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## TODAY'S SPEAKER



### BARUN CHANDA

**Topic : "Satyajit Ray – The Man who knew too much"**

Barun Chanda has worn several hats in his career. He began as a lecturer in a college, then found his true vocation in advertising, winning many laurels for his creative work. In between he took time off to appear as a protagonist in Satyajit Ray's high profile film, **Seemabaddha** (English subtitle – "The Company Limited") which won him a special President's Award. Later he quit advertising to concentrate on writing. He has till date produced four novels in Bengali and two in English. Satyajit Ray: The Man Who Knew Too Much is his first non-fiction work. ShyamBenegal the noted film maker has found it to be a definitive work on Ray. His exact words being, "If you have read this, there's no need to read any other book on Ray."

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Along with writing, his film career too prospered. He was offered important roles not only in Bengali, but also in Hindi films, his role as the zaminder in Lootera, winning him critical acclaim.

Today Barun has three enduring passions in life : acting, writing and traveling, though not necessarily in that order. He lives happily with his wife, Manjusree, his son and daughter-in-law, in Kolkata.

## SIKSHA LABH 5 -- LITERACY & BASIC EDUCATION

Location : RCC The Refuge

Date : 20th Aug, 2022

Time : 11.00 AM



The 5th phase of the project **SIKSHA Labh**, Literacy & Education was opened at our RCC The Refuge at Bowbazar, Sealdah on 20.08.2022 by our President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal in the presence of our Hony Secretary Rtn. Anand Sharma and club members Rtn. Subha Pal, Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal, Rtn. Kirit

Patel, Past President Rtn. Abhijit Kolay and Community Service Chairman Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury. This organization which is our RCC member is running a school with 350 children from the nearby slum areas, specially girls.

The Computer Lab will give benefit with proper modern day computer basic education to 350 students attending classes every day.

With the opening of the 5th project under SIKSHA LABH, the total aggregate beneficiaries stands at 3000 students with 5 schools.



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

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## FILM SHOW – “TUMI O TUMI”

Location : Rotary Sadan Auditorium

Date : 20th Aug, 2022

Time : 5.30 PM



RC Calcutta organized a Bengali film show entitled “**Tumi O Tumi**”, Produced & Directed and script writer, by our very own club member, **Rtn. Arunima Dey**. The lead role was played by Late Soumitra Chatterjee and Lily Chakraborty. The film depicts the cultural & societal aspects of 'single' middle-class Sr. Citizens living in typical local city/urban surroundings, how they live & endure the lack of understanding even amongst family, primarily arising out of lack of companionship, resulting in lack of compassion and inability to exchange views & opinions. Rtn. Arunima while speaking on creation of the film during RWM, confessed she was greatly motivated to create this film, project its ethos of people who have passed their prime, and has been working on it for a decade. She thanked all who had lent support in creating this film, particularly mentioned IPP Sujata and Pres. Elect Kanak Dutt for their continuous encouragement, called on stage all the present cast & crew as well as film industry officials, and introduced them to the audience. President Raj Agrawal as a token of appreciation, presented a memento to Rtn. Arunima, and bouquet of flowers to each crew member on dais.

[Reported by : Rtn. Amit Ghosh, Editor]

## INTERACT / ROTARACT NEWSLETTER

### 1. MASTI KI PATSHALA EVENT ON 25TH JUNE '22 FROM 9.00 TO 12.00 NOON, AT MAHADEVI BIRLA WORLD ACADEMY

Masti ki Patshala, an event supported by NGO – Education on Wheels (Hope Foundation), is an initiative undertaken every year by the Interact Club (Horizon) of Mahadevi Birla World Academy. It is an inclusive event aiming to bring underprivileged children and our school students on a collaborative platform.

This year students conducted a Cyber Security Awareness Campaign for NGO children belonging to Hope Foundation. It was held on 25th June, Saturday and was conducted offline.

The event was initiated by a heartfelt welcome address given by Ms. D. Roy Ma'am. After an ice-breaking session, a presentation was shown highlighting the essence of cyber security in this digital world. The slides were explained through the medium of Hindi and Bengali so as to facilitate a smooth and effective communication. A short hindi film was shown to help in the better understanding of the precautionary measures to be taken, so as to surf the internet safely. After a successful interaction with the students, games were played to initiate further participation in the event. Lastly, the school students explored the educational setting of the 'Education on Wheels'. It was a school bus converted into a classroom, where after school remedial classes took place.

We often take our education for granted, being unaware of the lack of such opportunities in the other side of our society. Thus, we must realise that it is our duty, as the privileged ones in the society, to make way to a better life for the underprivileged ones.

Here are the experiences of the school students who conducted the event :

*"This was truly an enjoyable event. This experience was truly gratifying as, I loved interacting with the children. Despite, their lesser means, they are quite updated with the technology prevalent today. I am thankful that I got an opportunity to conduct such an event. I look forward to such events in the future."* ~ Ananya Hoda, Grade XII

*"Masti ki pathshala was a new experience for me. Interacting with the children was fun and it made me relive my childhood again. I am thankful to be provided with such an opportunity."* ~ Samridhi Singh, Grade XII

*"Masti Ki Pathshala, for me, felt like a glimpse into the other, neglected side of the society. It felt like a relief from our quintessential hedonistic lifestyle. The best part was the love and respect of the children that we could gain within a few hours. The games we played with the children felt like a walk through a tunnel of nostalgia."* ~ Ashmita Mukherjee, Grade XII

## 2. ALL TIME FOOD BY MAHADEVI BIRLA WORLD ACADEMY FROM 8TH AUGUST, '22 AT 11.00 AM – 11.45 AM

ATF (All Time Food) is a much-cherished venture of Mahadevi Birla World Academy. Dry, non-perishable food items contributed by students is distributed to street children from the community fridge stationed on campus. It is our pleasure to inform you that after a long hiatus of two and a half years we are able to revive this community outreach programme. ATF will be resumed on August 8, 2022, Monday and food will be distributed by students to street from 11 am - 11.45 am. We request you to be kindly present on this day and join us in this humble initiative. Your gracious presence will encourage and inspire our young students.



## 3. VISIT TO UDAAN KANYA GURUKUL, AN ART OF LIVING PROJECT ON 7TH AUGUST, 2022

Objectives :

- ❖ To bridge the gap between students and education by donating books
- ❖ To make it possible for the Udaan Children to pursue their desire and accomplish their goals
- ❖ To make the Interactors understand the importance of GIVING

**“Giving is not just making a donation, it is about making a difference. The greatest good is what we do for one another.”**

Project Udaan, an initiative by **Art Of Living** organization, is a path breaking effort to create Safe Haven for the children (especially girls) and helping them to get back to mainstream of society by providing loving and compassionate care with



access to health care, education, skills training and self-growth.

12 Interactors of Silver Point School with 2 teacher Coordinators visited Udaan Kanya Gurukul to meet 29 children housed there. The **Interact Club of Silver Point School** donated 250 books (Bengali, English, Mathematics, General knowledge, story books, Science etc) to the children of Udaan studying in classes Nursery to 3. The Interactors distributed 21 T shirts and 5 frocks among them.

The little girls of Udaan performed a group dance, recited poems. While interacting with them, the Interactors shared chocolates, biscuits with them. They prayed in the Jagadhatrimata mandir in the campus. They enjoyed feeding fishes in the pond. The Udaan authority served delicious breakfast, lunch to all.

A great initiative by the Interact Club of Silver Point School. Truly a learning experience for all.

## 4. DONATION OF A WHEELCHAIR TO SUBHANKAR DAS



Every life deserves a certain amount of dignity, no matter how poor or damaged the shell that carries it. In every living thing there is a desire for love. Sometimes the best things in life are the people who make you feel loved and cared for.

Subhankar Das, a 16 year old boy, is the son of Mr. Pintu Das, the caretaker of Silver Point School premises. At the age of 5, Subhankar developed some difficulties in getting up from sitting position and in climbing stairs with frequent falls. He was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy phenotype from waist down. Gradually his condition grew worse and now he is unable to walk on his own.

**Silver Point School**, on completing its 25 years of service this year, has reached out to many who needed help and support.

Though Subhankar could not attend the Silver Jubilee Concert of the school, the Interact Club members along with the students of the school, took the initiative of sharing the joy with him. **Silver Point School** donated a wheelchair to him. Sitting on the wheelchair, Subhankar came out from inside the house to the verandah with a broad smile on his face. And the smile said it all.

**ATTENDANCE REPORT (20.08.2022)**

Total Members	:	244
Members Present	:	51
Exempted Members	:	69
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	26

**Birthdays**

<i>Sushil Jhunjunwala</i>	<i>23rd August</i>
<i>Vikram Somany</i>	<i>26th August</i>
<i>A.V. Bhuwalka</i>	<i>27th August</i>
<i>Prof. Amita Dutt</i>	<i>27th August</i>
<i>Subrata Kumar Basu</i>	<i>27th August</i>
<i>Sudarshan Jalan</i>	<i>28th August</i>

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

**ONE WORLD**

We remember with good wishes  
Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West,  
India, R. I. Dist. 3250

**NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday, 30th August, 2022 at 1 p.m.**

**Speaker :** Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, Orthopedic Surgeon, Chairman, Thalassaemia Prevention

**Topic :** Thalassaemia – Prevention and Lifestyle Disorders

**BOARD MEETING**

Second meeting of the Board of Directors (2022-23) of the Club will be held on Monday, 29th August, 2022 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan. All members of the Board are requested to make a note it and attend.

**MINUTES OF THE 4865th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 20th Aug, 2022 AT 7.30 p.m. AT ROTARY SADAN**

- President Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members, Guests and visiting Rotarians, and called the 4865th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- At the request of the President, **National Anthem** was led by Rtn. Arunima Dey, Speaker of the Day.
- Minutes** of the 4864th meeting of the Club held on 2nd Aug, 2022 **was confirmed.**
- President **welcomed Rtn. Arunima Dey as the Chief Guest.** A movie show entitled "Tumi O Tumi" was projected just before the RWM, where Rtn. Arunima was writer, producer, director of the movie, wherein she also was an actor.
- President reported **Projects & Events** undertaken since last RWM on 2nd Aug, 2022 :
  - 30th July – NCLCL's Cultural section participated in Youthopia 2022, at Heritage School
  - 31st July – Distribution of Fruit Tree Saplings to Children of Computer Centre & Selai School at RCC Dara
  - 6th Aug – Distribution of 99 free spectacles at RCC Refuge, to people identified during mega Health Camp on 20th July, requiring glasses for improving vision.
  - 7th Aug – Anna Daan # 1, 2 & 3, projects of dry food distribution, supported by RILM and Indian Food Bank, at RCC Bishnupur, RCC Stars Welfare Society, and Bustee Welfare Society.
  - 11th Aug – Anna Daan # 4 project at Hope Foundation
  - 13th Aug – Anna Daan # 5, project of Milk Powder distribution at RCC Joygram.
  - 6th Aug – Siksha Labh # 4 at Children Welfare Association High School. Sarsuna, where 5 computers were donated.
  - 13th Aug – Goodwill visit to RC Jamshedpur (West) to usher in Projects & Partnership
  - 15th Aug – Independence Day Celebration – Flag hoisting at 10.00 AM, followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural Program, graced by DG Ajoy Law and DG (Nom) Krishnendu Gupta.
  - 20th Aug – Siksha Labh # 5 at RCC Refuge (project report in forthcoming Chaka issue No 7)
- At the request of President, **Hony Secretary, Anand Sharma** conducted the Club business :
  - Hony. Secretary welcomed and wished all Members and Guests.
  - Hony. Secretary announced the names of Rotarians, celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries during the week/period ending 23rd Aug, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
  - Hony. Secretary informed members that the next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 23rd Aug, 2022 at 1.00 p.m. Mr Barun Chanda will be Chief Guest, and will address on "Satyajit Ray – The Man who knew too much".
- At the request of the President, Rtn. Arunima Dey spoke of her inducements in making of the film "Tumi O Tumi", specifically of the cultural aspects of middle-class urban society, introduced few of the cast & crew of the film along with Film Industry Association officials who helped in the film's success. As a token of appreciation, Pres. Raj Agrawal presented a memento to Arunima Dey, and a bouquet of flowers to each cast & crew member present.
- The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Metro South, R. I. Dist. 3291.
- President invited all present to join the Fellowship & Dinner (co-hosted by Rtn.s Sakti Banerjee, Pradyot Banerjee, B K Dalmia, and Hiral Sen) and the Meeting was adjourned at 8.15 p.m.

**Raj Kumar Agrawal**  
President

**Anand Sharma**  
Hony. Secretary

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