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Donation of 2 wardrobes at S.C.Sen Old age home by Rtn. Bhaskar Guha and Rtn. Rahela Jeswal – 23rd Aug'25

Minutes

1721 RFM dated 22nd August, 2025

Attendees:

RY 2025-26		Venue: Anya Theatre, Salt Lake
		Month: Aug'25
RC SLDT	Member present	11
	RFM#	1721
Attendance		
Srl.No	Member	22/08/2025
1	Anasua Sarkar	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Bhaskar Dasgupta	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Bhaskar Guha	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Debdip Dey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Deepak Mitra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Gautam Mukherjee	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Indumoli Choudhury	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Itu Upadhaya	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Kum Kum Bose	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Kumar Srivatsan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Mala Chakraborty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Prantik Roychowdhury	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Rahela Jaiswal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Reshme Dey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15	Rina Brahma(Saha)	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Sailendra Nath Dewan	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Sharmila Mitra	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Shomik Sen	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Siva Kumar	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Soumen Bhaumik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Soumik Das	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Tapas Kr. Bhattacharya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
23	Tulun De	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Ujjayini Das Sarma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Honorary Men	Sibansu Mohan Chaki	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion Points:

- The President called the meeting to order.
- The National Anthem was sung, led by Rtn. Ujjayini Das Sharma
- Members and spouses attended the meeting.
- The President appreciated the Independence Day celebration with the senior citizens of NATUN GHAR. He thanked all members for their spontaneous contribution of various grocery items.
- There was an in-depth discussion on the arrangements to be made for the success of the annual fair MONER TAAANEY.
- The President announced a few projects/fellowships and events for the coming month.

- Visit to S C SEN old age home for the official hand over of two wardrobes donated by Rtn. Bhaskar Guha and Rtn. Rahela Jaiswal on 23rd Aug'25
- Tree plantation project at Rtn. Prantik Roy Choudhury's property was decided on 30th Aug'25
- A day trip to MASAGRAM COUNTRY RESORT has been arranged for all members and spouses on 7th Sep'25.
- Members were requested to attend the first CLUB BOARD MEETING online on 29th Aug'25 at 7.30 pm.
- On 20th Sep'25 mosquito nets will be distributed to beneficiaries near Sodepur in association with UTTARA. Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya is coordinating with Uttara for this event
- Rtn Ujjayini Das Sharma handed over the flag received from Singapore club BUGIS JUNCTION to The President.
- Rtn. Kumar's birthday was celebrated with great joy and fun
- Next date of the meeting has been fixed on 22nd Aug'25

Minutes of the BOARD MEETING held on 29th Aug'25

- President & Members of our club met through Google Online meeting and discussed about the prospective future projects of our club:
- President informed that we have to complete the formalities of 'Goal Setting' on My Rotary. These are the future plans and projects of the club which have to be set on My Rotary. If we fulfill the same then Rotary International President's citation will be received by the club.
- President emphasized on sustainable projects and requested members to share their opinion on the same.
- President also emphasized on participation in some of the District projects which fulfill our club standards and requirements. This was appreciated by all since this joint participation in projects with other clubs has all benefits ie. Cost effective; less planning and ground work by members of the club; friendship/familiarity with members of other clubs and public; sharing new ideas and future projects with members of other clubs; etc.
- President shared that he is very much interested to do a project on Thalassemia. Rahela Jaiswal was requested to identify a college or a school (Classes XI-XII) wherein we can do the "Awareness Camp" on Thalassemia. Other members were also requested to identify a suitable place/area for doing an Awareness camp on Thalassemia.
- President also informed that he is willing to have an Eye Camp in this Rotary Year. He requested members to identify a suitable place/village/area/school/college where we can organize an Eye camp. President also requested members to get in touch with the concerned doctors/opthalmologists for doing the required job. Tapas Bhattacharyya requested the President to hold the Eye Camp and Thalassemia Camp separately which he readily agreed.
- Rahela Jaiswal informed that she will get in touch with the Principal, Haryana Vidyamandir, Salt Lake, for discussions/formation of an Interact club of RCLSDT.
- Deepak Mitra informed that Ex-Rotarian Ajay Majumdar has published a book written by him "Jibanpurer Pathik" about his personal experiences in life. He wants to share it with the members of our club and, as such, would like to give a presentation in our club in this regard. President and members agreed and it has been decided to invite him and his wife and request him to give a presentation in one of our future family get-togethers parties.
- Mala Chakraborty informed the members that Ajay Majumdar has requested to help a person who writes very interesting books as he is very poor. As such, members of our club can help the person by buying

a few of the books written by him and thus give him encouragement. It was decided to get further clarification in this regard from Ajay Majumdar before taking a decision/further action.

- President requested Tapas Bhattacharyya to take up the matter of distributing 50 mosquito nets (obtained from the District) with “UTTORA” NGO. Tapas Bhattacharyya informed that they have agreed to do the project jointly and had requested to fix 21st September for distribution of mosquito nets but due to Mahalaya on that day, it was decided to fix another date in the future after discussions with UTTORA NGO.
- President also requested Tapas Bhattacharyya to talk to UTTORA NGO for finding out a suitable person/place to donate the 2(two) sewing machines lying with the club (obtained from the District). It was also decided that the organization giving training of sewing machines near Ruby can be explored.
- President requested Deepak Mitra to find out the present position of the Blind School at Salt Lake to explore further possibilities of future projects with them.
- Mala Chakraborty requested the President to explore the idea of taking the senior citizens of Natun Ghar to Maayer Bari at Bagbazar for spending a few hours and having lunch at that place. President agreed to the idea but requested to ensure that the authorities of JAGORANI NGO agree to it. Also we need to ensure that a few of their persons/members should positively accompany the senior citizens.
- Mala Chakraborty requested members to sincerely try to find possible advertisers for MONER TAANEY MELA, 2025. She specifically thanked Gautam Mukherjee and Sarbani Mukherjee for finding out new Stall owners who have agreed to give their stalls in the mela. She also thanked all others who are already working and trying to find advertisers or stall owners for the mela. Detailed discussions would be carried out in our next online MONER TAANEY MELA meeting.
- President requested members and spouses to whole-heartedly participate in the tree plantation project to be held on 30th August at Prantick Roychowdhury’s residence.
- President also requested members/spouses to confirm their availability and participation for the trip to Masagram at the earliest.
- Deepak Mitra requested the President to finalise the prog for our trip to TAKI to see the visarjan on Dashami day.
- Deepak Mitra also requested President to fix a spot and date for our Annual Club Picnic.
- The meeting ended with the thanks from the President to all the members for attending the online Board meeting.

Project: Donation of Wardrobes at S C Sen Old Age home – 23rd August'25

On 23rd August, RCSLDT members and their spouses visited S.C. Sen Old Age Home in Sodepur, Kolkata, and donated two wardrobes for the destitute senior citizens residing there. The contribution for the wardrobes was made by Rtn. Bhaskar Guha, one of the senior members of our club, on behalf of RCSLDT.



Project: Tree Plantation – 30th August'25

RCSLDT members and their spouses visited Hatiara, near New Town, Kolkata, residence of Rtn. Prantik Roychowdhuri, on 30th August 2025, to participate in a tree plantation drive. This project was very well organized by Rtn. Prantik Roychowdhuri. A total of 10 saplings were planted, including Betel Nut (Supari), Neem, and Custard Apple (Ashfol). The event witnessed great enthusiasm among the members and their families. A big shout-out to Rtn. Prantik for graciously hosting us, and to Rtn. Rahel for bringing saplings and delicious sweets for everyone.



From Editor's Desk



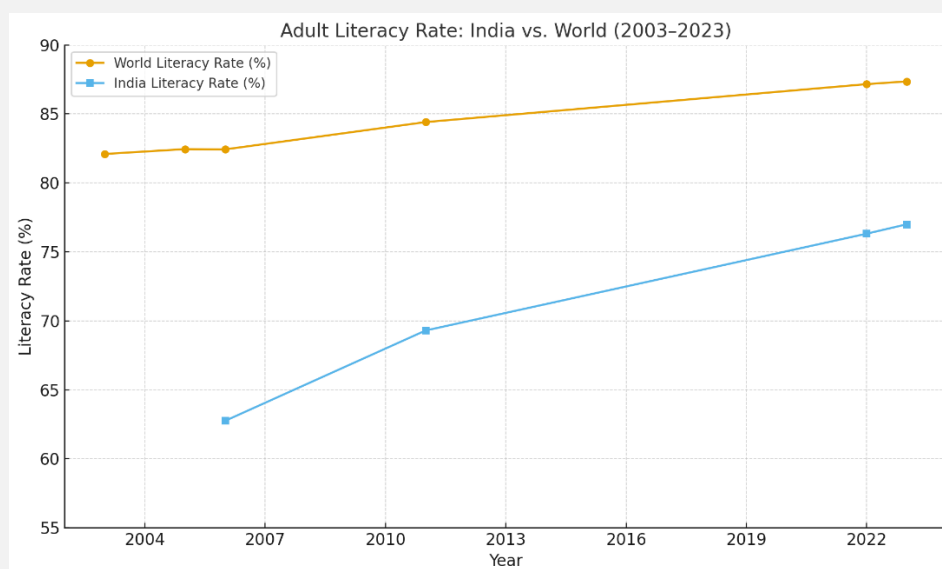
September is month of “BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY”

Rotary has made Basic Education and Literacy one of its key areas of focus. Clubs across the world contribute by establishing schools and libraries, training teachers, providing scholarships, supplying learning materials, and promoting digital literacy. Special emphasis is given to supporting girls' education and adult literacy programs. Rotary also partners with local communities to create sustainable models of learning, ensuring that education is not just accessible but impactful.

Rotary observes International Literacy Day on 8th September aligned with International Literacy Day.

A few facts on literacy missions in India and rest of the world

1. Trend of **India's improvement on basis education and literacy vs. rest of the world**. We are still at around 77% whereas world moved on to 87%.



2. India has undertaken several nationwide and state-level programs to improve literacy, especially among adults and marginalized communities.
 - a) National Literacy Mission (NLM) – started on 1988
 - b) Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) - Used the slogan “**Each One, Teach One**”
 - c) Saakshar Bharat Mission (2009) - Targeted 70 million non-literate adults, especially women
3. Literacy Mission in the World
 - a) UNESCO & Global Campaigns - Inclusive and equitable quality education
 - b) Country-Specific Missions

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar

September

2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
01	02	03	04	05 MEETING - RFM	06	07 DAY TRIP to Masagram Country Resort
08 BIRTHDAY - SOUMEN BHAUMIK	09	10	11 BIRTHDAY - Tapas Kumar Bhattacharya	12	13 BIRTHDAY - Saumik Das	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 MEETING - RFM	27	28
29	30	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	Notes:				