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Today's Programme

Regular meeting at 12.00 noon. **Guest Speaker Smt Indrani Ghosh** will speak on "Reaching out to underprivileged children and Tribal families" on zoom

CELEBRATION!



lunch partaken of, members settled down for the meeting. Another pleasant surprise. President requested PP Rakesh Macwan to make THE announcement – Vinita Dutt had become a MAJOR DONOR. She is the 9th major donor of RCCV. She was felicitated with an attractive stole amidst smiles and loud clapping. What a day!! Gifts were organised by Gayatree Dhar, Seema Danda and Sunita Agarwala. Who will be the TENTH Major Donor or Major Donor Level 2? Let us wait for another surprise – the new Rotary Year has just begun.

It was celebration time on Saturday 4th September 2021 at Conclave, venue for the regular meeting of Rotary Calcutta Victoria. Fellowship prior to the meeting was a joyous affair for ever green Vinita Dutt would be turning 80 on 9th September and President K K Jha decided to celebrate the special occasion on the day of the meeting. Unknown

to the birthday girl Vinita Dutt's family in Kolkata – daughter Sugandha Kapur, son-in-law Rajesh Kapur and grand daughter Suhanjana had been invited to the party. They all came with a beautiful biscotti cake shaped '80' which was duly cut and shared by all. Victorians presented her with a small cake and a gift. Happy Birthday sung, a good

Next Week's Programme

Sun, 19th Sep: Health Clinic for needy senior citizens at RCC Kanthalberia (ongoing bi-monthly project).



SHEKHAR Mehta
RI President



PRABIR Chatterjee
District Governor



K K Jha
President



LATA Bhatia
Secretary



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Mother and Child Care Project



The curtains have come down on the 'Mother and Child Care' project of Rotary year 2020-21 where 12 pregnant women from Joynagar were supported with medicines, food supplements and consultation from conception to birth of the baby and beyond till the little ones completed 4 months. Every Monday Medical Chair (2020-21), Dr Joyashree Dhar gave them free consultations over phone and every month medicines and food supplements were sent to them. All of this was sponsored by Dr Joyashree Dhar and her family.

Those pregnant women who had another child were given Children's Horlicks regularly, sponsored by Chhanda Banerji. Baby blankets were presented to all the babies that arrived in winter by Sudipta Sen. The other babies were gifted towel sets. On Saturday, 11th September 2021 IPP Gayatree Dhar along with Dr Joyashree Dhar, Seema Danda and Sutapa Das travelled to Joynagar to meet the mothers and their bundle of joy. It was a

delight to see the healthy new born babies and their smiling mothers. They were gifted new dresses sponsored by Seema Danda as well as baby lotions. Two mothers who delivered after April were given Mother's Horlicks. Multivitamin tablets were given to mothers whose babies had not yet reached 6 months of age. All were happy. A satisfactory ending to a wonderful programme. The club received 2nd prize for this project.

– Gayatree Dhar

Subha Yatra

Installation Ceremony of District Interact Council (2021-22)

The Installation Ceremony of District Interact Council (2021-22) took place at South City International School on 8th September 2021 where Interactor Shreya Paul of St John's Di-

ocesan School was installed as District Interact Representative (DIR) of this Rotary Year. A very proud moment for Rotary Calcutta Victoria who are the sponsors of Interact

Club of this school. Besides her three more Interactors of St John's Diocesan School and St James School have been elected as members of the council. President K K Jha attended the programme as parent club President. In his own words "A proud moment for me to share the dais and my thoughts, with District luminaries and Interact Clubs of RI District 3291." Victorians congratulate Int. Shreya Paul and all other office bearers and wish them the very best for the RY 2021-22.



Rotary Day of Service

Rotary day was celebrated on Sunday 5th September 2021 at Lake Palli Club, near Lake Market. Rotary Calcutta Nabodiganta,

the host club had organised a Blood Donation Camp, a Health Check up Camp and a pledge for Organ Donation along with two

co-host clubs, Rotary Kolkata Trailblazer and Rotary Calcutta Victoria, as also Rotaract District Organisation 3291. More than 50 units of blood was collected. Many attendees availed of the various tests like bone density, neurological tests, blood sugar, blood pressure, eye tests etc. Quite a few Rotarians and visitors took forms for pledging organs that were being given out by 'Synergie'. PP Dr Ranen Hom Chaudhury appealed to all to donate blood for thalassaemia patients and spoke about how to prevent this disorder. Victorians who attended were President K K Jha, IPP Gayatree Dhar, Past Presidents Seema Danda, Alka Jayaswal, Sarah Macwan, Vinita Dutt and Rtn Dr Joyashree Dhar.



Suchikala



A vocational training programme in tailoring for 24 young girls/women in RCC Kanthalberia that started in the Rotary Year 2020-21 and is continuing twice a week on a regular basis is doing extremely well. Two young women have purchased sewing machines and are stitching masks, children's dresses, petticoats, men's long underwear and pyjamas as per order of customers. Hopefully before the year is over, many more will start earning.

Know your Guest Speaker



MRS INDRANI GHOSH has done her MA in Education from Calcutta University and a course in teaching mentally handicapped children from Delhi. For several years she taught mainly autistic children in Kolkata, Delhi and Kathmandu, Nepal. In 1999, she started an NGO Anandan along with her school friends and sisters in her niece's house in Janak Road, Kolkata, where they started classes for children and vocational classes for women from slum areas. Gradually Anandan expanded with donations from India and abroad and today there are 3 centres in Kolkata and 2 in Birbhum. They have survived the pandemic and slowly getting back to normal.

DO YOU KNOW?

Why is some one who is feeling great 'on cloud nine' ?

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If some one is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Minutes of the 1284th Regular Meeting of **ROTARY CALCUTTA VICTORIA** held on Saturday, 4th September, 2021 at 12:30 pm at Conclave

- President Kaushlendra K Jha called the 1284th meeting to order.
- President Kaushlendra K Jha welcomed all members to the meeting.
- President requested members to rise for the National Anthem. National Anthem was sung by all, led by Sunita Agarwala.
- Minutes of the 1282nd and 1283rd meeting were confirmed, proposed by Gayatree Dhar and seconded by Dr Jayashree Dhar
- President requested PP Rakesh Macwan to make a special announcement.
- PP Rakesh Macwan announced that PP Vinita Dutt has become a major donor, level 1, and has already paid the balance amount of US \$10,000, i.e. US \$ 6232.
- PP Vinita Dutt was felicitated with a stole by President K K Jha and PP Rakesh Macwan on behalf of the club.
- **President's Announcements:**
 - ◆ On Sunday 5th September 2021, three projects have been scheduled jointly with Rotary Calcutta Nabodiganta (host club) and Rotary Kolkata Trailblazers at Lake Palli Club, Janak Road. The projects were Blood Donation Camp, Pledge for Organ Donation and a Health Check-up Camp.
 - ◆ On 5th September 2021, a health clinic for senior citizens will be held at RCC Kanthalberia (Sucheta Mahila Samity)
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
 - ◆ There will be three projects on Sunday 5th September 2021 at Lake Palli Club, Janak Road jointly with Rotary Calcutta Nabodiganta and Rotary Kolkata Trailblazers.
 - ◆ Next regular meeting will be held on 18th September 2021 at 12.00 on zoom.
 - ◆ Birthday greetings were extended to Vinita Dutt for 9th September
- As there was no other matter to be discussed the meeting was terminated at 2.00 pm.

Members Present: 15 • Sunshine Collection: Rs 1,200

Some Thoughts on EDUCATION



DR SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN

who was a brilliant student with an excellent academic record, counted amongst India's best scholars of comparative religion and philosophy, iconic thinker, author and model teacher, nominated several times for Nobel Prize, penned some thoughts on education which is being shared with readers.

Education according to him is acquiring knowledge beyond what is academic and professional. It should neither be bookish learning nor memorising of facts and figures, stuffing the mind with information unrelated to life. Education is the assimilation of values and ideas for character building

and preparing to face life's challenges.

If education does not build wisdom and humanity in the hearts and minds of man, all its professional, scientific and technological triumphs would be meaningless. Education is enlightenment of soul that dispels ignorance and illuminates the individual. Mutual respect between teacher and student will provide collaborative environment in the classroom. Student's ideas should be valued.

He had said *"The true teachers are those who help us think for ourselves". "True religion is a revolutionary force: it is an inveterate enemy of oppression, privilege and injustice"*.