Azhagirisamy. AG Avula was presented with a tree sapling by the club’s past president Gopalakrishnan (2025–26).

New Interact club

District secretary Azhagirisamy installed the office-bearers of a new Interact club at the DAV Baba School, Ullagaram, a city suburb. He encouraged the students to embrace the value of integrity, compassion, teamwork and service, inspiring them to “become change-makers in society.”

In her speech, club president Meena reiterated that one of their objectives was to empower youth through leadership opportunities and facilitating service initiatives among students. Earlier, club’s youth service director Muralidharan spoke on the Interact movement in shaping future Rotary leaders.

Delivering the concluding remarks, club’s service director Sivakumar thanked the school authorities, teachers, parents and students for making the Interact installation a memorable event. ■

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President
RC Nanganallur Elite
RID 3234

Nurturing love for the nation among young minds

Team Rotary News



A collective performance by participants of the patriotic group singing event.

The Rotary Club of Jalgaon, RID 3030, organised a patriotic group singing programme for students — Unity in Patriotism – One India... One Sur — in association with the Gandhi Research Foundation. Around 1,000 students from across 16 schools participated in the event that aimed to instil

patriotism, national integration, harmony and shared values among young minds.

The group songs included Vande Mataram, *Hich Amuchi Prarthana*, *Khara To Ekchi Dharma*, *Vijayi Vishwa Tiranga Pyara*, and concluded with the national anthem, creating an inspiring atmosphere of national pride and unity.

The event was supported by Jain Irrigation Systems. Guests included mayor Deepmala Kale, Col Dhiraj Minotra (Commanding Officer, NCC), Capt Mohan Kulkarni, noted Gandhian Abdulbhai, PDG Chandrashekhar Sikchi, programme chairman Sagar Chitre and RC Jalgaon's immediate past president Girish Kulkarni.

Participating schools were felicitated for their enthusiastic involvement. Addressing the students, the dignitaries emphasised that patriotism is reflected not only in words but also in responsible daily actions such as cleanliness, environmental protection, discipline and respect for society.

In another initiative, the club, in partnership with Visharad, the skill development centre of Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon, launched a 40-hour certificate course titled 'Empowering Youth: Forgiveness, Peace and Harmony'. The course has received the university's approval, the syllabus has been formally approved, and an MoU has been signed between the varsity and RC Jalgaon.

The programme aims to equip young people with practical skills in forgiveness, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, mindfulness, family harmony and community engagement, said Kulkarni. In addition to classroom sessions, participants will undertake community service projects, family harmony workshops, role plays, reflective learning, and peacebuilding activities, enabling them to become ambassadors of peace in society.

"We believe this is probably among the first university-recognised certificate courses in India developed in collaboration with a Rotary club focusing specifically on forgiveness, peace and harmony," he said. ■



MoU being presented to Kavayitri Bahinabai Chaudhari North Maharashtra University.

A dialysis facility in Kothamangalam, Kerala

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Kothamangalam, RID 3205, has established a Rotary dialysis unit at the MBMM Hospital in Kothamangalam, near Ernakulam, Kerala, at a cost of ₹52 lakh. Seven dialysis machines were installed at the unit with the support of a global grant. Rotary clubs of Abbiategraso, Choumont & Donauworth and RID 2050, Italy, were the international partners.

IPDG GN Ramesh and Kothamangalam MLA Shibu Thekkumpuram inaugurated the facility in the presence of DRFC Balagopal B, the club's immediate past president Bobby Kuriakose, past secretary Shery Peter, service project chair Basil Abraham, club members, and the hospital's management committee members. ■



IPDG GN Ramesh, along with Kothamangalam MLA Shibu Thekkumpuram, inaugurating the dialysis unit at the MBMM Hospital.

Taking environment care to students



Students with saplings given to them by the club.

Aligning with World Environment Day (June 5), the Rotary Club of Bengaluru Ullal, RID 3191, organised a series of environmental awareness programmes across seven educational institutions on June 4 and 5 2026, reaching hundreds of students. "The initiative

encouraged young minds to become responsible environmental ambassadors through practical and sustainable activities," said the club's immediate past president Madhavi Sreekanth.

Over 1,000 drumstick saplings were planted in the

participating schools, and students were taught about the nutritional and environmental benefits of drumstick while contributing to increasing green cover.

Students were educated on the importance of segregating household waste to promote recycling, reduce pollution, and maintain cleaner surroundings. They were encouraged to practise and promote waste segregation at home. They were motivated to collect seeds from mangoes and other trees and sow them in suitable locations during the monsoon, demonstrating how small individual actions can contribute to a greener environment.

A special attraction was the participation of 'Porake' Manjappa, a city-based environmentalist, whose inspiring message on cleanliness, civic responsibility, and community participation left a lasting impression on students.

The programme received an enthusiastic response from principals, teachers and students. ■

LPG safety clinic at Ambala

Team Rotary News

Swatantra Gas Service, Ambala Cantonment, in association with RC Ambala Industrial Area, RID 3080, and JCI Ambala, organised an LPG Safety Clinic and e-KYC awareness programme at Sikh Girls High School, Ambala Cantonment.

Students of Classes 9 and 10 were educated on the safe use of LPG, identifying gas leaks, preventing accidents, and taking necessary precautions during emergencies. They were also informed about the importance of completing e-KYC for LPG consumers.

The students were told that pending e-KYC can be completed through the HP Pay app, through a delivery person or by visiting the gas agency. They were encouraged to share the information with their parents and family members.

The programme concluded with a quiz on LPG safety, in which

students participated enthusiastically and winners were awarded prizes.

Club president Dixit Kapoor, secretary Anil Sehgal, treasurer Dolly Chopra and other Rotarians attended the programme. Representatives of Swatantra Gas Service and JCI Ambala were also present.■



Club members, representatives of Swatantra Gas Service and JCI Ambala at the programme.

club matters



RC Mannargudi Mid Town



RC Ganaur



RC Attur Midtown



RC Indore Uptown

RC Mannargudi Mid Town — RID 2981

Anti-plastic awareness seminar was held at the Kattakudi Government High School in which reusable, stainless steel bottles were distributed to 20 Interactors. Club president S Karunakaran and others spoke.

RC Delhi Mayur Vihar



RC Delhi Mayur Vihar — RID 3012

Umbrellas were donated to roadside fruit and vegetable sellers with the aim to shield them from harsh sun and rain. The club members sponsored the project which brought goodwill of street vendors for Rotary.

RC Ganaur — RID 3012

Around 250 units of blood was collected at a blood donation camp held at the Jain College, Ganaur, in partnership with other local clubs and NGOs. The project lifted the public image of Rotary as students and youth volunteered at the event.

RC Indore Uptown — RID 3040

More than 300 units of blood was collected from seven blood donation camps held at top colleges and institutions throughout July under *Project Rakt Sankalp*. The collected units will support the treatment of 900 thalassaemia children and other patients. The club targets 1,000 blood units for the year.

RC Attur Midtown — RID 2982

More than 700 patients, mostly elderly people, were screened at an eye check-up held with the support of Aravind Eye Hospital, Salem. Among them 175 were identified for surgeries. The medical camp lifted the public image of Rotary in this town.



RC Malpura City



RC Patna Kankarbagh



RC Bombay Film City



RC Calcutta South Circle

RC Malpura City — RID 3056

During the Maternal and Child Health Week, Dr Aastha Jain, a club member, spoke on breastfeeding to lactating mothers. Nutrition kits, along with folic acid and iron syrup, were given to them, while special packs with skin care items were distributed for newborns.

RC Srivilliputtur Friends



RC Srivilliputtur Friends — RID 3212

A mega cyclothon titled 'Say no to drugs' was organised with the participation of 140 school students who pedalled 10km to boost the public image of Rotary in this town. District general secretary TN Arunachalam flagged off the cycle rally.

RC Patna Kankarbagh — RID 3250

A road safety awareness session was conducted for 200 students at the New Era Public School, Patna. The objective was to reduce fatal accidents, and promote responsible behaviour by road users. The event was also attended by teachers.

RC Calcutta South Circle — RID 3291

Around 60 students (Class 8–11) at the Calcutta Rescue Paathshala attended a thalassaemia awareness session with Subhojit Roy, advisor, District Thalassaemia Awareness Committee, giving a lecture. Club president Nirmal Das, along with Amrita Paul and Sukhendu Basu, was present.

RC Bombay Film City — RID 3141

Project RACHANA — Routine *asanas* for concentration, harmony and natural activeness — was launched jointly with the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation to provide yoga practices online, every Thursday, for 30 minutes to one lakh school students. Mayor Ritu Tawde inaugurated the project.

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A carnival for special children

Team Rotary News



Winners of the sports meet with their medals and certificates.

All the Rotary clubs of Karur, RID 3000, Tamil Nadu, came together to organise a carnival for children with disabilities. The event brought cheer and joy for the children, even as they displayed their inherent

talent, winning applause and prizes through the day.

Over 200 students from across eight schools and care centres participated in various events. Vigneswaran S was the project chairman. DG RBS Subramani and Karur district collector

C Muthukumaran were the chief guests for the programme.

Around 500 students from mainstream schools participated in a sports meet which was sponsored by RC Karur Young Gen. Karthick M was the project chairman. ■

Giving breastfeeding a boost



Infant grooming kits being given to new mothers.

The Rotary Club of Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, commemorated World Breastfeeding Week (Aug 1-7) by distributing infant grooming kits to new mothers at the Rani Maternity Hospital in the town.

A special lecture was arranged by the club where medical experts spoke to the new mothers about the importance of breastfeeding and how it will enhance their baby's health and immune system.

Members from other Rotary clubs in the town also participated in the programme. ■

Talent promotion among school students

Team Rotary News



Winners of the Inter-School Marathi Elocution Competition.

Rotary E-Club of Solapur Elite, RID 3132, organised an Inter-School Marathi Elocution Competition to provide students a platform to develop and showcase their oratory skills, confidence, leadership qualities and social awareness. Around 60 students from junior and senior groups participated in the competition.

The students delivered speeches on topics including a plastic-free environment, education for every child, tree plantation, reading culture, water conservation, cleanliness and health, and responsible citizenship.

As part of its efforts to support the overall development of young people, the club also organised a personality development session for students of Class 9–10 at Sangameshwar

Public School, Solapur. Motivational speaker MD Kanade (Pramod Kanade) conducted the session, focusing on confidence-building, communication skills, positive thinking, and the importance of striving for excellence.

The initiatives aimed to encourage students to develop their communication abilities and grow into confident and responsible individuals. ■



Students at a personality development session.

Hospital equipment donated

Team Rotary News

RC Billimora, RID 3060, donated essential medical equipment to Swastik Charitable Trust for use by the community.

The donation included three hospital beds, one water bed, a toilet chair, a wheelchair, a crutch stand, a walker and a mortuary freezer.

The initiative aims to support patients and their families in the community by improving access to essential medical equipment.■

Club members along with the equipment donated to the hospital.



Rangoli record at Pachora, Maharashtra



RC Pachora-Bhadgaon, RID 3030, Maharashtra, created a record for the largest rangoli art by an organisation on the theme *Unite for Good*.

Led by club's immediate past president Dr Mukesh Ramkrishna Nainav, a team of 20 students and club members created the rangoli on November 9, 2025. The artwork covered 3,450 sqft and was completed in nine hours using 1,550kg of rangoli material.

The initiative conveyed a message of unity and humanity through art. The achievement was recognised by the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records in Jan 2026.■

Supporting mothers, newborns and the elderly

Team Rotary News



RC Dimapur, RID 3240, organised two community service initiatives focusing on maternal and child health and care for the elderly.

As part of its Women and Child Welfare project and in observance of Rotary International's Maternal and Child Health Month, the club distributed nutritious food and essential baby care kits to mothers, children and newborns at the District Hospital, Dimapur. The initiative aimed to provide support and dignity to young mothers and reaffirm Rotary's commitment to maternal and child health.

In another initiative, club members visited the House of Fellowship Old Age Home, where they spent time with the elderly inmates, served refreshments, and interacted with them. The programme focused on companionship and emotional support for the residents.

Both initiatives highlighted the club's efforts to address community needs through practical support and personal engagement. ■

Above:

Club members distributing a baby care kit to a mother.

Right:

A member distributing care kits to elderly at the House of Fellowship Old Age Home.





RC Tirupattur president N Venkatachalam (4th from L) and members at the eye-testing and surgery camp.

Eye surgery camp screens 250 patients

Team Rotary News

As many as 250 patients were screened at the eye-testing and surgery camp organised by RC Tirupattur, RID 3231, at Dr Vinothini Eye Care Clinic at this town in northern Tamil Nadu. Among them, 40 were recommended for free surgery at the local hospitals. Dr V Vinothini, a club member, examined the patients, and gave consultations.

Tirupattur MLA N Thirupathi was the chief guest at a special event to mark Doctors' Day and Auditors' Day in which

the club honoured Rotarians who excelled in these fields. Wedding anniversaries and birthday of some members were also celebrated.

More than 100 Rotarians and

their families took part in the colourful event which gave a platform for networking and bonding.

Study books and other classroom essentials were distributed to 100 students at an anganwadi school near the Housing Board, Tirupattur, with Dr Leela Subramaniam giving away the textbooks and stationery items to the children. Sweets were also given to the beneficiaries.

In a similar move, educational materials were distributed to 150 students at a government school in Karambur near Tirupattur. RID 3231 AG C S Annadurai presented scholarship cheques (₹5,000 each) to college students at an event in which over 100 Rotarians with their families took part. The wedding anniversaries and birthdays of members were also celebrated on the occasion.

Under its weekly *Project Annammittu Magizh* (Enjoy serving meal), food is being distributed to at least 200 people at the women's homes being run by the Change Trust, Tirupattur; at government schools; and special homes. A wall clock was donated to the Combined Courts Complex, Tirupattur, with club member RR Manokaran handing over the time unit to the court officials. ■



Professionals are being honoured at an event to mark Doctors' Day and Auditors' Day in Tirupattur.