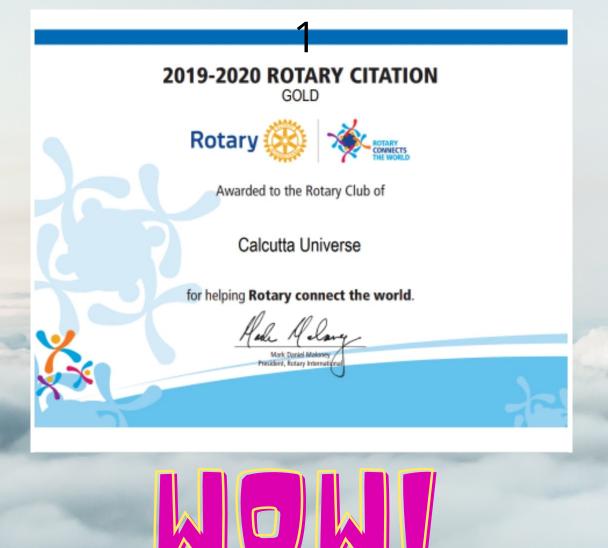
# Rotary () Rotary Opens Opportunities Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe

President: Sharmila Roy Secretary: Suchitra Ghose District 3291 Volume II September 2020

A proud moment for us..\*Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe\* has been awarded the Gold Citation from Rotary International...thanks to our AG and IPP Rtn\_Dr\_Sailen\_Bhowmick...



## Holger Knaack President 2020-21 September 2020

Rotary youth exchange — one of the many programs for youths and young adults that we celebrate this month — was my path into true engagement in Rotary. My wife, Susanne, and I began hosting exchange students soon after I joined, and the experience helped me go from simply being a member of my Rotary club to being a true Rotarian. Now Rotary Youth Exchange is a family tradition, and a strong one: Over the past 24 years, we have hosted 43 students!

From the start, we loved it so much that, in addition to hosting students in our home, we became involved with the program by helping to organize student summer camps. During one such camp, I met Christine Lichtin, who was a German high school student at the time and whose father is a past president of my Rotary club. To try something new during this year of embracing change, I am turning this space, normally reserved for the president of Rotary, over to Christine so she can share her story.

My first contact with Rotaract was about 13 years ago, when I was with Susanne and Holger at a barbecue for the summer youth camp. Holger turned to me and said: "Why don't you visit a Rotaract club? You'll meet a lot of great young people who come together to have fun and to make a difference."

A few years later, when I was at Trier University, his words came back to me and I decided to give it a try. That was more than eight years ago, and I'm still at it. Once you are in Rotaract, you just don't want to get out. Rotaract has accompanied me everywhere, starting with the Trier club and then on to a club in Bologna, Italy, during the year I studied there. When I was in Kiel for my master's degree, I got involved with Rotaract there before landing at the Rotaract Club of Hamburg-Alstertal as I began my career. Each of those clubs has its own identity and focus, but all have the same intrinsic motivation.

I am now taking on a senior advisory role in my Rotaract club, which I really enjoy. I carry Rotaract in my heart, and it shapes my values, even as my interests evolve. One day, as if she had sensed this evolution, Susanne knocked on my door, wanting to introduce me to a young, modern Rotary club located between Hamburg and Mölln, my hometown. The E-Club of Hamburg-Connect, which Susanne helped charter, holds e-meetings, all of them very relaxed and personal. With members of different ages, everything just seemed to fit, so I thought, why not try it out? After all, time is precious and should be filled with fun whenever possible; the rest happens by itself.

Now I am in both worlds — a proud member of Rotaract and a Rotarian. And my small personal goal is to build a bridge between these two parallel worlds. All of us have very similar reasons for being part of the Rotary family.

It took some persistence to persuade Christine to become a member of Rotary, but it was well worth the effort. It is our duty to put in this kind of effort with youth program participants and Rotaractors so we can keep them in the family of Rotary. I hope you were inspired by her story. It's up to each of us to ensure that more young people like Christine can experience the many ways Rotary Opens Opportunities for us and for the people we serve.

# **PROJECTS:**

## Teacher's Day Celebrations & Inauguration of Adult Literacy Programme





Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe celebrated Teacher's Day at Anirban Pathbhawan Primary School, Sehai, 24prg.South, and Inaugurated "Adult Learning Section " at the same School Premises.

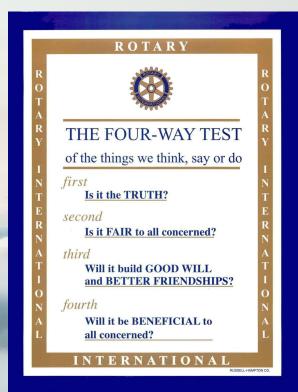
# September is Basic Education And Literacy Month

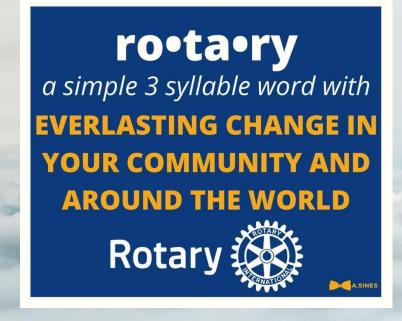
"People don't realize how a man's whole life can be changed by one book." - Malcolm X





Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe installed 3 sets of Foot Operated Hand Sanitizing units along with the Bottles of Sanitizers at Rotary Eye Hospital Beldanga. We also installed 1 set of the same at Rotary Eye Hospital at Saptagram.











Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe Co hosted this program.. \*"Beyond Ourselves.. a Selfless Journey"\* an event where we felicitated \*Mr. Sonu Sood\*, a Superstar and the real Covid Warrior of our Country. \*RIPE Shekhar Mehta\*

was the chief Guest.





youth group of Uddami India Foundation initiated Green Expedition in Amphan affected South 24 Parganas district. Plantation and distribution of saplings amongst villagers continued in 2 phases at Basanti and Canning I block. They planted and distributed 1,500 saplings.



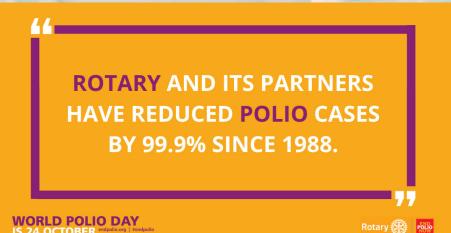
Rotary Community Corps at Jatanagendrapur, Raidighi @ Sunderbans distributed 100 mosquito nets to the needy..to prevent Malaria. This project has been initiated & sponsored by Rotary\_Club\_of\_Calcutta\_Universe



Mahalaya, marks the beginning of Durga Puja festivities in Bengal..Mahalaya is the day when goddess Durga is believed to have descended to Earth. Today, almost every Bengali wakes up at 4 am in the morning, tunes into the radio to listen to the recital of Mahisasura Mardini by Birendra Krishna Bhadra to mark the beginning of the much-awaited festival -Durga Pujo. Rotary Club of **Calcutta Universe initiated a live** creative Presentation with the help of their Rotaractors of Calcutta Universe and celebrated this tradition early in the morning.



**Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe partnered with Rotary Club of** Calcutta Inner City and a few other clubs and organized a fundraiser for the full time Theater Technicians whose livelihood got affected due to the Covid19 Pandemic. We collected 3,500 from each club for a total of 1,50,000 which were distributed to 51 technicians after thorough inspection of the actual situation. The program was promoted on a radio channel for 6 days which boosted the Public Image of Rotary. Viewers enjoyed theatres online everyday for an hour on Zoom platform from the comfort of their homes.



**IS 24 OCTOBER** 



\*\*Keep India Polio Free Campaign\*\* was organized by Rotary\_Club\_of\_Calcutta\_Universe at Ward 55..Significance of Immunization to stop this curse through 2 drops of vaccine is what was spread through 000miking000 in and around Anandapalit area..Rtn Dr. Shipra Ray, Rtn Dr Chandra Chaudhuri, Paritosh Halder and me were involved in this endeavor..local Councilor blessed this initiative...







Our Club took the initiative to \*\*\*Keep India Polio Free\*\*\* by creating an Awareness Program by miking in and around the village with the help of their RCC Jatanagendrapur\_Social\_Develop ment\_Society

@Raidighi\_Sunderbans on Sunday the 20th of September which marked the Immunization Day. Our RCC representative Paritosh Halder organized the whole Campaign to keep India Polio Free!!





## Our Club sponsored their first ever Rotaract Club..the Rotaract Club of Calcutta Universe this month...



My name is Khan and I am a

President

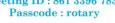
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District - 3080

Subuhi Khan

proud Hindu.

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#### Club of Delhi Southex RI District 3011

Alongwith Co-host Clubs request your benign presence in Joint Speaker Meeting

TODIC : MY NAME IS KHAN & I AM A PROUD HINDU

Speaker : Eminent Social Activist Ms Subuhi Khan Date : Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Time : Fellowship From 7:30 pm Meeting from 8 pm

Subuhi Khan is a Lawyer in Supreme Court of India. Her practice involves variety of cases, specializing in Criminal and Matrimonial matters.

Other than being a Lawyer, she is a Social Activist, Eminent Thinker, Writer, Motivational Speaker and a Panelist with almost all National Media Channels.

She is the founder of 'Sanatani Muslim' term and actively working on this concept to fight against separatism, extremism and terrorism in the name of Islam. She works on inter-faith harmony and known for her hardcore Nationalist views.

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# **Our Club was the** proud host of this **Mega Online** Webinar Session

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### Heroes in the Time of Covid

### by Janet Peery

During the last six months with COVID-19, most of us have had to revisit how we do business – from home or office, how we travel, interact with others and so much more. Suddenly, we have been thrust into an unknown territory of a pandemic, traversing a new norm with an influx of questions combined with information overload –and (oh my!) zoom meetings!

Our creativity and resources have been challenged. Our physical and mental fortitude put to the test. Yet, we push onward. Is it from inspiration to prevail or sheer determination to survive that drives us even today?

During this time, we have seen new leaders emerge and experienced leaders triumph – but sadly, we have also seen leaders create even greater divisions. Politics and COVID-19 have increased the divides: right vs. left, black vs. blue, mask vs. no masks ....and also the "have's vs have not's". Too often, the rhetoric has not only demonized the opposing view – but the person who holds that divergent opinion.

How are we as Rotarians called to respond? "A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better." -Jim Rohn

As individuals and as business leaders, are we meeting those objectives – seeking to help those who are doing poorly or those who could do better? Have we sought/found opportunities to bring our community together rather than contribute to the divide? Are we part of the problem or part of the solution? How far inward are we really willing to look for answers and when we find them, are we willing to follow our hearts and serve?

Ann McGee-Cooper said, "The true heroes of the new millennium will be servant leaders, quietly working out of the spotlight to transform our world."

In the world of COVID-19, I challenge each of us to be one of the true heroes. I challenge you to find ways to build a stronger community – with voices of diversity that find common ground for the healing and success of the whole. To have the maturity to understand and hold opposing viewpoints at the same time. To serve, with your whole heart.

Our next generation of leaders is watching – looking to us to be their example, especially during these challenging times....let's give them a community of trust, respect and hope!

"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals." -Unknown