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

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President: Sailendra Nath Dewan | Secretary: Prantick Roychowdhury | Editor: Debdip Dey

MARCH - WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

Inspiring Read: [2024-25: The Magic of Rotary](#)

Minutes

1686 RFM dated 16th February, 2024

Attendees:

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| ▪ Kumkum Bose | ▪ Sibansu Mohan Chaki | ▪ Mala Chakraborty |
| ▪ Sailendra Nath Dewan | ▪ Bhaskar Guha | ▪ Deepak Mitra |
| ▪ Indumoti Choudhury | ▪ Anusua Sarkar | ▪ Reshmi Dey |
| ▪ Soumen Bhaumik | ▪ Tutun De | ▪ Tapas Bhattacharya |
| ▪ Debdip Dey | ▪ Rahela Jeswal | ▪ Sanjay Kr. Saha |

Discussion Points:

- President called the meeting to order and Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya led the National Anthem
- President requested members to confirm their participation in the lunch invitation in Mahishbathan Jatiya Pathshala on 20.2.24. Sixteen members agreed to attend the lunch with the children of the school.
- Rtn Debdip Dey briefed the members about the complete tour program from 23-25 February, '24, to Asanboni.
- President informed the members that a project-cum-tour program is being planned from 11-12th March, '24, to Purulia. Details of the project would be shared with the members later on.
- President informed the members that Rtn Kalpana Roychowdhury has submitted her resignation from the club due to ill- health and other reasons. The matter was discussed and it was accepted, subject to payment of her pending membership dues, quite unwillingly by all the club members. All the

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members wished a very happy and an enjoyable life for to our senior member Kalpanadi.

- President-Elect Tapas Bhattacharya announced the Board (2024-25):

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| President: | Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya |
| Vice President: | Rtn. Bhaskar Guha |
| Secretary: | Rtn. Kumkum Bose |
| Treasurer: | Rtn. Soumen Bhaumik |
| Editor: | Rtn. Debdip Dey |
| Director club Service: | Rtn. Mala Chakraborty |
| Director membership: | Rtn. Anusua Sarkar and Rtn. Siva Kumar |
| Director Literacy: | Rtn. Indumoti Choudhury |
| Director Public Image: | Rtn Prantick Roychowdhury |
| Director Project: | Rtn. Itu Upadhyay |
| Director TRF & International: | Rtn. Reeta Bose and Rtn. Bhaskar Dasgupta. |
| Director youth Service: | Rtn Rahela Jeswal |
| Director Medical & Environment: | Rtn. Rina Bramha |
| Executive Secretary: | Rtn. Deepak Mitra |
| Mentor: | Rt. Sibansu Mohan Chaki |

- President, members & family members of the club celebrated whole-heartedly the birthday of the senior-most member of our club Rtn Sibansu Mohan Chaki. Thanks to Mala Chakraborty, Kum Kum Bose & Tapas Bhattacharya for planning and executing the program. Thanks to Chakida for sponsoring the food packets.
- Next date of the meeting has been fixed on 1st March 2024.

From Editor's Desk

February 30 - Yes, you read it right!!!

This year, being leap year, we had 29 days in February. But do you know [February 30 has been a real date](#) at least twice in history?

Swedish Calendar

In 1700, Sweden tried to change their Julian calendar date to Gregorian calendar date by removing all leap years from 1700. However, the 1704 and 1708 became leap days by mistake. So Sweden added 2 leap days in February 1712 to match their dates with the Julian calendar. [Hence 30-Feb-1712 was a valid date in Swedish calendar.](#)

Soviet Calendar

Soviet Union observed [February 30 in 1930 and 1931](#) in an attempt to cut seven-day weeks into five-day weeks and to introduce 30-day months for every working month.

Event

Birthday celebration of our eldest member Rt. Sibansu Mohan Chaki - 16Feb23

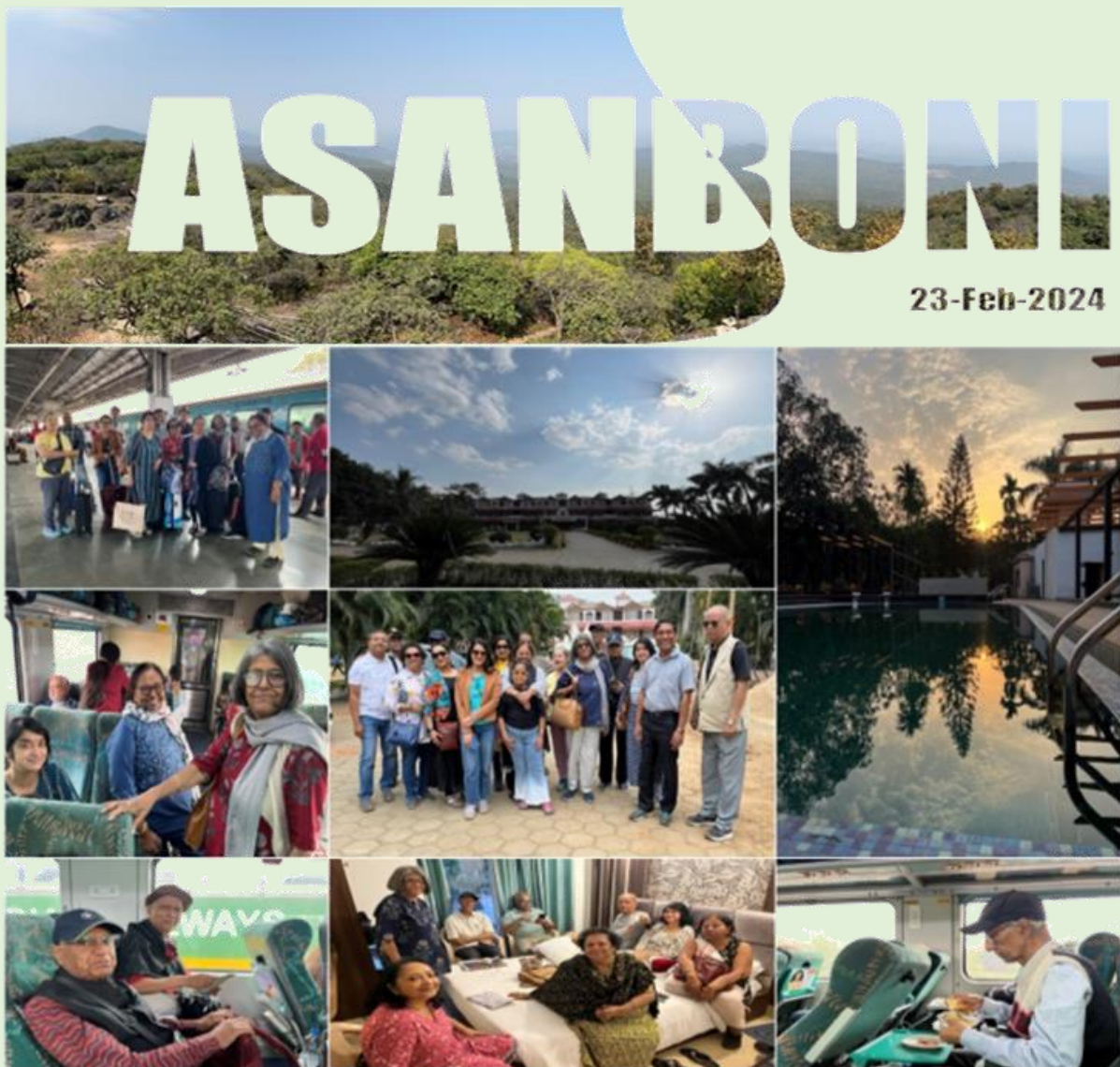


Event

Asanboni, A dream trip - 23rd ~ 25th Feb'24

The journey to Asanboni was thrilling from start to finish. It all began at Rahela's house when Debdip proposed the idea, and after much discussion, we collectively decided to go ahead with the trip. Without delay, he took charge and proceeded to book hotel accommodations and train tickets and other related logistics for the trip.

On the day of departure, all the members of Hoichoi arrived at Howrah station well before the train's scheduled departure time. After all, we were determined not to miss the Steel Express, demonstrating our steadfast commitment.



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Debdip had made sure that the car to transport us was arranged and waiting for us at Tatanagar station. He even remembered to pick up beer cans for the party during the journey. We reached our destination, Hill View Resort, within 40mins. Situated at the foothills of the Dalma Mountain range, Hill View Resort provided the perfect setting for a complete escape from the hustle and bustle of the city.

On the first day, we spent the majority of our time at the resort, and in the evening, a bonfire was arranged. There was an abundance of kababs, paneer tikka, beer, lime soda, and more. This was further enhanced by the innovative games, including Housie in different form and building a clock with coins, organized by Kumkum Dewan. She made every effort to engage all of us and rewarded us with thoughtful prizes at the end. Rahela's family joined the party late at night.

We began our second day with an early breakfast, eager to embark on our sightseeing plans. Setting off for the forest, we enjoyed a picturesque drive through the Dalma Forest range. The breathtaking view from the Watch Tower on top of Dalma hill left us awestruck. We ventured on a trek through the jungle and indulged in some local snacks like Muri and Pakora. Naturally, some of us discreetly enjoyed beer in the car. Later, we visited Chandil Dam and had a delightful boat ride. In the evening, we once again gathered around the bonfire, enjoying the same menu as the previous night.

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On the third day, we checked out from the hotel and headed to Dimna Lake. We had a thrilling boat ride there, enjoying the serene surroundings. Afterwards, we visited the Zoo, which is the only privately owned zoo in the country. Exploring the zoo on a battery-operated car, we had the opportunity to see a variety of animals and birds, offering a delightful experience for all of us.



Due to a delay in our train schedule, special arrangements were graciously made by Shri Subrata, husband of Anasua, in railway officers' room at Tatanagar station where we were able to relax and enjoy some hot tea. Additionally, he arranged for helpers to assist with our luggage. Similar arrangements were also made at Howrah station.

This trip was filled with unforgettable memories - from Rahela's entertaining jokes to Madhuja's meticulous food planning, Meethi's infectious enthusiasm, and the admirable sportsmanship displayed by the elders in our group. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It was truly a memorable journey that strengthened the bonds within the Hoichoi family and provided us with the inspiration for a bright future ahead.

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Dates to remember

Mark your calendar

March

2024

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|---|---|----------------------------------|----------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 01 MEETING - RFM | 02 ANNIVERSARY - Mala (Anirudha) | 03 BIRTHDAY - Sailendra Nath Dewan |
| 04 BIRTHDAY - Tutun De | 05 | 06 ANNIVERSARY - Tapas (Soma) | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 |
| 11 ANNIVERSARY - Rina (Sunil) PROJECT @ Purulia | 12 BIRTHDAY - Prantick Roychowdhury ANNIVERSARY - Sailen (Kumkum) PROJECT @Purulia | 13 | 14 | 15 MEETING - RFM | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 BIRTHDAY - Anasua Sarkar MEETING - RFM | 30 | 31 |
| 01 | 02 | Notes: | | | | |