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Today's
PROGRAMME

Auspicious Launching of Humanitarian PROJECT

ROSHNI
(Global Grant No. GG1990112)

Inauguration by:
DGE Prabir Chatterjee
Dist 3291

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LIFE LESSONS FROM EPICS - SUMMATION

After the first physical meeting and our earlier club Picnic, the club returned to E-platform for an interesting meeting with Ms. Shubha Churiwal, founder of Sanskriti Parichay, an organization formed to propagate Indian Heritage in children. Speaking extempore and quoting from famous incidents of our Indian Scriptures, she emphasised the need for all Indians to imbibe these rich values in every child especially during the formative years to keep our Indian culture alive.

Synopsis of work done in Schools under Project GG1869981

1. BELMURI BALIKA VIDYALAYA

LOCATION	:	Belmuri, Hoogly, West Bengal, India
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	:	535 girl students
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROVIDED	:	Construction of a new toilet block with 3 urinals, 2 latrines and one wash basin, One hand-washing station with 3 taps, renovation of teachers' toilet block.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED	:	None (The school had no requirements)
HARDWARE STATUS	:	Complete
H/W INAUGURATED ON	:	December 07, 2019
TEACHERS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Complete
STUDENTS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Main Training complete, 1st follow up complete, School is closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic.

2. BORAI BALIKA VIDYAMANDIR

LOCATION	:	Singur, Hoogly, West Bengal, India
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	:	120 girl students
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROVIDED	:	Complete renovation and upgrading of a toilet block with 8 urinals, 2 latrines, One hand-washing station with 7 taps, Construction of one drinking water station with 4 taps.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED	:	500 LPH Water Purifier
HARDWARE STATUS	:	Complete
H/W INAUGURATED ON	:	December 07, 2019
TEACHERS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Complete
STUDENTS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Main Training complete, 1st follow up complete, School is closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic.

3. CHAKPARA PURBA PALLI SAMAJ HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION	:	Chakpara, Howrah, West Bengal, India
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	:	331 boys and 144 girls
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROVIDED	:	Complete renovation and upgrading of girls toilet block with 3 urinals, 2 latrines, Construction of boys' toilet with 7 urinals and 3 latrines, Construction One hand-washing station with 6 taps, Construction of one drinking water station with 4 taps.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED	:	500 LPH Water Purifier, Sanitary Pad Vending Machine, Incinerator
HARDWARE STATUS	:	Complete
H/W INAUGURATED ON	:	December 14, 2019
TEACHERS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Complete
STUDENTS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Main Training complete, 1st follow up complete, School is closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic.

4. CHAKPARA SARADA DEVI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION	:	Chakpara, Howrah, West Bengal, India
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	:	180 girls
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROVIDED	:	Construction of girls toilet block with 4 urinals, 2 latrines, Construction of teachers' toilet with 1 urinal and 1 latrines, Construction One hand-washing station with 3 taps, Construction of one drinking water station with 4 taps, installation of a water tank of 500 L capacity.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED	:	500 LPH Water Purifier, Sanitary Pad Vending Machine, Incinerator
HARDWARE STATUS	:	Complete
H/W INAUGURATED ON	:	December 14, 2019
TEACHERS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Complete
STUDENTS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Main Training complete, 1st follow up complete, School is closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic.

5. CHANDANNAGAR SARADA SADHAN GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

LOCATION	:	Chandannagar, Hoogly, West Bengal, India
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	:	402 girls
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROVIDED	:	Complete renovation and upgrading of two girls toilet blocks with 6 urinals, 2 latrines each, Construction of one drinking water station with 6 taps.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED	:	500 LPH Water Purifier
HARDWARE STATUS	:	Complete
H/W INAUGURATED ON	:	January 22, 2020
TEACHERS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Not Done Yet, The school is not cooperating
STUDENTS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Main Training complete, 1st follow up complete, School is closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic.

6. MOHADANGA COLONY SUBHASH VIDYAMANDIR

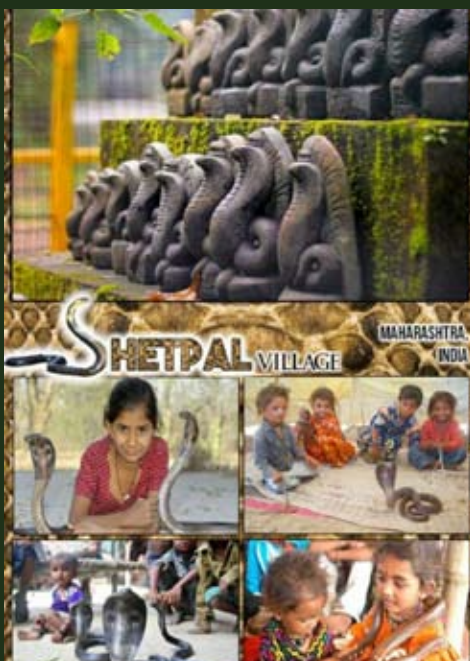
LOCATION	:	Chandannagar, Hoogly, West Bengal, India
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	:	55 girls 95 boys
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROVIDED	:	Complete renovation and upgrading of girls toilet block, Construction of boys' toilet block, Construction of one drinking water station, Construction of hand-washing station, installation of 500L water tank.
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED	:	500 LPH Water Purifier
HARDWARE STATUS	:	Complete [The school is not accepting sanitary pad vending machine and incinerator]
H/W INAUGURATED ON	:	January 22, 2020
TEACHERS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Complete
STUDENTS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Main Training complete, 1st follow up complete, School is closed since April 2020 due to the pandemic.

7. ASHA BHAVAN CENTRE

LOCATION	:	Uluberia, Hoogly, West Bengal, India
NUMBER OF STUDENTS	:	47 girl students trainees
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT PROVIDED	:	Construction of 4 toilets for Children with special needs (CWSN), one septic tank in the vocational training wing of the school
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED	:	None [The school had no requirement]
HARDWARE STATUS	:	Complete
H/W INAUGURATED ON	:	February 01, 2020
TEACHERS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Complete
STUDENTS' TRAINING STATUS	:	Since it is a special school, the teachers took the responsibility of training the students.



Know the World



Shetpal The Snake Village located about 200 km from Pune, Maharashtra, in the Sholapur district, Here, cobra snakes have a permanent abode in each and every house; snakes are worshipped daily in every heart and home in this village!

Shetpal is a village, where snakes have no restriction in their movement and none of the 2,600 plus villagers ever harm them in any way. In fact, cobras are welcomed in every house as a member of the family. Neither the cobras, nor the residents live in fear of each other.

The people of Shetpal have gone a step ahead in their liking for the venomous co-residents by building devasthanam (abode of the deity) in their home. A special corner in the house is set aside, exclusively for the cobras to come and cool off at any time they wish. If anyone in the village constructs a new house, he makes sure to devote a hollow portion of the dwelling as devasthanam for the snakes.

Snakes are treated as pets in this village, and even visit the schools when a class is in progress. And guess what, the children never fear these crawling visitors, because they have been raised to co-dwell fearlessly and happily with the snakes! They not only let the snakes hangout, but also let kids play with the creatures at times.

Contributed by Rtn Amitabh Mohan

Project Roshni

TARGETS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2021

1	Full Project Meeting	1	
2	Screening Camps	20	[Details of the 20 Screening Camps given below]
3	Screening Camps with Rotarians	2	[Any of those 2 Screening Camps Can Visit by Rotarians]
4	Refraction error corrections	250	[Would be done in those 20 Screening Camps]

DETAILS OF 20 SCREENING CAMPS IN FEBRUARY 2021:

Name of Camp Organizer : Adyapith VC
Venue Address of Camp : 50, DD Mondal Ghat Road, May Dibas Pally, Dakshineswar, Kolkata, West Bengal 700076 North 24 Parganas
Contact Person : Bivek Bhi, 9331879981
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 04.02.2021 & 11.02.2021 (Thursdays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Ashoknagar VC
Venue Address of Camp : Ashoknagar, Habra II, North 24 Parganas 743222
Contact Person : Shibaprashad Niyagi, 9064576445
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 13.02.2021 & 20.02.2021 (Saturdays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Bhatpara Municipality VC
Venue Address of Camp : 1/1 West Ghoshpara Road, P.O Kankinara Dist . North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743126 North 24 Parganas
Contact Person : Sanjay kumar Chakraborty, 8820838847
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 12.02.2021 & 05.02.2021 (Fridays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Agarhati VC
Venue Address of Camp : Vill+ Post Agarhati, Police Station Nazat, District North 24 Parganas Pin 743329
Contact Person : Gopa Pal, 9933533509
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 09.02.2021 & 23.02.2021 (Tuesdays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Bharat Sevashram Sangha Bonga VC
Venue Address of Camp : SH3, Gobrapur Bongaon West Bengal 743235 North 24 Parganas
Contact Person : Gautam Pal, 6295602622
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 21.02.2021 & 28.02.2021 (Sundays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Drishti Shri Joynagar VC
Venue Address of Camp : Rathtala joynagar District South 24 Parganas, Pin 743372
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 17.02.2021 & 24.02.2021 (Wednesdays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Bharat Sevashram Sangha Diamond Harbour VC
Venue Address of Camp : Vill+ Post Gobrapur, Police Bongaon, District North 24 Parganas Pin 743251 South 24 Parganas
Contact Person : Basudeb Moharaj, 7478626128
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 20.02.2021 & 21.02.2021 (Saturdays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Aikatan Charitable Dispensary
Venue Address of Camp : Aikatan Charitable Dispensary, B. T. Road, PostKhardah, DistNorth Twenty Four Parganas, Kolkata-700117 North 24 Parganas
Contact Person : Swapan Mukherjee, 9339855784
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 14.02.2021 & 28.02.2021 (Sundays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Nabjatak Aroghyobhavan
Venue Address of Camp : 32 A/ 17 A South Sinthee Kolkata - 700050 North 24 Parganas
Contact Person : Gopal Babu, 9874331589
No. of Camps at Venue : 1
Dates : 27.02.2021 (Saturdays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Basirhat Hindu Milan Mandir
Venue Address of Camp : Pranabananda Sarani, Post Office & Police Station - Basirhat, Dist North 24 Parganas, Pin - 743411
Contact Person : Apurba Chatterjee, 6294187092
No. of Camps at Venue : 2
Dates : 14.02.2021 & 28.02.2021 (Sundays)

Name of Camp Organizer : Dakshin Chandpur Child Development Mission
Venue Address of Camp : Vill.-Dakshin Chandpur, PS- Hasnabad, North 24 Parganas
Contact Person : Sankar Mondal, 9734367847
No. of Camps at Venue : 1
Dates : 23.02.2021 (Tuesdays)

RI President's Message - February 2021



In Rotary, 23 February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace. There is a reason for this: Contributing to peace and international understanding has been a high priority for us since our earliest days.

We are often asked: "How can we get involved in peace now?" There are many paths to peace in Rotary. Our youth programs point us in the direction of Positive Peace, as does the work of intercountry committees and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nino Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers.

During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalized

women will reclaim their inner strength as peacebuilders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region, but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals — three in Bangladesh, one in Iraq, and one in Poland — that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people. I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen

Here is further proof that in Rotary, we prefer action to words. This is Rotary at its best. I encourage you to visit rpri.ch to explore the projects and support them.

We have lasted 116 years because of our strong ethics, our passion for Service Above Self, and our unique approach to problem-solving. One of our greatest strengths is how we reach across our communities and across national, ethnic, religious, and political divisions to unite people of all backgrounds and to help others. This month, let's celebrate our history and the many ways that Rotary Opens Opportunities to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission.

Holger Knaack, *President 2020-21*

Source: Rotary International

Minutes of 2430th E- RCM of Rotary Club of Belur held on 6th February, 2021 at 5pm.

The 2430th Regular club meeting held Virtually was called to order by President Alope Kanodia. He requested the members to rise for the national anthem and then called upon Rtn. Rakesh Almal. to offer Invocation to God.

President Alope updated the members with current working of the club and handed over the proceeding to Secretary Amar dutifully announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries as well as other club business.

Around 32 members and spouses with 8-10 guests attended the Virtual RCM.

Our guest speaker for the day was of our own Belur family Ms. Shubha Churiwal, daughter of PP Vishnu Dhandhanian and Founder of Sanskriti Parichay. She informed members and

guests that her goal was to imbibe Indian Sanskriti in the Society.

Her theme was the lessons we learn from Epics. "WHAT WE DO, OUR GENERATIONS WILL FOLLOW"... was her strong message. So we should lead life by example for our children with qualities of Gratitude Acceptance, Tolerance, Honesty, Patience, Humility and Compassion. She took examples of Karna, Ram from Epics to explain her viewpoint. During the question hour, PP Shankar Ramalingam had a vivid discussion with Ms. Shubha Churiwal.

All members and others present observed a minute of silence to pay respect to the departed soul of our member late Sreekant Rajgarhia.

PDG Ravi ji gave the vote of thanks for the speaker. With no other business pending President Alope Kanodia terminated the meeting.

Rtn Alope Kanodia, *President* **Rtn Amar Malhotra**, *Secretary*

Important Changes to TRF funding model (excerpts)

- TRF Chair K R Ravindran

Dear Rotarians,

...we awarded 1,359 global grants worth \$95.6 million in 2019-20. Compare that to 2013-14, ...when we awarded 868 global grants worth \$47.3 million. That's a lot of growth! ... World Fund is depleted well before each Rotary year ends ... we've taken several cost-saving measures in an effort to fund more global grants. ... nearly an additional \$20 million is being made available this year, but ...even that is not enough to fulfill ...

A financial shortfall is expected this year and likely in the coming years because of the growing success of our global grant program.

...Trustees have approved policy changes, effective 1 July 2021 ...

...The World Fund match of DDF will be reduced from 100% to 80% when being used for global grants.

Instead of DDF applied to global grants receiving a 100% match from the World Fund, the global grants match will decrease to 80%. For the 2020-21 Rotary year, as long as funds remain available, DDF will continue to be matched at 100% for applications submitted by 31 May and approved by 30 June. Applications that are not approved this Rotary year will need to be resubmitted with adjusted financing.

...The ability to roll over unused DDF will be limited to five years. ... The first DDF rollover redirection will take place 1 July 2026.

Reported by PP Vishnu Dhandhania

Membership figures as of 01 February 2021				
Country	Clubs #	Rotarians #	Variance from 01 July 2020 **	
			Clubs	Rotarians
Bangladesh	400	9,873	0	-1,284
Bhutan	1	22	0	-1
India	4,072	153,159	131	4,778
Maldives	1	42	0	0
Nepal	142	5,556	17	634
Pakistan	280	3,488	22	190
Sri Lanka	70	1,892	0	30
Total	4,966	174,032	170	4,347
Worldwide	36,458	1,180,069	299	5,179

** Variance from 01 July 2020 official starting figures.
These are system generated figures. Official month-end membership statistics would be available by around 10th of next month.

February 2021		
RI Exchange Rate for US \$1		
Country	Local Currency	Rate of Exchange
Bangladesh	BDT	85
India	INR	73
Nepal	NPR	116
Pakistan	PKR	161
Sri Lanka	LKR	194

Changes from last month are shown in blue. Current & previous RI Exchange Rates can be accessed through www.rotary.org



damad sasur se-
bauji... apki beti ne
nak me dam kar
rakha hai... 
sasur- beta mere bare
me soch... 
mere pas to
uski bhi ma hai...

CLUB EVENTS



20th February, 2021

Guest Speaker :

Anju Saini MD(A.M.)

Mind Therapist and Tarot Card Counsellor

RCM at HHI at 5 pm

Anniversaries

Manish and Shailja Bhattar

on 17th February

Anju and Ashim Mitra

on 18th February

Rajesh and Poonam Berlia

on 20th February

Birthdays

 Vijay Kr. Sharma
on 15th February