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RID 3212 celebrates 100 years of Rotary India

Team Rotary News



Twenty-five Rotarians from RC Thuckalay participated in a bike rally that enhanced Rotary's image and helped to spread the centennial message among the people.

Above:
DG S Sheik Saleem inaugurates the Centennial event.

Below:
End Polio Torch being lit in the presence of district Rotary leaders.



The Rotary clubs of RID 3212 came together to celebrate the centennial of Rotary India. The programme was hosted by RC Spic Nagar. DG Dr S Sheik Saleem hoisted the Rotary flag to mark the start of the celebrations.

Lion J K R Murugan of Lions International District 324 was the guest of honour. He appreciated Rotary's role in eradicating polio in the country and its consistent efforts in making the world polio-free. RID 3231 PDG S Sampathkumar was the chief guest. Past governors and several Rotarians participated in the celebrations. Forty-five Rotarians with more than 40 years of service in Rotary were honoured for their dedication and commitment for selfless service to society.

A new club, RC Marthandam Honey City, was chartered with 100 new members. Twenty-five Rotarians from RC Thuckalay participated in a bike rally that enhanced Rotary's image and helped to spread the centennial message among the people. An End Polio road show was also organised by the End Polio Now National Chairman PDG EK Sagadhevan and the End Polio Torch was lit at the celebrations. ■

On the cover: A Rotary NID camp organised by RC Mussoorie, RID 3080.

Eye care for differently-abled children

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Rotary Club of Poona Downtown, RID 3131, organised an eye check-up camp for the students of Sunderji Institute of Special School in Pune. The children studying in this centre suffer from various learning disorders such as dyslexia, cerebral palsy, Down's Syndrome, ADHD and other behavioural issues.

Ophthalmologists from the Community Eye Care Foundation screened the children for eye disorders and spectacles were sponsored by Rotarians for the needy children.

Over 100 children were screened and 28 children were prescribed spectacles while one child was found to have cataract. ■



An eye camp in progress.

A meeting with the Governor of Uttarakhand



RC Agra West President Pankaj Nagayach and club members at a meeting with Uttarakhand Governor Baby Rani Mourya.

The Rotarians of RC Agra West, RID 3110, led by Club President Dr Pankaj Nagayach, met the Governor of Uttarakhand Baby Rani Mourya and updated her about Rotary's welfare activities for the community.

The Governor appreciated Rotary's work, especially the various medical camps the club had organised in Badrinath and Kedarnath. She also called for including more youngsters in the various community programmes so

that they are groomed into responsible citizens.

"She has accepted our invitation to inaugurate our medical camp project that we propose to organise shortly," said Nagayach. ■

Singing contest for RID 3030 Rotarians in Nagpur

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A string of interesting sessions and discussions at the two-day Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) hosted by RC Nagpur Vision, RID 3030, turned out to be a great learning platform for over 350 students from 18 schools, both State Board and CBSE schools, as they had an opportunity to listen to experts and professionals from various walks of life.

Tata Parsi Girls High School hosted the MUNA event which “became very popular among

students, guest speakers and sessions chairs,” said Dr Shivani Sule, Club Secretary. The chairpersons were chosen from diverse fields and they were leaders in their vocations, he said. “The school management went out of their way in helping us to make a huge success of the event.”

Rotary Superstar

In another initiative, the club organised a district-wide singing contest titled *Rotary Superstar* for Rotarians and their spouses

at St Ursula Girls High School Auditorium. The auditions and finals were held on the same day. After the auditions, 31 singers were selected by a reputed jury panel.

Of the 31 contestants, 10 were selected for the finals and were judged on various parameters like voice quality, tune, rhythm, presentation, diction and pronunciation. “The talented singers from district clubs as well as Nagpur clubs exhibited their skills inviting cheers from the audience,” said Shivani.

Winners of the Rotary Superstar singing contest for district Rotarians.



The Rotary Superstar title was bagged by Rtn Shrikant Mankar of RC Amravati in the male category and Rotary Superstar Female was won by Rtn Anagha Jaiswal of the host club. Rtn Sunil Chimote from RC Amravati was declared the runner in the male category, while Dr Shivani Sule was adjudged the runner in the female category.

This was the third edition of *Rotary Superstar* successfully conducted by RCNV since its inception and the event is gaining in popularity every subsequent year, with this year getting maximum response in



A student being examined at a health camp.

spite of the district also organising a similar event at the same time.

Blood, health camps

Around 100 units of blood was collected

during the two blood donation drives conducted by the club in November last year. At the blood camp held at the ACE Women's Hospital, 61 units of blood was collected as "people across age groups came forward to donate blood for noble cause." At the second event on the premises of Ford Motors, 35 units of blood was collected.

More than 300 students were examined at the health check-up camp held at St Ursula High School. A panel of doctors checked the skin, eye and dental parameters, while children were also examined by paediatricians. "They were treated for routine ailments and those in need of specialised treatment were referred to the clinics of the doctors," said Dr Shivani. ■



RC Jodhpur Padmini focuses on Happy Schools, MHM

V Muthukumaran

With the support and mentorship from RC Jodhpur Padmini, RID 3053, their sponsors, the Interact Club of RKKGPS collected and donated books for setting up library at the two government schools at Aakthali and Budhnagar villages.

The Interactors also distributed sanitary pads to girls after explaining to them the issues related to menstrual hygiene. “Soon both the schools will be made into Happy Schools with a series of projects to enhance the learning experience of girl students,” said Club President Rajshree Chowdhary. She

motivated the students to develop the habit of reading books to succeed in life.

The club has been “working rigorously to complete our Happy School Projects at Aakthkali and Budhnagar,” said Rajshree who has been visiting the schools frequently to monitor the activities ever since the work commenced. Around 250 school bags were given to students at both these schools — Shahid Kesa Ram Vishnoi Rajkiya Madyamik Vidyalaya, Budhnagar, and Rajkiya Uchh Prathmik Vidyalaya, Aakthali.

In a similar event, the Interact Club of

Shantiniketan collected 1,000 books for setting up libraries in government schools. They visited Rajkiya Uchh Madyamik Vidyalaya at Piparlaye village and donated books. They also interacted with the students telling them about the need to cultivate the reading habit.

Menstrual hygiene

An awareness session on menstrual hygiene was held at the Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Mata Ka Than. Rajshree and Club Secretary Vidhi Shah distributed sanitary pads to girls after educating them on hygiene and best practices during menstruation.

A similar event was conducted at the Ramswaroop Ganeshi Devi Chilka Adarsh Balika Uchh Madhyamik Vidyalaya and sanitary pads were distributed to girls. Sweaters were also given to students by Rotarians to keep them warm during chill winters.

A fellowship meet was hosted by RC Jodhpur Padmini for Rotarians in the city with President Rajshree, Saavi Chowdhary, Nayanika Gaur and Mukta Singh Rathore taking care of arrangements to make it a successful event. All the Rotary clubs in Jodhpur came together to jointly hoist the

Interactors holding books meant for government school libraries.





Girl students with sweaters distributed by Rotarians led by Club President Rajshree Chowdhary.

tricolour on Republic Day. The flag hoisting was followed by the march past, patriotic songs, dances and group drills with enthusiastic shows by students. Rajshree Chowdhary

announced a cash prize of ₹51,000 to the top meritorious students in Board exams of Class 10 and 12, and ₹2,000 to all students getting first division marks. A blood donation camp at Sevki

Khurd village collected over 50 units of blood.

Anti-plastic awareness session was conducted with the support of NSS volunteers. Special talks were delivered on the need to shun plas-

tic products and switch over to cloth bags for an environment-friendly lifestyle. The club invited Krishna Rohit Misra, CEO, Rudra Technologies, to give a lecture to students of Lucky Institute of Professional Studies. "The budding entrepreneurs had an interactive session with the speaker and they enjoyed it thoroughly," she said.

Kitaabo fun

The students of a government school were taken to Kitaabo, the children's literary festival in Jodhpur started by a group of passionate book lovers in 2017, and the Rotarians helped them to take part in various sessions and fun activities. They attended a number of Kitaabo games and sessions which both informed and entertained the children. ■



Club President Rajshree Chowdhary at a blood donation camp.

RC Moradabad provides rations for a children's home

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Expressing solidarity with deprived children, RC Moradabad Achievers, RID 3100, gave a month's ration for 30 children to Bal Aashray Grah, a special home for destitute people in the city. The ration items included wheat, flour, rice, various lentils, salt, poha and other commodities. "We will continue to donate the rations to the special home in the coming months too," said Amit Kumar Agarwal, Club President.

The Anns of the club in partnership with Rotaractors presented gifts



Children along with Rotarians at a restaurant.

to children of construction site workers to mark Children's Day. They also took around 16 children of house maids and unskilled workers to

Sharma Bhojnalaya, a popular restaurant, to celebrate the special day. "It was our best Children's Day ever as we saw priceless smiles on the

faces of these underprivileged kids," he said.

Environment expo

The Interact Club of Pratap Singh Inter College organised an exhibition on the topic 'Environment and Pollution' with support from Moradabad Rotarians. A number of scientific models and experiments created awareness on the need to protect nature with right lifestyle modifications.

Debate and essay contests were also organised for school students. Chief guest Rtn Anshul Sharma and Project in-charge Poonam Bansal shared useful information on environment, how to protect it, besides giving away gifts and certificates to the winners as well as participants. ■



Children of construction workers get Rotary gifts.

Sonipat Rotarians bond during festival, picnic

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Rotarians celebrate Lohri with a bonfire.

Lohri festival was celebrated with a bonfire and Rotarians dancing and singing folk songs at RC Sonipat Midtown, RID 3012. It is a traditional winter festival usually held on the night before Makar Sankranti to mark the end of winter.

Folk songs depict prayers to the Sun God to usher in prosperity after a long winter period.

A polio NID camp was organised in which 65 children were given polio drops and Rotarians engaging the residents to create

awareness. Rotarians had an interactive and fruitful session with students at a career counselling meet at the Government Girls School in Murthal Adda, a prominent locality in Sonipat.

An expert demonstrated yoga postures at an awareness camp for students at a government school in Bajana Khurd village. She talked about maintaining a healthy body through regular *asanas* for sound mind and disease-free life. In a thoughtful gesture, the club distributed sweaters and woollen blankets to the needy students at the school and this was much appreciated by the school faculty.

With an aim to create bonding and fellowship, a one-day picnic was organised for club members who played golf and other games, besides interacting with others in a relaxed ambience. The club, in partnership with Delhi International Cargo Terminal, organised an eye camp at Gannaur. Apart from eye-screening and consultations, free medicines were given to the patients. A blood donation attracted a large number of youth from Sonipat and nearly 200 units of blood was collected. The camp enhanced the public image of Rotary in the city. ■



Rotarians enjoy golf during a picnic.



Students with woollen sweaters.

D 2981

RC Mannargudi Midtown

DG N Manimaran visited the club in December to oversee projects and community initiatives of the club. He also inaugurated projects and was briefed on the club activities. A new Rotaract club was formed at Bon Secours College with the installation of office-bearers.



D 2981

RC Pondicherry Cosmos

Three cancer survivors from South Africa went on a Walk of Life, travelling a distance of 550km from Puducherry to Kochi as a fundraiser for Indian Cancer Society and create awareness about cancer among the public. The club donated ₹25,000 to the society.



D 2981

RC Thanjavur South

DG N Manimaran inaugurated a two-day denture camp at the Annai Vailankannai Arts and Science College. More than 60 people benefitted from the camp which was supervised by Club President M Ayyappan and Secretary S Vijay Amalraj. The camp was held in association with Indian Prosthodontic Society.





D 2982

RC Salem Gugai

Nation Builder Awards were given to government school teachers for their service in moulding future citizens. The event was held at the Ammapet Girls Higher Secondary School. A drawing contest was held at the Reliance mall which attracted the young talent.



D 3000

RC Alangudi

A breast cancer awareness session was held at the Government Higher Secondary School, Arayapatti village. Dr S Diya gave a special talk. An eye camp held in association with Aravind Hospital, Madurai at Arputha Matha Middle School treated over 300 outpatients and examined around 100 inpatients.



D 3011

RC Gurgaon

A thalassaemia centre was set up in association with the Rotary Blood Bank in the city. DG Suresh Bhasin complimented the Rotarians while inaugurated the facility as it would save many lives. PDG Dr Sushil Khurana, Club President Surinder Khullar and PP Sanjay Jain had contributed in setting up the new facility.

D 3020

RC Eluru

A mega medical camp at Kavvagunta village screened over 300 people for various ailments. Club President KNV Krishnayya, Project Chair Sudheer, PDG P Damodar Reddy and Rtn Dr Nirmala Devi were present at the camp. An NCD camp was held at CRR College for the benefit of morning walkers.



D 3040

RC Ujjain

A teacher support programme for smart classes was held with Jyoti Mehwal, Principal, Prashanti College, as the chief mentor for the participants. Club President Sajendra Kharat and PDG Ravi Prakash Langer spoke on the RILM projects. Teachers from 50 schools spoke on the interest shown by students to the smart class.



D 3054

RC Himatnagar

The club hosted the motorcycle riders from RIDs 3141, 3142 and 3060 and exchanged Flags of Friendship with them. The bikers were on a mission to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in India, promote a fit India and raise funds for martyrs' families.





D 3054

RC Jaipur Round Town

Free meals and lunches are being distributed through Annapurna van at the SMS Hospital for needy people. This is a permanent project of the club as Rotarians along with their families serve the weaker sections of the society. In a month around 450 meal packets are being delivered to the poor.



D 3054

RC Udaipur

An eye check-up camp was held in partnership with Alakh Navan Mandir Eye Hospital at Alok Senior Secondary School. Free spectacles and eye drops were distributed to patients. More than 200 people including children were screened and some were referred to hospitals.



D 3060

RC Baroda Kalanagri

An Open Baroda Drawing Competition was held for three different categories that saw a total of 230 children from city schools taking part to exhibit their skills. Trophies and cash prizes were given to all the winners. All the participants were given certificates with drawing material.

D 3060

RC Surat Roundtown

Twenty-two computers were installed at Pragna School by the club to provide computer education to students. DG Anish Shah inaugurated the computer class and lauded the good work done by Rotarians in the neighbourhood.



D 3070

RC Amritsar East

Woollen sweater were distributed to children at the Government Elementary School near Rattan Singh Chowk. Legislator Sunil Dutt appreciated the work of Rotary in community care and development, especially for those from underprivileged families.



D 3080

RC Karnal

Woollen blankets were distributed to the poor labourers at a brick kiln near Rajgarh village to protect them against wintery nights. The beneficiaries thanked Rotarians for this thoughtful gesture.





D 3080

RC Roorkee Midtown

Winter clothes including blankets were distributed to pavement dwellers and poor families along with Rotaractors. A debate competition was held for school students on the topic 'Ban on plastic and polythene is the need of the hour'.



D 3090

RC Faridkot

A dental camp screened over 100 students for oral hygiene. Besides, the club has donated over 200 books for a library and 100 chalk boxes at the Government Middle School in Faridkot. The school faculty thanked Rotary for the useful donations.



D 3090

RC Patiala Greater

On the spot screening for breast, cervical and prostate cancer was done at the hi-tech cancer detection van by a team of 20 doctors from the Government Guru Gobind Singh Medical College and Hospital. The cancer camp had over 270 registrations. The special camp enhanced the public image of Rotary.

Vridhachalam Rotarians visit ISRO complex

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Rotarians and their families on a visit to Sriharikota.

Fifty-five Rotarians, Anns and Annettes went on a scientific trip to ISRO launch pad Sriharikota to gain knowledge about rockets and satellites. “We spent over four hours at the rocket launch site to understand how the ISRO complex works,” said Pradeep Kumar, treasurer, RC Vridhachalam, RID 2981,

The club has started a *Patriotism Project* in which they visit schools and ask the students to write essays and letters about the Indian Army and our soldiers who guard the nation on difficult terrains all

through the year. “We also give them the option to speak about our soldiers and freedom fighters. We have already created public awareness sessions on patriotism over the last few months,” he said.

Pond cleaning project

In a community initiative, the club desilted a village pond and strengthened its bund with the aim to recharge the groundwater in the vicinity and offer year-long water supply to the villagers from this source. “Around 5,000 families will benefit from the pond clean-up

project as the waterbody is spread over five hectares and our efforts will bear fruit during summer when there won’t be any water scarcity,” said Kumar.

A rally was held with the government school students to create awareness on eye donation. More than 500 students took part holding banners and placards and marching through the main roads of the town to create public awareness on eye donation. Slogans were raised and pithy messages were carried by the placards to drive home the message. ■

Handwash stations installed at Mussoorie schools

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Handwash stations were installed at schools as part of WinS programmes by RC Mussoorie, RID 3080, and awareness sessions on personal hygiene were held for students on the occasions. The sanitation units were installed at the Ghananand Inter College, Bhatta Village Primary and Madhyamik Schools and Barlowguna School.

The club presented a scholarship to needy and meritorious girl student Aliyah to meet her college fees for one year. She thanked the club for the generous support, said Club President Nitish Mohan Agarwal. "This is a token gesture to motivate her to aim big in higher education," he said. An NID camp was organised to immunise infants against polio. More than 65 infants were given polio drops at the Rotary booth at the Tilak Memorial Library in Mussoorie.



Aliyah gets financial aid to pursue college education.

"After immunisation, the children were given refreshments, comic books and other goodies," he said.

In its efforts to promote and motivate sportspersons in Uttarakhand, the club is giving sports kits to students who had qualified for the district meet and other major events in the country.

The sports kit was formally unveiled by Jot Singh Gunsola, President, Cricket Association of Uttarakhand, in the presence of school principals and physical fitness teachers of government-aided schools in Mussoorie. Club Secretary Manoranjan Tripathi and Youth Service Director Sanjay Jain took efforts to organise this event in the city.



A newly-installed handwash station at a government girls school.

Waste management seminar

The club invited Isha Vaish, an environmentalist and recycling expert, to give a guest lecture at the weekly meeting to create awareness among Rotarians on the need to recycle, reuse and reprocess waste. Rotarians along with their families joined hands to usher in the new year with celebrations.

A cake was cut to mark the birthday of PDG Ranbir Singh on the occasion. "Songs were sung and wedding anniversaries of seven Rotary couples were also celebrated. We had meetings of Rotarian families at the fireside in the winter months of January and February as has been the custom of our club," he said. ■

Rotary takes up mega campaign at IIT-Kanpur's festival

V Muthukumaran

In a major social initiative-cum-PR exercise, RC Kanpur North, RID 3110, joined hands with IIT-Kanpur to host *Antaragni*, a five-day student cultural festival that attracted over 125,000 footfalls. "For the first time in the 54-year-legacy of this extravaganza, an NGO has conducted a three-fold campaign — Say No to Plastic; Save Water; and Eradicate Polio. During the inaugural ceremony, a campaign was launched

through posters, banners, pamphlets and hoardings to create awareness among the students and other participants," said Krishan Mohan Trivedi, Club Secretary.

With the aim to drive home the message, competitions in photography, digital painting, modern art, creative writing, *Aamne Saamne* (panel discussion), case study and wall painting had Rotary-based themes, thus reflecting a concern for environment

and humanity. Full page advertisements of the IIT festival were published in leading dailies with Rotary Wheel and RI theme.

All over Kanpur, banners and hoardings were erected bearing Rotary messages on saving water, no to plastic and its polio vaccination campaign. "It was a big, successful branding exercise for us as *Antaragni* attracts wide publicity in dailies, magazines, TV channels and social media platforms," he said.

DGP (Uttar Pradesh) Om Prakash Singh was the chief guest at the inaugural event, while DGE DC Shukla and District Magistrate Vijay Viswas Pant were the guests of honour. Club President Manoj Kumar Agarwal along with Programme Coordinator Anuj Tiwari and Event Director Nishant Vadera made arrangements for the success of Rotary campaign at the IIT festival.



Girls with sweaters given by the club at the RBRD Girls Inter College, Nawabganj.



A Wheel of Fortune stall at Diwali Milan.



A Rotary banner at the IIT-Kanpur festival.

Sweaters distribution

During an inter-district event with RC Gurgaon Qutab Enclave, RID 3011, sweaters were distributed to students of RBRD Girls Inter College at Nawabganj.

Agarwal exchanged flags with RC Gurgaon Qutab Enclave President Ram Kishan Goenka to mark the occasion. Set up in 1914, the school is one

of the oldest government institutions in Kanpur with students hailing mostly from the weaker sections of the society. "There was a felt need for woollen sweaters, which was identified by our club and fulfilled," said Anuj Tewari, Joint Secretary, RC Kanpur North. Smiles on the faces of beneficiaries and expression of gratitude by the teachers

gave satisfaction to Rotarians.

Blood donation camps

Four blood donation camps were held in November last year in partnership with HDFC Bank at various locations in Kanpur. Hoardings were erected at busy junctions, banners were placed in colleges and public places and jingles

were aired on FM radio stations, besides passing the information on social media about the blood donations camps being held by Rotary.

The blood donation camps were held at Pandit Prithi Nath College, Jagran Institute of Management, Dr Gaur Hari Singhaniya Institute of Management and HDFC Bank, Lal Bangla, which saw a good turnout of students and professionals from various walks of life. "Staff, walk-in customers and local residents, besides students, were motivated by Rotarians to donate blood and its importance in saving lives," said Tewari. The club is holding such blood camps in November over the last 13 years in partnership with corporates. "This year due to spread of dengue virus in various parts of the city, there is a huge demand for blood to treat patients effectively at hospitals," he said.

Diwali Milan stall

At the mega Diwali festival organised jointly by all Rotary clubs in Kanpur and Unnao, a Wheel of Fortune stall was put up by RC Kanpur North. DG Kishor Katru, DGE Dinesh Shukla, DGN Pawan Agarwal, along with Rotarians and their families from city clubs, were present in large numbers at the festival. ■

D 3090

RC Samana

A two-day mega medical camp titled *Arogya* was held at the Rotary Bhawan in the presence of Jiwan Garg, a social worker. In this camp over 270 patients were examined for diseases and other health issues. Lab tests and medicines were given free of cost.



D 3100

RC Moradabad West Sonakpur

Dental and eye camps were held at the Government Hospital in which over 130 teenagers were examined. Toothbrushes, toothpastes and fruits were distributed to the patients. Diwali was celebrated with poor children at a special home. Rotaractors engaged the inmates with fun and interactive sessions.



D 3120

RC Mirzapur Diamond

More than 200 people had their BP, sugar and haemoglobin levels checked at a health camp held at Lal Diggi Park. Children's Day was celebrated with children at Bhartiya Vidya Mandir. A cultural show was staged.





D 3120

RC Varanasi East

RIPN Shekhar Mehta inaugurated a blood donation camp held in association with Swastik Charitable Trust. A large number of people across age groups donated blood for the noble cause. The camp lifted the profile of Rotary in the locality.



D 3142

RC Dombivli West

Tripurari Purnima, also known as Kartik Purnima, was celebrated along with the Inner Wheel club and Ganpati Mandir Sansthan. Following the custom, the club distributed 550 litres of edible oil to mahila ashrams, orphanages and old-age homes. DG Dr Mohan Chandavarkar was present on the occasion.



D 3160

RC Dharmavaram Midtown

An IOL camp was held at CK Palli village in which over 230 patients were screened, of which 145 were selected for eye operation. A water filter unit was installed at Obulampalli village at a cost of ₹25,000. World Population Day was observed by conducting essay contest at BSR Boys High School.

D 3160

RC Tadipatri

Blankets with Rotary Wheel embossed on it were distributed to over 60 children of Ramana Maharishi Orphanage School. The club distributes monthly provision kits to physically-challenged people every month as its permanent project. These projects have enhanced the public image of the club.



D 3170

RC Hubli

A District Literacy Training Seminar was held with PDG Manjunath Shetty, zonal literacy coordinator, as the chief guest. DG Dr Girish Masurkar was the convener. DLCC Narinder Barwal was the Event Chairman. PDG Ganesh Bhat and Shetty conducted the training sessions. Eighteen teachers were honoured with Nation Builder Awards. E-learning kits distributed to schools.



D 3201

RC Parur

District Collector S Suhas distributed sweet packets to children at Pratheeksha, a school run by the club, to mark World Disabled Day. The school is being managed by the club since 1983 with the aim to provide a holistic education to the differently-abled children.





D 3202

RC Tirupur Vision

During the official visit of DG A Karthikeyan, a walking frame was donated to an aged disabled person. The DG took part in a public meet and reviewed the project activities of the club. A large number of Rotarians was present at the event.



D 3212

RC Nagercoil Blossoms

A food festival was organised as a fundraiser at Rohini College of Engineering. The profit of ₹25,000 was donated to the End Polio Fund by the club. Former AG Muthiah Pillai inaugurated the food expo the highlight of which was the Biryani varieties that attracted many visitors.



D 3291

RC Kasba

The club hosted an event called *Maa Programme* with Kolkata Milestone, an NGO, on the occasion of Mahalaya. Hundred mothers from the weaker sections of the society including maid servants were given sarees, sindoor, food packets and other edible items. The beneficiaries were selected by a local group called Garia Club.

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RC Indore Meghdoot promotes good health

Kiran Zehra



As part of their regular club service, RC Indore Meghdoot, RID 3040, has started regular health and eye check-ups for general public and dental check-ups for the government schoolchildren. "They lack the knowledge about oral hygiene. Through these camps we want to promote oral health and hygiene among children from underprivileged backgrounds," said Club President Ghanshyam Singh. "To ensure that these medical camps truly help those in need, we partner with reliable hospitals, while the Rotarians from our clubs oversee the entire execution of the camps," he added.

On World Diabetes Day, the club in association with Medanta Hospital, Indore, tested 75 patients for blood pressure, cholesterol and sugar at a camp in Pardeshipura in Indore. The Rotarians of the club actively promoted the *Ek chamach kam char*





A physiotherapy session in progress.

kadam aage, initiative to promote good health by talking to the people waiting in line for their turn.

The club conducted a dental check-up camp at Nipania Government School, near Indore.

Around to 350 students had their teeth examined by a team of doctors from the Government Dental College. The children were briefed on healthy oral habits. For those students who needed further

treatment were referred to the Government Dental Hospital, Nipania.

The club runs a weekly eye check-up camp and conducts free physiotherapy sessions at the club's physiotherapy centre. ■



Reaching out for the welfare of the needy

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Differently-abled persons with monthly provisions donated by Rotary.

The poor and needy people in the society are provided with monthly provisions every month by Rotary Club of

Tadpatri, RID 3160. This is a long-running project of the club and the supplies are distributed promptly on the 5th of every month.

The club organised an eye camp to screen people for cataract at the village Yellanur Mandalam. Of the 100 people screened, 52 villagers were identified for cataract surgery and their eyesight was restored with intraocular lenses.

In another endeavour, the Rotarians distributed blankets to streetside dwellers to keep them warm during the cold season.

Tricycles and mobility aids were provided to physically-challenged people to help them move independently.

The club conducted essay writing and elocution competitions for schoolchildren and provided an inverter to a school situated in a remote locality. ■



Roadside dwellers with blankets given by Rotarians.

Gifting smiles and good health to senior citizens in Jamnagar

Kiran Zehra

Inmates of the Niradhar Ashram, an old age home in Jamnagar, don't hesitate to smile anymore, all thanks to the dental and denture fixture camp conducted by RC Senoras Jamnagar, RID 3060, at the home. "Smiling with these new teeth makes me feel younger, happier and more confident," says Brijesh Hira, an inmate of the home.

"Aside from being visibly unappealing, gaps in the teeth can create an increased risk of infection, bone and tissue loss and may cause further extractions," says Dr Pravina Santwani, a retired professor at the Government Dental College and the club's secretary. The members of the club took an entire month to prepare for the project starting with Pravina approaching her "good student," Dr Mehul Khakhariya who runs his clinic in Khakhariya. "*Dua wala kaam hai* (it's a noble job),' I told him and he agreed instantly," she says. Arrangements were made for the dental team to examine all the 37 inmates



Dr Mehul Khakhariya (standing), Dr Pravina Santwani (3rd from L) and the dental team with a happy inmate of Niradhar Ashram after fitting the dentures.

at the home. This was followed by fixing separate appointments for those who need full or partial dentures, minor surgeries, extraction and root canal treatment.

The required procedures were carried out individually for

all the inmates, on different dates at Khakhariya Dental Clinic in Jamnagar. "This way it did not impact my regular patients and we were able to attend to the patients from the home without rush," says Khakhariya. "The dentures and dental bridges will help them eat a wide range of healthy foods without suffering pain, discomfort or embarrassment," says Khakhariya.

Pravina says the club spent close to ₹50,000 to complete the project and "their bright and beautiful smiles lifted the spirits of everyone, including them."

In association with Jamnagar Municipality, on World Diabetes Day, the club organised a health check-up camp and public awareness campaign about diabetes. The sugar level of over 100 people was checked and Rotarians promoted *Project Positive Health* among the people. ■



Rotarians at the health camp promoting *Project Positive Health*.

Spreading cheer among children

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The Rotarians of RC Mulund Hill View, RID 3141, have been connecting with schoolchildren every year with an aim to bring out their latent talent and build their self-confidence. The club conducts various competitions for students in different schools and orphanages and recognises the children's participation with certificates and gifts.

This year too the club, led by its president Kamal Kotai and coordinated by members Sneh

Malhotra, Vidhi Motwani and Harshita Chhaya, organised a drawing competition in three schools. Over 300 children participated and depicted their thoughts and ideas through their artwork on the theme, *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*.

In another similar initiative, handwriting competitions were organised in two schools which saw a participation of 250 students.

To drive home the important and urgent message of safe driving



Above: A drawing competition for the deaf and mute children.

Left: Rotarians, Rotaractors and Anns at the Maha Walkathon.



and observing traffic rules, the club organised a 'Maha Walkathon' which had an enthusiastic participation from the public. The endeavour was executed in association with the Maharashtra government. Rotaractors, Anns and Annets also participated in the event. ■

Rotary sponsors corrective surgeries for children

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Rotary Club of Coimbatore Meridian, RID 3201, has launched a project – First Step - to sponsor surgeries to correct deformity in children. The Rotarians

had screened 45 children and selected 35 children for corrective surgery.

Two children – six-year-old Goutham was treated for joint disorder and two-year-old Sandeep



Little Sandeep Raghavan with his parents at the hospital ward.



A before-and-after picture of young Goutham with his parents.



Raghvan who had a limp – underwent surgery at the One Care Medical Centre in Coimbatore and their deformities were corrected.

The club hopes to extend this project to benefit 100 children this year and have applied for a global grant for the initiative, says the Club President Thamilselvan.

The club is promoting blood donation among its members by encouraging a drive called 'One unit per day per year'. Through this drive, 286 unit of blood have been collected so far, with institutions such as COSIEMA and Sidco Industries participating for the cause. ■

Rotary Club of Akola Midtown, RID 3030, recently installed 23 Interact clubs in the town. The certificates of organisation have been sent to the parent club by the RI South Asia Office. RID Bharat Pandya officially installed the Interact clubs in the presence of DG Rajendra Bhamre and DGND Anand Jhunjhunwala.

The new Interactors attended a series of orientation meetings to help them understand about Rotary and its activities. The young members are enthusiastic to participate in various humanitarian programmes and excited about the numerous opportunities offered by Rotary, says Yogesh Srawgi, the Club Secretary. ■

New Interact clubs formed in Akola

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An orientation session for Interactors.

Walk on broken glasses to achieve your goals



RC Bangalore Sneha President S Nithyaleela walks on glass pieces.

In a bizarre event aimed to motivate people and encourage them to achieve big goals in life overcoming hurdles on the way, RC Bangalore Sneha, RID 3190, organised a workshop called *Self-Renaissance* in which participants walked on shards of glass pieces. Setting an example to others, Club President Dr S Nithyaleela walked on broken glass pieces which she said, “would remove inhibitions and enable us to plan for a bright future by taking steps to achieve our goals.”

All the participants walked on the glass pieces voluntarily. Rtn Unnikrishnan, a certified coach on fire walk from BlessingWhite, US, a division

of GP Strategies that enables companies to optimise the potential of their employees, mentored the training programme. He is also an alumnus of Sundoor School of Transpersonal Education, California, that conducts spiritual workshops such as fire walks.

District stall

The club has put up a unique stall titled ‘Behavioural and Psychometric Assessment Tools’ for the benefit of Rotarians, Anns, Annets and Rotaractors on the sidelines of the district conference *Nexus*.

All the assessment tools were given free of cost to the winners of the dart game as well as lucky draw. ■