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TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



Prof. Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay

Vice-Chancellor, Bankura University

Topic : Self-learning Materials and New Learning

Modes : Experiments in Traditional Universities

Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay is the Vice Chancellor, Bankura University, West Bengal, India. He was Professor in the Dept of English, Burdwan University, India. He is also the Secretary of the Indian Association for the Study of Australia, Eastern Region and Indian Association of Scottish Studies. In 2001 he was invited to give a course of lectures on "Nineteenth-century Representations of Shakespeare in India" at the University of Vienna, Shakespeare Society of Vienna and the University of Salzburg. He also visited the University of Edinburgh and lectured at a seminar organised at Mansfield College, Oxford in 2002, with assistance from British Council. He was nominated for the Fulbright Exchange

Summer Institute Program in 2003 and he worked at Northern Illinois University, University of Chicago and the State University of New York. He was awarded fellowships by the Australia- India Council in 2005 and 2006, and was a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Monash University (School of English, Communication and Performance Studies) in 2007. He was the Visiting Research Fellow at the University of New South Wales (School of History and Philosophy) in 2010-12. He was the Honorary Adjunct Senior Research Fellow at Monash University (School of English, Communication and Performance Studies, Australian and Indigenous Studies: 2009- 2018). He has published and co-edited many scholarly books, and is the author of innumerable papers. He is also the international contributing editor of the Journal of American History (Indiana, USA). He was the Project Leader of a research project on Gerontology working in collaboration with the University of Swansea, Wales which has been funded by UKIERI (UK-India Education and Research Initiative), 2014-2016. He is also a creative writer and his poems have been published in different journals of India and abroad.

INAUGURATION OF COMPUTER CENTRE AT RCC DARA

Venue: Pragati Sangha, RCC Dara Date: 12th Sept, 2021 Time: 11.00 AM



PP Haladhar Dey Inaugurates the Centre PE Raj Agrawal dedicates the Computers

In celebration of Literacy Month in September, RC Calcutta rejuvenated the "e-Learning Resource Centre" (inaugurated by British Dy. High Commissioner, H E Scott F Wood, in Dec 2014) at RCC Dara, into a structured "RC Calcutta Computer Centre", and inaugurated the same on 12th Sept, '21. The team from RC Calcutta was led by PP Haladhar Dey, and comprised of Prez Elect Raj Agarwal, VP Samiran Sen, CYP Purnendu Roychoudhury (representing the District), Community Services Chair Person Arindam Roy Choudhury, Rtn.s Bodhi Brata Das, Yogesh Dassani, and Amit Ghosh. On arrival the team was warmly welcomed by Pragati Sangha officials Rishikesh Das, President, Bhangu Ram Naiya, VP, Yudhistir Das, Secretary, with rosettes and refreshments.

During the last 2 years of Pandemic and the consequential Lockdown restriction limiting congregation and movement, topped up with devastation caused by Amphan and Yaas cyclones in successive years, the erstwhile facilities including the hardware as well as the building structure, required

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CHARTER PRESENTATION TO NEW RC CALCUTTA UNIWORLD CITY



At a small yet glittering function in Uniworld Club House on 12th Sept, '21, a new Rotary Club sponsored by RC Calcutta – **RC Calcutta Uniworld City** - was presented with the Charter by DG Prabir Chatterjee, in presence of PDG Amitava Mukerjee, and RC Calcutta President, Sujata Pyne, 1st Lady Rubena Chatterjee and Secretary Sriranjani.

After the ceremonial lightening of the lamp,

- i. DG Prabir Chatterjee in his inaugural address spoke of RIP Shekhar Mehta's wish of having a rotary club in every housing complex to broad base the rotary movement.
- ii. PDG Amitava Mukerjee, who was Advisor to the new club, stated he had been trying to start this club since 2018 but it got delayed, aggregated further by the pandemic.
- iii. President Sujata in her good wish address spoke of a 'mother-daughter' relationship between the two clubs, and that Uniworld would be 30th Rotary Club sponsored by RC Calcutta, and assured Uniworld that the 'mother' will initially hand-hold the 'daughter' in all projects.
- iv. Thereafter the Charter and Collar was handed over solemnly to the Charter President R.Subba Rao, along with Rotary Badges to all 21 Charter members of the new club, with much applause & appreciation from the gathered audience.

In his 1st address as president of the newly formed club, Rtn Subba Rao thanked the District and RC Calcutta for the guidance extended, agreed to live up the expectations of the DG, and maintain all rotary values, and invited all present to a fellowship dinner.



Reported by Rtn. Amit Ghosh

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Some Happy Students



IPS Bodhi Being Felicitated



Distribution of School Kits



Members Who Were Present

revamping. While the building structure repairs was financially supported by RC Calcutta in later half of previous Rotary year, the formal Computer Centre was activated on this day. RC Calcutta donated 5 new computers, thereby creating a computer bank of 10 computers including 5 refurbished ones.

- i. Also donated were 5 nos. UPS for power backup.
- ii. The computer course inter alia will include some basic fundamentals along with Advance courses, and will complement and be aligned with the school syllabus.
- iii. A batch of 32 students have already enrolled for the computer course, and as a token of appreciation RC Calcutta presented each one with a "Prastuti" school backpacks.
- iv. In his concluding address the CYP Purnendu extended greetings to all students and officials of the RCC, and committed an detailed evaluation at Rotary Sadan for all passing out students of each batch, and awarding them with a Rotary Certificate for computer literacy, an item with substantial market value & recognition.

On conclusion of the events one of the students gave a 'thank you' speech, while another gave a dance recital. Before departure, RCC Dara confirmed to a query that the submersible pump (WASH 1 project, water for toilets & general purpose but not potable) was working satisfactorily, but since the school was closed & gate locked (being a Sunday) we couldn't do a spot inspection. Thereafter the team thanked RCC Dara for the courtesies extended, and departed for Calcutta.

Reported by Rtn Amit Ghosh and Rtn. Arindam Roychoudhury

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEKLY MEETING AND FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION (Hybrid)

SUNDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER AT 6.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

The Club will celebrate it's 102nd Foundation Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting at 6.30 p.m. physically at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and Dinner. The event will also be shown on Zoom.

ATTENDANCE REPORT (07.09.2021)

Total Members	241
Members Present	40
Exempted Members	71
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	8

Birthdays

PP Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	22 September
Sri Prakash Jalan	23 September
Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee	23 September
Dr. Abhijit Sen	25 September

Wish you many happy returns of the day

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Club Assembly

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA
RID 3291

1st CLUB ASSEMBLY

Sunday 19th September 2021
10.30am at Rotary Sadan.
Special lunch for participants and Green Badgers at 12.30pm

zoom Physical & Zoom

Rotary Club of Calcutta SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Police Training

Jointly organized by

Rotary Club of Calcutta

and

Computer Society of India Kolkata Chapter

Certificate Course in Office Tools

for Kolkata Police

Inaugural Function

at
Rotary Sadan

on
September 23, 2021 (Thursday) at 6.00 P.M.

Rotary Club of Calcutta SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Computers for Bishnupur

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA
RID 3291

Computer Centre

Inauguration of new Rotary Club of Calcutta Computer Centre at RCC Bishnupur Uchchal Probaho.

At : Bishnupur Uchchal Probaho
Vill : Bishnupur,
Dist : South 24 Parganas

18th Sept Saturday at 11 am

Rotary Club of Calcutta SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

102nd Foundation Day Celebration

Rotary Club of Calcutta

President & The Members of the Board of
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA
request the pleasure of your company at the
102nd Foundation Day Celebration
along with your spouse on
Sunday, 26th September, 2021 at 6.30 pm
at Rotary Sadan
The meeting will be followed by Fellowship and Dinner hosted by Rtn. Jayanta Kumar Mitra & R-Ann Aroshi Mitra.

R.S.V.P (Regrets Only) : 2223 8686/8787
Dress Code : Comfortable
Fellowship & Dinner : 8.00 pm

Rotary Club of Calcutta SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Chief Guest : Smt. Sashi Panja Hon'ble Minister for Women & Child Development & Social Welfare, Govt. of West Bengal.



We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Port Blair
RID 3291

MINUTES OF THE 4828th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 1 PM ON ZOOM

- 1 President Sujata Pyne called the 4828th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 President welcomed the attending Rotarians and guests who joined from Bangladesh Dhaka.
- 3 National Anthem was sung.
- 4 Minutes of the 4827th Regular Meeting held on 1st September, 2021 on zoom were confirmed.
- 5 President announced :
 - a. 2nd September – The Club held FUN FEST - in association with Taj Bengal Hotel for the Children of our RCC SCIR at Taj Bengal.
 - b. 4th September – To observe “IHCL Volunteering Week”, Club organised a Tree Plantation programme as a continuation project of “Hariyali” in association with Taj Bengal Hotel, Kolkata at Victoria Square. Rose saplings were planted in the park and the program was attended by officials of The Taj Group along with the Local Counsellor, Mrs. Susmita Bhattacharya.
 - c. 4th September – Mega Blood Donation Camp was organised by Rotary Club of Calcutta as a joint initiative with Rotary District 3291 in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur, Rotary Club of Tollygunge and Rotaract District 3291 at Rotary Sadan. More than 85 donors including 40 police personnel donated blood for the Thakurpukur Cancer Hospital Pediatric leukaemia patients.
 - d. 5th September – Another Blood Donation Camp was organised by Bally Kendra TYC, Ballykhal, Howrah in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta. 95 units of blood was collected.
 - e. 5th September – Launching of project “Siksha Hobey” - E-learning and Computer Centre to be opened at 5 different locations in Kolkata - an initiative of Rotary Club of Calcutta & IHA Foundation.
 - f. 5th September – The Club also donated 10 Computers to our RCC Dara.
 - g. 5th September – “Gurupranam” on “Teachers' Day” Felicitation of the teachers for their noble service at Rotary Sadan. 15 teachers of Rotary NCLCL and teachers of Silver Point School were felicitated.
 - h. 19th September – The First Club Assembly of the Club will be held physically as well as on zoom at 10.30 am. All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the date and join this important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee reports during the first quarter of the Rotary year 2021-22 to the Hony. Secretary by 12th September, 2021. The Club Assembly will be followed by lunch where the New members are specially invited to join.
 - i. 26th September – The Club will celebrate its 102nd Foundation Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting at 6.30 p.m. physically at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and Dinner. All members are requested to attend with their spouse.
- 6 The Hony. Secretary conducted the Club business :
 - a. The names of members celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the week ending 17th September, 2021 were announced and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - b. She announced the next weekly meeting would be a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Port Blair, RID 3291 on 18th September at 5 pm on zoom. Professor Deb Narayan Bandopadhyay, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Bankura University would be the guest speaker. Topic : Self-learning Materials and New Learning Modes : Experiments in Traditional Universities
- 7 Rtn. Debasish Biswas briefly introduced the Chief Guest Commodore Srikant Kesnur.
- 8 The Chief Guest addressed the audience and answered their questions.
- 9 Rtn. Sarvani Guptu proposed a formal vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 10 The President sent greetings and remembered with good Wishes Rotary Club of Kirkcaldy, Scotland, RID 1010.
- 11 The meeting was adjourned at 2.16 pm.

Rtn. Sujata Pyne
President

Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi
Hony. Secretary

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