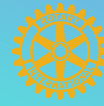


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MINUTES OF THE 2047th VIRTUAL MEETING OF RC CALCUTTA JADAVPUR HELD ON MONDAY, 8th March 2021 AT 7.00 P.M.

- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunal Ray called the 2047th meeting of RC Calcutta Jadavpur to order welcoming the guest of the evening, Mrs. Koyeli Dutt and also all the members present online. Further, he congratulated and wished well to all the lady members of the club on the International Women's Day. In this context, he placed it on record that 13 of the 36 club members are women and they are doing a superb job to take the club forward and having fun in the process.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. (Dr.) Jharna Ray.
- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda announced:
 - That a lecture would be delivered by Shri. Agni Mitra (IFS), Regional Deputy Director (Eastern Region), Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), Ministry of Environment, Govt of India on "Wild Life and crime prevention" this evening. Since today's talk had been already scheduled, the club, in commemoration of International Women's Day, plans to felicitate an accomplished woman soon. In this context, the name of Dr. Nabamita Das, an Assistant Prof at Presidency University as proposed by Rtn. (Dr.) Mainak Sengupta has been suggested. Dr. Das's research interest lies in gender inequality that starts from early childhood including the way we train their mind through popular rhymes, etc. In addition, she works on sexuality, class, culture and subjectivity in the context of intimate relations within everyday's mundane spaces of adda, friendship, and family. The attending members welcomed the proposal.
 - That, following the fundraising program held on February 13 and 14, 2021 for wellness of paediatric cancer patients, funds are still pouring in. The work is in progress to consolidate the corpus fund and take logical and strategic steps to head towards major stride on this project and the same would be discussed in details in course of the upcoming club meeting.
 - That on February 27, 2021, RC Calcutta Jadavpur co-hosted a program SANTIHI organised by RC Ballygunge on World Peace and Understanding at Rotary Sadan. Consul Generals of several countries came to discuss peace in a talk show. This was followed by cultural program. He, alongwith PP Rtn. Partha Sarathi attended the event.
 - That the annual club picnic was successfully held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at 'Sri Hari Bahar Bunglow' adjacent to Baruipur locality. As always, It was hosted jointly by Secretary Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu and himself. Unfortunately, Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu could not take part, as he was out of town for professional commitment. It was a fun filled day where, the fellow members came with their families and a pet counting to 35 people. Members who could not come for compelling reasons were sorely missed and the club looks forward to make it up with some such fun activities sooner than later. He thanked PP Rtn. Jaydeb, PP Rtn. (Dr) Partha Pratim, PP Rtn. Sanjay, PP Rtn. Swapan for doing all the background work for execution of the event.
 - That as announced earlier, SAMAGAM - District Conference (2020-21) will be held on March 20 & 21, 2021 at Rajkutir, Swabhami, Kolkata. Till date, eleven members have registered for the event. As suggested by the District Administration, the club plans to display its activities through a poster presentation. It is always recommended that the new members attend district events to get a larger dimension of Rotary, when they go beyond the confines of the club meetings only.
 - That, with regard to the 'Rain Water Harvest' project work at Cossipore St. Ninian's High School For Girls, the contractor Mr. Manas Mukherjee has confirmed that the same has been completed and the installed system has been tested successfully taking the authorities of the school into confidence. Rtn. (Dr.) Chitradi mentioned

that this will be inaugurated under NASI and club banners, where Mr. Manas Mukherjee and PP Rtn Dibeyenduda should be present.

- That, the work on building toilets at Sangrami Nagar F.P. School is almost at the final phase of completion. Seventy five percent of the money has been paid to the contractor in 3 instalments. It is expected that the job will be completed soon. Honorary Member Rtn. Prof. Indrajit Ray was asked to provide a write up to engrave on behalf of Vidyapith.
- That the cultural committee convenor, Rtn. (Dr.) Jharnadi has proposed an online Basanta Utsav involving all Zone-20 clubs of RID 3291. The issue will be taken up with ZS Rtn Rina Sinha Roy and members would be duly notified.
- Next, President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda invited Rtn. Pausali to introduce Smt. Koyeli Dutt. Rtn. Pausali introduced Smt. Mrs. Dutt briefly and informed that she is the Managing Director of Technico (India) Pvt. Ltd., one of the oldest fire protection companies in Eastern India having approx. 200 employees. The company works with NTPC Ltd, Nuclear Power Corporation Ltd, IOCL, GAIL, BHEL, L&T, GE etc., providing fire protection systems in power plants, steel plants and oil refineries.
- Secretary, Rtn. (Dr.) Krishnendu then conducted the club business and conveyed birthday greetings to Rtn. (Dr.) Souvik Roy for his birthday falling on March 16.
- President Rtn. (Dr.) Kunalda mentioned that two issues of the club bulletin, relating to the club meetings held on February 08 and February 22, 2021, have been published and duly circulated. Accordingly, minutes of the 2045th & 2046th meetings were confirmed by the members and the meeting ended with thanks to everyone.



Rtn. (Dr.) Swati Pramanick falling on March 22.

PP Rtn. Jaydeb Banerjee falling on March 29

Ann. Krishnakoli Roy w/o PP Rtn. (Dr.) Partha Pratim Roy falling on March 25

Many Many Happy Returns of the day

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Former soccer star leaves it all on the field to improve education in Tanzania

Here's how joining a Rotary club helped enhance Ashley Holmer's work



Ashley Holmer is a member of the Rotary Club of Lewis River (Battle Ground), Washington

Looking for a meaningful year-abroad experience, Ashley Holmer decided to teach in Tanzania. The former college soccer star coached and taught English in a Maasai community in 2005.

But Holmer soon became more deeply involved in education in Tanzania. She co-founded the Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania (IEFT), which established a school in the village of Orkeeswa in 2008. In 2011, the leaders of Mungere village asked Holmer to help build its first community high school.

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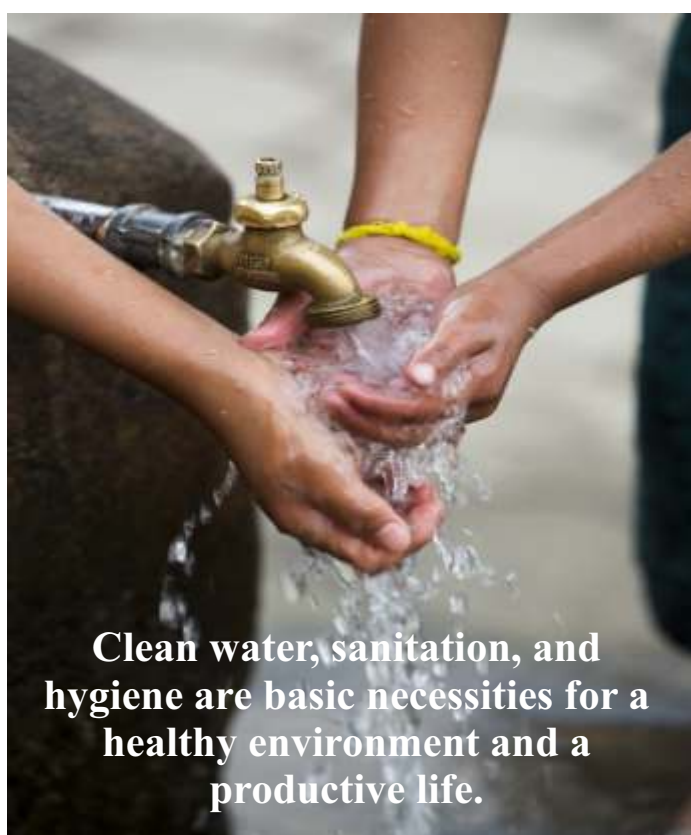
That was the beginning of the Red Sweater Project, named for the color of the school uniforms. Since then, the Mungere School — and education — has been a central part of Holmer's life.

The Red Sweater Project focuses on three main areas: quality education, gender equality, and responsible innovation. In Tanzania, many children — especially girls — leave school around age 12, in part because of costs for uniforms, school supplies, meals, and transportation. To keep students in the classroom, the project makes education affordable by reducing those ancillary costs.

In 2013, Holmer, who still spends about half her time in Tanzania, was invited to a meeting of the Lewis River Rotary club. She was struck by the way her values meshed with those of Rotary but was unable to join at the time because of attendance requirements. In January 2017, with those requirements having become more flexible, she became a member.

The club has embraced Holmer's work and sponsors scholarships for six students each year to attend the Mungere School. "We have students whose parents are illiterate," Holmer says. "One of my students just finished her teacher training. It's coming full circle."

By: NIKKI KALLIO



Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life.

Chenab bridge: World's highest rail bridge set to complete big engineering milestone; details

By: Smriti Jain timesofindia.indiatimes.com :: February 25, 2021

Chenab bridge, the world's highest railway bridge, is all set to complete an important construction milestone by March 2021. As part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project (USBRL), Indian Railways is constructing a bridge over the Chenab river. The Chenab bridge is being made at a height of 359 metres above the river bed - making it the highest railway bridge in the world. Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has tweeted an image of the Chenab bridge stating that the steel arch of the bridge is nearing closure.

According to Deepak Kumar, Chief Public Relations Officer, Northern Railway, the arch closure will be complete by March 2021. "Chenab bridge is expected to be complete by year end," Deepak Kumar said. The railway bridge is being built to cross the



deep gorge, and the main arch has a span length of 467 metres, which Indian Railways claims is the largest in the country. Once the arch is complete, viaduct and track laying work will start, learns TOI.

Chenab bridge salient facts:

At 359 metres height above the river bed, Chenab bridge will be 35 metres taller than the Eiffel tower.

Chenab bridge will be 1.315 kilometres long. It will have stations at both the ends.

The Chenab bridge will be an engineering marvel - it has already missed several deadlines for completion owing to challenging terrain in young fold mountains of Himalayas and inclement climate.

The bridge has been built in an earthquake prone Seismic Zone IV. The seismic analysis for the project has been carried out by various IITs. The bridge has been designed to withstand earthquake forces up to Seismic Zone V.

Given the fact that the area is prone to terrorist attacks the Chenab bridge has been designed to be "blast-proof" in consultation with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The bridge will have a design speed of 100 kilometres per hour and a lifespan of 120 years.

Chenab bridge is made up of steel arches and the slopes of the mountains supporting the foundations of the main arch have been stabilised.

Since the bridge is over a very deep gorge, wind will have a very significant effect on the stability of the bridge. Modern wind tunnel tests were performed in Denmark to finalise the design. The bridge will be able to withstand wind velocity up to 266 kmph.

Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail link project:

The USBRL is a 272 kilometres long railway link project being built at a cost of Rs 28,000 crore under the Northern Railway zone. The project will connect Kashmir to the rest of India and is expected to be completed by 2022. Out of 272 kilometres, the Quazigund-Baramulla (118 kms) and Banihal-Quazigund (18 kms) and Udhampur-Katra (25 kms) sections have already been commissioned. The Katra-Banihal section which is 111 kilometres long is under construction.

Apart from the Chenab bridge, the USBRL rail link will also have India's longest railway tunnel (T-49) at 12.75 kilometres. Pirpanjal tunnel (11.215 kms), the longest rail tunnel as of date, is also part of the USBRL project and has already been commissioned. Yet another engineering marvel under construction is the Anji bridge which will be the first cable-stayed bridge of Indian Railways. The bridge is being constructed over Anjikhad, a tributary of Chenab river.

