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Commuting made easy

Eyecare for villagers

Team Rotary News

Around 40 villagers were screened and treated for various eye ailments at an eye camp organised by Rotary Club of Tirupattur, RID 3231. The camp was organised in association with the Nalla Samariyan Hospital in Matrapalli. The government elementary school in Achamangalam village served as the venue for the camp and people from the surrounding villages visited the camp. ■



Cheering up children



The Rotarians of RC Pune Pashan, RID 3131, visited the Sarthak Seva Sangh, a hostel in Ambale village in Saswad district of Pune. The facility houses around 70 children from impoverished families, most of whose parents are beggars, prostitutes or criminals. These children study in the local ZP school. The club members distributed new clothes, books and stationery, fruits and nutritional food for the children and cheered them up with games. A water pump was also installed at the premises. "It is our responsibility to inculcate values in these young minds at such vulnerable age," said Club President Govind Bahirat. ■

On the cover: Members of RC Varanasi East sponsor a bicycle for a child for easy commuting.

RC Karwar helps a folk art musician

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Karwar, RID 3170, donated a nebuliser for Sukri Bomma Gowda who is an asthma patient. Eighty-four-year-old Sukri is a famed folk-art musician and she was honoured with a Padma Shri Award in 2017 by the then President of India Pranab Mukherjee.

Sukri belongs to the Halakki Vokkaliga tribal community and since childhood she has been singing folk songs in Halakki Kannada dialect at weddings, baby shower events and birthdays. She was forced into marriage at 14 years of age to 42-year-old Bomma Gowda. After his demise



Sukri Bomma Gowda receiving the Padma Shri Award.



Rotarians present a nebuliser to the folk singer.

due to alcohol abuse, she spearheaded an anti-alcohol movement in her village in 1990 which led to closure and removal of liquor shops in the village.

Sukri has not written any lyrics but has sung more than 5,000 songs. More recently, she was treated for asthma at the Government Hospital in Karwar and the Rotarians trying to ease her health condition, sponsored a nebuliser for her and assured her of all help for her further treatment. ■

Rotary's organic vegetable stall in Akola

V Muthukumaran

A vegetable stall was set up by RC Akola Midtown, RID 3030, at the Gorakshan Sansthan in the city with the help of a certified and government - approved farmer who will sell the organic produce at this retail unit from 8 am till noon. The stall will be open twice a week on Thursday and Sunday.

"All the vegetables sold at the stall are organically produced without the use of chemicals or pesticide. We believe that only if our health is good, we can have peace of mind and strength to serve the society. Hence, we decided to promote a healthy lifestyle by opening the vegetable stall," says Yogesh Shrawgi, Club Secretary. The farmers will bring their produce from the fields directly to the Rotary stall which will sell them to the public.

There was a good response from the public and Rotarians to this initiative as the farmers who were supplying their produce were government-approved and the vegetables have good taste, said Shrawgi. Project Director Rahul Kothari took up the planning and coordination for setting up the organic vegetable stall.

The club in association with Hotel Welcome Inn had installed a display hoarding (10x20 size) at the Ashok Vatika Square, a busy junction. The social banner will come out with a new proverb or a socially-relevant quote, message each month to create public awareness on a range of issues.

DG Rajendra Bhamre installed the hoarding which will enhance the public image of the club in Akola. "The hoarding will also display messages which will create social awareness on Rotary projects and ideals," he said. Around 1,200 to 1,500 juice packets were distributed to pilgrims of Gaigaon Padyatra. Gaigaon, a village near

Akola, attracts pilgrims from all parts of the State on a special occasion for worship at an ancient Ganesh temple.

Motivating convicts

Rtn Dr Amol Kelkar gave a motivational speech at the Central Jail, Akola,

in the presence of jail superintendent Sadaphule. Over 350 prisoners got a chance to listen to the speaker for 30 minutes and "introspect for adopting a positive approach to life."

In his speech, Dr Kelkar focused on positive thinking, the need



to forget the past and moving ahead in life with humane values. He urged the prisoners to keep their morale high and strive to work for a better life after their release.

Good feedback

One of the teachers expressed her thanks to the club, after it had distributed notebooks at a Zilla Parishad School in Sonala village. Students from Classes 5–8 were the beneficiaries. In a ‘thank you’ message, the school management said, “for the first time, our students

have got notebooks before the start of academic session. Usually, they get stationery and books only four-five months after the classes had begun.”

There were tears in the eyes of teachers and the school faculty profusely thanked Rotarians for this thoughtful gesture, said Shrawgi.

Rtns Hitesh Shah, Niraj Tapadia, Rahul Mittal and Parag Shah made the arrangements and took care of the logistics for the notebook distribution project.



DG Bhamre donating blood at the camp.



Installation ceremony

New Club President Manoj Agrawal along with Secretaries Rashmi Shah, Yogesh Shrawgi and Vijay Bhaj were sworn in at a gala installation ceremony in the presence of DG Rajendra Bhamre and AG Ismail Nazmi.

Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences Chancellor Dr Vedprakash Mishra was the chief guest. “New members including women were inducted into the Rotary family. And professionals from trade and business were felicitated in the presence of members of other Rotary clubs,” said Yogesh Shrawgi.

Rtns Dr Rupali Mantri, Vaibhav Shah and Dr Girish Rathi were behind the success of a blood donation camp held in the presence of DG Bhamre in which the Anns and a large number of public took part. ■



Clockwise:

Vegetables being sold at the Rotary stall.

Juice packets being given to pilgrims.

DG Rajendra Bhamre (left, seated) along with newly-installed club office-bearers.

Making anganwadis attractive for children

RC Kollegal Midtown, RID 3181, renovated an anganwadi in the Hondarabalu village at a cost of ₹75,000. It was inaugurated by the District Project Chairman M Harish and Assistant Governor BN Suresh in the presence of the Club President V Mukesh Kumar.

The anganwadi which was in a dilapidated condition wore a new look with fresh paint and better facilities. "It has started attracting more children now. Many parents are happy to leave their children here now that the facility is much more comfortable now," says Mukesh Kumar. ■



The anganwadi sporting a new look with refurbished interiors.

Introducing yoga for students



Students perform asanas.

Around 1,200 students participated in a yoga demonstration programme organised by RC Ahmedpur, RID 3132. Club President Anil Chavale addressed the students about the health benefits of practising yoga daily. ■

Rotary Health Care Card launched in Sonipat

Team Rotary News



DG Deepak Gupta along with Rotarians donate an E-rickshaw to a beneficiary.

With the sole objective of providing medical care at concessional rates to the poor families, RC Sonipat Midtown, RID 3012, has launched Rotary Health Care Card in the presence of DG Deepak Gupta.

The health cards issued by Rotary will be valid for the whole

year and may be extended to the next year too.

Under this project, a generous discount of 50 per cent would be given to the poor and needy patients for OPD treatment and 40 per cent concession would be available for pathology lab tests, X-ray, ECG, Ultrasound, CT scan and MRI.

The club has entered into a tie-up with 12 reputed doctors in Sonipat for providing a range of medical facilities to Health Care cardholders.

The empanelled doctors would provide outpatient services and lab testing to the needy patients at the six prominent locations in the city where the beneficiaries have to register for availing the medical services. After registration, they would be issued the Rotary Health Care Cards through which they could get concessions. A single health card would serve the medical needs of all the members of an underprivileged family.

DG Gupta donated an E-rickshaw to a differently-abled, unemployed person. Through this vehicle he can earn a decent livelihood to support his family. The cost of the E-rickshaw amounting to ₹100,000 was borne by the club's past president Anil Kapoor. ■



Patients register for Rotary Health Card.

Blood donation camp in Raipur



The Rotarians of RC Raipur Royal, RID 3261, organised a blood donation camp for a day at the Arogya Hospital in the town. The camp helped to collect 104 units of blood.

The club inducted 12 new members on the first day of the new Rotary year. ■

A camp at the Arogya Hospital.

Spreading environmental awareness



Cloth bags being given to vendors and the public.

The Rotarians of RC Katpadi, RID 3232, along with the Indian Railways Scouts team organised an anti-plastics campaign at the Katpadi vegetable market. They involved school students to dissuade the

vendors from using polythene bags. Around 1,000 cloth bags were distributed among the vendors and the general public in the market area.

In another endeavour, the club members planted 200

saplings in the railway station and hospital campuses and sensitised the cleaning staff at these two places about the need to maintain cleanliness in the surroundings for a hygienic lifestyle. ■

Sewing machines donated to needy women in Varanasi

Team Rotary News

During the 31st installation of new office-bearers, RC Varanasi East, RID 3120, donated sewing machines to two needy women in order to take care of their household expenses by taking up tailoring jobs. “We also gave a bicycle to a poor boy who works in daytime and studies at night. This gesture will lessen his commuting woes,” said Shivendra Kumar Singh, Club Secretary.

On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Divas, July 26, Rotarians joined hands with Inner Wheel members to honour 48 soldiers



Inner Wheel members tying *rakhis* to the Army soldiers.



Two sewing machines and bicycles donated during club installation.

of the Army. Inner Wheel members tied *rakhis* to all jawans and their commander was presented a Rotary memento.

At the first general body meet of the club, it was decided to distribute blood group stickers to two-wheeler and car drivers by sticking the same on their vehicles. “The stickers will be useful during accidents when victims suffer from excess blood loss and the hospital seeks urgent donors,” said the Club Secretary.

Food packets were distributed to needy persons at Mahamritunjay Mandir after members performed *rudrabhishek* (milk abhishek to Shivaling) to Lord Shiva and prayed for His blessings. ■

D 2981

RC Chidambaram Central

A victory rally for total eradication of polio in India was conducted with the NCC students of Annamalai University taking part. The participants turned the spotlight on preventing diseases such as tuberculosis, breast cancer and ushering in a plastic-free world.



D 2981

RC Karaikal

A district-level cricket tournament for government and private sector employees was organised in association with the Arignar Anna Government Arts and Science College. Twenty-five teams took part in the tournament. The winner and runner-up got ₹8,000 and ₹6,000 respectively with Anna Rotary Trophy.



D 2981

RC Kumbakonam Queens

A yoga awareness session was organised at the Little Flower Primary School with students performing *asanas* for healthy living. The club inducted 10 new members during installation ceremony and a sewing machine was donated to a needy family.





D 2982

RC Villupuram

Desktop computers worth ₹75,000 were donated to government schools in and around Villupuram with the aim to widen the digital learning process of students and improve the classroom learning experience. School teachers thanked Rotary for the useful gesture.



D 3000

RC Dindigul

Fifty-five students were honoured for scoring top ranks in public exams with certificates and mementos. The awardees came from schools in and around Dindigul. The awards were given to motivate them to perform better in higher education.



D 3000

RC Pudukkottai City

DG Dr Zameer Pasha donated a digital black board to a municipal middle school, two sewing machines to needy women, and gave cash incentives and certificates to students who had scored top ranks in public exams at the district level. Cement distributors were feted for taking care of logistics during Gaja cyclone relief distribution.

D 3000

RI District 3000

All the Rotary clubs in Pudukkottai came together to celebrate *Samuthava* Pongal and felicitate a five-member delegates from Brazil (RID 4590) who had come under the Friendship Exchange Programme. The then DGN AL Chokkalingam was the chief guest. Pongal gifts were given to needy women



D 3030

RC Chandrapur

Fifteen women who had excelled in various walks of life such as police, forest departments, corporation and teachers were honoured with Vocational Service Awards by the club. Marathi daily *Tarun Bharat* Director Meera Kadbe presented the awards



D 3030

RC Nagpur Ishanya

In association with Interact Club of Major Hemant Jakate Vidyaniketan, an awareness rally on tree plantations was conducted with the participation of over 700 children. Rtns Varsha Varsha Jawandiyia, Bharti Shete and Shinal Gaigore coordinated the massive rally.





D 3040

RC Khandwa

More than 160 inmates at Hindu Bal Seva Sadan, an orphanage, were treated to a grand feast during the wedding celebration in the past president Anil Baheti's family. The newly married couple served the food to the children. Club President Vijay Agarwal was present.



D 3054

RC Udaipur

Under its Gyanarpan Abhiyan Project, stationery items and notebooks worth ₹50,000 were distributed to children at Sanjeevani Ashram at Banjara Basti in the city. A laughter show was also organised. AG Manik Nahar and PDGs Yashwant Kothari and Ramesh Choudhary spoke at the event.



D 3070

RC Hoshiarpur

National Immunisation Day was observed with the support of District Immunisation Officer Dr G S Kapoor. Club members gave polio drops to children at five different booths in the city. The NID camp enhanced the public image of Rotary.

D 3070

RC Jammu Midtown

A Happy School project was completed at a Government Girls High School in which basic amenities including toilet blocks, water filter, handwash station, water cooler with storage tank and a sanitary pad incinerator were set up. AG Sunil Sawhney and PDG Dr Sarbjeet Singh extended support.



D 3070

RC Udhampur

During his official club visit, the then Governor Barjesh Singal reviewed the projects undertaken by the club and addressed the Rotarians at a special meet. He also inaugurated a medical project in which the club had installed diagnostic machines. DG praised the Rotarians.



D 3080

RC Karnal Midtown

Teej festival was celebrated with inmates of MDD Bal Bhawan, an orphanage, with the Anns interacting with the girls. Club's First Lady Renu Bala and Project Director Nivedita Kalra took efforts to make this event a successful one. A drawing competition was held.





D 3080

RC Panchkula

Independence Day was celebrated at the Mother Teresa Saket Orthopaedic Hospital with the participation of doctors, nurses, staff, and patients along with their attendants. An RO filter unit was installed at the hospital.



D 3080

RC Paonta Sahib

A *Run for Unity* Marathon was organised on Independence Day that saw participation of seven Interact and two Rotaract clubs. It was flagged off by Paonta SDM L R Verma. Cultural programmes were also held.



D 3110

RC Bareilly Shree

A computer lab was inaugurated at the Ram Bharose Lal Girls Inter College by PDG Dr IS Tomar in the presence of the then DGE Kishor Katru and PDG PP Singh at a ceremony. A number of Rotarians were present.

Vocational training for rural women in Ulhasnagar

Team Rotary News

Using the machines donated by Rotary Club of Ulhasnagar, RI District 3142, women from weak economic backgrounds from Vasat village near Ulhasnagar were trained by the students of CHM College to sew — an essential skill they now use to earn a living.

The training classes are conducted at the Rotary Vocational Training Centre in Ulhasnagar where recently the club had set up four more sewing machines. Currently 70 women from the village are being trained in sewing and tailoring. ■



Sleeping kits for poor kids in Chennai

Team Rotary News



A foreign donor along with beneficiaries.

Over 30 students from Siragu Montessori School, Chennai, received bed kits from Rotary Club of Ambattur, RI District 3232, and SCAW, a charitable global community of volunteers and partners who have transformed the lives of over 1.5 million children in developing countries by providing bed kits for a good night's sleep.

The club which is a partner of SCAW, an acronym for 'sleeping children around the world', in Tamil Nadu for over 20 years has distributed more than 3,000 kits to underprivileged students, this year in Tamil Nadu and parts of Andaman Islands. The kits are designed based on local requirements — while the Chennai kit has a mosquito net, a similar kit distributed in Mumbai would also have an umbrella. ■

A Rotarian holds cancer awareness sessions

Team Rotary News



Rtn K Rammohan Rao (R) has given cancer awareness talks to students and public.

Making best use of his experience as Chemistry lecturer, this Rotarian from RC Anakapalle, RID 3020, gave 108 special lectures on cancer awareness last year (2018–19) to students of high schools and colleges in his district. K Rammohan Rao, former HoD of A M A L College, Anakapalle, was the recipient of the Best Regional Chairman for Cancer Awareness Award.

His lectures had benefitted over 15,000 students and the public over the last five years. “My programmes were arranged through my own resources and it mainly reached out to school and college students,” said Rao who has over four decades of teaching experience. So far, 35 programmes were held in the tribal areas. From July 2019, he is conducting a special programme for women on cancer prevention. “Due to lack of

awareness and limited facilities for screening breast and cervical cancer, women are losing their lives. I enlighten them with the knowledge of mammogram, Pap Smear test, HPV test etc with the help of a gynaecologist,” he said.

The two programmes in Udaipur, one of which was held in the presence of 26 German Rotarians, and three programmes in Malaysia were some of the highlights of his campaign to create awareness on cancer prevention. ■



At a programme hosted by RC Kulai, Malaysia.

Notebooks, stationery gifts to Adivasi kids in Surat

Team Rotary News



PDG Bharat Solanki and other Rotarians with Adivasi children wearing raincoats.

In a thoughtful gesture, Rotarians from RC Surat Roundtown, RID 3060, distributed around 10,000 note books, raincoats and stationery for schoolchildren in the Adivasi villages of

Champawadi and Kaprada near the city.

PDG Bharat Solanki along with other Rotarians gave the books and other donated items to the schoolchildren. DG Anish Shah and his a team of Rotarians

visited the schools of Kaprada and Dharampur villages and distributed notebooks, stationery, school bags and footwear to over 160 children, mostly hailing from the tribal communities. ■

Workshop on rainwater harvesting in Raipur



Rotarians at the workshop on water conservation.

On the occasion of World Environment Day, a workshop on water conservation, rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharging and air pollution control was organised by the Rotary Club of Raipur Greater, RI District 3261. The workshop stressed on conserving rainwater and also the need to increase the green cover through plantation drives. ■

Rotary takes up mega plantations at Himmatnagar

Team Rotary News

In order to create a good rapport with the ceramics industry, the Rotary Club of Himmatnagar, RID 3054, organised a mega blood donation camp exclusively for those working in this field with the help of Indian Red Cross Society. “More than 40 units of blood was collected and a large number of staff from Oracle Ceramics took part in this humanitarian project,” said Praful Vyas, Club President.

Vyas along with Club Secretary Paresh Pandiya and other Rotarians took care of the logistics and other arrangements for the success of the blood donation camp. In the Rotary 2019–20, the club has taken up tree plantations in a big way to create a green, healthy environment across the localities. With the theme of ‘Each one plant one’, the club planted around 80 saplings at



Children with saplings at the green drive.

a government primary school in Piplodi village.

Explaining about this mega green drive, Vyas says, “we have planned to grow 1,000 trees in nearby schools and colleges. Also, we will teach students on how to protect and take care of the new plants to create green habitats in and around Himmatnagar.” The Rotarians joined hands with the Lions Club of Himmatnagar to plant over 300 saplings at a government school in Vidhyanagari and held pep

talks with students to foster a green environment on the campus and at home.

On the eve of Guru Purnima, the club in association with the Himmatnagar Nagarpalika (municipality) planted over 300 saplings with tree guards at the SMVS Swaminarayan Mandir in the presence of civic officials and temple monks. “A large number of Rotarians and devotees took part in plantations with enthusiasm and they were all blessed by the

monks for their selfless service,” says Vyas.

Governor's visit

Praful Vyas and Paresh Pandiya took charge as the new club president and secretary respectively in the presence of the Board of Directors at the Rotary Bhavan. During the official visit of DG Bina Desai, the club organised a host of events including road safety awareness programme with the help of traffic police; launch of a monthly Rotary magazine; induction of nine members, of which four were women; installation of an Interact club at the Rotary Saraswati Vidhyamandir; and food distribution for children at the Rotary Jhopadpatti School. ■



New club office-bearers take charge.

D 3110

RC Kanpur Greater

Fellowship event *Burna naa mano Holi hai* was a grand success with the visit of the then DG Arun Kumar Jain with his District Secretary and AG Vivek Garg. The district team scrutinised the projects being conducted by the club and praised members for their efforts.



D 3110

RC Kanpur Shaurya

An eye camp was organised at the Kaimganj Cold Storage unit in Farrukhabad in which 360 patients were examined. Of which, 190 patients were chosen for cataract surgery at J.L. Rohatgi Eye Hospital in Kanpur. A large number of Rotarians were present.



D 3142

RC Mulund Hills

Under the *Premdaan* Project, 24 Rotarians and their spouses donated essential food items worth ₹57,000 to Premdaan Ashram run by the Missionaries of Charity. Daily consumables including milk, washing powder, floor cleaner, brooms, cooking oil, mosquito mats and room freshener were given to the destitute home.





D 3160

RC Bidar Fort

A Rotary Talent Hunt Examination was conducted for over 400 high school students in the town with the support of RC Kalyan Historic Satellite Club and Rotaractors. The club also organised a dengue awareness event at Gnyana Sudha Vidyalaya in which 800 students took part.



D 3160

RC Guntakal

Exam pads and sports equipment were given to Bhagat Singh Primary School. More than 25,000 notebooks were donated to about 500 students in the Guntakal mandal. The books were sponsored by Rotarians. They also planted trees at the Mandal Revenue Office.



D 3202

RC Tirupur North

The club joined hands with Rotarian Boopathy Memorial Friends Trust to provide financial assistance worth ₹14.7 lakh to 42 meritorious students from poor families for higher education. The event was observed as *Kalvi Kodai Vizha*. Tirupur DCP E S Uma urged parents to teach good values to their children.

D 3211

RC Trivandrum North

Under district's REACH Project, Rotarians donated cleaning material, solutions and storage bins to Kudumbashree members. Food packets were distributed to patients at the Government Medical College.



D 3231

RC Tirupattur

An eye camp was held in partnership with Nalla Samariyan Hospital, Matrapalli, at Dr Vinothini Eye Care Clinic on Salem Main Road. In all, 160 patients were screened for eye disorders, and of which 27 were referred for operation.



D 3240

RC Jalpaiguri

A mega blood donation camp was organised with the support of Rotaract Club of Jalpaiguri Government Engineering College. Rotarians collected 85 pouches of blood and donated the same to the blood bank at the Jalpaiguri Sadar Hospital.





D 3250

RC Patna

Club members visited Sahara Vridhashram, an old-age home, located near Aara Garden on Bailey Road and distributed 30 blankets to the inmates. The Rotarians visit the ashram regularly and during interaction with the inmates assured them more help with regular visits.



D 3261

RC Jabalpur South

A grand Deepavali Milan was organised in association with Baal Pratibha Samman last year. The members greeted each other and exchanged sweets. Rotarians donated woollen sweaters to the poor students in the city.



D 3262

RC Cuttack Greater

A blood donation camp was held at the Ajay Binay Institute of Technology in the city in which 98 units of blood was collected. Both Rotarians and the public came forward to donate blood and the event was a success.

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Addressing anaemia in schoolchildren

Team Rotary News



Rotary Club of Madras Chenna Patna, RID 3232, launched its project on 'Prevention and management of anaemia among girl students' at the Pandeswaram Government Higher Secondary School in Thiruvallur district recently.

Blood samples were collected from the students and relevant medication will be given to those who are found deficient in iron levels. The Club President Suryabaskar addressed the students on the importance of a balanced diet for a healthy body and mind.

The programme will be replicated in other schools, said the Youth Services Director T R Udaya Kumar.

DGN J Sridhar, Community Services Development Director Chandrasekar, past president J Ganesh and President-elect Chakravarthy were present at the project launch. ■



DGN J Sridhar (3rd from right) with Rotarians at the launch of anaemia workshop for school girls.

Pitching in for good causes

Team Rotary News

The members of RC Sundargarh Town, RID 3261, pooled in ₹50,000 to help victims of the Fani cyclone that created havoc in and around Odisha.

On another occasion, they honoured Amit Rohidas, a member of the Indian Hockey team. Rohidas hails from the Saunamora village in Sundargarh. ■



A cheque presented to carry out cyclone-relief work.

Below: Hockey player Amit Rohidas being felicitated.



Rotary training sessions must embrace change

Muniyappa Doddapillappa

We, the Rotarians, are leaders in society. To lead these leaders one should be well-equipped with knowledge and skills. This is possible through proper training at the PETS, SETS and DTTS workshops. It is necessary to know the importance

of training for our club officers.

Be it in our life or organisation, our attitude and behaviour definitely create an impression which go a long way in building relationships around us. Rotarians play a vital role in strengthening the Rotary Interna-

tional in general and the respective clubs in particular. Therefore, keeping them updated through training programmes is a critical factor. In Rotary we have a set of training programmes, seminars and workshops for the incoming leaders which provide a great learning opportu-

nity for those aspiring to become district governors.

The district leaders should make use of these opportunities and keep themselves updated.

Training is an investment, not an expenditure; while learning is never-ending process as long as our life never stops



teaching us very good lessons. To be in the field and not to become obsolete, one has to continue learning through whatever opportunities available. Also, when we are living in a competitive world the only alternative is our ability to learn more faster than the competitors for our survival.

We forget what we hear, we remember what we see but we do whatever we understand. Through the training we can develop skills like communication, project execution and time management, besides enhancing our knowledge. Regarding time management, corporate honcho Michael

Altshuler says, “the bad news is time flies, the good news is you are the pilot.” It is in your hand to make the best use of time by not procrastinating the things to do now. Hence attending training programmes is very much essential. The training sessions which I attended ever since I joined Rotary, particularly during my tenure as club president were extremely interesting and challenging. I discovered how I could leverage my training experience in strengthening my club and extending more services to the community. As the saying goes,

“knowing is not enough, we must apply

it.” We have to practise whatever we learnt from training sessions. It is also said that “unless and until you practise it with hands-on, driving will not be learnt by reading books on it.” So, to get the full value for the training it should be applied in the working atmosphere of our clubs.

We should remain innovative and creative as we are proceeding towards an ever-changing and challenging future. Health and wellness are also important factors in addition to wealth and talent for us to give our best services to the community through Rotary. Everywhere people are

talking about stress and diabetes, and they have come to conclusion that the life is full of stress and we have to manage it. Therefore, I would suggest that health and fitness, humour and fun should find a place in the training modules.

Change is inevitable and unavoidable, whether you like it or not it is going to come. The only alternative left with us is that we have to embrace it and manage it. Charles Darwin said, “It is not the strongest of the species that survive nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.” It is so true. Acting proactively instead of waiting for change to arrive is wise thing to do. Therefore, there is a need for ‘change management’ also. Hope this aspect will be taken care of during training sessions.

To conclude, training sessions should be transformative in nature and the members should attend with a purpose of learning with an open mind. I am not against relaxation, refreshment, enjoyment and fellowship, in fact, they are needed too. But the main purpose should not be defeated.

Wish all the incoming club officers and future leaders of Rotary a joyful learning and fruitful tenure.

The writer is past president of RC Kolar Gold Fields, RID 3190.



All-women's car rally creates a buzz in Jaipur

Team Rotary News



RI District 3054 Rotarians and their spouses.

It was a women's car rally like never before in Jaipur with one of the highest number of registrations in recent years as 543 participants took part as drivers to promote women's empowerment, create awareness on cancer and spread the importance of girl child education.

Hosted by RC Jaipur Citizen, RID 3054, its Charter President Sudhir Jain has transformed his dream of holding such a high-profile car rally into reality with the help of Ashok

Jain Cotler, Chief Project Coordinator and Neeraj Gangwal, Co-coordinator. The all-women's car rally was flagged off at Jawahar Circle by Army Wives Welfare Association — South Western Command Regional President Mareena Mathson along with District 3054 First Lady Bina Sogani. A large number of spouses of district Rotarians were present to cheer the rallyists.

For the participants, it was a road adventure filled with fun and

visual treat as the city was decorated throughout the rally route till its culmination at the Grand Valley-Delhi Road covering a distance of 20 km.

Princess Diya Kumari honoured eight women drawn from various walks of life for their exemplary commitment to service. Rajasthan Legislative Council ex-Speaker Sumitra Singh was the chief guest at the valedictory session. She shared the dais with some of the well-known women celebrities in Jaipur.

Allahabad High Court Judge M N Bhandari, the club's patron, was also present on the occasion. The club has referred this event to the Guinness officials with the rally having registered over 540 women drivers as against the world record of 468 participants in a similar car rally.

Besides enhancing Rotary's public image, the women's car rally has showcased the collective will of Rotarians in taking up public causes. ■



Car rally being flagged off.

Rotary workshop for children in Indore

Team Rotary News



A Good Touch, Bad Touch workshop.

More than 150 children at the Government T S Primary School, Malvia Nagar, were present at a workshop on *Good Touch, Bad Touch* organised by RC Indore Meghdoot, RID 3040. Club members made a video presentation including digital slides to create awareness among the children and teachers on this issue.

“We explained to teachers on the need to keep the children safe and secure on the school premises. And children from Classes 2–6 took part in this informative session,” said Ghanshyam Singh, Club

President. DG Dhiran Datta was the mentor for this workshop.

A mega blood donation camp was held at Om Shanti Bhavan in the city with the participation of 18 Rotary clubs on the first day of the Rotary 2019–20. At the camp, 55 units of blood was collected with a good share from Rotarians. Sadhana Singh, Director, Community Services, took care of the arrangements for the successful conduct of blood donation camp.

World Family Day

A medical camp for general check-up of blood pressure, blood sugar, bone density and other health parameters

was organised by the club in partnership with RID 3040 office-bearers to mark the World Family Day.

Around 160 patients were screened for various ailments by a team of doctors and specialists from Medanta Hospital. Free medicines were given on the doctor prescriptions given by the Metro Zone group. “More than 25 members of our club participated in the camp including PDG Lokendra Papalal,” said Ghanshyam Singh. The Rotary India’s centennial is coinciding with the silver jubilee year of RC Indore Meghdoot which has lined up a number of events to celebrate the two big milestones. ■



Medicines given at a mega health camp to mark World Family Day.

Sanitary pad incinerators installed at Udupi schools

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School girls with Rotarians and teachers.

Sanitary napkin incinerators were installed at 25 government girls schools and select colleges in and around Udupi district of Karnataka by RC Ambalpady, RID 3182, to usher in better sanitary conditions for students. Rotarians also interacted with girls as part of their larger efforts in creating awareness on menstrual hygiene

in villages and towns. This mega project benefitted over 4,800 girls across Udupi.

For the project funding, ₹2.25 lakh was contributed by the club, ₹1 lakh was given by Dr Vasanth Prabhu from RC Central Chester County, Lionville, RID 7450, US and another ₹50,000 was given by AG Subanna Pai from Zone-III.

The club joined hands with Carrybag Foundation, Bengaluru for the upkeep of toilet blocks in 100 government schools by providing cleaning solutions as part of their WinS programme. Toilet kits were distributed by District WinS Chairman Ashok Kumar Shetty and officials from Carrybag Foundation. ■

Bareilly Rotary takes up WinS for children

Students at a primary school in Bhagvantpur Bajhera village were all smiles as they received stationery items from members of RC Bareilly Shree, RID 3110. As part of a WinS programme, the Rotarians demonstrated the right handwashing technique at the elementary school.

Another WinS programme was organised at a primary school in Bhojipura village near Bareilly. Here too the Rotarians gave a demo on effective handwashing with solutions to keep away harmful germs for healthy living. ■



A handwash demo in progress.