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MOTHER EARTH THEME PARK



The 'Mother Earth' Theme Park, a creation of **Parimal Dey**, is a sanctuary nestled in the bustling city of Kolkata. Situated in Vidyasagar Colony, Ganguly Bagan, the park is a testament to Dey's passion for environmental conservation and his commitment to creating green spaces. Its serene and picturesque environment makes it an ideal spot for visitors seeking tranquillity amidst nature. As night falls, the park becomes even more enchanting, bathed in the glow of tastefully arranged lights, casting a wonderful ambiance. The presence of ducks and fish adds a charming, lively touch to the landscape. The park stands as a symbol of the harmony between urban living and natural beauty. The dedication and vision of Parimal Dey has made 'Mother Earth' Theme Park really unique and a cherished spot.



On **23rd December 2023**, under the initiative '**Thand se Rahat**', in collaboration of **Mr. Parimal Dey** the curator of the Theme Park, the club distributed around 100 blankets to bring warmth and comfort to those in need during the winter season. This initiative underscored the club's commitment to environmental care and social responsibility aligning with the ethos of the Theme Park. This project is an ideal combination of supporting the less privileged and promote green initiatives in the quest to create a more compassionate and sustainable society.



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THAND SE RAHAT

Distribution of Blankets

RCC Sarada
24th December, 2023



RCC Dakshindihi
24th December, 2023



RCC Disha
24th December, 2023



Kadamtala Milan Sangha
30th December, 2023



Eye & Health Checkup

RCC Dakshindihi

On **24th December '23**, an **Eye & Health Checkup Camp** was organized jointly with **RCC Dakshindihi**. Apart from comprehensive eye check-up, the camp had facilities for Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure & ECG. There were around 200+ beneficiaries including 31 patients for cataract surgery and 42 for spectacles. Food packets were also distributed to patients.



Hatgachia

On **3rd December '23**, a Health Checkup Camp was organized jointly with **Hatgachia Basti Unnayan Committee**. This included Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure & ECG. In the camp arrangement for Eye checkup was also present.

Project Chair: **Rtn. Sanjay Kr. Chaudhary**



Distribution of Sports Goods



Celebrating the spirit of sportsmanship within communities, our Rotary Club proudly distributed footballs and sports jerseys to enthusiastic students through **RCCs at Dakshindihi, Sarada & Disha on 24th December '23**. This initiative not only fosters a love for sports but also strengthens community bonds, encouraging youth to engage in healthy, active lifestyles.

World AIDS Day

On **1st December 2023**, the occasion of **World AIDS Day** has been organized by our club in association with **Kadamtala Milan Sangha**, a drive on Aids Awareness & Prevention. Counsellors, **Smt. Sunanda Sarkar (Ward# 18)** and **Shri Bapi Ghosh (Ward# 7)** along with doctors and social activists graced the occasion.



Project MAA

On **3rd December 2023**, the club jointly participated in **Project MAA** which is a flagship project of Rotary Club of Calcutta North East. Around 200 underprivileged widow mothers were provided a comprehensive kit of home essentials, clothes, umbrella, food packets, etc.



Polio Awareness

On **10th December 2023**, as per guidance of our Rotary District, under the initiative SNID, our club actively campaigned for **Polio Awareness** in **KMC Wards 39, 41 & 42**. It also included other adjoining areas to these wards. A few children were also administered oral polio drops.



Ceiling Fans to School at Ultadanga

On **1st December 2023**, our club donated 20 ceiling fans to **Ultadanga Govt. Sponsored Higher Secondary School for Girls**. In the presence of **Shri Rajesh Chirimar**, Member, Mayor in Council, Bidhanagar Municipal Corporation and Councilor (Ward #39). Project Chair: **PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria**



Alipore Central Correction Home

On **23rd December 2023**, with the permission of Directorate of Correctional Services (Govt. of WB), the club provided essentials to the **Alipore Central Correction Home (CCH)** which include 25 sets of Buckets & Mugs, 6 nos. Big & Small Dustbins with Lid, (3 litres) - 20 nos. Hot Water Thermos, 6 nos. Bathing Tubs for new born baby and 14 pairs of kid's Shoes and Slippers.

Project Chair: **Rtn. Vinita More**



Rotary Blood Bank

The family members of **PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria**, in the memory of Late Sagarmal Krishna Kumar Rajgaria, has made a contribution of Rs. 25,000/- towards the **HMC Rotary Blood Bank**. This is a project of Howrah Municipal Corporation and has been initiated by Rotary Club of Calcutta.

RCC Board – RY 2024-25

1st December '23

Formation of Nominating Committee at RFM 1620 at The Conclave, Kolkata

15th December '23

Last date for filing of nomination by the Nominating Committee at the office of the Acting Nomination Committee Chair, PP Jitesh Kr. Gutgutia within 17:30 hours.

26th December '23

Last date for withdrawal of names nominated by Nominated Committee at the office of the Acting Nomination Committee Chair within 17:00 hours.

29th December '23

Announcement of Board for Rotary Year 2024-25 (with or without election, as the case may be) at the RFM.

PETS – Bolpur



Uttaran – President Elect Training Seminar was held at Bolpur on **2nd December 2023**. Our President Elect, **Rtn. Alka Ganeriwala** attended the event.

Rotary



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Club Meetings

RFM #1620 | 1st December 2023 | The Conclave

PP Jitesh Kr Gutgutia was entrusted responsibility by IPP as the **Acting Nominating Committee Chair** for the formation of the Nominating Committee. Following members were nominated to the Nominating Committee:

- PP Pradeep Murarka
- PP Subir Poddar
- Rtn Bikas Chandra Goenka
- Rtn Alka Ganeriwala – President Elect

AG Arpita Chatterjee addressed the members with a suggestion to have at least activity on 'Mental Health' which is one of the burning issues in the society

President of RMB, **Rtn. Kaushik Sen** briefed members of the forthcoming event RMB Connect 2023 and invited members to participate. He also made an appeal for us to be Lead Host Club.

Under the initiative 'Know your Members', **Rtn. Ajay Agarwal** made a brief presentation about his journey and about his unit for liquor manufacturing.



Keynote Speaker, **PDG Ajay Agarwal** spoke about the Rotary movement and how each Rotarian can contribute. As he is media industry, some interesting insights were shared as to how the future is shaping up. Session was thought provoking and highly interactive.

RFM #1621 | 29th December 2023 | The Conclave

The **Annual Assembly** was merged with the RFM.

PP Jitesh Kr Gutgutia, Acting Nominating Committee Chair behalf of IPP, duly announced **Rtn. Alka Ganeriwala** to be the club President for the Rotary Year 2024-25 and was invited to the high table.

She announced the names of the Board Members for 2024-25 as under:

President	Alka Ganeriwala
IPP	Sunil Sethia
Vice President	Ranjan Goenka
Hony. Secretary	Satish Jalan
Exec. Secretary	Madhav Prakash Mohta
Treasurer	Rajesh Singhal
Directors	Jully Sharma
	Neelam Tekriwal
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As part of the Annual Assembly, the Annual Accounts was duly presented and in principle adopted enabling timely completion of all statutory formalities.

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We have received soft copies of the Bulletin/ Newsletter of many Rotary Clubs within our District and from others across India. Indeed, it is appreciable to learn about the different service and community projects been done. Our club congratulates each of the club and look forward to know more about their activities through their vibrant newsletters /bulletins.

Rotary Avenues of Service

'The Avenues of Service', based on the Object of Rotary, are Rotary's philosophical cornerstones and the foundation on which club activity is based.

- First Avenue of Service **CLUB SERVICE**
- Second Avenue of Service **VOCATIONAL SERVICE**
- Third Avenue of Service **COMMUNITY SERVICE**
- Fourth Avenue of Service **INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**
- Fifth Avenue of Service **YOUTH SERVICE**

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Happy Anniversary To Our Members

- Deepak & Ann Karuna Agarwal - 1st Dec
- Pravin & Ann Anukriti Jain - 2nd Dec
- Revati Raman & Ann Ritu Agarwal - 3rd Dec
- Sundeep & Ann Neha Sultania - 3rd Dec
- Amit K & Ann Jyoti Rungta - 4th Dec
- Rajesh Kumar & Ann Bhawna Agarwal - 4th Dec
- Rajesh & Ann Kapila Mundhra - 4th Dec
- Mukesh Kumar & Ann Poonam Agarwal - 7th Dec
- Deepak & Ann Rashi Choudhary - 7th Dec
- Kanishka & Ann Swati Bahety - 7th Dec
- Ramesh & Ann Kusum Lata Aggarwal - 7th Dec
- Ashish & Ann Suvidha Bagla - 8th Dec
- Ramesh Kumar & Ann Sangeeta Maroo - 8th Dec
- Pradeep Kumar & Ann Reema Bhansali - 9th Dec
- Girish & Ann Alka Ganeriwala - 10th Dec
- Manoj & Ann Punam Dalmia - 10th Dec
- Raj Kumar & Ann Abhidha Bagri - 10th Dec
- Satish & Ann Kavisha Jalan - 10th Dec
- Binod & Ann Chandrakala Khaitan - 12th Dec

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City's 11 pollution hot spots listed



Kolkata: Following complaints on Kolkata's deteriorating air quality, the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has identified as many as **11 pollution hot spots in the city** and started carrying out intensive mitigation measures to clean up the air.

Based on the hyper-local air quality data the identified pollution hotspots are at BT Road (from Tala to Sinthi More), DH Road - from St Thomas to Taratala and Taratala to Behala Chowrasta - Hazra Intersection, Park Circus 7 point crossing,

Shyambazar 5 point crossing, Burrabazar-Posta, Strand Road, Cossipore Road, Khanna Cinema and its adjacent areas, Moulali and Ultadanga crossing, among others.

This comes at a time when the city has been grappling with 'poor' air quality index (AQI: 201-300) with a significant rise in cases of breathing distress.

KMC has also identified three key sources of air pollution - vehicular emission, construction & demolition dust and road-dust resuspension.

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Happy Birthday to our members



Vijay Bagaria • 2nd Dec

Kisor K Nadhani • 6th Dec

Sanjay Minda • 9th Dec

Shiv Ratan Barasia • 9th Dec

Rajeev Saraogi • 21st Dec

Subodh K Chhajer • 21st Dec

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Rotary Convention 2024 SINGAPORE
25th to 29th May, 2024

It is a unique opportunity for Rotarians in Kolkata to attend the **Rotary International Conference 2024** at Singapore, considering its proximity and ease of travelling. There will be a lot to learn and an ideal place to network with peers across the globe. Interested members, do connect with **PP Sudip Sen (M: 9051011112)** for details.

Register today at convention.rotary.org

RMB Connect



We were the Co-Host for **RMB Connect 2023** held at **Golden Park Hotel, Kolkata** on **7th December 2023**. A galaxy of District dignitaries were present including **PRIP Shekhar Mehta** along with participating delegates from across India.



One of our new members, **Rtn Bikas C Goenka** was inducted as RMB member and was pinned by **PRIP Sekhar Mehta**.

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