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Club members at the bhajan jamming session.

An E-auto for senior citizens

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Rourkela Queens, RID 3261, donated an electric auto to Ashara Alok, an old age home in Rourkela. The vehicle, costing ₹2.2 lakh, will support mobility and service needs of the residents. Around 50 people reside at this home, said club president Anita Lath.

Another initiative of the club saw installation of a Jagannath idol at the RG Hospital in the city. DG Alam Singh Roopra, district secretary Ajayy Agrawaal and treasurer Sudhir Lath were present at the hospital for the event.

A bhajan jamming session organised by the club attracted nearly 600 people, including youngsters. “It is probably the first such event organised in Rourkela,” said Anita. With the theme of ‘Mental health and emotional well-being,’ the event aimed to create a space where music could become a medium for peace, positivity, and togetherness. The atmosphere was filled with singing, clapping, dancing, and heartfelt participation, transforming the venue into a celebration of both faith and happiness. ■



DG Alam Singh Roopra (centre) with club members after handing over an e-auto to the old age home.

On the cover: A student being examined at a dental-cum-eye check-up camp hosted by RC Erode Nexus, RID 3203, at a government school.

Tree plantation and health check-up camp

Team Rotary News

RC Kanpur Aryans, RID 3110, organised a tree planting drive under the campaign *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam* (One tree for mother) to promote environmental conservation and encourage people to plant at least one tree. As part of the initiative, the club planted aromatic and medicinal plants at the Extension Unit of the Fragrance and Flavour Development Centre in Kanpur.

The club also organised a two-day mega health check-up camp at Jugal Devi Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Vikas Nagar, Kanpur. Around 250 schoolchildren underwent eye, dental and ear examinations. Staff also measured their height and weight and provided medicines, along with health advice, to children who needed medical attention. ■



Club members planting a sapling.



A child being diagnosed at the health camp.



Students being examined at the dental-cum-eye check-up camp at a government school.

Dental-cum-eye camp for school students

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Around 550 students were examined at the dental and eye check-up camp held at a government school by RC Erode Nexus, RID 3203, in partnership with Sumathi's Dentistry and Arasan Eye Hospital. The medical camp focused on early diagnosis of dental and vision-related disorders so that timely intervention can be done at the hospitals.

Besides screening, "school students were educated on oral hygiene, protecting their eyesight, and adopting a healthy lifestyle for overall well-being," said Jenifer Gladius, public image





An awareness seminar on eye donation in progress.

chair of the club. The camp created awareness on oral hygiene, eyecare and preventive healthcare among schoolchildren.

In tie-up with the Rotaract Club of Cauvery Nexus, an awareness seminar on eye donation was held at PKP Swami Matric HS School, Kalyanipuram, for the benefit of over 200 students and 20 staff

members. R Vidyasagar, president, Kannoli Tharuvom Foundation, an NGO, conducted an inspiring session on eyecare, and dispelled some myths related to eye donation, encouraging the participants to become ambassadors of eye health in their communities. "The seminar fostered a spirit of social responsibility and community awareness by

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TNPSC aspirants at the District Employment Office, Erode.



A blood donation camp at Sri Vasavi College, Erode.

engaging the young minds with the knowledge of eyecare and preventive health,” said Jenifer.

As part of its efforts to support youth, the club donated 100 chairs (₹50,000) to the District Employment Office, Erode, for the benefit of aspirants attending coaching classes for TNPSC and other competitive examinations.

District collector S Kandasamy was the chief guest at the handover event at the employment office, and the project was sponsored by Vivek Karthick, club member. “As an important coaching centre for TNPSC aspirants and other students preparing for competitive exams, the employment office has now got comfortable chairs for the youth to sit and learn with confidence in a good environment,” she said.

In a compassionate gesture, 14 patients being treated at the Gov-

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ernment Hospital, Erode, without attendants or family support, were adopted by the club, thanks to sponsorship from vice-president Madhumathi R, who is funding the monthly expenses in this year-long project.

“Many patients face not only physical suffering due to illness but also emotional distress caused by the absence of family support and basic caregiving. Hence, we have

adopted these patients without attendants, and they will be given healthcare assistance, hygiene and personal care, essential supplies and emotional support,” said Jenifer Gladious.

Around 30 units of blood was collected at a blood donation camp held at Sri Vasavi College in partnership with the Rotaractors and the Erode Blood Centre. Event chair Vishnu Karthikeyan coordinated for the smooth conduct of the camp with the help of student volunteers.

On the first day of *Aadi* month (Tamil calendar), food was distributed to 300 pilgrims on the way to Velayuthaswamy Temple, Thindal. *Project Annadhanam* worth ₹1 lakh was sponsored by Santha Rajamanickam, a club member, and it served nutritious meals to devotees offering comfort and relaxation during their spiritual journey. ■



Motivational speaker Pramod Kanade interacting with students.

A personality development session for students

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Solapur Elite, RID 3132, organised a personality development session for senior students of the Sangameshwar Public School, Solapur. The session was conducted by

motivational speaker MD Pramod Kanade.

He encouraged students to build confidence, enhance communication skills, cultivate a positive attitude, and strive for excellence in every sphere of life. ■

A RYLA in Hyderabad

The Rotary Club of Hyderabad Mavericks, RID 3150, brought together 240 students from five government and private schools for a special Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) programme, timed to coincide with India's 80th Independence Day.

The programme comprised an essay competition and a quiz contest, the topic being India's freedom struggle.

Winners in both the essay and quiz categories were felicitated with certificates, medals, and books on leadership and civic life. ■



Students assembled at the Children's Library in NRR Research Centre, Hyderabad, the programme venue.

club matters

RC Kottai Pattukkottai



RC Pachora-Bhadgaon



RC Chinnamanur



RC Surendranagar

RC Kottai Pattukkottai — RID 2981

A water purifier and microphone were donated to a government school at Naduvikottai village near Pattukkottai, southern Tamil Nadu, to mark 80th Independence Day. The school was in an underdeveloped condition and hit by financial woes.

RC Karur Young Gen



RC Pachora-Bhadgaon — RID 3030

A workshop on making eco-friendly Ganesh idols was conducted with the participation of students and children from the neighbourhoods. Club president Shivaji Shinde, secretary Swapnil Patil and AG Bharat Sinkar were present.

RC Chinnamanur — RID 3000

Project Thangame Thangam (pure gold) conducted an event for the differently-abled at Balamurugan Special School, B Dharmathupatti, near Bodi taluk. Special children from schools showcased their extracurricular skills in the presence of teachers.

RC Karur Young Gen — RID 3000

A blood donation camp was held at the Government Hospital, Karur, that saw participation from club members, doctors, medical staff and volunteers. The camp, inaugurated by the club's medial and hygiene chair S Sathasivam, boosted RI's public image.

RC Surendranagar — RID 3060

A sanitary vending machine was installed at a government girls school, along with a demo workshop on how to use the facility, to promote hygienic menstrual practices. The project is part of an ongoing school initiatives to create awareness on good sanitation practices among students.

RC Tarapur



RC Solapur



RC Ambala Industrial Area



RC Chennai East R. A. Puram



RC Tarapur — RID 3060

A four-day *Gauri Vrat* was conducted at many places in which *faral* (fasting snacks) were distributed to 3,200 girls visiting temples and observing the ritual. Project chair Baldev Bhavvad and co-chair Pankaj Patel led the volunteers who spread the spirit of goodwill. The project cost ₹66,000.

RC Beed Mid Town



RC Solapur — RID 3132

Nutrition kits were distributed to 25 pregnant women at RCC Hanjgi, and 50 saplings were planted at Hanjgi Ashram School to ensure a greener tomorrow. Sweets were also distributed to students at the school. RCC volunteers coordinated the event.

RC Ambala Industrial Area — RID 3080

Two girl students were awarded for their academic performance at the Seva Samiti Girls Senior Secondary, while two teachers were presented with the Nation Builder Awards. Club president Dixit Kapoor, secretary Anil Sehgal and other members were present. Students were told to work hard for success.

RC Beed Mid Town — RID 3132

A workshop on school transport safety was held jointly with the District Traffic Branch, Beed, at Shri Bankatswami College. Prof Prakash Konka gave a talk on road safety rules, while inspector Ranjit Patil spoke on the need for regular fitness check of vehicles.

RC Chennai East
R. A. Puram — RID 3233

Books worth ₹50,000 were donated to students of Chellammal Women's College, Gundy, at the installation of its Rotaract club. Also, a contribution of ₹75,000 was made to provide breakfast for the students. RID 3233 Youth Service director Vinod Nair was the chief guest.

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Exploring Odisha's heritage

Team Rotary News

A fellowship meeting of members from an E-Club in Odisha became a means of learning, cultural appreciation, conversation, and personal enrichment for Rotarians.

When 12 members from the Rotary E-Club of District 3262 gathered at Kala Bhoomi,

Bhubaneswar, in August it gave an opportunity for them to bond and learn together, appreciate Odisha's cultural heritage, and strengthen relationships through informal interaction. It was not just a conventional Rotary meeting on a Sunday morning, but it opened a solid platform

to "connect, explore, share and experience."

After gathering at the venue, the members went on a 'discovery trail' at Kala Bhoomi to explore the artistic surroundings of this famed cultural institution, followed by breakfast during which they had conversation in an informal setting and

networked with each other.

A major highlight of the fellowship meet was the 'One minute, one thought' segment, where Rotarians shared their reflections and perspectives on art, craft and culture. This was followed by a visit to the Art, Craft and Cultural

**Members of the Rotary E-Club of District 3262
at Kala Bhoomi, Bhubaneswar.**





At the Art and Craft Museum.

Museum on the premises, that enabled members to appreciate the rich artistic traditions of Odisha and its myriad cultural mosaic.

For the members of

this E-Club, the event proved that fellowship can be much more than social interaction. When planned well with purpose, the meeting will create a lasting impact on

Rotarians as the members of this club felt the vibes even weeks after their rendezvous at Kala Bhoomi.

The physical meeting of E-club members not

only created stronger connections between them, but opened up new avenues to discover, appreciate, and celebrate the cultural heritage of their land.■



During a briefing session.
RID 3262 PDG Jayashree Mohanty is third from right.

Marathon for Interactors

Team Rotary News

The Interact Club of Amber Valley, sponsored by RC Chikmagalur-Coffee Land, RID 3182, organised the fourth edition of the Amber Marathon in memory of late Siddarth Hegde, founder of the Amber Valley Residential School.

The marathon brought together students and parents of Amber Valley Residential School, along with members of the public, promoting health, fitness, community spirit, and social responsibility. The event featured 4km and 8km runs. Over 200 students and parents participated.

In another initiative, the parent Rotary club distributed study materials and stationery to students at the Government Higher Primary School in Gendehalli after celebrating Independence Day at the school. ■



Above: Participants of the Amber Marathon organised by the Interact Club of Amber Valley, Chikmagalur.

Below: Members of RC Chikmagalur-Coffee Land distribute stationery items to students at a government primary school in a village.



Newborn care kits distributed

Team Rotary News

RC Beed Mid Town, RID 3132, distributed newborn care kits at the Maternal and Child Care Department of District Hospital, Beed, as part of its community service initiatives.

Club president Chandra Prakash Sethi, secretary Manoj Thigle and other members were present at the programme. Rtn Farooq Syed spoke about the importance of community service initiatives supporting mothers and children.

In another initiative, the club organised a blood donation camp at Jivan Jyot Hospital, Beed. The camp was held during the Rotary month dedicated to maternal and child health, with 50 per cent of the collected blood units reserved for pregnant women.

A total of 96 people benefitted from the initiative. Two non-Rotarian women were among those who donated blood. ■



Club members donating blood at the camp.

Below: Beneficiaries, along with club members, after receiving the newborn care kits.



Instilling nature care in students

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Ponda Hill Town, RID 3170, along with the Interact Club of Shrimati High School, Velguem, Goa, organised a tree planting drive — *Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam - Plant a tree, celebrate mother nature.*

The project aimed to instil environmental responsibility among students while encouraging them to honour their mothers by planting a tree in their name. The programme highlighted the close bond between a mother's nurturing care and the life-giving role of trees in sustaining our planet, explained club member Liladhar Phadte.

Students actively participated in planting saplings on the school

campus, while 280 saplings were distributed to families and members of the local community for planting in nearby areas.

Beyond planting trees, the initiative served as an educational platform, creating awareness about climate change, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable living, said Phadte. Students pledged to nurture the saplings and become ambassadors of environmental stewardship in their communities.

The Interact Club of Shrimati High School, sponsored by the club, organised an educational visit to the Forest Department Nursery, Usgao, Goa, as part of its commitment to spread environmental awareness and promote youth development.



RC Ponda Hill Town members after distributing nutritional food baskets to TB patients at the PHC, Ponda.

Members of RC Ponda Hill Town with Interactors at a greening drive on the campus of Shrimati High School.



The three-hour programme was attended by 15 Interactors and three teachers. Forest Department officials conducted interactive sessions on forest conservation, biodiversity, wildlife protection, afforestation, nursery management, and the sustainable use of natural resources. Students explored the nursery, observed a wide variety of plant species, and gained practical knowledge of eco-friendly practices through demonstrations and discussions.

The visit aimed to complement classroom learning by providing hands-on exposure to environmental conservation. It encouraged students to understand the vital role forests play in maintaining ecological balance and inspired them to become responsible citizens committed to protecting nature.

RC Ponda Hill Town, through its charitable trust, joined hands

with the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Ponda, and SAPSCON Engineering Constructions, to provide nutritional support to 45 TB patients under the government's *Nikshay Mitra* initiative.

SAPSCON Engineering extended CSR support of ₹1 lakh for providing nutritional food baskets to the identified beneficiaries for six months, up to January 2027. Each basket includes ragi/milletts atta, toor dal, chana, jaggery and rice, providing essential nutritional support to patients during their treatment.

The initiative was launched in the presence of Dr Amita Lotlikar, health officer, PHC Ponda, and Vipula Prabhu, a social worker. Representing the company were Rtn Satish Nair, managing director; Rajiv Nair, director, and Sonia Talaulikar. ■

Cyclothon for a healthy lifestyle

Team Rotary News

Additional district magistrate Ankur Srivastava and RI District 3100 DG Nitin Agarwal jointly flagged off a cyclothon organised by RC Moradabad Navyam to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle among the public.

The event saw participation from hundreds of cyclists of all age groups, “reflecting the growing commitment of our community towards adopting a healthier lifestyle,” said Suneeta Sinha, club president. AG Sharmitabh Sinha urged the rallyists to embrace cycling not merely as a sport but as a way of life that contributes to physical well-being and a cleaner environment. “The participants displayed enthusiasm, discipline and sportsmanship through the cyclothon; and the atmosphere was filled with energy, unity as we spread the message



RID 3100 DG Nitin Agarwal (4th from R) and additional district magistrate Ankur Srivastava flag off the cyclothon in Moradabad.

‘Healthy citizens, healthy nation’ in the course of our rally,” she said.

With the collective efforts of the sponsors, volunteers and the organising committee, “we transformed the event into a memorable celebration of health, fellowship and

community service,” pointed out Suneeta. “Every pedal moved us one step closer to a healthier, happier and a stronger community.”

DGN Kavya Gemini, and club members Rajeev Goel and Ravi Chaudhary felicitated the winners. ■

3,500 spectacles distributed in Kanpur

More than 3,500 spectacles including progressive and bifocal lenses were distributed to patients by RC Kanpur, RID 3110, under its flagship *Project Roshini*. This is a year-long weekly initiative consisting of eye check-up camps to fix issues ranging from refractive errors to complex optical conditions, and surgeries for those diagnosed with cataracts and other severe impairments.

The patients selected their own lens frames, ensuring the intervention was not only clinical but also personal and dignifying. “Our goal was not just to distribute spectacles, but to restore confidence and independence. We have turned darkness into light for thousands of families last year,” said immediate past president Gaurav Jain. ■



An elderly patient being screened at the weekly eye check-up camp under *Project Roshini*, a flagship initiative of RC Kanpur.

Mobile clinic brings healthcare to rural areas

Team Rotary News

RC Pune Heritage, RID 3131, with support from Skye Batteries through its CSR initiative, has funded the annual operating expenses of the Manavya Mobile Clinic, which provides primary healthcare to five underserved villages in the Bhukum-Mulshi region of Pune district.

Operating five days a week, the mobile clinic conducts outpatient consultations in one village each day from 10am to 2pm. It provides

diagnosis and treatment for common and chronic illnesses, along with the distribution of medicines, at the regular medical camps. The initiative has benefitted around 9,500 people till now.

The clinic also conducts screenings for anaemia, arthritis, spondylitis and other health conditions common in the region. Patients receive guidance on nutrition, hygiene, lifestyle changes and disease prevention.

The programme also includes counselling on family planning and maternal health, including the health risks associated with multiple pregnancies and the hereditary preference for male child.

The project has an annual operating cost of ₹5 lakh and aims to make basic healthcare and health information accessible to rural communities where distance, cost and limited awareness can prevent people from

seeking timely medical attention. ■





Students in their new school uniforms.

Supporting tribal students

Team Rotary News

RC Nasik, RID 3030, distributed school uniforms and learning materials to students at a Nashik Zilla Parishad primary school in Kelavan, a remote Adivasi village in Maharashtra.

Led by club president Shilpa Parakh, club members distributed uniforms, learning materials, sports kits, water bottles and sweets to the students. Club members undertook the full expenses. The club plans

to organise similar initiatives every quarterly.

The club organised a workshop on terrace and backyard gardening alongside its weekly farmers' market. More than 60 people attended the programme.

Club member Surekha Rajput, director, Environment, introduced the workshop and highlighted the club's environmental initiatives. Horticulture specialist Hemraj Rajput

explained garden design, preparing pots and trays, soil and fertiliser management, growing vegetables and flowers, water management, and pest and disease control. Rafiq Vohra conducted a session on composting and explained how households can convert organic waste into fertiliser.

The programme was coordinated by Smita Apshankar and the vote of thanks was delivered by secretary Hrishikesh Sanmanwar. ■



². Students with their new notebooks and learning material.