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GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER - August 2021



An Initiative of  
Rotary International District 3291

## *Empowering Girls*



# 1st JULY Programme



# **MESSAGE FROM DG PRABIR CHATTERJEE**



Dear Change-Makers,

Till date I had just heard that "Time Flies" - I did not really know how Time Flies. Now I really have had the opportunity to witness how Time Flies. Yes friends, the month of July just flew by with so many activities – Installations, Projects, District Programmes etc. Without taking into consideration the passage of time, I was just engulfed in the whirlwind of activities.

Friends, I am blessed to serve our fantastic District 3291 where I got the opportunity to do every kind of Service. Before the year started, we had many Training programs. My President, our World leader Shekhar Mehta has given us a vision of Empowering Girls and thus in July, we launched the Rotary VIRANGANAProgramme on 24th July, which has become a hallmark Programme of our District. It has been appreciated by everyone and Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta categorically spoke about this project in the International arena, and I felt so proud of my District. Along these lines, the Clubs have taken the challenge of programs of Menstrual Hygiene Management and Cervical Cancer awareness.

Installations! How can I leave the Installation part? Most of the Clubs could not organise their installations and DG visits during the last Pandemic Year. So everyone has come out of the house - an absolute positive sign that most of the Clubs have started meeting physically. I visited Purulia, Midnapore, Contai and Murshidabad. As I love to drive, we did not take the Train but drove along with my wife Rubena and District Team members.

Friends, if you ask me about my feelings - it is absolutely different from my feelings on 30th June and those from 1st July, 2021. Absolutely different. I am the same person, same Prabir, but now when I enter any of the Club's Installation and/or Programme, the way they greet me - I can feel that yes, I have been blessed to be the Governor of this great District.

Before I became the Governor, I decided that I will not accept any Flower and/or Uttorio and/or Gifts from Clubs during the Installations, Project visit and DG Visit but will request for contributions to The Rotary Foundation – a maximum of US\$ 10. Leading from the front, at the stroke of midnight, my family and I were the first to make this contribution. I thank my District Team Members, my home Club Members and all the Clubs who have made contributions to The Rotary Foundation, on my request and surprisingly we could collect more than US\$25,000 till 31st July, 2021.

Friends, this is just the beginning and during the month of August, we are actually planning many programs. We will start with Rotary Day of Service for Empowering Girls - on 15th August, followed by Rotary Week of Service for Hariyali - the Mega Tree Plantation Drive jointly with Rotaract District Organization. That will be held between the 14th - 21st August, which will be formally Inaugurated by the Government Officials and few Celebrities on 20th August. I have never seen or thought or even could not understand what a Fantastic Club Presidents, Secretaries & District Team members I had.

Thank you my President Shekhar Mehta for leading us from the front and I think we will try to catch up with you to whatever height you want to take. This is District 3291 and we can surely reach the height of the Everest.

Prabir Chatterjee  
Governor, District 3291  
2021-22

## **THE ROTARY WHEEL TURNS AND BRINGS FORTH A NEW YEAR OF SERVICE**

On the first day of the new Rotary year, Governor Prabir Chatterjee took over from where IPDG Sudip Mukherjee left off. He took the oath as Governor from non other than the Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta. The program was being held in the hybrid mode of physical and virtual platform, all the Governors who had joined in from other districts also took the oath at the same time. The club Presidents also took the oath from their Governors.

RI President Shekhar Mehta expressed his dreams and aspirations for Rotary in the year 2021-22 in the form of Presidential Initiatives. Governor Prabir spoke about his vision for the district. He clearly stated that instead of felicitating him with gifts etc, the clubs should hand over contributions for The Rotary Foundation.

Present at the program were PDG Subimal Bhattacharya – District Governor when RI President Shekhar Mehta was Club President, and PDG Anirudh Roychowdhury - District Governor when DG Prabir was Club President.

The Governor's Monthly Letter and Mini Directory were released. The members of the Secretariat each gave a Cheque as a contribution towards The Rotary Foundation.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by PDG Brojo Gopal Kundu, while the program was moderated by PDG Rajani Mukerji.



# CONGRATULATIONS



DG **Prabir Chatterjee** for being appointed as Board Member of Rotary India Literacy Mission for the Rotary year 2021-22.



Rtn. **Gordon Mcinally** of Scotland has been nominated as RI President for 2023-24.

## In the month of JULY.....

**District Membership Seminar 2021-22** was held on Saturday, July 24th on Zoom Digital Platform. PRID Kamal Sanghvi - Chair, Membership Committee of Rotary International - was the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, while PDG Pradeep Mukherjee, Rotary Coordinator - Zone 6 and PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, Assistant Rotary Coordinator - Districts 3240 and 3291, were the other speakers.

President Lalit Ganeriwala of Host Club Salt Lake Green City welcomed the participants. DG Prabir Chatterjee spoke on the Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's dream of making Rotary a 1.3 million strong organization and said that he had added a new phrase "Act More" to the World Leader's phrase of "Grow More to Do More". He announced that since July 1st, 302 new members had joined Rotary in District 3291 and 3 new clubs - Calcutta Avidipta - an all ladies club, Calcutta Metro North and Calcutta Royals had been chartered with 100 members. He called upon members to Invite - Enrol - Mentor - Engage new members to Enjoy Rotary.

District Membership Chair, PDG Debasish Mitra spoke on "Mission Membership" with the help of a power point presentation and appealed for sustaining membership to make clubs Bigger, Bolder and Better.

PP Sunny Kollannur (Additional Secretary General), introduced PRID Kamal Sanghvi who mesmerized the audience with his keynote address on "Grow Rotary" where he spoke on attracting new members and echoed the RI President's motto of "Grow More to Do More". He mentioned anecdotes from his vast repertoire and held the audience in rapt attention.

To conclude the Inaugural Session, District Trainer, PDG Rajani Mukerji expressed gratitude and certificates of appreciation were presented to the Chief Guest, District Membership Chair, host and co-host Clubs.

The first speaker in the Plenary Session, PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, was introduced by President Asha Gupta of Rotary Calcutta Presidency. PDG Angsuman spoke on "What is New" - new initiatives proposed by Rotary International under the membership vertical, with the help of a power point presentation.

PDG Pradeep Mukherjee, introduced by President Faisal Arif of Rotary Calcutta South City Towers, spoke on "Engage & Involve" covering the engagement and retention of members and converting them to Rotarians. A veteran and seasoned Rotarian, his presentation was appreciated by the audience.

"Our Way Forward" was the topic covered by PDG Debasish Mitra with a Power Point Presentation.

The other speakers were PP Anand Sharma, Chair - Membership Attraction (Topic - RI Membership Leads), PP T. Srinithi - Chair, New Club Development (Topic - Start a New Club), PP Mousumi Bhattacharya - Chair, Youth Membership (Topic - attracting young members into Rotary) and PP Puspita Sharma, Chair - Lady Membership (Topic - Women in Rotary).

PP Rtn. Anirudha Guha, Chair - Membership Engagement, proposed a formal vote of thanks. The program was moderated by PP Sunny Kollannur, Additional Secretary General to an audience of about 200 participants.



**THALASSEMIA ERADICATION** – Rtn Dr Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri, AG - Com. Service Medical

Thalassemia is a preventable Genetic Disorder and a Global Problem.

REALITY – 99% INCURABLE

Insurmountable suffering and Early Premature Death. Draining of exchequer and of National Blood reserve. Depression and divorce. Blood transfusion and lifelong surveillance.

REMEDY-100% PREVENTABLE

Pre-marital HPLC Test (for Carrier Detection). One of the couple must be a non-carrier. If both are carriers then Pre-natal Test of the embryo. Let carrier partners abstain from marrying.

IF SUCCESSFUL

Millions of children, millions of dollars, and millions of bottles of blood will be saved.

IT IS A MILLION DOLLAR DECISION.

Thalassemia is the only genetic disorder which is totally preventable. It is inherited by the person from the parents. It is a silent killer. The situation will get worst.

Countless blood transfusions can be saved and utilized for Trauma etc. A tremendous burden on our society, which can be relieved.

As a disease with far reaching consequences, Thalassemia is rampant in South Asian countries. In countries like India and Bangladesh the disease has reached epidemic proportions. It can affect any gender across any socio economic status.

Being an inherited disease the only feasible cure is prevention (prevention is economical, 1:16).

Our ideal target population would be the youth before they enter into any conjugal relationship.

Our goal would be mandatory Thalassemia blood test with Government approval.

Being a potential sensitive issue Thalassemia Education and awareness must be introduced as a school curriculum.



**THALASSEMIA AWARENESS WEBINAR** was held on 27th July 2021 by Rotary Clubs of Calcutta Sun City, Ganga Heritage and Calcutta East Central. The Webinar was conducted by Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri. He explained in a very detailed and insightful manner that before marriage Thalassemia Tests must be conducted to prevent the disease from spreading. This disease has yet no cure, therefore only awareness can save lives. It is an inherited blood disorder that causes your body to have less hemoglobin than normal, therefore the only way to save the child affected is providing blood in ample amounts, which becomes expensive in the long run for the lower and middle income group. Due to lack of awareness especially among these economic classes there is also a strain of increase in the disease. The participants were not only Rotarians but many school and college students. The whole project was immensely supported by Bidhan Nagar College (NSS Unit). DG Prabir Chatterjee, Mr. Topomay Roy - Principal of Bidhan Nagar College, along with several other District officials attended the webinar.

**Rotary Leadership Institute (Part – 1)** was held virtually on the Zoom platform on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (23rd, 24th, and 25th of July), organised by the RI District 3291. There were 20 participants from various clubs. The speakers were DG Prabir Chatterjee (Technology in Rotary), PDG Dilip Patnaik (My Leadership in Rotary), PDG Rajan Gandotra (Engaging Members), PP Mohan Kumar V.K. (Ethics, Vocational Service, Club Constitution, By-Laws), PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay (My Rotary World), PP Binod Khaitan (Our Foundation (Part – 1) and PDG Rajani Mukherji (Creating Service Projects).

“The RLI (Part – 1) programme was very well-designed, nicely structured and was very interactive. We gained a significant amount of knowledge and insight. Overall, the workshop provided several lessons, and as a new Rotarian, I felt highly inspired and engaged as a relatively new Rotarian.”

*Reported by - Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee*





# VIRANGANA

## Empowering Girls through Self-Defence Awareness Workshop, An Initiative of RI District 3291 Organised By: Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle

Little hapless daughters of destitute single mothers from the Kalighat Red Light area have undergone training in the First of its kind Self-Defence Workshop named VIRANGANA - Empowering Girls, on the 24th and 25th of July, 2021 at Rotary Sadan. "Empowering Girls" is a prime focus area of Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and "Virangana" is a dream of DG Prabir Chatterjee. It was brought to reality by the Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle with the support from Notun Jibon, an NGO working with girls of Red Light area.

All the 23 girls with 3 of their seniors who look after them have undergone training in "AIKIDO", a modern Japanese Martial Art, under Internationally acclaimed trainer Sensei Avijit Mitra, (who is also instrumental in Calcutta Police Project - Tejaswini), and his team - Sensei Utpal Chakroborty and Sensei Deeptanil Ray.

The workshop included Diet & Nutrition by Dr. Ananya Bhowmick and Psychological Counselling by Rtn. Dr. Samapika Das Biswas to make it holistic towards empowering girls to create their own identity.



## 3291 in motion.....

### BELUR



On 1st July, saplings of medicinal plants in jute bags were given to felicitate the 20 COVID warrior doctors & others at Shambhunath Pandit Hospital. The plants were Adenium, Cardamon, Trasulla, Ajwain etc.

With MC Kendriya Vidyalaya, Liluah a Blood Donation Camp was held on 24th July where more than 150 units were collected by the Blood Bank at Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute. Members of the club also donated blood. Blood Pressure, Sugar Level & other parameters of the donors were determined. Food packets were distributed along with a plant to each donor.

### BELVEDERE GARDENS CALCUTTA

Free Emergency Medical Relief Camp was held along with distribution of Relief materials to the YAAS affected village of Tushkhali, Sandeshkhali block, North 24 Parganas in association with IMA Bengal Branch on 8th July. Around 300 patients were examined and treated with free emergency medicines and more than 500 packets of ORS were distributed. The camp was conducted by President Dr. Manindranath Roy



and PP Dr. Prasanta Kumar Bhattacharyya along with Rtn Suparna Dasgupta and volunteers.

### BUDGE BUDGE



On the Occasion of Doctor's Day on 1st July, a Free Eye & General Health Checkup Camp for elderly women was organised and Doctors at Sarada Bhaban, Tongtala, Baruipore, South 24 Parganas were felicitated in association with 'Nistha.' 129 women were screened of which 25 were detected for Eye Surgery, which will be held at GRSM Rotary Eye Hospital of the club.

# CLUBS AND THEIR PROJECTS

## CALCUTTA



Protective footwear was given to 270 caddies of Royal Calcutta Golf Club on 4th July.

Project Buy one umbrella to donate an umbrella to a needy child was held on 8th July. Attractive reversible umbrellas were sold to raise funds for donating umbrellas to children.

Wellness kits, Soaps, Soyabean packets, Maggi and Horlicks were donated for the inmates at Angels Children's Home on 16th July.

A vaccination camp for COVID-19 was organised in association with KMC at club sponsored RCC, The Refuge, on 19th July. DG Prabir Chatterjee along with members inaugurated the programme. Total 1000 vaccinations were successfully completed in 3 days. 14 visually challenged beneficiaries also received the vaccine.

A voluntary blood donation camp was held at RCC The Refuge on 20th July where 68 donors, including 4 visually challenged people, donated blood.

## CALCUTTA AVYANNA



On 1st July, National Doctor's Day, the club honoured some doctors who are in the frontline fighting the COVID pandemic.

An interactive webinar was organised with the club sponsored Interact Club of Birla Bharati on 4th July. The three panellists from Medica Hospitals were Dr. Aviral Roy, Dr. Shumayou Dutta and psychologist Ms Anusheela Brahmachary. They shared their professional experiences and personal challenges, their trials and tribulations with the Interactors. The program was moderated by PP Srabane Chakraborty. 14 members of the club along with 10 teachers and 60 students attended.

96 packets of infant's milk and 96 packets of nutritional drink for pregnant women and 120 packets of biscuits were donated to the villagers of remote areas of Sundarbans at Dulki and

Sonargaon of Gosaba block on 13th July. The project was held in association with Baitalik (NGO). Rs. 20,000 were donated towards welfare of mothers and infants.

## CALCUTTA CHARNOCK CITY



Dry food rations consisting of rice, pulses, salt, oil, potato, onion, spices, biscuits, water bottles, masks and sanitizers were distributed to 175 villagers at Choto Molla Khali village on Bangladesh border on 4th July.

Go Green Project along with fruit tree plantation to support the environment was done at Tulip Hall Pvt School, Central Park on

16th July. The Principal of the school and the staff members were present. THE 4-Way Test Promotion was also done and 4-Way Test Plaques and coasters, key rings and Badges were distributed.

25 fruit tree saplings were planted at Harish Park on 17th July. Small banners were displayed for Public Image.

25 fruit tree saplings were planted at RCC Dakshin Bele Durganagar Ramakrishna Seba Sangha, Joynagar on 18th July. Breast Cancer & Menstrual Hygiene Awareness Campaign was also held. Rtn Dr. Dhritiman Maitra and Rtn Dr. Sujoy Dasgupta were the speakers and a power point presentation on Breast Cancer was shown. 200 masks and 200 pcs of soap along with biscuits and eclairs were given to the RCC members.

50 fruit tree saplings were planted at Dhyana Ashram, Joka on 21st July. The place was secured with fencing and walls and small banners were provided for Public Image of Rotary.

## CALCUTTA DHAKURIA



8 doctors were felicitated on Doctors' Day, 1st July.

Lemon, Coconut, Mango, 7 varieties of flowers and 2 types of Pata bahar saplings were planted on the campus of Sammilani Mahavidyalaya on 12th July.

120 donors donated blood at a camp held on 18th July. Certificates of Appreciation and food packets were distributed amongst them.

## CALCUTTA EAST CENTRAL

On 4th July, District Grant Project of 2020-21 SWANIRBHAR 1 & 2, was completed by distributing 20 Cycle Vans and 10 Sewing machines to the beneficiaries of Karanjali Gram Panchayat, Kulpi Block South 24 Pgns through the club sponsored RCC Chakdulapur Arunoday Sangha. The program was graced by MLA Kulpi Block and Joint BDO Kulpi Block.





On 11th July, "Project Bowl – water for the speechless" was done and all members kept water bowls for birds and planted trees on their rooftops.

On 19th July, Homage was paid to the Great Patriotic Poet/Writer Sri Dwijendra Lal Roy on his 158th Birth Anniversary at his statue situated on D. L. Roy Street & Vivekanand Road crossing. Club sponsored RCC Chaltabagan Sarbojanin Durgotsab Committee joined the program which was attended by Smt. Meenakshi Gupta, ward coordinator of Ward 27 and others.

On 25th July, the club supported a Seminar on Health, Mother & Child care, Cancer and Thalassemia organised by RC Geetanjali Kolkata sponsored RCC Bira Angikar Welfare Society, Bira, North 24 Pdns and RC Calcutta Sun City. The speakers were Dr. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri (Health, Mother and Child care Awareness), Dr. Apurba Ghose (Cancer Awareness) and Rtn Dr. Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri (Lifestyle & Thalassemia Awareness). They spoke about causes, prevention and treatment on their subject. Moral of the seminar was "A good doctor cures the disease but a great doctor cures the cause. So prevention is better than the cure."

On 27th & 28th July, a workshop was organised at RCC Nimpeeth Handicap Welfare Society, Nimpeeth for education under the National Labour Education Development Board, Dept of Labour & Employment - Ministry of Govt. of India. 80 men and women aged between 18 – 45 years attended at Tulsighata & Doshrahagwanpur under Kultali & Joynagar block in presence of BDO, OC, Doctors and teachers.

## CALCUTTA ENDEAVOUR

A Panel discussion was held on COVID Awareness jointly with Medica Super Specialty Hospital on 1st July. Eminent doctors of the medical fraternity updated the attendees with the precautions & steps to be adopted to curb the further spread of the disease. Special emphasis was given on updating us with steps to be taken in the wake of the 3rd wave which is anticipated. The panel of doctors comprised of Dr Aviral Roy, Dr Amitava Saha, Dr Tanmoy Banerjee and Dr Samitra Bhardwaj. Doctors working on the frontline as COVID warriors were felicitated - Dr. Lalita Chatterjee, Dr. Oswal, Dr. Samrat Chakraborty and Dr. Heena Ved.



The club organized a free Medical & Health Check-up Camp Sushthyata – Stay Fit, to commemorate Doctor's Day. The Camp was held in Empathy Medicare for local residents & senior citizens of Sinthee Area in North Kolkata providing free medical check-up & related services like Blood Pressure, Random Blood Sugar, Thyroid, Haemoglobin, Height, Weight, BMI and ECG.

International Plastic Bag Free Day was observed on 3rd July.

Sneh - Mother & Child Care Project was organised on 7th July, to highlight the importance of well-being of mother and child at Cossipore CIT quarter, BT Road. Various health and hygiene related gifts like Diapers and sanitary napkins were given along with dry nutritious packaged food items viz. Biscuits, chocolate-flakes, cakes etc were given to over 100 children. Noted Gynaecologist Dr. Lalita Chatterjee was present at the project.

A Blood Donation camp was organised at Hooghly on 12th July. The club President and 174 more people donated blood. The donors were given a food packet with dry snacks and sweets and a bottle of fruit juice. The program was covered by the local TV channels.

Distribution of Masks, Sanitizers and Dry food items was organised for the rural community of Mogra village in Hooghly district to increase COVID related awareness on 12th July.

Nutritious food items were given to all students of Rotary 1 Teacher School Asha Kiran in Sundarbans on 12th July as part of an ongoing project.

An International Multi District Multi Club Virtual Talk Show alongwith Rotary Clubs of 4 Countries viz. Sri Lanka, Maldives, Bangladesh & India (RID 3203, 3291, 3190 and 3232) was co-hosted on 16th July. The participating clubs were RC Chennai Neithal, RC Tirupur, RC Chennai Upscale, RC E-club of Kolkata Connect, RC Nilgiris West, RC Mettupalayam and others. The topics were Leadership in Rotary and The 4 Way Test.

3 wheel chairs were donated to the underprivileged near Bomar Math at Manicktala on 18th July.

The club cohosted a Skin Donation Awareness Campaign along with Rotary Club of Bombay Kandivli (RID 3141) in association with Rotary Club of Delhi Shahdara (RID 3012), RC Cotton City Raichur (RID 3160) and National Burns Center on 19th July.

On 24th July, a 4 Way Test project was executed at a Club event organized at Hotel Westin, New Town. Stickers for spreading and popularizing the 4 Way Test were distributed.

On 28th July, a project to raise awareness of Nature Conservation on World Nature Conservation Day, was held by spreading the message through social media.

On 31st July, Abhimukhikarana - Membership Orientation was attended.

## CALCUTTA INNER CITY

On 1st July, Rs 50,000 was donated for COVID medicines for the treatment of the underprivileged and 20 PPE suits were given for the workers of Bharat Sevashram Hospital at Joka.

175 underprivileged people were vaccinated free with Covishield vaccine in association with Fortis Hospital on 1st July. DG Prabir Chatterjee and his team attended the project and distributed Covid protection kits to the beneficiaries. DG Prabir Chatterjee felicitated the healthcare workers with small gifts.

On 10th July, sewing machines were donated to economically disadvantaged families at Ahuja Museum of Art.

The club has taken an initiative to collect old laptops from well-wishers and redistribute them to deserving and meritorious students. The laptops are inspected and repaired before distribution. The laptops will be handed over in bags with





Rotary Club branding. On 10th July, DG Prabir and First Lady Rubena donated 2 laptops to deserving underprivileged students.

A blood donation camp was organised on 18th July in collaboration with KHERI at Indian Life Saving Society. The blood was collected by NRS Hospital Blood Bank for Thalassemia patients attending the Day Care Department of NRS hospital. 35 people donated blood. This initiative was taken to save lives of Thalassemia patients. DG Prabir Chatterjee, Hon Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya and MLA Mr Debasish Kumar attended the program.

On 19th July, Rs 11,000 was given to Partha Pratim Kundu, who supplies food packets to the Robin Hood Army for distributing food to the underprivileged. 100 packets of food @ Rs 10/- per packet will be given for distribution to the needy in Canning.

A series of talks by eminent women in different walks of life, "SHE Talks" was launched on 23rd July. Ananya Bhattacharya, co-founder and director of Bangla natak.com, gave the inaugural address on "Heritage and Empowerment".

On 26th July, 3 refurbished Laptops were given to students of Silver Point School at Kasba.

## CALCUTTA JADAVPUR



On 1st July, members visited the children at the Paediatric Cancer Ward of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI). The children were given Protein Supplements and drawing books and crayons and colourful storybooks were given for the library in the paediatric ward and OPD patients were given drawing books and crayons.

On 25th July, a program on paediatric and cervical cancer awareness, health check-up, BP, blood sugar & BMI measurement and protein supplement distribution to mother and child was organised at Sirasinni village, Amdanga Block, 24 Parganas (North) where 55 women of the village and their children participated. It was organized in collaboration with MPATHY (an NGO). Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri talked about symptoms of Cervical and Pediatric Cancer and the importance of early detection. Rtn Paromita Das informed about healthy food habits, cheap sources of locally available protein and physical exercise.

## CALCUTTA KANKURGACHI



Members paid tribute to Dr B C Roy on his birthday on Doctor's Day on 1st July, by garlanding the statue at Bidhan Sishu Udyan and offering floral tributes.

Dr Saswati Sinha (AMRI Dhakuria), Dr Yogiraj Ray (ID & BG Hospital, Belegkata) and Dr. Bulbul Raichaudhuri were felicitated on 1st July with sweets, a plaque, flowers tributes and an uttariyo.

A blood donation camp was organized in association with the Bengal Obstetric and Gynaecological Society at Pratishruti in Sector 5, Salt Lake on 1st July. 25 people including 5 members donated blood and the donors were given a certificate and a fruit basket.

On 6th July, birthday celebrations were held in the form of community lunch at Kamakhya Balak Ashram, Badu, an orphanage with 70 children. Pens, Notebooks and chocolates were distributed to the students.

## CALCUTTA MAGNUM



On 9th July, 5 Cycle Rickshaw Vans were donated to KalaHridaya, a Jesuit Church located at Nepalgunj, PS Haridevpur. Father Jesu George of KalaHridaya helped in organising the event.

## CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR



On 1st July, an awareness programme along with menstrual kit distribution was held which aims at empowering girls by providing livelihood by stitching reusable hygienic cotton pads.

On 9th July, 5 Oxygen concentrators & 25 jumbo cylinders were given to Military Hospital at Panagarh to treat COVID patients. The organization ACT & SWASTH tied up with the club for this project.

On 12th July, 10 oxygen concentrators & 50 jumbo cylinders were donated to Panagarh Military Hospital.

5 Oxygen concentrators have been given to Park Clinic, near Minto Park, Kolkata.



## CALCUTTA MAJESTIC



On 1st July, the club donated 100 kgs of Rice, 100 kgs of Atta, 15 kgs of Sugar, 15 kgs of Dal, 100 tetra packs of Milk shake and 5 kgs of Soyabean to Arunima Hospice at Behala - a shelter for HIV affected children.

On the same day, 100 kgs of Rice, 100 kgs of Atta, 15 kgs of Sugar, 15 kgs of Dal, 20 pcs of bath towels and 20 pcs of Body soaps were donated to Shanti Nivas, Behala - a home for the Aged.

2 new members were inducted.

On 17th July, third phase of Baul relief Project in Santiniketan, initiated by noted singer Surojit Chatterjee, was implemented. 40 Bauls were the beneficiaries. Essential kitchen items and grains & Soaps and other health care items and clothings were given to each beneficiary. Electronic news media R Plus, Express News, and Etv Bharat covered the project.

On 23rd July, vaccination drive was arranged with NIP, Forum for Durgotsov committee and supported by WB Govt. at Kolkata Press Club, for 200 Blind and Specially-abled people. DG Prabir Chatterjee and WB State minister Mrs Chadrima Bhattacharya inaugurated the camp. The event was covered by news media - print and electronic. All major Bengali news channels covered the event, highlighting the public image of Rotary.

## CALCUTTA METRO SOUTH



On 11th July, relief material was distributed to the YAAS cyclone victims of a remote village in Ganga Sagar island.

## CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN



Dry Rations are being distributed to approx. 235 students / families of PACE Learning Centre.

3 Ventilators were handed over to Shree Vishudhanand Saraswati Marwari Hospital on Amherst Street, Kolkata-700007 on 28th July.

## CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN EAST

100 ml hand sanitizer bottles and a 3-ply mask were distributed to 215 beneficiaries of Ward 81 at New Alipore Triangular Park. This was done in collaboration with the Ward Councillor, Smt. Jui Biswas.

## CALCUTTA NEW ALIPORE



500 fruits tree saplings were distributed amongst the villagers of Keoratala and other adjacent villages and fruit trees were planted at the club sponsored school at Nischintapur South 24 Paraganas on 1st July.

Text books were distributed to about 80 girl students of Arya Vidyamandir located at Garden Reach area on 24th July. PDG Mukul Sinha, District Chairman Literacy was the chief guest.

## CALCUTTA PRESIDENCY



On 1st July, on Doctors' Day and CA's Day, a tree plantation drive was held at St James School. 5 Doctors were felicitated along with 3 Doctor members of the Club. 15 fruit bearing saplings were planted. A new member was inducted. The CA members of the club were congratulated. The Interact members also participated in the program.

On 8th July, a ZOOM session was held to create awareness about Yoga in Pregnancy. The program was conducted by renowned Yoga Therapist Dr Sanyogita Naik Nimbalkar under the observation of leading Gynaecologist Rtn. Dr Rina Malpani. About 35 participants attended the program. All the yoga postures and pranayam useful and beneficial for the good health of mother and child in the womb were demonstrated by Sanyogita.

On 29th July, 3 Sulabh Shauchalayas consisting of 16 WCs - 4 Baths and 2 Urinals each, were inaugurated at villages Chakmadhu and Radhanagar in Bowreah, Uluberia by DG Prabir Chatterjee. These toilets are part of CSR funding by the Hooghly Group, Kolkata. Each Shauchalaya will serve more than 700 people.

USD 220 was contributed to The Rotary Foundation.



## CALCUTTA SOUTH CITY TOWERS



A workshop on Mental Wellness, MAAN KI BAAT- A Journey Within, was held on 17th July.

District Membership Seminar was co-hosted on 24th July.

A Webinar, DISRUPTION IS NOT DISTRACTION, was held on 25th July.



cervical cancer) and Dr. Avik Bhattacharya (topic - radiological aspects of cancer). The session was attended by 21 participants.

On 10th July, World Population Day, Project Mamata - an awareness session - was held on family planning, maternal health and hygiene for community women at Lake Gardens in association with RCC Lake Gardens Women and Children Development Centre and Stree Clinic. 35 women attended the session. They were informed about the different family planning methods and myths and misconceptions were cleared. Each attendee was given a packet of condoms, pills, sanitary napkins and soya chunks.

A joint venture was held on 18th July, with RC Bolpur Rangamati (RID 3240) and Srijon - a Bolpur based services organization, more than 100 saplings of local fruits like mango, behara, kath badam, jam, guava etc. were planted and one bucket full of seeds were spread across a protected forest area of Chip Kuthi, in Ballavpur forest area. DG Prabir Chatterjee attended the program virtually. Gardening implements like spade, scrapper, cutter, pruner and shovel were also given. The project was covered by local newspapers and TV channels.

## CALCUTTA SUN CITY



On 1st July, members visited Old Age Home Ramthakur Briddabas, on the eastern fringes of Kolkata (about 3 Km from Ruby Hospital) and handed over Provisions (Rice, Dal, Sugar, Soya, Noodles, etc.) worth around Rs 5000/- for the 30 resident inmates.

A Water Boring Project for providing potable drinking water to the inhabitants of a village in Purulia, which did not have proper drinking water supply was completed on 5th July.

4 giant Oxygen cylinders, as part of the initiative undertaken by the Rotary fraternity to extend support through Rotary International, were provided for ESI Hospital at Manicktala.

With Rotary Calcutta South Central and Rotary Geetanjali Kolkata, a presentation on awareness was held by Doctor Members of the club - Dr. Apurba Ghosh on Cancer Awareness, Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri on Mother and Child Health Issues and Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri on Thalassemia Prevention. The program was organised at Bira Near Barasat by Bira Welfare and Angkar Society.

A Webinar on Thalassemia Prevention was held by Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri for the students of Bidhannagar College.

## CALCUTTA SUTANUTI

On 1st July, Doctors Day was celebrated with a virtual panel discussion on Cancer Care and Yoga. The panelists were Dr. Dibeyendu Bannerjee (topic - difference between benign and malignant tumor, self detection and signs & symptoms of cancer), Dr. Subrata Pal (topic - specific types of cancer that majorly affect men and women and their prevention / treatment by performing yoga postures), Dr. Krishnendu Gupta (topic - vaccination of 9-14 year old girls for protection from

## CALCUTTA UNIVERSE



On 24th July, mega annual health camp series was inaugurated by Hon'ble Ministers, Mayor & Board of Administrators, Eminent Defence Personnel, Doctors, Medical Board Members, Sports and the Social workers. The first was an Orthopaedics camp to help the sufferers across the state with free treatment and medical facilities.

## CALCUTTA VICTORIA

On 1st July, a medical camp was held at Kanthalberia for women and senior citizens. Checkup was done and medicines were given as required. 100 kgs of ration was distributed. Doctors and assistants conducting the camp were felicitated along with club member Rtn Dr Joyashree Dhar.





On 9th July, relief material after cyclone YAAS was distributed at Hasnabad Jorabartalla near Hingalgunj. The project was sponsored by Linde and M/s Vajra Machinerics Pvt Ltd. There were 150 beneficiaries who received packets containing a bucket, mug, floor mat, soap, food items, mosquito net, umbrella, torch and zeoline.

## CALCUTTA YUVIS



On 1st July, 2 Health check up camps were organised at Chikitsa Medical Center in association with MYM & Maheswari Sabha in Rishra & Hindmotor. 4 Doctors were felicitated to mark Doctors Day.

On 4th July, a COVID Vaccination camp was held in association with Bhadrakali Youth Corps Club at Hindmotor. Total 372 people got vaccinated.

On 4th July, a blood donation camp was organised in association with MYM & Maheswari Sabha at Rishra Maheswari Bhawan and 58 units of blood were collected.

Under Project ASHIANA (home for the homeless), pucca homes of approx 196 sq ft were provided for 17 beneficiaries who were rendered homeless during Cyclone AMPHAN. These homes have been constructed at Naganabad, Kultali Block in Sundarbans about 123 km away. They were also provided with a set of steel utensils and a Solar lamp. DG Prabir Chatterjee attended the project on 13th July.

10 Sewing Machines were donated at Gopal Govind Bhawan, Hindmotor on 25th July for self-employment of beneficiaries.

A Wheelchair was donated on 25th July.

On 27th July, 2 sewing machines were donated along with medicines in Behala.

On 28th July, a Health Check up camp was held jointly with Rotaract Club of Calcutta Yuvis with Chikitsa Medical Centre on the occasion of Hepatitis Day. 50 needy people from Hind Motor and 36 people from Rishra were identified and registered for Rs 100 against Rs 1350 being the actual cost of the investigations for Hepatitis B, Liver, Heart, Kidneys and Blood Sugar. The camp at Rishra was held jointly with MYM Rishra & Maheswari Sabha Rishra.

## CENTRAL CALCUTTA

On 1st July, Doctors & Paramedical staff at Premanand Mission Leprosy Hospital, Manicktalla were honoured in presence of Sri Sadhan Pandey (Minister of Consumer Awareness & Self Help Group) and his daughter Shreya Pandey. A Refrigerator, clothes for Doctors, paramedical staff & patients, 10 lt phenyl and 10 lt Sanitizer were also given.

10 Doctors at Vishudhanand Hospital were honoured and 8



Blood Pressure Machines were given for the hospital on 1st July.

On 2nd July, distributed food packets to 80 blind children at DF Blind School at 104 M.G. Rd, Kabar Danga, Thakurpukur.

2nd Phase of 50 eye operations under Global Grant were held at East Kolkata Nagrik Foundation at Lake Town on 11th July.

Mid Day Meal was provided for 100 blind students on 12th July at DF Blind School, Kabardanga, Kolkata.

Eye Screening Camp was held at club sponsored RCC Disha Masat on 17th July. Fruit tree saplings were distributed and School kits were given to 60 school going students.

An electronic wheel Chair was provided for an intellectually challenged student of MENTAID on 21st July.

A COVID Vaccination drive was held jointly with Rotaract Club of Central Calcutta Youth at East Kolkata Nagrik Foundation on 24th July.

Mid day meal was provided for the children at DF Blind School on 24th July.

## CENTRAL GARDENS CALCUTTA



On 1st July, a door to door COVID awareness campaign was held along with distribution of sanitisers and masks at the remote villages of Khejuriya & Ranibandh, Bankura District with a population of 235 people consisting of 60 families. The program was implemented in association with a local NGO, Wild Chhotonagpur Plateau.

Due to the destructive effects of cyclone YAAS, many trees were uprooted. In association with the club sponsored RCC Karanjali Shiv Shakti Sangha, 400 areca nut (Supari) tree saplings were distributed and planted in their community of 50 families on 31st July.

## CHANDANNAGAR

On 18th July, tree saplings were planted at the Swim Centre Chandannagar.

On 19th July, an oxygen concentrator was loaned to give oxy-relief to a critically ill lady of Bhadreswar with Pulmonary Fibrosis.



On 25th July, 5 sewing machines were provided for women below poverty line whose husbands lost their source of earning due to the pandemic. The program was organised at Rotary Health Care Unit of the club and was attended by Secretary of United Athletics Club.



## DOMKAL MURSHIDABAD

On 1st July, the club paid condolences to COVID-19 warriors who died in the line of saving others and felicitated the doctors of Rotary Beldanga Eye Hospital.

## DUMDUM



On 3rd July, 5 Sewing Machines were distributed to needy women from different localities. A token of Rs 500 each was collected from the beneficiaries and Rs 2000 was given by the club for this District Project.

On 4th July, chocolates were distributed to 192 children in Sunderban Delta, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal.

Members visited an Old Age home having 19 all women inmates in

Baguhati on 25th July. They provided required medicines, sanitizers, masks and fresh fruits.

5 Oxygen Cylinders with Flow meters were provided on 31st July, at B. R. Coy General Hospital & Maternity Home, New Barrackpore which is run by New Barrackpore Municipality and has 66 beds.

On 31st July, 10 oxygen Cylinders with Flow meters were handed over to Ramkrishna Matri Mongal Pratisthan, Ariadaha. This is a hospital having more than 200 beds which runs on private management and covers a large density of population in and around Ariadaha under Kamarhati Municipality.

## GANGA HERITAGE

On 27th July, a District Thalassemia Awareness program was conducted at Bidhannagar College. The program was held jointly with 2 other clubs.



## GARDEN REACH

Doctors' Day was celebrated on 1st July by paying homage to Dr Bidhan Ch Roy, followed by a panel discussion on COVID 19

organised with Rotarian doctors of the club. 8 Doctors were felicitated with a "Memento of Honour" and a gift in appreciation of their services to Rotary and the community at large.



On 1st July, grocery items (rice, potato, muri, dal, biscuit, soap etc) and mango saplings were distributed to 50 victims of cyclone YAAS at RCC Champa Mahila Society, Sunderbans. A health check up camp was organised for the victims.

A blood donation camp was organised on the 4th July, at Nabarun Samity, Santoshpur Govt Colony, in association with KPC Medical College & Hospitals. 50 units were collected. The donors were given a kit bag and a certificate.

5 sewing machines were distributed to underprivileged persons under Swanirbhar scheme of the District on 7th July.

On 18th July, the new Board was installed. 3 new members were inducted. A contribution of USD 1000 was made to The Rotary Foundation.

A Health check up camp along with distribution of nutritional food and grocery was organised for Mothers & children at RCC Champa Mahila Society, Sunderbans on 24th July. Medicines were given as per the advice of attending doctors. 8024 Saplings were distributed to 80 families present.

Rs 7000 was contributed to Na Manusher Swarga for treatment of stray dogs (medicine & food) on 25th July.

On 31st July, relief materials and clothes were distributed to flood & tiger victims of Sunderbans at Sonagao, Gosaba Block. Towels & Lungis were given to 123 people. The project was organised in association with Social Assistant Institute, Gosaba.

## GEETANJALI KOLKATA



A Multi-Speciality health camp was organised at Amratala Health Sub centre, Basanti, South 24 Parganas on 11th July, in collaboration with RCC Behala Utsav Foundation. 130 patients were examined and free medicines distributed. The camp was conducted by Rtn Dr Sudipta Chandra.

A Multi-Specialty health camp was held at Kajla tribal area, Banspool, Habra I Block, North 24 Parganas on 18th July in



collaboration with RCC Bira Angikar Welfare Society. Total 100 patients were examined and free medicines distributed. The local Panchayat Pradhan Smt Sunita Singh Munda visited the camp. The camp was conducted by Rtn Dr Sudipta Chandra.

A seminar on Mother & Child Health and Thalassemia was held jointly with RC Calcutta Suncity and RC Calcutta East Central on Sunday, 25th July 2021 at Bira Ballavpur Milonosangha Conference Hall, Bira, Barasat, 24 Pgns (S). The program was held in collaboration with RCC Bira Angikar Welfare Society and was attended by more than 100 people.

## HOWRAH



Doctor members, PP Dr. M. M. Dhara, PP Dr. Dilip Kr. Datta and PE Dr. Bula Mukherjee were felicitated on 1st July.

The club donated Rs.1,01,111/- (One lakh one thousand one hundred and eleven only) to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on 7th July and handed over the cheque to Shri Arup Kr. Roy, Minister-in-charge, Co-operation Dept, Govt. of W.B. A sapling was also given to him as a token of appreciation.

A Tree Plantation program, GO for Green and Save Nature, was held on 18th July at T.N. Mukherjee Road, Gobra, Dankuni, Howrah (Near Dankuni Sporting club). 30 saplings of Devdaru and Jhau were planted.

Family of Rotary project was organised on 18th July at Gobra, Dankuni.

## JOKA



300 baby chicks were distributed by the club in association with RCC Jainagar Bhatpara Vivekananda Seva Niketan 24 Pgns South.

## KABITIRTHA CALCUTTA

50 saplings were planted at Rajnandini Park, New Alipore on 25th July. 20 flowering tubs were also given for beautification of the park.



## KALLOLINI KOLKATA



On 27th July, at RCC Udaipur South 24 Pgns:

Menstrual Hygiene Talks along with Menstrual Awareness was held. 50 ladies were given a pack of sanitary napkins each.

14 fruit tree saplings were planted.

A 4 month Beautician's course under Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India was inaugurated to be held at RKM Narendrapur campus.

## KOLKATA URBANA



On 1st July, a fireside chat was organised jointly with Rotary Club of Calcutta Centenary to raise awareness on environmental issues and the possible co-existence of humans and animals against the backdrop of the movie Sherni. President Rtn Arindam Sil and Mr. Joydip Kundu, founder of SHER were the speakers with Ms. Saira Shah as the moderator. Over 75 attendees interacted with the panelists. The event was streamed live on Facebook.

A 2 day counselling session on Stress and Relaxation Techniques was held on 17th July. The session was conducted by well-known psychological counsellor Ms Jyoti Sapru and was attended by over 60 participants.

On 19th July, along with SHER, a Jaipur limb was donated to Sanjoy Sil, a daily labour working with the forest department in Sundarban. Sanjoy had to get his leg amputated post an accidental gunshot injury in the forests. Senior forest officials including Vigilance Commissioner, Mr Pradeep Vyas and Mr Joydip Kundu from SHER were present.



## NEW BALLYGUNGE



On 5th July, 10 sewing machines were distributed among the very needy women of RCCs.

On 12th July, along with the club sponsored RCC Bandhur Sporsha 200 mosquito nets were given to the disaster struck people from Tornado YAAS at Moushumi Island in association with Jagaddal Bandhab Samity.

On 31st July, requisition for free 3 Jumbo Oxygen Cylinders for Bharat Sevashram Sangha Hospital, Diamond Harbour Road

(near Joka), was given to the District. The District handed over the 3 Jumbo Oxygen Cylinders to Maharaj Dr. Brahma Atmananda of Bharat Sevashram Sangha Hospital. This was arranged by RIHF & ACT gave the Grants for this project.

## NORTH CALCUTTA

On 1st July, Sanjeevani – a seminar on health issues was held.

Rathjatra celebrations were held on 16th July and food was given to 100 children in association with Rotaract Clubs of North Calcutta and Sonar Gaon.

Man ki Baat – a journey within, a workshop on mental wellness was held on 17th July.

## SALT LAKE CITY CALCUTTA



5 sewing machines were donated on 25th July, to distressed women for income generation.

5 oxygen cylinders were given through RCC Bamungacchi for use as per requirement of the local people, on 25th July.

Mega blood donation camp was held on 25th July.

## SALT LAKE DOWNTOWN



Doctors' Day on 1st July, was observed by garlanding the statue of Late Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy at Salt Lake, Kolkata.

As part of an ongoing project, saplings were planted at CJ Block, Salt Lake and Bodra, Ghatakpur, Kolkata on 18th July.

## SERAMPORE

Relief materials consisting of Rice 2.5 kg, Dal 1kg, Atta 1 Kg, Mustard Oil 200g and Soyabean 500g – were distributed amongst 100 beneficiaries at a village on the banks of Bidyadhari river at Sundarban, on 7th July.

Sanitary napkins were distributed amongst girls and women aged 15 - 30 years, on 8th July.



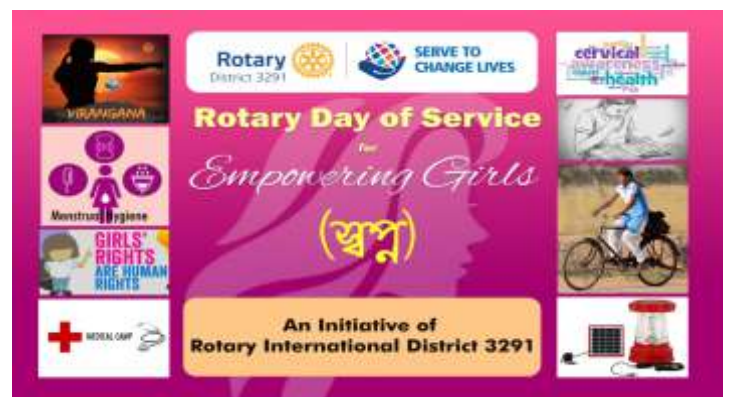
Due to the economic crisis from the pandemic, project Hridmajhare for the distressed Baul community, was initiated with Bangla band, Cactus. 50 bags consisting of mat, dhuti, gamcha, umbrella, torch with cell, Rice 5 kgs, Atta 2kg, Soyabean, biscuit, glucose energy drink, edible oil, coconut oil, comb, tea, milk powder were distributed to Boulds at their Akhra at Shantiniketan on 24th July.

## PROGRAMS TO LOOK FORWARD TO...



**Rotary Week of Service for HARIYALI** will be observed between 14th & 21st August, 2021. This week long Mega Tree Plantation Drive will be launched on Saturday, 14th August at Salt Lake and E.M. Metropolitan Bypass from 10 AM onwards. 10,000 saplings (3ft in height) will be distributed, free of cost, to all Rotary & Rotaract Clubs. The clubs will plant the saplings with their Club Name/Logo. Please contact

Ashif Shah / Ashish Agarwal / Sailen Bhowmik / Arka Kumar Nag for further clarifications. Let's initiate Hariyali..... meri apni jindagi ki Rakhwali.



**Rotary Day of Service for Empowering Girls (স্বপ্ন)** will be observed on 15th August. All Clubs are requested to organise any project/programme on Empowering Girls.

**VIRANGANA & Women Trafficking Awareness** programs will be held in Kakdwip and 24 Parganas South with the help of SP Sunderban and SDPO Kakdwip.



## CONDOLENCES

*We express our heartfelt condolences on the demise of Smt Vallabh Kumari Mehta, mother of Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, who left for her Heavenly abode on 4th July.*



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Please note: Rotary International rates: USD = INR 74/-

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- Rotaract Club of Aabahamaan Kolkata sponsored by Rotary Club of Aabahamaan Kolkata
- Rotaract Club of Tollygunge Phoenix sponsored by Rotaract Club of Tollygunge
- Rotaract Club of Calcutta Diamond sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta Diamond
- Interact Club of B. D. M. International sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee
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## INSTALLATIONS



**Bidhannagar**



**Calcutta Inner City**



**Calcutta Majestic**



**Calcutta Mid South**



**Calcutta Old City**



**Calcutta Presidency**



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