

**CALCUTTA
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL**



INTERACT CLUB

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MISSION



The Interact Club of Calcutta International School aims to provide opportunity for young people to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding.

The goals of our club are:

1. To recognize and develop constructive leadership and personal integrity.
2. To encourage and practice thoughtfulness of and helpfulness to others.
3. To create an awareness and importance of the emerging social issues.
4. To build respect for the rights of others, based on recognition of the worth of each individual.
5. To emphasize acceptance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success, community improvement, and group achievement.
6. To develop life skills including self development, time management, and personal finances.
7. To recognize the dignity and value of all useful occupations as opportunities to serve society.
8. To provide opportunities for gaining increased knowledge and understanding of community, national, and world affairs.
9. To open avenues of personal and group action leading to the advancement of international understanding and goodwill toward all peoples.



VISION

The Interact Club of Calcutta International School awaits to see a day where every student of CIS and every member of our club has the knowledge about not just his or her own society but about everybody else's. That every student respects other traditions, other beliefs and realizes that it does not matter how big or small one's work is but the intent behind doing that work is all that matters. The club envisions to make every flower bloom in its garden in its own unique way and in its suitable surrounding. To realize the worth of what one usually takes for granted is the biggest achievement this club has come across and decides to keep doing the same in the future. To help the ones in need, to make those feel special who live without the things one takes for granted and for our club to give rise to diversity, equality and inclusion is what ICCIS strives for.

OUR EVENTS

Our club hosted over ten events this session, kickstarting with the investiture ceremony.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

24/10/2019

On the 24th of October 2019, our club hosted the investiture ceremony for the 6th executive board of ICCIS. The dais for this year's investiture consisted of quite a few notable dignitaries from our parent club - Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria. We hosted the President of RCCV, Mr. BK Agarwal, along with the Secretary of the RCCV, Mrs. Vibha Mehta, the Senior School principal of CIS, Dr. Munmun Nath and the teacher in-charges of the club, Mrs. Kashmiri Marwah and Ms. Rituparna Mukherjee. The past board members addressed the crowd, informing them about the previous projects and achievements the club came across in its last session. Following that, the president of the RCCV bestowed the new board by presenting the charter, the gavel and the collar to the incoming President of our club. Soon after that, the newly appointed Secretary and President presented their new ideas and plans for the projects taking place in the upcoming session giving the entire crowd the sense of new opportunities and a belief that they could be the change that is needed. The emcee of the event was Vandana Kothari who addressed the crowd and made sure that the event was an entertaining one. Moving on, after the board got pinned with their badges, the dais addressed the crowd providing the motivation that was needed for the club to start off at a high note. The crowd and the members then proceeded to the cake cutting ceremony, wishing the entire club all the best for their session. The investiture was a lovely event which was exactly what was needed by the Interact Club to start their session at their full potential. The 6th Executive Board of the Interact Club of Calcutta International School is as follows : Arham Choraria - President, Abhimanyu Sharma - Secretary, Medhansh Kejriwal - Vice President, Manav Bansal - Treasurer, Vandana Kothari - Director of Club Service, Divyansh Jain - Director of Professional Development, Vansh Poddar - Director of international service, Sanaya Kothari - Director of Community Service, and Nayanika Prasad - Official Editor.



THE BATTLE OF VOICES

20/10/2019

The Interact Club of Calcutta International School was invited by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria for an inter-school club elocution competition. The competition consisted of over eleven schools with two participants representing each. Students of CIS, Arushi Pant and Jahnvi Tantia, delivered excellent performances reciting their verses beautifully and surprising the entire crowd along with the judges throughout their set. With other schools giving tough competition to everyone, ICCIS was proud to place 4th overall among them. The participants along with our teacher in-charge, Mrs. Kashmiri Marwah, were also felicitated by the board of RCCV. Arushi and Jahnvi left the event making the club and the entire school proud for performing this well.



LIGHTING UP SOMEONE'S DIWALI

1/11/2019

The Interact Club of Calcutta International School decided to light the Diwali up of those who had been working tirelessly and making the school run smoothly throughout - the working staff of CIS. Two weeks before the festival of lights, on the 1st of November, our club along with the middle school Art & Craft department of CIS made over 100 diyas that we decided to distribute to every staff ranging from the security guards to the Dadas and the Didis of school. Our member force distributed the diyas along with other goodies which put a wide smile on the staff's faces and the feeling that the members received after making their day a little better was like nothing else. It made us realize how such small gestures could bring so much of joy and happiness to one's life. We would like to thank the Art & Craft Department of CIS for helping us throughout the project.



IT ALL STARTS WITH A GOAL

1/12/2019

Football - A sport that is not just about kicking, tackling and scoring but a sport with which you have an emotional connection especially in a state like Bengal. In look for such football fanatics, the Interact Club of Calcutta International School decided to connect with the kids of Navjyoti Jana Kalyan Society, providing them with an experience they had been waiting for and had never had before. The club took 30 underprivileged kids for one of the most awaited football matches in our country - Hero ISL : Kolkata vs Mumbai. On the 30th of November, the club members went to the society to spend some time with the kids before the match. We distributed chips and other goodies and had a fun chat with them about their football favorites. Following that, the club took the kids to Salt Lake Stadium and had one of the most amazing times experiencing the nail-biting match. It felt lovely watching the kids enjoy so much during the match and live in the moment they had been waiting for. The club members found joy in the happiness of the kids who were living one of their dream. We were proud to contribute in a way for them to achieve it



SMART SAVING

20/1/2020

With seeing cities struggle to have sufficient amounts of water or sufficient electricity, our club planned on taking a small step towards saving these resources whenever possible. By putting a reminder behind doors, above switchboards and above taps, the member force filled the entire school with stickers which would remind people to switch off the lights and other equipments in use before leaving a room or a washroom. The interact club also made the junior and middle school students of CIS aware about how these resources are scarce, how one should save them and use them only when it is necessary to. The members kept reminding people about this issue throughout the session as well so that people would do the same at their home. With taking small steps, the school discovered a notable reduction in the use of these resources over the months after this project was executed by us and we were glad to have saved whatever amount we did. In the aim to save even minuscule amounts of these resources, it was a small step towards a safer future.



THE DAY OF LOVE

14/2/2020

On Valentine's Day, known as the day of love, our club decided to collaborate with the Sparsh committee of CMTC and spend this wonderful day with a few underprivileged kids taking them to a restaurant full of happy vibes- Hakuna Matata. Teaching them the importance of spreading love in the society, we did a few fun activities, played games with the kids and had one of the loveliest days. The club members had an interesting chat with all the kids and gave them a heart shaped balloon following a conversation which helped make the kids realize the value of loving and sharing. Right after that, we distributed food and gift bags to them which brought a huge smile to their faces that felt wonderful looking at. This was one of our most heartwarming projects and nothing else could have made this notable day more wonderful. Watching the kids jump with joy and spending quality time with them on this day was really something special for us. We thank the Sparsh committee for including us in this project.



PROM 2020

On the 21st of February, 2020, our club hosted the Senior Prom which was one of the most awaited events in school and one of our biggest annual fundraisers. A night to celebrate the success of our club and build stronger relations within, it was an event that everybody enjoyed. With playing several games to dancing at some of their favorite songs, we believe that the members had a magical night in school. We are proud to say that this year's Prom was the biggest fundraiser in the history of our club. The proceedings of this event were put to help over 110 women get access to hygienic and sustainable menstrual products, putting a period to menstrual inequity and we thank Fullstopp.Org for taking this initiative. We thank the entire club and everyone who was a part of this event for making it possible and hosting such a lovely evening. Our club directors and editors put in a lot of effort in decorating the venue and it was truly stunning. Getting a great feedback for organizing this event and putting the funds raised to helping the people in need, it was one of the most fun events where every person enjoyed but for a good cause.



RELIEF FOR CYCLONE AMPHAN

31/5/2020

With the cyclone Amphan destroying half our city, our club decided to hold an online fundraising event, along with other student led organizations, in the times of covid-19 to help those who had been affected by the outbreak of the virus and the cyclone. Our event Raahat For Amphan was an online carnival where friends and family could participate in several games and activities followed by a live online music concert, featuring some of the best young talents in the city. On the 31st of May, making this event a memorable ending to our nationwide lockdown, we put in all our efforts to make Raahat reach thousands of people, encouraging them to participate and help rebuild our city by donating. With getting popular actors like Nakuul Mehta, renowned news agencies like the Times of India and radio partners like RED FM supporting our cause, we were able to increase our reach even more. With the help of our collaborations with the organizations and companies, we were able to raise ₹1,41,000 in just a week. The funds raised were then given to other organizations performing ground work to rebuild our beautiful city and our donations helped them accelerate their work. With an extraordinary carnival on a simple yet special evening, our club was able to send राहत (relief) to hundreds of people who were facing difficulties due to the effects of the cyclone. We would like to thank every organization, donor and person who was a part of this initiative and helped us make it a success in such a short time.

A virtual carnival to raise relief funds

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Kolkata: The interact club of Calcutta International School (CIS) has partnered with several student-run organizations with a shared motive of helping those most affected by the cyclone in Bengal and has organized a virtual carnival on May 30 and May 31 to raise funds.

INITIATIVE BY STUDENTS

The event — Raahat — will have several fun games and activities where every game will have an entry donation amount that will go to the Amphan relief funds.

“The massive devastation of trees, houses, livelihoods, lives shook us and we wanted to reach out to these people. This is when we thought of a virtual carnival, where people can have fun as lockdown is

ending but with a cause,” said Adya Sarda of CIS. She added that the activities will be followed by an online music concert by students. Sarda urged people from all over to participate and donate. Till date, they have managed to collect one lakh rupees.

The funds raised will be donated to Rangeen Khidki Foundation which is working on the menstrual health of women affected by Amphan and Rebuild Bengal Campaign by Switch ON Foundation which aims to help the cyclone victims in affected areas. Vinay Jaju, co-founder of Switch ON Foundation said that the funds raised by the unique initiative of virtual carnival will be donated to our campaign and it will be utilised in a fruitful way by helping people of Bengal, severely affected by Cyclone Amphan.



18/3/20 onwards

PREVENTION AGAINST THE PANDEMIC

Reaching a unique part of our lives where all of us realized the importance of a healthy and a hygienic life, our club spread awareness about a few important preventive measures that were advised to be taken during the outbreak of Covid-19. With the help of several social media platforms, we were able to reach hundreds of people making them aware about the virus and how to prevent it. Following that, recently after seeing several organizations help thousands of people during the pandemic, our club decided to help those who have been dependent on us humans for a long time - the stray animals. From the month of July, our club members have been feeding food to the stray dogs and birds near their houses making their day a little easier and better.

**PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN
DURING THE COVID-19 VIRUS
BREAKOUT**



INTERACT CLUB

1. WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP OR WITH ALCOHOL BASED SANITIZER AT REGULAR INTERVALS ESPECIALLY BEFORE MAKING ANY CONTACT WITH YOUR EYES, EARS OR NOSE.

2. AVOID GOING OUT OF YOUR HOUSE ESPECIALLY TO CROWDED PLACES LIKE MALLS, PLAYGROUNDS, RESTAURANTS AND CLASSES.

3. IN CASE YOU WANT TO MEET YOUR RELATIVES/FRIENDS THEN PLEASE MEET THEM AT THEIR/YOUR HOUSE AND NOT IN A PUBLIC PLACE AT ANY COST. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A HOLIDAY BUT HAVE BEEN PUT ON A LOCKDOWN.

4. DRINK WATER AT REGULAR INTERVALS. STAY HYDRATED.

5. KEEP A CVN-95 MASK FOR SAFETY BUT TRY NOT TO PURCHASE/USE IT IF YOU ARE NOT SUFFERING FROM A COUGH AS THERE'S A SCARCITY OF THAT PRODUCT AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACTUALLY SUFFERING MIGHT NEED IT MORE THAN YOU DO.

6. MAINTAIN HYGIENE AT ALL TIMES AND DO NOT RE-USE ITEMS LIKE BOTTLES WITHOUT WASHING THEM.



PLANTATION PROJECT

12/8/2020

With the cyclone Amphan affecting our school's infrastructure and the trees on the school ground, The Interact Club decided on planting a couple of new saplings on the field. On the 12th of August, our Senior School Principal, Dr. Munmun Nath, along with our club President, Arham Choraria, planted a few saplings on the field making our school even greener and taking a small step to a healthier future. The saplings were of Neem and Java Plum and the club hopes to see these fully grown in a few years of time, replacing the damage Amphan had done to the nature at our school.



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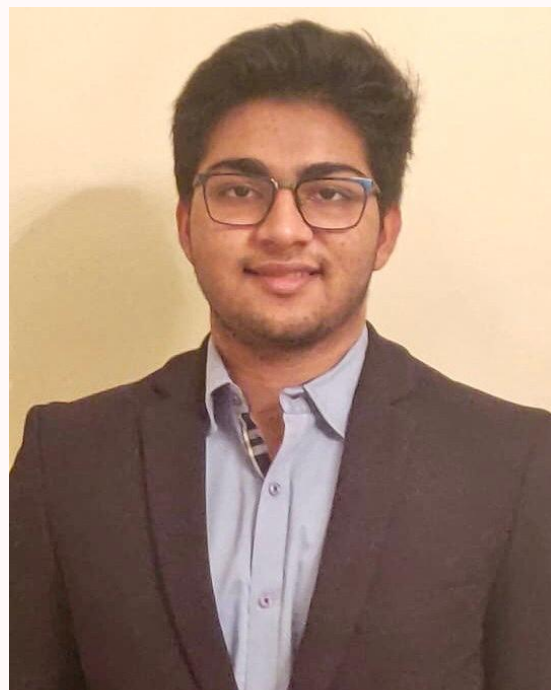
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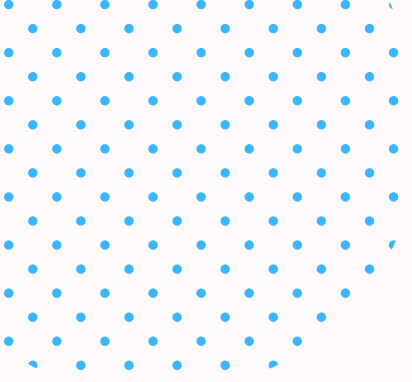


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DIVYANSH JAIN



We are proud to say that the 2019-20 session has been the most successful session in the history of ICCIS. Be it in terms of projects, outreach or fundraisers, this session has truly been a one to be remembered. Our club was able to raise about Rs. 2,00,000 from the Senior Prom and Relief for Amphan initiatives which were put to help several organizations and hundreds of people in need. Following that, a total of 10 events were hosted by the club this term focusing at least one in every sector - Club service, Community service, Professional Development and International Service. It is a signal to reach more people, create more awareness and help thousands more in our upcoming session. With the 2019-20 term coming to an end, we move on to 2020-21 with higher expectations, a more driven team and a promise to deliver better results. We would like to thank our Senior School Principal, Dr. Munmun Nath and our Junior School Principal, Mrs. Pratima Nayar, for supporting our projects throughout the term. We would also like to thank our section heads - Mrs. Anasuya Paul and Mrs. Sharmilla Mukherjee for guiding us through the term. It would not have been possible without our teacher in charges - Mrs. Marwah, Ms. Mukherjee and our parent club, Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria Dist. 3291 to have such a successful term. Like we have for the past term, we promise to continue putting service above self and move on to a better year. We look forward to putting a larger impact in our upcoming term

-Executive Board 2019-2020