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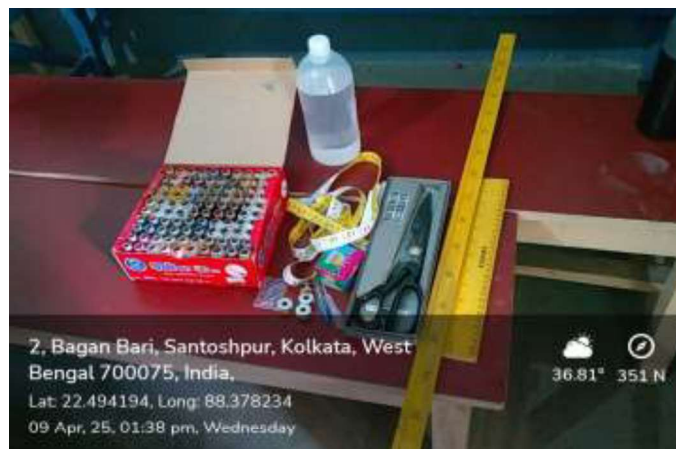
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

April witnesses the transmutation of pleasure of spring to the hot and humid days of summer. However, in the process, it marks the beginning of a New Year abiding the Indian LuniSolar calendar that is; when we celebrate the first day as Poila Baishakh in Bengal, Bohag Bihu in Assam, Baishakhi in Punjab, Vishu in Kerala; Ugadi in Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Puthandu in Tamilnadu Gudi Pawda in Goa and. Then comes Easter that transcends the message of triumph of life over death and darkness, the resilience and determination of the human being. Having said that, two recent catastrophic incidents have left us in horrors and tears. On March 28, a devastating earthquake struck Mandalay in Myanmar and Bangkok in Thailand that has left a trail of destruction and human suffering in its wake. On the home front, in the serene vales of Pahalgam, as tourists in numbers were enjoying their vacation, the peace was shattered by an act of terrorism when on April 22, 2025, as many as 26 lives were lost. We all stand in solidarity with the victims and their families, and with all those touched by this tragedy. In remembering them, we reaffirm our collective humanity and our resolve to uphold peace, even in the face of terror.

Service Projects of the Month At a Glance

Mission Woman Empowerment Sewing and stitching training to the needy



RCCJ had previously donated two sewing machines to Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith. From the month of April, RCCJ has arranged sewing and stitching training for the mothers of ten students from needy background in the school campus. They are being trained to stitch bags from old, torn clothes. So far two classes have been conducted. All the raw materials have been provided by RCCJ. On 23rd April, the first two bags were stitched.

Mission Save Environment

Nature camp for marginalized girl students



From 26-28 March, Science Communicators' Forum along with Biodiversity Board of West Bengal conducted a nature study camp at Koikhali near Sunderbans with the marginalized girl students from 6 schools. RCCJ supported the transportation cost of the students.

Mission Happy Health

Donating food grains to a home for destitutes



RCCJ supported the cost of 100 kg rice for the residents of Loreto Rainbow Home Sealdah where 75 destitute children live and study. The homes in Sealdah and Entally are in dire need of food grains at present and through Ahana, we appeal to everyone to come for their help.

Thalassemia prevention awareness program



On 28th April 2025, RCCJ organized an awareness program on Thalassemia prevention at Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith for the students and their parents. The session featured short lectures delivered by Rtn. (Dr.) Chitra Mandal and Rtn. (Dr.) Kunal Ray.

Donating clothes for a home for the specially-abled



Srijan Sobha at Maheshbathan is a home for specially-abled people, comprising 22 males and 18 females. RCCJ donated new/semi new garments to the male residents of the home, for now. We plan to distribute garments to the female residents in the month of June.

Mission Literacy and beyond Binamrata: letter writing contest in school



On 28th and 29th April, RCCJ participated in the EAZY school program BINAMRATA, a letter writing contest for students of class IX-XII, in Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith and Dumdum Ananda Ashram Sarada Vidyapeeth, wherein RCCJ has the Interact clubs,

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries



Rtn. Gautam Chakravarty
28th April

**Rtn. Pausali Paul
&
Debasish Pal**
15th April

**Rtn. Bhaskar Chanda
&
Rita Chanda**
17th February

**Rtn. Jaydeb Banerjee
&
Rtn. Shakhi Banerjee**
20th April

**Rtn. Sanjay Ray
&
Smita Ray**
26th April

Memories of the Month

Fellowship beyond RID 3291



Rtn. (Dr.) Asim Sil with Rtn. Ann Evans in Kathmandu at IAPB General Assembly



Rtn. (Dr.) Mainak Sengupta with PDG (RID 5550) Mr. Peter Sen in Saskatoon, Canada



Rotarians from RCCJ and different other clubs of the district in Azerbaijan and Georgia

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE THROUGH YOUR DONATION IN CASH OR IN KIND



The Writer's Corner

I have been meditating for almost the past three weeks to write some pleasant story for Ahana's this edition. Spring has already departed and Summer is all set to take the stage. Amidst this juncture of the calm, gentle, and picturesque environment of nature, I had penned down a few write-ups but somewhere the subjection was missing. I was getting a bit restless too. But by Almighty's grace I happened to come across a captivating event of true nature at the Kolkata Centre for Creativity - A Bengali Literary Meet titled KCC Baithakkhana . The theme was set "হেরো - The Defeated". All through the three days of last weekend (11 - 13), in spite of a long weekend holiday of four days, the auditorium was overfilled, the majority of them, very interestingly, being young boys & girls!! No matter the event was graced by a battery of stalwarts in Bengali Literature, Cinema & Theatre, Radio Jockey, Singers Music Composers & Instrument Players, Academicians, esteemed Doctors, eminent Journalists, Economists and Social Reformers and the list goes on. And all those individualities spontaneously participated in debates, panel discussions, delivered lectures, speeches and performed songs, recitations, story telling and letter reading etc. As a summation, the denying temptation of a vacation, rejecting the heat burning weather Bengalis, the defeated Bengalis gathered in numbers beyond count at the [KCC] Baithakkhana (Bengali drawing room) to taste the nostalgia of Bengali language, reclaiming & rediscovering our rich literature and resurrection of our lost or declining culture. That's the charisma of the defeated Bengali. In this present age of tech savvy or social media, where most people are busy projecting themselves and beating their own drums to be a hero, where money, mostly green bucks and assets, influence and power are the yardstick of success that makes one hero, mass of those so-called losers gathered for their own. Thus, what's my realization, at the end of the day, the losers wins. As in modern English typo, ironically, হেরো and হিরো both are spelt as "Hero."

~Rtn.Manas K.Ghosh

