

COMMUNIQUE.

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CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN EAST, R.I
DISTRICT 3291.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

“Watch with glittering eyes the whole world around. Because the greatest things are hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it.”

As we bring in the New Year. I am reminded that what we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from. So here's wishing all members and their families a wonderful 2024! May it be another year of growing in strength, wisdom and grace.

The “Communique” which is the quarterly news bulletin published by The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East, highlights the work our Club undertakes over a large cross-section. Each year is fraught with newer challenges of improving the lives of those less fortunate under the severe constraints of time and space.

Yet what emerges at the end of an intriguing journey is a united, cohesive and meaningful effort by all Club members, full of promise and innovation. The unwearied energy and meticulous efforts shown by the Club President Rtn. Timir Baran Chatterjee and all the members energises us to do more for society, to give a voice to the voiceless, a shoulder to the helpless.

Having absorbed the Rotary spirit enables one to shoulder tasks of responsibility with great commitment. This further gives one the fortitude to take on the world in moments of crunch with elan. In this regard, what I hope this issue of the Communique displays, is not only our Club's ceaseless commitment to service and duty, but also the eagerness of each Club member and the projects undertaken in the months of November, December and January. This search in Tennyson's words embodies a zeal for excellence- "To strive, to seek, to find and not to yield."

Happy Reading !

-Vinayak Pasricha.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT ASHA NIKETAN.

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 10084

BENEFICIARIES: 65

We have been celebrating Children's Day at Asha Niketan for the last four years. Here, children with mental and physical disabilities are well looked after by a team of dedicated volunteers. All children deserve time, attention and love from the adults in their lives. These basic qualities are more valuable than the changing material and social concerns. Of course not all children are lucky or have the anchor of a family. Our Club celebrates Children's Day with these specially abled children by spending quality time with them, provide them with rations and above all give them the respect and love they need in their lives.



DISTRIBUTION OF SEWING MACHINES AT RKVM JAYRAMBATI

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 25,000

BENEFICIARIES: 5

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East on 26th November, 2023 distributed five sewing machines to 5 trained ladies so that they can support their livelihood and be economically empowered under a collaborative project with Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency. They were selected by a committee from The Ramakrishna Vivekananda Mission, Jayrambati, Bankura. The sewing machines were procured from Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency under their Sui Dhaga project.



DISTRIBUTION OF SEWING MACHINE AT PCBKM DASGHARA

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 29,032

BENEFICIARIES: 10

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East on 1 st December, 2023 distributed 2 sewing machines to Prithwish Chandra Biswas Kanya Maha Vidyalaya for the establishment of a tailoring unit at the College. This collaborative project with Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency from whom the machines were procured under the Sui Dhaga project, aims to provide a basic tailoring course to girls of the college and the surrounding area so that they can support their livelihood by being economically independent by learning to make cloth bags etc. The course is under the mentorship of internationally acclaimed fashion designer Bibi Russell.



DISTRIBUTION OF SEWING MACHINES AT RAMKRISHNA MISSION NARENDRAPUR.

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 27,580

BENEFICIARIES: 25

Our Club donated five sewing machines to the women's self-help group at Ramkrishna Mission Narendrapur. The sewing machines, which were procured under the collaborative project with Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency under the Sui Dhaga project, aims to economically empower women through this scheme whereby after learning the basics of tailoring they may earn a livelihood with it.



BLANKET DISTRIBUTION AT BRAVE SOULS FOUNDATION.

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 2376

BENEFICIARIES: 24

Our Club donated blankets to Brave Souls Foundation who are victims of harrowing acid attacks. With the onset of winters, our Club took the initiative to extend help and support to them who are often overlooked and face serious challenges and unnecessary stigma.



DISTRIBUTION OF SEWING MACHINES

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 16,548

BENEFICIARIES: 3

Our Club donated three sewing machines to three needy individuals from the city. The project is done in collaboration with Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency under the Sui Dhaga project initiative.



BLANKET DISTRIBUTION BY THE INTERACT CLUB.

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 15,000

BENEFICIARIES: 60

Our partners in service, The Interact Club of St. Stephen's School, Kalyani along with the Principal and faculty and Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East organized a blanket distribution drive for the senior citizens of Rupkatha Din at Kalyani on the occasion of Christmas.



BLANKET DISTRIBUTION BY THE INTERACT CLUB.

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL.

BUDGET: Rs. 10,000.

BENEFICIARIES: 50

Our Partners in Service, The Interact Club of St. Stephens School, Kalyani and Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East participated in a blanket distribution project at Charsarthi, RUPKATHA DIN on 30th December 2023.



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AT BRAVE SOUL FOUNDATION.

AREA OF FOCUS: COMMUNITY SERVICE NON-MEDICAL

BUDGET: Rs. 15,000

BENEFICIARIES: 2

A Cheque of Rs.5000 each was handed over to three beneficiaries-Sunita Dutta, Jhuma Santra and Kakoli Das of Brave Souls Foundation, an organization which helps victims of acid attack. There was also a wonderful celebration for the New Year with the children of the survivors.



IN OTHER NEWS.....

Two new members were inducted on 12th January 2024 at Calcutta Club, in the presence of PDG Debashish Mitra. The two members are Ms. Chandana Ghosh and Mr. Achintya Kumar Sarkar.



PP. Rtn. Paramita Biswas with members of Soroptomist International of Sevenoaks, Kent which was chartered in 1938 which works to transform the lives of women across the world.

