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### Rotary International District 3291

উৎসবের আনন্দের মাঝেই কিয়ৎ  
নিকের ০৫ বছর পর্যন্ত সন্তান কে  
পোলিওর ড্রপ খাওয়ানোতে ফুলারের মা  
জাবজবর কে লোকিত মুক্ত রাখুন



Enjoy the festivities  
Don't ignore your child up to  
5 years' age, to give Polio vaccine drops  
**KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE**



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# END POLIO NOW



भारत का सबसे बड़ा बच्चे की जान से बचाव अभियान है।  
 आत्म निर्भर भारत के निर्माण में महिलाओं  
 की जागरूकता जरूरी : सिमता बक्शी



A car rally on 24th October 2020, for the awareness of Pulse Polio had been organised in South Kolkata being routed from Loudon Street , Sarat Bose Road, S.P.Mukherjee Road, Theatre Road and so on. A Carvan of 15 cars had been taken part in the rally. A number of 25 Rotarians including President Alope Kumar Kanodia and 10 Spouses had participated in the rally being started at 6:30 AM after flag off by District Governor Sudip Mukherjee . PDG ravi Sehgal and local councillor Ms Susmita Bhattacharjee had blessed the event with their presence. The rally had been finished at 7:30AM and it was beneficial to almost 1000 people of the area. The project was well covered by print media of various language.



On 17th Oct, RC Calcutta donated an electric car to Institute of Neurosciences, Kolkata, a gift which would immensely assist in the transportation of Doctors & critical patients within the city.

# District Governor's Message

Dear Friends,

As I come back to you after a month, I have been overwhelmed with the volume of work done by the Rotarians as they carried out with their zeal for Service above Self.

October being the month of Durga Puja, Every club has taken up projects to ensure that the less privileged may also enjoy the festival in the same way that we Rotarians will. Distribution of Clothes, Food for all group of people from children to the aged has been fervently done by the clubs.

It is indeed heartening to find that in the midst of all the festivities, healthcare has not been neglected. Our lead Project positive health along with Thalassemia awareness, breast cancer awareness, covid antibody test, blood donation, seminar on eye -health, all kinds of services were made available to the community by the Rotarians of our district.

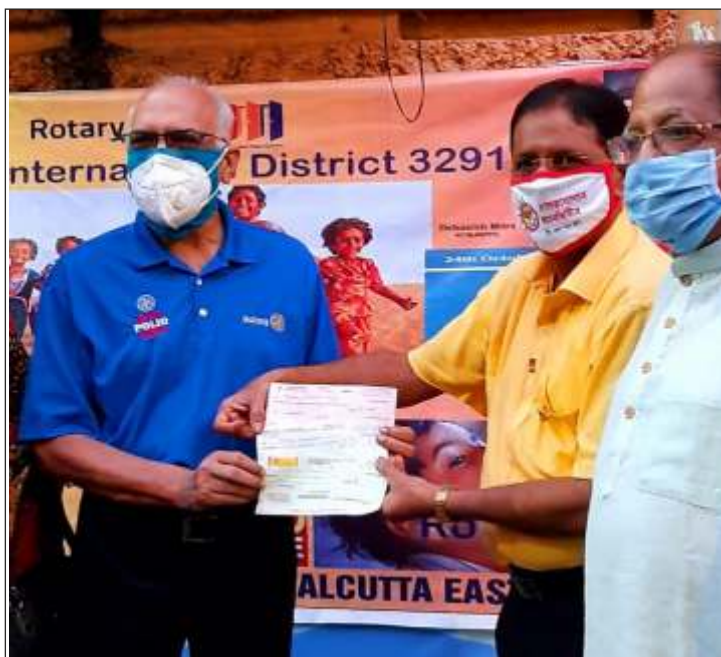
Polio continues to be the flagship project for Rotary. The amount of work that has been done towards creating awareness about Polio is commendable indeed. World Polio week was observed and all Clubs came forward with their idea of creating awareness, be it a car rally, miking, banner on vehicles, road rally any mechanism to reach out to one and all with the message about Polio awareness. A huge Public Image drive was taken during Durga Puja, when almost 60 clubs displayed 270 banners at puja pandals all across the state. We are indebted to EPNC ShyamasreeSen, NCM-INPPC DebasishMitra, and ofcourse DPPC MukulSinha, Co-Chair Utpal Bhattacharya & Zonal Co ordinators of Pulse Polio Committee.

2020 has been all about opportunities and you have grabbed the same in the best possible way, Kudos to you all !!

*Sudip*



**District Governor  
Sudip Mukherjee**



RC Calcutta East Central observed World Polio Day on 24th October 2020 by displaying 8 nos. of Polio Free India Banners in various Puja Pandal including Chaltabagan Sarbojanin Durgotsab Committee, D. L. Roy Street whereat District Polio Chair PDG Rtn. Mukul Sinha, AG District Vocational Service Rtn. Hemanta Bose, District Health Chair Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchadhuri, Club President Rtn. Ranjan Jayswal with many other Rotarians and members of RCC Chaltabagan Sarbojanin Durgotsab Committee & RCC Kasba Sporting Club( A RCC of RC Calcutta Sun City) were present. Club President Rtn. Ranjan Jayswal, PP Rtn. Jyotish Roy and Club Treasurer Rtn. Daulal Rathi donated 50\$ each(total amount INR 11250/-) in Polio Fund by handing over the cheques to PDG Rtn. Mukul Sinha.



# GML Chair's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarian,

It gives me immense pleasure in presenting the November issue of GML. October has been the month of festivals and you have grabbed the opportunity to serve the less privileged. It would be great if more clubs participate in sending reports for GML, President please take the extra initiative needed for this.

We have a section in GML where we are showcasing the creativities of our Rotarians and their family. I urge you to send articles/ poetry in English, Bengali, Hindi or drawings/ sketches/ paintings any printable material to enrich our SRIJON section.

Yours in Rotary  
Soma Kazi

# Rotary History

## A Home for Headquarters

The idea that Rotary should own its headquarters dates back at least to the 1920 convention, when Albert Adams, 1919-20 Rotary president, told attendees that he hoped to someday see the headquarters in a beautiful building of Rotary's own.

"It sounds like a dream, doesn't it?" he said. "But it can be done."

Rotary's worldwide presence, and the number of secretariat staff members working to support it, would grow considerably by the time the idea became a reality in the 1950s.

### The Chicago years

The National Association of Rotary Clubs — now Rotary International — formed in 1910 and had its headquarters in the Chicago, Illinois, USA, office of its secretary, Chesley R. Perry. In March 1911, Rotary's headquarters moved to rented space in the First National Bank Building, one of many downtown Chicago rentals.

In 1914, Rotary set up its headquarters in the Karpen Building on South Michigan Avenue. During its nine years there, the staff grew to 78 people, and Rotary expanded beyond North America and Europe to Asia, South America, Africa, and Oceania. Citing increasing rent after World War I, Rotary moved to the Atwell Building in 1923, then to several more buildings after that.

After so many moves, some Rotary leaders began to call for a world headquarters that RI itself would own. Delegates at the 1921 convention attempted to pass a resolution to purchase a site for a building of Rotary's own, but they were unsuccessful. The 1928 convention delegates adopted a similar resolution, which had two notable conditions: There would be no increase in the per capita tax or assessment on clubs, and the site was to be in Chicago. A committee was formed and potential locations identified, but the Depression and the U.S. entry into World War II delayed any further action.

### The search begins

Finally, in 1943, the debate over sites got underway when the RI Board appointed a headquarters committee consisting of 1939-40 RI Director Roy Weaver from Colorado, 1942-43 RI Director Fred Haas from Nebraska, and 1935-36 RI President Ed Johnson. Around the time of his appointment, Johnson sent a letter to other past presidents sharing his vision for a building for Rotary in Evanston, a suburb north of Chicago and near the campus of Northwestern University. He appealed to the financial sensibilities of ownership and to the sentimental opportunity to dedicate a building to Paul Harris, Rotary's founder. He also proposed that sponsoring the building could become an objective of The Rotary Foundation, which at the time had no regular programs.

The 1944 convention delegates approved expanding the headquarters search beyond Chicago. Thirty clubs expressed interest in having the headquarters located in or near their cities. Committee members visited seven of the cities and ultimately recommended Denver, Colorado, USA, as the site for headquarters.

The recommendation surprised members and the Chicago community. The group representing Chicago met with the Board and highlighted the city's status as a financial and transportation center accessible by rail and air. Representatives also reinforced the connection between Rotary and the city, noting that "Chicago business and civic leaders have a justifiable pride centered in the fact that Rotary is an offspring of Chicago."

Proposals to relocate to Denver were debated at length and finally rejected at the 1946 and 1947 conventions.

### Making Evanston home

In January 1952, the Board decided to "immediately and energetically" begin looking for land or a building in Chicago or the vicinity. That August, a lot was purchased in Evanston. The **November issue** of *The Rotarian* (as Rotary magazine was then known) previewed sketches and details of the new three-story building, which was distinguished by a large granite staircase, monolithic columns, and angled building wings. Inside the building were modern systems and features, including an acoustic ceiling treatment and air conditioning.

Rotary leaders gathered at 1600 Ridge Avenue for a groundbreaking ceremony in 1953, and the building opened in August of the following year. In that first month, 250 Rotary members and friends visited to see it for themselves.

Despite initial room to grow and a later addition, Rotary eventually outgrew that space. In 1987, Rotary purchased the building on Sherman Avenue in Evanston from Baxter Travenol Laboratories. Known today as One Rotary Center, that building is still home to Rotary International World Headquarters and welcomes more than 2,000 visitors a year.

### Rotary world headquarters locations

Some former locations are still commercial or office space, while others have been converted to private residences.

1910: Chesley R. Perry's office, LaSalle Street, Chicago

1911: First National Bank Building, South Dearborn Street and Monroe Street, Chicago (now demolished)

1913: Fort Dearborn Building, South Clark Street and Monroe Street, Chicago (now demolished)

1914: Karpen Building, South Michigan Avenue, Chicago

1923: Atwell Building, Cullerton Street and Prairie Avenue, Chicago

1928: Chicago Evening Post Building, West Wacker Drive near Wells Street, Chicago

1934: Jewelers' Building (previously the Pure Oil Building), East Wacker Drive, Chicago

1954: Ridge Avenue, Evanston

1987: One Rotary Center, Sherman Avenue, Evanston

In addition to its headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, Rotary International has several **offices worldwide**.

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## "Prochesta "

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA ENDEAVOUR Organised Project "Prochesta " on 4th Oct, 2020 where - 110 Anti Body Tests for Covid 19 were done at Star Community Hall, Hatibagan, Kolkata. Mayor in Council Sri Atin Ghosh was present for providing the Venue for this Project. DGE Prabir Chatterjee also grace the occasion. Host Clubs were R C Behala and R C Victoria while Co- host clubs were R C Budge Budge, R C Acropolis, R C C Metropolitan, R C C Metro South, R C C North Sub Urban, R C C Universe and R C Kamarhati.



# Rotary Mahanagar Dialysis Center



Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar receives Rs 1 crore in its bank account from Rotary Foundation for setting up Rotary Mahanagar Dialysis Centre in Chetla. 15 dialysis machines have already been received in Kolkata, These will be installed in this or next week at Mayor's Health Clinic at Chetla Main road in a new building in which two floor have been provided to R C Mahanagar by the Mayor for setting up the centre. A big Thank to our RIPE Shekhar Mehta, DRFC Anirudha Roy Choudhury and every one in R C Mahanagar family for giving laudable support to this project.

## Installed Arsenic Free Drinking Water System



Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe of District 3291 has initiated a Sustainable Project..we installed Arsenic Free Drinking Water System for Prisoners at Berhampore Central Correctional Home, Berhampore, Murshidabad.... This project was inaugurated today by our Hon'ble Minister for Correctional Administration ShriUjjalBiswas , DIG and MP Abu Taher Khan ...

A story.

Being Rich & Happy from within

With the car parked on the road, I got on to the bus. But seeing the crowd inside, I was upset. There was no place to sit. Just then, a person vacated his seat. The man next to the vacant seat could easily sit there, instead he offered the seat to me.

At the next stop, the same thing happened again. He gave his seat to another. This happened for four times during the entire journey. The man looked like a normal worker, returning home after a long day at work...

At the last stop when all of us got off, I spoke to him.

"Why were you giving your seat to another person every time to get a vacant seat?"

His answer took me by surprise.

"I haven't studied much in my life nor do I know many things. I don't have much money either. So I don't have anything to give to anyone. That's why I do this everyday. It is something I can do easily.

"After working all day I can stand for a little longer. I gave my seat to you and you said thank you. It gave me satisfaction that I did something for someone. I do this daily & feel I am contributing to the best of my abilities. I go back home refreshed & happy every day that I gave something to someone. That's the reason I do this every day"

I was speechless!

Wanting to do something for someone completely unknown & on a daily basis is the ultimate gift.

This stranger taught me a lot today - How easy it is to be rich from within ?

Help is very expensive because there are very few people who are rich in mind.

Beautiful clothes, lots of money in your bank account, the most expensive gadgets, accessories & luxuries or even your educational degrees - may or may not make you rich and happy; but a small act of giving is enough to make you feel rich & happy everyday.

Amitava Chakraborty

R C Ballygunge

## পাহাড়িয়া স্পর্শ সুখ

পাহাড়ের নগ্ন পিঠে ধূসর বৃষ্টির চাদর টেনে দেখেছো?

ভোরের কুয়াশার আড়াল থেকে যে দু'একটা সোহাগের শব্দ সে বলতে চেয়েছিল,

বৃষ্টির আঁস্কারা ধুয়ে দিয়ে গেছে তার সেই

শব্দের শরীর।

প্রতিটা হিমবরা ফেঁটা আমায় ঝাউপাতার ওপর নিঃশব্দে বসে থাকা সকালের আলোর

অপেক্ষা চিনিয়ে দেয়;

হ্যাঁ, অনেক দিনের অপেক্ষা...

ভাবনারা হিলিয়ামের মতো ভারহীন, পর্বতারোহীর মতো এক একটি পায়ের ছাপ ছুঁয়ে

যাচ্ছে এক একটা ভাবনার ঘর,

ঘন সবুজে ঢাকা প্রাগৈতিহাসিক জমি,

আর আমি পায়ের পায়ের ছুঁয়ে যাই বাস্তবের তামাটে পলি।

দুহাতে উঁচু করে জড়িয়ে ধরি মেঘের সুখ, নাভিতে ধরে রাখি হিমের ছোঁয়া, বৃষ্টির

রোমাঞ্চ প্রেম।

কবিতার বিষাদ বিদ্রোহের যন্ত্রণা,

হাল্কা ছোঁয়ায় মুক্তি খুঁজে নিচ্ছে সেই

নৈসর্গিক নির্ভেজাল মিথুন স্পর্শ।

মধুপর্ণা বসু

রোটারি ক্লাব অফ ক্যালকাটা মিডওয়েস্ট

# VIBRANT CLUBS OF D-3291

## Ballygunge



On 23 October 2020, club was co host for Puja Parikrama 2020 for Senior Citizens, in association with Pronam, of Kolkata Police, maintaining all possible Covid-19 related restrictions and protocol, under the prevailing pandemic situations. World Polio Day was observed on 23 October 2020 amidst the Durga Puja Festivities. Awareness Banners were displayed at several Durga Puja Pandals across the city, including Ahiritola & Kumartuli in the North, and Akrur Dutta Lane and 51 Palli, in Central Kolkata.

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.

## BIDHANNAGAR



On 7 October 2020 new clothes were distributed to 50 underprivileged primary school students at BBD school- Muraripukur, Kolkata.

A fellowship cultural program named 'Agamani' was organized On 11 October 2020, in which financial assistance (Chq of Rs 5000.00) was given to a poor percussion artist named Uday Halder.

On 17 October 2020 new clothes distribution to 50 underprivileged primary school students was undertaken at Rota school-Alambazar, Kolkata.

50 mosquito nets were obtained from RID 3291 on 19 October 2020, to be distributed later.

On the occasion of World Polio Day, on 24 October 2020, End Polio Now banners were displayed and masks were distributed.

## Calcutta



On 10 and 11 October 2020 club hosted RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute) Courses at Rotary Sadan, with President Debashis Mitra taking the inaugural session. DG Sudip Mukherjee and various PDGs took the training sessions.

The club donated 4 Hand Wash Stations to 3 of its RCCs (Bishnupur, Krishnanagar, and Duttapukur) on 20 October 2020, all having in-house schools and academic facilities, and to Vidyanjali Bal Mandir, a school catering to the economically underprivileged children. On the same day puja clothes were distributed to 650 children, aged between 7 to 14 years, from 7 of its RCCs, to usher in the festive season.

In its journey towards complete integration of all its activities the club performed many programs on virtual platform including Guest Speaker Jai Madan, Astrologer and Vastu Expert, speaking on 'Secrets of Destiny' on 6 October 2020, a song and dance programme 'Durgotnashini' on 21 October 2020, Guest Speaker Atul Satya Koushik, CA, speaking on Chanakya Niti on 28 October 2020

## Calcutta Endeavour



A talk on Health & Environment was organized on 4 September 2020 with Abhijit Baruah & Arun Bhatia as Guest speakers

Club was the Co-host for the Teachers' Day celebrations and multi city meet 'Naaman' on 5 September 2020. Dr Udaya Kumar, Head, Department of

Design, IIT Guwahati was the guest speaker. He is noted for creating the symbol for Indian rupee.

Under Mother & Child Care, nutritious Food Packets, Sanitizers, Masks and Gloves were being distributed at KMC Vaccination Centre in Ward No. 1 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation on 23 September 2020.

Club was the Lead Host for Project 'Prochesta' on 4 October 2020, an initiative to help local Government test and detect COVID-19 affected persons. 110 Anti Body Tests were done at Star Community Hall Hatibagan on behalf of Hatibagan Sarbojanani Durgautsab Committee in the presence of DGE Prabir Chatterjee. Venue was provided by Mayor in Council Sri Atin Ghosh.

Mosquito Nets were distributed along with fruits and food items to the inmates of an Old Age Home run by URJO (NGO) at Thakurpukur on 14 October 2020 under project 'Surakshya' by RID 3291 for the prevention of Malaria and Dengue.

On 18 October 2020, 7 Power Paddy Thresher Machine and 36 Spraying Machines were distributed to farmers at Village Muktarpur, Nortala Tarakeshwar, West Bengal with support from Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust under its helping Grant Project #0362.

'END POLIO NOW' awareness campaign was organized at Hatibagan in North Kolkata on 24 October 2020.

## Calcutta Inner City



Club organized 'The Rotary Chalyug Theatre Festival' from 19 to 26 September 2020. The Initiative was partnered by Rotary Club of South City Towers, Rotary Club of Purulia, Rotary Club of Belur, Rotary Club of Mahanagar, Rotary club of Madhyamgram Metropolitan, Rotary Club of Calcutta Nabodiganta, Rotary Club of Calcutta Dhakuria, Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, Rotary Club of Tollygunge, Rotary club of Calcutta Metro South, Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar, Rotaract Club of Calcutta and Yeh Mera India. The Fund Raiser was organized to raise funds for full time technicians who have been affected by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the Keep India Polio Free campaign, club observed POLIO Immunization Week from 20 to 26 September 2020 in the three club

sponsored RCC. POLIO Vaccination was done for children up to 5 years of age by the Health Workers from door to door.

Club donated 20 High Bench Sets for students, 8 Ceiling fans, 20 LED tube lights, 2 Tables and Chairs for teachers, 2 Black boards, 2 Green boards at Kalagachia Kailash Kamini High School. The high school caters to students from 7 villages near Kalagachia namely Bagpota, Dari Bagpota, Sankharipota, Nawbard, Hanspukur, Sonammukhi, Khudiram Pally.

The club distributed 750 fruit bearing plants including Banana, Guava, Mango, Jamun, Coconut, Papaya, Sapota, Bel and 1250 seeds of Badh, Ritha, Neem, Kadhi Patta, Sajina to 25 farmers as recommended by Goseva Parivar. The distribution was carried out on 2 and 3 October 2020 at Keshiary village, located 160 km from Kolkata. Plantation activity was undertaken by the farmers in their respective fields.

## Calcutta Jadavpur



On the day of Durga Maha Ashtami on 24 October 2020, club arranged lunch (Biryani) for the staff and girls of Loreto Rainbow Home, Bowbazar, Kolkata, a 'home' for homeless girls (6 to 18 yrs) to Embrace, Educate and Enable. Total number of beneficiaries was 120.

## Calcutta Kankurgachi



The club adopted a tribal village Nutandi in Puruliya under project 'Saathi'. The same was inaugurated by DGN Ajoy Kumar Law on 11 October 2020 along with Panchayat Pradhan, members of the Panchayat and a Local NGO, Bamundi Janakalyan Samity. 4 Toilets and 1 Rain Harvesting unit were also inaugurated. New clothes were distributed to 341 villagers including 60 children up to 10 years and 36 children between 10 to 19 years. 50 mosquito nets, 300 masks and 300 sanitizer bottles were also distributed.

A comprehensive health check including height, weight, blood pressure, haemoglobin check and blood sugar levels was done for 228 villagers under



'Know Your Numbers' by a team of 6 doctors. A Medicine bank was also created for all villagers. The event was attended by DGN Ajoy Kumar Law and IPP Mitali Law.

## Calcutta Labanhrad



On the auspicious eve of Durga Puja, 21st October, RCCL took up a very relevant and significant event named AMAR MAHAMAYA, to distribute new dress materials among girl children belongs to economically weaker segment of our society the event took place at GC Block community hall with the gracious presence of the RID 3291 District Governor, Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee, RCCL President Rtn. Anindya Chatterjee, Secretary Rtn. Suman Guha, Rtn. Monika Roy, Rtn. Dr. Arnab Ray, Rtn. Jaya Nag and many other dignitaries. 40 number of girl child of different age groups were presented a new dress material.

RCCL organized one web based Agamoni programme named 'শুভ্র শঙ্খ রবৎ' on 11 th October, 2020. The programme was conducted by RCCL president Rtn. Anindya Chatterjee. The griseous presence and performance of renowned singer Shri Saikat Mitra and Smt Mou Chattopadhyay made the evening gorgeous. Nevertheless it was an amusing cultural event with spontaneous participation of Sayudh Ray, Debduutta Ghosh, Paulomi Guha, Soujatya Biswas, Rtn Jaya Nag, Monolina Roy, Debolina Roy, Rtn Piyali Piu, Smt. Barnalee Guha, Rtn Samrat Chakraborty, Smt. Papiya Bihani, Rtn Suman Guha (Secretary RCCL), Rtn Monika Roy in the form of agomoni songs, recitation, dance and overall an emotional moment and joyous feeling of welcoming our beloved Maa Durga was created.

On 20th October, during eve of Durga puja RCCL conducted an event named SURAKSHA. The main objective of this initiative was to extend our support through a thorough sanitization drive of the entire SOS village area for strengthening the hand of SOS Village authority to fight against COVID 19 and sharing some important awareness massage related to this pandemic. PPE Kit, portable sanitization machine, activated Hydrogen peroxide solution, mask and hand sanitizers were also handed over to the SOS village authority and SOS mothers. President Rtn. Anindya Chatterjee, Secretary Rtn Suman Guha, Rtn. Dr. Arnab Ray, Rtn. Monika Roy all were present to support this great initiative and all interacted with village mothers and children.



Based on the Rotary areas of focus, 'Supporting Environment' and 'Disease Prevention & Treatment', RCCL in cooperation with WBHIDCO could able to initiate the awareness drive among the common people about the immunity by inaugurating one Immunity Garden at Eco park Extension, Newtown. Chairman & Managing Director, WBHIDCO Ltd Shri Debashis Sen was kind enough to allow RCCL to be a part of Post Amphan Re-Greening drive in Newtown Kolkata and advised for the development of this 'Immunity Garden'. The garden was inaugurated on 19th October, 2020 in presence of Shri Debashis Sen as chief guest. District Governor Elect, RID 3291 Rtn Prabir Chatterjee, RCCL President Rtn Anindya Chatterjee, Secretary Rtn. Suman Guha, Rtn. Dr. Arnab Ray, Rtn. Monika Roy were also present in that occasion.

## Calcutta Laketown



The club distributed 100 mosquito nets among maid servants, street venders, rickshaw pullers, daily labourers and sweepers in Khardah, North 24 Parganas in association with Aaikatan Charitable Dispensary on 5 October 2020 at 4PM.

Polio Awareness Banner was placed by the club Laketown Park Sarbojanin Durga puja Pandal at Laketown, Block-B.

Polio Awareness Banner was also placed at POLIO Immunization Centre of South DumDum municipality. More than 1500 children up to the age of 5 years in Daksindari, Patipukur, Sreebhumi and Laketown areas were immunized by 20 health workers.

## Calcutta Mahanagar



Rotary Mahanagar has been celebrating the birthdays of their near and dear ones by distributing freshly cooked food to 700 persons dwelling in slums of Kalighat and other parts of the city under project 'Annadaan Mahadaan'.

India Food Banking Network coordinated with Cadbury and provided Rotary Mahanagar 1296 kgs of Bournvita and 450000 pieces of various chocolates

like Five Star, Fuse, Perk, Halls, Dairy Milk Bar, worth Rs. 19.50 lakhto distribute to thousands of people across the state and in the remote villages of Bengal under project 'Food Bank'. The club also coordinated with twenty four puja committees to distribute the same to the children visiting the pandals.

India Food Banking Association with Sodexo also provided 1000 ration kits worth Rs. 7,50,000/- to the club to be distributed to 1000 families in the remote villages of West Bengal and also in the city of Kolkata. Another 1000 ration kits were distributed to the students of Arya Vidya Mandir at a project outlay of Rs. 450000/-. The project was sponsored by KFC.

Club supported PDA Device Closure Heart Surgery on 29 September 2020 on three year old baby Nilasha Bose at RTIICS under project 'Healing Little Hearts'.

'Sandook - Online Edition', the biggest fundraiser till now in the Rotary Year 2020-21 was organized. The event was inaugurated by versatile singer UshaUthup on the first day and by Beauty Queen Alokandana Roy on the second. 116 exhibitors from all parts of India, Nepal and Singapore, showcased their products. There were breakout sessions with SareeDrapist Dolly Jain, Astrologer and Vastu Consultant Jai Madaan, Floral Artist KrutiMistry and Raj Mahtani. The event was sponsored by Surana Jewellers, Bhandari Automobiles, Austin Plywood, Indian Weaves, Anmol Biscuits, Alfatech, Kothari Hosiery and FCover. The proceeds of this fundraiser will be used for eye surgeries, heart surgeries and child education.

## Calcutta Majestic



On 14 October 2020 new clothes distribution program was held for underprivileged school children of Arsha Vidy Nidhi school at Bhowanipore Chakraberia.

Another new clothes distribution program was held on 15 October 2020 at Arunima Hospice, home for the children of Aids patients, Behala. New clothes were given to 57 children there for the Durga puja festival.

On the same day club also organized a program for distributing new clothes to 25 senior citizens at Santi Nivsh Oxford mission old age home, Behala.

On 17 October 2020 donations of grocery items, sanitizers, washing powder, hand wash, soap, face masks was made to 26 bauls and their families at Santiniketan. Eminent singer and honorary member of the club, Shri Surojit Chatterjee was present along with club members

An eye camp was organized at Howrah Belgachia Benaras Road on 20 October 2020 in association with Biradingi Trun Bahini club. 192 beneficiaries were present there. Amongst them 30 beneficiaries will benefit from eye operation.

End Polio banners were displayed at 3 different places in Kolkata, at Mudiali Durga Puja Pandal, at Bhowanipore Durga Puja Pandal and at Tollygung Kirti appartment Durga puja pandal.

## Calcutta Metro City



### Polio Immunization

Led by our Club's polio warrior PP Rtn Md Firoz KMC health workers of Ward 61 campaigned and mobilized people to immunize their children and on 20th September he along with PDG Shyamashree Sen, PE Shankar Das and PP Rtn Partha Sengupta ( RC Calcutta Sutanuti) visited the booths and there were over 2300 children who were immunized.

### Project Sundarban

Members of Rotary club of Calcutta Metro City along with the Rotaractors visited Sundarbans with a bouquet of projects including Mosquito Nets Distribution, Sit and Draw on environment by children and a talk on preserving nature of the nearby villages followed by tree plantation.

The project benefiting over 500 lives of 5 villages in the area was done by Rotary club of Calcutta Metro City supported by GRINS, Rotaract Clubs of GCELT and Metro City. Led by President Sunand Sen supported by Rtn Sandip Kar along with PP Rtn Subhojit Roy, PP Rtn Bandana Das, Rtns Nabankur Saha, Samriddhi Chakraborty, Rtns Arkadipta Mukherjee, Subhasish Dutta.

## Calcutta Metropolitan



Distribution of Dry Rations to the girl students of Pace Universal Center continued on 19 October 2020. President Harsh V Rungta, First lady Nidhi Rungta and PP Jayanta Chatterji were present during the distribution to 225 girl students and their families.

Club was Co-host for Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour's Project 'Prochesta' held on 4 October 2020 where 110 Anti Body Tests for COVID-19 were done at Star Community Hall, Hatibagan, Kolkata in the presence of DGE Prabir Chatterjee.

The Club made a generous contribution of Dry Rations, Medicines, one Ceiling Fan and old clothes at Barrackpore Avenue Women's Cultural and Social Welfare Centre on 4 October 2020.

With a dream to support the graduating students of Pace Learning Centre at Piyali village, club organized a musical programme for fund raising on 17 October 2020 under the initiative of Honorary member Pandit Bickram Ghosh. Club was able to raise more than 13 lakhs from this concert.

A panel discussion on 'Eyecare- A Vision' was held on 31 October 2020 with distinguished panelists including Dr. T S Surendran, Vice Chairman of Sankar Nethralaya, Chennai, Dr. Anirban Bhaduri, Oculoplasti and Oncologist Eye Surgeon at Susrat Eye Foundation, PP Rtn. Hiralal Yadav of Rotary Club of Hooghly, an architect of Rotary Eye Hospitals in District-3291 and our own President Elect Dr Rtn. Somen Ghosh, Ophthalmologist and Eye Surgeon. They spoke on Age related Macular Degeneration, Cataract, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma, Amblyopia, Strabismus. Dr. T S Surendran spoke mainly on Sankar Nethralaya, its infrastructure and facilities.

## Calcutta Mid West



On the occasion of Durga Puja, club distributed new dresses, chocolates and biscuits to 170 orphan children of Ashiana Happy Home at Ganganagar, North 24 Parganas on Tuesday, 6 October 2020. The children were given lunch of Fried rice and Chilli Chicken. The dresses for the children were organized by IPP Shiladitya Basu and lunch was sponsored by PP Soma Kazi.

On 11 October 2020 club distributed 50 nos of Mosquito nets under RID 3291 aided project Suraksha at Baburam Ghat. Near Kalighat. Vitamin capsules and masks were also given to the beneficiaries..

## Calcutta New Alipore



In order to continue the schooling of girls in remote villages, the club handed over smart phones.

## Calcutta Presidency



Talk show was organized on Zoom with famous lawyer Cyril Amarchand Mangal Das and entrepreneur Shishir Bajoria on 11 October 2020. Shishir Bajoria, spoke lucidly on his experience of building his family business and the succession plan while Mr Cyril highlighted the legal aspects. Rishabh shroff and Vandana spoke about wills and HUF.

On the same day the club in association with RCC Champahati celebrated their foundation day. Scholarships of Rs 2000 each were given to 12 meritorious students while Rs 10000 was donated for stationery for children. 100 mosquito nets and 500 T-shirts were also distributed. Project outlay was Rs 34000.

On 18 October club donated new clothes for 90 inmates, 2 almirahs, weight machines and suitcase bags at Ishwar Sankalp centre in Chetla at a project outlay of Rs1,10,000. DGE Prabir Chatterjee attended the programme.

Club also made a visit to Premashraya, a unit of Tata medical centre, Rajarhat, to give pre puja gifts to 33 children suffering from cancer on 21 October 2020 at a project outlay of Rs 22,000.

## Calcutta Sun City



Thalassemia and mother and child care awareness camp was held on 2 October 2020 at Bira. One hundred carrier detection tests were done in the camp followed by an interactive session.

World Polio Day was observed on 24 October 2020 with an awareness programme at their Urban RCC Chaltabagan, Sarbojanon Durgotsab Committee. PDG Mukul Sinha, Rtn. R Hom Chaudhuri, Rtn. Hemant Basu, Rtn Ranjan Jayswal, PP Jyotish Ch Roy, RC Sun City's RCC Kasba attended the programme. Rotary Club of Calcutta East Central and Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City donated 150 dollar each to the International Polio fund. Cheques to this effect was handed over to District Polio Chair PDG Mukul Sinha

## Calcutta Sutanuti



On 17 October 2020, club organized 'Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening Camp' at Lake Gardens Women & Children Development Centre, Kolkata in association with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Cancer Research

Institute. Eminent Dr Saumen Das and the expert medical team of NSCRI conducted the screening and awareness programme. Biscuits and soyabean was distributed to the beneficiaries, 38 for screening and 86 for awareness. DGE Prabir Chatterjee, Addl. District Secretary Projects (Medical) Rtn. Dr.Sudipta Chandra attended the programme. It was also attended virtually by DG Sudip Mukherjee, District Trainer PDG Angshuman Bandopadhaya, Director Projects (Medical) Rtn. Dr. Arabinda Ray, Rotaractors and RCC members of RID 3291 and RID 3240. The event was supported by co-host clubs, Rotary Club of Calcutta Dalhousie, Rotary Club of Tollygunge, Rotary Club of Bolpur Rangamati (RID 3240), Rotary Club of Tagore Land (RID 3240).

## Calcutta Universe



Club distributed 100 new sarees to the less privileged women for the festive season.

Brigadier Dr. Vinod Dutta, Kargil War Veteran was the Keynote Speaker at the webinar organized on 13 October 2020. He gave a very insightful speech on 'Indo China Geo Strategic Implications' amidst the current face off situation. DGE Prabir Chatterjee was the Guest of Honour.

The Club was out raising 'Dengue Awareness' in and around urban slums of Ward 55 through miking from an auto on 6 October 2020.

Club took part in Mega Health Check up camp 'Covid19 Antibody Test' at Star Community Hall along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour where more than 100 people were tested The project was attended by Dy Mayor Atin Ghosh and DGE Prabir Chatterjee. The report was published in Pratidin news paper.

## Calcutta Victoria



On 4 October 2020, club joined hands with Lead club, Rotary Club of Endeavour, as the Lead host Club for project 'PROCHESTA', an Anti Body Test for Covid 19 screening at Star Community Hall., Hatibagan.

Mushroom sheds destroyed during Amphan were reconstructed at Kanthalberia.

Medicines and Food supplements were sent to Joynagar on 5 October 2020 for the 12 pregnant women that the club has adopted. The women are in contact with Medical chair Dr. Joyashree Dhar for consultation and advice.

World Polio Day was celebrated on 24 October 2020 and Polio Banners were put up in Durga Puja pandals in four different areas, namely New Alipur, Golf green, Beliaghata and Lake Gardens.

The club hosted lunch at Navneer Tollygunge, a home for the aged on 12 October 2020. It was Durga Ashtami and 85 people including inmates and care takers were given special lunch. The entire project was sponsored by club member Dr. O. P. Agarwal.

Between 22 to 26 October 2020, Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria partnered with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna in 'TEJASWANI SAMMAN', in which 20 women oriented Durga pujas were judged and awarded on the basis of women involvement, cleanliness and COVID-19 awareness.

## Calcutta Visionaries



The club organised 'Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar' on 2 October 2020. The event was virtually attended by 600 people from different Rotary and Maheshwari Clubs across the globe. The speakers for the event were Dr. Mandar Nadkarni (Breast and Colorectal Cancer Surgeon, Kokilaben Hospital Mumbai), Mrs Mamta Goenka and Tahira Kashyap (Film Maker and Writer). The speakers shared their personal stories after having survived breast cancer and Dr. Nadkarni shared his medical experience with his patients. Rtn Vidhi Chandak shared her personal story which was motivating and encouraging.

On 24 October 2020 observed as World Polio Day hoardings were put up at the Puja pandals of Park Circus and Park Circus Maidan to create awareness about Polio and to enhance the public image of Rotary. Between 22 to 26 October 2020, End Polio Drive was observed at Kishalaya Shikha Niketan, Sunderban

Dr. Aviral Roy was inducted as honorary member in the club on 26 October 2020. Dr. Roy is associated with Medica Super speciality Hospital and is currently in the special team of Doctors who are treating Covid-19 patients.

## Central Calcutta



Water hut was inaugurated at Bag bazar on 11 October 2020 by DG Sudip Mukherjee in the presence of Dr Shashi Panja, Minister for Children and Women, West Bengal and Bapi Ghosh Councilor of that area. The hut was made in loving memory of Purushottam Lal Gutgutia and Bimal Devi Gutgutia, parents of Club President Rtn Jitesh Kumar Gutgutia . On the same day sarees were distributed for Puja to Teaching and Non Teaching staff at NRP School at RCC Tarakeswar

Donation was made to cancer patient Mrs. Durga Devi Surekha at Tata Medical Centre on 11 October 2020 to support her treatment. A Health awareness webinar on heart ailments was organized on the same day jointly with Fortis hospital and East Kolkata Nagrik Foundation

Homeopathic medicine was distributed on 12 October 2020 at RCC Tarakeswar for its Homeopathic Dispensary. Pre Puja Celebration was organized at RCC Dakshindhi with Khela Ram Ji and his son Sanjay on 20 October 2020

Polio Awareness Banners were put up at Pratapaditya Road Puja Pandal and Calcutta Central Puja Samiti Pandal on 21 October 2020. Polio Awareness programme was also undertaken from 21 to 26 October 2020 at 47 Palli Juvak Brinda Durga Puja. 50 relief workers were felicitated at Tricone Park Pratapaditya Road Puja Samiti for their untiring service during COVID-19 pandemic.

On 23 October 2020, club was the Lead Host for Puja Parikarma and

distribution of sarees and sweet to around 50 senior citizens, mostly under privileged ladies

Awareness initiative on COVID -19 prevention was undertaken at Jagatpur Park Durga Puja by banner display near puja pandal on 25 October 2020.

## East Calcutta



On 21 October 2020 Rtn Debasish Banerjee, on behalf of the club, observed Shuvo Panchami by distributing 100 new clothes and sarees to 100 needy maidservants in his neighborhood. On the same day, President Rtn. Dr. Bikas Bhattacharya distributed masks (with Rotary logo) and sanitizers to Police personals posted at Kolkata Police Safe Home for COVID positive police personnel at Eden Gardens.

More than 600 masks (with Rotary logo) and sanitizers were given to pandal hoppers at Nabamilan Sangha (Beliaghata) on 21 October 2020 from 6pm to 9-30pm. Rotary District 3291 Polio & Durgotsav Banner was unveiled at Gokalibari Durga Mandap by Secretary Rtn. Dilip Kumar Ghosh and President Rt. Dr. Bikas Bhattacharya. The event was attended by Councilor Mr. Asutosh Das.

Again on 23 October 2020 more than 900 masks (with Rotary logo) and sanitizers were given to pandal hoppers at Sandhani (Beliaghata) from 6pm to 9-30pm

## Garden Reach

Rotary Club of Garden Reach handed over 63 sarees, 20 lungis and 20 vests to poor people near RCC Club distributed ration, soap and sanitizers to 109 families in the Sundarbans under 'Rotary Annadan' project on 23 August 2020. The ration comprised of 3kg of rice, 500gm pulses, 2kg potato, 1kg onion, 500gm soya beans, 1 packet biscuit, 6 sachets of bournvita, 5 eggs, 500gm puffed rice and 1 exercise copy. 5 rebuilt Huts and 2 Fishing boats were also handed over to Amphan affected families at Sunderbans.



On the same day, 112 saplings of fruit bearing trees were also distributed to RCC Champa Mahila Society in the Sundarbans under Rotary's 7th area of focus 'Supporting the Environment'.

On 1 September 2020 in a Joint Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point and Calcutta South Extension, Guest speaker Dr Sharmila Amin spoke on 'What a woman should want'.

Badartala on 18 October 2020 under the 'Sahay' project. On the same day 100 Sarees were handed over to RCC Champa Mahila samiti, Sunderbans under the same project 'Sahay'. 100 Mosquito nets were also handed over for disease prevention, Under 'Annadan' project ration was given to 150 families comprising of 2kg rice, 500gms pulses, 2kg potato, 500gm soybean, 500gm cooking oil and 500gm puffed rice.

On 19 October 2020, 16 Sarees and Bed sheets were handed over to the inmates of 'Apan Ghar' old age home in Kolkata under the 'Sahay' project. Joint RWM was held 19 October 2020 on with Zone 20 clubs of RID3291. It was followed by a cultural programme 'Sarod-Orghyo'. Cloth distribution to old ladies under 'Sahay' project was undertaken for 33 old ladies at Madhya Kalyanpur, on 22 October 2020.

## Geetanjali Kolkata



Rotaract Club of Geetanjali Kolkata took an initiative to continue their project 'Cholo Sobuj Makhii' and planted 20 saplings in the premises of Jodhpur Park Boys School, on 16 October 2020.

The True meaning of the word 'Gender Equality' was evident with the Mixed Gender Soccer Tournament at the Rooftop Turf of Spencers' Turf, Baisakhi Mall, Kestopur, Bidhannagar. Members of Rotaract Club of Geetanjali Kolkata got together at a Knockout 5-a-side tournament, each team consisting of 2 Female members.

Rotaract Club successfully conducted Ami Shei Meye Phase II on 18 October 2020 at Santoshpur Lakepally at the inauguration of Durga Puja. This phase called for the celebration of the harlots of the city marking the true spirit and acceptance within us. They were invited to light candles at the inauguration.

In Bearing Smile 4.0 the rotaractors distributed rice, pulses, oil and soyabean to 15 distressed families who have been fighting hard in this pandemic situation for a living, on the auspicious day of Lakshmi Puja.

Geetanjali Kolkata along with their Rotaractors and RCCs placed 12 banners on World Polio Day at different locations of Dhakuria, Gariahat, Barasat, Lake Town, Bangur, Triangular Park, Deshopriyo Park. The banners were made on awareness of 'KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE' and also for Awareness on COVID 19.

## Kamarhati



On 4 October 2020 club was co-host for antibody test for COVID-19 at 'Procheta' with Lead Host club Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour at Star Community Hall, 21B, Nati Binodini Sarani, Maniktola, Goabagan, Kolkata, 700 006.

Club organized project 'Paridhan' on 17 October 2020, for distribution of new clothes to a group of underprivileged and differently abled women and boys from our society, in collaboration with NGO Prapti. Mr Gopal Saha, Chairperson, Board of Administrator of the Kamarhati Municipality was present as Chief Guest and Dr Ajita Ghosh, Coordinator Ward No 32 was the Guest of Honour. Miss Papia Ghosh, Secretary of Prapti organization was also present in the distribution initiative.

The club was co-host for Rotary Talent Search programme 'Khoj', a virtual singing competition for talented boys and girls, under the banner of RID3291 in association with Virtual Sangeet Ashram. This Project started on 22 October 2020 and will continue till 13 November 2020.

On 24 October 2020, club displayed 'World Polio Day' banner at 4 Durga Puja Pandals.

## New Ballygunge



On 14 October 2020 club undertook repair and renovation work in one of the single storied blocks of Saroj Nalini Primary School at its' R.C.C. Mirpur Rural Centre, damaged by cyclone Amphan. The project was undertaken under the Helping Grant of Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust..

Club celebrated its 1000th RWM in its 25th anniversary on 15 October 2020 at its own venue. DG, DGE, DGN and other officials along with AG and ZS were present. Charter member PDG Angsuman shared his thoughts and feelings while highlighting the club's glorious past. DG inducted new member Ms. Madhusmita Sengupta.

On 16 October 2020 garments were distributed among 28 underprivileged children including 15 boys and 13 girls. 10 new sarees were also handed over to their mothers at Naktala United Friends' club, courtesy club member, PP Arindam Ghosh. On the next day new garments were distributed to the 18 orphan children of 'Pranjal' at Chouhatti near Baruiapur. 25 masks were

also distributed among the students, teachers and staff of Pranjol. School bags, exercise books, drawing books, colour pencil boxes, erasers, sharpeners, 6 inch scales, pencils, Magi, soyabean, puffed rice, oil, pulses, flour, biscuits & chocolates were also distributed with our RCC Bandhur Sparsha On the occasion of World Polio Day on 24 October 2020, 5 Polio banners were put up at Young Star Club Sarbajanin puja pandal, Baishnab Ghata, Dakhin Falguni Club puja pandal, Garia, Bijay Garh puja pandal, Adi Ballygunge Sarbajanin Durgotsav puja pandal and New Alipore Association Durgotsav.

## Serampore



On 19 October 2020 Club organized a garment distribution project 'Paridhan' at Club premises in Konnagar. District Governor Sudip Mukherjee graced the occasion and gave away garments to the beneficiaries. Hand Sanitisers and masks were also distributed amongst the underprivileged children and women in Konnagar, Nabagram and Hindmotor area. Total number of beneficiaries included 250 children and 60 women.

## Tollygunge



On 4 October 2020 the club distributed New Clothes and Food Packets (Breakfast) to 35 Children of the destitutes residing in the Red Light Area of Kalighat.

On 10 October 2020 new clothes including sarees, dresses, lungis distribution was done at Dhamua with the help of club sponsored its RCC at Dhamua.

2nd Blood Donation Camp of the year was held on 11 October 2020 at Mitali Sangha, Bhowanipore. Necessary medicines were also distributed to needy Thalasemia Patients. The event was attended by DG Sudip Mukherjee. Chief Guest for the Program was Sri Subrata Mukherjee, Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Government of West Bengal.

On 14 October 2020 Mid Day Meal Groceries were distributed at South Roynagar Rotary Primary School (Pirpukur, Sarodamoni Park, Roynagar, Bansdrani, Kolkata - 700 070).

Rotary Club of Tollygunge supported the initiative of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sutanuti (RID 3291) in organizing 'Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening Program' on 17 October 2020 at Lake Gardens Women and Child Development Center 2 PM onwards in association with Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Cancer Hospital, Kolkata and supported by RC Calcutta Dalhousie (RID 3291), RC Bolpur Rangamati (RID 3240) and RC Tagore Land (RID 3240). Leaflets were distributed for spreading awareness on 16 October 2020.

On 21 October 2020 clothes were given to 170 villagers at Anantapur, Nadia, West Bengal [82.5 kms from Kolkata], age of the villagers ranging from six months to 80 years.



Rotary Club of East Calcutta



Rotary Club of Lansdowne



Rotary Club of Central Calcutta



Geetanjali Kolkata



Kamarhati



Rotary Club of Ballygunge



Rotary Club of Bidhannagar



Rotary Club of New Ballygunge



Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour



Rotary club of Calcutta Laketown



Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries

A Mega Public Image drive, R I District 3291 organised to put up banners in Puja Pandals for awareness about Polio. About 60 Rotary Clubs had put up 270 banners all across the state that has greatly enhanced the image of Rotary.