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## WORLD UNDERSTANDING & PEACE DAY



An evening to converse on Interfaith Dialogue on Peace Unity & Brotherhood on "World Understanding and Peace Day", in association with IHA & United Interfaith Foundation.

World Understanding & Peace Day - Interfaith

Dialogue On Peace, Unity & Brotherhood an initiative of Rotary Club of Calcutta and IHA Foundation with the support of United Interfaith Foundation - India, will host a Dialogue on Peace, Unity & Brotherhood.

The Dialogue will have representation from various religious and community heads – Archbishop Thomas D'Souza (Archbishop of Calcutta), Dr. Satnam Singh Ahluwalia (Chairman – IHA Foundation), General Secretary Gurdwara Behala (Sikh), Rt. Revd. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta (CNI), Moulana Qari Fazlur Rahman, Imam-e- Eidain (Muslim), Moulana Shafique Qasmi, Imam of Nakhoda Masjid (Muslim), Dr. Arunjyoti Bhikku, Director Tollygunge Sambodhi Buddhist Monastery (Buddhist), Munni Mani Kumar Maharaj (Jain Monk), S K Mudreka Jamali, Muavin Aamil of Dawoodi Bohra Jamaat (Bohra), Moulana Syed Zaki Hasan Rizvi, Imam-e-Jumma (Shia Muslim), Sister Asmita (Brahmakumari), Mrs. Cohen (Jew), Ervard Jimmy Taraporwalla (Parsi), Murli Punjabi, Sindhi Panchayat Secretary (Sindhi), Mubashir Ahmad Munir (Ahmadiya Missionary), Mr. Pradip Soren (Santhal) among others.

Rotary  
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SERVE TO  
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## DONATION OF EQUIPMENT TO SISHU MONGOL

Venue: Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan (Sishu Mongol)  
Date: 15th February 2022

What began with a blood analyzer, evolved into the setting up of a refurbished NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) and a brand New PICU (Pediatric Intensive Care Unit) at Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan or Sishu Mongol, Kolkata. Primarily, when Covid – 19 second wave was anticipated, the hospital appealed to Rotary Club of Calcutta for an I – Stat blood analyzer that would help doctors obtain speedy blood reports of critical patients who could not afford to lose time, awaiting pathological reports and for whom time was of essence. While evaluating and discussing, we conceived the idea of a PICU that would support children up to 12 years and such unit / facility did not exist in the hospital. As space was a constraint, a classroom was converted to the Neonatal Care Ward with the support of our donors while the existing ward would be vacated for a new PICU – Pediatric unit.

The Phase 1- Inauguration of the NICU took place on Tuesday 15th February 15, 2022 around 11.30 in the morning. It witnessed the facelifted and converted classroom to a ward where the underprivileged critical infants battling life will be taken care of by specialized doctors.

Some Rotarians were present for the inauguration of the Ward along with the representatives of the hospital and Rtn. Dr. Debasish Mitra, the Health Committee Chair and an Honorary Service provider to the hospital who was instrumental to and coordinated the execution of the project.

The I-Stat Blood Analyzer worth Rs.3.5 lacs was also handed over to the authorities – a CSR grant received with the efforts of Mr. Billy Bose, Rtn. Shinjini and Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee. Besides this, some white bed sheets were also given to the hospital for the use of the patients.



Untiring effort has been put in by our Hony. Secretary Sriranjani Joshi supported from time to time by Rtn. Partha Mukherjee.

Needless to mention, the benevolent contribution of our philanthropic donors Rtn. Vikram Somany and Rtn. Sushil Jhunjhunwala besides some corporate houses that made possible the entire project of Rs 75 lacs a dream "come true" and possibility today, as we await the Phase 2 inauguration of the new PICU shortly.

As far as our knowledge goes and vetted by the authorities, this kind of facility – Pediatric Intensive Care Unit was only available so far at high end hospitals, other than the Institute of Child Health that always remains over booked.

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While disease and ailment does not choose to be restricted amongst the privileged and rich assuming their affordability, the indigent and underprivileged are equally vulnerable and susceptible. But the irony is that the unaffordability does not reduce the pain of a mother – it is escalated manifold with the feeling of guilt of not being able to afford the treatment and losing a child owing to lack of specialized care.

We cannot save the world, but perhaps our little effort can save many families from losing their “little dear ones” and many mothers from the pain and agony of bearing the loss of ailing infants. We can only “Serve To Change Lives”

Reported By President Sujata Pyne



**MEMBERS' ACHIEVEMENTS**

*We Are Proud of You!*



On 12th Feb, our club's IPP Rtn. Debashis Mitra assumed charge as the President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)



Rtn. Satnam Singh Ahluwalia received Certificate of Commitment from Guinness Book of World Records



Rtn. Supriya Roy received Vivek Jyoti Samman for exemplary entrepreneurship

## A ROTARY DAY OUT IN THE SUN WITH BAT AND BALL

Venue: Victoria Sporting Club at the Maidan

Date: 13th February 2022

The cricket match, an annual event of Rotary Club of Calcutta was held on a bright winter Sunday morning on 13th February 2022 at Victoria Sporting Club at the Maidan. The weather was most favourable and perfect for the outdoor event. The otherwise sullen grounds became colourful with the two teams in Yellow led by Green Badger Rtn. Abhishek Dutt and Blue led by veteran Rtn. Ashish Kr. Bagla, amongst the other "Sunday attired" Rotarians and their family members. While the children were bubbling with energy and zest challenging their opponent teams, the adults were no less than the children at the magic spell and touch of the Cricket bat and the deuce.

It was quite an experience to witness the engagement and activities of those present. The ever so "careful" and "cautious" Rotarians, forgot all precautions that kept them home bound for months during Covid, started munching on the star fruits (kamranga) and Mexican turnips (shankalu), sprinkled with spices by the roadside vendors, while hot onion and fish pakoras, French fries and tea, so thoughtfully arranged by Rtn. Pronab Dasgupta, was spontaneously being served at the spot. It was a fun filled morning that each one enjoyed in their own way – some through photography, some through commentary while others satisfied their palate through play or plate.

Rtn. Bodhi Brata Das took charge of organising the teams and ensuring the game went seamlessly, diligently monitoring every aspect while his better half gave her "expert's comments" in the 2nd half, Rtn. Debashish Biswas humorously doing the honours during the First.

The President declared 24 carrot gifts for the winning team and complied with the same to the overwhelming joy of all!

Though the Blue team had the winning trophy, it was the spirit of Rotary and the bonding within the Rotarians that won every heart present on that day showing that Rotary can be enjoyed too!

The icing on the cake was the flowing cocktails and sumptuous lunch at Bengal Club lawns, most generously hosted by Rtn. Dr. Pronab Dasgupta & R-Ann Iti and Rtn. Ashish Bagla & R-Ann Deepa. Though this annual event of the Club has been patronised by them over the years, there was a record turnout of 75 Rotarians and their family members all enjoying the day to the brim. Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes out to Rtn. Dasgupta and Rtn. Bagla for their unstinted support and seamless efforts that truly made the day so thoroughly enjoyable to the old and young alike.

*Reported by Rtn. Partha Mukherjee*



**PHOTO GALLERY**

*Through the Lens of Rtn. Ashok Kr. Basu (AB4) on Cricket Day*



**Interact Rotaract Newsletter: Chaka\_IR**

**Interact Club of Silver Point School – Republic Day Celebrations with the elderly of THE REFUGE**

The Interact Club of Silver Point School, in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta, sponsored Rs 5100 for the special lunch for the 45 elderly housed at The Refuge on the Republic Day, 2022. The Interactors along with their teachers visited The Refuge to meet the elderly sheltered there. They interacted with them and served them lunch that included rice, daal, veg curry, fried potato, chicken curry and chutney. Interactors clicked photos to treasure the golden moments they had experienced at The Refuge. The two hours stay with the veterans of the organisation was truly a learning experience for the Interactors. They were happy that their company, even though it was for a very short while, could bring smiles to those faces who often feel neglected by their near dear ones. The Interactors felt blessed that they had got an opportunity to feed the elderly people on the auspicious occasion of the Republic Day.



**Rotaract Club of George School of Law – EVENT IN JANUARY**

Rotaract Club of George School of Law has successfully executed COVER LET - a blanket donation drive on 07/01/2022 at SATYA BHARATI old - age home Konnagar Nabagram. We have distributed 60 blankets over there to the needy persons which costed a total amount of 4800. We really felt privileged to touch the lives of 60 persons over there & spend some wonderful moments with them.



**Rotaract Club of Kolkata Krishti – EVENTS IN JANUARY**

Rotaract Club of Kolkata Krishti, RID 3291 celebrated "Happy New Year" on 1st January, in Kolkata, under the avenue of Community Service, where it was a gift giving celebration to the underprivileged children to commemorate New Year's Eve.



"BIJORको Phase II" was a Professional Development event to enrich the skill of speaking and to give students an exposure to the field of debate, all over India, this trilingual event was organized. The event was held in two rounds- Preliminary and Main, for two consecutive days, dated 22nd & 23rd January.



Rotaract Club of Kolkata Krishti, RID 3291 has planned to organize an event on visiting an Orphanage.

**Rotaract Club of George College – RECENT EVENTS**

Event name	Description
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**Pragati** On 26 January 2022, the entire family of Rotaract Club of George College had gathered together on online platform to commemorate the 73rd Republic Day. Various cultural programs had been organized where all the members had participated enthusiastically. Patriotic songs, dances, historical speeches and various artwork had added to the three colours of nationalism.



**Happy Tail 2.0** Dogs are faithful animal. A dog is the only thing in the earth that loves you more than he loves himself. Many street dogs have nowhere to go, which doesn't mean that they are worthless. Rotaract Club of George College had arranged a programme where we fed the stray dogs on 17th February, 2022.



Upcoming Event Jointly with ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEXT WEEKLY MEETING (Hybrid)

TUESDAY, 1 MARCH 2022 AT 6 P.M.

The next weekly meeting will be held at Rotary Sadan on Tuesday, 1 March, 2022 at 6 p.m. and also on Zoom.

To celebrate International Women's Day, a special program & joint meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna (an exclusive women's club) has been organised. The meeting will be followed by fellowship and dinner – dress code preferably pink.

Speaker: *Monideepa Banerjee – former Executive Editor East - NDTV*

#### BOARD MEETING

The 8th Meeting of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS to be held on Monday 28th February. Members of the Board are requested to join.

#### OTHER RECENTLY HELD EVENTS

On 19th February, school hostel at Ayodhya Pahar, Jadugora, Purulia was inaugurated by DG Prabir Chatterjee and other senior Rotarians (Full report in forthcoming issue)

#### ATTENDANCE REPORT (12.02.2022)

Total Members	:	242
Members Present	:	56
Exempted Members	:	69
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	:	4

#### Birthdays

<i>PP Nilima Joshi</i>	<i>23 February</i>
<i>Nirajan Bhattacharya</i>	<i>24 February</i>
<i>Priti Patel Meherotra</i>	<i>28 February</i>

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

#### Wedding Anniversaries

<i>Brijendra Kumar Poddar &amp; R- Ann Kavita</i>	<i>23 February</i>
<i>Indrajit Ganguly &amp; Rtn. Roshni Ganguly</i>	<i>24 February</i>
<i>Pronab Dasgupta &amp; R- Ann Iti</i>	<i>25 February</i>
<i>Dina Dutta Sarkar &amp; Mr. Suman</i>	<i>25 February</i>
<i>Bablu Kolay &amp; R- Ann Sukla</i>	<i>26 February</i>
<i>PP Haladhar Dey &amp; R- Ann Pranati</i>	<i>29 February</i>

*Wish you many more years of marital bliss*

**23 FEBRUARY, 2022**  
**A NEW VIRTUAL WORLD EMERGES**

**Rotary**  
Club of Calcutta WORLD



CHARTER MEMBER NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM

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For CHARTER MEMBER application, copy-paste the link on the browser  
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The club is sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta  
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## MAJOR EVENTS IN MARCH

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
<b>Saturday, 5 March</b>	5 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocational Endowment Award</li> <li>"YADEIN" 2022 - a homage to Padma Vibhushan Pt Birju Maharaj, Pt Subhankar Banerjee and Lata Mangeshkar</li> <li>Classical Jugalbandi recital by renowned Flute Player Shri Rakesh Chaurasia and Shri Purbayan Chatterjee on the sitar</li> <li>Eminent Kathak dancer Shri Vishal Krishna (grandson of Lt Sitara Devi).</li> <li>A fund-raising event.</li> </ul>	Hotel Hyatt Regency
<b>Tuesday, 15 March</b>	6 p.m.	Annual Endowment Awards 2020 – 21	Rotary Sadan

MINUTES OF THE 4845<sup>th</sup> WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2022 AT 6 PM AT ROTARY SADAN AND ALSO ON ZOOM

- 1 President Sujata Pyne called the 4845<sup>th</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order and led the National Anthem.
- 2 The President:
  - a. Welcomed the attending guests, Rotarians and green badgers.
  - b. Confirmed the minutes of the 4844<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at Rotary Sadan and also on zoom.
- 3 *The President reported :*
  - a. Regarding online Sevika Training program that started from 6<sup>th</sup> February,2022.
  - b. The Board accepted the resignation of Club Exe. Secy. Rtn Debasish Biswas with effect from 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.
- 4 The President announced the upcoming events in the month of February '22
- 5 The Hony. Secy. Sriranjani Joshi conducted the club business.
- 6 At the request of the President, Rtn. Debasish Biswas introduced and moderated the panel discussion on "Stroke"
- 7 Rtn. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee also addressed the audience on "Prevention of Stoke".
- 8 The President offered a formal vote of thanks.
- 9 The President conveyed greetings and remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Ballygunge, R I Dist. 3291.
- 10 The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

**Rtn. Sujata Pyne**  
*President*

**Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi**  
*Hony. Secretary*

## SEVEN-DAY NOTICE

Subject to no objection received within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, the following candidates will be inducted as members of the Club :

<b>Mr. Shailendra Kumar Gupta</b> Proprietor cum Director Fabric Lounge & Designer wear Age : 60 Years Classification : Garment Mfg. Proposer : Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee	<b>Mr. Malay Kumar Ghosh</b> Senior Advocate Age : 64 Years Classification : Legal Service – Advisory Proposer : Rtn. Debjani Ghosh	<b>Mrs. Ranjita Mazumder</b> Age : 44 Years Classification : Content Creator Proposer : Rtn Roshni Ganguly
<b>Mrs. Gopa Mukherjee Trivedi</b> Owner, Divya Dyuti Age : 47 Years Classification : Garment Mfg. Proposer : Rtn Subha Pal	<b>Mr Partha Sarathi Bose</b> Age : 60 Years Classification : Banking – Consumer Proposer : Rtn. Debjani Ghosh	<b>Ms Shalini Biswas</b> Managing Director, Easy Note Stationery Pvt. Ltd. Age : 48 Years Classification : Printing Proposer : Rtn Sriranjani Joshi

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