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1632nd REGULAR MEETING

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*We  
welcome*



CHIEF GUEST  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
**RTN AJAY KUMAR LAW**  
OF RID-3291

AND  
DISTRICT OFFICIALS  
AND  
PRESIDENT SHRI VIJAY CHORARIA  
AND  
MEMBERS OF MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN



**AUGUST IS**



**MEMBERSHIP  
& NEW CLUB  
DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

**EACH ONE - REACH ONE**

Rotary PEOPLE of ACTION

**AUGUST IS THE MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSION MONTH**

## STATUS OF GG# 19-80213 OF REHABILITATION OF CEREBRAL PALSY CHILDREN

Due to pandemic conditions, the progress of Global Grant project no: 19-80213 was very slow during the last two years, things are now moving for Rehabilitation of Cerebral Palsy Children program where MSS is implementing agency.

Some equipment's under the above Global Grant project were seen in use by the beneficiaries. MSS authorities promised to take forward the project very soon. The actual delay because of pandemic conditions during last year, there New building at Joka was delayed. Now the work has started and MSS felt that it should be completed by March, 2023. Once the building is ready, then we expect with the supply of various equipment and others, the Global Grant project will be completed next year.

Further, we working on another Global Grants for Artificial Limbs and Callipers for physically challenged very soon.





## RARE ACHIEVEMENT BY PP RTN GAUARNG JALAN WHOSE BENGLI FILM AVIJATRIK BAGGED NATIONAL AWARDS

Avijatrik (The Wanderlust of Apu) continues to receive accolades and huge appreciation locally & globally. Since 2020-21, despite the pandemic, the film has travelled far & wide globally and won 44 nominations in reputed Film Festivals and 28 awards and recognitions so far. It received two Awards at the 68th National Film Awards, as announced on 22nd July,

2022 by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India. It is the winner, 2020 for:

1. Best Bengali Film - Produced by Gaurang Films Co- Presented by Bhandarkar Entertainment & NCKS Explorations.
2. Best Cinematography- Supratim Bhol



Heartiest Congratulations  
to our Hony Member  
Shri Harshavardhan Neotia  
for conferred with  
Banga Bibhushan  
by the  
Government of West Bengal



## LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE BY BHAWNA LUTHRA

'Every individual is a leader by itself' started Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka, who introduced Ms Bhawna Luthra, Executive Director of LEAD (Leadership Environment and Development) to the forum, ensuring she was there by taking care of her accommodation and flight...this itself was leadership in action and that's where Bhawna took up from and said that individually we all know what we don't want but collectively we create it. For eg, we don't want global warming or deforestation but it's our individual acts that are collectively causing it. So we need to become the change we wish to see. She spoke on "Leadership in Changing World" on 30.7.2022.

She quoted Mr Shyamal's colonial divide, where as per the latest stats 79 people in the world own 2/3rd of the world's wealth and there is further division between self and others. Self-divide leads to depression and suicides. The overall suicide percentage is much higher than the deaths in accidents or war and still there is no major drives on mental health. Hence in present context, bridging the divide is the work of leadership. Leadership is all about hope and solution.

Pandemic was the biggest test in proving it to us that leadership is dealing with not knowing what to do or knowing the solutions. Leadership is about being real and not the notion of larger than life and heroism as shown in movies. Collaboration, treating the youth at par, moving from ego systems to balancing eco systems is the path to new leadership.

Currently there are no role models in any spheres and that's what leads to people being disoriented as to whom to follow and hence today its even more important to find the inner voice and be your own leader.

Just like Nelson Mandela, who came out of the prison and had a momentary frown and later became the peaceful person he is known to be. When interviewed and asked for same, He answered, it was a moment of decision and he listened to his inner voice and chose forgiveness over revenge and that's why he is what he is today.

So leadership is not just in words, it's in making decisions and taking action.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta





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### Forthcoming Events

#### CLUB

- 23.08.2022** Eye Checkup for PLC students at PLC at 10.00 PM. Eye Checkup will be done by Mahavir Seva Sadan.
- 27.08.2022** Regular Meeting at 2.00 PM at CSC. Guest speaker will be PDG Rtn Ajay Agarwal, who will speak on "CARE TO GROW & RETENTION"
- 27.08.2022** 2nd Board Meeting for the RY-2022-2023 immediately after the RM
- 03.09.2022** Regular Meeting at 2.00 PM at CSC. The Guest speaker will Ms Nilanjana Maulik, who will speak on Dementia and Alzheimer
- 24.09.2022** Regular Meeting at 2.00 PM at CSC. Guest speaker will be Ms Pragati Sureka
- 24.09.2022** 3rd Board Meeting for RY-2022-2023 immediately after the RM
- 24.09.2022** 1st Trust Meeting for the RY-2022-2023 immediately after the 3rd BM

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- 18 Aug - PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta
- 21 Aug - Rtn Dr Mary D'Cruz
- 24 Aug - Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
- 25 Aug - Rtn Vivek Bajaj
- 27 Aug - PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee





## CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP DAY ON 30.7.2022

In true spirit of International Friendship Day, our Co-host Club to our Regular Meeting on 30.7.2022, Rotary Club of Calcutta Charnock City celebrated the Friendship day led by their President Rtn Sudipta Sengupta

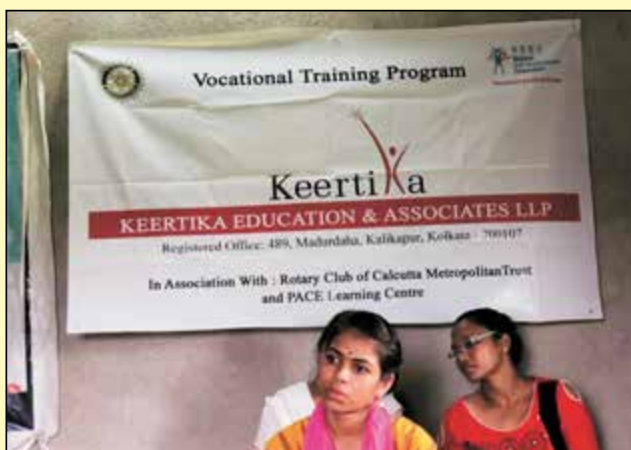
Chaudhuri, Secretary Rtn Bharati Chatterjee and evergreen AG Rtn Rina Sinha Roy by friendship band to Metropolitans. RCCM were overwhelmed by their gesture. We are indeed grateful to them



## COUNSELLING FOR GENERAL DUTY ASSISTANT (GDA)

After completion of 1st Phase of Counselling for GDA candidates, Kreetika Academy done the 2nd Phase of Counselling on 1.8.2022 at Swami Vivekananda Manas Mission, Jagdishpur, Sonarpur, Dist-24 Parganas South-

700 150. The final 3rd Phase of Counselling will be held next week and they are expected to select 30 candidates for training.



**MINUTES OF 1631ST REGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD ON SATURDAY, 30TH JULY, 2022 AT 2.30 PM AT CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001**

1. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1631st Regular Meeting to order.
2. President requested PP Rtn Roshni Beriwal to escort Guest speaker Ms Bhawana Luthra of LEAD to the Head table.
3. National Anthem by PP Rtn Roshni Beriwal and Rtn Runjhun Gupta.
4. President welcomed AG-Rtn Sobhan Kumar Das and ZS- Rtn Samar Kanti Dutta Majumdar of Zone-14. They were felicitated with flower Pot. President also welcomed AG-Rtn Rina Sinha Roy, AG-Rtn Moushumi Mukherjee and AG- PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta of Zone-28. They were felicitated with flower Pots.
5. President welcomed the Presidents and members of the following Co-host Clubs except President of RC Central Gardens Calcutta and felicitated with Flower Pots:

Name of President	Name of Club
1 Rtn Bibek Kumar Kundu	RC of Aabahamaan
2 Rtn Sudipta Sengupta Chaudhuri	RC of Calcutta Charnock City
3 Rtn Sankharil Mahanti	RC of Central Gardens Calcutta
5 Rtn Ruby Mitra	RC of Kolkata Temple City
6 Rtn Purnasish Roy	RC of Calcutta Magnum
7 Rtn Neha Sethia	RC of Calcutta Mayfair
8 Rtn Pradeep Jewrika	RC of Calcutta Yuvis
9 Rtn Medha Chakraborty	Rotaract Club of Calcutta Metropolitan
10 Teachers of	PACE Learning Centre

6. Minutes of 1630th Regular Meeting were read and confirmed.

President made the following announcements:

- On 15.8.2022, there will be Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 11.00 AM. DG Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law has agreed to be the Chief Guest of the function to unfurl the National Flag at MSS venue on Independence Day.
- On 27.8.2022, there will be Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM. Guest speaker is PDG Rtn Ajay Agarwal, who will speak on Membership.
- On 3.9.2022, there will be Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM and the Guest speaker will be Ms Nilanjana Maulik, who will speak on Dementia and Alzheimer

President also announced the following awards and recognitions for the RY-2022-2023:

- a. Rotarian for the Month
- b. 100% Attendance- every Bi-monthly
- c. Rotarian for the RY-2022-2023
- d. Lifetime Achievement of the year
- e. Highest donor to TRF
- f. Best project both local/GG
- g. To celebrate Birthday/Marriage Anniversary of all members during the month in every last meeting of the month by cutting the cake

NOTE: In case of 100% Bi-monthly Attendance, members please note that in case you are unable to attend some Regular Weekly, the same can be made good if you attend any project or program during the said months.

7. President was pleased to announce that Rtn Runjhun Gupta is Rotarian for the Month-July-2022 who took great initiative and effort in a very highly volatile situation in a foreign land i.e. Ukraine to rescue the students and

provide all facilities. On request, she shared her experience for Ukraine students. She was felicitated with token of love by the Guest speaker Ms Bhawana Luthra.

8. We congratulated with round of applause to PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan for bagging National Awards for the Best Bengali Film for Avijatrik and also for Best Cinematography.
9. President also congratulated Hony Member Rtn Harshavardhan Neotia for conferred with Banga Bibhushan by the Government of West Bengal.
10. President requested PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia to give report on the visit to PLC by our sister Club-RC of Singapore of RID-3310 on 20.7.2022.
11. PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel introduced some new prospective new members who have joined the meeting and they are Sunil Kumar and Gaurav Mathur.
12. President requested Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka to introduce the Guest speaker Ms Bhawana Luthra.
13. Before the Guest speaker took the floor, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji announced that Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka arranged the Guest speaker Ms Bhawana Luthra from New Delhi and also sponsored her trip and stay. We are thankful to Rtn Mohanka.
14. Guest speaker Ms Bhawana Luthra took the floor and spell bound the audience on her talk on Leadership. Her interaction was direct with the audience. Ms Bhawana Luthra laid stress on two specific points and she emphasised by giving examples of each.

She reminded the audience that every terrorist, before being radicalised, wants to live a happy and quiet family life but not being able to get even basic daily necessities opens him to the spectre of radicalisation. To fight and change this big gap between Haves and Have-nots more and more youths will have to come forward, take the role of individual leaders and change the current rules of the game of ownership.

She then went on to bring home the fact that two thirds of the world's materialistic wealth is owned by mere 69 persons. She mentioned that these Financial Leaders and others of their clan will have to change the definition of wealth and instead of green backs they will have to consider and shift their attention towards saving and increasing the natural assets of our planet- which are our real wealth- so that environmental destruction immediately stops and reversal starts.

Q & A session was very interesting. Our Guest speaker was felicitated by PP Rtn Roshni Beriwal.

15. PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel gave vote of thanks with further insight with deliberations what she has spoken, which was well appreciated by the Guest speaker.
16. PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia thanked all Co-host Clubs, Rotaract Club and Institution on behalf of the Club and members that they have agreed to be Co-host in a very short notice.
17. President requested Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain to make Club announcements. She thanked President and informed about the forthcoming events, Birthday and Marriage Anniversary Greetings as printed in Metro Voice. The Sunshine box collection was Rs.500/-, which is over and above as usual. The total attendance for the day is 60, which includes our 18 members.
18. Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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