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Promoting literacy

Smart TVs installed at panchayat school in Erode

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In a major boost to digital education, RC Erode Cosmos, RID 3202, installed Smart TVs to all classes at the Panchayat Union Primary School, Chithode. The club has adopted this school, having up to Class 5, with the aim to upgrade its quality of education and give a facelift to the school ambience.

Rtn Dr Parthiban contributed for the Smart TV project (₹2.85 lakh) which has brought smiles on the faces of children. "Studies have shown that using Smart TV in classrooms has enhanced the learning ability of children. It raises test scores, boosts attentiveness and increases comprehension. Teachers report that using this digital tech has increased the involvement of students in classroom interaction," said Gayathri Devi Balaji, Club President.



Club President Gayathri Devi Balaji exchanges flags with the host club.

One of the students, Y Kavinya Sri, Class 5, said, "I now learn about our planet Earth and am inquisitive to know about the existence of life in other plants in the universe, thanks to the Smart TV." Her teacher

Kalavathi is happy to teach her students with the help of Smart TV which enables them to understand scientific concepts much easier with audio-video presentations.

Ten Smart TVs with 43-inch HD and interfaced with Raspberry Pi computers were installed at the classrooms.

Visit to Philippines

The club members were received by 12 Rotarians from RC Magalang, RI 3790, at the Angeles city in the Pampanga province of Philippines for a gala fellowship meet. "We discussed Rotary projects with our host, exchanged our club flags and invited them to our district conference titled *Amoha*. This interaction paved the way for a friendship exchange between the two countries," said Gayathri Devi. ■



Club President Gayathri Devi Balaji interacting with children.

On the cover: Rotarians of RC Sivakasi focus their service activities towards enhancing school facilities.

Rotary holds waste management drive in Kovaipudur

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Rotarians with NSS volunteers during waste segregation.

A waste segregation and management campaign was organised by RC Kovaipudur, RID 3201, as part of Gandhi Jayanti celebrations in the neighbourhood. The conservancy staff of the municipality and NSS volunteers from VLB Janakiammal College of Arts and Science took part

in the waste management programme as the Rotarians distributed leaflets to households listing out the dos and don'ts in the segregation process.

College students and municipality staff joined in the awareness campaign to make waste management drive a success in Kovaipudur. The club held an *I-Share* project at

the Government High School in Sugunapuram in which students were urged to save money and live a disciplined life.

Tamilarasan, a student of government school, was given a financial assistance for winning gold and silver medals at the Silambam World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. ■

Charter Day at RC Dombivli Saudamini

Having completed six years on April 4, RC Dombivli Saudamini, RID 3142, celebrated its Charter Day with a programme titled *Ma Tuzhe Salam* in which mothers

and their children shared the stage with songs and dance performance. Thirty-five pairs of mothers and their children performed on five categories. All the contestants were recognised with prizes.

Eight Rotarians visited the Thane Mental Hospital and encouraged women inmates to make cloth bags out of used sarees, bedsheets, dupattas, etc. "This initiative was aimed to prevent the use of plastic bags and also help the women patients at the mental hospital to do some income-generating activities," said Anuradha Deshpande, Club Secretary. Around 50 women had benefitted from this project. The club has planned more such activities at the mental hospital.

The club members took part in the Charter Day event of the Interact club at Chandrasekhar Sane Vidyalaya. Interactors spoke about their experience at the club and how it had shaped their personality. A cultural show was also organised to entertain the Rotarians. ■



Club members at the workshop for making cloth bags.

Rotary engages students in service projects

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A mega health camp for the differently-abled children.

In a novel initiative aimed to equip teachers with the latest trends in classroom pedagogy, RC Dalmiapuram, RID 3000, organised a training programme called *Lead your growth* for teachers at the Dalmia Higher Secondary School (DHSS). A high-ranking official at the Dalmia Cements, Ariyalur, presided over the training session which also had lively interaction on how to handle students during class hours.

PG Assistant Rengasamy at the school was felicitated by the club for having received the Dr Radhakrishnan Award from the State government. The club organised an NSS camp at Pullambadi village for the students of DHSS in which they performed a wide range of activities including tree plantations, anti-plastic rally, making of seed balls and holding awareness sessions with the villagers for an eco-friendly and healthy lifestyle. "We were

appreciated by the officials at the panchayat union for holding the NSS camp in this village. We have been doing this project for the last 25 years which has enhanced Rotary's image in the surrounding villages," said A Maria Selva Rex, Secretary, RC Dalmiapuram.

Special medical camp

The club joined hands with the Combined School Education department to hold a mega medical camp at the Pullambadi

Rotarians with students at the *Let's read and grow* campaign.





NSS volunteers at Pullambadi village.

Government High School. The club supported this special camp by taking care of logistics and publicity. Students from in and around the village were screened for ailments.

More than 250 students were benefitted from the camp. "All the students were mentally and physically-challenged and they were screened for ENT disorders and

other health issues by a panel of seven doctors," he said. The club has been supporting this medical camp for special children over the past three years.

A project called *Let's read and grow* was launched in association with the New Indian Express group to encourage students to read newspapers on a daily basis. "We gave newspapers to students for them to increase their

social knowledge, reading habit and oratorical skills," said Rex. As a follow-up to this project, the club is sponsoring newspapers to five schools in and around Dalmiapuram. "Around 500 students in these schools are now reading newspapers to improve their all-round skills."

What was started as a pilot project at the Government High School in Kallakudi village, is

now being taken up in other four schools with good feedback from the headmasters and teachers.

Nilavembu *kasayam* (herbal concoction) was distributed to over 1,000 students and teachers at Dalmia Vidya Mandir and Dalmia HS School. Siddha medical officer Ramanathan (Pullambadi block) gave a talk on the significance of consuming this herbal drink to ward off various illnesses.

For the last three years, the club is organising Seed Balls Festival, a signature project, in which thousands of students gather in groups to make seed balls with the ingredients provided by the club. Dalmia Cement is the corporate sponsor for this mega project. "The aim of this annual festival is to inculcate social responsibility among the next generation by ushering in a green environment for healthy living," Maria Rex said. ■



A slew of community projects in Pudukkottai

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Doctor's Day was celebrated with fanfare at the Government Medical College, Pudukkottai, as the faculty joined hands with students to organise debates (*pattimanram*), a medical exhibition and cultural shows. Rotary Club of Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, as one of the co-hosts, felicitated the participants at the various events with certificates. In his speech, College Principal Dr Meenakshi Sundaram called upon

“future doctors” to reach out to the people with service motive. “You should treat all patients without any discrimination and with equal sincerity,” he urged the students.

Club President K Dhanagopal presided over a blood donation camp organised in partnership with Ames Foundation at the medical college. RID 3000 AG S Parthipan gave the welcome address. District Public Image Joint Secretary Maruti N Mohanraj and Foundation

Manager Maheswari Vijayakumar also spoke on the occasion. Assistant Professor K Arumugam and Blood Bank officer Dr C Ramesh Kumar were the chief guests at the blood donation camp.

RC Thirumayam Centenary Bhel City President N Kumaresan and Rotarians from local clubs were present in large numbers.

Special children were taught yoga at a training camp organised by the club in association with the



District Public Image Joint Secretary N Mohanraj giving a handwash demo at the panchayat school.

Livelihood Training Centre at the Mission Mental Health. District Yoga Club President AL Chokkalingam was the chief guest at the special yoga camp. Special chairs were donated to differently-abled children. Rotarians spoke on the importance of yoga for healthy living.

Earlier, Rotarians welcomed the new inmates at the Livelihood Training Centre of Mission Mental Health with gifts and sweets. RC Pudukkottai City charter president K Naina Mohammed was the chief guest. He along with other delegates had fun moments with the children at the centre.

World Youth Skills Day (July 15) was celebrated at the Government ITI with Rtn G Shanmugavel urging students to develop skills to make the country achieve the top positions across various sectors. Rtn K Mohanraj distributed the best awards to the skilled trainees at the ITI. NSS programme officer P Jothimani coordinated the event.

A handwashing demo-cum-awareness session was held at a panchayat union primary school in Rangamma Chathiram village with its headmaster K Mahalakshmi presiding over the event. Mohanraj demonstrated how it was important to keep the hands germs-free by



Sweets being distributed to mark World Friendship Day

washing it regularly. Club members took part to encourage students in the WinS programme.

Club President Dhanagopal was the chief guest at the 18th memorial day event for thespian Sivaji Ganesan. The Sivaji Social Welfare Association organised the event in which professionals and Rotarians recalled the versatility of the late actor. His fans donated tiffin boxes with the actor's image to the girl students.

Red reflectors (stickers) were pasted on the luggage and carry bags of pilgrims who trudge the highway to Samayapuram temple. The club joined hands with Road Safety Awareness Association to execute this ongoing project. Motor Vehicle Inspector P Senthamarai, as chief guest, requested the pilgrims to be vigilant during their journey to avoid road mishaps, especially during the night as the truck movement increases in this time.

A blood donation camp was held at a primary health centre at Vennavalkudi village in partnership with RC Thirumayam Centenary BHEL City with Government Blood Bank in-charge Dr G Radhakrishnan as the chief guest. Regional Medical Officer S Arul gave certificates to the blood donors. The camp was a big success with youths, volunteers and the villagers turning out in large numbers to donate blood.

World Friendship Day was observed at the Pudukkulam Walkers area. Rotarians and local celebrities spoke at the meet. Trade Union activist S Kadiresan gave a speech to mark the occasion. ■



Tiffin boxes being gifted to school girls.

Rotarians in Bihar Sharif excel in projects, win awards

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Club President Dr Ajay Kumar (2018–19) at the inauguration of a water cooler.

A handwash station was inaugurated at the Government Middle School in Mora Talao village by RC Bihar Sharif, RID 3250, as part of its WinS programme. “We aim to inculcate the habit of handwashing before students take their mid-day meal and after going to toilet at the government schools. This simple habit protects the children from many diseases and in turn, increases the classroom attendance,” said Ashok Kumar, Club Secretary (2018–19).

PDG Bindu Singh inaugurated the handwash station at the school. Past President Manoj Rastogi and Goverdhan Lal Rastogi Jewellers have contributed for the hygiene facility. The club members visited the spot at Mora Talao village where they had taken up their first plantation project to take stock of the new

trees that are being nurtured here to mark the World Environment Day. “Our hearts were filled with joy to see the growing expanse of green cover in this locality. Some of the saplings have grown very fast that their shoots were peeping out of their protective gabion. We also distributed saplings to the villagers,” he said.

Excursion to Tilaiya dam

Fifty members of the club went on an excursion to Tilaiya dam across the Barakar river in the Koderma district of Jharkhand. “The dam visit created new bonds of friendship and gave us an opportunity for fellowship as we got to know each other better,” said Kumar.

A water cooler was installed at the Soh sarai Chowk by the then Club President Dr Ajay Kumar to

provide cold drinking water to the public during harsh summer months. The project was funded by a district grant along with contributions from Rtns Sanjeev Kumar Bablu and Sudesh Priyadarshi.

Permanent projects

A Saheli Centre being run by the club offers vocational training to needy women and has 122 students at present who are attending classes on basic computer, tailoring and beautician courses.

On the literacy front, the Rotary Evening School at the St Joseph Academy in Khandakpar has enrolled 320 children who are taught academic subjects.

The Rotaractors from RAC Bihar Sharif and the Interactors at the St Joseph Academy have taken up awareness projects such

as anti-plastic campaign and have imparted education to children at the Rotary Evening School.

Cataract and dental camps

At the cataract surgery camp at the Jahnvi Eye Care and Research Centre, seven patients were operated free of cost. They were provided with intraocular lens and medicines. All the cataract procedures were done by Dr Ajay Kumar. The oral health of over 200 students was examined at a dental check-up camp at the Indian English Academy in Emadpur Mohalla, a neighbourhood in Bihar Sharif. Dentists Dr Prakash Ranjan and Dr Poonam gave a demo on the right way of brushing teeth and urged students to adopt the habit of mouth rinsing after drinking hot beverages in the night.

VTT to Uganda

Dr Ajay Kumar did over 240 cataract procedures as part of a medical mission (VTT) to Uganda which trained local doctors and paramedics across four hospitals in that African country.



Rotarians at the Tilaiya dam in Jharkand.

A 17-member team of Indian doctors from different specialities came together on a goodwill mission to Uganda from June 17–26. They performed over 600 surgeries on needy patients at four hospitals. “Dr Ajay Kumar along with Dr Deepak Kumar from Varanasi performed over 240 eye surgeries. They also trained around 10 junior doctors and 20 paramed-

ics at Mulago Hospital in Kampala. The latter were also trained on providing the post-operative care,” said Ashok Kumar.

All surgeries were done free of cost and medicines were distributed to the patients. The entire cost of VTT was borne by The Rotary Foundation. RC Bugolobi, RID 9211, made arrangements for the VTT team and took care of the logistics.

Awards galore

A four-member team led by Dr Ajay Kumar took part in the two-day District Conference, RID 3250, in Gaya and the then DG Kumar Prasad Sinha honoured Dr Kumar for becoming a Major Donor on the occasion.

At the District Awards Ceremony in Chaibasa, the club bagged 14 awards including Outstanding Club President (for Dr Kumar) and Outstanding Club in the 40-plus category. The club was felicitated by Swarnkar Sangh, a local NGO, for doing cataract surgeries on needy patients in and around Bihar Sharif. ■



PDG Bindu Singh at the inauguration of handwash station in the Government Middle School, Mora Talao.

D 2981

RC Chidambaram Central

A computer building was renovated at the Government Nandanar Girls Higher Secondary School at a cost of ₹1 lakh. The computer room now has 21 systems. The facility was inaugurated by DGE R Balaji Babu.



D 2982

RC Salem Gugai

Rtns Sajith and Fayis from RID 3202 who were on a cycle expedition from Calicut to Singapore arrived in Salem and were accommodated by the club during their two-day stay in the city. They were also felicitated.



D 3000

RC Madurai North

In a green drive, over 100 saplings were planted on the campus of IAB Higher Secondary School run by the Indian Association of Blind. Drip irrigation system was also installed to water the saplings on a daily basis.





D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Palace City

The club joined hands with other Rotary clubs to offer relief kits to those affected by Gaja cyclone last year. A special medical camp screened the patients and gave medicines. DG Dr Zameer Pasha lauded the clubs for taking up relief work.



D 3030

RC Nashik Nine Hills

A teacher's training programme was held for the staff of Nashik Municipal Corporation schools. Eminent faculty with over 20 years of experience taught the participants the rudiments of effective teaching. More than 1,000 teachers took part.



D 3040

RC Indoor Meghdoot

An elocution contest was organised on the relevance of Gandhian ideology as part of the Peace and Conflict Resolution area of focus. Students of Classes 9–12 from seven schools took part. A panel of judges adjudicated the debate.

D 3054

RC Jaipur Round Town

A breast cancer awareness camp was held at the BMCHRC Hospital in which 20 women were tested for the disease. Pap Smear test was conducted. Rtns Sunita Kala, Vijaya Gupta and Club President Jasmeet Nagar coordinated the medical camp.



D 3070

RC Hoshiarpur

The club distributed ration to 16 widows to mark *Annapurna Day*, a signature project which enhanced the public image of Rotary in the city. The beneficiaries thanked Rotarians for the kind gesture as it would meet their daily needs.



D 3070

RC Jammu

The club began the new Rotary year with *Annapurna* project on July 1. It was followed by blood donation camp, eye check-up and retina screening camps, all of which saw a good turnout of volunteers and patients. Elderly people benefitted from the medical camps.





D 3070

RC Ludhiana

A meeting of the Ludhiana zone was convened in which 18 Rotarians took part in the deliberations. They discussed various topics related to public image, global grants, youth and women in Rotary and community projects. The chalked out a plan of action for the year.



D 3080

RC Chandigarh Midtown

A human chain was formed with more than 2,000 students from 16 schools, four colleges and 100 Rotarians joining hands to line-up on Madhya Marg, a busy hub in the city, to mark Gandhi Jayanthi. DG Jitendra Dhingra flagged off the human chain held in tie-up with HPCL.



D 3080

RC Karnal Midtown

Teej festival was celebrated with the women and children at MDD Bal Bhawan orphanage. Rotarians and Anns interacted with the girls on health issues related to their adolescent age and how to tackle them. A drawing competition was also held for the home inmates.

D 3100

RC Moradabad Midtown

Stationery kits were provided to 150 needy students of Kanya Junior High School at Majhola on the occasion of Guru Purnima Day. A talk was delivered on the duties and responsibilities of a citizen. The school authority appreciated the work.



D 3100

RC Srinagar Garhwal

A blood donation camp was organised in which 56 units of blood was collected. Rotarians gave certificates to all the blood donors. A large turnout of volunteers and donors made the event a big success.



D 3160

RC Bhalki Fort

Dr Nitin Patil and Umakant Warad took charge as the president and secretary of the club for the new Rotary year at a gala installation ceremony. The club also observed Doctor's Day on the occasion.





D 3160

RC Davangere

On the occasion of World Animals Day, the club members visited the Bhagwan Mahaveer Goshala and fed the bovines with grass, roti and bananas. Also, Rotarians gave 82 pairs of uniforms to needy students.



D 3160

RC Dharmavaram Midtown

World Population Day was observed at the BSR Boys High School with essay contests for students. An IoL camp was held at CK Palli mandal in which 236 patients were screened. Forty-five were selected for operation.



D 3160

RC Tadipatri

Grocery kits worth ₹300 each were distributed to 45 physically-challenged persons. The club started a six-month tailoring course to 30 needy women. A free computer training centre was inaugurated for 40 government college students.

College celebrates Teacher's Day

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Rotary Club of Varanasi East, RID 3120, along with its Inner Wheel club, celebrated Teacher's Day at Shree Khedan Lal Rashtriya Inter College in which 13 teachers were felicitated with portraits and mementos. The club also donated books to the institute's library. The faculty and admin staff expressed their gratitude to the club for the donations.

A cow was donated to Kashi Kusht Ashram in Sarnath under *Kamdhanu* Project. In another initiative, a body freezer was donated to Trimurti Hospital with the support of Hotel Hindustan International. The hospital chairman Dr Ram Murti Singh thanked Rotary for the thoughtful gesture as the coffin box would expand the services of the hospital. ■



Rotarians with awardees at the Teacher's Day event.

Rotary meditation camp for children in Akola



Children in rapt attention to expert's advice.

A meditation camp for children titled *Anapana* was organised by RC Akola Midtown, RID 3030, at the Vaidehi Vishnu Saraf Mahavidyalaya with the aim to relax the mind and body of boys and girls studying up to Class 10.

"The camp was held to improve the concentration ability of children. This is critical to improve their studies and perform well across all spheres of activity. A special team from Nashik taught the participants on how to sustain the process of meditation to achieve results," said Yogesh Shrawgi, Secretary, RC Akola Midtown. Project Directors Ravindra Poddar and Sanjay Gupta took care of the logistics for the meditation camp that saw around 80 students exercising their mind and body following the instructions of the expert team. "Students were happy to take part in the camp as no fees were charged for the meditation techniques that were taught to them."

The club took up a voter awareness campaign in the city with the District Collector Jitendra S Papalkar, the chief guest, praising Rotary for this initiative. "We urged the residents to cast their votes without fear or favour as it is one of their duties as citizens," said Shrawgi.

Project directors Ajay Bhajaj, Rajesh Agrawal and Rahul Somani made arrangements for the conduct of the special drive. Around 70 stickers urging people to vote were pasted on office premises and behind autorickshaws. ■

Helping people walk

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More than 50 physically-challenged people benefitted this year from an artificial limb fitment camp organised by RC Kushalnagar, RID 3181, along with RC Coimbatore Midtown, RID 3201, at the Rotary Hall in the town. It is the sixth year the club is conducting the programme. The Inner Wheel of Kushalnagar also participated in the camp. “It was soul-satisfying for us to



Shreya (behind) dancing at the silver jubilee event.



Shreya at the limb fitment camp.

see little Shreya, who was a beneficiary of this year’s camp, dance in her school’s silver jubilee celebrations,” said the Club Secretary B Ramachandran.

Earlier, the club had installed two police booths in the town at a cost of ₹68,000.

In another initiative, the club, in association with RC Basweswar, RID 3190, organised a breast cancer screening camp which benefitted about 60 people. ■

Improving infrastructure at government schools in Jabalpur

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Rotary Club of Jabalpur South, RID 3261 donated desks, benches and office furniture to government schools in and around Jabalpur. The Government Middle School, Government George Town School and Government Primary School, Damoh Naka, were a few

to receive the gift of furniture. “It may seem like a small project or just another desk and bench project. But our club wants to improve the infrastructure of a school starting from the basics. Improving the learning environment of the class has resulted in higher attendance rates in these schools, compared to

schools that lack even a bench in a classroom,” says Akhilesh Mishra, the Club President.

Club members also celebrate national and local festivals with the students of these schools and hope to encourage and motivate the children by interacting with them regularly. ■

Grooming future leaders

Rotary Club of Coimbatore Zenith, RID 3201, and RC Punjai Puliampatti, RID 3202, organised a RYLA which had 80 participants from colleges across Coimbatore. The camp was held for four days at the Universal Peace Foundation campus in Pulliyampatti.

The youngsters were trained in various activities with respect to fundamentals of leadership, group discussion, personality development

and problem-solving. Lessons in yoga and meditation, first aid, self defence and personal hygiene were also imparted to them.

The campus earlier known as Kollimalai Siddhashram is preserving precious herbs used for preparing siddha medicine. The trainees helped to clean the half acre of unused agricultural land, prepared it and helped them plant herbs. They also helped to clean the area surrounding an old temple in the same campus.

The participants spent time with 60 elderly people residing in an oldage home within the campus and provided food for them. They also learnt to cook by helping the chief cook in preparing food for everyone participating in the RYLA for all the four days.

The Talent Night helped in bringing out the latent artistic skills in the youngsters as they participated in a variety of cultural programmes. ■



Notebooks for government school students in Jodhpur

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Club members distributing notebooks to students.

The Rotary Club of Jodhpur Sanskar, RID 3053, donated one lakh notebooks to over 22,000 underprivileged children of government schools in and around Jodhpur. This was done to commemorate the International Literacy Day.

Dubbed *Aashayein* (Hope), the project is aimed at helping schools retain its strength by making sure students have enough learning material. “One of the main reasons children don’t want to go to school is that they have no notebooks and pencils to write,”

says the Project Chairman Rakhee Verma. All the notebooks were donated by the Club President Ellora Bhandari. Close to 275 government schools benefitted from this project co-sponsored by local companies in the region. ■



D 3170

RC Jaysingpura

Rotarians offered relief material to flood-affected families sheltered in various relief camps in Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara districts of Maharashtra. They also provided food to over 300 truck drivers as their vehicles were stranded on the national highway.



D 3181

RC Bajpe

The club joined hands with MRPL, Mangalore, and the Zilla Panchayat to host a special lecture on household waste segregation at the Rotary Bhavan. More than 100 residents took part in the waste management session.



D 3181

RC Shimoga Central

Visually-impaired students Subramanya and Veeresh took charge as president and secretary of the Interact club at the Shri Sharada Devi Andhara Vikasa Kendra. This Interact club for the visually-impaired students has been in existence for 24 years in Shivamogga.





D 3190

RC Bangalore Prime

More than 300 relief kits were given to flood-affected families in the Coorg district. The beneficiaries were identified by the local panchayats. The club joined hands with The Mysore Raw Silk Merchants Association to distribute flood relief kits. Community Service Director Balaji coordinated the project.



D 3201

RC Coimbatore Meridian

A flood relief camp was organised at Kandivali village, a tribal settlement, on Independence Day. Essential items like blankets, winter hoods, torchlights, ready-to-eat food and other packed foods were distributed to over 85 beneficiaries.



D 3202

RC Tirupur Knit City

Friendship Day was celebrated with RC Kotagiri and the hill people. Bedsheets were given to the tribal people. Also, pamphlets to avoid plastic usage were distributed to the residents of Kotagiri.

D 3202

RC Tirupur South

Fire rescue and safety demo was organised jointly with the State Department and Indian Red Cross Society at the Noyyal Corporation Elementary and High School. More than 1,000 students took part in the demo by the fire services personnel.



D 3212

RC Sivakasi Sparkler

Seventy-five students from various colleges took part in the singing competition organised by the club for those in the age group of 18–25. Club President A Madhavan presided over the event. AG J Mohammed Imtiaz was the chief guest.



D 3232

RC Madras Chennai Patna

An Anaemia Project was launched for the girl students at the Pandeswaram Government HS School in Thiruvallur district. Blood samples were collected and after seeing their anaemic-level, students were given medication. This programme will be replicated in other schools.





D 3240

RC Green Land Silchar

The club handed over sports equipment and material to the Betukandi Lower Primary School with the aim to improve the physical fitness of the students. The school authority thanked Rotary for this thoughtful gesture.



D 3261

RC Raipur

An awareness rally for a green environment was taken out by students of the Parsada Primary School, following which they planted over 150 saplings on the campus. The club felicitated deserving students and farmers. A cultural show was held.



D 3261

RC Raipur Royal

A blood donation camp was held at the Arogya Hospital at Shankar Nagar with the local legislator Kuldeep Juneja as the chief guest. More than 100 units of blood was collected. Twelve new members were inducted at the installation ceremony.

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Working for children's welfare in Sivakasi

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A fertility camp in progress.

Sivakasi is a town in Tamil Nadu known for its firecracker, matchbox and printing industries. Rotary Club of Sivakasi, RID 3212, has been actively promoting people's welfare through a variety of humanitarian activities.

The club constructed a new building for the Nadar Primary School in the town. The school was in a dilapidated state which prompted the Rotarians to intervene and they did this with CSR support from the Standard Fireworks. The

new building was inaugurated with great pomp with Major Donors S Maheswaran and C Sundaresan as chief guests. The total construction cost worked to ₹7 lakh, and it was met with contributions from the club members and the public too.



Rotarians at the inauguration of an RO plant in a government school.

In another initiative, the Rotarians supported the education of three college students by sponsoring their tuition fees of ₹8,000 each. Uniforms were provided to students of the Union Elementary School in the town and RO water plants were installed in two schools to facilitate safe drinking water for the students. The club also helped to put up a barbed fence around the girls' toilet in a school to prevent outsiders from entering the school campus.

With an aim to provide better education for students, a smart class facility costing ₹80,000 was sponsored by the club at the Hindu Devamar Higher Secondary School in the town. This project was done with District Grant support.

They visited the Cybio Vembakottai, a residential school and an orphanage, and provided pillows for the inmates.



PDG K Rajagopalan (centre) giving financial assistance to a college student.

The Rotarians focused on the needs of the community by desilting a canal and strengthening its banks enough to store more rainwater. This project costing ₹50,000 will benefit 700 residents of Poovanathapuram, a nearby village.

A fertility consultation camp was organised by the club with experts from ARC International Fertility and Research Centre providing consultations for needy patients. ■

Rotary Udupi for Swachtha

Rotary Udupi, RID 3181, along with Childline Udupi, cleaned the campus and surroundings of a Government Community Hostel for Women at Patla, a nearby village. Weeds and overgrown shrubs were cleared in the areas outside the campus and plastic waste cleared and disposed in an eco-friendly. Basic health and hygiene knowledge were imparted to the inmates of the hostel. ■

