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## Today's Speaker



### Rtn (WgCdr) Dharam Paul Sabharwal

**Topic : From Know Alzheimer's to No Alzheimer's**

Rtn Wg Commander Sabharwal is a multi-faceted personality. By training, he is an engineer who did post-graduation in aeronautical engineering from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. By profession, he is a military-man having served the nation through the Indian Air force for 26 years before hanging his uniform at the early age of 46. By aptitude, he is a teacher and trainer having taught for 20 years at engineering colleges, MBA institutes and conducted workshops in corporate houses on quality related aspects. By passion he is a writer having published more than 100 articles in

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various newspapers and magazines and is the author of 48 books on a variety of subjects. He is a social worker by choice and is looking after the moral upbringing and life-skill aspects of 350 children from poorest of the poor families as Vice-President of Shishu Mandir. He is devoted to the cause of spreading awareness about Alzheimer's and has delivered more than 130 talks on the subject. As Founder Chairman of Alzheimer Dementia Rotary Action Group-India known as ADRAG-India, he is spearheading the campaign of launching its chapters in various Rotary Districts of the country.

[compiled by Rtn. Ashok Basu, Co-editor]

## BASTRA DAAN

### Distribution of new clothes to our RCCs

Location: Rotary Sadan Date: 25th Sept, 2022 Time: 10.30 AM



On Sunday, 25th September, 2022, the Community Service Committee organised the distribution of NEW CLOTHES to our RCCs for celebrating Durga Puja. This initiative of RC Calcutta will benefit 1400 children.

PP Rtn. Haladhar Dey, Hony. Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma,

Project co-ordinator Rtn Dr. Atindra Sen along with co-chair Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal were present at the distribution drive. Members of RCCs Bishnupur, SCIR, Refuge and Stars were present at the time of distribution. RCC Joygram members came later for collection. RCC Jadugoda clothes were sent by bus to Purulia and RCC Dara clothes were handed over to their member Mr. Hrishikesh, the previous day, on 24th at the Dakshin Barasat project.

The RCC members were very delighted and satisfied to receive this annual gift, which will enable the children in their location to be decked up in new clothes for Durga Puja.

[Reported by Rtns Ravindra Khandelwal and Atindranath Sen]

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## 104th Foundation Day celebration with AGOMONI cultural programme

Location: Rotary Sadan

Date: 26th Sept, 2022

Time: 6.30 PM



Rotary Club of Calcutta celebrated its 104th Foundation Day with a grand AGOMONI cultural programme, ushering in the festive season and performed to a packed auditorium, in presence of Chief Guest PRIP Shekhar Mehta, Guest of Honour DG Ajoy Law, President Raj Kumar Agrawal, various PDGs, club's Past Presidents, other dignitaries, and an overwhelming number of club members & spouses. The guest list included spouses of deceased members specially invited for the occasion by committee Chair, Family of Rotary, Rtn. HIRAK RAY. The programme commenced immediately after the National Anthem led by PP Sujata Pyne, a splendid and spectacular program fully designed, managed, music arranged & choreographed by Rtn. Sonal Worah & her team, and performed entirely by club members & their families. The top line program items comprised of, but not limited to, the following :-

- i. Solo song by HIRAK RAY – 'Jago Durga'
- ii. Solo dance by Sakhi Chakraborty – 'Durga Mahishasur Nashini'
- iii. Group medley of AGOMONI songs – Sukalyan Purkayastha, Ayushmati Thakur, Sarvani Guptoo, Shampa Ghosh
- iv. Group performance of a GARBA Dance – Satarupa, Madhu, Asha Agrawal, Moushumi & others
- v. Solo recitation of a Tagore poem – Subha Pal
- vi. Solo Shyama Sangit – Sankar Ghosh
- vii. Solo Diya Dance – Satarupa Mukerjee
- viii. A tableau of Goddess Durga along with her children – children of Members
- ix. A Fancy Dress Fashion Show – Gentlemen club members
- x. Group DHAKI Dance – Free-for-All dance, led by Sriranjani



On conclusion of AGOMONI, President Raj conducted the RWM, and after the routine items requested PRIP and the DG to present the PHF recognition to the Major Donors. DG Ajoy in his address appreciated the AGOMONI program as befitting a 104-year-old club. PRIP Shekhar in his address gave a directional approach for the old No.1 by referring to a few of the goals attained by Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust, quoting :-

- i. Matching Grant limit raised to Rs 1.5 Lacs;
- ii. 650 bedded hospital at a project cost of Rs 300 Crores;
- iii. school for underprivileged 5 km from Joka at a project cost of Rs 30 Crores;
- iv. a fully functional Dialysis Centre in Chetla with 20 machines funded by the Trust.

He suggested RC Calcutta may consider some such similar Dialysis Hospital project in the city or suburbs with the Club constructing & providing the building and Global Grant funding for the machines. A 'Cake Cutting' ceremony followed, (cake prepared by Taj Bengal bakery), after which President Agrawal invited all present to a grand fellowship & a sumptuous dinner.

[Reported by Rtn. Amit Ghosh, Editor]

## SIKSHA LABH 11 – Literacy & Basic Education

Location: Baharu Girls' High School

Date: 24th Sept, 2022

Time: 11.00 AM

On Saturday, 24th September 2022, the Community Service Committee organised the inauguration of 11th Computer Lab under SIKSHA LABH project at Baharu Girls' High School with 13 computer sets. The teacher-in-charge Smt. Rupali Mukherjee received us. This initiative of RC Calcutta will benefit 1950 students which shall have a significant impact in their lives. The school has an able and young computer teacher on their payroll Smt Neha Chakraborty, appropriately, a lady.

Rtn Ashok Basu (AB4, Chairman Environment committee) addressed the students highlighting the importance of computer in their academic lives. Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury (Chairman, Community Service) addressed the Guddis, motivating them to achieve

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## Pranadhara 1 - Supply of Pure Drinking Water with Tata Swach-Tech Jal Machine

Location: CWA High School for Girls, Sarsuna

Date: 27th Sept, 2022

Time: 11.00 AM

A team from RC Calcutta led by President Raj Agrawal, and comprising of PP Heena Gorsia, Rtns. Pritpal Singh Chauhan, Community Service committee Co-chairs Yogesh Dassani & Ravindra Khandelwal, and Amit Ghosh, inaugurated the Tata Swach water purification machine at Children's Welfare Association High School for Girls at Sarkarhat, Sarsuna. The team was warmly received by Ms Sarbari Sengupta, Principal, along with PP Dr. Romendu Homchaudhuri of RC Calcutta Sun City, it being an Interact School of Sun City for many years. The PRANADHARA mission is designed to provide clean and pure drinking water to communities. RC Calcutta had developed relationship with this school having donated 5 computers for their computer Lab under the SikshaLabh – 4 program in Aug, 2022.



The school, established in 1961, is situated on leased land allotted on the grounds of Children Welfare Association, a 200 bedded Welfare Home founded by Ms Pratima Ray in pre-independence days. The student-on-roll at the school is approx. 500 girls from underprivileged families (parentage being daily wage earners like rickshaw puller etc, and domestic help/ house maids). The Govt. sponsored school is a model school, students in uniform, daily morning assembly with singing of National Anthem followed by singing of Hymns, entire school neatly painted to attract children on a 'back-to-school' drive post pandemic lockdown. The school has installed facilities which include: -

- i. Rain water Harvesting system, having ground water recharge and grey water recycle facilities,
- ii. Sanitary Napkin vending machine installed with mini electric incinerator for disposal,
- iii. 500 KW Solar Power system enabling reduction of electricity bill from Rs 20,000/- pm to Rs 2,000/- pm, and
- iv. 100% of students are Thalassaemia tested, and the Principal confirming she will shortly commence Cervical Cancer awareness and inoculation.

The school represents a fitting example of how government schools can function with the same quantum of government funds but in a very efficient and creative manner, simultaneously inculcating sense of innovation and responsibility amongst its students. The Tata Swach machine with its nano filtration mechanism, delivers 200 litres of clean & healthy water every hour, greatly benefits the students ensuring that water borne diseases are kept at bay. During discussion Principal Ms Sarbari took pride in stating that the school has a record of 100% success in both Secondary as well as in Higher Secondary, emphasising her science pass-outs generally pursue graduation in Geology, Botany, Environment, Nursing, Nutrition, primarily on account of its shorter span for attaining employability (as against engineering, medical, or technical). When probed as to major future needs of the school, she spontaneously listed the following:

- i. Lockers for the Chemistry Lab,
- ii. Interactive sketch board, and
- iii. an Integrated science Lab.



Before the formal inauguration of the Tata Swach water system, Principal Sarbari escorted the team on a tour of the classrooms and the science labs, detailing the displayed frescos painted on the walls, mostly by students. During the visit, community service co-chair Rtn. Ravindra also inspected the already running computer lab, ensuring that the computer sets donated are in good condition and students are being taught to use the same for computer literacy, as intended. The formal inauguration of the Pranadhara-1 Tata Swach machine by President Agrawal was loudly applauded by the students and teaching staff, with the first drink of filtered water from the system being taken by President and the Principal.

[Reported by Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal, Co-Chair, Community Services, and edited by Rtn. Amit Ghosh, Editor]

## Rotaract Interact Newsletter

### 54th Installation Ceremony of Rotaract Club of Calcutta – UTTHAN



The longest running Rotaract club of RID 3291, Rotaract Club of Calcutta has successfully completed its 54th Installation Ceremony - UTTHAN, on 11th September 2022. The event was graced by 150+ members, dignitaries and guests.

The event started with the opening speech by the emcee Rtr Ayana Roy followed by the welcome address by the Installation Chair & the Club Trainer Rtr Souvik Ganguly.

The secretarial report was presented by the outgoing joint secretaries Rtr. Manodeep Maity and Rtr. Ayana Roy.

Our IPP, Rtr Suman Mahapatra, in his farewell speech spoke about his journey as a president and his expectations for this Rota year. The torchbearer for the Rota year 2022-23, President Sonal Baid, was inducted. In her acceptance speech, Sonal Baid spoke about her vision for this Rota year.

She also announced the event 'Calcutta Concert' which is supposed to take place later this year. ID card and our bulletin was revealed by the incoming president and the DRR.

Club assets and secretarial documents were handed over by the outgoing president and the outgoing secretaries, to the incoming president and the incoming secretaries. Treasury documents were handed over to the incoming treasurer Rtr Anushka Dassani by the incoming president and the past treasurer Rtr Sonal Baid.

Badging ceremony of the committee members was successfully conducted.

Prospective members were inducted as official members by the president and were provided with the induction kit.

Secretary General Rtr Rishov Das and Incoming Secretary Rtr Sumitra Ghosh presented the year's plan.

The event was graced by honourable dignitaries like PP Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury, President Rtn Raj Kumar Agarwal, Youth Chair Rtn Malika Mukerji Sarkar, DGN Rtn. Dr Krishnendu Gupta, Rtn Aanton Mookherjee, Rtn Samrat Sengupta, IPDRR Rtn. Rtr. Arka Kumar Nag, Rtr Rajarshi Adhikary, PDG Rtn Rajani Mukerji, IPDG Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee, PDR Debasish Sarkar and representatives of 19 other Rotaract clubs like RC MCKVIE, Calcutta Victoria, Salt lake Midtown, RC- George, RC- South Calcutta. GCMS, RC GK, RC GSL, Calcutta Diamond, Kolkata Krishti, Calcutta Mega City, Central Calcutta, HITK, RC MSIT, RCC Old City, Barasat Central, Calcutta Majestic, RC Youngistan.

Rotaract Club of Bolepur Santiniketan (RID 3240) was announced as the multi district twin club.

Rotaract Club of Chitwan (RID 3292) was announced as the International twin and Heritage Institute of Technology (RID 3291) as the intra district twin club.

DRR Rtn. Rtr. Soumik Nath was felicitated by our president. He along with the other dignitaries provided their valuable guidance which would surely help the team to work harder and better, and make this Rota year a huge success.

*[Reported by Rtn Malika Sarkar, Chair, Youth Services and Interact Rotaract]*

## WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

Location: Silver Point School Basement Hall

Date: 10th Sept, 2022

Time: 10.30 AM



Silver Point School Interact Club, in association with Lifeline Foundation organised an awareness programme on Suicide Prevention, attended by Teachers & Parents of senior sections. Speakers from Lifeline Foundation included Ms Molly Thambe, Ms Manjit Lachhani, Ms Sucharita Poddar, Ms Shanghamitra Roy, Mr Shekhar BasuMullick and Mr Sandeep Das.

The objectives of the programme were :

- To understand that a small talk can save a life and promote a sense of connection & hope
- To encourage people to engage with someone they think may be struggling

“Creating Hope Through Action “is the triennial theme for the World Suicide Prevention Day from 2021 to 2023. The theme is a reminder that there is an alternative to suicide and aims to inspire confidence and light in all of us.

Lifeline Foundation is supporting mental well-being for the last 25 years. They work for the cause of mental health & suicide prevention.

The items discussed were :

- Depression, addiction to mobile phone may lead to our children behave abnormally.
- Parents' expectations, peer pressure may be the cause of depression in them. They may start remaining quiet, become aggressive, a sports lover may stop going out to play...parents, friends, teachers to understand that the child needs help.
- We listen to reply, do not listen to understand. We need to listen to our teenage children without being judgmental.
- Parents need to listen to the children and respect their opinion.
- Family time, especially dinner time , all members need to sit together , ask each other “ How was the day ? Was every thing okay?”

As a member of society, as a parent, as a friend, as a neighbour, as a colleague, we can all play a role in supporting each other, changing the narrative around suicide through the hope to create a passionate society and become a beacon of light to those in pain.

YOU CAN BE THE LIGHT

*[Reported by Rtn. Malika Sarkar, Chair, Youth Services and Interact Rotaract]*



## Site Inspection of Pranadhara Project at Ramkrishna Ashram, Nimpith, South 24 Parganas

Location: Ramkrishna Ashram, Nimpith

Date: 24th Sept, 2022

Time: 12 Noon



On Saturday, 24th September 2022, led by Community Service Chair Rtn Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Rtns Ravindra Khandelwal and Ashok Basu visited Ramkrishna Ashram at Nimpith for inspection of the installed Tata Swach machine (1000 litre per hour) and Agreement signing. The machine has been installed in between the students' hostel and the kitchen block at the Ashram premises. The Secretary Swami Sadananda received us.

The hostel accommodates 700 children. These students attend the school which has 2000 students. This Tata Swach machine will give out 1000 litres of clean & healthy water every hour; greatly benefitting the students and the kitchen block, ensuring that water borne diseases are kept at bay. Maharaj ji informed that this machine would benefit many outsiders visiting the Ashram premises also. A request has come from them for another machine at their other hostel premises 5 minutes away.

We thank the hospitality extended by the Ashram for the overly satisfying bhog/prasad. All RC Calcutta members are requested to attend the inauguration of the Tata Swach machine after Durga Puja as the Nimpith premises will be a spiritual experience for all.

[Reported by Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal]

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## SIKSHA LABH 11 -- Literacy & Basic Education



great heights. All students and teachers appreciated RC Calcutta in setting up computer labs for almost 10000 students, majority of the beneficiaries being girl students. Along with Rtn Ashok Basu and Rtn Arindam RC, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal (co-chair) and Hrishikesh Das, RCC Dara, were also present at the last computer lab project under SikshaLabh.

13 computer sets were installed, and the students and teachers welcomed this initiative with great energy, which was evident from their elocution, singing and exceptional dance performances. We thank Baharu Girls' High School for welcoming us with great hospitality.

[Reported by Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal]

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENDANCE REPORT (26.09.2022)

Total Members	:	241
Members Present	:	65
Exempted Members	:	67
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	27

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 18th October 2022 at 1.30 p.m.

Speaker : Professor Tapati Guha Thakurta (Art Historian)

Topic : "The Durga Pujas of Contemporary Kolkata - The UNESCO Awards"

### THANK YOU DONORS

(Donation received up to 26.09.2022)

Nandita Sen	Rs. 27,000/-
Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	Rs. 2,000/-

### NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 25th October, 2022 as the said meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st November, 2022 at 1.00 p.m.

### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT - 2022

Annual Children's Treat of the club will be held on Sunday, 20th November 2022 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We will invite more than 1,500 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club in this year.

Members are requested to generously donate or Sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, T-Shirts, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these Children.

**Donation of Cash or Cheque to be made in the name of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" are eligible for Income Tax Exemption U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act .**

**ONE WORLD :** We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment, India, R. I. Dist. 3190

## MINUTES OF THE 4870TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 26TH SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- 1 President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4870th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 National Anthem was led by IPP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
- 3 Minutes of the 4869th meeting of the Club held on 13th September 2022 was confirmed.
- 4 President informed that the Club would celebrate its "104th Foundation Day". President then welcomed Imm. Past RI President, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta as the Chief Guest and Dist. Governor, Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law as the Guest of Honour.
- 5 President also welcomed all PDGs, District Officials, Zone Club's Presidents, visiting Rotarians from other Clubs and all Guests who attended the meeting.
- President reported the followings:**
- i) 14th September 2022-Club donated Computer to Jagadbandhu Institution, Ballygunge, Kolkata. This was the project of Literacy and Basic Education "Sikha Labh"
- ii) 16th September 2022 - Women's Empowerment Committee in association with CII and India Women Network organised Cervical Cancer Awareness Workshop followed by Nutrition workshop with Abbott Health Care at Rotary Sadan.
- iii) 17th September 2022 - Special Project Committee organised in association with Praxis Business School a workshop on "Career Opportunities in Business Analytics & Data Science" at Rotary Sadan
- iv) 18th September 2022 - Community Service & RCC Committee organised Computers donation and inaugurated Selai School at our New RCC Ranihatani Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah.
- v) 24th September 2022 - Community Service & RCC Committee organised Computers donation to Baharu Girls High School, Baharu, Joynagar, South 24 Parganas. It was a project of Literacy and Basic Education "Sikha Labh".
- vi) 24th September 2022 - Community Service & RCC Committee was also installed supply of pure drinking water at Sri Ramkrishna Ashram, Nimpith. It was a project of "Pranadhara".
- vii) 24th September 2022- Club organized "Stand-up Comedy" in association with The Comedy Warehouse at Rotary Sadan.
- viii) 25th September 2022 - Club donated New Garments for the Children at our seven RCCs of our Club. It was the project of Community Service & RCC Committee.
- ix) 26th September 2022 - A Cultural programme "AGOMONI" was organised by the Club members of the Club and their families before the Regular Weekly Meeting at Rotary Sadan
- 7 President Announced:**
- This year Annual Children's Treat -2022 of the club would be held on Sunday, 20th November 2022 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We would invite more than 1,500 underprivileged Children to this flagship programme of the Club in this year and requested members to generously donate or Sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, T-Shirts, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for those Children. Donation of Cash or Cheque to be made in the name of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" are eligible for Income Tax Exemption U/S 80G of the Income Tax Act.
- 8 Hony Secretary, Rtn Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club business :
- a. He welcomed all PDGs, District Officials, Zone Clubs' Presidents, visiting Rotarians from other Clubs and all Guests who attended the meeting.
- b. He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries during the period ending 10th October 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
- c. There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on 4th October 2022 on account of Durga Puja Holidays.
- d. He then informed members that the next Weekly Meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 11th October 2022 at 1.30 p.m. Speaker : Rtn WG Cdr Dharam Paul Sabharwal, Founder Chairman of Alzheimer-Dementia Rotary Action Group (ADRAG), India
- Topic : "From Know Alzheimer's to No Alzheimer's" He then wished to all who attended the meeting "Happy Puja".
- 9 At the request of the President, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, Imm Past RI President and Dist. Governor, Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law recognised and handed over the PHF recognitions to PP Rtn. Abhijit Kolay, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury, Rtn Krishna Kumar Kothari and Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayasta.
- 10 At the request of the President, IPRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta, DG Rtn. Ajoy Law, the oldest Rotarian of our Club PDG Prabhat Krishna Rohatgi and newest Rtn Dr. Chandra Shekar Dhar cut the 104th Foundation Cake of the Club. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Taj Bengal Hotel for sponsoring the Cake.
- 11 At the request of the President, IPRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta and Rtn DG Ajoy Law and PDG Rtn. P. K. Rohatgi addressed the audience.
- 12 At the request of the President, PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 13 On behalf of the Club, President handed over mementoes to IPRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta and DG Rtn Ajoy Law.
- 14 Sunshine Box collection Rs 1,100/- with special contribution from Rtns. Dr. Ajay Agarwal, Shampa Ghose, Dr. Abhijit Sen, Sarvani Gooptu and Hirak Ray.
- 15 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, India, R. I. Dist. 3291
- 16 Before adjourning the meeting President requested all to join the Fellowship and Dinner. On behalf of the Club, he thanked Rtns. PP Debashis Mitra, Tushar Basu, Shweta Tibb Arora, Indrajit Banerjee, Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu and Malay Ghosh for Co-hosting Fellowship and Dinner
- 17 He wished all who attended the meeting "Happy Puja".
- 18 Meeting was adjourned at 8.30 p.m.

## RESIGNATION / TERMINATION

- i) The Board accepted the Resignation of Rtn Partha Sarati Bose the at its meeting held on 29th August 2022 with effect from 01.09.2022.
- ii) The Board also Terminated at its meeting held on 29th August 2022 the membership of Rtn. Devajyoti Bhattacharya with effect from 01.09.2022

## Birthdays

Dr. Nandini Ray	12th October
Krishna Kumar Kothari	13th October
Lalji Mehrotra	14th October
Deepak Agarwala	15th October
Sujoy Banerjee	16th October
Raj Kumar Agrawal	17th October

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

## Wedding Anniversaries

Donn S Kabiraj & R-Ann Mahua Mallick  
14th October

**Wish you many more years of marital bliss**

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