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### BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



Distribution of Mosquito nets in a slam at Dakshinesware 21st Sep'24

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## **Minutes**

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#### Attendees:

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

#### **Discussion Points:**

- President started the meeting after the National Anthem was sung.
- He thanked Rtn. Prantik for his support in the tree plantation project at his site. He further thanked the Rotarians present on that day and especially named Tanusree for sending the wholesome and delicious lunch.
- He announced the District Project Eazy School 3, an initiative of Dist.3291, where online classes would be taken to reach out to the underprivileged kids.
- The President thanked the members for being present at the site of the protesting R.G.Kar doctors and promised all kind of help if and when required.
- It was decided that on 21st September, with the help of NGO Jagoroni, 45 mosquito nets would be distributed to the underprivileged people living in the slums around Dakshineshwar. Five mosquito nets would be donated to the elderly inmates of Jagoroni.
- ES Dipak suggested donation of sarees to the members of Jagoroni, after discussions it was decided that light maxi dresses would be donated instead.
- The President announced that the computer donated by Rtn. Ujjaini would be repaired and readied for donation to the Society for the Welfare of the Blind at Paeradanga.
- It was decided that a sewing machine would be donated to Nibedita Shishu Vihar after the Pujas. Rs.5000/ would be donated by Rtn. Tutun for dresses for the orphan children of the same school.
- On 2nd of October, the President has plans to donate grocery items to the Workshop of the Blind.

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- The President elaborated on the Dist. Project of Life Beyond Cancer. The DG has requested all club Presidents and other members to visit the allotted Govt. Hospitals around end of October or early November.
- Discussions are on for a Board Meeting every quarter; a board meeting has been called on the 27th Sep at Anya Theatre, to be held after the regular meeting.
- A visit to Kultoli would be organised in order to survey the junior schools, so that books can be donated sometimes in December.
- After a lively discussion, it has been decided that a family trip would be made to Keonjhar in Orissa. The trip would be merged along with the Club picnic in January, owing to the unavailability of some members.
- At the end of the meeting CSD Mala announced that the venue Aikatan has been booked for the exhibition on the 15th of December. She urged members to get sponsorships in the form of banners and stalls, to make this exhibition a success to fulfil the purpose of fund raising.
- Next date of the meeting has been fixed on 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 2024.



# Project: Mosquito nets distribution – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024

On the 21st Sept our Club completed two very important projects. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon many of our Club members accompanied the President to Notun Ghar, where 5 mosquito nets and 10 night dresses were distributed among the elderly inmates of this old age home.

After completing this project the founder of Jagoroni accompanied the Rotarians to Dakshineswar, Nivedita Colony to distribute 45 mosquito nets among the slum dwellers. These mosquito nets were urgently needed by the people and children of this slum, where sanitary and hygienic conditions were practically non-existent. Our Club is thankful to Mr. Ashim, the founder of Jagoroni, without whom this project in Nibedita Colony would not have been possible.





## From Editor's Desk

# One of the best inventions in 2024 – WIM, your Walking assist robot

Walking is a valuable form of exercise, but for many people it's a challenge, whether because of aging, illness or muscle weakness.

That's why South Korean robotics company WIRobotics created WIM, a robotic assist device you strap around your waist and legs. It reduces the energy needed to walk by about 20%, potentially allowing walkers to go farther and feel less tired.



The device was unveiled at CES 2024 (Consumer Electronics Show) and was awarded the 'Innovation Awards in two categories: CES 2024 Robotics and Excellence and Aging Tech.

Refer to the video demonstration to understand WIM better: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fz7c0ribsGc&t=1s



## **Dates to Remember**

Mark your calendar

# **September**

2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05 PROJECT - Tree plantation	06	07	08  BIRTHDAY -  SOUMEN BHAUMIK
09	10	11 BIRTHDAY - Tapas Kumar Bhattacharya	12	13 MEETING - RFM	14	15
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