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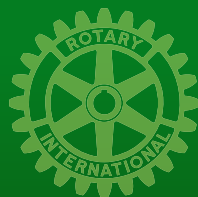


Rotary Opens Opportunities

GML

GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

Green Expedition



2020

1st SEPTEMBER

The Green Expedition

The first community service (non medical) project pertaining to the new area of focus "Protect the environment" named "The Green Expedition" was launched on 2nd August 2020 at Dhyanashram Joka and St Xaviers Raghavpur campus.

Apart from District Governor Sudip Mukherjee, District Trainer PDG Anshuman Bandopadhyay, DGN Ajay Kumar Law, PDG Uttam Ganguli who is the national committee member of Environment, many district committee members and Presidents were present for the occasion.

Programme was inaugurated by the District Governor when he briefly described the relevance of the project. DT Anshuman Bandopadhyay, PDG Uttam Ganguli and DGN Ajay Kumar Law expressed their support and solidarity towards the programme. Next, the host clubs were felicitated.

After the brief inauguration, the team moved to the campus. The campus was badly ravaged by the cyclone Amphan. About 100 full grown saplings of mahogany, and other trees were planted by the district team and President of various clubs who were present there.

After this, the team moved to the St Xaviers Raghavpur campus, where again 25 saplings were donated and planted.

This programme was repeated again on 19th August 2020, on E M By Pass opposite ITC Sonar Hotel.

Dr Subrata Gupta, Principal Secretary Food processing and Horticulture, Ms Papiya Ghosh Roy Chowdhury, Joint Secretary Urban development and Municipal Affairs and Mr Partha pratim Ghosh, Executive Engineer Roads and Bridges, KMDA were present as Guests for the occasion.

DG Sudip inaugurated the programme and asked the guests to deliver their words of support and encouragement. Next all guests were felicitated.

100 sampling were then planted on the eastern side of E M By pass opposite ITC . Each tree has gabions and bears Rotary logo on them. It goes a long way in enhancement of Public Image of Rotary.

It is pertinent to mention that both the programme were held following strict guidelines of Health Department under Covid conditions.



District Governor Message



Dear Friends,

On behalf of Core Committee 20-21, I convey my heartiest thanks to the Presidents & Members of Clubs who have undertaken Service Projects at micro (Club) level and also at macro (District). I am overwhelmed by your adherence to our motto 'Resolve to Serve in 2nd Century of Rotary in India',

District's 3rd (overall) Service Project & 1st Project pertaining to new Area of Focus 'Protect the Environment' involving plantation of saplings in cages with Rotary Insignia was launched. It was followed by beginning of District's 4th (overall) Service Project & 3rd Project pertaining to Area of Focus: 'Disease Prevention and Treatment' by distribution of Mosquito Nets with Rotary Signage. Needless to say both the projects had taken care of 'Public Image' of Rotary.

The month of August being designated as 'Membership & New Club Development Month', District organised two online programmes. The 1st one was 'REACH OUT TO GROW' graced by PDG. Surendra Seth. The next one was of course 'DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR' in which we had PAG Dato Dr. Siva Ananthan along with RC, ARC and DMC.

District had organised four online programmes pertaining to Club Service. They were 'An Evening with Shoojit Sircar', musical programme by 'DHWANI' celebrating 74th Independence Day, 'SAMASWAR' - A musical retrospective on last 73 years of Independence performed by Rotarians. In the last programme namely 'INDIA 2030' we were honoured to have 'Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar'. RIPE Shekhar Mehta graced the last three occasions Pertaining to AOF 'Disease Prevention and Treatment', we organised 2nd, 3rd and 4th (overall) online programmes. They were:

'EK CHAMMACH KUM, CHAAR KADAM AAGE' which was graced RID Dr. Bharat Pandya along with other panelists.

'WE WILL OVERCOME...WITH LESSONS LEARNT' pertaining to Covid where we had Dr. Kunal Sarkar 'EYE DONATION AWARENESS' having speakers from Rotary fraternity and outside.

I congratulate all the host Clubs for having such overwhelming response.

On a personal note it was a very satisfying experience to focus on Public Image of Rotary in the live interview on Doordarshan.

It is evident that we are striking a balance between hands on Service Projects and online programmes. I request the Clubs to do the same and grab every opportunity that comes our way.

Sudip Mukherjee
District Governor



GML Chair's Message

Hi Friends !

I am happy to present the September issue of GML. It has been a pleasure going through the club reports and seeing the wonderful work that all clubs are doing in this trying times. The spirit of Rotary keeps soaring !

Let us all enjoy Rotary.
Soma Kazi

DISTRICT'S FIRST ONLINE PROGRAMME ON PROJECT POSITIVE HEALTH ON ZOOM PLATFORM. DATE : 7TH AUGUST 2020

District's first online programme on Project Positive Health was held on 7th August on Zoom platform.

The Keynote Speakers for the programme were Nutritionist Mr Konkona Dey, Dr Sarfaraz Baig, GI, LAP and Bariatric Surgeon and Ms Smaranika Tripathy Psychologist.

They spoke on the different aspects of healthy living. The programme was graced by Rotary International Director Bharat Pandya whose brainchild is this "Project Positive Health".

Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency hosted the event.



AN EVENING WITH SHOOJIT SIRCAR



"An evening with Shoojit Sircar" a webinar was organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta on 14th August 2020.

The very acclaimed Director Shoojit Sircar was the guest in this interesting webinar. He was in conversation with DG Sudip Mukherjee and Debasis Mitra President, Rotary Club of Calcutta.

He was asked about his films "Vicky Donor", "Piku", "Madras Café" and the recent release "Gulabo Sitabo". He shared very interesting background stories about the making of these films and the very special personal relation he shares with the doyen of hindi movies Amitabh Bachhan. It was a very engrossing programme

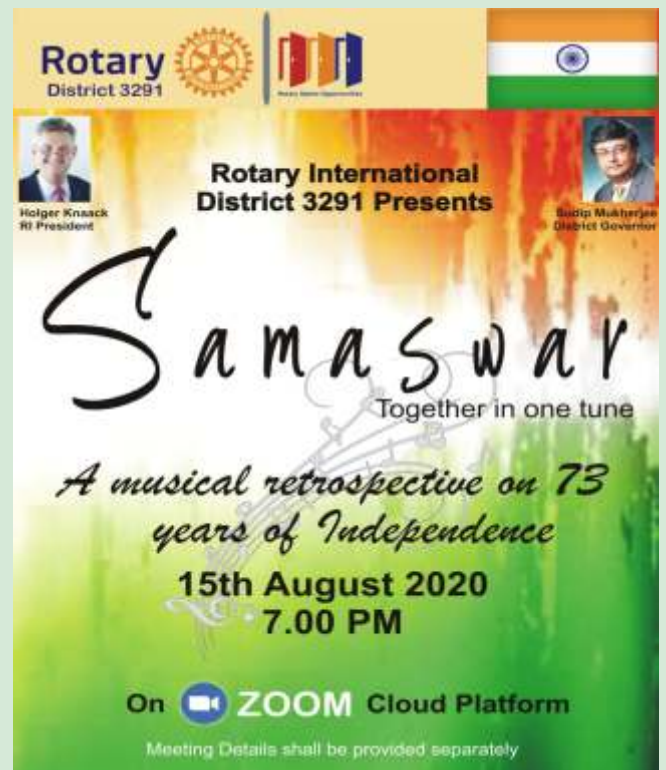
Suraksha

District Funded Project (1:1) "Suraksha" has been launched. Due to huge demand the initial targeted figure was increased more than 3 times. 38 Clubs participated on first come first basis. Kudos to District Secretary (Finance) Smarajit Mitra, District Secretary (Projects-Non Medical) Sanjay Pasari, Additional District Secretary (Projects-Non Medical) Vikash Birla and of course District Secretary (Logistics) Amitava Chakraborty for designing the above. I also congratulate all 38 Clubs for being part of it.



Samaswar

A cultural evening "Samaswar" was organised on zoom platform in the evening of 15th August. Rotarians paid their homage to our motherland with beautiful rendition of songs and poetry. The programme was moderated by PP Rtn Adrija Bandopadhyay, Chair Cultural Activities



"WE WILL OVERCOME... WITH LESSONS LEARNT"

Rotary Club of Calcutta South City Towers organized a webinar "We Shall overcome with lessons learnt" on 9th August on Zoom platform on 9th of August 2020. The Keynote speaker for the programme was Dr Kunal Sarkar, Senior Vice Chairman, Medica Hospitals pvt ltd, Kolkata, and Chairman Kolkata Heart Foundation.

The programme started with President Ajay Agarwal welcoming all and introducing the topic. Next DG Sudip Mukherjee made his opening remarks. Next Rtn Ritesh Agarwal introduced Dr Kunal Sarkar to the audience.

Next, Dr Kunal Sarkar started his mesmerizing 2 hours long deliberation on the Pandemic that is currently ravaging the world. He called it the Spectre of Extinction, the .1 micron size virus that is challenging the entire world. Such occurrences comes once in a century and make us look back and ponder where have we gone wrong. He spoke about the Cholera, malaria, Spanish flu and swine flu. Whenever Pandemic occurred, they left lasting changes in our lives.

The Current Corona or Covid 19 as it is known as started in China when human beings invaded the natural habitats of bats. China was playing it down and wasted 6 valuable weeks by keeping it a secret. It was Li Wien Liang who at the cost of his life warned the world about it and posted in social media. It was by 11th January 2020 that the world was aware about its existence. It was decoded as Covid 19 in January 2020. All virologists, epidemiologists started debating on how to tackle it. Washing hands, social distancing, wearing masks or go for lockdown. In Britain Neil Ferguson broke out that Lockdown was essential to break the chain of transmission and prepare for healthcare infrastructure.

He then spoke about how different countries had different approach to tackling the Pandemic. India allowed too many people upto 24th March in the country. Of almost 20 lakh people who entered India from November to March, at least 4/5 lakhs were affected!! It was western India that saw the first cases. Started in Kerala then Maharashtra, Delhi and slowly moved towards Eastern India. India has failed to locate one or a group of epidemiologist to head our policies. It is such a regret that all top epidemiologist in Havard, Oxford and other research centres are Indians! In our great hurry for a country wide lockdown, we failed 2% of our population who are migrant labours. After losing jobs and no assurance from the employers, they trudged back home, often walking thousands of kilometer, dying in the process and when they reached home, they carried back the disease there.

He said the only way to deal with this is to test and isolate the infected. Maharashtra, Delhi are doing a good job with the testing. In west Bengal, testing has to increase. Hospital are stressed not for absolute case nos but for bad planning.

He said, if we have a Covid patient at home, what is required is isolation, monitoring fever, oxygen saturation of 95%. For those who are very sick and cannot stress their lungs, ECMO is reqd. The main difficulty with the treatment lies with the fact that there is no medicine, and high risk of infectivity.

Research organisations all over the world are working for the vaccine, but the efficacy of the vaccine, the duration for which it will last, the production and distribution are major issues that makes it uncertain.

About the lesson learnt: He said that the lifestyle that we have acquired is here to stay. Wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, washing hands frequently are habits that we will have to adhere to for days to come. Healthy living standards are of prime importance now a days. We have learned how important life is.

There were 250 participants who listened with rapt attention to this excellent speech of Dr Sarkar. Meeting ended with vote of thanks.



District Membership Seminar – Come Abroad the Rotary Train

The District 3291 Membership Seminar held on 22nd August 2020, proudly presented on the cloud platform, Dato' Dr Siva Ananthan, Dist Membership Chair, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia RID 3300, as the Keynote Speaker and Rotary Coordinator, Zone 6, PDG Pradeep Mukherjee, ARC PDG Swapan Choudhury and our own Dist Membership Chair PDG Debasish Mitra, as Speakers and Trainers. Among many Rotary leaders, the new members, who had joined the clubs of Dist 3291 this new Rotary year, were present.

After the Seminar was called to order by DS(A) Sunny Kollannur, followed by the National Anthem, DG Sudip Mukherjee welcomed the dignitaries and other participants.

Rotary Coordinator Pradeep Mukherjee began by highlighting that our members were the soul of the organisation and that growth was a must. Of the three pillars of Rotary, namely, Public Image, the Foundation and Membership, if we could ensure a steady growth of members, the other two would automatically develop. It was heartening that there has been a slow but steady growth in Zones 4, 5 & 6. However, retention of members was equally important. To prevent losing these Rotarians, we must make concerted efforts to find out why they are not meeting. We must retain Rotarians but if we are losing steadily we must find out why they are leaving. Generally, members mostly left in the first or first two years as they felt neglected or not quite connected. It's important to involve them in the service activities and if they are absent, then we should enquire why. Compatibility and assimilation in the Rotary culture would automatically follow with their active involvement. If the meetings are interesting and purposeful, most members would attend them. Finally, the "Mantra" for getting members simply was: Just ask.

Dato' Dr Shiva Ananthan began his keynote address titled "This is Me" stating that our mission in life was to continually evolve ourselves. We in Rotary have to grow if we believe that what we do is good. As an organization we have to grow organically and sustainably. As happens with most organizations, the Law of Entropy works here too. If we remain static, entropy sets in and there is a gradual decline. We have to be clear on the business we are in. Our business is feeding the hungry, promoting world understanding and peace, healing the sick, not promoting our own egos and pride. This is possible by engaging ourselves in meaningful service projects. In these activities we have to engage and involve our members. While being so engaged, do we constantly reinvent ourselves, remain flexible and find out the best practices for our clubs? We can, after consulting each member, think of becoming a 'hybrid' club whereby we could have one in-person meeting followed by one online meeting, alternately. Small changes make big differences. If necessary, we have to invest in technology, relax attendance rules and develop protocols. We don't have to focus so much on attendance but on engagements to make sure that every member is involved. This engagement must be total.

The Dist. Membership Chair, Debasish Mitra introduced the District Membership Team with their photos shown in a collage format. DMC Debasish then addressed the participants in which he mentioned that, in the first 50 odd days of the current Rotary year, as many as 205 new members, including 50 lady members, had joined. Also, 3 new Rotary clubs were added. He mentioned that R I President Holger Knaack has repeatedly emphasised that the world needs more Rotarians, nothing more, nothing less. DMC Debasish went on to say that since every club is different so the membership development plans of each should be different. We have around 800 lady Rotarians in our District but our efforts must be to bring in more lady members. To bring in new members, we have to think out of the box, be innovative, do something new, connect, inspire and "make a little magic". Everybody has a responsibility and every Rotarian has a crucial role to play.

In his short 'Vote of Thanks' speech, DGE Prabir Chatterjee thanked all the excellent speakers for their innovative ideas. This well attended Membership Seminar saw the participation of over 350 members who were appreciative of the programme.



EYE DONATION AWARENESS : A Webinar

A webinar on Eye donation awareness was held on 29th August 2020 on Zoom Platform.

Rotary International District 3291 in association with Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal organized the all important webinar. Host Club were Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City and Rotary Club Of Joka.

Speakers for the programme were: Prof. Dr Namrata Sharma, National Faculty Prof Dr G Mukherjee, President Eye Banking Association of India Dr Tuhin Choudhury, Host Faculty and Dr Pushpita Sahu, President OSWB. Dr Subhasis Nag in his introductory speech spoke about how Rotary can lead in the eye donation movement through the Rotaractors and RCCs. Dr G Mukherjee elaborated on the problems faced in creating awareness about eye donation. He told us about the legends in cornea grafting. Dr Namrata Sharma in her deliveration spoke about why we need to donate cornea. There is no medicine for corneal blindness, only by grafting one can get back his vision. She told us about how a near relative can give consent for the donation. She said that everyone can be a cornea donor. She also elaborated on THOTA and the state guidelines to follow. The webinar ended with vote of thanks by the host Club.



“India 2030”

Rotary International District 3291 presented “India 2030” where the keynote speaker was Honourable Governor of West Bengal Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar.

Host Club for this program was Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar.

President Pranay Agarwal welcomes all. Then DG Sudip Mukherjee gives his welcome address. Next RIPE Shekhar Mehta introduces the topic as he speaks on Rotary's role in eradicating Polio. He also spoke about how Rotary is working on literacy for the last 5/6 years and now is in partnership with the government. In 12 government Channels, curriculum formulated by Rotary is being used. In water and sanitation, 10% of the work done by government is being done by Rotary. Rotary is also working towards Adult Literacy in association with Bharat Scouts, BhrahmaKumaris and other organisations.

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar was introduced by District Governor of Dist 3240 Sri Subhasis Chatterjee.

Sri Jagdeep Dhankhar started his deliberation saying that Rotary's motto is very similar to the directive principles of state policies applauding Rotary's role in Polio Eradication programme. He said India 2030 is part of a thought process shared by 1.3 billion Indians around the country. He said that India is at the cusp of a transformation. Most villages in India has electricity now. 80 million houses has gas connections. By project Dignity, each house has a toilet now. Today's India is a destination for global investment. Our PM calls for more governance, less government. United Nation General Assembly has declared 21st June as World Yoga Day in recognition of ancient Indian culture.

Banking network has been so formulated that money can reach directly to the farmers and anganwari workers. Rural connectivity is being given maximum stress, it is expected that by 2030, internet will reach every village in our country. He spoke about the development in science and space research and how India is emerging as a super power. The devotion of the Niti Ayog will take us a long way ahead.

Secretary Manish Biyani offered the formal vote of thanks

INVITATION

Rotary
Dist 3291 & Dist 3240

PRESENT

“India 2030”

Chief Guest
Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar
HON'BLE GOVERNOR OF WEST BENGAL

Sudip Mukherjee
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DIST 3291

Subhashish Chatterjee
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
DIST 3240

HOSTED BY

Rotary
Calcutta Mahanagar

Pranay Agarwal | **Manish Biyani**
PRESIDENT | SECRETARY

SATURDAY
22.08.2020
6:45 PM

Click here to register <http://bit.ly/govwbmeeting>

"REACH OUT TO GROW"

District 3291 webinar on Membership development and Retention was held on 16th August 2020 on Zoom platform.

Host Club for this event was Rotary Club of Purulia. President of Rotary Club of Purulia Vivek Kataruka introduced the topic and the speaker PDG Surendra Seth.

Keynote speaker for the evening was PDG Surendra Seth. Mr Seth in his very inimitable style spoke about member selection and development practices with his real life stories and anecdotes. He urged Rotarians to be role models and trend setters for the aspiring Rotarians.

The programme was attended by 208 Rotarians from 3 RI Districts.



LIVE WEBINAR

ROTARY DISTRICT 3291
presents

Celebrity Speaker

PDG. Rtn. SURENDRA SETH
Managing Editor - Dainik Bhaskar
Famous TV Personality, Presenter of over-1500 programs
Writer of five books of motivating stories & anecdotes
Mechanical Engineer & Management Consultant

District Governor

Rtn. SUDIP MUKHERJEE
RID 3291

“REACH OUT TO GROW”

SUNDAY, August 16, 2020 | 07:30 PM
ZOOM Meeting ID : 674 571 8046 | Passcode : 8GSQ8W

Organised by :
ROTARY CLUB OF PURULIA (RID 3291)

Rtn. Vivek Kataruka | PP. Rtn. Pijush K. Mukherjee | Rtn. Sanjay Mall
President | Project Chairman | Secretary

Rotary
Club of Purulia

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~ স্বাধীনতা ~

- অমৃতা পাল

ছোটবেলায় এই দিনটার ছিল অন্য রকম মানে
মন ভরে যেতো গেরুয়া সাদা সবুজের আগমনে,
দিন শুরু স্কুলে অনুষ্ঠান, মার্চ পাস্টের হাত ধরে
হাতে পতাকা মন তখন এভারেস্টের শিখরে।

এখন স্বাধীনতা অফিস ছুটি, নেই ঘুম ভাঙ্গার তাড়া
সকালবেলা এ্যালার্মের ডাকে আজ দিতে হবে না সাড়া,
কর্মব্যস্ত জীবনে যেন হঠাৎ খুঁজে পাওয়া একটা ব্লেক্
চায়ের সাথে রোজ বিস্কুট, আজ না হয় স্লাইস্ কেক্।

আজ স্বাধীনতা গেট টুগেদার, নামী রেসুরায় ভীড়
রেডিও মিরচি তে দেশাত্মবোধক গান সাথে RJ মীর,
পাড়ার মোড়ে মাইকে ভেসে আসে রবি ঠাকুরের কণ্ঠ
চলার পথে আজ চোখে পড়ে রক্তদান শিবির অসংখ্য।

আমার স্বাধীনতা কপালে তিনরঙ্গা আবীর মাখা সেলফি
বন্ধুদের সাথে বিকেলে আড্ডা সাথে স্টারবাগস্ কফি,
নৈশভোজের মেনুতে কিন্তু থাকা চাই কচি পাঠার ঝোল
পোশাকে তিন রঙ্গের ছোয়া পালটে দেয় জীবনের ভোল।

এই অবধি ঠিক ছিল, এলো আবার রোদ ঝলমলে সকাল
১৬ তারিখ প্রতি মাসেই আসে করার কিছু নেই বিশাল,
কাণ্ডজে পতাকারা আকাশ ছেড়ে পা রেখেছে মাটিতে
গাড়ীর চাকার হাওয়া তাদের ওড়াচ্ছে এদিকে সেদিকে।

অফিস যাত্রীরা আজ হস্তদস্ত সময় নেই আর কারো
পতাকা হারিয়েছে আজ গতকালের সেই আরম্বর ও,
হঠাৎ দেখি.... এক পাগল ছুটে এসে সকলের আগে
পদপীঠ পতাকা গুলো জড়ো করছে নোংরা ঝোলাব্যাগে,
সভ্য সমাজের ভাষায় যে লোকটা মানসিক বিকারগ্রস্থ
তার কাছেই তবে কি আজ স্বাধীনতা পেল নিজের গুরুত্ব !!!

Amrita Paul, Charter President
Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle - RID 3291

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Rotary Club of Contai

VIBRANT CLUBS OF D-3291

Ballygunge



RC Ballygunge was a host for the RID3291 Project on Environment Care, 'The Green Expedition', the first phase of which started off with the plantation of high quality timber saplings, at Dhyana Ashram, Konchowki, Diamond Harbour Road and at the St Xaviers University Campus at Raghobpur, South 24 Parganas on 2 August 2020. The second phase of the same project was held on 19 August 2020, opposite ITC, Royal Bengal, on the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass. 225 timber samplings were planted with protective bamboo cages, displaying Rotary signage, along the eastern flank of Bypass up to the Parama Traffic Island.

On 13 August 2020, club celebrated Charter Anniversary with a short in house cultural programme

Barasat Metropolitan



15 August 2020, the 74th Independence Day was observed by hoisting the National Flag at Indian Medical Association, Barasat Branch, Kolkata 700124. Project 'Tree Plantation' was also held on the same day around Rabindra Bhawan, Barasat and at Saroj Park, Barasat.

Belur



The club has embarked upon a Global Grant Project 'KARUNA COVID-19' on 15 August 2020 at a total project outlay of Rs 35,83,000. Under this project 6600 PPE Kits, 6600 N-95 Face Mask, 3300 Face Shields were donated at two hospitals, the Howrah District Hospital and ILS Hospital Howrah. The programme at Howrah District Hospital was attended by the District Magistrate of Howrah and that at ILS Hospital was attended by Senior Hospital Authority. The project was covered by the print media represented by different Bengali and Hindi newspapers. The supporting International partner clubs are Rotary Club of Singapore and Rotary Club of Singapore North.

Calcutta

On 1 July 2020, Club was the co-host for RID 3291 organized Blood Donation Camps held simultaneously at three locations in commemoration of Doctor's Day. Immediately after the blood donation camp, a ceremonial installation was held at Rotary Sadan, witnessed by DG Sudip Mukherjee, DT Anshuman Bandyopadhyay and club officials. A cheque was handed over on the same day for the ongoing Centenary School Project at Baramanga School and 20 imported water pumps were given to RCC Bishnupur.

Later, on the same day, a webinar on 'Life in the time of COVID-19' was held where distinguished medical practitioners including Dr Rivu Basu, Dr Pallab Chatterjee, Dr Arun Manglik discussed various healthcare issues related to Covid pandemic. They also recommended precautions, safeguards, and treatment methodology to be followed for the affected persons.

The formal Installation ceremony was held on 7 July 2020, on virtual platform and was attended by a number of PDGs and other dignitaries as well as by members of other rotary clubs, from India and abroad. On the occasion RIPE



Shekhar Mehta, US Consul Pattie Hoffman and DG Sudip Mukherjee addressed the audience. RIPE appreciated the manner in which the club had celebrated its centenary year. He also spoke of his dream of a 'literate India' which he wishes to achieve within a span of 10 years. Pattie Hoffman spoke of long term effect of COVID-19 on health and economy, and USAID's focus on Covid Collaboration for disease control, through assistance in medical equipments, testing facilities and training of health workers.

During the entire month in pursuance of District initiative for 'Supporting the Environment', club undertook successive Tree Plantation drives and planted over 1000 fruit bearing trees in chicken wire mesh for income generation through RCC Dara in the villages of Sundarban, RCC Krishnanagar in Hoogly, RCC Duttapukur in North 24 Parganas.

During the month club continued its COVID-19 support activities and distributed nutritional food like milk, biscuits, canned juices and snacks, on multiple occasion, to children in the villages through the club sponsored RCCs.

On 3 August 2020 Dettol soap and Face Masks were distributed to the village communities in rural and suburban areas through RCC, as precaution and effective prevention against the spread of COVID-19.

Conducted a Career Counseling program by Counselor Rajeswari Basu, for the children in remote rural areas served by the club's RCCs, in which more than 80 high school students participated.

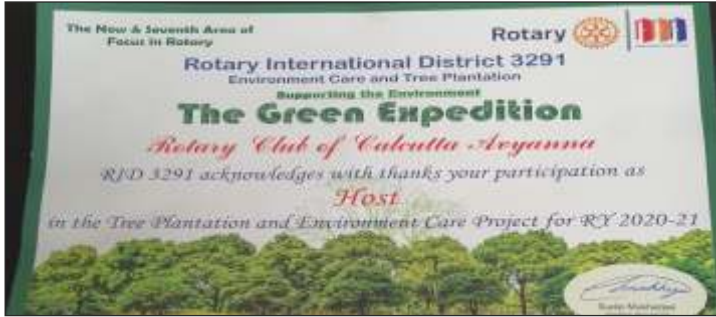
Members of the club joined by DG Sudip Mukherjee celebrated Independence Day by hoisting the National Flag at Rotary Sadan. A painting exhibition by students of NCLCL was inaugurated on the same day. Students also performed patriotic dance drama, recitation and patriotic songs. Mosquito Nets were also distributed through the hands of DG Sudip Mukherjee to 7 RCCs, as a measure of prevention of dengue and malaria. Milk & Biscuits were distributed to 115 rural children in its RCC Krishnanagar.

On 26 August 2020, essential hospital equipments comprising of Fowler

Beds & mattresses, Examination bed, complete with Saline stand, Wheel Chair and Food Trolley were contributed to Humanity Hospital, Thakurpukur. Project was funded by Rtn Arindam Roychoudhury.

A number of webinars were also held including 'In conversation with Shoojit Sircar, Director & Film Producer', on 14 August 2020, 'Safety & Equality of Women' with Dr Shashi Panja, MOS, on 20 August 2020 and entertainment program on virtual platform 'Rimjhim Ghire Saawan' on 23 August 2020.

Calcutta Aavyanna



Participated as Host Club in 'The Green Expedition', Community Service (Non Medical) project pertaining to Rotary's new area of focus 'Supporting the Environment' on 2 August 2020 at Dhyan Ashram and St. Xavier's University, Raghobpur Campus.

Calcutta East Central



Jointly with Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City a lecture session on 'Divine Baby Food Mother's Milk' was organized on 8 August 2020 on Zoom platform. Eminent Gynecologist Dr. Gitasree Mukherjee and prominent Pediatrician Rtn. Dr. Bandana Homchoudhuri delivered a very informative lecture appraising the benefits of breastfeeding and mother's milk. DG Sudip Mukherjee was the Chief Guest. The programme was also attended by DGN Ajoy Kumar Law, DT Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, President and members of Rotary Club of Grand Khulna Bangladesh, RID 3281 along with rotarians from District 3291.

Under Rotary's Seventh Area of Focus 'Supporting the Environment' club organized a programme for the plantation and distribution of seed and saplings of fruit bearing trees and hardwood timber like Shegun and Sonajhuri to 100 Amphan affected farmers of Rajarpur Gram Panchayat, Kulpi Block, South 24 Paraganas. The programme was conducted through RC Calcutta East Central sponsored RCC Sonatori Women & Child Welfare Institution. Food, sanitizers and masks were also given to all the farmers.

Calcutta Jadavpur



In an effort to enhance the public image of Rotary, hoardings on 'Awareness

about Pediatric Cancer' were put up in 6 conspicuous locations of Kolkata (Alipore Lalbati, Camac St Junction, M.G. Road, Maniktola Main Rd, opposite Vivekananda Park, Ultadanga Crossing) on 28 August 2020 in partnership with RID 3291 and Rotaract District 3291 with media partner Karukrit on a project outlay of Rs 16992. The hoardings were on display for two weeks. The purpose was to raise awareness among common people about cancer in general and pediatric cancer in particular. While pediatric cancer is one of major focus areas for the club, the same has been taken up as district project for this year.

Calcutta Kankurgachi



A webinar was organized on 'Investment during COVID Times' in association with TATA ASSET MANAGEMENT GROUP on 1 August 2020 and was attended by 56 participants. Mr Anand Vadarajan, Business Head of the organization was the speaker for the occasion.

Club was a Lead Host at the RID 3291 project 'The Green Expedition' on 2 August 2020 at Dhyan Ashram, Joka. President Dr Dibendu Banerjee and Secretary Rtn Nilanjan Mitra attended the programme and accompanied DG Sudip Mukherjee in planting few saplings.

On 8 August 2020 virtual sessions were organized on beating the blues in COVID times. There were two talks, one on 'The Children, Elderly and the Collective Society in the midst of this overwhelming Pandemic: Mental Health and Beyond' and the other on 'Impact of the Pandemic on Working Adults and Women in our Society and Changing Environment and Ways'. A panel discussion on 'Post Pandemic New World-Overcoming the Challenges' by three renowned psychiatrists Dr Abir Mukherjee, Dr Rajashree Roy and Dr Indrajit Sengupta followed. More than 150 people attended.

74th Independence Day was celebrated on 15 August 2020 by hoisting the National Flag at Alokedhenu Bodh Niketan, a home for Specially Abled Children. Food packets, Sanitizers and Masks were distributed to 100 children. On the same day club's new official venue was inaugurated at GC 209, Saltlake, Kolkata 700091. Fifty appreciation certificates were distributed to donors for their benevolent donation towards Amphan victims at the said event.

On 19 August 2020, club was the Lead Host in the District 3291 Project 'The Green Expedition' at Eastern Metropolitan Bypass opposite ITC Royal Bengal. 225 saplings with cages were planted with Rotary Logo in an attempt to enhance the Public Image of Rotary and in keeping with Rotary's new area of focus 'Supporting the Environment'. Club members accompanied DG Sudip Mukherjee in planting saplings. District Trainer and other district officials were also present.

The club arranged a COVID Awareness and Antibody testing camp for the Frontline workers on 23 August 2020 at Beliaghata in association with 33 Palli Bashi Brinda. MLA, Shri Paresch Pal, was the Chief Guest. DGE was the Guest of Honour. President Rtn Dibendu spoke about COVID infection, type of antibodies and the importance of antibody testing. DGE spoke on the role of Rotary during COVID-19 and Amphan. 22 Nursing Staff and 18 Ward boys of ID hospital and 18 Police personnel undertook the test. The event was covered by 24 Ghanta, News 18, Channel 10, News Bangla and by Aajkaal and other newspapers.

Calcutta Laketown

Club organized a Cancer Awareness seminar in association with Sanjeevani Life Beyond Cancer Foundation on 22 August 2020 on Zoom platform for



awareness creation on the causes and preventive measures of cancer.

Calcutta Magnum

Participated as Lead Host in 'The Green Expedition' under the New & Seventh Area of Focus in Rotary 'SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT' at Dhyana Ashram, Diamond Harbour Road, Konchowki, South 24 Paraganas, and at St. Xavier's University, Raghobpur Campus, South 24 Parganas on 2 August 2020. High quality genetically pure 'Mahogany' saplings were planted with name tag mentioning the name of Rotary District 3291.

The club arranged a webinar on 'Evolving face of COVID 19' on 18 August 2020 at 7:30 pm. Chief Guest for the occasion was DG Sudip Mukherjee while the eloquent speakers were Dr. Abhijit Chowdhury, Professor & Head Department of Hepatology SSKM, Dr. Indrani Dutta, Clinical Psychologist and Madhabilata Mitra, Super Model and Mountaineer.



Calcutta Mahanagar



Club carried out project 'Annadan Mahadaan', in collaboration with ROTI ON WHEELS, on multiple occasions during this month. Under this project food was provided to more than 1200 poor people at various locations in Elgin Road and Golf Club Road. This project was sponsored by PP Pradeep Rawat & Sudha Rawat, Rtn. Ritu Kajaria & Anshuman Kajaria, RIPE Shekhar & Rashi Mehta

Under Project Food Bank, 876 pieces of ITC's 'Fabelle' brand of chocolates were distributed among underprivileged children in Diamond Harbour and Falta area. Rtn. Ashok Singhvi arranged for distribution of coffee powder to Ballygunge police station. HUL Premix Tea and Coffee (weighing 2196 kgs) was distributed at 7 locations, namely Dakshineswar Ramkrishna Sangha Adyapeath, Prem Daan Old Age Home, Sheoraphuli area, Singur area, Tangra area, CINNI Asha, Pottery road, and in bustee area near Beliaghata lake by Inner Wheel Calcutta Mahanagar.

The club hosted the 74th Independence Day celebrations of Rotary District 3291 along with the popular band Dhvani performing Live on the club's Facebook page on 15 August, 2020. Rotary International President 2021-22, Shekhar Mehta was the Chief Guest. The tradition of organizing the Fellowship Antakshari on the occasion of Independence Day was kept afloat this year too through 'Phir Bhi Dil Hai Hindustani' on Zoom platform.

On 22 August 2020, club hosted a programme that was streamed live on Facebook where RIPE Shekhar Mehta spoke about the role of Rotary in nation building through various projects like Literacy, Health & Sanitation. He also appreciated the cooperation extended by the government in incorporating Rotary projects as State and National level events. Honourable Governor Shri Rajiv Dhankhar explained the steps taken by the Government towards the betterment of villages and cities and shared his belief that India will be a global leader in 2030 and a digital superpower. He acknowledged the good work of Rotary and encouraged Rotarians to continue their efforts towards nation building.

An online initiative was taken up by the Rotaract Club of Heritage Institute of Technology, to celebrate Independence Day with the students of their literacy centres through online video conferencing. The students were encouraged to participate in quiz sessions and sing patriotic songs. Rotaractors briefed the students about the precautions they need to take to keep themselves safe from COVID-19

Calcutta Majestic



During this pandemic period the club distributed 12 PPE kits in two different places on 31 July 2020 for the COVID-19 patients.

8 PPE kits were again distributed for COVID-19 workers, this time at Beliaghata ID government hospital on 12 August 2020. Project was attended by club President Rtn. Bulbul kundu and IPP Rtn. Anirudha Chowdhuri. A small token of appreciation was also given to the beneficiaries.

Independence day was celebrated on 15 August 2020 at Arunima Hospice, home for HIV affected children. The children were provided with Horlicks, vitamin C and the other necessary medicine, grocery items like rice, pulses, wheat, soyabeans, eggs, milk powder, biscuits, puffed rice, sweets as also sanitizers and masks. DGE Prabir Chatterjee and club President Bulbul kundu hoisted the flag along with the club members and the children of Arunima Hospice. Flower bearing and medicinal plants were also planted there. All items were donated by club members. It was followed by a short cultural programme.

On 30 August 2020 the club distributed 500 pieces of 3 layered disposable masks and 100 pieces of 3 HB layered reusable cloth mask with the club name printed on it. The masks were distributed among maids, servants, drivers, vendors, rickshaw pullers and the general public on Rashbehari Avenue, near Lake Market.

On 31 August 2020 the club organized an awareness programme virtually for supporting the environment, on making our earth greener and managing e-waste. The webinar was conducted in association with Hulladeck Recycling.

Calcutta Metropolitan



Panel discussion on 'Membership Challenges Facing Rotary in the next decade and the Way Forward' was organized on 8 August 2020. The panelists were PDG Deepak Kapur-RID 3010, PDG Ashok Agarwal-RID 3240, PDG Sandra Schwartz-RID 5240 and IPDG Ajay Agarwal-RID 3291.

Club undertook cleaning operations in Pace Learning Centre, Piyali during

August 2020. Independence Day was celebrated at the same learning centre on 15 August 2020. On the same day, dry ration was distributed to the 225 girl students of Pace Learning Centre and their families. The students made National flags, hand gloves and masks, with vegetables, at the centre on Independence Day. Biscuits and Masks were distributed to the street children of Muncipara area of Kolkata on the same day.

Joint project was organized with Rotary Club of Charnock City where Mrs Apsara Guha Thakurta, winner of Mrs India Universe in 2018 and second runner up in Mrs Woman of the Universe in 2019, spoke on 'Her journey and her message to today's Youth' on 29 August 2020.

Calcutta Presidency



Umbrella distribution project was undertaken at the old age home 'Rukmani Amar Aangan', in Bishnupur on 1 August 2020. 2 dozen umbrellas were distributed to the inmates.

Contributes as Host Club in the District project pertaining to new area of focus 'Supporting the Environment', inaugurated at Dhyana Ashram and St. Xavier's University, Raghobpur Campus.

On 4 August 2020, a webinar on 'Lifestyle Modifications and Safety in this era of COVID-19' was organized by Rtn. Dr. Ramesh Agarwalla. More than 70 high school students and teachers of Young Horizons School attended the webinar. Teacher Coordinator of the Interact Club moderated the questions.

District online program on Project Positive Health was held on 7 August 2020 on Zoom virtual platform. Rotary International Director Dr. Bharat Pandya was present along with DG Sudip Mukherjee and many national level directors. In the panel discussion on Ek Chammach Kam, Dr Sarfaraz Baig and his team gave a wonderful discussion on the harmful effects of sugar and how we can avoid it for positive health.

Another webinar on 'Lifestyle Modifications and Safety in this era of COVID-19' was held on 9 August 2020 by Rtn. Dr. Ramesh Agarwalla. The programme was attended by more than 120 high school students, teachers and Principal of St. Teresa School. Teacher Coordinator of Interact Club moderated the session.

Club took up the responsibility of sponsoring school education by donating an amount of Rs 2000/- per child for 19 students and 32 girl students from the 4 schools in rural Bengal run by the NGO 'Young Men's Welfare Society'. Two cheques were handed over to the NGO on 15 August 2020. The amount of Rs 2000 per child would take care of the tuition fee and the cost of purchasing books and stationery for one academic year.

On 15 August 2020, club also launched save water campaign 'The Water Story', adopting project chair Rtn Gurpreet's vision. It was on zoom and attended by 480 participants. The campaign was launched by club President, Vinod Bhandari. RIPE Shekhar Mehta was the Chief-Guest for the occasion and he spoke about the necessity of saving water. DG Sudip Mukherjee also spoke on the occasion. Nitya & De Moyal played a skit and Magic Show was also performed in keeping with the theme. A cheque of 1lac 10 thousand was handed over by club President to 'Young Men's Welfare Society' towards sponsorship of 55 children for one year. Song for frontline workers was released in the programme.

A workshop on 'How to Love Oneself' was organized on 23 August 2020, on Google Meet. It was attended by more than 24 Rotaractors and 6 Rotarians.

On 30 August 2020, club distributed food grains, oil, vegetables, fruits, cakes, cookies, shakes and garments at Ishwar Sankalp for their 80 inmates. Total project outlay was Rs11,500.

A Panel Discussion was organized by the club, on the mantra 'ek chammach kum char kadam aage' on 30 August 2020. Three eminent doctors, Dr Prof Subhankar Chowdhury, Dr Sudipta Chandra and Dr Sarfaraz participated in the panel discussion that had more than 180 participants. RID Dr Bharat

Pandya, DG Sudip Mukherjee, several PDGs attended the programme. Members from Rotary clubs of Dhaka, Nepal, Bhubaneswar also joined, in addition to rotarians from RI District 3291 and 3292. Dr Pandya shared his thoughts to motivate the participants.

Calcutta South Circle



On 1 July 2020, club participated in the RID 3291 organized Mega Blood Donation Drive. Rtn. Amrita Paul, Rtn. Sukhendu Basu and Rtn. Jayanta Chattopadhyay along with two non rotarian friends donated blood to support the noble cause.

The club was one of the Lead Host clubs of 'The Green Expedition' for the planting of 225 saplings. The project was done in two phases. The first phase was on 2 August 2020 at Dhyana Ashram, South 24 Parganas and at St. Xavier's University, Raghobpur campus. The second phase was held on 19 August 2020 along the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass (Opposite to ITC Royal Bengal).

A Career Counseling Workshop was organized by the club at the club sponsored RCC at St. Xavier's, Raghobpur on 23 August 2020. Experts from Micro, Small, Medium Entrepreneurs (MSME) was present there to guide the students. 70 students participated in the programme.

Calcutta South City



The club had adopted 25 underprivileged but meritorious students and had pledged to sponsor the entire cost of their education including schools fees, tuition fees and cost of books for as long as they desire to study. Initiation of the project was made on 24 February 2020 by RIPR K R Ravindran. In the First Phase, the scholarship money of Rs 10 thousand for each of the students was distributed by Rtn Ravindran, on the occasion of Silver Jubilee celebrations of the club at Hotel Park Plaza.

Calcutta South East



Members of the club in collaboration with local primary school distributed dry ration, biscuits and face masks to about 100 families at the club sponsored RCC Goalbati near Kolkata, West Bengal, on 12 August 2020.

In collaboration with Institute for Indian Mother and Child (IIMC), Sonarpur, club distributed Sanitary Napkins, Hand Sanitizers, Face Masks, biscuits and

cakes to over 100 local women and girl students on 22 August 2020.

Calcutta Sun City



Club organized a programme for the distribution and plantation of different saplings at Sonartori Women and Child Welfare Organisation at Kulpi on 2 August 2020, jointly with Rotary Club of Calcutta East Central. On the same day the two clubs jointly organized a Blood Donation Camp at Kamarhat Rural Welfare Centre, Kakdwip. Blood collected from this camp will be utilized for the treatment of Thalassemia affected patients.

On 7 August 2020 under a tree plantation initiative, saplings of Mahogany, Gulmohar, Jackfruit and Guava trees were planted at 'Premashray' - a home for cancer patients in New Town.

The next day, 8 August 2020 club conducted a webinar on 'Divine Baby Food - Mother's Milk', jointly with RC Calcutta East Central. PP Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri and Guest Dr. Gitashree Mukherjee were the speakers for the event.

On Independence Day, 15 August 2020, the club joined the flag hoisting programme at their interact school Nabajiban Bidya Mandir at Madhyamgram. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri gave a speech on lifestyle and Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri gave a speech for the boys. A Plantation programme was also done at the school. On the same day Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri and Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri spoke on lifestyle and safety measures from COVID-19 at RCC Nildiganta Nilganj of Rotary Barrackpore.

A second blood donation camp was organized on 23 August 2020 at Lalit Smriti Swastha Kendra at Kasba.

Physical Installation Ceremony was held on 26 August 2020 in the arena of their Urban RCC 'Kasba Sporting Club'. The RCC was chartered on the same day. Renowned classical singer Ms Subhra Guha was inducted as new member to the club.

A third Blood Donation Camp was organized with Urban RCC Kasba Sporting Club at 94E, K.N. Sen Road, Kasba on 30 August 2020.

Calcutta Sutanuti



Rakhi Bandhan Utsav was celebrated on 4 August 2020 with the fire fighters and emergency service providers at the Head Quarters of Fire and Emergency Services at Park Street and it's station at Md. Ali Park in the morning. The celebration included all from rank and file, starting from the Minister of Fire Service, DG, ADG, Station Master and general workers. Apart from tying rakhi, chocolates and sanitizers were distributed to 50 fire fighters. The club also promoted 'Four Way Test' by presenting Four Way Test Mementos to all the dignitaries. The celebration reached greater height with the participation of sisters from our RCC Saheli. The event was covered by the leading news channel Asia Newsnet Bangla. Hon'ble Minister of Fire and Emergency Services, Shri Sujit Bose consented to be Honorary Member of the club.

Calcutta Universe



In association with Merryland Nursing Home and Shahid Smriti Sangha, club organized a Blood Donation Camp at Anandapalit area on 1 August 2020. MLA Swarnakamal Saha, Councilor Arun Das and senior Police official Kundan Lal Tamta attended the event. More than 50 volunteers donated blood.

Club participated as Host Club at 'The Green Expedition' organized by RID 3291 and held on 2 August 2020. Mahogany trees were planted by the club at Dhyana Ashram. The second phase of the same project was held on 19 August 2020 at KMDA project site opposite ITC Royal Bengal on the Eastern Metropolitan Bypass. Apart from DG Sudip Mukherjee, DT Angshuman Bandyopadhyay, District Secretary Administration and District Committee Members, Dr. Subroto Gupta, Principal Secretary, Food Processing & Horticulture, Ms. Papiya Ghosh Roy Chowdhury, Joint Secretary, Urban Development & Municipal Affairs and Mr. Partha Pratim Ghosh, Executive Engineer, Roads & Bridges, KMDA were also present. High breed species like Jarul (210) in numbers have been planted with bamboo cages.

COVID-19 Diary Phase I was organized on 6 August 2020 where 2 eminent doctors, Dr. Snehal Jadhav Pulmonologist and Dr. Joya Ghosh Bio Chemist & Medical Educationist spoke on COVID-19, prevention and vaccines at a webinar. It was followed by Phase II of COVID-19 Diary organized on 14 August 2020 through another webinar. Assistant Professor Community Medicine Dr. Kalyan Kumar Paul and Prof Dr. Soumya Bhattacharya, Anatomist, Biomedical Ethicist and Medical Educationist spoke on the morale, challenges and dilemma associated with COVID-19. The third and final session of COVID-19 Diary was organized on 21 August 2020. It was an awareness programme held on Zoom. Dr. Mriganka Barua and Mun Mun Sarma Additional District and Sessions Judge were the speakers in this programme.

India's 74th Independence Day was celebrated at their school Anirban Pathabhavan at Sehai Nodakhali on 15 August 2020 by organizing a 'mother and child health check up camp' with 2 doctors. Prescribed medicines and vitamin capsules were given to the patients. Club sponsored RCC Jatanagendrapur also celebrated 74th Independence Day at a school in Raidighi Sunderbans by hoisting the National Flag and distributing food packets to the students and the teachers who also organized a cultural programme for the occasion. RCC also planted fruit saplings in their school premises. Saplings were also given to the teachers and the guests present. Installed a foot operated Hand Sanitizing Unit along with the Hand Sanitizer bottle at Berhampore Central Correctional Home, Berhampore, Murshidabad

Calcutta Victoria



Participated as Host club in the Tree Plantation Project 'The Green Expedition' organized by RID 3291 at Dhyana Ashram on 2 August 2020. The programme was attended by P.P. B. K. Agarwal and Dr. Krishnendu Gupta

from the club. The second phase of 'The Green Expedition' was done on 19 August 2020 opposite ITC Royal Bengal on Eastern Metropolitan Bypass in the presence of Senior Government Officials and Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority.

Sanitizers, masks and gloves were donated to New Alipur Police Station on 3 August 2020 and to Bidhan Nagar Police Station and Beliaghata Police Station on 4 August 2020. The entire project was sponsored by Subhojit Sinha Roy.

A career counselling programme was arranged for the Interactors and Rotaractors of the club on Zoom platform on 8 August 2020. Nirmal Agarwal, a well-known counsellor, addressed the participants.

Club arranged an awareness camp on COVID-19 at Kanthalberia on 11-12 August 2020 in a very remote area of PoroPara. An awareness talk was given to fifty ladies. They were also provided with masks, soap and food items. The project was facilitated by club RCC at Kanthalberia.

Independence Day was celebrated by providing a sumptuous lunch to 200 inmates at All Bengal Women's Association. The project was sponsored by Ashok Kothari, a senior member of the club. On the same day lunch was provided to 75 hearing and speech impaired orphan boys at the orphanage 'New Age Society' at Sitakundu near Baruipur. This lunch was sponsored by P.P. Arvind Agarwal.

25 reusable PPE kits and 50 face shields were donated at Medview Nursing Home on Broad Street on 19 August 2020.

On August 30, 2020, Veterans of Indian Armed Forces (23 NDA Batch) along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria their Rotaract Club and Interact Club of Chowringhee High School organized the second Amphan relief for the affected people at Bali 2 Island, in the Sunderbans. The Project was successful in extending relief to 200 families of the Island at a cost of 4.5 lakh.

Calcutta Visionaries



Club's Annual Ladies Sindhara Part was held on 1 August, 2020 over Zoom. It was a fun filled and entertaining afternoon meet for the Ladies of the club.

Flag Hoisting Ceremony was organized on 15 August 2020 at the club's new school Rotary Kishalaya Shikha Niketan in Sunderban. Mrs Indrani Sinha w/o of WBPC of Forests Mr Ravi Kant Sinha was the Special Guest for the occasion. Members of RCC Parasmani Vivekananda Sangha and the students of Rotary Kishalaya Shiksha Niketan School participated. Club Members donated over 70 Fans for the new school building. Food items, Medicines, Clothes and other items of basic necessity were distributed amongst the local villagers at Parasmoni, Sunderban.

In continuation of the district initiative 'The Green Expedition', club procured 3000 saplings to be planted at villages of Parasmani and Shantigachi. Club members and guests, themselves planted around 80 saplings along the boundary wall of the school premises. Two saplings were planted in memory of Late Rtn Anil Saria and Late Rtn Subhash Chandak, with a marble placard containing their journey date, as an ode to the two of them. Another 1500 sapling of fruit and flower bearing trees were planted by the villagers within the school premises. The project was initiated on 5 August 2020.

On 26 August 2020, Club donated seven Wheel Chairs to Tata Medical Centre, New Town, Kolkata.

During the month of August club continued to run the Community kitchen at Hingolganj, Hasnabad, which suffered lot of damages after the devastating cyclone Amphan. Nearly 175 families were fed each day under this initiative.

Central Calcutta

Provided support to rotaractors in their endeavour to provide ration to Amphan affected people on 28 July 2020. Club distributed 100 pieces of



reusable masks, 100 pair of gloves and 25 bottles of sanitizers at Bow Bazar Police Station on 30 July 2020. Club participated as Lead Host at 'The Green Expedition' organized by RID 3291 and joined in the sapling plantation programme at Dhyan Ashram.

Club celebrated Independence Day by hoisting the National Flag and felicitating teachers on 15 August 2020

East Calcutta



Tree trunks, that are danger to the pedestrians in the road adjacent to club premises, were pruned in a day long program on 1 August 2020, supervised by Club Secretary Rtn. Dilip Ghosh.

On 2 August in 'Corona Mokabila' live show on Doordarshan Bangla TV channel (DD BANGLA), President Rtn. Dr. Bikas Bhattacharya spoke on COVID-19 while District Governor Sudip Mukherjee spoke on the role of Rotary International in controlling the spread of COVID-19 in India as a Rotary Public Image Initiative.

Club celebrated Independence Day on 15 August 2020 by hoisting the National Flag at the club premises by Rtn. Dr. Roona Nandy, accompanied by 8 rotarians including Rtn. Dr. Sumit Poddar. On the same day Club President Rtn. Dr. Bikas Bhattacharya visited Kolkata Police Safe Home for Corona positive police personnel at Eden Gardens to boost them up and to provide them moral support.

Garden Reach



A Blood Donation camp was organized on 1 July 2020 at Nabarun Samity, Santoshpur, Sundarbans in association with Kothari Medical Centre and Inner Wheel Club of Garden Reach. 37 units of blood were collected. Each donor was provided with a mask, a pair of gloves and hand sanitizer.

Club provided food to the Amphan affected needy families. Food packets containing rice, pulses, egg, onion, soap, milk powder, Horlicks and biscuits were distributed among 50 families on 1 July 2020 at RCC Champa through RCC Champa Mahila Society. On the same day 100 saplings of fruit bearing trees were also distributed to 50 families at RCC Champa in the Sundarbans. Members visited the site of reconstruction of huts of Pear Sarder, Jamir Sarder and Jiad Sarder, residents of Maheshpur, Anandabad, Bharatgarh, Basanti in the Sundarbans on 28 July 2020. Repair work of the boat of fisherman Ibrahim Molla at Anandabad village was also supported by the club. The boat repair work was inspected by club members on the same day.

Geetanjali



Online session on 'Aqua Culture' was organized on 5 August 2020 at 8 pm. Club member, Rtn. Sourav Ganguly, spoke about aquaculture, about Aquaponics, RAS, Biofloc, Pearl Culture, how aquaculture works, and how anyone can start a business in aquaculture during the lockdown period. It was followed by an interactive session. 30 Rotarians, 15 Rotaractors, and more than 5 guests attended the session.

Another webinar was organized on 'Handling anxiety, trauma and stress: Lockdown and after' on 9 August 2020. Mrs. Bulbul Bakshi, Mental health practitioner and counselor, Secretary of Samikshani, Center of Psychoanalytical Studies and Mental Therapy, spoke on how to deal with anxiety and mental illness during lockdown. She also highlighted how to stay positive in this current situation. The talk was followed by an interactive session. There were more than 50 attendees, including 30 Rotarians, 10 Rotaractors and more than 10 guests.

A third online session was organized on 19 August 2020 on 'Self Awareness: an essential tool in helping others'. Mr. Kaushik Gopal, a Business Psychoanalyst and Thought Partner for Leaders, was the guest speaker. He spoke on how to strengthen leadership and help put service ideas into action, thereby improving the services of rotary for the needy. The Chief Guest for the event was DG Sudip Mukherjee. Around 30 Rotarians, 20 Rotaractors and more than 10 guests joined the session.

The club organized a discussion on 'Membership Development and Retention' on 31 August 2020 with a presentation on the basics of membership development and retention by IPP Rtn Ashoka Chatterjee. Other members also shared their ideas and gave opinion about the same. The Rotaract Club of Geetanjali Kolkata provided ration and daily essentials to the distressed in the society under project 'The Bearing Smile'. The items included 6kg of rice, 2kg of lentils, 1litre oil, 300gm of soyabean, 2kg of potatoes, 250gm of flattened rice and were donated to 26 auto rickshaw drivers in Mundapara near Uchchpota Post Office, P.S- Anandapur, who had been rendered jobless. The Rotaractors also arranged for free online career counseling with former Rotaractor and Speaker Avranil Sengupta, on 26 August 2020. It was attended by more than 50 participants. The session was followed by an interactive session.

Kamarhati



On 15 August 2020, club observed 74th Independence Day by hoisting the National Flag at the club premises. Tree plantation was undertaken at the club premises and at Bhairab Ganguly college. On the same day grocery

items like rice, wheat flour, oil, lentils and biscuits were distributed to the orphanage of Dakshineswar Ramkrishna Sangha, Adyapeath

Invited lecture was organized on 29 August 2020 on Google Meet platform wherein Rtn Dr Souma Chatterjee AG Zone 7 enlightened participants on the latest developments in Rotary and gave useful tips on the smooth running of the club. It was attended by Rtn Prabhat Kumar Ghosh, ZS Zone 7, along with club officials and members.

Kasba



On 1 August 2020, in association with the Rotaract Club of Kasba Traditional Heritage, club arranged a physical meeting at club venue at Kamala Park to felicitate Rotaract Club President for his excellent result in Higher Secondary Examination, 2020.

A Health Check-Up camp was held at Behala on 4 August 2020. Hand sanitizers were also distributed at the camp.

Club arranged for a programme to induct new member Rtn Pranab Kumar Chakraborty, Former Chairman of Costing Institute, on 7 August 2020 in the presence of PDG Debasish Mitra and PDG Swapan Kumar Choudhury (ARC Zone 6) from District 3240.

The 74th Independence Day was celebrated jointly with a local club, Kolkata Milestone, by hoisting the National Flag at club venue in Kamala Park. After the Flag hoisting ceremony, club members distributed masks to the general public. A Health Check-Up camp was also arranged on the same day at the same venue.

A program on 'Men Leadership' was organized on 16 August 2020 in which 21 Club Presidents from Kolkata, Bangalore and Bangladesh participated. The programme was judged by CA Anirban Datta, Former Chairman of Chartered institute.

The club arranged a program on Google Meet on the topic 'Financial Literacy, Club Accounts and PAN requirement' on 22 August 2020. As many as 12 Chartered Accountants, Cost Accountants, Internal Auditors, Company Secretaries, Rotarians and Non-Rotary guests, were present to guide the participant clubs. The galaxy of speakers included Rtn Debasish Mitra, President of the club, himself a CA, CMA, CS, MCOM, LLB, & Ph.D., Former Chairman EIRC (ICAI) and a Central Council member of the Chartered Institute for the period 2019-22, Rtn Pramod Rungta, President-Elect of R C Central Calcutta, CA, CMA and Former Chairman EIRC (ICAI), Shri Sumit Binani, Past President of Lions Club and a CA CMA, CS, Shri Anirban Datta, member of Chartered Institute and Former Chairman of EIRC (ICAI) and Rtn Kunal Sarbadhikary, CA. They spoke on the preparation of club accounts and the necessity of maintaining transparency in the accounts while also suggesting that the club accounts need to be audited annually by a Chartered Accountant. Rtn Pranab Kumar Chakraborty, practising Cost Accountant and Former Chairman of Costing Institute spoke on how to get a PAN Card for the club while IPP Niladri Dutta, practising Cost Accountant and Past President of Institute of Internal Auditor (Calcutta Chapter) emphasized the necessity of having Trusts. Rtn Nabakumar Mukherjee, a Chartered Accountant and member of R C Sonarpur insisted on keeping daily accounts. The program was attended by DG 2020-21, K. Pandian, Auditor for Indirect Taxes, R C Vellore Mid Town, RID 3131, DG 2020-21 Dinesh Chandra Shukla, Chartered Accountant, R C Kanpur West, RID 3110, IPDG 2019-20 Debasish Mishra, Chartered Accountant, RC Bhubaneswar Royal, RID

3262, PDG Swapan Kumar Choudhury, Durgapur (ARC -6) RID 3240 and from RID 3291 there was IPDG Ajay Agarwal, PDG Raju Rajgaria, PDG Rajani Mukerji, PDG Mukul Sinha and PDG Shyamashree Sen.

On 29 August 2020 the club was able to restart their regular weekly Computer Literacy program after a gap of more than 4 months with the boys of Barabagan bustee.

New Ballygunge



On 1 August 2020 the club arranged for a lecture by PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay on 'Asha Kiran' the Child Development Project of Rotary India Literacy Mission under the T-E-A-C-H programme.

Along with club sponsored RCC Bandhur Sparsha, club distributed masks amongst the bus drivers, conductors and workers at Patuli Bus Terminus and the vegetable vendors of Patuli market on 6 August 2020. Members of Jatra Suru Sangha Club Garia, also participated. The news was broadcast in ABP Ananda on the same day.

Club paid homage to Rabindranath Tagore on his 79th death anniversary through a cultural programme 'Esheche Barasha Esheche Nabina Barasha' on 8 August 2020.

Club members planted saplings of Mahogany, Shegun, Sal, Debdaru, Arjune, Radhachura, Amloki, Akashmoni and Pashchimi Jui at RCC Mirpur Rural Centre & International Mother's Mission School at Khariberia, on 23 August 2020. Rotary Club of Ganga Heritage gifted few saplings as a goodwill gesture. On the same day masks and sanitizers were distributed to the campus staff at Mirpur Rural Center and to the vendors of Khariberia Market.

Senior Citizen's Day was observed on 23 August, 2020 by distributing masks and sanitizers to the senior citizens of the old age home of our RCC Mirpur Rural Centre.

On 29 August 2020 another lecture was arranged where Rtn. Sagnik Bhattacharya, a Marine Engineer, spoke on the technical side of 'Ship'— its evolution, history of development and navigation systems, on the control of ship.

Purulia

The club organized online Recitation contest on the occasion of Independence Day 2020 for school students from class I to XII. 1008 entries were received from all over the country and 40 entries from abroad. Prizes worth Rs. 65000 along with Rotary T-Shirts were given to 24 winners.

RID 3291 webinar on 'Membership Development and Retention' held on 16 August 2020 was organized and



coordinated by the club. It was presided over by celebrity speakers, PDG Rtn. Surendra Seth and DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee. The programme was attended by 208 Rotarians from 3 RI Districts. Mr Seth briefed members on member selection and development practices with his real life stories and told Rotarians to be role models and trend setters for aspiring Rotarians.

Tollygunge



32 trees, species comprising of Deodar, Neem, Jackfruit and Mango was planted on 3 August 2020 at Rabindra Sarovar under the 'Let's Plant, Let's Live' programme (Phase III) with due permission from Janab Firhad Hakim, the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, Government of West Bengal

On the same day Rakhi Bandhan Utsav was held along with Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Tollygunge and prospective Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Tollygunge Heritage (P) at Rabindra Sarovar premises. Club members and rotaractors also tied Rakhi to the gardeners of Rabindra Sarovar.

Under Phase IV of 'Let's Plant, Let's Live' programme, 15 trees were planted at Lake Area of Shakuntala Park, Behala on 7 August 2020. Under Phase V of the same programme, 15 Fruit Trees were planted on 16 August 2020 at the High School Ground adjacent to Maheshpur Rakhachandra Sevashram, Basanti, South 24 Parganas. Rotaract Club of Tollygunge participated in the programme.

The President and Public Image Chair conducted the New Members Orientation Program for prospective Rotaractors, formed as Rotaract Club of Tollygunge Heritage (P) and Rotaract Club of Tollygunge Regal (P).

RC Tollygunge and RAC Tollygunge joined hands and donated 1 month's ration for 32 students and teachers at Maheshpur Rakhachandra Sevashram, Basanti, South 24 Parganas on 16 August 2020 under 'Chhatra Bandhu' programme (Phase I).

The 43rd Installation Ceremony 'Comienzo' was held at Tamarind on 25 August 2020. PDG Pinaki Prasad Ghosh and PP Tapan Chakraborty (Charter Member of RC Tollygunge) launched the Club Website, www.rotarytollygunge.org, in the august presence of DG Sudip Mukherjee and DGN Ajoy Kumar Law. 6 New Members were inducted, including 2 Rotaractors turned Rotarians. The Club thus got its first set of Dual Membership Holders. In the same programme sewing machine was donated to Zaki Abbas Khan, a needy musical instrument player. The Public Image Committee launched a customized Mask, imprinted with the Club's Logo and distributed the same among all the members and guests present for the Installation Ceremony.

Club submitted the Rotaract Club Certification Form to Rotary International, for Rotaract Club of Tollygunge Heritage and Rotaract Club of Tollygunge Regal on 28 August 2020, acknowledged by Rotary International on 31 August 2020.

