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R. I. District. 3291, Club No. 23958

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## JANUARY - VOCATIONAL SERVICES

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## Minutes

1683 RFM dated 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023

### Attendees:

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|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| ▪ Debdip Dey         | ▪ Bhaskar Dasgupta     | ▪ Tapas Bhattacharya   |
| ▪ Kum Kum Bose       | ▪ Bhaskar Guha         | ▪ Sailendra Nath Dewan |
| ▪ Deepak Mitra       | ▪ Kalpana Roy Coudhury | ▪ Mala Chakraborty     |
| ▪ Indumoti Choudhury |                        |                        |

### Discussion Points:

- President called the meeting to order and Rtn Mala Chakraborty led the National Anthem
- 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Sat- Sit & Draw/Quiz competition with the children of Jagorani. Water Bottle sponsored by President; Tiffin box sponsored by Ann Mousumi; Chocolates by Anasua; Biscuits by Itu; Cakes by Mala Chakraborty; Fruiti by Rahela; Posters by Rina, Pencil Box & Pens were donated by Rtn Reeta Bose, Chocolates by Bhaskar Dasgupta
- 30<sup>th</sup> December, Sat - Prakritir Haat at Chakida's residence is to be organised.

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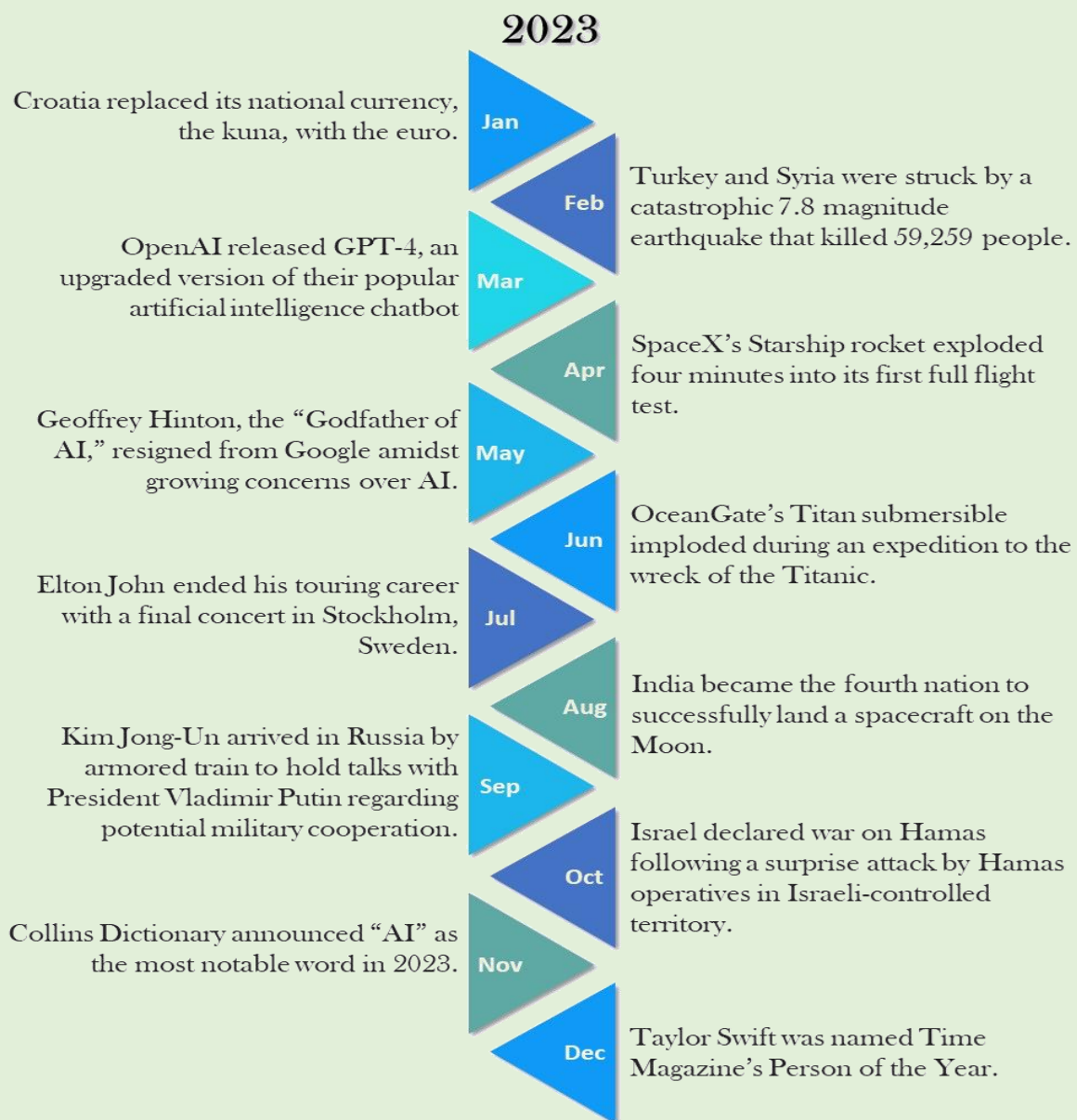
- 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> January, Sat/Sun, 2024- District Conference UTKARSH at Taak Kutir. All members are requested to attend.
- 13<sup>th</sup> January, Sat- Club's New Year family meet is to be organised at CF Block Community Centre. Mala Chakraborty and Kum Kum Bose apprised the club members about the details of the prog to be held on that day. Members also discussed the food for that day.
- 27<sup>th</sup> January, Sat - CLUB PICNIC at Burul. Venue already booked. Members were requested to check best possible bus available on that day.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February, Fri/Sat/Sun- Trip to Jamshedpur, Ashanboni. Train tickets and hotel reservations are confirmed for willing members and their families.
- The President informed the members that he would like to have the project at Purulia in Feb or Mar, 2024.
- 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> March, Sun/Mon/Tue- Dol utsav at Itachuna Rajbari. Members who want to go are requested to plan and confirm so that bookings can be done in Itachuna Rajbari.
- Rtn Deepak informed the members that an amount of Rs. 1,56,000.00 had been transferred from Trust account to club account. Trust account would be closed .
- Bhaskar DasguptaDasgupta, one of our NRI members, attended the meeting and was welcomed by all the members. He introduced himself to the new members and informed that he joined this club in 1988. He also shared his experiences in the club with the members and also some instances in the club in the past. He agreed to sponsor a part of the funds for the Eye camp in Ghatakpukur.
- Next date of the meeting has been fixed on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## From Editor's Desk

2023 - A Year of CHANGE

2023 was a year of change. The WHO finally declared the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, India overtook China to become the most populous country, and artificial intelligence overtook our lives!

Reflecting back to a few notable events in 2023.





# Project Report

Jagoroni Students - Sit & Draw and Quiz contests on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

We conducted Sit and Draw along with a Quiz competition amongst four groups of students at Jagorani, a NGO at Kestopur, Kolkata 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2023. Jagorani runs a coaching center for under privileged children (~70) where college students offer voluntary services through teaching to those students (Class I to Class VII) on Saturday and Sunday.

More than forty (40) students of different classes were present that day and participated in the competition. The subjects of drawing were National Flag (for Class I&II), Fruit (for Class III), Landscape (for Class IV) and Environment (for Class V & VI). We conducted a Quiz also with these students. There was tremendous response amongst the students who participated in the competition with full interest and enthusiasm. Token of appreciations in form of prizes and food packets were distributed among those students at the end.





# Project Report

Prokritir Haat on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023



RCSLDT has organised 'Prokritir Haat' after a gap of more than 3 years. We felt the need of promoting self-help groups to come to mainstream and started Prokritir Haat in 2020. The purpose is to bridge the gap between the original producer of goods and the buyers.

Now RCSLDT has revived this journey and hoping to continue this project as one of its flagship projects in future as well.

The response from both the buyers as well as the sellers has been very encouraging. Moreover, the spontaneous participation of the members and their family members encourages us to continue with 'Prokritir Haat' in a larger scale.



## Event

District conference on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Utkarsh District Conference 2023-24 was held from 5-7th January, 2024, at Taj Taal Kutir Convention Centre, Newtown, Kolkata. On 5th January, 2024, elections were held for selection of District Governor (2026-27). Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya was elected as the District Governor (2026-27).

There were sessions held on 6th January, 2024, such as 'Serve' 'Doing good in the world', 'Create Hope', 'Grow More', 'Serve change Loves', 'Empowering Girls' wherein excellent speakers like Jaya Row, Shiv Khara, Shweta Sharda, Shekhar Mehta etc. & also entertainment programs by singers Sanchita and Sujoy Bhowmik were held.

On 7th January there were sessions on 'Public Image', 'District Projects', 'Art of Strategising', 'Four Way Test', 'Desh Sarvoch' wherein we had excellent speakers like Rituparna Sengupta, Atul Satya Kaushik, Captain Yogendra Singh Yadav & also entertainment program by singer Salman Ali.

District Conference was attended by Kalpana Roychoudhury, Reeta Bose and Deepak Mitra from our club.

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# Dates to remember

Mark your calendar

## January

## 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02	03	04	05	06 CONFERENCE - District Conference 2024 Birthday - Bhaskar Das Gupta	07 CONFERENCE - District Conference 2024
08	09	10	11	12 BIRTHDAY - Reeta Bose	13 GET TOGETHER - New Year (6PM) @CF Block	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 ANNIVERSARY - Soumen (Mahua)	21
22	23	24 ANNIVERSARY - Dipak (Mousumi)	25	26	27 ANNUAL PICNIC - at Noditeere, Burul	28
29 ANNIVERSARY - Siva (Sweta)	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	Notes:				