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Rotary spreads greenery.

A car rally to promote WinS in RID 3054

Team Rotary News



A school band playing before the rally was flagged off.

Members of the RI District 3054 in January 2019 conducted a car rally to promote WASH in School. Emphasising on the need for more “gender segregated

toilets,” PDG Neeraj Sogani said “this will help the girls to attend school regularly.”

The rally was flagged off at Mandvi, Gujarat and concluded at Jaipur, Rajasthan covering close to 1,450 km

over seven days. More than 80 clubs participated in the event addressing 5,000 students from different government schools and helped in enhancing the public image of Rotary. ■



Rotarians with school students.

On the cover: Rotarians of RC Kumbakonam Sakthi, RID 2981, planting saplings in a government school campus.

Enhancing health and hygiene in Balotra

Team Rotary News

On International Yoga Day, Rotary Club Balotra, RI District 3054, conducted a yoga programme at the New Terapant Bhavan, Balotra. The aim of the event was to create awareness on different yoga postures and their benefits. Club members also distributed footwear to 120 children from under-privileged families.

In order to raise awareness about menstrual hygiene among girl students for managing the sanitary waste, incinerators were installed at two government secondary schools in Balotra by the club at the cost of ₹35,000. ■



A sanitary pad incinerator being installed at a government secondary school.



Below: Yoga camp in progress.

Diagnostic camps, surgery for Amravati tribals

V Muthukumaran

Four diagnostic camps were organised for tribals of the Melghat region of Amravati district by the Rotary Club of Nagpur South, RID 3030, followed by a three-day mega surgical camp in February 2019 with the help of an ultra-modern Operation Theatre constructed by the members.

After a few years of putting to use the surgical facilities, the OT facility was upgraded with a matching grant. Every year, over a period of three days of the camp, about 1,200

tribals are attended to at the OPD; and on an average, 120 to 150 surgical operations are performed. While 6–10 cases requiring major surgeries are moved to Nagpur for treatment at Neeti Clinic. All the patients and their attendants are given free lodging and food by the club.

Over 300 plus volunteers consisting of doctors, paramedics and Rotarians, government officials from the Health and Forest Departments take part in the diagnostic and surgical camps in this remote, tribal region.

Hiwra Bazar camp

A total of 406 patients were examined by doctors who spent the weekend with the tribal families at Ramtek tehsil in Nagpur district, 70 km from the city. Free medicines were given and 62 cases requiring surgery were identified.

Tirri camp

In coordination with the Forest department, around 550 patients were examined at the OPD during the Tirri camp at Lakhani tehsil



Tribals waiting in queues for registration.

Dr Neil Tolley from London interacting with doctors and Rotarians.



in Bhandara district. Sixty-six were chosen for surgery

Jamdi camp

At the third diagnostic camp in Jamdi village (Gondia district), a total of 454 patients were examined and 53 cases were selected for further treatment in various hospitals in Gondia and Nagpur.

Dharni Satellite camp

At the two-day camp here, over 540 patients were examined for various ailments. Of which 120 were short-listed for the main surgical camp at Chikhaldara which is the annual flagship event of the club.

Surgical camp at Chikhaldara

Besides those who were chosen for surgeries during the Satellite camp at Dharni, there was an OPD registration of 310 patients. Most were treated with medicines, while some

were added to the list of surgery cases. The operations started right in the morning on the first day itself and a total 123 surgeries were done at the end of the third and final day of this mega surgical camp.

Some of the major highlights were the visits of Maharashtra Health Minister Eknath Shinde and Head of Forest Force Umesh Aggrawal to the camp site. N Ram Babu, Managing Director, Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra, has extended his support in the course of the diagnostic and surgical camps.

A Joint Standard Operating Procedure (JSOP) between the State government, Department of Forests and Rotary Club of Nagpur South is in the process of being drafted by the club and wildlife experts such as Nitin Kakodkar and Prakash Thosre are being consulted in this regard.

It was Thosre who as the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) 26 years ago motivated the club to take the surgical camp in Chikhaldara which led to the Melghat Project.

Thyroid workshop

Conceived by PP Dr Madan Kapre, this project is an extension of the surgical camp. As thyroid-related problems are common among tribals, forty delegates (specialists) who had registered for the workshop performed nine surgeries on patients.

There were lectures on various aspects of thyroid surgery. All the delegates were appreciative of the surgical facilities and the academic content of the workshop. Star attraction was Dr Neil Tolley, Professor of Endocrine Surgery at Imperial College, London, as one of the guest faculty at the venue. ■

Rotary installs handwash unit at Amritsar school

Team Rotary News

A handwash station was installed at a government primary school in a remote village near the border by RC Amritsar North, RID 3070, as part of the WinS programme.

“The students were given a demo on the right techniques of washing hands with the help of soap and water. They took part in the exercise with great interest and assured us that they would practice it regularly,” said Rasjit Singh Khera, IPP of the club.

With an aim to ensure healthy living, the club organised a week-long yoga camp for the benefit of people suffering from various ailments of the spinal cord. A large number



Sewing machines being donated on Charter Day.

of people attended the camp including senior citizens and they were guided by yoga instructors from Bhartiya Yog Sansthan.

The participants were told to practice a number of asanas on a

regular basis to get relief from backache, cervical pain, frozen shoulder and knee, joint pains.

Charter Day

The silver jubilee of the Charter Day was celebrated on May 26 by

the club members at a gala event in which sewing machines were donated to needy women. In his address, Sufi singer Puranchand Wadali, the chief guest, praised the club for its service projects and Rotary's role in community welfare.

A mega medical camp was organised in Amritsar with doctors from different specialties and hospitals checking the patients for illnesses and chronic symptoms. Free medicines were given after consultations. “A number of tests related to bone density, thyroid, sugar and blood tests were conducted free of charge for all patients who mostly came from the slums and deprived communities,” said Khera. ■



A Rotarian explains the right techniques of handwash during a demonstration.

Dengue awareness rally at Kumbakonam

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A dengue awareness rally was staged by RC Kumbakonam Sakthi, RID 2981, with participation of students from the government girls higher secondary school.

Handbills were given to the public listing the dos and don'ts to ward off dengue and nilavembu *kashayam* was given to the students and teachers. Students were also given refreshments at the end of the rally.

All the 31 members of this women's club planted a sapling each at the government school in the presence of AG Sowminarayanan and then zone secretary KV Mahesh. The students were given pep talks on the need to protect the environment and grow trees for healthy living.

On Children's Day, a sumptuous food was given at the mid-day meal covering 650 students. A number of contests was held and prizes were



Above: A street play in progress.

Below: Women being taught the basics of yoga.



given by the then DG S Piraiyon, AG Vincent Prabhakaran and District Club Admin Chair S Balaji.

Rotarians pooled in their money to provide relief to Gaja cyclone victims. The relief items including groceries, biscuits, torchlights, bedsheets, towels, buckets and mugs and kitchen vessels were given directly to the beneficiaries.

Tank clean-up

In association with Surabhi Arakattalai, the club desilted a water tank with the legislator G Anbalagan kicking off the civic work. The clean-up was made possible with donation from Dr Muthuswamy.

The World Yoga Day was observed at the government hospital with Rotarians performing the various asanas. The club felicitated Dr Radhamani, yoga and naturopathy physician at the GH. ■

Blood donation camp in Jammu

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Jammu Midtown organised its annual blood donation camp in association with Cadila Pharmaceuticals and Department of Blood Transfusion and Medicine GMC.

A total of 100 units of blood was collected. Food arrangement for donors was done at the blood donation site. ■



Rotarians and Rotaractors jointly conduct a blood donation camp

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Rotary Club Paonta Sahib, RI District 3080, organised a blood donation camp in association with the Rotaract Club Rainbow Paonta Sahib. The total number of units collected at the camp were 108. Out of the 108 donors 37 were female donors. ■

New office-bearers take charge at RC Chopda

Team Rotary News



District Governor Dhiren Datta, RID 3040, presided over the installation ceremony at RC Chopda in the presence of Chief Guest Arun Gujarathi, former Maharashtra Assembly Speaker, AGs Anil Agrawal and Vilas S Patil.

Incoming President Nitin Jain and his Secretary Dhiraj Agrawal took charge from Poonam Gujarathi and Anil Agrawal respectively at the solemn event.

The installation of the Inner Wheel Club of Chopda and a Rotaract Club was also organised at the event.

A tree plantation was organised at the Modern Colony Layout to mark the swearing-in ceremony of new office-bearers of the club. DG Datta, Assistant Governors and club members planted around 200 saplings at the venue. The club has made arrangements for the upkeep of the new saplings. ■



A tree plantation ceremony to mark the occasion.

Above: New office-bearers being sworn in at the club.

D 2981

RC Chidambaram Central

A cardiac screening camp was organised in association with Chettinad Super Specialty Hospital. A panel of doctors examined over 400 patients, of which 28 were advised to take up further treatment at referral hospitals. Rotaractors extended their support.



D 3000

RC Madurai North

On the eve of Chithrai festival, a traditional event, the club organised a special camp in which food and refreshments were given to over 1,000 devotees who had come from far-off places to worship Lord Kallazhagar who would be entering the Vaigai river.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai City

In association with the government ITI, the club members cleaned the premises of Varadaraja Perumal temple. The students, Rotarians and other volunteers took up the cleaning activity.





D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Maharani

A fellowship meet was held with members of RC Chennai Miracle, RID 3232, in which flags were exchanged. PDG R V N Kannan and DG A L Chokkalingam were present. Earlier, a booklet containing issues related to women and children was released by a six-member women's team called Spreading Wings.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Palace City

To mark the World Heart Day, a walkathon was staged in association with RC Pudukkottai City and Apollo Hospitals, Trichy, in which over 1,500 students took part to spread the message of healthy living. District Collector S Ganesh and DSP S Selvaraj flagged off the rally.



D 3000

RC Tiruchirappalli Midtown

With an aim to promote innovation among students, the club organised a *Maathi Yose* (think differently) project in which 75 children experimented with new concepts, and scientific ideas. They displayed exhibits like rocket, washing machine models and other crafts.

D 3030

RC Chanda Fort

A heritage walk was conducted in association with Eco Pro Chandrapur. The nature trail went past some historical places and venues in the town starting from Bagad Khidki near Ramala Talav. Around 50 people took part in the event.



D 3090

RC Faridkot

Rotarians distributed over 100 caps and gloves to rickshaw pullers in the city as a token gesture. They celebrated Republic Day at an orphanage and gave dry milk packets, fruits and biscuits to the inmates.



D 3090

RC Nabha Greater Nabha

Around 350 patients were screened by a team of doctors in a medical camp for disorders related to orthopaedics, cardiac and gastroenterology. Related tests were also conducted and consultations given.





D 3100

RC Moradabad Achievers

Rotarians took up a special campaign for the young voters to come out and exercise their franchise. The club also organised a Holi meet to exchange greetings. Global Public School Principal Shalinee Gupta was the chief guest at the Holi event.



D 3100

RC Moradabad Central

A heart check-up and testing camp was held to mark the World Health Day in which over 100 people with various cardiac diseases were examined. ECG, Echocardiogram, blood sugar, lipid profile and other heart-related tests were conducted by doctors. Dr Anurag Mehrotra and his team checked the patients.



D 3110

RC Bareilly Shree

A silent rally was undertaken by Rotarians to express solidarity with Army soldiers in the Kashmir valley and the martyrs who had laid down their lives in defending the nation. Rotary Foundation Day was celebrated by members at a restaurant.

D 3120

RC Varanasi Midtown

Woollen blankets (*kambals*) were distributed to needy patients at Punjabi Hospital in Salarpur village. The club laid foundation for building classrooms at Siddhartha Mahila Shilp Kala Girls School.



D 3150

RC Bhadrachalam

A preventive health awareness session was held for students at ZP Girls HS School in the town. A panel of four doctors gave lectures and demos for healthy living. An Aadhar enrolment programme was organised for inmates of Sarojini old-age home.



D 3160

RC Guntakal

A green rally was held with school students wearing masks and holding placards with captions such as Go Green and Prevent Pollution. They created awareness on eco-friendly lifestyle among residents.





D 3160

RC Bidar Fort

A water filter unit was donated to a government high school, Nittur village in Bhalki taluk. The event was attended by Rotarians and panchayat officials. A dengue awareness session was held at Gnyana Sudha Vidyalaya with 800 students taking part.



D 3170

RC Belgaum Midtown

Around 160 traffic police in the city were examined at a health camp in which ECG, blood sugar, BP and other tests were carried to check various parameters. Police Commissioner Lokesh Kumar extended support to the camp. The health camp for the constables was mooted by Rtn Udaysingh Rajput.



D 3182

RC Kadur

Accident-prone zone signboards were installed near Kunthihole on the State Highway between Kadur and Belagur. Assistant Governor Yogeeshachar and other Rotarians were present at the inauguration of the signboards on either side of the road.

Rotary Patna completes Happy School project

Team Rotary News

In a satisfying mission, members of RC Patna, RID 3250, converted a Madhya Vidyalaya at Gaudhapar village, Chandi in Nalanda district into a Happy School over a three-year-period during which they contributed desks and furniture, donated sports equipment, uniforms, shoes, school bags and stationery items to students hailing from deprived families. This is the first Happy School of the club.

May Day was observed with a guest lecture by former MP Prof Ramjee Singh. The club felicitated



Schoolchildren in bright new uniforms.



Sumptuous meal served to the elderly at an old-age home.

seven employees from government departments and enterprises for their service in their chosen field. The Saheli Centre continues to impart training to women in three vocations in order to help them earn a decent income.

A special talk on the new changes in the CoL (Council on Legislation) was given by PDG Bindu Singh at an inter-club meeting that saw Rotarians from across the city taking part.



Wheelchairs being presented to Railway Station managers.

A guest lecture on *Tap your full potential by secret techniques of Vedas* by Ravi Prakash Pandey saw a large turnout of Rotaractors and Interactors in Patna. The event was held to mark Youth Month in May as designated by the RI Board.

Club members visited Sahara Vridhashram, an old-age home, for the fifth

time in Rotary 2018–19 and provided a grand dinner to the inmates. They also presented gifts to the elderly which were sponsored by Rtn B C Srivastava.

Ten wheelchairs were handed over to station managers of Rajendra Nagar and Patliputra Railway stations in the presence of PDG Bindu

Singh, then Club President C B Sharma and other Rotarians.

With the addition of a new doctor and compounder, the working hours of the Rotary Homeopathic Clinic have been extended to the afternoon, thus reaching out to more people. A new display board with the changed timings of the

clinic has been placed for public information.

With the aim to instill green consciousness, the club presented all guest speakers and chief guests with potted plants as a token gesture and during the birthdays and anniversaries, new saplings were planted at the Rotary Bhavan. Following a survey and discussions with members, a new club RC Azimabad was chartered by the club on May 31, 2019.

Two GG projects

The club has formalised a global grant project with a satellite club of Milton Keynes, England, RID 1260. While RC Switzerland has approached the club for partnership to execute a global grant project that supports the education of children of leprosy patients. ■



Ceiling fans and sport facilities being given to a Happy School.

Rotary holds artificial limbs camp in Jalgaon

Team Rotary News



DG Rajiv Sharma at the inauguration of mothers' milk bank along with PDG Kishor Kedia and other Rotarians.

A one-day artificial foot and calipers distribution camp was organised at the Rotary Bhavan in the city by RC Jalgaon West, RID 3030, in association with RC Kalyan and the Indian Red Cross Society.

"Free artificial limbs and prosthetic hands (LN-4) were given to 47 patients after their measurements were taken on June 7. All the technicians and officers of District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC)

worked hard to make this happen," said Rajesh Pardeshi, former secretary, RC Jalgaon West. Jalgaon Additional District Collector Gorakshak Gadilkar was the chief guest at the event and the beneficiaries thanked Rotary for this gesture.

Jalgaon Superintendent of Police Panjabrao Ugale and Civil Surgeon Dr N S Chavan were the chief guests during the first leg of the camp in which amputees were examined and

their measurements were taken to design the prosthetics. Around 30 Rotarians and the public who had donated for the artificial limbs camp were felicitated by the club.

Mothers' milk bank

A mothers' milk bank titled *Mata Amrut* was inaugurated at Rajarshi Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Government Hospital in Jalgaon. The facility was set up in partnership with Jalgaon Peoples Cooperative Bank and Ramdas Patil Smruti Seva Trust and will be of immense help to mothers of infants who are unable to lactate breast milk. Then DG Rajiv Sharma inaugurated the milk bank in the presence of PDG Kishor Kedia.

RCC certificate

The club has received the Rotary Community Corps Certificate of Organisation from Rotary International for its rural development efforts and in solving the water scarcity faced by the villagers of Gadegaon in Jamner taluk. A 15-member committee will report the development work at the village to the RI Board. ■



A beneficiary gets an artificial limb.

A workshop to highlight the Rights of children with disabilities

Team Rotary News



A workshop for parents and professionals working with disabled children.

In order to commemorate World Disability Day, Rotary Club of Dombivli Saudamini and Rotary Club of Dombivli Downtown. RI District 3142, jointly organised

a workshop “Know Your Rights” for 100 parents and professionals working with disabled children.

The workshop was conducted by Ummeed Child Development Centre,

a leading NGO from Lower Parel, Mumbai. President of RCD Saudamini Ashwini Sane welcomed the guests. At the event, the speakers — Dr Anjali Apte, Rtn Omprakash Dhoot and Rtn Anuradha Deshpande shared their experiences of working with children and individuals with disability. They also appealed to parents and professionals to come on a common platform and help people with disabilities at community level.

The three-hour workshop appraised the audience with various educational rights, social rights, insurance scheme, and how to obtain Disability Certificates, Aadhar card, employment opportunities and more such information along with contact details of concerned officials in case assistance is needed.

At this event goody bags and gift hampers made by children at a special school were given to all participants and guests. The total cost of this event was ₹26,630. ■



A participant sharing her views.

D 3202

RC Mettupalayam

PDG A V Pathy gave away solar panels, ceiling fans, LED lights and invertors to 10 underprivileged families who did not have access to power supply. These gifts would help their schoolgoing children to prepare well for the exams and provide relief to the families during summer.



D 3202

RC Tirupur Elite

More than 1,500 students took part in an event to create awareness on the need to save water, earth, river, green, tree and health with an innovative title *SWERGTH*. Then DG Dr E K Ummer inaugurated the programme in the presence of PDG Dr E K Sagadhevan. It was held in association with Sangeetha Kala Peetam.



D 3202

RC Tirupur West

A slew of projects including tree plantations, giving spectacles to the needy and providing artificial limbs to the differently-abled at a total cost of ₹6.83 lakh was undertaken in partnership with RC Kandy, Sri Lanka, RID 3220.





D 3212

RC Kadayanallur

A free heart-screening camp was held for children and elders in association with the Apollo Hospitals, Chennai. Also, a diabetes camp was held with the support of Meeran Hospital, Tenkasi.



D 3231

RC Katpadi

A job fair was conducted for a multinational company in which 400 youth took part in the interview process. The appointment letters were given on the spot by the company officials. The event turned out to be a success.



D 3231

RC Vaniyambadi Midtown

In association with an RCC, the club organised a health awareness event at Puthukovil village in Jolarpettai block as part of its Happy Village programme. A motivational session was held at a government high school in Nekkundhi village.

D 3232

RC Chennai ECR

A health centre with a multipurpose hall was set up at Kovalam village on the East Coast Road. The village was adopted by the club. While the clinic is open on all days from 5 pm to 9 pm, the hall will be used as a coaching centre for students.



D 3240

RC Silchar

A Rotary ambulance was inaugurated by the then DG Dr Sayantan Gupta which has a range of facilities for shifting critically ill-patients to the nearest hospital. Rotarians from other clubs, members of the Lions Club, Rotaractors and Inner Wheel members were present. The vehicle cost ₹26 lakh.



D 3261

RC Sundargarh Town

More than 1,000 patients were screened at a mega health camp organised at CPGP High School in Suruguda village in Lephripara tehsil. A panel of seven doctors including Rtn Dillip Sarangi handled the patients and Ayurvedic medicines were also given.





D 3291

RC Belur

Fourteen members of the club pooled in their donations to provide over 620 winter blankets to street dwellers in and around Kolkata. Under *Project Aaram*, the Rotarians went in search of needy people and gave them blankets to protect them from cold winter.



D 3291

RC Bidhannagar

Rotarians and residents of Salt Lake in Kolkata staged a play *Aghatan* at the BD Auditorium. PDGs Mukul Sinha, Shyamashree Sen and Rajani Mukherjee were present. The audience enjoyed the show and lauded the club for the initiative.



D 3291

RC Kasba

Rotarians collected bulk medicines from doctors and clinics and donated them to the State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society. Past President Subhasish Bose was present along with other members at the World Health Day event and gave a special lecture.

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Quenching thirst

Team Rotary News

To beat the rising temperature and the scorching sun for the public, the Rotarians of RC Moradabad Central, RID 3100, installed a 250-litre water cooler on Station Road during the end of last Rotary year. "The facility was an instant hit among the public and we were greatly appreciated for providing water which is direly needed here," said Abhinav Agarwal, Club President (2018-19).

In another endeavour, the members pooled in and contributed ₹25,000 for treatment of an under-privileged woman suffering from breast cancer.

On the literacy front, the Rotarians organised an event to felicitate students who had secured high marks in the last year Class 12 Board exams. ■



A water cooler being inaugurated by IPDG Deepak Jain.



A needy woman gets financial assistance for medical treatment.

Below: Meritorious students with Rotarians at the felicitation event.

