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MEMBERS



Dear Fellow Rotarians,
As we come to the close of another fulfilling year, I am filled with gratitude for the remarkable work and dedication of our members. The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence has had a busy and impactful month of November, with several meaningful projects that have made a difference in the lives of many. One of the highlights of the month was our Health Camp held on November 04, where we provided free health check-ups and medical consultations to the underprivileged. This initiative aimed to promote health and well-being in our community and was well-received by all.

We also had the privilege of distributing Winter Shawls on November 10 to those in need, helping them stay warm during the cold winter months. This simple act of kindness has brought comfort and relief to many families in our community.

In celebration of Children's Day on November 14, we organized two events – one at Cossipore Dipjagaran Sangha and another at Nabajatak Child Development Center. These events were filled with fun and laughter, and it was heartwarming to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they enjoyed the festivities.

On November 24, we had the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those living in Sundarbans, where we provided support and assistance to the community. Our efforts were aimed at improving their quality of life and ensuring a brighter future for all.

As part of our commitment to family welfare, we organized a Family Counselling session on November 25, where we provided guidance and support to families facing challenges. This initiative was aimed at strengthening family bonds and promoting a harmonious society.

Lastly, on November 25, we took a stand against human trafficking with our "Stop Human Trafficking" campaign. This important initiative aimed to raise awareness about this global issue and empower individuals to take action against it.

I am proud of the work we have accomplished this month and am grateful for the unwavering support of our members. Together, we have made a positive impact in our community and I look forward to continuing our work in the months to come.

Yours in Rotary,

RTN Soumik Kumar
Editor, **Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we approach the end of the year, it is a time for reflection on the past year's accomplishments and a time to look forward to the new year with hope and optimism. The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence has had a remarkable year, filled with meaningful projects and impactful initiatives that have made a difference in the lives of many.

One of our key focuses this year has been on community engagement and service. From organizing health camps to promoting literacy and education, we have strived to address the needs of our community in meaningful and sustainable ways. Our efforts have been recognized and appreciated by the community, which is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our members.

As we look ahead to the new year, I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities that lie ahead. We have several exciting projects lined up, including our annual charity gala and various community service initiatives. I am confident that with the continued support and dedication of our members, we will be able to make an even greater impact in the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication to the ideals of Rotary. Your commitment to service above self is truly inspiring, and I am proud to serve alongside each of you.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous new year!

Yours in Rotary,

RTN Chandan Gupta
President, **Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence**

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2023

November 4

Health Camp

November 10

**Distribution of Winter
Shawls**

November 14

**Children's Day
Celebration at
Cossipore Dipjagaran
Sangha**



November 14

**Children's Day
Celebration at
Nabajatak Child
Development Center**

November 24

**The lives of
Sundarban**

November 25

Family Counselling

November 25

**Stop Human
Trafficking**

HEALTH CAMP

4 NOVEMBER 2023



On the 3rd and 4th of November, in collaboration with the Human Development Centre in Joynagar, Kolkata, Benevolence orchestrated a series of compassionate initiatives. These included hosting health camps, a blood donation drive, eye check-ups, and the distribution of vital mosquito nets. Given the prevalent threat of dengue, the provision of mosquito nets, priced at Rs 200 each, proved invaluable in safeguarding the health and well-being of impoverished villagers.



Supporting Suchetona:
Our journey of compassion led us to Suchetona, a commendable institution dedicated to combating human trafficking, violence against women, and empowering women through vocational training. During our visit, our esteemed club president actively engaged in counseling sessions with families, illustrating our unwavering commitment to supporting Suchetona's noble cause.



Upcoming Anti-Trafficking Collaboration:
Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our forthcoming collaboration with Suchetona. On the 25th of November, we will join forces with them to host an anti-trafficking event. This partnership underscores our shared resolve to address one of the most pressing issues facing society today.

DISTRIBUTION OF WINTER SHAWLS

10 NOVEMBER 2023

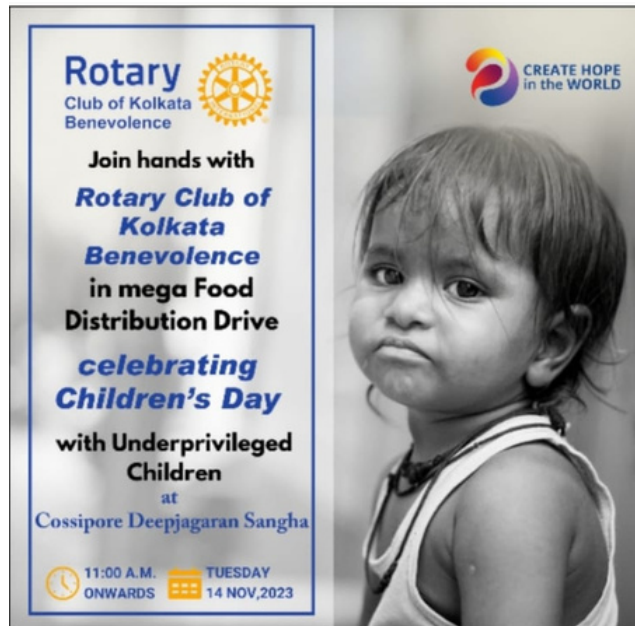
On November 10th, a heartwarming event unfolded at St. Catherine's Home, where the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence distributed winter shawls to 100 elderly residents. Beyond providing warmth, the program featured a delightful cultural event. Renowned artist Bikram Ghosh and his wife, actress Jaya Seala Ghosh, graced the occasion as chief guests, infusing the day with an artistic flair. Their presence made the experience truly memorable for the cherished members of the old age home.



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT COSSIPORE DIPJAGARAN SANGHA

14 NOVEMBER 2023

Celebrating Children's Day with love and generosity, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, in collaboration with Cossipore Deepjagaran Sangha, organized a grand Food Distribution Drive. Over 300 underprivileged children and their families participated in this heartwarming event, capturing the essence of Children's Day. The genuine smiles on those innocent faces served as the true reward, embodying the spirit of togetherness and community service. Through such initiatives, we aim to inspire greater compassion, love, and support for those in need.





CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT NABAJATAK CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

14 NOVEMBER 2023

Embracing the spirit of Children's Day at Nabajatak Child Development Centre was a heartwarming experience for the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence. We shared joy with 35 wonderful children, each inspiring us daily with their spirit and resilience. Providing special food packets and toys, we ensured that each child's unique needs were met.

Beyond gifts, the celebration was an opportunity to connect, engage, and strengthen community bonds through interactive games and activities. Interacting with parents and witnessing the smiles on the children's faces made the day truly special. Team Kolkata Benevolence takes immense pleasure in spreading love and making a positive impact on these young lives.





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THE LIVES OF SUNDERBAN

24 NOVEMBER 2023

The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence orchestrated a compelling exhibition and talk show, shedding light on the lives within the Sunderbans. This event not only showcased the cultural richness of the region through captivating exhibits but also featured thought-provoking discussions. By blending visual narratives and insightful talks, the Rotary Club aimed to raise awareness and foster a commitment to benevolent initiatives for the betterment of the Sunderban communities and their unique environment.



The exhibition, adorned with photographs and artifacts from the Sunderbans, offers a captivating journey into the heart of this ecologically significant region. The Sunderbans, sprawling across India and Bangladesh, are home to the elusive Bengal tiger and a rich biodiversity thriving amidst the interplay of land and water. The displayed photographs capture the raw beauty of the Sunderbans, depicting its intricate mangrove forests, meandering waterways, and diverse wildlife. Each image narrates a story of resilience as inhabitants coexist with nature in a delicate balance, confronting the challenges of climate change and environmental shifts.



THE LIVES OF SUNDARBAN

24 NOVEMBER 2023

Accompanying the visuals are artifacts offering a tangible connection to the daily lives of Sunderban communities. From traditional fishing tools to handmade crafts, these artifacts showcase the resourcefulness of people navigating their existence in this dynamic landscape.

The exhibition also features three talk shows focusing on the Boats of Sunderban, Evolution of Royal Bengal Tiger, and Biodiversity of Sunderban. It serves not only as a visual feast but also as a reminder of the urgent need for conservation. It prompts reflection on the fragility of ecosystems and the importance of sustainable practices to protect the Sunderbans and similar vital regions worldwide.

This exhibition cum talk show aims to educate and inspire a sense of responsibility for the preservation of the Sunderbans, emphasizing the delicate balance between human activities and the natural world.

It emerges as a potent tool for conservation and environmental awareness, championing the preservation of this unique ecosystem. Through vivid displays and insightful narratives, it invites visitors to witness the beauty of the Sunderbans and fosters a deeper understanding of the need for sustainable practices, serving as a catalyst for a collective commitment to safeguarding the delicate balance between human interaction and the natural wonders of the Sunderbans.



FAMILY COUNSELLING

25 NOVEMBER 2023

On November 25th, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, in collaboration with the local NGO Suchetona, organized a significant family counseling session at Dakkhin Barsat village. Expert counselors were enlisted to facilitate the resolution of family conflicts, thereby contributing to peace-building measures within the community. This joint effort aimed to create a positive impact on the village, fostering understanding and unity among its residents.





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STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

25 NOVEMBER 2023



The ominous shadow of human trafficking looms large over Bengal, casting a dark pall over the region. Despite concerted efforts to combat this heinous crime, Bengal continues to grapple with the multifaceted challenges posed by traffickers.

***The Perils of Human Trafficking in Bengal*:** Bengal's diverse population and bustling economic activities make it a fertile ground for human trafficking. Vulnerable groups, especially women and children, bear the brunt of this exploitation. Traffickers prey on economic disparities, lack of education, and social instability to ensnare their victims into a vicious cycle of abuse, including forced labor and sexual exploitation.

***Root Causes and Challenges*:** Various factors contribute to the prevalence of human trafficking in Bengal. Poverty, inadequate law enforcement, and porous borders create an environment conducive to traffickers. Lack of awareness and education further exacerbates the issue, making it difficult to identify and prevent trafficking incidents. Moreover, the clandestine nature of these operations poses challenges for authorities to effectively dismantle trafficking networks.



STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

25 NOVEMBER 2023

***Rally Against Human Trafficking*:** In response to this dire situation, local NGOs, concerned citizens, and proactive organizations like the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence have taken a stand. A recent rally and seminar held on November 25, 2023, in Dakkhun Barasat, Joynagar, South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, aimed to draw attention to the urgency of addressing human trafficking. Organized by the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, the rally sought to raise awareness, advocate for stricter law enforcement, and foster unity in the fight against human trafficking.

***Objectives of the Rally*:**

- ***Awareness and Education*:** The rally aimed to educate communities about the dangers of human trafficking, emphasizing the signs to watch for and the importance of reporting suspicious activities.

- ***Advocacy for Stricter Laws*:** Participants advocated for more stringent laws and penalties against traffickers, as well as enhanced efforts to prosecute and convict those involved in these criminal activities.



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