

Rotary News *Plus*



**Riding high
with Rotary**

Gala fun at public image project in Salem

Team Rotary News

It was all about fun and fellowship at the two-day Public Image Project conducted by the Rotary Club of Salem Smart City, D 2982, at a holiday resort in Karimangalam, a scenic town in Dharmapuri district.

Titled *Sangamam-II*, the event brought together the families of Rotarians as they participated in games such as swimming and other team sports to develop leadership qualities. It also extended a platform for membership development. The project cost ₹72,500. The club organised a two-day special training programme for the physically-challenged teachers at AVS Engineering College, Salem.

The club joined hands with Rotakids to conduct leadership project for schoolchildren in the age

group of 5–13 years. In the one-day programme, subjects like arts and craft, study of astronomy, paper cutting competition and hygiene

were covered at an idyllic place called *Thai Anbu Illam*, near the foothills of Yercadu, a hill resort. The project cost ₹16,500. ■



The families of Rotarians at a holiday resort.

RC Satna hosts training seminar



The role of social media in bringing the change was one of the topics for discussion at the PETS and SETS event titled *Adhiyagya* of District 3120 hosted by the Rotary Club of Satna. Rotary leaders from eight clubs took part in the training seminar which had DRR Vaibhav Thakur from Muzaffarpur, D 3250, as one of the guest speakers on the subject of 'Social media ushering change in Rotary'.

Rotarians Satish Jain, Sharad Pandey, Abhishek Khandelwal, Vijay Nagdeo and Praveen Garg, who were also Past DRRs, spoke on related topics at the event. Celebrity

author Durgesh Tripathi whose book *Middle-class to Millionaire* rose up to become the Amazon bestseller, gave a motivational speech to the delegates. He had trained over five lakh persons through motivational workshops.

DRR Elect Jagrat Kapoor gave a presentation with a set of common minimum goals to each club and shared the process of achieving the same. He had also launched a district theme "Be a Reason to Smile" at the seminar. Club President Manohar Digwani and Secretary Manvinder Oberia made arrangements for the smooth conduct of PETS/SETS in Satna. ■

A bike ride to enhance Rotary's public image

Team Rotary News



Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Surat, D 3060, Rotarian couple Heena and Chirag Gandhi rode 5,000 km in 15 days on their motorcycle during Jan 30 to Feb 15, to enhance Rotary's public image. They travelled from Jaipur to Spiti, also known as the The Middle Land, or the land between Tibet and India.

The ride was adventurous as the couple faced a few hardships in the form of rain and landslides. They celebrated their wedding anniversary by riding to Kaumic, the world's highest residential village connected by a motorable road at a height of 15,050 feet above sea level. They also visited the world's highest post office in Hikkim.

The couple were hosted by PDRR-turned-Rotarian Viveksheel Dureja who helped them meet PRID YP Das. ■

Polio awareness drive and sweater distribution at Amreli

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Rotary Club Amreli City, D 3060 carried out an immunisation drive in Amreli in Gujarat to promote polio awareness. Over 1,300 children were given polio drops and a toy each. Rotarians Chandresh and Jignesh Modi had been instrumental in organising the drive.

The club also distributed sweaters to 265 students of the Devaliya Primary School and 80 sweaters to speech and hearing-impaired students. ■

Rotarians at a polio immunisation booth.

Below: Schoolchildren donning sweaters gifted by the Rotarians of RC Amreli.



Improving lives in Pattukkottai



DG P S Ramesh Babu handing over a sewing machine to a beneficiary.

Below: Computer and accessories being donated to a school.

A part from donating \$2,500 to The Rotary Foundation, the Rotarians of Rotary Club of Manora Pattukkottai, D 2981, provided a computer scanner cum printer and a photocopier at a cost of ₹18,000 each to Thamarankottai Primary Block Health Centre and the Municipal Middle school. The club also installed a 50-litre RO water plant and donated ₹50,000 to the school to meet the repair expenses. The Rotarians distributed educational kits worth ₹10,000 to the school students.

The club is also working towards the upliftment of women from underprivileged families by providing them with sewing machines. ■



Annotsav helps build Children's Park

Team Rotary News

The ardently awaited food festival *Annotsav*, which is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Belgaum, D 3170, for the last 20 years, attracted over 50,000 visitors over a period of 10 days in January to enjoy the recreational fair with sumptuous treat for the foodies.

In addition to thousands of citizens of Belgaum, the visitors included distinguished

persons from the Army, local administration, the media, and various other walks of life. All members of the club worked for months to fine tune the mega event they had undertaken to deliver. It was an "event management" taken up on a voluntary basis by Rotarians to wow the citizens of Belgaum. "Great food, entertainment, and an amusement park for children were the three guiding mantras and the layout of

the open space ensured an optimal crowd flow," said Rtn Tushar Kulkarni, Chairman, *Annotsav 2018*.

Great cuisines were put up at the stalls by not just relying on the *Annotsav* brand equity, but "travelling to really distant places to assemble an eclectic mix of tasty menus," said Kulkarni. While a band of Rotarians focused on devising themes for entertainment, some interactive, for each day of



the festival and building a stage, screens and sound worthy of best concerts.

The Amusement Park helped the club to draw families with children to the festival so that they can enjoy the food without being worried about babysitting. Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors manned the ticket counters and it was teamwork at its best at the 10-day festival.

The Annotsav fair has allowed the club to generate a sizeable corpus funds that are used to undertake long-cycle projects for community welfare. Some of the projects funded from the proceeds of this event over the years include drinking water facilities, benches, educational aides at schools, public



Above: A section of visitors at Annotsav.

Left: DG Anand Kulkarni inaugurates Annotsav along with RRFC Avinash Potdar and other Rotarians.



toilet blocks, skin bank, eye bank, and freezers and medicines for hospitals.

How it all began

It was in 1997 when the then Club President Avinash Potdar dreamt of a food festival in Belgaum to bring some delectable cuisines thereby offering local chefs and housewives a unique platform to showcase their culinary talent. Later on, he became a PDG and currently serves as RRFC.

A corollary benefit envisioned out of this exercise was to allow small scale entrepreneurs to benefit from the presence of hundreds of visitors and help them to market their food products on an individual basis. Rotarians toiled and travelled long distances to woo the best of caterers and chefs from cities such as Pune and eventually managed to organise a food festival which over the years became a sought-after event for the people of Belgaum.

“Annotsav 2018 was a great leap from the one that was held

in 1997. Never imagined it would become a defining feature of our club. It allows the club with just this event to meet all our Rotary objectives. It has changed the image of our club in society at large. And it was a pleasure to watch families and friends gather together, eat, and talk while enjoying the entertainment,” said RRFC Avinash Potdar.

RC Belgaum President Sachin Bichu said the funds generated from Annotsav will be utilised for developing a children’s park in association with the Maratha Light Infantry Regimental Centre and also for constructing public toilet blocks in parts of the city. A part of the corpus will be used to form a Rotary Study Circle for students preparing for the national and State-level competitive exams.

The gourmet festival created a big buzz on the social media and there was a good media coverage all through the event, giving Rotary image a much visibility among the residents of Belgaum. ■

Rotary holds boat race in Thane lake

V Muthukumaran

In a major public relations exercise to boost Rotary's image in the neighbourhood, a first-ever boat race was organised at the serene waters of Upvan lake by the Rotary Club of Thane Paradise, D 3142, in partnership with the Municipal Corporation. DG B M Sivarraj and First Lady Manonmani flagged off the colourful race which saw the release of Rotary Wheel into the sky along with balloons, symbolising the spirit of this global organisation.

Recalling some of the highlights of the boat race, Club President Preeti Khandelwal said, "our club name RC Thane Paradise trailed along in the clear blue sky and it was a sight to behold and rejoice." The club instituted a Governor's Trophy for the winning team.

Rotary banners and billboards spelt out pithy



Thane legislator Pratap Sarnaik giving prizes to the winners.

messages and highlighted global projects like polio as part of creating awareness among Thane residents.

Live music entertained the Rotarians and the public who had gathered in large numbers to cheer the racers on the Upvan lake.

"While some danced to the tunes of hit numbers, the cheerful fun was contagious with food being passed on," recalled Preeti. Thane legislator Pratap Sarnaik gave away the prizes to the winners and lauded the multifarious

projects of Rotary in Greater Mumbai Region. "Following the success of the boat race, we will be holding it each year as an annual project," said Preeti.

Blood donation camp

A blood donation camp was held at the DAV Public School, in association with Triumph Blood Bank. Over 93 units of blood were collected and donated to the blood bank in a single day.

"We also conducted a thalassaemia awareness seminar through a power point presentation. All the 300 parents were sensitised on thalassaemia. The speakers answered the questions raised at the event through examples and AV details," the club president added. ■



A blood donation camp at the DAV Public School.

Dog show, pet camp at Nagapattinam

Team Rotary News



A dog show, along with an immunisation camp for pet animals, was organised by the Rotary Club of Nagapattinam Wings, D 2981, in partnership with the Veterinary Welfare Society of the State government.

The club members sponsored the vaccines for the pets animals. The dog show featured breeds such as German Shepherd, Rottweiler, Pug, Labrador, Pomeranian, Doberman and the native breeds like Rajapalayam and Kanni dogs.

Prizes were distributed to the owners of the well-performing dogs at the end of the show. ■

Smart Girls programmes at Rajgarh

V Muthukumaran

Smart Girls programmes consisting of seminars, workshops and distribution of sanitary napkins to girl students at government schools and hostels in Rajgarh town are being held since January to create awareness on menstrual hygiene.

More than 1,000 girls have benefitted from this ambitious project which aims to educate the girl students to adopt a healthy lifestyle, says Sushil Kumar Jain, Secretary and President-elect, RC Rajgarh, D 3040. "We are focusing only on girls in the age group of 12–18 years studying in government schools as they are in need of motivation and timely assistance," he explains.

Seminars are being held at the invitation of government schools on a monthly basis and so far "we have covered 12–15 institutions including girls hostels." The club has also roped in its Interact club at Manas Convent Higher Secondary School to organise a number of seminars and lectures for girl students to educate them on health and sanitation for better living. "So far at the Manas School, we



have distributed over 800 sanitary napkins for the girls," says Jain who has drawn up ambitious plans for the next year.

The club is also expanding its Smart Girls project to the surrounding villages of Rajgarh in the Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. "We have received a great feedback from the schools and this project has definitely enhanced the Rotary image in the community," he adds. ■

From wheat distribution to picnic in Bhutan

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Rotary Club of Palanpur City, D 3054, under its permanent project distributed wheat, dal and sugar to over 300 people from underprivileged families.

Note Books and stationery kits were distributed to 150 students of Shri Ramjanki Primary School and 200 students of Shiv Shakti Primary School, Tekra. The Rotarians also distributed stationery material such as pencil, rubber and sharpener to over 500 Students of Shri SN Kothari School, Palanpur, besides donating a cupboard and sound system to the school.

Rotarians of RC Palanpur City distribute stationery to schoolchildren.

Below: Rotarians on a tour to Bhutan.



The club members spent a day with children at the Remand Home in Palanpur and treated them with some sumptuous food. They then distributed nutritious food packets to 900 students at the Sarasvati Vidyalaya in Amir-gadh village. The club has also conducted a blood donation camp which helped to collect 36 unit of blood.

The members also enjoyed a tour to Bhutan that helped in better bonding and promoting camaraderie. ■

Surat club hosts Mexican delegates

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PDG Bharat Solanki and spouse Anar dressed in Marathi costume.

During a friendship exchange programme, the Rotary delegates from Mexico enjoyed the hospitality of the Rotary Club of Surat Midtown, D 3060, which hosted a number of programmes to celebrate their visit.

Among other programmes, a ramp walk was held in which couples dressed in Indian costumes representing the diverse culture entertained the foreigners. PDG Bharat Solanki and his spouse, Anar, represented the Marathi culture at the ramp walk that entertained the delegates from Mexico. ■



A fruitful visit to Malaysia

Team Rotary News

During a cultural exchange programme, Assistant Governor Arvind Batra, D 3054, interacted with top Rotarians in Malaysia. He presented his views and discussed ideas on how to promote the exchange programme during his four-day trip.

Rotary's social initiatives at the international level provide "better opportunities to grow and motivate us to work harder in the chosen direction," said Batra.

He visited the Rotary clubs of Tebrau and Pontian, D 3310, in Kuala Lumpur and exchanged Rotary pins with Rtn Faith Lin Mein Khuan.

Batra also exchanged the flag given by DG Maullin Patel, D 3054, with Raju Kopal, President, RC Tebrau.

In Pontian, the Assistant Governor visited the Rotary Haemodialysis Centre. He was assured by Rtn Chortek Choo, past president of the exchange programme, that his club would partner with D 3054 for Rotary's student exchange programme in future. Batra also met past president Hardeep Singh of RC Diraja in Kuala Lumpur and exchanged the flag given by DG Maullin Patel. The Diraja Rotary Club is 89 years old and Batra was happy to interact with that club's past president. ■

Vellore clubs join hands for service projects

V Muthukumaran

All the 13 Rotary clubs in Vellore, D 3231, came together to organise a mega heart camp titled *Idayam Kappome* (protecting heart) which screened children below 18 years for a range of cardiovascular illnesses at Voorhees College. Apollo Hospitals was a major partner in hosting the medical camp.

DG K Jawarilal Jain and District Collector S A Raman inaugurated the medical camp in which over 300 children had a thorough screening with ECG, BP and blood tests. Around 30 patients were referred for further treatment at various hospitals.

Rotarians Sundarraj and K Panneerselvam were among the major sponsors of the heart camp. DGE Chandrabob, DGN B Sridhar, Voorhees College Principal Stanly Jones were also present along with presidents of the 13 clubs. The heart camp was organised at a cost of ₹1.5 lakh.

Cots to hospitals

Hundred cots with mattresses, bedsheets, pillows and mosquito nets were donated to government hospitals in Vellore, Sholinghar, Arcot and Vaniyambadi in the presence of DG Jawarilal Jain and the District Collector.

The 68 clubs in the district have contributed for the project which will enhance the facilities in the government hospitals to accommodate more patients at their wards. The project cost ₹8.25 lakh, DGN Sridhar, the clubs presidents and a large number of Rotarians took part in the event.

To mark the 113th Rotary Day, all the clubs in Vellore hosted a blood



DG K Jawarilal Jain along with Rotarians at the inauguration of a mega heart screening camp at Voorhees College in Vellore.

donation camp in partnership with Masonic Blood Bank. Around 30 units of blood were collected from the Rotarian donors. DGN Sridhar and District Blood Donation Chairman Dharanivasan presided over the camp.

Under the Community Health Project, an anaemia awareness camp was conducted at Government Girls HS School in Brahmapuram which was attended by over 180 students. District Anaemia Chairman Nandhakumar spoke about the disease and the type of food to be consumed to prevent it. The awareness camp cost ₹9,000.

Orphanage visit

Every year on Children's Day, the members of RC Vellore North visit Anbu Ullangal, a hostel-cum-home for underprivileged students and orphans, at Moonjurpet to celebrate with them. The Rotarians donated food items,

groceries and gifts to the home to make it a memorable occasion for the 30 inmates who were also engaged in fun activities and games.

In the Literacy field, the club donated ₹4,000 as educational aid to B Abinaya, a second year MBA student from Auxilium College, Katpadi. Also, S Yamuna pursuing a nursing diploma at St John's School, Pannathur, was given ₹8,000 by the club.

WinS project

A sanitary napkin incinerator was donated to the Government Girls HS School in Serkadu which will benefit over 270 students. The Rotarians demonstrated to the girls how to use the facility.

Non-Rotarian Dr Suresh Babu donated ₹1 lakh to the charitable trust of RC Vellore North and he was felicitated by the club members. ■

Smile Express rings in dental care

Team Rotary News

There is a greater awareness on dental hygiene and oral care among the schoolchildren of Chandigarh following the visit of the team from *Smile Express* which examined their teeth and gave consultations on how to take care of their dental health.

Rotary Club of Chandigarh Midtown, D 3080, joined hands with RC Redding West, California, D 5160, to roll out this *Smile Express*, the mobile dental clinic which visited schools, orphanages and nearby villages to bring in awareness on dental care.

In Vishwas School in Panchkula, Haryana, the *Smile* team examined and treated over 230 students.

Then, the mobile clinic halted at Aashiana, an orphanage, at Panchkula to examine over 90 inmates. Back in Chandigarh, the dental experts visited



A dentist examining a patient.



A dental camp at Khuda Alisher village.

a nearby village Khuda Alisher and screened around 80 patients for tooth decay.

Promotional events

A number of promotional events like photo exhibition, lecture-cum-demos, drawing contest for schoolchildren and expert talks were organised by the club to create awareness on adopting best hygiene care for dental health. The *Smile Express* visited a number of schools, shelter homes and villages in and around Chandigarh from April 15 till the last week of May with the logistics and support provided by the Rotary club. ■

D 2981

RC Nagapattinam

It was a gala New Year celebration as the club along with RC Nagapattinam Midtown organised a family get-together (*Puthu Vasantham*) at VPN Mahal in which over 500 Rotarians along with their families had a social interaction and exchanged greetings.



D 2982

RC Jalakandapuram

A dental awareness seminar was organised in association with the Rotaract Club of Kailash Women's College. Dr Chandaramogan interacted with the students who clarified with him a number of problems related to oral healthcare.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Palace City

A tree plantation drive was taken up at the government offices. Pudukkottai Sub-Collector K M Sarayu, Municipal Commissioner N Subramanian and AG Maruti K Mohanraj took part in the event aimed to usher in a greener environment. Club President R Muthusamy presided over the programme.





D 3000

RC Karur Amaravathi

A teacher training workshop was held at Bharani Park School to improve their professional abilities and enrich their skillsets in child care. Over 120 teachers took part in the workshop who were also taught on the methodology for handling students with learning disabilities.



D 3000

RC Madurai North

Six washbasin units were installed at the government higher secondary school in Samayanallur village which benefitted 950 students from nearby areas. Moreover, proper water and sanitation facilities were provided in the toilets. Students were taught on how to keep their hands clean.



D 3000

RC Thuraiyur Golden City

A four-day RYLA called *Wings* was organised in Kodaikanal in which 90 Rotaractors were exposed to leadership sessions, panel discussions, motivational sessions, zumba dance and were taken on an ecological trek to appreciate nature. DG P Gopalakrishnan inaugurated the RYLA.

D 3020

RC Vuyyuru

Veterinary camps were held at nearby areas such as Hanumanthapuram, Kolavennu, Chagantipadu and Prodduturu which reached out to dairy farmers whose cattle stocks were examined for illnesses and consultations were given.



D 3030

RC Nagpur South East

A fellowship programme *Diwali Milan* was organised as part of membership drive which also gave an opportunity for members to interact and celebrate the festival of lights.



D 3030

RC Nashik Smart City

A borewell for drinking water was handed over to a school at a tribal region of Vinayaknagar. DG K S Rajan inaugurated the facility which would benefit 500 villagers and over 90 school students and teachers. The project cost ₹1.50 lakh.





D 3054

RC Bhuj Flamingo

A workshop on stress management was organised at Indrabai Girls High School for students from Classes 9 to 12. Dr Gaurang Joshi, psychotherapist, made the students understand the different types of stress relieving techniques.



D 3070

RC Palampur

Four Rotary teams branched out to different schools to organise WinS project to mark the Global Handwashing Day. The paramedical staff from VMRT Hospital gave a demo on the handwashing and how to keep it clean and tidy. Also, the Rotarians conveyed the importance of saving water to the students.



D 3090

RC Patiala Midtown

A table tennis tournament was organised in partnership with Racquet Sports which saw many talented youth taking part with enthusiasm. The sport event enhanced the image of Rotary in the community.

D 3110

RC Bareilly Metro

A one-day medical camp was held at Mundia Ahmed Nagar, a village panchayat in Bareilly tehsil, for the underprivileged families who were given free medicines after consultations. The club has been holding medical camps regularly in this locality earning the goodwill of the community.



D 3160

RC Jammalamadugu

Stationery, books including dictionaries and lunch boxes were donated to students of ZP High School at Gundlakunta village in Cuddapah district. Club President Y Chandrasekhar Reddy also gave carrom boards, steel tumblers, stationery and notebooks to MPP School in Jammalamadugu.



D 3181

RC Mysore North

An amount of ₹20,000 was donated to a patient Laxmi who was suffering from kidney failure. DG Suresh Chengappa and Club President Rajashekhar Kadamba gave the amount to the beneficiary.





D 3181

RC Mangaluru Central

To create awareness on Rotary activities, an inter-club quiz contest was held that saw the participation of 13 teams from various clubs in the district. DGE Rohinath was the chief guest. He awarded the Rotary trophy and cash prizes to the winners and runners up. RC Baikampady team won the Rotary Quiz Trophy, while the team from Mysore Vijayanagar was the runner-up.



D 3182

RC Kadur

A sports meet was organised to mark World Handicap Day in association with the Education Department and Inner Wheel members. Over 150 differently-abled students took part in athletics and games. Top three prizes were given to the winners and consolation prizes to all the participants.



D 3182

RC Shimoga

An orientation course for 1,500 students from Classes 4 and 12 from eight schools and colleges was held to prepare them for their public exams. They were also taught about humanity and social responsibilities.

D 3182

RC Padubidri

A rally was held to create awareness on road safety. A speech was given by Sub-inspector Satish on the need to adopt preventive steps against accidents. The club also organised a *bhajan* competition which saw the participation of 10 teams and legislator Vinaya Kumar Sorake gave the prizes.



D 3190

RC Bangalore Orchards

A children's theatre festival *Dramebaaz* was co-hosted by the club along with Teach for India. Over 500 children in grades 5 to 7 from 32 government schools took part in the acting workshop-cum-competition. The event was aimed to transform children from underprivileged families by opening a platform to develop their skills.



D 3202

RC Tirupur South

A seminar and model exams on NEET and JEE Main were held for Class 12 students of government schools in association with TIME at Jay Shriram group of institutions. More than 1,200 students took part, of which 25 were selected for free coaching classes.





D 3202

RC Tirupur Thirumuruganpoondi

Hand and bag reflectors were given to pilgrims to prevent road accidents during the night. The club members also gave them refreshments to help them tide over their tiredness during their journey.



D 3212

RC Sivakasi

Two reverse osmosis-based water filtration systems were donated to CSI Primary School in Madhankovilpatti village and Panchayat Union Elementary School in Anaiyur village. The students and teachers expressed their gratitude to the club.



D 3212

RC Dhalavapuram

A medical camp to screen and treat bone degeneration was held in which 148 people from underprivileged families were screened and given consultations.

D 3212

RC Karaikudi Heritage

DGE K Rajagopalan was the chief guest at the event to present Vocational Excellence Awards to five notable personalities who had excelled in their respective fields. Club President K Panchacharam, along with Rotarians, were present at Golden Singar Mahal, the venue of the awards meet.



D 3250

RC Darbhanga

Three adult literacy centres were started at B B Girls Swabhiman Centre, Heycock School Swabhiman Centre and Adarsh Madhya Vidyalaya, all of them at Laheriasarai. All the 75 adult learners were registered online for exams.



D 3261

RC Jabalpur South

Rotarians donated foam mattresses and quilts to Vanvasi Vikas Parishad in the town for the benefit of its volunteers engaged in social work at the tribal areas of the region. The beneficiaries thanked Rotary for its thoughtful gesture.





D 3291

RC Calcutta New Town Central

In association with Ohio Hospital, the club devised a free health check-up package for senior citizens. An information kiosk was set up at Swapno Bhora, a senior citizens' park, and over 100 elderly people had enrolled for the check-up.



D 3291

RC Kasba

A TB awareness programme was held for underprivileged students of Bidyadharpur Girls High School in partnership with their Interact Club. The World AIDS Day was observed by taking out a rally with girl students.



D 3291

A Rotary team led by PDG Jhulan Basu visited Ghatal in East Midnapore district, one of the worst flood affected areas and distributed relief material to the victims. Food items, household utilities like candles, match boxes and utensils, besides clothes and medicines were given. Total cost of relief material was ₹4 lakh and it benefitted over 250 families.

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Welcome board greets visitors to Kadur

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A welcome board was installed by the Rotary Club of Kadur, D 3182, on one side of the National Highway to greet visitors to the town. Rotarians led by Club President K H Srinivas were present at the installation. The welcome board has further enhanced the visibility of the club among the residents of Kadur. ■



Teacher training seminar at Siliguri

A teacher training seminar was held by the Rotary Club of Siliguri Central, D 3240,

at its adopted school Buddhabharti Vidyamandir as part of RILM projects.



School teachers with certificates after the seminar.

The main objective of the seminar was to equip the faculty on the needs of modern education where students are encouraged to think beyond the classroom environment with the right inputs and suggestions from their class teachers.

Over 90 teachers from 17 government schools took part in the workshop that saw the training faculty presenting a series of skill development modules for school teachers including methodologies on modern teaching.

Assistant Governor Sunil Thakur, Senior News Editor of the daily *Prabhat Khabar* Satyaprakash Chowdhury and School Principal Uttam Kr Majumdar formed the training faculty. After the training seminar, all the participants were handed over certificates and mementoes. ■