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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER | 2023-2024

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CHOWRENGHEE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
District 3291





Meena Khemka
President 2023-24



Dear friends,

I am once again delighted to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you.

As we reflect on the September and October months of the Rotary year 2023-24, we find ourselves celebrating the successful completion of various projects, the initiation of new endeavours, and reaching significant milestones. Our journey continues to be one filled with excitement and a diverse array of projects and activities, catering to the Rotary's seven areas of focus, whether seasoned Rotarians or newer members.

I wholeheartedly encourage each one of you to make the most of this wide spectrum of projects and activities our club offers. Whether you find fulfillment in participating in our various projects, enriching your personal growth, embracing the spirit of 'Service Above Self and One Profits Most Who Serves Best,' or enjoying the camaraderie of our Chowrenghee Fellowships, let us unite as a community and craft beautiful memories that will endure for a lifetime.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to you for being an integral part of our club. It is your enthusiasm, your commitment, and your active involvement that breathe life into our noble endeavours and render them truly meaningful.

Here's to the upcoming months, filled with not only joy but also valuable learning experiences and unforgettable moments that we will treasure for years to come. Thank you for your unwavering support and dedication.

Warm regards,

Meena Khemka
President 2023-2024

OUR SPEAKER

Namita Lakhota is a Chartered Accountant by profession practicing for more than 15 years as a partner at LABH & Associates, Co-founder at DiISEWill, an online platform for all Estate and Succession Planning Services with a vision to make organized inheritance and succession a household practice in India. An alumni of Goldman Sachs 10000 Women Entrepreneur from IIM Bangalore, a Goldman Sachs 10000 Women Entrepreneur Ambassador to ISB Mohali. Namita is an artist by hobby, a pranik healer and has keen interest in philanthropic activities. A mother of three, she loves to travel and read. Her personal passion is to make women more aware of day to day finances and make good mental health important in everyone's life.



Namita Lakhota



UNVEILING OF THE 100 PERCENT PHF BANNER

100 Percent PHF Banner - On 14th October 2023, DG Hiralalji Yadav and honorary member Vishnuji Dhandhania unveiled the 100 percent PHF banner received from Rotary Foundation.



FIRST MEET



Interactive session with PRIP Shekharji Mehta and DG Hiralalji - At the First Meet at Eco park, President Meena khemka's interactive session with PRIP Shekharji Mehta and DG Hiralalji Yadav and other President's of 2023-24.



Song-Charades along with a Rotary Quiz - On 29th of September, Friday, 933rd regular meeting and a Club assembly was held with a difference. It was a Song-Charades along with a Rotary Quiz and Games at Rtn. Vidhi Beri's residence. Members partic-

ipated and enjoyed the fun filled evening.



On 11 October which was International Day of the Girl Child Urmi Basu was one of the panelists in seminar on *Child Rights N Child Protection at Rotary Sadan.



On 24th of October President Meena Khemka along with some members met up with Nadine, our club partner from New York in the Gift of Water Project.



PROJECTS SEPTEMBER TO OCTOBER, 2023



Disease Prevention & Control



MSS. Special appreciation goes to Rtn. Varda Goenka for her unwavering commitment to attending these Sunday camps.



Uthe Sabke Kadam - Feet for All - 10th September, 2023 witnessed a significant event as RC Chowrenghee organized a mega camp for prosthesis at Amragori, our new RCC in collaboration with Mahavir Seva Sadan. Assessment of 60 beneficiaries was done by doctors and technicians of MSS. The fitment of prosthesis took place from the 14th sept. to 16th September and on 17th September distribution of these prosthesis was done to 81 beneficiaries.



On **8th October**, leg prosthesis was provided to 23 beneficiaries at Mahavir Seva Sadan. On the 15th October, again this was provided to 33 beneficiaries at

“Udaan Zindagi Mein”- Give Wings to Life” - Under project “Udaan Zindagi Mein”-Give Wings to Life”, seven students, beneficiaries of prosthesis at MSS have already received educational sponsorships from our club members.



Dental Camp - On 20th of September, a Dental Camp was organised at Kishorepur Girls High School in Egaragram, Aamtallah RCC. in collaboration with Colgate, by Rtn. Dr. Surana. 129 students were checked up and advised about oral hygiene. Toothbrushes and toothpaste were distributed to all.



Eye Camp - On 29th of October, an Eye camp was conducted by our club at Amragori Juba Sangha in collaboration with Rotary Gangadharpur Eye Hospital, Howrah. 236 patients were examined by three doctors of Rotary Gangadharpur Eye hospital and the hospital will conduct free IOL surgeries for 124 patients and RC Chowrenghee will give free spectacles for 89 patients .



World Polio Day - On 24th October 2023, since World Polio Day and Dussehra had fallen on the same day, our club put Banners in Puja Pandals at Park Circus and distributed fliers and put banners at Puja pandals in our RCC at Amragori promoting Rotary's work in Polio eradication and awareness.

Rotary Joynagar Eye Hospital (RJEH)



The construction work of the Rotary Joynagar Eye Hospital is progressing well, with all civil interior work expected to be completed by December.



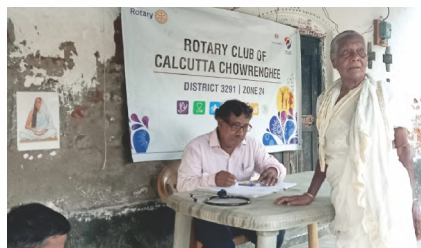
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Sports Kickboxing Association.



Craft Activity at RCV - On 20 th September, in align with the theme of Basic Education Literacy month, an engaging art & craft activity on Diwali Deeya painting was conducted by Rtn. Sangita Patodia with 21 students participating.



Weekly Medical Dispensaries

Our weekly medical dispensaries at Kumirmari , Shivtallah and Uluberia continue to serve their communities effectively.

School 2 initiative.

Adult Literacy - Our Club has taken responsibility for nine centres in Howrah dedicated to Adult Literacy, adhering to the guidelines established by RILM with 265 adults on their way to literacy in 60 sessions.



Basic Education & Literacy



Donation of Sports Equipment at RCV - Donation of Sports Equipment at Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalaya under Happy School was made on 10 th October, 2023 where President Meena Khemka donated a trampoline, a basketball net with a stand, a punching bag with boxing gloves and a tent for recreational activities



Veerangana - On 12th September 2023,"Veerangana", a power packed project on Self defense, along with yoga and meditation was successfully conducted at RCV. It was attended by 45 students. It was conducted by Monalisa Roy, a kickboxer, double gold medal in national kickboxing championships and is also the women committee chairperson of West Bengal



Mid-day Meal at RCV - Mid-day meal was sponsored by our club members for the entire two months except for few days covered under the Eazy

Water & Sanitation

On 13th October RC Belur had a closure ceremony of the WINS Global Grant Project. Out of the 20 Schools that were part of this project, 6 schools received proper toilets and hand wash stations through our club. Urmi Basu spearheaded this project on our behalf.



On 29th of October, under Project Unnati, we inaugurated two tubewells in collaboration with Bees Trees and Water and local partner New Light at Amragori, Howrah.50 private toilets to 50 families at Amragori were also assigned.



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Community & Economic Development

Nabadisha - On 9th September, Our club participated in the Nabadisha programme in collaboration with District 3291 and Karaya Police station provided much needed support to 60 under privileged children dwelling on the streets of kolkata.

Umbrellas with Rotary logos were distributed to all. Club President Rtn. Meena Khemka felicitated OC Karaya Road P.S Inspector Mr. S.K.Pahari, District Advisor, District Chairman, 2 Rtn Doctors Rtn Sudipta Chandra and Rtn Minakshi Banerjee and Zonal Secretary Rtn Sulekha Ghosh.



Amoragori Juba Sangha Charter - Rotary Chowrenghee received Charter for the new Rotary Community Corps (RCC) of Amoragori Juba Sangha from CSO Team, South Asia Office on 31st of August 2023. On 17th September, RCC Charter was presented to Shankar Khan of Amoragori Juba Sangha.



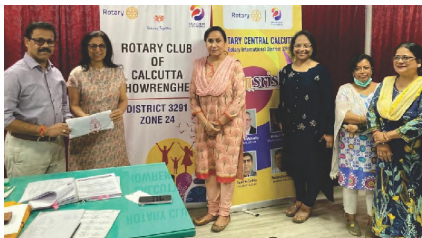
Fundraiser "Unnatti" – Hope with Art - On 21st & 22nd of September, "Unnatti-Hope with Art", a momentous fundraising event orchestrated by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee, in partnership with Gallery Sanskriti to transform lives and illuminate hope of 1500 villagers of Amragori was a remarkable success. Eminent artist Chittrovanu Mazumdar, Ms. Preeti Patel, a star in the realm of Manipur dance and renowned danseuse Tanushree Shankar graced the occasion.



Annapurna Yojana - Our Commitment to the well-being of the elderly includes the 'Annapurna Yojna, which involves distributing food to 25 residents of Amragori Vriddhashram once a month sponsored by Rtn. Pravin Agarwal.



Stree – Sanitary Pads - Under Project 'Stree', women of sanitary pad unit completed the stitching of 500 reusable, washable, sanitary pads. On 17th October, 2023 our club distributed 400 packets of reusable, washable 'Stree' sanitary pads at Dum Dum Women Correctional Home in collaboration with Rotary Club of Central Calcutta.



Exchange of Flags - On 5th October, 2023 PP Nita Sethia exchanged flags with VP of RC Saigon. She attended the meeting of Rotary Club of Saigon International in Vietnam.



Parampara



On 30th and 31st October, Diwali edition of our fundraiser 'Parampara', was a remarkable success.



INTERACT

B.D.M. International - A Donation Drive from the Interact Club of B.D.M.I. was organized during the last week of September. Keeping with the theme of 'Daan Utsav'- Celebrating the Joy of Giving, on 5th October, the Interactors and the scouts & guides visited two NGOs 'Uttor Kolkata Ananda Mandir' and 'Sarla Punyasram' to donate various wearables and stationery items.

As part of the 'Agomoni' Programme On 13 October, 25 guests from Navanir -an old age home were presented with sarees and hand-made gift items crafted by the students themselves.

Again, as part of this programme the students from Samaritan Help Mission mesmerized all with their dance performance on 16 October, 2023 and were given goodie bags and a token of appreciation.

13 class IX students took up the role of a Scribe or Amanuensis for the Ramakrishna Mission Blind Boys' Academy, Narendrapur where they helped the blind boys to write their Madhyamik Pariksha Selection Test. They were felicitated on 17 October, 2023 for their selfless service. On 18 October, the Interactors visited an NGO: 'Save the Orphans, Save the Old Age' where edible items were distributed to all.



Interact of Indus Valley World School

The Interact Club of IVWS organized a number of activities during this time. The Interactors distributed 200 sets of new clothes to underprivileged girls and boys in the remote areas of the Sundarbans in collaboration with SHER. They also arranged for the collection of new clothes for underprivileged children and arranged for their distribution along with YES Bank. The residents of the old age home Shibasram were invited to enjoy a cultural programme to celebrate "agomoni" and were presented with blankets. The children from Jyotirmai Seva Mandir -a NGO were invited to participate in the "agomoni" celebration at IVWS alongside children from other schools and presented them with stationery kits. The Interactors visited the NGO Jan Seva and presented the children with food treats. The Interactors observed the International Day of Older Persons with the residents of Shibasram through a short cultural program and presented them with gift hampers. In order to encourage fun while learning, educational toys were distributed to the Pre-Primary children of the Future Hope school. Three NGOs namely, Disha Foundation, Ishwar Sankalpa and the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP) were invited to put up counters on the days of the school PTMs to help the NGOs to raise funds and awareness.





FRIENDSHIP CUP DOUBLE WICKET CRICKET MATCH

Joint meeting with RC presidency entail a Friendship Cup Double Wicket Cricket Match on 3rd September 2023 at Spring Club between RC Chowrenghee versus RC Presidency. RC Chowrenghee won the Friendship Cup.



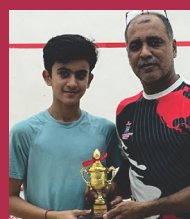
Congratulations



The National Lawn Bowl Games 2023 was held in Sept at Guwahati this year. 16 states took part out of which only 7 were to qualify for the National Games in Goa from 1st to 8th November. Manisha along with her team members representing West Bengal won their games and qualified in the top 7. They will now represent the State in Goa National Games. She has been a part of the West Bengal Team for the last decade and has won many medals for the State.



Rashmi Dabriwal's daughter Vrishha for winning 2 bronze medals in ISKA World Cup Championship, Sydney Australia. She won 1 bronze Combat Taekwondo league organised by actor Bren Foster and one in Clash Sparring under 13. Further Vanya got 4th position and she came 5th position in point sparring.



Vidhi Beri's son Vir for being Number 1 in Squash Under 15 in West Bengal. He has represented the state in many tournaments.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Wishing all our members on their birthdays & anniversaries !

Birthdays of the Month

September

- 1st Dinesh Neotia
- 4th Nisha Kanoi
- 7th Alka Jain
- 9th Vivek Kariwal
- 14th Sangita Todi
- 19th Gaurav Himatsingka
- 27th Archana Chitlangia
- 30th Meenakshi Modi

October

- 6th Aditi Saraogi
- 7th Ravi Kumar Kajaria
- 7th Sanjeev Daruka
- 15th Ashok Surana
- 16th Divya Jalan
- 23rd Neeraj Kanoria
- 23rd Ritu Almal
- 29th Gaurav Kumar Gupta

Anniversaries of the Month

October

- 15th G M & Uma Kapur
- 23rd Leena & Vikram Jairath