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Members of Rotary Club of Shillong with President, Rtn. Chandana Das distributing sports shoes and environment friendly bags to students of Shree Kanchi Kamakoti Vidya Bharati Vidyalaya, Mawbah, Shillong.

Gift of Life



Seven and half years old **Macdelina Dkhar**, daughter of a betel nut plantation worker from Umkiang near Cachar border was referred to us by a hospital in Shillong to arrange free heart surgery. The accompanying Echocardiography report mentions about a large hole in heart which needs surgery. Accordingly Amrita Hospital, Kochi was requested for help. But when the child was examined at Amrita Hospital, they didn't find any hole, rather they found some other major ailment associated to her heart which cannot be corrected with surgery. The hospital has placed her on a long term medical management program and her medication has already started. The hospital has also assured of free periodical review as and when needed.

The family has since returned back home. Though this case doesn't add to our tally of number of successful surgeries done so far, Rtn Kiron Joshi says, he is personally very happy that the little girl didn't have to go through the ordeal of surgical intervention.

(Inputs from Rtn. Kiron Joshi).

PolioPlus honour for PRIP Saboo

At a glittering event in Chandigarh, The Rotary Foundation trustee chair Holger Knaack conferred Rotary's International PolioPlus Service Award to Past RI President Rajendra Saboo, who is widely accepted as a pioneer in India's journey to become polio-free.

The citation said the award was being given to Saboo in "recognition of his significant active personal service towards the goal of polio eradication... and the pioneering role you have played in Rotary's polio eradication efforts. Your remarkable vision, leadership, and steadfast commitment have contributed greatly to the significant progress we have made toward achieving a Polio-free world. Your personal service on behalf of children worldwide will be treasured always."

Saboo has been one of the longest-serving members of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, providing guidance and inspiring generations of Rotarians to believe that service, when rooted in conviction, can truly change the course of history. Tirelessly, he bridged the gap between governments, medical institutions, volunteers, and Rotarians — ensuring that every child had the chance to live free from the shadow of polio. He was equally influential in the fight against polio even outside India.

TRF trustee Bharat Pandya recalled Saboo's leadership in the polio vaccination drive, the co-ordination and cooperation between Rotarians and the government in India and the hard work put in by all of them which had resulted in India becoming polio free much earlier than the world had expected.

RI District 3080 DG Ravi Parakash said Saboo and his wife Usha's contribution to the Rotary world has been immense not only in spearheading the movement to eradicate polio from India and the world, but also in establishing Peace Centres in the world and taking medical missions to Africa and within India. RRFC N Subramanian, Susanne Knaack and Usha Saboo attended the event where AKS members and major donors were recognised by the Trustee Chair. *(Source: Rotary News- Rasheeda Bhagat)*



As per the request from Ananda Marga School -Nongmynsong , for additional Toilets ... the school was inspected by Rtn. David Umdor. Considering that there are 58 students (40 -girls + 18 boys) and also staffs of the school , it was proposed to have 2 toilets each for boys + Girls + 1 toilet for the staffs . At present they are having only 1 toilet for the students and 1 toilet for the orphans . Rtn Umdor is preparing the plan and estimate and the same will be presented before the Club.

GREETINGS

Rtn. Deeya Rathore celebrated her birthday on 20th November.

Rtn. Sunil Arora and Anne Birilda celebrate their anniversary today, the 21st November.

Rtn. Ashok Goenka and Anne Usha celebrate their anniversary on 22nd November.

Rtn. Amit Saraf celebrates his birthday on 24th November.

Rtn. Amit Saraf and Anne Anjana their anniversary on 25th November.

Rtn. Deepak Sarin and Anne Geeta celebrate their anniversary on 25th November.

Members of the club wish you all many happy returns of the day