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## Virangana – Empowering girls through self defence awareness workshop



On 12th November, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Lakes conducted 'Virangana', a special women empowerment initiative at Pujali Sikshaniketan, South 24 Parganas. The program aimed to educate and inspire young girls about self-defense, health, hygiene, and their rights.

Through engaging sessions and interactive demonstrations, students were encouraged to embrace strength, confidence, and independence. The initiative reflected Rotary's commitment to supporting gender equality and community upliftment at the grassroots level.

The enthusiastic participation of students and teachers made the event impactful and meaningful. Rotary Club of Kolkata Lakes remains dedicated to driving such purposeful programs that bring real change to lives.

## Bringing Hope and Joy to Young Lives – A Collaboration with All Bengal Women's Union



## From the President

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to present the 2nd issue of Ripples, covering the vibrant and festive quarter of October to December. As we celebrate this joyful season, I extend my warm wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2025 to you and your families.

I'm delighted to share that during this quarter, our club undertook meaningful projects like 'Virangana', focused on empowering young girls, and infrastructure development in local schools, helping improve learning environments for students. These initiatives reflect our commitment to service and positive change.

Let us continue this momentum in the coming year with renewed energy and purpose.



We were excited to hear from RI president elect 2024-25 Rtn Mário César Martins de Camargo who shared RI objective and way forward on 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2024 at GD Birla Sabhaghar, Kolkata



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Diwali meet on 27<sup>th</sup>  
October

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Children form the heart of the “Home” created by the All Bengal Women’s Union (ABWU)—a safe haven for the abandoned, abused, or orphaned. With an unwavering commitment to child protection and education, the dedicated team at ABWU works tirelessly to provide these children with the care and opportunities they deserve.

Often brought in through government or non-government agencies, many of these children—some just infants—are given immediate shelter, healthcare, nutrition, safety, and trauma counseling.

The Rotary Club of Kolkata Lakes was privileged to associate with this noble mission by contributing to the infrastructure development of ABWU’s study centers, supporting their efforts to create a better learning environment.

To add a splash of color and laughter to the children’s lives, our club also organized a drawing competition and fun-filled activities for the little girls residing at the Home. It was a day full of smiles, creativity, and heartfelt connection—reminding us that small acts of kindness can go a long way in healing and uplifting.

Rotary Club of Kolkata Lakes is proud to support ABWU in shaping a brighter future for these young souls and remains committed to service that transforms lives.

### KOLKATA LAKES IN ACTION

**05.10.2024 : Computers handed over to Egra Agriculture and Rural Development Society, Santiniketan**

**06.10.2024: Essay competition at Egra Agriculture and Rural Development Society, Santiniketan .  
Awards given for 1st/2nd/3rd position and given medal to all the children**

**27.10.2024: Distributed Molly Sheet/ Sanitary Pad to Apon Ghor Old Age Home**

**12.11.2024: Virangana Project at Pujali Shikha Niketan**

**14.11.2024: Children's Day celebration at Derozio Children's Academy, Kharki, Kolkata-700150**

**27.11.2024: Ration /Adult Diapers/Sanitary Napkins/Molly Sheet distribution at Aponghar**

**13.12.2024 to 15.12.2024: RYLA organised as Co-host with Rotary Club of Calcutta Charnok City at Dhyana Ashram**

**21.12.2024 : Toilet Renovation at Budge Budge Pujali Shiksha Kendra, Pujali , South 24 Parganas**

**27.12.2024: Table/Chair renovation at All Bengal's Women Union school , Eliot Road, Kolkata**

*We extend warm birthday greetings to*

*Rtn Arup Das - 11<sup>th</sup> November*

*Rtn Sudeshna Banerjee - 23<sup>rd</sup> November*

*Rtn Shibaji Bakshi - 24<sup>th</sup> November*

*Rtn Barun Shankar Gupta - 12<sup>th</sup> December*





*We wish Happy anniversary to*

*Rtn Barun Shankar Gupta - 17<sup>th</sup> Novembar*

*Rtn Partha Pratim Pal - 14<sup>th</sup> Decembar*



## Service Above Self – Touching Lives, Creating Change



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