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### #AsterVolunteersDiasterAid

**Aster Volunteers-Mission Wayanad** 



On the 30th of July, 2024, massive landslides struck Wayanad, causing widespread

the deadliest in Kerala's history, with reports of over 420 fatalities, 397 injuries, and 118 people missing.

Aster Volunteers from Wayanad and Calicut stepped in from day one, working tirelessly to assist survivors in reaching hospitals and receiving essential care. 4 Aster Volunteer Mobile paramilitary, and various NGOs, all offering valuable aid. Dr. Lovena Mohammed, Consultant - Emergency Medicine, Aster MIMS Calicut risked her life by crossing a treacherous river on rope to reach those in desperate need of medical care, upholding the true spirit of volunteerism.

Medical Services (AVMMS) vehicles with the dedicated on-ground medical team of doctors and paramedics provided immediate medical assistance to rescue workers from the military,

The Moopen Institute for Local Empowerment (MILEs) in Kalpakanchery contributed nearly

ensure timely distribution to the patients. Free medical treatments were offered to those in need at Dr Moopens Medical College and Aster Specialty Hospital at Meppadi, Wayanad. Our chairman Dr. Azad Moopen and his family visited the injured and their families and extending his personal support. Upholding the mission of accessible healthcare, Aster DM Healthcare pledged a total contribution of ₹4 crore, out of which ₹2.5 crore in direct relief aid and an additional ₹1.5 crore to the CM Distress Relief Fund. The disaster drew immediate attention, with Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, visiting the affected areas to assess the situation and offer their support.

5,000 relief aid kits, which were transported to Dr. Moopen's Medical College in Meppadi to

Leader of the Opposition, Shri Rahul Gandhi, and Kerala Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan In times of crisis, unity and compassion empower us to bring relief to those in need and Aster Volunteers will always remain committed to restoring hope and strength to the community. To know more about the rescue operations conducted by Aster Volunteers, watch this video.

**District Level Inauguration** Clear Sight Project at Kochi, Kerala Powered by Aster Volunteers #AsterVolunteersAid

The district level inauguration of the Clear Sight project took place at the Government LP School, Kannankulangara, North Paravur, organized by Aster Volunteers in collaboration with Asterians United, the One Sight EssilorLuxottica Foundation, and the Aster DM Foundation.

### The event was inaugurated by Adv. VD Satheesan, Leader of the Opposition in Kerala, with an ophthalmic screening. The project aims to provide free vision screenings to nearly 30,000 school children in 140 schools annually for a decade, starting with the Ernakulam and

Dr. Nadeem Rahma, Aster Respect Team Head, provided consultations and delivered awareness

Physiotherapist, Aster MIMS Calicut offered

physiotherapy and therapeutic education.

classes, while Mr. Jaseem, Consultant

at Mehsana, Gujurat

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at the university.

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emergency situations.

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September

the total number of machines distributed to 278

Kozhikode regions of Kerala. It is expected to deliver aid worth ₹1 crore per year, benefiting school children in these regions over 10 years, totaling ₹10 crores.



#### Additionally, the Aster MIMS Music team and the Volunteers prepared a musical feast for the inmates, adding joy to their day. Aster MIMS Kottakkal, organized festive activities at Navjeevan Old Age Home, focusing

on reviving the spirits of the elderly residents. The event, inaugurated by Smt. Suja, Navjeevan Charitable Trust Chairperson, featured free health checkups, meals, and lighthearted celebrations aimed at enhancing the residents'

**Aster Volunteers Telemedicine Services launches** 

On the occasion of the Chairman's birthday on 28th July, 2024, Aster Volunteers, in

The service aims to benefit over 25,000 individuals, including students, faculty, and management staff within the 350+ acre campus, while providing free or subsidized

healthcare services to the surrounding farming community.

collaboration with Ganpat University, launched the Aster Volunteers Telemedicine Services unit in Mehsana, Gujarat. The unit is equipped with IoT-integrated Biomedical Device Kits.

well-being.

These initiatives underscored Aster Volunteers'

demonstrating respect and gratitude towards

commitment to holistic elderly care,

the elderly on Independence Day.



Distribution of Sewing Machines by MILES Kalpakanchery

Aster MIMS Calicut, in collaboration with the National NGO Confederation, distributed

45 sewing machines to women in need, marking the third phase of their initiative bringing

Moopen Institute for Local Empowerment (MILEs), Kalpakanchery, and Aster Volunteers from

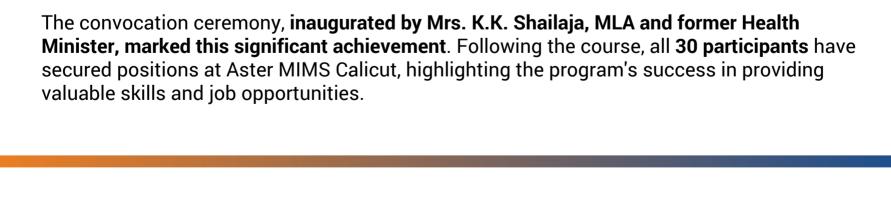
The initiative aims to empower women by providing them with the tools necessary to enhance their livelihoods and support their families with their own two feet. Convocation Ceremony of 14th batch of Aster Volunteers **Voc Training- GDA in Healthcare** #AsterVolunteersCoach

Aster Volunteers from Aster MIMS Calicut, in association with National Bank For Agriculture

And Rural Development (NABARD), recently organized the convocation ceremony for

30 students of the Vocational Training in General Duty Assistant (GDA) course.

The event, held in Kalpakanchery, was inaugurated by Mr. Haseem, Aster Volunteers Calicut Lead, the keynote address was featured by Adv. Ashkar Ali Karathode, MILES Administrator.



**BLS Awareness Training Provided to Govt. School at Bangalore** 

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Heart

FOR YOUR HEART AND A LITTLE ONE'S



Government Higher Primary School in Manjunath Nagar. This dynamic training equipped participants with essential life-saving skills, empowering them to respond confidently in

Aster Volunteers returns with the fourth successful

Aster Volunteers Heart to Heart Cares 2024 marks the fourth year of the month-long

27th September to 3rd November 2024. Every 10,000 steps a participant takes or the

One could also directly nominate an underprivileged child who needs cardiac surgery.

50 underprivileged children. This year the event only got bigger and better, from

campaign promoting heart health while sponsoring free paediatric cardiac surgeries for

equivalent calories they burn through daily fitness activities would fund free cardiac surgeries

Here are some launch stories for Heart to Heart Cares across India:

for the underprivileged children while earning 2 hours of volunteering for the participants.

edition of Heart to Heart Cares 2024

Aster RV Hospital in Bangalore launched its

Heart to Heart Cares 2024 campaign with former

with the Mayor of the city, Dr. Beena Philip, who

emphasized the importance of timely heart surgeries for children. Dr. Salman Salahuddin,

Department, highlighted that by encouraging more people to participate in the program, they could help ensure treatment for underprivileged

children in urgent need of heart surgeries.

Aster Volunteers from Aster Kottakkal hosted a successful marathon to raise awareness about heart health, followed by an informative session

on maintaining cardiovascular well-being.

**District Level Inauguration -**

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Clear Sight Project at Calicut, Kerala

Head of the Interventional Cardiology



colleges.

Stay tuned for our next newsletter where we cover the closing ceremony.

**Aster Volunteers from Aster Wayanad** organized a walkathon as part of the Heart to Heart Cares 2024 campaign. The event was commemorated by the Dean of Dr. Moopen's Medical College,

Dr. Gopakumaran Kartha, who engaged students

and staff from both the medical and nursing

**Aster Volunteers** proudly announces the district-level inauguration at Calicut of the Clear Sight Project, a joint initiative by Asterians United, OneSight EssilorLuxottica Foundation, Aster Volunteers, Aster MIMS Calicut, and Aster DM Foundation. The event took place at **AUP School, Mayanad, Calicut.** 

The program was inaugurated by Mr. A. K. Saseendran, Minister of Forest and Wildlife

Aster MIMS Charitable Trust also provided a water purifier to the school children for safe drinking water. Mr. K. Anoop, HM of Mayanad AUP School, presided over the program, with Mr. Azeez Thelangan, DEO Calicut, as the chief guest. Mr. Lukman Ponmadath, CEO of Aster

students commenced, marking the start of this impactful initiative.

Geratric Care and Feast at Kochi for Onam

MIMS Calicut, explained the project details.

Aster Volunteers Kochi celebrated Onam by gifting traditional Onapudava to the 50 elderly residents of the Government Old Age Home in Thevara and serving a festive Sadhya. To further

brighten the atmosphere, they created a

distribution ceremony, joined by Dhanya

thanks to Mr Vineeth Purushottaman for

sponsoring the event.

beautiful Pookalam, adding to the joy of the

Dr. Anup R Warrier, Head of Medical Affairs & Quality at Aster India, graced the Onapudava

Shyamalan, Head of Operations, and Pamela Peter, Head of Billing at Aster Medicity. Special

**Geriatric Care and Rehab Assistance** 

Geriatric Care and Rehab Assistance which is a 6 months program.

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the occasion with their presence.

in Karnataka

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generous support..

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Care on Wheels

individuals who are in need.

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occasion.

Protection of Kerala, who formally launched the project by undergoing an ophthalmic screening and also flagged off the project vehicle. Following the inauguration, ophthalmic screenings for

Aster Volunteers from Aster MIMS Calicut

lively music festival for the underprivileged

the care and protection of women who have been cured of their mental disorders. The institute provides a support system to these women by making them undergo vocational activities so as to utilize the revenue generated from these activities for their welfare activities.

**Orientation for Candidates on Aster Volunteers Voc. Training -**

Aster Volunteers from Dr. Moopen's Medical College Wayanad proudly conducted the orientation for a new vocational training program, Aster Volunteers Vocational Training -

Mr. U Basheer, Executive Trustee, inaugurated the event in the presence of Mr. Mohammed

Aster Volunteers from Aster Whitefield Hospital conducted First-Aid Awareness Sessions at BNMIT College, with 74 students and teachers participating and receiving certificates and

Rehabilitation Support for the landslide victim in Wayanad

Aster Volunteers from Dr Moopen's Medical College, in collaboration with the MBBS Students

Union Thanal Charity Wing and Sparsham Relief Cell NGO are continuing their Grocery Kit

Distribution and Rehabilitation Support for the region of Wayanad after the landslide.

Heartfelt appreciation is extended to Mr. Sharath and the Hands Foundation for their

Mega Health Camp in Gorantla, Andhra Pradesh

Aster RV Hospital Bangalore, in collaboration with Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services

In August and September '24, Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS)

The service is dedicated to the noble pursuit of bringing exemplary healthcare to

organized 848 camps across India delivering free healthcare to 62,104 beneficiaries.

The camp focused on cardiac health, orthopedics, spine/neuro, and general physician services.

(AVMMS), successfully conducted a health camp in Gorantla, Andhra Pradesh.

Yenepoya College, where **68 students and teachers** also participated.

Haseem KV, Aster Volunteers Malabar Lead; Dr. Shanavas Palliyal, DGM Operations; Mr. Gireesh Unnikrishnan, CNO; and Ms. Unis Raju, Nursing Educator, who graced

First Aid Awareness Sessions for College Students

distributed gifts and new dresses and hosted a

women at Asha Bhavan - an institution under the Social Welfare Department, Govt. of Kerala, for

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**380 beneficiaries** received care during the event.

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A Difference

In August and September '24, our contribution of INR 89,68,296 to the Aster Volunteers Treatment Aid brought solace to 1,197 individuals, serving as a lifeline in their quest to

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Together, we can accomplish a lot more and

reach out to millions.

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In our ongoing mission to provide quality healthcare that is both affordable and accessible, Aster Volunteers tirelessly work to mend lives affected by the harsh reality of unaffordable advanced medical care. **Our Focus Education** Healthcare **Empowerment Aid Support** 

Save A Child's Life

## regain a semblance of life.

**Health Beyond Barriers** 

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