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December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

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### ANTAKSHARI

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**AATI RAHENGI BAHAREIN**

ANCHOR: MR. PRANAM ROY

**Bachchan meets Pancham**  
A COLOURFUL ANTAKSHARI PROGRAM WITH SPECIAL TRIBUTE ROUNDS TO AMITABH BACHCHAN & R.D. BURMAN

RWM  
10TH DECEMBER 2024  
TUESDAY 6:30 PM  
FELLOWSHIP N DINNER  
ROTARY SADAN

Antakshari inspires serene enjoyment, taking great times soothingly. Youthful laughter resonates, sparking good-natured delights, softly yearning generic cadences... a bit laboured that, but what say you of the idea?



## Mrinalini Mazumdar at Rotary Sadan on 3 Dec. 2024

Mrinalini's presentation addressed the crucial role of the performing arts in driving social change and the urgent need to address gender-based violence (GBV) within the sector. In performing arts, where physical expression is central and mentorship often creates close power dynamics, artists — especially women — face unique vulnerabilities and exploitation. The discussion explored how traditional mentorship models, while essential to training, can unintentionally foster environments where exploitation occurs. She tellingly drew a parallel from school education where even parents don't call out a teacher's misdemeanours. India's legal frameworks are adapting to better protect artists and promote safer spaces but there's a long way to go on that. Laws and statutes are available, and cases of misuse are not unknown. A millennial, she used the demographic's lexicon of 'cancel culture' that attends typically on the victim in our patriarchal society.

## Activity Report of Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya for December 2024



On World Disabilities Day, the Interact Club of Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya, in collaboration with two local organizations, Shyampukur Astha and Taruner Swapno, organized a day-long program on December 1, 2024, at the auditorium of Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya. During this event, more than a hundred differently abled and visually impaired individuals received assistance in cash and kind to support their livelihoods and daily lives.

Among the dignitaries present were Dr. Saswati Mukherjee, chairperson of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Youth Services Committee; Dr. Swapan Ghosh, ex-Sheriff of Calcutta; and D. Ashish, a well-known social activist and pioneer of blood donation campaigns. The teacher coordinator, Dr. Manas Das, along with another teacher, Mr. Chandan Majumder,

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We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN  
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also actively participated in the program.

The day began with a street rally, where the Interactors led by beating drums and assisting visually impaired participants as they walked. The main event took place in the auditorium, where all speakers expressed gratitude to the organizers for undertaking such a noble mission. Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee emphasized that programs like this can significantly advance the cause of specially abled persons and encouraged the Interactors to become more involved in similar social activities that contribute to creating a better society for everyone, especially those facing challenges.

Packets containing essential items for daily life and livelihood were distributed to the beneficiaries in the presence of local community members, teachers, and students. Participants with special abilities performed songs, adding vibrancy to the event. For the Interactors, it was rewarding to support those striving for dignity despite challenges.

Reported by Chair Youth, Saswati Mukherjee

## Baramanguwa



On 29 Nov, PDG Ajoy Law visited Baramanguwa school where kids are watching educational videos on the TV donated by Rtn. Zul Hirjee and his wife Parveen.

We try to bring in better educational facility to this remote village of Takling.

Reported by PP Purnendu Roychowdhury



## Goodwill Visits – AOS Club



Further to our earlier reports, goodwill visits were made to Rotary Club of Central Calcutta and Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency on 29 and 30 Nov. 2024.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ONE WORLD**

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

*Happy Birthday*

**Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury**    11th December

**Rtn. Gita Saha**    14th December

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

<i>Wedding Anniversaries</i>	
Rtn. Suchita Sen & Mr. Indranil	10th December
Rtn. Rajeev Swaika & Archana	11th December
Rtn. Sudhir Jalan & R-Ann Alka	12th December
Rtn. Deepak Kumar Khemka & R-Ann Shobha	12th December
Rtn. Srirupa Dasgupta & Mr. Biswarup	12th December
Rtn. Shampa Ghose & Dr. Rajib	13th December
Rtn. Dr. Chandreyee Das & Dr. Partha Pratim	13th December
Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukherjee & R-Ann Mousumi	13th December
Rtn. Vikram Somany & R-Ann Smiti	13th December
Rtn. Dr. Indrajit Roy & R-Ann Ajanta	13th December
Rtn. Amitabha Ray & R-Ann Mandira Misra	13th December
Rtn. Samrat Sen & Anindita	14th December
Rtn. Shantanu Deb Mookerjee & R-Ann Rini	14th December
Rtn. Malika Mukerji Sarkar & Mr. Sauvik	15th December

**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 17th December, 2024 at 1.30 p.m.  
at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) / Lunch 12.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ROSTER**

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

**NO MEETINGS**

There will be no Regular Weekly meetings on Tuesdays, 24th and 31st December, 2024 for Christmas Holidays.

**HANDS ON WORKSHOP**

Youth Service & Literacy Committee will organise in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City and Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, hands on Workshop on "Fundamentals of AI & IOT" for the School Students (Class VIII & XII) on Friday, 13th December, 2024 between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rotary Sadan. You are requested to join the programme on that day.

**BOARD MEETING**

Next meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) of the Club will be held on Monday, 16th December, 2024 at 6.30 p.m. at the Calcutta Club Ltd. All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

**SECOND CLUB ASSEMBLY ON 14th DECEMBER, 2024**

The Second Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Saturday, 14th December, 2024 at 3.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by High-Tea.

All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the above date and join this important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the Second Quarter of the Rotary year 2024-25 to the Hony. Secretary for the Second Club Assembly.

**105th CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION on 1st January, 2025**

The Club will celebrate its 105th Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Monday, 1st January, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.

You are requested to kindly note the above date and attend with your spouse.

**RI DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE 2024-25 – "SAMMELAN"**

R. I. District 3291 Conference-2025 "SAMMELAN" will be held from Friday, 3rd to Sunday, 5th January, 2025 at the NICCO PARK, East Side Pavilion, HM Block, Sector – IV, Salt Lake City, Bidhannagar, Kolkata.

**Registration Charges :**

Rotarian per head	Rs. 6,500/-
Rotarian with Couple	Rs. 12,000/-
Guest per head	Rs. 6,500/-

Note : Kits are not assured for registration on and after 26th December, 2024 .

You are requested to kindly register your name. For further details please contact Club Office.

**Lunch and Dinner Charges for Regular Weekly Meetings**

The Board at its meeting held on 6th November, 2024 decided to increase rate for Lunch and Dinner charges for the Regular Weekly Meetings, Fellowship and Dinner Parties as per following : (with effect from 1st December, 2024)

Guest Charges at the Regular Weekly Meetings, Fellowship and Dinner Parties brought by members :

a) Regular weekly Meeting Lunch Charges per head - Rs. 500/- (for Exempted Members and other Guests )

b) Regular Weekly Meeting and Fellowship and Dinner Parties, Dinner Charges for Guests brought by the members

- Rs. 1000/- per head.

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS**

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Friday 13th December, 2024	Youth Service & Literacy Committee will organise in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City and Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, a Workshop on "Fundamentals of AI & IOT" for the School Students (Class VIII & XII)	Between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Saturday, 14th December, 2024	Second Club Assembly	3.30 p.m at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by High-Tea
Tuesday, 17th December, 2024	Regular Weekly Meeting (Closed Door Meeting – Election for the Board of Directors for Rotary year 2025-2026 )	1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m Rotary Sadan ( 2nd floor )
Tuesdays, 24th & 31st December, 2024	No Regular Weekly Meetings (RWMs) For Christmas Holidays	—

## MINUTES OF THE 4964TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2024 AT 1:30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. In absence of President, Rtn. Subrata De, Past President Rtn. Sujata Pyne conducted the meeting. She welcomed Members and Guests and called 4964th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order. Past President Rtn. Sujata Pyne also informed members that in absence of Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty, Past Secretary, Rtn. Anand Sharma will conduct meeting on that day.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu.
3. Minutes of the 4963rd Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 19th November, 2024 were confirmed.
4. Past President, Rtn. Sujata Pyne welcomed Ms Mrinalini Majumdar, Lawyer, as the Chief Guest on that day and she would speak on "Dancing with the Law : Addressing Gender-Based Violence in the Performing Arts"
5. Past President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on that day.
6. **Past President Reported the following :**
  - i) Health Care Committee organised a Vaccination Camp after the Regular Weekly Meeting on 19th November, 2024 at Rotary Sadan.
  - ii) Members from our Club made Goodwill visits to Rotary Clubs in our District 3291 and exchanged Club flags with them :
 

a) Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar on	15th November, 2024
b) Rotary Club of Calcutta Mid Town on	21st November, 2024
c) Rotary Club of Kolkata Benevolence on	21st November, 2024
d) Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City on	22nd November, 2024
e) Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City on	26th November, 2024
f) Rotary Club of Howrah on	27th November, 2024
g) Rotary Club of Central Calcutta on	29th November, 2024
h) Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency on	30th November, 2024
  - iii) Women's Empowerment Committee in association with R I District 3291 organised Self-Defense Awareness Workshop (Virangana) on 22nd November, 2024 at Rotary Sadan.
7. **Past President Announced the following :**
  - a) The 99th Annual Children's Treat of the Club would be held on Sunday, 8th December, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. This year about 1,200 underprivileged Children would join this Flagship programme and she requested members to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these Children. Donations in Cheque payable in favor of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" would be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.
  - b) At the request of the PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne, Rtn. Kaushik Sen, R.C. of Kolkata Benevolence and Rtn. Arpita Chatterjee, R.C. of New Ballygunge made an announcement for Dist. 3291 programme Rotary Means Business Fellowship Kolkata with RMB Connect -2024 (7th Edition) on Saturday, 14th December, 2024 and requested our members to join the programme on that day.
8. **At the request of the Past President, Hony. Past Secretary Rtn. Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
  - a) He welcomed all the Members and Guests.
  - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 9th December, 2024.
  - c) There would be no Regular Weekly meetings on Tuesdays, 24th and 31st December, 2024 for Christmas Holidays.
  - d) Next meeting on Tuesday, 10th December, 2024 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan. Programme : "Antakshari" followed by fellowship and dinner and he requested members to make a note of it and attend with spouse.
  - e) The Second Club Assembly will be held on Saturday, 14th December, 2024 at 3.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by High-Tea and he requested all members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members to kindly block the above date and joint the important meeting. Committee Chairs were also requested to send their Committee reports to Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty.
9. At the request of the Past President, Prof. Rtn. Amita Dutt introduced Ms. Mrinalini Majumdar as the Chief Guest of that day.
10. At the request of the Past President, Ms Mrinalini Majumdar addressed the audience on "Dancing with the Law : Addressing Gender-Based Violence in the Performing Arts" .
11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. Vote of Thanks was given by Past President, Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury on behalf of the Club.
13. On behalf of the Club, Past President handed over a memento to Ms Mrinalini Majumdar.
14. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 1,300/- with special contribution from Rtns. Krishna Kumar Kothari, Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee and Ruchika Majumdar.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Dhaka Central, Bangladesh, R.I. Dist 3280.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

**Sujata Pyne**  
Past President

**Anand Sharma**  
Past Hony. Secretary