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Catching them young

Anti-typhoid vaccination camp in Kothapeta schools

Team Rotary News

An anti-typhoid vaccination camp was organised by RC Kothapeta, D 3020, in local schools through a partnership with Biomed Corp, Hyderabad. Nearly 1,000 students benefitted from this drive which was conducted by Project Chairman IPP K Sudhakar. Club President T Sivanandam, Rotarians and staff of Biomed Corp took part in the drive.■



Students get vaccination at the camp.

Rotary honours teachers with Nation Builder Awards

Rotary Club of Hosur Sipcot, D 2982, honoured 101 teachers from 45 schools with Nation Builder Awards. These teachers were chosen for their dedication in shaping young minds and equipping them with knowledge so that their interest in education is sustained. This project is the third signature project under Literacy for the club.■



School teachers awarded by the Rotary club.

On the cover: Rotarians of RC Moradabad Midtown teach children to plant saplings to green and save Earth.

New toilet block at a government school in Madurai

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Madurai Metro, D 3000, constructed a toilet block costing ₹3.35 lakh at government school in Kandiyatham village. The Rotarians installed a water purifier at a cost of ₹35,000 to provide safe drinking water for the students and staff, and a sanitary napkin incinerator to benefit girls students.

The facilities were inaugurated by DGE AL Chokkalingam. ■



A water purifier being donated to the government school.

Crematorium gets Rotary facilities in Amritsar



Rotarians with new facilities at the crematorium in Amritsar.

With the aim to ensure speedy delivery of death certificates to the kin of the deceased, RC Amritsar Aastha, D 3070, provided a laptop, a printer-cum-scanner and

furniture to the crematorium owned by the municipal corporation.

“This project will facilitate the issue of death certificates to the families at the burial spot itself. We will ensure

the sustainability of the project,” said Barjesh Singhal, District Governor.

The club also installed an air-conditioner at the crematorium office. ■

Raksha bandhan at Chandrapur Jail

Team Rotary News



Raksha bandhan being celebrated at Chandrapur Jail.

Raksha bandhan was celebrated at Chandrapur Jail by RC Chandrapur, D 3030, under the guidance of Project Director Dr Aswari Deotale. Women Rotarians tied around 500 *rakhis* on the wrists of prisoners and a musical programme was organised by Rtn Manisha Padgilwar.

A film projector was also donated to the jail authorities. Club President Sachin Gangreddiwar was present along with other Rotarians.■



Women Rotarians tying rakhis on the wrists of prisoners.

Tree plantation gets a boost in Moradabad

Team Rotary News



Rotary Club of Moradabad Midtown, D 3100, in association with the Nagar Nigam and the Forest Department, took up a mega plantation drive which was inaugurated by Regional Director Suresh Chandra Agarwal. A total of 800 saplings were planted by Rotarians, Anns and Interactors.

Interactors from the Interact Club of Methodist Girls Inter College, Moradabad, took part in large numbers with posters and placards displaying messages on saving the environment. The green drive enhanced the public image of Rotary in the city. ■

Rotary holds blood donation camp in Sunam

Team Rotary News

A blood donation camp was organised at the Rotary School, Peeran Wala Gate, with a team of doctors from Dr Rajinder Hospital collecting nearly 140 units of blood. Rotary Club of Sunam President Shiv Jindal along with club members were present on the occasion.

Sangrur ADC S Rajdeep Singh Brar was the chief guest at the event which enhanced the public image of Rotary in the locality. ■



District membership seminar in Pataliputra

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Delegates at the seminar.

RIDE Kamal Sanghvi inaugurated a district membership seminar hosted by RC Pataliputra, D 3250. PDG Shashi Varvandkar, who is the Assistant Regional Coordinator, was the guest of honour.

Sanghvi complimented the donation of tricycles to differently-abled persons by the host club after the inauguration. "Club members should feel that they are wanted if they are to be retained. More hands are needed to take up more service projects,"

said Sanghvi who urged Rotarians to induct their spouse, children and friends into Rotary clubs.

In his address, DG Kumar Prasad Sinha expressed concern over the stagnant membership. The DG said that along with rejoicing our laurels and achievements, we should learn from our mistakes and correct them. "Retaining members is critical for membership growth as an outgoing Rotarian sends negative vibes to the club members," he said and also stressed on

inducting good quality of members for the club's growth.

Varvandkar spoke on the need to market Rotary in 'quantifiable terms'. "There is need for women empowerment and I am pleased to see women leaders in the host club," he said.

DGE Gopal Khemka, in his speech, focused on small clubs in remote areas and said the growth potential in smaller towns is enormous. DGN Rajan Gondotra called for the formation of satellite clubs which would help to rope in more Rotarians.

RC Pataliputra President Veena Jain dwelt on attracting GenNext. Charter was presented to a new club RC Pataliputra Nextgen, an exclusive group formed by the children of Rotarians. During the group discussion and open house forum, Varvandkar, DG Sinha, PDG Bindu Singh and District Membership Chair Bipin Chachan answered the queries of the delegates.

The seminar was well-attended by past governors and over 250 delegates from the district clubs. The event was planned and executed by a team led by Chachan and Seminar Committee Chair Anil Ritolia. ■



RIDE Kamal Sanghvi and PDG Shashi Varvandkar sharing the dais with panelists.

RC Pune Pride donates gym equipment

Team Rotary News

Gym equipment were presented to the Observation Centre for juvenile delinquents in Yerawada by RC Pune Pride, D 3131, with the aim to enhance their physical activity and thus shape their mind towards positive thinking and action.

Club President Deepak Phadnis along with other 15 members were present on the special occasion. Status Health Club owner Sumedha Bhosale, the chief guest, guided the boys on the safe and best use of the gym equipment. The total cost of ₹75,000 for the project was contributed by Rtn D Y Kulkarni and Ann Meenal Orpe. ■



Rotarians at the Observation Centre.

General medical camp in Vandavasi village

Team Rotary News

A general medical camp was organised by RC Vandavasi, D 3231, at Kilkovalavedu village benefitting over 200 people. Reading glasses were given to 50 persons by Club President S Venkatesan and Secretary K Yuvaraja. The project cost ₹10,000 and 20 Rotarians took part as volunteers at the camp. ■



Rotary opens cloth bank in Silchar

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DG Sayantan Gupta distributes clothes to the needy.

A Permanent Cloth Bank set up by RC Silchar, D 3240, was inaugurated by DG Dr Sayantan Gupta and his spouse Dr Pushpita Gupta at the club premises. This cloth bank will collect new and used clothes in good condition from

service-minded people and distribute the same to the needy families in and around the city.

Special emphasis will be placed on distributing the clothes on the eve of festivals such as Durga Puja, Eid and Christmas. The members are

proposing to install few more collection centres near the busy mall and other market places. With this initiative, the club hopes to bridge the gap between “haves and have-nots with respect to clothing needs of the society.” ■

Koregaon Rotarians promote yoga

Team Rotary News



Members of RC Koregaon, D 3132, promoted yoga for enhancing healthy lifestyle. They demonstrated the various asanas, and explained the significance of

each posture and its effect on one's body. The event highlighted the need to keep the body strong and agile for a sound mind, which are key factors for healthy and stress-free living. ■

Bonding with the elderly

Kiran Zehra

Rotary Club of Mumbai South (RCMS) D3141, along with Rotary Clubs of Bombay Seaface, Bombay Hills South, Bombay Nariman Point and Innerwheel Club of RC Bombay South added joy to the lives of 85 inmates of the JJ Dharamshala, an old-age home at Nagpada, Mumbai.

President of RCMS Sanatan Mody greeted the Rotarians and asked the residents of the home for their blessings in his welcome address. DG Shashi Sharma and his spouse were invited as the special guest to the home. Mala Mansukhani from Grow Young, an NGO put up a dance performance and entertained the gathering.



Rotarians donating to home inmates.



A new Interact club at the SL and SS Girls High School.

The DG gave an emotional speech on how much one should respect their parents and shared a story of his mother's love.

He then presented a refrigerator to the residents on behalf of RCMS; a television was donated by the RC Nariman Point. Live food counters of South Indian delicacies were set up by RC Bombay Seaface.

The club installed an Interact Club at the SL and SS Girls High School followed by felicitation for a few students and teachers who helped bring back 15 special children to school. A teacher has been appointed for these children. As part of their first Eco Friendly Environment (*pariyavaran*) each Interactor planted one tulsi plant in the campus. ■

Enhancing Rotary's public image and saving the environment

Team Rotary News



Members of Rotary Club of Bidar Fort, D 3160, along with the Zilla Panchayat, Forest Department and BAPU Rural Development Organisation, conducted several environment awareness programmes in many villages near Bidar, followed by a tree plantation drive.

Andoor and Nittur are a few villages that benefitted from the project.

The Rotarians visited a school for the visually-impaired at Markal village near Bidar and provided nutritious food for the students.

The Rotarians propagated Rotary's goals and achievements through a hoarding erected in a prominent location in Bidar. This was done to enhance Rotary's visibility in the town. ■



Barasat Rotary celebrates Raksha bandhan

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A cancer patient receiving gifts from Rotarians.

Raksha bandhan was celebrated with 170 inmates at Kishalaya Government Home by RC Barasat, D 3291. Sweets were distributed to the orphans and the project cost of ₹5,000 was donated by Club President Sunil Kumar Mahato.

In another initiative, 100 saplings were collected and distributed to RCC Angibina for social forestry. During the celebrations of 37th Charter Night of the club, the senior Rotarians were felicitated for their service to the community.

The Rotarians visited the Barasat Cancer Research and Welfare Centre and spent some time with the terminally ill-patients there. They gave them fruits and other nutritious food. ■

Rotary holds mini marathon in Tuticorin

Team Rotary News



Youngsters at the mini marathon.

A mini marathon was organised by RC Pearlcity Tuticorin, D 3212, for school and college students in the city with the theme

‘Save the blood of earth: water’ in order to stress on conserving this precious resource.

Nearly 600 students took part in

a marathon covering a distance of 4.5 km. DG S Rajagopal flagged off the run in the presence of Tuticorin DSP Prakash. ■

Spreading cheer among children

Team Rotary News

The Rotarians of RC Akola Central, D 3030, distributed bags, water bottles, lunch boxes and note books to students of Dr. Sushilabai Deshmukh School at Umri, a village near Akola. This is to encourage the children to continue attending school without dropping out which is quite common in the rural areas.

In another instance, the members visited the Lady Harding Hospital in Akola and cheered up the child patients there. They distributed toys and new clothes for them. ■



A Rotarian gifting school bag to a student.

Rotary donates food articles to accident victim



Food articles being donated to the beneficiary.

Food items worth ₹11,000 were donated by RC Luxettipet Green Crops, D 3150, to Dr Vasudeva Raju from Dandepalli village who had met with an accident. He had undergone three surgeries and had spent all his savings. As he did not have money even for the daily needs of his family, the club members came to his rescue.

The food articles donated will meet the requirements of his family for four months. Club President K Chandra Shekher, along with other Rotarians, presented the food articles to the beneficiary. ■

Solar lighting for a tribal school and seven villages

Kiran Zehra

A group of 21 Rotarians from Rotary Clubs of Bangalore Downtown and Koramangala (D 3190), along with nine volunteers from Schneider Electric Company, lit up 91 homes in Coonoor, a small town in the Nilgiris. The following day they visited a Kota School in Kokkal on the outskirts of Ooty and handed over two solar lighting systems, floor mats for children to sit on, note books, pencils, hygiene kits and dental kits to the students. Two hundred children of all age groups benefitted from this project.

The club has previously installed solar lights in 39 tribal homes at Imbet, a Kota village 60 km from Ooty. The solar lighting system has a solar panel connected to a LED lamp and a battery. Seven villages including Indira Nagar, Semakorai and Kallur were given the gift of light. Since these villages are situated in tea estates or inside dense forest the solar light came as a blessing for the villagers.



Rotarians donating floor mats for school children.

Below: Tribals with solar kits at the Nilgiris.



A 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' rally in Nabha

Team Rotary News



Girls with placards at the rally.

A rally of girl students was organised by RC Nabha Greater Nabha, D 3090, to highlight the *Beti Bachao Beti Padhao* campaign in the town. The students went around with placards having messages on the importance of girls' education which will lead to their empowerment.

The rally, apart from creating a positive environment in the locality, also enhanced the public image of Rotary in the community. ■

E-learning centres set up in Kolkata

Under a global grant project, RC Calcutta Mega City, D 3291, has set up 22 e-learning centres at government schools in partnership with RC Ballygunge. A total of 42 e-learning centres had been installed by the club so far. ■



A Smart Class at a government school.

Rotary fights air pollution in Kochi

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Cochin Downtown, D 3201, conducted a public awareness campaign on air pollution under the title KFAP-18 — Kochi Fights Air Pollution — in partnership with the Academy of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine (APCCM) and Cochin Thoracic Society.

A campaign was initiated by the Club President Dr K M Ramesh Nair who also chairs APCCM to conduct a



Protective masks being given to the police personnel.

year-long series of events on this topic. The club contributed to the purchase of air quality monitoring equipment. The campaign was launched by Ernakulam MP K V Thomas at Durbar Hall.

District Collector K M Saifurulla chaired the event and Ernakulam MLA

Rtn Hibi Eden read out the pledge to fight air pollution.

DGE Madhav Chandran distributed the protective masks for traffic wardens to the city traffic police. The function ended with cultural events by medical students with several Downtown members in attendance. ■



DG Abhinandan Shetty inaugurating the road safety programme.

Sensitising people on road safety

Team Rotary News

A road safety and drugs awareness programme was conducted for the public by Rotary Club of Kota City, D 3182, in association with the Kota Police Station. The event was inaugurated by DG

Abhinandan A Shetty. More than 250 people attended the talk on drug abuse. The general public were sensitised by the police personnel on the importance of following traffic rules and the aftermath of accidents. ■

Teaching health and hygiene to children

Team Rotary News

The Rotarians of RC Dharmavaram, D 3160, organised a dental check-up for the students of a government school in Padindi village, near the city. Toothpaste and toothbrush were distributed to the students.

The children were also taught to wash their hands with soap and water and the Rotarians urged the children to take the message home and teach their family and neighbours on the significance of maintaining hygiene for a healthy lifestyle.

The Rotarians also talked to the students about vector-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria and how to protect themselves against such illnesses.



A handwash demo being held at the school.

Students given toothbrush at the school.





Winners at the Sports Day celebrations.

Tiruchengode Rotarians reach out to humanity

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Tiruchengode Hi-tech, D 2982, set up a library in a government school in Iraiymangalam, a village near the town. The club conducted Sports Day for the schoolchildren in a grand manner and distributed trophies, shields and certificates to the winners and participants.

In another programme, the Rotarians organised an ENT camp in the city. One hundred people benefitted from the camp. Hearing aids were provided to about 50 people who were hard of hearing.

The club collected and sent a truckload of relief items such as mats, vessels, groceries, clothes, bedsheets etc to help the flood victims in Kerala. ■



Relief material being distributed to flood victims in Kerala.

D 2981

RC Cuddalore

Anti-pollution masks were given to traffic police women during the installation of Club President Jayashankar. Chief guest PDG Rekha Shetty gave away the masks to the beneficiaries.



D 3000

RC Madurai North

Past Secretary S Sabari Nath of the club won the Best Secretary Award at the District Awards Ceremony. He has put in two decades of service in Rotary.



D 3030

RC Nasik Road

In partnership with Box Hill Rotary, D 9810, Australia, the club inaugurated a 12-block toilet unit at New English School and Junior College in Sinnar near Nashik. PP Susie Cole from RC Prahran, Australia, was the chief guest.





D 3054

RC Palanpur City

A seminar-cum-workshop on autism, stress management and empowering the child's brain with effective parenting skills was organised by the club. A Q and A session was arranged with a reputed psychotherapist. In another event, PDG Lalit Sharma distributed sewing machines to the beneficiaries.



D 3080

RC Roorkee Central

DG Praveen C Goyal inaugurated an Eco-park and distributed earthen pots for bird lovers. Reflectors were also given to e-rickshaws and tractor trolleys to avoid road accidents.



D 3090

RC Faridkot

A tree plantation drive was taken up at the Cantonment area with Club President Naveen Chhabra leading the Rotarians in the green initiative. They have set a target of planting more than 1,000 trees in this Rotary year.

D 3110

RC Mathura Central

A tree plantation drive was taken up with Rotarians joining hands to plant saplings. The green campaign in the city has enhanced Rotary's public image in the community.



D 3141

RC Bombay Hanging Garden

The club donated two air-conditioned reading rooms for the children at police staff quarters attached to the D B Marg Police station. This project was done in partnership with Rtn Dilip Shah's Premlata Vandravan Shah Charities. Commissioner of Police Dattatray Padsalgikar inaugurated the reading rooms.



D 3150

RC Bhadrachalam

A water and sanitation programme was held at MPP Schools in Ranganayakula Gutta and Tatagudi Centre by the club members. They also distributed soaps and handwash solutions to the students in these two schools.





D 3231

RC Katpadi

Tricycles were given to disabled persons in the presence of Sub Collector Megraj and other government officials at Kargiri village. Also, 300 saplings were given to villagers. Club President J Gajendran along with other Rotarians were present at the event.



D 3240

RC Green Land Silchar

Friendship Day was observed at Sutarkandi, a border post with Bangladesh. The club members interacted with BSF jawans and Border Guards of Bangladesh to spread the message of goodwill and peace.



D 3291

RC Kasba

A Thalassaemia awareness camp was held at Chittaranjan Boys School with PP Dr Arabinda Roy from RC Garden Reach delivering a special lecture. PDG Shyamasree Sen interacted with the students and narrated stories to make the event interesting.

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Rotary-Rotaract reach out to the needy

Team Rotary News

DG Capt Neeraj Sogani inaugurated a Help Wall project of RC Jaipur Bapunagar, D 3054, which has joined hands with Rotaractors of Arya Group of College to execute this programme.

A good start was made with the distribution of clothes to nearly 50 needy individuals after a survey was done by the Rotaractors. "This was the first phase of the project and it will be continued. The collection and distribution of utility items such as clothes, utensils and footwear, among others, will go on throughout the year," said Dr Prabha Luhadia, Club President.

Many Rotarians have come forward and donated clothes for distribution. During the inaugural event, the installation of the Rotaract Club of Yuva Bhardwaj was conducted by the DG. ■



Rotarians and Rotaractors at the Help Wall Project.

Service Above Self Award for Ravi Appaji

PDG Ravi Appaji receiving the award from PRID Panduranga Setty.



PDG Dr K Ravi Appaji, D 3180, was honoured with Service Above Self Award by PRID Panduranga Setty at the Chennai Institute. He was felicitated with a citation for his dedicated work in a number of Rotary projects over the years. ■