



Newsletter

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Note from Rtn Sugato Sanyal



Our Journey with the Rotary: A Tale of Friendship and Service

It all started with a phone call from our friend Rtn Sharmila Roy with an idea to form a Rotary Club exclusively with the alumni of South Point School of Kolkata, since we schoolmates have always been bound by memories of camaraderie. The mission was to combine our collective strengths and experiences to create a positive impact on society while deepening the friendships that had shaped us. Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers (RCCP), the name we gave to the club, became our platform.

Starting the club was an adventure in itself, and each step was a learning experience. We were excited but also humbled by the responsibility that came with wearing the Rotary pin.

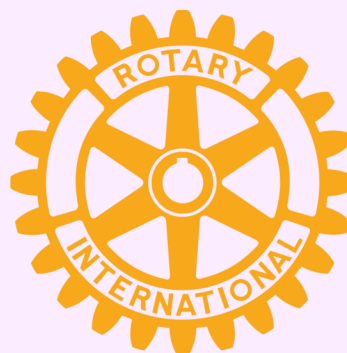
Once established, RCCP became a beacon of hope and action. Together, we organized educational support programs for girls from underprivileged backgrounds, supported Tiger Widows in the Sundarbans, and organized health camps, to mention a few. Each project brought us closer. Witnessing the smiles of the beneficiaries, children and adults, reinforced our belief in the power of collective action.

Like any journey, ours was not without its challenges. Coordinating club activities while managing our personal and professional commitments tested our resolve. However, these hurdles only strengthened our determination.

Beyond the service, the RCCP became a platform for the alumni-members to connect on a deeper level and it felt like an extension of our school days, only we are older, striving for a better tomorrow and determined to leave a mark on the world.

For us alumni- members, the Rotary motto 'Service before Self' is not just a phrase but a way of life - one that we are proud of and share with the society.

Rtn Sugato Sanyal



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Sundarban Mangrove Plantation at Kumirmari, Gosaba Block

In order to protect ecologically fragile Sundarbans region which is losing its mangrove cover due to over-exploitation, altered hydrology, pollution and natural calamity, Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers (RCCP) undertook a project of planting 1500 mangrove saplings in Kumirmari, Gosaba, about 75 km from Kolkata, on 22nd September 2024. The Mangrove Army consisting of around 30 village women who helped RCCP to plant the saplings were given packets of assorted vegetable seeds for their kitchen gardens. This is the 3rd consecutive year that RCCP is planting mangrove saplings as a part of its initiative to help in ecological stabilization of Sundarbans and protecting it from cyclones. RCCP is grateful to its RCC, NGO Purbasha Eco Helpline Society (PEHS) for providing local logistics and support.

The project that cost Rs 22,500, took 120 hours to complete and benefitted 30 women, was led by Rtn Soumyapriya Mukherjee who was assisted by Rtns Sachindra Rao, Nabanita Khan, Rubali Chakraborty, Sujoy Majumdar and well wishers Aditi Mukherjee, Aparajita Majumdar and Nityananda.

Category: Tree Plantation- mangrove plantation

Flood Relief Distribution at Khanakul, Hooghly district, West Bengal

Khanakul in Hooghly district of West Bengal is one of the places that was severely affected by floods due to heavy rainfall and release of water from dams, leading to widespread damage and displacement. RCCP partnered with Hidaya, a reputed NGO in Howrah, specializing in disaster relief, and sponsored 100 kits comprising food grains, oil, biscuits, baby food, ORS, halogen tablets that were distributed to affected families. Each family was given one kit on 25th September 2024.

Rtn Nabanita Khan, the project lead, was assisted by Rtn Rahul Chatterjee.

The initiative was reported in the newspaper Puber Kalam on 28th September 2024.

Category: Community Economic Development- Disaster Management & Relief Distribution of kits

Eazy School 3 Phase 2

Eazy School 3 is a District 3291 initiative to teach English and Arithmetic to children from Class I to IV. Starting from 22nd September 2024, the classes will be held online for six months. Each batch will have 25 students.

RCCP is sponsoring two schools under this programme.

I)

District: 24 Parganas North

District School: Vivekananda English Academy

Principal: Uttam Das

Contact number: +91 8617666915

Mentor Teacher: Rajesh Nair

II)

District: Long Island, Andaman

District School: Govt. Senior Secondary School

Principal: Mukunda Barui

Contact number: +91 9434298620

Mentor Teacher: Anindita C. Ray

Rtn Soumyapriya Mukherjee, the project lead, was assisted by Rtns Sutapa Roy, Sarbari Ghose, Madhumita Chatterjee and Sanjukta Majumdar

Category: E- learning (content only)



Monthly Projects

District Disaster Relief Distribution Project

Parts of West Bengal were severely affected by floods due to heavy rainfall and release of water from dams, leading to widespread damage and displacement across several districts.

Rotary District 3291 distributed kits comprising food, drinking water, and medicines, among other essentials. A donation of Rs 50,000 made it possible for RCCP to be part of this initiative that benefitted 200 flood victims in Hooghly and took 10 hours.

Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee was the project lead.

The donations were received with thanks from Rtns Utpal Pal, Aditi Dey, Nivedita Sanyal, Nabanita Khan, Madhumita Chatterjee, Sutapa Roy, Arindam Roy Choudhury, Sanjukta Majumdar, Rahul Chatterjee, Aniruddha Bhattacharya, Sachindra Rao and Sudip Dasgupta.

Category: Disaster Management and Relief Distribution of kit



Puja Clothes for Widows and Children of Chargheri, Sundarbans

RCCP has ongoing projects in Chargheri, Sundarbans. In partnership with Purbasha Eco Helpline Society (PEHS), RCCP runs an economic empowerment project that involves 20 widows of the region. RCCP is also associated with a pre- primary school in Chargheri and supplements the education of children there.

RCCP sponsored festive clothes for these 20 women and 35 children to bring some cheer in their lives during the Puja. PEHS executed the project on the ground on RCCP'S request on 29th September 2024.

Rtn Aditi Dey, the project lead, was helped by Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee.

Category: Community Economic Development - new clothes distribution

HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn L. Sudish Panickar

11th September

Rtn Nivedita Sanyal

22nd September

Rtn Indranil Sengupta

29th September



Heartfelt Thanks to our Donors

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Soma Mukherjee (External)

Rtn Aditi Dey

Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar

Rtn Utpal Pal

Rtn Nivedita Sanyal

Rtn Nabanita Khan

Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee

Rtn Sutapa Roy

Rtn Arindam Roy Chowdhury

Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar

Rtn Rahul Chatterjee

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Rtn Sachindra Rao

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Rtn Colonel SP Mukherjee (Retd)

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Rtn Nabanita Khan

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Rtns Sutapa Roy, Snehajyoti Saha

Upcoming Projects in October 2024

1. Sundarbans Widows year 2
2. Cervical cancer awareness session for Batighar Pathshala

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