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Project MAA

Our club jointly organised Project MAA with Rotary Club of Calcutta North East to distribute various items to widows of 55 years age and above on 1st of December 2024, 10 am onwards, at Simla Byayam Samity, near Girish Park.

Attended by: President Rtn Alka Ganeriwala, PDG Raj Kumar Rajgaria, PP Rtn Girish Ganeriwala, Rtn Satish Jalan, Rtn Madhav Mohta



On the occasion of **World Aids Day 1st December 2024**, our Club had organised an Awareness and Prevention Camp of Aids at Red Light area, North Kolkata, from 11.30 am onwards. Various speakers deliberated in the Program.

Attended by: Rtn Shri Ratan Jhawar



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President



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District Governor



Alka Ganeriwala
President



Satish Jalan
Secretary



Kavisha Jalan
Editor

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P R O J E C T S A T R C C S

Wheel Chairs, Electric Scooters, Hearing Aids distributed at

RCC Purba Dwarkapur

On Occasion of World Disability Day on 3rd December 2024, Our Club in association with RCC Purba Dwarkapur jointly organised the distribution of various items - Wheel chairs, Electric Scooters, Hearing Aids, to over 1,000 Divyangjans to help them live a normal life. The project was funded by SAIL and SBI under their CSR Initiative.

Attended by: Rtn Madhav Mohta, Rtn Abhishek Agarwal, Rtn Satish Jalan, Rtn Kavisha Jalan.



It is said that in Rotary, if you have not visited the RCCs yet, you have not enjoyed the Rotary yet.



Eye Camp and Blanket Distribution at **RCC Sarada**

Our Club Organised an **Eye Camp** and **Blanket Distribution** at our RCC Sarada, on 8th December, 10:00am onwards. We distributed 150 pcs Blankets to the needy people. The Eye Camp was organised in association with Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital. Several other tests were also conducted like BP, Sugar, ECG. The day started with a breakfast at Tiwari Sweets in Minto Park, (thanks to Rtn. Shri Vardhan Modi, for the delicious treat)

Attended by: Rtn Sandeep Agarwal, Rtn Ajay Kr Agarwal, Rtn Abhishek Agarwal, Rtn Shri Vardhan Modi and Rtn Satish Jalan.



PROJECTS AT RCCS

Eye Camp, 150 pcs Blankets Distribution, Food items Distribution, Drawing Competition at

RCC Bansai Prochesta

Our Club organised an Eye Camp, 150 pcs Blankets Distribution, Food items, Drawing Competition at our RCC Bansai Prochesta on 15th December, 2024, 10.00am onwards. Rtn Abhishek Agarwal sponsored the chocolates for the kids. Also organised a Drawing Competition

with the specially abled child.

The kids were very delighted to meet us and participate in the programme. At the project, we met less fortunate people having the need, especially the experience of an interaction with a deaf and dumb woman who is working for just Rs 1,000 per month left us in awe thinking about her strength.

Attended by: Rtn Abhishek Agarwal, Rtn Satish Janan.



Eye Camp and Blanket Distribution at

RCC Tarkeshwar

Eye camp and blanket distribution at RCC Tarkeshwar on 26th December



Blanket Distribution Drive Summary -

RCC Sarada: 150 pcs

RCC Bansai: 150 pcs • RCC Tarkeshwar: 100 pcs

RCC Dakin Dihi: 150 pcs • RCC Disha: 150 pcs

RCC Ramnagar: 400 pcs • RCC HDC: 250 pcs

RCC Purba Dwarkapur: 350 pcs

& Others...



We thank all our members for generously donating for the blanket distribution drive. In total approx **2,000 blankets** were distributed.




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INTERACT CLUB REPORT FY 2024

■ **May 2024, 2024:** We participated in the Champ for Life seminar on mental health at Rotary Sadan. This seminar emphasized the importance of mental health, especially for young people, and equipped our members with valuable insights into resilience and emotional well-being. It was a significant initiative for us, as mental health awareness continues to be a critical issue among students.

■ **June 23rd – June 24th, 2024:** We attended Sambardhan, the annual meeting of the Interact Club, where we had the opportunity to network with other clubs and learn from their experiences. Shortly after, on June 24th, two of our members, along with our teacher, Ms. Nidhi Agarwal, were felicitated. This recognition was a proud moment for us.

■ **June 28th, 2024:** One of our key projects this year was the donation drive for Chunkha Bari Balika Vidyalaya. We collected and donated essential items such as sanitary napkins, books, pencil cases, stationery, sattu, cookies, and other supplies to the school. This drive aimed to support the education and personal needs of the students, particularly young girls who often lack access to basic necessities. The success of this initiative reinforced the importance of helping educational institutions, especially those serving underprivileged communities.

■ **July 13th, 2024:** We launched an ongoing project to feed stray dogs in collaboration with an NGO. This initiative has continued to grow, with more students volunteering to feed stray animals in different areas of the city. It has become one of our most successful long-term projects, raising awareness about animal welfare and fostering compassion among students for stray animals.

■ **Second week of July, 2024:** Additionally, in the second week of July, we visited Jyotirmoy School, an NGO that works with

underprivileged children. Our members spent time teaching and interacting with Class One students, providing them with basic education and engaging them in fun activities. This visit was a valuable learning experience for our members, helping them understand the importance of education and community support.

July also saw our annual school fest, Interface, a fest with a cause, tied up with the Interact club. All proceeds from the fest were donated to an old age home in Midnapore through the NGO Pukaar.

■ **August 17th, 2024:** We sent another installment of donations to the same old age home, including about 96 children's clothes, 75 sarees, umbrellas, shoes, toys, napkins, stationery, and nutritional items. These donations provided much-needed relief to the elderly residents, furthering our commitment to supporting vulnerable communities.

■ **September 28th, 2024:** The BSS School, in collaboration with the Calcutta Debating Circle and other institutions, held a Dyslexia Awareness Workshop at Rotary Sadan, focusing on supporting neurodiversity. The event began with a symbolic 15-minute walk, honoring the resilience of individuals with Dyslexia. Esteemed speakers, including Menon Mukherjee, Professor Debasree Banerjee, and Dr. Arundhuti Sarkar, led sessions on Dyslexia's challenges, early signs, and inclusive teaching strategies. Engaging discussions dispelled misconceptions, bridging urban-rural awareness gaps and encouraging open dialogue for a more inclusive educational approach.

■ **October 2nd, 2024:** We geared up with a flood relief drive in response to the devastating floods in our state. We collaborated with Pukaar to send ten cartons of edible relief, including puffed rice, biscuits, chana, cakes, and other dry snacks, to the affected areas. This initiative al-

lowed us to offer timely assistance to those in need, reflecting the club's readiness to respond to emergencies.

■ **October 29th, 2024:** The Interact Club held its first fundraiser on the school premises, where we sold handmade savouries to gather funds. The response from our fellow students was truly heartwarming, as they generously supported our cause. The funds collected were used to buy festive gifts for the children of Jyotirmoy School, a place for underprivileged students, allowing us to share a little joy and celebration with them for the upcoming children's day celebration.

■ **November 14th, 2024:** We visited Jyotirmoy School to bring joy to underprivileged children. We distributed packets of biriyani, spoons, and napkins, and gifted them pencil bags filled with stationery, making their day special. The experience was truly heartwarming, and we felt grateful to have been a part of it. Spending time with the kids brought us inner peace and happiness, and seeing their faces light up with joy was the best gift we could have received on Children's Day, making it a truly unforgettable experience.

Late November, 2024: The Interact Club organized a successful Winter Clothes Drive to collect warm clothing for individuals in need during the winter season. Students from classes 6 to 11 participated enthusiastically, donating jackets, sweaters, scarves, gloves, and blankets for all age groups. The drive received an overwhelming response, with students showing great generosity in supporting the cause. The Interact Club members worked diligently to sort and organize the donations. This initiative not only helped those facing the challenges of the cold weather but also fostered a sense of community spirit and social responsibility among the students.

■ **15th December, 2024:** We had the

privilege of attending "Care-nival 2.0," a Christmas carnival hosted by Dr. P. Banerjee Homeopathic Research Clinic for specially abled children. The event fostered an inclusive atmosphere, allowing these children to participate in celebrations. The carnival featured various stalls, including quilling, pottery, and food stalls offering cotton candy and popcorn. The children showcased their talents through poetry, singing, and dancing performances, leaving us stunned. We distributed chocolates, food packets, and gifts, feeling grateful for the experience. We extend our sincere gratitude to Dipti Khaitan and Nidhi Agarwal Ma'am for providing us with this opportunity.

■ **20th December, 2024:** The BSS School organized a joyful Christmas drive at Jyotirmoy School, sponsored by Swayam Bhar. The children received colorful books and crayons to spark their creativity. A team of 12 volunteers from BSS School, along with Nidhi Agarwal Ma'am, brought warmth and enthusiasm to the event. BSS students also contributed by gifting Christmas caps and chocolates to the children. The event fostered a sense of community, with volunteers sharing caps with the staff as well. The celebration was a heartwarming success, creating unforgettable memories for all.

■ **23rd December, 2024:** The Interact Club of The BSS School organized a Ganga Ghat Cleaning Drive at Babu Ghat, Kolkata, with 14 student volunteers. Supervised by Miss Nidhi Agrawal, the ECA Coordinator, the drive aimed to clean the ghat, particularly the Ganga Aarti site, and promote cleanliness awareness. The campaign, supported by the Kolkata Police, saw students carrying their own gloves, masks, trash bags, and broomsticks. This initiative not only improved the cleanliness of the area but also instilled a sense of social responsibility and environmental awareness among the students.

WINTER CLOTHES DONATION DRIVE by the Interact Club of The BSS School



On January 8, 2025, the Interact Club of The BSS School successfully organized a clothes donation drive under the Gariahat flyover to extend support to underprivileged individuals. The initiative involved the collection, sorting, and distribution of clean and usable clothing, benefiting men, women, children, and the elderly.

The donated items included warm clothing such as jackets, sweaters, shawls, and blankets, ensuring comfort and utility for the recipients, particularly during the winter season. This noble effort brought happiness to many and instilled a sense of compassion and social responsibility among the participating students.

Through their commitment and teamwork, the members of the Interact Club demonstrated the power of collective goodwill, setting an example of meaningful community service and inspiring others to contribute to society.



RMB CONNECT 2024



Our Club jointly organised the **RMB Connect 2024**, in association with RMB Fellowship Kolkata, held on 14th Dec 2024, at Fairfield, Marriott Newtown, from 9am to 5pm onwards.

Attended by: Rtn Abhishek Agarwal, Rtn Satish Jalan, Rotarylet Yash Ganeriwala, and some other members.



Rotarylet Yash Ganeriwala, son of PP Girish and President Alka, as a panelist in RMB Connect Financial Wellness Session.




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– Investor Relations - Eastern Region, NSE

He has around 10 years of experience in the Business Development vertical of National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE).

In this period he has executed various projects related to development of new Markets for new Financial Products.

Currently he is looking after the development of Debt Market of NSE.

The Topic of Discussion was a Session on Debt Financing for Businesses through NSE Debt Market Platform



1640 RFM • 13th December • 6.30 pm • The Conclave

- The Meeting was called to order with the National Anthem led by Rtn Ankit Chhaparia. The Four Way Test read by Rtn Pankaj Agarwal.
- Rotarian Integrity Pledge was read by Rtn Mandeep Bindra.
- Confirmation of Minutes of last meeting (RFM 1639). Announcements were made by President Rtn Alka Ganeriwala on the Projects done in December.
- Club business was conducted by Hon. Secretary Rtn CA Satish Jalan on the upcoming events, projects and birthdays & anniversaries in December.
- Rtn Sunil Goenka introduced the Guest speaker Angshuman Choudhury - Investor Relations - Eastern Region, NSE. The Session was conducted by the Guest Speaker. IT WAS AN INTERACTIVE Session on Debt Financing for Businesses through NSE Debt Market Platform.
- Rtn Sanjay Ganeriwala Felicitated the Guest Speaker. The Sergeant at Arms report was presented by Rtn Sanjay Ganeriwala.
- Vote of Thanks was given by Rtn Ranjan Goenka.



1641 RFM and Annual General Meeting • 20th December • 6.30 pm • The Conclave

- The Meeting was called to order by President Rtn Alka Ganeriwala.
- Rtn Abhishek Agarwal led the National Anthem and sang with everyone present.
- Rtn Mona Garg read out the Four Way Test.
- Rtn Jitesh Gutgutia read out the Rotarian Integrity Pledge.
- President invited Election Officer, IPP Sunil Sethia on the high table.
- The Minutes of the last RFM 1640 was confirmed in the Meeting, duly proposed by PP Rtn Jitesh Gutgutia and Seconded by Rtn Raj Bagri.
- President Alka Ganeriwala provided a brief overview of the projects completed in December and praised the members for their contributions to the blanket distribution initiative.
- Club Business was conducted by Hon. Secretary Rtn CA Satish Jalan. He wished the members having their Birthdays & Anniversaries in December with a round of applause by all the members present and also made an announcement regarding upcoming projects & events.
- District Conference 2025 Registration details were shared.
- Confirmation of Accounts of Club and

Trust for FY 23-24 & RY 23-24 were duly presented & confirmed.

- ReAppointment of Auditor - Gupta Khowala and Associates.
- The PHF Pin was awarded to Rtn Jitesh Gutgutia and Rtn. IPP Sunil Sethia in recognition of their contributions.
- IPP Sunil Sethia announced the nominations received for RY 25-26.
- Felicitation of new team, Immediate Past President Sunil Sethia Introduced and felicitated the New Team of Members.

Suggestions by any member: IPP Rtn Sunil Sethia, Rtn Raj Bagri, Rtn Madhav Mohta, Rtn Jitesh Gutgutia, Rtn Girish Ganeriwala, Rtn Brij Mohan Lakhota and Rtn Sanjay Ganeriwala shared the experience of visiting RCCs projects in villages & appealed to members present to continue to visit RCCs to experience the joy of Rotary

Sergeant at Arms Report: Attendance Members-23, Sunshine Collection Rs 2800 Rtn Meeta Lakhota proposed a vote of thanks to all the members.

Termination of meeting by the President followed by Special Dinner with Live Charcoal Grilled Dishes.

Congratulations

BOARD OF MEMBERS 2025-26

President: **Rtn CA Satish Jalan**

President Elect: **Rtn CA Sanjay Chowdhary**

IPP: **Rtn Alka Ganeriwala**

Vice President: **Rtn Sandeep Agarwal**

Secretary: **Rtn Abhishek Agarwal**

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Editor: **Rtn Mona Garg**

Board Members: **Rtn Girish Ganeriwala, Rtn Manoj Dalmia, Rtn Raj Bagri, Rtn Kishor Nadhani, Rtn Sumit Agarwal**



Rtn CA Satish Jalan
President Elect RY 2025-26

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Rtn Pravin & Anukriti Jain • 2 Dec
Rtn Sundeeep & Neha Sultania • 3 Dec
Rtn Revati Raman & Ritu Agarwal • 3 Dec
Rtn Amit Kr & Jyoti Rungta • 4 Dec
Rtn Rajesh & Kapila Mundhra • 4 Dec
Rtn Rajesh & Bhawna Agarwal • 4 Dec

Rtn Deepak & Rashi Choudhary • 7 Dec
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Rtn Kanishka & Swati Bahety • 7 Dec
Rtn Ashish & Suvidha Bagla • 8 Dec
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Rtn Pradeep & Reema Bhansali • 9 Dec
Rtn Girish & Alka Ganeriwala • 10 Dec
Rtn Manoj & Punam Dalmia • 10 Dec
Rtn Raj & Abhidha Bagri • 10 Dec
Rtn Satish & Kavisha Jalan • 10 Dec
Rtn Binod & Chandrakala Khaitan • 12 Dec

HAPPY Birthday to our members...

Rtn Vijay Bagaria • 2 Dec
Rtn Kisor Kumar Nadhani • 6 Dec
Rtn Shiv Ratan Barasia • 9 Dec
Rtn Sanjay Minda • 9 Dec
Rtn Rajeev Saraogi • 21 Dec
Rtn Subodh Kumar Chhajer • 21 Dec
Rtn Deepak Agarwal • 24 Dec
Rtn Vinita More • 25 Dec



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Look forward to:

Upcoming Events

■ RFM 1642 on 10th January, 2025, at The Astor, 15, Shakespeare Sarani.



Guest Speaker Dr Vivek Sharma, Knee and Hip Specialist.

Dr Sharma creates an ambience of positivity to treat and heal people. To focus he had completed his studies in medicine from Kolkata and then went abroad for his further studies he mastered on knee from national university hospital Singapore, foot and ankle guro hospital Seoul Korea, hip from national university hospital Sin-

gapore Past he was associated to RTIICS hospital Kolkata, Medica Hospital Kolkata Peerless Hospital. Now he heads the department at Narayana Health Howrah branch In total of 20 years of experience in knee and hip surgeries he made lot of ailing people smile and leading a good quality of life.

He had delivered lot of lectures pan India and across the globe. he is been an active member of multiple selective and prestigious orthopaedic associations. To add he is a member of indian orthopaedic association, Singapore orthopaedic association, Indian arthroplasty association.

Lastly he is totally into knee and hip care and also does all mini invasive procedures, arthroscopic surgeries, and acetabular and pelvic surgeries etc.

CONDOLANCE

Our ex-member **Rtn Uttam Sarda** suddenly **passed away on 31st December**

afternoon. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.

