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বসন্তে - বসন্তে তোমার কবিরে দাও ডাক/ যায় যদি সে যাক। রইল তাহার বাণী রইল ভরা সুরে রইবে না সে দূরে/ হৃদয় তাহার কুঞ্জে তোমার রইবে না নির্বাক। ছন্দ তাহার রইবে বেঁচে কিশলয়ের নবীন নাচে নেচে নেচে। Rabindranath Tagore, in "The Cycle of Spring" ("ঋতুরঙ্গ" গ্রন্থ), through his signature style, masterfully weaves a lyrical tapestry that explores the complexities of nature and human emotions characterized by rich imagery, musicality, and philosophical depth. By the time this issue of Ahana will be tabled, Spring, the eternal poet, has come to the grove, dressed in a wreath of new lush green leaves, flowers blooming in vibrant colours, the air filled with sweet melodies of birds and the world cherished with new beginnings of hope, joy and happiness. However, there's an ugly side of this season too. The transition of the weather from the harsh chill of winter to the warmth also brings in a lot of air and water borne diseases, mostly in this part of the tropical world. March, in the Rotary Calendar, marks for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. So, we are busy with service and projects that ensure providing clean and safe potable water, basic sanitation, and proper hygiene for the needy. Let's do all that we can to transmute nature's unpleasantness to the pleasant one and bring joy, happiness and prosperity to the society.

Service Projects of the Month At a Glance

Mission Mental Well-being

Dance Therapy in a home for destitute children



On 29th March, RCCJ conducted a two-hour session of dance therapy for the mental-wellness of around 50 children of Loreto Rainbow Home Bowbazar. Ms. Sangeeta Chatterjee was the resource person who conducted the therapy session.

Mission Literacy and beyond

Tuition classes in Pathshala, Bolpur

As an ongoing project, **RCCJ organised daily tuition classes at Pathshala, Bolpur.**



Mission Literacy and Beyond

Career counselling talk and book donation in school



On 20th March, **RCCJ** organised a career-counselling talk by Prof. Punarbasu Chaudhuri, faculty of Environmental Science, University of Calcutta, at Sanoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith, where he spoke on the scope to build a career in meteorology. On the same day RCCJ donated around 70 once-used books of different field of academics to Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith for the school library.

Mission Save Environment

Mini-weather station building workshop in school



Dry Bulb	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0	8.5	9.0	9.5	10.0
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Between 18th and 19th March, RCCJ organized a two-day mini-weather station building workshop with the students of Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith. Thanks to the members of NGO Pathorprotima Runners and Prof. Punarbasu Chaudhuri from the Dept of Environmental Sciences, CU, more than 50 students from class VIII were trained on the fundamentals of weather prediction. RCCJ donated wall thermometer, maximum and minimum range thermometer, hygrometer and rain gauge. There was hands on demonstration of all the instruments. These will be installed in relevant places and a team will monitor day to day temperatures, difference between highest and lowest temperatures of the day, relative humidity and rainfall, take a note and feed that in a Google work sheet, and also display the parameters in the school premises.

Mission Safe Water, Good Sanitation and Proper Hygiene

Donating sanitary goods to a school



St. Patrick's Day school is an organization for the low-income group students, situated in the heart of Dhapa. The school is in the middle of a slum and thus hygiene condition is quite bad. The school had directly communicated with the club seeking help in this regard. **RCCJ** donated **13 packs of (10 in each pack) hand-sanitisers** and a few air-freshner and pee-safe for the students and teachers. This project was implemented with the help of financial support of **Vidyapith**, an organization led by Hon. Member Prof. Indrajit Roy.

Mission Safe Water, Good Sanitation and Proper Hygiene

Donating water filters to 3 schools



RCCJ donated water filter with filter-candles to run at least for a year to 3 needy schools around Baruipur area, viz. Ratanpur FP School, Purba Karamanuraj School and Gazirhat RJB School. All the schools face acute drinking water problem and thus were in dire need of water filters. This project was implemented with the help of financial support of Vidyapith, an organization led by Hon. Member Prof. Indrajit Roy.

Mission Safe Water, Good Sanitation and Proper Hygiene

Slogan-writing competition on water conservation in Interact Club



A slogan-writing competition on water conservation was organized by and for the Interactors of Dumdum Ananda Ashram Sarada Vidyapith, supported by RCCJ. Two students who prepared the best slogans were awarded with books by RCCJ in a grand school event organized on 31st March.

Mission Promote Peace and Resolve Conflict

Debate on conflict management in TFF school



At The Future Foundation School, a debate on Freedom of expression in social media: a source of potential conflict was organized by RCCJ on 26th March. Students of class IX and XI, who were members of the Debate Club of the school were the participants. The students, both for the motion and against the motion, presented a very elaborate discussion over the topic. It was surprising to see that those students actually spoke with all the relative data-points and knowledge. The winning team, the best speakers and the participants were duly awarded by RCCJ in the form of memento and books, The books were sponsored by Hon member Samirendu Dutt.

Mission Happy Health

Health-camp at a Home for destitutes



RCCJ conducted a health camp at Loreto Rainbow Home, Bowbazar wherein Rtn. (Dr.) Arunava Das monitored the basic health parameters of 70 students of the home.



Memories of the Month

Celebrating Boshontotshob ~ a cultural meet



Induction of a new member





Resume of the new member: Dr. Sitaram Pal

Dr. Sitaram Pal

Director Modern Institute of Engineering & Technology, Rajhat , Bandel

Visiting Prof. KIIT, Bhubaneswar Jan 2023 till December 2024

Dr. Pal got his M.Sc. degree from **University of Burdwan** and Ph.D. from **IACS, Jadavpur University** in Organic chemistry in the year 1987, 1993 respectively.

He did his postdoctoral research in the department of chemistry, **National Tsing Hua University**, Twain (2001-2002) and Department of Chemistry, **University of Kentucky**, USA (2003-2004), both in synthetic organic chemistry.

He works as group leader in **CIBA**, Mumbai R&D Centre (1997-2001) and as Principal Scientist, **Chemgen Pharma International**, Kolkata.

He joined **Syngenta Biosciences Pvt. Ltd** in 2006 as group leader AI research and analytical department.

In Syngenta he was a part of the team which developed several new agro-chemicals!

2024 July Dr. Pal retired from Syngenta as Head Process Research and Analytical chemistry.

His research interests are synthetic method development, natural product synthesis and heterocyclic chemistry and cost-effective sustainable route for new AI.

- He published 30 papers in reputed international Journal and 6-patent.
- Wrote one book chapter of 'The Alkaloids'.
- Guided five Ph.D. students.

Awards & Honours

- 1) Syngenta Endowment lecturer 2013, Mangalore University
- 2) Plenary Lecturer International Conference on Chemistry for Human Development (ICCHD2020) , Kolkata
- 3) □ Life member of Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science. □ IUPAC Affiliate member for the year 1995-96.. □ Life member of Chemical Research Society of India(CRSI)

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We also acknowledge the generous contributions from the organisation Vidyapith, chaired by Hon. Member Prof. Indrajit Roy.



Snippets of the club's cultural meet Boshontoshob