

Highest Platinum Citation Award To Rotary Central Calcutta by RI President 2019-20

From the desk of RI President:

During a recent Zoom meeting with Rotarians and Rotaractors, I looked at the smiling faces on my screen and realized how much our organization has changed in a short period. It is clear that there is no going back to the "old normal" in Rotary – and I see that as an exciting opportunity!

Innovation and change are happening at so many levels as we rethink and remake Rotary. Rotary's new flexibility is blending with digital culture to drive change in ways that many of us have never seen before. We can learn a lot from Rotarians like Rebecca Fry – who, at age 31, already has 15 years of Rotary experience.

I see Rotary as a phenomenal platform to change the world. I believe I can have the greatest influence by empowering others to create the change they wish to see in the world. I've gained leadership insights through my experiences in RYLA and Rotaract, and now, as charter president of the Rotary Social Impact Network, a new e-club.

Engaging Rotary program alumni is key in forming new clubs. Our club is proof that Rotaractors and other alumni want to join Rotary – but sometimes they can't find the Rotary club that's right for them. Our club has 31 members, all between the ages of 23 and 41, and almost all of them are alumni of Rotary programs.

We need to be able to integrate and align Rotary with the other personal and professional goals we're pursuing. In chartering this club, we set out to design a personalized model of Rota-

ry that is focused on added value for our members. have also sought to leverage connections - through Rotary Fellowships, Rotary Action Groups, and other international partnerships - in order to elevate our members' experiences beyond the club.

Our club meets and manages most of its projects online, using Microsoft Teams to engage 24/7 in topics that interest our members. This also means our club is not geographically bound to any one location: Although many of us are in Australia, we also have members in Germany, Italy, Mexico, Tanzania, and the United States.

Also key for our club is measuring the impact of our projects. For Plastic Free July this year, we created an awareness campaign promoting ways that individuals could reduce their use of plastics, and we reached more than 6,000 people. It's a project with a tangible impact that anyone can take part in wherever they are. I'm proud that, through our club, we are bringing people together for a new type of Rotary experience. I am excited for our future.

All Rotary clubs have the opportunity to be innovative clubs, just like Bec's club. Let's trust

2019-2020 ROTARY CITATION

PLATINUM



Awarded to the Rotary Club of

Central Calcutta

for helping Rotary connect the world.

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those clubs, learn from them, and lend them our support. Change in Rotary happens at the grassroots level, as clubs lead the charge, defining what this new Rotary can be.

Change is constant, and we have more work to do in many areas. It is important that we celebrate the contributions of people of all backgrounds and promote people from underrepresented groups so that they have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders in Rotary.

The tools to make Rotary more inclusive, more relevant, and more fun for everyone are at our fingertips. Let's use them now, and we will see how Rotary Opens Opportunities for ourselves and for those yet to discover us.

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RI President 2020-21

Service in the "NEW" normal...

ROTARY CENTRAL CALCUTTA IN MOTION...

Teacher's Day Celebration

Celebration of Teacher's Day was held at Rotary Siksha Kendra, Bishnupur on 5th September 2020. The teaching and non-teaching staff were felicitated and Sarees, umbrellas and sweets were given to them.

They were also given a Hands free Sanitizer

along with a 5 ltr jar of Sanitizer for refilling. The project was sponsored by Rtn Pravin Jain. President Jitesh Kr Gutgutia, Secretary Sunil Kr Sethia, PP Prakash Bhadani and Rtn Avinash Bubna joined the project.

- Report by Project Chair, Rtn Pravin Jain









RFM was held on 13th September and Guest Speaker was Rtn Tamal Kanti Mukheriee. He is a practicing Advocate in the field of Criminal

Law and is presently the Public Prosecutor, City Sessions Court at Calcutta. His home club is Rotary Club of South Calcutta and he is a former Rotaractor who has been a DRR. He is a Paul Harris Fellow and has led a Group Study Exchange team for Rotary International in the year 2004 to UK. He is a Past President of Calcutta Club and an Honorary member of several other clubs. He spoke about a few basic topics regarding police and offences which should have public awareness, such as differences between FIR and GDE, what is the procedure for registering FIR, when should a GDE be done, what is a cognizable offence and a non cognizable offence, notices served by police etc.

Rotary Late Ram Gopal Lakhotia Ventilator Ward Meeting



Project was inaugurated by District Governor, Sudip Mukherjee on 19th September, 2020 at Visudhanand Hospital. The ventilator was imported from GE Healthcare, Italy. This machine can be used for the ICU and paediatric purpose even after the COVID pandemic. Big thanks to our member Dr Ankur Gupta for

saving 4 lakhs of rupees by negotiating with GE Company. The ventilator facilities will be available free of cost to all patients and will benefit more than 5000 people.

Donations for the project were received from: PP Rajesh Lakhotia: Rs 8 Lakhs, President

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Ventilator Ward... continued



Jitesh Kr Gutgutia (In memory of his mother Vimla Devi Gutgutia): Rs 2 Lakhs, PP Amit Kr Rungta: Rs 1 Lakh, PP Binod Khaitan: Rs 1 Lakh, PP Sanjay Kr Ganeriwala: Rs 1 Lakh, Rtn Avinash Bubna: Rs 1 Lakh, PP Chittaranjan Choudhary: Rs 51,000, Rtn (Dr) Ankur Gupta: Rs 51,000, Hon Secretary Sunil Sethia: Rs 51,000, PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria: Rs 11,000, Rtn Manish Pachisia: Rs 11,000, Rtn Neeraj Goel: Rs 11,000 and Rtn Sandeep Agarwal: Rs 11,000.



On 19th September 2020, 50 steam inhalers were given to Vishudhanand Hospital at Burtolla for covid patients at the time of discharge from hospital for their use at home. The inhalers were handed over by DG Sudip Mukherjee and PDG Raj Kr Rajgaria. The project was sponsored by Rtn Binod Kr Agarwal. Project cost was Rs 25,000. Members present were PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria, President Jitesh Gutgutia, Hon Sec Sunil, PP Rajesh Lakhotia and Rtn Sandeep Agarwal.

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- Report by Project Chair, PP Rajesh Lakhotia

wards, were showcased to DG Sudip.

– Report by Project Chair, Rtn Binod Kr Agarwal

FEEDBACK

We are about to inaugurate the most ambi-

tious project of our President Jitesh ji. This project was in no way an easy task to accomplish. We wanted to donate to the hospital a ventilator which could be used after the COVID times

too. Normally Ventilators for COVID treatment are pretty cheap but their utility ceases once we are done with this pandemic. We were thinking of a long term plan. We zeroed on to GE ventilator (of Italian make) which is best in class and serves both the issues namely COVID as well as post COVID and can be

used for children as well as adults. Costing of these ventilators were high – Rs 10 lakh plus taxes, but we negotiated to 8 lakhs and taxes plus on spot delivery and a promise of on site training as well as post sale services. The ward for this was ready in our very own Vishudhanand Hospital. We donated 2 ventilators and both the machines are installed and ready to function. AND this ambitious project wouldn't have been completed or I should say succeeded without the exemplary help of our Donors... Our principal Donor is PP Rajesh Lakhotia and others are PP Amit Rungta, Avinash Bubna and many more... Thanks to everyone and especially to our president Jitesh and secretary Sunil who envisioned this and led our club to achieve this great milestone. We welcome each and everyone from

our club to participate directly or indirectly on ZOOM for the inauguration ceremony... Thanks everyone...

- Rtn (Dr) Ankur Gupta



Polio Free

NID was observed on 20th September and awareness program was carried out by announcements on mike in KMC Ward 39. President Jitesh Kr Gutgutia and Hon Secretary Sunil Sethia visited the Ward 39 office where polio drops were given to the children. They also distributed 50 masks, 50 sanitizer bottles and soap for medical warriors who were going door to door giving polio drops to children. This year polio booths were not setup due to Covid 19 Pandemic. The cost of the project was around Rs 5000.



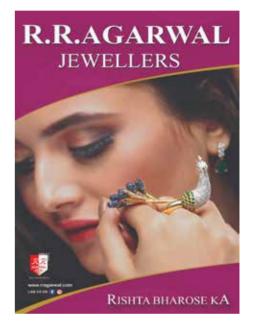
Keep India Rotary Fortnight Meeting



RFM was held on 25th September with Dr Amrita Dass as Guest Speaker. She spoke on the topic "Carrier by choice but not chance."

Dr Amrita Dass is a leading educationist and career consultant of the country and is the founder-director of ICS International established in 1985. She has the distinction of pioneering the career counselling and guidance services in India. ICS International has conducted numerous sessions and workshops in India and abroad. Dr Dass is an alumnus of the Lucknow University where she topped and was awarded 2 gold medals. She pursued her doctoral studies from the London University. She has travelled widely to numerous universities around the world and has participated in International conferences such as UN Social Summit (Denmark), Conference on Women (China), State of the World Forum (USA) and Global Knowledge Partnership by World Bank (Malaysia). She serves on the Boards of many Public schools in India and has been an advisor to SIDBI, Member of steering committee of Woman & Child Development, Planning Commission (9th 5-year plan) and ex-officio

director of State Bank of India. She has been awarded by various organisations including Rotary. Recently the Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred to her by the International Career & College Counselling Conference (IC3) in 2017. The RFM was attended by Interactors and Principal of Ballygunge Shiksha Sadan, Members of "VIP Chartered Accountant Association," members of NGO "Yeh Mera India" and our club members.



Teacher's Day Celebration RCC



Teachers' Day was celebrated at Nibaran Roy Primary School at RCC Tarkeshwar on 6th September. The teachers and non teaching staff were felicitated and were given fruit tree saplings for plantation. Umbrellas and sweets were given to all of them. Hands free sanitizer was also given along with a 5litre refill jar of sanitizer. Face masks with Rotary theme along with names of our club and Rotaract club were distributed for widespread public awareness of Rotary. Fruit tree saplings were planted in Tarkeshwar. Our club members

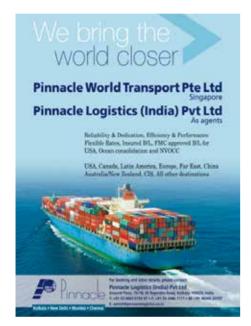
President Jitesh Kr Gutgutia, Secretary Sunil Kr Sethia, Rtn Nalin Vilochan, Rtn Punit Jhunihunwala, Shreya Shah (President of Rotaract Central Calcutta) along with the Rotaract club Secretary attended the projects. The project was sponsored by Rtn Punit Jhunjhunwala.

- Report by Rtn Punit Jhunjhunwala, Project Chair



Eye Equipments

- Operation Microscope, Phaco Emulsifier and Auto Kerato Refracto Meter - have been installed at Rotary Dakshin Barasat Eye Foundation and are in operation.
- Reported by PP Binod Khaitan





Please Note:

Exchange Rate for October 2020 is \$1 = ₹74

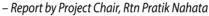
R C C N E W S Saplings Distribution

On 11th & 13th September, saplings were distributed for betterment of environment at RCC Bhanderhati. Ms Mira Malik, members of Dilakash Gram Panchayat and RCC Bhanderhati representative, Swapan Mukherjee were present.





Visit to RCC Sarda & RCC Bhanderhati on 27th September: 300 Amrapali and Langra mango saplings were distributed to needy people of both the RCCs. Sweets & snacks were distributed amongst 200 children of both villages. President Jitesh Kr Gutgutia, Hon Secretary Sunil Sethia, PP Rajesh Lakhotia, Rtn Sajjan Kr Gupta and I attended the project. Since this was my first project visit to the RCC, I really enjoyed at lot and was pleased to see the hospitality by the RCC members. Project Cost: Rs 22,000.







in OctoberLook forward to...

- 3rd Oct: South Asia Rotaract and ESRAG (Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group South Asia) will jointly conduct an Environmental RYLA. *CZERO 2020* will be an e-RYLA to encourage critical thinking and innovative spirit amongst the Rotaractors to take the much needed call to action to protect the environment.
- 5th -11th Oct: Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week
- **11th Oct:** Rotary Calcutta Presidency is hosting a webinar on "Family Succession" at 11 am.
- 24th Oct: World Polio Day

Global Grant with Rotary Singapore

Dear Friends

I am pleased to inform you that the distribution of items for Rotary **GG 2012660** COVID-19 items for Singapore is now underway. I would like to thank all our Singapore and overseas Rotary Clubs and Districts for their kind assistance and support. All Clubs and Districts are kindly acknowledged in the Official Banner for the Project.

Just a recap: this GG, worth USD\$132,249 (SGD\$188,351), supports the following items for donation to the Ministry of Health, Singapore.

(i) 18,000 Disposable Face shields from Super Pak Manufacturing in Tuas, Singapore valued at SGD\$46.224.

(ii) 4,827 pieces of AAMI Level 3/4 Surgical Gowns sourced from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, valued at SGD\$96,772, to be distributed to

the Community in Singapore, especially to the low-income essential service workers, front line healthcare care workers as well as residents as social welfare homes and organisations.

(iii) 30,000 Reusable Facemasks valued at SGD\$36,400.

This morning, 18 September 2020, 5 Rotarians from RC Bugis Junction and RC Singapore, representing the Rotary Clubs and Districts sponsoring this GG 2012660, inspected the 18,000 Disposable Face shield items that are ready for donation to the Ministry of Health, Singapore.

Thank you once again for all your support for this GG 2012660.

Rtn Roger Ng, Rtn Ng Yaw Hua and Rtn Shahul Hameed - Project Coordinators

Rotary Central Calcutta contributed USD 5000 for the project.



Our Global Grant for 500 eye operation jointly with Rotary Purulia and Calcutta Millenium has been approved by Rotary International and is expected to organize Operation Camps around November-December.

DISTRICT NEWS

District Health Check up Camp

District Health Check Camp - At macro level District's 7th (overall) & 6th Project pertaining to AOF 'Disease Prevention and Treatment' was held on Saturday, 26th September'20. As advised by RID Dr. Bharat Pandya, this is the 1st of 4 Mega Health Check up camps of Project Positive Health where apart from 'Know Your Numbers' we had other aspects of general

Rotary Calcutta, founded on 26th September 1919, is the first Rotary Club in Mainland Asia. The 101st Birth Anniversary! Huge achievement indeed! Our Salutation to the great leader - first Rotary President from India in

1962-63 PRIP Nitish C. Laharry, member of Rotary Calcutta - who gave us the most inspiring mantra "Kindle the Spark Within".



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Health checkup... continued

health check up along with BMD, ENT etc. Total no: of beneficiaries were around 300. MP Mala Roy, Chairman of 2 KMC Boroughs, DGN Ajoy Law, IPDG Ajay Agarwal, PDG Uttam Ganguli, PDG Mukul Sinha along with Team Medical's Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri, Dr Aurabinda Ray, Dr Sudipta Chandra & Dr Bandana Homchaudhuri and AGs Shampa Ghosh, Jyotish C Roy & Hemanta Bose were present. Kudos to Host Clubs – Rotary Calcutta East Central & Calcutta Suncity – for conducting the camp in collabo-



ration with Apollo Gleneagles Hospitals & social welfare organisation Vivek. Rotary Calcutta Majestic also participated in the program.

- Report by DG Sudip Mukherjee

Rotary Midnapore has completed



District 3291 Grows...

2 new clubs have been added to Rotary International District 3291 - Rotary Samsherganj Murshidabad and Rotary Behrampur Murshidabad.

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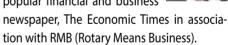


■ PP Sanjay Ganeriwala, proprietor of **Standard Vulcanizing Corporation** – dealers of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited launched poWer99 on 29th September, 2020. This is the 1st petrol pump in eastern India sell-

ing this fuel. It is 99 octane petrol recommended for use in high end supercars and superbikes, though it can also be used in all petrol variant vehicles. Price of poWer99 is about ₹17 more than the normal petrol.

poWer99 is receiving good response from the day it has been launched in Kolkata. The function was attended by top HPCL officials and President of GT Club, Mr Parveen Agarwal along with many members of GT Club. Members of GT Club are people who own supercars in Kolkata.

■ Rtn Arvind Soni of Mahabir Danwar Jewellers, for receiving The Most Trusted Awards 2020 by the most popular financial and business



■ PP Manoj Jain of Ishika Technologies, has been awarded the "Most Trusted Company in Digital Marketing & Bulk SMS" by RMB & The Economic Times.







9th Oct Pankaj Shroff **Ajay Daga** 12th Oct

PP Prasan Lohia 12th Oct

Jaideep Chakravarti 14th Oct Kavisha Jalan 14th Oct **Manoj Tekriwal** 16th Oct **Kanishka Bahety Bimal Agarwal** 20th Oct

Ramesh Kumar Maroo 29th Oct

ReachOut wishes **Happy Anniversary & Blissful togetherness**

PP Chandu & Yogita Ganeriwala 9th October

Thank youPROJECT CHAIRMEN







PP Amit K Rungta

■ 1st Row for the month of July



Rtn Avinash Bubna

■ 3rd Row for the month of September

■ 2nd Row for the month of August



Rtn Madhay P Mohta



Rtn Monika Keiriwal



Rtn Revati Raman Agarwal



PP Manoi Jain



PP Sudip



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Rtn Punit Jhunjhunwala

■ President Jitesh Gutgutia attended meeting of Rotary Behala and District meeting 'Life Beyond Cancer. He gave a special address in joint webinar with NSE and Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce & Industry on "Alternate sources of MSME funding - A Capital Market perspective." His article on "Faceless Assessment under Income Tax Act" was published in Vishwamitra newspaper.

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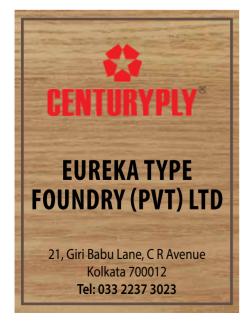


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