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Today's Guest Speaker



Utpal Majumdar

Utpal Majumdar, a practicing advocate at the Calcutta High Court and Supreme Court, founded Utpal Majumdar Advocates LLP in 1984, which now includes four partners and six associates. He is a member of the Calcutta High Court Bar Association and the Supreme Court Bar Association. Active in sports and community service, Utpal served on the Appeal Committee of the All-India Football Federation and the Film Certification Appellate Tribunal. A Rotary International District Governor in 2009-10, he initiated various charitable projects, including funding open-heart surgeries for over 300 children and supporting educational initiatives for underprivileged students.



Vision for All - AOS Community AOF : Disease prevention and treatment : Camp 16 - 22/09/24 Sundarban Ramkrishna Ashram, Buddhapur, Kakdwip



Rotary Club of Calcutta continues its Mega Project of 50 camps for EYE Check-up in the Rotary year 2024-25. In these camps, EYE Check-ups will be done with distribution of Free powered Spectacles along with Cataract operations will be done. These camps are conducted as per SOP, and beneficiaries are identified for correction by spectacles or surgery, and the processes are thoroughly explained to them. For spectacles, they are directed to the spectacle desk and contact details of those requiring surgery are noted for follow up. Rotary branding is prominently put. In total, 177 beneficiaries were screened in the camp, of which 124 required spectacle correction and 24 required surgical correction. The beneficiaries expressed their gratefulness to Rotary.

Total Project Value is as under :

In Rs	Camp 16
Camp Arrangements	14000
Spectacles @ 800	99200
Total	113200

Projects are implemented by Arindam Roychowdhury, Special Projects Chair on behalf of Health, Special Projects, and Community Service Committees

Excerpted from a report of Ravindra Khandelwal

Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarbans - new club sponsored by The Old Number One



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We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN
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We have sponsored a new Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarban. The Charter President is Rtn. Debjani Ghosh, our own Rotarian. President Subrata De handed over the Club Charter, President's Collar, Hammer and Gavel to Debjani Ghosh in the presence of Dist. Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. Interestingly and very uniquely the membership of the new club includes LGBT and acid attack victims. Salutations,

Debjani, full marks on DEI. Our own Sarvani Gooptu made a contribution of Rs 10,000 to the new Club; and the Club initiated its first project (donation of a walking stick) on the day. A fulfilling day for the Club on its 106th Foundation Day that later included an International Positive Peace workshop, the first of its kind, curated by the International Committee. On the occasion, the Foundation Day Cake was cut, as per tradition, by the Oldest (Haladhar Dey) and Youngest (Suchitra Sen) members attending.

Peace Workshop – some glimpses – AOS International; AOF Promoting Peace 26th Sept. 2024



Promoting peace. Rotary encourages conversations to foster understanding within and across cultures – this is Rotary's first of seven areas of focus. The Peace Workshop held on our 106th Foundation Day was apt severally for the occasion and in the context of conflict, poverty, polio, inequality that plagues our world of today. A detailed report will be published in a subsequent Chaka. It suffices here to extract a few parts from PP Sujata Pyne's very comprehensive vote of thanks QUOTE Over the past sessions, we have been privileged to engage in thought-provoking discussions, inspiring speeches, and meaningful exchanges on the vital issue of peace — an ideal that is both timeless and yet a burning issue in our world today.... The Panellists' wisdom, experience, and dedication to peace have not only enriched our

understanding but also ignited in us a renewed sense of purpose ... and your insights have opened our eyes to the possibilities of a more harmonious and inclusive world. UNQUOTE



REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Bengal, R. I. District 3291.

Birthdays

Rtn. Raghunath Ghose	1st October
Rtn. Amal Chandra Chakrabortti	2nd October
Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal	3rd October
Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu	4th October
Rtn. Anindita Shoma Basu	4th October
Rtn. Vijay Kumar Patodia	5th October
Rtn. Hirak Ray	8th October
Rtn. Kasturi Raha	8th October
Rtn. Dr. Nandini Ray	12th October
Rtn. Krishna Kumar Kothari	13th October
Rtn. Sujoy Banerjee	16th October
Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal	17th October
Rtn. Anusua Das	19th October
Rtn. Shaleni Biswas	19th October
Rtn. Prof. Indira Chakravarty	21st October

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Kuldeep Nayar & R-Ann Lakshmi	8th October
Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi & Mr. Manoj	10th October
Rtn. Donn S Kabiraj & R-Ann Mahua Mallick	14th October
Rtn. Satnam Singh Ahluwalia & R-Ann Gurbir Kaur	18th October

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

SPEAKER OF THE DAY

PDG Utpal Majumdar

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 22nd October 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Bijoya Sammilani Celebration followed by fellowship and dinner.

NO MEETING

There will be no meetings on Tuesdays, 8th and 15th October 2024 for Puja Holidays.

Member's Roster

Members' Roster 2024-25 is available. Please collect your copy from the Club Office.

The 99th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 15th December, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park. Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor like every year. A consolidated list of donors will be published in THE CHAKA closer to the event.

IN MEMORIAM



We mourn the sad demise of our Member Rtn. Arun Kumar Samanta who passed away on Saturday, 24th August, 2024. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Day & Dates	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Friday, 4th October 2024	Bastradaan : Yearly New Clothes Distribution	TIME AND VENUE NOT CONFIRMED
Sunday, 6th October 2024	Atmanirbhar	TIME AND VENUE NOT CONFIRMED
Tuesday, 8th October 2024	NO RWM FOR PUJA HOLIDAYS	-
Tuesday, 15th October 2024	NO RWM FOR PUJA HOLIDAYS	-
Tuesday, 22nd October 2024	RWM Bijoya Sammilani Celebration followed by fellowship and dinner	TIME AND VENUE NOT CONFIRMED

**MINUTES OF THE 4957TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON
26TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 2:00 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President Rtn. Subrata De requested DG AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and Rtn. Debjani Ghosh for joining the top table.
2. President welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4957th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club to order.
3. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Hirak Ray.
4. President informed the sad demise of our late member Rtn. Arun Kumar Samanta, who passed away on Saturday, 24th August, 2024. He expressed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and observed a minute of silence.
5. Minutes of the 4956th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club held on 15th September 2024 were confirmed.
6. President informed the members that day they were celebrating "106th Foundation Day" of the Club. Rotary year 2019-20 was the Centenary year of the Club. President welcomed Dist. Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta as the Chief Guest.
7. President also informed that an International Positive Peace Conference was being organised after the RWM.
8. President welcomed all the District Officials who attended the meeting.
9. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians, District Officials and members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarban who attended the meeting.
10. **President reported the following :**
 - a. Community Service, Health and Special Projects Committee organised Eye Check-up and Blood Donation Camps during the month of August & September, 2024.
 - i) 15th August 2024 - 3rd Blood Donation Camp was held at Dangbari Primary School, Sabang, West Midnapore - 721144.
 - ii) 22nd September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp was held at Sundarban Ramakrishna Asharama, G.P.-Vivakananda Gram Panchayet, Buddhapur, Block - Kakdwip, Dist. 24 Parganas (South) PIN - 743347, West Bengal.
11. **President announced the following :**

The Community Service, Health and Special Projects Committee would jointly organise Eye Checkup Camps during the month of September, 2024.

 - i) 28th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at All India Matua Maha Sangha, Shridham Thakurnagar, P.O.-Thakurnagar, P.S.- Gaighata, Dist.-North 24 Parganas, PIN - 743287, West Bengal.
 - ii) 29th September 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at Netaji Sangha, Village - Brahmachak, P.O. - Sonapukur, PS - Haroa, District 24 Parganas (N), PIN - 743502, West Bengal.

b) Bastradaan : Yearly New Clothes Distribution would be held on 4th October, 2024. Your donations are solicited.
President requested the members to make a note of the events and to attend them and for further details they could contact the Community Service Chairman Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal.
12. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed all the Members and Guests and wished them.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 30th September, 2024.
 - c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to be held on Tuesday, 01st October 2024 at 1:30 p.m. followed by lunch.
 - d) He also informed that the Members' Roster for the Rotary Year 2024-25 is now available and here requested all the members to collect their copy from Club office.
13. President informed that our Club sponsored a new Rotary Club, "Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarban". He also informed that it was a pleasure to give birth to a new club on our club's birthday. He also informed that the President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarban is Rtn. Debjani Ghosh. President, Rtn. Subrata De handed over the Club Charter, President's Collar, Hammer and Gavel to Rtn. Debjani Ghosh in the presence of Dist. Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. President also requested the members of the new club to come and have a group photo with the Hon. DG.
14. President requested Rtn. Debjani Ghosh, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarban to address the audience.
15. President requested Dist. Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta to address the audience.
16. On behalf of our Club, the President handed over a memento to Dist. Governor, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.
17. President also informed that the Immediate Past Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu donated Rs. 10,000 to the newly born Club on behalf of our club. He also requested Rtn. Gooptu to hand over the cheque to the Charter President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarban, Rtn. Debjani Ghosh.
18. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 1000 with special contribution from Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee.
19. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Palestine, R.I. District 2452.
20. President also informed that the Foundation Day cake was sponsored by Hotel Taj Bengal. On behalf of our Club, he expressed his gratitude to Hotel Taj Bengal for the same.
21. Before the meeting was adjourned, the President requested all the members to join the fellowship and dinner after the International Positive Peace Conference. On behalf of our Club, the President expressed his gratitude to Rotarians Dr. Hirak Sen, Subroto Lahiri, Udit Chand Mitra, Dr. Abhijit Chattopadhyay, B.K. Dalmia, Jai Kumar Surana, Suchitra Sen, Tushar Basu, Malay Kumar Ghosh and Dr. Ajay Agarwal for hosting the fellowship and dinner on that day.
22. Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary