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TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



Dr. Nandini Ray

Dr Nandini Ray is a renowned Ophthalmologist in Kolkata. Educated in the most distinguished Institutions in Calcutta (Modern High School, Calcutta Medical College) and London, UK (Royal College of Ophthalmologists), her early experience from March 1988 to December 1995 included positions such as SHO, Registrar and Locum Consultant Ophthalmologist at hospitals like Kings College Hospital, Newcastle General Hospital, Whipps Cross Hospital and Moorfields London.

After returning to Calcutta in January 1996, she has been attached as Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon to Wockhardt Medical Centre and Wockhardt Hospital (now FORTIS HOSPITAL) and Woodlands Hospital.

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Dr Ray specialises in Cataract surgery and Glaucoma surgery, having performed more than 18000 PHACO surgeries till date. She has recently trained in FLACS (Femto Cataract Surgery) and has been certified by Johnson & Johnson to operate on the Catalys Precision Laser System. Her specialisation aims for spectacle independence with premium advanced technology IOL's for which she has undergone training in the USA. She has presented about criteria for multifocal lens implantation at various conferences in India. She travels to conferences in Europe every year to be abreast with latest surgical and treatment modalities. Dr. Ray's special area of interest is PHACO surgery with premium lens, including correction of astigmatism and presbyopia with IOLs.

She has won the APARAJITA Award (Jurors Choice) in 2012 in the field of healthcare and has been awarded the IIRSI Special Gold Medal in 2016 for general proficiency in her field of work. She has also been awarded the Shree Nandini Award by the Fifth Note Global Company in April 2022. She has been honoured by her school Modern High School for Girls as an exceptional Distinguished Alum in 2021.

Her surgical videos on Complication Management in challenging cases has been accepted from a worldwide competitive entry by the ESCRS at Paris 2010, Vienna 2011, Milan 2012, Vienna 2018, Paris 2019 and Amsterdam 2021 that is six times in 11 entries between 2010-2021.

She is the sole proprietor of Radiant Eye Foundation, where she examines patients in a state of the art, homely and clean environment with the latest diagnostic facilities.

Dr Ray is fond of music, photography, films, travelling and cooking. She is a Rotarian since 1996 (Calcutta Midtown and now the Rotary Club of Calcutta) and a Paul Harris Fellow. She is a member of the think tank organization The Bengal Initiative as well as The Ladies Study Group which meets regularly to discuss ways to improve our environment and other topics. She is a member of the Indian Women Network (IWN) working towards womens' empowerment and a member of the General Committee The Bengal Club established in 1827.

Her husband Rtn Dr Abhrajit Ray, is a Senior Consultant Rheumatologist and her daughter Dr Meenakshi Ray is a Dental surgeon in the UK. Her son Dr Abhishek Ray has graduated with an MBBS degree from SRMC Chennai.

(Compiled by Rtn. Ashok Basu, Co-editor)

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103RD INSTALLATION OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA

Venue: Hotel Hindustan International, Kolkata

Date: 5th July, 2022

Time: 7.00 PM



Rotary Club of Calcutta, “the oldest continuing club in Asia”, held its 103rd Installation with traditional splendour, on 5th July, 2022 at HHI, with live telecast of the entire program. On arrival of invited guests & dignitaries, Pres. Sujata commenced the proceedings by felicitating the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour and Special Guest and their spouses, with bouquet of flowers, before inviting PP Nilima Joshi to lead the National Anthem. In her brief speech she described the year's club activities, having concluded 180 projects valued at Rs 4 Crores, in spite of 6 months of Covid pandemic. Assisted by a Power Point presentation she highlighted how projects addressed the '7 areas of Focus', including but not limited to, Covid vaccination, 'Akriti' – artificial limbs, Blood Analyser and equipment's for paediatric wards, mini water purification plant, computer schools, Selai schools, 'Hariyali'-Tree plantation, interfaith meetings, 'hot food on wheels', increased membership,- projects which emphasised skill development, were life changing & sustainable, and was aptly rewarded by District with the "Lions" Trophy. She then requested IP RIP Sekhar Mehta, to release the Annual Report for the year, announced the Rotarian of the Year for the B K Rohatgi Award to Rtn. Vikram Somany, following which she introduced the incoming Pres. Raj Kumar Agarwal, handed over Collar, Hammer & Gavel and the Charter, and expressed with a smile "the Lion needs to be caged in R C Calcutta and not released".

Pres. Raj commenced with traditional Lighting of the Lamp by all Guests on the dais to the sound of Ganesh Vandana hymn sung by Ayushmati Thakur, presented a Silver Salva each to the outgoing President and the Hony Secretary, and followed by introducing the Directors to the audience, along with Club Officials and Committee Chairs. He then briefly outlined projects he has planned for the year, again assisted by a power point presentation, with Top Line focus areas being Literacy, Healthcare, Vocational Training, Rainwater Harvesting, WASH-5, Mangrove plantation, Blood Donor App, CCRC extension, multi club 'Kashmir Ladakh' project, and above all TRF contribution. At the request of Pres. Raj, Hony Secy Anand Sharma conducted the club business.



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Pres. Raj then introduced Guest of Honour, DG Ajoy Law as the RIP's representative, who in his address extended thanks on behalf of RIP, and spoke of "Imagine Rotary" logo for year, implying member retention. In his speech he mentioned not to imagine yesterday, that's past, but imagine tomorrow. On conclusion Pres. Raj thanked him and presented a memento as a token of appreciation.

Pres. Raj then introduced Special Guest, RIDE Anirudha Roychoudhury, who expressed his deep sentiments on Late Samiran Sen, VP, on his untimely demise, and his decision to name the project 'where eagles dare' as SAMIRAN. He suggested to upscale projects with DDF funding and redesigning the Annual Report to make it more attractive for Corporates' CSR funds. On conclusion Pres. Raj thanked him and presented a memento as a token of appreciation.

Pres. Raj then introduced Chief Guest, IP RIP Sekhar Mehta, who referred to RC Calcutta's achievement for year 21-22 as "Girl Power". In his deep & insightful address he suggested all to have Big Dreams and proposed all Clubs to have a Strategic Plan for Goals spreading over 3 – 5 years, and opined big projects fulfilled within a year is technically not a big project, and cited the example of Polio eradication. He talked of his vision of making India completely literate by 2027, and progressively making the draft Education Policy of GOI adopting RILM's curriculum for Grade 1 thru Grade 10, and telecasting same through 10 nos e-vidya channels with a reach of 10 crores children daily. He spoke of Sikkim states' decision of free distribution 35,000 TV sets, out of which 5,000 has been earmarked for Rotary, which in turn RILM has arranged with OEMs Samsung & LG to be supplied with pre-fitted with Gr 1 to Gr 10 e-vidya channel, obviating need for tele connection. He spoke of gradual but slow growth of Major Donors, suggested Clubs to come together mentioning 'individual charity, but together it's philanthropy', it being the only way to make a difference and extend circle of life. On conclusion Pres. Raj thanked him with a loud round of applause from the audience, and presented a memento as a token of appreciation.

Pres. Raj then requested Rtn. Subhajit Guha Mazumder to raise a Toast to Ladies, and R. Ann Chandrima to reply to the Toast. Both spoke with elegance, quoting poets and Nobel Laureates, highlighting equality between men & women, compassion & understanding can only bring in a meaningful whole circle. Pres. Raj thanked them both and presented them with a memento each.

At the request of Pres. Raj, Rtn. Kanak Dutt, VP, delivered a Vote of Thanks. Pres. Raj then adjourned the meeting and invited all to an elaborate Fellowship and exquisite dinner.



(Reported by Rtn. Amit Ghosh, Editor)

CLUB OFFICERS' TRAINING SEMINAR (C O T S) HELD ON 25TH JUNE, 2022 AT ROTARY SADAN



On Saturday, 25th June, 2022, President-Elect Rtn Raj Kumar Agrawal and Hony. Jt. Secretary Rtn. Anand Sharma welcomed all Members of the Board, Club Officials, Working Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs and New members for the Rotary year 2022-23.

Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal and Rtn. Anand Sharma also welcomed our Assistant Governor Rtn. Rakesh Macwan and our Club Trainer Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury.

Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal then announced the forthcoming programmes and objectives for the Rotary year 2022-23 and distributed programmes and objectives book to all members.

Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal requested the Assistant Governor and our Club Trainer to conduct the Club Officers' Training Seminar (COTS) by announcing the Rotary International Theme for 2022-23 : "Imagine Rotary".

Both, Assistant Governor and our Club Trainer, very effectively explained the activities and roles of the President, Hony Secretary and Club Chairs and laid emphasis on planning and budgeting.

The attendance was good with most of the Chairpersons attending the meeting. The meeting was followed by Hi-Tea.

MOTORISED CYCLE DISTRIBUTION



Three nos. Electric motorised cycles were donated to three beneficiaries from underprivileged section of society, on 7th July, '22. The 'motorised cycle project' was done with a Dist. Grant received from PDG Prabir Chatterjee.

The cycles were parked at Rotary Sadan since 29th June and were handed over on 7th July, '22.

One beneficiary was a Rotary Sadan office staff who cycles to work every day. The other two are ladies who cycle to the city daily from quite a distance to make their living. The ladies are 'single parent' and lost their jobs during pandemic because they used local train for commuting. These cycles will support them in getting jobs where people discourage using crowded public transport.

This was the penultimate project of Rotary Year 21-22, the last one being providing umbrellas to the city police, which will be concluded shortly.

IN MEMORIAM**LATE Rtn. DILIP BOSE**

We mourn the sad demise of Rtn. Dilip Kumar Bose who passed away on 29th June, 2022.

He served as Director and Committee Chairman. Our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, 19th July, 2022 at 1 p.m.
at Rotary Sadan**

Speaker : Mr. Ajay Agarwal

HR Interventionist and Corporate Trainer

Topic : High Performance Leadership – The nuts and bolts

WELCOME GREEN BADGERS**Swagat Sengupta**

Bookstore

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29.06.2022

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Wedding : 2nd March, 2006

R-Ann : Nilanjana Kar

Hobbies : Reading, Travelling & Sports

Children : one

**Usha Agarwala**

Testing and
Analytical
Laboratory

Date of induction
: 29.06.2022

Date of Birth : 7th April, 1946

Office : Director

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Wedding : 17th February, 1967

Spouse : Mr. Ashok

Hobbies : Reading, Travelling &
Music

Children : Two (one Daughter / one
Son)

**Dr. Rajib Kumar Seal**

Medicine - General

Date of induction :
29.06.2022

Date of Birth :

7th December, 1954

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Wedding : 14th December, 1985

Children : one

COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENTS

Day	Date	Committee	Time	Venue
Tuesday	12.07.2022	Attendance and Green Badgers	2.45p.m. (after RWM)	Rotary Sadan
Wednesday	13.07.2022	Environment	5.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan
Saturday	16.07.2022	Women's Empowerment	6 p.m.	On Zoom

CORRIGENDUM

Certain inadvertent printing errors were committed in Chaka Vol 90, Issue 1, dated 5th July, 2022

- I. Under Committee & Chairs 2022-23, page 5 & 6,
 - a) Rtn. **Hirak Ray**, chairs **Family of Rotary** was omitted
 - b) Rtn. **Arindam Roychoudhury** chairs Community Services & RCC, not as reported
 - c) Rtn. **Malika Mukerji Sarkar** chairs Youth Services, Interact & Roteract, not as reported
- II. Board of Trustee for **Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust** for year **2022 – 23**, not as reported
Inconvenience caused on account of these errors is extremely regretted.



Rtn. Hirak Ray

ATTENDANCE REPORT (05.07.2022)

Total Members	:	248
Members Present	:	60
Exempted Members	:	68
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	92

Wedding Anniversaries

Vijay Kumar Patodia & R- Ann Shraddha	12th July
Mrinal Kanti Lodh & Rtn. Tapati	15th July
Dr. Dipanwita Hazari & R-Ann Dr Partha	18th July

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

Birthdays

Dr. Ramaditya Ray	12th July
Sriranjani Joshi	12th July
Ravi Bhartia	14th July
Amrita Banerjee	14th July
Prabhat Krishna Rohatgi	14th July
Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee	14th July

Wish you many happy returns of the day

**ONE WORLD**

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Garden Reach,
India R. I. Dist. 3291

MINUTES OF THE 103rd INSTALLATION MEETING (4860th) held on 5th July, 2022 at Hotel Hindusthan International (HHI) at 7 p.m.

1. President, Sujata Pyne(2021-22) welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4860th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. At the request of the President Sujata Pyne, PP Nilima Joshi led the National Anthem.
3. Minutes of the 4859th meeting of the Club held on 29th June, 2022 at Rotary Sadan were confirmed.
4. President then welcomed Chief Guest, IP RIP Shekhar Mehta, Guest of Honour DG Ajay Law and Special Guest, RIDE Aniruddha Roychowdhury, and accompanying spouses.
5. President informed members about the sad demise of Late Rtn. Dilip Kumar Bose on 29th June, 2022 and observed a Minute's Silence in memory of the departed soul, and confirmed a Condolences letter would be issued to the bereaved family.
6. President Sujata Pyne then announced and awarded the B K Rohatgi Award for Rotarian for year 21-22, to Rtn. Vikram Somany.
7. President Sujata Pyne gave her presentation speech citing notable achievements during 21-22.
8. President Sujata Pyne then installed Rtn Raj Kumar Agrawal as President 2022-23 and handed over Club Charter, President Collar, Hammer and Gavel.
9. President Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Special Guest, and accompanying spouses, and requested them for lighting the Inauguration Lamp, while Ganesh Vandana was sung by Rtn. Ayushmati Thakur.
10. President Raj Kumar Agrawal thanked and presented Salvors to IPP Sujata Pyne and IP Secretary Sriranjani Joshi as token of their love and appreciation of the Club.
11. President Raj Agarwal then introduced the members of the Board for the Rotary year 2022-23, and delivered his inaugural address, and presented his visions and Missions for the year.
12. At the requested of the President, Hony. Secretary (2022- 23) Anand Sharma conducted the Club business.
13. President extended Good Wishes to R I President, Jennifer E. Jones.
14. At the request of President, Guest of Honour DG Ajay Law, Special Guest, RIDE Aniruddha Roychowdhury, and Chief Guest, IP RIP Shekhar Mehta, addressed the gathering.
15. On behalf of the Club, President presented mementoes to the Guest of Honour, Special Guest and Chief Guest, as a token of appreciation for their kind words.
16. At the request of the President, Subhajit Guha Mazumdar proposed a Toast to the Ladies which was replied by R-Ann Chandrima Guha Mazumdar.
17. A Cheque for Rs. 79,000/- handed over to Dist. Governor, Ajay Law towards TRF contribution from Rtn. Kirit Patel. The Club also donated 5 Computers to Kamalapur Kamala Balika Bidyapith, DumDum, Kolkata under the "Sikshalabh" Community Service Project.
18. President Elect, Kanak Dutt offered a 'vote of thanks' on behalf of the Club.
19. Sunshine Box Collection was Rs. 28,500/- on that day.
20. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland, Ontario, Canada, R.I. Dist. 6400, home Club of R I President.
21. President requested all to join Fellowship and Dinner and Meeting was adjointed at 8.50 p.m.

Raj Kumar Agrawal
President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary

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