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Celebrating Rotary's founding day

Team Rotary News



DG Mukul Sinha and DGE Ajay Agarwal release balloons to celebrate Rotary's anniversary. PDGs Shyamashree Sen, Angsuman Bandyopadhyay and Ravindra Prakash Sehgal are also in the picture.



RCC members and their families all set for a picnic.

Rotary Club of Belur, RI District 3291, celebrated Rotary's 114th anniversary in a grand manner. DG Mukul Sinha, along with other past governors and Rotarians, took part in the celebrations. The club had installed a new RCC recently and the Rotarians arranged a picnic for the RCC members and their families to commemorate Rotary's founding day. ■

On the cover: A handwash station installed by RC Moradabad Achievers in a school.

An interesting FB post on new Rotary theme

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After a hectic schedule at the International Assembly in San Diego, DG Deepak Gupta from RC Ghaziabad, RID 3012, and his spouse Reena returned to India and shared their experience at the Assembly on their Facebook page with an interesting cover photo having the message *Rotary connects the world*.

In no time, their FB post recounting the IA experiences went viral as many Rotarians displayed their 'likes' and some commented on it. "We recovered from the jet lag and began to sort out the cards and friendship gifts we had received. While doing it, we understood the relevance of Rotary's new theme — *Rotary Connects the World*. Along with a picture saying 'Returned with 500+ new friendships & connections from San Diego' we posted the new theme," says Gupta. Immediately, the FB post went viral.



RI District 3012 DG Deepak Gupta and spouse Reena with a display of their collectibles from the IA.

Recollecting their brief home stay at Sarasota near Tampa, Florida, and their interesting account of IA sessions, Gupta says he and his spouse, along with other delegates, cheered lustily

when RIPE Mark Maloney unveiled the theme. "We danced, ate, laughed and made friends with Rotarians from cultures we knew nothing about," recalls Gupta. ■

Sewing machines donated to HIV women



DG S Piraiyon and RC Neyveli President M Umashankar at the sewing machine distribution programme.

Sewing machines were given to 100 HIV infected mothers by the Rotarians of RC Neyveli, RID 2981, in a joint project with Rotaract Club of Jawahar Science College, to mark the World AIDS Day. The project cost ₹7 lakh.

NLC India Director V Thangapandian was the chief guest at the event in which DG Piraiyon, AG J David, Club President M Umashankar and AIDS Awareness District Chair Dr A Anbukili were also present. Rotarians from various clubs and a large number of Rotaractors

took part in the mega event organised to create awareness on AIDS and provide support to beneficiaries.

It is customary for the club to donate useful material to the HIV-positive women and school stationery to their children on World AIDS Day. ■

RC Chengai Chennai Corridor touches communities

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The Rotarians of RC Chengai Chennai Corridor, RID 3231, took up fundraising efforts for the Gaja cyclone relief service.

They collected over 750 kg of rice, 500 kg vegetables, biscuits, milk powder, mosquito coils and groceries and packed them into relief kits to be distributed for 150 families who were affected by the cyclone in the delta districts of Tamil Nadu. "We visited the region and gave away relief kits worth ₹68,000 to the needy families," said R Manoharan, Club Secretary.

A handwash station was set up at KTR Primary School and the installation cost ₹4,500. Rotarians interacted with the students on the need to adopt good sanitation practices for healthy living.



A handwash station being installed at a government primary school.

The Rotarians and their families celebrated Pongal festival with residents of their Happy Village, and distributed dress material to the villagers.

A grand feast was served to the villagers to mark the occasion. In another initiative, SCAW kits were distributed to the students of

a government primary school. SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World) is a global charity that provides sleeping kits for children to have a comfortable sleep. The kit comprises a mattress, sheet, blanket, pillow and some school supplies. ■

Swings for a local park

The Rotary Club of Bikaner Marudhara, RI District 3053, gifted two swings to a local park near Brahman Path. Children were excited with this new addition at the park and the elders appreciated the club for its good work. ■



Two new swings gifted by the club at the park.

Teaching material donated to Nandyal schools

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A set of teaching and learning material was donated to Mandal Parishad Primary Schools (MPPS) in villages by Rotary Club of Nandyal Midtown, RID 3160, to make classroom education interesting for students.

Club President C Mohan Rao and Secretary P Kesava Murthy



Rotarians donate teaching charts to a government school.

presented over 30 learning material including colourful charts in English and Telugu to headmasters of MPPS at Venkateswarapuram, Beravolu and other villages. Club members Annem Srinivasa Reddy and A Seshaphani sponsored teaching material which cost ₹4,000. "The pictorial representations and graphic charts will enable the rural students

to understand the concepts easily," said Mohan Rao.

Sewing machines worth ₹15,000 were donated to three women coolies from nearby villages to help them earn a sustainable income. "In future we will do more vocational services as it helps deprived families to improve their economic status," said Rao. ■

Rotary Patna celebrates platinum jubilee



During the valedictory session of the platinum jubilee event of RC Patna, RID 3250, the Rotarians presented 75 wheelchairs for the differently-abled persons at various hospitals, railway station and airport.

A special postal cover, along with a stamp, was released to mark the club's 75 years of service in the presence of Bihar Legislative Assembly Speaker Vijay Kumar

Choudhry and Postal service Director Manoj Kumar.

A representative from RC Kolkata, RID 3291, which sponsored the Patna club way back in 1943 was present on the occasion. RC Bangalore Orchards President D Ravishankar, who had donated ₹100 crore to TRF, gave an inspiring speech.

The messages from RIDE Kamal Sanghvi and DG Kumar Prasad

Sinha were read out as they could not make it to the event. District Vice Governor Rakesh Prasad who chaired a major part of the session gave an overview on some of the key projects of the club since its inception.

PDGs C Khandelwal and L B Singh, both from the Patna club, made presentations on community service by their home club and its efforts in polio eradication. ■

Rotary athletics a major draw in Chandigarh

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District 3080 Governor Praveen Goyal urged the youth to do their best in both academics and sports. After inaugurating the Rotary Rural Inter-Schools Athletic Meet organised by RC Chandigarh Central, he witnessed a few events and was all praise for the club in hosting this annual sports event. The DG exhorted the young athletes to adopt fair play to come up in their chosen field.

The sports event at the Athletic Stadium is the club's significant project involving many stakeholders. In all, 24 schools located on the city's outskirts were invited to depute their teams for



Athletes in action.

DG Praveen Goyal (3rd from left) felicitating the winners.



the various track and field events for boys and girls under 14 and 17 years.

The invitations were extended to only rural schools to provide youth a platform and an opportunity to showcase their talent. PDGs Shaju Peter and Madhukar Malhotra gave away medals to the winners. Senior government officials were all praise at the arrangements made by the Rotary club and the orderly conduct of the games even as over 425 students took part in the meet.

The participants, delegates and officials were served breakfast and lunch. ■

Czech student donates to Kerala relief fund

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Katerina Langrova presenting the cheque to Rtn Haji Iqbal.

Every year RI District 3201 gets a good number of Youth Exchange students from foreign countries. One such student Katerina Langrova sponsored by RC Brno City, Czech Republic, RID 2240, was hosted by Rotary Club of Coimbatore Cosmopolitan.

Having learnt about the devastation caused by the floods in Kerala, she was pleasantly surprised by the liberal contributions made by the district clubs towards relief assistance for the flood victims. She decided to do her part to the relief work done by the clubs by donating ₹5,000 out of her stipend

and handed over the same to Club President C K Tirumeni.

She presented the cash assistance to the club president in the presence of Rtn Haji Iqbal and other office-bearers. DG A V Pathy appreciated her gesture and many Rotarians have lauded her decision to help the Kerala flood victims. ■

A run for cancer awareness in Chennai

The 10th edition of the annual Terry Fox Run (TFR) organised by RC Madras East (RCME), RID 3232, was flagged-off at Anna University with a huge contingent of Rotarians and volunteers from other organisations making this cancer awareness event cum a fundraiser for its research a huge success.

The TFR began in a small way at YMCA grounds in 2008 attracting 3,000 participants. Soon, the event grew in strength with the youth of Chennai pitching in for a noble cause. Having conducted 10 years of TFR, RCME has donated nearly ₹1.25 crore towards cancer research so far.

DG Babu Peram flagged off the run along with Anna University Registrar Prof K Kumar with over 7,000 participants expressing their solidarity with the cancer survivors.

Colourful stalls attracted people of all age groups who received t-shirts and other mementoes. A musical band from Tamil Nadu Police added a festive feel at the venue. The add-on features like a blood donation bus, cancer-screening bus and a stall for bone marrow registry engaged the participants on the issue of healthy living. ■



DG Babu Peram flagging off the awareness run.

Making schools a safe environment for girls

V Muthukumaran



In a far-reaching initiative targeted at girl students, RC Paonta Sahib, RID 3080, installed CCTVs, a water tank and sanitary vending machines, among others, to provide a secure and safe environment in their schools.

Four CCTV cameras with LCD screen were provided to a government senior secondary school at Behral village by the club. A water tank for the girls' toilet was also installed during the visit of DG Praveen C Goyal at a total cost of ₹29,000. Under *Shishu Aagman Utsav* Project (welcoming the newborns), a set of dress material for newborns such as nappies, bedsheets, bibs, woollen dress and towels were presented to mothers at the Civil





Left: Rotarians planting a sapling during a beautification drive.

Down: DG Praveen Goyal with Rotarians and students at a government school.

Menstrual hygiene

Well aware of the importance of ensuring menstrual hygiene among girl students, the club donated napkin vending machines to Divine Wisdom School, Govt Girls Hostel, Shillai, and the Tibetan School at Bhupur. Each machine costs ₹6,200.

An awareness lecture on leadership by PDG Arun Sharma and on adolescent healthcare by PP Dr Neena P Sablok at the Tibetan School was received with much enthusiasm by the students. Fifty blankets sponsored by Rtn Ankit Gupta were distributed to roadside dwellers who had to cope with cold nights during winter.

Mega eye camp

More than 200 patients were screened at the two-day eye camp held at Civil Hospital. Of this, 52 patients were operation for cataract and IOL implants. Also, 130 spectacles were distributed to the needy patients. The club spent around ₹1 lakh for the eye camp which saw a good turnout among the residents. ■



Hospital in the town. The project had cost over ₹14,000.

Yamuna beautification

Along with the Rotaractors, the club members painted a lengthy wall on the banks of Yamuna river as part of a major drive to beautify this waterfront.

“The resurrection of the wall will add up to the beautification of the Yamuna pathway and will serve as a landmark in future. Our DG Goyal along with AG Suresh Rawat also planted trees to mark the special occasion,” said Himanshu Bhatia, Club President. A tricycle worth ₹7,400 was donated to a differently-abled person which will help him to travel without any problems on the city roads.

Creating Happy Schools in Madurai

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First Lady Sarala Kannan inaugurates a Smart Class in a school.

In its endeavour to develop Happy Villages around Madurai, the Rotarians of RC Madurai, RI District 3000, is working on upgrading government schools with better infrastructure. As part of this initiative,

they installed an RO water plant and a television to facilitate smart class teaching for students in the panchayat school in Andarkottaram village. The agrarian population of the village is very happy with the club for developing their area.

The club also organised a medical camp to screen kidney diseases in and around the village and the patients were referred to the Tamil Nadu Kidney Research Foundation hospital in the city. ■

Campaign against plastics

The Rotarians of RC Ootacumund and RC Tiruppur Metal Town, RI District 3202, organised a campaign against use of plastics by involving students of various schools in Ooty. Lectures highlighting the ill-effects of plastics and workshops to make cloth bags as an alternative to plastic bags were conducted. Earlier a rally with 600 participants was flagged off by District Collector Innocent Divya and Superintendent of Police Shanmuga Priya in the presence of DGE A Karthikeyan Aruljothi.



Rotarians promote cloth bags in the presence of District Collector Innocent Divya and Superintendent of Police Shanmuga Priya in Ooty.

Eco-friendly bags were distributed, along with school students, to the public and shop keepers across the town. Inner Wheel members

also joined the Rotarians in this awareness drive, which was extensively covered in the local channels and print media. ■

Cancer detection camp at Faridkot

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Club members lined up in front of the specially-equipped cancer screening van.

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, RC Faridkot, RID 3090, organised a cancer detection camp with the help of Rotary Club of Gunwanti Bansal Memorial Van owned by the Rotary Club of Delhi Rajdhani, RID

3011. More than 150 patients were screened with the specially-equipped van.

The Rotarians celebrated green Deepavali by distributing 1,500 *diyas* with a message 'Go Green Save Nature' to the people. The festival of lights was also

celebrated at the club's adopted school and the students were given *diyas*, fruits and stationery items all packed in cloth bags.

Club President Naveesh Chhabra distributed Tulsi plants to Rotarians as part of the club's green drive. ■

Focus on sanitation at Moradabad schools



Students display handwash solutions.

Handwashing Day was observed at five government schools by RC Moradabad Achievers, RID 3100, to instill the habit of good sanitation practices. District Governor Deepak Jain inaugurated a Happy School at a primary school in Kanya Daang village following a WinS survey undertaken by the Rotarians at this institution.

The Rotarians took up a cleanliness drive at Kali Mata temple under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan programme. In another front, the club donated ration supplies along with monetary help to a woman suffering from cancer and who had lost her son, the sole breadwinner in her family, in an accident. ■

Enhancing livelihood for women

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A cultural programme to celebrate Lohri was organised by Rotary Club of Amritsar North, RID 3070, at a backward colony adopted by it.

School students in colourful attire entertained the residents of the colony with music and dance performances. "We are running a vocational centre where tailoring and beautician courses are being taught to women of this area with the aim to provide a livelihood source to them," said Rasjit Singh Khera, Club President.

Cash awards, woollen shawls and sweets were distributed to the students as a token of appreciation for their performance. A number of Rotarians along with their families enjoyed the cultural event.

Uniforms were presented to students of a government secondary school at Sohian Kalan village. The school principal and staff thanked the club for the kind gesture "as the stu-



Rotarians of RC Amritsar North with beneficiaries of their bicycle project.

dents were badly in need of uniforms as they were from poor families."

Project Chairman Dr Kuldeep Singh Arora assured the principal of further assistance in future. Past president Dr G S Madan explained the good work done by Rotary clubs around the

world including the global efforts in polio eradication.

Under the *Beti Padhao Beti Bachao* campaign, the club donated bicycles to girl students of a government middle school at Vanieke village, a remote area in Amritsar district. ■

Focus on menstrual hygiene

An interactive session on menstrual hygiene for girls was organised at Annai Theresa High School at Vallam hamlet by Rotary Club of Sivakasi Sparklers, RID 3212, in partnership with RC Courtallam Metro. DG K Rajagopalan, the chief guest, along with District WinS Chairman S P Arumuga Selvan urged the students to follow the right sanitation practices for healthy living.

The club donated a sanitary pad incinerator worth ₹32,000 to the school and the facility will benefit over 600 girl children. In a similar event at VSKD Girls HS School, Dr A Kalaiselvi, a gynaecologist, spoke to 200 students on the need to follow personal hygiene and adopt sanitation practices for better living. She clarified queries from students and a number of Rotarians took part in the interactive session.



DG K Rajagopalan (third from left) with Rotarians of RC Sivakasi Sparklers, donating a sanitary napkin incinerator in a school.

With fundraising objectives, a mega Biryani Fiesta was organised at the Sivakasi Paper Merchants Association Hall.

Malaysia tour: A joint meeting was held with RC Greater Kuala Lumpur, RID 3300, during a week-long trip to

Malaysia by Rotarians and their families. "This tour was our first international trip in the club's history. It was an enjoyable visit to Malaysia for 29 Rotarians from six families. We exchanged flags and signed a sister club pact with the local club," said P Selvaraj, Club President.

PDG Dato Sivanandan coordinated with Rtn Amalan Ashok from India to make arrangements for a comfortable stay for club members and their families in Kuala Lumpur. ■

Promoting better health in Balotra

Kiran Zehra



Beneficiaries of RC Balotra's cataract surgery project.

In partnership with Chirai Salt India, Rotary Club of Balotra, RID 3054, conducted a medical camp at Bhimada village, near Ahmedabad. Secretary Nilesh Salecha said that the ENT camp examined 472 patients and

distributed medicines to them. Spectacles were given to 70 patients and 12 people in need of cataract surgery were referred to a hospital in Ahmedabad with the club bearing all expenses. The cost of this medical camp was ₹2 lakh. The club, in

association with the Indian Service Society, Rajasthan, and Dalmiya Seva Trust, Delhi, organised an ayurvedic camp at the cost of ₹15,000. Close to 75 patients benefitted from this camp. A polio immunisation drive was conducted and Rotarians actively administered polio drops to children at 53 booths in Balotra.

Along with the Traffic Police Department, the club brought together individuals, institutions and voluntary organisations in a road safety awareness programme. Rotarians and traffic police personnel stressed that a majority of the road accidents in the region can be avoided if traffic rules are observed.

The club celebrated Deepavali with underprivileged children. Clothes, sweets and gifts were distributed to 100 children. The total cost of the project was ₹40,000. The members of the club also spent time at a *gaushala* (cow shelter) feeding cows. ■



Rotarians distribute dresses for children.

Improving sanitation in schools

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The Rotarians of the all-women's, Rotary club, RC Ahmednagar, RI District 3132, built two toilet blocks and handwash stations in a girls'

college in the city. As there were no toilet facilities in the college, the students used to visit public toilets at the bus stand nearby to relieve themselves.

The girls participated in the project by adorning the walls of the toilet blocks with their artwork, and vowed to maintain the facilities it regularly. ■

Rotary reaches out to Silchar's needy

Rotary Club of Green Land Silchar, RID 3240, distributed essential groceries, sweaters, jackets and dresses to girls in an underprivileged colony. The club runs the Rotary Greenland Permanent Cloth Bank wherein the members contribute dresses during important events such as birthdays and anniversaries and during festivals. These dresses are distributed to the needy periodically.

The Rotarians organised a health check-up camp with the help of medical experts from the club and locality, as part of their monthly permanent programme. Medicines were distributed to patients and screening for diabetes and blood pressure was also done at the camp. ■



A health check-up camp in progress.

Creating health awareness in Dombivli

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Rotary Club of Dombivli North, RID 3142, along with other clubs, organised a Rubella and Measles Awareness seminar at the Rotary Bhavan. Eminent doctors from WHO and Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation explained in detail why the Measles-Rubella vaccination is necessary, where and how the inoculation will be given etc. PDG Chandrasekhar Kolvekar was the chief guest.

In another initiative, the club, along with RC Dombivli Saudamini, organised RYPEN, a day-long programme of fun and learning new skills and talent, and building camaraderie among Interactors. Rotaractors also participated in this annual event and imparted various skills such as lessons in photography, crafts, food decoration and foreign language. They shared their experiences and gave



career counselling which was well appreciated by the Interactors.

District Trainer Ablay Kothari enlightened the Interactors about how

Rotary was formed and how it evolved through the years. He also distributed prizes to winners of various competitions held during the day. ■

Water for the cyclone victims

Rotary Club of Villupuram, RID 2982, sent 100 cartons of drinking water to help victims of the Gaja cyclone that caused havoc in most parts of Tamil Nadu.

In another initiative, the Rotarians organised a career guidance programme titled 'Cross it' at the



Rotarians with truckload of water bottles for the cyclone victims.

Theivanaammal College in the town. The programme focused on various employment opportunities open for youngsters and the skills they have to equip themselves with for the job.

Valuable information was shared among the young audience

about the various courses that are being offered and the resource persons added inputs on the significance of positive attitude, poise and power dressing. K Sivasubramani, Superintendent of Police, Balangir district, Odisha, was the chief guest at the event. ■

D 2981

RC Mannargudi

A road safety awareness programme and a rally were conducted in association with the Rotaractors of STET Women's College in the town. Over 250 students took a pledge to create awareness on the need to wear helmets by the motorists and for safe driving.



D 2981

RC Panruti

A screening camp to detect heart diseases was organised at Saradha Matriculation School. Over 300 patients were diagnosed with various cardiac ailments. The project costing ₹30,000 enhanced the image of Rotary in the neighbourhood.



D 2982

RC Sipcot Hosur

Club Secretary K V Subba Rao honoured five members of a Brazilian team who were visiting Tamil Nadu under a Friendship Exchange programme at a special event in Trichy. The foreign Rotarians were hosted by Rotarian families in major cities.





D 2982

RC Tiruchengode Hi-Tech

The club donated a computer and printer to a government HS school at Thaneerpanthalpalayam village and felicitated two meritorious students with a cash prize of ₹10,000 each. In another programme, a wheelchair was donated to help a physically-challenged person to take care of his needs. DG Nirmal Prakash was present on both the occasions.



D 3000

RC Thuraiyur

An Interact RYLA titled 'You can do' saw participation of 12 Interact clubs including three new ones that were installed by the District Youth Service Director AH Afroz. Over 270 Interactors took part in the programme.



D 3012

RC Delhi Mayur Vihar

Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh presented the Letter of Intent Award to the club for the adoption of a national monument Sher Sha Suri Gate, New Delhi. The award was received by Club President Sandeep Jain.

D 3030

RC Jalgaon West

A Pre-PETS/SETS event was organised with the District Trainer Dada Deshmukh guiding the newly-elected office-bearers of the district's clubs. DGE Rajendra Bhamre presented his vision for 2019-20 and DGND Ramesh Meher explained the role of presidents and secretaries by citing examples.



D 3030

RC Nashik Nine Hills

Tribal children took part in a diya-making workshop on the occasion of Deepavali at Triambakeshwar. The club also brought out a souvenir edition called 'Sphurti' which was launched by RIPN Sushil Gupta.



D 3054

RC Jaipur Pink City

Rotarians distribute meals at SMS Hospital under the Project *Annapoorna Rasoi* for which they got RI President's citation. The club also donates Jaipur foot to the disabled at medical camps, besides hosting health talks at regular intervals in association with RC Jaipur Royal.





D 3054

RC Kota Round Town

The club organised a medical camp in which a large number of patients were screened for ailments and given medicines.



D 3060

RC Rajkot

The club, in partnership with SN Kansagra College and Jeevandan Foundation, organised a human chain of over 4,000 women to promote organ donation. The event made it to the Limca Book of Records.



D 3070

RC Hoshiarpur Central

Rotarians planted saplings in a hilly area during a green drive with the participation of the community. The tree plantation enhanced Rotary's image in the locality.

D 3070

RC Ludhiana Greater

School bags with Rotary logo were distributed to students of a government school in a slum colony. Project Director Amanpreet Singh sponsored the bags and the event was attended by a large number of Rotarians.



D 3070

RC Pathankot Greater

The club organised a sapling plantation drive in the city. The club members visited a local school in a backward area to spend time with the students, some of whom were sponsored by the club. They stressed on the importance of education and why they should not discontinue their studies under any circumstances.



D 3110

RC Bareilly Metro

A medical camp is being organised on a regular basis at Mundia Ahmad Nagar village reaching out the elderly and sick people who do not have access to modern healthcare facilities.





D 3110

RC Bareilly Shree

The Anns of the club came together to celebrate Hariyali Teej to welcome the onset of monsoon with dance, music and prayer rituals. The women came in colourful attire to observe the rituals.



D 3120

RC Faizabad

A tree plantation drive was organised by the club and the newly planted saplings got a tree guard for protection. A blood donation camp was held with a good turnout from the residents. The club also installed a new club RC Greater Faizabad.



D 3150

RC Bhadrachalam

Over 1,000 slates were distributed to students of Mandal Parishad Primary Schools in Dummagu village to celebrate the birthday of club member M Vinary Reddy. A number of Rotarians took part in the event.

D 3182

RC Gonibeedu

Vanamahotsav was held at a government primary school at Chenniga Jannapura village in which 25 varieties of fruit-bearing trees were planted. During the Raitha Mithra programme, an expert talk on micronutrients was arranged for the benefit of farmers at Gonibeedu.



D 3182

RC Shimoga Midtown

A students' rally was held as part of road safety and traffic awareness programme from a government school at Sugur village. The students raised slogans and carried posters to create awareness among the public. Similar programmes were held at other schools.



D 3231

RI District 3231

In partnership with the local chapter of Indian Medical Association, Lions club and the INTUC unit of BHEL, the Rotarians donated mattresses, solar lamps, dress material, toiletries, groceries, tarpaulins, notebooks and stationery items to the Gaja cyclone-affected families at Muthupettai panchayat union in Vandavasi taluk.





D 3261

RC Jabalpur South

Rotarians donated stationery items to students of a government middle school and Prathmik Shala reaching out to over 200 beneficiaries.



D 3261

RC Sundargarh Town

Cyclist Sunita Singh Choken was given a warm reception when she stopped at this town during her cycle rally from Somnath temple, Gujarat, to Pashupatinath temple in Nepal. She visited a couple of government schools and motivated the girl students. She also planted trees for a green environment.



D 3291

RC Calcutta Midtown

A sewing machine was donated to the club's RCC at Thakurpukur village for the benefit of students at a vocational training centre which provides skill development courses to the lower-income group women in the locality.

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Rotary builds a waiting shelter at JIPMER Hospital

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Waiting shelter at the Jipmer Hospital in Puducherry.

With timely financial assistance from Gothi Charitable Trust, Rotary Club of Pondicherry Beach Town, RID 2981, has constructed a waiting shelter near the Regional

Cancer Centre and the woman and child ward at the JIPMER Hospital at a cost of ₹12 lakh.

While the club pitched in with ₹3 lakh, its partner RC Pondicherry

Midtown pooled in another ₹3 lakh and the balance ₹6 lakh was made good by Gothi Parasmal and his son Sanjay Gothi of the charitable trust. The open area near the cancer centre was utilised by the attendants of patients who were admitted to the hospital wards. "During an evening stroll with Club President Jigar Patel and its Secretary Muthuraman, we found that scores of men, women and children were being exposed to the harsh sun and rain; and have to brave the cold during night at the open space," said Rtn P X Antony, professor at Rajiv Gandhi College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences.

The new shelter for the attendants of patients will benefit nearly 700 people who are visiting both the Cancer Centre and other wards daily at the JIPMER from nearby villages. "We are thankful to Rotary for this kind gesture. The mothers and children who would use the shelter will forever remember you with gratitude and wish your families only the best things in life," said an elderly woman at the JIPMER. ■



DG S Piraiyon (second from right) inaugurating the waiting hall at the hospital.