

BULLETIN OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA INNER CITY

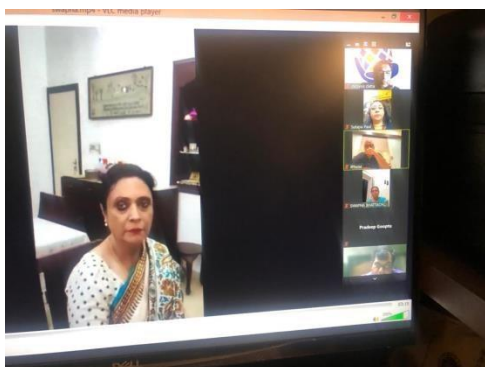
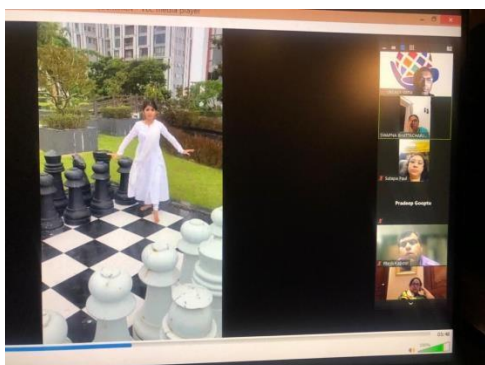
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27th August 2021

13th AUGUST RWM MINUTES

Snapshot of the RWM conducted on 13-08-2021



Pre Independence day Virtual Celebration on 13-08-2021



1. President Debasis Calls meeting to order 6.00 PM
2. National anthem was sung led by Rtn Ritesh Kapoor
3. Leave of absence – Rtn Noshir Framjee, Rtn Sudhir Ahuja, Rtn Sukanya Dasgupta
4. 6 guests attended the RWM – Dr Suchandro Das (Guest of Rtn Debasis Datta). Aparajita Brahma (Guest of Rtn Banashree Mitra), Pritha Sanyal (Guest of Rtn Bani Roy Chowdhury), Mekhla Chowdhury (Guest of Rtn Bani Roy Chowdhury), Tunir Chakraborty (Guest of Rtn Bani Roy Chowdhury) Rajesh Balasubramanian (Guest of Rtn Navarun Sen).
5. Pres Debasis introduced the guests to the club. All the guests spoke for 2-3 minutes about themselves. Rtn Debasis requested all of them to join a project.
6. Discussions about current projects and future projects- President Debasis discussed the current and future projects- the ongoing Laptop donation project, launching of 'Dristi Dan Project'. 15th August at

least 10 Rotarians plan to visit Ranjapur. The next round of “she talks’ – series of talks on women empowerment will be on Friday the 27th of August.

7. Secretaries’ announcements
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Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month of August were announced by Rtn Banashree Mitra.
8. RWM was followed by a zoom fellowship Rtn Sunil, Rtn Moody and Rtn Ritesh.

9. ZOOM fellowship celebrating

Independence Day Around 30

Rotarians and spouses joined for a 45-minute fellowship on Zoom. This was conducted by Rtn Swapna Bhattacharya and supported by Rtn Ritesh Kappor. Wonderful songs and dance items entertained the Rotarians. The highlight of the evening was a 12-minute play on Zoom by Rtn Anjali, Rtn Sunil, Rtn Moody and Rtn Ritesh.

10. The evening ended with a national Anthem at 8.20 PM.

Projects for August 2021

○ 1ST August 2021

Cheshire home in Tollygunge was established in 1972 to accommodate girls, who can be trained and rehabilitated and can also be made to attend special schools such as the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP). At present Tollygunge Cheshire Homes has 12 women, most of whom have suffered from Cerebral Palsy in their early ages and are wheelchair bound. Out of these 12 women, 7 attend classes with IICP. Apart from the special education, they are trained in Painting, Dancing and Music. They are also provided with Vocational training in trades like making of Paper bag and Candles, etc. Regular Physiotherapy has resulted in substantial improvement in their limb movements. Regular medical check-ups and Pathology tests are some of the preventive measures which have been undertaken and have helped the inmates to live a healthier life.

Fulfilling the daily needs of the women in these difficult times is a challenge and needs adequate funds.

Today Rotarians from Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City visited Cheshire homes.

Rs 10000 was donated to Cheshire homes to fulfil their daily requirements. We also enquired the ways we can be associated with Cheshire homes and start few vocational projects. Seeing the women singing was a joy to watch. We had a very good hour and half at the home.

This drive was funded by Rtn Amitava Ghose.

○ 1ST August 2021

Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City visited Hope Foundation's Ashirbad Home for Boys. During the pandemic times, the boys are facing difficulties as the activities are restricted

Refreshments for 92 boys were given. sporting goods like cricket bats, badminton rackets, footballs, carrom boards, chess, ludo, writing materials were distributed for the boys.

This drive was funded by Rtn Pradip Das.

○ 2nd August 2021

LAPTOP PROJECT (ongoing project)

We from Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner-city have decided to take up this drive to collect old laptops from well-wishers and redistribute them to deserving and meritorious students over the course of the next few months.

We are collecting the laptops, inspecting and repairing them before distribution.

Today we distributed 7 laptops to the needy students. 9 Rotarians attended the project which was held at Salon Urvija, BD block, Salt Lake, Kolkata

○ 8th August 2021

School Education Scholarship

Education is a key to good life and an answer to lifting oneself out of an impoverished situation. Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City is starting an education scholarship for the needy and deserving students. The scholarship is for those children who are from poor financial background

and aspire to acquire a good education from an English medium school. This year the Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City has sought a partnership with S D A. Foundation to support 10 girl students having single parent from poor economic background to pay for their education cost for the next 12 months. The Foundation started the School Education Scholarship in the year 2012 and is now presently supporting 183 children in various schools of Calcutta which takes in such poor students and educate them like others. The Scholarships continue if a student secures 60% in the annual exams till class 12. The Scholarship amount will be a monthly amount of Rs.1000/- throughout the year. The payment to the students will be made by bank credit directly into their parents' accounts, after the parents pay the fees to the school. S.D.Ahuja Foundation shall audit and confirm the payment to the school before the Rotary Club makes the payment.

○ 13th August 2021

Distribution of food packet to the needy

Today from Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, Rtn Amitava Ghose and Anushree Ghose distributed 200 lunch packets to the underprivileged at a vaccination camp. The

vaccination camp was organised by the Robin Hood Army in collaboration with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. This drive was funded by Rtn Amitava Ghose.

○ **14th August 2021**

Inauguration of Inner City Dhristi Daan Programme & Eye Awareness Programme

There has been tremendous advancement in ophthalmology. It is understandable that these newer treatment modalities come at a cost. Patients belonging to the marginalized sections of society are unable to avail such advanced treatment facility. Unfortunately, these preventable diseases go untreated leading to blindness and morbidity, and inevitably leading to a growing social burden. Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner city wishes to help bridge this gap. In collaboration with HM Diwan Eye Foundation, Rotary Club of Calcutta inner city launches the project INNER CITY DRISHTI DAAN, through which patients afflicted with complicated eye diseases, will be financially supported so that they can avail the

surgery at a subsidized cost. The amount of funding required and eligibility of patients who will be given funding will be decided on a case-by-case basis by members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City. Today Project Drishti Daan was inaugurated. Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City contributed Rs 5000 each to two needy patients requiring complicated surgery. This was followed by Eye awareness programme with talks on problems of blindness in India, Glaucoma and paediatric eye disease and need for awareness amongst parents of young children. The programme was very well attended.



**President Rtn Debasis Dutta ,PP
Rtn Ashish Mitra and PP Rtn
Bani Roy Chowdhury at the
Inner City Dhristi Daan
Programme & Eye Awareness
Programme**



14th August 2021

Grocery distribution Rotary club of Calcutta Inner City in association with VAROSHA distributed 45 grocery packets to needy school children at Chetla. Due to Covid, the schools are shut and many of their families are struggling to meet daily needs. This project was to try and support the children and the family in a small way.



15th August 2021

Visit to Ranjapur RCC

Rotarians of Calcutta Inner City had a very nice trip of Ranjapur today. Arts competition was held at the school maintaining Covid Protocols for two age groups. We started with Prize distributions for these 2 arts competitions and we distributed 50 goodie bags to the children. The children entertained us with poems and songs. Rotarians also joined them in singing.

Subsequently a talk on Menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer vaccination was given by Dr Sujata Datta to 35-40 mothers of the students.

After the talk 5 neem trees were planted at the compound of the school, so that proper care can be taken.

For the Rotarians it was a wonderful afternoon.

The warmth of their people is very touching. It was indeed a pleasure to meet 86 yr old teacher who participated thru out.

○ 15th August 2021

Planting of neem trees at RCC Ranjapur

The neem tree is an evergreen tree full of chemical compounds that have been found to be hugely beneficial. From the neem bark to the neem leaves and even the flower, fruit, seed, and root – all parts of the neem tree have found widespread use in curing various ailments. Neem oil has been used extensively and bark of Neem is still used for dental hygiene.

Rotarians of Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City planted 5 neem trees at the compound of the school, so that proper care can be taken by RCC Ranjapur.



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○ 15th August 2021

Women Empowerment – Talk on Menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer prevention at RCC Ranjapur

This year Rotary's focus area is women empowerment, menstrual hygiene, cervical cancer prevention.

Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City organised a talk for the mothers of children of the school at RCC Ranjapur. There was lot of interest, around 40 women attended the talk. Dr Sujata Datta gave the talk. Menstrual hygiene was the focus and women were made aware about MENSTRUAL CUPS which help immensely in hygiene. Cervical cancer prevention and cervical vaccine information were also discussed. The highlight was the interactions and question answer session. Multiple questions were asked by the women on menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer, Dr Sujata Datta answered their questions. The session was very informative.



○ 15th August 2021

Independence Day Celebration with planting of trees

At Shishu Shiksha Mandir, Kulgacchi, South 24 Parganas,

Independence Day Celebration was held. After flag hoisting,

250 Students were gifted 5 Fruit Trees each, of their choices.

Coconut Trees were also planted in the school. The project was planned and funded by PP Ritesh Kapoor of Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City.

○ 21st August 2021

Donating sticks with sensors for the Blind

We donated 25 “Saarathi sticks’ for the blind people. The Saarathi Sticks are censor based and helps in object detection, thus empowering the visually impaired to mobilise without hesitation.

We donated the sticks to NIP.

NIP is National Institute of Professionals, a nonprofit NGO founded in year 2002. NIP is a training centre for visually impaired and differentially abled.

Rs 5000 will also be donated to NIP,
funded by Rtn Sunil Sonika.



Birthday Greetings

Rtn Swapna Bhattacharjee	01-Sep
Rtn Soma Sinha	17-Sep
Rtn Anindya palchoudhuri	16-Sep
Rtn Vikram Swarup	16-Sep
Rtn Bani Roy Chowdhury	14-Sep
Rtn Pradip Goswami	21-Sep
Rtn Ranjan Ganguly	17-Sep
Rtn Souvik Ghosh	21-Sept
Rtn Sumil Sonika	22-Sep

Upcoming projects

28th August – Visiting RCC Usthi

2nd September – District seminar – Talk on Mental health – Dr J Ram

4th September 5 pm – Food distribution at Hastings for the underprivileged in association with Robin Hood Army

4th September - FELLOWSHIP AT BENGAL CLUB

11th September - DG visit 12 noon at Ahuja Museum of Arts

24TH September – Next RWM will be held .Guest Speaker – Rtn Sanghamitra Mukherjee (Rector Gokhale Memorial Girls School ,Kolkata)

Hope everyone is taking care of themselves in the current challenging landscape, stay safe and healthy !

