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## Today's Speaker



### Professor Tapati Guha-Thakurta

Topic : *Durga Pujas of Contemporary Kolkata – “The UNESCO Award”*

Tapati Guha-Thakurta studied at Presidency College, Calcutta University, and the University of Oxford. She is currently an Honorary Professor of History at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta (CSSSC) and was its former Director from 2012 to 2017. She has written widely on the art and cultural history of modern India and has held several visiting fellowships abroad. Her three main books are “The Making of a New 'Indian' Art : Artists, Aesthetics and Nationalism in Bengal” and “Monuments, Objects, Histories: Institutions of Art in Colonial and Postcolonial India”, and “In the Name of the Goddess : The Durga Pujas of Contemporary Kolkata”. She is also the author of some exhibition monographs – among

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them, “Visual Worlds of Modern Bengal, The Aesthetics of the Popular Print” and “The City in the Archive : Calcutta's Visual Histories” – and has co-edited two anthologies of essays – “Theorising the Present : Essays for Partha Chatterjee” and “New Cultural Histories of India : Materiality and Practices”. Since 1996, she oversaw the creation of a digital visual archive at the CSSSC that worked on documenting and cataloguing paintings, popular and commercial art, and photographs from different private collections in Kolkata. Among her recent assignments have been the setting up of the Jadunath Bhavan Museum and Resource, Kolkata (a unit of the CSSSC) in 2017, and the preparation in 2019 of a dossier on the Durga Pujas of Kolkata for the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, which has brought to the festival the coveted UNESCO inscription under its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

She is here with us today to share with us her experience in the lead up to the UNESCO inscription.

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

## Eye Camp at Leh

Date: 11th, 12th & 14th Oct, 2022 Time : 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM

The Kashmir/Ladakh steering committee organised its first project in Kashmir/Ladakh with a 3-day rolling Eye Camp in Leh. The constituent clubs were Rotary Club of London, Rotary Club of Calcutta, Rotary Club of Ladakh, along with Nanritam, Lokeshwarananda Eye Hospital, Purulia. The Camps were held in SNM Hospital, Leh, on 11th Oct, Govt Hospital, Khalste, on 12th Oct, and Govt. Hospital, Diskit (Nubra) on 14th Oct.

The Camps offered free Eye Check-up, distribution of free spectacles and medicines. Rtn Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay of RC Calcutta along with Ms Ranjana of Nanritam spearheaded and supervised the camps functioning while RC Ladakh organised & co-ordinated the 3-day event. Footfall at the camps on 1st day at Leh was 200 approx., 2nd day at Khalste was 300, and 3rd day at Nubra it exceeded 353.

A detailed report will be published in the forthcoming Chaka.



[compiled by Rtn. Amit Ghosh, Editor, from Dr. Debnath's messages from site]

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## Project PRANADHARA - Supply of Pure Drinking Water



The Community Based supply of pure Drinking Water to the community was initiated by Rotary Club of Calcutta in the present Rotary Year with Tata Swach Tech Jaal initiative. This machine works on NANO technology which filters the viruses in the water, thus supplying pure drinking water. This supply prevents the community from water borne diseases. This project will benefit 5000+ people in the community. Presently all the machines were installed in the respective places and the utilization of the machines has started benefiting the community.

Rotary Club of Calcutta has installed 5 such filtration machines in the current Rotary Year, whose details are mentioned below for your reference.

- 1) Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Post Office: Nimpith Ashram, Pin: 743338, South 24 Parganas, Sundarbans, West Bengal, India. (Provides 1000LPH).
- 2) G-Plot Sri Ramakrishna Sarada Ashrama, Vill: Uttar Surendra Ganj, P.O: Daspur, Dist –South 24 Parganas, Pin : 743371, West Bengal, India. (Provide 1000LPH)
- 3) Children's Welfare Association High School for Girls, 1 Rakhal Mukherjee Road, P.O.: Sarsuna, Kolkata 700061, West Bengal, India (Provides 200LPH)
- 4) Sonamukhi Janakalyan Vidyapith, Vill& P.O: Abdalpur, P.S. : Diamond Harbor, South 24 Parganas, Pin: 743368, West Bengal, India (Provides 200LPH)
- 5) Jadugora Adibashi Gram Bikash Kendra, Vill: Jadugora, PO: Saharjuri, Ayodhya Hills, PS; Bagmundi, Purulia, West Bengal, India (Provides 200LPH)



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

## Goodwill Visit



Rtn. Rajeev Paralikar handing over R C Calcutta banner to President of RC Amsterdam Halfweg on 05th Oct., 2022

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting - Tuesday, 1st November, 2022 at 7 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner

Speaker : Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal  
Topic : "Into Thin Air...High Altitude Mountain Treks"

### ATTENDANCE REPORT (11.10.2022)

Total Members	:	241
Members Present	:	44
Exempted Members	:	67
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	4

### THANK YOU DONORS

(Donation received for Annual Children's Treat up to 12.10.2022)

Nandita Sen	Rs. 27,000/-
Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	Rs. 2,000/-
Kirit Patel	Rs. 5,000/-

### NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesdays, 25th October and 8th November, 2022 on account Public Holidays (Kali Puja / Diwali and Guru Nanak's Birthday).

## Birthdays

Anusua Das	19th October
Shalini Biswas	19th October
Prof Indira Chakravarty	21st October
Pragya Chopra	22nd October
Subhajit Guha Mazumdar	27th October
Hari Mohan Bangur	29th October

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

## Wedding Anniversaries

Satnam Singh Ahluwalia & R- Ann Gurbir Kaur  
18th October

Tara John & Dr. Mathew P. John  
25th October

*Wish you many more years of marital bliss*

**ONE WORLD :** We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of London, U K, R. I. Dist. 1090

### 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 Sunshine" for these Children.

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

### CHANGE OF WEEKLY MEETING DAY, DATE AND TIMING

The Regular Weekly Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 15th November, 2022 at 1 p.m. has been re-scheduled (advanced) to Saturday, 12th November, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan, followed by fellowship and dinner. Members are requested to note this change and attend with your spouse.

**MINUTES OF THE 4871ST REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER, 2022 AT 1.00 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

- 1 In absence of President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agarwal, Imm. Past President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne Chaired the meeting. She welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4871st Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order. Rtn. Pyne also wished Subho Bijoya to all.
- 2 National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
- 3 Minutes of the 4870th meeting of the Club held on 26th September, 2022 was confirmed.
- 4 Imm Past President, Rtn Sujata Pyne welcomed Rtn Wg Cdr Dharam Paul Sabharwal, Founder Chairman of Alzheimer-Dementia Rotary Action Group (ADRAG), India as the Chief Guest.
- 5 She also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
- 6 **Chair, Imm Past President Rtn. Sujata Pyne reported the following :**
  - i) She informed members of the sad demise of Gautam Singh Davar, father of Rtn. Joshita Davar Khemani on 10th October, 2022. She also informed members the sad demise of our Ex-member, Late Rtn. Anil Jain in the month of September, 2022 and conveyed heartfelt condolences to their bereaved families.
  - ii) 26th September, 2022 – Club organised the 104th Foundation Day celebration and Cultural programme “AGOMONI” followed by fellowship and dinner at Rotary.
  - iii) 27th September, 2022 – Club donated a water filtration machine for supply of Pure Drinking Water under the “Pranadhara” project with Tata Swach at CWA High School for Girls at Sursuna, Behala.
- 7 **Chair, Imm Past President Rtn Sujata Pyne 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 will invite more than 1500 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 these Children. Donation of Cash or Cheque would be made in the name of “Rotary Children's Welfare Trust” and 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 Members and Guests and wished Subho Bijoya to all.
  - b. He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries during the week ending 17th October, 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, 18th October, 2022 at 1p.m., Speaker : Professor Tapatil Guha Thakurta, Art Historian, Topic : “The Durga Pujas of Contemporary Kolkata : The UNESCO Awards”
  - d. He also informed members that there would no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 25th October, 2022 on account of Kali Puja / Diwali Holiday.
  - e. He then informed members that the Board has accepted the Resignation of Rtn Partha Sarati Bose and has terminated the membership of Rtn. Devajyoti Bhattacharya with effect from 01.09.2022.
- 9 Chair, Imm Past President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne recognised Rtn. Kanak Dutt as Major Donor and handed over the PHF Award to Rtn. Kanak Dutt through the Chief Guest Rtn Dharam Paul Sabharwal.
- 10 At the request of the Imm Past President, Rtn Subhajit Guha Mazumdar introduced Rtn Dharam Paul Sabharwal, Speaker of the day.
- 11 Rtn. Dharam Paul Sabharwal then addressed the audience on “From Know Alzheimer's to No Alzheimer's”.
- 12 Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker. The speaker then exchanged his Club flag with our Club.
- 13 At the request of the Chair, Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 14 On behalf of the Club, Chair handed over a memento to Rtn. Dharam Paul Sabharwal.
- 15 Sunshine Box collection recorded Rs 350/- with special contribution from Rtns. Indrajit Banerjee and Kasturi Raha.
- 16 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Bangalore Cantonment, India, RI Dist. 3190.
- 17 Meeting was adjourned at 2.35 p.m.

**Sujata Pyne**  
Imm. Past President

**Anand Sharma**  
Hony. Secretary