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Eye surgery camp in Tirupattur, TN

Team Rotary News

As part of its ongoing medical project, RC Tirupattur, RID 3231, screened around 300 people at an eye check-up and surgery camp at Dr Vinothini Eye Care Clinic, and identified 35 people for free surgery.

During the anaemia check-up camp, 155 persons were examined and given consultations. Free medicines were distributed to needy patients. Tirupattur sub-collector Wilson Rajasekaran was the chief guest at a blood donation camp held at the Annai Pangu Church in which over 50 units of blood was collected, thanks to 75 public donors. Club members donated a huge catalogue of books to the district library in the presence of ward councillor N Thirupathi.

Club member Prabavarani gave a talk on the importance of mental health for a happy life at a speaker



Above: RC Tirupattur president G Venkatesan and other members at the eye check-up and surgery camp.

Below: Rotarians donate books to district library, Tirupattur.



Left: Club president Venkatesan honours actress Preetha for her stand-up comedy at an orphanage.

meet held at the Ramakrishna Higher Secondary School, Tirupattur.

A private screening of Tamil film *Good, Bad, Ugly* was arranged at the Sri Ramajeyam theatre for Rotarians, Anns and Annets, while a tour was conducted for 45 Rotarians and their families around Kerala and adjoining places of Tamil Nadu.

A humour meet titled *Sirikkalam Vanga* (Come, let's laugh) was conducted with TV anchor and actress Preetha entertaining 320 inmates at the Uthavum Ullangal Kappagam, a special home for orphans and elderly destitute in Tirupattur. ■

On the Cover: Newly-enrolled children with school bags distributed by RC Kushinagar.

A village gets a training centre

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The Rotary Club of Coimbatore Gaalaxy, RID 3201, through its RCC, installed a training centre in a neighbouring village to train school-going children in various activities to divert their attention from getting addicted to mobile phones.

“We are teaching them games, embroidery and other simple hobbies. The idea is to engage them in useful activities, rather than have them browse through social media platforms aimlessly, especially now during the summer vacation,” said club president Sahadevan.

The club’s RCC has been actively engaged in various service projects in the village for over six years. ■



Rotarians with children in the village.

RYLA for the underprivileged



RYLA participants interacting with a Rotarian.

RI District 3040, led by DG Anish Malik, hosted a special RYLA at the Mahadevi Pustakalay in Indore for children aged 8–16 from underprivileged slum communities.

Tarun Mishra, the RYLA chair, with co-chair Yashovardhan

Kothari and DRR Nikunj Goyadani, designed interactive sessions to help build communication skills, teamwork, confidence and leadership values. More than lectures, these were immersive experiences aimed at unlocking hidden potential and igniting

aspirations. The RYLA showed how leadership, when seeded early, can transform communities for generations to come, said DG Malik.

The Rotary Clubs of Indore Marshal, Indore Central and Indore Meghdoot co-hosted the programme. ■

A multidistrict adventure RYLA

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RID 3170 set out to create “a benchmark of excellence by organising a collaboration between the young and old,” and conducted a unique, out-of-the-box multidistrict international RYLA titled *Saahas* at Dandeli, a town in Karnataka known for its hiking trails and wild forests.

The 55 participants from 11 districts included those from two international districts RID 2150 (Belgium) and RID 4420 (Brazil). These youngsters joined the event to explore a new journey in Rotary.

The event saw the participation of five RYLA chairs — Sharayu Mishra, District 3170; Sanjay Karwa (3131); Anand Ramani (3141); Venu Gopal Yalamanchili (3150); and Debajit Goswami (3240).

Event and RID 3170 RYLA chair Sharayu Mishra said eminent speakers addressed the participants on various subjects including building connections, working on collaboration, developing communication skills with the unknown, group activities on team-building, time management, trust, environment and leadership skills.



A group selfie among RYLA participants.



Rafting against the tide.



The two-day plenary sessions were innovative, concise and impactful and upgraded the participants' skills to a much higher level. The workshops on nature, art and pottery were immensely popular, he added.

Living up to its title *Saahas*, the three-day event included adventures such as a jungle safari, which involved the sighting of diverse flora and fauna, fireside camping with a tribal dance by members of the local Siddi community, nature trail and trekking, bird watching, water thrills like river rafting, zorbing, kayaking and boating, and a session on nature art and pottery.

A highlight of the event was raising funds by selling the art work done by the participants and this event fetched over ₹30,000 which will be donated to the Rotary School in Dandeli and TRF.

RID 3170 Governor Sharad Pai, Rotary Club of Dandeli president Rahul Bavaji and secretary Ashutosh Rai worked hard to make this event a big success. "This RYLA has been phenomenal and one-of-its-kind that RID 3170 has ever hosted, and it was well featured in the local newspapers and social media and helped to boost Rotary's public image," said RYLA chair Mishra. ■



RID 3170 DG Sharad Pai and participants at the RYLA.

Nutritional kits for TB patients

Team Rotary News

Project Nikshay Mitra (friends) was launched by RC Kalyan City, RID 3142, in support of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan at the Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation Hospital.

As tuberculosis accounts for around 26 lakh new cases and four lakh deaths annually in the country, with over 1.62 lakh TB patients under treatment in Maharashtra alone, the club decided to address this disease by providing nutritional



RC Kalyan City secretary Yakub Bhetasiwala and (to his right) president Hycenth Bhetasiwala present nutritional kit to a TB patient at the KDMC Hospital.

support to patients. Each nutritional kit is assembled to include essential food items such as wheat, mixed dals, cooking oil, groundnuts and milk, designed to support a family for three months.

“Our primary goal is to provide vital nutritional support to vulnerable TB patients, many

of whom come from economically challenged backgrounds,” said Yakub Bhetasiwala, club secretary. “Thus, sponsoring two such kits extends the food aid to a family for six months.” Dr Sonawane and Dr Tushar from the hospital have made arrangements to ensure the presence of beneficiaries during the project launch. ■

School bags distributed at Kushinagar, UP

School bags were distributed to newly-enrolled students by RC Kushinagar, RID 3120, at the Junior High School, Kasia, with the block education officer Vijaypal Tripathi as chief guest.

Commending the initiative, Tripathi noted the club has taken a number of school projects reaching out to students from underserved communities. In his address, club president Wahid Ali said, “we strive to enrich the educational experience of children and have plans to distribute school bags to over 10 schools.”

Club secretary Ajay Singh said the school bags were designed



Children with their new school bags given by Rotary.

keeping in mind the needs of children. School principal Bhagwant Kumar Singh thanked Rotary and said such efforts would boost the confidence of students who would be motivated to excel in their studies.

The school bags have the club’s name and Rotary Wheel embossed on it. A large number of Rotarians were present at the handover event which lifted the public image of the club in the locality. ■

Walkathon to promote healthy living

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Moradabad Central, RID 3100, along with five other clubs from the city, jointly organised *Walkathon Rally* to spread awareness about healthy living among all age groups.

The event saw participation from school students, Rotarians, and citizens, with DGN Kavya Saurabh Rastogi and city officials flagging off the rally.

Over a dozen schools took part, with children performing Zumba and carrying placards promoting fitness and anti-tobacco messages. Multiple hydration points with herbal drinks, fruits and snacks were set up along the route by health partners and local businesses. Shirts and caps were distributed by Max Hospital, Moradabad.

The rally culminated at the Grand Village Hotel, where schoolchildren were felicitated, and food packets were distributed. A formal Rotary meeting followed, with addresses by health experts, dignitaries, and Rotary leaders emphasising early health screening, the dangers of tobacco, and the importance of physical activity.

The event concluded with tributes to victims of the recent Pahalgam attack, and a fellowship meal, celebrating the success of a united community effort. ■



DGN Kavya Saurabh Rastogi along with Rotarians at the flag-off.



Participants at the rally.

club matters



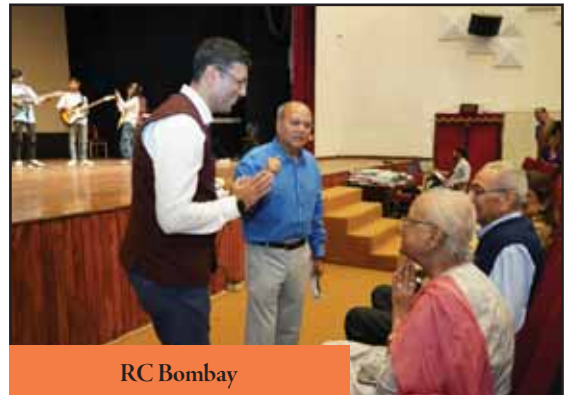
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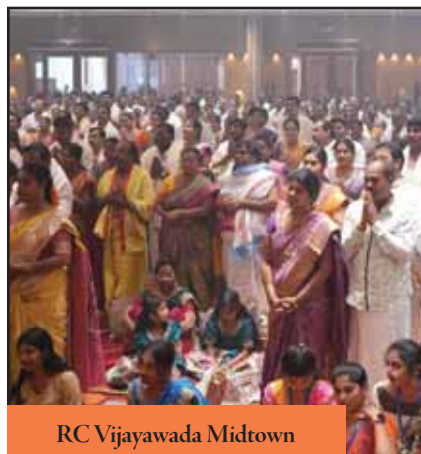
RC Madurai Sangamam



RC Bombay

RC Karambakudi City — RID 3000

DG Raja Govindasamy donated two road barricades to the local police station for regulating traffic flow. The name of the club with Rotary Wheel logo was painted on the metal barricades.



RC Vijayawada Midtown

RC Hinganghat — RID 3030

A three-day mammography and PAP smear tests screened over 500 women through a diagnostic van. Among them 230 were selected for the final screening camp. Around 60 men addicted to tobacco were covered under oral cancer screening.

RC Madurai Sangamam — RID 3000

An Interact Club of BPM Matriculation School was installed with the efforts of club member Balanakannan, who is also the school correspondent. AG RMA S Rajeshkanna was the chief guest.

RC Vijayawada Midtown — RID 3020

Around 22,000 devotees witnessed the installation of Lord Tirupati Balaji's replica as the club organised a two-day event titled *Udayasthamana Sevalu*. Over 500 volunteers took part.

RC Bombay — RID 3141

A musical event *Anand Hi Anand* was held jointly with the RID 3141 Avenue of Disability to Ability and Baghban, a local NGO, under the club's Elder Day Care project. Teachers from the Shankar Mahadevan Academy also sang.



RC Mira Road



RC Vijayanagar Mysore



RC Kalyan



RC Coimbatore Millennium

RC Mira Road — RID 3141

In partnership with RC Bombay and the Impacct Foundation, the club has sponsored meals (₹10 lakh) at the Dharamshala which has 96 furnished flats for cancer patients being treated at the Tata Memorial Hospital; and paediatric cancer patients (₹8 lakh). Fab-Tech is also a partner.

RC Kalyan – RID 3142

Past president Ram Vithal Marathe represented his RI district at the RI Peace Conference in Istanbul, Turkey (Feb 20–22). He met RI President Stephanie Urchick and exchanged club flags. Marathe attended the sessions, discussions and exchanged ideas with the delegates.



RC Kumta

RC Kumta — RID 3170

Six women achievers from different walks of life were honoured by Uttara Kannada deputy commissioner of police Laxmipriya at a colourful event on Women's Day (March 8). The event celebrated the strength, resilience and achievements of women.

RC Vijayanagar Mysore — RID 3181

Past president Harish won the first prize at the 19th Rotary Awareness Quiz, a district competition anchored by PDG B Devdas Rai and hosted by RC Mangalore Central, in which 12 Rotary clubs sent their contestants. Dr Sooryanarayana and Pramila Rao from RC Puttur East won the second prize.

RC Coimbatore Millennium — RID 3201

Sri Ramakrishna Group of Institutions director NR Alamelu was presented Vocational Excellence Award. The educational group jointly with the club will hold multi-school programme on ways to overcome Math fear.

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RC Chopda holds farm camps in villages

V Muthukumaran

Expert guidance on sustainable agriculture was given to 155 farmers at the two free soil testing camps organised by RC Chopda, RID 3030, at the Mahadev Mandir, Jadan Chowk in Chahardi village, and Agricultural Technical School, Adawad.

Farm experts from Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd (RCF) and a couple of other institutions educated farmers on soil testing, its benefits and how to improve crop yields. "Soil testing is critical for farmers to know the nutrient content and

PH level of their cultivated land. This knowledge enables them to make informed decisions on the right mix of fertilisers they should apply for better crop yield," said club secretary Bhalchandra Shivaji Pawar.

Through optimising the use of fertiliser and improving soil health, farmers can increase their income as they would be adopting scientifically-proven, best agricultural practices. Thus, following sustainable farm practices, "they are assured of long-term soil health and fertility which will provide a regular source

of income to farmers," he said. "The success of farmers' camps is a testament to the power of collaboration and community engagement in promoting sustainable agriculture."

At a one-day lecture series on environmental issues, experts and faculty members from the College of Social Work, Chopda, sensitised the farmers in Vaijapur village on the need to protect the forests and wildlife on the Satpura mountain range. The lectures covered a wide range of ecological issues including deforestation, man-animal conflict, forest fires, and how to give first aid to snake bite victims.

"Speakers called upon the villagers to preserve the environment, discussed strategies to prevent wildfires such as informing local forest officers about burning small farmland, avoiding inflammable objects, and taking



An expert giving a talk at the soil testing camp for farmers in a village near Chopda.

care while setting fire wild bushes to clear the path for cultivation,” said Pawar. A study conducted by the Student Development Department of the college had identified encroachment, land clearing, and man-animal conflict as the main reasons for forest fires.

The diverse benefits of forests were explained to the participants including water retention, soil conservation, and improving the natural cycle. Both the villagers and students pledged to protect the forest and a poster titled *Animal Life on Satpura Mountains* was unveiled on the occasion.

Medical camp for women

With the aim to ensure the health of self-help group (SHG) women at Adawad village, a thyroid detection camp was held for them on Women’s Day (March 8). “Body symptoms like weight loss or gain, sensitivity to heat or cold, irritability, fatigue, hair loss and dry skin are pointers to thyroid disorder which affects the quality of life in rural women,” said Pawar.

The screening project offered an opportunity for women to undergo thyroid detection test and receive guidance on managing their health. “By promoting health awareness and providing medical support, our club is empowering women and improving their overall well-being,” he said. The doctors urged the patients to undergo regular health check-up as they are vulnerable to diseases being exposed to the vagaries of nature.

An Abuse-Free Society campaign was kicked off on Women’s Day to eliminate gender-based discrimination and harassment of women in public places. “The aim is to create a society of dignity and respect for womanhood by acknowledging the role of mothers and sisters in our



RC Chopda president Ishwar Saudankar (2nd from R), along with members, at the launch of Abuse-Free Society poster campaign.



Club president Saudankar (5th from L) with Rotarians and college faculty at the environmental seminar in Vaijapur village.



A woman being tested at the thyroid screening camp in Adawad village.

families,” said the club secretary. Rotarians took a pledge to build an “equitable society where women are valued and appreciated for their indispensable roles” both in their personal and professional fronts.

Around 130 persons benefitted from a blood group and haemoglobin check-up camp held at the Chhatrapati Shivaji

Maharaj Chowk, Chopda. The medical camp was done jointly with Sonam Clinical Laboratory and Kai Sau Sakwarbai Multipurpose Organisation. During the camp, the club gave useful information to residents about their health issues, thus enabling them to take precautions and seek timely medical help if required.■

A carnival for women entrepreneurs

Team Rotary News



Women performing at the carnival.

Rotary Club of Siliguri Umeed, RID 3240, organised *Wonderland Carnival 2025*, a four-day fair aimed at empowering women and promoting Rotary's public image in rural areas. Inaugurated by Darjeeling MP Raju Bisht, the carnival offered a platform for female entrepreneurs to showcase their skills in handicrafts, cuisine, and community service.

The event featured over 1,000 visitors daily and included a series of cultural programmes featuring rural music, dance, art displays, and a fashion show. A blood donation camp ran throughout all four days.

PDG Subhasish Chatterjee, Rtns Vishal Gupta, JK Subbiah, and members from various Rotary clubs visited the carnival. "The carnival not only boosted young talent but also significantly contributed to the local economy, aiding in women's empowerment and community progress," says project chair Prithwiraj Nath. ■

Stalls at the carnival



A Rotary dental clinic

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club Muzaffarnagar Mid Town, RID 3100, has installed a dental clinic at the Mayadevi Charitable Hospital in Baghpat, UP, which was inaugurated by DG Nitin Agarwal.

The club has been supporting this hospital since 2014 so that people in the surrounding rural areas can get medical treatment for their ailments. A dialysis centre and an ambulance have been provided by the club to this hospital earlier.



DG Nitin Agarwal and ARRFC PDG Debashish Mishra at the inauguration of the dental clinic at the Mayadevi Charitable Hospital in Baghpat, UP.

ARRFC Debashish Mishra was present at the inauguration of this dental clinic which was set up with global grant support.

The club distributed packets of nutritious snacks to 40 people in the hospital, which is another ongoing initiative. ■

Transit shelter in Tirupur



DG Dr Suresh Babu, along with members of RC Tirupur Anandham, at the newly installed passenger shelter.

The Rotary Club of Tirupur Anandham, RID 3203, has built a grand passenger shelter on Mangalam Road near the

Little Flower Convent in the city. The facility constructed at a cost of ₹29 lakh was inaugurated by DG Suresh Babu. "It is already

attracting attention, and will certainly enhance Rotary's public image, in addition to providing shelter to commuters," he said. ■

Tribute to Pahalgam terror victim **Lt Vinay Narwal**

Team Rotary News

To honour the memory of Lt Vinay Narwal, a young naval officer killed during the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, RC Karnal, RID 3080, organised a heartfelt tribute in the form of a mega blood donation camp.

Commissioned into the Indian Navy two years ago and posted in Kochi, Lt Narwal was an IT officer and a part of the 36th Naval Orientation Course. He was shot dead during the attack on tourists at the Baisaran meadows near Pahalgam in Kashmir.

Organised jointly with Vaish Bhawan Charitable Trust, local industries, and other NGOs, the camp collected 137 units of blood for children affected by thalassaemia. Doctors and paramedical staff from Kalpana



Rajesh Narwal pins a badge on a blood donor in the presence of club members.

Chawla Government Medical College facilitated the blood collection.

All blood donors were honoured with donor badges presented by Lt Narwal's parents, Asha and Rajesh Narwal, in the presence of club members and other dignitaries. "Their presence added an emotional note to the event, transforming the camp

into a tribute to courage, sacrifice, and service," says Pradeep Kumar Jain, the club's executive secretary.

The club also donated two computer systems to Jain Girls Senior Secondary School for supporting digital education for over 1,350 female students. ■



Club members, along with staff and students of the Jain Girls Senior Secondary School, after donating the computers.

An anti-drugs marathon at Sirhind

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Club members at the inauguration of the marathon

RC Sirhind, RID 3090, under the leadership of DG Sandeep Chauhan organised *Run for Life*, an anti-drugs awareness marathon in May 2025.

Over 2,500 runners from across the region participated in this event, joined by 70 government departments and 26 NGOs. The marathon, held in association with the district

administration of Fatehgarh Sahib, set a new record in participation for the region.

DG Chauhan flagged off the run and addressed the gathering on Rotary's core values, urging everyone to adopt the three-spoon formula — reducing a teaspoon each of sugar, salt, and oil to improve wellness. He also reaffirmed Rotary's global

commitment to polio eradication and urged greater involvement in humanitarian service.

Deputy Commissioner Sona Thind and local MLA Lakhbir Singh Rai praised the club's initiative. A pledge ceremony led by MLA Rai saw over 2,500 participants saying "No to drugs," amplifying the event's impact. ■



A panel discussion at the Assembly.

Members discuss annual goals in Ghaziabad

Rotary Club of Ghaziabad South End, RID 3012, held its member Assembly for 2025–26 at the Masai Mara Resort, Ramnagar in Ghaziabad. The three-day retreat combined planning with fellowship, as members discussed strategic goals, service projects, and the Rotary Code of Ethics.

Interactive sessions, team-building activities, and the scenic setting fostered camaraderie and renewed commitment. Members concluded the event with a united pledge to drive impactful service in the year ahead. ■

Focus on women's health at Patna college

Team Rotary News

Around 250 girl students, NCC and NSS volunteers attended an awareness talk on 'Women's personal health and hygiene' hosted by RC Patna Kankarbagh, RID 3250, to mark World Malaria Day (April 25) at the Raj Narain College, Hajipur.

Sanitary napkins were distributed to the girls. The talk also focused on steps to prevent cancer and malaria by adopting a healthy,



Girl students at the women's health seminar at the Raj Narain College, Hajipur.

conscious lifestyle. "An MoU was signed with the college for holding regular activities to create a lasting impact in the local community through mutual cooperation," said club president Raj Kishore Singh.

To promote well-being of children, a health check-up camp was held for around 50 students at

the primary level (Class 1-5) at the Bharti Government Primary School, Lohianagar. Apart from examining general health issues, the children were screened for haemoglobin, blood group, heartbeat, oxygen level in the lungs, and their height, weight were also measured to gauge their fitness level. ■

Rotary counselling centre in Kolhapur

A new counselling centre, Prayas, to resolve domestic family disputes through mediation was formed by RC Kolhapur Mid Town, RID 3170, with the initiative from its club president Arundhati Mahadik.

With growing cases of domestic violence and abuse, rural women in Kolhapur district are finding it difficult to sustain their livelihoods. As chairman of Bhagirathi Mahila Sanstha, Arundhati and her team are helping rural women by training

them in small business under the *Bachat Gat* (microfinance) scheme of the state government.

One of the club members A V Deshpande, a former district judge, is mentoring the team of counsellors at the Prayas, mostly women Rotarians, through sessions on how to resolve family disputes. "We conduct regular meetings of Prayas counsellors and different issues are being discussed," said Arundhati. "Prayas could resolve many cases, mainly husband-wife disputes to avoid divorces."

Arundhati recalled that during visit of DG Sharad Pai, his wife Padmaja was "highly impressed with the new centre, and expressed happiness through a WhatsApp message." ■



RC Kolhapur Mid Town president Arundhati Mahadik looks on during a training session for Prayas counsellors.