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GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

Rotary
District 3291



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Dear fellow Rotarians and friends

Another month of a whirlwind of activities has passed with numerous club installations being held, especially those out of Kolkata. It was wonderful for Simran and myself along with members of the District Team to interact with large number of vibrant Rotarians of our District.

The 78th year of Independence was celebrated with a special programme – “SWARAJ”. We arranged a specially curated programme to honour the descendants of the beloved Freedom Fighters who have given us our ‘Free India’. It was very aptly held at the Alipore Jail now converted into a Museum. Patriotism was truly in the air.

Kolkata witnessed a gruesome and horrific incident at the RG Kar Medical College & Hospital. We are all very disturbed and shaken to the very core, and condemn those responsible. Following a strong Letter of Protest, a Condolence Meeting and Silent March for Peace and Justice were held by the Rotarians of District 3291. Rotary Districts from all over India have also supported us in this cause for justice.

The Membership Seminar was a runaway success under the guidance of DMC PDG Ravindra Prakash Sehgal and the District Membership Team. A number of clubs have added more than 5 members to the Rotary fold and it was a pleasure felicitating them.

I am also very pleased to inform you that our District 3291 has grown with the addition of 3 new clubs – Rotary Calcutta Sunderban, Rotary Bankura Outer and Rotary Calcutta Elite.

We look forward to “Sabujayan – the Green Revolution” on 1st September and the 1st Assistant Governor, Zonal Secretary, President and Secretary Meet at Mayapur on 14th & 15th September, with the official launch of the much awaited ‘District Directory 2024 – 2025’.

I heartily congratulate all the magical Presidents of RY 2024 – 2025 for doing such wonderful, innovative and noble service projects.

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor, 2024 – 2025

RI District 3291





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SWARAJ

SWARAJ - a program organized by RI District 3291 to celebrate the 78th Independence Day on 15th August. "We should have but one desire today – the desire to die so that India may live – the desire to face a martyr's death, so that the path to freedom may be paved with the martyr's blood." Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose quoted emphasizing the ultimate sacrifice required for the nation's freedom.

It was held at Alipore Jail Museum Hall (Old Alipore Jail converted into a museum), commemorating our freedom movement and our achievements post-independence. It was DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta's vision to celebrate our In-

dependence Day in a new way.

The event, steeped in history and patriotism, commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, RID Anirudha Roychowdhury, DGE Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, DGN Tapas Bhattacharya and other dignitaries. DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta addressed the gathering and said, 'May the spirit of freedom and patriotism guide us towards a prosperous future. Let's honour the courage of our forefathers and strive to build a better India together. May the flag of our nation fly high and bring pride to our hearts. Kudos to our inspiring

team and I thank all of you from the core of my heart to make the program successful with your sincere and dedicated support. Thank you so much for your unconditional love and support to me as always.' The program was moderated by Additional District Secretary Rtn Anjan Ray and Rtn Arindam Bhattacharjee. A cultural segment added depth to the celebration, with a powerful song performed by R.F.R.M. The song, penned by the great Bangladeshi poet Kavi Nazrul Islam, beautifully captured the struggles and determination of India's freedom fighters. This was followed by a poignant poem narrated by Sri Alok Mukhopadhyaya, which further echoed the sentiments of sacrifice and resilience that marked India's fight for independence. One of the highlights of the event was the screening of a documentary film showcasing India's independence movements from 1947. The visual narrative had a profound impact on the audience, evoking memories of the extraordinary times when ordinary citizens rose to achieve the extraordinary—securing India's freedom.



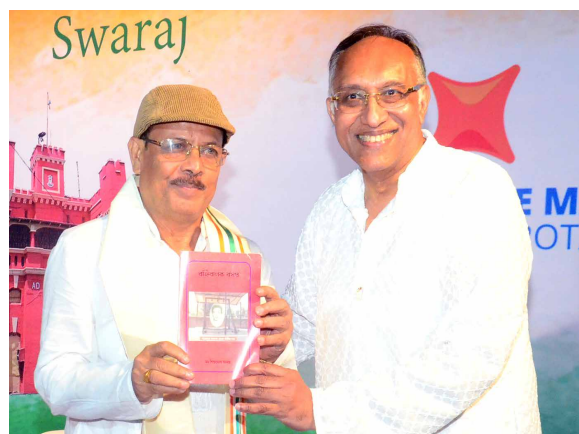
A Talk Show was held with 8 descendants of the respected freedom fighters from Bengal, who shared untold stories, discoveries, and personal accounts of their ancestors' roles in India's freedom struggle. They were Prasad Ranjan Das (descendant of Chittaranjan Das), Subrata Chaki (descendant of Prafulla Chaki), Koushik Dutta Gupta (descendant of Ullaskar Dutta), Manju Mukherjee (descendant of Parikshit Mukherjee), Mithu Chakraborty (descendant of Hrisikesh Chakraborty), Subir Kumar Kundu (descendant of Debesh Chandra Kundu), Tarun Biswas (descendant of Basanta Biswas) and Santanu Mukherjee (descendant of Gopal Mukherjee). These stories, both heartwarming and inspiring, left the audience with a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by these revolutionaries.

An address on post-independence India was given by Mr. Rajib Saha - a celebrated scientist from ISRO who was an eminent member of the team responsible for 'Chandrayan', our moon lander that successfully landed on the South Pole of the moon. His words resonated with pride,

symbolizing India's continuous progress in science and technology, a testament to the same spirit of resilience that characterized India's struggle for independence. The program concluded with an address by Mr. Jayanta Sengupta - the Director of Alipore Jail Museum, followed by the National Anthem. PDG Brojo Gopal Kundu and PDG Jhulan Goswami were among those present. The guests were invited to visit the museum that houses the cells where our freedom fighters were kept and the gallows as well as the hanging platform etc.

It was a humble effort to not only celebrate our glorious "Independence Day" but to also re-live history. Rotary District 3291 paid tribute to these heroes, saluting their bravery, sacrifice, and determination. The event concluded with a collective sentiment of gratitude, as all Indians remain indebted to these freedom fighters for their role in securing India's independence.

- Reported by **PP Anjan Ray**, Additional District Secretary Administration





Condolence Meeting for the departed ABHAYA

Thu, 22nd Aug: A condolence meeting for the dear departed soul was held at Rotary Prakash Bhawan, Salt Lake. It was held to discuss the next steps forward to our continued efforts towards Peace Building and Conflict Resolution, in addition to bringing positive transformational changes in the social environment for a better and safer future for all of us, the next generation and beyond. The meeting was attended by DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, DGE Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, DGN Tapas Bhattacharya, PDGs, District Dignitaries, Rotarians and others.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024 – 2025
AKS Dr KRISHNENDU GUPTA



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291 Condemns the Heinous Crime on an on-duty Lady Doctor at RG Kar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata : A Call for Action.

Rotary International District 3291 (RID 3291) strongly condemns the heinous crime leading to the tragic death of an on-duty lady doctor at RG Kar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata on 09 August 2024. RID 3291 considers violence perpetuated against Doctors as inexcusable. We demand zero tolerance against any form of abuse and violence against Doctors in any form, and such intimidation and/or violence against them must be met with immediate, swift and decisive action. We stand firmly with the victim's family in this difficult time and extend our deepest condolences to them.

Besides speedy investigation, arrest and trial of the perpetrators of this unpardonable crime, we also seek a Central Law for "Violence against Doctors" with adequate provisions to ensure a safe workplace for all those who provide healthcare services in all forms and at all places.

We stand firmly and resolutely with all the Doctors and the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in these very difficult and trying times, and request all the members of RID 3291 to strongly support and stand united with IMA, allied medical organisations and NGOs who have taken up the cause to fight the menace of "Violence against Doctors".

Finally, as Rotarians of RID 3291, let us also pledge together and call for action a transformational change in the social environment not only to ensure that such tragic acts of conflict, violence and crime are reduced to a minimum, but also strive to bring peace and harmony in our community, and more importantly, protect the lives of 'our protectors' in times of distress and disease.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary

Dr Krishnendu Gupta
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SILENT PROTEST MARCH

Fri, 30th Aug: To mark respect for the dear departed soul TILOTTAMA, a Silent Protest March for Justice and Peace in Kolkata, was held. It started from the North Gate of Victoria Memorial in front of the statue of Rishi Aurobindo, then proceeded towards Birla Planetarium, The Academy of Fine Arts, Rabindra Sadan, Nandan, Nehru Children's Museum, Rotary Sadan and then back towards Birla Planetarium, where the rally ended. All were requested to carry a candle and black ribbon and to wear their Rotary Pins with pride. The Silent Protest March was attended by hundreds of Rotarians of RI District 3291 without the demarcation of any club, along with their family members.





MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

SPARSH

Who touched you?



A much awaited District seminar on Membership was held on 31st August at Kalakunj Hall and was attended by over 320 members where Rotary Belur and Rotary Calcutta were the Lead Host clubs with several other clubs as the Host and Co-Hosts.

President Anand Agarwal (Rotary Belur) welcomed the participants - Chief Guest PDG Sharat Chandra (Regional Co-ordinator Zone 6), Guest of Honour PDG Jhulan Basu (Assistant Regional Co-ordinator Zone 6), District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, PDG Ravi Sehgal (District Membership Chair), all the Past District Governors present along with the District and Club officials.

DMC Ravi Sehgal opened the seminar asking Rotarians to remember the persons who touched them in their lives – those who brought them into Rotary, those who were mentors and motivators, those who put Rotary into them by involving them in projects and programs. To thank all these persons, he appealed

to the Rotarians to bring members into Rotary and more the persons you wish to thank more the members you get. He briefed the audience on the program flow of the day.

DG AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta spoke of his vision to see the healthy District with over 4000 members which can be achieved if we target a 15 % growth as there would be some members leaving

as well. He spoke of the encouraging trend in growth as observed during all the Club Installations and besides the internal growth in the Clubs, he highlighted the need of external growth with new clubs but with fresh new Rotarians and to focus on new territories where Rotary presence was low or nil.

PP Dr Mahesh Kr Maheshwari (Assistant Governor) introduced the District





world. The first target is to cross the 30 % mark.

PP Pratima Saraf (Co-Chairman, Membership Attraction) introduced PDG Sharat Chandra who

Membership Team and spoke about the successful District Zonal workshops organized by the Deputy Governors of RI District 3291 – PP Debi Prosad Basu, PP Kalapi Dutta, PP Seema Danda, PP Brotindro Mullick - and wished all success to the ones to be held shortly by DDG's Sanjib Chaudhury and Dr Dipankar Adhya.

PP Anand Kr Sharma (Chairman, Membership Attraction) gave the updated statistics of RI District 3291 starting with the 5 years history to the current strength of 3777 members as on 31st August 2024. He gave the list of 16 clubs who had registered a growth of 5 or more members in the last 2 months and the top clubs of the District membership-wise. Three new clubs which are to receive the charters shortly were announced:

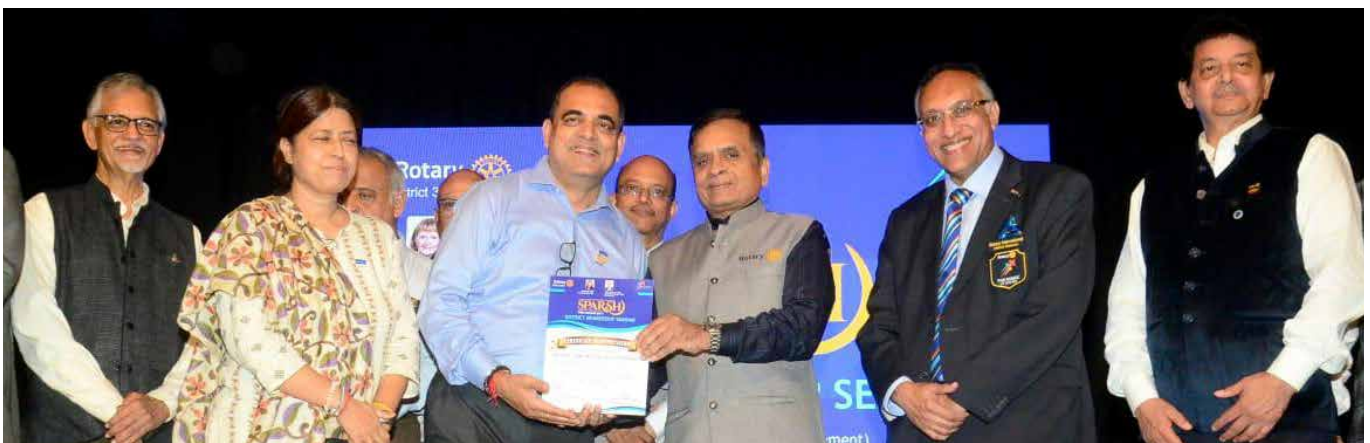
1. Rotary Calcutta Sunderban sponsored by Rotary Calcutta
2. Rotary Bankura Outer sponsored by Rotary Calcutta Kankurgachi
3. Rotary Calcutta Elite sponsored by Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar.

PP Kaushik Sen (Chairman, Youth Membership) spoke of ways to attract young members who are professionals and are hard-pressed on time and seek multi-advantages for joining an organization. He briefly spoke on RMB – Rotary Means Business which is accepted and promoted as a part of Fellowship group in Ro-

tary and is becoming very popular with young professionals. It was also noted that Young Indians (a wing of CII), Round Tablers, Jaycees, BNI and several other organizations offer opportunities to the Rotary Clubs to invite members.

PP Dr Rina Malpani (Advisor, Lady Membership) highlighted the importance of adding Lady Members and the significant roles that ladies are taking up in Rotary including the highest of RI President (PRIP Jennifer and current RI President Stephanie are good examples). The names of successful clubs which had all or significant number of Lady members was highlighted – Rotary Calcutta Avyanna, Rotary Calcutta Inner City, Rotary Calcutta Victoria and others. It was also noted that Lady Membership in RI District 3291 has gone up from 26.76 % to 27.23 % and is among the highest in the

gave a frank talk on the ground reality in all the clubs today and how the Presidents find it challenging to attract professionals into Rotary today and those clubs who are managing to find and attract such members have a vital task of retaining them. He spoke extensively on the debate of Quality versus Quantity of members when you increase membership in a club and involve club members to decide whether attracting members is difficult or retaining them. The interactive session gave out several hard facts of Club Membership and how Clubs are bracing to face the challenges to reach the Global figure of 1.2 million members once again. He highlighted that Asia, and in particular India, is having an overall excellent growth of members but in USA and Europe, the figures are dropping sharply. He motivated



members to face the ground realities and use creative and innovative methods to retain members.

PP Ashif Shah (Chairman, Membership Engagement Committee) introduced ARC PDG Jhulan Basu who highlighted the fact that besides the fellowship and service in Rotary, the bonds and being part of the large global family helps individual members tremendously in times of need and he gave examples in his own Rotary and professional journey. A true and honest analysis of what happens in the club and how to overcome that to bring in the feeling of strengthening not just the club but Rotary at large was highlighted by him.

This was followed by the recognition of all the speakers, of the Clubs who have brought in 5 and more members in July and August 2024, the Deputy Governors and the Clubs who helped host the event. A District Seminar which touched all those who were present and motivated



all the clubs that were present ended with a Vote of Thanks from President Subrata De (Rotary Calcutta).

– Report by
DMC PDG Ravi Sehgal,
RI District 3291



The Magic of Rotary continues ...the clubs in ACTION

■ AABAHAMAAN KOLKATA

1st Jul: Doctors' Day was observed at Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute by felicitating 5 doctors with mementos. The 5 supporting staff of the hospital were given Goodie bags. The doctors will support the Cervical Cancer Awareness and Detection Camps. 5 Doctors and 8 Optometrists were felicitated at Sankar Jyoti Eye Institute. The Doctors were presented mementos and sweets and flower bouquets were given to all. 11 Doctors were felicitated with mementos at National Institute of Homeopathy, Salt Lake. Eye check up was held at National Institute of Homeopathy and patients were given spectacles at subsidized rates and Cataract surgeries will be done at Sankar Jyoti Eye Institute.

9th Jul: Eazy School 3 project was held at Kumudini Kanya Balika Vidyalaya (Belgachhia). 50 students participated in Essay writing, debate etc. Prizes and sanitary napkins were distributed to them.

26th Jul: Eazy School 3 program was held at Chaylavi Primary school (Chaylavi, Salt Lake). School bags, drawing khata, books, khata, water bottles, pencil, eraser, bis-

cuits etc were distributed to 40 students.

27th Jul: 10 Sewing Machines and 2 Embroidery Machines were distributed at Sarala Punyashram under the organization AIMS (Kasba) in presence of Chief Guest Sri Ram Krishna Jaiswal (Honable Consulate, Republic of Maldives in Kolkata) and PDG Jhulan Basu (EIRWT Trustee Member). The project was done with the Grant received from EIRWT. The total cost of the project was Rs 1,14,678/- (Rs 57,000/- being 50% of the project cost received from EIRWT, Rs 28,000 from the beneficiary and Rs 29,678/- was club contribution).

28th Jul: 9 Rotary clubs supported the

District Nabadisha Project, with 4 doctors - Rtn Dr. Sudipta Chandra (ENT), Rtn Dr. A. Bhattacharya, Rtn Dr. Minakshi Banerjee and Rtn Dr. Tapan Kr. Pal - doing the checkup. The project started with National Anthem followed by song and felicitation of dignitaries with Uttariya and mementos and food packets. Medicines as prescribed were given along with educational materials and masks.

11th Aug: Tarpaulins were distributed to 100 underprivileged people from Basanti, Sunderbans, Gosaba, Nadia etc under Project TARP. The project was done with 8 other Rotary clubs.



■ AMELIA KOLKATA

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated under Eazy School 3 project at Sri Vivekananda Shishu Niketan School run by RCC MCS Institution at Harinavi. After hoisting of National Flag and cultural program, food packets were distributed to the students and local people.

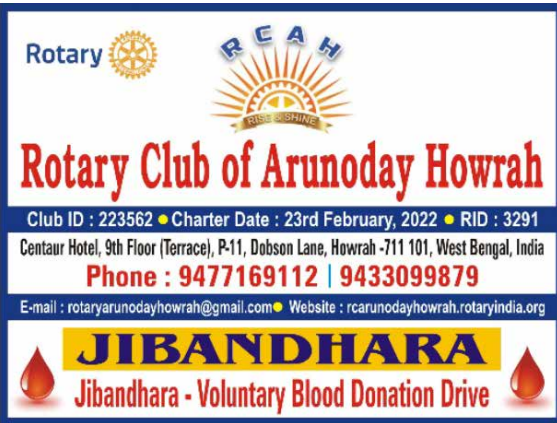
19th Aug: Under Project Sauhardhyo_2, Raksha Bandhan was celebrated at Kolkata Police Traffic Guard Head Quarters. Rakhi was tied on the wrists of the Police personnel. Packets of sweets and bottles of water were given.



28th Aug: Under Project Suhrid 1, club Flags were exchanged along with club newsletters with Presidents of Rotary East Calcutta and Rotary Aaroohee Calcutta, in a Joint Meeting.

■ ARUNODAY HOWRAH

4th Aug: A Blood Donation drive - Jibandhara 2 – was held at Bajje Shibpur Sarbojonin, South Howrah.

4th Aug: Thalassemia awareness program was held at Narasinha Dutt College, Howrah.



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JIBANDHARA

Jibandhara - Voluntary Blood Donation Drive 



■ BEHALA

11th Aug: Scholarships of Rs 4,000 each were handed over to 25 girls from marginalised community at RCC Chandanpuri. Lunch was provided for the girls. The project was sponsored by Gouri Gupta Trust.

■ BELVEDERE GARDENS CALCUTTA

4th Aug: Nutritious food items and some prescription medicines were provided for the 50 inmates of Prabartak Samgha Home - for the mentally challenged, epileptic and vagabond people picked up from the streets.



■ BENGAL

Weekly Communication Skill Building classes are held at Sealdah Activity Centre for street children at Beliaghata. Regular Communication Skill Building classes are held at the Ashram School of Sishutirtha School (Shantiniketan).

17th Aug: Under Project Eazy School 3, 20 ceiling fans were donated to the new middle school section of Sishutirtha School at Ruppur (Bolpur).

■ BUDGE BUDGE

6th Aug: Multiple fruit tree saplings were planted inside the school premises of St. Thomas Girls' High School (Kidderpore) in association with the Interact Club. The Interact Club President, 40 students and 6 Teachers were present along with PDICC Sulagna Daw. Celebration of Friendship Day and Raksha Bandhan followed.

10th Aug: Items of daily needs, clothes, stationery and umbrellas (with club name & Rotary logo) were given to 20 Shabar & Lodha community students at Peniabhangra Angshik Buniadi School (Shalboni, East Jhargram).

10th Aug: Items of daily needs, clothes, stationery and umbrellas (with club name & Rotary logo) were given to 31 Shabar & Lodha community students at Bagmuri Prathamik Vidyalay (Jhargram Purbo Chakra).

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated under Eazy School 3 Project at Dr Panchulal Ghosh Primary School (Uttar Sarengabad, Budge Budge). Flag hoisting was followed by a Sit & Draw competition for the students and the participants were given gifts & tokens of appreciation. 3 winners were awarded. 28 large umbrellas (with club name &



Rotary logo) were given to the students.

16th Aug: Raksha Bandhan ceremony, organised by Interact Club of St. Thomas Girls' School – Khidderpore, for Army Officers and Jawans at #1 Bengal Girls Bn NCC (149 Block G, New Alipore), was sponsored. 35 people including Lt. Col. Susan Roy, other officers and Lady Ministerial Officers were present. The Interactors tied Rakhi to all Army personnel and handed over food packets to them. President Krishnendu Biswas was recognized by the authorities as he is a Panelist of Supply Chain of Indian Army Department.

■ CALCUTTA

4th Aug: 6th free Eye camp of Project Vision for All was held at Shree Shree Loknath Sebashram Sangha (Chakladham, Deganga), the birthplace of Baba Loknath.

6th Aug: Under Project Rotary Abash Yojana, Mr. Mithun Dalui of Murshidabad was handed over a cheque for Rs. 1,50,000/- for building construction work.

8th Aug: 7th free Eye camp of Project Vi-



sion for All was held at the Railway Recreation Club in Krishnanagar.

10th Aug: 8th free Eye camp of Project Vision for All was held at Shahid Abdul Odud Smriti Bhawan (Baruipara, Plassey).

15th Aug: 9th free Eye camp of Project Vision for All was held at Dangbari Primary School (Sabang, West Midnapore).

15th Aug: 3rd Blood Donation camp was held and 73 donors donated blood,

including 18 females.

17th Aug: 104 Desktop Computers and UPSs were donated to 52 clubs in District 3291 as part of Siksha Labh-2 Project. The goal was to expand the reach of the project by involving other Rotary Clubs and members.

18th Aug: 10th free Eye camp of Project Vision for All was held at RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah. 166 people needed spectacles and 23 required surgery.

19th Aug: Raksha Bandhan celebration was observed in association with Musicea featuring music, dance and yoga. 200 creative and enthusiastic YUVA participants from various institutions showcased their talents. The festival was graced by dignitaries and featured captivating performances.

31st Aug: 11th free Eye camp of Project Vision for All was held at Sai Nilayam (Sai Baba Mandir, Bosepara, Ita Khola, Khardaha). Many people needed glasses and some needed surgery.



■ CALCUTTA AVYANNA

3rd & 4th Aug: Treasure Trove, a life style exhibition, was co hosted at The Marriott. Support was given to women from Workshop of Blind Women and Foundation of Deaf & Mute by providing 3 tables to them to display their products, thus advertising and encouraging the sales.

8th Aug: In collaboration with Mrittika Earthy Talks, 127 fruit tree saplings were planted at Green Verge in Newtown, marking the Death Anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.

8th Aug: Project Zero Hunger (Food Brigade and Food ATM) was launched with Interact Club of Birla Bharati in association with Sanjha Chulha.

9th Aug: Pause For A Cause -A public Image enhancing exhibition was co hosted, aiming to promote initiatives in education, health and community development. Advertisements for the exhibition were strategically placed in prominent locations throughout the city.

11th Aug: Empowering Women Behind the Wheel - a car driving Training pro-



■ CALCUTTA AMORY

15th Aug: Tree plantation to mark a tribute to Mother Earth was held at Jagat Mukherjee Park. People above 80 years of age were recognized for their presence during the liberation from British Rule. Ms Pooja Panja (Councilor, KMC Ward No 8) and Rtn Lalit Kumar Ganeriwala (District Advisor, Welfare of Senior Citizens) were present on the occasion. The program was held in association with Rotary Salt Lake Green City.

gram - was sponsored at Baruipur, for 7 women to equip them with the skills and confidence to obtain their driving licenses, thus opening doors to newfound independence and opportunities.

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated with underprivileged girls of Girl 2 B Foundation, to empower them to develop their creative skills and confidence. Educational kits and nutritious food was provided for them.

15th Aug: Independence Day was observed with Interact Club of Birla Bharti School by hoisting the National Flag followed by March Past by the students. Food packets were distributed to the students. Fruit tree saplings were planted and Calcutta Environmentalist Sri Ramesh Chandran was present at the event. He educated the students about the importance of planting more trees to prevent global warming and also restoration of the ecosystem.

16th Aug: To support the economic development of women from the Workshop of the Blind, jute and anise seed Rakhis made by these talented women, were purchased, thus promoting their skill and craftsmanship.

19th Aug: Rakhis, made by the women

from the Workshop of the Blind, were carried to Bali Island (Sundarbans) and tied on the wrists of boys, girls, men and women of the village. A Diya was lit and Rabindra Sangeet was sung in chorus to celebrate peace and purity within and without. 60 fruit tree saplings were gifted to the students to plant and nurture them in their village premises. Trophies were given to 10 students whose trees given last year manifested best. Nutritious food packets were given as consolation prizes.

19th Aug: In association with RCC Neelganj Neeldiganta, a free Health and Eye check up camp was held for the underprivileged villagers. Health of 192 people was checked and free medicines were given as required. After the Eye check up, 30 people were provided with free power spectacles.

21st Aug: In collaboration with Cancer Foundation of India, a Cervical Cancer Vaccination camp was initiated for 100 underprivileged girls of Welfare Association High School.

21st Aug: Under Eazy School 3 project, a Thalassemia Awareness Workshop was conducted at Birla Bharti School with the Interactors. DGE Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri conducted the informative session enlightening students about the

disease, it's causes and prevention, followed by an interactive session.

23rd Aug: In partnership with CESC, a Workshop on Environmental Pollution and Climate Change was organized at CRGS HS School for Girls, as part of Eazy School 3 project. Through interactive discussions, videos and activities, the workshop covered: Sources and effects of pollution, Climate change impacts and mitigation strategies, Renewable energy sources and sustainable practices for a greener future. It empowered the students to take steps towards making a difference in their daily lives.

25th Aug: In association with RCC Nildiganta Nilganj, a free Eye check up camp with Power Test for spectacles and IOL Screening (with Syringing, Tonometry, ECG and Sugar Test for Cataract Surgery) was held at Emil School (Chhoto Kanthalia, Debpukur, Barrackpore). 142 Patients were examined and medicines were provided. 38 cases for IOL surgeries were selected. 50 people were given spectacles.

29th Aug: A Water Purifier for school children was installed at the Sitalchak Primary School in Bagnan district, benefiting 100 students.

■ CALCUTTA CHARNOCK CITY

1st Aug: During Breast Feeding Week, an Awareness program was organised at the Nursing College of Calcutta National Medical College. Dr. Jayita Chakraborty (Gynecologist) spoke on improving breast feeding practices. This was followed by a question answer session. Food packets were distributed amongst the students.

6th Aug: Breast Feeding Awareness pro-

gram was conducted for the Nursing College students of Calcutta Medical College. Dr. Parbati Sengupta (Pediatrician & National Trainer of infant and young children breast feeding BPNI) spoke on the improving breast feeding practices. This was followed by an interactive session and the 50 questions submitted by the students were answered by the speaker and Club President Rtn Dr. Sebanti Goswami (Gyne-

cologist) and Secretary Rtn Dr. Dhritiman Maitra. About 20 teachers and Principal Purnima Kundu joined the program.

7th Aug: Breast Feeding Workshop was held in association with Bengal Obstetrics & Gynecological Society and UNICEF at Dhano Dhanyo auditorium. President Rtn Dr. Sebanti Goswami moderated the discussion. It was attended by students of nursing colleges of SSKM and Medical College and a number of NGOs.

15th Aug: Under Eazy School 3, Independence Day was organized at Pratham Padakshep - a school for specially abled children. The members sang and danced on patriotic songs. The children also participated in the singing and dancing. Food packets, tricolour flags and tricolour bands were given to the children.

29th Aug: Monthly gifts for the Pediatric Cancer patients of SSKM were provided in the form of masks, biscuit, chattu and puffed rice.



■ CALCUTTA CHOWRENGHEE

Mid day meals are provided regularly to the students of Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalay at Uluberia.

Weekly Health check up of students, parents, etc. are done at Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalay, Uluberia.

Weekly Health check up camps are held at Kumirmari (Sundarbans).

Under Project Ren-New, subsidised Dialysis treatment is provided to patients at Kolkata Swasthya Sankalp.

1st Aug: Under Anjali Yojana, the upkeep of 6 mothers is sponsored for a month at the Old Age Home at Amoragori, in association with RCC

Amoragori Yuba Sangha.

5th Aug: 25 Shelter Kits were sent for flood affected victims in Wayanad, Kerala.

6th Aug: The Interact club members of BDM International School visited the Dialysis Centre at Kolkata Swasthya Sankalp.



17th Aug: 25 Solar Street Lights of 20 watt LED with 6 meter poles were installed at Kishorepur, Amtalla.

23rd Aug: Surgical treatment was provided for a 16 year old female cancer survivor requiring tracheotomy closure and speech facilitation.

■ CALCUTTA DALHOUSIE

15th Aug: Under Eazy School 3 project, Educational Kits (with writing kits and geometry boxes), hygiene kits and snacks were given to 50 students coming from underprivileged background at Ramkrishna Vedanta Ashram (Asuti, South 24 Parganas). Rice, Dal, Mustard Oil and Soybean chunks were also donated for the hostel kitchen.



■ CALCUTTA EAST CENTRAL

8th Aug: Swanirbhar - Vocational Training in Tailoring, was inaugurated at the Skill Development Vocational Training Centre managed by RCC Nimpith Handicap Welfare Society (Nimpith, Joynagar, South 24 Parganas). 22 local women joined the tailoring course of 6 months duration from August 2024 to January 2025.

8th Aug: With RCC Nimpith Handicap Welfare Society, 100 saplings were distributed to the local people, mostly women under project Supporting the Environment.

10th Aug: In association with RCC Chakdualpur Arunoday Sangha (Kulpi, South 24 Parganas), a Dengue Awareness program was held with distribution of 50

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■ CALCUTTA DHAKURIA

15th Aug: A new Interact Club was formed at APS Academy School at Purba Panchannagram and the Charter was presented. This was followed by hoisting of the National Flag and a cultural program.

15th Aug: A free Health and Eye check up camp was held in Behala in conjunction with Conference for Social Activity & Welfare Centre of Dava India.

18th Aug: Nabadisha, the monthly Health check up with distribution of medicines and refreshments, was held at the school run by Lake Police Station in Dhakuria. Rakhi celebrations were also held.



CALCUTTA EAST CENTRAL

Mosquito Nets. Under Project Supporting the Environment, 100 saplings were planted at Kulpi Rural Hospital. Under Eazy School 3, Project Supporting the Environment was held with planting of 300 saplings with students of Nalanda School and Karanjali Junior Basic School and 300 saplings with students of Star Kids KG School.

10th Aug: Certificates of Appreciation/Merit were handed over to 27 beneficiaries who completed the one year Skill Development Tailoring Course Swanirbhar, which started in September 2023 and completed in August 2024 at the Vocational Training Centre managed by RCC Sonartori Women and Child Welfare Institutions (Diamond Harbour, South 24 Parganas). A Dengue Awareness program was held and 50 Mosquito Nets were distributed. Under Supporting the Environment project, 200 fruit tree saplings were distributed to the women for plantation.

11th Aug: In association with RCC Bhajna Ramchandrapur Surya Kiran Society, a Dengue Awareness program was held and 100 Mosquito Nets were distributed to the people of Ramchandrapur village (Patharpratima, South 24 Parganas). Project Supporting the Environment under Eazy School 3 was held and 25 fruit tree saplings were planted in the school premises by students and teachers of Surya Kiran Nursery & KG School.

15th Aug: 78th Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting the National Flag at Premananda Memorial Leprosy Hospital (APC Road, Maniktala) by Chief Guest Mr. A Das (Commissioner of GST) and PP Jyotish Ch. Roy. Tiffin packets were given to all the Doctors, nurses, staff members and patients. Patriotic songs were sung by hospital staff. Chief Guest Mr. A Das, Dr. Annamma S John (Superintendent of the Hospital), Mr. Mark Malay Amros (Regional FR Manager of the Hospital) and

all the nurses were felicitated.

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated with RCC Chaltabagan Sarbojanin Durgotsab Committee where PP Jyotish Ch Roy (District RCC Chair) hoisted the National Flag. ARV Vaccination of 25 Street Dogs of KMC Ward 27 was held at D. L. Roy Street with the help of Veterinarian Dr. Kaushik Ghosh. A General Health check up camp with free medicine distribution was held with doctors of Premananda Memorial Leprosy Hospital on the auspicious occasion of Khuti Puja of RCC Chaltabagan Sarbojanin Durgotsab Committee. Blood Pressure and Sugar was tested for more than 50 people and medicines were given to 25 patients. 50 sarees were distributed to the local underprivileged women.

18th Aug: General Health and Eye check up camp was held with free medicine distribution at Ishan Sishu Siksha Niketan School building of Prantik Sundarban Welfare Association organised with doctors from Premananda Memorial Leprosy Hospital. More than 100 people from Kalariya Jibantala village (Piyali, South 24 Parganas) benefitted. 18 Cataract surgery patients were detected and the operations will be organised at Joynagar Rotary Eye Hospital.

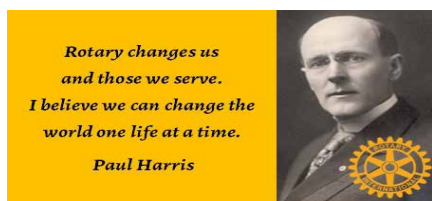
18th Aug: In association with RCC Manickpur Chaitali Sangha (Harinavi, South 24 Parganas), 200 Umbrellas were distributed to the local people mainly women.



■ CALCUTTA EMPATHY

18th Aug: Club Secretary Soumya Roy attended and attained the distinction of being an RLI graduate. Club Treasurer Sinchana Bhattacharya was Learning Facilitator at the RLI 3 Training.

25th Aug: Under Eazy School 3 project – bed sheets, mosquito nets and food items were given for the 30+ resident students of Kalikanta Acharya Smriti Bhavan (Shishu Bhavan, Palta, Babanpur).



■ CALCUTTA JADAVPUR

Regular tuition classes and extra-curricular activities are held at Pathshala (Bolpur) for the 40 odd needy children (from class V to VIII) from Dwaronda and adjoining villages in Bolpur.

As a part of an ongoing project of donation towards treatment cost, Rs. 10,000/- each was given to Nishan Das (16 yrs - admitted in Medica Superspecialty Hospital), Sanvi Sultana (5 yrs - admitted in Tata Medical Hospital), Souradeep Shee (5 yrs - admitted in SGCCRI), Tua Mondal (7 yrs - admitted in SGCCRI), Sujit Kumar (14 yrs - admitted in Tata Medical Hospital), Shivkant Yadav (12 yrs - admitted in Tata Medical Hospital), Sujoy Manana (3 yrs 6 months), SK Asraful (15 yrs), Alokendu Makar (10 yrs 9 months), Kartick Kr Poddar (4 yrs), Harsh Kr Bedia (11 yrs 9 months) and Soumik Sarkar (3 yrs 9 months). Rs 20,000 was donated for Guljar Hussain (15 yrs).

Post-operative monitoring of an aged lady glaucomatous patient was held at Vivekananda Mission Ashram Netra Niramoy Niketan Eye Hospital by Rtn Dr. Asim Sil and his team.

2nd Aug: Contribution was made for the re-print of Acharya Ray Commemoration Volume inaugurated at the Rammohun Library & Free Reading Room during celebration of the 163rd Birth Anniversary of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Roy at the Raya

Debnath Auditorium. The re-print has been duly acknowledged in the book.

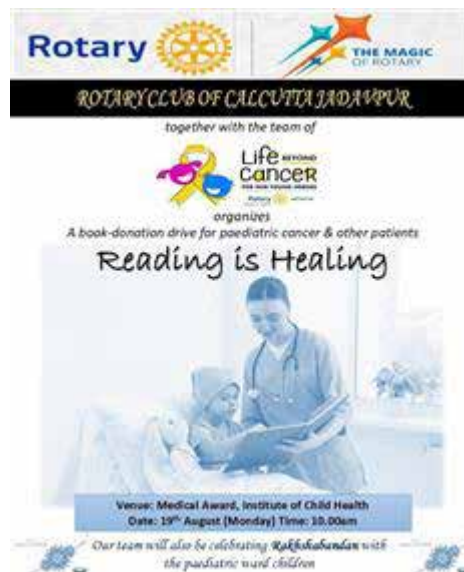
7th Aug: Gardening tools were given to the Interact Club of Dum Dum Ananda Ashrama Sarada Vidyapeeth, in presence of the teacher-in-charge and the HM of the school. This will help the students to initiate the process of kitchen gardening in the campus.

7th Aug: A refrigerator was donated to Apna Ghar (Salt Lake) - a transit home for cancer patients & others in need.

11th Aug: A session on Plant Cells, as a part of an ongoing project, was held by Rtn Dr. Dipankar Chakraborti at Udbhash.

13th Aug: A television set, more than 20 books and a mahogany sapling was donated for the inmates of Ma Kaali Old Age Home, Garia. A Health camp was also held and Rtn Dr. Arunava Das examined the 25 inmates and the staff of the Home. He discussed their ailment issues with them and prescribed medicines.

19th Aug: Desktop Computer sets (monitor, CPU, UPS, keyboard and mouse) were donated to Debandi High School and Khosalpur New Set Up Upper Primary School, Amta for computer education, in presence of the Headmasters of the respective schools and the School Inspector (Amta region). These computers were received from Rotary Calcutta as a part of their ongoing Siksha Labh project.



19th Aug: With Team LBC, more than 100 children's books were donated to the Pediatric Cancer Ward at Institute of Child Health, along with other clubs. Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with patients, nurses and doctors of ICH.

22nd Aug: An Environmental Literacy Quiz, as part of Eazy School 3 activity, was held at Baruipur High School. 70 students of classes 9-11 participated in the quiz. 36 students were selected after an elimination round and divided into 6 groups. The winners were presented with Krishna Lakhani Memorial Gold medals while the 6 members of the runners-up group were presented with Alok Ghosh Memorial Silver medals. The students were awarded Certificates.

28th Aug: Phase 4 of Mission Plastic Purge was held in Dumdum Ananda Ashram Sarada Vidyapeeth. Dr. Punarbasu Chaudhuri (faculty at Environmental Sciences, CU) created awareness on plastic pollution to the students of Classes VIII and IX, including Interactors. A group of 20 students were given gloves and sacks to clean the seminar room of plastics. The Interactors have taken the responsibility of creating groups for cleaning different rooms each day during the tiffin break.

30th Aug: An Awareness program on Cervical Cancer was held at Rashmoni Girls School at Baruipur. PP Chitra Mandal conducted the program in presence of around 250 students of class IX. Leaflets with information were distributed among the students.

■ CALCUTTA LABANHRAD

15th Aug: Under Eazy School 3 initiative, a Quiz Contest was held to celebrate Independence Day at Trinath Pally Primary School. Educational Kits were given to the students along with nutritious food packets.



■ CALCUTTA MAHANAGAR

5th Aug: 150 Shelter Kits were sent to Wayanad, Kerala to help the disaster affected people.

9th Aug: In collaboration with the India Humanity Foundation, 100 Disaster Kits were dispatched to Wayanad, Kerala to assist those impacted by local events. Each kit includes essential items to aid those in need.

11th Aug: Under Project Annadaan Mahadaan, cooked food was given for 90 senior citizen residents at an old age home in New Alipore.

11th Aug: Under Project GST, 1000 fruit bearing plants were planted at

Shikharpur, Rajarhat area.

12th Aug: Under Project Annadaan Mahadaan, 350 people were given food at Sambhunath Pandit Street.

15th Aug: Kellogg's cornflakes from the Food Bank were given to 600 people in the Vivekananda Park area.

Lunch was provided for 350 people under Project Annadaan Mahadaan.

18th Aug: Lunch was provided for 350 people under Project Annadaan Mahadaan.

20th Aug: Medical tests and Blood Grouping was done for 400 students of Vivekanand School (Kultali, South 24 Parganas).



■ CALCUTTA MAJESTIC

1st Aug: Medicines and equipment were donated for the residents of Shanti Niwas Old Age Home in Behala. Members spent time with the inmates and sang songs for them.

11th Aug: Blood Donation and Health check up camp was co hosted at Lake Gardens with Netaji Tiger Sporting Club. Total number of blood donors was 3061 and more than 1000 people participate in the Health check up. MLA Debasish Kumar inaugurated the camp and many famous personalities and MLAs visited the camp.

Bhimchandra High School, Sundarbans.

12th Aug: Under Project Nanhe Muskaan - Health Drink supplements, Himalaya Baby Kits, Diapers and Cerelac were given for the would-be mothers and new born babies at Kalidaspur.

15th Aug: On Independence Day, the children of Prashikshan Tution Center at Bondel Road presented a patriotic variety

program. They were given healthy cereal chocolates.

15th Aug: Under Project Unnati, biscuits and cakes were distributed to the students of RCC Sankijahan School. An Audio system with a Microphone and Speaker was donated for the school.

15th Aug: Chocos were distributed to children with Celebral Palsy at Mahavir Seva Sadan. DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta attended the program.

23rd Aug: Under Project Unnati, the Primary school at RCC Sankijahan was provided with a temporary shed and the classroom floors were covered with 5 tarpaulins donated by Mahavir Seva Sadan.

23rd Aug: Chocos were distributed to the students of Prashikshan Tution Center on Bondel Road.

25th Aug: Rotary 4 WAY TEST Plaque was given to the Guest Speaker at the Weekly Meeting.

30th Aug: Biscuits were distributed to the students of Prashikshan Tution Center on Bondel Road.



■ CALCUTTA MAYFAIR

1st Aug: Teachers' remuneration was given at Prashikshan Tution Centre (Bondel Road) where 36 children receive tuitions for Mathematics, Science and English.

11th Aug: Medical check up was provided for the villagers at RCC Sankijahan and free medicines were provided, as needed.

11th Aug: Under Project Neev, Chocos and milk were provided for 150 children at Howrah Jain School.

11th Aug: Free Tarpaulin distribution – Project Tarp - was organized with other Rotary clubs and NGO Swarnym Foundation, sponsored by Savitri Anita Seva Trust (Liluah).

12th Aug: Under Project Prabha, a Sanitary Napkin Wending Machine and a Water Purifier were installed at Kalidaspur

■ CALCUTTA METRO CITY

15th Aug: The 78th Independence Day was observed in association with Big Leap and Rehabilitation Centre for Children at their Behala Sakherbazar campus with the specially abled students, their mentors and teachers. The flag hoisting was followed by rendition of the National anthem and patriotic songs and a cultural program by the specially abled students. Saplings of various trees were planted in the presence of the local Councilor under Project Tree Plantation II.

24th Aug: Monthly Awareness program for Thalassaemia was held at the Indian Institute of Mother & Child at Sonarpur. PP Subhojit Roy (Dist Advisor, Thalassaemia Committee) spoke on the subject to 42 young girls, boys and adults, including students from Italy, Finland and Switzerland.

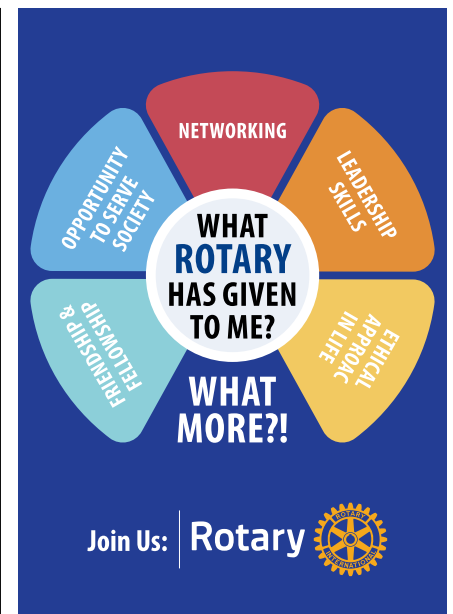


31st Aug: Under Project Tree Plantation III, saplings were planted at Green Verge V, New Town in association with Harri Mitti Foundation who will take care of the plants for 3 years with a 100% organic maintenance. 5 trees were dedicated in memory of late PPs - Kamallesh Roychowdhury, Sunita Goenka, Salauddin Ahmed,

SHW Rizvi and Dr. Nandita Dasgupta. Trees were dedicated in memory of parents and named for grand children. Rs 20,000/- was donated for the tree plantation and maintenance program joining the National Campaign launched by Union Government, Aek Paer Maa Ke Naam, #Plant4Mother.

■ CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN

5th Aug: One Interactive Flat Panel Smart Board was provided to PACE Learning Centre. 2 Interactive Flat Panel Smart Boards were provided to PACE Learning Center for classes at Gourdah, South 24 Parganas.



■ CALCUTTA MIDTOWN

Under Matrishakti Project, healthy and nutritious food is given for expecting mothers at Hinglegunj.

3rd Aug: Cervical Cancer Awareness session was held and the speakers were Rtn Dr. Lalita Seth and Mr. Sourav Mukherjee (Eastern India head, The Serum Institute). Guardians of 51 beneficiaries signed the consent forms for the vaccine.

12th Aug: 13 Oxygen Concentrators received from Rotary Bangalore were given at Netaji Subhash Cancer Research & Institute, New Garia.



15th Aug: A Computer Training Centre was inaugurated at The Refuge, a home for 300 children at Bow Bazar, under the Eazy School 3 Initiative. 11 new Desktop Computers were installed in the newly painted room for the students of classes 9-12. A special feast was organized for the children on the occasion of Independence Day.

25th Aug: Donation for Scholarship was given to the Swamiji of Ramkrishna Mission, Narendrapur as awards for the meritorious blind students who got excellent results in Madhyamik 2024. Prizes were also given for the Best Musician & Best Sportsman. Patriotic songs were sung and the boys played the orchestra.

■ CALCUTTA NEW ALIPORE

7th Aug: World Breastfeeding Week was observed in collaboration with Eastern Railway Orthopedic Hospital at Howrah, with a theme "Closing the gap: Breast-feeding for all". DGE Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri was the Chief Guest and he summarized the different aspects of breastfeeding. He also stressed on the importance of Thalassemia screening before marriage.

15th Aug: The National Flag was hoisted at Behala Bodhayan Autistic School on Independence Day, followed by an address to the 35+ children, who were served healthy refreshments. In their own special way, the children showcased

their talents and ability. They sang songs, danced and had a fun-filled celebration.

19th Aug: Free Eye check up camp was organized in association with Rakhi

Sangha on the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Patients from distant areas attended the camp, receiving free eye checkup and free spectacles.



■ CALCUTTA NEWBIES

3rd Aug: Shiksha classes for Computer Hardware Training were held for the parents of Cancer Warriors at Premashraya St

Jude's Center. Class was held on assembling an I-Cabinet.

4th Aug: Routine Blood tests were conducted at Biramgarh High School for

children aged 5 to 14.

5th Aug: Project Celebrate your Special Day with the Underprivileged was observed at Bikramgarh High School by the birthday celebration of Rtn Sambhu Sinha. Breakfast cake was brought for the children and Health check up was done.

13th Aug: Project Celebrate your Special Days was observed with a musical evening with the Cancer Warriors at Premashraya – a unit of Tata Medical Center.

15th Aug: Independence Day Celebration was held at Bikramgarh High School.

20th August: Sound Healing Session was held for the parents of Cancer Warriors at St Jude's Center, Premashraya.




■ CALCUTTA NORTH EAST

10th Aug: Project Green Heart, a tree plantation program was organized at Subhas Sarovar (Beliaghata), where 100 saplings were planted.

15th Aug: 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Cossipore Institution - a boarding school for orphans. Gifts and food packets were given to the 100 children at the institution and their 15 teachers were felicitated.



10 Reasons to Join A Rotary Club



Rotary

- The Opportunity to Serve
- Leadership Development
- Citizenship in the World
- Business Development
- Continuing Education
- Personal Growth
- Entertainment
- Community
- Friendship
- Fun

■ CALCUTTA OLD CITY

15th Aug: School Bags, books, copies, pens, pencils, paper and other items were distributed to the underprivileged students of Pratyush (Barasat) on the



occasion of Independence Day. Food grains, for the full year, were donated.

19th Aug: Heart Operation of a 3 year old boy, Subhranshu Das - son of a labourer staying at Brahmapur Garia – was sponsored under Project Hridaya at RN Tagore Hospital, Mukundapur. The operation was supported by famous Singer Mr. Raghab Chatterjee with his fund raising program, Rajate Raghab.

of Open Shelter, Garden Reach. After tying Rakhis, food packets were distributed to the children.

25th Aug: 50 fruit tree saplings and 50 vegetable plants were planted with the support of RCC Heliagachi at Diamond Harbour. 50 mosquito nets were given to 50 families.



■ CALCUTTA PARK POINT

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated with the 50 underprivileged children of a Shelter Home run by an NGO at Garden Reach, Metiaburz area. After Flag Hoisting food packets were distributed.

Independence Day was celebrated with

the underprivileged children of Open Shelter, run by Calcutta Social Project at Ballygunj. Flag Hoisting, Drawing competition and distribution of food packets was done.

19th Aug: Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with the 75 underprivileged children

■ CALCUTTA POINTERS

2nd Aug: A Thalassaemia Awareness seminar for the students of classes 11 and 12 was held at Garden High School (Rajadanga, Kasba). Presentation was given by Dr. Kaushik Sil and Dr. R Sachin Rao. Close to 100 students attended the seminar.

11th Aug: The second Medical camp DAY (Diabetes Awareness and You), was held at Joynagar (South 24 Parganas) for underprivileged people of Bayish Hata village. Check ups included General Health & Vitals check and Blood Sugar tests. Nutritionist and Physician consultations were provided and free medicines were given, as required. The camp was conducted with NGO Kulpi Swami Vivekananda Youth Welfare Society. Rtn Dr. Sujoy Majumdar was the chief attending doctor, along with another doctor from DAY.

26th Aug: Under Project Lekha Pora, financial aid was provided to two sisters - Chandana & Bandana from Batighar Pathshala, who have cleared their school final exams held in March / April 2024, despite growing up in adverse social and



economic conditions. The support was given to buy study materials for continuing their studies for Higher Secondary. Under Project Diyasha, funding Vocational Training for aspiring and underprivileged school children from Batighar Pathshala, financial aid was provided to Bandana - identified as a talented dancer in classical and contemporary dance styles. Though she has received a scholarship from a reputed dance school, assistance was required with other logistics costs for 2 years, which was provided.

31st Aug: Medical camp was held for the staff and students of Belda Gangadharpur Academy, Paschim Midnapur. Rtn Dr.

Kaushik Sil led the camp with Dr. Sachin Rao, and Blood Group testing was done for 300 students and Health check up was done for 60 staff members. The camp was covered by the press and was reported in Anandabazar on 1st September in the Medinipur Zila page.

At Belda Gangadharpur Academy, Awareness talk was given on Menstrual Health and Hygiene by Rtn Dr. Kaushik Sil. It was attended by about 160 girl students. A Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine was installed at the school. The camp was covered by the press and was reported in Anandabazar, on 1st September in the Medinipur Zila page.

■ CALCUTTA PRESIDENCY

Free medicines are supplied monthly for the free Medical camps held every Sunday by RCC Barun Mondal at Piyali.

3rd Aug: 17th Saksham camp, focused on fitting LN4 Prosthetic Hands, was held at Tinsukia in collaboration with Rotary Tinsukia (District 3240). Out of 25 registered, 15 got fitment done - there were 3 children under 10 years and 4 women under 30.

11th Aug: 63 free Cataract Surgeries by Phaco process were conducted in partnership with the charitable organization Prem Milan. The screening of over 600 people was done in Salboni village in Midnapore. Approximately 120 patients were identified needing surgery. The sur-

gery was conducted at the Prem Milan building, located opposite Marwari Relief Society on Chitpur Road. Patients also received free comprehensive pre- and post-operative care.

15th Aug: Independence Day celebration was held at Rotary Ramkrishna Academy, which began with a March Past. The children showcased 4 dances and teachers sang a song and delivered a beautiful dance performance after the Flag Hoisting. Over 200 parents, children and Rotarians joined in singing the National Anthem followed by a creative elocution by children of classes 3, 4 and 5. Winners of elocution were honoured with medals and all children received gifts. Snacks were arranged for all. Students of classes

3, 4 and 5 were given fruit tree saplings to be planted at specified spots allocated to them. The assembled parents got a Mental Health and Right Breathing session from Life Coach Rashmi. The women trained at the Vocational Training Centre were given completion certificates from Singer Machines, gifts and food packets. Under Eazy School 3 initiative, books for junior and senior classes along with snacks and gifts were given. A prize book was given to a girl student.

21st Aug: Installation of the new board of Interact Club at St Teresa's Secondary School was held. DICC Arpita Chatterjee, President Abha Lunia and Sister Jasmin lit the ceremonial lamp which was followed by a Santoor recital, a Choir song by Interactors, Skill Career Counselling using Shark Tank model and a dance performance by the students.

Installation of the new board of Interact Club at Young Horizon School was held. DICC Arpita Chatterjee and President Abha Lunia lit the ceremonial lamp which was followed by a Skit on Say No to Plastic by the Interactors and a dance performance by the students. The program ended with singing of the School Anthem.



■ CALCUTTA QUEST

3rd Aug: An Eye check up camp was conducted at Loreto Sealdah School. The 100 beneficiaries received their spectacles. The program was supported by Rtn Lovina Khan, Dr. Ekram Khan and Sr. Baisakhi Mondol, Principal of the school.

10th Aug: An Eye camp was organised with Open Arms Educational & Charitable Trust at Prabhu Jisu Girija. Out of 150 beneficiaries, 60 patients were detected with power problems. Free Spectacles will be given to them. 8 patients were detected with cataract and will be operated.

15th Aug: In collaboration with Badartala Khwaja Garib People Welfare Society and Open Arms Educational & Charitable Trust, 78th Independence Day celebration was held in the Metiaburuz area. 250 school bags and T-shirts with OAECT & The Magic of Rotary printed on them, and food boxes were distrib-

uted to underprivileged children. The program was led by Mr. Shamsher Alam, Secretary of the organization. MLA Mr. Khalique Molla, the local councilor, IPP Dr. SS Singh, Dr. Ekram Khan and other

dignitaries were present.

24th Aug: Mosquito nets were distributed to 50 families at Quest & Cure (Jhawtala Road) in association with Open Arms Educational & Charitable Trust.





■ CALCUTTA SUN CITY

2nd Aug: 40 medicinal plants were donated and planted in the second phase of plantation at Primary school premises of Basanti Sundarban.

3rd Aug: Van Mahotsab was observed at Sammilani College, Baghajatin and 40 medicinal plants were planted in the college premises. Awareness about the importance of plants in Carbon mitigation process to save the Earth was given. Principal Dr. Chittaranjan Jana mentioned the importance of Medicinal plants in our

daily life which would be the alternate medicine for Health management. Dr. Dipannita Pariel (HoD, Dept of Botany) conducted the program. Almost 70 students and 7 faculty members attended the program.

21st Aug: 2 Computers received from Rotary Calcutta were given to Children's Welfare Association High School for Girls at Behala. DGE Dr. R Homchaudhuri spoke about Thalassemia and Cervical Cancer and Rtn Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri talked about the necessity of Breast Feeding.

■ CALCUTTA SUTANUTI

9th Jul: Cataract surgeries were sponsored for 3 people at Rotary Mahanagar Netralaya, Sonarpur. The patients were diagnosed by the Ophthalmologist of Charitable Medical Unit at RCC Rabitirtha.

15th Aug: Independence Day was observed at Kreetika Protection Home for Girls in Behala and story books, flags and wrist bands were given to the resident girls. They were given information about the story of Independence by PP Abir Mukherjee and Rtn Sutapa Chakraborty, Supervisor of the Home.

21st Aug: Environmental Awareness session, under Eazy School 3 initiative was held in association with RCC Lake Gardens WDC at Kasba Balika Vidyalaya for Girls. 46 students attended the session and were provided with seed pens.



■ CALCUTTA UNIVERSE

3rd Aug: On the 7th Installation Ceremony, Rs. 1,40,000 was contributed to Rotary India Literacy Mission for sponsoring 20 Vidya Centres for 400 non-literate adults. The Project cost is Rs. 2,80,000 and RILM will match

the amount paid by the Club. The amount was handed over to PDG Prabir Chatterjee (Chairman, Literacy Mission).

5th Aug: 5 Shelter Kits were sent for the flood victims at Wayanad, Kerala in collaboration with India Humanity Foundation.



■ CALCUTTA VICTORIA

11th Aug: 150 fruit tree saplings (Lemon, Guava, Mango, Pomegranate etc) and 50 mosquito nets were distributed among 50 villagers at Lalpur, Purulia.



■ CALCUTTA YUVIS

Regular sessions on Spoken English through General Knowledge topics are conducted by club members for students of 3rd and 4th Standard at Green Leaves School at Picnic Garden, under Project Vidya of Eazy School 3 initiative. Some physical exercise is done before the sessions. The teachers also join the session.

4th Aug: Project Hariyali, the Fruit saplings distribution and plantation drive, was held at Sonapur, Baruipur. 500 saplings were distributed to 125 beneficiary families.

PHW – Cervical & Breast Cancer Awareness and Screening camp was held at Shivaji Bhawan (Ramrajatala, Howrah). The interactive session was followed by health check up, breast check up and PAP smear.

10th Aug: Project Hariyali, the fruit tree

Calcutta Yuvis

saplings distribution and plantation drive, was held in Bhangar area. 600 saplings were distributed to 142 beneficiary families.



11th Aug: Project Hariyali, the fruit tree saplings distribution and plantation drive, was held in Bangihati and Mollarpur villages. 908 saplings were distributed to 133 beneficiary families.

bottles, Kellogg's, Frooti and food packets were given to the children. Dengue Awareness was held and 50 mosquito nets were distributed.

23rd-24th Aug: Charter Anniversary of the club was celebrated at Mayapur and more than 50 people, including members with their spouse, attended.

31st Aug: An Eye check up camp for drivers under Project My Driver's Eye Tested in collaboration with Rotary Kolkata Urbana was held at the Urbana NRI Complex. Over 150 drivers had their vision tested and more than 100 drivers were found to have vision issues. The camp was conducted by a team of 6 technicians from Rotary Joynagar Eye Hospital. Spectacles are being provided at a highly subsidized cost.

CENTRAL CALCUTTA

9th Aug: 100 school bags were distributed among Harijan children who had passed Class 10 and 12, at Keshab Chandra Street.

10th Aug: Cooked food and umbrellas were given to 200 needy people at Netaji Subhas Road, Opp. Gillander House.

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated at Rotary Siksha Kendra. After Flag hoisting, a cultural program was put up by the students. Water bottles, Kellogg's and Frooti along with snacks and sweets were distributed to the 350 students present. Independence Day was celebrated with

the students of Niharika Handicapped School. After Flag hoisting, a cultural program was put up by the children. Water



DOMKAL MURSHIDABAD

4th Aug: Uniforms for the staff were distributed at Rotary Beldanga Eye Hospital.

15th Aug: 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Rotary Beldanga Eye Hospital and a free Eye check up camp was held at Nischintapur Islamia Mission, Sargachi. Tree plantation was held in their campus.

19th Aug: Peace and Humanity was celebrated on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan in front of Rotary Beldanga Eye Hospital on NH 12. Rakhi was tied to almost 2500 bike riders, Toto drivers, Drivers and other people. 2500 glasses of lassi, 2500 sweets and chocolates were distributed.



DUM DUM

18th Aug: Two Desktop PCs received from Rotary Calcutta under Project Siksha Labh were given to Humaniaponta Abdul Aziz High School and Humaniaponta Purbapara GSFP School. 200 tree fruit bearing and timber saplings were planted with protective fencing and upkeepment for 6 months was provided.

■ EAST CALCUTTA

15th Aug: 78th Independence Day was celebrated at Rotary Bhawan with Flag hoisting, Patriotic songs and speech by senior Rotarians. Sujog – Monthly Scholarship stipends were given to 8 school students. A Sit & Draw Competition, Aki Baki was held in which 30 school students participated. School kits consisting of backpack, copy, pencil box, pencil, eraser, sharpener, scale etc. were given to the participants along with a Rotary medal and Certificate of Appreciation. First, Second and Third participants were awarded.



■ GANGA HERITAGE

12th Jul: A Desktop Computer was donated at Duke School at Rajarhat.

10th Aug: Literacy Kits (2 sets of Notebooks, Pencils, Erasers, Crayon Sets, Drawing Books, handkerchiefs and School Bags) were distributed to 70 students of Dipendu Bharati School at Ultadanga.



■ GARDEN REACH

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated at Ramakrishna Gayatri Sevasharam, Dongaria.



17th Aug: Blood Donation camp was held at KPC Medical College.

■ HALDIA

7th Aug: 1st World Breastfeeding Seminar was organized at Vivekananda Training Centre (Kapasaria, Haldia) by RCC Kapasaria Sarbik Village Service

Society. 65 participants, mainly mothers, were present. Dr. Mohanlal Ghorai (Medical Officer, Basulia Rural Hospital) advised them about the importance of breastfeeding.



15th Aug: 2nd Investor Awareness Program was held at Baghajatin Hall (Kumarara Gram Panchayet, Nandakumar, Haldia). 77 people participated in this seminar which was held in collaboration with ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund. Mr. Dibyendu Halder & SEBI Master Trainer Soumen Bhowal, delivered their valuable speech regarding better investment.

3rd Investor Awareness Program was held at Baghajatin Hall (Pallishree Utsav Bhaban, Chaitanyapur, Purba Medinipur). 83 people participated in this seminar. Sri Dibyendu Halder & SEBI Master Trainer Soumen Bhowal, spoke regarding better investment.

■ HOWRAH

10th Aug: Under Eazy School 3 initiative - books, copies, slates, pencils, chalks, sa-tranchis, ration kits, snack packets and other items were distributed to the children of Harijan Sishu Kendra. A discussion was held with the local committee members about different social and other activities of Gangadharpur Vivekananda Library and Harijan Sevak Sangha. Some saplings were planted in the campus. A cultural program was put up by the children.

15th Aug: 78th Independence Day celebration was held at Shibpur Hindu Girls School (Primary Section). A cultural function was sponsored under Eazy School 3 initiative.

17th Aug: Siksha Labh - 2 project organised by Rotary Calcutta was attended. 2 computers with all accessories were received for onward distribution to the RCCs.

21st Aug: Senior Citizens Day was cele-



brated with IDFC – First Bank and a Yoga show was organized by the Interact members. They were given one track suit each. The Bank personnel made a pres-

entation of their product and felicitated the 15 senior members present by gifting an Uttario and sweet packet. Light refreshments were arranged for all.

■ HUMANITY KOLKATA

4th Aug: A Tree plantation drive under Eazy School 3 initiative, was held in Chandranath Basu Vidyamandir, a school in Betai, Nadia. 100 trees were planted.



■ KABITIRTHA CALCUTTA

1st Aug: World Breastfeeding Awareness Week was observed at Kalyani and the youth were made aware of the benefits of Breastfeeding.

3rd Aug: Online Organ Donation Pledge and Awareness Program was held.

15th Aug: Project Sui Dhaga- Sewing Machine distribution program was held at Sewing Training Centre in Kulpi.



16th Aug: Mt Lady of Kaylong Expedition 2024 Team was supported. The Motto of Rotary along with 4 Way Test was discussed and the members will display the Club Flag throughout their journey.

■ JODHPUR GARDENS CALCUTTA

9th Aug: Under Eazy School 3 initiative, School Kits were distributed to the students of Saraswati Shishu Mandir School at Thalaia - Joypur, Howrah. PDG Mukul Sinha (District Literacy Chair) graced the project. 50 Mosquito nets were distributed at RCC Sisir Bagan Thalaia at Joypur.

17th Aug: The Siksha Labh project was attended.



■ KAMARHATI

3rd Aug: Awareness program on Dengue was held with Kamarhati Muktomon Foundation at Kuchung village (PO-Chandra, PS- Kenda, Dist-Purulia). Mosquito nets, food and new clothes were distributed.



■ KOLKATA SUBHASH SAROVAR

11th Aug: Project TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) was co sponsored and 100 tarpaulins were distributed to the needy of Sunderbans area.

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated at Mahadev Club in Subhash Sarovar and Sahu Samaj in Chingrighata area. Children were engaged in drawing and painting activities. Snacks and soft drinks were distributed.

17th Aug: Siksha Labh project was attended at Rotary Sadan and 2 sets of Desktop Computers were received from Rotary Calcutta towards Basic Education and Literacy.

24th Aug: 50 mosquito nets were distributed to the family members of the children studying in Khanaberia F.P Primary School in Dhapa area.

■ KOLKATA LAKES

10th Aug: 50 Mosquito nets were distributed to the needy people (Rickshaw pullers, maids etc) at Ghasiwara, Sonarpur.

11th Aug: A Health check up and Dental camp with Oral Cancer Screening was held at Arapanch village, Sonarpur under the guidance of Rtn Dr. Sudipto Chandra, Dental Surgeon Dr. Amartya Dey and Oncologist Dr. Jyotirup Goswami. Total number of beneficiaries was 90.

12th Aug: 50 saplings were planted at Arapanch, Sonarpur.

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated at Derozio Children's Academy at Ucchepota. National Flag was hoisted by President along with Principal Sudakshina Chatterjee. The children participated in a cultural program and were awarded First, Second and Third prizes. Refreshments were given to all the 170 children.

19th Aug: Rakhi Bandhan was celebrat-



ed near Lake Market Area amongst the pedestrians and the sacred thread was tied to all.

25th Aug: Sit and Draw Competition under Eazy School 3 initiative was arranged at Pally Mangal Samity near EEDF ground for the underprivileged children of that area. Prizes were distributed for all three age groups and all participants were given a medal as a token for participation along with refreshments.



24th Aug: 220 school bags, 880 exercise books, cleaning equipments for the school, food and ice creams were given at Khanaberia F.P School in Dhapa under Eazy School 3 initiative. PDG Mukul

Sinha (Chair, District Literacy Committee) was the chief guest. The project was covered by media and published in newspaper and Youtube. 4 non-Rotarians also graced the occasion.



■ MADHYAMGRAM METROPOLITAN

4th Aug: Blood Donation Camp was held at Biresh Palli, Madhyamgram. 60 adults donated blood.

11th Aug: 46 people attended the Eye check up camp organised jointly with Naisha Rakha Bahini Madhyamgram at Madhyamgram Biresh Palli.

24th Aug: A 2-hour documentary on 'Education as per Swami Vivekananda,' directed by Anup Roy Chaudhary of Ramkrishna Mission, Golpark was screened in Chitragada Auditorium (Madhyamgram) for the teachers, students, parents and members and their family.

■ NEW BALLYGUNGE

4th Aug: 35 mosquito nets were distributed to under privileged families staying under Gariahat Flyover. Celebrity Musician Mallar Ghosh (son of Legendary Musician Late Gyan Prakash Ghosh) and his wife, Poet & Writer Mallika Ghosh were also present. 3 Officers from Gariahat Police Station also joined.

7th Aug: Interactors of Gokhale Memorial Girls' School arranged Brikharopan Utsav on 22se Srabon. They planted sapling at the premises of their school and sang a song 'Moru bijoyer ketan uriye' as Tagore did at Santiniketan.

8th Aug: One big bucket, mug & Lifebouy handwash bottle & pouch was gifted for the students of Rainbow School on Ballygunge Station Road.

8th Aug: Brikhyoropon Utsav was held and saplings were given to the mothers of the students of Rainbow school. Mothers planted those saplings in the decorated plastic bottles made by the children. Tiffin was arranged for the children and snacks & tea for the mothers.

19th Aug: Mind Talk Series - Celebrating Young Minds was held Online with RID 3240. The Speaker, Rtn Hauwa Abbas (Membership Director, Ragmihi), spoke on Youth & Technology. 10 clubs from RID 3240 and 13 clubs from RID 3291 organised the Talk.

21st Aug: Senior Citizens Day was celebrated and towels, Lux soaps, Ponds powder & biscuits were distributed among the senior citizens of Mirpur Rural Centre.



■ PURULIA

1st Jul: "The presence of the doctor is the beginning of the cure" – Doctors' Day was observed. Tokens of Appreciation were given to 63 doctors of Purulia. The members visited the doctor's chambers and handed over the Appreciation Tokens.

1st Jul: GG#2348933, a joint project of Rotary Purulia, Rotary Kagoshima Southern Wind, Rotary Omagari and Rotary Tucheng of RID 3310 was inaugurated. The grant was received to purchase one PHACOEMULSIFICATION Machine and to perform 1100 IOL surgeries. The DGN of RID 3310 and Rtn Shahul Hameed (Rotary Singapore) inaugurated the Global Grant. 13 members from the participant clubs were present.

3rd Jul: In association with Rotary Mt. Airy, a drive has been started to remove illiteracy from Purulia District and the clubs have planned to establish 52 schools to teach the illiterate adults in different areas of Purulia. A training session was organized for the teachers at Udupiri, Tulin from 1st – 3rd July to train teachers who will teach the illiterate adults. Free books and copies will be provided to the adult students.

7th Jul: 150 tree saplings were planted at Purulia Club by Rotarians and the members of Purulia Club.

■ SALT LAKE CITY CALCUTTA

11th Aug: 100 Tarpaulins were distributed to the Monsoon affected rural underprivileged beneficiaries at Sundarbans, Nadia and Hooghly.



■ SALT LAKE DOWNTOWN

11th Aug: Mango seeds were handed over to Sh Jasmeet Singh (The Mango Man) who has a target of planting 1 crore mango saplings during the year.

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated at Workshop for the Blind, Salt Lake. National Flag was hoisted and National Anthem sung. The people of the Blind school/workshop sang patriotic songs and played instruments. Food packets were distributed.



■ SERAMPORE

11th Aug: 8 trees were planted at a secured compound at Master Para, Konnagar.



■ SALT LAKE METROPOLITAN KOLKATA

11th Aug: Camp # 51 of GG project Matri Raksha-Fight Anaemia, was held at Bodhayan in Jodhpur Park. It was organised in collaboration with New Abhijan Sangha and Bodhayan (an association with 200 parent members of mentally challenged people). 77 women were screened for Anaemia, Blood Pressure and Sugar levels by paramedical team and consulted by Rotarian doctors. Every patient received free Iron supplements for 2 to 3 months including Deworming tablet and Calcium supplements as needed. The camp was graced with the presence of AG Purajit Roy. Impact of Camp:- Total Patients: 77, Anaemic: 36, Diabetic: 14 and Hypertensive: 11.

21st Aug: Spread a Smile Together Project was held at Tata Medical Centre in association with WICCI WB Child Care Council. The Paediatric Cancer patients were treated to an interactive story telling session by WICCI member Kavita

Gupta. WICCI Eastern India head - Manjula Jain and Kavita Agarwal were also there. Goody bags in the form of Board games, Coloring books, Balls, Story books were given to each child in the ward, OPD and Day care centre. 3 tricycles were gifted on behalf of parents of Ashutosh Kumar USA by Rotary SLM.



■ SONARPUR

2nd Jul: Blood Donation camp and Medical Health check up was organized in association with SAP GROUP & KNK-CWS, Krishnagar at Prabhati Sangha near South City Mall. Approx 50 units of blood were collected by Life Care. Fruits, milk and proper food was served to the Donors.

19th Jul: Financial support was provided to small traders, lady entrepreneurs and vegetable vendors by giving an amount of Rs 10,000/- to 10 persons identified by RCC Ashram Anandam, Rajpur - under Micro Credit Financing.

19th Jul: 30 Mosquito Nets were distributed at RCC Jana Kalyan Samity, Usthi through DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta & DGE Dr. R. Homchadhuri.

19th Jul: A cheque of Rs. 5,000/- was given to RCC Sharifnagar Shishu Kalyan Samity towards contribution to the welfare of students & teachers.

23rd Jul: Tree Plantation and distribution of 100 trees was held at RCC Ashram Anandam, Sonarpur.

21st Aug: World Senior Citizens Day was observed and Dry Fruits, soap, sanitizer and biscuits were given to the seniors at RCC Sarifnagar Shishu Kalyan Samity.



■ TOLLYGUNGE

11th Aug: (TARP) Troubled Asset Relief Program project was attended at Rotary Sadan.

15th Aug: Independence Day was celebrated at Light House for the Blind Higher Secondary School, Tollygunge. 100 boys and girls were given small gifts and food packets.

18th Aug: Blood donation was held with RCC Dishari Sanga (Subashgram, South 24 Parganas) and 50 units of blood was collected.



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Railway Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah observed World Breast Feeding Week - 2024

Department of Maternal, Child Health and Family Welfare, Howrah observed the 10th World Breastfeeding Week (WBFW) on August 1st and 2nd, 2024. The event was organized by the Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Howrah, in collaboration with the District In-charge, Health, Howrah, and the District In-charge, Family Welfare, Howrah. The event was held at the Railway Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah, and was attended by the Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Howrah, and the District In-charge, Health, Howrah, and the District In-charge, Family Welfare, Howrah. The event was held at the Railway Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah, and was attended by the Chief Public Relations Officer, Eastern Railway, Howrah, and the District In-charge, Health, Howrah, and the District In-charge, Family Welfare, Howrah.

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Free prosthetic hand camp organized

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supervision of experts from Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency which is executive partner. Earlier Rt. Dr. GS Gogoi inaugurated the camp by lighting the ceremonial lamp with a brief deliberation. Among the dignitaries present were Sadiya MLA Boin Cheta as chief guest, Bonidit Gogoi Assistant Commissioner, Department of Social Welfare, Tinsukia and neighbouring districts received prosthetic hands.

खबरें बड़ाबाजार की

61 लोगों का निःशुल्क नेत्र ऑपरेशन

कोलकाता, 11 अगस्त (नि.प्र.)। रोटी क्लब ऑफ कोलकाता प्रेसिडेंसी एवं प्रेम मिलन (कोलकाता) के वैन तले खिवार को रवींद्र सरणी स्थित प्रेम मिलन (कोलकाता) के नेत्र चिकित्सालय केंद्र में निःशुल्क आंख ऑपरेशन का आयोजन किया गया। इस अवसर पर चेयरमैन पर चैयमैन सचिव चंद्रकान्त सराफ, रोटी क्लब ऑफ कोलकाता प्रेसिडेंसी की आमा लुनिया, राजेश बाथरा, संगीता बाजोरिया, सारिका नहाटा, संधीप जैन, कमल लुनिया, नरसिंह दास गोयनका, के. डी. अरावाल, दामोदर मोर समेत कई लोग बतौर अतिथि मौजूद थे। इस मौके पर के. डी. अरावाल ने कहा कि संचयन प्रेम मिलन अंधेरे से धिरे लोगों के जीवन में उजाला कर रही है। राजेश बाथरा ने कहा कि कुदरत का खूबसूरत तोहफा है आंखें। आंख है तो दुनिया रंगीन है, खरना बरों और ओपरा है, इसलिए आंख की सुरक्षा बेहद जरूरी है, खरस कर उन लोगों के लिए, जिन्हें आंखों से संबंधित कोई भीमारी है। संगीता बाजोरिया एवं सारिका नहाटा ने भी कर्मोवेश यरि बरते कहीं। आमा लुनिया ने कहा कि परमात्मा ने बड़ी पुरसत से शरीर के सबसे संवेदनशील अंग आंख को बनाया है। आधुनिक युग में चिकित्सा-विज्ञान ने काफी प्रगति कर ली है, फिर भी साधनहीन लोगों को चिकित्सा के अभाव में अपने शरीर के सबसे संवेदनशील अंग यानी आंख खोनी पड़ती है, और उन्होंने ने कहा कि लोगों की आंख और उसकी रोगनी सही-सलामत रहे इसी मकसद से संस्था ने नेत्र ऑपरेशन का बीड़ा उठाया। चेयरमैन चंद्रकान्त सराफ ने कहा कि आज पूर्व भेदनीपुर के सुलोनी गांव से आए 61 लोगों का मुक्त ऑपरेशन फेको पदति से डॉ. शुभरो घोवाल, डॉ सुप्रतिम बिस्वस ने नेत्र रोग की तकनीक जानकारी रेणु सिंह और प्रोसेसजीत सेन की देखरेख में किया गया। शिविर को सफल बनाने में शंकर जालान, विकास सराफ, धर्मेद राज, संतोष सिंगानिया, राम बिलास अरावाल, मुकेश सिंह, कल्याण घोष सक्रिय रहे।



ছাত্রীদের সমস্যা নিয়ে শিবির

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা

বেলদা

বিদ্যালয়ের ছাত্রীদের ঋতুস্রাবের দিনগুলোর সমস্যা ও যত্নের বিষয়ে বিশেষ শিবিরের আয়োজন করল পশ্চিম মেদিনীপুরের বেলদা গঙ্গাধর অ্যাকাডেমি স্কুল।

শনিবার বিদ্যালয়ের সভাকক্ষে কলকাতার একটি চিকিৎসক সংগঠনের সহযোগিতায় হয়েছে ওই শিবির। সঙ্গে ছিল রক্তের গ্রুপ নির্ণয়ের ব্যবস্থাও। ওই চিকিৎসক সংগঠনের পক্ষ থেকে বিদ্যালয়কে একটি স্যানিটারি ন্যাপকিন ভেজিং মেশিনও দেওয়া হয়েছে। ছাত্রীরা বিনামূল্যেই এর পরিষেবা পাবে। আয়োজক বিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষ জানিয়েছে, মাসের বিশেষ দিনগুলোর ছাত্রীদের ক্যাম্পাসে এসে যাতে কোনও সমস্যা না হয় তাই এই উদ্যোগ।

এ দিন শিবিরে প্রজেক্টরে প্রয়োজনীয় ছবি দেখিয়ে ছাত্রীদের সচেতনতার বিভিন্ন দিক আলোচনা করেন চিকিৎসক কৌশিক শীল। পরিষ্কার পরিচ্ছন্নতার পাশাপাশি এই সংক্রান্ত সমস্যা গোপন না করার পরামর্শ দেওয়া হয়। সেখানে বিদ্যালয়ের একাদশ ও দ্বাদশ শ্রেণির পড়ুয়াদের পাশাপাশি শিক্ষিকারাও উপস্থিত ছিলেন।

জানানো হয়, এই নিয়ে শিক্ষিকাদেরও সচেতন থাকতে হবে। যাতে ছাত্রীরা তাদের সমস্যার কথা বিনা দ্বিধায় জানাতে পারে। বিদ্যালয়ে ছাত্রীদের যাতে কোনও অসুবিধা না হয় সেই বিষয়েও পরামর্শ দেওয়া হয়।

আলোচকদের পক্ষে চিকিৎসক কৌশিক বলেন, "প্রত্যন্ত গ্রামাঞ্চলের ছাত্রীরা এখনও তাদের বিশেষ দিনগুলি নিয়ে অতটা সচেতন নয়। অনেকে লজ্জার কারণে এই সংক্রান্ত সমস্যার কথা সঠিক ভাবে বলতে পারেনা। অথচ সচেতন না হওয়ায় উপযুক্ত পরিচর্যার অভাবে থেকে মারাত্মক অসুখও হতে পারে। তাই গ্রামের স্কুলগুলিতে সচেতনতায় তৈরির জন্যই এমন কর্মসূচি নেওয়া হচ্ছে।"

ওই বিদ্যালয়ের প্রধান শিক্ষক কার্তিকচন্দ্র আচার্যও বলেন, "ছাত্রীদের বিশেষ সমস্যা সম্পর্কে সচেতন করতেই এমন উদ্যোগ।"

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