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GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER



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Project Sochetonota, a daylong Audio Visual Mobile Van project was organized on 23 September 2020 by Malaria Plus Committee, District 3291 along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi for awareness creation on Malaria, Filariasis, Dengue, Chikungunia and COVID-19. An awareness video on these diseases with messages from DG, IPDG, DGE and DGN were displayed on a LED Screen. DG Sudip Mukherjee flagged off the Mobile Van from Gariahat. The van stopped at Rashbehari crossing, Hazra crossing, Ballygunge Phari, Sealdah, Maniktala and Shyambazar crossing before reaching Kankurgachi. DG Sudip Mukherjee with First Lady Sumita, IPDG Ajay Agarwal, DGE Prabir Chatterjee and 20 club members were present at the inauguration.



District Governor's Message

Dear Friends,

As we present our activities for the month of September, it gives me immense joy to see that we are firmly on our track of "Resolve to serve in 2nd century of service in India"

*Our sustainable service **PROJECT HEALTH POSITIVE** continues and we had 3 health camps on Know Your numbers..almost 250 participants benefited from the projects.*

*September being **BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY** month, many clubs organized projects to promote literacy. A District seminar **NAVSIKSHA** was organized where RIP Shekhar Mehta, RID Kamal Sanghvi and eminent educationist IndraniSanyal spoke on Education today. It was a very meaningful seminar where the Interactors also participated and interacted with the leaders to clear their doubts.*

*From 20th to 26th September **POLIO WEEK** was observed in our District. Most of the clubs took up several programmes to spread awareness about Polio and attending immunization programme.*

I thank all leaders for keeping up the good work and making best of the oppurtunitiesto serve humanity.



GML Chair's Message



Dear Friends!

It gives me immense pleasure in presenting the activities of RID 3291 during the month of September. Kudos to the Presidents and the Club members my inbox was full as ever before. It has been proved beyond doubt that when it comes to service, there is no deterrent for us, the Rotarians. let us continue with the good work and keep reporting the same.

Thank you.
Soma Kazi

NavShiksha

ON OCCASION OF TEACHERS DAY

Rotary District 3291 presented a webinar “NavSiksha” on 5th September on the occasion of Teacher's Day. The programme was hosted by Rotary Club of Mahanagar and Rotary Club of Victoria.

President of R C Mahanagar PranayAgarwal welcomes all. Next Ragini Kothari presents an ode to the teachers. After this, National Anthem was followed by Interfaith Services. How Service above self unites Rotarians. Secretary of R C Mahanagar Manish Biyani introduces District Governor Sudip Mukherjee. He welcomes all and introduces the topic for the day.

Next RtnSeemaDanda introduced Rotary International Director Kamal Sanghvi. Kamal Sanghvi paid tribute to the Teachers saying that they are the builders of the nation. He mentioned that in Sanskrit, Guru has the status of God. Chanakya said Shikshakkabhisadharannehihote. He also quoted Ghandhiji who gave a call for a war against illiteracy. He then went on the talk about Rotary's TEACH mission, India's largest holistic program to eliminate illiteracy.

Next, DrAlkaJayswal introduced keynote speaker for the evening IndraniSanyal, Principal of DPS Megacity. She is a recipient of the Dronacharya award, Best Principal award and British council's ambassador award. She spoke on online teaching which has become a necessity now. She pointed out that this on line teaching is accessible to only the privilege class as most of the under privileged children has no access to smart phones or lap tops. She said that government is working towards bridging the gap. She also mentioned how Television channels are also working towards making education available to one and all.

She then went on to discuss on the benefits of e- learning. Students had flexible timings, could manage studies along with some other important works. Attendance was better and interaction was also better. This tool is also very effective for slow and shy learners. The transit time was saved and may be put to more effective use. There would be sufficient cost saving in school infra structure also. Also laboratory and other hands on classes will suffer. She ended her deliberation by saying that e learning is here to stay, but it will be blended with physical trainings.

After the deliberation of the keynote speaker, DG Sudip felicitated two of the teachers from his school St Xaviers, ParitoshSarkar and Ashok Kumar Samajpati. The teachers were given an honorarium and they also spoke about how happy they were that their student remembered them after so many years.

The Grand finale for the program was the deliberation of our very own Rotary International President Elect Shekhar Mehta. He spoke on Rotary's role in Nation building. Rotary gives Nation building awards to teachers. Almost 2000 teachers have received this award. It is the students who judge who will be given this award to. Speaking to the Interactors present in the programme, he said that each of us should leave an impact in the sands of time. We should try to bring excellence in everything that we do and not to forget that our ultimate goal is to be a good human being. He urged all students to strive to being an asset to the country. He pointed out that the e learning is the future and how Rotary is contributing to Governments e learning programme. He also spoke about adult literacy, there are 27 crore illiterate people in the country. Rotary has a slogan, each one teach one. The students should also take up teaching at least one illiterate person each to eliminate illiteracy from India.

Program ended with vote of thanks

EMINENT SPEAKERS



Shekhar Mehta

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT 2021-22



Kamal Sanghvi

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
DIRECTOR



Indrani Sanyal

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL MEGACITY
PRINCIPAL

Project Health Positive

Know Your Numbers

District's 5th(overall)&4th Project pertaining AOF: 'Disease Prevention and Treatment' was held on 9th September at LWCD (NGO) Hatipota. It was the 2nd exclusive project of 'Project Positive Health' where around 200 beneficiaries were checked. Team Medical of District comprising of: Dr. Ramendu & Bandana Homchaudhuri, Dr. Aurobindo Ray, Dr. Krishnendu Gupta & Dr. Sudipta Chandra (calculating BMI) were present along with others. Host club **RC Cal Sutanati** & Co host club **RC Geetanjali Kolkata**.



At macro level District's 7th(overall)&6th Project pertaining to AOF: 'Disease Prevention and Treatment' was held on Saturday, 26th, September '20. As advised by RID Dr. Bharat Pandya, this is the 1st of 4 Mega Health Check up Camp of Project Positive Health where apart from 'Know Your Numbers' we had other aspects of general health check up along with BMD, ENT etc. Total no: of beneficiaries were around 300. MP Mala Roy, Chairman of 2 nos KMC Borough, DG NAjoyLaw, IPDG Ajay Agarwal, PDG Uttam Ganguli, PDG Mukul Sinha along with Team Medical's Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, Dr. Aurabinda Ray, Dr. Sudipta Chandra & Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri and AG Shampa Ghosh, by Jyotish C Roy & Hemanta Bose were present. Host Clubs **RC East Central** & **RC Cal Suncity** who conducted in collaboration with Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals & social welfare organisation Viveak.C Majestic also participated.

District's 6th(overall)&5th Project pertaining to AOF: 'Disease Prevention and Treatment' will be held on Friday, 25th September '20. It is the 3rd exclusive project of 'Project Positive Health' 'Know your Numbers'. where there were more than 150 beneficiaries. Lead Host **RC Cal Sutanati** & Co host **RC Cal MidWest**. From Team Medical Dr. Aurobindo Roy & Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhury and AG Haraprasad Garg & District Editor Soma Kazi were present. We had 3 such camps in 3 months and total beneficiaries have crossed 500.





The first programme of District Team 21-22 Parichay was held at The Westin Hotel New Town, Kolkata on 27th September 2020. District Governor 21-22 PrabirChatterjee introduced his Team and the incoming club leaders to the missions and visions of the incoming Rotary year.

ROTARY HISTORY

Rotary's two official mottoes

Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best, Rotary's official mottoes, can be traced back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, the second Rotary convention, in Portland, Oregon, USA, approved He Profits Most Who Serves Best as the Rotary motto. The wording was adapted from a speech that Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon delivered to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland gathering also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During an outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Rotary founder Paul Harris, who also was on the trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 Rotary International Convention in Detroit, Michigan, USA, two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 Council on Legislation established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified to They Profit Most Who Serve Best in 2004 and to its current wording, One Profits Most Who Serves Best, in 2010.

Rotary themes

Each January, Rotary members enthusiastically await the incoming Rotary International president's announcement of the next Rotary theme. The president announces the theme at the International Assembly, an annual training event for incoming leaders.

Percy Hodgson, at the 1951 Rotary Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S., was the 1949-50 Rotary International president credited with starting the tradition of crafting a theme.

The tradition of crafting a theme is credited to Percy C. Hodgson, Rotary's president in 1949-50. When Hodgson addressed the International Assembly in 1949, he impressed upon the incoming leaders that they had a "glorious opportunity to impart Rotary knowledge" and that "lack of Rotary knowledge can be a deterrent to the successful operation of a Rotary club." Hodgson's 83-word theme, which included a list of four objectives, was substantially longer than today's punchier themes, but it captured his hope that incoming leaders have essential knowledge of Rotary.

Rotarians' desire to celebrate and support their president's annual program of service has continued. Other early themes include Rotary Is Hope in Action (Joaquin Serratoso Cibils, 1953-54), Kindle the Spark Within (Nitish C. Laharry, 1962-63), and Good Will Begins With You (Ernst G. Breitholtz, 1971-72).

In the decades that followed, RI presidents introduced theme logos, lapel pins, ties, and scarves. Theme ties were introduced in the 1990s, and are now crafted annually. Scarves first appeared in 1998-99. Many designs incorporate the theme logo for the year. Others, such as those selected by William Boyd from New Zealand and Sakuji Tanaka from Japan, use colors or imagery that reflects their home country.

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WORLD HEART DAY



In association with Rotary International District 3291 and Apollo Gleneagles Hospital, Kolkata, two separate Panel Discussions on 'Life Style & Heart Disease' was organized on the occasion of World Heart Day and was attended by eminent doctors. DG Sudip Mukherjee, DGE Prabir Chatterjee, DGN Ajoy Kumar Law, PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay along with spouse Jaya and a host of district officials and club members were present on the occasion. The Program was telecast live on Zoom, conducted by IPP Rtn. Adrija & District Secretary Sunny Kollannur. The program was inaugurated by Mr. Rana Dasgupta, CEO, Apollo Gleneagles. The Doctors who took part in Panel Discussions were Dr. P C Mondal, Dr. Swapan Dey, Dr. Sankha Subhra Das, Dr. Aritra Konar, Rtn (Dr) Shuvro Banerjee, Dr Sushan Mukherjee, Dr Aftab Khan, Dr Raja Nag, Dr Bikash Majumder and Dr Ashfaque Ahmed.

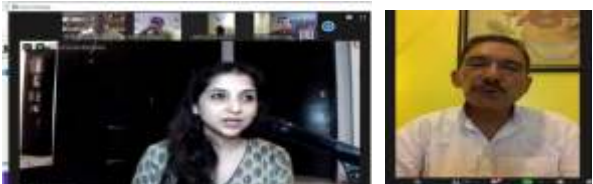
Life Beyond **CANCER**



District webinar LIFE BEYOND CANCER in association with Rotaract District 3291 was held on 25th September. Lead host was Rotary club of Calcutta Jadavpur. The event was called into order by president RC Jadavpur Rtn Kunal Ray, followed by speech from DG sudip Mukherjee & special guest MMIC Debashis kumar. AG service Rtn partha sarkar was master of ceremony ably supported by Rtr shreya banerjee. Guest of honor Renowned singer Ms. Kaushiki chacraborty & famous cricketer Mr Arunlal expressed their solidarity with the noble cause. Dr soma De of SGCCRI, Dr Apurba Ghosh Director ICH, DR Arpita Bhattacharya of Tata Medical spoke about awareness of paediatric cancer, the role of Rotary & the need for rehabilitation of paediatric cancer survivors. There were two little cancer survivors sunny machua & Preety kuiru enthralled the audience with their dance performances,



RIPE Shekhar Mehta addressed more than 300 virtual audience. He assured the doctors that Rotary will support the cause & try for more such cancer wellness centre & a corpus fund for emergency assistance to the poor family may be worked out.



Paediatric cancer chair Rtn chitra mondal thanked everyone present for making the event successful

Commemoration of 125th Birth Anniversary of Dooars Gandhi Nalini Mohan Pakrashi

Rotary Club of Belvedere Gardens Calcutta on 1st November 2020 celebrated the 125th Birth Anniversary of Dooars Gandhi Nalini Mohan Pakrashi. District Governor Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee was the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion AG international Service Rtn. Arindam Pakrashi drew a parallel between freedom movement and Rotary movement on the line that both requires their regional leaders and followers to strengthen the hands of the leaders in the higher echelons. During freedom struggle the national leadership was largely dependant on the regional leaders and their followers to join the fray. The regional leaders also played pivotal role to inspire common masses towards freedom struggle. Similarly, in Rotary the participation of the members and their respective clubs are imperative to realise the ideas and ideals of the Rotary International.

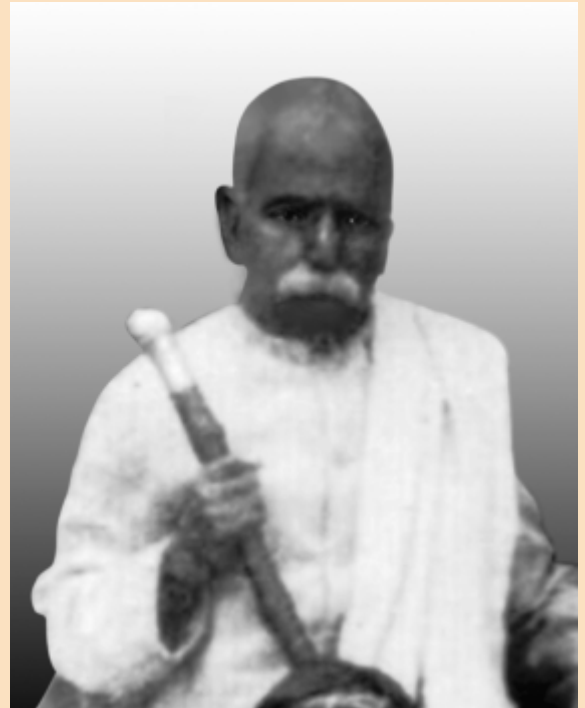
Dooars Gandhi Nalini Mohan Pakrashi was one of the tallest leaders of freedom movement in North Bengal. He was also known as 'Bhutan Gandhi'. However, he was unique in his freedom struggle to follow the path of both Gandhiji and Subhas Chandra Bose. In his earlier life during 1928-39 he was instrumental to initiate 'Civil Disobedience and Non-Cooperation Movement' in North Bengal. He also worked tirelessly to instil the spirit of freedom in the hearts of thousands of tribal workers in tea plantations and agricultural farmers of Dooars. His influence over the various tribal and marginalised farmers were paramount and he could speak fluently several tribal languages including Rajbanshi.

During the Regional Congress Convention in 1939 in Jalpaiguri he took a brigade of more than ten thousand tribal dressed in their traditional attire to attend the convention. This impressed immensely Subhash Chandra Bose and an earlier acquaintance transformed into a deep mutual admiration and Nalini Mohan Pakrashi joined Forward Bloc. Subsequently his zeal for direct confrontation with British Raj prevailed upto his ideological conviction and he organised historic capturing of Kumar Gram Police Station by crossing the mighty Raidak River during monsoon by swimming in the middle of the night with his followers and hoisting Tricolour next morning. His innovative way of boycotting 'SamuktalaHaat' was also a glorious chapter in the history of freedom struggle in North Bengal. Obviously, imprisonment and intern were his regular companion.

While Chief Minister Siddhartha Sankar Ray during his official visit to Cooch Behar in 1973 met this veteran freedom fighter and took his blessings by touching his feet ,other Chief Minister Sri Prafulla Chandra Sen remarked while writing a preface to the biography of Nalini Mohan Pakrashi in 1976 that no tribute is enough to place on record the tremendous sacrifice that this great freedom fighter has made for his motherland. In the year 1972, on the occasion of 25th Anniversary of Indian Independence, the then Prime Minister Smt.Indira Gandhi conferred him Tamrapatra, Freedom Fighter Nalini Mohan Pakrashi died on 20th June 1973.

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VIBRANT CLUBS OF D-3291

Ballygunge



A unique Literary interactive Webinar titled 'Bangla Sahityer Epar Opar' was successfully organized on Zoom cloud platform on 11 September 2020, with more than 60 involved and interactive participants. Eminent authors Mani Shankar Mukherjee, famously popular as Shankar, Sanat Abdul Hai, from Bangladesh and the Booksellers & Publishers Guild Secretary Tridib Chatterjee, freely interacted on various subjects with the participants.

Pulse Polio SNID was observed on 20 September 2020 through Miking Awareness Campaign in KMC Ward 68, along a selected route through Gariahat, Golpark, Fern Road, Jamir Lane, and Ballygunge Place.

Project on Malaria and Dengue Control along with Precautionary measures against COVID-19 pandemic was undertaken on 27 September 2020 through the distribution of mosquito nets, masks, sanitizers and essentials to school children and construction labourers in vulnerable parts of the city.

PP Balam Pyne sponsored a donation of Rs 10,000/- to Vivek Vikas Mission in Bankura towards the education of school children from village Khiri while PE Anjali Roy sponsored the admission of a needy meritorious school girl into Class XI.

Behala



Health Webinar & Joint meeting with Rotary Club of Bikrampur, RID 3281 was held on 3 September 2020. The seminar was inaugurated by DG Rubayet Hossain, RID 3281. Our DG Sudip Mukherjee was the Chief Guest. They both spoke on the recent developments in their respective districts. Prof (Dr) Muzaherul Haq, President, RC Bikrampur gave a global overview of COVID-19 with special reference to the Indian subcontinent. PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha, RC Behala talked about COVID-19 and Cardiac Patients.

On 5 September 2020 the club organized a programme on COVID awareness and Tree Plantation. 2000 surgical masks, 100 bottles of hand

sanitizers and 25 Mahogany saplings were distributed to Ward 117 Welfare Society of Kolkata at Masterda Sporting Club, off Rai Bahadur Road, Behala. Also invited in the programme were Smt Gouri Roy, Sri Tarun Dey, former Indian Football team captain, and Sri Avijit Mondal, famous footballer turned coach. PP Rtn Siddhartha Chakraborty talked on Rotary in general and highlighted the service projects undertaken by the club.

Polio Awareness & Immunization Day were observed by the club on 20 and 26 September 2020 in ward no 76, 117, 118, 123, 128, 129, 131. Club undertook the responsibility of rigorous miking on auto with awareness banners and usage of billboards before the polio day. Masks, hand sanitizers and refreshment were also distributed among all health-workers involved in the programme.

Action for Sustainable India – UN75 Online Dialogue – was organized on 26 September 2020 with Rotaract Club of Behala and hosted on Zoom Virtual platform by Rotary Club of Behala. Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, MP, Ladakh was the Guest speaker. The online dialogues also had Padma Shree Chewang Norphel and Retd Major Poonam Kashyap.

Phase II of 'Water for Sanitation' Project was initiated at RCC Ramakrishna Ashram, Chandanpuri, Namkhana on 27 September 2020 supported by EIRWT Grant.

Scholarship money of Rs 1lac was handed over to RCC Ramakrishna Ashram on the same day for financing the education of 20 girl students in the school run by the RCC

Amphan Phase III relief was arranged on 27 September 2020 at RCC Ramakrishna Ashram, Chandanpuri, Namkhana and essential commodities, mosquito nets, dry food items were provided to more than 200 families.

BIDHANNAGAR



The club members celebrated Teachers' Day at Thanamakhua Model High School (Higher Secondary School), Bakultala, Howrah on 5 September 2020. Headmaster Mr. Prabal Naskar and other teachers present in the school were felicitated with flower bouquets, sweet packets, scarfs and mementos. Scholarship money of Rs 2000.00/- each was given to six meritorious student of class XI. It was followed by a cultural program arranged for the teachers. The whole program was arranged by President Snigdha Kar who is also a teacher of that school

Calcutta



To commemorate International Literacy Day, club distributed school stationeries to 60 beneficiaries at its RCC Bishnupur on 6 September 2020.

In association with Taj Bengal, club organized a 15 day 'House Keeping Training Programme' for 20 participants from NGO Ektara, in pursuance of vocational skill development for enhancing employability. The project commenced on 19 September 2020.

On 21 September 2020 in an extension for Covid support to the community, RC Calcutta donated 2 numbers of portable emergency ventilators to Humanity Hospital, Joka. The project was funded by Rtn Ashish Kr Bagla.

Club celebrated its 101st Foundation Day on 26 September 2020 on a virtual platform with RIPE Shekhar Mehta addressing the plenary session. SHATAM, the centenary year book of the Club, was also released on the same day by RIPE. Former Union Minister, Renuka Chowdhury, spoke on 'Women in Politics' at the programme.

Charters were handed over to one Rotaract club and two Interact clubs on 15 September 2020 formed in its centennial year 2019-20. The club sponsored Rotaract projects including 'Sampradan' on 22 September 2020 to donate educational kits to underprivileged students in Rajerhat, 'Aaharja' also on 22 September 2020 for the donation of cooked food to slums in Howrah and 'Pratishruti' on 30 September 2020 when food packets were donated to Covid affected families in Baruipur;

Club also arranged for guest speakers to speak on various topics. On 10 September 2020 marked as World Suicide Day, Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar, a WHO panellist, spoke on 'All Wounds are not Visible'. On 15 September 2020 in a joint RM with RC Calcutta Chowringhee, Guest Speaker Shri Jayant Sinha, MP & Chairperson, Standing Committee of Finance, GOI enlightened all on 'Getting to the Green Frontier – Development Model for India'. Dr Samsit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha and Dr S.B. Zaware spoke on the National Education Policy 2020 on 19 September 2020. A Musical Tambola titled 'Songbola' was organized on 20 September 2020 with DJ Hitesh Teckchandani. CA Diyanivas Sharma was the Guest Speaker on 29 September 2020. He spoke on 'Impact of Digitisation'

Calcutta Endeavour



Organized an International Evening on 19 September 2020. The participating clubs included Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour, India, RID 3291, Rotary Club of Curitiba Imigrantes, Brazil, RID 4730, Rotary Club of Dilkusha Bangladesh, RID 3281 and Rotary Club of Kathmandu, Nepal RID 3292. Engr MA Wahab, DGN, RID 3281, Bangladesh, DG Anaides Pimentel Da Silva Orth, RID 4730 Brazil, IPDG Kiran Lal Shreshta, RID 3292, Nepal, DG Sudip Mukherjee, RID 3291, INDIA attended the event. Chief Guest & Speaker for the event was Rotary International Director 2019-21 Kamal Sanghvi

Under the mission 'Keep India Polio Free' awareness programme was conducted with 92 workers 20 September 2020 at Ward No. 1, the biggest ward of KMC under Borough 1. PDG Mukul Sinha, District Officials, Borough Chairman Sri Tarun Saha and Dr. Lalita Chatterjee participated in this drive to eradicate Polio. Masks, Hand Sanitizers, Soaps and Dry Food Packets were given to these 92 Polio Workers .

Calcutta Jadavpur

September being declared as Nutrition Awareness Month by Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, club organized webinar entitled 'In conversation with Eminent Dietitians' on 21 September 2020 in collaboration with Society for Nutrition and Dietetics. Prominent speakers on nutrition included senior dieticians Soma Kundu Mondal from Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan, Arpita Ghosh Deb from Bellevue Nursing Home and Paromita Das Dutta from Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute. ZS Rina Sinha Roy and AG Susanta Sarkar attended the programme along with 58 beneficiaries and 28 club members.

Calcutta Acropolis



On Teachers' day, 5 September 2020 Niradboron School, devastated by cyclone 'Amphan' was inaugurated after reconstruction and renovation in Purba RadhaBallavpur in South 24 Parganas. The project was undertaken in collaboration with RCC members of Mother Teresa Janakalyan Mission. The Headmaster and teachers of the school were felicitated. It was followed by a cultural program by the students. Some saplings had also been planted in the region on the same day.

Calcutta Kankurgachi

Sri Madhab Bhattacharya was felicitated on 6 September 2020 for his service to the community. He has established a fully residential unit, spread over 56 Kathas of land at Kamaksha Balakashram Debipur Kathore, Badu, Madyamgram, for 60 orphan boys and girls. On the same day, the 60 orphans were also provided with bath towels, hand sanitizers, masks, food packets, chocolates and two water filters within their premises. He is also credited to have established one Primary & Secondary School from where a total of nearly 3500 students have passed out during the last thirty years. The students were also given opportunities to learn Music, Dance, Karate and Yoga. Certificates of felicitation, 40 PPE Kits and sanitizers were provided to COVID-19 warriors, the police personnel at Beliaghata Police Station and at the Police Outpost at Beliaghata ID Hospital on 15 September 2020. On the same day 60 PPE Kits were also donated to the ID Hospital and Certificates of Felicitation were given to ambulances drivers and nursing personnel for their efforts in combating this COVID pandemic.

12 members from the club attended Polio Booth at Kankurgachi on 20 September 2020.

Under project 'Suhrid' on 27 September 2020, club distributed Rs 2000 each to 8 needy people as a Part of Microfinance scheme to help them in their vocation. 2 Cycle vans were given to two persons severely affected by the lockdown. Theatre personality Mr Tapan Das was felicitated as Lockdown Warrior because of his tireless effort to keep his theatre group alive. He even sold fish and vegetables on the street to support his mission. Six women entrepreneurs who engaged in handicrafts for their livelihood and to support their families were also felicitated.

Calcutta Laketown



To promote Rotary's Public Image, club observed Polio Immunization Day on 20 September 2020. 1000 children between the age of 19 days to 5 years were given Polio drops by 18 health workers who went from door to door in Sreebhumi, Dakshindari and Patipukur adjacent to Laketown. Club provided sanitizers, masks, caps, soap and light refreshments to the health workers. Club organized a seminar on 'Let's Talk About Dementia' on 26 September 2020. Mrs. Nilanjana Maulik, National Coordinator ARDSI (Alzheimer's and Related Disorders Society of India) and Secretary General of ARDSI-Calcutta Chapter spoke in details about the symptoms, causes and preventive measures to reduce the risk of Dementia.

Calcutta Magnum

The club organized a campaign 'Awareness on Polio Immunization' with the health workers of KMC Ward No 9 who visited each house within the ward for campaigning on Polio Vaccination from SNID Polio Immunization Day on 20 September 2020 till 26 September 2020.



Calcutta Majestic



On the occasion of Kolkata Police Day (1 September 2020) and to honour the police personnel for their outstanding role in servicing people in this pandemic, Rotary club of Calcutta Majestic felicitated them by donating masks, sanitizers and gifts as a token of appreciation.

On 28 September 2020 club undertook a spread literacy drive at Shiv Mandir near Rabindra Sarovar Lake. Senior club member Rtn Roma Sengupta donated Rs 50,000/- to the school for the betterment of the unprivileged children. District Governor Sudip Mukherjee, District Governor Elect Prabir Chatterjee were both present on the occasion.

Calcutta Metropolitan



Nobel Laureate Professor Muhammad Yunus spoke on 'The Revolution of Micro Financing to Social Business' in minute details on 8 September 2020. DG-3291 Rtn Sudip Mukherjee also addressed the audience. Shri Samit Ghosh of Ujjivan also spoke on Micro Financing in India and how he was inspired by Professor Yunus.

The distribution of Dry Rations to the girl students and their families of Pace Learning Center, Piyali continued on 29 September 2020, an on-going project since April 2020. President Harsh V Rungta, First lady Nidhi Rungta and PP Jayanta Chatterji were present at the time of distribution. Total number of beneficiaries was around 225.

September, being the Basic Education & Literacy month on Rotary International Calendar is celebrated every year at Pace Learning Centre, Piyali. This year the literacy month celebration was designed in a different way owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. 72 students were awarded on 20 September 2020 for their regular attendance during the online classes. Certain other criteria which were also taken into consideration are proactive approach, creative thinking, citizenship etc.

Calcutta Nabodiganta



On 6 September 2020 Mega Project of Organ Donation Pledging was organized with the help of CENERGY and Blood Donation Camp with People's Blood Bank within the premises of Lake Pally Club. Free Health Check-up including ECG, Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure, Oxygen Saturation Level, Bone Density, fat calculation and BMI as well as consultation with specialist doctors and dietician was also arranged. The event was organized in association with Jainaseni Mitra Reiki Training Center & Legends Academy of Martial Arts. MIC Debasish Kumar, DG Sudip Mukherjee, eminent doctor Rtn. Ramendu HomChaudhuri, Rtn. Partha Sarkar and many distinguished rotarians of RID 3291 were present. There were 52 blood donors and another 48 organ donors pledged at the Mega Event.

Calcutta Presidency



As part of The Water Story Project, held on 15 August 2020, poster competition to Save Water was held. Rotaractors declared 10 participants as winners. Prize money of Rs.500 per winner was sent to them from the club. The results were posted on the Rotary

Presidency facebook page with the names and photographs of the winners on 5 September 2020. On 6 September 2020, a Webinar on 'Adolescence' was held for the Interactors and their mothers of St. Teresa school. It was interactive session with AG Sangita Jain, Dr. Rina Malpani and 82 students of the school. On 10 September 2020 an informal discussion was held with Dr Sharad Singhi, Rotractors and Interactors on the 'Misuse of Head phones'. Our club members and Secretary of Rotary Club of Bhubaneshwar had also joined the session. There was active participation form the audience.

On 13 September 2020, club distributed Sanitary Items, Food items and Clothes to the 90 inmates of Ishwar Sankalp a home for destitute women.

Another webinar was held on 19 September 2020. Dr Kumar Kalyan Rudra Orthogeriatrician in UK spoke on 'Ageing Bones - Falls, Faints and Fractures'. He also discussed about the cause of osteoporosis and its prevention. Rotarians from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhubaneshwar and Kolkata had joined. DG Sudip Mukherjee also gave his views on the subject. There was active participation of the audience. It was also live on Facebook.

Under the signature project of RC Presidency, "The Water Story", webinar

was held on 26 September 2020. Topic of discussion was 'Save Water Save Life'. Guest Speaker was Dr Rajendra Singh popularly known as Water Man of India. The webinar also had Mr Gurmit Singh Arora President of All India Plumbing Association as speaker. Nearly 180 participants joined from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhubaneshwar and Kolkata.

Calcutta South Circle



Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle has taken a small initiative to keep India Polio Free at the club sponsored RCC, St. Xavier's, Raghbapur on 20 September 2020. Miking was done from an auto in 5 villages near the RCC to inform the villagers to give polio drops to all children up to the age of 5 years. Polio banners were also put up at important landmarks of the villages to spread awareness.

Community service project 'Suraksha' conforming to the RI Area of Focus, Disease Prevention & Treatment was launched by our District 3291. 300 mosquito nets were distributed by the club, out of which 50 mosquito nets were received from the district at subsidized rate while the remaining 250 pieces were arranged by the club. 100 mosquito nets were distributed to needy people in villages Debipur and Salpukur on 27 September 2020. 8 Members of our club were present there at our RCC. The remaining 200 are to be distributed in the Amphan affected village of Rakkhaskhali village in the Sundarbans on 10 October 2020.

Calcutta Sun City



President Elect Supriti Bannerjee look initiative to keep Beautiful wallpapers were fixed at Nabajibn Vidyamandir School, Madhyamgram where the club has a Interact Unit.

Calcutta Universe

Under the 'Keep India Polio Free' Campaign club spread awareness regarding the importance of immunization to stop the curse of Polio through miking in Kolkata Municipal Corporation Ward 55, around Anandapalit area during Polio week in September 2020.



Calcutta Victoria



12 under privileged pregnant women from Joynagar have been adopted by the Club to provide them with necessary medicines and food supplements every month till they deliver. This project started on 3 September 2020. Teachers' Day was celebrated on 5 September 2020 by organizing a webinar along with District 3291 and Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar. The key note speakers were RIPE Shekhar Mehta, RID Kamal Sanghvi and DPS Megacity Principal Indrani Sanyal. D.G. Sudip Mukherji was also present. On the 13 September 2020 lunch was hosted for the inmates of Navneer Old Age Home in Tollygunge. 80 people of this Old Age Home had a sumptuous Bengali lunch of Polau, dal, mixed vegetable curry, paneer, chutney, papad, and sweets. Another webinar on Polio Free India was held on Sunday 20 September 2020 along with District 3291. The main speakers were PDG Debashish Mitra, PDG Uttam Ganguly and DG Sudip Mukherjee. Debashish Mitra. Uttam Ganguly spoke about the creator of the first Polio Vaccine Dr. Jonas Salk and his dream of making the planet Polio Free. Club took an active part in the Polio SNID programme on 20 September 2020. Around 85 posters with the message ' Fight to end Polio' was put up in different locations like Lake Gardens, Jodhpur Park, Southern Avenue, Golf Green, Ballygunge to create awareness. Posters were also put behind cycle rickshaws in these areas. A team from the club visited Borough 69 and also the booth nearby where Polio drops were administered to some children. DG Sudip Mukherjee also attended the booth.

Calcutta Visionaries



27stSeptember 2020:Quiz for Interactors Our Cluborganised a District level quiz for the Interactors " TAJASSUS " which was conducted by Quiz Miss RashmiSinghee. The event was done through Google forms and Zoom. Six

finalist teams had their finals on 27th September. The event was streamed live on Facebook and YouTube. The event was attended by DG Rtn Sudip Mukherjee and other District Officers including DICC RtnSulagna Daw. The winning team; Interact Club of Cossipore English School received a price money of Rs.10,000/- and the Runners up; MCKV Interact Club received a price money of Rs. 5,000/-all of which was sponsored by our club. All the participating teams were given participation certificate as well as token of love.

Central Calcutta



On the occasion of Teachers' Day on 5 September 2020, 15 teachers and Non-Teaching Staff of Rotary Shiksha Sadan were felicitated. Fruit tree saplings were also distributed on the same day.

Masks and sanitizers were distributed at R.C.C Tarakeswar in Nibaran Roy Primary School on 6 September 2020 jointly with the Rotaractors.

Sapling distribution was undertaken by the club of 13 September 2020 at RCC Bhandarhat

On 19 September 2020 Late Ram Gopal Lakhotia Ventilator Ward was inaugurated at Visudhanand Hospital, Burtalla, Kolkata by DG Sudip Mukherjee. Two Ventilator machines of GE Healthcare from Italy were donated at the event. PDG Raj Kumar Rajgharia, Rtn Sunil Sethia, Rtn Jitesh Kumar Gutgutia, Rtn Rajesh Lakhotia, Rtn Sandeep Agarwal were present from the club. The project cost was around 18 lacs. The event was covered by Rajasthan Patrika and Samagya daily news papers, and TV News Channels Bangla News and Knews.

Masks and sanitizers were distributed on 20 September 2020 for the prevention of COVID-19 in the polio booth attended by the club.

Under Global Grant Project with Rotary Club of Singapore distributed PPE kits to COVID-19 Centres and 30,000 masks to the community in Singapore in September 2020.

Chandannagar



On 19 September 2020 under RID 3291 initiative, 25 pieces of umbrella were distributed to street Cobblers between Baidyabati to Chinsurah. Masks were also distributed among the neighbours and passerby of that area as an initiative to fight against COVID-19.

East Calcutta



On 16 September 2020, club President Rtn. Dr. Bikas Bhattacharya spoke on COVID-19 in popular 'Corona Mokabila' live show on DDBangla TV channel. Dr. Makhan Lal Saha, Member West Bengal Health Commission also joined the show and spoke on current COVID situation in West Bengal. During Polio week, between 20 to 26 September 2020, in the 'Keep India Polio Free' campaign of RI District 3291, club participated by miking in and around Ward No.33 and 34.

Garden Reach



1st September

Joint Meeting with R C Calcutta Park Point, Calcutta South Extension, Guest speaker Dr Sharmila Amin spoke on 'What a woman should want'.

11th September: Charter Day was celebrated on 11th September in a virtual in house program.

17th September: Joint Meeting with R C Calcutta Park Point, Gurgaon Passion (RID 3011).

Guest speaker Sourav Daspatnaik (MD – Swach Environment Pvt Ltd) spoke on 'Work Ethics & Practices during Pandemic Times – The New Normal'. DG Sudip Mukherjee graced the program as Chief Guest.

20th September: Educational Kits & Ration were distributed to 30 Amphan affected poor students of Sunderbans, at RCC Champa Mahila Society. Ration was distributed to 20 Tiger victims of Sunderbans, at RCC Champa Mahila Society.

27th September: Club Co hosted an Inter District Joint meeting on 'Rotary Global Grant (A Boon to the World)' with RID 3100 Clubs. Rtn Anuj Agarwal initiated the topic and Guest Speaker Ankur Agarwal discussed about Rotary Global Grant, a very lucid deliberation.

Geetanjali Kolkata



On the auspicious evening of Teachers' Day on 5 September 2020, a virtual ceremony was arranged for the felicitation of Rtn. Professor (Dr.) Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay for his vocational excellence. Reputed scientist in microbiology, he is currently the Honourable Vice Chancellor of Sister Nivedita University, Kolkata. An online session on 'COVID-19: Challenge or Opportunity' was also addressed by Dr. Dhrubajyoti Chattopadhyay. Club organized 'Know Your Numbers', Health Check-up Camp on 13 September 2020 at Repose Clinic & Research Centre, 20C, Broad St, Ballygunge Park. DG Sudip Mukherjee, DGN Ajoy Kr. Law, Mr. Satyajit Banerjee; Ex. DC Police, Lal Bazar, Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri along with Rotarians and Rotaractors of Rotary and Rotaract Club of Geetanjali Kolkata were present for the event. Rotaractors of Geetanjali Kolkata along with Rotaract Club of Calcutta Lansdowne and 52 other Host and Co Host clubs, organized a mega event wherein 100 new sarees and dhutis along with masks and sanitizers were given to the artists and their families at Kumortuli Idol Making Colony on the occasion of Mahalaya on 17 September 2020.

Kamarhati





Club celebrated Teachers' Day on 5 September 2020, wherein eminent educationist and President award winner, Smt Shrabani Sengupta, Retired Headmistress, Mahakali Girls High School was the key speaker. Club members Rtn Prasun Krishna Dutta, Rtn Professor Sayan Mukherjee, Rtn Amit Bhattacharya and Rtn Govind Singhal also spoke at the programme.

Created awareness on Polio on 19 and 20 September 2020 in Ward No. 21, 22, 25, and 26 of Kamarhati Municipality by campaigning through battery operated rickshaws as part of 'Keep India Polio Free' campaign.

Club handed over 200 face masks with Rotary logo, district number and club name for the frontline health care workers to Mr Gopal Saha, Chairman of the Kamarhati Municipality.

On 26 September 2020, club organized a seminar on India's Education Policy 2020. Club members Rtn Govind Singhal, Rtn Prasun Krishna Dutta, Rtn Amit Bhattacharya and Rtn Sayan Mukherjee, all closely related with the education system, spoke on the current Education Policy and emphasized on the need for further discussions before the policy gets implemented.

Kasba



Teachers Day was celebrated on 5 September 2020 at Bhatri Sangha, Bantala where the Club felicitated 4 Teachers. International Literacy Day was organized by the club on 8 September 2020 by giving basic computer education to 12 boys of nearby Barabagan bustee. Club donated Story Books to a local Club in Kasba, Mahajati Kalyan Samity, on 12 September

2020 At a programme 'Leader of Leaders among Men and Women' prizes were handed over by the club to the winners on 12 September 2020 Joint Meeting was conducted virtually with Rotary Club of Calcutta Majestic, Rotary Club of Joka and Rotary Club of Calcutta Dhakuria on 15 September 2020 for a discussion on 'Rotary Rotaract Relationship' Club arranged AIDS Awareness & Prevention Programme on 23 September 2020 where PP Rtn Sumita Mitra, Chairperson of the said committee, spoke on the subject. 50 ladies were given Nursing and First Aid Training at RCC Muktokantha on 26 September 2020 in the programme 'Syamsiddha'. Club was the co-host for the same.

Tollygunge



Rotary Club of Tollygunge celebrated Teachers' Day on 5 September 2020 at South Roynagar Rotary Primary School by felicitating the Headmistress, Teachers and Staff of the School. Parents and the Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Tollygunge were also present.

Club organized a Blood Donation Camp under its initiative 'Donate Blood - Save a Life' on 13 September 2020 at Belur, Howrah with the help of the Howrah Zilla Hospital. The Local Ward Co-ordinator from Howrah Municipal Corporation, Janab Tafzil Ahmed and Dr. Mousumi Berra, WBMS, from Howrah Zilla Hospital attended the program. Around 50 people donated blood for the Blood Bank of Howrah Zilla Hospital under COVID-19 Guidelines prescribed by ICMR. Blood Donors were given Sweet lime, Apple, Banana, Cup cake, Egg and 200gms pack of Haldiram sweets in customized bags of Rotary Tollygunge.

Under the initiative 'Keep India Polio Free' Miking and Leaflet Distribution was done on Polio Awareness in KMC Ward Nos. 94 & 97 on 19 September to 22 September 2020 along with Rotaractors from the Rotaract Club of Tollygunge. On the first day, Awareness Program through Miking commenced at 11.30 AM and continued for 3 hours. On the second day of the 3 day Awareness programme, food packets, masks and sanitizers were donated to Polio Health Workers at KMC Ward Nos. 97. On Day 3 of the programme, food packets were given to 50 Polio Health Workers at KMC Ward No. 97. The event was graced by Smt. Archana Sengupta, the Coordinator for Ward No. 97 of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

New Cloths and Ration Kits were distributed to families of 100 underprivileged students of Kolkata Vidya Socio Cultural Centre (31, Litton Street, Kolkata: 700 014) on 29 September 2020.

POLIO WEEK

Polio week was observed between 20th and 26th September 2020. Most clubs took several measures to spread awareness about Polio and Routine immunisation. Usage of Billboards, miking, vehicles with banners spreading awareness about Polio was carried out by several clubs of the district.



Central Calcutta



Calcutta Universe



Calcutta Magnum



East Calcutta



Calcutta Endeavour



Calcutta South Circle



Tollygunge



R C Kamarhati