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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."

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. Tapan Gooptu 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 special issue of the Communique which has been taken out on the occasion of the joint meeting between our Club and Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour 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 month of August.

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.

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KNOW YOUR CHIEF GUEST:



Mr. Utpal Chatterjee, now the Global Ambassador for Peace and a Global Peace Icon, is among the most internationally acclaimed of Indian journalists and public speakers. As a journalist, he has worked for several leading Indian dailies including THE TIMES OF INDIA where he was the National Deputy Editor. Abroad, he became the India Editor of a popular New York based journal. He then joined BBC, London, on the panel of experts since 1997. He has been recognized as the most outstanding Honourable Sheriff of Calcutta since Independence and its first citizen. So far, he has been the only journalist to have been appointed the Sheriff in India. He has interviewed, among others, 21 Heads of State, including U.S. Presidents, British Prime Ministers, the great Mikhail Gorbachev in a cold '89 Moscow (and so many more), 10 Nobel Laureates and travelled with three Indian Prime Ministers as part of their respective media delegations. He has also met and spoken at length with the likes of, say, the late Princess Diana on her initiative. Having done his fellowship in Journalism from Oxford under the mentorship of the fabled Sir Neville Maxwell, he has travelled abroad on other official assignments more than 55 times across all the continents except Africa and Australia.

He has been recognised for being an OUTSTANDING INDIAN for "his contribution to enriching National values, public service and international journalism" by NIFI (National Integration Forum of India). Now also a "Distinguished Professor" (the highest rank a Professor gets in countries like the U.S. and the U.K.) with the St. Xavier's University, Kolkata. He was recently bestowed with the National Education Leadership Award.

Incidentally, for the seventh year running, he is the Chief Rotary Ambassador and was earlier the Goodwill Ambassador for the Department of Income Tax, Government of India. The All India Human Rights Council has also recognized him as the LEGEND OF BENGAL.

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East donated mosquito nets to representatives of its newly formed RCC- Roopkatha Din at Kalyani. The nets are the best way to combat mosquito borne diseases like Malaria and dengue.



August is the Environment month. Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East took the initiative to plant 25 flowering and fruit-bearing saplings at Delhi Public School, Ruby Park (junior school branch)

Students from nursery to class 1 participated in the plantation drive which would instill in them a concern for the environment.

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Students from class X to class XII participated in the plantation drive which would instill in them a concern for the environment.





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Students from class X to class XII participated in the plantation drive which would instill in them a concern for the environment.

August is the Environment month. Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East took the initiative to plant 20 flowering and fruit-bearing saplings at St.Stephen's School, Kalyani.

Students from class X to class XII participated in the plantation drive which would instill in them a concern for the environment. The plantation project was also graced by PDG Prabir Chatterjee & Amitava Chakraborty (Special Aide to the Governor)



Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East donated a laptop worth ₹45,000 to its new RCC: Roopkatha Din under its Community Service Vertical for vocational training of the RCC members to help in the upliftment of the local community. The project was carried out in the presence of PDG Prabir Chatterjee & Amitava Chakraborty (Special Aide to the Governor)

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East in collaboration with its partner-in-service Stratosphere Education under its literacy vertical, held its flagship project “Mentoring Minds” at Asian International School. Students were given in depth information regarding the opportunities that await them after they finish their class XII. From college choices to how to write an academic CV and SOP to the requirements for admissions, the children were given a holistic view to what awaits them after school. All participating students received a certificate from the Club.



Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East in collaboration with its partner-in-service Stratosphere Education under its literacy vertical, held its flagship project “Mentoring Minds” at Douglas Memorial School. Students were given in depth information regarding the opportunities that await them after they finish their class XII. From college choices to how to write an academic CV and SOP to the requirements for admissions, the children were given a holistic view to what awaits them after school. All participating students received a certificate from the Club.

On 6th August, our Club in collaboration with the Interact Club of St. Sebastian’s School conducted a Financial Literacy workshop for the senior school students of St. Sebastian’s School, Kolkata. Through the interactive session, the students explored and learnt about the importance of budgeting and spending habits. The outcome was literacy about money management. This is a big step towards making children financially independent and savvy. The panelists were Subhankar Chakraborty and Partha Chakrabarti.

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Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East donated toys and drawing books with sets of oil pastels to the paediatric cancer patients at the Saroj Gupta Cancer Center and Research Institute. It was a heartwarming experience to see the smiles of the children despite battling cancer with immense fortitude.



Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East inducted three new members on 22nd August at its RFM. The 3 members were pinned by PDG Prabir Chatterjee.





Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East was awarded the first prize in the Literacy Category at Sammānam: The District Awards.



Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East was awarded the Gold Prize for the District Easy School 3 Program at Sammānam: The District Awards.