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TODAY'S SPEAKER



Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri

Topic : Thalassemia Prevention and Lifestyle Disorders

Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri is a medical professional with a specialisation in orthopaedics. He obtained his MBBS degree in 1970 and his Masters in Orthopaedic Surgery from the Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University in 1978. He is a Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon in EEDF HEALTH CENTER Jodhpur Park, Kolkata, and a Life Member Indian Orthopaedic Association.

Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri is an active Rotarian. He is a Past President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City (for two consecutive terms 2009-10 and 2010-11). He has held District Chairs such as Installation Committee for the 2009 District Conference as well as Trauma Committee. He is the

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Chairman of the Thalassemia Prevention Committee from 2012 and Chairman Positive Health. He has served as Asst. Governor Community Service Health.

Dr. Homchaudhuri has also served the Govt of West Bengal and Kolkata Police in Pre-Hospital Trauma Care. He has been instrumental in introducing 12 Trauma care Ambulances which is a first of its kind in India.

He has extensively travelled in Bangladesh, Assam, and Orissa for Thalassemia awareness. He will be talking to us on Thalassemia Awareness and Lifestyle disorders.

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

SIKSHA LABH 6 -- LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION

Location : Kolkata Corporation School, Topsia

Date : 27th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



The 6th phase of the project **SIKSHA Labh**, Literacy & Education was opened in at Kolkata Corporation School, Topsia on 27.08.2022 by our President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal and Hony. Secretary Rtn. Anand Sharma in the presence of our club members, Rtn. Kirit Patel, Rtn. Atindra Nath Sen, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal, Rtn. Yogesh Dassani, Rtn. Sonal Worah and Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury. R Anne Madhu Sharma also graced the ceremony. This school has been transformed to a HAPPY SCHOOL of KMC and this project is undertaken by the NGO EKTARA.

As this school is a Primary School with students from class Kg to Class 5, and it is for the under privileged children from the nearby areas, the computer lab will help the students to learn and educate themselves with the Digital Learning.

With the opening of the 6th project under SIKSHA LABH, the total no of beneficiaries stands to 3300 students total with six schools.



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

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VIRANGANA PROGRAM BY WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE

Location : Rotary Sadan

Date : 25th Aug, 2022

Time: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM



Virangana workshop aims to empower young girls and women through teaching them basic self-defence techniques which in turn enables them to counter unwanted physical threats. Along with self-defence training, there was a session on low-cost nutrition by a professional Dietician. After completion of the workshop, participants received certificates from Rotary International District 3291 and a Helpline Card containing essential phone numbers of Kolkata Police Women Crisis Cell as well as contact details for a professional Dietician and Psychologist to provide support wherever needed.

DGN Dr Krishnendu Gupta along with President Raj Kumar Agrawal and other Rotarians kickstarted the programme. District Trainer Rtn Avijit Mitra conducted the training session. PDG Prabir Chatterjee and Hony Secretary Anand Sharma were present for the distribution of certificates.



[Reported by Rtn. Shampa Ghosh, Chairperson, Women Empowerment]

COMPUTER TRAINING FOR KOLKATA POLICE

Location : Rotary Sadan, Kolkata

Date : 26th Aug, 2022

Time : 1.00 PM



In a bid to further improve traffic management and safety in Kolkata, a 30-hour long special computer training session is to be held from 29 August for sergeants and constables of Kolkata Police (Traffic). Kolkata Police has been using smarter and modern infrastructure equipment which has been playing a crucial role in helping road safety.

This computer training programme has been designed to give traffic management a thorough education in the fundamentals of computer science, with an emphasis on the skills required to keep the roads safe and regulate the flow of traffic in good time. The initiative, held in association with the **India Autism Centre** and **Rotary Club of Calcutta**, hopes that with the growth in information technology, the sergeants and constables of **Kolkata Police (Traffic)** will be able to enrich their learning experience. It will help to document the record of traffic offences using computers, comprehensively.

The announcement of the event was made today in the presence of Pandey Santosh, IPS, Jt-CP (Traffic), Kolkata Police, Atul V, IPS, deputy commissioner of police (South), traffic department, Kolkata and other dignitaries.

Raj Kumar Agrawal, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta, said, "We are proud to offer the same high-quality curriculum and teaching of our computer science programmes to Kolkata Traffic Police personnel. We will provide plenty of optional modules to allow them to protect the community on the road. It's an initiative taken by a group of highly experienced traffic and transportation professionals with vast international experience to create awareness among the road users of urban areas about their rights and facilities along with traffic rules and regulations."

A total of 50 Kolkata traffic management participants will be seen to enhance the traffic management system by providing the cops with proper guidance toward cutting edge and contemporary technologies.

[as reported by Statesman News Service on 26th Aug, 2022, under heading "Computer Lessons for Traffic Police personnel"]

GUEST SPEAKER BARUN CHANDA'S TALK ON "SATYAJIT RAY – THE MAN WHO KNEW TOO MUCH"

Location : Rotary Sadan

Date : 25th Aug, 2022

Time: 9.00 AM to 5.00 PM

Barun Chanda is unique. And extraordinarily engaging in discussions. He sought an interactive session and Rotarians did not disappoint. His anecdotes were most interesting. Asked how he had first met Satyajit Ray, he said he had to 'engineer' an interview which he did through Desmond Doig of Junior Statesman! He carried a spool recorder to record the interview and in adherence to Murphy's Law, the machine decided to pack up. As his head blanked out in the presence of the legendary filmmaker,

he recovered to remember the set of questions and they went through with the interview. Later Ray asked him to show the interview before it went to print, but young Barun would have none of it – his journalistic pride was hurt. Later he left a copy of JS for Ray to peruse and was complimented that the writing was accurate. The story does not end there. In Barun's words, Ray got it in his mind that Barun had a photographic memory. Hence when shooting for Seemabaddha, Ray did not give him a script sensing that Barun would memorise the script and lose spontaneity during the shoot. Other anecdotes followed, including one that involved co-actors Sharmila and Paromita. Barun was driving them someplace when they squabbled – and Barun had to threaten to stop the car if they did not stop their quarrel. Barun was diplomatic enough not to answer a question if the threat worked. On another occasion, a theatre person acting in one of Ray's films was having difficulty with his lines and started stammering the next day. Ray realized that taking time out of his theatre work – his bread and butter – the actor was nervous that he might be delayed for his theatre performance. Ray intuitively understood and released the actor for his theatre with another very human gesture "kheye jeyo." From the next take onwards, his performance was immaculate.

Barun then took time off to sign copies of his book "Satyajit Ray – The man who knew too much."

Thank you, Rtn Subha Pal, for getting this outstanding person amidst us.

[Reported by Rtn Ashok Basu, Co-editor]



ATTENDANCE REPORT (23.08.2022)

Total Members	:	245
Members Present	:	44
Exempted Members	:	69
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	03



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Satkhira, Bangladesh,
R. I. Dist. 3280

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 6th September, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Teachers' Felicitation

Birthdays

Pradyot Banerjee	31st August
Dr. Indrani Lodh	1st September
Dr. Harsh Vardhan Agrawal	1st September
Dr. Saswati Mukherjee	1st September
Kunal Dalmia	2nd September
Dr. Ajay Agarwal	4th September
Biswajit Datta	4th September
Dr. Somendra Chandra Nandy	5th September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

FORTHCOMING PROJECTS

The Health Committee has organised a Mega Health Check up Camp at Sister Nivedita School, Ramakrishna Mahamandal, Dakshineswar on 3 Sep 2022, 10 am to 2 pm.

The Community Service and RCC Committee has organised 4 more Siksha Labh programs on 3rd, 10th, 18th and 24th Sept.

To participate, please see the posts in the Whatsapp group or contact the respective Chairpersons.

FAMILY OF ROTARY CORNER

Rtn. HIRAK SEN has received the Distinguished Alumnus Award Certificate and Medallion from IIT Kharagpur. These were to be handed over in 2021 at Kharagpur which got postponed due to Covid and handed over at IIT KGP EXTENSION CENTRE in Kolkata recently.

Our heartiest congratulation to Rtn. Sen who made us all proud.

(Reported by Rtn. HIRAK SEN, Chairperson, Family of Rotary)

MINUTES OF THE 4866th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 23rd August, 2022 AT 1.00 p.m. AT ROTARY SADAN.

1. President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4866th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. At the request of President, National Anthem was led by Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
3. Minutes of the 4865th meeting of the Club held on 20th August, 2022 was confirmed.
4. President welcomed Mr. Barun Chanda , Actor and Author as the Chief Guest.
5. President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President reported the following :**
 - a) Community Service and RCC Committee donated Computers to our RCC The Refuge on Saturday, 20th August, 2022. Project : Literacy and Basic Education "Siksha Labh"
 - b) Rtn. Arunima Dey organised a Bengali Movie Show "Tumi O Tumi" on Saturday, 20th August, 2022. Rtn. Dey was the Writer, Producer and Director of the Movie. She was also acted the movie. After the movie show, Regular Weekly Meeting was held followed by fellowship and dinner, Co-hosted by Rtns Sakti Kumar Banerjee, B.K. Dalmia, Prमित Kumar Ray, Hirak Kumar Sen and Pradyot Banerjee.
7. **President Announced :**
 - i) 25th Aug, '22 - "Virangana" – Self Defence Awareness programme for women – organised by Women's Empowerment Committee.
 - ii) 26th Aug, '22 – Computer Training for Kolkata Police – by Special Projects & Literacy.
 - iii) 27th Aug, '22 – "Siksha Labh 6" at Kolkata Corp. School, Topsia – Literacy & Basic Education by Community Services.
 - iv) Requested club members for Donation of old newspaper for paper bag making, an on-going project with Taj Bengal's CSR, to discourage use of plastic bags.
8. At the request of President, **Hony Secretary, Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club business :**
 - a) He welcomed and wished all Members and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians, celebrating their Birthdays during the week ending 29th August, 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, 30th August, 2022 at 1 p.m. Speaker : Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, Orthopedic Surgeon, Chairman, Thalassaemia Prevention. Topic : "Thalassaemia – Prevention and Lifestyle Disorders".
 - d) He also announced that the Second meeting of the Board of Directors (2022-23) of the Club would be held on Monday, 29th August, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan and requested all Board members to make a note it and attend.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukherjee introduced his candidate Dr. Chandra Shekhar Dhar. President then welcomed Dr. Chandra Shekhar Dhar, and Dr. Dhar was inducted as a member of the Club by Rtn. PP Sujata Pyne.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty introduced Mr. Barun Chanda, Speaker of the day.
11. Mr. Barun Chanda then addressed the audience on "Satyajit Ray – The Man who knew too Much".
12. Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.
13. At the request of the President, Rtn. Hirak Ray offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
14. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Mr. Barun Chanda.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West, India, R. I. Dist 3250.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2.45 p.m.

Raj Kumar Agrawal
President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary