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welcome

DISTRICT
GOVERNOR

and team

MINUTES OF THE 2640th REGULAR CLUB MEETING OF
ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD AT MALIK GUEST HOUSE
ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2023.

Club President Rtn. Bikash Dutta welcomed all and called the meeting to order.

National Anthem was crooned by Secretary Rtn. Amit Roy.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta informed members about Sewing machine distribution program jointly with Rotary Club of Kolkata Galaxy at Kultali Sundarban on 28th Jan 2023. Total 17 sewing machines were distributed.

PDRR Rtn. Shuvratav Mitra shared his experience of Kultali event with members present in the meeting.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta requested all members to make their contributions for 17th February Official DG visit program at Calcutta Club.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta requested all members to confirm their participation for upcoming club outing on 3rd March 2023 at Ashanboni near Jamshedpur.

Rtn. Arup Dasgupta confirmed Society registration date as 18th Feb, 2023.

Secretary Rtn. Amit Roy conducted his business and did the happy announcements.

Next Regular Club meeting and Assembly will be on 17th Feb, 2023 at Calcutta club.

The Minutes of the last meeting as published in Maitree was approved by the members.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta terminated the meeting with vote of thanks from and to the chair.

Total Members : 38
Members Present : 15



THE FOUR -WAY TEST

OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO.

1

IS IT THE TRUTH?

2

IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

3

WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL
AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4

WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL
TO ALL CONCERNED?

HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS

17th Feb to
9th Mar, 2023**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 20th Feb – Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta
 20th Feb – Ms. Anuradha spouse of PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar
 20th Feb – Anukriti daughter of Secretary Rtn Amit Roy
 23rd Feb – Virin son of Rtn Prasunjit Mukherjee
 25th Feb – Ms. Srimati spouse of PP Rtn Debibas Ganguly
 25th Feb – Ms. Bani spouse of Rtn Sujay Krishna Bhadra
 6th Mar – Arkopal son of Rtn Angshuman Bhattacharya

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 18th Feb – Ms. Champa & Rtn Susmit Bhattacharya
 19th Feb – Ms. Sikha & PP Rtn Amaresh Bhattacharya
 23rd Feb – Ms. Madhumita & Rtn Arup Dasgupta
 25th Feb – Ms. Ruma & Rtn Angshuman Bhattacharya
 27th Feb – Ms. Bani & Rtn Sujay Krishna Bhadra
 1st Mar – Ms. Nandini & Rtn Ashish Kumar Das
 3rd Mar – Ms. Indrani & PP Rtn Ajoy Krishna Chatterjee
 5th Mar – Ms. Moitrayee & Rtn (Dr) Debmalya Sanyal
 6th Mar – Ms. Sumita & PP Rtn Prabir Roy

President's Message

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I feel humble and full of humility before all of you to be taking over the responsibility of President of the Club for Rotary year 2022–23. I remember the day when I was selected as President for RY 2022–23. I have the responsibility to carry over the legacy of our illustrious past leaders who have taken the Club to new heights. The District training events have been extremely helpful and enlightening for me.



During the last seven months we have completed several projects as set up in our Goal for RY 2022–23 including joint project with the other Rotary Clubs. Some of them are not completed but we are sure that with the continuous support of the members those projects would be completed during the 4 months.

I strongly feel the basis of our experiences in Rotary lies in creation of more service projects to stay connected to the community which in turn will bring as a lot of Public Image in the society. This will result in enhanced membership in Rotary which is a challenge for all of us. I have great faith and belief in all members who will work in unison and bring about glory to our club in the ensuing Rotary Year 2022–23.

Let us stay connected within ourselves and with our community to prove "Imagine Rotary".

I wish you all the very best and May Lord Shiva bless you all.

Secretary's Message

Dear All,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our club for the cooperation and support provided to us. This was not only an excellent opportunity to work with all of you but also to learn many new things. I will keep investing my time in days to come and keep serving as a Rotarian.



Thanks once again for all the support rendered to me for the last 6 months.

Hope to give back more to the society in the coming months for RY 2022–23.

EARTHQUAKE

- A CATASTROPHE



By Rtn Sunit Roy

The Earth's crust is made up of separate bits, called plates, that nestle alongside each other.

These plates often try to move but are prevented by the friction of rubbing up against an adjoining one. But sometimes the pressure builds until one plate suddenly jerks across, causing the surface to move.

The easiest way of thinking about earthquake is that the Earth is divided into thirteen plates, and their edges are the major faults. The plates are moving slowly, and this gradually increases the stress on the edge [of a plate] when it gets stuck, until it breaks loose. That's the earthquake, that sudden breaking loose. Then it gets stuck again and then gets unstuck again. It is known as Plate Tectonics. In this case, we're talking about a vertical fault moving side to side. It's what we call a left-lateral fault, meaning that whichever side you stand on, the other side will move to your left.

ANATOMY OF AN EARTHQUAKE

AN EARTHQUAKE IS THE SHAKING OF THE GROUND CAUSED BY SUDDEN MOTIONS ALONG FAULTS, OR FRACTURES IN THE EARTH'S CRUST

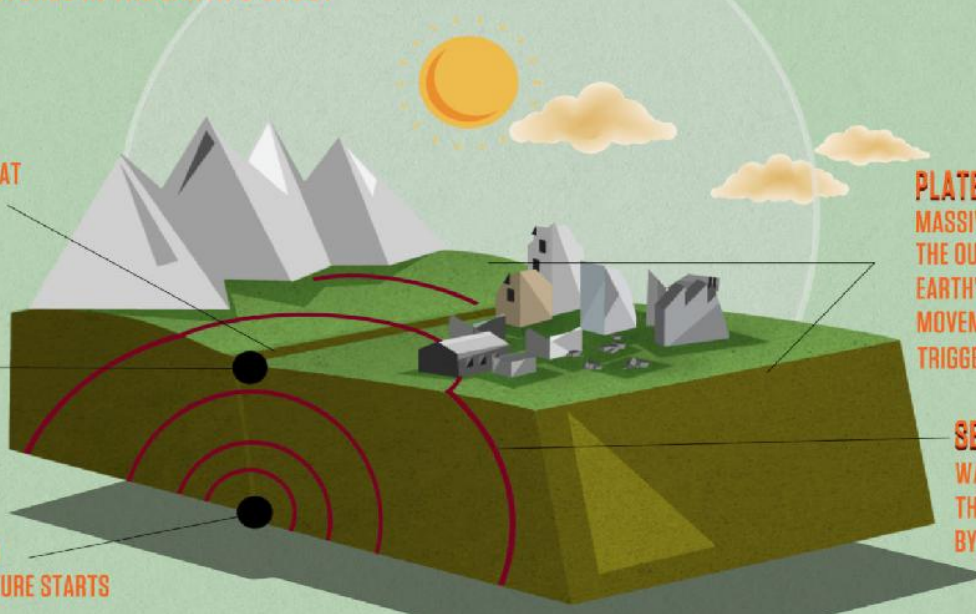
FAULT
A FRACTURE IN THE ROCKS THAT MAKE UP THE EARTH'S CRUST

EPICENTER
THE POINT AT THE SURFACE OF THE EARTH DIRECTLY ABOVE THE FOCUS

FOCUS (HYPOCENTER)
THE POINT WITHIN THE EARTH WHERE AN EARTHQUAKE RUPTURE STARTS

PLATES
MASSIVE ROCKS THAT MAKE UP THE OUTER LAYER OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE, AND WHOSE MOVEMENT ALONG FAULTS TRIGGERS EARTHQUAKES

SEISMIC WAVES
WAVES THAT TRANSMIT THE ENERGY RELEASED BY AN EARTHQUAKE



It was the Arabian plate moving northwards and grinding against the Anatolian plate.

Around 4 am local time on Monday, February 6 2023, two tectonic plates slipped past each other just 12 miles below southern Turkey and northern Syria, causing a 7.8 magnitude earthquake. It was the largest earthquake to hit Turkey in over 80 years. Then, just nine hours later, a second quake—registered at 7.5 magnitude—struck the same region.



Intense shaking of two consecutive earthquakes collapsed thousands of buildings and killed over 20,000 people, leaving behind a humanitarian crisis in an already vulnerable area. The epicenter of the quakes was near the city of Gaziantep, where there are currently hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees. Aleppo, a city in Syria that has been destroyed by civil war, today also severely damaged of the earthquakes.

Seismologists consider Turkey a tectonically active area, where three tectonic plates—the Anatolia, Arabia, and Africa plates—touch and interact with each other. The two major fault lines surrounding it, the North Anatolian Fault and the East Anatolian Fault—which has a slip rate of between 6 and 10 millimeters per year—are gradually squeezing the country westward toward the Mediterranean Sea.

Essentially, Turkey is slowly moving. Most of Turkey is moving out to the west, with Greece moving out with it. These two faults kind of make a “V” shape at the edges. These are the major fault zones that are causing today's earthquake.





Today, over 70 million people are displaced as a result of conflict, violence, persecution, and human rights violations. Half of them are children.

We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

Rotary creates environments of peace

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

By carrying out service projects and supporting peace fellowships and scholarships, our members take action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

Our commitment to peacebuilding today answers new challenges: how we can make the greatest possible impact and how we can achieve our vision of lasting change. We are approaching the concept of peace with greater cohesion and inclusivity, broadening the scope of what we mean by peacebuilding, and finding more ways for people to get involved.

Rotary creates environments where peace can happen.

Rotary Behala took the opportunity and gifted 22 girl students the joy of visiting the Kolkata International Book Fair of Free To Be Kids Charitable Trust and Nepalgunge. A day of surfing and gliding in the ocean of books made them very happy & we were gifted with their gratitude & a smile.

