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## TODAY'S SPEAKER



### ARUNIMA DEY

#### Topic : Movie show – "Tumi-O-Tumi"

The word multifaceted does not even begin to describe the individual that is Arunima Dey. From being an insurance industry professional and then to launch herself into a multi role and successful career in the film industry is the accomplishment of an extraordinary person. Her professional activities encompass Film Production, Short Film Making, TV Commercial, Web Series, Documentary, Ad Film, Acting and Grooming courses.

She has directed a number of short films viz Dwando, Aleya, Red Rose, E Kon Somporko and One Night Stand in Bengali and Ristey, Apnapan and Letter to Emileein Hindi. Her full-length feature film "Tumi o Tumi" is produced and directed by her. She has won several awards for her films.

Apart from being a member of several film bodies,



she is active in numerous organisations such as FICCI, WICCI and our own Rotary Club of Calcutta. She is the State President (Cultural Wing) of the International Human Rights Organization (IHRO). She works in the areas of Education, Women and Children, Health, Old Age Homes, and Orphanages.

[Compiled by Rtn Ashok Basu, Co-editor]

## Anna Daan 1 – Feed The Hungry Distribution Of Dry Food Packets

Location : Uchal Probaho, RCC Bishnupur Date : 7th Aug, 2022  
Time : 11.00 AM



Rotary Club of Calcutta, started the "Anna Daan" -- a year long project with the support of RILM and Indian Food Bank for the under privileged children in and around Kolkata. The first phase of Anna Daan-1 was held at our RCC Uchal Prabaho, Bishnupur, Amtala, where 200 beneficiaries got benefited with the dry food packets. These foods gave a **Smile on the Children's** faces. Rotarians from our club visited the place and distributed the packets to the beneficiaries. Biscuits, Cadbury Chocolate Shakes, Milk powders were there for distributions. Each dry food packet cost is approx. Rs 200.00.

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

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## SIKSHA LABH 4 -- Literacy & Basic Education

Location : Children's Welfare Association High School, Sarsuna

Date : 6th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



The 4th phase of the project **SIKSHA Labh**, Literacy & Education was opened at Children's Welfare Association High School, Sarsuna, Behala on 06.08.2022 by our President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal in the presence of our club members and Past President. This school is an unique Happy School which is Govt sponsored. This School runs under a dynamic Principal with 500 girl students from the nearby areas, neat and clean, full of colours, painted walls, hand washing stations, roof top water harvesting, solar panel in roof top, ground water recharge and what not more to say....

As this school is a Higher Secondary School with students from class V to class 12, and it is a girls school, the computer lab with 5 brand new computers with UPS will help the students to learn and educate themselves with the curriculum of Govt of West Bengal Secondary board education.

With the opening of the 4<sup>TH</sup> project under SIKSHA LABH, the total no. of beneficiaries stands to 2650 students total with four schools.



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

## ANNA DAAN 4 – FEED THE HUNGRY— Distribution of Dry Food Packets

Location : Hope Foundation

Date : 11th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



Rotary Club of Calcutta , started the “**Anna Daan**”, a yearlong project with the support of **RILM** and **Indian Food Bank**, for the under privileged children in and around Kolkata. This phase of Anna Daan- 4 was held at **Hope Foundation** at Kolkata, where 200 beneficiaries were benefited with the dry food packets. These foods gave a **Smile in the Children's** faces, many of whom were orphans. Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Chair, Community Services, visited the place and distributed the packets to the beneficiaries. Biscuits, Cadbury Chocolate Shakes, Milk powders were there for distributions. Each dry food packet costs approx. Rs 200.00.

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



## ANNA DAAN 2 – FEED THE HUNGRY— Distribution of Dry Food Packets

Location : RCC Stars Welfare Society

Date : 7th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



Rotary Club of Calcutta, started the “**Anna Daan**”, a year long project with the support of **RILM** and **Indian Food Bank** for the under privileged children in and around Kolkata. The second phase -**Anna Daan2** - was held at our RCC Stars Welfare Society, Tangra, Kolkata, where 200 beneficiaries were benefited with dry food packets. These foods gave a **Smile on the Children's** faces. Rotarian Dr. Agarwal from our club visited the place and distributed the packets to the beneficiaries. Biscuits, Cadbury Chocolate Shakes, Milk powders were there for the distributions. Each dry food packet cost is approx. Rs 200.00.

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

## ANNA DAAN 3 – FEED THE HUNGRY— Distribution of Dry Food Packets

Location : Bustee Welfare Society, Lovelock Place

Date : 7th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



Rotary Club of Calcutta, started the “**Anna Daan**”, a yearlong project with the support of **RILM** and **Indian Food Bank** for the under privileged children in and around Kolkata. This phase of **Anna Daan 3** was held at Bustee Welfare Society at Love Lock Place, Kolkata, where 200 beneficiaries received gift parcels of dry food packets. These foods gave a **Smile in the Children's** faces. Rtn. Hirak Ray, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal and Rtn. Sailendra Gupta from our club visited the place and distributed the parcels to the beneficiaries. Each parcel contained Biscuits, Cadbury Chocolate Shakes, Milk powders. Each dry food packet cost is approx. Rs 200.00.

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

## ANNA DAAN 5 – FEED THE HUNGRY— Distribution of Milk Powder

Location : RCC Joygram, Hasnabad

Date : 13th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



Rotary Club of Calcutta, through its **Anna Daan** project distributed two sacks of powder milk to 80 **special children** who regularly come for **Therapeutic Treatment** to the RCC Joygram center at Hasnabad. This project was launched on the auspicious day of Raksha Bandhan. This project of milk distribution will help the children to get a proper nutrition **thrice a week** when they come for Physiotherapy. A very big thank you to our member **Rtn. Heena Gorsia** for supporting the project.

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



## 76th Independence Day Celebrations

Location : Rotary Sadan

Date : 15th Aug, 2022

Time : 10.00 AM

On a moist & 'soggy' Monday morning, amidst intermittent rain showers, Rotary Club of Calcutta, "the oldest continuing club in Asia", celebrated the 76th Independence Day with traditional splendor, on 15th August, 2022 at Rotary Sadan, with three back-to-back events :-

- Flag Hoisting,
- Art & Drawing Exhibition, and
- A Cultural 'Show'

### Flag Hoisting



DG Ajoy Law along with R. Ann Mitali, graced the occasion and unfurled the National Flag, and was accompanied by DG Nominee Dr Krishnendu Gupta, President Raj Kumar Agrawal, Secy. Anand Sharma, and a host of club members and their spouses. The national anthem was sung in chorus in all solemnity and with gusto by those who had gathered along with students of NCLCL dressed in saffron.



### Art & Drawing Exhibition



Immediately after Flag Hoisting, the gathering proceeded towards the Art Exhibition, which was inaugurated by DG with the Ceremonial Lighting of the Lamp. The paintings displayed artwork of students (aged 7 to 20 years) of NCLCL's Drawing class under the supervision of teacher K.C. Maity's (classes ranging from 6 months to 2 years), were approx. 80 in numbers, and consisted of pencil sketches, water colour, pastel and oil paintings. The potential of the students was greatly appreciated by all present, and a few were instantly sold to members in the gathering.

### Cultural Show by NCLCL students



The Cultural Show, staged in the Rotary Sadan auditorium, was inaugurated with addresses by the dignitaries, with DG's address reminding "of the flow of blood to earn this independence", and PDG Prabhat Rohatgi adding "75 years and the Nation today stands on its own merits". The entire show was conceptualised and choreographed by Ms. Asru Dutta, In-Charge, Cultural Section, and was built around a theme of "Imagine" – where a boy in his dream travels to Indralok, meets the Gods (Debota) in Indro-sabha, learns of the sacrifices made in the freedom struggle, and comes back to earth with a conviction to preach & extend the learnings to a culture of goodness. The show was interspaced with patriotic songs, group dances, and skits, with all performers comprising of students of NCLCL cultural section.

The day's event concluded with Pres. Raj distributing chocolates to the 'kid' performers, and handing of sumptuous refreshment packets to all performers.

[Reported by : Rtn. Amit Ghosh, Editor]

## Fruit Tree Sapling Distribution

Location : Pragati Sangha, RCC Dara

Date : 31st July 2022

Time : 10.00 AM



The Environment Committee has kicked off its plans and programmes for the year with a fruit tree sapling distribution to 150 students (one sapling each) of our already active Selai School and Computer Class in the RCC.

To borrow the nickname of the beneficiaries (GUDDU) as accorded by the Chairman, Community Service and RCC, the Guddis and Guddus in Dara have on this day become our climate warriors.

9 Climate Action Now (CAN) members led by President Raj Agrawal visited the RCC on 31 July 2022 to address the gathering and distribute the saplings. A last-minute and superbly energetic addition to the team was Rtn Sonal Worah, Joint Secretary!

While starting the event Pholer Chara Bitoron, Dara RCC Representative Shri Hrishikesh Das provided a background of the association of Dara RCC with our Club that has withstood the test of

time with several WASH projects, and now the regularly active Selai and Computer Education initiatives.

President Raj Agarwal in his address encouraged the students to consider the saplings as their friends and partners for life, these being a life sustaining force. President also urged them to look after the saplings well since only their continued existence will prove the success of the project.

Prior to the distribution, Rtn Ayesha Mazumder administered the pledge developed by Rtn Sarvani Gooptu to the recipients. The pledge adopted, reads as under: -

***“On this special day we pledge to plant more trees and help nature stay fresh and vigorous for eternity. Trees are a life force and source of strength for our ecosystem. Trees help reduce extreme climate change and will supply oxygen for our planet. We promise to plant and nurture trees throughout our lives and help to save our forest reserves. We also promise to help others plant trees in our community and make sure that for generations to come we can live happy and healthy lives with nature. As the future of this beautiful country we pledge to save trees and save our planet.”***

Going forward, this pledge shall be administered during all such green cover extension initiatives.

The saplings were then distributed by President Raj, Secretary Anand Sharma, Jt Secretary Sonal Worah, Rtn Ayesha Mazumder, Rtn Pranab Sarkar (Co Chair, Environment), R Anne Devjani Sarkar, R Anne Madhu Sharma, R Anne Meena Basu, and Rtn Ashok Basu (Chair, Environment).

From concept to implementation, this project is the result of about 50 volunteer hours. This project addresses the pillars of sustainability and long-term life changing impact – for 150 direct and innumerable indirect beneficiaries as the climate mitigation impact takes effect incrementally.

*(Reported by Rtn Ayesha Mazumder and Rtn Ashok Basu)*



## NCLCL Perform in YOUTHOPIA - 2022

Location : The Heritage School

Date : 30th July, 2022

Time : 4.00 PM



On July 30th, 2022, the students of the cultural section of NCLCL, participated in "Youthopia", the annual fest of The Heritage School. This year there was an event category exclusively for NGO's working with children, wherein the children from the dance class of NCLCL, under the able guidance of in charge Ms. Asru Dutta and the dance teacher Ms. Arpita Panda, presented a short dance composition on Rabindranath Tagore's 'Bhanushingher Padabali'. Dress, makeup, music – everything was handled in house

The Youth Services Committee and the NCLCL Committee worked jointly to make this project a success. We are thankful to R-Ann Ms. Meena Basu, for extending the Heritage School's invitation to the Rotary Club of Calcutta to participate and give the children under our umbrella a chance to showcase their talent. It was immensely satisfying to be given an opportunity to provide exposure to these children to perform on such a platform.

The participants of Cultural Section, NCLCL, Rotary Club of Calcutta, were Protusha Chandra, Sagarika Mallick, Tanushree Haldar, Mahamaya Ghosh, and Trisha Banerjee.

*[Reported by Rtn. Roshni Ganguly, NCLCL Comm. Chair, and Rtn. Malika Mukerji Sarkar, Youth Services Comm. Chair]*

## SPECTACLES Distribution – Follow-up of Eye Camp

Location : RCC The Refuge

Date : 6th Aug, 2022

Time : 10.00 PM



As a follow-up of Mega Health Camp undertaken at RCC Refuge on 20th July, 2022, (and reported in Chaka Vol 90, Issue 4 dated 30th July, 2022), R C Calcutta distributed 99 spectacles for people who were tested at the Mega Medical Camp, and were diagnosed requiring glasses for improving vision. The spectacles distributed were free of cost to the patients.

*[Reported by Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukerjee, Chair, Special Projects Comm.]*

**ATTENDANCE REPORT (02.08.2022)**

Total Members	:	244
Members Present	:	38
Exempted Members	:	69
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	03

**ONE WORLD**

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

**Birthday**

**Laxmi Niwas Bangur 22nd August**

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 23rd August, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Speaker : Mr. Barun Chanda, Actor and Author

Topic : Satyajit Ray – “The Man who knew too Much”

**CLASSIFICATION SURVEY**

To facilitate Annual Classification Survey, members are requested to kindly suggest any new Classification to be opened in line with new and emerging professions and disciplines by 25th Aug. '22.

For any change in their own classification, members may write in with reasons for change for consideration of the Classification Committee and the Board urgently.

*[queries may be addressed to PP Rtn. Abhijit Kolay ]*

**“FAMILY OF ROTARY” ANNOUNCEMENT**

“Our Club wants to recognize and celebrate achievements by members of Family of Rotary by insertion in CHAKA. May I, on behalf of "Family of Rotary" Committee, request all members to kindly let us know of any particular achievement any member of their family may have achieved so that it can be shared with all other members through CHAKA. We do hope that members will kindly extend this opportunity for other members to recognize and celebrate such achievements. We now await your cooperation.”

*[ responses to be addressed to Rtn. Hirak Ray ]*

**“SPECIAL PROJECTS” ANNOUNCEMENT**

“In order to discourage use of plastic bags, our club has undertaken a project of getting paper bags made with support of Taj Hotel (CSR) and other organisations. The Project is spearheaded by Rtn, Partha Pratim Mukherjee. Accordingly, members are requested to kindly donate their used newspapers and send them to Rotary Sadan as much as possible. Appreciating your cooperation”

*[queries may be addressed to Rtn. Hirak Ray ]*

**GOODWILL VISIT TO RC JAMSHEDPUR (WEST)**

A Goodwill visit to Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West in Jamshedpur was made on 13th Aug 2022, by Pres. Raj and Secy Anand, alongwith Rtn. Partha Mukerjee. During the meeting Flags and Gifts were exchanged. The visit ushers in a series of Joint Projects and Partnership. The President, Rtn. Nibha Mishra (lady in 'Red') led the Jamshedpur Rotary team.

*[reported by Hony. Secy. Anand Sharma]*



**MINUTES of the 4864th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING held on 2nd Aug. 2022 at 1.00 p.m. at ROTARYSADAN**

1. President, Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4864th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. At the request of President, Dr Shankar Ghosh led the National Anthem.
3. Minutes of the 4863rd RWM of the Club held on 30th July, 2022 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Ms Sarika Saboo, FCA, CPA, USA as Chief Guest.
5. President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President reported the following :**  
A Team from our Club visited on Sunday, 31st July, 2022 our RCC Dara and distributed Fruit plant Saplings to the Children of the Computer Centre and Silai School. It was the project of Environment Committee.
7. **President Announced :**  
Independence Day would be celebrated on Monday, 15th August, 2022 at Rotary Sadan. Flag hoisting at 10 a.m. followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural programme. Dist. Governor Rtn. Ajay Law would inaugurate the programme and requested members to attend the programme with their families.
8. At the request of President Raj Agrawal, Hony. Secretary Anand Sharma then conducted the Club business :
  - a) He welcomed and wished all Members and Guests.
  - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians, celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries during the week ending 19th 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 Saturday, 20th August, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. Before the meeting a Film show would be organised by our member, Rtn. Arunima Dey and requested members to attend with their families on that day.
  - d) He then announced that there would be No Regular Weekly Meeting on next Tuesday, 9th August, 2022 on account of Public Holiday (Muharam).
  - e) He also announced that there would be No Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 16th August, 2022 as the said meeting would be held on Saturday, 20th August, 2022 at 7.30 p.m. followed by Fellowship and Dinner.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee introduced Ms Sarika Saboo, Speaker of the day.
10. Ms Sarika Saboo then addressed the audience.
11. Questions raised by the members which were answered by the speaker.
12. At the request of the President, Rtn. Subha Pal offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Ms Sarika Saboo.
14. Sunshine Box collection Rs. 1,100/- with special contribution from Rtns. Sakti Kumar Banerjee, Dr. Dipak Roychowdhury and Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
15. The Club remembered with Good Wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Greens, R.I. Dist. 3291.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2.40 p.m.

**Raj Kumar Agrawal**  
*President*

**Anand Sharma**  
*Hony. Secretary*