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FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION / RESOLUTION MONTH

MINUTES OF THE 2043rd MEETING OF RC CALCUTTA JADAVPUR HELD ON MONDAY, 18th JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunal Ray called the 2043rd meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur to order and welcomed Dr. Manik Chakraborty and Anirban Sarkar, the guests of the evening and also the members present online.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn (Dr.) Mainak Sengupta.
- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda announced:
 - That, on January 09, 2021, RC Calcutta Jadavpur in association with Birinchibari Bhatri Sangha, donated 100 Blankets and 100 Mosquito Nets to the underprivileged section of residents of Jharkhali 24 Praganas (S). The club also donated four footballs to Birinchibari Bhatri Sangha for their young members. The programme was participated by PP Rtn. Gautamda, PP Rtn. Jaydeb, PP Rtn. Partha Pratim, and PP Rtn. Swapan.
 - That, on January 12, 2021, RC Calcutta Jadavpur, celebrated Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, through a virtual program. 10 Rotarians and 2 spouses participated in the event through song, audio drama, recitation, enacting famous Chicago speech by Swamiji and an educative talk by Dr. Dalia Chattopadhyay – an educationist with specialisation on Swamiji. Among our guests, AG Rtn. Susanta Kumar Sarkar and ZS Rtn. Rina Sinha Roy were also present.
 - That, on January 14, 2021, members of RC Calcutta Jadavpur visited Santoshpur Rishi Aurobindo Balika Vidyapith. They were very impressed by the Headmistress, Teachers and Staffs of the school for the upkeep and project work done despite the pandemic situation. IPP Rtn (Dr.) Aditi, Rtn (Dr.) Jharnadi and Rtn. Pausali were there to donate a Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine along with the Incinerator. Rtn. (Dr.) Aditi gave a brief introduction about the Rotary club and demonstrated operation of both the machines. Rtn. (Dr.) Jharnadi talked about the possibilities and scope of students working as Interacts of the club. Rtn. Pausali, on the other hand, shared her views about preparing the students mentally to restore and conserve the environment under 'new normal' situation.
 - That, on January 24, 2021, an Incense Stick making machine will be installed at Mathurakhand village in Gosaba (South 24 Parganas). Needful has been done for purchase of the machine and its delivery to the site where it needs to be installed. Training will be provided for operation of the machine to the villagers to be engaged in the job.
 - That, around mid-February, RC Calcutta Jadavpur in association with Rotaract Clubs of Rotaract District 3291, will host a webinar to observe the World Cancer Day. A committee has been formed to observe the day which is also looking into the logistics of raising fund to take care of paediatric cancer survivors. The date for the event needed to be deferred to accommodate the plans, as there is a plan afoot to hold the event in a major way. The final schedule will be notified soon.
 - The contractor for the project work on rain water harvesting in St. Ninian's School has submitted budget for the change in work plan. The work is expected to start soon.
 - That, with respect to change in the site for construction of toilets at Sangrami Nagar F.P. School, PP Rtn. Dibyenduda has sent a revised plan to the contractors for carrying out the work.
 - The next regular meeting and the Club Assembly, preceding District Governor's formal visit, will be held on February 01, 2021 in presence of AG Rtn. Susanta Kumar Sarkar and ZS Rtn Rina Sinha Roy.
 - As already announced, the formal visit of DG Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee is scheduled on February 08, 2021. The event will be held physically at Hotel Park Palace, Ballygunge, rooftop. Members are invited to join along with their spouse. Apart from usual chores of the DG visit, the club plans to present a short cultural program.
 - Further, a board meeting would be held during this month, for which the board members will be duly notified.
 - Members who have not paid their dues for 2nd Half of RY 2020-21 are requested to kindly do the needful, as some members have promptly done the needful for which, they deserve a note of thanks.
 - As regards the proposed annual picnic, Secretary, Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu, is looking for a suitable venue. As of now, it looks like that the picnic would be held sometime during mid-February 2021.

- That the Rotary India site provided opportunity to furnish data related to club activities starting from 2009 onwards. On that note, past presidents for the respective years may take initiative to furnish data for their years on Rotary India site for RC Calcutta Jadavpur. Similar opportunities lie with the club website.
- In absence of Secretary Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu, President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda conducted the club business.. Then, he conveyed anniversary greetings to Ann. Manika & Rtn. Sambhunath Kar falling on January 22, Ann. Rajashree & Rtn. Prasenjit Chatterjee falling on January 23, Ann. Ashokamitra & Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu Das falling on January 26, Ann. Sampurna & Rtn. (Dr.) Mainak Sengupta falling on January 29, Ann. Sephali & PP Rtn. Swapan Chakraborty falling on January 30, Mr. Ranjan & Rtn. (Dr.) Soma Banerjee falling on January 30.
- Minutes of the 2042nd meeting was confirmed by the members and the meeting ended with thanks to everyone attending the meeting.



In Rotary, 23 February is our anniversary, and February is also the month when we focus on promoting peace. There is a reason for this: Contributing to peace and international understanding has been a high priority for us since our earliest days.

We are often asked: "How can we get involved in peace now?" There are many paths to peace in Rotary. Our youth programs point us in the direction of Positive Peace, as does the work of intercountry committees and the Rotary Action Group for Peace.

Another path is the Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator (RPPI), an inspirational collaboration among Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Rotary Peace Fellows and alumni. Led by Rotarians in Switzerland and Liechtenstein, RPPI has designed 48 global projects that any club can support, either directly or through Rotary Foundation global grants. Nina Lotishvili and Matthew Johnsen, alumni of the Rotary Peace Center at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand, are two of the many volunteers.

During my Rotary peace journey, I have learned how personal resilience helps build inner peace and create sustainable outer peace. This was the inspiration behind the Women Peace Ambassadors for the South Caucasus project, which is based on my field research in Georgia. The RPPI team of Rotarians and peace fellows recognized the incredible potential of women from mixed-ethnicity families who live on borderlands to be role models for peace within and beyond their communities. Through workshops on building inner and outer peace that draw on the power of storytelling, 40 participants will be sharing their stories

and reaching around 400 extended family and community members. These inspiring but marginalized women will reclaim their inner strength as peace builders at the grassroots level. In this way, we will take steps toward the sustainable, peaceful society we need so much, not only in our region, but throughout the world. — Nino Lotishvili

I was excited to join the peace incubator project and to further strengthen my ties with Rotary's peace community by working with past and current peace fellows to develop these proposals. My team wrote five proposals — three in Bangladesh, one in Iraq, and one in Poland — that focus on the arts and on education to generate dialogue across religious divisions and avert the radicalization of young people. I was inspired by how, despite the pandemic, we came together via technology with a vision to develop, test, and strengthen ideas and to produce workable solutions that clubs across the world can support to advance peace. I am excited to work with Rotary's peace community to transform these visions into reality. — Matthew Johnsen

Here is further proof that in Rotary, we prefer action to words. This is Rotary at its best. I encourage you to visit rppi.ch to explore the projects and support them.

We have lasted 116 years because of our strong ethics, our passion for Service Above Self, and our unique approach to problem-solving. One of our greatest strengths is how we reach across our communities and across national, ethnic, religious, and political divisions to unite people of all backgrounds and to help others. This month, let's celebrate our history and the many ways that Rotary Opens Opportunities to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace, our ultimate mission.

KNOW THY PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS :

Names of the following persons, have been proposed for the membership of RCCJ. In view of this, his Resume's are furnished below for the members' kind perusal and comment, if any, to the President within February 05, 2020. If no adverse comments are received against the proposed members within the above stipulated date then it would be assumed that all members have consented and approved the proposal for their formal induction.

CV of Mr. Anirban Sarkar:

Address: 10 Galiff Street, Flat no 15, Block 1, Kolkata - 700003

Mobile: 9874122252; E-mail: anirbans1979@gmail.com

Date of Birth: 18th January

Educational Qualification: Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) and PGDM – Operations

Professional Experience: Worked in different private and multinational companies like Emami, Pepsico and Exide. At present, working as Senior Project Manager with Exide Industries Limited since 2007. Completed various green field and brown field projects in terms of expansion of battery manufacturing plants in Ahmednagar, Taloja and Chinchwad in Maharashtra.

Marital status – Married

Date of Anniversary – 06th May

Name of Spouse – Munmun Sarkar

Name of daughter – Aarna

Extra curricular activities – Travelling, Sports, spend time with family

CV of Mr. Manab Paul:

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Mobile: 9830122294; E-mail: manabpaul@sreebalaji.in

Date of Birth: 13th October

Educational Qualification: College drop out

Professional Experience: In Real Estate development & Hospitality Industry since 2006. A first-generation Bengali entrepreneur who single-handedly established the brand with a vision to develop Real Estate to make it affordable to middle-class people. He is the founder of Sree Balaji which has emerged as a leading construction developer in Eastern India. The company delivered more than 700 units in the past 11 years. Proposed 4000 units are already lined up for the next 5 years. Sree Balaji bagged the "National Builder Award" from "Indian Achiever Forum" at Bangkok. In 2019, they bagged REALTY+ EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019 – EAST in the 'Environment-Friendly Residential Space – Non-Metro' and 'Villa Project of the Year – Non-Metro' categories. He has been honoured with 'Outstanding Achievement – Young Entrepreneur of India' at Goa in 2016. Recently (November 2019) he has been got full page coverage from Forbes India.

Marital status – Single

Extra curricular activities – Art & entrepreneurship development

CV of Ms. Madhumita Mitra:

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Mobile: 7980224047; E-mail: madhumita.mitra@yahoo.co.in

Date of Birth: 4th August

Educational Qualification: M.Sc., in Pure Physics (C.U); B.Ed

Professional Experience: Asst. Teacher 15 yrs in Mahadevi Birla World Academy, Darga Road, Kolkata From 1997 till June 2012. From June 2012 till date, working as Principal in St. Ninian's High School For Girls, Kolkata .

Marital status – Married

Date of Anniversary – 1st May

Name of Spouse – Mr. Saikat Mitra

Birthday of Spouse – 7th June

Extra curricular activities – Dance , Music, Recitation, and Gardening



PP Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav of Rotary Club of Hoogly elected as the DGND - 2023-24, RI District 3291

Relief at Bow Barracks: Stand-off ends, repairs start

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Bow Barracks, a century-old neighbourhood in the heart of the city that transforms into a giant dance floor during Christmas and hosts the most famous party in town, is getting restored and repaired after almost five decades.

This lifts the uncertainty over the future of the residents—mostly Anglo-Indians with British Indian parentage—who were directed by the Kolkata Improvement Trust in 1980 to vacate the place because the “buildings were dilapidated and unsafe for human use”. The residents, however, refused to move out, following which KIT stopped accepting rent from the occupants. Neglect and lack of repair started to show on the façade of the red buildings designed with exposed brick work.

The repair and restoration, which finally began late last month, will be carried out in two phases. One phase will include repairs of the exteriors of the buildings and overhaul of sewerage and plumbing. In the second phase, work will start on the interiors, including the electrical wiring and lighting.

The enclave, originally built for World War 1 soldiers, is home to the Anglo-Indian community but also boasts of strong cross-cultural roots with Muslims, Chinese and Bengali families, too, living there. “We are relieved the stand-off has finally ended. There was an uncertainty over the future of residents here. This is the only locality with such high concentration of Anglo Indians in the city and the culture and the legacy must be preserved,” said Angela Govindraj, secretary of Bow Barracks Residents' Welfare Association. Bow Barracks has the longest Christmas celebrations in the city, stretching from December 23 to January 1, followed by hockey and basketball tournaments. “We are grateful to our local MLA, Nayna Bandyopadhyay, former councillor Bimal Singh, current councillor Suman Sing, Derek O Brien and MLA Shane Calvert for helping us resolve the issue,” said Govindraj.

Bow Barracks has 132 flats. The layout is influenced by or has similarity with old historic Spanish Colonial town plan, with a compact layout having a main square and a city grid layout forming the basic aspects of physical planning. “There will be no structural change in any of the buildings. We are repairing the damage on the exterior of the buildings and overhauling the sewerage and plumbing lines. Underground water reservoir has been completely repaired,” said a KMDA engineer .

“Restoration and repair work on this scale have not been taken up in Bow Barracks in the past five decades,” said Bandyopadhyay, MLA of Chowringhee Assembly segment. Bow Barracks is located in Ward 47 .

Last year, Shivashih Bose, a professor of architecture at Jadavpur University, and Kanupriya Goel, a researcher at JU, had published a paper, ‘Bow Barracks—The Identity of Anglo Indian in Kolkata’, where they pointed out why the settlement inhabited by a “very special community” and the buildings should be conserved rather than bulldozing them and constructing high-rises. “The demolition of the old, existing structures would mean loss of history, cultural patina and socio-cultural and traditional functional setting. It will change the urban traditional character of a portion of the central business district in Kolkata. No perceived financial gain can compensate for such a loss incurred from demolition of the existing edifice,” said Bose.