



Newsletter

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CALCUTTA POINTERS
THE CHATTER
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Note from Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee



One day about three years ago, my school friend Sharmila Roy called up to persuade me to join Rotary. I came to know from her that she was talking to some other Pointers also, to form a Rotary Club with South Point alumni. I was on the wrong side of fifty and thinking of giving something back to the society. At the same time, my physical condition was a hindrance. It was Sharmila who used to talk to me time and again to assure that it would not be a problem once I started working with my school mates. Soon afterwards, I joined RCCP. I was ready to do fruitful projects but did not want to take up any post in the club. I started to assist others in various projects, the first being one at Nari Seva Sangha. This helped me to gain confidence physically and mentally. Attending meetings and programs, virtually and in- person, was becoming more and more interesting and 3 years passed swiftly. For me, life became more interesting when I started visiting sites of various projects, raising fund for cultural programs and standing by the cancer patients in awareness programs. Every night, the innocent faces of little children of the red light area came to mind. They expected some help from us to make their life a little easier.

This July I am taking up the post of RCCP secretary. I know I would be able to do my duty with the active support of my friends and family. I sincerely hope to do something meaningful, and serve the society.

Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee



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Monthly Projects

CHHONDO 2025- cultural event & public fundraiser of Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers

This year 'Chhondo', meaning rhythm, RCCP's annual cultural event and public fundraiser was held on February 9, 2025, at Uttam Mancha, Kalighat, Kolkata. The evening featured a performance by the students of Batighar Pathshala and solo performances by noted artistes Payel Kar and Gaurab Sarkar.

The event was a grand success and fully enjoyed by the audience. It was led by Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee and she was helped by Rtns Gargee Dutta, Nabanita Khan, Sachindra Rao, Sanjukta Majumdar, Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Sutapa Roy, Utpal Pal, Snehajyoti Saha and Babita G. Saha.

Tickets were sold by members and also through online platform PayTm Insider. The proceeds will go to RCCP's current service projects in areas of community development as well as education and upliftment of economically backward women and children.

The project cost is Rs 1, 60, 000 approximately, took 200 hours to complete and will benefit 300 people.

Category: Community Economic Development- social activity



WORLD CANCER DAY CELEBRATION with INDIAN CANCER SOCIETY

On 12th February 2025, RCCP partnered with Indian Cancer Society to observe World Cancer Day by raising awareness about cancer, encouraging its prevention and mobilizing action to address the global cancer epidemic. This year's theme is United by Unique, and the programme at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata, consisted of an Awareness Walk which attracted around 200 participants. The walk was flagged off by none other than Snehasis Ganguly, President of the Cricket Association of Bengal. The participants included members of RCCP and other RCs, members of ICS, college students, sports club members and others.

The walk was followed by a seminar which included an interactive panel discussion on 'Cancer and Community'. The panel that had noted oncologists and doctors, was moderated by Rtn Dr Saumitra Ray. The Chief Guest of the seminar was Rtn AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta, DG RID 3291. The programme which aimed to raise hope and awareness that cancer can be cured if detected in time, was telecast by DD Bangla the same day.

RC of Calcutta Victoria was the co- host of this event.

Rtn Nabanita Khan led the project on behalf of RCCP and was helped by Rtns Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Sachindra Rao, Saumitra Ray, Kaushik Sil, Madhumita Chatterjee, Rubali Chakraborty, Sutapa Roy, Madhumita Banerjee, Sanjukta Majumdar, Sarbari Ghose. The project cost is Rs 38000 approximately, benefitted 200 and took 80 hours to complete.

Category: Disease Prevention and Treatment - advocacy and awareness on health issues, seminar



Monthly Projects

SUNDARBAN SCHOOL UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION

Project date: 14 February 2025

There was a request from an after- school in Chargheri village of Gosaba, Sundarban, to provide school uniforms for 30- 35 students from impoverished families, ahead of the new academic year. RCCP has been supporting this facility which prepares children for formal schooling, and has provided new uniforms this time in collaboration with our RCC, Purbasha Echo Helpline Society (PEHS). The project that cost Rs 10,500, benefitted 35 children and took 20 working hours to complete, was led by Rtn Aditi Dey who was helped by Rtns Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Aniruddha Bhattacharya, Madhumita Banerjee, as well as Aditi Mukherjee and Mahua Sengupta (spouses of Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee and Rtn Utpal Pal respectively).

Category: Basic Education and Literacy- providing school uniform



BIPODTARON BANKURA SCHOOL 1 STATIONERY PROJECT

The Bankura School 1 at Bipodtaron Bouri village near Gopalpur in Bankura, is a volunteer- run facility that provides academic/ co- curricular guidance along with some nutritional support to 22 underprivileged children from the very poor Adivasi community. Over the last year, it has added 8 more children to the class. It has been decided that RCCP will continue to provide classroom stationery towards this literacy initiative of NGO- A Little Contribution (ALC). The project that cost Rs 23,200, benefits 30 children and took approximately 20 hours, is led by Rtn Babita G. Saha who is helped by Rtn Madhumita Banerjee.

Category: Basic Education and Literacy- providing classroom stationery

KUMIRDOHA BANKURA SCHOOL 2 STATIONERY PROJECT

Project date: 1 February 2025

The Bankura School 2 at Kumirdoha in Bankura, is a volunteer- run facility that provides academic/ co- curricular guidance along with some nutritional support to 20 underprivileged children from the very poor community of Makaekendi village. RCCP is providing classroom stationery towards this ongoing initiative of NGO- A Little Contribution (ALC) to support literacy in the village. The project that cost Rs 19,200, benefits 20 children and took approximately 20 hours, is led by Rtn Babita G. Saha who is helped by Rtn Madhumita Banerjee.

Category: Basic Education and Literacy- providing classroom stationery



HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn Babita G Saha

2nd February

Rtn Madhumita Banerjee

14th February

Rtn Jayanta Banerjee

25th February

Rtn Paramita Choudhury

28th February



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1. International Women's Day in Kolkata and Dubai

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