

MESSAGE FROM ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DR. KRISHNENDU GUPTA



Dear President Rtn Banasri Poddar,

"Protecting the Environment" being the newest and 7th Area of Focus of Rotary International is an urgent call for all citizens of the world to note, engage and take action on a priority basis. The effects of climate change and environmental toxins are creating havoc in our daily lives, with often long-term irreversible damage to the various organ systems in our body.

Simran joins me in congratulating the vibrant members of RC Calcutta Harmony for acknowledging the importance of protecting the environment and taking the welcome initiative to conduct a seminar entitled "PRAKRITI" on Friday, 06 September 2024 at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata. I am sure that the

knowledgeable and erudite speakers will enlighten the listeners on the many ways and means in protecting the environment and more importantly, to support and preserve it. Wishing the seminar a grand success!! Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor, 2024 - 2025, Rotary International District 3291

MESSAGE FROM WB ENVIRONMENT & POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD CHAIR

I am happy to know that the Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony is going to organize a Seminar on Environment (Prakriti) on 06.09.2024.

I appreciate the initiative taken by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony to protect our environment. I strongly believe that the environmental degradation and related crisis cannot be addressed unless each citizen participates in this movement and make necessary change in their life style.

I wish every success for their endeavour.

Dr. Kalyan Rudra Chairman

Our RI District 3291 organised a silent protest march on 30th August, to express our solidarity with the family of victim doctor and all the victims of such violence. Our club members had joined this Peace March.

MESSAGE FROM DLCC

It is said life needs Food ,clothing and shelter as essentials. It's time to realise the importance of Basic Education and Literacy in our life.

As District Literacy Chair for last 3 years I have tried my best to uplift Literacy and spread it amongst the children who need it most.

I'm fortunate to receive support from Rotary Clubs of RID 3291. One such Club who have led from the front is Rotary Club of Harmony. The Club came into existence after many a turmoil. I had been witness to it even before it received its Charter. Since then this Club is dedicatedly working in the field of Basic Education and Literacy.

Today's programme on Literacy is a very much needed endeavour. Hope Rotary Harmony will continue their good work and establish The Magic of Rotary within our community and Society in future too.

PDG Mukul Sinha District Literacy Chair (2021-2025) RID 3291



REVIEW OF OUR PEACE & HARMONY PROGRAMME FROM THE DESK OF PDG RAJANI MUKHERJI

Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony organised a program on 'Peace & Harmony' – "Borisho Dhara Majhe Shantir Bari"

on 18th August 2024 at Nehru Children's Museum Auditorium.

Guest speakers were:

- 1. Brahma Kumari Pinky
- 2. Father Francis Sunil Rosario
- 3. PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay 4. PP Sanjeev Chaudhuri, District Peace Fellowship chair.
- Peace Fellowship and Conflict Resolution is one of the focus areas of Rotary and Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick is very much interested to do something in this focus area.
- The Learning Facilitator of the Club, PP Barnali Banerjee spoke about the necessity of the program. At present when people are distracted, trying to find a way to live with respect, dignity& safety such a program is very much essential. It is necessary to convey the message of "Peace and Harmony" amongst the people, worldwide.
- PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, spoke in detail, in expressing Rotary's way of working in spreading the words of "Peace & Conflict resolution" and other aspects, such as the Motto, Object of Rotary, the Action Plan, Strategic Plan, the Four Way Test and others. It was very useful for the non-Rotarians present. Father Francis Sunil Rosario was so impressed that he requested him to share his presentation.
- An outstanding dance program on 'Peace and Harmony'was performed by theclub member Meghamita Mitra and her troupe.
- A small but beautiful speech on Peace has been delivered by our District Peace Fellowship Chair, PP Sanjib Chaudhuri.
- Meditation by all present was led by Brahma Kumari Pinky and a speech was delivered by her on this subject.
- Father Rosario explained the root of this conflict and its solutions.
- The Club felicitated PP Sutapa Kar and Rtn. Ballari Mukerji, two dynamic lady Rotarians of our district, for their outstanding contribution to spread "Harmony and Peace" among Rotarians with their excellent behaviours.
- That was the day of 'Raksha Bandhan', so they completed the program withtying up the Rakhi with all present in the auditorium led by Brahma Kumari Pinky.
- In the celebration of Raksha Bandhan all took oath for "Harmony and Peace".





MESSAGE FROM CLUB SECRETARY - RACHANA SEN



We, Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony, celebrated Teachers day in Jatindra Vidhyapeeth, Dunlop on 05.09.2024 where PDG Rtn. Mukul Sinha (Dist Literacy Chair 2024-25) was there with us as a Chief Guest of the program.

We spent a quality time with the Students and Teachers. Beautiful Dances, Recitations and songs by students, two of them are very talented in dance performances. We distributed copy books, Pens, pencils & food packets among 100 students. we have falicited the Dist Literacy Chair PDG Mukul Sinha and he delivered an excellent speech regarding celebration of Teacher's Day.

On the occasion of the celebration of Teacher's day We have Falicited Teacher's With uttario and gifts for assed

which we feel blessed.

It is really satisfaction to us that we have donated A COMPUTER to the school for students because there is not any computer in the school.

Rachana Sen Club Secretary





Rotary Club Of East Calcutta organised a Joint Meeting and Teacher's Day Celebration with us, RC Calcutta Harmony, and RC Tollygaunge at their own venue, Rotary Bhawan, on 4th September. We felicitated the President of RC East Calcutta Dr. Roona Nandy who is the teacher of Sri Aurobindo Institute Of Education. We awarded to Past President of RC East Calcutta Dr. Sumit Poddar for his outstanding service in natural disaster in India by our 'Peace and Harmony 'award.



Environmental Sustainability - Protecting our Planet for Future Generation

With adverse effect of climate change which is felt by one and all, it is necessary to work together to make Environmental Sustainability – the password in our life. It is the responsible management of natural resources to fulfill current needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs.

Environment being the seventh area of focus of Rotary International, each rotarian holds a huge responsibility to actively contribute in every spheres of life to have positive impact on Biodiversity, Food Security, Climate, Sustainable living, Pollution and circular economy.

These will be discussed how all other area of focuses i.e. Promoting Peace, Disease prevention and treatment, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Community's Economic Development are benefited from our efforts that are environmentally sustainable.

Focus of our presentation would be mainly towards looking forward to motivate more community participation to save Planet Earth as we do not have a Planet B.

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Learning Falicitator & District Secretary Logistics Rtn. Barnali Banerjee was present at **Peace Park RI Convention** Singapore

Global warming is the effect that is caused by green house gases consisting of carbon, which traps heat in our planet. The main source of these gases are human activity of industrialisation and destruction of flora as well as use of fossil fuels for our everyday need.

We are already facing immense crisis and are well aware about the unbearable conditions affecting our daily lives.

Today's seminar focusses on the way and means to control the getting worse and the ways to make situation from reversible change.

From Rtn. Barnali Banerjee, Club Learning Facilitator



Our club handed over the cheque of Rupees 7500/to DLCC for hashtag English & Effortless Arithmetic Elementary Education to children

Upcoming events of club upto Durga Puja :-

- On 17th September we organise an eye camp with free cataract operation and spectacles distribution for 200 drivers of Dishari Driver Centre at Belghoria with the help of Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital.
- Mosquito nets distribution at Panihati on 24th September.
- Donating Water filter for safe drinking water at Jatindra Vidyapith on 24th September.
- * We organise a cultural program Viswayoge Saratshonge 3 ' Ma Durgar Bandanay Annyo Durgara' at Rotary Sadan on 2nd October.
- * New sarees , water filter & ration distribution at ' Sandhya Mita old-age hone, Baguihati on 5th October.

Climate change is a harsh reality. Each one of us must work to reverse it or mankind will go extinct. Time is running out.

Rtn. Lata Bhatia , District Environment Chair