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Minutes of the 2041st Virtual Zoom Meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur held on Monday, 21st December 2020 at 7 PM

- President Rtn. (Dr) Kunal Ray called the 2041st meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur to order and welcomed guest of the evening Dr. Manik Chakraborty and also the members present online.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta.
- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda announced:
- That, a new Rotaract Club of Jadavpur Greens; Club ID: 222277) has been sponsored by RC Calcutta Jadavpur and the same is updated on the RI Website.
- That on December 10, 2020, RC Kasba held a program on Investor Awareness for general public on road at the local club of Mahajati Kalyan Samity, Ruby Park, Kasba, in collaboration with other Rotary Clubs. RC Calcutta Jadavpur was a co-host of the program.
- That on December 19, 2020, Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur, Rotaract District Organization 3291 in association with Reserve Force Kolkata Police organized a blood donation camp for the benefit of paediatric cancer survivors at the Institute of Child Health, Park Circus, Kolkata. PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi aimed for 50 donors but finally 76 donors participated in the drive involving 49 from Police Reserve Force, 10 Rotarians, 17 Rotaractors. Each unit of blood can save upto 3 lives. From RC Calcutta Jadavpur, Rtn. (Dr) Mainak was a donor.
- That, also on December 19, 2020, RC Calcutta Jadavpur organized a Health Camp for girls (students from class VI to class XII) at RCC Chowbaga in collaboration with Satya Sai Arogya Vahini. The following activities were undertaken: (a) A lecture on general health and proper food and use of sanitary napkin by Rtn. Dr. Swati Pramanick; (b) Test for Hb content, thyroid (this is for selected girls as per need) etc.; (c) Distribution of protein supplements and sanitary napkins; and (d) Introduction of Sahaj Path Knowledge Foundation for free Teachers on Call service over telephone.
- On December 27, 2020, RC Calcutta Jadavpur intends to distribute 90 food/snack packets for old age people at Bow Barracks, who celebrate Christmas week during this period. The club proposes to associate with Rapido - a bike taxi platform - for this activity.
- Again, on December 27, 2020, RC Calcutta Jadavpur is co-hosting a project on Winter Drive: Fun, Appetite, Food, Cloth and Sanitary Kits hosted by Rotaract Club of Calcutta Majestic at Sree Ramakrishna Sarada Siksha Niketan, Bagnan, Howrah. On behalf of the club, PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi has taken the initiative.
- That on December 28, 2020, RC Calcutta Jadavpur will jointly hold a program on Awareness of TB with RC Kasba. Rtn (Dr) Souvik Roy will be a speaker there. The program will be held 5 PM onwards both physically and virtually.
- That like previous years, on January 09, 2021, RC Calcutta Jadavpur is planning a programme at Jharkhali, Sunderbans, to distribute 100 pieces each of blankets and mosquito nets. The programme has been delayed due to the pandemic situation. It is expected that a few of the fellow members will participate in the programme and those willing to participate may contact him within a couple of days.
- That around mid-January 2021, RC Calcutta Jadavpur will install an Incense Stick making machine at Mathurakhand village in Gosaba (South 24 Parganas) and training will be provided for operation of the machine. The group of women who will be involved with this job will be gifted with Aprons with the club logo, tailored by the tailoring school at RCC Chowbaga. Provision of an adult literacy school will be sought there and girls having passed Madhyamik or Higher Secondary will be appointed as paid teachers.
- That, all the upcoming activities are posted at our Club site in Rotary India. Please download the app for your convenience. Please post it in our WhatsApp group after procuring the App.
- As it has been informed in WhatsApp group of our club, a new Facebook account has been created and launched for Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur (RID 3291) with serious help from Rtn. (Dr.) Mainak and this has been done to avert unavoidable circumstances with our existing Facebook page. Rtn. Joyeta takes care of uploading the club activities on the concerned page.
- Members may take note that a new website has been launched for Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur which will mirror most of the information fed to the club's Rotary

India site. The link will be provided soon. Please visit the website and provide your recent photo, if it is not in the site or you like to update.

- That the next RCM will be held on January 04, 2021. On that note, he conveyed best wishes and a grand New Year to all the members and the guests present in the meeting.
- Secretary Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu conducted the club business and conveyed birthday greetings to Mr Rathindranath Bhattacharjee h/o Rtn Tapati Bhattacharya for his birthday falling on December 25, Ann (Dr) Ratna Chattopadhyay w/o Hony. Rtn (Dr) Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay for her birthday falling on December 27 and also Mr Debasis Pal h/o Rtn Pausali Paul for his birthday falling on 29th December 29.
- The minutes of the 2040th meeting was confirmed by the members and the meeting ended with thanks to everyone attending the meeting.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Dr. Ratna Chattopadhyay, w/o Honorary Member Rtn. Prof.
Dhruvajyoti Chattopadhyay which fell on December 27

Many Many Happy Returns of the day



Presidential Message

Holger Knaack :: President 2020-21

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January is finally here. As we look forward to 2021, our thinking doesn't have to stop at the end of these 365 days. Are you thinking ahead about what you will be doing in 2022, 2023, and beyond?

We cannot foresee the future, but we can steer ourselves where we want to go. I think it is important that every Rotary club hold a strategic meeting at least once a year. Past RI Director Greg Yank, who has a lot of experience working with clubs on their plans, shares his viewpoint.

A famous aphorism states, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Planning is essential to achieving success in all areas of life, including Rotary, and we're getting better at it every year.

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Strategic planning for Rotary clubs works. I have helped many clubs find that pathway by working with them to build what I call a blueprint, a multiyear plan that answers the fundamental question: “What is our vision for our club?” The best plans I have seen are those that are focused, when a club concentrates its resources on the best opportunities it has. Your Rotary club cannot be all things to its members and to the community it serves; it has limited human, financial, and time resources. A successful plan factors in assets and limitations to chart the desired pathway for your members. Begin building a multiyear strategic plan by brainstorming with your club, asking, “What are our initiatives and priorities for the next two to three years?” Document your answers using action-oriented language that is specific, concrete, and measurable about the goals you want to achieve.

Next, narrow down your initiatives to a core set of three to five priorities. Your club will then develop specific objectives for each initiative, outlining who will be involved, key milestones of achievement, how progress will be tracked, and a timeline for completion. Keep your plan short and simple.

Then go out and do it. Review the progress you make toward accomplishing the initiatives, and revise as needed at least once a year. Rotary has a solid template to assist clubs in their planning, which you can find at my.rotary.org/en/document/strategic-planning-guide..

We want to enrich and enliven our clubs with new discussions and ideas. But how do we attract the diverse professionals, from different backgrounds, ages, and experiences, who are all driven by as strong a sense of integrity as we are?

Through strategic planning, we explore this question to define the very nature of our club and the value it offers to its members and to the community. Each club is different, and each club’s value will be unique. During the planning process, clubs may also find that some of the activities they used to do are no longer relevant or attractive.

Once your club makes a strategic plan, it’s time to take action and carry out the necessary changes. When we do that — as we engage members in vibrant and active clubs that not only have fun but also serve their communities with projects that have real and lasting impact — our clubs grow stronger. And when we discover what makes our own clubs unique and build upon those core values in all our efforts, Rotary Opens Opportunities to enrich the lives of everyone.



Air pollution killed 1.7 million Indians in 2019: Lancet report

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Death rate from outdoor ambient air pollution up 115% in 2 decades, flags Lancet Planetary Health report

Some 1.7 million Indians died due to air pollution in 2019, according to a report by interdisciplinary journal Lancet Planetary Health.

The report ‘The India State-Level Disease Burden Initiative’ estimates health and economic impacts of air pollution, both from indoor and outdoor sources.

The toll in India was 18 per cent of the total deaths in the country, claimed the report released December 21, 2020.

The report has both good and bad news for India: Indoor, or household, air pollution caused 64 per cent fewer deaths in the last two decades (1990-2019), according to the report.

The bad news is that outdoor air pollution, or ambient air pollution, is not only increasing but also killing more. “The death rate from outdoor ambient air pollution has increased during this period by 115 per cent,” the study claimed.

“It is imperative that policy makers at the local and national levels take decisive steps to address this serious threat to public health,” Christopher Murray, director of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington’s School of Medicine and a co-author of the report, said.

India has lost 1.4 per cent of GDP due to premature deaths and morbidity from air pollution. It is equivalent to Rs 2,60,000 crore in monetary term — more than four times of the allocation for healthcare in the Union budget for 2020-21. Lung diseases caused by air pollution accounted for the highest share — 36.6 per cent — in the total economic losses.

According to the study:

The economic loss due to air pollution as a percentage of the state GDP was higher in the northern and central India states, with the highest in Uttar Pradesh (2.2 per cent of GDP) and Bihar (2 per cent of GDP).

Delhi had the highest per-capita economic loss due to air pollution, followed by Haryana in 2019.

The economic loss due to lost output from premature deaths and morbidity attributable to ambient particulate matter pollution ranged from \$9.5 million in the small northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh to \$3188.4 million in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh.

In term of economic losses attributable to indoor air pollution ranged, Goa had the least loss at \$7.6 million and UP the highest at \$1829.6 million.

“The economic loss due to lost output from premature deaths attributable to ambient ozone pollution ranged from \$0.4 million in the small northeastern state of Nagaland to \$286.2 million in Uttar Pradesh,” the study claimed.

Balram Bhargava, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, and Director General,

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), said: “Various government schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana and the Unnat Chulha Abhiyan have aided in reducing household air pollution in India, the benefits of which are suggested in the reducing death rate from it as seen in this paper.”

