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AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Today's
Programme

■ **First Club Assembly 2021-22**
& Regular meeting on ZOOM at 12.00 noon



Celebrating 75 Years of Independence



– a trip to Brindakhali

For Rotary Calcutta Victoria, 15th August Independence day, the day Indians won their freedom from the Britishers after a long and valiant struggle, the traditional flag hoisting happens at our Baruipur school and many fond memories were kindled when we crossed the school on the way to Brindakhali for our 3 in 1 project, probably a 1st for the Victorians who turned up in good numbers!!!

Not only did 10 Victorians turn up early in the morning (08:30 hours) @ Metro cash and carry, but also brought their 3 children (Sakshi and Shruti – KK's smiling twins and... Roo-pa Mitra's fluent Bengali speaking daughter, Tanisha who spent 1 year in a remote village

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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

A trip to Brindakhali

in Nepal as part of her work) and Pradosh Das spouse of Sutapa Das who thoroughly enjoyed the Aqua Blues' 2-0 victory over the Emerald Greens and clapped along with the other Victorians and spectators who watched the final of the local football tournament which RCC Victoria had sponsored.

Metro Cash and Carry was the rendezvous (convergence) point for Victorians coming from North and South and going extreme south to BrindaKhali. After distribution of sumptuous homemade sandwiches (Sunita Agarwala and Roopa Seth Mitra) and hot samosas (Vinita Dutt) and hot tea in flasks, we drove almost nonstop to Brindakhali. Located in Barupur Tehsil, it is situated 14.8km away from sub-district headquarter Piyali and 36.7km away from district headquarter Alipore. It has a total population of 10,762 peoples. There are about 2,217 houses in Brinda Khali village.

A carnival like atmosphere awaited us. A shamiana/stage was ready to seat the Victorians along with audio system for the announcements and some invigorating music. After the guests were seated on the stage, the president and secretary of the local club welcomed us and all Rotarians and family were welcomed by young village girls dressed in bright colourful saris with roses! The National Tricolor was hoisted by President Jha and tribute was paid to freedom fighters like Netaji by the Rotarians and the villagers.

Next was the wonderful task of planting the fruit trees by the Victorians. Many of the trees 2/3/4 feet tall, requested by the members to be planted in their names were ready



and given to the members along with name cards to be positioned on the trees. Pits had been dug and young village boys assisted the Rotarians to plant the trees.

Tree planting done (efforts for a greener planet and hopefully healthier ecological balance!!), Villagers and guests geared up

definitely passing and placement! Some tense moments later another goal scoring opportunity came the Blues way and suddenly the scoreline was 2-0 in favour of the Blues and they were the clear victors of the day. After distribution of the medals and trophies by President Jha, Secretary Lata Bhatia and Pra-



for an exciting game of football while Dr Joyashree Dhar was giving her talk on Cervical cancer awareness and female hygiene as part of 'Rotary Day' celebration. Multitasking and simultaneous activities were the order of the day. After a competitive game, the Aqua Blues managed to put in a goal beyond the reach of the Greens goalkeeper after some

Pradosh Das who also celebrated his birthday on 15th August, the victors went on a victory lap on a motorised cart. With the camaraderie, the excitement and the simple happiness of the players as well as the spectators, clearly football was the winner!

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Work done, the guests were treated to some delicious hot luchis and 'hot' and tasty *aloo sabzi*. Followed by mishti (*lang-chas and sandesh*). Not to forget the fresh *daab jol* for the thirsty guests viewing an exciting game of football. Projects done and dusted, Victorians piled up for the drive back home after a good mornings work, special bonding and celebrations of the 75th Independence day. The team led by President Jha, Secretary Lata Bhatia



consisted of Vinita Dutt, Sunita Agarwala, Seema Danda, Roopa Seth Mitra, Treasurer Subhadri Chatterjee, PE Sachiv Nijhawan, Sutapa Das, Dr Joyashree Dhar, spouse Pra-

dosh Das and the three charming ladies – Sakshi, Shruti and Tanisha.

– **Sachiv Nijhawan**



Celebration of Rotary Day



On 15th August 2021, Rotary Day was celebrated with a project at Brindakhali. It coincided with the celebration of India's 75th Independence Day. The project was to empower young girls/women with awareness on menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer. Young girls along with mothers attended

the talk given by Rtn Dr Joyashree Dhar. Although 40 participants were expected only 12 girls and 10 mothers came for the programme. All girls were school going and showed keen interest in the proceedings. Dr Joyashree Dhar spoke about the importance of menstrual hygiene and how to

maintain it. She stressed that lack of it could result in cancer of the cervix at a later age. She also appraised them about the fact that a vaccine was now available for prevention of cervical cancer. There were lots of questions which Dr Dhar patiently answered to their satisfaction. She left her contact number with them, in case they needed any clarification or help at a later date. A hygiene kit containing a pack of 6 sanitary napkins, one soap, one hand towel and one hand sanitizer carefully packed in a reusable cloth bag was given to each of them.

– **Lata Bhatia and Dr Joyashree Dhar**



Awards & Recognitions (RY 2020-21)

The District Awards (2020-21) programme was held on Sunday 8th August 2021 at Taj Vivanta with restricted participation due to covid pandemic. Rotary Calcutta Victoria won the following awards and recognitions:



Outstanding Secretary
Seema Danda



FIRST Prize
'Happy School'
(Special category)



District Secretary
– Projects (Medical) 2020-21
Dr Krishnendu Gupta

SECOND Prize
Mother and Child Care
(Category C)
Menstrual Hygiene
(Special category)
Heart surgery – Child
(Combined category)



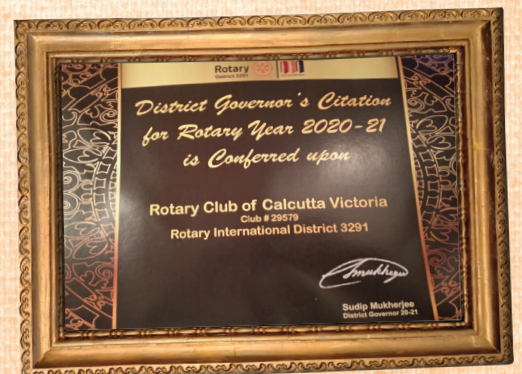
THIRD Prize
Public Image
(Category C)



Outstanding District Committee
Chair and
Club Advisor for New Club,
RC Kolkata Trailblazers
Sarah Macwan



Outstanding Assistant Governor
Rakesh Macwan



District Governor's Citation, 2020-21

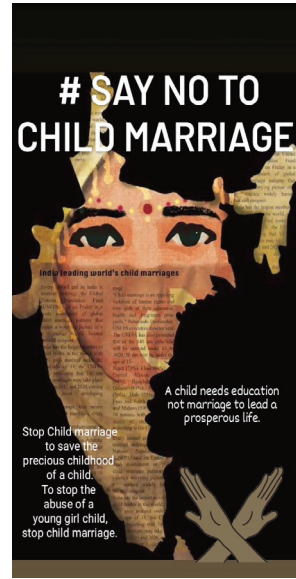
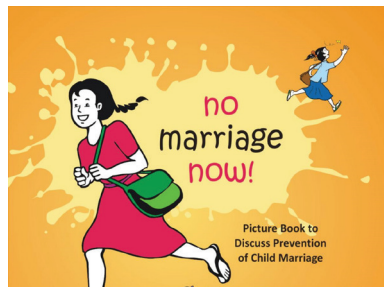
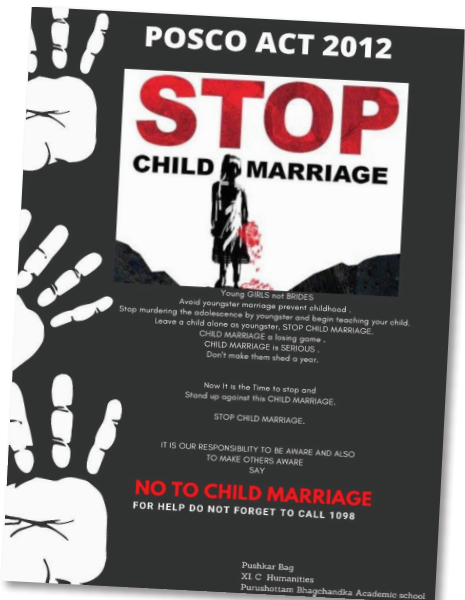
Outstanding Rotarian Couple **Rakesh & Sarah Macwan**

INTERACTORS IN ACTION

Interact Club of Purushottam Bhagchandka (PB) Academic school held their 5th Installation meet on 11th August 2021 on google. Several Victorians attended. The programme started with the welcome address by teacher coordinator Ms Vanita Sharma followed by a welcome song. Principal Mrs Madhuparna Andrews spoke about how the students provided service to the needy in these unusual times. Miss Adrija Mukherjee Immediate past president of the Interact Club thanked all and highlighted all their activities in the year gone by with on line projection of slides. She concluded by quoting Mother Teresa "All cannot do great things all the time but one can do small things with a great deal of love".

The newly installed President (2021-22) **Anoushka Bhowmick** welcomed all and announced her board – Vice President: **Dharma Suthar**, Secretary **Aditya Sinha**, Treasurer **Swastika Dey** and unveiled their plans for the coming year.

They are: (i) Distribution of grocery packets, food, mask, sanitizer, (ii) Distribution of stationery (iii) Sports for under privileged children, (iv) Awareness video of women hygiene, (v) Distribution of T-shirts (age group-12/13) during Durga Puja, (vi) Counselling session with the help of a psychologist, (vii) Distribution of blankets in December, (viii) Education camp for under privileged children of classes IV –VII



Posters done by students of P B Academic School for their project – "Say NO to Child Marriage"

(biweekly) from January – March. In July they have already completed a fund raise project. They would also be carrying on an awareness programme on the issue of 'Child Marriage' through posters. They screened about 44 posters on this theme as well as on POSCO Act all done very beautifully by the children. A very commendable project.

PP Lata Bhatia in her address compliment-

ed the Interactors and suggested that they should also add a project or two on environment for that is the need of the hour. It could be on waste management, rain water harvesting, gardening or some other. PP Sulagna Daw, DICC, was appreciative of the projects undertaken by the Interactors and spoke encouragingly. After the vote of thanks, the meeting ended with the National Anthem.



Interact Club of PB Academic School held a sports event for 12 under privileged children on 14th August 2021 to celebrate 75th Independence Day.

Various events were held like flat race for boys, bowl and potato race for girls, memory game and musical chair. Winners were awarded gifts. Ex-students were also felicitated.

Minutes of the 1282nd Regular Meeting of **ROTARY CALCUTTA VICTORIA** held on Saturday, 7th August, 2021 at 12:30 pm at Conclave

- President Kaushlendra Jha called the 1282nd meeting to order.
- President Kaushlendra Jha welcomed all members to the meeting.
- President requested members to rise for the National Anthem. National Anthem was sung by all.
- Minutes of the 1281st meeting were confirmed, proposed by Sarah Macwan and seconded by Dr Joyashree Dhar.
- **President's Announcements:**
 - ◆ The 1st Board Meeting was held today, 7th August 2021 at 11.30 am.
 - ◆ On 15th August 2021, 3 projects have been planned – i) Victoria Cup – a football tournament amongst 8 teams (each team of 8 players) of young boys to start on 14th Aug and the final match to be played on 15th Aug. The winning team would get a Cup, the runners up would get a smaller cup. All participants would get a certificate of participation. The winning team would get a cash prize of Rs 9001 and the runner ups would get Rs. 7001 ii) Tree plantation in the name of

all past Presidents as well as all current members. iii) The third project would be to observe Rotary day on women empowerment. An awareness program have been organised on cervical cancer and menstrual hygiene christened Vishwas to be conducted by Dr Joyashree Dhar. A hygiene kit comprising of six sanitary pads, hand towel, soap and hand sanitiser packed in useful cotton cloth bag will be distributed amongst all the participants. In celebration of Independence Day there would be flag hoisting before the football tournament.

- ◆ On 1st August 2021, KK Jha, Lata Bhatia and Subhadri Chatterjee attended the health camp at RCC Kanthalberia (Suchetna Mahila Samity)
- ◆ August being the Membership Development month in Rotary each member was asked to bring in just one member in order to grow our brigade. Of course there was no capping on one. This was a clarion call of our RI President Shekhar Mehta. Names of Shamlu Dudeja, Meenak-

shi Atal and Sohini Banerjee came up and members were requested to contact them.

- ◆ It was decided that in the next three months the meeting format would be like this – physical meeting on first Saturday, some project on 2nd Saturday, zoom meeting on 3rd Saturday. On 4th Saturday we could have joint programmes or meetings with other clubs.
- PP Rakesh Macwan mentioned that US\$ 1000 were available to 70 clubs to do projects if they could match it. It was suggested that this opportunity should be utilised.
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
 - ◆ Three projects were scheduled on 15th August 2021 at RCC Brindakhali.
 - ◆ Next regular meeting would be held on 21st Aug 2021 at 11.30 on Zoom.
 - ◆ Birthday greetings were extended to K K Nangalia for 13th August.
- As there was no other matter to be discussed the meeting was terminated at 2:00 pm.

Members Physically Present: 18 • On ZOOM: 3 • Sunshine Collection: Rs 2,200



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Shekhar Mehta

Rotary International President

at Rotary Centre (World Head Quarters) in Evanston, USA on 15th August, 2021.