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MEMBERSHIP & EXTENSIONS MONTH



Health Check-up Camp

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### **Minutes**

1696 RFM dated 26th Jul, 2024

#### Attendees:

Anusua Sarkar		Mala Chakraborty	~	Sibansu Mohan Chaki	
Bhaskar Das Gupta		Prantick Roychowdhury		Siva Kumar	
Bhaskar Guha	~	Rahela Jaiswal		Smarajit Sinha	
Dipak Mitra	~	Reeta Bose		Soumen Bhaumik	
Debdip Dey		Reshme Dey	✓	Tapas Kumar Bhattacharya	>
Indumoti Choudhury	~	Rina Brahma	✓	Tutun De	
Itu Upadhaya		Sailendra Nath Dewan	✓	Ujjayini Das Sarma	>
Kum Kum Bose		Sanjay Kr. Saha			

#### **Discussion Points:**

- President called the meeting to order and Rtn Mala Chakraborty led the National Anthem
- President apprised the members of the joint project with District for obtaining 50 mosquito nets @₹70/- each (total cost ₹3500/-). We have to plan to distribute the 50 mosquito nets to beneficiaries at either Balibhara, Naihati, or Kultali.
- President mentioned about Mango Seed donation project at Joka
   A date has to be finalised to visit the firm at Joka
- Club plans to participate in the District Easy School project for ₹7500/- wherein we would be adopting Mahishbathan School by fulfilling 4-5 criteria required in this program. Rtn Rina gave a good suggestion of providing cleaning materials to the school
- Donation of 4 wooden or any other chairs in Mahishbathan school was discussed. Prices need to be checked before taking a decision in this regard
- Possibility of class room painting was also discussed.
- Our club is organising a Mega Health check-up camp jointly with RC Calcutta Labanhrad & RC Calcutta Metropolitan on 28th July,, 2024, Sunday, at Dishari, Salt Lake. All members were requested to promote the same amongst the underprivileged persons.

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- Proposal given by IPP S. N. Dewan regarding a request received from the Biind School at Sodepur for a 2nd hand/old Computer was discussed in detail. Rtn Ujjayini Das Sarma informed the members about an old computer available with her. A technician would check it whereafter a decision would be taken in this regard
- Plans for doing a project with Nivedita Sishu Vihar, Balibhara, Naihati, was discussed including donating of a Sewing Machine by Rtn Soumen Bhaumik and donating clothes to the 12 orphan children living there
- A one-time monetary help of ₹10,000/- would be given to a needy girl child through Telegraph in August, 2024
- This year, too, our club plans to celebrate 15th August in Mahishbathan school.
   Rtn Ujjaiyini's proposal of planting saplings was accepted and we will also distribute food packets to the children
- Rtn Mala Chakraborty briefed the members about a fund Raising Mela/Fair being planned to be organised on 15th December, 2024, Sunday, at AIKATAN Ground Salt Lake. Details would be intimated to club members soon. A request has been submitted to the authorities for booking of the venue. Rtn Mala requested the full support and cooperation of all the members and family members. Also we all need to give it a lot of publicity.
- Rtn Deepak Mitra requested for a meeting with the officials of Sahay Foundation, Salt Lake, to find out what projects can be done with them
- President desired to have a meeting with an organization named 'Uttara' which is helping cancer patients for future projects, if possible, with them
- President also wanted to make a trip to Kultali to assess the requirement of a school which was requested by one of his office colleagues:
- President informed that we plan to have a Board meeting in September at Chakida's house
- Rtn Mala Chakraborty plans to have a Khichuri party in mid September
- President informed the members that club will have to pay the RI, District, Magazine dues soon

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- Rtn Deepak requested to share and publicise the SPARK bulletin of our club with as many friends and family members as possible. It should also be shared with maximum District officials/clubs. It should also be posted on Facebook which should be shared by all members which they shall share further. Since SPARK is the face of RCSLDT, as such, it should be given maximum publicity. SPARK covers all our events/projects through which general public shall come to know what all work is being done by our club. Members can also contribute their write-up and send it to the Editor. This is the best way of publicity of RCSLDT and Rotary as a whole.
- Rtn Deepak informed that Rtn Sharmila Mitra and himself visited Salt Lake School, CA Block, and requested the principal to form an Interact club in their school. A letter has been submitted to them in this regard. Principal has informed that their decision would be intimated in due course.
- Next date of the meeting has been fixed on 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024.



## Mega Health Check-up Camp – 28th July 2024



RCSLDT has participated as co-host in a mega health check-up camp at Dishari, Salt Lake, organized by RC Calcutta Labanhrad.

A few glimpses from that event.



### From Editor's Desk

## Better Battery-Powered future is within sight

How many times have you gotten cold feet when your cellphone died, your laptop overheated, or your EV couldn't take you back home because the battery ran out?

Fortunately, new battery technologies are coming on our way to resolve some of this common issues. Here are a few of those new cool things:

- NanoBolt lithium tungsten batteries tungsten and carbon multi-layered nanotubes makes recharging faster and stores more energy
- Zinc-manganese oxide batteries an unexpected chemical conversion reaction in a zinc-manganese oxide battery shows potential to increase energydensity and porbable replacement of Lithium-ion batteries for large scale energy storages
- Organosilicon electrolyte batteries safer electrolyte and reduces danger of catching fire or exploding
- 4. Gold nanowire gel electrolyte batteries another better electrolyte gel to replace Lithium-ion batteries electrolyte which is less combustable and goes 200,000 cycles (as against 6,000 cycles in conventional battery) without losing its ability to hold a charge
- 5. TankTwo String Cell™ batteries TankTwo looked at modularizing batteries by creating a collection of small independent self-organizing cells. This will facilitate EV to charge quickly and easy to swap in-out for recharging offline

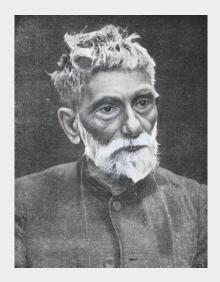


#### Remembrance of scientific minds of India

**Sir Prafulla Chandra Ray** (born August 2, 1861) is known as "**Father of Indian Chemistry**" and was a well-known Indian scientist and teacher and one of the first "modern" Indian chemical researchers.

He discovered the stable compound mercurous nitrite in 1896 and established **Bengal Chemical and Pharmaceutical Works Ltd**, India's first pharmaceutical company in 1901.

Prafulla Chandra Ray was a very passionate and devoted social worker and he participated in helping famine and flood struck people in Bengal during the early 1920s. He promoted the khadi material and also established many other industries such as the Bengal Enamel Works, National Tannery Works and the Calcutta Pottery Works.





## **Dates to Remember**

Mark your calendar

August 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
				MEETING - RFM		PROJECT with Mango Man and Bangur, Kolkata
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		BIRTHDAY - Indumoti Choudhury	PROJECT at workshop for the Blind School, Salt Lake & Fellowship			
19	20	21	22	<b>2</b> 3	24	25
				MEETING - RFM		
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	Notes:				