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28TH INSTALLATION MEETING

Monday, July 12, 2021

DISTRICT GOVERNOR Prabir Chatterjee



Prabir Chatterjee's life, energy, time and even the people he surrounds himself with is guided by the premise: Every Human Life is of Equal Value.

If humanitarianism can be called a sport, Prabir is the master of it. He has displayed the passion and fervour in everything he has done at Rotary since becoming a member in 1999. Presently he is a member of Rotary Calcutta Majestic.

Born to the famous Chatterjee family, he has always known the importance of using one's privileges to help the society. This alumnus of St Xavier's College went on to become a first-generation entrepreneur after completing his B.Sc. followed by a Diploma in Electronics & Video Technology.

Through his work he wanted to create a positive impact on people's lives and founded TEEVEETRONICS POLYTECHNIC PVT LTD In 1984. Till date his company has helped millions

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President Kaushlendra K Jha



Rtn Kaushlendra K Jha, fondly called KK is a commerce graduate and a Chartered Accountant in practice since 1999. He is the joint managing partner of CA firm RDA & Associates which has presently ten partners and a pan India presence. He looks after Corporate Law and Litigation practice of his firm besides Administration. He became Chartered Accountant in 1997 at the age of 24 and joined an international law firm to learn the art of drafting and legal nuances. He loves to cook and read books on Indian Mythology specially in Sanskrit and Maithili. He is also actively associated with Mithila Saanskritik Parishad, an Ethnic Cultural and Literary Society having representation in Sa-

hitya Akademi for award for Maithili books. He is the General Secretary of this society for the last four years. Rtn. KK is married to Sabita, who prefers to remain a home maker. KK and Sabita are blessed with son Rajiv, a CA student and twin daughters, Shruti & Sakshi, who are in class 10. He joined RCC Victoria in 2013 and had been Treasurer for 3 years.

**Today's
Programme**
**28th Installation
Meeting 2021**
at 6.00 pm on ZOOM



SHEKHAR Mehta
RI President



PRABIR Chatterjee
District Governor



K K Jha
President



LATA Bhatia
Secretary



SUBHADRI Chatterjee
Treasurer



CHHANDA Banerji
Editor

President, 2021-22



Victorians, firstly I would like to thank you all for the trust and faith that you have reposed in me and given me the privilege to become the President of this prestigious club. All the past presidents of Victoria have kept the club flag flying very high and I know that that is what is expected of me. With great sincerity I promise to keep the flag of Victoria high. It is not going to be an easy job but with all your support Victorians, I know I will succeed.

We are still fighting a long battle with the pandemic. Hopefully we are on the path of recovery. However, with the 3rd wave looming large things are still unclear and tricky. The effect of this pandemic on the society both medically and economically makes us more resolute to serve to change lives. I assure you dear members with our collective efforts we will overcome this uncertainty and make changes in the lives of the needy, however small it may be.

With this I wish us all a great Rotary Year 2021-22.

Kaushlendra K Jha



Club Secretary, 2021-22



To all my Victorian Friends,

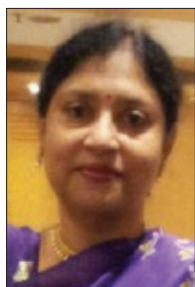
I thank our President KK Jha for choosing me to be the club Secretary in his year as President and also thank all Victorians for their support. Last time when I became the Secretary, was in 2009-10 when PP Amiya Chakravarty was the club President. Although I was fairly new then and totally inexperienced in Rotary, I had a great teacher in Amiyada. I am saddened by his sudden demise this year. We also lost our dear friend Deepak Atal to Covid this year who was a great support to all members in our club. We will miss both of you Amiyada and Deepak. Today I am a lot more experienced in life as well as in Rotary and this is my promise to President KK Jha that you have my full support and I wish you a great Rotary year. Let us together make good memories in this Rotary year. Humanity is going through some tough times today. I believe that this misery is of our own making but I also believe that we can reverse this situation if we can take some quick measures. This is not possible to do alone by anyone of us but together we surely can. I believe that humans can do anything they decide upon. So as Rotarians let's decide to change our lives to change others. We are privileged to be Rotarians so let's use this privilege to the advantage of our planet – plants, animals and humans.

As Mahatma Gandhi said – "Be the change you want to see in the world"

Lata Bhatia



Immediate Past President



I came in as President at a very difficult and challenging time. I thought that all my plans and dreams would all be washed out. But I kept my faith and believed that God is taking a very hard test to see how I would keep the Victoria flag flying high. My trust and believe in Him worked wonders. With my family, club members and friends, we did magic. 6 project almost every month with half a dozen big ones is what we achieved in my tenure as President. Funds poured in from benevolent donors and we sailed smoothly through. I thank each and every one who stood by me to make my journey comfortable and successful.

Gayatree Dhar

Outgoing Secretary



As an outgoing secretary of RCCV year 2020-2021, I can say that it was a year of adversities. The pandemic restricted our movements drastically but we jointly surmounted many tough circumstances. Our projects, small or big continued to cross six

a month i.e minimum 72 projects a year.

The president's dream project of Happy School was accomplished this year. It was a fulfilling year project wise in spite of the physical constraints. This year we lost 2 past presidents of the club and Aandhi was not well.

I pray and hope that we at RCCV surmount all problems and get back to the glory of Victoria.

Seema Danda



*Happiness resides not in possessions nor in gold.
happiness dwells in the soul. – Democritus*

Message from

DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2021-22



Dear Change Maker President Rtn Kaushlendra, Rotary Greetings! I hope this finds you having a great Rotary year as a President of your Club. It will be an awesome year for Rubena and me as your District Governor and we would like to congratulate the respected and ever enthusiastic Rotary Calcutta Victoria family on this wonderful occasion of Installation Ceremony.

Rtn. Kaushlendra, you have been selected by the members of your Rotary Club to guide its affairs during the coming year, and as a President of your club, you need to be thinking ahead to the coming year(s) as well, that will help and shape your club's future.

This continuing Covid 19 pandemic has a lot of dark sides, but the world has survived all pandemics of the past, and alive and more populous than ever, is proof to that. Let's not forget that we should make the best of what the crisis gives us. I believe the best days of Rotary are ahead, because the Rotarians always keep on looking at the brighter sides of life, the longer the crisis lasts, the larger the opportunities.

I wish all the very best to you along with your members for a fruitful Rotary year and assuring my unending support to **Serve to Change Lives**.

Yours-in-Rotary,

Prabir Chatterjee

Contd... DG Prabir Chatterjee

progress in their lives through Vocational Skill Development, Training & Computer Management. Between 1986 and 1997 he was associated with Tata Steel, developing and conducting several training programs in Dhanbad, Jamshedpur and West Bokaro.

Prabir has held various positions in Rotary District 3291 after completing his Presidentship in 2007-08. He is a Rotary Leadership Institute faculty member since 2015 and a recipient of the Vocational Service Leadership Award from Rotary International in 2014. Through his immaculate leadership skills he believes in building a better community one step at a time, along with his Rotary family.

Amid all this, Prabir still makes time for his passion as a travel photographer and avid thrill seeker. In 2016 he drove from Kolkata to Jaisalmer and covered a total distance of 5,219 kms.

Rubina, his spouse, is a professional dancer and currently the Senior School Co-Curricular Coordinator at Sushila Birla Girls' School, Kolkata. She is a Rotarian and a member of Rotary Calcutta Majestic since 2012. Daughter Kathakali has completed her Masters in Public Relations & Event Management from Amity University, Noida in 2020 and is presently engaged with a reputed PR Agency in New Delhi.

RI PRESIDENT Shekhar Mehta



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Shekhar Mehta has been a member of the Rotary club of Calcutta Mahanagar since 1985 and is the

4th Indian and the 2nd from Kolkata to be the President of Rotary International.

His theme for the year 2021-22 is **SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES**.

He was the District Governor of RID -3291 in the year 2019-20 and part of the Rotary Board as a Director in the period 2011-13.

He has held many positions in the International level, prominent among them being Chairmanship of Strategic Planning Committee of Rotary International, Joint Committee of partner-



ships of Rotary International and Rotary Foundation, Literacy India mission, Rotary Foundation India and Rotary India Centennial celebrations.

He is a Trustee of Operational Eyesight Universal, a Canada based organization.

He has helped Rotary to unfold in Bhutan

and Maldives.

Keenly dedicated to service, Shekhar Mehta has initiated several projects for social development.

He is the recipient of Rotary International Service Above Self and the Rotary Foundations Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service awards. He is the recipient of Rotary International Service Above Self and the :

Shekhar Mehta's guiding mantra is **'Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy on this earth'**

Married to Rashi, who is very supportive, they have two wonderful children – son Chirag, who is married, and daughter Chandni.

They are blessed with a grandson.

Doctor's Day

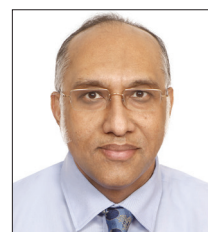
Congratulations Krishnendu

On 1st July, 2021, Nine Victorians left for the first project of the year at Kanthalberia at 9 am from Metro cash. As part of observing doctors day today, medical camp was held there for women and senior citizens. Checkup was done and medicines were given to those who needed. 100 kg of ration was distributed to the villagers which was sponsored by Rtn Sunita Agarwala. Also felicitated the doctors and assistant doctors in appreciation of their contribution to society. Felicitated Dr Joyashree Dhar who had gone to the project. Mr Sapui gave his reports of last year to IPP Gayatree Dhar. The girls who had done the vocational training



had stitched petticoats and masks which they showed us. President K K Jha, Sec Lata Bhatia, Treasurer Subhadri Chatterjee, IPP Gayatree Dhar, PP Arnab Sen, PE Sachiv Nijahwan, PP Vinita Dutt, Sutapa Das and Dr Joyashree Dhar attended the camp. Thankyou Victorians for your participation.

PP Dr Krishnendu Gupta was felicitated **on Doctor's Day (1st July)** by Rotary Club of Calcutta and Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna for his exemplary service in the medical profession.



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Joining Hands in Yaas Relief

9th July, 2021: At 6 am, 6 Victorians headed to Hasnabad Jorabartalla near Hingalgunj to distribute Yaas relief material. This project was sponsored by Linde and M/s Vajra Machineries Pvt Ltd (Chandrakala Agarwal). On 8th July, 5 Victorians, Seema Danda, Alka Jayaswal, Vinita Dutt, Gayatree Dhar and Lata Bhatia went to Linde office in Taratala



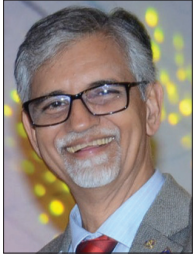
to receive the material to be donated. Two matadors were loaded and sent to the place of distribution. There were 150 beneficiaries who had been given coupons prior to the distribution. The distribution went off smoothly. 150 packets containing, a bucket, mug, madur, soap, food items, mosquito net, umbrella,

torch and zeoline were distributed.

President KK Jha, Secretary Lata Bhatia, IPP Gayatree Dhar, PP Vinita Dutt, Sutapa Das and Bipasha attended the project and returned home around 5 pm after a satisfying day.

A big thank you to our donors for supporting our project

Message



Dear President,

Ballari joins me in congratulating you as you take up the responsibility of leading your Club in following the theme for the year, 'Serve to Change Lives'.

District looks up to your club for some meaningful service to the mankind. I'm sure under your able leadership Rotary Calcutta Victoria would gift a memorable year to

the district. It is more so, this being the Year, our own Shekhar Mehta is the Rotary International President; a proud moment for Rotary in India and specially for our District.

As we have stepped into the second century of Rotary Service, strengthening our Clubs, our very roots, has become the order of the day! To retain members and strengthen our clubs, we must keep in mind, every Rotarian joined Rotary to contribute something for a cause and has some expectations from the Rotary Club; to retain members, make sure that every member of the club is involved and satisfied. General Secretary of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation,

John Hewko, urged Rotarians to think out of box, embrace flexibility, focus on engagement rather than attendance! We need to change!

You and your team will also have to deal with a new challenge, that's COVID-19! You would have to devise a new way to run and manage the club; a new thought, how to take up Service Projects!

I wish you and your team a great happening year ahead.

Yours-in-Rotary Service,

Rajani Mukerji

Past District Governor

District Trainer 2021-22, District 3291



RCC District Assembly



RCC District Assembly - members of RCCs attending on zoom

RCC District Assembly of Rotary Year 2021-22- Aalaap - was held on Saturday 26th June 2021 on zoom at 5 pm. A sizeable number of Rotary Calcutta Victoria's RCC members had joined and listened to the deliberations All 3 RCCs participated. PP Dr Krishnendu Gupta spoke on cervical cancer and the fact that 1.24 lakh were affected by this disease annually. Nearly 78000 die and thus it was a serious concern. Awareness and timely vaccinations were important especially in rural areas. Myths and misconceptions regarding menstrual hygiene and the need to educate the girls on this aspect was stressed upon. Female doctors could address small groups of girls on zoom.

Judo and karate expert, Mr Avijit Mitra, spoke about the need for self-defence. RID-3291 was launching a programme for

the RCCs named 'Birangana' The first programme would be on zoom on 24th and 25th July. Physical classes would commence when the situation normalized.

Dr Ranen Hom Choudhury spoke about Covid, how to boost immunity and asked all RCC members to definitely get themselves vaccinated. He encouraged breast feeding for infants as mothers' milk provided immunity to them.

Rotary clubs should take up thalassaemia awareness in a big way to prevent families from shedding tears and spending money.

The doctor also spoke about the need to consume clean drinking water, to wash hands and to clean plates and glasses with clean water before use.

Dr Arabindo Ray, the next speaker also stressed on clean, potable water to keep diseases at bay. He volunteered to do health camps in RCCs especially for women. Measurement of blood pressure and blood sugar was necessary every couple of months. Geriatric problems had increased and needed to be addressed.

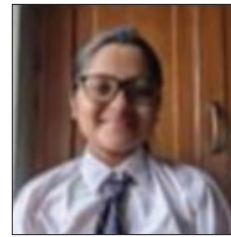
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SNID on 27th June 2021. DG Sudip Mukherjee (2020-21), Sarah Macwan, Rakesh Macwan and Capt Arnab Sen visited Ward 69 borough Office. Food packets were distributed

Happy School

A TOPPER



Miss Ranjika Basu Majumder, younger niece of Dr Krishnendu Gupta, a student of The Heritage School, Kolkata has topped International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) 2021 with a perfect score of 45/45 - creating history of sorts in Kolkata. Victorians share Krishnendu Gupta's joy and pride and congratulates Ranjika for her outstanding result. Our blessings and good wishes are with her. Keep it up.



Metropolitan Institution for girls was made into a HAPPY SCHOOL following all the Rotary norms. It was inaugurated on 27th June 2021 by President Gayatree Dhar, the major donors and the school principal. The two stalwarts attached to this institution namely the founder Pandit Iswar Chandra Vidyasagar and one of its student and teacher Swami Vivekananda

were paid tribute by offering flowers. The toilets, class rooms, library, office, wash station was then shown around. President Gayatree, club secretary Seema and the principal spoke to all briefly and thanked everyone. The room with the table, clock and the safe that was used by Vidyasagar was also shown to all. The areas renovated and done up look good.

THANKS GIVING

On Sunday 27th June 2021 members joined on zoom for a thanks giving meeting. The Rotary year 2020-21 was not like any other year – with the global covid pandemic, lock downs, cyclone, it looked like the club would end up doing projects mostly through cheque book. But President Gayatree Dhar (2020-21) had other ideas. She braved all odds, risking her and her family's health and physically did several meaningful projects every single month, even travelling outside Kolkata. Even before the year started a problem had cropped up. Secretary Elect Aandhi Shah fell ill. Seema Danda immediately volunteered to step in. Gayatree in her address said as much and thanked her for standing by her and supporting her all through. She expressed her gratitude to KK Jha, a seasoned treasurer who once again took up the duties

when Siddharth Jhajharia was unable to carry on. Most members rose to the occasion in this difficult time and supported her and the club in varied ways. Gayatree acknowledged the contribution of Victorians as well as benevolent donors and friends whose generosity enabled her to realize her dreams. One such dream of making an iconic school which had now fallen into hard times into a 'Happy School' has been realised and inaugurated today. She thanked the Almighty for helping her and guiding her. Mukul Mittra who had introduced Gayatree to Rotary was mighty proud today as were all Victorians. Members spoke about the year gone by and the spirit and passion of President Gayatree as well as of her leadership. "Her sincere and honest approach saw us through the year", "Rotary is a family, you made it happen", "We all stood by her but she steadied the

ship and led from the front" were what Victorians said. Dr Madhuchanda Kar quoted from Tagore. Dr Joyashree Dhar said, "you brought me into Rotary and so I have lots of friends and happy doing service" PP Deepak Atal in his last visit to the club at HHI had told Gayatree "I am reading all messages and projects that were being done in the bulletin and I am so very proud of you". This had touched Gayatree deeply.

With the blessings of the Almighty the Rotary year thankfully ended well in spite of many hurdles and restrictions. Work had been done in all 5 avenues of service, 3 new e-members joined and a good contribution made to TRF. Most importantly the bonding has been strong and Victorians were a happy family. All members specially thanked Dwipendra, better half of Gayatree, for giving full support all the way.

Club Officers Training Seminar (COTS)

President Elect Kaushlendra Kumar Jha welcomed Assistant Governor Elect Sukanya Dasgupta, Zonal Secretary Elect (Zone 15) Gayatree Dhar, all office bearers and members to COTS (2021-22). This was followed by introduction of AGE Sukanya Dasgupta, a well known architect, an esteemed Rotarian and member of Rotary Calcutta Inner City, by Club Secretary (2021-22) PP Lata Bhatia. She was then invited to conduct COTS. Sukanya Dasgupta expressed her happiness at being present amongst Victorians who were known for their service activities in the District. She was concerned and distressed on account of covid, but one must however move on she said and proceeded to share a video on the vision of RI President (2021-22) Shekhar Mehta. Shekhar Mehta urged everyone to dream big and formulate goals to impact Rotary around the world. Theme of Rotary year 2021-22 was "SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES".

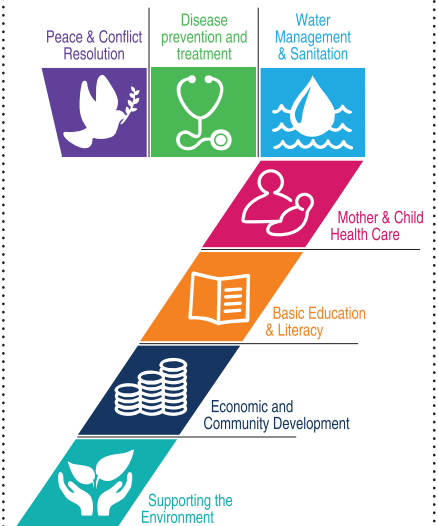
His thrust areas were: Membership – Each one bring one. He hoped membership would increase from 1.2 million to 1.3 million, a challenging task but not impossible for Rotarians. To do more projects one needed to grow – expand participation. He also was in favour of flexible, hybrid clubs. The other important area of focus was Empowering Girls and Women by taking care of their education and health and teaching them vocational skills to make them self reliant. He concluded with a quote from Einstein "only a life lived for others is a life lived well".

Sukanya Dasgupta went on to detail the seven areas of focus of District Governor Elect Prabir Chatterjee and stated that there were lots of areas where meaningful projects could be done like e-learning, adult literacy, RYLA for girls, 'know you numbers', Rotary family programme, nature camps, transformation in water bodies and so and so forth. Environment protection was a big area of focus. Since the spotlight was on women's empowerment this year, projects on health such as cervical cancer awareness and vaccination, menstrual hygiene etc. as also female foeticide to be taken up. Women trafficking was another worrying area. Awareness campaigns on various issues were necessary. AG Elect suggested having joint meetings with new clubs and to team up with Rotaractors and Interactors to add vibrancy. She suggested taking in more ladies and youth as members. For doing mega projects club should make use of Global Grant/ District Grant and EIRWT. Providing solar street lamps was another good project. She complimented President Elect K K Jha and was sure that he would provide inspiration and take the club to greater heights. She then handed over the proceedings to Club Trainer Chhanda Banerji. Chhanda Banerji shared screen to appraise all members present on RI's New Strategic Plan. Earlier there were 3 strategic priorities but now there were 4. The first priority INCREASE OUR IMPACT. Priority two EXPAND OUR REACH; the third one:

ENHANCE PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT and the fourth priority was INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO ADAPT. Brief explanations were given for each of the priorities, along with core values of Rotary namely Fellowship, Integrity, Diversity, service and leadership.

Zonal Secretary elect Gayatree Dhar spoke briefly and said that the club would continue with awareness on female hygiene in RCCs. As chairperson Club Administration in 2021-22 she would lay stress on fellowship and attendance. After a brief question answer session President Elect (2021-22) Sachiv Nijhawan gave a vote of thanks.

Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus



In addition Disaster management is also an area the club would be focusing on.

ROTARACT IN ACTION

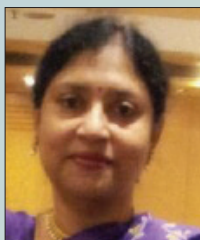


Kolkata Police in Association with Rotaract Club of Calcutta Victoria distributed Masks across various Naka Points in view of alarming third wave, We need to fight it together in order to come out of this.

Team Victoria 2021-22



KK Jha
President



Gayatree Dhar
*Immediate Past President
Club Administration*



Sachiv Nijhawan
President Elect



Rajnish Mehta
Vice President



Lata Bhatia
Secretary



Sutapa Das
Jt Secretary



Subhadri Chatterjee
*Treasurer & Disaster
Management*



Subhojit Sinha Roy
Sergeant-at-Arms



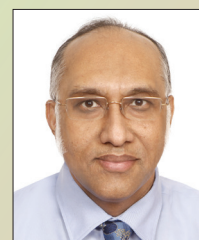
Arvind Agarwal
Director | Chair-Membership



Chhanda Banerji
*Director
Chair-Club Trainer | Editor*



Dr Jai Nath Gurtu
*Director | Chair-Community
Service Medical*



Dr Krishnendu Gupta
*Director | Chair-Foundation
TRF*

New Member Induction



Name	Pratyush Das
Birthday	9th January
Education	B.Sc. in economics and computer Science from University of Windsorm, Canada MBA from Schulich School of Business, York University, Canada
Work experience	Had served as a board member for Saskatchewan Intercultural association(SIA) and Saskculture. Also worked with SIA's Equity and Anti Racism Committee to promote greater understanding of different cultures. Currently working at Tourism Saskatchewan in the Industry Development Department.
Address	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
Married to	Christina on 13th December. Blessed with a son Ayush

Team Victoria 2021-22



Seema Danda
Director | Chair-Community
Service Non-Medical



Vinita Dutt
Director | Chair-Vocational
Service



Dr Joyshree Dhar
Director | Chair-Mother &
Child Care



Sunita Agarwala
Director | Chair-
Environment



Sarah Alka Macwan
Chair-Public Image | Polio



Vibha Mehta
Chair-Youth Service



Dr Alka Jayaswal
Chair-CSR | Literacy



Kashmiri Marwah
Chair-RCC



Capt Arnab Sen
Chair-Water & Sanitation

New Member Induction



Name	Dr Vrinda Bhattacharya
Address	83, Slayleigh Lane, Fulwood, Sheffield, UK
Date of Birth	7th February, 1970
Education	School: Modern High School for Girls, Kolkata Graduation: MBBS from Nilratan Sirkar Medical College, Kolkata Post Graduation: MRCPCH from UK in 2008
Profession	Paediatrician
Work experience	Worked in Birmingham, Dewsbury, Hull, Rotherham, Huddersfield and Sheffield Children's Hospital
Hobbies	Reading, Travelling, music, Interested in charity work especially for children
Married to	Debopriyo Bhattacharya on 15th January, who is a neuro surgeon. They have two sons Arav and Arush

Minutes of the 1279th Meeting of Rotary Calcutta Victoria held on Saturday, 3rd July, 2021 at 12:00 noon on ZOOM

- President Kaushlendra Jha called the 1279th meeting to order.
- President Kaushlendra Jha welcomed all members to the first meeting of the new Rotary year.
- President requested members to rise for the National Anthem. National Anthem was played and all joined in.
- Minutes of the 1278th meeting were confirmed, proposed by Mukul Mittra and seconded by Chhanda Banerji.
- **President's Announcements:**
 - ◆ This was the first meeting of the club in this Rotary year, 2021-22.
 - ◆ On 1st July, 2021, a medical camp was held at RCC Kanthalberia. This was an ongoing project from the last Rotary year, where the senior citizens are checked up twice a month and medicines given. Dr Joyashree Dhar is overseeing the camp. A local doctor has been appointed to do the checkups. While the checkups were being done dry rations were distributed to the people present. The ration was procured and packed by Mr Samir Sapui of Kanthalberia. This ration was sponsored by PP Sunita Agarwala. We also celebrated Doctors day by felicitating our Dr Joyashree Dhar and the doctors of the camp. All doctors were presented with a small gift.
- President Jha initiated the discussion about the Installation to be held on 12th July, 2021. He noted the suggestions given by the members. He also mentioned that an Installation committee has been formed for taking the matter forward. The Installation committee consisted of the President, K K Jha, Secretary Lata Bhatia, Treasurer Subhadri, Editor Chhanda Banerji, IPP Gayatree Dhar, PE Sachiv Nijhawan, Seema Danda, Sunita Agarwala and Arvind Agarwal.
- On President's request, Treasurer Subhadri Chatterjee requested members to pay their half yearly dues. He apologised that due to internet disturbance he could not raise the bill but he promised to do the same soon. He announced that the half yearly dues had been reduced to Rs 8000 from Rs 10000.
- PP Alka Jayaswal reported that she had a talk with Linde and the Yaas relief material that they had promised should be available for distribution by the following week and they would like it to be distributed latest by 10th July, 2021. Bipasha mentioned that it would be a good idea to go for distribution on Saturday 19th July, 2021. Many members showed interest in going to Hingalgunj.
- President Jha wanted to plant some trees at Kanthalberia on 1st July, 2021 which could not be done on that day. PP Sunita Agarwala gave a suggestion that if we could do some plantation at Hingalgunj along with the distribution.
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
 - ◆ Birthday greetings were extended to Dr Jayashree Dhar for 3rd July and Dr Madhuchhanda Kar for 4th July.
 - ◆ There is no meeting on Saturday, 10th July, 2021. The 28th installation meeting will be held on Monday, 12th July, 2021 at 6 pm on Zoom.
- As there was no other business, President Jha terminated the meeting at 12.45 pm.

Members Present: 21 • Sunshine Collection: Rs 500 from Lata Bhatia

RCC District.....

There were speakers on economic and social issues and also on how to enhance education, which was very important for poverty alleviation. Primary education needed to be strengthened. Nutrition was also discussed especially for young kids.

A session on environment brought forth the facts that unusually high number of thunder and lightning were killing people and damaging homes. Tornado, which was unheard of in this part of the world, had made its appearance. This was due to change in environment and methods had to be devised for a cleaner and safer environment.

Skill development and semi-skill development for school drop outs was the need of the hour. And the number of industrial training institutes should be increased to help them. In the farming sector, innovative methods have to be taught to improve yield and grow varieties of other food products. Food processing should be increased and expanded to generate income. Knowledge and development of technology had to be increased to enable competition with the rest of the world.

District Governor 2021-22, Prabir Chatterjee announced a gift to heads of all 148 RCCs – an accident insurance policy of one lakh each from New India Assurance Company Ltd.

170 Rotary clubs have 148 RCCs. 7 District Coordinators have been appointed, each to liaison with a fixed number of clubs with RCCs. Shri Surojit Chatterjee, a baul singer and a honorary Rotary member from Birbhum who was doing a lot to work along with Rotary clubs to help the local baul community, spoke about his work and the support given to them during lockdown. He was the brand ambassador and thus could spread the message of Rotary among non-Rotarians. He concluded by singing a baul song. A beautiful dance recital by a RCC member, Priti, who had lost a limb to cancer was much appreciated by one and all. More than 300 attended the Conference.