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TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



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A self-taught digital artist, versatile photographer, weekend singer, and documentary filmmaker, Phalguni Mookhopadhayay is the founder-chancellor of Brainware University, founder-chairman, and

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managing director of Brainware Consultancy Private Limited and Webguru Infosystems Private Limited.

Born on February 28, 1955, at Uttarpara, Hooghly in West Bengal, he did his schooling at Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, Narendrapur and graduated with honours in Economics from St Xavier's College, Kolkata. He completed his master's in Economics from Calcutta University and MBA from IISWBM, before joining Hindustan Lever as a management trainee. He worked as a market planner for the ABP group for nearly a decade before striking out on his own and blazing a trail with Brainware, where he is a hands-on chancellor.

"For over 30 years now, more than 1.7 lakh students have passed out from Brainware. Most of them are now well-established and thriving. Our aim has always been to make quality education affordable for students coming from all strata of society as well as help them ease into successful careers of their choice. It still is," quoted the founder chancellor of Brainware University.

Established in 2016 as a UGC-recognised, private state university in West Bengal, Brainware University offers over 60 Ph.D., PG, UG, Diploma and Skills programs to over 10,000 students on its state-of-the-art, sprawling, green, ragging-free campus.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA STARTS COVID VACCINATION

The Challenge of Vaccinating the Super Spreaders and the Underprivileged!

The Pandemic which has wreaked havoc in the lives of people in the last one and half year, has also underscored the necessity to vaccinate all and made it the need of the hour.

It was a difficult task after the recent vaccine scam. It took us several rounds of talk and visits at the KMC and Swasthya Bhawan, waiting long hours amidst the pandemic, just to get the permission from the respective authorities to hold the Free Vaccination Camp.

It was to be camp specially meant for those who were visually challenged, economically and technically challenged and those who had no clue whatsoever about "vaccination". To some it implied injecting poison in the body.

Finally with the consistent persuasion of our members Rtn. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee supported by the relentless efforts of Rtn. Partha Mukherjee, the camp which was to be inaugurated on Doctor's Day on 1st July, was finally launched on 19th July, 2021 at our Rotary Community Corps (RCC) at The Refuge in central Kolkata.

The inauguration, by the Dist. Governor Prabir Chatterjee and AG Purnendu Roychowdhury, witnessed many dignitaries besides the



A Vaccine Beneficiary

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VACCINATION CAMP

presence of about 30 members of the club including eminent doctors.

With the immaculate arrangements made under the supervision of Mr. Biswaroop Dey, the head of Refuge, roughly 1100 beneficiaries were vaccinated during the three-day camp amongst whom 18 were visually challenged. It was organised with precision and systematic operations that ensured peaceful execution.

On the 2nd day of the Vaccination Drive, a parallel blood donation camp was conducted within airconditioned buses where 68 donors exhibited their generosity by making the most valuable contribution of their blood for government hospital blood banks. The first phase of vaccination ended on Thursday, 22 July after 3 days.

It was a remarkable gesture, good enough to prove that ONE NEED NOT HAVE IT ALL TO BE ABLE TO GIVE. When an example was set by 4 visually challenged blood donors making it more than a successful and satisfactory event to be remembered by many for years to come. Now it seems that it was a battle worth fighting, when we look back at it today, after the success of the Vaccination Drive that will perhaps give respite or save many lives from the devastating demon so fondly known as COVID – 19.

Reported by President Sujata Pyne



The Backdrop Lamp



Lamp Lighting



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A Vaccine Beneficiary



Visually challenged blood donor

DISTRIBUTION OF WELLNESS KIT

Location	: Dum Dum, Matkal
Organization Name	: Angel Children's Unit, Naws Bhavan
Date of the Project	: 17th July, 2021
Total Beneficiaries	: 50 children
Rotarians Present	: 4 Club members and 1 R-Ann

Rotary Club of Calcutta, Team 2021-22 organized a distribution initiative of Wellness Kit, with amenities like Dettol Soaps, 3 Ply Masks, Soybeans Packets, Maggie Packets, Digipen Syrup, Horlicks and Tetra Pack milk for 50 children's at the home. Each kit was handed over by the Rotarians to the children bringing a smile in their face.

A nutritious lunch was organized for the children's at the home with rice, daal, potato curry, chicken, pappad and sweet payesh. The payesh was cooked by Anne Mousumi Mukherjee, wife of Rtn. Partha Mukherjee. Above all, the Rotarians along with the President Rtn. Sujata Pune served the food in hand to hand to the children.

Rotarians Present : President Sujata Pyne, Rtn. Partha Mukherjee, Green Badger Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal, R-Ann Mousumi Mukherjee, Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury

Reported by Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Chairman Community Service



R-Ann Mousumi Serves Payesh



A Happy Lot



Rtn. Arindam Serves Lunch



A Little Receptient



The President and other Members Present



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REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEKLY MEETING (Joint)

SATURDAY, 31 JULY AT 5 P.M.

The next regular weekly meeting will be held on Saturday, 31 July at 5 p.m. on Zoom

Speaker : Dr. Ranjini Datta, Head of Department, Department of Clinical Dietetics and Community Nutrition, KPC Medical College and Hospital. Topic: Burn your Fat without Burning your Pocket

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 August 2021**.

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.

PP Abhijit Kolay, Chairman Attendance & Classification Committee

BOARD MEETING

The first meeting (regular) of the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 will be held on **Monday, 26th July, 2021 at 6.30 p.m. on Zoom**. All members of the Board (2021-2022) are requested to make a note of it and attend.

ATTENDANCE REPORT (13.07.2021)

Total Members	:	233
Members Present	:	60
Exempted Members	:	74
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	3

COMMITTEE MEETINGS BETWEEN 14 JULY TO 24 JULY

Name of the Committee	Date
Attendance and Classification Committee	14 July
Vocational Service Committee	15 July
Membership Development Committee	15 July
NCNCL committee	15 July
Public Image Committee	20 July
Women Empowerment Committee	21 July

Birthdays

Amit Ghosh	20 July
President Sujata Pyne	23 July
Udit Chand Mitra	23 July
Surendra Kumar Birla	25 July
Dr. Shankar Ghosh	26 July

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

PP Abhijit Kolay & R-Ann Krishna	20 July
Debasish Biswas & R-Ann Basanti	23 July
Subhasis Ghatak & R-Ann Mahua	28 July
Biswajit Datta & R-Ann Sushmita	30 July

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

Since 2015, ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA, RID 3201, has been supporting Ayodhya Pahar School, a girls' school in Calcutta.

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OVERCOME FEAR, ADDRESS SPIRITUAL ASSETS, BUILD TRUST, DEVELOP CONFIDENCE, CREATE SUSTAINABILITY, WIN ACCEPTANCE.
For the Cause of Women and Children
By Author Saumen Ray, Founder, Women's Empowerment Centre, Calcutta.

Prakriti
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR 4820th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY 2021 AT 1 PM ON ZOOM

- 1 President Sujata Pyne called the 4820th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 President welcomed the attending guests and Rotarians.
- 3 National Anthem was played on screen.
- 4 Minutes of the 4819th Regular Meeting held on 8th July, 2021 at JW Marriot were confirmed.
- 5 President welcomed the Chief Guest Shri Jawahar Sircar.
- 6 President announced :
 - a. Thursday 1st July 2021 – “Doctors Day” was observed at Rotary Sadan with the presence of about 50 doctors and Shri Firhad Hakim as the Chief Guest
 - b. Sunday 4th July, 2021 - The Club, partnered by Sreeleathers through their CSR initiative, distributed protective footwear to 270 caddies of RCGC under the project named “SREEGUARD”. The special shoe coupons were handed over to the Captain of RCGC.
 - c. 8th July, 2021 – The 102nd Installation ceremony of the Club was held at JW Marriot. It was an historical event, being for the first time ever the RI President was present to grace the occasion as the chief guest. The DG, other dignitaries and international guests were also present.
 - d. Along with Chaka another Project supplement was circulated on 8th July 2021 and all members were earnestly requested to browse through the booklet and inform their area of interest and participation. President requested for members' support to mobilise the projects.
 - e. On Saturday 17th July, members of Community Service Committee will be distributing Wellness kits for 50 Children at the Angels Children's orphanage at Dumdum and they will also be treated with lunch. Members are requested to participate. Contact person is Chairperson Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury.
 - f. This year we would like to propose a schedule to have two Tuesday RWMs at 1 pm and two Saturday RWMs at 5 pm. Every 3rd week we propose to have Jt. Club meetings.
 - g. President requested the members for “each one bring one” membership drive.
- 7 The Hony. Secretary conducted the Club business
 - a. She welcomed all the members and guests.
 - b. The names of members celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the week ending 19th July, 2021 were announced as she conveyed best wishes to them.
 - c. She announced the next weekly meeting would be a joint meeting to be held on 24th July, 2021 at 5 pm on zoom. Mr. Phalguni Mukhopadhyay of Brainware group of institutions and Webguru Infosystems Pvt. Ltd. would be the guest speaker.
- 8 At the request of the President:
 - a. Ravindra Khandelwal was introduced and inducted by the Past President Sushil Bagla.
 - b. Yogesh Dassani was introduced by Executive Secretary Debasish Biswas and inducted by Past President Abhijit Koley.
- 9 President welcomed the new members and requested their active participation and involvement in the club projects and activities.
- 10 Rtn. Debasish Biswas, Executive Secretary briefly introduced the Chief Guest Shri Jawahar Sircar.
- 11 The Chief Guest addressed the audience and answered their questions.
- 12 Rtn. Roshni Ganguly proposed a formal vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
- 13 The President extended greetings and remembered with good wishes to Rotary Club of Battersea Park, the UK, RI District 1130. Guest from Bangladesh Rtn Safiqul Islam Shamim sent good wishes to the Club.
- 14 The meeting was adjourned at 2.05 pm.

Rtn. Sujata Pyne
President

Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi
Hony. Secretary



We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Dhaka, Bangladesh, RI Dist. 3280

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