



Monthly Newsletter

ROTARY CLUB OF
CALCUTTA POINTERS
THE CHATTER
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Note from the President

Random Thoughts

Taking over the reins of Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers from our Past President Rtn Dr Sachindra Rao, was indeed an honour as it bestows on me the responsibility to continue upholding the noble spirit of the esteemed Rotary motto 'Service before Self'.

In this quest for selfless social welfare, I am indeed fortunate to be supported by very committed and enthusiastic Rotarians who were once schoolmates.

I truly look forward to an excellent collaborative year with such dedicated and accomplished members who are not only steadfast Rotarians but also friends from school.

As of now, we have embarked upon a unique Global Grant Project for our club, with the support of RC of Del Mar- Solana Beach, CA, and under the guidance of International Matching Grant Programme and Rotary Foundation, farmers are being trained in organic farming in villages of Jibontala in South 24 Parganas. Aligned with the idea of economic empowerment of the community, RCCP in collaboration with the NGO Mukti Foundation- aims to train about 100 farmers, thus rejuvenating their damaged agricultural land and actively encouraging them to return to self- reliant agricultural mode in the best possible way.

Simultaneously, deeply disturbed by the distress of the Tiger Widows in the Sundarbans where their husbands have been killed by tigers, RCCP together with our RCC- Purbasha Eco Helpline Society and a local NGO- Tagore Society of Rural Development, endeavours to set up a sustainable economic framework over the next few years to usher in some rays of hope in the lives of the distraught women.

Amongst other projects that we are committed to are Aparajita- cervical cancer awareness and vaccination, Thalassaemia Awareness and Blood testing, Menstrual Hygiene and Management, medical health camps to include Diabetes awareness and detection, Life beyond Cancer- pediatric cancer help, Sabujayan- tree plantation including mangrove plantation in the Sundarbans, Atmasamman- distribution of sewing machines, Ushnotar Sporsho- blanket distribution, Eazy School- supporting academics of deserving students and a unique model of supporting football loving children, and many other projects so as to make a significant difference in the lives of different communities.

I await with zeal and zest to turn the Wheel of Rotary in empathy, harmony and unison and take RCCP to the next level of achievement in the years to come.

Regards & Jai Hind
Rtn Colonel S P Mukherjee (Retd)



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BRISHTIR AARALE- Distribution of tarpaulins to the underprivileged of Mathurapur Block 1

Project date: 20 July 2024

At the request of NGO Kulpi Swami Vivekananda Youth Welfare Society, on 20th July 2024 RCCP provided tarpaulins to 30 families in South 24 Pargana's Mathurapur (Block 1) to alleviate their distress during monsoon when the thatched roofs of the huts start leaking.

RCCP has a continuing partnership with the aforementioned NGO and has jointly done projects earlier also.

Rtn Soumyapriya Mukherjee, the project lead, was helped by Rtns Nabanita Khan, Sugato Sanyal, Babita G. Saha, and Ms. Aditi Mukherjee.

Category: Community Economic Development- Rehabilitation & Rebuilding of homes



Toilet Construction for Jwalaberiya Adibasi FP School, Mathurapur, Sundarban

Project date: 30 July 2024

Although Jwalaberiya Adibasi FP School in Mathurapur, Sundarban, run by NGOs Afflatus Foundation and MA Foundation, is well managed, the toilets were found to be in poor state and had no running water facility.

RCCP helped with the construction of 2 Nos. 5ft x 5ft washrooms for boys and girls, with running water and septic tanks. The toilets were opened for use on 20th July, 2024. Around 70 boys and girls will benefit from this project.

Rtn Nabanita Khan, the project lead, was helped by Rtns Sachindra Rao, Aniruddha Bhattacharya, Sudip Dasgupta, Prasanta Mohanty, Rahul Chatterjee, Soumitra Ray, Soumyapriya Mukherjee, and Ms. Aditi Mukherjee

Category: Basic Education & Literacy- Happy School; Separate toilet construction/ renovation

Batighar Pathshala Room Rent Support from July 2024- June 2025

Project date: 4 July 2024

RCCP helped Batighar Pathshala, an informal educational unit run by NGO Jadavpur Bondhu Collective Welfare Society for children staying in the high- risk area of Kalighat, to set up an infrastructure with modern equipment, and has been partially supporting the rental requirement of the classroom premises for 2 years now. Forty eight children in the age group of 4- 16 attend this school.

It is also the premise where RCCP's Dishari Sewing Training Centre is run from. Currently batch #1 with 8 women from Kalighat area, is learning a new skill for alternate employment opportunity.

RCCP is continuing this partnership with BP for another 12 months from July 2024 to June 2025.

Rtn Nabanita Khan, the project lead, was helped by Rtns Soumyapriya Mukherjee and Sachindra Rao

Category: Basic Education & Literacy- Running of School

Photo Gallery



HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn Anasuya Ghosh

14th July
Membership ID 11369610

Rtn Devyani Chaudhury

16th July
Membership ID 113203319

Rtn Aditya Sil

19th July
Membership ID 11703318

Rtn Saumitra Ray

31st July
Membership ID 11553686



Heartfelt Thanks to our Donors

Rtn Soumyapriya Mukherjee
Rtn Babita G. Saha
Rtn Sugato Sanyal
Rtn Nabanita Khan
Rtn Aniruddha Bhattacharya
Rtn Sudip Dasgupta
Rtn Rahul Chatterjee
Rtn Jayanti Chakraborty
Rtn Saumitra Ray
Rtn Prasanta Mohanty
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