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## TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



### Dr. Rajesh Kumar, IPS

Dr. Rajesh Kumar is an Indian Police Service Officer of the 1990 batch of West Bengal Cadre. He is presently posted as the Member Secretary of the West Bengal Pollution Control Board.

Dr. Kumar did his B.Com from Commerce College, Jaipur, Rajasthan. He did his Post Graduation degree in Accountancy and Finance from the University of Rajasthan and is a qualified CA and CMA from Chartered Institute and Cost

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Accountant Institute, respectively. He did his Ph.D. in Finance from University of Rajasthan. Dr. Kumar also holds a degree of MBA in Finance as well as Human Resources.

As an IPS Officer he served in several positions. He was Superintendent of Police of Murshidabad and Howrah District in West Bengal. He has served as DIG of Police and IGP in the Intelligence Branch of West Bengal. He has to his credit a unique Community Police Model in West Bengal which is described in a brief documentary "Anya Police - A different Police" on YouTube. He was heading the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of West Bengal in 2016 and 2017. He streamlined the functioning of the organization by developing several software and mobile applications. He has served as the 41st Commissioner of Police of Kolkata and conducted the 2019 Parliament Election very smoothly. He has also served as DGP Traffic and Road Safety of West Bengal Police.

He served as the Financial Adviser and Director Finance of Damodar Valley Corporation. He has also served as Private Secretary to Urban Development Minister, OSD to Rail Minister and OSD to Minister of Culture at Govt of India from 2009 to 2014.

Dr. Rajesh Kumar has been awarded the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Services and Medal for Outstanding Services by the Chief Minister of West Bengal. His efforts in improving the Environment got the award for Most Improved State in a Survey by India Today Group in December 2019.

The motto of Dr. Rajesh Kumar is "अब कुछ बनने का नहीं, कुछ करनेका सपना है".

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## WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY CELEBRATED WITH A SKILL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR AT RS

**Location : RotarySadan**

**Date: 15-07-22**

**Time: 4.00 PM**

World Youth Skills Day is celebrated every year on July 15 after the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) declaration in 2014. The day is celebrated to mark the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship.

Rotary Club of Calcutta organized a seminar to mark the occasion. This seminar was organized in association with the ICICI Foundation (CSR initiative of ICICI Bank) which had speakers come and talk to our young audience regarding their vocational skill development programs with a focus on providing expertise and industry training in various technical and non-technical courses leading to sustainable employment opportunities. Therefore, addressing the Club's priority to EMPOWER youth by developing training / SKILL-BUILDING programs leading to INCOME GENERATING opportunities.

The ICICI Academy of Skills, at their Kolkata center, is offering courses in Selling Skills, Business Administration, and Financial Service Associates. These courses are for 3 months and include classroom training. Uniforms are provided to the candidates and the courses are free of charge. The target audience is youth within the 18 to 30 age group with a qualification of 8th pass to standard graduation.

The committee through The Chaka requests its readership, to spread the word in their circles through other associations so that the maximum benefit of such programs being undertaken by the Club can be extended to a larger forum to contribute to the cause of empowering the youth through skill development and employment generation. Hence, contributing to the local economy at large. The committee pledges to reach out to at least 5000 young people through such seminars/awareness programs that would be conducted at various locations throughout the year.

The Women's Empowerment Committee and the Youth Services Committee of our Club came forward to support the event as both these committees connect directly with the youth through the RC Calcutta-sponsored Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) and Interactor and Rotaractor Clubs. Gratitude is being extended to the Chairs of both these committees for supporting the cause and making the event a grand success. Heartfelt thanks are being extended to the coordinators of the Youth Services Committee (RI Dist. 3291) for endorsing this event. The committee thanks the Club President, Hony. Secretary and the Treasurer for their presence and support. Special mention of Rtn. Tushar Basu, a veteran HR consultant who was present on that day and shared his valuable insights with the young people.

Finally, a big thank you to the members of the Vocational Services Committee for wholeheartedly supporting the program.



[Reported by Rtn. Subhajit Guha Mazumdar, Vocational Services' Chairperson]



## SIKSHA LABH 1 - LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION

**Location:** Kamalapur Kamala Balika Vidyamandir, Dum Dum

**Date:** 18-07-22

**Time** 11.00 AM



The project **SIKSHA Labh**, Literacy & Education was launched with a gala opening at Kamalapur Kamala Balika Vidyamandir, Dum Dum on **18.07.2022** by our President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal. In this project a Computer Lab has been created with an installation of **5 nos of new Computer Sets** along with 5 nos of UPS. Each computer set costs Rs 14,000/- approx. for the entire Siksha Labh project, but excludes Lab furniture, electrical wiring & connection, and internet connection charges. The computer lab will benefit around **350 girl** students with basic computer education every month.

Club members Rtns. Abhijit Kolay, Kirit Patel, Haladhar Dey, Sonal Worah, Atindra Nath Sen, Yogesh Dassani, Ravindra Khandelwal and Arindam Roy Chowdhury were present in the 1st Launch of Siksha Labh project.

Our club targets to educate 4000+ students in basic computer education every month by the end of December, 2022.

*[Reported by :Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Communitiy Service Chair]*

## SIKSHA LABH 2 - LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION

**Location:** Chapna High Madrasah School (HS)

**Date:** 22-07-22

**Time** 11.00 AM



The 2ND phase of the project **SIKSHA Labh**, Literacy & Education was opened at Chapna High Madrasah School (HS), Patharghata, New Town on **22.07.2022** by our PPRtn. Abhijit Kolay in the presence of our club members Rtns. Atindra Nath Sen, Ravindra Khandelwal, Dr. Debasish Mitra, Suman Chakraborty and Arindam Roy Chowdhury who were also present in the ceremony. This school was established some 50 years ago, and is co-educational school with students coming from the nearby areas of New Town. In this project a Computer Lab has been created with an installation of **10 nos. of new Computer Sets** along with 10 nos of UPS. The computer lab will benefit around **1300 students** with basic computer education every month.



The RC Calcutta team witnessed poetry, songs, ghazals and a quiz competition on computers where students could answer questions, answers of which some of us members also did not know. As this school is a Govt aided WB Board Higher Secondary School with students from class V to class 12, and is a co-educational school, the computer lab will help the students to learn and educate themselves with the curriculum of Govt. of West Bengal Secondary board education. Students ended the ceremony with "Aamrakorbo joy" (We shall overcome). Hope they carry this in their hearts lifelong.

With the opening of the 2nd project under SIKSHA LABH, the total no of beneficiaries stands to 1650 students total with two school.

*[Reported by : Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Communitiy Service Chair]*



## MEGA HEALTH CAMP AND BLOOD DONATION

Location : RCC The Refuge

Date: 20th July, 2022

Time : 10.00 AM



Alike every year our RCC The Refuge in combination with Rotary Club of Calcutta had organised :

- a] A voluntary blood donation camp;
- b] Free Health check-up camp;
- c] Ophthalmologist evaluation;
- d] Free distribution of spectacles to the needy;
- e] Free of cost Surgery



on 20 July, 2022 to commemorate the 5th death anniversary of Late Bhupendra Kumar De, the eminent lawyer and sports administrator. This program was the outcome of a joint initiative of the Health Committee and Special Projects committee. In this connection a mention has to be made regarding the major efforts made by Rtn Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha and Partha Mukherjee. Other Rotarians present were President Raj Agarwal, PP Abhijit Kolay, Kirit Patel, Kanak Dutta, S. Agarwal, Debasish Mitra, Atindra Sen.

The occasion was marked, very symbolically, showing concern for the environment, by distribution of saplings of the Holy Basil plants to all the guests and invitees. The activities began at 10 am and concluded at 4 pm. A total of 520 persons underwent Health check-ups and 120 persons donated blood. A couple of Blood collection Mobile Vehicles were parked at the entrance to facilitate our collections simultaneously.



[Reported by Rtn. Atindranath Sen, Co Chairperson Special Projects]

**ATTENDANCE REPORT (19.07.2022)**

Total Members	:	244
Members Present	:	35
Exempted Members	:	70
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	02

**ONE WORLD**

We remember with good wishes  
Rotary Club of Calcutta Centenary,  
India, R I Dist. 3291

**Wedding Anniversaries**

**Biswajit Dutta & R- Ann Susmita**

**30th July**

**Wish you many more years of marital bliss**

**Birthday**

**Dr. Gautam Khastgir**

**31st July**

**Wish you many happy returns of the day**

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 2nd August, 2022 at 1 p.m.  
Speaker : Ms Sarika Saboo, FCA, CPA (U.S.A)

**TERMINATION**

The Board at It's meeting held on 25th April, 2022 terminated the membership of **Arjun Navada** with immediate effect.

**SUBSEQUENT MEETING DATES**

- There will be No Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 9th August, 2022 on account of Public Holiday ( Muharam ).
- There will be No Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 16th August, 2022.
- Next Regular Weekly Meeting will be held on Saturday, 20th August, 2022 at 7 p.m. followed by Fellowship and Dinner.

**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 Aug. '22. 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.

**RESIGNATION**

The Board at It's meeting held on 27th June, 2022 accepted the resignation of **Shyamal Mitra** with effect from 30th June, 2022 .

**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION ON 15TH AUGUST, 2022**

Independence Day will be celebrated on Monday 15th August, 2022 at Rotary Sadan. Flag hoisting at 10 a.m. followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural program.

Dist. Governor, Rtn Ajoy Law would inaugurate the program.

You are requested to attend the program with your family.



## MINUTES OF THE 4862<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022 AT 1.00 p.m. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President, Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4862<sup>nd</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. President informed members that in absence of Hony Secretary, Anand Sharma, Hony. Joint Secretary, Sonal Worah would conduct the meeting on that day.
3. National Anthem was led by IPP Sujata Pyne.
4. Minutes of the 4861<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Club held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 were confirmed.
5. President, welcomed Mr. Ajay Agarwal, HR Interventionist and Corporate Trainer as the Chief Guests.
6. President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who were attended the meeting.
7. **President reported the following :**
  - i) 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 – Club observed “World youth Skills Day” and organised a Seminar at Rotary Sadan in association with ICICI Foundation “ on “ Skill Development “ for the young.
  - ii) 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 – Inaugurated “Computer Training Centre” at the Kamalapur Kamala Balika Bidyapith, Dum Dum, Kolkata. It was the project of Community Service & RCC Committee.
8. **President Announced :**
  - i) Health Care Committee would be organised mega Health Check-up and Blood donation Camp on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at our RCC The Refuge, Bowbazar, between 10 a.m to 1.30 p.m. and requested to kindly join the Camp. Interested members were requested to contact Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha, Chairman, Health Care Committee or Partha Mukherjee.
  - ii) Inauguration of Computer Training Centre on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2022 at 11 a.m. at Chhapna High Madrasah School, Patharghata, New Town, Kolkata. Interested members are requested to kindly join on that day. Interested members were requested to contact Arindam Roychowdhury, Chairman, Community Service & RCC Committee.
  - iii) A Team from our Club will visit on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 to our RCC Dara for distribution of Fruit plant Saplings to the Children of Computer Centre and Silai School. It would be project of Environment Committee. Interested members were requested to contact Ashok Kumar Basu ( AB4) or Nishant Shah to join.
  - iv) Next Inauguration of Computer Training Centre on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 11 a.m. at the Bustee Welfare Centre, Lovelock Street, Kolkata – 700019 and requested members to kindly join on that day. Interested members were requested to contact Arindam Roychowdhury, Chairman, Community Service & RCC Committee.
9. Hony Joint Secretary, Sonal Worah thereafter conducted the Club business thus :
  - a) Hony. Jt. Secretary welcomed and wished all Members and Guests.
  - b) Hony. Jt. Secretary then announced the names of Rotarians, celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries during the week ending 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
  - c) Hony. Jt. Secretary then informed members that the next Weekly Meeting of the Club would be held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 7 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. Dr. Rajesh Kumar, IPS, Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Board. He would address on “ Single Use Plastic Ban and Waste Management” .
  - d) She also announced that there would be no regular weekly meeting on next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 as the said meeting would be held on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 7 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to make a note of it and attend the meeting with your spouse.
  - e) She also announced that the First meeting of the Board of Directors ( 2022-23 ) of the Club would be held on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 at 6.30p.m. at the Rotary Sedan and requested all Board Members to make a note it and attend the same.
  - f) Hony. Jt. Secretary then informed members that the Board at It's meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 accepted the resignations of Rotarians Suchandra Bhutoria, Anjali Saraogi, Shradha Agarwal, Jyoti Bhatia and HIRAK KUMAR MITRA with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
10. At the request of the President, Suman Chakraborty introduced Mr. Ajay Agarwal, Speaker of the day.
11. Mr. Ajay Agarwal addressed the audience on “High Performance Leadership –The nuts and bolts”
12. Questions raised by the members which were answered by the speaker.
13. At the request of the President, Shampa Ghose offered the vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
14. Sunshine Box collection Rs. 2,000/- with special contribution from Abhijit Kolay, Amit Ghosh and Sujata Pyne.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of of Calcutta Bhowanipore, India, R. I. Dist. 3291
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2.32 p.m

**Raj Kumar Agrawal**  
President

**Sonal Worah**  
Hony. Joint Secretary

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