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R I District 3291



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."

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

On 27th December 2024 the Paediatric Ward of Kolkata Police Hospital transformed into a festive heaven, radiating joy and warmth. A special Christmas Day was celebrated organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe to bring smiles to the young patients and their families. Club Members and hospital staff came together, distributing vibrant Santa caps and delectable cakes to the children. The event began with a cheerful welcome, followed by the distribution of caps and cakes, spreading the festive essence. The children's faces lit up with excitement and happiness. The joyous occasion included singing Christmas carols and engaging activities, allowing the children to momentarily forget their challenges and immerse themselves in the celebration.

This thoughtful initiative not only brought moments of happiness but also emphasized the importance of love, care, and compassion during the holiday season. The event concluded with heartfelt gratitude to the hospital staff and Doctors by the Club Members. It was a beautiful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas—bringing hope and happiness to those who need it most.



Our Club Projects

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR

On January 9, 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, in association with the Rotary Club of Kasba, Lions Club of Kolkata Magnates, and Prolearnz, co-hosted a Cervical Cancer Awareness Seminar at PragyanBhaban. The event aimed to educate the community on cervical cancer prevention and the importance of HPV vaccination. Dr. Ashok Roy, a renowned gynecologist, addressed the audience, explaining the causes of cervical cancer in women and emphasizing the critical role of HPV vaccination in young girls to prevent the disease. Additionally, Dr. Romi Roy, a distinguished pediatrician, highlighted the benefits of HPV vaccination for both boys and girls and provided insights on the most effective age for vaccination. This collaborative initiative underscored the significance of awareness and preventive measures in combating cervical cancer.



GENERAL HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP

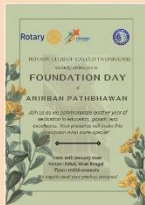
The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, in partnership with the Shiva Jyoti Foundation, organized a General Health Check-Up Camp, to be conducted by Apollo Clinic (Barrackpur unit) on 16th January 2025 at Kankinara, North 24 Parganas. The camp aimed to provide accessible healthcare services to the local community, ensuring early detection and prevention of health issues. A team of experienced doctors and healthcare professionals conducted comprehensive health screenings, including blood pressure monitoring, blood sugar tests, and general consultations. Medicines and advice on maintaining a healthy lifestyle was also provided free of cost. The initiative received an overwhelming response from about 180 residents, reflecting the pressing need for community-focused healthcare interventions. This collaborative effort underscores the commitment to promoting wellness and improving the quality of life in underserved areas.



Our Club Projects

Foundation Day celebration of Anirban Pathabhaban

The Foundation Day celebration of Anirban Pathabhaban on 28th January 2025 was a heartwarming event that highlighted Rotary's commitment to Literacy and Basic Education for children from lower-income families in a village in South 24 Parganas. The occasion featured vibrant performances by students from nursery to 4th standard, showcasing their talents and confidence on stage. Esteemed speakers, including the Past District Governor of Rotary District 3291, the Headmaster of Rania High School, and other reputed figures from the village, delivered motivational speeches to inspire the young learners. Prizes were distributed to students based on their achievements in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities, promoting holistic development. Additionally, as an act of kindness and support, blankets and food packets were distributed to the children and their families, adding warmth and comfort to the celebrations. This event underscored the transformative power of education and community care in improving lives.

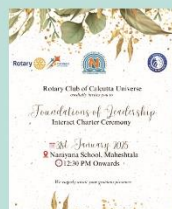


Foundation of Leadership-Charter Handover Ceremony

The Charter Handover Ceremony for five Interact Clubs of Narayana Schools — Kalyani Expressway, Sonarpur, Maheshtala, Park Circus, and New Town — was held on 31st January 2025 at the Narayana School Maheshtala campus.

The event was graced by several dignitaries, including the Past District Governor of Rotary District 3291, the District Interact Chair, and other district officials. Members of the sponsoring club, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, were present alongside students, Interact Club Coordinators, and other esteemed guests.

This momentous occasion marked the beginning of an exciting journey for the young leaders of the Interact Clubs, as they embarked on a path of service and community building under the guidance of Rotary International to empower young individuals to develop leadership skills, foster a sense of responsibility, and engage in meaningful community service.



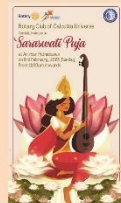
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Saraswati Puja Celebration

Saraswati Puja at Anirban Pathabhaban took on an inspiring and compassionate note this year on 2nd February 2025 as it was celebrated under the auspices of the Rotarians of RC Calcutta Universe. The event was not just a celebration of knowledge and wisdom but also a testament to the spirit of service and inclusion.

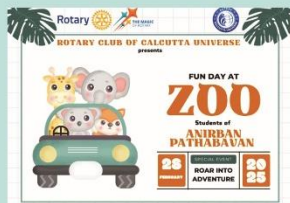
Rotarians, known for their commitment to community welfare, brought joy to the children of financially weaker families by organizing a day filled with devotion, fun, and togetherness. The children actively participated in the rituals, fostering a connection to their cultural roots. The atmosphere was vibrant with prayers, music, and laughter, creating a sense of hope and positivity.

In a thoughtful gesture of kindness, every child was handed a food packet at the conclusion of the event, ensuring no one went home empty-handed. This act of generosity not only highlighted the values of Saraswati Puja but also underscored the Rotary Club's dedication to uplifting the less fortunate. The celebration stood as a beacon of unity, where traditions met philanthropy, leaving a lasting impression on the children and the community.



FUN DAY AT ZOO

On 28th February 2025, students, parents, and teachers of Anirban Pathabhaban had a memorable day at the Alipore Zoological Garden, organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe. The entire group, along with the Rotary Club members, gathered at Sehai near the school, where a fully pre-booked bus awaited to take them to the zoo. Upon reaching the zoo, special arrangements were made to ensure that the children could explore and enjoy the various exhibits at their own pace. The excitement was palpable as everyone discovered the wonders of the animal kingdom. After the exploration, a delicious lunch was served to the children, parents, teachers, and Rotary Club members. It was a rare and heart-warming occasion where parents accompanied their children, making the experience even more special. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe went above and beyond, providing lunch for everyone, making it a day to remember for all involved.



Our Club Projects

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

On 23rd March 2025, ShibpurPragati Sangha, in collaboration with RC Calcutta Universe, organized a Blood Donation Camp to address the critical blood shortage during the summer months. The event was held at Sangha Maidan, 7, Nabagopal Mukherjee Lane, Shibpur, Howrah.

The camp was supported by our Blood Collection Partner, Ashok Laboratories, ensuring a seamless process and high standards of safety. This initiative reflects our commitment to saving lives and fostering community health. We achieved an incredible feat of 52 donors, including a RARE O-ve donor!



Pathways to Success: Job Fair 2025

On 26th March 2025, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe, in association with Dream Private Industrial Training Institute, organized a highly successful Job Fair at the institute's campus in Samali, Thakurpukur, Kolkata-700104, aligning with Rotary's focus area of Youth Service. The event saw participation from 8 renowned companies namely Vision Infotech, Indo-MIM, Krishna Maruti Ltd., Ventury Moulding Pvt. Ltd., Garuda Power Pvt. Ltd., Tufwud Doors and Accessories Pvt. Ltd., Motherson Sumi Wiring India Limited and MRF Ltd. offering a wide range of career opportunities to aspiring job seekers. Around 110 students from all over West Bengal actively participated in the on-spot interview sessions, engaging with recruiters and confidently showcasing their skills. This initiative proved to be an excellent platform for bridging the gap between talent and industry requirements, fostering professional growth, and empowering youth through impactful employment opportunities.



CLUB ANNUAL PICNIC

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Universe organized its annual club picnic on 29th December 2024 at Paulmech Infrastructure Pvt.Ltd., Kadambagachi Ghosh Para, North 24 Parganas bringing together members and their families for a day filled with fun, laughter, and camaraderie. Set against the backdrop of lush greenery and pleasant weather, the event featured a variety of activities including games, music, and delicious food. Members and their families gathered at a picturesque location to enjoy a day filled with engaging activities, hearty laughter, and shared moments. It was a wonderful occasion for Rotarians to connect beyond their regular meetings, fostering deeper relationships and shared memories. The picnic encapsulated the essence of fellowship, leaving everyone with cherished experiences and a renewed sense of camaraderie. The picnic provided a perfect opportunity for everyone to unwind and strengthen their bonds while reinforcing the Rotary spirit of friendship and service.



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