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RWM with an Event "Beauty & Fashion"

"Don't be into trends. Don't make fashion own you, but you decide what you are, what you want to express by the way you dress and the way to live." —Gianni Versace

Rotary Club of Ballygunge organized "BEAUTY & Fashion" on September 22nd, 2022 at Urban Fiesta. The event was illuminated by the presence of Pushpak Sen, a prominent Fashion Icon.

Pushpak Sen a fashion icon and fashion tastemaker, who's more popularly known as The Bong Munda, made headlines when he walked the streets of Milan in a handloom sari.

The evening started with a Joint RGM of Rotary Club of Ballygunge, Rotary Club of Calcutta Cosmopolitan and Rotary Club of Dalhousie.

What is Fashion? A very important question, yet unanswered. Or rather, to put it correctly, a question difficult to answer.

To answer such questions, a Talk Show was organized between Rtn. Arijit Sen and Pushpak Sen. The subject was "Fashion". Rtn. Arijit Sen asked Pushpak questions of prominence like What is Fashion?, How can people carry their Fashion?, How to gain courage to be one's ownself?, How to deal with criticism? and tips for Puja Fans.

Pushpak Sen enlightened the audience on the fact that Fashion is not trend but anything and everything that a person wears and more importantly, wears confidently.



He upheld the fact that a dress is a part of a culture and heritage and is absolutely gender neutral. A man, if he wants can wear a saree and it does not shatter or tatter his masculinity. He pin pointed on the fact that how society confines a dress to a gender, whereas it should not be so. He also said that he walked down streets of Milan in a Saree to portray Indian Culture along with taking stand for so many men, who desire to dress up in a Saree or wear make up but live in fear to do so because of the suppressive society.

He also threw light on his struggles and on so many mean things he had to hear and bully he had to face for his Fashion. But, he said, that critics who demean should be given a deaf ear.

He spot-lighted on the fact that how, being a Rotaractor, it helped him overcome the challenges and how, he found friends in Rotaract who encouraged him and gave him the required warmth the society said mean things to him.

Finally, he encouraged the audience to break all shackles of the society and dress freely this pujas.

Though a lot of change is indue process, the Revolution in Fashion has already begun. People like Pushpak Sen is stirring a revolution — and dressing up for it.

Reported by : Rtr. Shrobana Sengupta

The New Facts About Poliomyelitis And Our Efforts.

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- Global Polio Eradication Initiative - partners are;

WHO

UNICEF

CDCP (Center for Disease Prevention and Treatment in the U.S.A.

ROTARY FOUNDATION

GATES FOUNDATION (joined in 2007)

GAVI (Global Alliance for Vaccinations and Immunisations)

ALL THE CONTRIBUTING GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD.

❖ Polio was eradicated in the USA in 1989 and Americas in 1994. Europe in 2002 and India declared Polio free in 2014.

❖ We started in India the NIDs in 1997.

❖ We have spent \$ 17 billion for Polio eradication.

❖ Rotary has contributed \$ 2 billion.

❖ 20 million voluntary workers

❖ 2.5 billion children vaccinated.

❖ Last case of Polio in Nigeria was in 2016.

❖ African continent and Nigeria declared Polio free in 2020.

❖ Last year in 2021, we had just 6 cases of Poliomyelitis.

❖ This year there has been a small spurt and we have had 29 cases thus far.

❖ We also have had an isolated case in an adult in the U.S.A. which is in a small community which says "No vaccine." There is nothing to be alarmed about.

❖ The detection of the virus in the drainage in London has also been effectively tackled.


❖ This year we have had 20 cases in Pakistan, 7 cases in Mozambique and 2 Afghanistan.

❖ The increase in Pakistan is particularly in one province and has again been cordoned off with good support of the government.


❖ The 7 cases in Mozambique are Vaccine Derived Polio Virus cases and will be tackled with the new vaccine nOPV2.

❖ - There is a reduction of cases in Afghanistan (which is one of the 2 endemic countries) is a huge plus point and we can still be highly optimistic about eradicating Poliomyelitis in a year or two.

Contributed by : PP Amitava Chakravorty



MAKE HISTORY TODAY



Rally to End Polio

Sunday 23rd October 2022, 9.00 AM

Rotary International District 3291
Polio Rally Commemorating
World Polio Day
Host Club Rotary Ballygunge

Rally with Tableau decorated with signages and having Digital Display showing Polio videos, and followed by Cars' convoy to visit different parts of Kolkata, covering North Kolkata, Central Kolkata, Near East, Near South, and South Kolkata, for creating awareness about Polio Eradication. This shall be a motor vehicle rally and no walks shall be held. Rally starts at 9.00 AM. All participants to report at 8.30 AM to complete logistics purposes before start of Rally.

Start Point : Lane opposite CAB, Eden Gardens // End Point : Rotary Sadan. Rally shall end at Rotary Sadan with a small meeting, refreshments and distribution of Certificates of Participation to host clubs. All Rotarians are requested to join irrespective of Hosts, Co Hosts and Associate Hosts.

All Clubs in RI District 3291 are requested to join this flagship project of Rotary worldwide. Request clubs to co-host this very important rally

Co-Host : Rs 1500/- ; Associate Host : Rs 1000/-

Please Send your Contribution to : Rotary Club of Ballygunge
Bank : ICICI Bank Burra Bazaar Branch; A/C # 627905016774; IFS Code # ICIC0006279

The Award Winners For The Category Of Best Dressed ; Female & Male



RC Ballygunge Project on Maha Panchami, 1429 Bongabdo : Distribution of New Clothes to Needy Children : A Report

The Sun was mellow that lazy Friday afternoon of 30 th September 2022. The weather forecasts had predicted possible rainy or at least inclement weather during the festivities ! People were hurriedly finishing their Puja shopping in malls and markets all over. While the lucky children in such places were happily chattering, comparing their new gifts among themselves, a motley crowd of “not so fortunate” kids had converged in a small room in the Emami Bustee area, near the Calcutta International School --beside the Eastern Metropolitan ByePass—eagerly and expectantly awaiting their Didis—Smita, Shreya and Dadas—Palash, Sayak, Mriganko—all active members of KRITA, to start the programme, where they were told, some Sirs and Ma'ams from Rotary Club will give them Puja gifts ! Under the watchful eyes of their Dadas & Didis of Krita, who come over regularly to teach them in this room, the 60 odd kids were trying their best to keep quiet and still, in their queues, when we entered with our packets of new clothes for them, duly sorted out age wise and sizewise, by Shreya —daughter of our PP Nasir Ahmed and her Krita colleagues !! There was an immediate and spontaneous chorus greeting us “Good morning Sirs, Pujor Pronam neben !!, as we settled around the Plastic table on which the assorted gift packets were placed.

The event started with the kids joining us and leading to sing the National Anthem with quite some gusto !! The innocent twinkles in their eyes and their smiles as they came up, one by one, only when called, and received their gift packets were the real treats for us !! About 65 kids received their gifts, each uttering “Thank you Sir (or Madam), Pujor Pronam neben “, as they bent down to actually try touching our feet—very embarrassing this, but this



was genuine expressions of acknowledgement, to my mind—sincere and honest—very moving indeed.

I did not know, that more was in store for us !!

After they had all received their gifts, they went back to their places in queue. Then came another “Thank You and Pujor Shubhechcha o Pronam “ in chorus !!

Next came the information that some of the kids (possibly selected by Krita members), would like to hand over return gifts to was !!!

So they came, the selected six and one by one, handed over to each of us a beautiful little card, with a small floral design and Puja greetings !! For me this was truly, the icing on the cake !! In terms of pure happiness, this was more than a hefty Pujo Bonus packet !!! The kids were then allowed to go home/ escorted to their mothers, who had come to fetch them. The rest of us had a round of tea in bhars, before we left the project venue, while the mellow afternoon sun had hidden behind the western clouds along the EMBP !! RCB members attending this really worthwhile project were : PE Rinku, PP Nasir (with daughter Shreya, representing Krita), Editor Anirban with Anne Debasmita, Rtn Dibyendu and your reporter. My apologies in advance, if I have missed out any other RCBian who might also have attended !!

This report would not be complete without the beautiful Bangla narration of the project by PP Nasir. Taking his permission for granted, I have taken the liberty quoting parts of it for your reading pleasure, and would urge upon Editor Anirban to also print it fully in Flame suitably !!

--PP Dr Prodeep Coomar

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Cheque handover to the Secretary of Tanupukur Sporting Club, Dhakuria by the members of Rotary Club of Ballygunge. PP Sushanta da, Rtn.Samprit, Rtn Dibyendu, IPP Anjali di, Rtn. Aroti di, Secretary Rinku, dear Asok da & Abhijit da spouse of Rinku are present during program.



Reported by : PP Nasir Uddin Ahmed

The MOU was Signed with Ramkrishna Mission Narendrapur

The MoU of Rotary Ballygunge with Ramkrishna Mission Narendrapur was signed on 27 September at RKM Narendrapur College Principal's office. PP Indrani Gupta, Rtn Dr Amlan Bhattacharya, Rtn Dr Sandip Banerjee, Rtn Sanjoy Dey and PP Amitava Chakraborty were present at the function. We missed our other members who could not make it today.



Reported by : President Sanjoy Dey

Distribution of Clothes to All Staff of International Club

On 29th September On Chaturthi Tihti We Are Doing An Auspicious Work By The Blessing Of Ma Durga. We Are Doing This 1st Time In Rcb By Distributing Suiting & Shirting Pieces Among The All Staffs Of International Club Where We Do Our Rwm At Last 17 Years. This Is An Unique & Nicely Managed By The Management Of Ic And This Evening Where We Have Seen The Smiling & Happy Faces Of All The Staff Together.

Its Our Team Satisfaction And Thanks To All Members For Your Support To Achieve This Project.



Reported By : President Rtn. Sanjoy Dey

Our IPP At The Event Puja Parikrama For Senior Citizens



Distribution 48no. of Clothes at Seba Oldage Home

On 1st October we have distribute 48nos of clothes at Seba Oldage home, this was sponsored by me, Rtn. Rinku Das Chowdhury. Rtn Dr Sandip Banerji was also there with us.



Minutes For 2440th Rm Held At Urban Fiesta, Kolkata, On The 22nd Sep 22

Members Present : 17 Guest : 14

- ❖ The President call meeting 2440th RM to order.
- ❖ President requested all to rise for the national anthem, which was sang by all.
- ❖ President welcomed the president, Secretary and the members of our invited club for joint meeting with Calcutta Cosmopolitan & Calcutta Dalhousie.
- ❖ President request to other clubs to start their meeting one by one and the joint meeting start by the other club.
- ❖ President take handover from other club for our club meeting and President announce some projects will be take place within this month like 3 to 4 Rotavision camp , adult literacy programme with Tanupukur Sporting Club as co-host club, distribution of garments before puja festival, participation in puja parikrama as co-host for senior citizen, participation of district Sharad Srikiti and best Dhaki Awards 2022 by the Rotaract club of Jadavpur.
- ❖ President inform that one of our earlier member Sandip Banerjee is re-induct today as our new member and he is inducted by DG Ajoy Law.
- ❖ President request to all for one minute silence for the sad demise PP Rtn, Alka Jaiswal of Rotary Club Of Calcutta Victoria.
- ❖ President welcomed two guest namely Pushpak Sen & Kakoli Mukherjee to organize today's event " Fashion & Beauty" and also announce that there is a prize of best dress awards and the awards was sponsored by " sdworld.in" .
- ❖ President request Rtn Ashif Shah to given thanks to all our guest clubs and others guest.
- ❖ President request present members for their suggestion, thoughts & others, if any.
- ❖ President handed over to the secretary for happy announcements & club business.
- ❖ Last all minutes was confirmed by the members.
- ❖ Handed over to President and he terminates the meeting.