



Newsletter

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Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers undertakes project in Biprodaspur, Gosaba: Building a school and digital learning center for underprivileged children and women

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Since being chartered in 2021, RCCP has been continually engaged in the Sundarbans area of West Bengal, through several community/societal development projects aimed towards long term goals of environmental protection, child education and women empowerment. This significantly includes the Sundarbans Tiger Widows Project that assists 20- 25 underprivileged women to become self-sufficient through sustainable use of their available resources like land and pond.

RCCP's current project of funding to build a school and digital learning centre in Bipradaspur village, Gosaba, Sundarbans area, is a testimony to the club's continued commitment towards upliftment of underprivileged people of the region.

In partnership with Purbasha Eco Helpline Services- PEHS- a well known NGO in the Sundarbans, RCCP proposes to build a two storied permanent structure in Bipradaspur to serve as a school and digital learning centre for the local community. RCCP worked with PEHS to identify a location for the proposed multipurpose community centre- MPCC- in the residential areas of Bipradaspur where instances of early school dropouts is very high.

PEHS's research indicates that as many as 150 children of various ages could benefit from the proposed school. RCCP also plans to gradually introduce use of digital boards, basic audio- visual techniques, internet-based learning to make the process more interesting for the students.

In Phase I, RCCP's primary goals for the MPCC are:

- * targeted mainly towards the upliftment of the girl child but will eventually include boys
- * to construct and complete permanent structure of only the ground floor
- * to conduct regular classroom sessions with boys and girls at pre-primary/ primary level and make the transition to government/ equivalent education system, easier
- * to conduct medical awareness camps in partnership with local health centres & PEHS.

Once Phase I is fully operational, Phase II will commence. It will be about BASIC COMPUTER LITERACY AND TRAINING and will include:

- * access to information & awareness
- * governance & citizen services
- * financial inclusion
- * education & skill development
- * employment & entrepreneurship
- * bridging the digital divide
- * empowerment of women & marginalized groups.

It is for proper control of planning and construction of the proposed building, and to raise and spend funds in a justified and judicious manner, that RCCP has decided on completing the project in 2 phases.

With support and good wishes from you all, the construction will be completed by 31st May 2026.

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Supporting Education

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

How Rotary makes help happen-

We take action to empower educators to inspire learning at all ages.

Teacher training:

We share our knowledge and experience with educators and other professionals who work with vulnerable populations.

Adult literacy:

Rotary members fight adult illiteracy by working with local advocates to offer community literacy programs.

Rotary scholarships:

Rotary members invest in the future by giving scholarships to students who have the potential to change our communities.

Educating refugees:

A university president and Rotary club fight Boko Haram to bring education and food to refugees in Nigeria.

Coaching teachers:

Realizing that getting children into school isn't enough, Rotary shifts to mentoring and coaching teachers.

Schools4freedom:

The Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery has a strategy for fighting modern slavery that's working at the local level.

Mentoring students:

Rotary club pairs students with celebrity and CEO mentors for success.

Our impact on education:

The Rotary Foundation supports education through scholarships, donations, and service projects around the world.

Rotary members make amazing things happen, like:

Opening schools: In Afghanistan, Rotary members opened a girls' school to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance.

Teaching adults to read: Rotary members in the United States partnered with ProLiteracy Detroit to recruit and train tutors after a study showed that more than half of the local adult population was functionally illiterate.

New teaching methods: The SOUNDS program in South Africa, Puerto Rico and the United States teaches educators how to improve literacy by teaching children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.

Making schools healthy: Rotarians are providing clean, fresh water to every public school in Lebanon so students can be healthier and get a better education.

Enhancing educational systems: In Kenya, Rotary clubs are working with the Global Partnership for Education and local and national governments to advance life-long learning opportunities for poor and marginalized children.

When you teach somebody how to read, they have that for a lifetime. It ripples through the community, one by one.

- Mark Wilson
Rotary Club member

Monthly Projects

DONATION OF WHEELCHAIR TO IICP, KOLKATA

Based in Taratola, Kolkata, Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP) is an organization that has been offering specialised, comprehensive services for children and adults with neuro-motor and developmental disabilities, since 1974. It is a resource centre for educating and training those afflicted by cerebral palsy, thus helping them to live a life of dignity in future.

On 1st December 2025, CCP donated a wheelchair to IICP to create a comfortable life for one affected individual.

The project that benefits 1, was led by Rtn Rubali Chakraborty. She was assisted by Rtn Nabanita Khan and Rtn Utpal Pal.



THALASSEMIA AWARENESS CAMP AT SOUTH POINT HIGH SCHOOL

On 3rd and 5th December 2025, there were 2 sessions on thalassemia awareness and prevention, at South Point High School, alma mater of all members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers. The highly interactive and enriching sessions were organized by ASPEXS medical group and RCCP. Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil addressed the young students of Classes XI and XII and informed them about the causes, types and effects of thalassemia. Rtn Sil urged the students to spread awareness and dispel misconceptions about the disease.

The project that benefitted 80 persons, was led by Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil who was assisted by Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee, Rtn Gargee Dutta, Rtn Sarbari Ghose and Rtn Sachindra Rao.



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THALASSEMIA AWARENESS CAMP AT GOKHALE MEMORIAL COLLEGE, KOLKATA

On 11th December 2025, at a camp organized by RCCP at Gokhale Memorial College, Kolkata, Rtn Dr Saumitra Ray delivered a talk to raise awareness about thalassemia. It was followed by an interactive session with the 50- 60 students who attended the programme. Next, blood tests were done on 44 students with the consent of their parents.

The project that cost Rs 11, 400 and benefitted 60 students, was led by Rtn Dr Saumitra Ray. He was assisted by Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee, Rtn Sarbari Ghose, Rtn Nabanita Khan and Rtn Dr Sachindra Rao.



THALASSEMIA DETECTION CAMP AT GOKHALE MEMORIAL COLLEGE, KOLKATA

The Thalassemia Awareness Camp at Gokhale Memorial College on 11th December 2025, was followed up by a Thalassemia Detection Camp on 16th December 2025 in the same college campus. Serum Institute was invited to carry out the test on 44 students with their consent.

The project that cost Rs 4400 and benefitted 44 students, was led by Rtn Sujoy Majumdar and Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee. The leads were assisted by Rtn Rubali Chakraborty.

WASH Project at Sree Sarada Vidyalaya

Together with RC Belur, RC Calcutta Mayfair, RC Metro City and RC Calcutta Yuvies, Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers undertook the WASH project at Sree Sarada Vidyalaya in ... All 5 clubs are equal partners in this project that included i) construction of a 5000 litre capacity underground water reservoir made of concrete ii) installation of overhead water tanks iii) installation of 1 water pump iv) installing pipelines from underground reservoir to overhead tanks to 3 bathrooms, handwash station and drinking water station v) construction of handwash stations with 4 taps vi) installation of 1 drinking water filter vii) removal of existing brick and cement ramp near the school entrance as it is a hazard, and construction of a new smaller ramp at a suitable location viii) fitting wash basins and taps in 2 bathrooms.

Work was completed on time and the project was inaugurated on 12th December 2025 in the presence of DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Hom Chowdhury.

This mammoth project that cost RCCP Rs 40000, and will benefit 40 persons, was led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. She was assisted by Rtn Dr Sachindra Rao, Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee and Rtn Arunava Dasgupta.

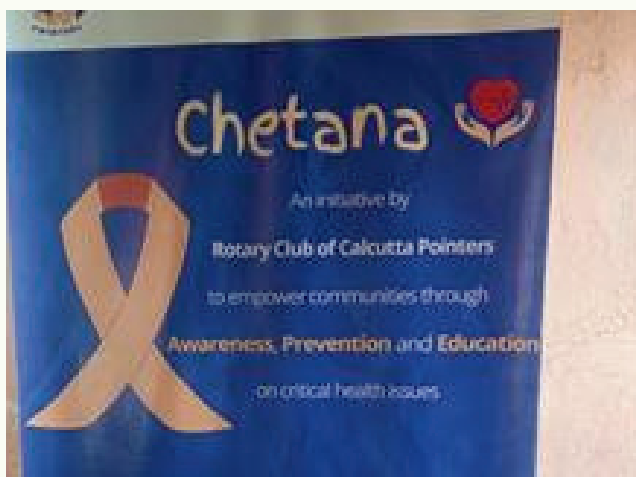


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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMP AT NATAGACHI, WEST BENGAL

RCCP has been working with School of Football Excellence (SoFE) for a few years now. Through SoFE, the need was identified about lack of medical awareness in the region. Dr Indrani Mukherji, a close acquaintance of Rtn Arindam Roy Chowdhury, had conducted a breast cancer awareness camp in October 2025. Later Dr Mukherji directly approached Rtn Nabanita Khan with a suggestion for a second camp in December 2025. On 16th December, another breast cancer awareness camp with an aim to raise consciousness among women coming from lower income group and marginalized sections of the society, was organized at Natagachi. The programme was attended by 50- 60 women from in and around Natagachi. They took keen interest in knowing about the disease and its prevention.

The project that cost Rs 6000 and benefitted 60 women, was led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. She was assisted by Rtn Dr Sachindra Rao and Rtn Utpal Pal. Mahua Sengupta was present as well.



BIPRADASPUR SCHOOL AND DIGITAL LEARNING CENTRE

RCCP has undertaken the setting up of a school and digital learning centre at Bipradaspur village in Gosaba, Sundarbans area. For this a two storied building has been planned. It will serve as a pre- primary school for children on weekday mornings, a venue to host community based programmes like health camps for all and vocational training centres for women on weekends and holidays, as well as initiate digital learning classes for local women and men on weekday evenings.

On 26th December, work of Phase I started in the presence of a number of RCCP members. The ongoing project which is in keeping with Rotary International's aim to bring education even to the most economically challenged adult and child, would cost approximately Rs 9 lakhs, and is being led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. She is assisted by Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Rtn Utpal Pal, Rtn Arunava Dasgupta and Rtn Subrata Chatterjee. Sumitabha Dutta, a South Point School alumnus, is actively involved in the project.



HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn Dipanjan Basu

1st December

Rtn Rubali Chakraborty

4th December

Rtn Samita Sarkar

13th December



Heartfelt Thanks to our Donors

Rtn Nabanita Khan

Rtn Arunava Dasgupta

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Upcoming Projects

1. Donation of books at Jalaberia Adibasi School, Sundarbans
2. Thalassemia Awareness Camp at Kalikapur School

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