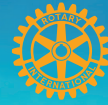




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Today's Programme

- Regular Meeting. Today's Guest Speaker **Sujata Chatterjee** will speak on **Upcycling**.
- **District Membership Seminar** from 3.00 pm-5.00 pm on Zoom

28TH INSTALLATION MEETING



The 28th Installation meeting was held on Monday 12th July 2021 on zoom. Master of Ceremonies Alka Jayaswal welcomed all Rotary dignitaries, members and guests punctually at 6 pm. The programme started with rendition of Ganesh Vandana beautifully sung by Sunita Agarwala followed by the National Anthem. Thereafter Victorians and all present observed one minute silence in memory of Past Presidents Deepak Atal and Amiya Chakraborty who sadly left us a few months back.

President (2020-21) Gayatree Dhar in her address said that the wheel of Rotary had taken a full turn and now it was time for a new President to take over. Last year was unlike any other year and with the pandemic resulting in restriction of movement it was a wonder that more than 60 projects including 3 major projects were completed. Some daring members held her hand enabling her to do them physically,

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SHEKHAR Mehta
RI President



PRABIR Chatterjee
District Governor



K K Jha
President



LATA Bhatia
Secretary



SUBHADRI Chatterjee
Treasurer



CHHANDA Banerji
Editor

28th Installation Meeting

not only in Kolkata but also in rural areas of W. Bengal. Some special projects were highlighted especially the DREAM project of converting the iconic Metropolitan Institute Main for Girls into a "HAPPY SCHOOL" with generous donations from members and benevolent donors. An ongoing mega project of renovation of 2 operation theatres (OT) into much needed covid OTs at Matri Bhavan was nearing completion thanks to a generous CSR grant from Lindae India. With 3 new members inducted and a decent amount contributed to The Rotary Foundation, work was done in all 5 avenues of service. A power point presentation of the activities of the year gone by was shared on screen.

Alka Jayaswal invited Rakesh Macwan to introduce Kaushlendra Kumar Jha, President 2021-22, which he did in his inimitable style. Following the introduction Kaushlendra Kumar Jha was installed as the 29th President of Rotary Calcutta Victoria. A video recording of handing over of collar, gavel and hammer and the charter was played and all clapped. President K.K.Jha then took the oath from District Governor Prabir Chatterjee.

President KK Jha in his address shared his vision through a power point presentation. He said that he had taken Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta's mantra "Each one bring one" seriously and Rotary Calcutta Victoria had already taken in 5 new members in the past one month. More would be inducted in this Rotary year. Projects started last year would be continued. Training in rain water harvesting, restoration of water bodies and organic farming were close to his heart. Social media would be activated for public

image and of course the club would be supporting The Foundation. As a token a contribution of US\$ 1010 to TRF was announced. He then introduced his team 2021-22.

Dr Vrinda Bhattacharya residing in UK and Mr. Pratyush Das residing in Canada were formally inducted as e-members. They were introduced by Kashmiri Marwah. It was now time to listen to Chief guest of the evening District Governor Prabir Chatterjee. After his introduction by Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, Prabir Chatterjee addressed the Rotarians and guests.

At the outset District Governor complemented RCCV for the great bonding and especially Gayatree Dhar, President 2020-21 for executing so many projects so well. He praised K.K. Jha, this year's president for all his plans and vision and was sure he would take the club to greater heights. He noted that there were many ladies in team 2021-22, – women's empowerment indeed. He advised that projects on menstrual hygiene, awareness on cervical cancer, thalassaemia, covid etc. be taken up as also mother and child care. Women's education and their empowerment was the thrust area this year. Adult literacy was equally important. He spoke about the soon to be launched 'Rotary Birangana Project' (scheduled for 24th July 2021), aimed at improving girl child's nutrition, counseling for tackling harassment and training in self defense somewhat similar to Kolkata Police's Tejashwini programme. District Governor thought the membership figure of 45 of the club was rather low and members should strive to increase it to 55-60. Social media was an ideal platform to enhance public image of Rotary. He has thus formed "Rotary Promotion Com-

mittee" where Rotaractors have been taken on board to help as the young generation were good at all this. This forum could be used by any club to highlight their activities. He wanted clubs to join hands with the youth for they were our future. Another idea of the RI President was to celebrate "Rotary Day of Service" where on certain designated days all clubs would be doing similar projects. Similar banner would be everywhere – this would bring visibility to Rotary. First such day is 15th August. He dwelt on the District 3291 website, Rotary India website and Rotary India App. Clubs must upload projects regularly in these and all clubs should have their own website. From next year RI District 3291 would become paperless. Prabir Chatterjee stressed on the necessity of giving to TRF which he calls 'Trust Foundation'. He mentioned about a District grant of US\$70,000 from where any club can access a sum of US\$1000 depending on the project. He was thanked by President K.K.Jha. After Club Secretary's announcement President Elect Sachiv Nijhawan gave the vote of thanks. After the meeting was terminated, members had a fellowship on zoom chitchatting for some time.

At one point in his speech District Governor Prabir Chatterjee mentioned that he was asking for US\$10 per member everywhere, but here he was getting US\$ 10,000. Members were flummoxed for the club had given him only US\$1010 as a token as of now. But President KK Jha has risen to the occasion and promised to give **US\$ 11,111 to TRF.**

Next Week's Programme

Joint Meeting ZONE-15

Friday, 30th July 2021, 6.00 pm on zoom

Keynote Speaker:

PRID Dr. Manoj Desai

Medical Camp at Kanthalberia

Medical check up for 30 elderly men and women were carried out on Sunday 18th July 2021 at Kanthalberia. Medicines prescribed were given to all. This is an ongoing project.



Know your Guest Speaker

Sujata Chatterjee (B.Tech, PGDIM) used to work in an MNC in the IT sector but seeing the problem of cloth wastage and inequality of society, she became the founder of Twirl.store.

Through Twirl.store which is a social initiative she works hands-on to reduce fabric wastage and benefit both society and environment.

By her unique idea she has been able to provide basic clothing to thousands of needy people, and ensure livelihoods for rural women too.

For efforts towards sustainability, Twirl.store founder has received the "Devi Award" from the hands of Mrs. Smriti Irani, Union Minister and a special felicitation from Mrs. Chandrima



Bhattacharya, MOS, Govt of West Bengal. She is also proud winner of "Swayam Sidha" award by Eastern Chamber of Commerce and RC Calcutta Metro City. She has also received "Women on a Mission" award by Your Story media.

Twirl.store has been felicitated at Tata Social Enterprise Challenge 2019 and noted by IIM-C

and DST, Govt of India as 'one of the best ideas to transform India'.

Recently Sujata has been chosen as "Industry Disruptor" by UN Women and DO School, Berlin and highlighted as a women entrepreneur by UN ESCAP.

Her work has been praised by individuals, organisations and celebrities around the country. She has been widely covered by the media including The Telegraph, Outlook magazine, TOI, Dainik Jagran, ZeeTV, ETV and many others.

Sujata is also a regular speaker at many events and institutions and a mentor for young students. She likes to spend all her free time with her children Ranabir and Ananya.

The Year Gone by...

Numerous projects and programmes were done in all avenues of service under the leadership of Gayatree Dhar, President 2020-21, in the Rotary year gone by. Glimpses of some of them:

- 2 fellowships with some members outside Kolkata, in Raichak and Sikkim
- 5 new members inducted, bringing up the membership to 45.
- Several joint projects and programmes with other clubs in the District, notably with RCC Endeavour (antibody test), RCC Avyanna (at New Age orphanage) and RCC Mahanagar (literacy webinar)
- Hosted Pre-Pets and supported District conference. Also supported 10 District events.
- 2 tailoring courses for disadvantaged women; one at Kanthalberia, where 2 sewing machines donated and another at Lake Garden area. Both are ongoing projects.
- 8 covid awareness camps held at RCC

Kanthalberia. Masks, sanitisers and disinfectants given to various police stations, at Kanthalberia, Nabanir (Tollygunge). 25 PPE kits and gloves given at a nursing home. Antibody test done jointly with RCC Endeavour.

- 2 female awareness camps with emphasis on menstrual hygiene, held at RCC Kanthalberia.
- Sports meet at RCC Brindakhali.
- Training in mushroom cultivation for upliftment of women at RCC.
- Mother and Child Care – 12 pregnant women near Joynagar given pre natal and post natal care and support upto 3 months post delivery with special nutrition and medicines and baby gifts.
- 1050 blankets and 600 jackets distributed in impoverished areas of rural West Bengal.
- Planted 600 mangrove saplings in Sunderbans, which were damaged by cyclone Amphan
- Support given to New Age Society for all –

an orphanage for physically challenged boys.

- 4 programmes held at Nabanir, a senior citizen's home.
- Treatment of cancer patient supported.
- Disaster Relief: (i) 4.5 ton material sent to Bally Island 2, Sunderbans for people affected by Amphan, (ii) Material sent twice to Hingalgunge for people affected by cyclone Yaas.
- Converted Metropolitan Institute Main for Girls into a "Happy School"—DREAM project
- Supported Interactors and Rotaractors with several joint projects during Durga Puja, Deepavali and Christmas and with a career counseling webinar.
- Polio: Participated in NIDs and SNIDs. Hosted a polio webinar.
- Two cups were sponsored at the races at Royal Calcutta Turf Club which enhanced Rotary's Public Image.
- Contributed US\$ 29300 (Dr Krishnendu Gupta donated US\$25000) to The Rotary Foundation.

New Members of Rotary Calcutta Victoria

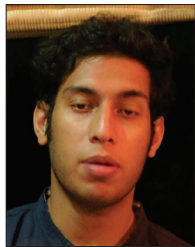
Five members have joined our club in June and July 2021. They are Bipasha Banerjee, Dr Vrinda Bhattacharya, Pratyush Das, Ishan Danda, Arundhati Gupta.

Bipasha Banerjee, Ishan Danda and Arundhati Gupta were inducted into Rotary, end of June and their CVs circulated but had not been published as no bulletins were taken out in the last week of June (Rotary Year 2020-21). Below are their CVs.



Bipasha Banerjee

- Education:** M.A. English, M.Phil, B.Ed, M.A. in Education
- Profession:** Headmistress of Metropolitan Institute Main for Girls
- Work experience:** Diploma in Fine Arts and Commercial Art from Academy of Fine Arts
Training in classical vocal and Ravindra Sangeet
Presently working for preservation work of Najrul Sangeet with Agnibina.
Worked in several projects on special children with Jadavpur and Voice of World.



Ishan Danda

- Address:** 1177 California Street, Unit 215, San Francisco CA 94108
- Birthday:** 6th September 1991
- Education:** School – La Martiniere for Boys School, Kolkata.
College – Graduate BBA Honours from St.Xavier’s College, Kolkata.
- Profession:** Marketing Program Manager
- Work experience:** Worked in Google for +8 years, 5 years in Google India at Hyderabad and 3 years in Google Inc, Sunnyvale California.
- Hobbies:** Gaming, Exercise, Football.



Arundhati Gupta

- Address:** 33/1 Ramu Close, Sydney, Australia
- e-mail:** arundhatigupta@hotmail.com
- Post secondary education:** B.A. (Hons) Business studies. Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham Business School, Nottingham, East Midlands, UK
- Professional development:** Qantas Leadership Summit; IATA lead leadership programme; Independent courses in Project Management – McGill University, Montreal, Canada.
- Work Experience:** Marketing Analyst in Emirates Airlines, Air Canada, Hexaware Technologies Montreal, Canada, International Air Transport Association (IATA), Geneva, Switzerland and Montreal, Canada
Currently Manager, Group Facilitation strategy Qantas Airlines, Sydney, Australia. Core competence in programme management, research, analysis, strategic planner, stake holder management, communication Team Builder.
- Career Profile:** Aviation professional with more than 25 years in the airline industry spanning 4 continents. Specialisation in border security and innovative programme. Proven ability to plan, manage and execute multiple projects through effective communication and cultivate relationships for the benefit of the organisation.

AREAS OF FOCUS

AREAS OF FOCUS: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

- Awareness Programme at RCCs/Schools.
- International Night (World Peace & Understanding).

AREAS OF FOCUS : Disease Prevention and Treatment

- Monthly Health Check up Camp at RCCs and Other Places
- Cervical Cancer Awareness and Vaccination Camp
- Awareness Camps for TB, Cancer and Thalassemia
 - Polio Eradication.
- Talk on Health & Hygiene Awareness.

AREAS OF FOCUS : Water and Sanitation (At Village /School level)

- Building Toilets and Wash Stations
 - Water Filters
- Rain water harvesting project
 - Hand wash awareness programme

AREAS OF FOCUS : Maternal and Child Health

- Adoption and monitoring of 15 pregnant women through out their pregnancy
- Awareness campaign for female health hygiene at RCCs.

AREAS OF FOCUS : Basic Education and Literacy

- Girls empowerment through Self Defense Awareness (VIRANGANA) with District Support
- Basic Education and Literacy of Tribal Children at Sunderbans
- Distribution of left over exercise book sheets and pencils at Village level (with Interactors)
 - Writers for blind

AREAS OF FOCUS : Economic and Community Development

- Mushroom Farming at RCCs
 - Hydroponic Farming
- Mobile, TV, Computer repairing training
 - Training for Electrician, Plumbing, Masonry & Carpentry
- Training for Stitching and Sewing at RCCs
- Distribution of Blankets, Mosquito Nets & other Utility Items at multi locations
 - Support to New Age Home & Navneer Old Age Home.

AREAS OF FOCUS : Environment

- Training for Composting and Organic Farming (DIL SE)
- Plantation of Medicinal and Fruit bearing Trees at Multiple locations
- Cleaning of Santragachi Jheel and other water bodies
- Plantation of 1 lakh Mangrove Saplings at Sunderbans under Global Grant

AREAS OF FOCUS :

Disaster Management

TRAAN :
Relief Materials and Shelter Kits Distribution

Public Image

- Sharad Parikrama
- Independence day celebration
- Sponsoring of Sports Tournament with Victoria Cup



Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria Trust

CURRENT LIST OF TRUSTEES AS ON 01.07.2021

Dr Jai Nath Gurtu • Chandrakala Agrawal • Dr Om Prakash Agarwal • Vinita Dutt • Arvind Agrawal
Dr Krishnendu Gupta • CA Kaushlendra K Jha • Lata Bhatia • Subhadri Chatterjee

Minutes of the 28th Installation & 1280th Regular Meeting of **ROTARY CALCUTTA VICTORIA** held on Monday, 24th July, 2021 at 6:00 pm on ZOOM

- Master of Ceremonies Dr Alka Jayaswal welcomed District Governor Prabir Chatterjee, District Governor Elect Ajay Law, District Governor Nominee Hiralal Yadav, all Past District Governors, all District Officials, Assistant Governor Sukanya Das Gupta, Rotarians, club members and guests.
- PP Sunita Agarwala sang the Ganesh Vandana.
- President called the 28th Installation meeting to order.
- MC requested all to rise for the National Anthem. National Anthem was played and all joined in.
- One minute silence was observed by all members and guests present to pay homage to our Past Presidents Deepak Atal and Amiya Chakraborty, whom we lost this year.
- President (2020-21) Gayatree Dhar gave her speech along with a power point presentation.
- PP Rakesh Macwan introduced the incoming President KK Jha.
- President (2021-22) KK Jha took his oath under the guidance of DG Prabir Chatterjee.
- Outgoing President then presented the collar, hammer and gavel to incoming President KK Jha.
- Outgoing President presented the Club Charter to KK Jha, incoming President.
- President Kaushlendra Kumar Jha called the 1280th regular meeting to order.
- Minutes of the 1279th meeting were confirmed, proposed by Seema Danda and seconded by Vinita Dutt.
- President KK Jha gave his acceptance speech outlining his vision of the club in this new Rotary year. President Jha promised US\$ 1010 to the District Governor towards TRF contribution from the club.
- President introduced his Board and team for the year 2021-22.
- Two new members, Vrinda Bhattacharya and Pratyush Das (daughter and son of our members Vinita Dutt and Sutapa Das respectively) were inducted and welcomed to the club. They were introduced by Rtn Kashmiri Marwah.
- MC requested PP Krishnendu Gupta to introduce DG Prabir Chatterjee.
- Prabir Chatterjee gave his speech outlining the year's theme and RI director Shekhar Mehta's vision. He encouraged President KK Jha and his team to enjoy Rotary while doing service projects.
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
 - ◆ There were no birthdays in the coming two weeks.
 - ◆ There would be no meeting on Saturday 17th July 2021. Next meeting on Saturday 24th July 2021 on zoom at 12 noon.
 - ◆ The name of the speaker would be announced later.
 - ◆ RLI part I to be held from 23rd to 25th July 2021 on zoom from 5.00-7.30pm. Registration charges Rs. 250.
 - ◆ Rotary Birangana Project – a District event would be launched on Saturday 24th July 2021 at 10am.
 - ◆ District Membership seminar on 24th July 2021 from 3-5 pm on zoom. Link would be provided nearer the date.
- MC Alka Jayaswal requested President Elect Sachiv Nijhawan to propose a vote of thanks.
- PE Sachiv Nijhawan gave his vote of thanks and handed over the proceedings to President K.K. Jha
- President made his concluding remarks.
- As there was no other business to conduct, the meeting was terminated at 7.30 pm.

Members Present: 27 • PDGs, District Officials & other Rotarian invitees: 20 • Guests: 3



DID YOU KNOW?

a, b, c, d are not used in spelling from 1 to 99.
And... d is first used in 'Hundred'.
 a, b, c are not used anywhere in spelling from 1 to 999.
And... a is first used in 'Thousand'.
 b, c is not used anywhere from 1 to 99,99,999.
And... c is first used in 'Crore'.
 b is not used anywhere from 1 to 999,999,999.
b is first used in 'Billion'.
Mathematical informative FACTS!

Happy Birthday! 

Sudipta Sen • 24th July
Rajnish Mehta • 25th July
Sunita Agarwala • 30th July
Nitish Jain • 31st July
Lila Bhoopal • 31st July
Arundhuti Gupta • 6th August