

Rotary Club of Bombay North, Nagaland Project

In 2015 under the president ship of PP Rtn. Dr. Hanmanthrao Palep, Rotary Club of Bombay North has opened a new window to North East with visit of eight doctors and twelve teachers. Rotarians and Annes from our club had a visited Nagaland and other Namaste sates and have literally fallen in love and thus began the saga of an unique service project for Nagaland. We established a good will with Nagaland by gifting a school bus, a toilet block with modern facilities and a X-ray machine to Peren district hospital soon after. We have also tried to establish E-learning facilities to twenty eight Government Schools in Nagaland. A District VTT was planned but could not take off. Instead a historical medical service camps in the words of Honourable Governor of Nagaland happened in seven out of eleven districts. Specialist doctors were at the service at each district hospital in the service of poor and needy giving advice, medicine and doing surgeries. Almost seventy medical and paramedical staff were in service from 26th to 29th November. I feel very happy and proud that in Rotary District 3141, currently it has become one of the most appreciated project.

Under the inspiration of Governor of Nagaland P.B. Acharya and with initiative from Indian National Fellowship Centre (INFC), Rotary Club of Bombay North under leadership of Dr. Palep has been conducting simultaneous medical camps at seven districts of Nagaland with a team of seventy doctors and para medical staff. The districts that covered are Mon, Kohima, Peren, Dimapur, Mokokchung and Phek and Wokha. Different specialist have been seeing patients and performing surgeries and distributing free medicines. A total of 3600 patients were given free service.

At Dimapur in all more than 750 patients were examined, screened for cancer and treated. A 16 member team of cancer patient's aid association were also part of the team working at Dimapur with four specialist doctors. Team of two cardiologists joined to perform echocardiography to identify and organic valvular or congenital heart disease. These volunteers joined us with no cost to us.

At Kohima, the capital of Naglaand our team consisted of Dr. H.S. Palep, Dr. Vandana Walvekar, Dr. Nutan Singh (Varanasi) al gynaecologists examined and treated almost 200 patients. Team consisting of a physician, surgeon, anaesthetist, and an ultrasonologist and two cardiologists (one from Vellore) had joined us at Naga Hospital Kohima. This team in three days examined over

600 patients performed surgeries and distributed medicines. This team was led by Dr. Suparna Nirgudkar, represented a group under the banner of Friends of Nagaland. They joined us in our efforts at their own cost.

At Mokokchung, team of 5 doctors under the leadership of Surgeon Dr. Rajan Relekar was also sponsored by the same group. The team has successfully done a major surgery and have also treated and given medicines to patients from in and around Mokokchung town.

PHEK District: Free medical surgery camp held at Phek town on November 26, sponsored by Dr. K & T Keditsu Foundation Kohima Trustee of the Dr. K & T Keditsu Foundation. Dr. Kesevituo Keditsu is a local Rotarian and an eminent Gynaecologist. This is a very significant event. For the first time a local NGO has participated with us. From the point of our objective of people to people contact this is a very big step.

MON District: In Mon under leadership of Dr. Anjali Patil, a total number of patients examined and treated were 683 and few surgeries were performed.

WOKHA District: In Wokha, the camp is held under leadership of Dr. Sudhir Deshmukh successfully.

The camps were supported efficiently by the coordinating medical officers, District officers, Dr. Akuo Sorhie, Dr. Watikala, Principal Director, Medical Services, Government of Nagaland.

PEREN District: Under the leadership of Dr. Rajan Powle and Rtn. Chetan Desai a very successful camp was organised at Peren.

What is significant is quite a number of doctors came from faraway places, e.g., Delhi, Varanasi, Vellore and Latur and joined us at their own cost. Local participation was also very heartening and significant in the camps.

Our thanks are due to all medical and para medical personnel, who participated, cancer patients aid association, friends of Nagaland,

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Secretary to Governor, George Abraham at his team.

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