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Readers are Wished a Very Happy Puja. Stay Safe



Today's
Programme

Regular meeting at 12.30 pm. **Guest Speaker MS PRIYANKA MANDAL** will speak on "How to change the face of capitalism to help people and the planet".

KEEP INDIA POLIO FREE



Sunday, 26th September 2021 dawned bright and sunny. It was SNID. RCCV members PP

Vinita Dutt, PP Capt Arnab Sen, PE Sachiv Nijhawan, Club Secretary Lata Bhatia and District Chair Polio Plus PP Sarah Macwan met at Central Vaccine Store, KMC on Ballygunge Circular Road at 9.30 am to participate in SNID programme. District Governor Prabir Chatterjee was also present. Polio drops were given to children and food packets to all the health workers who were going door to door for administering the precious drops as well as to those in polio booths. To create awareness announcements were made over microphone and posters put behind rickshaws, on autos and buses plying on various lanes and roads in Kolkata. Banners were also put up in different places.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Reaching out to Underprivileged Children & Tribal Families

Mrs Indrani Ghosh, guest speaker on 18th September 2021, spoke about her organisation 'Anandan'. It runs 3 schools for slum chil-

dren and vocational centres for disadvantaged women in South Kolkata and 2 centres in Birbhum District. It all started 20 years ago, after

her children were grown up and she had time on her hands. Desire to give some education and make it enjoyable for underprivileged children resulted in the birth of Anandan (giver of happiness). The beginning was modest with a handful of kids at her niece's house. Soon it grew and now there are 3 schools benefitting 110 children. Girls were often dropping out after classes VI, VII, to take care of their siblings. Thus vocational centres started for them so

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Editor

Minutes of the 1285th Regular Meeting of **ROTARY CALCUTTA VICTORIA** held on Saturday, 18th September, 2021 at 12:00 noon on ZOOM

- President Kaushlendra Jha called the 1285th meeting to order.
- President Kaushlendra Jha welcomed all members and guest speaker Ms Indrani Ghosh to the meeting.
- President requested members to rise for the National Anthem. National Anthem was sung by all led by Sachiv Nijhawan.
- Minutes of the 1284th meeting were confirmed, proposed by Vinita Dutt and seconded by Sachiv Nijhawan.
- **President's Announcements:**
 - ◆ As September is being celebrated as Rotary Literacy month, District has offered 40 School Kits containing bag, some books and stationeries to each club at Rs 80 per kit for distribution amongst the children, which our club has accepted. On receipt, the same would be distributed.
 - ◆ Received 2 appeal letters: one from Maharajji of Sree Satyanand Mahapeeth for 5 different vocational training at

RCC Baruipur – a project worth 1.5 lakh that would cover 100 underprivileged women. They would be taught dress designing, Batik printing, tailoring etc, and the other from Samir Sapui of RCC Kanthalberia for mushroom cultivation in an interior area.

- ◆ October being Rotary Community Development month and Puja month, there are several projects in the offing (i) Vocational Projects such as dress making, beautician course, embroidery, stitching etc at RCC Baruipur. (ii) Mushroom cultivation, (iii) Puja Upohar of 100 new sarees in an area in Sunderbans.
- Guest speaker, Mrs Indrani Ghosh was introduced by PP Vinita Dutt. She spoke on her work with tribal community in Birbhum and underprivileged children and women in Kolkata.
- The formal vote of thanks was given by PE Sachiv Nijhawan.
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
 - ◆ Next regular meeting would be held on

2nd October at 12.30 pm in person. Members would be informed of the venue.

- ◆ Birthday greetings were extended to Alka Jayaswal for 21st Sept, Sandeep Mukherjee for 22nd Sept, Chhanda Banerji for 25th Sept and Ravi Tantia for 29th Sept.
- As there was no other matter to be discussed the meeting was terminated at 2:00 pm.

Members Present: 18 • Guest: 1



WORDS OF WISDOM

they could learn something that would be useful after they got married. At present about 120 young adults are taking vocational training.

Her organisation is FCRA registered which enables her to receive foreign donations.

About 6 years ago a vocational centre was opened in her house in Shantiniketan, Birbhum. Presently 24 girls are being taught tailoring. Some are learning to use computers. Another centre in the tribal area of Huchukpara (near Mallarpur station), about 90 minutes drive from Shantiniketan was set up 4 years ago when the locals expressed a keen desire to learn. Here 70 boys and girls are in general education and 135 young adults are learning different vocations like tailoring, karate, singing and dancing, panchi making (a Sanhtal dress), tribal jewellery making, cultivation of mushroom, turmeric and ginger, making of saal leaf plates (a machine has been provided). Some of them even run a small cafe that sells mushroom pakoras. Driving lessons are also given so that they can drive

mini vans. Pandemic created havoc but things are slowly becoming normal said Indrani Ghosh.

Indrani Ghosh was introduced by Vinita Dutt and thanked by Sachiv Nijhawan.

Know your Guest Speaker



MS PRIYANKA MANDAL an entrepreneur, is the founder of 'Clan Earth' which is a nature first sustainability focused brand that is India's first to work with local artisans, to handcraft plastic free, cruelty free bags and plant 5 trees per product sold. In just one year clan earth has planted more than 3325 trees and diverted more than one ton plastic waste from landfills and water bodies. Priyanka and clan earth have been featured in 'Your Story' in Economic Times and many local and national papers and magazines.

She has been living a zero waste life since 2018, only generating as little as 200 gm of waste per year by using various tools. An active member of Women's Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry West Bengal Sustainable Business Wing, she has conducted numerous workshops on waste management and has shared insights on sustainable living and starting up a sustainable business.

Priyanka had worked with Nomura and HSBC as a business analyst for 6 years prior to her volunteering work in setting up 'Clan Earth'. Priyanka's vision is to inspire this generation to live sustainably with nature. Priyanka is fond of reading, calligraphy, exploring new things, trekking.