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## TODAY'S CHIEF GUEST



### Susobhan Sinha

*Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata*

Born in Kolkata in November 1961, Susobhan Sinha studied in St. Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata and graduated from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata with honours in Economics in 1984. He obtained his Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Calcutta in 1986. He achieved a first class degree in both graduation and post-graduation. He attended the Advanced Management Programme in Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania in 2019.

Currently, Mr. Sinha is posted as Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India, Kolkata from March 2020 onwards.

Prior to this, some of his recent positions were as under:

- Chief General Manager and Secretary to the RBI Central Board (2017–2020)
- General Manager in Department of Non-Banking

- General Manager in Internal Debt Management Department (2013-2014)
- Chief of Staff in RBI Governor's Office. (2010-2012)

Mr. Sinha considers the following as his career highlights:

- Being instrumental in activating market intelligence (MI) activities in Department of Non-Banking Supervision (DNBS), RBI, Bengaluru. DNBS was able to identify the fraudulent activities in IMA Ponzi scheme as early as 2015 through its effective MI efforts which was then highlighted to the Government of Karnataka for taking action.
- Taking the help of Yakshagana (a local art form) and skits to alert the public in far flung districts of Karnataka on the perils of falling prey to unauthorised deposit schemes.
- Being the Indian representative in a group under the aegis of Bank for International Settlements (BIS), Basel, Switzerland on Central Bank Operating Frameworks and Collateral Markets. This group was headed by the Deputy Governor, Bank of Canada.
- Being the first In-Charge of the Financial Stability Unit of the Reserve Bank of India in 2009. Had set up the unit and was instrumental in preparing the first Financial Stability Report of the Reserve Bank of India - the focus areas in which were financial institutions, markets, infrastructure and stress testing.
- Being a member of the Committee on Financial Sector Assessment which was a joint initiative of the Government of India and the Reserve Bank of India. The Committee produced a comprehensive assessment report of the Indian financial sector in March 2009.
- Being the Indian representative and country co-ordinator for the co-ordinated compilation exercise of FSIs – an IMF initiative where 62 countries participated.
- Being the first domestic market securities dealer when the Reserve Bank started conducting active open market operations and repo auctions in government securities in 1992-93. Had set up the government securities dealing room in the Reserve Bank of India.

An avid reader, his non-academic interests lie in short stories of the classic genre and is especially interested in Bengali literature both fiction and non-fiction. Other than reading Mr. Sinha also has keen interest in sports, music and movies.

## A PROUD MOMENT FOR THE DISTRICT



Our own Rtn. Shekhar Mehta assumed office physically at Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois as Rotary International President 2021-22. A very proud moment for all the Rotarians of District 3291, indeed! Many congratulations, Shekharji.

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## ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA BRINGS HOME DISTRICT AWARDS 2020-21

The Rotary year 2020-21 was not an ordinary year in many ways. First and second wave of Covid-19 impacted the plan for the entire year, but all the committee chairs swiftly adapted to the new-normal scenarios and redesigned their plan of action keeping pandemic restrictions in mind. The leadership team was ably led by President Rtn. Debashish Mitra, he guided and encouraged everyone to perform despite the challenges posed by Pandemic.

The District award function 'Samman' was organised on 8th August, 2021 at The Taj Vivanta. Keeping covid related restrictions in mind, category-wise slot was given to each club and number of participation was limited to 2-3 per club. The award function had the glorified presence of PDGs, District Officials and RI President Sekhar Mehta. Our club got awards and accolades for the stupendous projects which were delivered by most of the committees by braving the pandemic scare. We got the following awards:

- Best Club - Club Service (Rolling Trophy)
- First Prize - Basic Education & Literacy (Category - C)
- First Prize - Printed Bulletin (Category C)
- First Prize - Career Guidance / Fair (Combined Category)
- First Prize - Digital Meetings (Combined Category)
- Second Prize - Vocational Training Center (Special Category)
- Second Prize - Peace & Conflict Resolution (Combined Category)
- Third Prize - Welfare of Senior Citizen (Category - C)
- Third Prize - Mother & Child care (Category - C)
- Third Prize- Best Media Coverage (Special Category)
- Third Prize - Elearning (Special Category)
- Third Prize - Physically and mentally challenged category



Hony. Secy receives an award from DG



Beaming Prez, Secy and CYP after the event



Best Club - Club Service (Rolling Trophy)

The President acknowledged the contribution of all the rotarians and committees for their significant contribution and helping the club to achieve tremendous success!



The Array of Awards received by the Club

Reported by Rtn. Bodhi Brata Das  
Immediate Past Secretary



# THE CLUB HAS A NEW RCC

Venue: JSWS site in Hasnabad

Date: 22nd Aug, 2021

Time: 12.30 PM



A team from R C Calcutta led by Sujata Pyne, President, representing the Community Services Committee, and comprising of Rtn.s Arindam Roy Choudhury, Chair Person, Partha Pratim Mukherjee and Amit Ghosh, travelled to Joygram in Hasnabad, South 24 Parganas district, to hand over the Charter to the newly formed RCC - Joygram Social Welfare Society. On arrival the team was graciously welcomed by the society officials and a large gathering of Society beneficiaries and village folk. The welcome team led by President Niresh Kumar Baidya and Arikul Islam Mondal, Founder & Secretary (who performed the dual role of chief co-ordinator and manning the public address system), and the guests were showered with traditional flower petals. After a brief address to the gathering by President Sujata, she formally installed the RCC and handed over the Charter. Rtn Arindam stepped in and advised that the Charter needs to be properly displayed at all times in a central location of the society office and that it's a mandatory requirement.

Joygram Social Welfare Society was formed in 2012 by a group of teacher social worker, with a 'Vision' to enable equal opportunity to everybody – physically handicapped, specially gifted, orphaned from surrounding village community, and a 'Mission' to enhance the life standard of marginalised & vulnerable. Their 'Objectives' include empowerment of the marginalised, and promote development through education, healthcare, agriculture and 'self-help' group formation. On their own they do receive guidance & support from various organisations, e.g. distribution of sewing machines and formation of 'Selai' school by Usha Sewing Machines Co, mushroom farming by Cognizant Technologies, monthly health check-up by Aarogya Vahini, Govt of WB, etc. The Society caters to many disabled and handicapped children, 'specially gifted' (cerebral palsy). 120 children are enlisted with the society from the nearby villages. Special education classes take place 3 days a week where communication skills, colour identifications, and special courses are being followed. Mrs. Papiya Sulltana wife of the secretary has been trained from Bon Hooghly, Kolkata to take care of the treatment part of the special children. There are 8 teachers who are taking care of the children. They visit the children at home 3 days a week. The society also works in the nearby villages holding health camps, distribution of relief items during floods, cyclones and other natural calamities.

Immediately after installation of Joygram as an RCC, President Sujata distributed 120 'Wellness Kits' to the children – kits supplied by RILM and containing vitamins, Horliks, Biscuits, Detol Soap, Sanitizer, juice cartons, etc.

There after a full 'sit-down', lunch funded by RC Calcutta, was extended to all the 120 gifted children and their attendants, as well as the society members present. President Sujata and Rtn Arindam personally supervised the lunch, and the president took pleasure in serving the food items herself.

Once the lunch had commenced the RC Calcutta team humbly took permission from the Society president and the Secretary to leave. Before leaving the Secretary presented a memento to each RC Calcutta team member, and after taking a group photo, started the return journey and departed.



Reported by Rtn Arindam Roy Choudhury and Rtn Amit Ghosh



# NATURE AND BEYOND IN THE CITYSCAPE



Taking forward the mega HARIYALI project of RID 3291, Rotary Club of Calcutta's Environment Committee, as part of a GO GREEN Initiative, spearheaded a blockbuster tree-planting drive along 2 busy thoroughfares (Shakespeare Sarani & Rawdon Street) on Tuesday, 24 August, 2021. This drive was led by President Rtn. Sujata Pyne & Environment Chair Rtn. Partha Mukherjee.

600 non-fruit saplings were received from the District, of which, over 300 were planted, in association with KMC Ward 64 Co-ordinator, Ms. Sushmita Bhattacharjee and her team. District Environment Chair Rtn. Sailen Bhowmik participated in this drive. Prabir and Anjan of Rotary Sadan provided wonderful support.

20 Rotarians assembled at 9 am and enthusiastically lent hands in the planting of the saplings. Our club has been assured that the KMC would protect and preserve these. Branded caps and masks with club logos were distributed to all.

Several pedestrians and owner-driven cars held up traffic to laud our Rotarians for this lovely venture. The volunteers offered some saplings to them as well.

The GO GREEN morning ended with a hearty breakfast at ANNA RAAS, arranged by our evergreen member, Rtn. Kirit Patel. All in all, a morning very well spent.

*Reported by Rtn. Ayesha Mazumder*

## REJUVENATION OF RCC RESOURCE



**ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA and R.C.C.**

Rotary

**“ Pragati Sangha of DARA ”**

**Computer Courses Available**

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**Ph.- No.- 8777843982 / 9830448717**

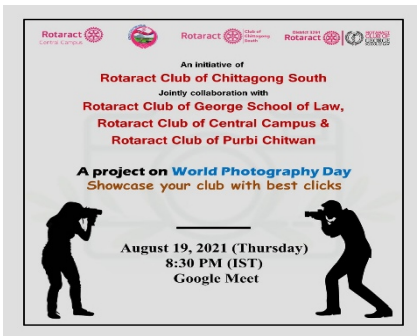
A small initiative and a push. 4 old computers, donated by our Club earlier to RCC Dara but lying idle, were repaired and installed in a new room with the initiative of Rtn Arindam Roychoudhury. Thereafter, basic computer courses have started on a two-days a week schedule. Total students till today has been 27 daily. Now planning is on to enrol more students with a target of 50 per day. Another day in the week will be opened soon.

*A 'The Chaka' Report*



# Interact Rotaract Newsletter: Chaka\_IR August

## ROTARACT CLUB OF GEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW – EVENTS: PAST AND UPCOMING



An International project by Rotaract Club Of George School Of Law RID 3291(INDIA) along with ROTARACT CLUB OF CHITTAGONG SOUTH RUD 3282 ( Bangladesh) , RORARACT CLUB OF CENTRAL CAMPUS RID 3220 ( Srilanka ) and ROTARACT CLUB OF PURBI CHITWAN RID 3292 ( Nepal) on World Photography Day where all the clubs showcased their best past projects through a club presentation.



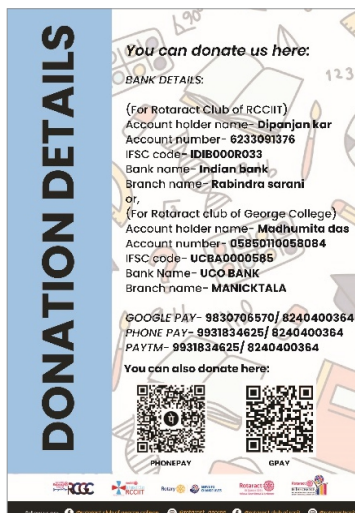
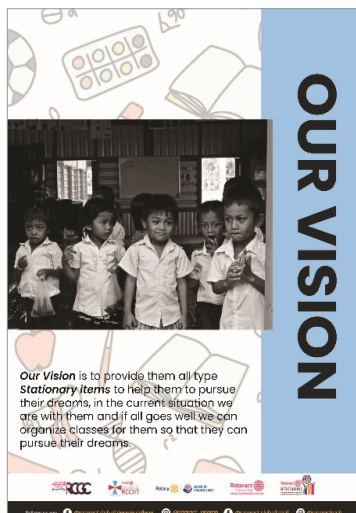
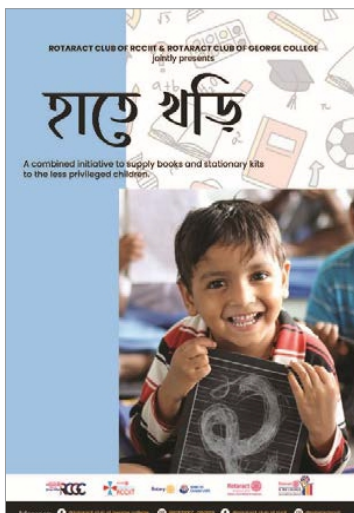
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## ROTARACT CLUB OF GEORGE COLLEGE EVENT UPDATE

### ROTARACT CLUB OF RCCIT & RCGC PLANNED...



### Events Undertaken:

- Nutrition -1**  
25th July, 2021  
Providing healthy and nutritive food to the street kids every month.
- Pashe Achi, Sathe Achi (Offline)2**  
31st July, 2021  
Support the people distressed due to Covid 19.
- NAARI~The Durga (Online)**  
10th Aug, 2021  
Mandala Art Competition online to increase everyone's creativity skills.

- The Vlog**  
15th Aug, 2021  
Quiz on Independence Day with general public.
- Knot of Love**  
21 August 2021  
Spending time with time with orphanage children.

## THE INTERACT CLUB OF SILVER POINT SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Interact Club of Silver Point School received 2 awards at the District Annual Interact Meet, 2020-21 1st prize for Community Service, medical

2nd Prize, for the Club Service

Niharika Paswan has been appointed as the DIPRO, in the District Interact Committee Board for 2021-22



## THE ROTARACT CLUB OF CALCUTTA - ACTIVITIES AND PLANS

### GRACIAS

To celebrate their journey and to express our gratitude towards the Doctors, Rotaract Club of Calcutta organised "Gracias: Gratification through felicitation", on 1st of July 2021, by gifting handmade cards and letterheads to the doctors around Kolkata. They were given the token of gratitude for their ineffable contribution to the health care industry



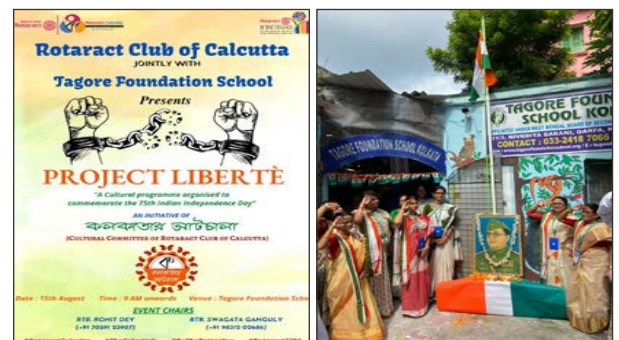
### ENLIGHTEN

The session was aimed at providing better knowledge to the interactors as well as other participants, regarding some unconventional career paths which are most likely to have an increased demand in the years to come at 25/7/2021. Three distinguished guest speakers were invited to give a deep insight of their respective fields. The session was followed by introducing the young interactors with the phenomenal journey undertaken by Rotaract Club of Calcutta in the past 52 years.



### PROJECT LIBERTE

The Cultural Committee of the Rotaract Club of Calcutta, RID 3291 organised an event to pay tribute to our Motherland on the 75th Independence Day of our country. The specially-abled children of the Tagore Foundation School had put up a cultural programme in order to pay their tribute. The Rotaract Club of Calcutta, distributed food packets and had spent the patriotic afternoon amidst the future of our country.



## Club's BRAINCHILD – the yearlong projects of the Rotaract Club of Calcutta

- ▲ STREE (An initiative to spread awareness about menstrual hygiene by donating sanitary napkins to the underprivileged women),
- ▲ Sampradan (A donation drive for providing basic amenities to the underprivileged),
- ▲ Burgeon (A tree plantation drive to spread the roots across the globe)
- ▲ Aharya (A home-cooked food donation drive).



## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEXT WEEKLY MEETING (Virtual)**  
WEDNESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER AT 1 P.M

Next regular weekly meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 1st September at 1p.m. on Zoom**

**Speaker:** Mr. Sushobhan Ghosh, Chairman & CEO of the SGI group limited UK. And Dr. Prof. Bimal Bhaduri, Paediatric Gastroenterologist and General Paediatrician

**Topic :** Developing the ATLA Village in Tarapith

### ATTENDANCE REPORT (21.08.2021)

Total Members	235
Members Present	44
Exempted Members	70
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	23

### Birthdays

Sudarshan Jalan	28 August
Shyamal Mitra	31 August
Pradyot Banerjee	31 August

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

### FORTHCOMING EVENT



**Rotary Day of Service for**  
**MEGA BLOOD DONATION**  
**जीवन दान**  
A JOINT INITIATIVE OF  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291 &  
ROTARACT DISTRICT ORGANIZATION 3291  
**4TH SEPTEMBER, 2021**

**CARE A LITTLE DONATE BLOOD**



We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Manila, Philippines, R. I. 3810

## MEMBERS' BOX

### NUMBER PUZZLE

Contributed by Rtn Shamlu Dudeja

#### Puzzle # 1

Express 101 by repetition of the same figure 6-times

#### Puzzle # 2

Take something away from 19 to make 20

#### Puzzle # 3

My first is in 6 but not in 9  
My second is in 10 but not in 2  
My third is in 5 but not in 358  
My fourth is in 3 but not in 30  
My fifth is in 1 but not in 4.

Involve your children and grandchildren too (rather especially). Please mail your answers to [thechaka001@gmail.com](mailto:thechaka001@gmail.com)

## FAMILY CORNER



Aditya Vardhan Roy Chowdhury, the elder son of Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury, left for USA recently to join Cowley College, Wichita, Kansas with 80 percentage scholarship for his tennis. His major is Business Management and Sports

Physiology, as No 2 player in the National Champion tennis team. His mother, R-Ann Saswati, sacrificed her life for the achievements. If anybody wishes to achieve from his heart he can reach. Aditya became runners up in nationals under 14, doubles champion under 18, and then went on to play ITF juniors international tournaments and ended juniors ranking at 82 in the world. We wish him all well and further glories in future.

## MINUTES OF THE 4825<sup>th</sup> REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2021 AT 5 PM ON ZOOM

1. President Sujata Pyne called the 4825<sup>th</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. President welcomed the attending guests and Rotarians.
3. President Sujata Pyne led the National Anthem.
4. Minutes of the 4824<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 on zoom were confirmed.
5. The President announced the sad demise of the mother of Rtn. R K. Bachhawat who passed away on Saturday, 14.08.2021 and conveyed heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family.
6. President reported:
  - a. 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – International Global Rotaract Meet was held on zoom
  - b. 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021 – Independence day programme was celebrated by Flag hoisting at Rotary Sadan at 10 am. in the presence of District Governor Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee followed by his inauguration of “Akruti”- prosthetic limb project in the presence of celebrities like Ms Soumi, Ms Jaya Sil, Mr Vikram Chatterjee, Ms Sanchita, Ms Yogita Kichlu of Pt Ravi Kichlu foundation and Ms Malini Bhagat, President of the Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta. This was followed by art exhibition
  - c. “Monsoon Food Festival” at Leelabati Resort followed by an entertainment programme.
  - d. 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 – Handing over of Charter to Joygram Social Welfare Society at Hasnabad and lunch to 120 special children at the new RCC Joygram Social Welfare Society.
  - e. Change of club officers in view of the inability expressed by the following Committee Chairpersons to continue due to their personal difficulties:
    - i. PP Abhijit Kolay will serve as Chairperson of the Rotary Welfare Trust in place of IPP Debasish Mitra.
    - ii. Rtn Dr Debashis Mitra will serve as Chairperson, Health Care & Geriatric Service Committee in place of Rtn. Sarbani Ghosh
    - iii. Rtn Partha Pratim Mukherjee will serve as Chairperson Environment Committee in place of Rtn Asoke Basu (AB4)
7. At the request of the President, Satarupa Mukherjee (Ghosh) was introduced by Rtn Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee and inducted by the Past President Purnendu Roychowdhury.
8. The President welcomed the new member and requested for her active participation and involvement in the club projects.
9. The Hony. Secretary conducted the Club business:
  - a. The names of members celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the week ending 27<sup>th</sup> August were announced and conveyed best wishes to them.
  - b. She announced the next weekly meeting would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> August at 5 pm on zoom. Mr. Susobhan Sinha, Regional Director, Reserve Bank of India would be the guest speaker.
  - c. She announced that the Second Meeting of the Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 will be held on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30 p.m. on Zoom and requested all Board Members to make a note of it and attend.
10. Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu briefly introduced the Chief Guest Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, Director, Zoological Survey of India.
11. The Chief Guest addressed the audience and answered their questions.
12. Rtn. Shamlu Dudeja proposed a formal vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
13. The President sent greetings and remembered with good Wishes Rotary Club of Urbana, India, RID 3291.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 6.05 pm.

**Rtn. Sujata Pyne**  
*President*

**Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi**  
*Hony. Secretary*

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