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## Today's Speaker



### PDG Shyamashree Sen

#### Topic : Polio – The end game strategy

An alumna of Modern High School and Presidency College, Kolkata, Rtn. Shyamashree Sen is an academic outlier having topped the charts in both BA and MA in Political Science from Calcutta University. She began her work life as a copy writer for a couple of advertising agencies, newspapers and journals in India and abroad. Presently she is co-founder and partner of a Public Relations Company "Connections". The list of her memberships in various organisations is long and diverse covering Women's Associations, Chambers of Commerce, Thalassaemia Society and of course Rotary. Members will recall the numerous occasions (before, during and after her

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term as DG) when she has energetically and enthusiastically encouraged the Club to achieve greater heights! She is the recipient of the RI President Citation and Polio Plus award. She is currently an International Coordinator for End Polio Now for Zone 6 of Rotary International. Her discussion today titled "Polio – The End Game Strategy" is contextual given the recent occurrence in the US and the dodgy record of outlier geographies.

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

## SIKSHA LABH 8 – LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION

Location : Hatiara High Madrasah School

Date : 9th Sept, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



The 8th phase of the project **SIKSHA Labh**, Literacy & Education opened at Hatiara High Madrasah School on 09.09.2022. The inauguration was done by PDG Rtn. Mukul Sinha (District Chair-Literacy) and by our President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal. Rotarians present on the day included Dr. Hirak Sen, Dr. Atindra Nath Sen, PP Abhijit Kolay, Ashok Basu (AB4), Ravindra Khandelwal and Arindam Roy Chowdhury. This Computer Lab will provide Computer Education to 1000 students.

This school is a Govt. Aided Higher Secondary School with students from Class 5 to Class 12; the students primarily comprise of under privileged children from the nearby areas of Hatiara, Baguihati and other places. The student strength of this school is around 1000 with a co-educational facility. Nearly 1000 students will get benefit from this SIKHSA LABH project.

A special program was arranged by the students of the school with Rabindra Sangeet, a small recital of Gazal, and a small dance performance by a girl student of class 11. The Local Councillor along with the Chairman of the School Board were also present in the ceremony.



[Reported by : Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Community Service Chair]

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**DISTRIBUTION OF WATER CONTAINERS (WASH-IV PROJECT), THROUGH TSRD**

Location : Rajnagar, Khoirasol, Birbhum Dist

Date : 16th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM

On 16 August, 2022 a total 149 number of containers with bib cock fitting were distributed to the recipients of toilets at Sudrakshipur, Bandarberia, Bagdahari, Marbhanga and Nityanagar villages for use in their toilets. The TSRD Personnel Mr. Joydeb Sit, Mr. Sowmitra Singha and Mr. Chandi Charan Mondal organized the program supported by Rotary Club of Calcutta and organized by TSRD, Rajnagar Khoirasol Project. Village wise number of recipient is given hereunder.



Sl. No.	Village	No. of Recipient
1	Sudrakshipur	75
2	Bandarberia	14
3	Bagdahari	52
4	Marbhanga	05
5	Nityanagar	03
<b>Total</b>		<b>149</b>



The Muster Roll for the distribution of containers is retained by records section at Rotary Sadan. The containers would be very much useful for clean sanitation efforts of the beneficiaries.

*[Drafted by Chandrakanta Dutta, Project-in Charge, TSRD, and Reported by PP Saumen Ray, Chair, International Projects]*

**PHOTOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION OF PROJECTS & EVENTS DURING WEEK ENDING 10TH SEPT, 2022**

1) Distribution of Reusable Towels, donated by Taj Bengal, to an Animal Shelter Home "Chhaya", Bantala

Date: 5th Sept, '22



2) Distribution of Reusable Linen Items, donated by Taj Bengal, in association with an NGO "Prantakhata", to an organisation "Hastings Slum"

Date: 5th Sept, '22



3) Fire Fighting & Safety and Health and Hygiene Training programme by Taj Bengal in observance of "Volunteering Week", to 50 RCC Bishnupur members

Date: 5th Sept, '22



4) In observance of "Teachers' Day", Youth Service & Interact and Rotaract Committee organised the Felicitation of Interact Teacher Coordinators from 5 schools and Computer section & Library of Rotary Sadan

Date: 6th Sept, '22



**1ST CLUB ASSEMBLY FOR RY 22 - 23**

Location : Rotary Sadan

Date : 10th Sept, 2022

Time : 4.30 PM



The 1st Club Assembly for Rotary Year was held at Rotary Sadan, and inaugurated by President Raj Agrawal & Hony. Secy Anand Sharma, in the presence of Zonal Secretary Pranay Agarwal. All Committees presented their activities during the 1st Qtr. along with future plans for the remaining 3 quarters of the year, and the Top Line items are captured hereunder.

**Fellowship & Spl. Programmes – Sonal Worah** : Children's Treat scheduled on 20th Nov, '22; Agomoni scheduled on 24th Sept, '22.  
**Community Services – Arindam Roy Chowdhury** : **Siksha Labh** project under 'Brand' **GUDDU**, with a target of computer familiarization & training of 10,000 students/month; Anna Dann project of i) free milk to handicapped child patients thrice a week, and ii) Dry Food packets (aided by RILM) ; Selai Schools started receiving orders for dress making and earning potential fulfilled ; Filter water supply by Tata Swach machines at 5 locations under "PRANADHAR" banner; **Ananda Mela** scheduled for 3rd Dec, to give free supply of 100 wheelchairs, 50 crutches etc.

**Attendance & Green Badgers – Suman Chakraborty** : Planning a Green Badgers meet (with internal speakers) to assist integration  
**Environment – Ashok Basu** : Fruit tree sapling distribution at RCC (inculcating the ownership concept amongst children); planning tree plantation at Ayodhya Pahar school; Water Harvesting system along with pond clearance; partnering with Organic Farm  
**Literacy – Sriranjani Joshi** : In addition to Siksha Labh project, planning Adult Literacy programs in those schools; implementing EASY School concept (in replacement of Happy School) with RILM assistance.

**Vocational Services – Subhajit Guha Mazumdar** : Organized Youth Skills Day and arranged computer Training for Kol Police (Traffic); planning vocational training for 'para' medics with Neotia's with job assurances for pass outs; training for Care givers for Alzheimer patients.

**Special Projects – Partha Pratim Mukherjee** : Organized Blood donation and Mega Health Camps, distribution of reusable Linen & Towel in slums & dog shelter homes, paper bag making from old newspaper, CEO Conclave; 10 projects lined up for development Ghoramara Island, Sunderban, jointly with RC Jamshedpur (West) as partner club

During Q&A, PPs Heena Gorsia, Haladhar Dey, Nilima Joshi helped President in many clarification & understanding. ZS Pranay Agarwal appreciated the Assembly process, and expressed that the heritage of 103 years old RC Calcutta was evident.

[Reported by Rtn. Amit Ghosh, Editor]

**ATTENDANCE REPORT (13.09.2022)**

Total Members	:	243
Members Present	:	37
Exempted Members	:	67
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	15



**ONE WORLD**

We remember with good wishes  
 Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro City,  
 India, R. I. Dist. 3291

**NEXT MEETING**

Saturday 17th September, 2022 at 7 p.m. followed by Fellowship and Dinner.

Speaker : Professor Tapati Guha Thakurta, Art Historian

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

*Birthday*

**Deepak Kumar Khemka** 13th September

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Day	Date	Time	Programmes / Events
Wednesday	14.09.2022	11 a.m.	Computer Donation to Jagabandhu Institution, Ballygunje
Friday	16.09.2022	11 a.m.	Women's Empowerment Committee in association with CII and India Women Network will organise <b>Cervical Cancer Awareness</b> Workshop at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Saturday	17.09.2022	7 p.m.	Regular Weekly Meeting followed by Fellowship and Dinner at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Sunday	18.09.2022	11 a.m.	Computers donation and inauguration of Selai School at our new RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah
Saturday	24.09.2022	11 a.m.	Computers donation to Sukanto Nagar High School, Chingrighata
Monday	26.09.2022	6.30 p.m.	103rd Foundation Day Celebration followed by Fellowship and Dinner at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)

**NO WEEKLY MEETING**

There will no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 20th September, 2022 as the said meeting will be held on Saturday, 17th September, 2022 at 7 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner at Rotary Sadan.



**MINUTES OF THE 4868th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 6th September 2022 at 1.00 p.m. at Rotary Sadan**

1. President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4868th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
3. Minutes of the 4867th meeting of the Club held on 30th August 2022 was confirmed.
4. President informed members that to observe "Teachers' Day", Youth Service & Interact and Rotaract Committee would organise Felicitation of Interact Teacher Coordinators from Silver Point School, Vidyanjali International School, Delhi Public School, Howrah, Asian International School, Mahadevi Birla World Academy and Teachers of Cultural Section, Computer Section and Librarian. On behalf of the Club, President then welcomed them.
5. President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. President reported the following :
  - a) On Sunday, 3rd September, 2022 - A Mega Health Check-up and Eye Check-up Camp was organised at the Sister Nivedita School, Ramakrishna Mohamondal, Dakhineswar .
  - b) On 3rd September, 2022 – Community Service and RCC Committee donated Computers to Bunarati Yousuf Ismail School Berachampa, North 24 Parganas. This was a project under Literacy and Basic Education "SikshaLabh – 7".
  - c) On 5th September 2022- Special Project Committee organised following three Projects :
    - i) To observe "Volunteering Week" – Club organised Fire Fighting & Safety and Health and Hygiene Training programme by Taj Bengal Hotel, Kolkata for fifty young members of our RCC Bishnupur at 11 a.m. onwards.
    - ii) Club donated Reusable Linen Items in association with an NGO "Prantakhata" to an organisation "Hastings Slum". The items were donated by Taj Bengal Hotel.
    - iii) Club also donated Reusable Towels to an Animal Shelter Home "Chhaya" at Bantala. These items were also donated by Taj Bengal Hotel.
7. **President Announced :**  
The First Club Assembly of the Club for Rotary Year 2022-23 would be held on Saturday, 10th September 2022 at 4 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by High Tea. He requested all members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members to kindly block the date and join this important meeting.
8. Hony Secretary, Rtn Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club business :
  - a) He welcomed all Members and Guests.
  - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays during the week ending 12th September, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
  - c) He then informed members that the next Weekly Meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 13th September, 2022 at 1 p.m. Speaker : PDG Rtn. Shyamashree Sen , Topic : " Polio – The End Game Strategy".
  - d) He also informed members about the Club Assembly.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn Malika Mukerji Sarkar, Chairperson, Youth Service & Interact and Rotaract Committee conducted Teacher Coordinators' Felicitation programme assisted by Rtn. Roshni Ganguly, Chair, NCLCL, Cultural Section and Computer Section and R-Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury.
10. At the request of Rtn Malika Mukerji Sarkar, Chairperson, Youth Service & Interact and Rotaract Committee, all Teacher Coordinators described their experiences as the Interact Teacher Coordinator and informed members about the activities of their Interact Clubs. Rtn. Hirak Ray also informed members about how Interact Teacher Coordinators felicitation on Teachers' Day was started by the Club.
11. President, Hony. Secretary and Rtn. Malika Mukherji Sarkar then handed over the mementoes to the Teacher Coordinators.
12. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu (AB4) offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
13. Sunshine Box collection was Rs 500/- with special contribution from Rtn. Suman Chakraborty.
14. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Belur, India, R. I. Dist. 3291.
15. Meeting was adjourned at 2.35 p.m.

**Raj Kumar Agrawal**  
President

**Anand Sharma**  
Hony. Secretary