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MINUTES OF THE 2046th VIRTUAL MEETING OF RC CALCUTTA JADAVPUR HELD ON MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunal Ray called the 2046th meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur to order.
- The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta.
- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda announced:
- That an online programme was conducted on February 13 & 14, 2021 to observe Pediatric Cancer Day which falls on February 15. This event was hosted by RC Calcutta Jadavpur in collaboration with Rotaract Clubs of District 3291 and RC Calcutta Park Point as Lead Host. In addition, 29 other Rotary Clubs including those from other Rotary Districts (e.g. Santiniketan, Chennai and London) were co-hosts for the event. On February 13, 2021 pediatric cancer survivors and Rotaractors performed virtually and on 14, 2021 reputed vocalist Ms. Kaushiki Chakraborty presented a virtual performance and she interacted with some pediatric cancer survivors. Total number of participants was approx. 100 on each day. A corpus fund has been created using the donation received for the purpose which amounted to approx. Rs. 2.3 lakhs out of which Rs. 50,000/- will be paid to the technical hands of Kaushiki for her performance. The program was promoted by short messages from celebrities viz. Usha Uthup, Rituparna Sengupta, Srijato, Deb Shankar Haldar, Rita Bhimani and Kala Ramnath. RIPE Sekhar Mehta also joined the program and strongly encouraged to open many more rehab centres for pediatric cancer survivors aiming Rotary Eye Hospitals as possible locations. DGE Rtn Prabir Chatterjee, PDG Rtn Rajani Mukherjee and PDG Rtn. Angshuman Bandopadhyay attended the meeting. Although DG Sudip Mukherjee could not be present but he sent a message for the program. The event was published in print media by Ananda Bazar Patrika and Pratidin – two reputed Bengali dailies.
- That as announced, a Mother & Child Health Camp was held at RCC Chowbaga on February 13, 2021. The entire programme was organised by Rtn. (Dr.) Swati. The project was carried out in association with Sri Sathya Sai Aarogyo Vahini. A total of 65 participants were present including the mothers and their children. General health check-up was done including height, weight and BP, as appropriate. Sixteen mothers participated in blood test which include blood Hb level, total blood count, differential count, cell morphology and ESR. The program was overseen and managed by IPP Rtn. (Dr.) Aditi, Rtn. (Dr.) Jharnadi and Rtn. Joyeta.
- That on February 18, 2021, an Investors Awareness Program was organised by RC Kasba at Bantala on Basanati Highway, in association with RC Calcutta South Suburban. RC Calcutta Jadavpur also co-hosted the program.
- That the PRE-PETS – “TALIM” was held on February 20 & 21, 2021 at Hotel Sonar Bangla, Kolaghat, where the welcome speech was addressed by him. There were 192 participants including 91 Presidents, 21 AGs, invited PDGs including speakers and District Officials. DGE Rtn. Prabir Chatterjee charted the path for 2021-22, where he deliberated on some of the highlights of his plans for the year viz. Empowering girl child, Self-defence of girl child, Partner with Kolkata Police (KP) on women empowerment etc. In addition, he will focus on Health & disease, Basic education and literacy. Know your numbers project will continue but will be done for all the Rotarians and their family members. Programs on sports and culture will be done in collaboration with RI Districts - 3242, 3250 and 3262 encompassing adjacent states of Bihar, Jharkhand, Assam and Orissa. The event hosted by RC Calcutta Jadavpur, was attended by PP Rtn. Jaydeb, Rtn. (Dr.) Aditi, Rtn. (Dr.) Jharnadi and Ann. Shakhi.
- That today, the contractor Mr. Manas Mukherjee, has informed that the project work at St. Ninians Girls High School is complete, which can be verified for further

action.

- That on February 27, 2021, RC Calcutta Jadavpur is co-hosting a program SANTIHI organised by RC Ballygunge on World Peace and Understanding at Rotary Sadan starting at 6:00 pm. Consul General of several countries will come to discuss peace in a talk show. This will be followed by a cultural program. Members may make it convenient to attend the program.
- That the annual club picnic is scheduled on Sunday, February 28, 2021. Members are requested to attend in numbers along with their family members.
- That on March 06, 07, 13 and 14, 2021, a training programme on roof top gardening is being organised at Rishi Arabindo Balika Vidyapith at 11 am onwards. Retired Prof. B. C. Ghosh of IIT- Kharagpur will impart the training. Members who are interested may join the programme.
- That SAMAGAM - District Conference (2020-21) will be held on March 20 & 21, 2021 at Rajkuter, Swabhumi, Kolkata. Members may please get them registered soon. It would not be out of place to mention that it would be worth an experience for the new members.
- That in course of the virtual club meeting on March 08, 2021, a lecture by Agni Mitra, is being organised on “Wild Life and Crime Prevention”.
- In the absence of the Secretary, Rtn (Dr.) Krishnendu, the club business was conducted by the President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda of the club. He conveyed birthday greetings to PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi Sarkar for his birthday falling on February 23, Rtn. (Dr.) Manik Chakraborty falling on February 24, Ann Rita Chanda, w/o Rtn. Bhaskar Chanda falling on February 28 and Rtn. (Dr.) Soma Banerjee falling on March 03. Further, anniversary greetings was extended to Ann. Anju & Rtn Anup Tibrewal falling on February 28.
- Members may take note that, since the club bulletin could not be published today due to some unavoidable circumstances, the minutes of the 2045th club meeting will be confirmed during the virtual meeting on March 08, 2021.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Rtn Dr Souvik Roy which falls on 16th March

Many Many Happy Returns of the day

CLUB PICNIC

Picnic is the most unique and possibly the best fellowship program for a club to bond members together. Apart from fellowship, a picnic has two more attractions – venue & menu. All members wait for this occasion once in a year.

To meet this demand of the members, RCCJ had celebrated the picnic in a traditional way on 28th. February, 2021 with mouth-watering food and beverages in peaceful greeneries in a resort at Baruipur locality. Mostly all members attended the program with their families and enjoyed it very much.

I take this opportunity to thank and greet President Kunal and his team to host and organize this program in a befitting manner. I am sure all members of RCCJ will definitely join me to congratulate the team and applaud them for their kind gesture.

Sambhu da
Honorary Member

Presidential Message

Holger Knaack (President 2020-21)



March 2021

As someone who knows firsthand the great leadership potential of Rotaractors, I always look forward to World Rotaract Week, which we are celebrating from 8 to 14 March. Rotaractors are the focus of all three of my presidential conferences this year, and I was proud when, two years ago, the Council on Legislation voted to elevate Rotaract by including Rotaract clubs as members of Rotary International. Before that, the Council had already made dual membership possible, and shortly after, the Board of Directors decided to do away with Rotaract's age limits.

But we are only just embarking on our journey together. Partnering effectively doesn't happen by itself. It requires both sides to be open and to understand the value of cross-generational alliances. Louie De Real, a dual member of Rotaract and Rotary, explains.

Joint virtual meetings have helped Rotaractors introduce Rotarians to new ideas and tools, pioneering unique ways for clubs to collaborate. In the case of pandemic and disaster response, Rotaract clubs used social media to coordinate efforts, drive information, and fundraise, while Rotary clubs used their networks and resources to amplify support, provide logistics, and bring the goods and services to communities.

Rotaractors' innovative virtual engagement and professional development activities inspired Rotarians to support and follow suit. The pandemic made Rotaract clubs realize that we can immediately connect and partner with Rotary clubs through virtual platforms. With constant collaboration, we realize that Rotary and Rotaract indeed complement each other — that we are part of a single organization with shared goals.

Both sides add value. Rotarians can be mentors and service partners to Rotaractors, while Rotaractors can demonstrate to Rotarians that difficult jobs can be simplified and limitations can be surpassed through digital approaches. This synergy motivates Rotaractors to become future Rotarians: I joined Rotary because Rotarians gave me memorable membership experiences through inspirational moments of collaboration. I needed to be a Rotarian to inspire Rotaractors the same way, now and in the future.

That same synergy leads Rotarians to realize that while Rotaractors may have a different culture, we all share a common vision of uniting people to take action. Rotaract's unique ways of doing things serve as inspiration for innovation, helping Rotary increase its ability to adapt to future challenges. Rotarians and Rotaractors will build the future together, so let's start today.

I see no difference between a Rotary club and a Rotaract club, except perhaps for the average age!

Many Rotarians still view Rotaract as our youth organization, but I see it differently. For me, they are part of us, and they are like us. To be successful together, we need to have mutual respect — to see each other as equals. Let's see Rotaractors for who they really are: students and young leaders, but also successful managers and entrepreneurs who are capable of planning, organizing, and managing a Rotary institute — including breakout sessions in five languages — as they did in Berlin in 2014.

As we take this journey together, let's remember the strengths of Rotary and Rotaract. And, as Louie says, let's get started right away in building the future together. In doing so, we open endless opportunities for our organization.

We both are grateful for having found each other when we did, but we don't really talk about such things. In a relationship, one does what comes naturally. After 35 years together, there are times when we don't even need to speak. There is truly something called telepathy.

Wendell Rodricks, 59, (1960-2020), was a well-known fashion designer and Padma Shri awardee. Jérôme Marrel (64) is the executive director of Rodricks's fashion company and administrator of the Moda Goa Foundation.

India an over performer in frontier tech among developing countries: UN report

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Several developing countries showed stronger capabilities to use and adapt frontier technologies above their GDPs, but were lagging behind



India was the biggest 'overperformer' in frontier technologies than the country's per capita gross domestic products (GDP) would suggest, according to a recent country-readiness index released by the United

Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

Frontier technologies include artificial intelligence, the internet of things, big data, blockchain, fifth-generation mobile telephony, three-dimensional printing, robotics, drones (remotely controlled flights), gene-editing, nanotechnology and solar power — the ones that take advantage of digitalisation and connectivity.

The index analysed progress of countries in using frontier technologies, considering their national capacities related to physical investment, human capital and technological effort.

Not only India, but several developing countries showed stronger capabilities to use and adapt frontier technologies above their GDPs, the report highlighted. And yet, most of the 158 countries assessed were lagging behind.

India's actual index ranking was 43, while the estimated one based on per capita income was 108. This meant that India overperformed other countries by 65 ranking positions. It was followed by the Philippines, which overperformed by 57 ranking positions.

China was at position 25; both India and China performed well in research and development. This was reflective of their abundant supplies of qualified and highly skilled human resources available at a comparatively low cost.

The Philippines has a high ranking for industry—because of high levels of foreign direct investment in high-technology manufacturing, especially electronics.

	Country	Overperformance (positions)		Country	Overperformance (positions)
1	India	65	11	Morocco	29
2	Philippines	57	12	Kenya	28
3	Ukraine	47	13	Nepal	28
4	Viet Nam	45	14	Serbia	25
5	China	40	15	Korea, Republic of	24
6	Jordan	34	16	Russian Federation	24
7	Brazil	33	17	Latvia	24
8	Republic of Moldova	33	18	Togo	23
9	South Africa	29	19	United Kingdom	21
10	Tunisia	29	20	Ghana	20

The United States, Switzerland and the United Kingdom were "best prepared" for frontier technologies, the report highlighted.

According to the report:

Most of the best-prepared countries are from Europe, except the Republic of Korea, Singapore and the United States. Some transition economies, such as Russia, also perform well on the index.

Developing countries should align science, technology and innovation policies with industrial policies. New technologies can re-invigorate traditional production sectors and speed up industrialisation and economic structural transformation," Shamika N Sirimanne, director, UNCTAD's division on technology and logistics, said.