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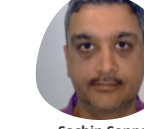
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Sachin Sonpal.....January 19
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Dear Members and Friends,
As we embark on a new year filled with hope and promise, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence Chapter is proud to continue its tradition of service and community engagement. January has been a month of reflection and renewal, as we look back on our past achievements and forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self," is at the core of everything we do. It is this commitment to service that drives us to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Whether it is through our various projects and initiatives or through the dedication of our members and volunteers, our goal remains the same: to create lasting change and improve the lives of those around us.

As we navigate the challenges of the world around us, it is more important than ever to come together as a community. The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence Chapter is a shining example of what can be achieved when people work together towards a common goal. Our projects, both large and small, are a testament to the power of community and the difference that can be made when we join forces.

In the coming months, we look forward to continuing our work and making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. Whether it is through our ongoing projects or through new initiatives that arise, we are committed to serving with passion, integrity, and compassion.

Thank you to all our members, partners, and supporters for your continued dedication and support. Together, we can continue to make a difference in our community and beyond.

Yours in Rotary,

RTN Soumik Kumar
Editorial Chair
Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Community Members,
As we embrace the new year, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the incredible work our club has accomplished in the past year. January has been a month of impactful projects, and I am thrilled to share some highlights with you.

Mega Donation Camp: Our Mega Donation Camp held on December 03 was a testament to the generosity and compassion of our community. With the support of our members and volunteers, we were able to provide essential supplies to 600 elderly mothers in need, offering them a lifeline during challenging times.

Break the Barrier - Evening Shelter: The Break the Barrier project, which focuses on providing shelter to vulnerable children in the red-light area, continues to be a beacon of hope. Our evening shelter has provided a safe and nurturing environment for these children, offering them a chance to escape the cycle of poverty and exploitation.

Financial Literacy Session for Women: Empowering women through education and economic empowerment has always been a cornerstone of our club's mission. Our Financial Literacy Session held on December 15 was a success, gaining valuable skills to manage their finances and secure a better future for themselves and their families.

Rain Water Harvesting: Water scarcity is a pressing issue, and our Rain Water Harvesting project is our commitment to sustainable water management. We have implemented rainwater harvesting systems in schools, ensuring access to clean water for students and promoting environmental sustainability.

Arogya: Health and well-being are fundamental rights, and our Arogya project aims to make healthcare accessible to all. We have conducted health camps in villages, providing free medical check-ups and consultations to underserved communities. As we look ahead to the rest of the year, I am confident that with our collective efforts and dedication, we will continue to make a positive impact in our community. Thank you to all our members, partners, and supporters for your unwavering commitment to service.

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 DECEMBER 2023

December 3

MAA- Mega Donation Kit

December 11

Break the Barrier

December 15

**Financial Literacy
Session for Women**

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in the **WORLD**

December 19

Rain Water Harvesting

December 19

Arogya

December 25

Arogya

MAA - MEGA DONATION KITS

3 DECEMBER 2023



The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence is thrilled to share the heartwarming success of our recent mega distribution event for widow mothers, part of Project MAA, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Calcutta North East.

We are proud to announce that we provided comprehensive Donation Kits to over 600 elderly mothers. Each kit contained essential items such as sarees, bedsheets, blankets, mattresses, mosquito nets, slippers, umbrellas, hygiene kits, biscuits, dry foods, and lunch packets.

This incredible accomplishment was made possible by the combined efforts of our dedicated Rotarian members and volunteers, who turned this noble cause into a resounding success.

The radiant smiles on the faces of the beneficiaries tell a story of care, compassion, and the collective strength of our community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributed to this event, transforming it into a truly memorable success.





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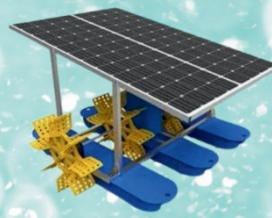
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BREAK THE BARRIER

11 DECEMBER 2023

During World Human Rights Week, a dream transformed into reality as the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence proudly inaugurated ASHRAY, an evening shelter designed for vulnerable children in the red-light area.

This visionary project aims to provide these children with a daily respite, offering a wholesome environment seldom found in the evenings of such areas. ASHRAY serves as more than just a sanctuary; it acts as a bridge connecting two disparate worlds. The goal is to integrate these children into the mainstream of society, fostering a sense of belonging and understanding between different communities.

ASHRAY embodies the hope of a brighter future for these young souls, transcending the boundaries that often confine them. Within this newfound haven, the children will engage in educational pursuits, participate in enriching extracurricular activities, and partake in skill-building endeavors that lay the foundation for their future.

This initiative is not merely about offering shelter; it's a commitment to nurturing their potential, empowering them with knowledge, and paving the way for a brighter and more promising tomorrow.



FINANCIAL LITERACY SESSION FOR WOMEN

15 DECEMBER 2023

The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence Empowers Rural Women Through Financial Literacy Workshop

In an endeavor to foster economic independence and empower communities, the Rotary Club recently organized a Financial Literacy Workshop tailored specifically for rural women. Held at Sonarpur, the event aimed to equip women with essential skills to navigate financial challenges and make informed decisions.

The workshop covered a diverse range of topics, including budgeting, savings strategies, basic investment principles, and understanding financial institutions. Expert speakers shared insights and practical tips, ensuring that the information provided was accessible and applicable to the participants' daily lives.

This initiative underscores the Rotary Club's dedication to making a positive impact at the grassroots level. As rural women gain financial literacy skills, the ripple effect is expected to extend to their families and communities, contributing to long-term economic growth and an improved quality of life. In conclusion, the Rotary Club's Financial Literacy Workshop stands as a testament to the organization's unwavering commitment to creating positive change.





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RAIN WATER HARVESTING

19 DECEMBER 2023

Rainwater harvesting emerges as a sustainable practice, offering heightened water efficiency and reduced reliance on conventional sources. This method not only bolsters environmental conservation but also facilitates the effective management of water resources.

The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence's initiative in Kakdwip on December 19th, 2023, focusing on rainwater harvesting for fish farming by a local self-help group of 42 women, stands as a commendable project. The provision of free fingerlings and comprehensive training, inclusive of practical sessions on testing dissolved oxygen and pH balance, showcases a holistic approach. Beyond environmental benefits, rainwater harvesting fosters local empowerment through activities like fish farming and irrigation, lessening dependence on traditional water sources.

In the domain of fish farming, harvested rainwater acts as a natural and clean water source, nurturing aquaculture systems that minimize the necessity for chemical treatments, thereby promoting fish well-being.

The incorporation of rainwater harvesting into fish farming and irrigation not only diminishes the environmental impact associated with water extraction but also contributes to maintaining ecological equilibrium.

The project's emphasis on various facets of sustainability and community empowerment is truly uplifting.



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AROGYA - HOMEOPATHY CLINIC IN KAKDWIP

19 DECEMBER 2023

"Arogya," a permanent initiative of the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence, is dedicated to providing free or subsidized health services to marginalized individuals. In a significant expansion of this endeavor, a new chapter was inaugurated in Kakdwip—a homeopathic clinic opened its doors on December 19, 2023. The Rotary Club further bolstered this initiative by donating medicines to benefit patients.

With a steadfast commitment to sustainability, the Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence promises ongoing support for the clinic in Kakdwip. This commitment ensures enduring health benefits for the local villagers grappling with health-related challenges.



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AROGYA - HEALTH CAMP AT LAKE TOWN

25 DECEMBER 2023

The Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence's "Arogya" initiative is committed to providing free or subsidized health services to marginalized individuals. On December 25th, Arogya Centre 2 was inaugurated at Hazrapara Durgatsav committee, Jessore Road Laketown, offering a health camp and free blood testing to assist the local community.



With a steadfast dedication to sustainability, the club pledges ongoing support for the new clinic, ensuring lasting health benefits for villagers facing health-related challenges.





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