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VOCATIONAL SERVICE



Distributed books at Lokenath Bidyabhavan at Kultoli 23rd Jan'24

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Minutes

1706 RFM dated 17th Jan, 2025

Attendees:

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Anusua Sarkar		Kum Kum Bose		Sharmila Mitra	V
Anjan Kanjilal	✓	Mala Chakraborty	✓	Shomik Sen	
Bhaskar Das Gupta		Prantick Roychowdhury	✓	Sibansu Mohan Chaki	
Bhaskar Guha	✓	Rahela Jaiswal	✓	Siva Kumar	
Debdip Dey	✓	Reshme Dey	✓	Soumen Bhaumik	✓
Deepak Mitra	✓	Rina Brahma	✓	Swapan Kumar Bhaduri	✓
Indumoti Choudhury	✓	Sailendra Nath Dewan	✓	Tapas Kumar Bhattacharya	✓
Itu Upadhaya	✓	Sanjay Kr. Saha		Tutun De	
				Ujjayini Das Sarma	✓

Discussion Points:

- President called the meeting to order and Rtn Mala Chakraborty led the National Anthem
- President thanked the members for the success of our club picnic. He specifically thanked Rtn Prantick for organizing the Launch due to which the Picnic party was absolutely free of cost, excluding Lunch. He also thanked him for the free honey. He thanked Rtn Rina for organizing the Bus but we missed her. It was indeed a very enjoyable and a new picnic experience for all.
- President welcomed guest Mr Anjan Kanjilal who introduced himself. President requested him to join our club. He is a relative of Rtn Prantick.
- President informed about our project at a slum area near Dakshineswar temple. Our club donated 50 blankets, Old clothes, 100 oranges & 100 cakes to the slum dwellers residing near Dakshineswar temple. Blankets were obtained from the District by our club for Rs.4000; old clothes were sponsored by Rtn Sharmila Mitra, Mr Utpal Sinha (Guest) & a relative of Rtn Mala Chakraborty. Cakes/Oranges were sponsored by IPP S.N.Dewan. President Tapas, IPP Dewan, Rtn Mala, Rtn Sharmila, Rtn Deepak & Mrs Soma Bhattacharya were present on the occasion.
- President informed that a project is being planned at a school in Nimpith near Kultali wherein notebooks would be handed over to 35 Class II children/students. The total amount of Rs. 17000.00 is being sponsored by our club.
- President informed about planning to form a RCC in the club for which Rtn Swapan Bhaduri has certain plans and would be taking appropriate action.

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- Rtn Sailen Dewan informed that a person wants to donate 7 computers which have to be obtained from him at the earliest and handed over to some organisation.
- Rtn Mala Chakraborty apprised the members about the plan & program for 31.1.25 family dinner meet.
- Next date of the meeting has been fixed on 31st Jan'25.

Annual General Meeting

- Audited accounts for 2023-24 were placed and discussed. It was unanimously passed by all the members of the club.
- Board 2025-26 was announced by President Elect Debdip Dey. It was accepted by all the members.
- The final accounts for MONER TAANEY mela was placed by Rtn Mala Chakraborty. She informed that finally, after all the expenditure,
- Rs 60,040.00 amount of funds could be raised and the said amount has already been transferred to club account. In addition, Rtn Debdip & Sangita have handed over an amount of Rs. 8000.00 to club funds from their profits. She also thanked each and every one for their contributions, in whatever way, to make MONER TAANEY a grand success.



Project: Book Distribution at Lokenath Bidyabhavan, Kultoli: 23rd Jan'25

Our Club concluded another interesting project at Lokenath Bidyabhavan at Kultoli. This school imparts education to the local children. The school is located in the deep interiors of Nimpith, near Matla river. The classes range from nursery to class III. President Tapas along with Rtns. Dipak, Kumkum, Indu, Ujjaini and Annes Soma and Moushumi, distributed books on different subjects to the students of Class II. The programme started with the rendition of a devotional song by a student, which was followed by songs sung by the other guests present in the occasion. The host, the guiding force behind the school, and the teachers were extremely gracious.

After the distribution of books were completed. the children and the guests were treated to a sumptuous lunch. Overall it was a very fulfilling experience, especially for people like us who are used to the comforts and the modern amenities of life.











From Editor's Desk

The Evolution of Storage Devices – From Wardrobe to size of a Pen

1956

IBM 350

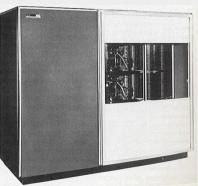


This is the first disk drive by IBM

Large Wordrobe Size Storage: **3.75MB** Price: \$3,200

1961

IBM 1301



First ever Hard Disk which uses head to read data

Washing Machine Size

Storage: **19MB** Price: \$115,500

1965

IBM 2314



From Wardrobe to Washing machine to Pizza oven

Pizza oven Size & Look Storage: **19MB**

1970

IBM 3300



First ever - much smaller & portable

Smaller, Compact & Portable

Storage: 100MB

1976

IBM 3350



First the first hard disk drive with non-removable disks sealed inside the drive, as in present drive

Storage: **635MB** Price: \$62,500



1979

IBM 62PC "Piccolo"



The World's first 8-inch HDD

Size: 8-Inch - Pizza oven to small box

Storage: 64.5MB

1980

IBM 3380



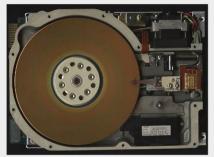
The World's first gigabyte HDD

Looked more like engine Storage:2.52GB

Price: \$81,000

1980

Seagate ST-506



The World's first 5.25-inch HDD

Size: 5.35-inch Storage: **5MB**

Price: \$15,000

1983

Rodime RO-352



The World's first 3.5-inch HDD

Size: 3.5-inch

Storage: 11MB

2000

Trek ThumbDrive



The World's first USB Flash Drive

Storage: 8MB

Price: \$28



Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar

January 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
06 BIRTHDAY - Bhaskar Das Gupta	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 MEETING - RFM & Board Meeting	18	19 CONFERENCE PETS 1 2025
20	21 ANNIVERSARY - Soumen (Mahua)	22	23	24 ANNIVERSARY - Dipak (Mousumi)	25	26
27	28	29 ANNIVERSARY - Siva (Sweta)	30	31 GET TOGETHER - New Year (6PM) @CF Block	01	02
03	04	Notes:				