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Rotary NEWS PLUS





Interactors at the Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad.



Students watch a humanoid demonstration at the Science City, Ahmedabad.



At the Akshardham temple.

A Gujarat tour for Interactors

Team Rotary News

A four-day heritage tour of Gujarat was organised by the Interact Club of Amber Valley Residential School, sponsored by RC Chikmagalur-Coffee Land, RID 3182, for its student members from Class 4–12.

The Interactors visited Sabarmati Ashram of Mahatma Gandhi, Hutheesingh Jain Temple, and Adalaj stepwell, a five-storey structure carved in 1499, and spent few hours at the famed Akshardham Temple — a modern complex carved from 6,000 tonnes of pink sandstone, set in landscaped gardens.

The next day, they went to see Patan's weavers and the Sun Temple in Modhera, followed by a drive on the Satpura and Vindhyachal hills to stand before the Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue at 182 metres depicting Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel near the Narmada River overlooking the Sardar Sarovar Dam.

On the final day, the students spent hours at the Science City, Ahmedabad, before catching the flight back home. The educative tour offered Interactors an enriching experience related to India's history, culture, science and heritage. "It was an opportunity to learn beyond the classroom, explore cultural diversity, develop confidence and strengthen teamwork and fellowship," said Nagesh Kenjige, past president, RC Chikmagalur-Coffee Land. ■



A group picture in front of Statue of Unity.

On the cover: Rotarians of RID 3170 display the End Polio Now message en route a car rally undertaken by them across the district.

A car rally to mark World Polio Day

Team Rotary News

Marking World Polio Day (Oct 24), the Rotary Club of Bagalkot, RID 3170, organised a district-wide 'Polio Awareness Car Rally', bringing together Rotarians, schoolchildren, teachers and community members to spread awareness about the importance of polio eradication. This is probably the first time such a large-scale initiative was organised across Rotary clubs in the Bagalkot–Vijaypur revenue district under RID 3170, said Shekhar Mali, aide to DG Lenny da Costa.

The rally was flagged off by PDG Girish Masurkar at the Sakri High School ground in Bagalkot. The rally proceeded to Mudhol, Jamkhandi, Ramteerth and Vijaypur, connecting Rotary clubs and educational institutions across the revenue district.

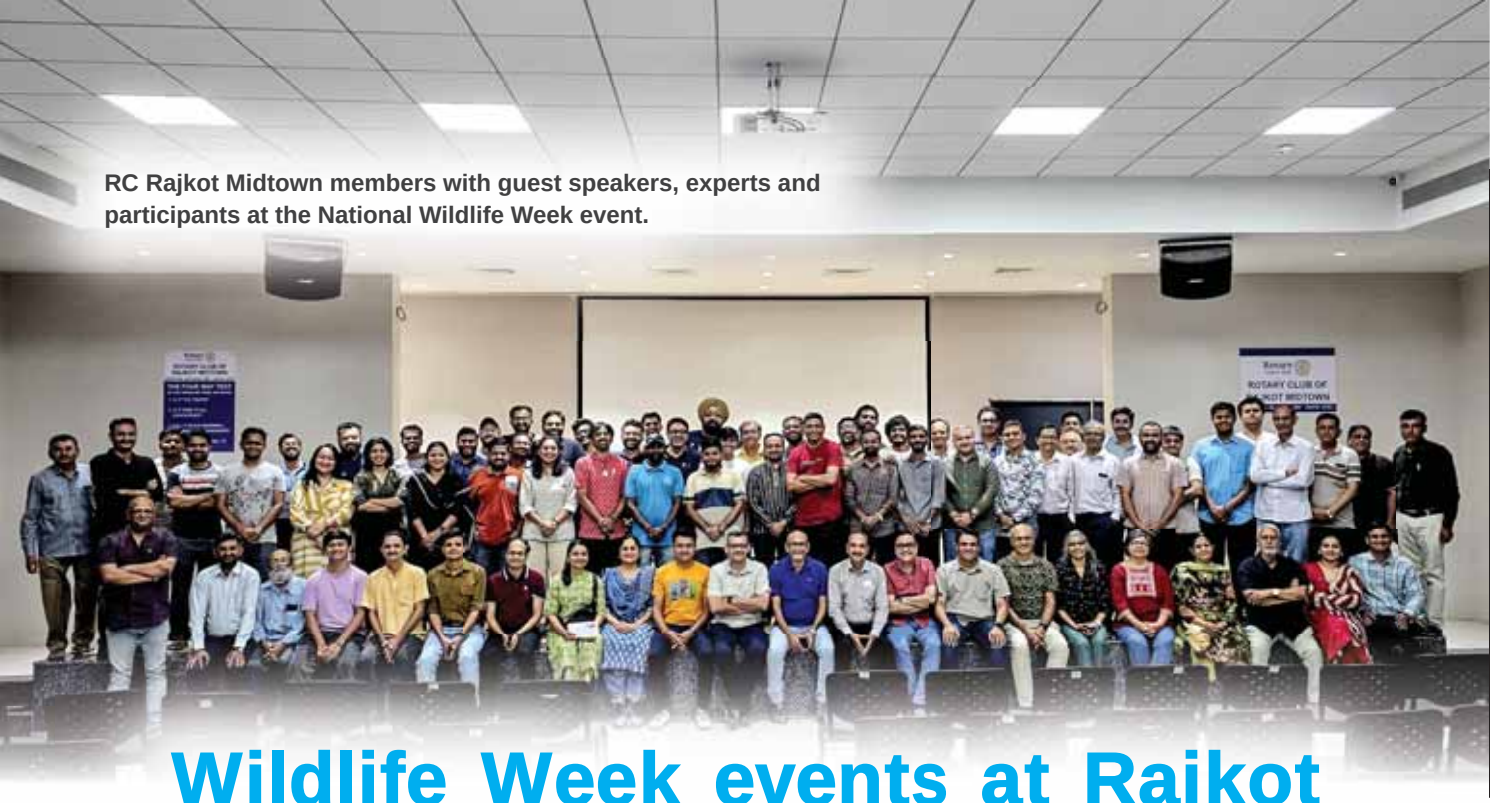
In Bagalkot, the rally passed through major public areas, carrying the message of Rotary's efforts for a polio-free world. At Mudhol, RC Mudhol joined the awareness initiative. In Jamkhandi, the Rotary clubs of Jamkhandi and Ramteerth extended the campaign with the participation of high school students. The rally covered the bus stand, market and main road before concluding at the school grounds.

The awareness campaign continued towards Vijaypur, where RC Vijaypur North joined hands with students of Shri Ramakrishna Preschool to PU College. The rally was flagged off by PDG Pranesh Jahagirdar.

A total of 15 cars participated in the rally which aimed to reinforce public awareness, encourage parents to ensure that their children receive polio vaccinations as recommended by health authorities, and inspire the younger generation to become ambassadors for a polio-free world. Shekhar Mali coordinated the car rally. ■

PDG Girish Masurkar flagging off the rally at Bagalkot.





RC Rajkot Midtown members with guest speakers, experts and participants at the National Wildlife Week event.

Wildlife Week events at Rajkot

Team Rotary News

With the aim to create awareness on wildlife conservation, biodiversity and coexistence with nature, RC Rajkot Midtown, RID 3060, conducted weeklong events (Oct 2–8) consisting of storytelling, photography and expert knowledge sessions on National Wildlife Week.

All the programmes were held daily from 8.15pm at the Rotary Midtown Lalitalay, Rajkot, and had a common theme: 7 Days, 7 Photographers, 7 Speakers – Seven Days, Seven Voices, Seven Perspectives. Eash wildlife photography session was followed by the presentation from a naturalist. Diverse topics on wild Africa, India's marine biodiversity, snakes and snakebite, macro photography, avian world, wildscapes of Gir and Velavadar, small mammals and butterflies were covered by 14 experts.

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A biodiversity expert gives an AV presentation.



Audience at the Rotary Midtown Lalitalay, Rajkot.

through this weeklong programmes to mark National Wildlife Week," said club president Twinkle Mehta. Young storyteller Zarana walked in as a common viewer, and on the final day, "she was leaving with a family she knew she would meet again and again," she said.

From the wild plains of Africa in Kenya and Tanzania to the hidden marine treasures of India's coasts; from the silent, serpentine beauty in the shadows to the story of snakebite; and finally, the world seen through a macro lens to the diverse habitats of birds, butterflies, small forgotten mammals, and the giants of Gir… the photographs and the audio-visual shows lit the hall with wonder and amazement.

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Future plan

Building on the success of the first edition of National Wildlife Week, the club has plans to make this project an annual flagship event in Rajkot. Next year, they plan to expand the number of days from seven to 10, with two days dedicated to field experiences—guided bird watching at Nyari, Gir safari, and a night trail for stargazing and other adventures as requested by the participants.

"We will also include a student edition covering 10 schools and colleges. Apart from this, the club will host Wild Saurashtra Talks every month and launch a Citizen Science Club to document biodiversity at Beyt Dwarka coast," said the club president.

A travelling photography exhibition will also be conducted a malls and schools, and YouTube archive will be created for all the talks given by the experts. "All our efforts and field events will make Rajkot a hub for wildlife awareness where science meets stories," added Twinkle. ■



A special postal cancellation was released to mark National Wildlife Week.

Benches for govt school, Nizamabad

Team Rotary News



Classroom desk-benches were donated to the Mandal Parishad Primary School, Doosgaon, in Dichpally taluk by RC Nizamabad, RID 3150, on Raksha Bandhan Day.

Care Degree College, Nizamabad, supported the school project which gave children a comfortable place to sit and learn. Dichpally mandal educational officer Naresh, District Common Examination Board secretary Seethaiah, school headmaster Bejgam Ashok, school staff and panchayat officials were present at the handover of desk-benches to the school.

A session on real estate was held for Rotarians in a joint programme with RCs Kamareddy, Armoor, Gems Nizamabad and Bodhan. The event gave an opportunity for club members to know about the opportunities in real estate business, and helped them to network with others.

Rtn Acharya Venkat from Hyderabad gave an insightful talk on mental wellbeing in a joint event co-hosted by all the five clubs in Nizamabad on World Mental Health Day (Oct 10). The speaker dwelt on the importance of mental health for the overall wellbeing of an individual, and explained how meditation can help reduce stress, improve mental peace, and enhance the emotional balance for a healthy lifestyle. Around 70 Rotarians from five clubs took part in the awareness session on mental health. ■



PDG Ravi Vadlamani (3rd from L) being honoured at the Real Estate session.



Above: Students sit on the new desk-benches donated by RC Nizamabad at the Mandal Parishad Primary School, Doosgaon, in Telangana.

Below: Rotarians follow instructions at the mental health wellbeing session.



club matters

RC Chinnamanur





RC Mansa Royal



RC Jalgaon West

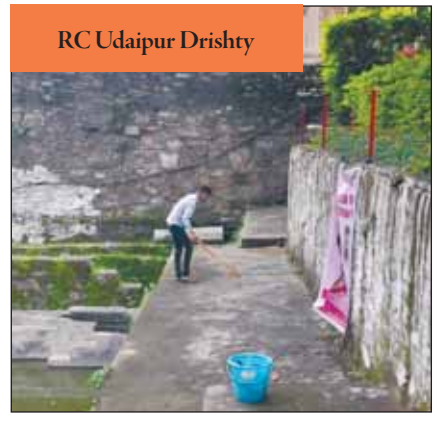


RC Mumbai Kandivli West

RC Chinnamanur — RID 3000

Twelve teachers were honoured for their contributions to education and society at an event to mark Teachers' Day. The programme was followed by sweet distribution and dinner, creating an evening of memorable fellowship among Rotarians and the awardees.

RC Udaipur Drishty



RC Mansa Royal — RID 3090

Over 70 units of blood was collected at a blood donation camp held at the Rotary Diagnostic Centre on the 45th death anniversary of Lala Jagat Narayan, founder of Hind Samachar group. Mansa MLA Vijay Singla and PDG Prem Aggarwal were present.

RC Jalgaon West — RID 3030

Rtn Sai Nemade, a pathologist, addressed 120 students at SSBT's College of Business Management to create awareness on thalassaemia. She spoke on the need for preventive screening of youth and timely blood testing for a healthy future.

RC Udaipur Drishty — RID 3056

Rotarians led by club mentor Sweety Chhabra cleaned 1,600 temples and *bawries* (ancient, multi-tiered stepwells) across Udaipur, Banswara, Thana and Sagwara in Rajasthan. The club is focused on heritage conservation.

RC Mumbai Kandivli West — RID 3141

Fifty teachers from 22 schools attended a workshop on 'The power of AI technology' at the Malad Rotary Centre. The resource persons from Groke Learning conducted the interactive sessions. RC North West Malad was the partner. PDG Rajendra Agarwal and AG Monika Tandon were present.



RC Karwar



RC Ranipet

RC Vishrambag



RC Malda Central



RC Karwar — RID 3170

Dr Padmakshi Lokesh, a psychiatrist from RC Bangalore Nagarabhavi, gave an awareness talk to school students and interacted with them on mental health issues. In a session lasting over 75 minutes, she replied to the queries of students eager to clarify their doubts.



RC Srivilliputtur Town

RC Ranipet — RID 3231

Around 30 teachers were honoured with mementos for the shaping the lives of next generation through education. Their 25 years of service inspired the community and reflected the importance of education for an enlightened society, the citation said.

RC Malda Central — RID 3240

Durga Puja garments were distributed to 73 students of Gouri Devi Kathalbari Primary School at Sharadiya Sangati event in a remote village in Habibpur taluk, Malda. New clothes brought joy to the children, and Rotaractors volunteered at the project.

RC Vishrambag — RID 3170

A cognitive screening was done on senior citizens at the Chaitanyashram, an old age home, by a team of 14 psychologists from Manodnya Nursing Home, led by Dr Govind Kulkarni, a Rotarian. Four inmates had symptoms of cognitive decline. Multivitamin supplements were distributed.

RC Srivilliputtur Town — RID 3212

An AI-enabled smart class was set up at the Mangapuram Hindu Nagar HS School, Srivilliputhur. IPDG Dinesh Babu, DGND Mayil Balasubramaniam, past AGs Radha and Muthuramalinga Kumar were present at the inaugural.

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Pedalling their way to bright future



Rotarians at the handover ceremony.

Team Rotary News

In a heartwarming gesture, bicycles were given to 12 students at the Zilla Parishad Adarsh School, Ladachi, by RC Nasik West, RID 3030, under Mission Education initiative of the club.

Ladachi is a small, remote village in Nashik taluk where most families depend on daily-wage labour for their livelihood. Despite financial hardships, parents dream of providing their children with a good education and a bright future. However, for many students, travelling 2–5km to school every day, and then back home walking has been a daily grand for many years.

The club stepped forward to make the school journey of these students easier and comfortable by donating the bicycles. "With this gesture, Rotary has brought new hope, and opportunities to children who are going to this school from their remote villages," said the club's past president Ram Pagare. "Also, the bicycles will help students save time and energy, improve regular school attendance, and encourage them to continue their education with greater enthusiasm." It was a moment of joy and renewed confidence for the students receiving brand new bicycles as "it represents an opportunity to overcome obstacles and move closer to their dreams."

The school expressed its gratitude to the club for recognising the needs of students in remote tribal areas and contributing meaningfully to their educational progress. ■





Bicycles presented to students at the Zilla Parishad Adarsh School, Ladachi, near Nashik.

AC computer lab for juvenile delinquents

Team Rotary News



RID 3261 DG Alam Singh Roopra (seated, 2nd from R) and his wife Harpal Roopra, along with Rotarians, at the inauguration of a computer lab at the Observation Home, Rourkela.

With the aim to provide digital education to 100 children, RC Rourkela Queens, RID 3261, has set up an air-conditioned computer lab at the Observation Home and Special Home that will also help the young inmates to update their general knowledge and current affairs.

At a project cost of `1.51 lakh, the computer lab will include three computer sets and a wi-fi printer for digital learning. "The digital facility will enhance the knowledge of children with access to educational resources that will support their academic growth," said club president Anita lath. "Digital literacy is an essential skill, and this initiative aims to bridge the digital divide by providing children with opportunities to learn, explore technology and build confidence for a better future."

DG Alam Singh Roopra was the chief guest at a cyber security awareness event conducted by additional SP Sharbanee Nayak and sub-inspector Trilochan Samal. The duo was supported by a team from the Cyber Crime Branch of city police.



RC Rourkela Queens president Anita Lath with additional SP Sharbanee Nayak from the Cyber Crime Branch of city police.

The AV presentation focused on the growing threats of cybercrime, mobile hacking, online fraud, and the police team educated the participants on safe digital practices.

They also mentioned the precautionary steps to ward off online fraud and hacking. Around 100 people including Rotarians, Interactors, Rotaractors, and members of the public attended the awareness seminar on cyber security.

Some of the participants raised queries and clarified their doubts with the Cyber Crime Branch team. "The officers gave useful tips and suggestions to identify suspicious online activities, avoid cyber fraud, and safeguard personal information," said Anita. "They were also told how to respond to potential cyber threats." ■



Children being examined by a doctor.

Health camp for students and teachers

RC Nagpur Metro, RID 3030, in association with the Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (ACPN), organised a mega health check-up camp at Abhyudaya Global Village School, Badegaon, Nagpur. The school caters to students from 22 neighbouring villages and combines the state board curriculum with practical training in farming and other essential skills.

The camp benefited 340 students and 25 teachers. Medical services included general health check-ups, gynaecological consultations, haemoglobin testing, dental screenings and mental health counselling.

A team of medical specialists, including orthopaedic surgeons, gynaecologists, dentists, physicians and a clinical psychologist, provided consultations and guidance.

The camp was led by club president Ashish Rewatkar, ACPN president Poonam Menaria, ACPN secretary Dr Shabina Sheikh and Dr Sujata Deo. ■

A village adoption project

Team Rotary News

RC Tankcity Thiruvarur, RID 2981, completed its village adoption Project in Panangkadi village, Nagapattinam. As part of the initiative, two goats and 10 chickens were distributed to beneficiaries to support their livelihoods. Tree saplings were also distributed.

In a separate initiative, the club, in association with HEED Trust, Thiruvarur, organised the one lakh sapling production scheme in Thiruvarur. ■



A beneficiary receives a goat from the club.

A lake restored in Erode

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Erode Nexus, RID 3203, along with Rotaract Club of Cauvery Nexus, undertook restoration of a lake – Devampalayam Kulam, and its check dam.

The restoration work involved removing invasive Seemai Karuvelam (prosopis juliflora) trees from the waterbody and its surrounding areas, helping reclaim the space and improve the local environment. The project was carried out at an approximate cost of `2 lakh.

The clubs also planted around 8,000 seedlings of various plant species, along the banks of the lake, with an aim to promote greenery, support biodiversity and contribute to long-term ecological sustainability.

The Rotaract Club of VCET and Interact Club of PKP School, participated in the environment care initiative with their volunteers.

A mega blood donation drive on Gandhi Jayanthi (Oct 2) helped the club collect 36 units of blood. The programme, led by Dr L E Vishnu Karthikeyan, chair of the club's Heal with Care committee, was organised in association with the Erode Blood Centre. The collected blood was given to the centre for further processing and distribution.■



Members of RC Erode Nexus and
RAC Cauvery Nexus plant seedlings on the banks of the lake.



Club members at the blood donation camp.

Community initiatives in Tirupattur, TN

Team Rotary News



Above: Club members distributing educational supplies to the students.

Below: Club members felicitate athlete TK Vishal.





RC Tirupattur, RID 3231, distributed educational supplies to 150 students of Government Elementary School, Thimmavaram village. P Arunagiri, zonal secretary, RID 3231, was the chief guest. The club also distributed educational supplies to 150 students at Change Home, Tirupattur.

Under its *Annammittu Magizh* initiative, the club distributed food to 300 people at Uthavum Ullangal, a home for the abandoned. The club organised two food distribution programmes at Change Women's Home, benefiting 400 residents in total.





Left: Rotarians serving people at Uthavum Ullangal, a home for the abandoned.

Above: Mats and other essential supplies being handed over to Change Women's Home, Tirupattur.

The club distributed mats and other essential supplies to residents of Change Women's Home, Tirupattur. The project benefited 200 people.

The club felicitated TK Vishal, an Indian national record holder in the 400-metre event and winner of two Asian Games gold medals, at an event held at Vijaya Saravana Mahal, Tirupattur. Dr N Thirupathi, MLA, and Sangeetha Venkatesan, town president of Tirupattur, were the chief guests. More than 500 Rotarians and members of the public attended the event.

The club organised a special speaker meeting on the importance of investments at Rotary Hall, Tirupattur. The programme was held alongside the club's weekly meeting and birthday celebrations under the theme *Mupperum Vizha*. More than 100 Rotarians and their family members attended the event. ■



Children along with their new notebooks provided by the club.

Campaign against drugs

Team Rotary News



Students at the substance abuse awareness session.

RC Kasaragod, RID 3204, organised an anti-drug awareness session under its My City, Anti-Drug City initiative at Nellikunnu Beach, Kasaragod. The programme aimed to raise awareness about drug abuse and encourage a drug-free community.

The club also inaugurated a breastfeeding room at Kasaragod Railway Station as part of its community welfare initiatives. The facility aims to provide nursing mothers with a private and comfortable space to breastfeed their infants while travelling. ■

Support to animal care hospital

RC Lucknow Transgomti, RID 3120, donated animal food, medicines and equipment to Jeev Basera SPCA Hospital in New Hyderabad Colony, Lucknow. The initiative aimed to support the hospital in caring for abandoned, injured and vulnerable animals. Rtn Namrata Chaudhary initiated the project. ■



Club members at the Jeev Basera SPCA Hospital after handing over animal food, medicines and equipment.

CPR training and menstrual hygiene awareness programmes

Team Rotary News

RC Ichalkaranji Textile City, RID 3170, organised CPR awareness and Basic Life Support (BLS) training sessions at Microtex Processors, Kagal MIDC, and Ichalkaranji Nagarpalika. At Microtex Processors, around 200 employees participated in the training conducted by Dr Prakash Phadnis, member of RC E-Club Belgaavi and Dr Anant Nadgouda. The session covered CPR techniques and emergency response during cardiac emergencies. The municipal programme was attended by AG Ashok Jain, IPDG Arun Bhandare.

The club organised a health and hygiene awareness camp at Shahu High School. Dr Manisha Shetty addressed students on menstrual hygiene, personal health and healthy practices. Sanitary pads were also distributed as part of the initiative. ■



A CPR training session in progress



Club members distributing sanitary pads to students.

Workshop for Anganwadi staff

Team Rotary News

The Rotary Club of Achalpur, RID 3030, along with Quest, an NGO, organised a two-day workshop for Anganwadi staff to train them in new and effective practices essential for children's mental, intellectual, and social development.

The programme was managed and coordinated by the project director Gaurav Bansal who stated that proper training for Anganwadi workers is crucial for the bright future of children, and such initiatives will help make the Anganwadi system more robust. Special guidance was provided to Anganwadi workers on child development, early education, and modern teaching methodologies.■



A display of educational materials for teaching children.

Diwali gifts bring cheer to children



Members of RC Pattukkottai with children after gifting them new clothes for Diwali.

Around 900 children received new clothes, sweets and crackers ahead of Diwali, thanks to the members of the Rotary Club of Pattukkottai, RID 2981. The children are students of a government school in the town and hail from economically weak families. The gifts from the club brought festival cheer for the children.■

A wellness centre for police personnel

Team Rotary News



Police officials being examined at the police fitness and wellness centre at Makarpura Police Station.

RC Vadodara ONE, RID 3060, in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner of Police, Vadodara City, launched Project Niramaya, a Police Fitness and Wellness Centre at Makarpura Police Station.

The project was formalised through a memorandum of understanding between the club and the police department to promote preventive healthcare and fitness among police personnel.

Inaugurated by Police Commissioner Narsimha Komar, IPS, the centre will offer periodic health check-ups, preventive screenings, fitness assessments and wellness guidance. It will follow a quarterly programme of health assessments, fitness monitoring, follow-up consultations and progress reviews.

The initiative aims to benefit 4,000 police personnel in Vadodara by encouraging healthier lifestyles and providing a dedicated platform for monitoring their health and well-being.

Club president Vishal Chokshi and honorary secretary Devangi Trivedi were among those present at the inauguration, along with Additional Commissioner of Police Dr. Sudhirkumar Desai and DCPs from all zones. ■



Promoting health, peace and wellbeing

Team Rotary News



President of RC Nanganallur Elite Meena Sathish (second from L) with club members donate a vacuum cleaner to the Hindu Mission Health Services in Chennai.

The Rotary Club of Nanganallur Elite, RID 3234, handed over a commercial vacuum cleaner worth `96,000, sponsored by RC Madras Metro, to the Hindu Mission Health Services in Chennai. The equipment will help the hospital maintain a clean and hygienic environment for patients and healthcare professionals.



Club members with the residents of the Anbu Cholai Senior Citizens Home.

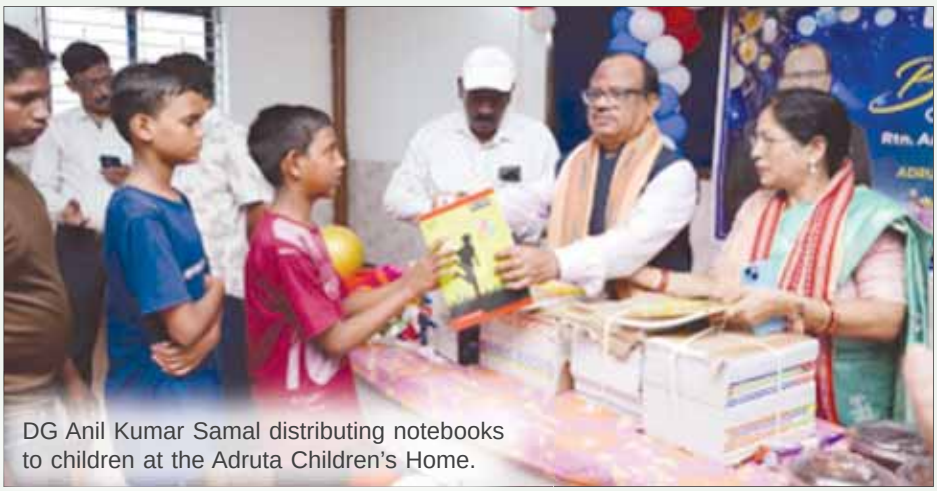
RC Nanganallur Elite, along with RAC Nanganallur Elite and the Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Phoenix, organised a blood donation camp which helped collect 26 units of blood. The camp was led by the club president Meena Sathish, club secretary S Ilayaraja and Blood Donation Camp Committee chair Pugalenthi. RAC Nanganallur Elite president Abhijith, its secretary Thanuja, event chairman Santosh and Vasanthi, past president of the Inner Wheel club were also present. A P Maheshwar, chairman of the District Community Service (Health) presided over the event.

The club provided sumptuous lunch to the residents of Anbu Cholai Senior Citizens Home and the members spent time interacting with them. The club distributed stationery items to children at the Arise Charitable Trust.

A Rotary Peace Lecture Series was organised by the club jointly with RAC A M Jain College. The sessions included a talk by R Kannan, a diplomat, on 'Peace in our Society' highlighting the importance of harmony, responsible citizenship and peaceful coexistence in building a healthy society; RTO V Arunachalam spoke on 'Peace on Roads', creating awareness about responsible road behaviour and traffic discipline. Club member and advocate Kesavan highlighted the importance of understanding insurance options and making informed decisions. Sundararajan was the event chairman.■

RID 3262's initiatives in focus

Team Rotary News



DG Anil Kumar Samal distributing notebooks to children at the Adruta Children's Home.



DG Samal with students at the inter-school competition events organised by RC Bhubaneswar Metro.



Teachers honoured with Nation Builder Award by RC Bhubaneshwar Metro.

District Governor Anil Kumar Samal celebrated his birthday on Sept 21 with 80 children at the Adruta Children's Home in Bhubaneswar. He sponsored a sumptuous lunch for the staff and children at the Home and distributed stationery and game boards to the children.

The Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Metro organised a cultural competition for schoolchildren. Students from 12 schools participated in music, quiz and various other events. The club felicitated 12 teachers with Nation Builder Awards for their outstanding service. DG Samal distributed the awards and prizes to the winners of the competitions.

Over 200 Rotarians and IT professionals attended the District Artificial Intelligence Summit hosted by Rotary Club of Bhubaneswar Meadows at the KIIT Convention Centre in Bhubaneswar. Panel discussions threw light on application of AI in health, agriculture, education and governance. Samal and PDG Jayashree Mohanty were present at the event which was organised in collaboration with the Odisha Knowledge Corporation.

The district organised a seminar to promote literacy among the rural population which was hosted by RC Balasore, and another workshop to promote road safety awareness, hosted by RC Bhubaneswar North.■