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Rotary roots for literacy

An all-women's car rally in Jaipur

Team Rotary News



Rallyists all set for the drive.



Rotarians flagging off the car rally.

Rotary Club of Jaipur Citizen, RI District 3054, organised an all-women's car rally to spread awareness on cancer and promote education for girls.

With over 540 women taking part in the car rally, the gala event was flagged off at Jawahar Circle by Mareena Mathson, Regional President, Army Women's Welfare Association, South Western Command, alongside Bina Sogani, First Lady of RI District 3054. The car rally culminated at the Grand Valley Delhi Bypass Road covering around 20 km. The Chief Guest Princess Diya Kumari also honoured eight prominent women from various fields on the occasion. ■

On the cover: DG E K Ummer and Rotarians of RC Tiruppur South, visiting children at an orphanage.

LN-4 mega camp a huge success in Berhampur

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More than 250 amputees were fitted with the LN-4 prosthetic hands at the mega artificial limb camp organised by RC Berhampur East, RID 3262, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Poona Downtown, RID 3131. The two-day camp titled *Sakshyam* was aimed at providing artificial limbs to below-elbow amputees who have lost their upper limbs due to some reason but must have a functioning elbow joint and a stump of at least four inches.

RC Poona Downtown has been organising such camps in different parts of the country since last many years. This camp in Berhampur was their 35th, and Odisha was the 11th State where they partnered with RC Berhampur East for the camp.

The Pune club is partnering with RC Claremont Sunrise (California, US – RID 5300) which distributes these artificial limbs, LN-4, to the common man in developing countries, thanks to an enduring tie-up with Ellen Meadows Prosthetic Hand Foundation, US. Each of the prosthesis cost around ₹30,000.

Initially, the club had a modest target of about 100 beneficiaries, but as time progressed, and with enthusiastic support of all its members, the club could register an excess of 250 beneficiaries. The camp was held at the Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Department of Maharaja Krushna Chandra Gajapati Medical College, Berhampur.

“The team from Pune imparted training to the volunteers as to how to fit the prosthesis on the



Ganjam District Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange (right) talking with a beneficiary.

hands. The volunteers included the club members, students of a nursing school and medical students. Members of Inner Wheel Club of Berhampur East too took part in the camp,” said DG Bhabani Prasad Chowdhury.

Ganjam District Collector Vijay Amruta Kulange inaugurated the

LN-4 camp in the presence of DG Chowdhury, PDGs Dr Narayan Mishra, Sibabrata Dash and a host of local officials. The beneficiaries came from far off places, some from the neighbouring states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The beneficiaries had different stories to tell as to how they lost their limbs — some had birth defects, while a few lost them in road accidents, and some had lost it as a result of explosions — but at the end of the day, they left for home with a near-total functioning hand with which they can take do their daily chores. They had all come with a stump, and went home with a functioning hand. ■



Rotarians with volunteers and nursing students.

A mega polio rally creates impact in Dharapuram

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A mega polio awareness rally at the local bus stand was organised by RC Dharapuram, RID 3202, with participation of over 500 students from schools, colleges and the ITI. Legislator

V S Kalimuthu flagged off the rally to mark the World Polio Day and over 30 Rotarians took part in the event which enhanced the public image of Rotary.

With an aim to sensitise the public on the debilitating effects of polio, a signage board was erected at the Ponniah Hospital so that commuters and motorists can read the messages from the highway.

A handwash station was inaugurated at a government high school in Aachiyur village under the WinS project by Rtns Dr P N Ponniah Poopathi and Lakshmi Priya, assistant professor. The





Above: Rotarians promote use of cloth bags.

Facing page: End polio rally being taken out by participants.

Right: A handwash exercise being demonstrated.



handwash unit cost ₹7,500. “They demonstrated the right handwashing methods to avoid disease and infection; and interacted with over 100 students on the subject of personal hygiene,” said D Balaji, Club Secretary.

A mega tree plantation drive along with sapling distribution was taken up at the Priyadharshan Primary School in the town and at the

government high school in Aachiyur. Rtns Alagar Raja and Kalidas gave a brief speech on the environmental crises and the role played by trees in enhancing the quality of life. They also distributed saplings to the students who were urged to create the right impact among the younger generation. More than 200 students were involved in the plantation drive of the club.

To ensure digital education to the rural students, the club donated a computer system with a printer (₹24,000) to the government school in Aachiyur. “Since it is a newly opened school, the computer along with its accessories will help around 100 students to go beyond academics to expand their knowledge,” said Balaji. ■

Rotary Inter-district Friendship exchange

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Rotarians visit Vruddashram, an old-age home in Hassan.

What started off as a club project for RC Secunderabad, RID 3150, transformed into a district project, thanks to the

enthusiasm of the Rotarians. Twenty-one Rotarians from the district, led by KP Parthasarathy, President, RC Secunderabad, left on a

two-day inter-district fellowship exchange to RID 3182.

The entourage included assistant governors and eight club presidents too. The team visited Hassan in Karnataka and neighbouring towns and also places of interest such as the Shravanabelagola, that has the tallest statue of saint Bahubali, and a walk through some of the coffee estates.

The team explored possibilities for sister club arrangements to perform joint projects that could benefit communities in both regions. DG of RID 3182 Abhinandan Shetty extended a warm welcome to the visiting Rotarians.

The tour culminated with a visit to Vruddashram, an orphanage in Hassan run by RC Hassan Hoysala. The Rotarians donated ₹25,000 to the ashram to meet its maintenance expenses. ■



Rotarians exchange flags with host club.

An Agra school gets better sanitation

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Rotary Club of Agra West, RID 3110, built a toilet block in the Mufees-E-Aam Inter College in the city. This facility has benefitted over 400 students and has attracted 250 new students to the institution. The Rotarians also sensitised the students on maintaining good personal hygiene. Talks related to hygiene, hormonal issues, teenage anxieties and nutritious diet were discussed by eminent speakers with the students.

Eye camp

The club organised an eye camp at the Samir Netralaya in the city. The camp, led by Ophthalmologist Samir Prakash screened patients from the surrounding hamlets for various eye disorders and performed IOL surgeries for 20 cataract-affected people who were not able to afford such treatment earlier. ■



Rotarians giving speeches on hygiene, teenage anxieties and nutritious diet.



Vizag Rotary restores canal to original form

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A concrete bin placed inside a school campus.

A polluted canal flowing through four villages on the outskirts of the city was restored by RC Vizag Couples, RID 3020, with the help of a JCB machine and Rotary volunteers. “Once a fresh water stream, it turned into a filthy sewage, full of slush, silt and weed. We have desilted the canal, removed the sludge and cleared the garbage floating on the waterbody,” said V Srinivasa Rao, Club President.

Now the residents of all the four villages — Reddipalem, Gollapalem, Somanna Palem and Chinna Somanna Palem — near Kapuluppada, a city suburb, through which canal flows through can make use of the water for cultivation once the waterbody is replenished by rains. “We have placed 20 concrete bins in the villages for garbage collection and taken up tree plantation in select areas. The overall cost of the canal restoration is ₹60,000.

Gobar gas units

In partnership with the New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (NREDCAP), the club handed over 20 Gobar gas units for villagers at Peda Bayalu at Ananthagiri Mandalam. The project cost ₹6 lakh.

The club donated ₹53,000 for the project and NREDCAP gave a subsidy of ₹2.6 lakh, while the balance ₹2.87 lakh was contributed by

the villagers in the form of man hours (for the project work) and sand. “We also distributed clothes and fruits to the villagers,” said Rao.

DG G Viswanath delivered play equipment worth ₹1 lakh to GVMC Primary School at Akkayypalem and a plantation drive was also taken up by the club at this institution. Shoes were donated to all the 120 students at this primary school located in the heart of the city.



A Gobar gas plant at Peda Bayalu village.



Newly-installed play equipment at GVMC Primary School, Akkayampalem.

Anti-plastic drive

An awareness event on plastic pollution was organised at the GVNMC High School at Seethammadhara, a neighbourhood of Vizag. Through an AV presentation, the causes, effects and steps to curb plastic pollution were explained to over 500 students who took part in three batches.

“After the awareness sessions, the students took pledge to avoid plastics and use alternatives such as cloth, steel, glass, wood and paper. They are eager to convey this message to their parents,” said Rao. The club distributed cloth bags and refreshments to the students. ■

D 2981

RC Pondicherry Central

A multi-specialty health camp was organised in association with Mahatma Gandhi Medical Hospital with District Collector Dr Arun inaugurating the project near Gandhi Thidal facing the beach. More than 600 patients were examined at camp which cost ₹3.3 lakh.



D 2981

RC Kumbakonam Sakthi

World Book Day was observed by distributing books to the Government Public Library. Rotarians sensitised people on the importance of reading books for taking informed decisions.



D 2982

RC Tiruchengode

A blood grouping test was held at a government higher secondary school in Ulagappampalayam village which benefitted around 450 students. Their blood group was identified and certificates were given to all the students.





D 3000

RC Tiruchirappalli Midtown

A 4-day RYLA was conducted for over 50 students at Kodaikanal and interesting sessions were held to engage the youth on issues of leadership development. Certificates were issued to all the participants. A number of Rotarians were also present at the venue.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Central

A polio awareness rally was taken by the students of Sri Venkateswara Matric High School from the Government Museum. School teachers and Rotarians took part in the procession in which leaflets were distributed to the public. Over 400 students took part in the rally.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Maharani

In partnership with a local women's group, the club distributed new clothes worth ₹2 lakh to over 125 HIV-infected persons and poor children. Club President Kavitha Rajasekharan presided over the event.

D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Palace City

A blood donation camp was held at the government medical college's blood bank on the occasion of Mother Teresa Day. The camp was organised in partnership with the Road Accident Prevention and Relief Public Welfare Association and other public charities.



D 3030

RC Jalgaon West

A new Interact club was installed at Abhinav Vidyalaya with Swapnil Ranwade taking charge as its charter president. Twelve Rotaractors were also inducted into the club.



D 3054

RC Unjha

A Rotary Humanity Wall with hangers and shelves for dress material had received a good response from the public with many donations including clothes, footwear, utensils and toys for the needy people. Project Chairman Kaushik G Patel was instrumental in setting up this facility.





D 3070

RC Amritsar North

Gender-segregated toilet blocks were inaugurated by PDG Dr Sarbjeet Singh at a government elementary school in Kot Khalsa. Four teachers and a coordinator were given training on proper handwash for inculcating the practice in students.



D 3070

RC Jammu

Fifty women were examined at a breast cancer screening camp. While 125 others benefitted from the health awareness session that focused on disease-free living and good dietary habits. AG S K Sawhney, Rtns Anil Amla, Ravi Sharma, Navneet Gupta, Harbans Singh and members from other clubs were present.



D 3070

RC Ludhiana Greater

A sanitary pad machine was bought under the pilot Gift 4 Change Project. The machine produces 500 eco-friendly pads a day and are given to donors who distribute them to school girls and rural women. The Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio, USA, has funded the purchase.

D 3090

RC Faridkot

A dental camp benefitted over 200 school students. Those in need of treatment were taken to hospital. The club celebrated the 114th Rotary Foundation Day with physically-challenged students.



D 3100

RC Moradabad Central

A movie show was organised for 100 poor children from four different schools in the town. The Rotarians took them to a newly-opened cinema theatre which had a plush ambience. After the movie, the students interacted with the Rotarians who also gave them lavish snacks.



D 3100

RC Moradabad West Sonakpur

Tree plantations were held at Ramji Public School in which the club has carried out WinS projects. Also, a medical camp was held at a government school with the help of the local chapter of IMA. Club President Dr Babita Gupta thanked the doctors.





D 3110

RC Bareilly Metro

The club has been holding regular medical camps at Mundia Ahmed Nagar, a village near Bareilly, in which the elders and sick people are treated for various ailments. Free medicines are also given to the patients.



D 3120

RC Lucknow Khaas

A medical camp was organised at Visheshwar Dayal Inter College in Aliganj with over 45 people from slum areas being screened for various diseases. Club President Dr RC Chadha and Rtn Dr V S Nigam examined the patients who were given free medicines.



D 3141

RC Bombay Bayview

Good Touch, Bad Touch sessions are being held at the St Joseph's School for Girls which the club has adopted. The school has over 2,500 underprivileged and physically-abused girls. A number of upgrades are also being done at this school.

RYLA in Myanmar

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An international residential RYLA for ten days was organised by RC Mulund, RID 3141, in Myanmar recently. Thirty-five participants comprising Rotaractors and Rotarians from Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Tamilnadu and Karnataka participated in this leadership development camp.

The team was flagged off from Imphal in the presence of Dr Myint Naing, Chief Minister of Sagaing State, Myanmar, along with W Ibohal Singh, Director (Tourism), Government of Manipur. After completing immigration formalities at Moreh, the participants crossed the Indo-Myanmar Friendship Border to enter Tamu (Myanmar) and reached Kalay for an overnight stay.

The RYLarians learnt a lot from various workshops across the country.

They visited several tourist spots such as the pagodas, Royal Mandalay Palace, Shwenandaw Kyaung Monastery and the Buddha temple. They learned a lot through their visit to the workshops on

gold leaf making, wood carving, bronze casting and tapestry weaving. They also visited the silversmith workshop (known for making unique silverfish), cotton and lotus silk hand-weaving

workshop (wherein silk is derived from lotus stem and shawls, apparels are woven therefrom), Burmese paper workshop (known for making the famous Burmese paper umbrellas) and the





**Participants
showcase their
talent.**

Rotaractors Gourav
Mundala from Bikaner
and Glenda d'silva from
Mumbai were crowned
Mr and Miss RYLA.

Gangadhar and Jaiprakash
Kabra, and the Rotarians
and Rotaractors from
India had their club flags/
banners exchanged with
the Rotarians of the host
clubs. Rotaractors Gourav
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and Miss RYLA.

Padaung Family House
(Long Neck Tribes).

Rotarians from Rotary
Clubs of Yangon and
Central Yangon attended
some of the sessions. Rtn
Hemant Jagtap from RC
Thane Premium, RID
3142, made a presentation
of a check dam project
that provided water to
rural areas in the region
and Sudhir Joshi from RC
Mulund, RID 3141, spoke
about the club's vocational
loan scholarship project.

Sessions on Leadership
were conducted by Prof L

Rotary Clubs of
Boisar-Tarapur, Bombay
Midtown, Bombay
Seaface, Deonar, Mumbai
Coastline, Mumbai Cuffe
Parade, Mumbai South,
from RID 3141, Dombivli
Central (RID 3142),
Villupuram (RID 2982),
Jodhpur Midtown (RID
3053), Hyderabad East
(RID 3150), Bailhongal,
Gargis Kolhapur, Hubli,
Margao Sunrise (RID
3170), Sivakasi Central
(RID 3212) and Imphal
(RID 3240) co-hosted
the RYLA. ■



RYLA participants with
host Rotarians.

Tirupur students benefit from Rotary projects

Team Rotary News



Stainless steel drums being presented to a Panchayat Union Middle School.

As part of the WinS project, RC Tirupur South, RID 3202, donated 10 water drums costing ₹15,000 for storing clean drinking water at Panchayat Union Middle School in Mangalam village. The project was sponsored by Rtn A Sivabalan.

DG EK Ummer visited Karunai Illam, a home for mentally-challenged children, and donated ₹66,000 on behalf of club members. "This gesture to the special home is an ongoing project. Every year we will donate an amount for taking care of the welfare of children with special

needs at the home," said M Kanakaraj, Club President.

The district governor inaugurated a polio vaccination camp at the Rotary Hall along with Dr K Boopathy, the public health official. Around 700 food packets were distributed to medical

volunteers. A sumptuous food was arranged for the inmates of Vivekananda Sevalayam, an orphanage, with Rotarians along with DG Ummer spending time with children. "The entire day's food was sponsored by our club. We also distributed water bottles and sweets to the inmates."

An exclusive website for RC Tirupur South was launched by DG during his official visit. He donated a sanitary pad incinerator to a government middle school in Velliyankadu. In an event, he gave away certificates to students and women who had completed computer training and tailoring course at the Rotary Vocational Training Centre in Perumanallur. ■



DG EK Ummer donating ₹66,000 to Karunai Illam on behalf of the Rotary Club.

Soap-making workshop for the mentally-challenged

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Rotary Club of Dombivili Saudamini, RID 3142, visited the Regional Mental Hospital in Thane and conducted a workshop to train the mentally-challenged patients to make soaps. About 40 of them benefitted from the course which was handled by trainers from CAER, a vocational and rehab centre in the region.

On another occasion, the club members treated women vendors



Rotarians cheer up a woman vendor with gifts.



Patients at the Regional Mental Hospital, Thane.

with gifts and food, and highlighted the success they were achieving despite the numerous struggles and challenges they face every day.

About 40 nature lovers from the club went on a field trip to Padle Gaon in Shilphata on the Parsik Hills in the old Mumbai-Pune Road. They explored various plants and trees of medicinal value and enjoyed the sight of varieties of birds and butterflies along the nature trail. ■

D 3142

RC Dombivli East

An e-waste collection drive was organised under its green campaign at Rotary Bhavan. Pick-up was organised from offices which had more than 50 kgs of electronic waste. More than 150 faculty took part in a Teachers Training programme at Karmaveer Bhaurao Patil College, Navi Mumbai.



D 3160

RC Guntakal

A WinS programme was held at Potti Sriramulu School and the students were given soaps. AG B Sirish, Rtn V Uma and others spoke on the importance of handwash and the need to adopt the best hygiene practices.



D 3170

RC Mapuca

In 2018–19, the club sponsored two Rotary clubs — RCs Bardez Coastal with 58 charter members and Pernem with 28 charter members; two Rotaract clubs at St Xavier's College and Fr Agnel's College; and a Rotakids Mapuca.





D 3181

RC Kollegal Midtown

The club members donated meal plates and tumblers worth ₹30,000 to the Government Girls High School. This gesture would benefit over 3,000 students.



D 3181

RC Mysore

Under its 'Reaching out to Community' series, the club members visited Nireekshe, a special school, and interacted with the differently-abled children. A sumptuous lunch and snacks were provided to the inmates.



D 3190

RC Srikalahasti

A medical camp was held in which a large number of people were screened for general ailments by a team of doctors. The health camp enhanced the image of Rotary in the neighbourhood.

D 3202

RC Tirupur West

Following a request from the District Sub-collector, the club prepared one lakh chappathis, collected 500 numbers of 20 litre-cans and 500 boxes of groceries which were sent to Gaja cyclone-affected Thozhuthur village in Nagapattinam. A team of 20 Rotarians went in a truck to deliver the supplies.



D 3212

RC Virudhunagar Elite

The club honoured gold and silver medallists at the World Abacus competition in Hong Kong recently. On National Sports Day, sports material worth ₹4,000 were given to a government school in a village.



D 3231

RC Chengai Chennai Corridor

An End Polio car rally was kicked off from the Rotary Hospital at Maraimalainagar and the members took part in the awareness drive at Ranipet and Vellore Rotary offices. A Smart Class was set up at its Happy Village School.





D 3231

RC Katpadi

A yoga session was organised for pregnant women at the Primary Health Centre in Pallikuppam village followed by a sumptuous lunch. Over 50 participants were guided by a yoga master on how to perform asanas.



D 3261

RC Jabalpur South

Rotarians distributed over 200 blankets to students at Kosamdih village in Dindori district. Healthy food was also given to malnourished kids in another initiative.



D 3292

RC Butwal Downtown

A toilet block was constructed at Satya Sai Vidyapeeth, Devdaha in Rupandehi district at a cost of ₹2.1 lakh. The sanitation facility will benefit 65 students. School uniforms, sweaters, caps and school bags were distributed to 30 students at Raina Devi Lower Secondary School at Ribdhikot.

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Fun-filled DTA sessions at Jim Corbett Park

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PDG Sharat Chandra being honoured.

The salubrious clime of Jim Corbett National Park at Ramnagar in Uttarakhand was the perfect foil to the 50th District Training Assembly of RID 3110, the golden jubilee event, which was chaired by DGE Kishor Katru with support from the Event Chairman Pawan Agarwal and his team.

Titled *Udbhav*, the three-day training Assembly (April 26-28) was hosted by RC Kashipur along with co-hosts RCs Kashipur Corbett, Haldwani, Ramnagar Corbett City, Rudrapur and Nainital. The presidential theme *Rotary connects the world* for 2019-20 was the key point of discussions and debates which turned the spotlight on some

interesting issues for the incoming leaders of the district. “Apart from creating strong links between members of district clubs to exchange ideas, we also deliberated on the need to attract wealthy professionals to the Rotary fold for us to connect with the society through projects and welfare programmes,” said DGE Kishor Katru.

“It was a fun-filled, three-day learning experience for the Rotarians who were also regaled with musical events. *Udbhav* was inaugurated by Mahamandleshwar Swami Arjun Puri Maharaj, a scholar on the *Ram Charita Manas*, who urged Rotarians to work for the welfare of the humanity and gave his blessings to the delegates. DGE Katru presented

religious books of all Faiths, golden jubilee lapel pins and Assembly kits for all the delegates and felicitated Rotary clubs which had completed 50 years of service.

PDGs Sajjan Goenka, RID 3141; Vinod Bansal, RID 3011; Deepak Shikarpur, RID 3131; Ramesh Agarwal, RID 3012; Sharat Chandra, RID 3110; Gurjeet Singh Sekhon, Sunil Nagpal, RID 3070; and DGN D C Shukla, RID 3110, gave thoughtful speeches on Rotary’s motto of *Service Above Self*. In his address, Katru spoke at length on the achievable goals for 2019-20 and how to strive for high standards in performance by reaching the various targets for the year. ■

Swami Arjun Puri Maharaj, DG Kishor Katru, PDGs Deepak Shikarpur (RID 3131), Vinod Bansal (RID 3011) and other special invitees at the inaugural session.



Jammu Rotary supports visually-impaired cricketers

Team Rotary News



Rotarians presenting a cheque to the visually-impaired cricketers.

Members of the Rotary Club of Jammu Midtown, RI District 3070, jointly sponsored eight visually-impaired cricket players for a

national-level training camp in Bengaluru. The sponsorship covered the train tickets and food expenses.

The club also conducted an awareness

programme on menstrual health and hygiene at Dilli Government School, Jammu. Club members Nitasha and Chakshu addressed the girls about menstrual

health management. In an interactive session, students cleared their doubts on menstrual hygiene. At the end of the event, sanitary napkins were distributed to them. ■

Blood donation camp at Ratia

Rotary Club of Ratia, RI District 3090, conducted a blood donation and medical camp at a gurudwara. Close to 130 units of blood was collected and over 50 people were benefitted by the medical camp. ■



A slew of Rotary projects in Chidambaram

Team Rotary News



Rotarians provide television to a panchayat union school.

In a thoughtful gesture to patients being treated at the Kamaraj Government Hospital in the town, RC Chidambaram Central, RID 2981, through a partnership with Palani Babu Jewellers carried out repair works for around 100 cots at various wards and donated 30 three-seater concrete chairs worth ₹1.5 lakh.

Buttermilk, tender coconut water, watermelon and cold water were distributed to the public and commuters on busy streets to beat the harsh summer. "This is a regular project undertaken by the club in

April-May costing around ₹1.5 lakh," said M Deepak Kumar, Club President.

On the eve of general elections, "we took up a signature campaign along with the district administration to encourage people to come out and vote to elect their political leaders. This shored up our public image as government officials appreciated our effort," he said. New office-bearers of RAC Rani Meyyammai College of Nursing sponsored by the club took charge in the presence of Rotarians. "We also gave scholarships

to deserving Rotaractors of this college."

A sports meet for the differently-abled children was organised and prizes were given to around 60 students. Annamalai University Registrar M Ravichandran, chief guest, gave away the prizes.

A tree plantation drive was organised at Shivapuri village by the club members and an eye camp was held for the villagers with the support of the Interact Club of Government High School.

The club donated an RO water purifier to the Government High School, Vellur, in partnership with the Lions Cosmopolitan Club. The water unit cost ₹35,000. Students displayed their talent at the National Science Day Exhibition hosted by the club. "We donated a Smart TV worth ₹32,000 to a Panchayat Union Primary School in Agaram village. This facility will help rural children to grasp the subjects easily," said Kumar.

Sapling plantation is one of the key projects of the club and "we have been planting trees without break for some time now. We would have planted more than 5,000 saplings in different areas of Chidambaram," said Kumar. ■



Newly-refurbished cots at the Kamaraj Government Hospital.