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ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA UNIVERSE

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- The Message

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Message from R I President



Rtn. Er. Vikas Varshneya

Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe

I congratulate you on your installation to the office of club President at the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, West Bengal, India.

Rotary needs your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and

district an irresistible experience. By following Rotary's Action Plan and making sure all members feel a sense of belonging in your club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness The Magic of Rotary, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make your club a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in your community. I look forward to working beside you as we change the world with The Magic of Rotary.

Warm regards,

Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President, 2024-2025



Message from District Governor



Rtn. Er. Vikas Varshneya

President 2024-2025

Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe,
RID 3291

Greetings and best wishes from
Dr Simran and my family.

It will be yet another historic day on 01 July 2024 when the second-ever lady Rotarian RIPE Stephanie A Urchick from RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, will take over the reins of Rotary International with the wonderful theme "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY".

On the very same date, we too will be extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to officially take care of the health and welfare, of all our fellow Rotarians of District 3291 for one full Rotary year.

On that very day, you too shall be taking up the mantle of your club and work towards the benefit of both your club members and the society at large. I am very happy to note that you are already planning service projects and we expect that those shall be sustainable projects creating new development of marginalized people.

The service projects that we do for the benefit of the lesser privileged in our community, is truly magical. It brings about positive change towards betterment and sometimes, a total change in the lives of our beneficiaries. And while doing these meaningful projects, we also get together, bond and enjoy ourselves. This is "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY".

I am positive that your vibrant club shall do this magic, as they have done in the past, and continue to serve to change lives. Simran and I wish you and your esteemed club members the best and eagerly look forward to working together for a wonderful and fruitful Rotary Year 2024-2025.

Thanking you.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor, 2024-2025

Rotary International District 3291

Message from President

I feel honored to accept the position of president for the upcoming year and will work hard with the members' support & expert synergy exchange to achieve the club's goals and make everyone proud. My objective is to have absolute harmony & healthy fellowship amongst all members as well as to serve the society collectively. We have to work out good sustainable & fund raising projects, I hope to see our club elevated at such a level that everyone feels elated & people show eagerness to join us.



Best Wishes

Vikas Varshneya

President, RC Calcutta Universe

Message from Secretary

Walking into the 7th year of Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, I can say without a doubt that the club has come a long way. With able leaders who preceded before have set a benchmark, and now there is only one way - that is, forward and upward. I have high hopes for the club with the new team of leaders and the new members, we will achieve even greater scales of success.

I hope to have the love, support and best wishes of the members to make sure the club reaches new heights!



Ashmita Dey

Secretary, RC Calcutta Universe

Our Club Projects

"Over the course of the past year, we, the members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe have executed over 40 projects. Here we are sharing a glimpse of some of our major projects that we had undertaken."

DOCTOR'S DAY CELEBRATION

Doctor's Day was celebrated at Kolkata Police Hospital on 1st July 2024. The Hospital Superintendent Dr.Partha De and all Doctor's, Nurses and attendants of the Pediatric Ward were felicitated by our Club and gifts and food items was distributed among them.



ROTARY INDIA LITERACY MISSION

Our Club participated in Rotary India Literacy Mission by contributing Rupees One Lac Forty Thousand. The amount was paid by Rtn.Dr.Sailen Bhowmick and Rtn.Susmita Sarkar. Our Club sponsored 20 Vidya Centres for 800 non-literate adults.The Project cost is Rupees Two Lacs Eighty Thousand as RILM will match the amount as paid by our Club.



The amount was handed over to the Chairman Literacy Mission Past District Governor Prabir Chatterjee on 20.7.2024 on the Occasion of our 7th Installation Ceremony "Nabadiganta".

Our Club Projects

NABADISHA

Our Club participated in District 3291 Nabadisha Project in collaboration with Kolkata Police a Health Camp for under privileged children on 28.7.2024 at KMC Community Hall, Ward No.55, 140, Ananda Palit Road,Kolkata-700 014. About 175 children attended the program and four Doctor's attended the children. From our Club member Rtn.Dr.Tapan Pal attended about 40 under privileged children. We distributed medicines as prescribed by the Doctors. Food packet was also distributed among the Children.



RAKHI AND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION WITH THE THALASSEMIA CHILDREN AT KOLKATA POLICE HOSPITAL

Rakhi and Independence Day was celebrated with the thalassemia children at Kolkata Police Hospital on 14th August 2024 is a wonderful way to bring joy and a sense of belonging to those who may need it the most. This dual celebration can be organized in a way that brings smiles to their faces and helps them feel included in the festive spirit. Bodhayan a school for Autism children prepared the Rakhi's. Along with Rakhis, cakes and toffees was distributed to the children to make the occasion even more special. As a mark of Independence Celebration flags and badges was distributed among the Thalassemia Children. This celebration created a memorable experience for thalassemia children, bringing them happiness and a sense of unity on such special occasions.



DISTRIBUTION OF SHELTER KITS FOR THE FLOOD VICTIMS OF WAYANAD, KERALA

On 5th August 2024 Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe in collaboration with India Humanity Foundation did send five shelter kits to the flood victims of Wayanad, Kerala. Cost of each Shelter Kit is Rs.8000.00 and each kit constituted of Tent, Groundsheet, Cooking Set, Non-Perishable Food, Water purification tablets, Collapsible water containers, First Aid Kit, Hygiene Supplies, Insect Repellent, Flashlights and Lanterns, Rope and Duct Tape etc.



Our Club Projects

PRANIC HEALING SESSION FOR THALASSEMIA CHILDREN AT KOLKATA POLICE HOSPITAL

A Pranic Healing Session was organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe at Kolkata Police Hospital on 14th August 2024 for children affected by thalassemia. The session offered a complementary approach to support their health and well-being. Pranic Healing, a form of energy healing, aims to balance and harmonize the body's energy, promoting physical and emotional wellness.



The Independence Day Celebration

The Independence Day celebration with the children of Anirban Pathabhabwan in Sehai, South 24 Parganas on 15th August 2024 was a joyous and memorable event, filled with patriotism and community spirit. The day commenced with the hoisting of the national flag, accompanied by the singing of the national anthem, instilling a sense of pride and unity among the children. Various cultural activities, including dance performances and patriotic songs were organized, showcasing the talents and enthusiasm of the young participants. The celebration concluded with the distribution of sweets and small gifts, leaving the children with smiles on their faces and a deeper appreciation for their nation's heritage.



MOSQUITO NET DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe in co-ordination with Best friendz Society organized a mosquito net distribution camp in Mahendra Nagar Village located in Patharpratima Subdivision, South 24 Parganas on 30th August 2024, targeting areas with high incidences of mosquito-borne diseases. The initiative aimed to provide essential protection to the local population, particularly vulnerable groups such as children and pregnant women. Volunteers meticulously planned the event, ensuring the efficient distribution of high-quality, long-lasting mosquito nets. This effort reflects RC Calcutta Universe's commitment to improving health outcomes and supporting the well-being of the residents of Patharpratima.



EXPRESSIVE ART THERAPY

Expressive Art Therapy session was organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe together with the Narayana Group of Schools. Students from Narayana School Sonarpur, Newtown, Park Circus and Maheshtala on 30th August, 2nd September, 4th September and 6th September 2024 organizing and performing cultural activities for Thalassemia children is a heart-warming initiative that blends compassion with creativity. These events not only offer a vibrant platform for students to showcase their talents but also bring joy and a sense of normalcy to the lives of children battling Thalassemia. Through dance, music, drama, and other artistic expressions, students create an atmosphere filled with positivity, hope, and entertainment. These cultural performances serve as a meaningful distraction for the children, allowing them to momentarily escape the challenges of their condition and feel included in a community that cares deeply for their well-being. The interaction between the students and the children fosters empathy, understanding, and a shared sense of humanity, leaving a lasting impact on both groups.



Our Club Projects

FASHION FIESTA FOR TRANSGENDER

A Fashion Fiesta named "TASAMM" was organized by reputed Fashion Designer Mr.Promit Mukherjee at ICCR, Kolkata on 5th September 2024 for Transgender Community. The event was supported by Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe. Organizing a fashion show for transgender individuals can be a powerful catalyst for social change, promoting acceptance, understanding, and equality. It not only benefits the transgender community but also enriches society by challenging outdated norms and embracing diversity. The event is a vibrant celebration of diversity, identity, and creativity. It's not just about the garments; it's about the empowerment that comes with being seen and celebrated for who they truly are, it fosters inclusivity and acceptance, challenging societal norms and redefining beauty standards. This fiesta is more than a fashion show; it's a powerful statement of pride, resilience, and the ongoing fight for equality.



"Honoring the Pillars of Knowledge"

On the occasion of Teachers' Day, celebrated on September 5, 2024, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe honored eight dedicated teachers from the Navanir Old Age Home for their remarkable contributions. The event was a heartfelt tribute to the educators. Their commitment to lifelong learning and teaching has not only inspired the residents of Navanir but also set a powerful example of selfless service. The felicitation ceremony recognized their invaluable role in shaping minds and fostering a spirit of continuous growth. Though these educators once dedicated their lives to shaping young minds as teachers, their current home is within the walls of an old age home. Having spent years imparting knowledge and wisdom, they are now in a place that provides them with care and companionship in their later years. Their days of guiding students may have passed, but the values and lessons they once taught still live within them. Navanir Old Age Home, now their sanctuary, offers them the peace and support they need, a different kind of nurturing that they once provided to others.



Honoring Excellence: Felicitation of Two Technical Educators on Vishwakarma Puja

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe celebrated Vishwakarma Puja on 17th September 2024 by honoring two distinguished technical educators for their outstanding contributions to the field of technical education. Sri Samar Kumar Saha retired from Government ITI(Tollygunge) in fitter trade with 28 years experience, currently working at Dream Private ITI since 2015 in fitter Trade. Dr. Arun Chandra Sen, retired from Bejoy Narayan Mahavidyalaya, Hoogly, served 36 years thereafter worked at Dream Institute of Technology for 7 years and currently working at Dream Private ITI since 2019. The event, which took place on the auspicious occasion dedicated to Lord Vishwakarma, the divine architect, highlighted the significant role of educators in shaping the future of the nation's skilled workforce. The felicitation ceremony recognized their dedication, innovation, and commitment to fostering technical knowledge among students, aligning with the spirit of the day that venerates craftsmanship and technical excellence. The Rotary Club's gesture underscored the importance of education in driving progress and development in the technical sector.



Our Club Projects

Roti on Wheels

"Roti on Wheels" is a service project focused on providing free, nutritious meals to 200 pilgrims and passer-by in Kalighat on 19th September 2024. This is Rotary Club of Calcutta initiative and is dedicated to addressing hunger by offering freshly prepared rotis, sabji, pickle and boondi to those in need.

Club members ensured that anyone, regardless of their background or circumstances, can enjoy a wholesome meal. More than just a food distribution effort, "Roti on Wheels" embodies the principles of compassion, care, and social responsibility, making a positive impact on the local community and supporting the welfare of those who visit this sacred place.



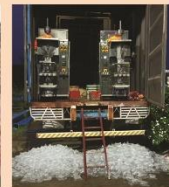
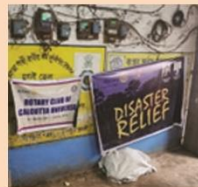
FREE EYE CHECK UP CAMP

Renuka Eye Institute, a Super-speciality Eye Hospital located at Barasat, Teghria and Amtala in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, has organized a Free Eye Check-up Camp at Dream Institute of Technology on 20th September 2024 for the students and faculties. This initiative aims to provide comprehensive eye examinations and consultations for all participants. About 250 faculty and students participated in this camp.



Disaster Relief

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe together with Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi has played a crucial role in providing relief to flood-affected areas in West Bengal on 25th September 2024, offering timely assistance to communities devastated by the natural disaster. As soon as the floods hit, Rotary members mobilized resources to deliver essential supplies such as dry rations, clean drinking water and clothes to displaced families. Additionally, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe arranged for a mobile drinking water treatment unit and provided drinking water pouch adequately. The swift and coordinated response has been a beacon of hope for many affected communities, ensuring that aid reaches the most vulnerable.



Our Club Projects

Hope in Education: Distribution of Study Materials to Thalassemia Children at Kolkata Police Hospital Pediatric Ward

As a part of a sustainable project of RC Calcutta Universe an inspiring initiative was taken on 4th October 2024 for uplifting the spirits and educational prospects of young Thalassemia patients, study materials such as notebooks and stationary kits were distributed among children in the Pediatric Ward of Kolkata Police Hospital by Narayana School Students, Park Circus branch. This thoughtful program was designed to provide educational support to children undergoing treatment for Thalassemia. The children were overjoyed to receive the study materials, and the event turned into a day of smiles and shared joy. Beyond the act of distributing materials, the interaction with the children aimed to create a space where they felt supported, cared for, and hopeful for their future.



SIGNING OF MoU WITH NARAYANA GROUP OF SCHOOLS

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Narayana Group of Schools for a period of four years to establish Social Service Clubs across 23 Narayana schools throughout West Bengal. This partnership aims to instill a sense of community service and social responsibility among students by engaging them in various charitable and volunteer activities.

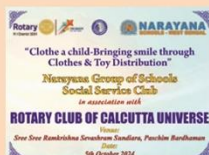
The signing ceremony was followed by a press meet, where representatives from both organizations highlighted the significance of this collaboration. They emphasized the potential of these Social Service Clubs to create a positive impact in local communities and foster a culture of empathy and leadership among young students.

The initiative is expected to provide students with hands-on opportunities to participate in community service projects, furthering the mission of both the Rotary Club and the Narayana Group to contribute meaningfully to society.



Clothe A Child-Bringing Smile Through Clothes & Toy Distribution

On the festive occasion of Durga Puja, the students of Narayana School came together to bring joy to underprivileged children in Panagarh on 5th October 2024 by distributing clothes and toys to those aged 2 to 15 years. The initiative was organized at the Ramakrishna Math, Panagarh, and aimed to share the festive spirit with children from economically weaker sections. The program was coordinated by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, which played a key role in facilitating the event and ensuring the smooth distribution of gifts. The children received new clothes and toys, spreading smiles and happiness during the Durga Puja celebrations. This thoughtful gesture not only uplifted the spirits of the children but also instilled a sense of social responsibility and compassion among the participating students. Through this initiative, the festival became a source of joy and togetherness for the community, reflecting the true essence of Durga Puja.



Our Club Projects

“Draped in Dignity”: A Saree and Shirt Distribution Camp for Our Elderly

A Saree and Shirt distribution camp was organized on 7th October 2024 at Navanir at an old age home, in 1/2, Shyam Bose Road, Chetla, Kolkata-700027, bringing joy and comfort to the elderly residents. The event aimed to provide essential clothing to both the women and men in the home, ensuring they had suitable attire for everyday wear. Club members carefully selected sarees in a variety of colors and patterns for the 74 female residents, while a wide range of shirts in different sizes were chosen for the 16 male residents.

The distribution process was conducted with great care, respecting the dignity and preferences of each individual. The residents were delighted with the new clothing, which not only met their practical needs but also uplifted their spirits. The camp was a heartwarming initiative that highlighted the importance of caring for the elderly and ensuring their well-being in all aspects of life.



Uniting for a Polio-Free World: Observing World Polio Day

Observing World Polio Day on 24th October 2024 by fixing stickers on cars is a unique and impactful way to spread awareness about the ongoing fight to eradicate polio. As these cars travel through neighborhoods and busy streets, the eye-catching stickers serve as mobile reminders of the importance of vaccination and global health efforts. This simple yet effective method allows individuals to engage with the public, creating curiosity and prompting conversations about polio prevention. By spreading the message "End Polio Now" across cities and communities, this campaign helps draw attention to the need for continued support and action in the fight to eliminate polio once and for all.



Nutritious Food Distribution for Girls at Save the Children Home, Thakurpukur: Supporting Health and Growth

On 2nd November 2024 distribution of nutritious food items among the girl children at Save the Children Home, Thakurpukur, took place. It was a significant step toward supporting their health and well-being. Club members ensured that each child received balanced food items rich in essential nutrients, including. This initiative focused on improving the girls' overall nutritional intake, aiming to promote better growth, energy, and immunity.

By prioritizing healthy foods, the program not only addressed immediate hunger but also contributed to long-term health, supporting the girls' physical and cognitive development in a holistic way. On this occasion the joyful dance and song performances by the Girls at Save the Children Home was very impressive.



Our Club Projects

Installation of 3 Smart Television sets in Anirban Pathabhawan Classrooms to Enhance Teaching and Learning

The installation of smart television sets in the classrooms of Anirban Pathabhawan on 4th November 2024 is a valuable step toward enhancing the learning experience for students. These TVs serve as interactive teaching aids, allowing teachers to incorporate engaging visual content that can make complex concepts easier to understand. Educational videos, interactive lessons, and animated stories displayed on the screens capture students' attention, boosting their interest and retention. For young learners, visual learning significantly aids in comprehension, making subjects like science, language, and math more accessible and enjoyable. The TVs also facilitate exposure to digital literacy from an early age, which is essential in today's technology-driven world. Overall, this initiative supports a more dynamic, inclusive, and effective learning environment that can benefit the students' academic development.



CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS – A INTER DISTRICT PROJECT

The Rotary Inter-District Project "Creative Expressions," held on the 11th and 12th of November 2024 in Darjeeling, was a collaborative initiative between Districts 3240 and 3291. Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe and Rotary Club of Darjeeling Himalayas collaborated with Narayana School Kalimpong to organize the event at The Hayden Hall, Darjeeling. On the first day, the project focused on a blanket distribution camp, providing warmth and support to underprivileged individuals ahead of the winter season. Following this, a "Sit and Draw" competition was held, showcasing the artistic talents of students from Narayana School, Kalimpong and West Point School, Darjeeling. The day concluded with a vibrant cultural program by the School students, celebrating local heritage and creativity. On the second day, students from West Point School, Darjeeling took center stage in a fashion show, proudly displaying traditional attire and celebrating the beauty of local culture. This event strengthened community bonds and underscored Rotary's commitment to social service and cultural appreciation in the region.



Children Day Celebration

On 14th November 2024, in celebration of Children's Day, Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe in Collaboration with Narayana School, Social Service Club hosted a compassionate outreach event focused on supporting underprivileged children in Kolkata. This initiative involved students and teachers from Narayana School alongside Rotary Club members, who visited two key locations to distribute essential items, food, clothes, and toys.

The event began at 11 a.m. at Save The Children Home in Thakurpukur. Approximately 150 girls, ranging from 2 to 18 years old, received food items and other essentials. The team did spend around an hour there, sharing joy and necessities with these young residents.

Following this, the group proceeded to the Saroj Gupta Cancer Center & Research Institute, located in Thakurpukur, this hospital's Pediatric Ward houses approximately 40 children, aged 1 to 14 years. Here, the participants did spend about an hour distributing clothes, toys, and other essentials, aiming to bring comfort and cheer to the young patients. Through these acts of kindness, this Children's Day celebration will foster community spirit and bring smiles to many deserving children in Kolkata.



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