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Rotary on a **Greening** spree

Kolkata Rotarians' service for children

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Rotary Club of Kabitirtha Calcutta, D 3291, along with Rotary Club of Garden Reach and Rotary Club of Serampore, observed the World Hepatitis Day on July 28 in Desha Bandhu Balika Bidyalaya through an awareness and detection programme. Dr Debashish Roy, Regional Team leader, World Health Organisation, presented a talk on the topic among the girl students and their parents. A blood test was performed for 100 students to screen for Hepatitis.

The Rotarians educated the general public too on the disorder by handing out pamphlets briefing about its symptoms, causes, precautions and treatment.

Rotary Club of Kabitirtha Calcutta provided scholarship to four meritorious students and distributed 400 food packets among students of Andhra Association High School in Kolkata.

In another event, the club conferred the Four-Way Test Award on economist, author, film director and journalist Paranjoy Guha Thakurta during its 24th Charter Day celebration held in the Rotary Sadan, Kolkata. DG Mukul Sinha and DGE Ajay Agarwal presented the award to Thakurta. ■



Scholarship being presented to a student.



Four-Way Test Award being presented to Paranjoy Guha Thakurta by DGE Ajay Agarwal in the presence of DG Mukul Sinha.

Senior Rotarians grace RC Vapi's installation ceremony

Team Rotary News

At a formal installation ceremony Past DRR-turned-Rotarian, Ketan N Patel was sworn in as the 48th President of the Rotary Club of

Vapi, D 3060. The Installing Officers were PDGs Ravi Vadlamani and spouse Rajyalakshmi Vadlamani from D 3150. Both the PDGs motivated

the new team to take up the new challenge of creating Happy Schools in the entire State of Gujarat. While addressing the 350 delegates, PRIP Kalyan Banerjee said that he will extend his support and guidance whenever required. Arch Klumph Society member Sandra Shroff was inducted as a regular member of the Vapi Club.

The programme was conducted at the Gnyan Dham School, founded by the Arch Klumph Society members Raju Shroff and Sandra Shroff. ■



Working with Rotaractors

Rotary Club of Paonta Sahib, D 3080, in association with its Rotaract club, conducted a blood donation camp at Nanz Pharma in Paonta Sahib. Close to 130 units of blood was collected at the camp. The total cost of the blood camp was Rs 7,600.

Rotarians and Rotaractors also conducted a tree plantation drive. Over 200 saplings were planted in the premises of a gurudhwara at a cost of Rs 4,600. ■



Rotary's helping hand in Villupuram

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Rotary Club of Villupuram, D 2982, conducted a mega eye check-up camp in a school in the town. About 550 villagers benefitted from the camp.

Cataract Surgeries were performed and eyesight restored for 100 patients.

Further, the club laid the foundation stone recently for the

construction of a mortuary which will be dedicated to the municipality for preserving the mortal remains of the dear ones until cremation. The building will be ready for use in three months.

The club installed an RCC in Viratikuppam where 30 new members were inducted. The club members shared their experiences and gave suggestions to the new members.

Sports goods such as a cricket kit, volley ball, football, chess board and carrom board were donated to the Virattikuppam Government High School by the club, to promote sporting activities among students.

In another activity, the Rotarians fed nutritious meals for 100 inmates of the Ramalinga Vallalar Trust Home in Vadalur, near the town. They also provided uniforms for 40 children and chairs for the Home. The project cost Rs 40,000. ■



Concrete homes for the needy

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Chengai Chennai Corridor, D 3231, kickstarted its year with a tree plantation drive and laying the foundation for construction of eight concrete homes in a village where the beneficiaries are presently residing in thatched houses. DG C R Chandrabob visited the construction site and discussed the progress with the club members.

The club also donated a projector costing Rs 38,000 to the PU Primary school in the village Sattamangalam, to help the school conduct smart classes for students. ■



DG C R Chandrabob talking with the villagers.

Club visits de-addiction centre



The club members of RC Hoshiarpur Central, D 3070, visited a drug de-addiction centre in Hoshiarpur and spoke to the youth who were undergoing rehabilitation

at the centre. Plates and stainless steel tumblers were donated to the centre. Club President Dhwindar Sharma spoke about the ill effects of drugs and how to overcome temptation.

The club also conducted the annual Annapurna Day at a primary government school and distributed food for the schoolchildren. ■

Providing a home

Team Rotary News

The Rotarians of Rotary Club of Karur Angels, D 3000, are sponsoring the construction of a modest home for a woman who was sexually abused and has given birth to a girl child in a village called Palvarpatti near Karur. The woman is physically challenged and an orphan. The members of this all-women's club are also providing the destitute woman utensils, clothes for her and the infant, stove and a mattress. The house will have a room and a toilet with sufficient water facility.

The villagers are also pitching in their support and the District Collector Anbalagan has offered to support the cause. ■



Assistant Governor Vinitha Mohan with the beneficiaries.

Eye check-up for children of Vizianagaram



Eye testing being done for a child.

Rotary Club of Vizianagaram, D 3020, conducted an eye check-up camp for children at the Zilla Parishad School, Vizianagaram. Club President Dr Manchu Kumara Swamy, an eye surgeon, provided medicines and spectacles for 100 children. Club members and school staff worked together to make the camp a success. ■



An orphanage gets Rotary help

Team Rotary News



Groceries and toiletries were donated by Rotary Club of Jammu Aastha, D 3070, to Ved Mandir, an orphanage in Amphalla in Jammu. The project was part of the club's Annapurna Day programme. The ration will benefit the 150 inmates of the orphanage and the club has also assured the destitute home all possible help in future. DG Barjesh Singhal presided over the event as chief guest.

A tree plantation exercise was held at the Boys and Girls Govt ITI Campus. About 150 students participated in the programme to plant 50 saplings. The college Principal Anoop Sharma and Superintendent of Women Government ITI Rajesh Gupta were also present on the occasion.

Rotary clubs hold RYLA in Mumbai

V Muthukumaran



A RYLA was organised jointly by the five Rotary clubs — Mumbai South (lead club), Bombay Nariman Point, Bombay Hills South, Bombay

Bayview and Bombay Midwest — in D 3141 in association with SNDT College of Arts, SCB College of Commerce and Science for Women, and the college Rotaractors.

Over 500 students from seven schools took part in the one-day event which was anchored by a Rotaractor from SNDT College. In his address, DGN Sunil Mehra detailed

the global activities of Rotary in serving humanity.

He also explained the benefits of RYLA and appreciated the services of Rotaractors. An orientation was given on the subject of 'Safe touch and Unsafe touch' to schoolchildren. Counselling and practical knowledge were provided to schoolchildren. Teachers were given books and encouraged to hold workshops for students who need help.

Mehra took part in an interactive session with the students and teachers. SNDT College Principal Rajani Pathak motivated the students to be conscious of their surroundings. She urged students to organise small workshops. ■



A dance by RYLA participants.



Seed balls to green Karur

Team Rotary News

As Murali and Vasantham Ramasamy assumed charge as the new president and secretary of Rotary Club of Karur, D 3000, the installation was

marked with a distribution of one lakh seed balls that will be sown all over the town. The initiative was lauded by RI Director C Basker, who presided over the event and for whom it is the home club. A

mobile medical centre was also launched during the event which was held at the Karur Rotary Hall.

Seventeen entrepreneurs were inducted into the club on the same day. ■

Bringing cheer to little children

The Rotarians of RC Jabalpur South, D 3261, visited the Anganbadi Kendra at Rampur, near Jabalpur, to entertain the children and give a pep talk to the women present there. They pooled in dresses and warm clothes, toys and food items and distributed them to the inmates.

The children especially were excited to get the gifts and cheerfully interacted with the Rotarians, said Akhil Mishra, the Treasurer of the club.

The Rotarians also talked to the caregivers to maintain hygiene and provide nutritious diet for the children. ■



Campaign against child abuse

Team Rotary News

With an ambitious target to reach one lakh students in 150 days, Rotary Club of Hyderabad East, D 3150, started a campaign titled 'Stay Safe' against child abuse in the city. The project was launched at the Rotary government school in Punjagutta with an interactive session.

The campaign aims at educating children to fight abuse and report abuse by sensitising them on how to identify such violations of their dignity.

The children are taught to differentiate between the 'good touch' and 'bad touch', and safety measures against any form of abuse. To drive home the message more effectively, the club screened a short film for the students, following it with an interactive session in which the



children were encouraged to speak out. The Rotarians involved the teachers also in the campaign.

The club aims to partner all the 150 clubs in the district to hold events at the Rotary supported schools. They

plan to rope in the Rotaractors and Interactors too.

Dr Sirish Akula, Past President of RC Hyderabad East, is the convener of the campaign. She can be reached on 9396883704 or drsirish7@gmail.com. ■

Sewing machines donated to orphanage

Sewing machines were donated to Love Home, an orphanage at Kadavoor in Ernakulam district by the Rotary Club of Kaloor, D 3201, as part of their 'One Million Smiles' Project. Rotarians led by the Club President Daniel Chittilappilly were present on the occasion. The machines will be used to train the inmates in tailoring and offer tailoring services to raise funds for the administration of the home. ■



Greening a village

V. Muthukumaran



Rotarians and villagers together planted 1,500 saplings, just before the onset of monsoon, in Bommalatapura, 110 km from Bengaluru. The tree plantation drive was supported by Rotary Club of Greater Jayanagar Bengaluru, D 3190, and The Martial Arts Trust. Done in different parts of the village this drive was an initiative to develop greenery across the village.

Apart from dairy farms the village is also famous for *Togalu Gombeyaata*, a folk-art form of shadow puppetry.

The club also hosted two separate meetings — one with a local



club, RC Hanumanthnagar, D 3190, and another with RC Colombo West, D 3220, Sri Lanka. Such meetings help us immensely

in forging better relationships and implementing mutually beneficial service projects, says the Club President V Sashikala. ■

Multiple projects of Indore Central Rotary

Kiran Zehra



Child abuse awareness programme organised by the club.

Rotary Club of Indore Central, D 3040, conducted a 'Good touch, Bad touch' awareness programme. The idea of the programme was to make mothers and children understand the various forms of child abuse and how to deal with a situation. The organiser of the programme and club secretary Yamini, advised the children to tell their parents if anybody known or unknown made them feel uncomfortable. Over 280 children and women participated in this programme.

The club also conducted an awareness programme at the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Kendre, stressing on the need to ban plastic bags in order to keep the environment clean and healthy. Club members distributed cloth bags to participants at the rally.

Close to 70 units of blood was collected at a blood donation camp



Rotarians distribute cloth bags to the public.

conducted by the club at the traffic police headquarters, Indore, followed by an eye camp for general public. Five patients who required cataract surgeries were treated at the Indore Eye Hospital. Later on, the club members planted 150 saplings inside the campus of the police headquarters.

The charter president of the club, Vishnudas Rati, donated a 300-litre RO water plant to the Government Higher Secondary School, Indore. A cheque for ₹20,000 was donated to The Friends of Tribal Society, or Vanbandhu Parishad to implement the Ekal Vidyalaya education scheme. ■

Reaching out to government schools in Namakkal

Team Rotary News



Rotary Club of Namakkal Poultry Town, District 2982, installed an RO system in an anganwadi school in Thathampatty village, near Namakkal. The Rotarians also taught the little children hygiene practices and the right way to wash their hands.

The club donated a smart class device to a government primary school in Oduvanthur Pudur, another village near the town. This will help the students understand the lessons better. ■

Spreading polio immunisation awareness in a UP village

A campaign to spread awareness about immunising children against polio was undertaken by the Rotary clubs of District 3100 at Khari village in Bijnor district of Uttar Pradesh. The day-long event educated the parents and villagers about the disease and the need to keep the surroundings clean. ■



Blood donation camp in Thane

Team Rotary News



A mega blood donation drive, titled *Drop of Hope*, was conducted recently in the Hiranandani Estate in Thane, by Rotary Club of Hiranandani

Estate, D 3142, along with the Rotaract Club of Hiranandani Estate, Rotaract Club of Thane Skyline, Rotary Club of Thane Skyline and Rotary Club of Parsik Hills. A total of 26 bottles of

blood and 19 stem cells were collected and handed over to the Lokmanya Tssia Blood Bank.

Apart from the Rotaractors and Rotarians, the camp saw an enthusiastic participation by the

general public too. This was the result of a planned and extensive publicity provided for the event in the social media and through posters and pamphlets placed at strategic locations around the area. ■

Mega ENT camp in Tiruchengode

A mega ENT camp was organised by the Rotary Club of Tiruchengode Hi-tech, D 2982, at VV Mahal on Namakkal Road. District Governor A K Natesan and Club President R Balamurugan were present on the occasion. ENT Dr Sudhakar led his team to screen the patients at the camp which saw a good response from the neighbourhood. ■



Nutritious food for differently-abled children

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Koothapakkam, D 2981, observes Annapurna Day as its signature project every year. The Rotarians feed the hungry in various parts of the town with sumptuous meals. They recently served food for the mentally-challenged children studying in the Sri Sivasakthi School in Cuddalore. ■



Kakinada Rotary donates tricycle to a polio victim



Rotary Club of Kakinada Smart City, D 3020, donated a tricycle to a polio-affected girl, presented Braille papers to visually-challenged students and organised mass feeding for the inmates at a home for the destitute as part of the club's Annadhanam programme.

The club had its installation of new office-bearers with Lalithaa Darba, AGM, State Bank of India, as the chief guest. PDG SVS Rao was the installation officer. ■

Rotary welcomes ITI trainees at Pudukkottai

Team Rotary News



Rotary Clubs of Pudukkottai and Pudukkottai Palace City, D 3000, organised an orientation programme for the new trainees at the Govt ITI. The Institute Principal S Ramar addressed the welcome session.

RC Pudukkottai President Tirupathi and RC Pudukkottai Palace City President Kasinathan motivated the

students to concentrate in their lessons and make the best use of the opportunity.

Road Accident Prevention and Public Safety Association President Rtn Mohanraj used the platform to sensitise the youngsters on following road discipline and observe safety rules. ■

A new Interact club in Moradabad

Rotary Club of Moradabad Central, D 3100, installed the Interact Club of Aryans International School in Moradabad. The Rotarians introduced to the students Rotary's ideals and the various service activities implemented by the club and urged the Interactors to focus on keeping the environment clean and healthy.

In another event, the club organised a health check-up camp in Moradabad. Hundreds of people were screened and treated for various diseases by doctors from reputed hospitals. Medicines were distributed to the needy at the camp. ■



Environment protection is priority

Team Rotary News

Rotary Club of Muzzafarpur, D 3250, celebrated its Rotary Day by planting 100 saplings in Jagarnath Patahi. This was followed by an awareness programme for the villagers in Patahi village, on 'Global Warming and Environment protection'.

The Rotarians further created environment consciousness in the society by conducting a Polythene Pollution Awareness talk and rally at the Kalambagh Chowk. Paper and cloth bags were distributed to shopkeepers and general public to sensitise people on the harmful effect of plastics and polythene. Rotarians requested the general public to use biodegradable paper bags and reusable cloth bags.

On another event, a rally was organised to highlight the significance



to 'Save, Protect and Teach the Girl Child'. Over 00 Students participated in the Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao rally.

Over 100 people underwent a Bone Marrow Density test at the

MISHRA Hospital, organised by the club, in association with the Inner Wheel Club of Muzzafarnagar and Jagriti and Rotary Club of Anjuman. ■

An Mou to heal little hearts

Team Rotary News



Rotary International District 3141 has signed an MoU with Wockhardt Hospital, Mumbai in the presence of DG Shashi Sharma and Rtn Samina Khorakiwala, Director, Zahabiya Khorakiwala, Managing Director, Wockhardt Hospitals. Under its Mission Muskan the District has committed to conducted 250 paediatric heart surgeries free of cost. Rotary Clubs of Bombay Bay View, Bombay Worli, Bombay North and Bombay Downtown Sealand have extended support for this initiative. ■

D 3054

RC Jaipur Bapunagar

Annapurna Diwas was celebrated by distributing food packets to children at Aanganbari School at Jamdoli. Rotarians also served food to over 350 inmates of Shanker Sewa Dham on Agra Road. Three Rotaractors of Bhardwaj Yuva Foundation were sponsored to attend the District Assembly at Ahmedabad.



D 3054

RC Kadi

As one of the first projects of the club in this Rotary year, a tree plantation activity was organised which saw the participation of Rotarians along with the public. It enhanced Rotary's image in the neighbourhood.



D 3054

RC Sidhpur

PDG Joitabhai Patel launched the 'Avoid Plastic' project in Sidhpur to promote the use of cotton bags. Sponsored by Rtn Dr Jayesh Suthar's Yashvi Children's Hospital, the project was initiated at the installation ceremony. Cotton bags are given to patients visiting the hospital.





D 3090

RC Faridkot

The club took up tree plantation, its third such project in this Rotary year. The club has a mission to “maximum plantation with proper care” and the project attracts a large number of Rotarians.



D 3141

RC Bombay Peninsula

In a colourful ceremony, Rtn Vikas Makharia was installed as the new club president in the presence of TRF Trustee Gulam Vahanvaty and DG Shashi Sharma.



D 3160

RC Bhalki Fort

An awareness programme was held to the mark World Breastfeeding Day at Talwade Maternity Home. Jaikishan Biryani took charge as the new President at the installation ceremony with Dr Anil Sukale as the Secretary and Sangamesh Bakka as the Treasurer.

D 3170

RC Sangli

The club organised a blood donation camp in association with Shirgaonkar Blood Bank with Rotarians and the public taking part in large numbers.



D 3182

RC Gonibeedu

The club distributed books and pens to students of government primary schools. Two students were honoured by PDG Suryaprakash Bhat for scoring highest marks in Classes 10 and 12 in the town.



D 3201

RC Trichur Central

A blood donation camp was held at Trichur Cooperative College. Sixty donors donated blood at the camp. Certificates of appreciation signed by DG A V Pathy were given to the donors.





D 3232

RC Chennai Gems

DG Babu Peram was the chief guest at the installation ceremony in which A N Rajasekaran took over as the new President. The club made a contribution of \$5,000 was made to the Foundation. A fund for a cancer aid project was started by the First Lady Latha Rajasekaran.



D 3232

RC Madras Chenna Patna

Rotaract Clubs of Ethiraj College for women and Madras Chenna Patna were installed by the club. The club also opened three Interact clubs. A handwash facility was also inaugurated at the Panchayat Union Middle School in Porur. The club sponsored Rs 1.95 lakh for the surgery of a 4-year-old Syed Hussain Ali who was treated successfully for congenital heart disorder at the Madras Medical Mission Hospital.



D 3262

RI District 3262

An all-women motor rally was organised to create awareness on organ donation in Bhubaneswar. More than 300 women took part with their cars and two-wheelers. The rally, flagged off at Janta Maidan, reached at the same place after covering a distance of 20 km.

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An alumnus' gift to his alma mater

Team Rotary News



Chowdary Memorial High School in a village in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh. Now living in the US, Chowdary contributed \$2,000 which his club, RC Tiffin, D 6600, matched a similar amount. The total amount of \$4,000 was sent to RC Nagpur Fort, D 3030, in October 2017.

RC Nagpur Fort, with help from RC Tenali Vykuntapuram, D 3150, used the funds to construct a washroom block for girls in the school at a cost of ₹ 2.55 lakh. District 3150 DGN Sivanarayana handed over the newly built block to the school headmaster. ■

Fond memories of school days made Dr Krishnaiah Chowdary, an alumnus

of the 1966 batch to do something of lasting value to his alma mater — Sri Kotta Venkaiah

Cricket match fosters friendship



The Rotarians of Rotary Club of Rajpura, D 3090, led by President Randev, and the Rotaractors of their sponsored Rotaract club, Rotaract Club of Rajpura, led by President Aastha

Talwar, played a friendly cricket match. The Rotaractors won the match. The event helped the Rotaractors to connect with the Rotarians and understand them better.

Later an interaction between the Rotarians and the Rotaractors gave them the opportunity to understand first-hand the ideals of Rotary and its reach in communities. ■