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## Editor's Column

Project "Upahaar" is a book donation drive conducted by Rotaract Club of Ballygunge Greens and sponsored by Rotary Club of Ballygunge. The project included lunch for the children sponsored by PP Nasir Uddin Ahmed, thank you for your voluntary support; donation of books, study materials and stationeries, & school bag for 40 underprivileged children of a remote island village; Ranipur, in Sundarban area about 150 kilometers from Kolkata, a 5 hour journey involving drive to Gadkhali Ferry Ghat and then crossing of 2 rivers by Ferry and in between travelling by motor van.

The harsh and severe depression climate prevailing on 11 September 2022 was braved by 3 Rotarians; IPP Anjali Roy, PP Nasir Uddin Ahmed, Rtn. Anirban Sarker and 5 Rotaractors; Rtr. Subrota De, Rtr. Jyotirmoy Ghosh, Rtr. Suman Kumari Agarwal, Rtr. Snehasis De, Rtr. Shreyan Das Chaudhuri and one special guest of RCB Mr. Ashok Roy, all of them executed the project as a team.

My special thanks goes to PP Amitava da for arranging the books from the district inventory, PP Ashif da for arranging the School Bag & writing stationery etc. from the usual district vendor, Rtn. Sudip da (Roy) for voluntarily coming forward to donate some Exercise books and pencils for the project. A big thank you to all members of RCB for supporting the project. A special note of Thanks goes to all the 5 Rotaractors, IPP Anjali Roy & PP Nasir da & our very dear Mr. Ashok Roy whose energy & spirit was never dampened by the harsh climate & challenging travel conditions.

We shall read in detail from the column of PP Nasir Uddin Ahmed.

**ROTARY CLUB OF BALLYGUNGE**

**RUN AND EVENING SESSION WITH A GUEST**  
**SPEAKER ON 9<sup>th</sup> SEP 2022 AT 7.00 P.M ONWARDS**  
Dinner - 10:00 onwards

Hope you are all fine. On 9<sup>th</sup> September we will organize our R&E with a great speaker focus on education and literacy awareness in society as this is the literacy month by our eminent speaker RTR. JYOTIRMAY GHOSH, principal of Jyotirmay school. Also we will arrange our Internet Club presentation programme. Request to attend this R&E without fail.



**PLEASE BLOCK YOUR DATE & ENJOY THE EVENING WITH HIGH TEA & FELLOWSHIP**

Please attend and start to feel "IMAGINE Rotary"

**Venue, Date & Time:**  
CORAL ROOM, AT EMC CLUB, (NEAR BYE PASS),  
on 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 (THURSDAY) at 07.00 PM onwards.  
RTR. SANJOY DEY President

**ROTARY CLUB OF BALLYGUNGE**

**PROJECT ON 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 10.30 A.M.**  
**FREE EYE WELLNESS 6TH CAMP WITH SPECTACLE**  
**EXPECTED BENEFICIARY 200 PEOPLE.**

**ROTARY**  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291  
A MEMBER CLUB OF BALLYGUNGE

**ROTA YOUTH**  
**Free Eye Wellness Camp & Distribution of Spectacles**

**VRX**  
VISION REPAIR LAB

**WITH PEOPLE'S RELIEF COMMITTEE WB & KOLKATA SWASTHYA SANKALPA**

**MEMBERS, PLEASE BLOCK YOUR DATE & RUN IN THE PROJECT**  
Please to attend and start to feel "IMAGINE Rotary"

**Venue, Date & Time:**  
ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH SERVICE DOCTOR  
51, RAJA DINENDRA STREET, KOLKATA - 700 006.  
on 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 (FRIDAY) at 10.30 AM onwards.  
RTR. SANJOY DEY President

**BLOCK YOUR 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPT EVENING AND WAIT FOR A SUSPENSE ATTRACTION AT RCB**



**Glitz Glamour Academy**  
where the mood of Hair & Beauty germinates.

Good. Morning Friends,

Today I Have Attended "Antaranga" With PP Ashif Shah, It's A 1st Club President, Secretary, AG & ZS Meet. Today Our DG Ajoy Law Announced That 24th October is A Polio Day And That Day Collides With Kali Puja Also. So On 23rd October A Polio Awareness Rally



Will Be Organised On District Level And Entire Program Will Be Hosted By Rotary Club Of Ballygunge.

This Is For Your Information And I Need All Of Your Support To Make The Rally Successful. Its Challenge For Us As Our Club Prestige Is Involved.

Reported by : President Sanjoy Dey

## The 5th Rotavision Camp

The camp was held on 12.09.2022 and the location was Munshi Prem Chand Library

13, Pratap Ghosh Lane, Kolkata - 700007.

[ BACKSIDE OF JORASANKO THAKURBARI ]

Total Registration was : 137

Total patients attended were: 130

Surgical cases observed were 17

The camp was successful and well organised. Thanks to VisionRx and supported by Rotary Ballygunge, Rotary District 3291, People's Relief Committee WB & Kolkata Sastha Swankalpa.



Reported by : President Sanjoy Dey

Rotaract District Annual Awards 2022 held on 4th September at South City International School. RCB got 3 Rotaract District Annual Awards as follows.

Awards:

- 1) Best sponsoring club.
- 2) Best supporter IPP Anjali Roy.
- 3) Best supporter PP Ashif Shah.



Reported by : IPP Anjali Roy

## “Upahaar” A Gift



Project 'Sishubikash', by Rotaract Club of Ballygunge Greens under Rotary Club of Ballygunge in association with NatunerKhoje, an NGO from Nadia district initiated a project for underprivileged children at Ranipur, under Gosaba block, Sundarban, South 24 Parganas on Sunday, September 11th, 2022. As we planned over phone, I reached Pragati Police Station, formally known as Parama PS near Science City Island on EM Bypass at 8:30am and as usual police officer become my friend before we all reach & start to our project site. IPP Anjali and Spouse Ashok da have reached around 8:45am & around 9:00 am Rtn Anirban reached with full tank of fuel and we four started towards Gadkhali, 24 Parganas South which is about 100 Kms by road on the fantastic Basanti Highway Express, but under strict surveillance on speed limit 50 km/h took almost 3 hrs to reach Gadkhali ferry ghat. Team Rotaract members; Rtr.Subrota De, Rtr. Jyotirmoy Ghosh, Rtr. Suman Kumari Agarwal, Rtr. Snehasis De, Rtr. Shreyan Das Chaudhuri had reached before 10am by Sealdah Canning local train and called Anirban at least 4 times while he was on driving seat. 5 Rotaract members headed by Subrota Dey was at ferry ghat and we parked our cars in a private parking area arranged by Rotaract members. After purchase of two jambo size bag for school kits we proceed to public boat towards Gosaba ferry ghat and that took 25 minutes to reach. It was open boat without any shade or fencing and having capacity of 30 -35 heads including bicycles, motorcycles and personal belongings. Young stars start to operate mobile camera to capture all



sight scenes with their fun filled moments. Our IPP Anjali di, Ashok da & Anirban also captured every moments by using their i phones.

We reached Gosaba at 12:40 pm & we hired two motor van(bhotbhoti) after having toast biscuits bought by Anirban, towards Rangabelia floating jetty. Because of rainy day that bhotbhoti was properly covered by oval shape shade with plastic curtain in-front and back. After about 30 minutes ride we reached at Rangabelia but unfortunately one boat just left while we were paying our bhotbhoti charges and that became a big punishment for us. No local shops were open because of lunch hour. Only few biscuits were left, not even sufficient water. Around 2:10 pm a small



boat reached at beautiful well maintained floating jetty and we all captured the moment in many mobile lens together.

The young innocent captain of the boat was very cooperative and informative. He also informed us to get back to Bagbagan ferry ghat before 5pm which will be the last trip to Rangabelia ferry ghat. We



now have too less time to spend at project site with kids and local villagers. Again we hired two motor van from Bagbagan ferry ghat towards Ranipur via Uttarpara which was a 40-45 minutes journey, but having two heavy sloping village concrete road that is dangerous for us. So we had to get down from those bhutbhuti motor van to avoid accident, especially for two senior citizens, our beloved Anjali di & Ashok da. We reached at project site Ranipur



village at 3:20pm with heavy rain.

Members from NatunerKhoje had started distribution of new clothes among children and teachers when we reached at school premises. It is a private residence of a local villager. He is kind enough to provide his premises to the under privilege of the society for education.

We had very limited time so we immediately started to distribute school kits i.e. bag, 4 nos. exercise book, pencils, eraser, sharpner etc.... They also enjoyed a proper lunch before distribution of clothes and educational kits among 40 children.

We started for Bagbagan ferry ghat by bhutbhuti van at 4:20pm and by 4:55 pm reached safely, as we were all hungry, even many of us was completely empty stomach. We bought some biscuits & cake with hot steaming tea and finally a packet full of masalamuri for the boat ride. All 5 rotactors was so



energetic specially Subrota and they all helped and looked after IPP Anjali & Ashok da in every moments. Their timely support and cooperation in every step really touched us for a long days affairs. Unfortunately we all missed our lunch which was arranged by members of NatunerKhoje; due to limited time, we were unable to join them in their arrangements. We all felt really very bad for this situation.

This new generation have many qualities with sense of humor. We are specially thankful to all passengers and boat management for cooperating our delay of 15 minutes. From Rangabelia ghat we took two van to reach Gosaba ferry ghat for our onward boat ride to Gadkhali ghat. In between we had a lovely



soft drinks break with samosa and hot yummy rasogolla.

We safely reached at Gadkhali and enjoyed lemon tea, before we started our journey back to Kolkata by two cars one by IPP Anjali di and another by Rtn. Anirban. All 5 rotactors came

along with us and before we reach our city, one last tea break at a very unknown place before KLC with prajapati biscuits. My sincere regards and salute to Ashok da and Anjali di for their energy and cooperative attitude in the whole day with hectic journey at this age.

Hats off to them. Love to all young stars of Rotaract for their excellent cooperation and support for this lovely project which reminded me my old Rotary year of 2005-06. We really enjoyed a lot especially the way we successfully did this project among all little children and their innocent smile.

I also really happy to join into this project in person and brother Anirban, you are a fantastic human being who personally dropped all four rotactors to their destination at night 11 pm specially for the two young girls. You are a true and committed Rotarian. I am sure that our club member late PP Amitava da (Sarker), father of Rtn. Anirban blessing his son and proud for his great work. I sincerely thanks to all RCBians, President Sanjoy and IPP Anjali di for this great initiatives and a very meaningful project by our club. Thinking about those little hearts and their soft innocent smiles which actually a big return "Upahaar", A million dollars gift for us and all club member those who missed this project badly. God bless us all.



Reported by : PP Nasir Uddin Ahmed

District organised **MANYATA** an Award ceremony on 10th September at Altair Hotel. We got 2 Awards.

- 1) Membership Growth in percentage.
- 2) Membership Growth in number.

IPP Anjali ROY.  
PP Ashif Shah.  
PP Amitabh Chakraborty.  
Rtn. Joydeep Mukherjee

Were present at the event.



Reported by : IPP Anjali Roy

RCB was co-host to the District Event **Anuvab** and our young Rotaractors were present at the event.

## Minutes of the RWM 2438 held on 08.09.22 at International club

- ❖ The President welcomed members present at RWM and requested all to rise for the national anthem.
- ❖ President informed about the upcoming projects like:-
  1. 5th Rota-vision camp at Munshi Prem Chand Library on 12.09.2022.
  2. A book donation drive "Upahaar" for the underprivileged children of Sundarbans by providing a helping hand to the NGO, 'Notuner Khoje' will be held on 11th Sep, 2022 with Rotaract Club of Ballygunge Greens, Kolkata RID-3291.
  3. A draft copy of MOU between RKM Narendrapur and our club was placed and read out by Rtn. Amitava in presence of President, Secretary and other members present at the meeting, which had requisite presence of members to constitute quorum. Members accepted the draft proposed MOU. Rtn Sudeep Roy has been delegated to recheck the same and give his opinion on the clauses of the draft, and whether any point needs to be rephrased. The club has decided to go ahead with the MOU in concept, and this MOU shall be valid for three years from the date of signing between the two parties, and shall be open for termination or continuation for any frame of time as mutually decided by both parties. The Mou shall not enforce any financial obligation from any party whatsoever, and all project costs shall be voluntarily settled.
  4. On 15th Sep'22 RWM will be held at EMC and planning for inviting 2 nos of Guest Speaker to give lecture on modern education system & on literacy.
  5. On 22nd Sept '22 a plan for joint RWM with other club and also a guest speaker to be invite on " BEAUTY & FASHION" , details to be declare later on.
- ❖ Meeting was handed over to the Secretary for happy announcements & club business. Secretary announced club business and projects conducted in the last week such as follows :
  1. On 1st Sept 2nd Rotavision camp was held at Iran Society.
  2. On 1st Sept evening we done joint RWM with Garden Reach, Millenium & Nabadiganta. Also we invited an eminent guest speaker Dr. Rupashree Dasgupta who gave us a focus & prevention method about ovarian cancer, under women empowerment.
  3. On 3rd Sept we had done 5 several projects at Bagnan such as Inauguration of computer lab , Distribution of 2 tricycle, tree plantation , medical health checkup camp & 3rd Rotavision camp. Dg Ajoy Law & First lady Mitali Law also accompanied with us.
  4. On 5th Sept was Teachers Day and we was felicitated 24 nos. of teacher and also distributed pencil & pen kits with food packets among 135 childrens and also arrange a medical camp for children's and for their parents, benefitted more than 200 beneficiaries.
  5. On 5th Sept we have done our 4th Rotavision camp at PRC.
- ❖ The last all minutes was confirmed by the members .
- ❖ The Secretary handed over the meeting to the President .
- ❖ The President asked to members for their any suggestion and replied from members nothing , then president terminated the meeting.

**Member Present 14**