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Newsletter

THE CHATTER

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Note from Rotarian Nabanita Khan, President

UNITE FOR GOOD — Calcutta Pointers Rotary District 3291

As I write for Chatter again, it is giving me goosebumps to realize that I am writing as the President of Calcutta Pointers ! I do not have words to express the honour and gratitude I feel as I step into this exalted role.

First and foremost, I extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing President, RTN Col. Soumya Priya Mukherjee and the entire board for their outstanding leadership and tireless work over the past year. Your service has strengthened our club's foundation, and I am truly inspired by your commitment to Rotary's ideals.

To my fellow members—thank you for the trust and confidence you have placed in me. It is not just a role I step into, but a commitment I make—to serve, to listen, to collaborate, and to lead with integrity and purpose.

As I never tire of saying, when we call ourselves members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers, we represent two iconic institutions - Rotary and our beloved school South Point. So, it becomes incumbent upon us to uphold this great legacy by our work and our conduct!

To reiterate my goals for this Rotary Year:

1. Strengthen Membership – By enhancing fellowship, teamwork and allyship, and bringing in fresh perspectives and energy through new members.
2. Expand Community Impact – Through sustainable projects in women's empowerment, education, health, environment, and livelihood generation
3. Elevate Public Image – By effectively communicating our work, both online and offline, and forging partnerships with local communities and news outlets.
4. Contribute to Rotary – by promoting inter-club collaboration and contribution to TRF.

I believe that we have achieved significant success in the 3.5 years of our journey, it has been possible because we Pointers came together as a group to truly 'Serve'.

So, let us keep our club rooted in service, rich in fellowship, and united to do good.
I know I cannot do this alone. But with your continued support, ideas, and active participation, I am confident we will make this Rotary year as memorable and impactful as the previous ones.

Thank you once again for this opportunity. Let's make it a great year—together!

Rtn NabanitaKhan

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GROWING LOCAL ECONOMY

Nearly 800 million people live on less than $1.90 a day. Rotary members are passionate about providing sustainable solutions to poverty.
Our members and our foundation work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.
We provide training and access to well-paying jobs and financial management institutions.
Rotarians make amazing things happen, like:

Breaking the cycle of poverty for women: Most of the women living in rural Guatemala do not have the collateral to get loans from regulated financial institutions. The Rotary Club of Guatemala de la Ermita helped 400 local women complete financial literacy courses so they could pool their money and fund their own microlending program.

Skills development, business training: In Esmeraldas, Ecuador, Rotary members helped grant more than 250 microloans and train more than 270 community members in sewing, baking, plumbing, microcredit, business management, and leadership.
Sustainable farming: In west Cameroon, soil erosion and loss of soil fertility have significantly reduced farmers' harvests. Rotary members gave farmers the skills they needed to improve soil fertility, control soil erosion, and market their produce. The results: increased crop yields and profits.

In keeping with Rotary's ethos, RCCP has been collaborating with FOSET- Forum of Scientists, Engineers and Technologists- last 3 years, to economically empower women by providing them with locally grown fruits and vegetables with which they make pickles and juices for general market

Welcoming New Membership

1. **Smitobrata Dasgupta** joined the club in July 2025. He is from 1992 HS batch of South Point. He is currently based in Mumbai and is associated with the Healthcare industry. He came to know about the work RCCP is doing and felt he should be a part of this journey to contribute to the club's efforts in serving the society. He was recommended by Rtn. Dr. Soumitra Ray.

2. **Rahul Ghose** also joined the club in July 2025 and is currently one of the youngest members in the club – he is from 2013 HS batch. Rahul is working and is based in Pune. His main motivation for joining Rotary is to enhance his leadership skills, network, business development, along with social service. He was recommended earlier by our ex-member Diya but he was unable to join then. Recently he was convinced by Rtn. Sugato Sanyal and now he is one of us in RCCP.

Monthly Projects

BLOOD DONATION CAMP

Project date: 1st July

A mega blood donation camp that saw a large turnout of donors, was organized by District 3291 to commemorate Doctors' Day on 1st July, 2025, at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata. Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers was a co-host. Four members of RCCP, Rtn Nabanita Khan, Rtn Soumya Priya Mukherjee, Rtn Sachindra Rao, Rtn Arunava Dasgupta, Ms. Ratna Dasgupta- spouse of Rtn A. Dasgupta and Swapan Roy, a friend of RCCP, donated blood.
The camp was followed by a ceremony where all Rotary clubs co- hosting the event, were awarded certificates to acknowledge their participation.

The project that cost approximately Rs 2000, took 20 hours to complete and benefitted 4 persons, was led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. Other RCCP members present, besides the donors, were Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee and RtnSutapa Roy.

Category: Disease Prevention & Treatment

FOSET GRAMIN SHILPO BIKASH SAMITI- SWAROJKARI DOL

Project date: 5th July

FOSET- Forum of Scientists, Engineers & Technologists- functions from Madarat of Baruipur in West Bengal. RCCP has been associated with FOSET for the last 3 years and supplies it with locally farmed fruits and vegetables. The women belonging to the organization make pickles, nectars and juices for general market.
The project that cost approximately Rs 12, 000, benefits 40 women and took 12 hours to complete was led by Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar. She was assisted by Rtn Nabanita Khan, Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee, Rtn Utpal Pal, Rtn Arunava Dasgupta and Rtn Subrata Chatterjee.

Category: Community Economic Development- empowering women.

Monthly Projects

BLOOD TEST & HEALTH CAMP

Project date: 20th July

Dhakuria Sitalatala kalibari Unnayan Samiti and Manipal Hospital, Dhakuria, with Dr Lal Path labs and Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers conducted a blood test and health camp.This catered to a large number of people of the locality, specially senior citizens and people from lower income group.
The project that cost Rs 15, 000, took 4 hours to complete and benefitted 1500 people, was led by Rtn Dr Kaushik Sil. Rtn Sarbari Ghose was also present.

Category: Prevention and treatment of diseases

BATIGHAR PATHSHALA

Project date: 26th July

RCCP is associated with Batighar Pathshala, an informal education set- up run by NGO Jadavpur Bondhu Collective Welfare Society for children living in the red- light area of Kalighat, for the last three years.
RCCP supported Batighar Pathshala by paying the rent for the space it operates from last 1 year and will continue to do the same, at its request, for the next 6 months.
The project costs approximately Rs 6000, benefits 40 children, took 10 hours to complete and was led by Rtn Nabanita Khan. She was assisted by Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee and Rtr Utpal Pal.

Category: Community Economic Development

Monthly Projects

MEGA HEALTH CAMP

Project date: 27th July

A Mega Health check up was organized near Uttadanga Sat Lake Flyover for Basanti Colony slum dwellers. This camp consisted of various blood tests, eye check up, orthopaedic, gynecological and paediatric check up.Thalassemia awareness was done with the people of the locality. Nine people were detected with cataract. Free operation was done in the following week. This health camp was organized by RC of Laban Hrad, and RCCP was one of the 38 co hosts.It was a very successful project, and beneficiaries underwent various check ups.
The project that cost approximately Rs 2500, took 4 hours, benefited 232. Rtn Nabanita Khan coordinated with RC Laban Hrad on this project.

Category: Disease Prevention and Treatment

HAPPY Birthday

Birthdays

Rtn Devyani Chaudhury
15th July

Rtn Aditya Sil
19th July

Rtn Saumitra Roy
31st July

THANK YOU

Heartfelt Thanks to our Donors

Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee
Rtn Sanjukta Majumdar
Rtn Sabita G Saha
Sara Ghosal (external)
Kanika Sarkar (external)

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Rtn Nabanita Khan
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Rtn Madhumita Chatterjee
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Upcoming Projects

1. Polio eradication drive
2. Installation Ceremony
3. Cervical cancer vaccination camp
4. Menstrual Hygiene Awareness & providing sanitary napkins
5. Improvement of health through football
6. Ecological development through tree plantation

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