

## MINUTES OF MEETING DG VISIT 23<sup>RD</sup> SEP, 2023

1. DG Rt. Hira Lal Yadav was welcomed by President Rtn. Ronit Mitra
2. National Anthem led by Disha Biswas (President) and board members of Interact Club of Bidya Bharati Girls' High School
3. Project Documentation Showcased
4. Announced the Next Quarter Donations to Robin Hood Army by Rtn. Amitava Ghosh
5. Announced donation of 80 sets of exercise books and stationery hampers to Ranjapur Mitali Sangha by Interact Club of Bidya Bharati Girls' High School
6. Announced donation of stationery and books to Julian Day New Mission School - A Special Needs School in Kolkata by Interact Club of Bidya Bharati Girls' High School
7. DG Rtn. Hitra Lal Yadav virtually inaugurated two toilets at Harhare and Saonahir, Birbhum
8. Announced donation of projector to Julian Day New Mission School - A Special Needs School in Kolkata by Rtn. Bani Roychowdhuri and Rtn. Swapna Bhattacharjee
9. Announced donation of books by Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu to Subhranshu Sardar (HS Topper, 2023)



**Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav**  
*District Governor, 2023-24*  
*District 3291*

10. Announced donation of INR 1,20,000/- to Mohit Kumar Ghosh Memorial Public Charitable Trust by Rtn. Rajesh Balasubramanian
11. Inducted Rakhee Biswas Gandhi
12. Felicitation of DG Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav by Rtn. Nayantara Paulchaudhuri
13. Sunshine Collection - INR 1010/-
14. Members Present - 21
15. Guests Present - 20
16. District Officers Present - 4



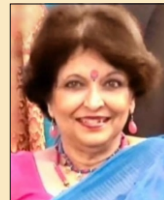
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*District Governor, 2023-24*



**Ronit Mitra**  
*President, 2023-24*



**Rajesh Balasubramanian**  
*Secretary, 2023-24*



**Banashree Mitra**  
*Joint Secretary, 2023-24*



**Sunil Sonika**  
*Treasurer, 2023-24*



**Brinda Mukherjee**  
*Editor, 2023-24*

# Moments from the DG Visit



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*Virtual Opening of two toilets at Harhare and Saoanahir, Birbhum by DG Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav*

# MY SONSHINE

**How very fast the time has flown!  
The years seem such a whirl...  
The years were such a joy,  
Since you were a child  
A precious baby boy!**

**How quickly you have blossomed!  
Through those tender childhood years,  
When every single day had moments...  
Full of joy and tears!**

**But those nostalgic school days...  
Which have sped so swiftly by,  
Have seen you reach twenty one  
All in the blinking of an eye!**

**So think about your future,  
Special things to see and do...  
New faces and new challenges,  
Just waiting there for you!**

**For twenty one is a milestone  
And it marks another turn.  
Today's a day of celebration,  
See those candles burn!**

**Enjoy this special birthday!  
Feel the love in all you do!  
For darling Anish nobody  
Deserves it more than you.**



*Rtn. Brinda Mukherjee*

*Editor, 2023-24*



# VOYAGE EXTRAORDINAIRE

By Rtn. Brinda Mukherjee

Turkey, lying at the junction of Asia and Europe is a melange of cultures. Witnessing multiple civilizations over the ages it has come to be known as the "Country of Civilizations".



Exploring Turkey has been on our bucket list since a long time which got realised this summer. We wanted to maximize our visit without wasting

time in transit and we chose Capadocia as our first destination.

Capadocia region is steeped in historical richness and natural beauty. There are a number of underground cities in this region. We chose to visit Derinkiyu which is the largest one excavated.

It is estimated to accommodate a population of 20,000. The city could be sealed off from inside by rocks and thus an entire population could disappear. The people used it to protect themselves from the invading forces. The city has different floors with granary, stables, church, kitchen, wine cellar and a system of air circulation. The entire landscape of the region is dotted with geographical

features called Fairy Chimneys. They were formed by volcanic eruptions. Eroded by rain and wind they reflect a different world as it were and are considered one of the natural wonders of the world. This is a place worth a visit.

Capadocia is also known for its exquisite pottery, sufi dance called 'Dervish', hamam bath, which we could all pack in except the coveted 'Balloon Ride' which got cancelled twice due to inclement weather. The flip side being that we could not see the sunrise and take Instagrammable photos but what's the bright side to it? Of course we saved Rs. 40k which was fruitfully used for other purchases.

Our next destination after spending 3





beautiful days at Capadocia was the city of Izmir and Kusadasi. Izmir is a port city along the Aegean Sea and is the third biggest city of Turkey. We chose Kusadasi as our destination mainly to visit Pamukkale and the city of Ephesus which is the pièce de resistance of this tour. Ephesus city has many attractions namely the Byzantine baths, gymnasium, colonnaded streets, theatres and of course the library of Celcus. It is said that Virgin Mary spent her last days in the Ephesus region. The house of the Virgin Mary is the place of pilgrimage for the Christians. The main goddess of Ephesus is Artemis which is also the main attraction of the city.

Pamukkale known as the 'cotton castle' is steeped in natural beauty. Flowing thermal spring water leaves behind calcium carbon crystal deposits which in turn form travertines, a sight simply spectacular and worth a visit.

Cleopatra pool is another major attraction and we didn't miss the opportunity to take a dip at the thermal pool. Many tourists think Pamukkale is overhyped but for me the visit was worth every penny.

We literally saved the best for the last: the fascinating Istanbul. I discovered a hidden gem as it were and I fell in love with it. Paris is magical, my first love for various reasons but Istanbul is a close second and I simply adored the people; nice, warm, friendly, courteous, respectful and charming not to mention their physical beauty. My jaw literally dropped every other minute at the sight of those slim, pearl complexioned, dewy-eyed beauties

with a waist that matched Scarlet O Hara's. Modern, sophisticated and courteous and vanity is not one of their virtues, thank God. Honestly it is the people that also make a city beautiful and Istanbul bears testimony to this fact.

The cuisine is subtle, delicately flavoured without being overpowering and we gorged on their kebabs of various sorts accompanied with their mouthwatering naans, something to be savoured, a different category altogether, a must try. I know the French people have a love affair with their breads but the Turks know how to make them as well without the fanfare. And the baklavas, the Turkish delights, their spices, nuts, fruits (pomegranates look like rubies) ...the list goes on. God has bestowed many blessings upon them and they have preserved them with love and care.

Their ittar is another subject matter of discussion. There are various kinds to suit everyone's budget, the most expensive ones vying for the best perfumes of France.

The cultures of the Byzantine and the Ottoman empires are best reflected in the city of Istanbul. It is a veritable paradise for the history aficionados and I would willingly accompany them once more to my new found love of a city that boasts of rich cultures, heritage and fine tastes.

Four and a half days is not enough to explore Istanbul but we tried to do justice by packing them all in and literally got exhausted at the end of it all.

## BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Oct 1st: Rtn. Pritha Sanyal

Oct 7th: Rtn. Ritesh Kapoor

Oct 9th: Rtn. Amitava Ghose

Oct 12th: Rtn. Chandrani Chakraborty

Oct 14th: Rtn. Dr. Suchandro Das

Oct 16th: Rtn. Dr. Amit Paul

Oct 23rd: Rtn. Smarajit Mitra

Oct 28th: Rtn. Pradeep K Mukherjee



# Shubho Sharodiya

