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Tree Plantation at RCC Bishnupur 1 Sep. 2024 AOS Community AOF Environment



Since start of human civilization, we've cleared 46% of trees globally. Today, with our urban areas and open fields, it's tough to think what a truly forested world looked like. In 2022 alone, we lost 22.8 million hectares of tree cover to deforestation, logs for housing and forest fires — equivalent to a football ground of trees every six seconds. Climate change doesn't help matters; deforestation, alongside rising temperatures, is transforming what's left of our forest. Trees absorb 30% of global emissions every year. And when we burn them or cut them down, all of that pollution gets released into the air. Benefits of planting trees are Carbon confiscation or "carbon sequestration"; Biodiversity conservation; Soil protection and restoration; Water cycle regulation; Air quality improvement, etc.

With this inventory of knowledge as many as 12 prominent Rotarians of our Club namely President Subrata De; PP Ritwik Gupta; PP Nilima Joshi; PP Purnendu Roychowdhury; PP Raj Agarwal; PP Heena Gorsia; PP Saumen Ray; PE Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyaya, Rtns Yogesh Dassani; Pranab



Sarkar; Arunima Dey; Committee Chairman Atindra Sen were present on 01 September 2024 for

the Environment Committee initiative of 500 Tree saplings plantation at RCC Bishnupur at the School Concourse and at the main road..

This RCC Bishnupur is unarguably the best performing RCCs - Mothers' Army ["MA" of Auroville Ashram] displayed a robust March Past to welcome the Rotarians by the young Girls and then went on to display a daring Martial Arts of Kerala, Karaliuyatpattu. Earlier to that the Meditation and Prayer assembly with introduction with speeches was held at the New Auditorium built entirely by their own efforts and resources.

Excerpted from a report by Environment Committee Chairman Rtn Dr. Atindra N. Sen

Vision for All – AOS Community AOF Disease prevention and treatment



Camp 11: 31/08/2024 Sai Nilayam, Sai Baba Mandir, Bosepara, Ita Khola, Khardaha. Camp 12 : 01/09/2024 Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Shyamnagar

Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project of 50 camps for EYE Check-up in the Rotary year 2024-25. In these camps, EYE Check-ups will be done with distribution of Free powered Spectacles along with Cataract operations will be done. These camps are conducted as per SOP, and beneficiaries are identified for correction by



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spectacles or surgery, and the processes are thoroughly explained to them. For spectacles, they are directed to the spectacle desk and contact details of those requiring surgery are noted for follow up. Rotary branding is prominently put. In total, 524 beneficiaries were screened in the 2 camps, of which 390 required spectacle correction and 71 required surgical correction. Camp 11 in Sai Baba Mandir was attended by Arindam Roychowdhury.

Total Project Value is as under :

In Rs.	Camp 11	Camp 12
Camp Arrangements	14000	14000
Spectacles @ 800	152000	160000
Total	166000	174000

Projects are implemented by Arindam Roychowdhury, Special Projects Chair on behalf of Special Projects, and Community Service Committees.

Excerpted from reports of Ravindra Khandelwal

Activity Report of Interact Club of Silver Point School



On August 30, 2024, the Interact Club of Silver Point School, in collaboration with Lotus TMT Medical Bus, hosted a health camp at Kasba Rathtala Fair Ground. The mobile clinic offered various services, including general OPD, ENT, dental, eye check-ups, ECG, X-ray, and pathology tests. The event was supported by BDG Ramesh Goyal Seva Sansthan and Anondolok Hospital. Debasish Kumar, MLA,

Mayor, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Baiswanor Chattopadhyay, Councillor, Ward no 91, PDG Rajani Mukerji, PDG Prabir Chatterjee, Saswati Mukherjee, PP Abhijit Kolay, Vandana Jhunjhunwala, Social Philanthropist, Imran Zaki, President FACES, Rajendra Singh, Social Philanthropist, Arindam Roychowdhury, President Amrita Basu, Rotary Metro City, Sushmita Roy, First Miss Universe WB, 2024, Bani Roychowdhury, Founder, Secretary, SPS, Purnendu Roychowdhury, Trustee member, SPS, Mrs. Sucharita Roychowdhury, Principal, and Joydeep Dutta, Vice Principal, SPS attended and praised the camp for its community impact. The event served 370 beneficiaries and included a Grandparents' Day celebration, highlighting the involvement of students in encouraging their grandparents. The program concluded with a vote of thanks and the national anthem, fostering a sense of inspiration and community spirit.

Excerpted from a Report sent by Saswati Mukherjee, Chair Youth

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Tokyo, Japan, R.I. District 2580.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 26th September 2024 at 7:30 p.m. followed by Fellowship and Dinner.

Birthdays

Rtn. Shampa Ghose	17th September
Rtn. Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	22nd September
Rtn. Sri Prakash Jalan	23rd September
Rtn. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee	23rd September
Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Sen	25th September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

NO MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesdays, 17th and 24th September, 2024.

RESIGNATION

The Board at its meeting held on 29th August, 2024 accepted the resignation of Rtn. Dr. Amal Kumar Chakravarty with effect from 30th August, 2024.

BOARD MEETING

Third Meeting of the Board of Directors (2024 - 25) of the Club will be held on Monday, 23rd September, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Board Room, 1st Floor) 94/2, Chowringhee Road, Kolkata - 700020. All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT - 2024

The 99th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 15th December, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We will invite about 1,200 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club this year.

Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these Children. Donations in Cheque payable in favour of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" will be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax.

THANK YOU DONORS : (Donation received for Annual Children's Treat up to 09.09.2024)

Late Rtn. Nandita Sen Endowment for Annual Children's Treat	Rs. 25,000/-
Rtn. Atindra Nath Sen	Rs. 25,000/-
Rtn. Brijendra Kumar Poddar	Rs. 10,000/-

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 17th September 2024	No RWM	—
Wednesday, 18th September 2024	Hands-on Workshop on Fundamentals of AI & IoT	11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Rotary Sadan
Sunday, 22nd September 2024	Eye Checkup Camp	10 a.m. at Sundarban Ramakrishna Asharama, G. P. Vivakananda Gram, Buddhapur, Block. Kakdwip, 24 Parganas (S)
Tuesday, 24th September 2024	No RWM	—
Thursday 26th September 2024	International Positive Peace Workshop 106th Foundation Day Celebration followed by Fellowship and Dinner	11 a.m. RWM at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 28th September 2024	Eye Checkup Camp	10 a.m. at All India Matua Maha Sangha, Shridham Thakurnagar, P.O.- Thakurnagar, P.S.- Gaighata, 24 Parganas (N)
Sunday, 29th September 2024	Eye Checkup Camp	10 a.m. at Netaji Sangha, Village- Brahmachak, P.O. - Sonapukur, PS - Haroa, 24 Parganas (N)
Tuesday, 1st October 2024	Lunch followed by RWM	Lunch from 12:30 p.m. RWM from 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan

**MINUTES OF THE 4955TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON
3RD AUGUST 2024 AT 1:30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4955th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club to order.
2. President requested Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee to join the top table.
3. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
4. Minutes of the 4954th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club held on 24th August 2024 were confirmed.
5. President informed the members that day there was no guest speaker as the Programme Committee organised the Teacher's Day Celebration and all the teachers were felicitated.
6. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
7. **President reported the following :**
 - a. Community Service, Health and Special Projects Committee organised Eye Check-up and Blood Donation Camps during the months of August and September, 2024 :
 - i. **31st August 2024** - Eye Checkup Camp was held at Sai Nath Foundation, Khardaha, Kolkata.
 - ii. **1st September, 2024** - Eye Checkup Camp was held at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, 102 Bharat Chandra Roy Path, Ganguly Para, P.O - Shyamnagar, Dist. North 24 Parganas.
 - b. The Environment Committee organised a tree plantation project at RCC Bishnupur on 1st September 2024. Rotarians Ritwik Gupta, Nilima Joshi, Purnendu Roychowdhury, Raj Kumar Agrawal, Heena Gorsia, Saumen Ray, Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay, Yogesh Dassani, Pranab Sarkar, Arunima Dey, Chairman Atindranath Sen and the President Subrata De himself were present.
8. **President announced the following :**

The Community Service, Health and Special Projects Committee would jointly organise Eye Checkup Camps during the month of September, 2024 :

 - a. 7th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at Moyuri Utsav Bhawan, Chota Bazar Chow Matha More, Subhash Avenue, P.O. + P.S. - Ranaghat, Dist. Nadia, Pin - 741 201, West Bengal.
 - b. 8th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at Rotary Centre Jangipara (Near State Bank Jangipara Branch) Vill. & Post - Jangipara, Dist. Hooghly, Pin - 71 2404, West Bengal.
 - c. 15th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at Yasmine Naomi Chung Stars Welfare Society, 47 South Tangra Road, Kol-700046, Behind ITC Royale Bengal, Near Aurus (Enter big Grey gate Go straight, Turn left at 2nd meter box, Go straight to open blue gate).
 - d. Community Service, RCC and Vocational Service Committee would organise donation for Water Filters under "Prandhara Project" on Thursday, 12th September, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan.
 - e. 18th September, 2024 - A Workshop on "Fundamentals of AI and IoT" would be organised by Youth Service Committee at 11 a.m. at Rotary Sadan.
 - f. 106th Foundation Day Celebration would be held on Thursday, 26th September, 2024 at Rotary Sadan at 6.30 p.m. onwards followed by fellowship and dinner.
9. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :
 - a) He welcomed all the Members and Guests and wished them.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 14th September, 2024.
 - c) The First Club Assembly of the Club would be held on Sunday, 15th September, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by Hi-Tea. Registration 10:30 a.m. The Honorary Secretary requested all the members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the above date and joint the important meeting. He also requested the Committee Chairs to send their Committee activities reports during the first quarter of the Rotary year 2024-25 for the first Club Assembly.
 - d) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to be held on Tuesday, 15th September 2024 at 1:00 p.m. followed by lunch.
 - e) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on 10th and 17th September, 2024.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson of Club Service, Programme, Fellowship and Regular Flyers Committee conducted the Teacher's Day Celebration, and all the teachers and professors were felicitated. A celebration cake was cut.
11. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 200/- with special contribution from Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty.
12. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of New Delhi, R. I. Dist. 3011.
13. President also expressed his gratitude to Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh for sponsoring the maximum amount for Teacher's Day Celebration.
14. Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary