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Strengthening healthcare and education facilities

Team Rotary News

RCs Sindhudurg Central and Kolhapur Heritage, RID 3170, in association with Wanhua International and the RCKOP Heritage Foundation, have implemented a major healthcare and education initiative in Sindhudurg district, benefitting hospitals, newborn care facilities and a rural primary school.

The project was implemented through the RCKOP Heritage Foundation and focused on improving facilities at the Government Medical College and Hospital, Sindhudurg, the Women and Children's Hospital in Kudal, and Zilla Parishad Primary School No 1 in Oras, Sindhudurg.

At the Government Medical College and Hospital, Sindhudurg, an anaesthesia machine and a multipara

monitor were donated to support surgical procedures and patient care.

The Women and Children's Hospital in Kudal received equipment for maternal and neonatal care, including CPAP machines, a multipara monitor, tabletop pulse oximeter, neonatal intubation set and neonatal stethoscopes. The equipment is expected to strengthen newborn care and provide critical respiratory support to infants.

The initiative also benefitted Zilla Parishad Primary School No. 1 in Oras, where a solar power system, an interactive digital learning panel, and a water purifier were installed. The additions are expected to improve access to digital education, ensure reliable electricity and provide safe drinking water for students. ■



A newborn receives critical care at the Government Medical College and Hospital, Sindhudurg, with the newly donated equipment.

Below: Rotarians handing over the equipment to hospital authorities.



On the cover: A sanitation worker being recognised at the *Sevai Nayagigal* event organised by RC Erode Nexus, RID 3203.

Rotary Happy Schools in Pune

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Pune Heritage, RID 3131, transformed two zilla parishad schools — in Andori Satara and Malkapur Karad — into Happy Schools. Toilet facilities and handwash stations,

recreational and sports facilities were provided in both the schools. The club sponsored the repair work in classrooms, construction of compound walls, and set up digital classrooms and libraries in both the schools.

Educational charts, furniture and musical instruments were also provided to the schools.

The project cost ₹28 lakh and was supported by CSR partners Sava Healthcare and Truck Automation India. ■



Service projects from RC Erode Nexus

Team Rotary News

On Women's Day (March 8), the Rotary Club of Erode Nexus, RID 3203, organised *Sevai Nayagigal* (Heroines of Service) — a special celebration dedicated to appreciating and honouring the invaluable contributions of women sanitation workers who tirelessly work to keep our city clean and healthy.

The mayor of Erode City Municipal Corporation Nagarathinam Subramaniam presided over the programme held on its premises. Senior civic officials — Corporation commissioner Arpit Jain, health officer Dr M Karthikeyan and city engineer G Murugesan were also present.

Around 250 women sanitation workers were welcomed with warmth



Sanitation workers enjoying their evening at the *Sevai Nayagigal*.

Below: Club president S Bharanidhar honouring a participant at the obesity awareness walkathon.



and dignity by club members led by their president S Bharanidhar and secretary R Madhumathi. The evening began with tea and snacks, simple, yet powerful gestures that conveyed a long-overdue message: “We see you. We value you.”

With a DJ playing songs close to their hearts, the women laughed, clapped, sang and celebrated, free from the weight of their daily routine. Because “that evening, they were not workers. They were the pride of our community,” says Bharanidhar.

Petals were showered upon them, and the women members performed *aarthi* for their special guests. Faces that had long carried the fatigue of labour lit up with a newfound brightness. For many of these women, this was not just an event. It was a once-in-a-lifetime moment, a moment where they felt seen, celebrated and deeply valued. A wholesome dinner was served in their honour.

The club has launched a year-long service initiative to support patients undergoing treatment without attendants at the Erode Government Medical College Hospital. The project was implemented with generous financial support from club secretary Madhumathi. Many patients admitted to government hospitals face not only physical suffering due to illness but also emotional distress caused by the absence of family support and basic caregiving. Recognising this critical need, the club has adopted 15 such patients for whom it provides basic healthcare assistance, hygiene and personal care, essential daily supplies, emotional reassurance and interaction.

In another initiative, the club organised an awareness session on HPV vaccine to educate young women and girls about cervical cancer and its prevention through vaccine. The session was conducted by club member Dr Shruti Rajendran,



Students interacting with a resource person at the My Body My Story event.



A session on safe e-waste disposal being organised for schoolchildren.

who is a fertility consultant at the Lotus Women Care hospital. She gave valuable insight into Human Papillomavirus (HPV), its risks, and the importance of timely vaccination in preventing cervical cancer.

Under *Mission: E-Waste Rescue*, the club organised an awareness and collection initiative pep talk for the students of Erode Public School, to educate them about the importance of responsible e-waste management and environmental sustainability. An

engaging and informative awareness talk was delivered by Jenifer Gladious, project chairperson of the club's *Project Go Green*.

The session focused on creating awareness about electronic waste, its harmful effects on the environment, and the need for proper collection and recycling practices. Students were encouraged to actively participate by bringing e-waste from their homes, with the assurance that Rotary Erode Nexus would take

responsibility for its safe collection and recycling.

Under the programme *My Body My Story*, the club, in collaboration with RC Sivagiri, organised an engaging awareness session aimed at creating a safe space for young individuals to understand and discuss topics related to growing up. The session was led by club member Dr CS Sri Darshini, who addressed important aspects such as physical changes during adolescence, menstrual health, mood swings and emotional well-being. The programme focused on breaking myths, removing stigma, and encouraging open conversations around topics that are often considered sensitive. Around 400 adolescent girls benefitted from the programme.

Another informative session was conducted for 50 women to create awareness about government-backed opportunities, financial support systems, and startup assistance programmes. The session focused on helping women understand various government schemes, subsidies, grants, and business assistance initiatives designed to support their growth and entrepreneurial journey. Expert speakers such as S Nagarajan, former senior manager, Indian Bank, and a credit mentor from the District Industries Centre, and T Gopinath, project lead, StartupTN, shared information on eligibility criteria, application processes and how to effectively leverage these opportunities for personal and professional development.

The club organised a slogan writing contest, *Green Words Challenge*, for the students of the Erode Public School. The event was aimed to create awareness about environmental conservation among students. Around 50 students participated and cash prizes and certificates were distributed to the winners and participants.

In association with the Erode



Blankets being distributed to the differently-abled.



A walkathon to sensitise children about environment protection.

Government Hospital, the club organised a walkathon to sensitise the public about obesity and its related health issues. Around 100 students of the Velalar College of Nursing participated in the event, and along with the Rotarians, they carried placards with impactful messages highlighting the need to combat obesity and adopt healthier lifestyle.

The Rotary Club of Erode Nexus extended its support to an

initiative organised by FEDABLED (Federation of Tamil Nadu Differently Abled Associations) aimed at the welfare and empowerment of differently-abled individuals. The event brought together beneficiaries, organisers, and community members to promote inclusion, accessibility and social support. It served as a platform to highlight the importance of equal opportunities and the need for an inclusive society. ■

Serving with purpose

Team Rotary News

In preparation for the hot summer months, the Rotary Club of Shahabad Markanda, RID 3080, undertook cleaning and repair work of water coolers installed at various places in the town. The work included replacement of taps, pipes, elbows and filters to ensure safe and clean drinking water for the public and children.

Around 150 people benefitted from a medical check-up camp held by the club at the Siddharth Hospital. Deepak Sharma was the project chair. The camp offered free tests for BMI, ECG, BP, diabetes and cardiovascular risk assessment. Pharma companies Cipla and Microlabs lent their support for conducting the camp.

Notebooks were distributed to 450 students at the PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School which caters to children from less privileged families.

The club installed a water cooler at the Gurudwara Guru Nanak Darbar. It was sponsored by club member C P Gupta in memory of his mother Bimla Devi. ■



Above: Members of RC Shahabad Markanda at a water cooler site.



Left: A woman gets her parameters checked at the Rotary medical camp.

Below: Students with notebooks given to them by the club.



club matters



RC Jindal Nagar



RC Nagpur Horizon



RC Rajahmundry River City



RC Sagar

RC Jindal Nagar — RID 3012

School bags were distributed to students at a government school in Galand; a smart board was installed to provide digital learning; and sanitary pads were distributed to girl students at an awareness session on menstrual hygiene.

RC Rajamahendravaram Icons



RC Rajamahendravaram Icons — RID 3020

An Inter-District Exchange programme was held with Mumbai Rotaractors (RID 3141) as part of *Andhra Vaibhavam* tour. RID 3020 community co-chair Sunkara Kishore, a psychologist, spoke on youth collaboration.

RC Nagpur Horizon — RID 3030

Ann Dr Shweta Mokaddam gave a talk on eye donation at the club's fortnightly meet. She gave a presentation to mark World Eye Donation Day (June 10), and the winners of a poster competition were felicitated.

RC Rajahmundry River City — RID 3020

Thirty-one professionals were honoured with the Rotary Vocational Excellence Awards in a colourful event. Tirumala Educational Institutions chairman Nunna Tirumala Rao and PDG Bhaskar Ram were chief guests.

RC Sagar — RID 3040

Club members donated a water purifier to the Gharaunda Ashram, a special home for differently abled children and adults. In another initiative, a cricket match was organised for Rotarians to enhance bonding and fellowship among them.



RC Ajmer Sanyogita



RC Ranipet Sipcot



RC Bareilly Metro



RC Durgapur Central

RC Ajmer Sanyogita — RID 3053

Four desert coolers (₹40,000), sponsored by club members, were donated to Shubhda, a rehab centre for children with disabilities. Rotarians interacted with the special children. The centre accommodates those with autism and mental disorders.

RC Belgaum Midtown



RC Belgaum Midtown — RID 3170

The second dose of HPV vaccination was given to 50 underprivileged girl students as part of the club's aim to ensure women's well-being. Rtn Roopa, Dr Vijay and other club members contributed for the success of the anti-cervical cancer campaign.

RC Ranipet Sipcot — RID 3231

More than 100 patients were screened at the eye check-up camp which helped in the early detection of vision disorders and treatment of the beneficiaries. The medical camp boosted the public image of Rotary.

RC Durgapur Central — RID 3240

An environment seminar titled 'Prakritih – Building towards a greener future' was held in the presence of DGE Asim Adhikary, PDGs Shyamsree Sen, Ashok Agarwal, Rintu Niyogi and other Rotary leaders. Domain experts shared their views.

RC Bareilly Metro — RID 3110

Regular medical camps are held at the Rotary Bhawan in partnership with local hospitals for a holistic care of the patients. General health screening is followed by tests related to blood count, ECG and kidney ailments. Those in need of cataract surgery are identified. Free medicines are given.

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Rotary homeopathy camps benefit over 50,000

V Muthukumaran

Fortnightly homeopathy camps are being conducted by RC Shri Madhopur Sunrise, RID 3056, at its Rotary Bhawan, benefitting more than 50,000 patients since 2011 when the club was chartered by members of the defunct parent club.

Every second Sunday of the month, Dr SL Chaudhary treats patients suffering from a range of chronic diseases such as kidney stones, skin issues, prostate, stomach disorder, asthma, migraine, tonsils, allergies, fungal infections, joint pain and other illness. He provides free consultation, and medicines are

distributed, the cost of which is met by the club.

Club's charter president Rajendra Kasera, Vijay Kasera and other members render voluntary service at the medical camp which was first started in 2002. At that time, Dr Ramendra Paul from Jaipur agreed to provide free medical service each month. "But the club had to cover the cost of their travel, meet the expenses of paramedics administering the medicines, and also bear the cost of free medicines for the patients," said Giriraj Kayal, past assistant governor. "All these expenses amount to ₹2,500–3,000 per month."

With the support of Rajendra Kasera and his team of volunteers, the homeopathy camps were being held without interruptions till 2011. Even when Dr Ramendra Paul was transferred from Jaipur to Delhi, "he was never absent from our medical camps. For, he maintained that while 'we are always earning, we should also devote at least one or two days a month to society.'" Dr Paul was ready to provide his service for two camps in a month, "but that was beyond our budget as we won't be able to sustain the homeopathy camp for long, if it is more than one in a month," said Kayal.



Dr SL Chaudhary with Rotarians and patients at the homeopathy camp at the Rotary Bhawan, Shrimadhopur, Rajasthan.



RID 3056 DG Pragya Mehta with club members at the drugs inventory room.



Chaudhary Nathuram Bhamu Rotary Bhawan, Shrimadhapur.



An eye specialist with Rotarians and patients at the cataract screening camp.

A fresh start was made in 2011 when a new club, RC Shri Madhopur Sunrise took over the project after the parent, Shrimadhapur club was shutdown. With the financial support of club member Madhav Singh, Rotary Bhawan was built in which weekly club meetings, project activities are being held.

In 2013, RCCs Nangal Nathusar and Kanchanpur were holding medical camps for their rural communities. “After seeing good response to their camps, we decided to hold one such camp a month at our Rotary Bhawan, and another with our RCCs. Thus from 2013, homeopathy camps are being held fortnightly instead of once a month,” explained Kayal.

Except during Covid or other emergency situations, the medical camps are being organised for the last 23 years with patients from Shrimadhapur and other villages getting benefitted from free treatment and distribution of medicines. “We have maintained the registers for all the 479 camps held by our club so far.”

Cataract surgery camps

With financial support from the District Blindness Prevention Committee, Jaipur, a cataract screening and lens implantation camp was held at the Rotary Bhawan. The 80th edition of the cataract check-up camp was organised with the support of

Rampratap Anjana Devi Kayal Help Trust and Sankara Eye Hospital, Jaipur.

At the eye screening camp, 95 patients were examined and 46 were selected for cataract surgery at the Sankara Hospital. “Free eye surgery will be done on patients, and their travel, food, and accommodation will be arranged by the club,” said Kayal.

Spectacles were given to 40 patients who had undergone free surgery in the previous camp. So far, the club has organised around 80 eye check-up camps with over 7,300 OPD registrations, and done operation on 2,449 patients identified at such camps. ■

Rotary promotes traditional rice varieties

Team Rotary News

Traditional rice seeds are being distributed free by RC Vaibhavwadi, RID 3170, to promote sustainable agriculture and preserve indigenous paddy varieties. In one such initiative, the club provided native rice seeds to Rajendra Salunkhe, an experimental farmer from Khambale village in Sindhudurg district of Konkan region in Maharashtra.

Some traditional varieties including sonphal, ghansal and red rice were given to the farmer to support his experimental cultivation, so that the local genetic resources are conserved for the next generation. Salunkhe will conduct field trials to evaluate the adaptability, productivity and quality of the traditional varieties under the



Farmer Rajendra Salunkhe is provided with traditional rice varieties as RC Vaibhavwadi president Sachin Raorane (left) looks on.

agro-climatic conditions of the Konkan region. The findings are expected to benefit other farmers by demonstrating the potential of indigenous rice cultivation.

Club president Sachin Raorane was present when the seed varieties were given to Salunkhe. Also present were club secretary Namdev Gavali, Prashant Gulekar and other Rotarians. ■

Two water coolers at Sambalpur

Led by their president Rashmi Mahapatra, members of RC Sambalpur, RID 3261, installed two water coolers at different places to provide safe, clean drinking water to the public.

The water kiosks boosted the public image of Rotary in the localities. Club president Rashmi said they have been doing similar “welfare projects catering to the needs of the local communities.” ■



RC Sambalpur members at the inauguration of a water cooler.

Improving school infrastructure

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Mumbai Greens, RID 3141, constructed safety railing for staircase to provide safety to 150 students at the Sainath School in Airoli. Classroom furniture were donated to the school which serves children from low-income migrant families residing in the vicinity.■

Members of RC Mumbai Greens with students at the Sainath School, Airoli.



Development kits for children



Children at one of the anganwadis where RC Halvad distributed nutrition kits and games accessories.

The Rotary Club of Halvad, RI district 3060, provided specialised nutrition kits to children across 10 anganwadis located in the slum areas of Halvad, Morbi district, Gujarat. Each kit included *moringa*

(drumstick)-infused chocolates and fresh fruits, educational charts and toys for the brain games.

A blood collection drive initiated at the Kejriwal Industries by the Rotary Club of Seaface Surat of the

same district collected over 100 units of blood which was given to a local hospital. A health check-up camp was organised and an awareness lecture by medical experts threw light on various lifestyle diseases.■

Digital learning at rural schools

Team Rotary News

Hundreds of students in Uttarakhand gained access to digital education after RC Bareilly South, RID 3110, in collaboration with RC Kashipur, installed computers and smart class infrastructure at two educational institutions with a CSR grant.

At Devambar Dham Ved Vigyan Sansthan and Vividh Arogya Ashram in Kashipur, the clubs set up six computers for a computer laboratory. They installed an electrical panel for a smart classroom. At MP Hindu Inter College, Ramnagar, another 14 computers and four electrical panels were provided to strengthen digital learning facilities. DG Rajen Vidyarthi, club leaders and members attended the inaugural ceremony.

The initiative forms part of the club's wider focus on education. Earlier, furniture and computers were donated to Rani Mahalaxmi Bai Saraswati Vidya Mandir Inter College in Izzatnagar, Uttarakhand, while teachers from the Rotary Public School conducted village outreach programmes encouraging parents to enrol their children in school. On International Women's Day (March 8), educational supplies were distributed to around 140 girl students at the Rotary Public School to support their learning.

The club organised a two-day badminton tournament for young players, extending a platform for local talent while encouraging fitness, discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship among children and youth.



Club members after donating benches and computers at the Saraswati Vidya Mandir School.

Right: A food donation drive organised by the club.





Members of the Interact Club of Zenith creating environmental awareness through *Project Bloom*.

Below: Felicitation of winners at the Rotary Public School.





Winners of the badminton tournament with their trophies.

Greening mission

Marking World Earth Day (April 22), Interact Club of Zenith, affiliated to RC Bareilly South, organised *Project Bloom*, an environmental awareness and plantating drive at the Delhi Public School, Bareilly.

Students participated in awareness sessions on environmental conservation, the importance of *tulsi* plants and reducing plastic use. Around 600

tulsi saplings and flowering plants were distributed and planted across the campus, while five trees were planted as a lasting contribution to the environment. Reusable cloth bags were also distributed to encourage sustainable habits.

The club organised a food distribution programme at the District Hospital, providing meals to patients, attendants and other needy

individuals while promoting the spirit of service and compassion.

Members and their families gathered at Ramnagar for a fellowship picnic featuring recreational activities, games, music and social interaction.

The Rotary Public School celebrated its Annual Day with cultural performances, academic awards and sports recognitions, showcasing the talent and achievements of its students. ■

Dictionaries distributed

Team Rotary News

RC Mahabubabad, RID 3150, distributed 50 English-Telugu dictionaries to students at the Mahatma Jyothiba Phule Gurukula School.

Speaking at the event, DG SV Raam Prasad stressed that education is the most powerful tool for transforming lives and building a stronger society. He highlighted



DG SV Raam Prasad handing over a dictionary to a beneficiary in the presence of club president Vemishetty Kishore.

Rotary's commitment to literacy and educational development, noting that resources such as dictionary can help students improve their language

skills and expand their learning opportunities. The programme was attended by club members and local dignitaries. ■

A memorable RYLA for children

Team Rotary News



Children display their artwork, along with Rotarians, at the RYLA.



Mountaineer Bhagwan Chawale gifts a prize to a competition winner.



Morning warm-up session near the Kalra Caves.

A three-day residential RYLA was conducted for around 70 children near the scenic Karla Caves by RC Pune Royal, RID 3131, with the support of Akhil Maharashtra Shri Ekvira Devi Bhaktangan Twashta Seva Mandal, a spiritual organisation.

Numerous activities were conducted to raise awareness about cleanliness, environmental conservation, teamwork, friendship, concentration for success, and social responsibility. Sports material for various games and fun activities were donated by the club.

The young participants enjoyed adventure games, took part in competitions, group activities, engaged in voluntary service, and interacted at multiple sessions to hone communication skills, personality development, drawing, handicrafts and social awareness, as they were guided by resource persons.

Multiple sessions on cybercrime, science, dental care, Mount Everest and shloka recitals during the camp saw the children taking part with enthusiasm, thanks to the presentation in an interesting manner by domain experts. Mountaineer and Everest climber Bhagwan Chawale distributed the prizes to the winners of various competitions. The RYLA camp instilled discipline, moral values, self-reliance, courage and leadership qualities among children, said Medha Kulkarni, club member. "It also helped the young participants to understand their culture, religion and history."

Also, the three-day camp at the scenic village was a memorable experience for children, their parents and the Rotarians who accompanied them. ■

Impactful services in Balaghat

Team Rotary News

RC Balaghat Royal, RID 3261, donated an ambulance for public use, organised food and fruit distribution at the district hospital, conducted free medical camps, and provided relief assistance to families affected by natural disasters.

The club held a blood donation camp at PT College, Balaghat, collecting around 80 units of blood, and conducted hygiene awareness programmes for women and girls. It also organised *Splash 2025*, a painting competition, attracting around 1,100 students from 10 schools, and hosted a RYLA programme to promote youth leadership and cultural exchange.

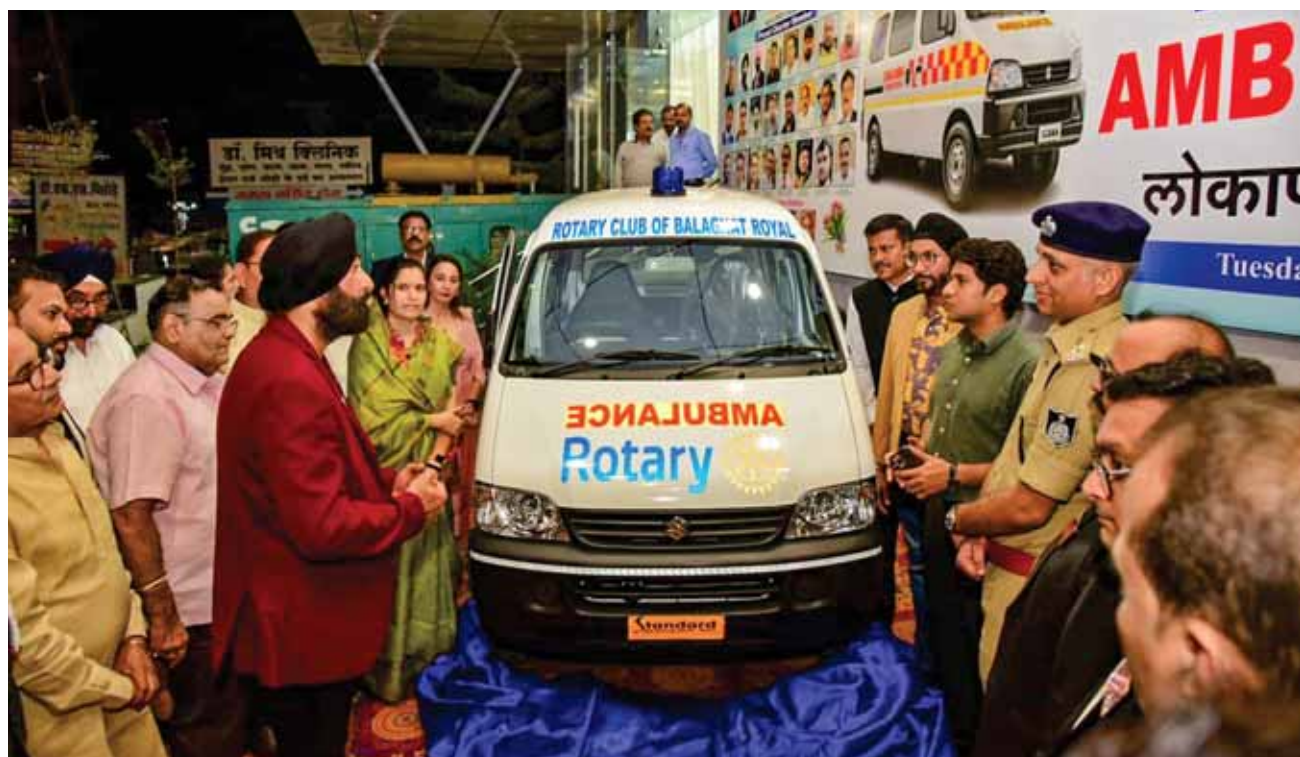
Additional projects include installing water coolers across the city during the summer and launching the *Helping Hands* project, which provides essential medical equipment free of cost to patients in need. ■



Participants at the RYLA.

Right: Students participating in *Splash 2025* painting competition.

Below: Club members at the ambulance handing over ceremony.





Food for all

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Delhi Southex, RID 3011, has been continuously carrying out the *Prabhu Prasadam* food distribution initiative every month for the last many years with dedication and compassion. Through this project, nutritious meals are distributed regularly to individuals from less privileged societies.

The members of the club actively participate in planning, arranging and distributing food to ensure that help reaches those who genuinely need it.

The club has now expanded this noble initiative to include labourers working at construction sites. ■



Members of RC Delhi Southex at a stall to distribute food and fruits for the public.

Blood collection drive in Agartala

The Rotary Club of Aspiring Agartala, RID 3240, along with the CRPF, organised a mega blood donation camp which was inaugurated by Tripura Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu. Sanjay Yadav, IGP-CRPF Tripura Sector, also participated.

Around 80 units of blood was collected at the camp. ■



From L: Tripura Governor Indrasena Reddy, Sanjay Yadav, IGP-CRPF Tripura Sector; and club secretary Jumur Banik Sengupta at the blood collection camp organised by the club along with the CRPF.