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## LIFE BEYOND CANCER-VISIT TO NIL RATAN SIRCAR MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL (NRS) ON 7.2.2024

We saw kids from the age group of 4 and above, diagnosed with Cancer particularly from the underprivileged who would have otherwise gone home to suffer in silence as their parents were not able to afford the cost. An initiative of Rotary District-3291 with multiple clubs coming together for this cause under "Life beyond cancer" aimed at providing support to children for testing and treatment with dignity and comfort.

They have arranged a Fund-raising program on 23.2.2024 with Bengali renowned actress Rituparna Sengupta as their cause Ambassador along with Usha Uthup performing. They have collected 7L till date and looking for more as the event date comes closer.

The visit to the Paediatric Oncology Ward was heart-breaking to see small children undergoing treatment and most of them had their mothers by their side who had come leaving the rest of the family at home. There was a section for the kids diagnosed with Thalassemia along with their parents and some cases had their fathers by their side leaving all the work and supporting a child's treatment. The most reassuring fact was that the recovery is 90% if they can get it tested early before it reaches chronic stage. Hence the best help is providing the helping hand in getting tests done and treatment started on time. The average initial cost per child is 15,000/-

As a start RCCM is supporting 4 kids with a donation of 50,000/- out of which 30,000/- being personal contribution by the President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel. We are grateful to him for his generosity

The Rotary members volunteer their time, effort, and energy, by giving dedicated time through the weeks and days, coordinating with doctors on various cases and requirements to support the helpless parents looking for support to save the life of their child. There is a dedicated place for the Life Beyond cancer team in the hospital, with proper process and system along with interviews to ensure the help is going to the needy. They also shared that during the interviews with Parents, many of the fathers came asking for job to feed the family, as they had left their work to support the child.

highly commendable is Personal involvement and monitoring by various Rotarians, who are voluntarily giving their time to visit and attend the ROTARY HELP DESK at 8 Hospitals. This service is more valuable than anything. We are happy that our Rotarians have helped more than 200 Kids with Cancer. A big salute to them. A genuine cause, which needs help from all to support this project.

That is the time we realised that there is so much more we can do to help more kids and families get a chance at life. It was a reminder of the quote, "Not everyone can save a Child from Cancer but Everyone Can give them Life beyond Cancer for our young Heroes.

President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta visited the NRS Medical & Hospital. We are grateful to AG Rtn Rina Sinha Roy for helping us to visit the ward to meet the children.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**





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## SUPPORT TO ORGANIZATION FOR RARE DISEASES OF INDIA

Dr Dipanjana Dutta De of ORDI (Organization for Rare Diseases of India) talked about ORDI. She shared why they need the support. She also shared about the upcoming 10K/7K run to raise awareness and support. She urged the club members to participate. President donated a cheque of Rs.11,000/- for the project.





## SOLAR PLANT AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE-IN PROGRESS

The construction of Solar Plant at PACE Learning Centre finally started in fast pace. It will greatly help the school to reduce the cost on electricity. This project expected to complete within 15 days.

We are grateful to Rtn Mohan Vaswani of our sister club RC of Singapore and our very own Rtn Vivek Bajaj for sponsoring the cost of Solar Plant at PLC. Our heartfelt thanks to them. A big thank you to our President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel for taking this initiative.





## POWER TILLER AT RAMAKRISHNAPUR RANI RASHMONI SEVA SANGHA, KULPI

We are happy to know that the farmers of Ramkrishnapur Rani Rashmoni Seva Sangha, Kulpi has started using the Power Tiller provided to them. They are now able to save time and work in fast mode for the cultivation.





## PRESERVING HERITAGE, NURTURING COMPASSION: A PLEDGE FOR COMPREHENSIVE COW WELFARE ON 10.2.2024

Our esteemed member Rtn Bal Kishan Newatia, shared about his passion for playing a key role in supporting the Cow Shelter known as Rajasthan Gokalyan near Barasat on as a Speaker in our Regular Meeting held on 10.2.2024. He said, over the years we know cows produce milk that nourishes body and build bones. During covid times, 'Cow-hugging' became a way to relieve stress and support mental health. He explained that Preserving heritage is no more restricted to buildings, cowsheds have become a heritage property by promoting indigenous cattle breed. A2 milk which has become famous for being good for health is from Indian breed cows.

The concept of this cowshed started with the idea that if we call "cow" as our mother, then we need to provide protection, validation, love, and safety from butcher houses. In 2012, they started with saving 1 cow from a butcher house every day, they saved 2700 cows and distributed to Kharagpur and other areas and today have 1500 cows. All are of Indian breed; they do not take jersey breeds. The milk produced by 120 cows is distributed to patrons. They do not run any commercial activity from the goshala, as the prime purpose of setting the cowshed was to provide shelter and care to the cows beyond their milk producing years and prevent them from being left on streets to fend for food or sold to be slaughtered mercilessly. There were pregnant cows and even calves that were being sold to butcher houses, which they started rescuing. These are not legally allowed or permitted, so they started forming alliance with butcher houses and Raksha communities so that they could get information to rescue them in time.

Nurturing compassion, is all about going out of our way to feel their pain and give the cows all the love and care, promoting what we know as "Gow seva," which has led to many people coming with their families bringing green fodder, making it a picnic. They created a building for the same purpose along with guest rooms for the families to stay and celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or any community activity.

Cow dung, urine is already known for its benefits and organic farming. Upla or cow dung cake has become more rampant for use in burning bodies or havan in place of burning wood as its more beneficial for health too. Cow urine has medicinal benefits and is also used for floor cleaners. Other use of cow dung is in production of bio-gas. They have an entire unit set there which helps in electricity generation for entire shed, cooking and maintaining the building.

He mentioned the production has become so large that now they are looking for electricity grid where they can supply the bio gas. They have 3 acres of land, out of which 42,000 sft is being used for cowshed and being maintained well by the trustees with good funding. They are looking for larger lands and scope for the cow dungs to be used for fertilizers and making this a bigger of CSR across the country.

A thought of building a shed to save and serve 40 cows, where our President Rakesh Kumar Goel played a key role, years back, has scaled up to 1500 cow shelter, filled us with pride to see our members lead the required positive change for future generations to benefit.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**



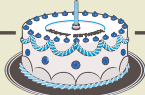


**PRESERVING HERITAGE, NURTURING COMPASSION ...**



**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

**25.02.2024** Rtn Pradip Kapoor



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS**



- 25.02.2024** PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray & Spouse Ashish
- 02.03.2024** Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka & Ann Manju
- 05.03.2024** Rtn Raju Bharat & Ann Anjana
- 08.03.2024** PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar & Ann Leela



**Forthcoming Events**

**CLUB**

- 25.02.2024** Racefor7 is ORDI's (Organization for Rare Disease of India) -Awareness & Fundraising event at The Stadel, Salt Lake at 6.00 AM
- 03.03.2024** Celebration of Golden Marriage Anniversary of PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and spouse Rtn Arundhati Chatterji at The Bengal Paddle, 2, Outram Ghat Jetty, Strand Road, Kolkata at 4.30 PM
- 09.03.2024** 1671th Regular Meeting & 3rd Club Assembly prior to the visit of DG Official visit to the Club
- 17.03.2024** 9th BM and 3rd Trust Meeting. Venue will be communicated later on
- 23.03.2024** District Governor Official visit to the Club and 1672th Regular Meeting

**DISTRICT**

- 25.02.2024** Uttara-II, PETS, SETS & TETS at ITC Sonar. Registration Charges will be intimated later on

## PACE LEARNING CENTRE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CEREMONY 2024

PACE Learning Centre held its annual achievement award ceremony to recognize and celebrate the outstanding accomplishments of students across various fields. The event took place on 5th February, 2024 in the school auditorium and it was attended by RCCM president Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, Secretary Rtn. Runjhun Gupta and PLC president and PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, students, teachers and parents.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome highlighting the significance of recognition and appreciation of the hard work and dedication exhibited by students throughout the academic year followed by a wonderful dance performance by the students. The school's commitment to fostering a culture of excellence was emphasized, setting the tone for the day.

The prize distribution started welcoming the new set of students of academic year 2024. A wide range of awards was presented to students in different categories, including academic excellence, citizenship, 110% effort, arts and culture, discipline, hygiene and aspiration for learning. This diversity reflected the school's acknowledgment of various talents and achievements beyond just academic success.

The nomination process began several weeks prior to the ceremony, allowing teachers to submit nominations

for the students. Each nomination was carefully viewed and a well-informed decision has been made to ensure fairness and transparency.

The highlight of the ceremony was the announcement of the awardees. As each name was called, the audience erupted in applause and cheers, creating an atmosphere of joy and pride. The awardees walked onto the stage to receive their certificates and prizes from the RCCM President, RCCM Secretary and PLC President.

The ceremony featured a motivational address by RCCM President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PLC President & PP Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji and RCCM Secretary Rtn. Runjhun Gupta emphasizing the importance of perseverance, dedication, and continuous self-improvement. The ceremony also included a special segment to acknowledge the crucial role played by parents and teachers in the students' success.

A heartfelt thank-you was extended to the parents for their unwavering support, and teachers were recognized for their dedication and commitment to nurturing and shaping the students. The event concluded with closing remarks expressing gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the ceremony.

**By Jayeeta Chatterjee**  
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