



September is the Basic Education and Literacy Month in the Rotary Calander Year. Basic education and literacy is one of the six areas of focus of The Rotary Foundation. These two basic parameters are pivotal in improving health and hygiene of common people, reducing their poverty, encouraging economic development, and bringing peace and prosperity to the country.

So, this September, let us take oath in improving basic education and literacy among the needy.

-Rtn Dr. Souvik

MINUTES OF THE 2107th MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA JADAVPUR HELD ONLINE, ON 23rd AUGUST, 2023 AT 7 PM

President Rtn Paromita called the 2107th meeting to order. This online RCM was held on 23rd August, 2023 from 7 pm onwards.

She then requested Rtn Shikha Mukherji, to lead the National Anthem. She thanked Rtn Shikha di for leading the National anthem and welcomed all the Rotarians and Guests present.

President Rtn Paromita briefed about the service projects held during the 1st fortnight of August, 2023. Rtn Dr Mainak Sengupta elaborated the details of the Glaucoma Project. Gloucoma check-up was held at Netra Niramoy Niketan, Amtola under Dr Asim Sil & Dr (Mrs) Sil on 10th August, 2023. President Rtn Paromita mentioned about programmes held to commemorate the 76th Independence Day at Udbhas and St. Ninlan's School on 15th August, 2023. Both the programmes were very successful. PP Rtn Partha Sarathi Sarkar, Club Secretary PP Rtn Partha Pratim Roy and President Paromita Das Dutta were present at the programme by Udbhas.

President Paromita specially thanked Dr. Debnath Chaudhuri, Spouse of PP Rtn Aditi di, Ms. Subhalakshmi Nag, niece of PP Rtn Aditi di, Ms. Arpita Ghosh Deb, spouse of Rtn Manas Kr Ghosh and Master Agrag Ghosh, son of Rtn Manas Kr Ghosh, family members of Rotarians for their active help and participation in executing the projects.

She mentioned about some upcoming projects like organization of Blood Donation camp at Sihas Ramakrishna Vivekananda Sadhan Ashram, Bankura on 28th August, Rakhi Bandhan Celebration with Pediatric Cancer affected children admitted at NRS on 30th August and SSKM on 31st August. Glaucoma check-up at Netra Niramoy Niketan, Amtala under Dr Asim Sil & Dr (Mrs) Sil on 31st August, Co Hosting an Awareness programme on Thyroid Cancer with RC Charnock City on 2nd September, Celebration of National Nutrition Month by arranging a Nutritional screening camp for 2ys to 16

ysr children and a Mother and child nutritional awareness camp at Udbhas on 3rd September, a lecture on Alzheimer Disease and Dementia by Dr Nilanjana Maulik 6th September.

President Paromita made a call for giving write ups to the Editor for publication in Ahana. The next meeting will be on 6th September, 2023 at the usual meeting venue. August is Membership and New Club Development Month. Two intending new members were introduced to the club members namely Mr. Rajarshi Motilal and Mr. Arpan Mukherjee.

Club Secretary PP Rtn Dr Partha Pratim Roy conducted the club business by congratulating the following members on their birthdays:

BIRTHDAYS:

- Dr. Lopamudra, spouse of Rtn Dr. Souvik Roy-30th August
- Rtn Sonia Gupta -31st August

The meeting was formally closed by President Rtn Paromita

TEACHERS' DAY SPECIAL

Over smart student

Teacher: Manisha, you know you can't sleep in my class.'

Manisha: 'I know. But maybe if you were just a little quieter, I could.'

No more questions!

Trying to emphasize the importance of teachers, a teacher tries to ask a rhetorical question.

Teacher: "What do you call students without a teacher?"

Bunty: Happy

Happy Birthday Wishes

Dr. Partha Pratim Roy
12th September

Dr. Chitra Mandol
15th September

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Painting by Benode Behari Mukherjee | Landscape with Trees (Late 1930s)



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Basic Education & Literacy – Chapter 1



Rtn. Dr. Aditi Nag Chaudhuri
Chair, Literacy, RCCJ

Rotary International designated the month of September as Basic Education and Literacy month.

Former RI president Kalyan Banerjee in the year 2014, asked Shekhar Mehta, RI president 2021-2022 to lead an effort to make India fully literate — a goal that has eluded the Indian government as well as many NGOs.

"I realized making a country literate is no easy task," says Mehta, who defines full literacy as an overall rate of 95 percent or above for those aged 7 and up. (The government of India estimates India's current literacy rate among that group at 78 percent.) "But I strongly believe in Gandhi's view that if you find the goal, the means will follow." **Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM)** was planned.

To accomplish this, RILM created a program of service projects that it encourages clubs across India to take on with the non-profit's support and mentorship. The projects are built around the acronym **TEACH**.

T - Teacher support and Nation Builder Award

E - E-learning

A - Adult Literacy and Skill Development

C - Child Care and Development

H - Happy School.

President of RILM is Past RI Kalyan Banerjee and RI Shekhar Mehta is a Chair. Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee, District Governor of RI 3291 of Rotary year 2021-2022 is also Chair of RILM.

"We think every school should be a school where our own children would be happy to study," says Kamal Sanghvi, who was an RI director from 2019 to 2021 and chairs RILM. "Rotarians understand that for any nation to achieve greatness, you need a high literacy level."

This brief examines the literacy landscape in India between 1987 and 2017, focusing on the gender gap in four age cohorts: children, youth, working-age adults, and the elderly. It finds that the gender gap in literacy has shrunk substantially for children and youth, but the gap for older adults and the elderly has seen little improvement. A state-level analysis of the gap reveals the same trend for most Indian states

Teachers play a very important role in developing the younger generation and thus enablers in Building a Healthy & Strong Nation and that is why they are rightly called as Nation Builders. Our Club Chose carefully most deserving and inspiring School Teachers. These teachers were felicitated for their enormous contribution towards the enhancement of quality of Education.

One major component of the Teacher Support program of Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM) is recognizing outstanding teachers through the "Nation Builder Award". The Award is given at the club level. This award aims to award an

outstanding teacher after a detailed evaluation process. We feel ourselves fortunate to get chances to felicitate such dedicated teachers.

We are fortunate enough to have opportunity to felicitate Dr. Parimal Bhattacharya ,Head Master (Retd.) of Jadavpur Vidyapith, Shri Shyamal Kr. Mishra , Head Master (Retd.) of Jadavpur NK Pal Adarsha Shikshayatan and Smt. Saswati Adhikary of Bethune Collegiate School, Smt. Amita Prasad, Director, Indus Valley School, Smt. Ajanta Mukhopadhyay, Headmistress, Beltala Girls' High School, Smt. Papia Nag, Headmistress, Sakhawat Memorial Govt. Girls' High School and Dr. Susmita Duari, senior teacher, MP Birla Foundation H.S. School in previous years.

This year after three step discussion we have decided to felicitate Dr. Chaitali Mukherjee of Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Viadyapith for her contribution in building nation.

Actually, the community development, vocational training, mothers' awareness on child' s health, disease prevention awareness, sanitation at home, pure and safe drinking water consciousness, environmental development, peaceful living - all are dependent on Literacy and Basic Education in a society. All these are different focus area of Rotary service, basic education does not mean only to learn reading and writing. Most of the school syllabus did that. .But the kids are never grown up to an independent adult with all sorts of awareness mentioned above.

Our club thinks to design a package to make independent grown up citizens so far possible, because there are other factors also - like family atmosphere, family relationship, family income, genetic factors and so on.

Our Club is as old as 45 years whereas my membership is only from 2016-2017 Rotary year.

The club has done a lot for adult literacy. The details will be discussed later. But the adult literacy schemes were failed because of no relationship of adult literacy with extra income. We face the question 'Ki hobe sikhe?' Extra earning is directly related to vocational training which needs basic education, perseverance and cooperative mentality which lacks in our society.

Several vocational trainings were organized like Ornamental Fish Culture, Tailoring, embroidery, Zari works, Piggery farming, Mushroom Culture, Bee Hiving, leather shoe stitching, Composting etc. at our RCCs. All resources were dumped. No interests were shown by the young chaps when they find that hard work is required along with brain to earn after the training. They prefer easy money which will be never done.

From the time of pandemic due to SARS COV -2 from the year 2020 the village school studies were totally dropped due to no internet connections and smart phone facilities to those villagers and schools were totally closed for two years. Our club got an opportunity to coach such boys and girls from Class 1 to Class VIII at Ramnagar, Dwaranda, Bolpur so that they can cover up the back log at the same time different extracurricular activities to make them aware of health, environment, sanitation, etc. Moreover, the extracurricular activities also make an institution a Happy School for the students. The Centre is known as **Panthaniwas Pathshala**.

More interesting is that the Class IV students of Pathshala have been encouraged to write stories with drawings for the stories. We have planned to publish those quarterly. We are sure that we will find students who can think out of the box. Club will surely provide extra efforts to bring up those students carefully and making the Centre a Happy School.

Some examples of the unique forms of teaching at Pathshala are given below:



Regular Class at Panthaniwas Pathshala



Chart on Classification of Plastics, their recycling products and environment



Nurturing of plants utilizing used plastic bottles



Word spelling and drawing on ecology



Competition on "Gachh amader ki ki dey"



Computer classes for senior students at Pathshala



Consumer awareness programme



Tests for Adulterants in food

At **Udbhas**, another coaching centre for underprivileged students at Govindapur Slum area, we run monthly Science Club from last year. Not one Science Club once in a year, but every month a Science Club like hands on experiment in front of those children who never dreamt of such a class. Obviously, the topic will not be within the syllabus, much ahead of syllabus and those are done by the help of extraordinary science guides.



Structure and Function of Brain



Test for adulterants in food



Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta
President, RCCJ

BLOOD DONATION CAMP
Sahas Ramakrishna Vivekananda
Sadhan Ashram
28.08.2023

Blood donation camp was organized by Sahas Ramakrishna Vivekananda Sadhan Ashram, Bankura in association of RCCJ on 28.08.23.

A Glimpse



Some more Glimpse



Nutrition month was observed on 3rd Sept at Udbhas. Educational posters were handed over to the Centre, mothers were aware of the nutritious but cheap foods, Kids drew figures of different foods, senior students made Food Pyramid Model.



Some other ventures from our Club to support Literacy and Basic Education



Donation of three Air Conditioners for the rare book section of Rammohan Library



School bag distribution to small children of Sahas village





Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta
President, RCCJ

SCHOOL BAG DONATION CAMP

Sihas Ramakrishna Vivekananda
Sadhan Ashram
28.08.2023

40 school bags were distributed to students of a coaching center run by Sihas Ramakrishna Vivekananda Sadhan Ashram, Bankura on 28.08.23 donated by Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur.

A Glimpse



Some more Glimpse



RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATION

Pediatric wards of NRS
30.08.2023

Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur celebrated Raksha Bandhan in the Pediatric wards of NRS on 30.08.23, 12:30pm in association with Inner Wheel Club of Jadavpur. Inner wheel Club presented 2 copy books, pencil, eraser and sharpner to the children. Rtn. Shakhi di represented both Rotary and Inner wheel. 6 other Inner wheel Club members were present, including President, Inner wheel Club of Jadavpur and Past Presidents. Rtn Shikha Mukherjee, Rtn Manas Kr Ghosh and President Paromita were present. We all tied Rakhi on the thin, small wrists. The warm smiles and lit up eyes on the young faces was our most precious back present. A very gratifying experience for one and all. Heartfelt THANKS to the dedicated service of Life Beyond Cancer Team. Special thanks to Rtn Rina Sinha Roy and Rtn Partha Sarathi Sarkar.

A Glimpse



Some more Glimpse





Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta
President, RCCJ



Rtn. Mainak Dr. Sengupta
President Elect, RCCJ

RAKSHA BANDHAN CELEBRATION

Pediatric wards of SSKM
31.08.2023

Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur celebrated Raksha Bandhan in the Pediatric wards of SSKM on 31.08.23, 12:30pm in association with Inner Wheel Club of Jadavpur by tying Rakhi. Rtn Gautam Chakravarty, Club Secretary Rtn Parth Pratim Roy, Rtn Manas Kr Ghosh, Rtn Soma Banerjee and President Paromita were present. We all tied Rakhi on the thin, small wrists. The warm smiles and lit up eyes on the young faces was our most precious back present. A very gratifying experience for one and all. Heartfelt THANKS to the dedicated service of Life Beyond Cancer Team. Special thanks to Rtn Chitra, Rtn Sanghamitra and Rtn Partha Sarathi Sarkar. We also tied rakhi on each other's wrists as a note of Rotary Fellowship.

A Glimpse



Some more Glimpse



GLAUCOMA PROJECT

01.09.2023

With regards to the ongoing glaucoma project I am so happy to convey this message to all the members that yesterday 3 patients were operated successfully. One of them is a youth in whom signs of glaucoma had just seeped in and was rapidly progressing. This surgery will be able to prevent him the impending blindness. The other two patients are already blind only retaining partial sensitivity to light and dark. So that this sensitivity is retained their surgery was done including a cataract surgery. Another patient, a little kid had developed tremendous power and was supported with specs. They will again be checked on 14th Sep. On that day, the 4th operation will be done on another youth who has started showing symptoms and if untreated would go blind in 3-4 years. It's a pleasure to be associated with such a humanitarian activity that the club has considered supporting. We cannot thank Dr. Asim Sil and Dr. Subhra Sil enough for their continuous and immeasurable support in this cause.

A Glimpse



Some more Glimpse



Happy family. But follow up is necessary according to the doctors.

September - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

The month of September is observed as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. RCCJ is the Lead Host Club for the long standing one of the most successful projects under the able leadership of PP Rtn Partha Sarathi Sarkar. We could touch so many lives within a small span of 4 months. This was only possible for the overwhelming response and generous donations from one and all. Requesting your continued support and assistance. THANK YOU."

Life Beyond Cancer & RCCJ - The Success Story...So far!!



Thyroid Cancer Awareness & RCCJ

RCCJ has participated in this endeavor as a co-host Club.

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Signs and Symptoms:

- A lump (swelling) that can be felt through the skin in your neck which grows up with each week
- Hoarseness in your voice, including increasing frequency
- Difficulty in swallowing / breathing

At: **ROTARY SADAN**
on **2nd Sept. 2023**
from **6:00 p.m.**

District Governor
Mr. Hira Lal Yadav (22-24)

Rot. Dr. Dhritiman Maitra

Meet of
THYROID CANCER SURVIVORS &
POST-THYROIDECTOMY PATIENTS TO OBSERVE
THYROID CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

RC CALCUTTA CHARNOCK CITY organises
A Meet of Thyroid Cancer Survivors & Post-Thyroidectomy
patients to observe Thyroid Cancer Awareness Month
on 2nd September at 6:00 pm at Rotary Sadan

Hon'ble Speaker
Rtn DR. DHRITIMAN MAITRA

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RI NEWS !

RI President's Message – September



The International Day of Peace takes place 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly declared this a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

It is not enough, as People of Action, to simply avoid making war. If we are to Create Hope in the World, we must aggressively wage peace.

Where can we begin? There are countless armed conflicts around the world, and the global population of displaced people is higher than ever. The opportunities are nearly limitless, but the cycles of violence and hardship seem endless. My advice is to start small but think big. I look to Rotary members in Pakistan and India for inspiration.

In March 2020, about 50 Rotary members from Pakistan met about 50 Rotary members from India at Kartarpur Sahib, a shrine in Pakistan. The sanctuary honors Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism, a religion practiced in both countries. Tensions between the two countries barred many religious pilgrims from India from visiting the shrine. That is, until Pakistan opened a visa-free pathway to them in 2019.

Earlier this year, Rotary members from opposite sides of the border again met at the shrine, this time with about twice as many participants.

Any work toward building peace needs to be brave and bold. What these Rotary members have done is just that. The Pakistani government took an important step toward peace when it admitted Indian pilgrims to the Kartarpur Sahib shrine, but Pakistani Rotary members took the next step when they welcomed Rotary members from India as friends and family. That is Positive Peace at work.

These peacebuilders did not stop there. Club representatives at this year's meeting signed twin club certificates to recognize their long-term commitment to continue to learn from each other and to work together on more peacebuilding efforts, and they have held joint meetings via video chat.

The importance of communicating with and learning from another culture cannot be overstated, and Rotary is making it even easier to do so. One way of engaging in cross-cultural dialogue and building relationships across borders is through virtual international exchanges that build on our current programs and make them more accessible.

A virtual exchange uses online platforms to connect people from different parts of the world so they can share their traditions, priorities, values, and more. Virtual exchanges can serve as a window to another part of the world through activities such as teaching a digital cooking class, learning a new language, or even designing service projects with a global impact. These online chats have the potential to inspire new connections and more respect between societies. Taking that knowledge and using it to better the lives of our fellow human beings is the next step. Let's see where it takes us.

R. Gordon R. McInally
President 2023-24

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