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Vision for All - AOS Community AOF Disease prevention and treatment



Camp 13 : 07/09/2024 - Moyuri Utsab Bhaban, Chota Bazar, Ranaghat.

Camp 14 : 08/09/2024 - RCC Krishnanagar, Krishnanagar.

Camp 15 : 15/09/2024 - RCC Star Welfare Society), Tangra.

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, 498 beneficiaries were screened in the 3 camps, of which 304 required spectacle correction and 84 required surgical correction. The beneficiaries and the RCC Stars expressed their gratitude to the Rotarians attending, they were delighted with the presence of

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Rtn. Atin Sen who despite travelling all night long, made it to the eye camp project at Stars. They require support from the club for which details have been sought to channelize through literacy and health committees.

Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal attended Camp 14 (RCC Krishnanagar). Rtns Atin Sen, Sarvani Gooptu and Ravindra Khandelwal attended Camp 15 (Stars).

Total Project Value is as under :



Projects are implemented by Arindam Roychowdhury,

In Rs	Camp 13	Camp 14	Camp 15
Camp Arrangements	14000	14000	14000
Spectacles @ 800	64800	84800	93600
Total	78800	98800	107600

Special Projects Chair on behalf of Health, Special Projects, and Community Service Committees.

Excerpted from reports of Ravindra Khandelwal

Vision for All : Eye Surgeries - AOS Community AOF : Disease prevention and treatment 29/08/24 : Sankara Jyoti Eye Institute, Khardah

Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project called VISION FOR ALL.

In these camps, EYE Check-ups are being done with distribution of Free powered Spectacles along with Cataract/Phaco operations.

In the eye check-up camp done on 28th July, 35 patients

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were found requiring Phaco eye surgery, out of which 10 patients have availed free eye surgery on 29th August.

All beneficiaries received positive post-operative reports, with no complications detected. They have been given comprehensive guidance on post-operative care, provided with free eye drops from the hospital, and their first post-operative check-up was also free. The beneficiaries and their households expressed satisfaction with the services and commended the efforts of the Rotary Club of Calcutta's "Vision for All" project.



Total Project Value :

Particulars	Description	Total Amount
10 Phaco Surgeries	Rs. 10,000 X 10 nos. of beneficiaries	Rs. 1,00,000

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PRANDHARA Phase 1 – Water filter distribution -12/09/2024 at Rotary Sadan – AOS Community; AOF Providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene



Clean drinking water is still a luxury for many underprivileged members of our society even in 2024. Many schools still don't have the basic infrastructure to provide safe drinking water to children, who are the leaders of tomorrow. To ensure the hygienic water infrastructure, Community service committee of Rotary Club of Calcutta took up the cause and continued the project of water filter donation to schools to bridge the gap.



District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta along with PDG Rajendra Khandelwal, PDG Angshuman Bandopadhyay, PDG Mukul Sinha, PDG Rajani Mukherji, PDG Raju Rajgaria, PDG Ajay Agarwal graced the occasion of Pranadhara Phase 1 and handed over certificates and water filters to 49 clubs of District 3291. PPs Abhijit Kolay, Heena Gorsia, Raj Agrawal, Kanak Dutt, Secretary Suman, PE Debnath and 10 Rotarians attended the event. This project was done through collaboration with 49 clubs of District 3291. Appeal letters from all clubs were accepted so that the monitoring and implementation of the project can be done in a structured manner. The committee aims to distribute 46 more water filters in Phase-2 to schools of Howrah in the month of October/November 2024.

5 quotations for water filters were taken. Livpure, being the cheapest and renowned brand, was chosen. We acquired machines at Rs. 6040 each directly from the company. The funds of this project were claimed from the interest of four endowment funds i.e. Shubhakarangini Devi Nahata endowment fund, Chapala Rani & Bhupendranath Dey endowment fund, Rural sanitation and Community Service endowment fund and Dr. Nandita Sen & Biswajit Sen Diamond Anniversary endowment fund. 31 individual members also donated towards this project. The committee is highly grateful to the following for their generous donations : Dr. Saurabh Khemani, Pres Subrata De, Arindam Roychowdhury, Purnendu Roychowdhury, PP Abhijit Kolay, Sharmistha Koya,

PP Haladhar Dey, Anita Jain, PP Sujata Pyne, Anand Bhuwalka, B K Dalmia, Pranab Sarkar, PP Raj Agrawal, Roshni Ganguly, AB4, Dr Abhijit Chattopadhyay, Sarvani Gooptu, PP Heena Gorsia, Sanjib Basu, Dr Debashis Mitra, Priti Patel, Sonal Worah, Nirmal Saraf, Indira Chakravarty, PP Kanak Dutt, Sonia Dutt, Shailendra Gupta, Ravindra Khandelwal, Rachna Nahata, PP Nilima Joshi and Kirit Patel. Total Project Value : Livpure branded water filters 100 units @ Rs 9490 each : Rs.9,49,900.

A Project of Community Service Committee, reported by Ravindra Khandelwal, Chairperson

Club Assembly : 15 Sept. 2024 – AOS Club



Rotary Club of Calcutta had their First Club Assembly on September 15, 2024. During this meeting, various committee leaders presented summaries and reports of their completed projects and discussed future plans.

Swikriti District Awards



It rained Awards, Recognitions and Citations for our Members and Office Bearers of 2023-24 in the SWIKRITI Dist. Awards function on 8 Sept. - Many Congrats!!



Ambassador

Rotary Salaam and Good morning,
Yesterday I attended a RWM of RC Koggenland. PDG Barbara and I exchanged banners of our respective Clubs. Rtn Isabelle came to the RWM from RC Hoorn and gave a presentation on RYLA scheduled to be held in end March 2025. Both Clubs are from RID 1580, The Netherlands.

I also presented both with copies of The Chaka.
The Chaka goes places! Ed

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Palestine, R.I. District 2452.

Birthdays

Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee 28th September
Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Mohan Lal Bhagat & R-Ann Manju 30th September
Wish you many more years of marital bliss



FAMILY OF ROTARY

Rtn. Murari Lal Lohia has been elected as the President of East Bengal Club. We congratulate Rtn. Lohia for the same.

EVENT OF THE DAY

International Positive Peace Conference

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 01st October 2024 at 1:30 p.m. Lunch from 12:30 p.m.

Member's Roster

Members' Roster 2024-25 is available. Please collect your copy from the Club Office.

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. Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor like every year. A consolidated list of donors will be published in THE CHAKA closer to the event.

PRAKRITI

An Environment Event was organised with the District on 6th September, 2024.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Day & Dates	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Saturday, 28th September 2024	Eye Checkup Camp	10 a.m. at All India Matua Maha Sangha, Shridham Thakurnagar, P.O. - Thakurnagar, P.S. - Gaighata, 24 Parganas N
Sunday, 29th September 2024	Eye Checkup Camp	10 a.m. at Netaji Sangha, Village - Brahmachak, P.O. – Sonapukur, P.S. – Haroa, 24 Parganas N
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 4956TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 1:00 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- President, Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4956th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. Malika Mukerji Sarkar.
- Minutes of the 4955th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club held on 3rd September 2024 were confirmed.
- President informed the members that day there was no guest speaker.
- President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
- President reported the following :**
 - Community Service, Health and Special Projects Committee organised Eye Check-up and Blood Donation Camps during the month of September, 2024 :
 - 25th August 2024 - Blood Donation Camp was held at Baghbazar.
 - 29th August 2024 - Cataract Surgery was held at Sankara Jyoti Eye Institute, Khardah, North 24 Parganas.
 - 7th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp was held at Moyuri Utsav Bhawan, Chota Bazar Chow Matha More, Subhash Avenue, P.O. + P.S. - Ranaghat, Dist. Nadia, Pin - 741201, West Bengal.
 - 8th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp was held at Rotary Centre Jangipara (Near State Bank Jangipara Branch) Vill. & Post - Jangipara, Dist. Hooghly, Pin - 712404, West Bengal.
 - 15th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp was held at Yasmine Naomi Chung Stars Welfare Society, 47 South Tangra Road, Kolkata – 700046, W.B. Behind ITC Royale Bengal, Near Aurus.
 - “PRAKRITI”: An Environment Event was organised with the District on 6th September, 2024.
 - The donation for the water filters under the “Pranadhara Project” was held on 14th September 2024.
 - The First Club Assembly was held on that day at 11:30 a.m. in the morning.
- President announced the following :**
 - The Youth Service and the Literacy Committees will jointly in association with RC Calcutta Inner City and RC Calcutta Presidency would be organizing a Hands-on Workshop on Fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence & IoT on September 18, 2024 from 11 AM to 4.00 PM at Rotary Sadan.
 - The Community Service, Health and Special Projects Committee would jointly organise Eye Checkup Camps during the month of September, 2024.
 - 22nd September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at Sundarban Ramakrishna Asharama, G.P-Vivakananda Gram panchayet, Buddhapur, Block - Kakdwip, Dist. - 24 Parganas (south), PIN - 743347, West Bengal.
 - 28th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at All India Matua Maha Sangha, ShridhamThakurnagar, P.O. - Thakurnagar, P.S.- Gaighata, Dist. - North 24 Parganas, PIN - 743287, West Bengal.
 - 29th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at Netaji Sangha, Village - Brahmachak, P.O. - Sonapukur, P.S. – Haroa, District 24 Parganas (N) , PIN - 743502, West Bengal.

President requested the members to make a note of the events and to attend them and for further details they could contact the Community Service Chairman Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal.

 - Bastradaan : Yearly New Clothes Distribution would be held on 30th September, 2024.
 - 106th Foundation Day of the Club would be celebrated on 26th September 2024. International Positive Peace Workshop is arranged on that day which would be starting after the RWM and would be followed by fellowship and dinner afterwards. The President requested the members to attend the fellowship and dinner with spouse.
- At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - He welcomed all the Members and Guests and wished them.
 - He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 25th September, 2024.
 - Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to be held on Tuesday, 26th September 2024 at 2:00 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner.
 - There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on 17th and 24th September, 2024.
 - He also informed that the Board at its meeting held on 29th August, 2024 accepted the resignation of Rtn. Dr. Amal Kumar Chakravarty with effect from 30th August, 2024.
 - He then announced that the third meeting of the Board of Directors (2024 - 25) of the Club will be held on Monday, 23rd September, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Board Room). He requested all the members of the board to make a note of it and attend it.
- The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Tokyo, Japan R.I. District 2580.
- President expressed his gratitude to Rtn. Sakti Kumar Banerjee for hosting the fellowship.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary