

Urbanama

Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana

R.I. District 3291

Rotary



Vol. No. 2 Issue: 1

Month: September, 2021

RI President : Rtn. Shekhar Mehta
Dist. Governor : Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee

President : Rtn. Arindam Sil
Secretary : Rtn. Jayanta Guha

Editor : Rtn. Kohinoor Mandal



1st PRIZE

PUBLIC IMAGE

District Award, 2020-2021

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- COVID VACCINATION DRIVE •
- PROJECT ANNAPURNA •
- GREEN PERIOD •
- PROJECT AKRITI •
- RCKU JUNIOR DEBATE •

President's Message

This year the theme of Rotary is 'Serve to change lives'. It is indeed a matter of great pride that our new RI President is our very own Rotarian Shekhar Mehta. I commence by extending my heartfelt gratitude to our immediate predecessor DG, Rotarian Sudip Mukherjee. Mr. Mukherjee has been elemental in laying strong foundations for Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana in just about a year's time. His ideological strength has lighted the way for our Club to where it proudly stands today. His profound foresight, guidance and support have garnered our Club's journey to excellence.

We also warmly welcome our DG, Rotarian Prabir Chatterjee who has taken office. Vivacious as he is, Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana is proud to join hands in his unique vision.

As the old makes way for the new, our Club too, has a new set of people. In this new session, a few changes and newer inductions were made to the Board in order to inject a renewed

sense of enthusiasm and participation in each of our members. Well consolidated course of actions taken directly from the floor will make our Club reach newer heights.

In the first seven months, since our inception, we have done at least twenty-five projects. As for this session we are taking up projects and plans which you all are well aware of. I urge each one of our members to step up, plan and lend ideas. Let Rotary Club of Urbana be the cradle of ideas that necessitates impeccable execution. Let us create to serve as many as we can and set examples in the district. As Rotarians let us utilise this opportune moment to create opportunities for others, with the hope that we help them to a better tomorrow. Let us, as Rotarians, help them celebrate life for whom we have gathered here in the name of Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana.



Every beginning brings along with it new hopes and as we roll-over to the new Rotary year, we renew our commitment to put 'Service over self'.

For Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana, this essentially means taking baby steps towards being more meaningful to our members and for our society. We started our journey last year and set

a trailblazing speed. We basked in moments of pure satisfaction, we had our disappointments, we forged new relationships and we learnt. Special thanks to all our Charter members and members who joined us last year for being part of this wonderful journey. Based on that experience, we now resolve as individual Rotarians and as a team to 'serve and change lives'. At the start of the new year, we went back to the drawing boards

Secretary's Message

as we strengthened our Board, inducted 2 new members in the new year and chalked out a roadmap for 21-22. Our 3 clear objectives for 21-22 is to a) bring more committed members to the fold and grow our membership strength, b) involve the young brigade and start Rotaract Club of Kolkata Urbana and c) To focus more on big, impactful projects than just the number of projects we do in the year.

I would take this opportunity to thank Past District Governor Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee, his District team, and our mentors and advisors for their tremendous support to our club in our charter year.

I would also like to extend our wishes to District Governor Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee and his District team for assuming office on 1st July. We look forward to working very closely to reach out to more and more people who would benefit from our services.

JUNE 8, 2021

COVID-19 VACCINATION DRIVE



RCKU in association with Indus Valley World School and AMRI Hospital, Mukundapur organised a vaccination camp, where individuals were vaccinated with Covishield.

The camp was inaugurated by DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee. DGE Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee, Rtn. Arindam Sil and Ann. Shukla Das, Rtn. Kohinoor Mandal and other Rotarians were present. Film personalities like Parambrata Chattopadhyay, Sauraseni Maitra and Devlina Kumar were also present to support the initiative.



PROJECT ANNAPURNA

Relief For Cyclone Yaas Affected People of Sunderbans

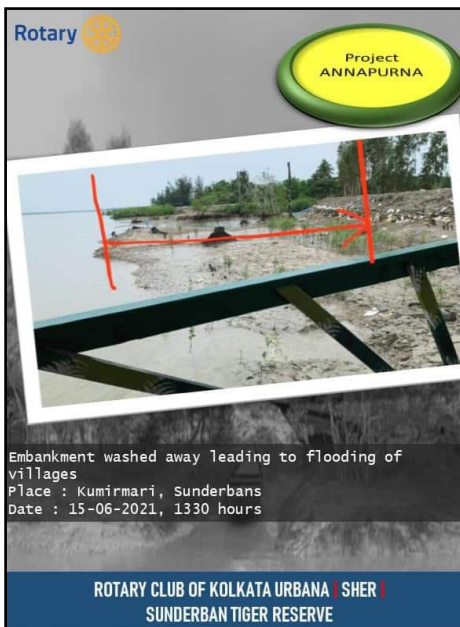
Phase - I

JUNE 18



People in various parts of South 24 Parganas faced great difficulty after the havoc caused by Cyclone Yaas. In this time of crisis, Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana did its best to contribute as much as it can. Medicines were donated to Mukta Ujjal Foundation and we are grateful to actor Jisshu Sen-gupta for distributing them at a Sunderbans camp.

In association with SHER and Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana also organised Project Annapurna, wherein the club provided meals to 500 people for 5 days to do its bit in this hour of need.



Donated medicines being distributed among the affected villagers of Kumirmari in Sunderbans by noted film actor, Jisshu Sen-gupta, who runs Mukta Ujjal Foundation.

PROJECT ANNAPURNA

Relief For Cyclone Yaas Affected People of Sunderbans

Phase - II

JUNE 24



During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Cyclone Yaas hit our region and this led to more damages in Sunderbans and in the adjoining areas. As a result, the livelihood of the local people were vastly affected.

Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana in association with SHER and Sunderbans Tiger Reserve organised a relief project, in the name of Annapurna, to support the vulnerable sections of people in the vicinity of Sunderbans.

Members of RCKU, led by Rtn. Arindam Sil, the club President, visited a place called Pakhiralay Purbapara near Jotirampur village in Sunderbans for the second time on June 23 to support 500 families with ration which lasted for almost 10 days.

Several members and others contributed whole-heartedly for the project. Everyone realised the need of the hour but also felt that it was just a small effort to reduce the pains of the affected fellow citizens of this region. RCKU is greatly indebted to the members of SHER and officers of Sunderban Tiger Reserve for helping them to implement this project.



FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UP CAMP

AUGUST 29, 2021



Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana organised the second free medical camp at Ushapara Primary School at Bojherhat in South 24 Parganas on August 29, 2021, where around 100 people attended. They got medical advice and also free medicines. Several club members and Anns participated in the

event to make it a grand success. Junior and senior doctors, who are members of the club, were present all through the day to attend the patients. RCKU presented Certificates of Appreciation to the doctors, medical students and Ann Subir Khasnabis for their outstanding contribution towards this project.





RCKU Annual Junior Debate

MAY 21, 2021



Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana organised its first Annual Junior Debate on May 16. The topic of the debate was “Virtual Learning is the Future of Education.” The entire discussion was conducted online.

Young Urbanites voiced their opinion in presence of Chief Guest - Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee (District Governor R.I. 3291), Moderator - Dr. Sandip Chatterjee, Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee (District Governor Elect.), Rtn. Arindam Sil (Charter President), Rtn. Kohinoor Mandal (Charter Secretary) and fellow Rotarians. Winners and participants received commendations for their excellent performance.

WINNERS: Vivhaan Kothari, Tanisha Jalan, Aryan Chand, Khushboo Gupta

BEST SPEAKER: Rammani Mandal

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS: Ananya Bose, Aslesh Goenka, Vedant Agarwal.



GREEN PERIOD

Green Period is an initiative of Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana to empower girls and environment.

The event was held in presence of Rotary International, President, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta; District Governor (3291), Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee; RCKU President, Rtn. Arindam Sil; Vice-Chair, RAG MHH, Vidhya Srinivasan; Director, RAG MHH, Deb Nygaard; RCKU Secretary, Rtn. Jayanta Guha along with other Rotarians.

The aim of this initiative was to raise awareness on menstrual health and hygiene for women, wherein the club conducted a session to spread awareness among female students of Indus Valley World School and distributed environmentally friendly cloth pads to them which are a viable alternative solution.



Celebrating Van mahotsav

Fireside Chat with Arindam Sil & Joydip Kundu Moderated by Saira Shah Halim

Chief Guest Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee
District Governor, RID 3291, 2021-22

Focus Area: Environment
July 1 at 5 pm
Zoom Id: 929 3270 9449
Passcode: 2021

ROTARY CLUB OF KOLKATA URBANA
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CENTENARY

VAN

MAHOTSAV

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. The conversation was held against the backdrop of the recent movie Sherni and centered around the experiences gathered, learnings from such experiences and the way forward. Rtn. Arindam Sil, President, Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana and Mr. Joydip Kundu, founder of SHER were in conversation on the topic. The talk show was moderated by Ms. Saira Shah and attended by over 75 enthusiasts who interacted with the panelists. The event was streamed live on Facebook of both the clubs.

JULY 1, 2021



SEWING MACHINES GIFTED

Smt. Dipti Mukherjee, Superintendent of Ananda Kendra Home was gifted a sewing machine by Rtn. Mahua Sur Ray on behalf of Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana for the benefit of the less privileged women of our society. Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana gave 10 such sewing machines. It is a part of the District Grant Project, named Swan-irbhar 1, for the year 2020-21.

JULY 10, 2021

PROJECT AKRITI

Distribution of Artificial Limbs to Needy Ones

JULY 25, 2021

In order to ‘serve to change lives’, Rotary Club of Calcutta RID 3291 has started a project named “AKRITI”. As a part of this project, Rotary Club of Calcutta has committed to help 1000 beneficiaries needing artificial limbs shall be identified and distributed almost free of cost but with a nominal fee (leg @ ₹2500 and hand @ ₹3000 per beneficiary). In the interest of this project, Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana has decided to participate along with SHER (Society for Heritage & Ecological Researches) to help in the project. RCKU is also trying to engage with other possible NGOs to enhance its efforts to reach out to more such beneficiaries in the near future. Mr.

Mr. Joydeep Kundu, Secretary of SHER, has already submitted more than a dozen possible beneficiaries. Most of these beneficiaries are from Sunderban area including a few victims of tiger/leopard attacks. The project has just been initiated and has held its first “measurement meet for the beneficiaries” meeting on 8th August 2021 at Mahavir Seva Sadan, Kolkata with nine such prospective candidates to begin the process. This project is expected to last for a year or so and has many partnering Rotary Clubs and NGOs participating as of now – helping mainly in the identification of suitable beneficiaries and collecting all necessary information from them for the project, which is expected to change the lives of at least 1000 families.





E-waste Management

JULY 4 - 8, 2021

RCKU organised the collection of e-waste at Urbana from July 4 to 18, this year. During this period, the club collected more than 170 Kg of electronic waste which was then handed over to HULLADEK, a government of India authorised company to recycle the material in systematic manner.

This drive was a small step towards awareness about e-waste pollution and the club wishes to do it on regular basis. RCKU is also trying to spread this message to some other residential complexes.



District Awards, 2020-2021



Charter Secretary, Rtn Kohinoor Mandal, receiving the “Club of the Year 2020-21” award from IPDG Rtn Sudip Mukherjee on behalf of the club president, Rtn Arindam Sil.



Environment / Energy Conservation under Combined Category

1st Prize



Public Image

1st Prize



Bulletin Soft

2nd Prize



Computer Literacy

2nd Prize



Samagam District Conference

CLUB EXHIBIT
District Governor's
Appreciation

OTHER PROJECTS

ROTARY CLUB OF KOLKATA URBANA presents

Counseling Session on Stress and Relaxation

TWO WEEKEND SESSIONS (10.30AM - 11.30AM)

1. STRESS (Saturday 17th July 2021)
2. RELAXATION TECHNIQUES & TIPS (Sunday 25th July 2021)

Meeting Id : 850 908 16572
Passcode : 061020

Sessions by:
JYOTI SAPRU
Psychological Counsellor

For Session Details: +91 9830 229 155
Email: sapru.jyoti@gmail.com

THEY SPEND SLEEPLESS NIGHTS FOR US

IT'S TIME TO TAKE CARE OF THEM

SPECIALISED COUNSELLING SESSIONS FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

COVID-19 HAS TAKEN A HUGE TOLL ON OUR FRONTLINE WORKERS AND WE WANT TO HELP

COMING SOON IN JULY 2021

ROTARY CLUB OF KOLKATA URBANA
R.I. DISTRICT 3291



ROTARY CLUB OF KOLKATA URBANA
(R. I. Dist. 3291)

IN ASSOCIATION WITH **NAVIGHAR**

Healthy Meal for COVID patients & their families in Kolkata at affordable prices

- Mini Veg Thali - ₹ 100**
(Rice + Dal + Aloo Sedho / Uche Aloo Sedho / Aloo Kumro Sedho + Jhuri Bhaja + Sabji)
- Mini Chicken Thali - ₹ 170**
(Rice + Dal + Dim Aloo Sedho / Uche Aloo Sedho / Aloo Kumro Sedho + Jhuri Bhaja + Chicken Curry 2pcs)
- Mini Egg Thali - ₹ 100**
(Rice + Dal + Dim Aloo Aedho / Uche Aloo Sedho / Aloo Kumro Sedho + Jhuri Bhaja + Egg Curry 2pcs)
- Mini Fish Thali - ₹ 180**
(Rice + Dal + Dim Aloo Sedho / Uche Aloo Sedho / Aloo Kumro Sedho + Jhuri Bhaja + Fish 1pc)

To avail this service kindly contact the following numbers:
6289961646 & 6289909399

All rates are inclusive of Packaging and GST

Project Hariyali August 29, 2021

Rotaract Rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

MEGA TREE PLANTATION DRIVE

Organised by
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLKATA URBANA

HARIYALI

A joint initiative of
Rotary International District 3291 &
Rotaract District Organization 3291

Date : 29 August 2021
Venue : USHAPARA PRIMARY SCHOOL (Compound),
BOJHERHAT



Rotary

KEEP BREATHING

WE PRAY THAT YOU DO NOT NEED THE SERVICE BUT IN CASE YOU DO, CALL US FOR **OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR**

98305 53006
99309 38673

WITHIN CITY LIMITS OF KOLKATA

A PUBLIC INTEREST INITIATIVE BY
ROTARY CLUB OF KOLKATA URBANA
R.I. DISTRICT 3291





NEW MEMBERS

Rotary Club of Kolkata Urbana welcomes all the new members. It is a pleasure to have them. Your participation will further enrich the club in the years ahead.



ALOK BERY

Joined Rotary in 1995 as the Charter Secretary of Rotary Club of Kanpur, Greater Kanpur. He was the President of the club in 2005. He is a Charter member of Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers in 2013. As a Rotarian, he has served the Rotary Club as Secretary twice and as Director – Vocational Service, Sergeant at Arms and Chairperson – Club Administration and been a Board Member every year.

A few of the projects undertaken in his Rotary journey are: in 2005 the Club set up a free TB Clinic and got an international partner, Rotary Club of Umio, Sweden who gave a grant of 5000 Swedish Crowns translating to ₹1,75,000. It is still an ongoing project. Running a Pace Maker Project, adopted an orphanage and a school which are till date running smoothly. He has been awarded the District 3291 Wiz Kid Award in 2016-17 for his exemplary work as the Club Secretary. He is married to Anshu and have a daughter and a son.



JYOTI SAPRU

Psychological counselor
Masters in Psychology

She is a P.G. Diploma in Psychological counseling from Legal Aids Services, High Court Kolkata (affiliated to Calcutta University). She is registered as Psychological counselor with the Counselors Council of India (CCI) and at the National Career Services (NCS), a government portal for counseling under the Ministry of Labor and Employment. She worked with West Bengal Police as a Psychological counselor and often offer online counseling services for self help counselling centre. She worked with institutions like St. Thomas Girls' High School, Modern High School, Lakshmiapat Singhania Academy, Ashok Hall Group of Schools, Young Learners Montessori House, Siemens HRD, SRI SRI Academy and others.



SHARADKANYA DAS

She is a graduate in Philosophy from Scottish Church College and done her Masters in Puratani Tappa from Calcutta University. She is also trained in Music by Sri Chandidas Maal and Late Girija Devi.

She is a succesful entrepreneur running her own manufacturing unit, Sarbimongola Group, which deals with conservancy items for the last eight years. She has one daughter.



CHHABI GHOSH

She is a graduate and MA in Music. She takes keen interest in social work and wants to contribute more to the society. By profession, she has been into teaching and now she owns a boutique. Among her hobbies, she loves singing, dancing and acting in theatre.



DR. SANGEETA DAS

She is a MBBS from SCB MCH Odisha. She has 15 years of experience in practising at Chennai.

She is a PG in Hospital and Health administration and also holds a Diploma in echocardiography. Presently, she is a consultant in non-invasive cardiology in Rabindranath Tagore International Institute of Cardiac Sciences and Director of Kanha Polyclinic.



GOVIND HARIRAM

By profession, he is a Site Director and Tea Tester at HUL. He has been actively involved with many social service groups (including erstwhile Urbana Social Service wing). He was also a part of managing committee of local association in Kerela, which managed community services. He was also an active member of RYLA when in school and college.