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Hon'ble Vice President of India launches the 50th Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Clinic

#AsterVolunteersKerala

The 50th Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Clinic was flagged off by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu in the presence of the representatives of Mr. Shoba Binayan, Managing Director of Aster DM Healthcare and Mr. Binoy Menon, Director of Aster DM Healthcare, and Mr. T. Mohan, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer of Aster Volunteers, Kerala.

Launched on the 3rd of January 2021, at the Pre-inaugural ceremony in New Delhi, the 50th Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Clinic, equipped with Telemedicine services, will initially cover the **Aspirational Districts of Kerala, namely, Malappuram, Wayanad, Palakkad, Kasaragod and Kalliyasseri, Karnataka.**

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Watch the video to know more

Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services Expands to Gujarat

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Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS) has extended its reach to Gujarat with the flag off of its 51st Mobile Medical Clinic by Mr. Rajendra Trivedi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat, in the presence of senior officials overseeing healthcare services, Dr. Ashok Vaishnav, IAS, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Gujarat, and Mr. Shoba Binayan, Managing Director, Aster DM Healthcare, Dr. Sowmya Bhargavi, Director of Aster DM Healthcare, and Mr. T. Mohan, Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer of Aster Volunteers.

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Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS) reach Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh

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Aster Volunteers launched Aster Mobile Medical Services in Nandyal District, Andhra Pradesh in partnership with **Narayanpeth Hospital Trust** and **BRS Foundation**, transforming healthcare access for an underserved community in remote rural communities in Andhra Pradesh.

The launch event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the officials of Narayanpeth Hospital Trust, BRS Foundation, Aster Volunteers, local government representatives, leaders, and residents, all of whom lauded the initiative as a much-needed intervention to address healthcare disparities in the region.

3-day Medical Mission at Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh

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Aster Volunteers India in association with Aster DM Foundation India, Narayanpeth Hospital Trust and BRS Foundation, conducted a 3-day free Mobile Medical mission for the underserved community from January 27 to 29, 2021. The mission provided free medical consultations, medicines, diagnostic services, eye consultations, medicines, and diagnostic services to those in need.

The medical mission emphasized health education and awareness, empowering individuals with knowledge about hygiene, nutrition, and disease prevention, while also engaging the nearby launched Mobile Medical Services.

The mission also provided free eyewear and medicines to individuals from the backwards, as it aligned with broader healthcare initiatives across **400 farmers** from the underprivileged sections offer Nandyal district.

Paediatric Medical Camps at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh

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Recognizing the community's ongoing need, a second pediatric medical camp was conducted in collaboration with Aster DM Foundation, Aster Volunteers, Narayana Consultant Pediatrics & Neonatology and Dr. Sai Ram Super Specialty Children Hospital, aiming to provide comprehensive care to children in the region. The initiative underscores the commitment to addressing healthcare disparities and ensuring accessible healthcare for all children, regardless of their socio-economic backgrounds.

Aster Volunteers Mission Drive to Ladpur Rajasthan

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Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS) Rathnagiri, Rajasthan organized sickle screening camp at Ladpur village, in collaboration with Rajasthan Government Medical Services, on 27th Jan 2021.

The camp was a total of **150 beneficiaries** who focus on providing essential healthcarecovered to the community of which 50 genetic patients and 10 women were referred for further medical consultation and treatment at Government Sadar Medical College, and seven offered free haemoglobin surgeries.

The effort, Aster Rathnagiri Mobile Medical performed no commitment to promoting accessible healthcare underlying diagnosis, ensuring better well-being for all.

Multispecialty Camp in HSA to diabetes screening in Bangalore

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Aster Volunteers of Aster Whitefield Hospital, in collaboration with **Sidhaa Healthcare**, conducted a free multispecialty medical camp in HSA on 24th Jan 2021 for the local community. Observations included general health checks, BMI, Eye & Dental screening, Sickle Cell Anemia, Diabetes, Hypertension, Cancer, Pulmonary Disease, and Mental Health. Through this effort, Aster Whitefield Hospital reaffirmed its commitment to promoting accessible healthcare underlying diagnosis, ensuring better well-being for all.

Blood donation drive at Kolhapur

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Coinciding with the 74th year of Health care services, Aster Volunteers of Aster Sakhar Hospital Kolhapur organized a blood donation drive as a part of the Drops of Hope campaign. The drive was inaugurated by Dr. Sameer Shaikh, Medical Officer of the hospital in the presence of Kolhapur Corporation Commissioner Mr. Kadambari Balkawade. The drive was conducted in association with Rotary Blood Bank. Enthusiasts from Aster Kolhapur Hospital performed no commitment to promoting accessible healthcare underlying diagnosis, ensuring better well-being for all.

Aster Volunteers launch Asterians Club for Transfusion at Calicut

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Aster Volunteers Calicut in collaboration with the Department of Transfusion Medicine of Aster MIMS Calicut launched the Asterians Club for Transfusion (ACT). The series of events to mark the inaugural day of the club, which included a blood donation drive, a walk to raise awareness of the process of getting a donor on the maintenance through an integrated network of Asterians and Aster volunteers.

Republic Day celebrations focussed on a cleaner India

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Aster Volunteers from Aster MIMS Calicut organized a beach clean-up drive at the scenic **Puthiyappalam Tourism Beach in Thur** as a part of the Aster Green Chennai Campaign. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Sakeer Hussain, Aster Volunteers Calicut Medical Superintendent, Dr. Ajit Kumar - Nursing College Principal, Prof. Lal Prasanth – Pharmacy College Principal, Dr. Naveed Basheer – Additional Medical Superintendent, Aster MIMS Calicut, Mr. Sajeesh – Aster Volunteers Calicut, Mr. Sajeesh – Aster Volunteers Calicut, Mr. Ajith Kumar – Aster Volunteers Calicut, Mr. Ajith Kumar – Aster Volunteers Calicut, Mr. Ajith Kumar

Cancer Day and Early Disease Awareness across India

#AsterVolunteersBeing

On the occasion of **World Cancer Day**, Aster Volunteers India across various regions, conducted a series of impactful initiatives under the overarching theme Everyone with Aster, reaffirming our commitment to supporting individuals battling cancer and promoting early disease awareness. Through community engagement and community outreach activities, Aster Volunteers worked to spread hope, provide care, and emphasize the importance of early detection and treatment.

Here's a glimpse of all our initiatives across India

Aster Volunteers at RV Hospital Bangalore, in association with RV College of Nursing and Aster Women's Health Care, successfully organized a Cancer Awareness Rally & Cancer Day Program under the theme **"United by Unique."** The event saw Dr. Disha & Dr. Parnathy participation of **10,000+ individuals**, including students from RV College of Nursing, Physiotherapy, SSE PG Department College of Nursing, St. John College of Nursing, Biowaza Sai Nursing College, Sri Sai College of Nursing, and Rajiv Gandhi College of Nursing.

Aster Volunteers at RV Hospital Bangalore, in collaboration with BEML LTD, conducted a Cancer Awareness Rally on the premises of BEML LTD, Old Airport Road, with over **75+ participants**, attending. Dr. Jagannath Dixit, Senior Consultant in Surgical Oncology, Robotic & Laparoscopic Dr. Surgery, HIPEC & PIPAC, led the insightful session, raising awareness about cancer prevention, early detection, and advanced treatment options.

Aster Volunteers Kochi in association with **Kerala State Cancer Care Society & Cancer Foundation**, organized a **Women's Health Medical Camp and Cancer Awareness Talk for the Kudumbasree and Haritha Karma Sena members of Elamkunnapuzha Grama Panchayath**. The camp was inaugurated by the President of Elamkunnapuzha Grama Panchayath, Mrs. Reshaka Priyaraj. Dr. Sreelekshmi, Senior Consultant at the Centre of Excellence in Women's Health, led the awareness session and camp, assisted by Aster Women members. The team of Disha & Dr. Parnathy with medical consultations done for those in need.

Aster Volunteers Kochi, in collaboration with **Aster Medicity Kochi**, also conducted awareness sessions and screenings exclusively for the public. Nursing Educators Ms. Vineetha and Ms. Anu led informative discussions on **cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment options**, addressing common concerns and misconceptions. The Aster Medicity nursing team enlivened the campaign with a dynamic flash mob, while Dr. Ajith Kumar, Senior Consultant Medical Oncologist, delivered a powerful message emphasizing the significance of early detection and proactive cancer care. Through interactive sessions and engaging performances, the event successfully raised awareness and encouraged attendees to take charge of their health and support the fight against cancer.

Aster Volunteers Calicut and the Aster MIMS Oncology Institute came together to mark World Cancer Day with a special event that united cancer survivors, caregivers, and supporters in a powerful display of hope. The presence of Cancer Warriors reinforced the importance of awareness, early detection, and continued support for those affected. Their stories of courage and strength left a lasting impression on all present, reminding us that we can fight, survive, and move forward toward a cancer-free future.

Aster Volunteers Mission drive in Arunacha Pradesh

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Aster Volunteers from Aster medicity Kochi as a extension of the mission drive successful conducted a medical camp in Tawang District, Arunachal Pradesh, Aster Volunteers initiative under the **"Heart to heart" initiative by Aster Volunteers**. The initiative began with a medical camp in Itanagar, organized by Aster DM Foundation in collaboration with Dripa Foundation, Aster pediatric cardiologists Dr. Edwin and Dr. Bijesh identified children in need of specialized care.

The event was attended by senior management, including Dr. Nalanda Jayadev, CEO - Dr. Dilip Panicker, CMS and Dr. Anup Warrier & Dr. Anil Kumar, highlighting Aster's commitment to advanced pediatric cardiac care.

Installation of sanitary dispensary Machines and incinerators in various government schools in Alappuzha.

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Aster Volunteers, in collaboration with the District Administration of Alappuzha, has introduced "Periodic Health Easier", a program ensuring unlimited access to sanitary pads for adolescent girls in government schools through Vendings vending machines. This initiative aims to promote menstrual hygiene and well-being among students.

The district-level inauguration took place at Government Higher Secondary School, Mulakkuzha, with **Honourable Minister Saji Cherriyan, Kerala State's Minister for Fisheries, Culture, and Youth Affairs, presiding over the event**. Teachers and students participated in the inaugural ceremony, underscoring the importance of ensuring access to hygiene and sanitary napkin packed, marking a step toward improved health, hygiene, and environmental sustainability.

Multispecialty camp organised by Aster Volunteers Kochi

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Aster Volunteers Kochi in collaboration with the Kerala State Fisheries Department, Ernakulam District, organized a medical camp for the fishermen community in Vypin. Conducted on Sunday, 23rd Feb 2025, the camp provided free medical consultations, healthcare services, with specialists from General Medicine, General Surgery, ENT, and Gynecology offering consultations and distributing free medicines. A total of **250 individuals** benefited from this initiative, reinforcing Aster Volunteers' commitment to community welfare and accessible healthcare.

Aster Volunteers of bright beginning program for Anganwadis of North Karnataka

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Aster volunteers of Aster CMR Bangalore, in collaboration with Aster DM Foundation and Jyoti Seva Kendra Trust (JSKT), took a significant step towards supporting early childhood education. As part of this initiative, **1,200 school kits** were distributed to children across **Kalburgi, Bidar, Yadgiri, and Raichur districts**, ensuring they had the resources needed to begin their learning journey.

The initiative was part of the **Bright Beginning** program, a community-driven effort dedicated to providing young children with essential educational resources to encourage early learning and growth.

The event was witnessed by the Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) Chittapur, along with Aster Volunteers Dr. Ashwini Kumar, Ananthi Krishna, Aster Hospitals Bangalore & Lab Consultant, Paediatrics, Mr. Rohan Francis, and Dr. Bharath A P, Consultant - Paediatric Cardiologists, Aster CMR Hospital.

Donation of 100 wheelchairs to the people of determination in North Karnataka.

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Aster Volunteers from **Aster DM Bangalore** in collaboration with Aster DM Foundation and various NGOs of North Karnataka distributed 100 wheelchairs to individuals with mobility impairments across the **Kalburgi, Bidar, and Bijapur districts**. This initiative enhances their independence, freedom, and overall quality of life.

The wheelchairs were provided to deserving beneficiaries identified through the Aster DM Foundation's network NGOs. Dr. Chetan Gringer, Program Director, Aster DM Foundation, Mr. Ashok Kumar, Regional Manager, Aster DM Foundation led the distribution ceremony, reinforcing Aster's commitment to community welfare and social responsibility.

Aster Volunteers Livelihood support programs

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Aster Volunteers, in collaboration with the DM Foundation, has launched the Livelihood Support Program, a transformative initiative designed to empower individuals facing hardships. This initiative not only offers immediate relief but also fosters long-term stability by enhancing the lives of those in need, with livelihood opportunities provided to 25 families and aid amounting to ₹25 lakhs.

Mr. Zeenath, has launched a small retail shop from home selling tea for 27-year-old son with disabilities, thanks to support from Aster DM Foundation, Kochi, and the Aster Volunteers Kochi initiative. Her shop has quickly gained support, providing her with a stable income.

Mr. Sunil Kumar, a paraplegic individual, struggled to sustain himself while living independently with his wife and two young public aid. Finding a stable source of income was a constant challenge. With the support of Aster DM Foundation, the Aster DM Foundation helped him establish a **poultry farm**, providing him with **financial stability and independence**.

Mr. Rajesh, a dedicated cattle farmer, **lost all rose of his cattle to the devastating Chooralmala Mundakai landslides**, leaving him without a source of income and livelihood. With the help from Aster DM Foundation provided him with a cow, offering both financial and emotional relief. This initiative marks the first step in restoring his livelihood and regaining self-reliance.

Ramesh Babu K P, a 57-year-old fatherfrom Moker Panchayat, Kannur, faced immense hardships after being diagnosed with skin and blood cancer, forcing him to close his stationery shop and lose his livelihood. Supported by an NGO, Aster DM Foundation **helped him set up a street petty shop, providing the materials needed to restart his business.**

Mrs. Sulaiba, a widow caring for her two daughters, including one with a mental disability, struggled without a stable income, relying on public support. Despite her excellent tailoring skills, she lacked the resources to start her business. Aster DM Foundation **helped her set up a home-based stitching unit, providing a sustainable source of income** while allowing her to care for her family.

Ms. Jency Jose, a 37-year-old from Edathala, Alova, battled **muscular dystrophy** while caring for her mother and brother in a home built with Aster DM Foundation's support. Despite challenges, she remained determined to be self-reliant, **earning a living through freelance tailoring**. Her story exemplifies resilience and perseverance. the **Aster DM Foundation gifted her a brand-new laptop**, enabling her to continue her work and secure a brighter future.

Mrs. Sajida Shakeer, a 48-year-old from Kottayam, faced immense challenges to define her. Despite her physical disability, she tirelessly supports her family by stitching garments on an old sewing machine. To help her grow her business, **Aster DM Foundation provided her with a sewing machine** and other supplies and rights fabrics. With renewed hope and upgraded tools, Mrs. Shakeer is now empowered to build a brighter future for herself and her family.

Mr. Salver, a former NRI, faced immense challenges after a stroke left him **paraplegic**, rendering him bedridden. His family was enduring phenomenal hardships. Through the Livelihood Support Project, **the Aster DM Foundation helped him set up a petty shop**, providing financial stability and a renewed sense of purpose.

Care on Wheels

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In the month of **January & February '25**, Aster Volunteers Mobile Medical Services (AVMMS)organized **141 camps across India** delivering free healthcare to **125,685 beneficiaries** tomorrow quality healthcare is affordable and accessible at the doorstep of the people whose in need.

Health Beyond Barriers

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In the month of **January & February '25**, an estimated of **INR 11,257,333** in the Aster Volunteers Kochi, Aster Volunteers supported **199 patients**, serving as a lifeline in their quest to regain a semblance of life. In our ongoing mission to provide dignity 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

Healthcare | Education | Social Empowerment | Environmental Sustainability | Disaster Management

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Together, we can accomplish a lot more and reach out to millions.