



Monthly Newsletter

ROTARY CLUB OF
CALCUTTA POINTERS
THE CHATTER
August 2024



Note from the Secretary

Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers ended RY 23-24 on a high, having completed 35 projects and meeting all Rotary goals. Our efforts fetched us 3 District awards, DG Citation for Outstanding Performance, and Outstanding President and Outstanding Secretary awards.



With renewed vigour and energy, we are marching into the new year. We are doubling down on our long-standing commitments of Empowerment of Women, Community Development, Basic Education and Literacy, Health Awareness and Disease Prevention, Environment, Hygiene and Sanitation.

In the first two months of the year, we have already completed 9 projects - most are long-term, sustainable and leverage our existing partnerships - alongside the two multi-year running projects of Sundarbans Widows and Jibontala Organic farming.

We have an exciting pipeline of projects lined up. For the first time we are embarking on Cervical Cancer vaccination and Easy School 3. We are also exploring possible tie ups with schools to spread Child Abuse awareness.

We are happy to welcome two new members to the club - Soumen Sengupta and Rubali Chakraborty. Their enthusiastic participation in projects, in particular Rubali's, is wonderful to note!

I would also like to thank all members who have been very generous with their donations. It is so encouraging to see that our projects are not facing any crunch of funds, when members believe in the cause.

Finally ending with an exciting piece of news! Chhondo is back! It is scheduled for Sunday, 9th Feb 2025. Our band of intrepid ladies, Gargee, Madhumita, Sanjukta, Sutapa, are finalizing the program. All of us will soon get our assignments of selling tickets and securing sponsorships

I look forward to working with all of you and continuing the good work! We are proud of what we have achieved so far and we know that our potential is unlimited! Thank you!

Rtn Nabanita Khan
Secretary



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Thalassemia Awareness Camp at Garden High School, Kolkata

On 2nd August, 2024, Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers conducted a Thalassemia Awareness Camp for the students of Classes XI and XII at Garden High School, Rajdanga, Kolkata. The engaging, interactive session presented by Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil accompanied by Rtn Dr Sachindra Rao, was extremely well received by the 100 students who attended. RCCP thanks Dr Saumitra Ray for preparing the session and is grateful to Garden High School for hosting the event.

Rtn Dr Sachindra Rao the project lead, was helped by Rtns Dr Kaushik Sil, Dr Saumitra Ray, Soumyapriya Mukherjee, Sutapa Roy, Rubali Chakraborty, Madhumita Chatterjee and Gargee Dutta

Category: Disease Prevention & Treatment- Advocacy and Awareness of Thalassemia

Medical and Diabetes Camp with DAY in Joynagar, South 24 Parganas

On 11th August, 2024, RCCP and DAY (Diabetes Awareness and You) co- hosted a medical camp at Joynagar, South 24 Parganas, for the underprivileged people of Bayishhata village. Check- ups for 77 beneficiaries included general and vitals check, and blood sugar level tests. Patients were provided physician and nutritionist consultations, and counselled about self- monitoring of capillary blood glucose. Medicines were provided free of cost.

This was RCCP's 2nd medical camp this year and was conducted with NGO Kulpi Swami Vivekananda Youth Welfare Society, the club's partner for several projects.

Rtn Dr Sujoy Majumdar was the chief attending doctor, along with another doctor from DAY.

Rtn Soumyapriya Mukherjee the project lead, was helped by Rtns Sujoy Majumdar and Gargee Dutta.

Category: Disease Prevention & Treatment- Community Large Health Camp- Preventive, Diagnostic & Curative

Lekha Pora- Academic Assistance Project

Lekha Pora, an umbrella project of RCCP, helps students from underprivileged backgrounds to pursue formal education by providing them with books and/ paying for tuitions. This encourages these students in their journey towards self- reliance.

Two sisters Chandana and Bandana from Batighar Pathshala in Kalighat, Kolkata, have continued their studies in spite of adverse social and economic conditions. They cleared the school final examination in March/ April 2024. RCCP provided them the funds to buy books and other study materials for Class XI and pledges to support them in Class XII as well.

Rtn Utpal Pal the project lead and sponsor for the project, was helped by Rtns Soumyapriya Mukherjee, Sachindra Rao and Nabanita Khan.

Project date: 26th August 2024

Category: Basic Education & Literacy- Scholarships

Diyasha- Vocational Training Assistance Project

Diyasha, an umbrella project of RCCP funds vocational training for underprivileged children who aspire to be financially independent.

Bandana of Batighar Pathshala in Kalighat Kolkata, has been identified as a talented dancer in classical and contemporary dance styles. She wishes to become a professional dancer in future and has obtained a scholarship from a reputed dance school. Because of her limited resources and adverse social condition, Bandana requires financial assistance. RCCP will bear this cost for the next two years till she achieves her goal of becoming a professional dancer and earning her livelihood.

Rtn Utpal Pal the project lead and sponsor for the project, was helped by Rtn Sachindra Rao, Soumyapriya Mukherjee and Nabanita Khan

Project date: 26th August 2024

Category: Community Economic Development- Empowering Girls- Skill Development

Photo Gallery



Medical Camp for staff and students of Belda Gangadharpur Academy, Belda, Paschim Medinipur

Beldat Gangadharpur Academy is a government school in Belda, Paschim Medinipur. Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil is known to the school authorities because he practises there. Blood group testing for 300 students and a health check up for 60 staff members were done in the medical camp that was held in the school on 31st August 2024. Necessary medicines were prescribed by Dr Sil and Dr Rao.

Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil, the project lead, was helped by Rtns Dr Sachindra Rao and Gargee Dutta.

The news was reported in Medinipur Zilla page of Anandabazar Patrika on 1st September 2024.

Category: Disease Prevention and Treatment - health check up camp at educational institutions

Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Menstrual Hygiene Talk at Belda Gangadharpur Academy, Belda, Paschim Medinipur

Belda Gangadharpur Academy is a government school in Belda, Paschim Medinipur. Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil is known to the school authorities because he practises there. On 31st August 2024, Dr Sil delivered an interactive lecture on menstrual health and hygiene at this school and it was extremely well received by the 160 girl students who attended. A sanitary napkin vending machine was also given to the school for installation, for the convenience of girl students and staff members.

Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil, the project lead, was helped by Rtns Dr Sachindra Rao and Dr Sujoy Majumdar.

The news was reported in Medinipur Zilla page of Anandabazar Patrika on 1st September 2024.

Category: Maternal and Child Health- Menstrual Hygiene Management Project

HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee
1st August



Heartfelt Thanks to our Donors

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Rtn Saumitra Ray
Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee
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