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A lifetime bond

The Rotary Club of Cochin Technopolis, RID 3201, conducted the 'Corporate badminton challenge 2019'

for two days to promote Rotary's public image. The event had a participation of 50 companies from all over Kerala and 125 teams competed in the men's doubles and mixed doubles categories. It was one of the largest sporting events for corporates in the State and Rotary's polio eradication programme was highlighted, said the Club President Jayaraj Kulangara. Major projects of Rotary and Rotaract were showcased at a walkway at the venue, giving thrust to 'Brand Rotary'. DG R Madhav Chandran distributed the trophies to the winners at the valedictory function. TCS bagged the winners' trophy in the men's doubles and Ernst & Young were the winners in the mixed doubles.

In another event, the club organised a programme on women's healthcare for the spouses of the club members and women Rotarians. The event aimed to enhance involvement of family members in Rotary. As a shoot-off from this programme, the women Rotarians and spouses of the club members set off on a night camp to Idukki, a hill in the neighbourhood rich in flora and fauna. Inspired by the environment and its fragile status, the team has come up with plans to set up 'Nakshatravanams' — an endeavour

to preserve nature — in schools, for which MoUs have been signed with various school administration.

A blood donation camp was conducted by the club at Kakkanad



Independence Day at a residential colony.

Kochi Rotarians boost Rotary's image

Team Rotary News



From top: Grocery bags being given to flood victims in Payyanur; A women's healthcare programme.

region. Over 80 people registered for the camp and the collected blood was given to the Blood Bank of Lourdes Hospital in the town.

The Rotarians reached out to the flood victims of Payyanur town and donated groceries and other essential items enough to last them for two months. The contributions were routed through RC Payyanur.

The club celebrated Independence Day in an innovative manner with children of a residential colony. The Rotarians distributed mini-flags embedded with seeds to the children. The flags can be later planted in the soil which will germinate into saplings with due care. ■

On the cover: Women Rotarians of RC Cochin Technopolis on a picnic at Idukki.

RC Akola forms 23 Interact clubs in a single day

Team Rotary News



RID Dr Bharat Pandya, DG Rajendra Bhamre and DGND Dr Anand Jhunjhunwala at the installation of Interact clubs.

Twenty-three Interact clubs were formed by RC Akola Midtown, RID 3030, at the same time and they were installed by RI Director Dr Bharat Pandya in a grand event at an open-air theatre in the city. Each club has a membership varying from 20-40 Interactors.

All the 23 Interact clubs were formed by a total of 7-8 schools in Akola. DG Rajendra Bhamre and DGND Dr Anand Jhunjhunwala were present on the occasion. In his address to the new Interactors, Pandya explained about the opportunities that they could avail as members of the extended Rotary family, importance of community service and 'the joy of giving'.

The children assured Pandya that each Interact club would sponsor the education of a group of underprivileged students.

"The children enjoyed interacting with Pandya who shared motivational stories and incidents with them," said Yogesh

Shrawgi, Secretary, RC Akola Midtown.

The club's Interact Project is headed by Rahul Mittal and Rahul Somani. Club President Manoj Agrawal, Shrawgi and other office-bearers including Rashmikan Shah, Vijay Baj, Manoj Lohia, Ram Thakkar, Pavan Maheshwari, Madhur Khandelwal, Anand Chandak, Shrikant Goenka and Shyam Thakur were present at the installation ceremony. Some more schools which could not complete the formalities would be forming another 10-12 Interact clubs in the near future. The RI Director congratulated the club for taking up the formation of such a large number of Interact clubs in a single day. ■



RID Dr Bharat Pandya

Alwar Rotarians focus on students' mental health

Kiran Zehra

The Rotary Club of Alwar, RI District 3053, is helping students of government schools in and around Alwar near Jaipur understand that it is critical for them to encounter failures so that they develop the skills and mindsets to prepare themselves as problem-solvers and not dwell on their setbacks through their Gyan Sarovar workshops. Manish Jain, the Club President, pointed out that “those challenges may come up in the form of a difficult exam or a

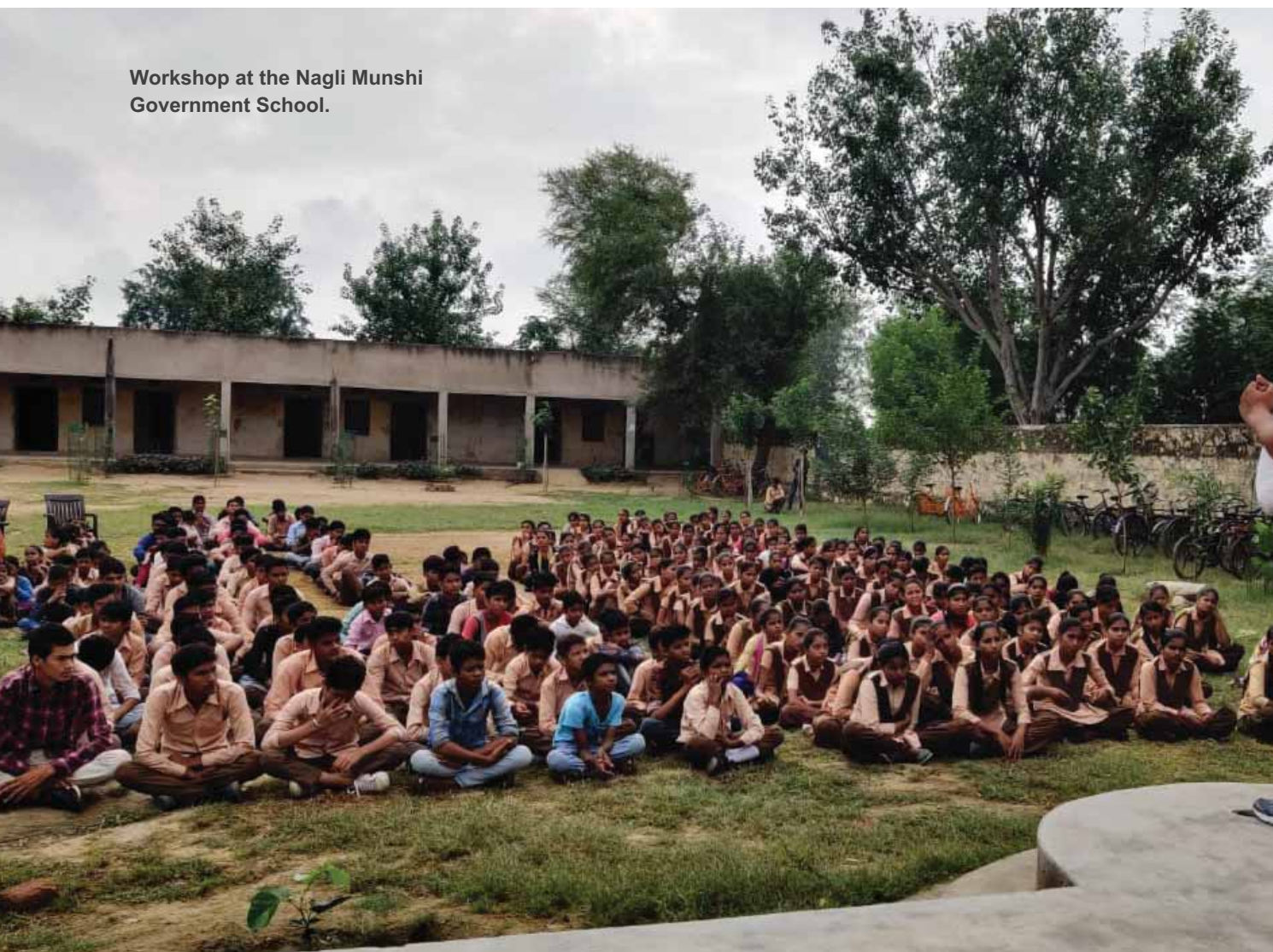
situation out of the blue. No matter when or where, the only way to support children through failures is to emphasise the value of the lessons they had learnt from such a harsh experience and help them explore and experiment with the world around them.” The Akbarpur Government School management has requested the club to conduct more such sessions.

The 45-minute motivational programme included talk and activities to boost the confidence and the art

of making life easy and simple. In addition to this programme at the Nagli Munshi Government School, the club conducted a cleanliness drive followed by school uniform distribution. At the Vasant Vihar Balika Vidyalaya the club introduced the *Super Girls* initiative to train teenage girls in self-defence and menstrual hygiene management.

A water filter was installed at the Karam Psychosis Centre by the club to provide the mentally-challenged students with clean drinking water. ■

Workshop at the Nagli Munshi Government School.





Above: Gyan Sarovar workshop at the Akbarpur Government School.

Below: Rotarians at the Karam Psychosis Centre.



Vyapar Mela at Himmatnagar

Team Rotary News



Member of Parliament Dipsinh Rathod greeting an exhibitor.

A week-long *Rotary Vyapar Mela* (traders fair) was organised by RC Himmatnagar, RID 3054, which saw a footfall of over 20,000 people from in and around the city located in the Sabarkantha district of Gujarat. Member of Parliament Dipsinh Shankarsinh Rathod and

legislator Rajendrasinh Chavda inaugurated the gala traders' fair. A large number of officials from Himmatnagar Nagarpalika (municipality) visited the stalls.

During the valedictory session, Sabarkantha District Collector CJ Patel was the chief guest and he

gave certificates to the exhibitors and stall owners. The visitors enjoyed shopping at the diverse stalls and their children were entertained at the amusement park. Rotary's global projects and its networking abilities were explained to the visitors through pamphlets. ■

Rotary offers free diabetes, TB clinics in Kanpur



The diabetes clinic of the club.

Every Saturday, a free diabetes clinic is conducted by RC Kanpur Greater, RID 3110, at the office space donated by the club President Neeraj Gupta. The aim of the clinic is not only providing free treatment, but also to create awareness on the chronic, non-communicable disease and take precautions by changing the lifestyle of the people.

A TB clinic on Tuesdays offers treatment and medicine to patients. The club has taken up 110 ATT (anti-tubercular treatment) and 11 MDR (multi-drug resistant) patients to begin with and will be increasing the number of patients in the coming months. A team of 23 members with their spouses visited Beijing and Shanghai, the financial capital of China. They travelled in the bullet train from Shanghai to China which was an experience in itself. Apart from a lot of shopping in Shanghai, they visited the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square, Kings Summer Palace and the Cherry Blossom Park. ■

A second hearse van for Patna

Team Rotary News



Following a felt need in the society, RC Pataliputra, RID 3250, flagged off its second hearse van as this additional vehicle was sought by different sections of the community. Bihar Transport Secretary Sanjay Kumar Agarwal inaugurated the hearse van named Mukti Rath near Gandhi Maidan in Patna in the presence of Club President Shilpi

Chachan and its Secretary Ashok Kumar Bidasaria.

The project, costing \$12,319, was funded through donations by four club members — Dr Himanshu Roy, Prakash Choudhary, Mahesh Jain and Anju Rungta — who came forward immediately after the incoming President Shilpi expressed her desire to launch the second Mukti Rath for

the society during her installation. RID Kamal Sanghvi who was present at that time, congratulated the donors for their quick response.

The hearse van will be managed jointly by the Maa Vaishno Devi Sewa Samiti and Mahavir Vatsalya Aspatal and funeral services are available to residents of Patna and surrounding areas. ■

A bike ride strengthens bonds

Eight Rotarians from various clubs of RIDs 3231 and 3232 made a trip from Chennai to Yelagiri, a hillstation near Vellore, on four bikes. The riders were flagged off by the Rotarians of RCs Alandur

and Adambakkam (RID 3232) and were hosted by RCs Vellore North, Ambur and Tirupattur (RID 3231) along the way. Six Rotarians travelled by car along with the riders to offer support if needed. PDG ISAK Nazar, the District Counsellor,

guided the team in the preparations for the adventure trip.

The trip helped to build rapport among Rotarians of both the districts, said Asif Ali Baig, the trip organiser. RC Alandur organised the felicitation event for the riders. ■



Dombivli Rotarians make an impact with projects

V Muthukumaran

A traditional festival, Mangalagaur, was celebrated with pomp by RC Dombivli Industrial Area, RID 3142, by joining hands with the Inner Wheel Club of Dombivli East which also marked its Charter Day on the occasion.

More than 100 women, including Anns and IW members, took part in games, rituals and lively interactions to celebrate Mangalagaur in which married women perform pooja in the auspicious month of Shravan, thus seeking from God their family's prosperity and long, healthy life for their husbands. Special poojas were done seeking the blessings of Goddess Gowri.

"Women dressed up in traditional attire



Students being given handwash practice in the school.

to perform rituals and take part in traditional events. By observing this ritual, women seek the blessings of Goddess Gowri for the well-being of their husbands and a happy married life," said Prakash Sinkar, Club President. He and Club

Treasurer Mangesh Jade were felicitated by IWC Dombivli East President Lata Mahispurkar. Project Chairman Manasi Vaidya and her team made the festive event a grand success.

National Sports Day was celebrated to mark

the birth anniversary of Major Dhyani Chand, a hockey player considered an all-time great, at Pragati College (Shishak Shikshan Prasarak Mandal) in Kalyan taluk. Sinkar honoured seven teachers for their 'selfless service'. Around 200 students who have excelled at the district, state and national-level sports meets were given medals and certificates by the club president. Mangesh Jade, past president Shirish Deshpande, Rtms Vinayak Mankikar, Nandu Dhule, former State Minister Jagannath Patil and College Committee members took part in the prize distribution. The programme was compered by Rtn Gulabrao Patil.

A cataract surgery was done at Supriya Hospital, Kalyan, by Dr Sudarshan Patil from RC Kalyan Tiger. This is a joint project and was done in the presence of Prakash Sinkar, PP Awadesh Upadhyay and Project Chair Kailash Mhatre.

Interact Week

Interact Week was celebrated at Dnyanmandir School at Dombivli East with good participation from students and the faculty. Past president Shirish Deshpande gave a talk on 'motivational skills' and Avenue Co-chair Manoj Thakur guided the students in making eco-friendly crafts from different papers. Four top students were given prizes sponsored by past president



RC Dombivli Industrial Area President Prakash Sinkar (L) and DGND Dr Mayuresh Warke (centre) at the installation.

Vinayak Mankikar.

Sinkar, President-elect Rajesh Patel, Club Secretary Mohandas Kamat and Headmistress Pakhale were present at the cultural performance.

A WinS project was completed at the Zilla Parishad School, Sonarpada, and the facilities were inaugurated in the presence of Prakash Sinkar, Kamat and Project Chair H M Bhalerao. More than 200 students were present at the WinS programme on the occasion of Children's Day. The club distributed 20 handwash dispensers with liquid soap to 40 students at the Greens English School, MIDC in Dombivli East, to mark the Global Handwashing Day. Five teachers, two non-teaching staff and 40 students were present at the WinS programme.

Noble gesture

A match-making platform was extended to over 300 boys and girls at a Vadhu Var Parichay Melava at Aditya Mangal Karyalaya



Winners of the rangoli contest with IW members in Dombivli.

in the presence of Sinkar, Project Chairman Awadhesh Upadhyay, Rtms Shirish Deshpande and Prakash Shah who is also a trustee of Omkar Dumb and Deaf School. More than 500 marriages were solemnised through the special school in the last 10 years.

Rangoli contest

Thirty-five women took part in the Rangoli competition on the occasion of Diwali. The competition along with an exhibition was organised jointly with the IWC Dombivli East. Ann Lata Mahispurkar, President, Inner Wheel club, its

Secretary Ashwini Jane and Sinkar gave prizes to the winners and certificates to all the participants. Social worker and journalist Meena Godkhindi was the chief guest at the colourful event which attracted a large number of visitors.

An amount of ₹10,000 each was given to five girl students of Dnyanmandir School to meet their tuition fees by past president Sanjay Pitale in the presence of Sinkar and Deshpande. DGND Dr Mayuresh Warke (2021-22) was the chief guest at the installation of Prakash Sinkar as the Club President in a gala ceremony. The event also

marked the Charter Day of the club.

A mega blood donation camp was held at K V Pendharkar College in association with RC Dombivli Uptown and the Chidanand Charitable Trust. Around 100 students donated blood and a number of Rotarians were present at the event which was coordinated by NSS and NCC volunteers.

Fire safety awareness

A fire safety awareness lecture was held at the Greens English School with the help of government officials from the Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation. Fire officer Shinde Saheb gave a talk on preventive steps to keep the school premises safe from fire hazards. "A demo was held by firemen in front of 300 students and teachers of the school," said Prakash Sinkar. He was accompanied by past president Shirish Deshpande, Secretary Kamat and Rtms Dr Arun Patil, Shashak Deshpande and Mohan Gokhale. ■



Inner Wheel members and Rotarians celebrate Mangalagaur.

D 2981

RC Vridhachalam

A heart screening camp along with diagnosis for general diseases was conducted at the Fathima School in the town. Out of 300 patients who were screened, 11 were selected for surgery and further treatment.



D 2982

RC Hosur

New dress material were given to 125 girl students at the Indira Gandhi Home in Madhagondapalli on Diwali festival. A grand feast was given to the inmates. The project which is being done each year cost ₹1 lakh.



D 3000

RC Karur

Club President CK Ramaswamy flagged off a motorcycle rally by a retired Sub-Inspector N Shivaji who is seeking to bring awareness on defunct borewells across Tamil Nadu. He would travel across the State for 90 days and distribute awareness pamphlets.





D 3000

RC Madurai North

The club joined hands with ABC Badminton Academy for making 50,000 seed balls in a single day as part of a massive tree plantation drive. The target was achieved with the participation of club members and volunteers with their families.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai Maharani

The club in association with the Livelihood Training Centre organised a seminar on mental well-being at the Government Model High School. Club President Meenu Ganesh presided over the event. Copies of a handguide on mental health were distributed to over 500 students.



D 3011

RC Gurgaon Cosmopolitan

Past President Aadesh Poddar spoke on the personality of Raavan, a mythological character from the *Ramayana*, in an interactive session under Share Knowledge Project for girl students of Pardadi Education Society, Anoopshahr.

D 3011

RC Gurgaon Harmony Iberis

Garments were donated to Earth Saviour Foundation, an NGO, for their outreach programmes. Club President Lalit Sawhney and Directors Mukesh Bhargava, who contributed the dresses, and RS Atroley were present at the event.



D 3012

RC Sonipat Midtown

The club welcomed the Nagar Kirtan, a Sikh custom involving the processional singing of holy hymns in a community, as part of Parkash Utsav to commemorate the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism.



D 3030

RC Chopda

A message board on *Beti Bachao* campaign was inaugurated by DG Rajendra Bhamre in the presence of AGs Vilas S Patil and Anil Agrawal and Club President Nitin Jain. Three cots were donated to Manav Tirtha, a home for the mentally-ill people, in the presence of DG.





D 3030

RC Nagpur Vision

A health check-up camp was organised for children at Akshar Foundation, an institute for underprivileged students who come to study various subjects after their regular school in the evening. Nutritious food is given daily to children attending after-school classes here.



D 3040

RC Bhopal Shahpura

The club in association with RCs Lex Bhopal and Bhopal East distributed over 1,500 desks and benches to 55 government schools. This project will benefit around 4,500 students in the region. A teacher's training programme is also being conducted for over 60 school teachers.



D 3053

RC Bikaner

Around 150 Rotarians, Rotaractors, Inner Wheel members and their families enjoyed a Rotary Picnic at Sriram Vatika, a farmhouse of club member Sriram Singhi. Fun sports in swimming pool and other contests with lively music kept the Rotarians on excited mode throughout the day-long picnic.

D 3054

RC Udaipur

A series of events was held to mark World Breastfeeding Week. The programme, done jointly with Geetanjali Hospital and *Rajasthan Patrika*, was inaugurated at Mahila Mandal Senior Secondary School. Rotarians visited a slum colony to spread awareness on the importance of mother's milk to infants.



D 3070

RC Dasuya

Annapurna Day was observed by the club with its President Pardeep Kumar and Secretary Rajeev Kundra leading from the front. Packed rations were distributed to needy families. This is one of the signature projects that has enhanced the public image of Rotary.



D 3070

RC Udhampur

Hi-tech diagnostic equipment were inaugurated by DG Barjesh Singhal and DRFC Upkar Singh Sethi under a global grant project at the KLSM Rotary Eye and ENT Hospital. The equipment were sponsored by TRF and different clubs in RIDs 3070, 3141 and 6650 (US), besides the Inner Wheel Club of Udhampur.





D 3080

RC Karnal Midtown

Around 70 destitute and elderly people at the Apna Ashiana, an old-age home, were given a sumptuous food to mark Annapurna Day on July 1, the commencement of Rotary year. Rotarians and Anns took part in the event with enthusiasm.



D 3080

RC Paonta Sahib

Along with Rotaractors and Interactors, the club members planted over 1,200 trees on the banks of Yamuna river in a beautification drive. In another initiative, DGN Ajay Madan and spouse Savita planted trees at the Yamuna Path. They also took part in Yamuna *aarti* with club members.



D 3080

RC Saharanpur

Notebooks and stationery were distributed to children of government primary school at Kharauli village with the Club President Gulshan Aneja supervising the event. The teachers thanked Rotary for the token gesture as it would motivate students to take interest in the academics.

A Rotary cycle rally to create awareness

Team Rotary News



PDG Kamlesh Raheja flagging off the Cycle-to-Work rally.



Over all 75 cyclists including few mentally-challenged and children with autism participated in a *Cycle to Work* rally. Organised by the Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cosmopolitan, RI District 3202, in association with Rotary Club of Tirupur, RI District 3201, and the Coimbatore Cycling Club, the rally emphasised the importance of traffic rules and keeping the region pollution-free.

Throughout the rally participants displayed posters to make aware their causes — Go Green, Wear Helmet, Cycle to Work. The rally was flagged off by PDG Kamlesh Raheja and covered a distance of 150 km from Coimbatore to Tirupur. ■

Encouraging love for greenery among students

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Kottai Pattukottai, RID 2981, propagated love for nature and environment among students by introducing the 'One student, one sapling' scheme in the Manora Polytechnic College in Pattukottai and a government school in Pallathur. The students planted about 800 saplings in the college campus and took an oath to take good care of them. They had also expressed interest to plant more saplings in their respective neighbourhood.

The Rotarians sponsored sinking of a deep borewell in the college at a cost of



Above: Rotarians with the college staff members after inaugurating a deepwell on the college premises.



Students pose with saplings distributed by the club.

₹2.5 lakh to provide sufficient water for the students' needs. A camp was arranged on the college premises where the students were given *nilavembu kashayam*, an herbal concoction to prevent dengue.

An essay competition was organised by the club for the students in commemoration of Gandhi Jayanthi. ■



Above: Books for the Rotary library at MCD Primary School being handed over to the school management.

Rotary libraries for government schools in Gurgaon

Kiran Zehra

The Rotary Club of Gurgaon Cosmopolitan, RI District 3011, under Rotary's TEACH initiative has announced setting up of libraries in all the government primary schools in the region. Past president and Director of Service Projects of the club Aadesh Poddar said that the libraries will be set up in the schools by the start of the

new academic year. He also added that the idea of setting up the school libraries is to incorporate reading habits among children from an early age.

Every government school library will be equipped





Above: Club President Sarvesh Dutt handing over a sweater to a student at Sri Sri Gyan Mandir School.

Left: Sanitary napkins and liquid handwash sachets distribution at the Government Senior Secondary School, Gurgaon.

with about 500 books. The schools will allocate a period for the students to go to the library and read books of their choice. This will help in increasing the vocabulary skills of the students, besides being a fun activity. The

school management and members of the club will together maintain the libraries being set up.

After setting up the library at the club's adopted Sri Sri Gyan Mandir School, members contributed towards

buying new sweaters, shoes and socks for the 115 students.

Dr Sumita, a member of the club, conducted a counselling session on Menstrual Hygiene Management followed by distribution of sanitary napkins and liquid handwash sachets to around 500 girls studying at the Chakkarpur Government Senior Secondary School, Gurgaon. ■

D 3090

RC Faridkot

A bone density camp was held in which an awareness lecture was given by Dr Bimal Garg. Ninety-five patients were screened and advised on healthy food habits with regular exercise. Club President Parvesh Rehan organised the camp with support from his Secretary Bharat Bhushan Singla.



D 3090

RC Mansa

Club President Naresh Kumar Bansal is giving priority to tree plantation which is being taken up on city roads, at busy junctions, schools, markets, playgrounds and religious places. The Rotarians are also following the Japanese Miyawaki technique to grow social forestry.



D 3100

RC Moradabad Midtown

Eye and dental check-up camp was held at the Kanya Junior High School in which over 230 students were examined for ailments by a team of six doctors. Rtn Dr Gopesh Mehrotra took efforts to organise the one-day medical camp.





D 3142

RC Dombivli Saudamini

A government secondary school, Madhavrao Rokhade Madhyamik Shala at Goveli Murbad was adopted by the club which will take up a revamp of the school's infrastructure. Books, stationery, lab equipment, sports items, filtered drinking water, computers and bio-fencing are some of the checklist for the Happy School Project.



D 3160

RC Davangere Midtown

The club donated 10 benches to the government Urdu school in the city. The furniture will help the students in classroom education and the faculty thanked Rotarians for this gesture.



D 3160

RC Dharmavaram Midtown

World Population Day was observed at the BSR Boys High School with an essay contest for students. Prizes were given to the winners. At the IoL camp at the CK Palli mandal, 145 out of 236 patients were selected for eye operation. An RO filter plant was set up at Obulampalli village.

D 3160

RC Guntakal

A blood donation camp was conducted to mark Doctor's Day with the help of the District Red Cross Society. Sixty-one people donated blood and certificates were given to all the donors. An essay contest on the Four-Way-Test was held at Sumada E M School and prizes were given to the winners.



D 3170

Rotary E-club Belgaum

The club sponsored and installed a new Rotaract club at the Govindram Seksaria Science College and an Interact club at the Angadi International School in the city with an aim to strengthen Rotary through a strong youth brigade.



D 3201

RC Coimbatore Manchester

Thirty-eight teachers from rural schools were honoured with Nation Builder Awards. The club has an evaluation process which involves the principal and 10 students from each school. A data of low-performing teachers was collected to train them in workshops.





D 3202

RC Tirupur Smart City

Rtn P Arulselvam presented an amount of ₹10 lakh, which he got as gifts during his son's marriage, to DG A Karthikeyan as donation to End Polio Now campaign in the presence of EPNC Dr E K Sagadhevan.



D 3202

RC Tirupur Thirumuruganpoondi

A Happy School project was taken up at the Nachipalayam Panchayat Middle School in association with Tirupur Young Generation. Club President, DRCC Muruganandham and Rotaractors took part in the programme which focused on grooming individual talent and general knowledge among students.



D 3261

RC Raipur Cosmopolitan

A mega blood donation camp, organised in partnership with six Inner Wheel clubs and Indian Red Cross Society, attracted over 1,500 donors including teenagers who were happy to donate blood. Around 325 units of blood was collected. Certificates and gift bags were given to all the donors.

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Pudukkottai Rotarians take up welfare measures

Team Rotary News

DG Dr Zameer Pasha as chief guest at the installation of new office-bearers of RC Pudukkottai City, RID 3000, gave financial aids to meritorious students and felicitated the rescue team from Ramco Cements for carrying out relief work at the Gaja cyclone-affected villages in the revenue district.

Club President G Dhanagopal, Secretary P Asokan and Treasurer A Arockiasamy were sworn in by Dr Pasha and AG S Parthipan inducted 11 new members on the occasion.

District Zonal Coordinator X Wilson Anand, Charter President K Naina Mohammed, District Public Image Join Secretary Maruti K Mohanraj and Ma Malar Hospital Chairman R Marimuthu gave the felicitation speeches. The club donated an electronic billboard to the Municipality Middle School, Santhaipettai, which was received by its headmaster C Vijayamanickam. A club souvenir was released on the occasion.

Sewing machines were given to two needy women. Seven students from government schools in Pudukkottai who had scored top

ranks in public exams were given cash incentives and certificates by DG Pasha. In another initiative, the club honoured Ramco Cements Senior Manager KK Sadasivam and the company agents in the district for taking relief operations and providing relief supplies to the Gaya cyclone-affected families for over a month.

A drawing competition was held for students at the Municipality Middle School, Santhaipetti, to mark World Yoga Day. The event was conducted jointly with the Pudukkottai Road Safety and Awareness Association and the Ames Foundation with the headmaster



DG Dr Zameer Pasha distributing sewing machines to needy women.



A yoga camp at the Puthukulam walkers area.



A drawing contest at a government school.

Vijaya Manickam presiding over the session. Twelve winners were selected by a two-member jury of local artists who adjudged the art work, sketches and portraits of the contestants. All the students were given certificates.

A yoga camp was also held at the Puthukulam area, a large park being used by local residents for regular walks, with the club joining hands with the walkers association, Anand Yoga Foundation and other groups to conduct a yoga demonstration. AG Parthipan, Former judge A Pitchai, Mohanraj and Club President Dhanagopal spoke on the occasion. DGE AL Chokkalingam, who is the Chairman, District Yoga Committee, was the special invitee to the programme. ■

Food packets for flood victims

Team Rotary News



Rotarians packaging and distributing food packets to flood victims in Mandasaur.

Rotary Club Mandasaur, RI District 3040, distributed freshly made food packets to nearby villages affected by floods. Incessant rains flooded several parts

of Mandasaur district. Around 3,000 people from waterlogged and flooded areas were shifted to safer places. Rotarians distributed the food packets to around 500 such families. ■

Rotary Udupi for Swachtha

Rotary Udupi alongside Childline Udupi cleaned the campus and surroundings of a Government Community Hostel for Women at Patla, a remote village near Udupi. Weeds and overgrown shrubs were cleared in the areas outside the campus and plastic wastage cleared and disposed in an eco-friendly manner. Basic health and hygiene lessons was imparted to the inmates of the hostel. ■



Samana club honours teachers and conducts health camps

Team Rotary News



Government school teachers honoured with Nation Builder Awards.

The Rotary Club of Samana, RI District 3090, celebrated Teacher's Day by honouring government and government-aided school teachers with

Nation Builder Awards, said Club President Rajinder Thareja. The selection process of this award was done through evaluation by the students and the heads of the institutions and the report was sent to

RILM which recognised the awardees. Last year the members of the club visited fifteen schools to select the best teachers and they were honoured with Nation Builder Awards at a felicitation ceremony at

the Government Senior Secondary School, Gajipur.

Under its *Muskan* initiative the club also organised an eye check-up camp for around 470 students and all the staff members at the Government Senior Secondary School, Gajipur. The following week the club sponsored a meditation camp conducted by the Healthfulness Institute, Samana. The four-day camp helped participants understand how they could use meditation for stress management and ways to introduce it into everyday self-care routine. ■



An eye camp under Project Muskan.

Panvel Rotarians reach out to tribal villages, students

Team Rotary News

A menstrual hygiene awareness camp was held at the Government Ashram School in Waravne village in Pen taluk by RC Panel Elite, RID 3131, as part of their Happy Village Project. Rtn Swati Likhite gave a lecture on hygiene which was attended by 150 girls. “We also distributed sanitary pads to the girls at this tribal village under the focus area of disease prevention and treatment,” said Ritesh Munot, Club President. Around five Rotarians took part in this event for tribal girls.

In another initiative for tribal children, the club organised a typhoid vaccination camp at Sindhalachi Wadi, a hamlet in Pen taluk, and the Government Ashram School. Around 200 children aged 2–15 years were vaccinated and biscuit packets were distributed to them. The vaccines were sponsored by Rtn Neeraj Kothari and administered by Dr Likhite.

“Typhoid can be a life-threatening disease. As many as 30 per cent of people who do not get treatment die from complications of typhoid. The worrying

part is that drug-resistant typhoid bacteria has become more common in many parts of the country. The situation is more disturbing in tribal villages as there are very few antibiotic treatments,” said Munot. The typhoid-vaccination camp cost ₹20,000.

On World Polio Day, an online campaign to create awareness on Rotary’s efforts to eradicate the crippling disease has received a good feedback from the public. A short video detailing the work of Rotary in polio has received 1.47 lakh hits



School girls with sanitary napkins at the government school in Waravne village.





Bicycles were donated to tribal students by RC Panvel Elite.

on the social media in just 48 hours. “We have taken care to promote the video among those who are not aware of Rotary’s efforts in polio eradication. And we were overwhelmed by the public response,” he said.

With an aim to promote basic education

among tribal children, the club distributed slates (with engraved alphabets and numbers) to students at Sindhalachi Wadi and Kaveli Wadi villages. The slates were sponsored by Rtn Neeraj Kothari. Five Rotarians took part in the project.

Platelet donation

In a first-of-its-kind project, the club joined hands with RC Kharghar Midtown, Rotaractors and Robin Hood Army to conduct a platelet donation camp at the Tata Memorial Hospital in Kharghar.

As platelet donation is done on requirement basis and cannot be stored for a long time, a database of willing platelet donors was created from the collected blood samples, said Munot. “The hospital had an urgent requirement of platelets of a person having A+ve blood group and the same was provided by Rtr Dhruv Jain of RAC Panvel Elite.” Usually invasive treatments like chemotherapy used for cancer treatment reduces a patient’s platelet count. Hence, they need transfusion from healthy donors. “We are happy to have led this synergy project with Rotaractors as platelet donation by a person can save three lives,” said Munot.



A child being vaccinated against typhoid.

Happy Village

As part of its Happy Village Project, 25 bicycles were distributed to tribal students at Sinchelachi Wadi in Pen taluk. “We also fitted 30 solar panel lights at the homes of villagers in the presence of 20 Rotarians and Rotaractors at the venue,” said Munot. For the fourth consecutive year, 1,000 clothes were distributed to villagers to keep them warm during winter nights. ■

Celebrating girl power

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Rotary Club of Indore Meghdoot, RID 3040, commemorated the International Day of the Girl Child on Oct 11 as earmarked by the Unicef by organising a rally with girl children from various schools in the locality. The Rotarians educated the girls on their rights and the importance of equipping themselves with knowledge for a good future. They also highlighted the various government schemes that are available for girls and women that will benefit them with education and employment. ■



Focus on education



Sewing machine being provided to a woman.

The Rotarians of RC Thanjavur Cholas, RID 2981, have undertaken school education as a priority project for the year.

Plastic chairs for a panchayat school in Veerasingapettai, a poverty-stricken hamlet near Thanjavur, distribution of stationery for students of another school in the same hamlet, uniforms for 120 students of Sri Vinayaga Primary School in the town and sponsoring the college fees for a student hailing from an underprivileged family are some of their initiatives in this regard.

The Rotarians provided a sewing machine to a woman to enable her to earn a living, and conducted a blood grouping cum anaemia screening camp for 250 children studying in the Subramaniyan Nursery and Primary School in the town. ■

Some me-time for Nagpur Rotarians

Team Rotary News



A blood donation camp in progress.

Rotary Club of Nagpur Vision, RID 3030, conducted an in-house diagnostic camp to look into the health needs of its members and their families. The doctor-members of the club screened the Rotarians for various health parameters. Three blood donation camps were also organised which helped to collect 190 units of blood. This was given to the Hedgewar Blood Bank in the city.

The club teamed up with RC Nagpur

Ishanya and conducted a garba workshop for the Annettes. Thirty children signed up for the fun event.

As part of the club's service activity, fifteen women of Dongargaon village near Nagpur were given ₹20,000 each as micro credit to help them start a business on a small scale. The community welfare team of club initiated the programme after studying the needs of the community which was heavily dependent on

Annettes at the garba workshop.



Rotarians at the in-house diagnostic camp.

farming as its sole source of income. The monsoon has been playing truant over a couple of years and the villagers had a tough time making ends meet. The micro credit programme was executed through the Niramay Bahuddeshiya Sanstha that works for the welfare of the women in this region. ■

RC Kasba holds awareness meet for investors

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DG Ajay Agarwal and PDG Rajni Mukherjee at the programme.

An Investor Awareness programme was organised by RC Kasba, RID 3291, with the support of the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Registrar of Companies, West Bengal and three institutes — ICAI, ICSI and the ICAI — in Kolkata.

While inaugurating the event, DG Ajay Agarwal appreciated the club for hosting such a useful meet for investors and praised PP Subhasish Bose for making efforts in organising the programme.

RBI, Kolkata office, Manager Bhasker Roy said investors are welcome to lodge complaints against companies at the Reserve Bank

and get their grievances redressed. RBI has decided to hold a series of awareness programmes in urban and rural areas on the rights of investors, he said.

State Deputy Registrar of Companies Arvind Saha explained the various Sections under the Companies Act and urged investors to seek remedies under Section 621 of the Act.

SEBI Additional GM Ankan Roy said written complaints can be lodged against misleading advertisements, circulars and brochures.

National Stock Exchange manager Sourav Roy and Amit Sadhukhan from the BSE spoke on ways to redress the grievances of investors through proper channels.

Rtn Ashit Sinha from RC New Ballygunge and Rtn Sulekha Ghost from RC Geetanjali Kolkata shared their experiences on banking and insurance sectors respectively.

PDGs Rajani Mukherji and Jhulan Basu also spoke on the occasion. "Over the last six years, we are conducting the investor awareness event with the help of government officials and company institutes. Apart from being an informative programme, the event has also enhanced our public image in the locality," said Niladri Dutta, Club President. The state-level officials from the NSE, SEBI and Reserve Bank took part in the programme by sharing their experience. ■