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Today's
Programme

Regular meeting at 12.00 noon
& **Q U I Z** Programme at Conclave

Vinita Dutt Becomes a Major Donor



9th Major Donor of Calcutta Victoria

Congratulations Vinita for generously contributing to The Rotary Foundation. A proud moment for the club.

Club of Calcutta Victoria in 1993 as a charter member and has since been actively involved in all club activities. She held several posts in the club and became President in 2015-16. Highlight of her presidential year was construction of 20 toilets in Joynagar

(South 24 Parganas) and installing eco friendly solar lights there. She has donated a total of 3 lakhs to the investment account of the Rotary Calcutta Victoria Trust for heart surgery of needy people. A contributor to TRF for a number of years, she has now decided to become a Major Donor Level 1.

Who will be the next **Major Donor – No10?**

Vinita Dutt graduated from Miranda House College, Delhi University in 1962 with Botany, Zoology and Chemistry with a first class first, breaking all records of 10 years in Delhi University. Soon after she got married to Padam and moved to Germany. She speaks German fluently. On their return they started steel plant equipment and spares manufacturing company in Kolkata – 'Pavi Electrical Industries Pvt Ltd'. Vinita, a women entrepreneur, very rare in those days is Director of the company which is now over 50 years old.

Daughter of a Rotarian, she joined Rotary

Keeping the blue planet Green!!

Hariyali like the name suggests was the Rotary Districts effort (an extremely worthy one!) towards keeping the planet earth (or the blue planet as apparently it looks like a beautiful blue ball when observed from space!!) green.

A bright sunny morning, exceptional in the middle of the monsoons saw many Rotari-

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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

First Club Assembly

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Gayatree Dhar

- **Meetings held: 5** (3rd July, 2021, 12th July, 2021, 24th July, 2021, 7th August 2021 & 21st August 2021)
- **Board meeting: 1** (7th August 2021)
- **Bulletin Published: 4**
- **COTS: Held on 26th June 2021**
- **Attendance: 32%**
- **Website:** Club activities regularly uploaded in club and district web site.
- Projects would be uploaded in face book from time to time.
- **Fellowship: Planning stage**

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: Arvind Agrawal

- **2 members have been inducted** in July 2021.
- Each one Bring one is the clarion call. It is a tall order but since e-members and Rotaractors can be inducted efforts are being made to get suitable ones. One can try getting e-members from different areas in W. Bengal, other parts of India and from across the globe with convenient time zone. Retention was important. Dormant members to be activated to get them interested.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Vinita Dutt

- With continuation as the focus, 2 projects started last Rotary year were being continued.
- **Suchikala** – Training in tailoring being imparted to 16 young women at RCC Kanthalberia. They were doing quite well and would receive certificates on completion of their course. This is under the aegis of Usha Sewing Company.
- **Paribariki** – Training in tailoring for 8 young women being imparted by 'Singer' company in Lake Gardens area.

ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Sunita Agarwala

- 55 fruit trees planted at RCC Brindakhali on 15th August 2021.



- Participated in project "Hariyali" with RI District 3291. Trees were planted in certain areas of E M Bypass on 20th August 2021.
- 110 trees would be planted in some designated areas in rural South 24 Parganas within the next 2 weeks.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (MEDICAL)

Chair: Dr Jai Nath Gurtu

- Bi-monthly medical camps were being held at RCC Kanthalberia for elderly people. A six month project. 4 camps already completed.
- Female hygiene kits given to 12 young girls and 10 mothers at RCC Brindakhali on 15th August, 2021.
- Medical camp planned at RCC Brindakhali and to arrange for a doctor to visit them once/twice a month.

ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS (RCC)

Chair: Kashmiri Marwah

- Bi-monthly camps were being held at RCC Kanthalberia for elderly people. Free medicines were supplied to them as per their need.



- 3 projects held at RCC Brindakhali on 15th August 2021. They were (i) Football tournament amongst the youth. 8 local clubs participated. TWO trophies (Victoria Cup) sponsored as well as cash prizes for winner and runner up. All participants received certificates. (ii) 55 saplings/trees planted, (iii) Rotary Day celebrated with a programme on women empowerment. Talk given to 12 young girls and 10 mothers on menstrual hygiene and prevention of cervical cancer. All were presented with a hygiene kit.



YOUTH SERVICE

Chair: Vibha Mehta

- Interact club of PB Academic School had their Installation meeting on Google. Club Secretary and some Victorians attended. They unveiled a number of projects they plan to do in this Rotary year.
- Interactors of PB Academic School conducted some sports events for disadvantaged children on 14th August 2021 to celebrate Independence Day. Prize were given. The Interact club members and other students have painted nearly 50 posters to be used to create awareness on the issue of child marriage. Say NO to child marriage is the theme.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Rakesh Macwan

- Advancement of goodwill and peace: To build good will and bring about peace one needs to do humanitarian projects especially for underprivileged children.
- Plan to do projects in a neighbouring country like Nepal and Bangladesh.
- A dream project with Global Grant with an International partner.

- Celebrate Rotary Day in February by hosting a debate on conflict resolution. Different consulates could be invited.

POLIO

Chair: Sarah Macwan

- Support SNIDs and NIDs.
- Special awareness campaign for mothers to stress the importance of giving polio drops to children below 5 years old.
- Contribute to Polio fund of The Rotary Foundation by giving some amount every month regularly.

PUBLIC IMAGE

Chair: Sarah Macwan

- Enhance Public Image with banners and posters of polio on tempo and rickshaws and go around the city with a mike.
- The football tournament held at RCC Brindakhali where 'Victoria Cup' was sponsored enhanced image of Rotary.
- By putting up bill boards at prominent road crossings advertising projects of the club.
- Publicity through newspaper/TV/Social media. Rtn Nitish Jain is handling the website and facebook. Rotary stories should be shared.
- Rotary Pin must be worn. Visiting cards and letter heads could have the official Rotary logo.
- Races sponsored in the last 2 years at

RCTC had enhanced our public image.

- Renovated OTs at Matri Bhavan that was inaugurated on 31st July 2021 received press coverage in The Telegraph, Times of India and Aajkal.



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION (TRF)

Chair: Dr Krishnendu Gupta AKS

- Contribution to TRF is US\$ 11,111 so far. Contributing to TRF is important as The Annual fund needed to be replenished. Large part of this comes back to the District and can be used by clubs for projects.
- Contribution to the endowment fund by Dr Krishnendu Gupta has now generated funds in DDF. The amount was about \$3290 (\$890+\$2400). This could be used to do a global grant for women's empowerment.
- DG Prabir Chatterjee was ready to give \$1000 each to the first 70 clubs who approached him. RCCV could avail of this.
- A flagship project with GG (Dil Se project) is worth thinking about – sustainable long term project that would leave an impact on the society.

Rotary Club Of Calcutta Nabodiganta Organise

Rotary Day of Service for
MEGA BLOOD DONATION

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A JOINT INITIATIVE OF

co-host
Rotary Club Of Kolkata Trailblazers
Rotary Club Of Calcutta Victoria

Lake Pally Club, Janak Road,
10am-01pm

**With Mega Health Check up Camp.
& Pledge for Organ Donation**

Rotary Day of Service: Three projects in one venue on **Sunday 5th Sep 2021**
– Blood donation, Health check up and pledge for organ donation

Jointly with RC Calcutta Nabodiganta and RC Kolkata Trailblazers at Lake Pally Club,
(behind Lake Mall)

Major Donors of Calcutta Victoria



Prof Dr Krishnendu Gupta (Arch Klumph Society) after finishing his schooling from St Xavier's School, Kolkata and Mayo College, Ajmer, joined Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore where he completed his **MBBS** in 1986. Thereafter, he received his **DGO** in 1989, followed by **MD** (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) in 1990, both from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal, bagging the **University Gold Medal**. Since then, he has received numerous academic fellowships, to name a few: **FICMCH**, Indian College of Maternal and Child Health: 1995; **FICOG**, Indian College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists: 2002; **FRCPI**, Royal College of Physicians, Dublin, Ireland: 2018; **FRCOG** (Hon), Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, London, UK: 2019. In addition, he also received **Diploma** in Surgical Pelviscopy, Hysteroscopy & Reproductive Medicine from Kiel, Germany, 2000. Currently he is a **Professor**, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), Kolkata from 1 January 2002 and **Unit Head** since 16 January 2017. He is also an **Adjunct Professor**, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Kasturba Medical College, Manipal from 2017. **Examiner & Paper-setter** of MBBS, DGO, MD / MS and DNB (Obstetrics & Gynaecology) in various Indian Universities since December 1993 till date and Foreign Universities since 2017. Krishnendu holds many academic administrative responsibilities currently: **FOGSI Representative to AFOG**, 2020-22; **Chair – Sexual & Reproductive Health Committee**, AFOG, 2019-22; **National Corresponding Editor, Journal of Obst & Gynae of India**, 2021-23; **Member – Editorial Board, Journal of South Asian Federation of Obst & Gynae**, 2021-22. He was the **Chairperson – Indian College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists**

Prof Dr Krishnendu Gupta along with RI Past Presidents and TRF Trustees in One Rotary Centre, Evanston, USA in April 2019 during the Arch Klumph Society (AKS) induction ceremony

in 2016, **President – The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society** in 2013 and **Vice President – FOGSI** in 2011. At present, he is Head and Member of several committees related to various health related issues in India and abroad; has published numerous research papers, chapters and articles in leading journals and textbooks in India and abroad. He is a regular invited Speaker in International Seminars, and has visited numerous countries for professional commitments.

Krishnendu joined Rotary in January 1992 as member of **Rotary Club of Jadavpur** and was there for one year. He became a member of **Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria (RCCV)** in August 1997. He has served RCCV in various capacities and became President in 2017-18, the club's silver jubilee year. In his year, he laid a lot of stress on women's health and empowerment especially prevention of cervical cancer through awareness and vaccination. He first became a Major Donor in Rotary Year 2011-12. He and his family have been whole-heartedly supporting TRF and today he is an **AKS member**, the first and only one till date in RID-3291.

Krishnendu has held several **District positions** in RID-3291, namely, District Fund Raising Subcommittee Chair, 2021-22; District Annual Fund Subcommittee Chair, 2021-22; District Secretary, Projects – Medical, 2020-21; District Chair – Annual Giving, 2019-20; District Coordinator – TRF, 2018-19.

He is a **Member, Cadre of Technical Advisers**, 2018-24, TRF; **Graduate from Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)**; **Member, Arch Klumph Society (AKS) – Trustees Circle**, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) since 2018 (Contribution: US\$

2,50,000); **Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)** in 1999, **Benefactor and Major Donor (MD) Level 1** in 2012, **MD Level 2** and **MD Level 3** in 2017, **MD Level 4** in 2018. He has attended RI Convention 2019 (Hamburg, Germany), 2021 (Online) and registered for 2022 (Houston, USA).

Krishnendu has received numerous Rotary Awards and Felicitations in RID-3291: **Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service** in 2020-21; **Best Rotarian of the Year** 2017-18; **Rotary Vocational Service Excellence Award: "Rotary Ratna"** in 2017-18; **Highest Contribution to TRF Award** in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2020-21; **Second Highest Contribution to TRF Award** in 2019-20; **Outstanding President Award** in 2017-18.

He has received meritorious recognitions on numerous occasions from RC Calcutta Victoria for his continued and sustained efforts for the upliftment of women's health (Mother & Child, Women's Empowerment: Save the Girl Child, Violence against Women and Prevention of Cervical Cancer) by organising health check-up camps and awareness programmes since 1997, and for providing free HPV vaccination



Highest contributor to TRF, 2020-21

Prof Dr Krishnendu Gupta (AKS)

to over 5000 adolescent girls from underprivileged parts of society, including vaccination of daughters of sex workers in the red-light district of Kolkata from 2009 till date.

In the memory of his parents, Krishnendu created the **"Krishna & Purnendu Gupta Memorial Endowment Fund"** in TRF for the upliftment of Women's Health and Empowerment by contributing US\$ 2,00,000 to TRF. In addition, he has contributed US\$ 30,100 to the **PolioPlus Fund**. Krishnendu has been directly involved and helped manage **three Global Grants** valued \$58,000, \$80,000 and \$55,000 respectively at the Club and District levels in the last three years by associating with Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute (SGCCRI) and Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI), Kolkata.

Krishnendu is actively associated with **"Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vihar"**, a charitable school for underprivileged children from 1997 where he has sponsored the education of over 1000 students till date and installed four e-learning projectors with the generous benevolence of the Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust (EIRWT).



She obtained her Master's degree in Psychology from Allahabad University and taught in St Anthaney's College, Allahabad for 2 years. She excelled in Athletics (sprinter) and also in basketball. She has represented her State and University in both the sports and won prizes. She is also a golfer and tennis player. She holds 'Sangeet Prabhakar' degree in Tabla. She joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in 2005. Since joining she has been actively involved in various projects and programmes for economically deprived people. She was Club Secretary in 2012-13, when Rakesh was President and when she took over as President in 2018-19, Rakesh became the Club Secretary for a second time. The husband wife duo attended all events and projects of the District. Highlight of Sarah's year was work done in RCCs and in Kalinagar and Brindakhali in South 24 Pgs, work in polio eradication, supplying large number of hearing aids

Sarah Macwan (Major Donor)

did has Graduation from Ewing Christian College, Allahabad. She was awarded 'Swami Vivekananda' gold medal for best all

round student. She obtained her Master's degree in Psychology from Allahabad University and taught in St Anthaney's College, Allahabad for 2 years. She excelled in Athletics (sprinter) and also in basketball. She has represented her State and University in both the sports and won prizes. She is also a golfer and tennis player. She holds 'Sangeet Prabhakar' degree in Tabla. She joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in 2005. Since joining she has been actively involved in various projects and programmes for economically deprived people. She was Club Secretary in 2012-13, when Rakesh was President and when she took over as President in 2018-19, Rakesh became the Club Secretary for a second time. The husband wife duo attended all events and projects of the District. Highlight of Sarah's year was work done in RCCs and in Kalinagar and Brindakhali in South 24 Pgs, work in polio eradication, supplying large number of hearing aids



Rakesh Macwan (Major Donor)

He did his BA in Economics and MBA from Allahabad University. Awarded the Chancellor's gold medal for all round performance. A keen sportsman, he excelled in basketball representing his team at UP State Championships and All India University Tournaments. He joined as a lecturer at the university and taught post graduate students. Then shifted to a career in tea industry by joining Jardines and Henderson Co Ltd. He has been here for 48 years and he presently is the Managing Director of the company for the last 17 years. Rakesh joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in 2004. He

Krishnendu provided voluntary service to SGCCRI from 1997-2001 and continues to provide regular, voluntary and honorary service to **Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan** (Sishu Mangal Hospital) since 1997. He is a **Member – Governing Body**, SGCCRI from 2015 till date.

Krishnendu has a great passion for music and is an accomplished **pianist**. He is a **Charter Member – International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM)** – Kolkata Chapter, and is member of several prestigious social and sports clubs in the city.



Ms Aparajita Gupta (Major Donor) completed her schooling from Kolkata with Distinction in the A Level examinations from Calcutta International School. Subsequently, she completed her Bachelors of Arts (BA) with Honours in Economics with Distinction from University of Exeter, UK, and thereafter successfully completed a double Masters (MSc) in Management from The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK and Masters in International Management (MIM) from CEMS, both with Distinction. Currently, she works for Ernst & Young GmbH in Berlin, Germany.

Following the footsteps of her parents Drs Simran and Krishnendu Gupta, both of whom are AKS Members of TRF, Aparajita too has always been very interested in service to the under-privileged and has volunteered her time in numerous social projects for the needy from her school days. Although not a Rotarian as yet, she became a **Paul Harris Fellow (PHF)** in 2010 and is currently a **Benefactor and Major Donor (Level 1)** of TRF since April 2018.

She is married to Jan Hospodka and both live in Prague, Czech Republic.

keeping. 200 benefitted. **RCCV received the Best Club Award for the 8th time**. She has held several positions in the District, like Chair Happy School, Rotary International Awards Committee, e-learning, Inter district youth exchange co-ordinator, Chair membership committee, Chair new club development (Kolkata Trailblazers – new club formed). This year she is District co-ordinator Polio Plus Committee for Kolkata.

She became Major Donor Level 2 in 2018.

became President in 2012-13 and his better half Sarah, Club Secretary. Large no. of projects in all avenues of service were organised. Kakdwip Rotary Victoria Netralaya became a reality. An excellent fellowship along with a health camp at Baradighi Tea Estate in Jalpaiguri District, chase polio, 115 leprosy corrective surgeries, cleft lip and palate surgeries, eye screening camps and IOL surgeries, several vocational training programmes were some of the highlights of that year. **At the end of the Rotary year RCCV received the Best Club Award (7th time)**. A staunch supporter of TRF, Rakesh Macwan became a **Major Donor, Level 2 in 2018**. He has held several positions in RI District 3291, like Chair fund raising, District Secretary – projects, AG-International Service, Deputy DG, CSR, AG. This year he is AG-Vocational Service.



Arvind Agrawal (Major Donor)

did his B.Com from Bhawanipur Education Society, Kolkata and then completed his LLB from South City Law College in

Kolkata in 1989. He joined the family business of G P Agrawal and Associates and today he is the managing partner. He joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in 1995. Arvind used to support a school for underprivileged children in a local club house in Hastings area which RCCV adopted. A number of children from here were sent up to regular schools. Unfortunately the school had to shut down due to local political interference.

Throughout he has generously supported The Rotary Foundation and became a Major Donor Level 1 in 2014. He became President in 2016-17. Health camp for women at Matrimangal, childrens' playground at All Bengal Women's Union and donation of an ambulance to an orphanage for boys were some of the major projects undertaken that year. He is always at the forefront when funds are needed for projects for the needy, by either contributing himself or getting a sponsor. Arvind is quite a master in organizing fun filled fellowships and at such club events both he and Rumana his better half, play an active role.



Chandrakala Agrawal (Major Donor) did her graduation in Political Science from Sri Sikshayatan College, Kolkata. She is married to Suresh Agrawal, a well known businessman of Manaksia group of companies. She joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in 2007 and has been a Director and Vice President. A social worker by vocation, her generous contribution to projects and her support to the club is invaluable. Very supportive of TRF, **she became a Major Donor in 2012.** Her contribution was earmarked for project and thus the Matching Grant for the eye hospital at Kakdwip was possible and in time Kakdwip Rotary Victoria Netralaya became a reality. In the same year as part of CSR initiative of Manaksia group of companies which is owned by her family, solar street lights were put up in electricity starved Sridevpur, a village in Sunderbans, South 24 Pgs. In 2020-21 her generous contribution helped in realizing the completion of the dream project of making a heritage school in North Kolkata into a Happy School. She also gave a sizeable amount for relief material for victims of cyclone Yaas. She is also an active member of Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Metropolitan.



Sunita Agarwala (Major Donor)

graduated from Sri Sikshayatan College, Kolkata with Education (Hons) and Botany as pass subject. She got married to

Shashi Agarwala, a business man and pursued social service activities which was close to her heart. She joined Rotary Calcutta Victoria in 1995 and whole heartedly participated in all service projects from the beginning, donating generously in cash and kind. An eye for artistic and beautiful objects she dealt with exquisite gift items and handicrafts procured from different parts of India, as her vocation. Later she started dealing in necklaces and garlands of semi precious stones.

In Rotary she held several posts in the club

and became President in 2008-09. Her year of Presidentship was full of projects combined with fellowship. Highlight of the year was a big Mother and Child Care project 'Matritya' – a district event sponsored totally by RCCV. An incubator donated to Matri Mangal, and support given to 20 pregnant mothers to be and 50 lactating mothers. In this year Sunita and her family donated considerable amount for infrastructure development in Sree Sattanand Vidya Niket – a school in Baruipur for disadvantaged children. A large hall and five classrooms were built as also two toilets. Thus the school which was till class VII only could be extended till class X. 220 children received scholarships. 2 Matching Grants received. An ambulance donated. Rotary Calcutta Victoria received "Best Club" award (for the 5th time). **Always supportive of TRF she became a Major Donor in June 2009.**



Late Santosh Arora (Major Donor)

had done her postgraduation in English. She taught English at Sri Sikshayatan College, Kolkata for some years.

She joined Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria in 1993 and was a charter member. Her knowledge about Rotary through her spouse, PP Ratan Lal Arora of RCC South East, a veteran Rotarian, who was GSR of Rotary Calcutta Victoria in 1993-94 helped and guided all Char-

ter members new to Rotary. She was Club secretary in the club's second year (1994-95). In 1996, Nari Kripalani, the 4th President left the club under unfortunate circumstances after just one month and Santosh Arora, the senior Vice President took up the reins of the club. Under her leadership RCCV did good projects in literacy at the pre primary school in Khidderpore from where 6 children were admitted to a regular high school. Computer literacy programme at Loreto Day School, Sealdah, benefitting 450 children, refurbishing of operation theatre at Leprosy Mission Hospital for leprosy sufferers, construction


Santosh Arora (Major Donor)

of toilets at RVC Daulatpur, and forming Sister club relations with clubs in Manila and Canada. She was President for 11 months. In 1998-99, she donned the mantle of president a second time – this time for a full year. The year witnessed the launch of 3 matching grants. Big projects of varied nature on leprosy for which the club was well known, education and nutrition for street children, awareness and detection programmes on a big scale for tuberculosis, cancer, malaria,

hepatitis and other diseases, imparting of income generating skills etc were done. RCCV hosted major district event, the District Assembly. An International Evening with representation from 38 countries and 'We are The World', a fun fair with cuisine from around the world and a fashion show received accolades and generated funds.

Known as the Queen of Matching Grants she regularly procured them through her contacts of International partners not only for her club but for other clubs in the District as

well. Her expertise was unmatched. She also took upon herself to teach many club presidents how to apply for MGs and correctly fill up the forms. Over the years she procured lots of Matching Grants for eye screening camps and IOL surgeries. Thousands of IOLs were done in Dakshin Barasat and eye hospital in Canning. In gratitude the Eye Hospital at Dakshin Barasat named the hospital after her. An honour indeed! **Santosh Arora became Major Donor Level 1 along with spouse Ratan Lal Arora in 2007 – FIRST for RCCV.** Today she is no more but her legacy remains and fond memories.



Why Teachers Day celebrated on 5th September?

Some students had once expressed their wish to celebrate **Prof Dr Radhakrishnan's birthday**. He suggested instead of celebrating his birthday, better observe the day as **'Teacher's Day'**

"When we think we know we cease to learn" – Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Blue planet Green!!

ans (actually 2 from each club, still observing Covid restrictions) on a patch of green diagonally opposite the Metro Cash and Carry. To help readers pinpoint the location, you would be proceeding south towards Metro Cash and Carry, and at the signal make a U turn, drive 100 meters and the patch is on your left. This is the portion of land the Corporation has demarcated for plants/trees between the main road and the service lane.

No water without trees, this was the universal truth emphasized by the District Governor Prabir Chatterjee and PDG Rajani Mukerji in their short address to the assembled Rotarians of Dist 3291. There were a couple of conservationists (also stars in their realm!!) Singer Surajit (ex Bhoomi) who sang a couple of lines from his song on Nature. There was tea and water for the participants and umbrellas for the lucky few who managed to get them before they ran out. The DG in his remarks also emphasized the need for looking after the trees. He requested the Rotarians to water the 5 trees of their Club, after the monsoon is over whenever they



Rotary Week of Service for HARIYALI

Host Rotary Clubs

- BALLYGUNGE SOUTH
- CALCUTTA
- CALCUTTA CHOWRENCH
- CALCUTTA ENDEAVOUR
- CALCUTTA KANKURGA
- CALCUTTA MID CIT
- CALCUTTA MILLENN
- CALCUTTA UNIVER
- CALCUTTA YUVIS

Co-host Rotary Clubs

- BALLYGUNGE
- BEHALA
- BIDHANNAGAR
- CALCUTTA DALHOUSIE
- CALCUTTA JADAVPUR
- CALCUTTA MAGNUM
- CALCUTTA METRO SOUTH
- CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN
- CALCUTTA SOUTH CITY TOWERS
- CALCUTTA SUTANUTI
- CALCUTTA VICTORIA
- EAST CALCUTTA
- KOLKATA GALAXY
- RABINDRA SAROBAR
- SALT LAKE CENTRAL
- SALT LAKE GREEN CITY

Collaborating Rotaract

- CALCUTTA YUVIS
- CENTRAL CALCUTTA
- SALT LAKE DOWN TOWN

were passing by and take responsibility for them.

After a few short speeches spearheaded by the District Governor and a drizzle thrown in, the Rotarians were on their knees (not literally!!) and dirtying their hands, planting the 5 trees allotted to each Club, assisted by few garden hands who had been brought by the District Hariyali Project team. After the trees had been planted, cane cylindrical shelters specially made for the occasion by village women were carefully placed to

protect them from birds and animals. Trees planted, photos taken, fellowship done, the Rotarians dispersed. Till the next District Project.

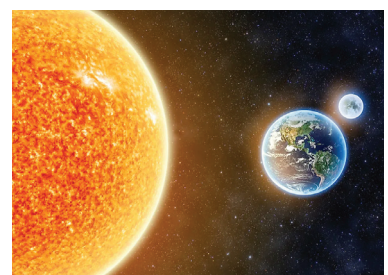
– Sachiv Nijhawan

Happy Birthday!



Vinita Dutt – 9th Sep

PUNCHline



Living on Earth may be expensive – but it includes an annual free trip around the sun.

Minutes of the 1283rd Regular Meeting of **ROTARY CALCUTTA VICTORIA** held on Saturday, 21st August, 2021 at 12:00 noon on Zoom

- President Kaushlendra Jha called the 1283rd meeting to order.
- National Anthem was sung by all led by Chhanda Banerji.
- President welcomed Assistant Governor Sukanya Dasgupta and all members to the meeting and the first club assembly.
- Minutes of the 1282nd meeting could not be confirmed due to lack of quorum. It would be confirmed in the next regular meeting.
- **PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - ◆ 75th Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2021 at RCC Brindakhali with 3 projects: (i) Planting of 55 saplings in the names of all members and past presidents who are no more and also those who have left Rotary, (ii) A football tournament involving 8 teams of 8 players in each team. The final was played out on 15th August 2021. Jersey to the finalists, Football and Trophies to the winner and runner up, man of the match and man of the tournament were given along with cash awards of Rs 9,001 and Rs 7,001 to the finalist teams respectively. Certificates of participation were also given to all players, (iii) Celebration of Rotary Day on women empowerment whence 12 school going girls and 10 mothers were given a detailed talk on menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer awareness by Dr Joyashree Dhar. Hygiene Kit containing packets of sanitary pads, soap, towel and hand sanitizer were given to each one.
 - ◆ A RI District 3291 project "Hariyali" was held between 14th to 21st August 2021. RCCV was a co-host club. On 20th August 2021 PE Sachiv Nijhawan, PP Rakesh Macwan, PP Sarah Macwan and President KK Jha participated in planting large saplings in designated areas on EM Bypass.
 - ◆ 110 trees would be given by the Rotary District to RCCV for planting at RCCs/villages next week. Proposed venues of plantation are Kalinagar and Baruipur.
- ◆ Vocational projects such as carpentry, computer repairing would be taken up shortly.
- ◆ IPP Gayatree Dhar stated that PP Sunita Agarwala, Chair Environment could have been invited to join the "Hariyali" project at EM Bypass. President KK Jha regretted the omission.
- In the absence of club secretary Lata Bhatia, PP Chhanda Banerji officiated.
- **SECRETARY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
 - ◆ There were no birthdays and wedding anniversaries in the next two weeks.
 - ◆ Next meeting would be on Saturday 4th September 2021 at 12 noon. It would be a physical meeting.
 - ◆ A project on tree plantation would be held next week. Date, time and venue would be communicated.
- There being no other business the meeting was terminated and proceedings handed over to Club Trainer Chhanda Banerji to conduct the Club Assembly.

Minutes of the **First Club Assembly** of Rotary Calcutta Victoria held on Saturday, 21st August, 2021 on Zoom

- President Kaushlendra K. Jha called the first club assembly to order and invited club trainer Chhanda Banerji to conduct the club assembly.
- Chhanda Banerji requested Assistant Governor Sukanya Dasgupta to address the members.
- AG Sukanya Dasgupta spoke about the thrust areas of Rotary (2021-22): Women Empowerment and Membership Development. She expressed happiness with the projects done by RCCV thus far and advised participation in District projects. She especially mentioned the 'Virangana' project that was launched in July 2021.
- Chhanda Banerji thanked AG and then invited the chairpersons to present their reports. In the absence of some chairpersons, President K K Jha stepped in and appraised all present of projects implemented and those planned.
- AG Sukanya Dasgupta complimented the club and thought induction of e-member an excellent idea. Calcutta Victoria now must have a flagship project with global grant she said. A sustainable one to change lives. She gave some suggestions like rainwater harvesting or sewage treatment plant especially in villages. Plants that turned untreated water into potable water could be installed. She also spoke about the Zone 15 project on tree plantation. To enhance public image visiting cards and official letter heads could have the Rotary logo.
- President K K Jha thanked AG Sukanya Dasgupta for attending the club assembly and providing valuable inputs.
- The President terminated the club assembly at 1.30 pm.