



Rotary International President Stephanie A Urchick announced that the 2024-25 Presidential Theme will be The Magic of Rotary and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives.

RI President Urchick from Pennsylvania, USA, the second woman to hold that office in the organization's 117-year history, told "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."



Awards received by our RCC Panarhat at RCC Awards Ceremony, from DG on 24th June 2024.

It was for their outstanding services towards overall social development of community, including adult literacy program and other development activities during the year 2023-24 at Panarhat village under guidance of IPP Anit Guhathakurta and other members of our club.

COTS (Club Officials Training) was held on 28th July 2024 at Jodhpur Park. Board members attended the training session conducted by AG Sukanya Das Gupta and ZS Surojit Roy.



We welcome the RY 2024 - 25. All of us look forward at the 1st RWM on 14 July to be a grand beginning. We welcome the new board who, we are confident to do good work and enjoy the year.

First Day. First show and it's way to go....



Joint Board Meeting of last Rotary Year was arranged at JPC House on 25th June. Members of both outgoing and incoming boards were present in the meeting. A scrumptious dinner was arranged. Members enjoyed the evening.

Unofficial change of guards of R C Calcutta Suncity ceremony. Anit, Shilpi, Kaushik, Suparna, Debjani... what a great teamwork.

Smooth sailing with multiple projects simultaneously.

President Anit always led from the front, never lost his cool, entertained us in various ways, ignited team spirit.

District believe that Suncity is one of the best 10 clubs of district 3291.

You made it possible.

Congratulations three musketeers with their spouses.



Heartfelt best wishes to President Somnath, Secretary Sumita, Treasurer Sreelekha and the team for the upcoming year.



District Governor Elect Dr. 3291 Dr R Hom Chaudhuri addressing on thalassemia awareness at installation program of RC Amenity Bardhaman, RI Dist. 3240, on 22nd June 2024.



Nine club members started from Calcutta on 26th June at 8 am for daylong program to visit three locations in South 24 Parganas. They visited our RCC at village Taldi to oversee the development of fisheries project club has financed.

Several ponds owned by the RCC Taldi Sharada Devi Pally Unnayan Mahila Smiti had been selected for cleaning and starting fisheries project. Pond water was contaminated and unusable. RCC members cleaned those ponds and started growing fish there. Our member Rtn Prof. Subir Bera gave his suggestions to RCC regarding

procedure to clean the pond and create favourable condition for growing fish. Necessary funding for the work was assured by our PP & DGE Dr. R Hom Chaudhuri and our President 2023-24 Rtn Anit Guhathakurta & others.





A thalassemia awareness seminar was held at Kulpi Janapriya High School. Rtn Dr R Hom Chaudhuri - DGN was the main speaker.



He gave an audio-visual presentation to the students and answered various queries from the boys & girls regarding thalassemia.



Headmaster Sri Pranab Kumar Sarkar welcomed the Rotary members at his 3,000-student strong school. President Anit and Headmaster Mr Sarkar made the opening remarks.



শোলা কেবলমাত্র একজন সুদক্ষ কারুশিল্পীর দর্শনীয় শিল্পকীর্তির দুর্দান্ত প্রদর্শন করে তাই নয়, তারা বহন করে গৌরবময় ভারতীয় ঐতিহ্যের সুমহান পরম্পরা।

বঙ্গ সংস্কৃতির আদি ও জৈব ব্যবহারের অন্যতম নিদর্শন হলো শোলা। শোলা শুধু বাংলার একটি গাছই নয় বরং বাংলার সাংস্কৃতিক যাত্রার এক অংশীদার। শোলা বাংলার সংস্কৃতি, ঐতিহ্য ও আচারের সঙ্গে অঙ্গাঙ্গীভাবে জড়িয়ে আছে। বিবাহ, পূজা, ও নান্দনিক সৌন্দর্যের শিল্পময় প্রান্তিক চর্চার নিদর্শন হলো শোলা। গাছের কাণ্ডের নরম,



মসৃণ, ছিদ্রময়, ও হালকা অংশটিকে বলে শোলা পিঠ। যা থেকে তৈরি হয় নানা সূক্ষ্ম আলাংকারিক সামগ্রী। বিবাহের, অল্পপ্রাশনের টোপর মালা, যা বাঙালি জীবনে আবশ্যিক। শোলা শিল্পে পশ্চিমবঙ্গের বহু জেলারই বিশেষ দক্ষতা রয়েছে। তার মধ্যে দক্ষিণ চব্বিশ পরগনা জেলার মন্দিরবাজার থানার লোকশিল্পীদের ব্যবহারিক চর্চা সবচেয়ে প্রাচীন। ইস্ট ইন্ডিয়া কোম্পানির আমলে জরিপ কর্তা স্বয়ং রেনেল সাহেব এখানে এসে শোলার টুপি নির্মাণ করিয়েছিলেন।

সুস্থায়ী উন্নয়নের লক্ষ্যে এইসব প্রান্তিক লোকশিল্পীদেরকে সহযোগিতা করার অর্থ হলো দেশজ সংস্কৃতি কে উৎসাহিত করা।



শোলা – Scientific name - *Aeschynomene aspera* is one of the lightest kinds of wood in the world. Phulshola pulp has a lighter and corkier texture than thermocol. It is milky white and used to make traditional Indian crafts, artworks, ornaments of goddess-idols, etc.

The plants are roughly 1 to 1.5 inches thick and grow naturally in canals, ponds, billabongs, nayanjulis, and natural pools in rural Bengal. Its pith has been used in traditional decorative arts since ancient times.

Our club members visited Chhakurhat village near Lakshmikantapur, South 24 Parganas where female artisans collect the shola plants and prepare thin shola sheets from the low-density pith which are then used for making artworks.



Club is trying to support these economically challenged female artisans, so that they can procure funds to run this business without being exploited and get fair prices for their artefacts.

District Prize Distribution Ceremony was held at Birla Sabhaghar on 29th June. Club received several awards for good work in the field of Thalassemia awareness, Adult Education, membership enhancement, Blood donation including some other areas.





Club members attended Hool Utsav at Dhaska Village, Purulia on 29th & 30th June.

Hool Kranti Diwas is celebrated on June 30 every year to mark the independence movement of 1855 led by tribal heroes Sidho, Kanho, Chand, Bhairav, among others. More than 50,000 tribals from 400 villages of Jharkhand had revolted against British Rule.

Santhal rebellion was the first freedom movement in India started on June 30, 1855, and on November 10, 1855, martial law was proclaimed by the East India Company which lasted until January 3, 1856. The rebellion was eventually suppressed by the presidency armies. It was led by the four brothers - Sidhu, Kanhu, Chand, and Bhairav and their two sisters Phoolo and Jhano, who sacrificed their lives for the cause.



Every year, we join the villagers of Dhaska on the festival days to celebrate Hool in their way.

We, jointly with Calcutta Hridam, an NGO in Kolkata, organise football match on the festival days. Apart from that archery competition, sit & draw competition are also arranged for children



scientific management practices.

To cope with these challenges, our club under the able leadership of our PP, DGE Rtn. Dr R Hom Chaudhuri and supported by other members has planned for local adaptation as well as technical and financial support for sustainable development of social, economic life and aquaculture in Dhaska village.

Two ponds have already been dug for the purpose. Cost of digging these two ponds was about Rs. 7 lakhs.



Students of Archery training academy with uniforms provided by us.

The library with books donated by the club, started at Dhaska is in operation and literacy training is being conducted by capable persons for the children of the village. A Major Activity of Repair of 35 existing toilets in the village would be undertaken shortly.





Thalassaemia Day Care Centre was inaugurated on Doctor's Day, July 1, by unveiling four additional beds at Mohanananda Brahmachari Hospital at

57A, Rai Bahadur Road, Behala, Kolkata.



Congratulations Somnath, Sumita and Srilekha on your first meeting after taking over on 14 July. Good wishes of all members will be there throughout the year, with the three "S" sitting on head table.



The expansion of the hospital's capacity signifies a commitment to enhancing health care services and providing better care for Thalassaemia patients.



Plantation and Awareness Program on Thalassaemia was organised by club on 19th July (Friday) at Jodhpur Park Girls School. Saplings for plantation were sponsored by Rtn. Sreelekha De Bera.



The MOU was signed by Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City and MBSSP on 16th June 2024. Club paid Rupees Three Lakhs Fifty thousand to the Hospital, for facilitate thalassaemia treatment.



DGE Dr R Hom Chaudhuri delivered his Speech on Thalassaemia attended by students and teachers of the school.

Changeover ceremony of District Governor was held at Dhano Dhanye Auditorium on 1st July 2024.



Gifts and food packets were distributed among the patients. This special project, envisioned by DG (E) Dr. Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri was brought to life in the presence of



distinguished guests including DG. Krishnendu Gupta, RID. Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury. PDG Raju Khandelwal, PDG. Anushuman Bandyopadhyay and PDG. Jhulan Basu were also present. The additional beds and facilities will be used as day care centre for thalassaemia patients.



Several members attended the function. Some of them had also participated in the official duties at registration desk, during the ceremonial event as required.



This initiative is a commendable effort. PDG Raju Khandelwal happily committed to pay Rs 3.5 lakhs for the expenses of one year treatment for all the patients to be admitted in these four beds.

Birthday Greetings:	Aug 02: Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri
July 07: Suparna Sen	Aug 07: N Ramakrishnan
July 07: Basudha Ganguly	Aug 19: Piku Saha
July 10: Ruma Pal	Aug 10: Anit Guha Thakurta
July 20: Arun Gupta	Anniversary Greetings:
July 22: Amit Dan	Aug 10: Amitava & Ratna Mukherjee
	Aug 12: Sumita & Niladri Roy