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Endorsing the goodness of eggs

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Rotary Club of Madras Chennapatna, D 3232, celebrated the World Egg Day by distributing boiled egg and other egg-based food to over 1,000 students of Corporation schools in the locality.

World Egg Day was established in 1996 at the International Egg Commission's Conference in Vienna when it was decided to celebrate the day on the second Friday in October each year. The day is celebrated around the world to raise awareness of the benefits of eggs and their importance in human nutrition.

The Rotarians delivered educational talk to the children on the goodness of eggs and also shared few egg-based



Egg-based food being distributed to a student.

recipes with the older students. The project was executed in association with SKM Egg Products.

On another occasion, the club felicitated two playback singers — D Srinivas and

P Unnikrishnan — as part of a fundraising programme. The members were treated to a musical show and the proceeds were used to benefit 100 visually-challenged people and 35 underprivileged children. ■



DG Babu Peram with film personalities and visually-challenged children.

On the cover: RC Bikaner Marudhara cheers schoolchildren with stationery and gifts.

Promoting sanitation among children

Team Rotary News



Grocery bags being distributed.



Rotarians teach handwash practise to students.



Polio awareness rally.

The Rotarians of RC Jabalpur South, RI District 3261,

organised a sanitation workshop for students of Naveen Vidya Bhawan School in the city. Over 400 children got lessons in correct handwash practice and use of toilets, and the goodness of keeping the surroundings clean. The club also conducted a general health checkup camp for the students and educated them on healthy diet. Nutritious food was served to malnourished children in the locality and the club distributed groceries for their families.

On World Polio Day (Oct 24) the club organised a Polio awareness rally to publicise Rotary's efforts in the eradication of the disease in India and rest of the world. The rally also served to urge parents to take their children to immunisation booths on NIDs to protect them from the crippling illness. ■

Creating a Happy Village

Team Rotary News



DG C R Chandrabob, DGN K Pandian with PDG V Raja Seenivasan inaugurating the home for the beneficiary (seated).

Rotary Club of Vellore Midtown, RID 3231, inaugurated its Happy Village project in Kalarpaalayam, a hamlet near Vellore town. The club aims to focus on developing the village with basic amenities such as water, toilets, roads and electricity, said Club President Sai P Saravanan.

As part of the inaugural, the Rotarians sponsored construction of a home for an underprivileged woman who is crippled due to polio. DG C R Chandrabob was the chief guest and PDG V Raja Seenivasan, the guest of honour. The construction cost for the house amounted to ₹3 lakh.

“We have made note of the requirements for the residents following our visits to the village and we will be providing the facilities in a phased manner,” said the Club President. It also includes few more low-cost shelters for the needy. ■

Spotlight on traffic rules

The Rotarians of RC Shirva, RI District 3182, turned the spotlight on the need for observing traffic rules with a series of programmes. They attracted public attention by organising street plays, rallies and dance based on the said theme with the help of Rotaractors and Interactors. DG Abhinandan Shetty was also present at the event.

He also inaugurated an attractive Rotary Circle constructed by the club at a busy four-road junction. “Besides enhancing Rotary’s public image, the structure will help in regulating traffic in the area,” said club member Gururaj Krishnamurthy. ■



Rotaractors present a street drama highlighting road safety.

New classrooms for village school

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Rotary Club of Bombay Juhu Beach (RCBJB), RID 3141, in association with Ashland India Pvt Ltd (AIPL), constructed three new classrooms with verandah for a Zilla Parishad Primary School at Shive Village, Lonavala. The project was financed by AIPL under its CSR Initiative and the design and construction was arranged by RCBJB. One classroom was built by the Zilla Parishad. ■



Cleanliness contest in Pune



Rotarians promote the cleanliness contest among police personnel.

In its bid to raise awareness on cleanliness and support the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Rotary Club of Pune Lokmanyagar, RID 3131, initiated a cleanliness drive dubbed *Hum Hain Footpati*. It is a three-month contest for shopkeepers in Pune run with

support from the Pune Municipal Corporation.

Club members approached shops, restaurants, offices, banks, stalls and handcart owners requesting them to participate in this contest. The contestants were required to ensure

that 75 sqft around their shop premises remains free of plastic, thermocol or other trash for three months.

Winners were rewarded by the club along with an interview on 95 BigFM, a popular FM Channel in the region. ■

Rotary Dandiya Utsav rocks Bhusawal

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Rotarians with dandiya contestants.



Rotarians distribute sweets in a residential colony.

Rotary Club of Bhusawal Railcity, RI District 3030, organised a grand *dandiya* festival under the theme, 'Celebrate with a Cause.' The event received a positive response and all the proceeds from this event were donated to develop a tribal hamlet near Bhusawal. The three-day festival received a footfall of 5,000 people from across the town. Each day a lucky draw was held and the winners took home a traditional *Paithani* saree. Other awards that were part of this event were the Dandiya king and queen, best child performance and best group performance. DG Rajiv Sharma graced the occasion.

Members of the club also celebrated Deepavali with the underprivileged. Under its project 'joy of giving,' they pooled in 127 kg of snacks and sweets and distributed them to the poor families. ■

Walkathon for measles and rubella

Team Rotary News



Participants assembled in front of the Vidhana Soudha for the Walkathon.

Rotary International District 3190, in association with the Bengaluru Corporation, conducted a walkathon and through it spread awareness about measles and rubella. The walkathon highlighted Rotary's efforts to end polio. Over

1,000 people participated in the event. Banners were displayed and participants were given caps, aprons, certificates and breakfast. Rotaractors from the district participated and helped in the smooth execution of the event.

The walkathon was flagged off by the Mayor of Bengaluru Corporation Gangambike Mallikarjun and Corporation Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad. DG S Suresh Hari was also present. ■

Spreading Road Safety Awareness



Rotary Club of Karad, RID 3132, participated in a 'Mahawalkathon' organised by the RTO Office, Karad. The event had the participation of the PWD and the Maharashtra Motor Vehicles Department, and few other organisations. It helped to support 'no honking', road safety and responsible driving. Chandrakant Dada Patil, Cabinet Minister of Maharashtra, flagged off the event, post which the 2km walkathon began at 500 different locations across the state. The event witnessed a massive participation of over five lakh people. ■

Enabling mobility

Team Rotary News

When 35-year-old Kaushik Bora, who had lost his right leg in a road accident approached Rotary Club of Gauhati West, RID 3240, to help him fund the fitment of an artificial limb, the club immediately swung into action. After verification of his economic background they made all necessary arrangements to procure the artificial limb free of cost for the patient. He was clinically checked and fitted with the artificial limb which now helps him lead a normal life. ■



Cheering up the visually-challenged

The members of RC Gaya Central, RI District 3250, visited a school for the visually-challenged in Chakand area and spent some time there with the children. They distributed new clothes to them.

In another initiative, they distributed cloth bags to the morning walkers in a park sensitising them on the harm caused by plastic products to the environment. ■



Udumalpet youth find a partner in Rotary

V Muthukumaran

An Interact club was installed at Oxford Higher Secondary School by RC Udumalpet Tejas, RID 3202, with Club President S Jothi Ramalingam honouring the new office-bearers. More than 150 students took part in the event with Club Secretary A Balamurugan giving a speech on skill development.

Nilavembu water was given at Udumalpet Library in partnership with Government Siddha Medical Hospital as a firewall against dengue fever.

Rtn Sundarajan, a physician, delivered an awareness speech on organ donation at a seminar organised by RC Dharapuram.

Along with Udumalpet Branch Library, the club organised drawing and chess competitions. District Rotaract Chairman Dr Sundarajan gave the valedictory speech and presented prizes to the winners of the competitions.

The Rotarians pooled in ₹25,000 to provide relief assistance to the Gaja Cyclone victims.



A medical camp under progress.

Martial arts

The club roped in Martial Arts Association to hold zone-level school competition at Tejas Mahal. IPS officer Omprakash inaugurated the event which was named 'Uyir Kalai' (life skill).

Students from 10 schools took part in various forms of traditional martial arts like silambattam and prizes were given to the winners.

Helmet awareness

Rotaract club of Kamalam College distributed pamphlets on the need to wear helmets while riding to avoid road fatalities.

Medical camp

In association with Priya Orthopaedic Centre, a general medical camp was held at Niru Vidhyalaya School. Rotarians gave tips on how to lead a healthy life. Over 50 people benefited from the camp.

Handwashing Day

Awareness session was held at Palani Andavar Middle School with District Rotaract Chairman S Chakrapani and Balamurugan giving talks on personal hygiene. Students were urged to adopt clean habits through proper sanitation practices.

The Rotaractors of Kamalam College took out a rally to create awareness on voting rights by holding banners and raising slogans. ■



Rotarians teach children to wash their hands thoroughly.

Job fair for Mumbai youth

Kiran Zehra



An interview under progress.

Rotary Club of Bombay Seacoast, RID 3141, organised the Annual Rotary Job Fair 2018 — an initiative under the district's Rotary Seva Muhim (RSM) at the Valia College in Andheri West, Mumbai. This project was supported by 22 other Rotary clubs and the Equitas Bank. Close to 57 volunteers from three Rotaract clubs assisted in executing the job fair smoothly.

In line with Digital India initiative, the candidates were asked to register online instead of sending hard copies. Around 3,000 applications were received and 1,340 applicants including walk-in candidates turned up for the fair. Candidates having educational qualifications ranging from X/XII pass to BE, BCom, BA, BTech, Diplomas holders and ITI attended the job fair where they got opportunities to apply across a variety

of industries, viz banking, finance, insurance, capital markets, retail and telecom sectors.

Out of the interviews conducted for these 1,340 applicants, 560 were shortlisted for a 2nd round interview by the 24 participating companies which included the Tata Group, Reliance Group, Hinduja Group, Axis Securities, ICICI Group, Karvy and Eureka Forbes and many other small and large companies. ■

Bhalki Rotarians focus on eye care

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An eye check-up and cataract camp was organised by RC Bhalki Fort, RID 3160, in partnership with Vision Foundation of India and Udaygiri Lions Eye Hospital, Udgir. RC Queen Bidar President Sujatha Hosmani inaugurated the eye camp.

Over 150 patients were screened with preliminary vision and basic medical tests by a team of doctors aided by paramedical staff.

Of those screened, 54 were identified for cataract surgery and arrangements were made for them by the club. "These medical camps are helpful for the

underprivileged who cannot afford expensive procedures and medicines,"

said Jaikishan Biyani, Club President. AG of Kalyan zone Dr Amit Astute and

Club Secretary Anil Sukale were also present on the occasion. ■



An eye checkup in progress.

Tackling mobile addiction



PDG Chandrashekar Kolvekar honouring the guests.

A motivational programme on how to deal with children's addiction to mobile phones was organised by RC Kalyan Tigers, RID 3142, with expert speakers Dr Bhusan Patil and Dr Vijay Cinchhole delivering lectures to the audience. A stage play was also organised at Rotary Bhavan on the occasion. The event was part of *Mann ki Bhaat* series of programme being hosted by the club.

The guest speakers interacted with the audience and clarified their doubts on the subject of mobile addiction in the society. ■

Relief kits for flood victims

Team Rotary News

RC Irinjalakuda joined hands with RC Perinjanam, RID 3201, to distribute *Back to Life* relief kits for the flood victims. More than 1,000 families received the special kits containing food provisions, dress material and other basic needs to kickstart their normal life which was paralysed after the floods that ravaged parts of Kerala in August 2018. ■



DG A V Pathy distributes relief kits to flood victims.

Swachh Bharat drive in Kolar



Rotarians engaged in a cleaning drive.

The 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was celebrated by RC Kolar Gold Fields, RID 3190, by cleaning roads and removing the garbage and litter strewn across various parts of the city.

The Rotarians also took up anti-plastic campaign by creating awareness among the public on the dangers they pose to the environment. During the Swachh Bharat drive, the Rotaractors too joined in sprucing up the city. ■

Celebrating a Harvest

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Rotarians in a paddy field.

The Rotarians of RC Trivandrum Suburban, RID 3211, celebrated a bountiful harvest of paddy under the district's REAP project.

Sewing machines were donated to hearing and speech-impaired students at the Vocational Higher Secondary School in the city after their completion of a course in stitching and embroidery. The machines will help them to make a livelihood for themselves.

Magician Gopinath Muthucad was conferred the Vocational Excellence Award by the club for cheering children and adults across India with many tricks and illusions. This award was also bestowed on Jolly Johnson, a social activist, who had opened a special school for orphans. ■



End Polio Now campaign on temple premises

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Ilkal, D 3170, has made a laser projection of End Polio Now campaign poster on the façade of a temple which is popular in the area frequented by pilgrims and tourists. The awareness projection on End Polio campaign will further enhance Rotary's image in the community, says Rtn Chandrashekhar Mali from the club. ■

Focus on newborns and students

Kiran Zehra

Under its Project *Shishu Aagman Utsav*, which means the celebration of a new born, Rotary Club of Paonta Sahib, RID 3080, provides welcome kits for the newborns. The kit contains nappies, bed sheets, bibs, clothes and a towel along with vitamin-enriched food for the mother. The club has welcomed 34 newborns so far at the Government Hospital, Paonta Sahib.

Club members have also initiated motivational talks for students from different schools in the region to encourage them to study better and gain confidence. The session highlights the importance of education, and physical and mental fitness. The club also addressed students of the Government Model Girls



Above: Rotarians present gift hamper to a new mother in the government hospital; **below:** Warm clothes being distributed to children.



Senior Secondary School, Paonta Sahib, on the topic 'Adolescence and Healthcare' where girls were given an opportunity to share their thoughts and discuss their grievances. Rotaractor Ayushika Jaiswal conducted an interactive session with the students on hygiene; hand washing and oral care. The club has been regularly conducting painting and drawing competitions for various Interact clubs in the district.

In order to help students from economically-weak backgrounds fight the cold during winter the club visited the government and government-aided schools in the locality and distributed sweaters, shoes and socks to the students. The club has spent close to ₹2 lakhs for this project this year. The club has been continuing this endeavour for few years now. ■

District 3141 saves a life

Jaishree



Above: DG Shashi Sharma with Mission Muskan Project Chairman Suresh Chokani and Coordinator Rajendra Agarwal at the Fortis Hospital.

Right: Dhanashree Mujmule being treated at the hospital.

Five-year-old Dhanashree Mujmule was suffering from respiratory problems since April 2017. She had to be hospitalised twice a month. She was diagnosed with diabetic cardiomyopathy and her heart was functioning only 15 per cent. The doctor advised a heart transplant for the child. Her father is a farmer with an annual income of ₹35000. The family had exhausted all their savings and were not in a position to meet the cost of treatment.

The total cost for the treatment was ₹20 lakh. The Rotarians of District 3141 came to her rescue with the district project — Mission Muskan. The clubs, together with the Maharashtra government's Chief Minister's Relief Fund and the Tata Trust, sponsored the treatment of the child at the Fortis Hospital in Mumbai.

"Dhanashree's recovery has been exceptional and the smile on her and her parents' face is our only reward. With this success story, we will continue our endeavour to make a difference in people's lives," said DG Shashi Sharma, after visiting the child at the hospital, along with the Project Chair Suresh Chokani and Coordinator Dr Rajendra Agarwal. ■



D 3000

RC Karur

A grand four-day RYLA was organised in Mysuru. Fifty students from 10 government schools in and around Karur participated to hone their leadership skills. DG RVN Kannan delivered the valedictory address.



D 3000

RC Madurai North

Four Brazilian students from RIDs 4470 and 4770 are being hosted by the club members as part of Youth Exchange programme. They will stay in Madurai and study for one year at the Mahatma Montessori School, besides learning our culture and traditions.



D 3012

RC Delhi Mayur Vihar

A new toilet constructed with district grant was inaugurated at a public park in Mayur Vihar. East Delhi Mayor Bipin Bihari Singh was the chief guest at the event. DG Subhash Jain, PDGs Ramesh Agarwal and Sharat Jain were present on the occasion.





D 3070

RC Amritsar North

Members from RC Bombay Powai, RID 3141, visited Amritsar on invitation and paid obeisance at the Golden Temple. After visiting the site of Jallianwala Bagh massacre and the Wagah border, they exchanged flags at a meeting with local clubs.



D 3080

RC Shahabad Markanda

Over 100 saplings of different species were planted and 400 were distributed among the students at Satluj Senior Secondary School as part of the club's green drive. Rotarians led by Club President Deepak Kakkar explained the benefits of green environment to the students.



D 3100

RC Ganga Bijnor

Sweaters were distributed to needy students of Adarsh Vidya Niketan Inter College in Shabbazpur village by club members. This gesture was appreciated by the college faculty and received with thanks from the beneficiaries.

D 3000

RC Moradabad Midtown

Five sportsmen from the city and their coaches were honoured with Khel Ratan Awards. All were national-level players in their respective sport. Master Kunal Arora, a thalassaemic patient and table tennis player, is preparing for Para Asian Games.



D 3110

RC Kanpur Greater

In partnership with other clubs in Kanpur, a mega blood donation camp was held under the leadership of DG Arun Jain and Project Coordinator AG Vivek Garg. Besides, the club runs a diabetes clinic and TB clinic on Saturdays and Tuesdays for the community.



D 3131

RC Hadapsar Central

The Rotarians visited Moher Ashram, a home for destitute women. They distributed sweets and savouries to the 70 inmates and entertained them with fun and games.





D 3141

RC Bombay Hanging Garden

The annual medical camp organised by the club drew over 300 people. They were screened for various health issues and given free consultations related to eye, dental, cardiac and other diseases. Spectacles were also distributed.



D 3160

RC Guntakal

Senior Citizens' Day was observed by honouring senior citizens of Guntakal. In another programme, the members distributed iron and calcium tablets, and other vitamin supplements at a local hospital along with Inner Wheel members.



D 3160

RC Proddatur

Woollen blankets and fruits were donated to AIDS patients on the occasion of World AIDS Day. Medical Superintendent Lakshmi Prasad from the Government Hospital was the chief guest at the event.

D 3170

RC Dharwad

A heart check-up and blood donation camp was organised for the Corporation's Group D workers. The event boosted the image of Rotary in the city.



D 3182

RC Gonibeedu

The club felicitated 11 teachers who have contributed to a healthy intellectual development of students at Angadi High School, a government school in the city.



D 3201

RC Palghat

An inter-club meeting with RC Nilgiris, the parent club, was held in Coonoor during which the host club members were invited for the diamond jubilee celebrations in Palghat.





D 3201

RC Irinjalakuda

DG A V Pathy inaugurated a sapling plantation drive at the Rotary Arboretum maintained by the club for the last 14 years at the Civil Station. Over 500 trees of varying ages are in this green facility which is used for scientific and educational purposes.



D 3202

RC Bhavani Komarapalayam

A breast cancer detection and awareness camp was organised with the support of the club's Anns. Over 140 women were screened at the camp at the Rotary Hall. The club spent ₹55,000 for this project.



D 3212

RC Sivakasi Sparkler

A sanitary napkin vending machine was donated to Hindu HS School at Kizhapuliyur village in partnership with RC Courtallam Elite. District WinS Chairman Arumuga Selvan was the chief guest at the event.

D 3160

RC Kovilpatti

The club conducted an essay competition for school students on the topic-Saving rain water. The Rotarians also promoted the forgotten practice of writing letters and posting them, in association with the head post office in the town.



D 3232

RC Chennai Nolambur

During his business visit to Canada, Club President Dinesh Krishnan attended Rotary club meetings in four cities of that country. Apart from exchanging flags, he was able to forge good friendship with the members of Rotary clubs in Canada.



D 3240

RC Silchar

A permanent Adult Literacy Centre was inaugurated at the Central Jail by DG Sayantan Gupta. Rtn Nemiz Craig from Chicago, US, visited the centre and lauded this noble venture of the club.





D 3160

RC Malda Central

New dresses were given to 130 orphans at a children's home. The club members spent a day interacting with the children and cheered them up with a variety of food and games.



D 3261

RC Jabalpur

Children of the Baiga tribe were presented with gifts at the Government Eklavya Adarsh Awasiya Vidyalaya in Chhapur. The students entertained the Rotarians with their native dances.



D 3291

RC Kasba

PDG Debasish Mitra was the chief guest at a career guidance programme held at Chittaranjan High School. A host of speakers interacted with students and answered their queries. The event was coordinated by PP Subhasish Bose.

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State-level cricket tourney for visually-challenged

Team Rotary News



Rotarians with the winning team.

A first-of-its-kind, state-level cricket tournament for the visually-impaired was organised by RC Thane Central, RID 3142. The two-day event saw participation of 200 youngsters from all over Maharashtra.

The club took care of the travel, boarding and lodging expenses of the players, besides sponsoring playing kits and cash prizes. "It was a thrilling experience to watch visually-challenged cricketers compete against all odds," says Vivek Agarwal, PR Director of the club. ■

Vocational training for Moradabad women

A vocational training programme was started by RC Moradabad Central, RID 3100, under its *Beti bachao beti padao* campaign. Union Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla inaugurated the programme by distributing 10 sewing machines to needy women.

The event was attended by top political representatives of the city. "It was a great honour for the club to have the presence of the Union Minister to inaugurate the training programme for underprivileged women," says Anuj Agarwal, Club President. ■



Union Minister of State for Finance Shiv Pratap Shukla (centre) presents sewing machine to a woman. Club President Anuj Agarwal is seen on his right.

Bikaner club supports students

Team Rotary News

Reaching out to children from under-privileged families, RC Bikaner Marudhara, RID 3053, distributed sweaters and stationery items at a government school. The family of club member Amit Bhatia sponsored the donations and the stationery items were distributed in partnership with a friend of Rtn Lakshmi Narayan.

Club President Punit Harsh praised the school management for giving free education to poor

children. Rotarians interacted with the children who expressed their gratitude after receiving the gifts.

Earlier, the school authorities gave a grand welcome to the visiting Rotarians who were felicitated for their noble gesture. Harsh and Club Secretary Rajesh Baweja assured the school of timely assistance in future.

Supporting children's education has been the club's focus for the year. ■



Rotarians gift stationery items to children

Festival gifts to Adivasi families

A group of Rotarians from ARC Hirai Chandrapur, RID 3030, visited Maroti Guda and other tribal villages to distribute fruits, sweets and dress material to the deprived families on the occasion of Deepavali.

The event was organised in partnership with Ambuja Foundation and Neelkamal. Rotarians spoke about a number of social activities being taken up for tribal welfare and spent some fruitful moments with the Adivasi families. ■



Dresses being given to Adivasi families.