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Today's Speaker



SHAHANSHAH MIRZA

Shahanshah Mirza is the great great grandson of King Wajid Ali Shah, the last ruler of Awadh. He is a senior GST officer in the Ministry of Finance and currently posted in Calcutta. He has co-authored three books - Calcutta : Built Heritage, Calcutta dotes, and a commemorative volume on the diplomatic relations between China and India.

He is a resolute Social and green activist and has planted thousands of saplings.

He is passionate about preserving the heritage of India and is a Life Member of INTACH and Purno Kolkatar Golpo.

He is a public speaker and speaks on various issues from different platforms. Today he adds Rotary Club of Calcutta to that list. He will be talking to us on the most interesting subject "The Awadhi Influence on Bengal".

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IMAGINE
ROTARY

MEGA MEDICAL CAMP AT PURULIA ON 22ND JANUARY 2023

A group of 13 Rotarians (including spouses) and 11 doctors travelled 300 km to Purulia via Jhargram. The journey took about 12 hours and enroute we travelled to a local village where the locals (Sabars) put up a folk dance show for us.



The next morning the team was divided into 2 groups. One went to Ayodhya Pahar for inspection of the school. It was a neatly kept place. We met the children, boys and girls, in the hostel and distributed chocolates and biscuits over there.



The camp was specifically arranged for the backward Sabar Tribe in that area. Sabar population have no access to medical facilities of any kind. Peoples' ailments go undiagnosed for a long time thus resulting in major

surgeries like amputation of limbs. The Camp saw patients having issues with heart, eyes, skin, gynaecological problems, children, neurological and general problems. A team of 11 doctors were there from Kolkata. A team of pathologists were also present, and they collected blood samples of more than 50 patients. 8 patients were diagnosed with cataract and were advised surgery. 50 pairs of spectacles will be given to people not having clear vision. In total, 350 persons visited the camp.

4 members from Taj hotel were also part of the team and they provided linen, clothes and fertiliser to be distributed amongst the villagers. 1000 Blankets were also distributed to the Sabar Tribals Jagda, Butam, Dadudih, Kualabahal and Matipur. Children were distributed Slippers to protect them from worms. They were also given fruit juices, milk, and energy drinks. The milk packets were graciously donated by PP Heena Gorsia.



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Rotarians visiting the Camp were Rtns. Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha, Dr Ajay Agarwal, Anand Sharma, Dr Joydeep Das, Abhijit Kolay and R-ann Krishna Kolay, Dr Chandrashekhar Dhar and R-ann Rinku, Dr Pratibha Pradhan with her husband, Dr Parthajit Dasgupta and Partha Pratim Mukherjee and R-ann Moushumi Mukherjee.

[Reported by Rtn Anand Sharma and Rtn Dr Ajay Agarwal]

SIT AND DRAW COMPETITION AT ROTARY SADAN 24 JANUARY 2023 AT 11 AM

To observe “International Sports Day”, Special Project Committee organized with Indian Hotels Corporation (Taj Group) through their CSR arm Paathya, a Sit and Draw competition for children of Stars RCC on Tuesday 24 January. About 40 children attended the event and thoroughly enjoyed the event and the lunch that followed.



Editor's Note :

It is a coincidence that both projects being reported in this edition of The Chaka have the co-participation of IHCL (Taj Bengal). It is also a measure of our Club's growing association with this prestigious group's CSR activities, enabled by Rtn Partha Pratim Mukherjee and supported by several teams of Presidents and Secretaries.

Republic Day - 26 January 2023



The Republic Day function at Rotary Sadan was very well attended. The Tiranga was unfurled by DG Ajoy Law at 10 am.



REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (17.01.2023)

Total Members	:	243
Members Present	:	32
Exempted Members	:	66
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	3

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting on Tuesday, 31st January, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Rotary Sadan

Speaker : Dr. Priya Virmani

Author, International and TedEx speaker, Social Entrepreneur, CEO – Ameluxe Travel and Founder and Children's Charity – Point Our World

Topic : "Who really is Lord Shiva and why is he the Ultimate Yogi"



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Faridgonj,
Bangladesh, R. I. Dist. 3282

Wedding Anniversaries

Gurudas Mustafi & R-Ann Susmita	28th January
Zul Hirji & R-Ann Parveen	29th January
Nand Gopal Khaitan & R-Ann Madhu	29th January
Raghav Raj Kanoria & R-Ann Shrum	29th January
Subha Pal & R-Ann Manab	29th January
Raghunath Dey & R-Ann Debjani	30th January

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

TODAY

Speaker : Mr. Shahanshah Mirza
The Great Grandson of King Wajid Ali Shah, the last Ruler of Awadh
Topic : "The Awadhi Influence on West Bengal"

REPORTS

- i) Health Care Committee organized a Mega Health Check-up Camp on 22nd January, 2023 at Rajnagar, Purulia
- ii) To observe "International Sports Day", Special Project Committee organized in association with Taj Bengal, a Sit and Draw competition for the Children of our RCC Stars Welfare Society on Tuesday, 24th January, 2023 at Rotary Sadan
- iii) Republic Day was celebrated on Thursday, 26th January, 2023 at the Rotary Sadan.

MEMBERS' ROSTER - 2022-23

Members' Roster 2022-23 is available now and Members are requested to collect their copies from the Club Office.

PEACE CONFERENCE ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2023 AT DARJEELING

Rotary Club of Calcutta will organise a "Peace Conference" as the umbilical connect with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, Rotary Club of Darjeeling and Rotary Club of Darjeeling Himalayas on 12th February, 2023 at Darjeeling.

Members interested in attending the Peace Conference are requested to contact Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Anand Sharma or Mr. Prabir Kumar Mukherjee, Club Office.

(Departure from Kolkata on 11th February and return on 14th February, 2023)

IN MEMORIAM



Late Rtn Nandita Sen

We mourn the sad demise of our Past President Rtn Nandita Sen who passed away on Thursday, 26th January, 2023. She was a member of the Club since 1990. She served as President, Director, Committee Chair, Editor of "The Chaka", Club Correspondent and Advisor. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May her soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the sad demise of R ANN Dr. Indrani the wife of our Member Dr. Debasish Mitra who passed away on Monday, 16th January 2023. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May her soul rest in peace.

MINUTES OF THE 4883rd REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY, 2023 AT THE ROTARY SADAN

1. In absence of President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal, Vice-President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4883rd regular weekly meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Ayesha Mazumder.
3. Minutes of the 4882nd regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 10th January, 2023 was confirmed.
4. Vice-President then welcomed Mr. Karan Kishorepuria, Entrepreneur, Social Media Expert and Change maker as the Chief Guest. He spoke on "Linked In Personal Branding 101".
5. Vice-President then welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **Vice-President announced the following :**
 - a) Health Care Committee would organise a mega Health Check-up Camp at Rajnagar, Purulia. A team from our club would start from Rotary Sadan on 21st January, 2023 and return on 23rd January, 2023. Interested members are requested to contact Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha, Chairman, Health Care Committee or Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukherjee, Chairman, Special Project Committee.
 - b) Club would organise a "Peace Conference" as the umbilical connect with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, Rotary Club of Darjeeling and Rotary Club of Darjeeling Himalayas on 12th February, 2023 at Darjeeling. Members interested in joining the Peace Conference are requested to contact Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Anand Sharma or Mr. Prabir Kumar Mukherjee, Club Office. (Starting from Kolkata 11th February and return to Kolkata 14th February, 2023.)
7. **Hony. Secretary Rtn. Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed all members and guests and wished them.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 27th January, 2023.
 - c) Next Meeting will be on Saturday, 28th January, 2023 at 7 p.m. followed by Fellowship and Dinner. You are requested to join with your spouse. Speaker : Mr. Shahanshah Mirza, the Great Great Grandson of King Wajid Ali Shah, the last Ruler of Awadh. Topic : The Awadhi Influence on West Bengal.
 - d) He then informed members that there would be no regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, 24th January, 2023 as the said meeting would be held on Saturday, 28th January, 2023 at 7 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner.
 - e) He then informed that, Members Roster 2022-23 was available and requested members to please collect their copies from the Club Office.
 - f) Republic Day would be celebrated on Thursday, 26th January, 2023 at Rotary Sadan. Flag unfurling is at 10 a.m. and he requested members to kindly attend with families on that day.
 - g) The Seventh Meeting of the Board of Directors (2022-23) of the Club will be held on Monday, 30th January, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan.
All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.
8. At the request of the Vice-President, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty introduced Guest Speaker Mr. Karan Kishorepuria.
9. Mr. Karan Kishorepuria then addressed the audience on "LinkedIn personal Branding 101".
10. Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.
11. On behalf of the Club, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu (AB4) offered the vote of thanks to Mr. Karan Kishorepuria.
12. On behalf of the Club, Vice-President handed over a memento to Mr. Karan Kishorepuria.
13. Sunshine Box collection Rs. 600/- with special contribution from Rtns. Dr. Krishna Sen & Amitava Sinha.
14. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Chandpur, Bangladesh, R.I. Dist. 3282.
15. The Meeting was adjourned at 2.55 p.m.

Subrata De
Vice-President

Anand Sharma
Hony. Secretary

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