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Today's Event TEACHERS' DAY

In commemoration of Teachers' Day, Rotary Club of Calcutta has organized a felicitation program on 6th September 2022, to recognize the contributions and efforts of the Interact Teacher coordinators in making the Rotary Interact program a success.

Teacher Coordinators

from

- i. Silver Point School
- ii. Mahadevi Birla World Academy
- iii. Asian International School
- iv. DPS Howrah
- v. Vidyanjali International School

share their wide, varied,
and motivating
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SIKSHA LABH 7 -- LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION

Location : Bunarati Yousuf Ismail Memorial High School Date : 3rd Sept, 2022
Time : 12 Noon



The 7th phase of the on-going project **SIKSHA Labh**, in Literacy & Basic Education, was opened at Bunarati Yousuf Ismail Memorial High School on 03.09.2022 by a team from RC Calcutta, led by Community Service Chair Person Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, along with Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal.

This school is a Govt. Aided Higher Secondary School, its facilities extending from Class 5 through Class 12. The school caters to children of underprivileged section of society, originating from nearby villages of Matia, in Berachampa, North 24 Parganas. The school's facilities are co-educational, and student strength of this school is around 1400. Nearly 1400 student will benefit from this SIKSHA LABH project.

With the opening of this 7th project under SIKSHA LABH, the aggregate number of beneficiaries stands at 4700 students from Seven Schools.



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

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MEGA HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP AT SISTER NIVEDITA SCHOOL, DAKSHINESWAR

Location : Sister Nivedita School, Ramakrishna Mohamondal, Dakshineswar

Date : 3rd Sept, 2022

Time : 10.30 AM



RC Calcutta in collaboration with IMA (Bengal Chapter), organised a Mega Health Camp at Sister Nivedita School, Dakshineswar, and a team from RC Calcutta led by President Raj Kumar Agrawal and Hony. Secy. Anand Sharma, along with over 40 club members, inaugurated the Camp. Special projects committee chair Partha Pratim Mukherjee and Health committee chair Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha were instrumental in structuring the event. The RC Calcutta team arrived by multiple transport (a mix of cars & Metro), but assembled in time for the scheduled inauguration, and was warmly welcomed with refreshments, by the school authorities, including Raghunath Dey & son Rajashree Dey, Managing Trustees, Tanushree Raha and Tusu Ray, Head Mistress and Asst Head Mistress, resp. of the school.

The school (initially a Children's Home but without boarding facilities) was originally 'Jadu Mallick's Bagan Bari', is situated within and adjacent to Dakshineswar temple grounds. The building was Ramakrishna Dev's residence, and Swami Vivekananda was 'ordained' here. The team assembled in the Diksha Room, and it is said he received 'Christ Darshan' here, and a portrait of Mother Mary with baby Christ hung in the room, presented by Belur Math Maharaj. The school, established in 1968, has classes Nursery to Class IV, has approx. 100 students on-roll, school hours are from 10.30 to 3.30 pm, school fees ranging from Rs 200/- to 250/- per student, curriculum includes language, religious literature, computer familiarisation, GK, and elementary quizzing. Pass outs from the school gets admitted into local government schools through usual admission mechanism. During its 50 years anniversary many old students visited and joined the felicitation.

The Health Camp offered multiple check-up facilities, including Paediatric, Orthopaedic, Gynaecology, Rheumatology, Internal medicine, General Medicine & General surgery, and Eye check-up. The specialist doctors who offered their voluntary services at the Camp included Dr. Anirban Dalui, Consultant Physician, Dr. Prasanta Kumar Bhattacharyya, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Manindranath Ray, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Abhijit Choudhuri, Consultant Surgeon, Dr. Kunal Biswas, General Physician, and our very own Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha. 182 patients availed of the Health Camp facilities, 3 identified for IOL surgery, 22 requiring spectacles. The Camp concluded at 3.00 PM.

Once the Camp was in motion, 'event manager' Partha Pratim Mukherjee organised Mandir Darshan for all club members, and distribution of 'Prashad'.



[Reported by Rtn. Amit Ghosh, editor]

GUEST SPEAKER DR. ROMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI'S TALK ON "THALASSEMIA PREVENTION & LIFESTYLE DISORDERS"

Location : RWM at Rotary Sadan

Date : 30th Aug, 2022

Time : 1.00 PM



In a captivating talk in his 'mystical' voice, justifying his geniuses as District Chair, Thalassaemia, Dr Romendu Homchaudhuri explained the dreaded disease of Thalassaemia, with numerous illustrations and heart wrenching pictorial presentations. He stated Thalassaemia is a blood disorder, affecting haemoglobin production in the human body, is congenital and inherited from parental bloodline. It is neither infective (i.e., infected from nature e.g. malaria, typhoid, plague), nor is it neoplastic (e.g. tumour, cancer, etc) and is not contagious (cannot transform into a pandemic like coronavirus). The early signs of Thalassaemia in a child are that he is

less lively, has amnesia, and will have a lifespan not exceeding 6 years. The cost of treatment is enormous, with frequent blood transfusion costing Rs 1 Lakhs per month, or bone marrow transplant costing Rs 5 Lakhs, or Genetic modification (Gene therapy) which could aggregate to Rs 60 Lakhs & above. He also cautioned that blood transfusion gives extra iron into the body, which also settles around lungs, liver, kidney; this 'extra' layer needs to be taken out; while the blood transfusion may take 8 hours, taking out this redundant iron through chelation process takes over 4 days. In 10 days' time the next transfusion falls due ! In India the picture is gruesome reaching endemic proportion, with 15,000 Thalassaemia child born every year, and 1.5 lakhs patients receiving blood transfusion on daily basis.

As prevention methodology for Thalassaemia, an HBLC (HB-electrophoresis) blood test identifies whether a person is Beta+ve, and is considered a **carrier**; if both parents are carrier their off spring has a 25% chance of having Thalassaemia. The only way of preventing Thalassaemia is to ensure that **both parents are not carriers**. One parent being Beta+ve while other neutral, their off-spring won't be Thalassaemic. A healthy & balanced diet with natural iron supplements (eggs, banana, milk, etc) helps overcome anemia in normal child patients, once cleared post HBLC blood tests. He therefore (jokingly) advised Pres. Agrawal to spread the word at all levels of RC Calcutta and its RCCs that "**Microscope before Horoscope**" is a must & pre-condition for all matrimonial negotiations.

[Reported by Rtn. Amit Ghosh, editor]

ATTENDANCE REPORT (30.08.2022)

Total Members	:	246
Members Present	:	42
Exempted Members	:	69
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	02

Birthdays

Tushar Basu	7th September
Debashis Mitra	8th September
Shwata Tibb Arora	8th September
Samrat Sen	9th September
Sanjiv Agarwal	9th September
Suman Chakraborty	10th September
Malay Kumar Ghosh	11th September
Subimal Bose	12th September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

**ONE WORLD**

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

FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY

The First Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Saturday, 10th September, 2022 at 4 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by Hi-Tea. Registration 3.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the above date and join the important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities report during the first quarter of the Rotary year 2022-23 to the Hony. Secretary for the first Club Assembly.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 13th September, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Speaker : PDG Rtn. Shyamashree Sen

Topic : Polio : The End Game Strategy

WELCOME GREEN BADGERS

**Dr. Abhijit
Chattopadhyay**

Medicine – Ophthalmology
Date on induction : 30th August, 2022
Date of Birth : 7th August, 1969
Chamber : Priyamvada Birla Aravind Eye Hospital
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Residence : Sivnath Bhavan, Plot No. P-11, Flat No. Y-34, Gariahat Road (9th Floor) Near Dhakuria AMRI Hospital, Kolkata – 700 029

Wedding : 27th June

Spouse : Arundhati Ghosh Chattopadhyay

Hobbies : Reading Story Book, Kite Flying and Chess

Spouse Hobbies : Movies and Reading Story Book

Children : One



Dr. Chandra Sekhar Dhar

Medicine – Orthopedic Surgery
Date on induction : 23rd August, 2022
Date of Birth : 1st January, 1956
Chamber - Calcutta Medical Research Institute
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Tel : 4090-4090

Mob : 9831018942

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Residence : Apartment No.40,
15, Kabir Road, Kolkata – 700 026

Wedding : 27th July

Spouse : Rinku

Hobbies : Travelling – National & International

Spouse Hobbies : Travelling

Children : Two Sons

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Programmes / Events
Saturday	10.09.2022	11.00 a.m.	Computers Donation to Krishnapur Chanchal Kumar Balika Vidyalaya (H.S.), Krishnapur, Kolkata
Saturday	10.09.2022	4.00 p.m.	First Club Assembly at Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor)
Saturday	17.09.2022	6.30 p.m.	Regular Weekly Meeting followed by Fellowship and Dinner at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Sunday	18.09.2022	11.00 a.m.	Computers donation and inauguration of Selai School at Our New RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah
Saturday	24.09.2022	11.00 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).

MINUTES OF THE 4867th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 30th August, 2022 AT 1.00 p.m. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4867th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. At the request of the President, National Anthem was led by IPP Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 4866th meeting of the Club held on 23rd August, 2022 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, Orthopedic Surgeon and Chairman, Thalassemia Prevention, as the Guest Speaker.
5. President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. President reported the followings :
 - a) On 25th August, 2022 – Women's Empowerment Committee organised a workshop for girls on Self-defense Awareness "Virangana" at Rotary Sadan, inaugurated by DGN Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.
 - b) Rotary club of Calcutta in collaboration with India Autism Centre organised a project to provide Computer Training for the staff of Kolkata Police, Traffic Department, inaugurated on 26th August, 2022 at Rotary Sadan. Training has started on 29th August, 2022 at Computer Society of India, Elgin Road, Kolkata. The news of the program was well covered in many News Papers.
 - c) Community Service and RCC Committee donated Computers to Kolkata Corporation School, Topsia on 27th August, 2022. The project is in category Literacy and Basic Education "SikshaLabh-6".
 - d) On 27th August, 2022 – President and CYP Purnendu Roy Chowdhury attended Membership Development Seminar organized by District 3291 at Rotary Sadan.
7. President Announced :
 - i) Health Care Committee organised a Mega Health Check-Up and Eye Check-Up Camp in association with Indian Medical Association (Bengal Chapter) on Saturday, 3rd September, 2022 between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sister Nivedita School, Ramakrishna Mohamondal, Dakshineswar and requested members to please attend the Camp. For further details please contact Partha Pratim Mukherjee, Chairman, Special Project Committee.
 - ii) Community Service and RCC Committee would be donating Computers to the following Centers :
 - 3rd September, 2022 – Bunarati Yousuf Ismail School, Berachampa, North 24 Parganas
 - 10th September, 2022 – Krishnapur Chanchal Kumar Balika Vidyalaya (H.S), Krishnapur, Kolkata
 - 18th September, 2022 – Our New RCC Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Howrah
 - 24th September, 2022 – Sukanto Nagar High School, Chingrighata
 These are the project of Literacy and Basic Education "SikshaLabh"
8. At the request of President, Hony. Secy. 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 5th September, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - c) He then informed members that the next Weekly Meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday, 6th September, 2022 at 1 p.m. He also informed members that to observe Teachers' Day, the Club would be organising felicitation of our Interact Teachers' Coordinators on that day.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukherjee introduced his candidate Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay. At the request of the President, PP Haladhar Dey inducted Dr. Chattopadhyay as a member of the Club.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Amit Ghosh introduced Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, Speaker of the day.
11. Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri addressed the audience on "Thalassemia – Prevention and Lifestyle Disorders"
12. Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.
13. At the request of the President, Rtn. Sumangala Murarka offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
14. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Satkhira, Bangladesh, R. I. Dist. 3280.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 3.05 p.m.

Raj Kumar Agrawal
President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary



FAMILY OF ROTARY CORNER

This is a matter of pride and joy to let everyone know that a Family from our "Family of Rotary" has achieved great heights in Swimming in Calcutta Club "Intra-Club Swimming Competition".

Our Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, and her son Siddhant Mukherje, daughter Shreyashee Mukherje, bagged winner medals, and all together a dozen of medals amongst them. A kudos to the family from us.

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

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