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Teachers' Day



Teachers' Day, celebrated on September 5th in India, honors the profound impact educators have on shaping futures. This day commemorates the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a revered philosopher, teacher, and the second President of India, who advocated for the significance of education and the role of teachers in society.

Teachers' Day is a time for students to express their gratitude and appreciation for their educators. Schools and institutions host various events such as speeches, cultural performances,



and award ceremonies to recognize the hard work and dedication of teachers. It's a day filled with heartfelt messages, handmade cards, and small tokens of appreciation from students.

The celebration highlights the vital role teachers play in nurturing curiosity, fostering critical thinking, and guiding students through their academic and personal development. Their commitment extends beyond the classroom, influencing students' values, ethics, and aspirations.

In a rapidly evolving world, the role of teachers remains crucial in imparting knowledge and inspiring future generations. Teachers' Day serves as a reminder of their indispensable contribution to society and the need to support and value their tireless efforts. It's an opportunity to reflect on the impact of education and to honor those who dedicate their lives to teaching.

Siksha Labh - 2 : 17th Aug. 2024 at Rotary Sadan AOS New Generations, AOF Supporting Education



SIKSHA Labh-2 Project for the Rotary year 2024-25, under Basic Education & Literacy, was held in the presence of our DG Krishnendu Gupta, PDG Mukul Sinha who is the District Literacy Chair, District DGN 2026-27 Tapas Bhattacharya, and PDG Rajani Mukerji. Members of 52 Rotary Clubs of the RI District 3291 were present. As Basic Education & Literacy is the main focus of the Rotary Movement all over the world, Rotary Club of Calcutta has decided this year to spread the Magic of Rotary by donating 104 Desktop computers along with a UPS to 52 Rotary Clubs in our RI District 3291. The project's main focus is to spread reach to the beneficiaries by taking the help of other Rotary Clubs and fellow Rotarians.



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We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN
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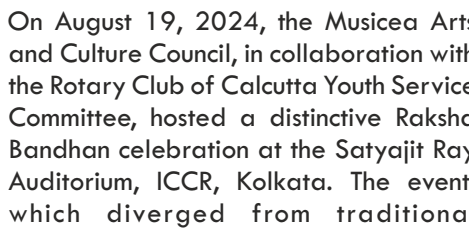
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This Siksha Labh project will benefit almost 15600 students. The total cost of the project is Rs 14.20 lacs. Rotarians from our club Present were Suman Chakraborty, Purnendu Roychowdhury, Abhijit Kolay, Atindra Nath Sen, Raj Agarwal, Kanak Dutt, Ravinder Khandelwal, Ruchika Majumdar, Sarvani Gooptu, Arindam Roychowdhury, Yogesh Dassani.

Reported by Literacy Chair Yogesh

Raksha Bandhan with Music, Yoga and Dance, Aug. 19, 2024, ICCR - AOS New Generations



On August 19, 2024, the Musicea Arts and Culture Council, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Youth Service Committee, hosted a distinctive Raksha Bandhan celebration at the Satyajit Ray Auditorium, ICCR, Kolkata. The event, which diverged from traditional practices, showcased a blend of music,

dance, and yoga. Around 200 YUVA participants from 14 institutions, including government-aided schools, NGOs, and cultural institutes, took part in this cultural exchange and celebration.

The Musicea Yuva Festival, a non-profit international platform, has profoundly influenced these participants, providing a space for children and youth of all abilities and backgrounds to exhibit their talents. Each participant received a certificate of participation.

Eminent guests included Dr. Andrew Fleming, British Deputy High Commissioner, DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, Commodore P. Sasi Kumar, Naval Officer in Charge WB and Commanding Officer INS Netaji Subhas, DICC Rtn Arpita Chatterjee, Rtn Subrata De, Rtn Suman Chakraborty, Rtn Indrajit Banerjee, along with various Rotary Club of Calcutta members and citizens. All were honored with Rakhi and Uttariyas, and the festival concluded with enthusiastic applause for the presentations.

Excerpted from the Report sent by Saswati, Youth Chair

Vision for All - AOS Community AOF : Disease prevention and treatment





Camp 7: 08/08/2024, Railway Recreation Club, Krishnanagar; Camp 8: 10/08/24, Shahid Abdul Odud Smriti Bhawan, Plassey; Camp 9: 15/08/2024, Dangbari Primary School, Sabang, West Midnapore; Camp 10 : 18/08/2024, RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah

Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project of 50 camps for EYE Check-up in the Rotary year 2024-25. In these camps, EYE Check-ups will be done with distribution of Free powered Spectacles along with Cataract operations. These camps are conducted as per SOP, and beneficiaries are identified for correction by spectacles or surgery, and the processes are thoroughly explained to them. For spectacles, they are directed to the spectacle desk and contact details of those requiring surgery are noted for follow up. Rotary branding is prominently put. In total, 892 beneficiaries were screened in the 4 camps, of which 619 required spectacle correction and 120 required surgical correction.



Camp 10 in RCC Ranihati was attended by Secretary Suman and his family, Literacy Chair Yogesh, and Community Service Chair Ravindra, much to the delight of the host RCC!

Total Project Value is as under :

In Rs	Camp 7	Camp 8	Camp 9	Camp 10
Camp Arrangements	14000	14000	14000	14001
Spectacles @ 800	124800	120000	117600	132800
Total	138800	134000	131600	146800

Projects are implemented by Arindam Roychowdhury, Special Projects Chair on behalf of Health, Special Projects, and Community Service Committees.

Excerpted from reports of Ravindra Khandelwal

Independence Day Function

Rotary Club of Calcutta celebrated its 78th year of independence on August 15, 2024. The programme began with the opening of the Art Exhibition by NCLCL students and the Cultural Section. District Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, and Club President, Rtn. Subrata De inaugurated the event. Following the inauguration the flag was hoisted, followed by the National Anthem, emphasizing the essence and fundamental value of Independence. A Cultural Programme followed, which was performed by Cultural Section students. The District Governor also addressed the gathering. Live music, dancing, poetry, a recital, and yoga performances were all superlative.



The session concluded with the presentation of food packets, juice, and chocolates to all attendees, with the juice and chocolates provided by Rtn. Shampa Ghose and Rtn. Sujata Pyne.

3rd Blood Donation Camp - Dangbari Primary School, Sabang West Midnapore on 21 /07/24 : AOS Community AOF Disease prevention and treatment



Project cost : Rs. 10000

Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project of 10 blood donation camps in the Rotary year 2024-25. At the recent blood donation camp, we had a total of 77 donors who participated. Out of these, 73 donors successfully donated blood. Among the successful donors, 18 were female and 55 were male.

Projects are implemented by Arindam Roychowdhury, Special Projects Chair on behalf of Health, Special Projects, and Community Service Committees.

Excerpted from reports of Ravindra Khandelwal

Interact Activity Reports July 2024 – AOS New Generation, AOF Supporting Education



On July 30, 2024, as a part of the Foundation Day celebration, Silver Point School Interact Club organised a pencil box distribution drive at Joy Jeet Das Memorial School (JJDMS), Prince Anwar Shah Road, an NGO that supports 100 local slum children. On July 28, 2024, 12 Interactors of Silver Point School distributed books among the students of the Development Action Society, an NGO located at B B Chatterjee Road, Kasba. They distributed 200 books, including story books, mathematics, science, and general knowledge books, with the aim of encouraging good reading habits and communication skills. A paper bag-making activity was also done along with making planters and Eco Bricks with used plastic bottles.

On July 2, 2024, the Interact Club of DPS Howrah made PET bottles filled with sand to be used as an alternative to traditional bricks. To date, 550 PET bottles have been processed.

On July 5, 2024, it proudly hosted the Shyam Sundar Shah Memorial Blood Donation Camp. On July 18, 2024, a webinar about Plant Consciousness and Climate Change was hosted by Delhi Public School Howrah addressing the impacts of global warming.



On July 24, 2024, five interactors attended a workshop on Navigating Attention Deficit for Success organised by the RC Calcutta. On July 31, 2024, the Sangarsh Empowering Foundation organized a webinar on the theme "Understanding and Implementing the SDGs of the United Nations that highlighted the role of youth in driving sustainable change and encouraged the participants to become advocates for the SDGs in their communities".

Excerpted from reports by Youth Chair, Saswati

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of New Delhi, Rotary Dist. 3011.

Birthdays

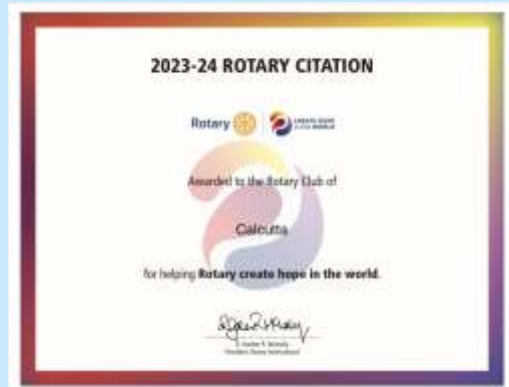
Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal	4th September
Rtn. Biswajit Datta	4th September
Rtn. Dr. Somendra Chandra Nandy	5th September
Rtn. Tushar Basu	7th September
Rtn. Debashis Mitra	8th September
Rtn. Shweta Tibb Arora	8th September
Rtn. Deepa Bagla	8th September
Rtn. Samrat Sen	9th September
Rtn. Sanjiv Agarwal	9th September
Rtn. Suman Chakraborty	10th September
Rtn. Malay Kumar Ghosh	11th September
Rtn. Deepak Kumar Khemka	13th September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Next Meeting

Sunday, 15th September 2024 at 1:00 p.m./Lunch at 1.30 p.m.

Congrats Team 2023-24 and Rotary Club of Calcutta!!



The 99th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 15th December, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We will invite about 1,200 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club this year. Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day Sunshine" for these Children. Donations in Cheque payable in favour of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" will be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2024

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Sunday, 1st September 2024	Eye Checkup Camp	10 a.m. at Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya; 102 Bharat Chandra Roy Path, Ganguly Para, P.O.- Shyamnagar, North 24 Parganas
Tuesday, 10th September 2024	No RWM	-
Saturday, 14th September 2024	Pranadhara	11 am Rotary Sadan
Sunday 15th September 2024	First Club Assembly	11 a.m. at Rotary Sadan
Sunday 15th September 2024	RWM followed by Hilsa Lunch	1 p.m. Lunch from 1.30 pm.
Tuesday 17th September 2024	No RWM	-
Tuesday, 24th September 2024	No RWM	-
Thursday 26th September 2024	Peace Conference, 106th Foundation Day Celebration followed by Fellowship and Dinner	Time to be Confirmed
Tuesday 1st October 2024	Lunch followed by RWM	Lunch from 12:30 p.m. RWM from 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan

**MINUTES OF THE 4954TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON
24TH AUGUST 2024 AT 6:30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4954th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 4953rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the club held on 13th August 2024 were confirmed.
4. President announced that Rotary Club of Calcutta was deeply saddened by the recent demise of a lady doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. The City of Kolkata and the social conscience has reacted in an unprecedented way as a matter of solidarity. At request of the President, all members observed a minute silence to pay our respect to a fellow citizen whose life has been cut short.
At the request of the President, Rtn Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee, PP Rtn. Dr. S.K. Sharma, Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha, Rtn. Dr. Asish Ghosh, Rtn. Dr. Ramaditya Ray and PP Rtn. Haladhar Dey addressed the audience on RG Kar Medical College and Hospital issue.
5. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. President then informed members, that day there was no guest speaker as the Membership, Attendance, Family of Rotary and Green Badgers Committee would be organising attendance Award Ceremony of 100% ers for the Rotary year 2023-24.
7. **President reported the following :**
 - a. Community Service, Health and Special Projects Committee organised Eye Check-up and Blood Donation Camps during the month of August, 2024.
 - i. 4th August 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp at Shree Shree Loknath Sebashram Sangha (Chakladham), Deganga, Dist. of North 24 Parganas.
 - ii. 15th August, 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp and Blood Donation Camp at Manobik Dangbari Primary School Sabang, West Midnapore.
 - iii. 18th August 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp at Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Ranihati, Howrah.
 - b. 15th August 2024 - Celebrated Independence Day at Rotary Sadan.
 - c. 17th August 2024 - Literacy and Special Projects Committee jointly organised a special project "Siksha Labh" of Basic Education & Literacy, donation of 104 computers to 52 Rotary Clubs of RI Dist. 3291 at Sadan.
 - d. To celebrate "Raksha Bandhan" Youth Service Committee organised in association with Musicea Arts and Culture Council followed by Music, Yoga and Dance on Monday, 19th August, 2024 at Satyajit Ray Auditorium, ICCR.
8. **President announced the following :**
 - a. Community Service and Special Projects Committee would be jointly organising Eye Checkup Camp on 31st August, 2024 at Sai Nath Foundation, Khardaha, Kolkata.
 - b. RI Dist. 3291 would be organising a "District Membership Seminar" on Saturday, 31st August, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. onwards at Kala Kunj and requested members to join this important seminar. There would be no registration charges.
9. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :
 - a) He welcomed all the Members and Guests and wished them.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 2nd September, 2024.
 - c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club on Tuesday, 3rd September 2024 at 1:30 p.m followed by lunch. Programme : Teachers' Day celebration.
 - d) There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 27th August 2024.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Hirak Ray, Chairman of Membership, Attendance, Family of Rotary & Green Badgers Committee conducted the Attendance Awards Ceremony and handed over the Attendance Awards to 100 %ers for the Rotary year 2023-24 by the President.
11. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 500/- with special contribution from Rtn. Suchitra Sen.
12. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Bombay North, RI Dist. 3141.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary