

Rotary News *Plus*



Unearthing talent

Rotary run to fund projects

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Over 3,500 participants drawn from various walks of life converged in a sea of yellow jerseys at the Global Tech Village Park, near RVCE College, on Mysuru Road for the third edition of *Mindtree The RRRun*, a marathon fundraiser organised by the Rotary Club of Bangalore Rajarajeshwari Nagar Centennial, D 3190. And they chose one of the three categories — half marathon, 10 km and 5 km fun run or walk — to express solidarity with Rotary which will use the event proceeds to fund some of its community projects.

Set on a much grander scale compared to its two earlier editions, the triple run (RRRun) saw not only professional runners but also family groups who were enthusiastic and ready to stretch their muscles for a worthy cause. Apart from residents from Bengaluru, there were people from other districts of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu who as regular participants turned up at the start venue to mingle and merge with the running fraternity.

A challenging route

The route chosen for the run traverses a rough terrain with an undulating ups

and downs of Rajarajeshwari Nagar and its nearby areas. “A few runners who had participated in the earlier editions said it was a tough task to better their earlier timings due to the route which is demanding,” said Rtn Suresh Warriar, Co-Chairman, Mindtree The RRRun.

However, the club members ensured the comfort of the runners through care and simple refreshments at multiple touch points throughout the running distance. “We had the images tagged to the bib numbers of the participants so that they can post their pictures on Facebook pages or share using WhatsApp and other social media apps,” he said.



Participants in the Rotary Marathon.

Earlier, DG Asha Prasanna Kumar lit the traditional lamp on stage and kicked off the proceedings which brought together both amateur and professional runners for a single event. While G S Venkataraman, Finance Controller, Mindtree, the title sponsor, flagged off the half marathon, Yash Vardhan, scion of the Malu Wires group did the honours for the 10K run.

Olympian Anju Bobby George was a huge draw among the crowd and was mobbed for selfies by youngsters. She flagged off the Good Earth 5K fun run with her husband and former coach Robert George. "I was pleasantly surprised to see such a good turnout

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Olympian Anju Bobby George giving prize money to a winner.

with many people of all ages participating with lot of enthusiasm. It warms my heart to see athletics gaining momentum in India," said Anju George.

A complete Rotary show

The half-marathon was planned, organised and managed by the Rotarians and their family members, who came together in a show of strength not only

on the event day but also the days leading up to it. "The club members engaged the potential sponsors; actively promoting the event with corporates, institutions, and at local parks. Besides, we worked on the route logistics, registered the participants through online and offline modes and made all the last-minute arrangements before the D-day," said Warriar. ■



Creating future leaders

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A student interacting with the moderator at the RYLA event.

A RYLA event for government school students is being held each month by RC Pollachi, D 3202, with an aim to create future leaders. The club has targeted to attract 720 students in the Rotary year 2017–18, that is, at least 60 participants for RYLA in a month.

Instead of waiting for the district or regional-level RYLAs to happen, “the club’s board of directors has decided to sponsor this leadership event once in a month,” says Ramji Raghavan, Secretary, RC Pollachi. A generous Rotarian from the club has come forward and offered his college’s air-conditioned seminar hall for the RYLA activities. Further, he says, “the qualitative aspects of RYLA are more important than the quantity, and hence, the decision to restrict the number

of students in a batch to 60 per month.”

The structure and course design of the RYLAs were developed by Ramji Raghavan who is also the RYLA trainer. “Students are provided with an experiential learning in subjects such as Rotary and its role, global citizenship, leadership attributes, effective communication and problem-solving skills.” Within the first three months, the participation in the programme rose from 58 in the first edition to over 90 students, all from the government schools in the locality.

Training teachers

A one-day workshop for teachers in government schools was held in September which also saw the presentation of the Nation Builder Awards to those who have made

a difference in imparting quality education to children. The training session was moderated by Ranjani Meenakshi from Karadi Path company, while the awards were presented by Rtn P Appukkutty, Chairman, PA Educational Institutions. “The training session was well-received and appreciated by the teachers who benefitted immensely from the discussions,” said Raghavan.

An End Polio awareness campaign along with a fundraising drive got overwhelming support from the public. Tirupur South Region Chair Dr K Balasundaram from Erode gave the fundraising speech during which coupons were handed over to the donors.

End Polio Campaign Chairman Elango from the club gave an awareness talk on polio and also on the “Way forward”. ■

Making a difference with an all-women's Rotaract club

Team Rotary News

Having already chartered a Rotaract club, the members of RC Venu-gram Belgaum, D 3170, wanted to add one more to its credit. Club President Dr Rahul Sathe wanted to start a Rotaract club that stands apart and makes a difference in the community.

The Rotarians were asked to suggest ideas and in the course of deliberations, PP KV Patil came up with the idea of an all-women Rotaract club which found ready acceptance among the club members. "I took up the issue of such a Rotaract club with DG Anand G Kulkarni and asked for his opinion," recalls Dr Sathe. The DG not only approved the suggestion, but also guided the club to start the first all-women's Rotaract club in the district.



Rotarians with the newly chartered all-women Rotaract Club.

The Rotaract Club of BK College was launched on Women's Day and the office-bearers were installed by DG Kulkarni at a gala ceremony attended by Principal D N Misale, AG Sujay Shah and Dr Sathe among other Rotarians.

The new all-women's club has 55 charter members led by President Pruthvi M Kollapagol and Secretary Megha Y Belgundkar. Professors Vidya Jadhav and Tejaswi M Chougule are the mentors of the new Rotaract club. ■

Clubs jointly hold medical camp

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An ENT camp was held jointly by the Rotary Clubs of Salem and Salem Grand, in association with the ENT Research Foundation, to screen the patients at the Rotary Hall. PDG R Vasu inaugurated the medical camp in which 125 people were screened for various ailments and 10 children below six years were identified for surgery. Dr Mohan Kameswaran and his team from the ENT Foundation screened the patients and offered treatment. RC Salem President Prof R Venkatachalapathy, RC Salem Grand President S Palanisamy and their secretaries, besides other members and Rotaractors took part and made the arrangements for the conduct of the mega ENT camp. ■



Promoting a green lifestyle

Kiran Zehra



Rotary Club of Central Calcutta, D 3291, along with its Inner Wheel, Rotaract and Interact Club of BSS School, celebrated International Earth Day on April 22, 2018 at the BSS School.

Alokananda Roy, a renowned dancer and social activist graced the event. The programme kick-started with the creation of an Eco Zone, where saplings were planted by CA Girish Ganeriwala and Riju Chamaria, Presidents of RC Central Calcutta and President of the Inner Wheel Club, respectively. Students of the BSS school performed the Ganesh Vandana on skates. Followed by a fashion show put up by students from Silver Point

School, St. James School and Ektara, a school for underprivileged children. They showcased products made by Eco Trends, a brand that uses recycled products and eco-friendly materials to create fashion.

The Rotaract members put up a musical performance, Eco Rhythm, to promote the campaign — Save The Earth. The photographs of Eco Sharp — a photography competition with the theme, Capture Nature in all its Glory, were displayed and prizes were given to the winners of the competition. The BSS School had also taken the initiative of placing bins and painting of feeder boxes in the school's vicinity for a cleaner and greener look.

The aim of the event was to convey a message against the use of plastic and promote use of eco-friendly products. A pledge to minimise the use of plastic, thereby reducing carbon footprints, was taken at the conclusion of the programme.

Training teachers

After the positive feedback the club received for training 35 teachers through a training programme conducted earlier at RCC Tarkeshwar, the Rotarians enthusiastically arranged for a similar training programme at RCC Dakshindihi for 32 Teachers. Rtn Neelam Suhasaria, coordinated the programme, under the guidance of DLCC PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria. ■

Making Gaya better

Team Rotary News

Construction of a toilet block, a health camp and a tree plantation drive are among the many projects Rotary Club of Gaya City, D 3250, undertook this year.

A toilet block was constructed by the club at Azadbiga village on the outskirts of Gaya city, in memory of a senior Rotarian Late Pande Rajeshwari Prasad.

Close to 150 cadets from Six Bihar Battalion NCC participated in the plantation drive that was conducted at Kasbadih village, Fatehpur. Under its Save Environment campaign, the club planted saplings of fruit-bearing trees and large shade trees with a view to make the region green.

A health camp was organised at Raniganj village, 75 km from Gaya. This region has very limited access to healthcare. Over 1,000 patients were examined in the camp. Free medicines were distributed, in association with the JB Rai Memorial Trust. ■



Rotarians with beneficiaries in front of a toilet block constructed by the club.

Helping students soar high



Learning is fun and what better way than being part of Udaan, a showcase project

jointly hosted by Rotary Club of Baroda Metro, D 3060, and Educlub, for students of Classes

1-5 from five municipal schools in Vadodara.

More than 1,000 children took part in the annual fair consisting of cultural events, musical and dance presentations and an exhibition of innovative projects designed by students.

“The enthusiasm of the participants was palpable. Most of them were facing the audience for the first time and their confidence despite their nervousness was heart-warming,” said Suneel Joshi, Club President.

PRID Manoj Desai who visited the event said Udaan has helped to build bridges for social transformation. DGE Pinky Patel urged the children to attend school regularly to take advantage of such programmes. ■

Health takes primacy at Namakkal

Team Rotary News



Rotarians along with medical fraternity at the World Glaucoma Week rally.

A novel rally was taken out at Namakkal town with Rotarians, along with the Inner Wheel club members, medical fraternity and other volunteers, coming together blindfolded to mark the World Glaucoma Week (March 11–17).

The rallyists assembled at the bus terminus, raised slogans and distributed leaflets to the public on taking eye precautions. “The awareness march was a big success. The chief guest Dr M R Enbasekaran, Director of Medical and Rural Services in Tamil Nadu and IMA doctors took part along with the

paramedics. Over 120 members took part in the glaucoma camp and awareness rally,” said Annadurai Sellappan, President, RC Namakkal Poultry Town, D 2982.

Doctors gave lectures on personal hygiene at Jai Vikas Higher Secondary School in Namakkal to mark the World Health Day. Over 700 students attended the lecture meet in which the talks focused on cleanliness, benefits of tree plantations, keeping away from banned and junk foods, eye care, menstrual hygiene and cultivating the reading habit for updates on health issues.

Stationery donation

Rota Kids chartered by the Rotary club presented stationery material, towels printed with Rotary Wheel and a symbolic image of tree plantation to the government elementary school in Manjanickanur village.

Rotarians observed Republic Day at the Government HS School in the village Sellappampatty with the participation of over 800 students. “We distributed prizes, certificates to the winners of various competitions. Our aim was basically to instill a sense of patriotism and awareness about the richness of our country in the young minds,” explained Sellappan. ■

Rotary feeds the hungry in Jaipur

Team Rotary News



Free meal distribution is an ongoing project of the Rotary Club of Jaipur Pink City, D 3054, which is being held through donations and sponsors at busy junctions and highways.

At Delhi bypass-Chauraha junction, Ajmer Road, and Banjara Kachchi Basti, the Rotarians gave away food to the needy in January. Makar Sankranti was celebrated at Ved Vatika Colony in the city, with fun and entertainment activities. Along with the

community, the club hosted a kite festival which was enjoyed by the locals.

Jaipur foot distribution camp was held at the SMS Hospital in the city with Rtn Shanta Gupta giving a speech. For the devout, *Ekadashi Sankirtan Mahotsav* was organised at the ISKCON Temple in Mansarovar in which its President Panch Ratna Prabhu gave a religious sermon.

Rtn O P Modi led a team to Hingonia Gaushala and offered

prayers to the cows for peace and prosperity. The bovines were given cattle feed and their foreheads were decorated with *sindoor*.

Republic Day

Rotarians gathered at a Government Senior Primary School for the Gantantra Diwas celebration. Over 150 woollen sweaters were given to children to mark the occasion. The gesture has enhanced the Rotary image in the neighbourhood. ■

Rotary Day celebrations in Alleppey backwaters

Team Rotary News



Rotary Day, February 23, was celebrated in a novel manner at Rotary Club of Alleppey Coir City, D 3211, with

members and their families assembling at the Nehru Trophy Boat Race Point in Alleppey.

After a small meeting and distribution of

leaflets on the 4-Way Test, the Rotarians boarded a house boat that was decorated with 'Rotary Day' banners, balloons and festoons.

The members sang Rotary songs and created awareness among the large gathering of foreign tourists on Rotary's global activities. ■

Holi hai!

Team Rotary News

The Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Siliguri Central, D 3240, organised a grand Holi event in Siliguri. Extensive promotional activities for the event helped to enhance Rotary's public image. Fifty banners were displayed all over the city.

The venue, in the heart of the town, drew a footfall of 800 people and the stage showcased the theme of the festival. Artists from Delhi were invited to stage the life of Lord Krishna. Its instant popularity among the locals has inspired the club to make this an annual affair. ■



Eye camp for villagers

Team Rotary News



Patients being screened at the eye camp.

Rotary Club of Raichur Central, D 3160, in association with Pramana Educational and Charitable Trust, Sri Poornaprajna Educational and Charitable Trust's Sharada Vidya Niketan School and RCC, organised an eye camp recently at Jagira Venkatapur village. Over 350 patients from 10 villages were screened. PHF Basavaraj R Palled of Pramana Educational trust donated 110 spectacles while the President of Sri Poornaprajna Trust and the President of RC Raichur Central, DK Muralidhar, sponsored eight eye surgeries. ■

Jammalamadugu bus driver feted

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A government bus driver, K Sandeep, was rewarded by RC Jammalamadugu, D 3160, for returning a bag containing gold jewellery and cash to a commuter who was travelling from Kadapa.

He was complimented by the JMD Depot Manager D Sreenivasulu, staff and Rotarians for setting an example in honesty and upright life.

Students of the MPP School (Urdu) were given stainless steel plates and tumblers by Rotarians on the occasion of DG K Maduri Prasad's official visit. "It will help the students to have lunch



Bus driver K Sandeep being felicitated.

in clean and hygienic manner," said Y Chandra Sekhar Reddy, President, RC Jammalamadugu.

Sewing machines

Two sewing machines were given to P Amrutha

and S Lakshmi by the club after they had undergone a vocational training in tailoring. The donations were made through a global grant.

Woollen blankets were distributed to over

100 women beneficiaries with the chief guest DSP Kola Krishnan giving away the donations. The event was held to mark BR Ambedkar Rajyanganam Dinochavam. ■

Adult literacy class at Nitte

Team Rotary News

An adult literacy programme was held from July-December at Nitte village in Udupi district of Karnataka, at the end of which all the 32 participants were given free spectacles by RC Nitte, D 3182. The adult learners were from the lower strata of the society such as sweepers, gardeners and housemaids. Various types of life skills-related lectures were taught in the class. During the course of the classes, it was found that the participants were not in a position to take down notes and write due to various eye-ailments. Hence an eye camp was held for the participants. ■



An adult learner receiving a spectacle.

Zestful Rotarians of Chennai Nolambur

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Passion and sporting skills were on display at the second edition of the APJ Abdul Kalam Badminton tournament hosted by RC Chennai Nolambur, D 3232. DG R Srinivasan, District Secretary P T Kumar, DGN Chandramohan, DisCon 2018 Chair Selvam Alagappan and Rotaract Chairman Joseph Raja were present to enjoy the shuttle contest which saw participation of 30 teams from Districts 3232 and 3231.

DGND Muthu Palaniappan inaugurated the tournament as chief guest. "Rotarians from other clubs were present in large numbers to enjoy the matches. Also, our Anns and Annettes pepped up the spirits of the players who gave a fine display of their sporting skills," said MRN Rao, the Club President. The Rotary team of Robert and Ravi from RC Madras Pallava emerged winners, while the home team of Leander and Boova Raghavan were the runners-up. The chief guest Arunachalam, Secretary, Tamil Nadu Badminton Association, gave the prizes at the valedictory session.

"We have decided to take the event to the next level by holding the same for Anns and Annettes also," said Rao.

Toys for Tots

With an aim to ensure joyful childhood for toddlers in *anganwadis* and orphanages, the club is collecting toys of all kinds from happy families and distributing them to shelter homes and childcare centres run by the government. A part of Project Indica of D 3232 which reaches out to special



Above: Winners presented with trophies at the Rotary tournament.

Below: DG R Srinivasan along with district leaders at the inauguration of RC Chennai Rainbow.



and underprivileged children, the club initiative has “brought us laurels from the neighbourhood,” said Rao.

In partnership with the Indica team, the club members and Anns celebrated Holi with children of the Orange Kids playschool. “It was a fun-filled event and the children thoroughly enjoyed the moments of colour spray and social interaction for which we have to thank Rtn Punithaji.”

In step with the district’s policy to take up polio campaign in a big way during the National Immunisation Day (Jan 28), the club took part in the two phases of the NID with the distribution of posters and campaign material. An autorickshaw was engaged to spread the message. The PolioPlus team coordinated with the Corporation officials for the smooth flow of work at its allotted booth. In the second phase of polio campaign (Mar 11), the Anns too chipped in and helped the Rotarians in maintaining the club’s booth.

Lunch was distributed to 130 outpatients at the Porur Government Hospital. “We thank RC Chennai Porur for the opportunity and once again our Anns helped us to reach out

to the beneficiaries,” said the Club President.

Productive job fair

A gala job fair saw participation of 22 firms which screened over 280 students, of which 204 were shortlisted for recruitment. Finally, 57 offer letters were issued to the students. The place-



A job aspirant receiving an offer letter at the job fair.

ment drive was jointly organised along with RCs Anna Nagar West, Chennai Korattur and Chennai Rainbow at SBIOA Model School. The event designed exclusively for job aspirants who are still studying in colleges was also attended by Rotarians, Anns and Annettes from prominent clubs.

A new club RC Chennai Rainbow was chartered with 30 members in the presence of DG Srinivasan, DGN Chandramohan and other Rotary officials from D 3232.

To improve social forestry, Rotarians took up herbal plantation at the Maharishi Vidya Mandir in Pollacherry and created awareness among the students for a green campus and a nature-friendly lifestyle.

Guest lecture

It was an exciting journey on Rotary’s past milestones and its achievements at a guest lecture by Rtn Ravi Raman, managing director, RR Industries, on the topic “International fellowship and Rotary action groups”. The club members were updated on the importance of Rotary networking and over 30 Rotarians took part in the lecture.■



Bikaner club knits Rajasthani community

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A series of eye camps, water coolers at public places, awards to litterateurs and knitting the community through folk programmes are some of the project highlights of the Rotary Club of Bikaner, D 3053, whose members attend events in large numbers making it all a grand occasion for fellowship.

The Rotarians organised a medical camp for the benefit of the thousands of devotees who undertake an annual pilgrimage to the Karni Mata temple

in Deshnok, 30 km from Bikaner. Rtn Bhanwar Lal Daga and his family sponsored the camp. Apart from first-aid to elderly pilgrims and other medical services, “we provided food and accommodation with the assistance of the Daga family,” said Dinesh Kumar Acharya, Club Secretary.

Mega eye camps

In partnership with the Acharya Nanesh Rotary Eye Hospital, a number of eye camps are being held as

on-going projects by the club which have earned the goodwill of the community.

At an eye camp organised with Agrawal Chetna Samiti in Bikaner, over 150 OPD cases were handled and 16 cataract operations were done at the Rotary Hospital. Reaching out to those living on the India-Pakistan border, a mega eye camp was organised at Khajuwala village, 80 km from Bikaner. It saw a screening of 450 patients, of which 36 were selected for cataract operation. Another camp



Beneficiaries at the eye camp organised in partnership with Acharya Nanesh Eye Hospital.

was held at the neighbouring Napasar village.

For workers, the club tied up with the District Industries Association to hold an eye camp. About 360 patients were examined and 32 were operated for cataract.

Water coolers

Two water coolers were installed at the platforms of the Railway station with donations from Rajkumar Nand Kishore Dogra and Rajender Singh Sankhala who also presented another such facility to Apna Ghar Ashram for the elderly and orphans.

A debate in Rajasthani language was organised for the younger generation with eminent scholars Ramesh Shah and Bhanwar Singh Samor moderating the sessions. "The programme was much appreciated in the local media and we gained immense visibility among the youth as we projected the rich heritage and culture of Rajasthan," said Acharya.

Traditional music, art

Khyal performance was staged with artistes enacting scenes drawn from religion, history and culture with the accompaniment of traditional music. A Khyal team from Merta gave the performance.

To encourage and sustain interest in literature and fine arts, the club

A medical camp was organised for *padyatris* in association with the Rtn Bhanwar Lal Daga's family. Apart from first-aid to elderly pilgrims and extending other medical services, it provided food and accommodation.



A youngster receiving certificate at the Rajasthani Basha contest.



A water cooler being installed for public use.

presents three awards — Kala Dungar Kalyani Rajasthani Shikhar Award with a cash of ₹51,000; Khinv Raj Muni Lal Soni Rajasthani Prose Award (₹21,000); and Brij Urmi Rajasthani Poetry award (₹11,000) — as a permanent project. Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Gopal Krishan Vyas gave the coveted awards to Girija Shankar Sharma (Rajasthani art and

culture); Pawan Paharia (prose); and Ravi Purohit (poetry) at a gala ceremony in the presence of DG Raj Kumar Bhutoria.

The 'Rajasthani Bhasha, Sahitya and Sanskriti Awards 2017' was a grand success with the event coordinated by PDG Arun Prakash Gupta and Rtn Kishore Singh Rajpurohit, said Acharya. ■

D 2981

RC Panruti

A heart check-up camp was organised at Sree Sarada Matric School in association with Sree Manakula Vinayagar Medical College and Hospital. The camp benefitted over 350 students and cost ₹19,000. Mosquito nets and a 20-litre flask were donated to the government hospital to prevent dengue.



D 2981

RC Pattukkottai

Identity cards were issued to over 300 students and World Polio Day was observed through awareness programmes at the Government Higher Secondary School in Nattuchalai. The project cost ₹11,500.



D 2982

RC Rasipuram

A human chain was formed by the students of Vidhya Nikethan HS Secondary School to create awareness on End Polio Now campaign. The students joined hands with Rotary and Inner Wheel to spread the message of a polio-free world.





D 3054

RC Jaipur Kohinoor

A tree plantation drive held near Surendra Public School was attended by 15 Rotarians. The new plants will be taken care of by Surendra Awana who is running the school. The plantation drive was led by Club President O P Khadiya.



D 3060

RC Senoras Jamnagar

A charity musical was organised to raise funds for underprivileged children and for a de-addiction centre. The event was attended by over 600 people who contributed for the cause. Melodious songs and hit numbers were sung by singers from Mumbai and Ahmedabad.



D 3070

RC Amritsar North

A seminar was held to mark World Polio Day in K D Hospital. Past President Dr K S Arora spoke on Rotary's contribution in polio eradication and the need to continue with the efforts.

D 3070

RC Jammu Midtown

A blood donation camp was held at the SMGS Hospital with support from Dr Meena Sidhu of the blood bank. Club treasurer Vikas Mahajan and Rtn Sushil Singal made the arrangements. There was a good response from student scouts, factory workers and the citizens.



D 3070

RC Sundar Nagar

Annapurna Day was celebrated at the Sakar School for the differently-abled by the club members. The students enjoyed the occasion as they were showered with gifts and special food.



D 3080

RC Industrial Area Ambala

The club feted 106 teachers of government schools in and around Ambala who tutored weak students to perform well in the exams.





D 3120

RC Lucknow Main

Charter Day was celebrated at Kaifi Azmi Academy with Justice Sudhir Kumar Saxena, Chairman, UP State Service Tribunal, and historian Ravi Bhatt giving speeches. Cultural events were presented by artiste Ravi Saraswat. Justice Saxena lauded the role of Charter President Dr S S Hashmi.



D 3120

RC Varanasi East

A new Interact club was formed at Delhi Public School in the town by the club. RYLA Chairman Anil Jajodia was the chief guest. School Principal Mukesh Sailleth and AG Deepak Agrawal were present on the occasion.



D 3120

RC Greater Faizabad

Saplings were planted with the Club President Manish Agarwal leading the project. He said making the environment better was critical for a healthy living. Rtn Deepak Mehrotra said clean environment is the basis for good health. D 3120 AG Anurag Agarwal inaugurated the sapling plantations.

D 3131

RC Pune Westend

A talk show *Thet Bhet* that interviewed celebrities turned out to be a money spinner for the club enough to deliver three bike ambulances. Encouraged by the response, they decided to conduct 12 such events, that is, one in every month. The club hopes to reach out to over 10,000 people in this fund collection drive.



D 3132

RC Solapur North

A visually-impaired girl Shruti had her eyesight restored partially after an operation that was funded by the club. She was a student of Damani Blind School. RJ Shraddha from 95 My FM and club's past president Dr Sachin Jamma took up the initiative.



D 3141

RC Bombay Chembur West

In association with the Municipal Corporation, the club organised Dengue Prevention and Awareness programme at The Fine Arts Cultural Centre. The event was inaugurated by DG Prafull Sharma.





D 3150

RC Guntur

A toilet block and a hand wash station were inaugurated at Raup School in the town by DG J Abraham. The project cost ₹1.30 lakh. During his visit, the DG gave away over 60 dictionaries to Zilla Parishad High School at Munagapadu.



D 3181

RC Belthangady

A campaign was launched as part of Swachh Bharat Mission at the rural places of Belthangady taluk. Panchayats, youth clubs, cooperatives and religious institutions took part in the Rotary activities. An oath of 'plastic free and open defecation free village' was taken by the public.



D 3181

RC Surathkal

Rtn Shrinivasa Rao gave a talk on the importance of WinS to school students. Doctors from Yenepoya Medical College distributed deworming tablets to students. The Rotarians also taught the Children the right way of washing hands.

D 3182

RC Kadur

Kannada Rajyotsava was celebrated by the club with scholars and litterateurs giving speeches. Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishad President S S Venkatesh inaugurated the event, while IPP Kago Manjunath spoke on *Durgastamana* written by Tarasu.



D 3202

RC Dharapuram

A couple of UPS instruments, play material and nutrient foods were donated to a school for differently-abled at Varapalayam, a suburb near Dharapuram, at a total cost of over ₹17,000. The donations will improve the living standards of the special children at the home.



D 3202

RC Udumalpet Tejas

The club printed 10,000 cloth bags with 'Save Trees' message and then distributed to devotees visiting a temple at a forest area in Anamalai Tiger Reserve. Polythene bags strewn around were collected and bundled away as it was posing a threat to ecology.





D 3212

RC Dhalavapuram

An eye check-up camp was held at Muhavoor village benefitting 187 people. Of them, 38 were identified for cataract surgery and spectacles were given to 12 underprivileged students.



D 3212

RC Karaikudi Heritage

World Food Day was celebrated at the National Institute of Catering College with the students preparing over 50 special dishes at a food show. Club President K Panchacharam and Secretary SKC Manian along with other members were present.



D 3212

RC Sivakasi

A WinS programme was held at the Hindu Devamar HS School along with the Interact club. The rudiments of handwashing for better hygiene was taught by the Rotarians and the procedure was followed by the students.

D 3231

RC Vellore North

Students from Sivanadam High School were taken for an industrial visit under the vocational service (*Kalvi Ulagam*) project and they had a first-hand experience going through workshops and factories.



D 3240

RC Gangtok

The club, in association with Inner Wheel members, hosted *Udaan* at Sir Tashi Namgyal School. The seventh edition saw participation of over 500 students from 29 schools. There were three categories — junior, middles and seniors — with four events in each group that showcased a range of extra-curricular activities.



D 3250

RC Muzaffarnagar Anjuman

A government primary school with 250 students in Atardah was adopted by the club. Students were taught handwashing procedure and soaps were distributed. Polio awareness through lecture and pamphlets were conducted at the school.





D 3261

RC Jabalpur South

A health camp was held for students at the Naveen Vidya Bhawan Shala and Leonard Higher Secondary JBP with a team of doctors screening them for ailments. The students were counselled for consumption of healthy diet and following hygienic habits.



D 3291

RC Kasba

A dengue awareness project was implemented along with the two Interact clubs of Kasba Modern Institution for Girls and Bidyadharpur High School for Girls and the Development Action Society (DAS). Over 300 girls and 50 teachers were present at the venue. Through skits and other events, the anti-dengue message was delivered.



D 3292

RC Damauli

An eye camp and a dental awareness programme were held at Araniko Secondary School, Mirlung. Over 200 students benefitted from the programme. Twenty students were referred to hospital for cataract procedure. Club President Mahendra Neupane and Charter President Ramachandra Pokhrel were among those present.

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