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## ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA

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## 57th INSTALLATION ISSUE



Rotary Opens  
Opportunities

### COVER STORY



**The mantle of leadership passes on to the next leader. Rotary Club of Behala does it for the 57th time.**

## August : Membership & New Club Development Month

### TOP STORIES

Happy Occasions | Club Announcements

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### **THE FOUR-WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO**

- 1. IS IT THE TRUTH ?**
- 2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERN ?**
- 3. WILL IT BUILD GOOD WILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERN ?**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

31st July

Disha, daughter of PP Rtn  
Deepnath Roy Chowdhury

## Editor's Column



The young man was waiting . . .

And there comes his friend, sprinting in full pace, approaching with the baton in hand – the first man of the cross-country relay team.

The young man pushes off. He has to gather his speed within the marked ten metres before his starting point and take up the baton.

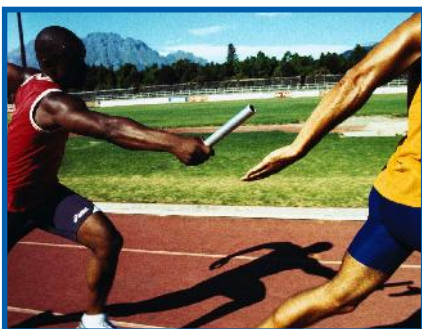
And then all for himself.

He has to cover his stipulated distance, part in serene land and part in difficult terrain. But ready for the job with the intense training and his body and mind devoted, he races on playing his part - to hand over the baton to next teammate.

The team will succeed in their goal, he is sure. So are we.

With the baton being transferred from Rtn. Kaushik to Rtn. Sugata, we are sure to reach our goals. To serve the humanity.

For Rotary has opened the opportunity.



## UPCOMING DAYS

Members are requested to attend.

The New & Seventh Area of  
Focus in Rotary



Supporting the Environment

Rotary International District 3291  
Environment Care and Tree Plantation

## The Green Expedition

2000 High Quality Genetically Pure more than One Year Old  
High Value Timber Saplings to be Planted in Cages with Rotary Insignia

Project Launch Date:  
2nd August 2020. 10 AM

Venue:  
Dhyan Ashram  
Diamond Harbour Road, Konchowki, P.O. Bishnupur,  
24 Parganas (S), West Bengal 743503  
&  
St. Xavier's College, Raghavpur Campus

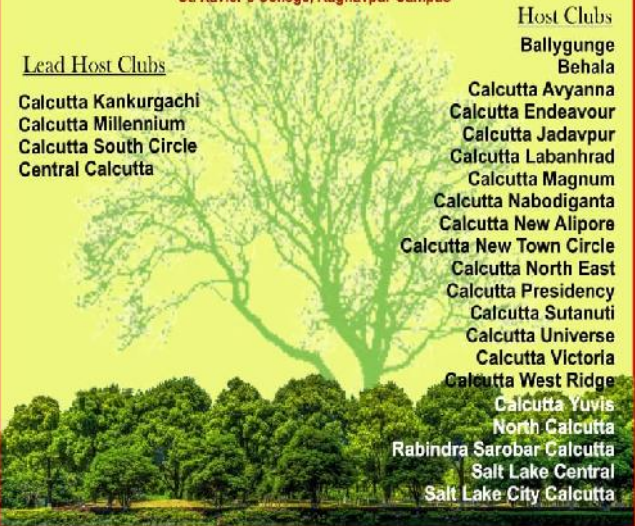
Host Clubs

Ballygunge  
Behala

Lead Host Clubs

Calcutta Kankurgachi  
Calcutta Millennium  
Calcutta South Circle  
Central Calcutta

Calcutta Avyanna  
Calcutta Endeavour  
Calcutta Jadavpur  
Calcutta Labanhrad  
Calcutta Magnum  
Calcutta Nabodiganta  
Calcutta New Alipore  
Calcutta New Town Circle  
Calcutta North East  
Calcutta Presidency  
Calcutta Sutanuti  
Calcutta Universe  
Calcutta Victoria  
Calcutta West Ridge  
Calcutta Yuvis  
North Calcutta  
Rabindra Sarobar Calcutta  
Salt Lake Central  
Salt Lake City Calcutta



## CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## AN EARNEST REQUEST

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# COVER STORY

# 57TH INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Due to an unfortunate situation worldwide, physical installations are a myth, we are no exception. President & Secretary of RY 19-20 & RY 20-21 exchanged the customary handover of club charter, collar and other assets in early July. There was no audience & no fellowship.



## MEET DISTRICT GOVERNOR

District Governor Rtn Sudip Mukherjee belongs to second generation of Rotarians.

His father Late S.K.Mukherjee was a charter member and second president of Rotary Ballygunge. He himself is a charter member of Rotaract Ballygunge. As past president of Rotary Lansdowne, Rtn Sudip has served our district in many capacities. He was Assistant District Secretary and District Secretary twice. He served as Assistant Governor (Admin) thrice and Assistant Governor (Service) twice. Apart from this, he carried out his responsibility in capacity of Chairman, District Publication and Zonal Coordinator, District committee member etc. He is MPH and was adjudged "Outstanding Assistant Governor" thrice. He has received "Avenues of service Citation" from Rotary International.



He did his schooling and college from St. Xavier's Kolkata and his MBA in Operational Research in marketing.

He is a second generation entrepreneur engaged in manufacturing specialized in chemical and food processing equipment catering to various public and private undertakings all over India. Recent achievement has been manufacturing equipment, for the first time in India, to produce "engineered health rice" in collaboration with a premier educational institute in India. In this connection his company was awarded at 9th International Achievers Summit at Bangkok, Thailand. He is member of Calcutta Club Ltd and life member of Eastern Chamber of Commerce, Cricket Association of Bengal, Mohan Bagan Athletic Club, and Cine Central Calcutta.

His better half Sumita, Montessorian and B Ed, teaches in one of the most reputed schools in Kolkata, and their only son Senajit, who has been a Rotaractor, is a doctor attached to a super speciality hospital.



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Dear President and all members of Rotary Club of Behala,

It is heartening to note that your club is celebrating 57th Installation Ceremony. It is an auspicious occasion ushering the 2nd Century of Rotary in India. Kudos to outgoing President Kaushik Bhattacharyya for the good work he has done. Let me take the opportunity to congratulate incoming President Sugata Mazumder for taking up the mantle of leadership.

We are well aware that 3 important Verticals of Rotary International are: Membership, Foundation and Public Image. I am sure your Club will give importance to them. Of the other two verticals, apart from Club Administration we have Service Projects.

Service Projects all over the World are typical pertaining to the necessity of their country. Akin to 7 Areas of Focus of Rotary International, in India we can have Service Projects in the following categories. They are: Literacy, Water Sanitation, Health (Preventive), Health (Curative), Environment, Disaster Management and the 8th category namely Corporate Social Responsibility is aimed to get funds for service projects.

I request your Club take up meaningful and sustainable service projects pertaining to above verticals of your choice. Please also stress upon increase in Membership and contribution to TRF.

Needless to say, under able guidance of Past Presidents, with your zeal and hard work the new Rotary Year will be a grand success and Sugata you will be a True Trail Blazer in this new normal situation as 'Rotary Opens Opportunities'

Regards,  
Sudip

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT'S MESSAGE

**Prabir Chatterjee**

*District Governor 2021 - 22*  
Rotary International District 3291

**Rotary**   
District 3291

31<sup>st</sup> July, 2020

Rtn. Sugata Mazumdar  
President 2020-21  
Rotary Behala



Dear President Sugata,

Rubena joins me in congratulating the respected and ever enthusiastic Rotary Behala family on this wonderful occasion of Installation Ceremony.

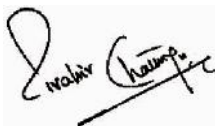
I wish for each one of your Club Member the same Joy and fulfilment that I have personally enjoyed over these many years as a Rotarian. My best regards to the team 2019-20, who **Connected the World** for humanity under the leadership of Rtn. Kaushik Bhattacharyya.

The recent corona virus pandemic has a lot of dark sides but the world has survived all pandemics of the past. We are alive and more populous than ever is proof to that. Let's not forget that we should make the best of what the crisis gives us. I believe the best days of Rotary are ahead, because the Rotarians always look on the brighter side of life.

It **Opens Opportunity** to celebrate but also to show your potential in meaningful and long lasting services during the year 2020-21.

I wish all the very best to you along with your team members of 2020-21 for a fruitful Rotary year and assuring my unending support.

Yours-in-Rotary,



**Prabir Chatterjee**  
District Governor 2021-22

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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE'S MESSAGE



**Ajoy Kumar Law**

District Governor 2022-23

Rotary Club of Calcutta Dalhousie

Rotary International District 3291

Dear Rtn Sugata,

Congratulations on your new Rotary assignment as President of Rotary Club of Behala. I sincerely wish you a great year ahead as you lead your club and bring about an effective difference in the lives of people in the community that you serve. I also thank and congratulate outgoing President Rtn Kaushik and all the members for their outstanding work.

Our main motto is “service above self”, and we are committed to doing good to planet earth. Your club has served the community with a high level of dedication and commitment. I feel that under your leadership, the club will maintain the same and strive for more.

Mitali and I wish you and the members of Rotary Behala a great journey ahead as you celebrate the theme of the year “Rotary opens opportunities”.

Yours in Rotary,

Ajoy Kumar Law



## IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Dear President & Members,

Often these days, we hear of challenging and trying times. Indeed, they are.

But the circumstances are not enough to deter the human spirit, and certainly far from being able to deter the spirit and energy of Rotarians, who are #PeopleOf Action! The work, togetherness, and the ethos of Rotary continues and even thrives because we believe in innovation and flexibility.

Hence, as president Rtn Sugata has thrown all doubts to the winds and will lead with confidence and determination, in order to keep the flag of your very stalwart club flying high. Joining him I find is Shuvranshu, who will lend able support as club secretary.

I add my best wishes for all your endeavours and knowing your club as I do, there will be no dearth of support from many senior members.

Do your utmost, make full dividend of your one year as leader, #UnitePeople, #TakeAction!

Warm regards

Ajay Agarwal  
Imm Past District Governor  
Rotary International District 3291

## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



### Rajani Mukerji

B. Sc. Engg., F I E, Chartered Engineer  
Home Club: Rotary Club of Calcutta Mideast

*District Governor 2013-14,*  
Rotary International, District - 3291



**Rotary International**  
DISTRICT-3291

Service Above Self

Date: July 27, 2020

Dear President **Sugata Mazumdar**,

Ballari joins me in congratulating you as you take up the responsibility of leading your Club in following the theme for the year, '**Rotary Opens Opportunities**'.

District looks up to your club for some meaningful service to the mankind. I'm sure under your able leadership **Rotary Behala** would gift a memorable year to the district. It is more so, this being the 1<sup>st</sup> Year of the Second Century for Rotary in India.

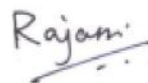
As we have stepped into the second century of Rotary Service, strengthening our Clubs, our very roots, has become the order of the day! To retain members and strengthen our clubs, we must keep in mind, every Rotarian joined Rotary to contribute something for a cause and has some expectations from the Rotary Club; to retain members, make sure that every member of the club is involved and satisfied. General Secretary of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation, John Hewko, urged Rotarians to think out of box, embrace flexibility, focus on engagement rather than attendance! We need to change!

You and your team will also have to deal with a new challenge, that's COVID-19! You would have to device a new way to run and manage the club; a new thought, how to take up Service Projects!

I wish you and your team a great happening year ahead.

With best regards,

Yours-in-Rotary Service,



**Rajani Mukerji**

Past District Governor  
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator 2019-21  
District International Service Chair  
Member, Executive Committee, Rotary India Literacy Mission



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## PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



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July 28, 2020

Rtn. Sugata Mazumdar  
 President (2020-21)  
 Rotary Club of Behala  
 Rotary International District 3291

Dear Rtn. Sugata,

I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt greetings and congratulation to you for taking over as the President of your Club for the Rotary year 2020-2021. I am sure that with your pro-active leadership and involvement of all your Club Members, you will live up to the Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities" and will do your best in the coming Rotary year. I am very happy to receive the kind invitation from your Club for your Installation Ceremony and I wish you all the success.

Rotary, my friend, is an organization, which gives you immense opportunity to prove yourself as an exemplary leader and also to serve the society to the best of your ability with your fellow Rotarians and other Partners-in-Service and associates within a friendly and professional environment. Rotary is also the best place to make new friends and to have excellent family bonding amongst your Club members and other Rotarians and Rotary family in your District as well as throughout the world.

I am sure that your Club will achieve more laurels in the coming year and you and your Club members will feel proud to be a part of making new history. My wife Jaya and daughter Adrija also join me in wishing your Installation Ceremony both enjoyable and memorable. We also wish you and your team a great Rotary Year 2020-2021 and are looking forward to work together.

With best wishes,

Yours in Rotary

  
 Angsuman

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## QUARTER OF A CENTURY IN ROTARY

These senior members of our club are serving Rotary for more than a quarter of century.



PP Pijush Ranjan Sengupta  
1976



PP Debidas Ganguly  
1978



PP Debabrata Joardar  
1981



PP Dipak Kumar Mitra  
1983



PP Swapan Kumar Marwaha  
1991



PP Anindya Bose  
1992



PP Indu Bhusan Das  
1994



Shamshir Singh Kapany  
1994



PP Deepnath Roy Chowdhury  
1994

# OUR BOARD FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-21



**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT**  
Kaushik Bhattacharyya



**SECRETARY**  
Shuvranshu Mitra



**PRESIDENT**  
Sugata Mazumdar



**TREASURER**  
PP Amaresh Bhattacharyya



**PRESIDENT ELECT**  
Soumjojit Mukherjee



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Bikash Dutta



**CLUB TRAINER**  
PP Indu Bhusan Das



**EDITOR**  
PP (Dr) Siddhartha Chakraborty



**SERGEANT AT ARMS**  
PP Debidas Ganguly

## DIRECTORS

## CHAIRMEN STANDING COMMITTEES



**CLUB SERVICE**  
PP Prasunjit Mukherjee



**COMMUNITY SERVICE(MED)**  
Debarshi Dutta Gupta



**CLUB ADMINISTRATION**  
PP Anirudha Gupta



**MEMBERSHIP**  
PP Debabrata Joardar



**VOCATIONAL SERVICE**  
PP Manika Karmakar



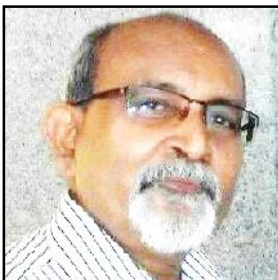
**COMMUNITY SERVICE(NON-MED)**  
PP Anjan Kr Bhowmick



**ROTARY FOUNDATION**  
PP Krishnendu Bhattacharjee



**PUBLIC IMAGE**  
PP Deepnath Roy Chowdhury



**INTERNATIONAL SERVICE**  
PP (Dr) Siddhartha Chakraborty



**NEW GENERATION**  
IPP Kaushik Bhattacharyya



**SERVICE PROJECTS**  
PP Ajoy Krishna Chatterjee



**LITERACY**  
PP Anindya Bose



# SUB COMMITTEE FOR ROTARY YEAR 2020-21

## **Vocational Service**

**Director: PP Rtn Manika Karmakar**

Committee: Vocational Training & 4-Way Test

Chair: PP Rtn Anindya Bose | Co-Chair: Rtn Angshuman Bandhopadhyay

Committee: Career Guidance

Chair: IPP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya | Co-Chair: Rtn Soummojit Mukherjee

## **Community Service (Medical)**

**Director: Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta**

Committee: Eye Care

Chair: PP Rtn Manika Karmakar | Co-Chair: IPP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya

Committee: Blood Donation

Chair: PP Rtn Anjan Kumar Bhowmick | Co-Chair: PP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya

Committee: Comprehensive Health Check - Ups

Chair: PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty | Co-Chair: PP Rtn Indu Bhusan Das

## **Community Service (Non - Medical)**

**Director: PP Rtn Anjan Kumar Bhowmick**

Committee: Sanitation in School

Chair: PP Rtn Anindya Bose | Co-Chair: Rtn Bikash Dutta

Committee: Care for Senior Citizens

Chair: Rtn Sujoy Krishna Bhadra | Co-Chair: Rtn Soummojit Mukherjee

Committee: Environment

Chair: PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Thethi | Co-Chair: Rtn Shamshir Singh Kapany

Committee: Rotary Community Corps

Chair: PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta | Co-Chair: Rtn Bikash Dutta

## **International Service**

**Director: PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty**

Committee: Friendship Exchange

Chair: PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury | Co-Chair: PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta

Committee: Polio

Chair: PP Rtn Indu Bhusan Das | Co-Chair: Rtn Sujoy Krishna Bhadra

## **New Generation**

**Director: IPP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya**

Committee: Rotaract

Chair: PDRR Rtn Shuvratav Mitra | Co-Chair: PP Rtn Prasunjit Mukherjee

Committee: Interact

Chair: Rtn Shuvranshu Mitra | Co-Chair: PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty

Committee: Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

Chair: Rtn Soummojit Mukherjee | Co-Chair: PP Rtn Anindya Bose



# SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2019-20



COTS & First Club Assembly on June 24



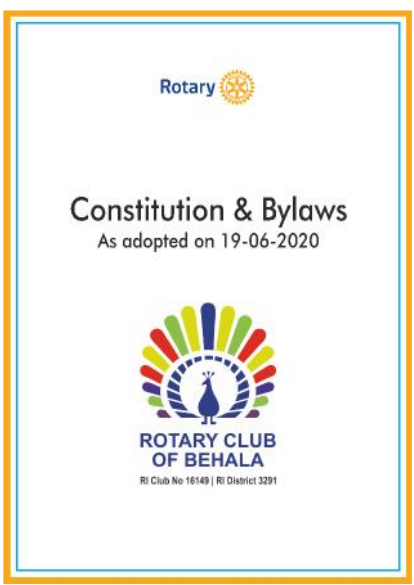
56th Installation Ceremony on July 13 at CRC



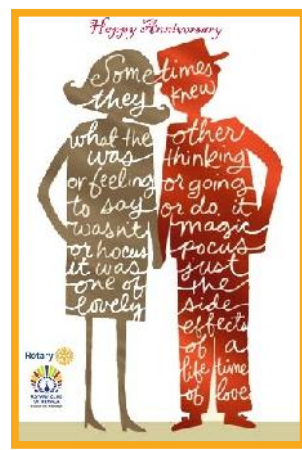
Official District Governor Visit & Club Assembly on Dec 22. Felicitation of PP Rtn Deepnath Roy Chowdhury for completing 25 yrs in Rotary



The Bijoya Diwali Celebrations at CRC



Updating of Club Constitution & By-Laws was updated



Virtual Meeting, E Bulletin & Anniversary Cards



**SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2019-20**



Revival of Rotaract Club of Behala



**Vocational Project**

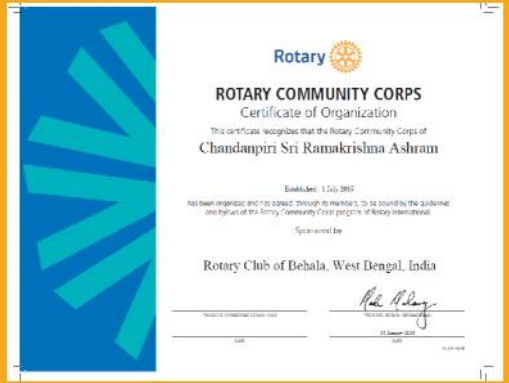


Felicitation of 10 doctors on National Doctor's Day

**Community Service (Non-Medical)**



New Saree distribution at Chandanpiri Sri Ramkrishna Ashram at Namkhana among the villagers before durga puja



New RCC at Chandanpiri Sri Ramkrishna Ashram



# SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2019-20

## Community Service (Non-Medical)



Independence Day Celebrations at RCC at Choubhaga on August 15



11,000 packets of cake distribution activity by the district with the help of RC Behala



When CORONA struck Rotary Behala in co-ordination with District & International Human Rights Organization distributed food packets for a prolonged period & helped by IRCTC

## Community Service (Medical-Curative)

RID CORONA RELIEF FUND	CONTRIBUTED BY MEMBERS	RS. 17,000/-
PM CARE FUND	PP RTN AJOY KRISHNA CHATTERJEE	RS. 1,00,000/-
CM FUND	PP RTN DEEPNATH ROY CHOWDHURY	RS. 1,00,000/-
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION		RS. 2,17,000/-



Blood Donation Camp held on July 28 in association with Gajantala Sporting Club, Behala



# SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2019-20

## Sanitation

A Pilot Project for 22 families was undertaken to establish a water source for the toilets by placing a water reservoir of 300 litres by the side and connecting with piping, transforming the toilets user friendly & hygienic. This was our first project with EIRWT grants. Its an on-going project.



## Literacy



The E-Learning Pilot Project of RILM was taken up at Baidyapara High School among the 3 schools in the district. This project was inaugurated by RIPL Rtn Shekhar Gupta.

## Environment



Pledge A Plant - We distributed 500 saplings at two schools in Chandanpuri area.



The Rolling Trophy presentation at Baidyapara High School Sports Meet

## Disaster Management



Bulbul Aid & Relief : Coastal Bengal was devastated. We reached our RCC within 3 days with aid for the affected. Relief work was done in 3 phases.



We collected used but cleansed untorn garments from club members & established a 'Bhalobasar Haat' at Chandanpuri where the local people could come & select the garment of their choice.

# SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR ROTARY YEAR 2019-20

## Disaster Management



Amphan Relief Phase I & II : Amphan with the Corona effect created huge crisis among the people living in the coastal belt. RC Behala swung into action and immediate relief material was dispatched and distributed at Namkhana through our RCC in 2 phases. The club president was physically present during the distributions.



The following Rotarians contributed towards TRF this year :

- President Rtn Sugata Mazumdar : \$ 100**
- IPP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya : \$ 100**
- PP Rtn Dipak Kumar Mitra : \$ 1000**
- PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee : \$ 100**
- PP Rtn (Dr) Siddhartha Chakraborty : \$ 100**

## Roll of Honour - District Awards 2020



- District Governor's Citation
- First Prize for Outstanding Cyclone Amphan Related Performance
- 3rd Prize for Computer Literacy
- 3rd Prize for Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
- Outstanding Zonal Secretary PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta
- Outstanding Centurion IPP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya





# INTERACT CLUB OF BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

## The Year That Was...



**Itr Donghwa Lee**  
President



**Itr Eizo Sakugawa**  
Secretary

Started 19-20 with 5th Installation followed by Bake Sale Fundraiser, FANI Donation, Baking Session, Diwali, Disability, Food Donation at Asha Niketan, Christmas Cards for Asha Niketan, Fall Party, Prom, Quiz & Plant Donation.





# ROTARACT CLUB OF BEHALA

## The Journey Begins....



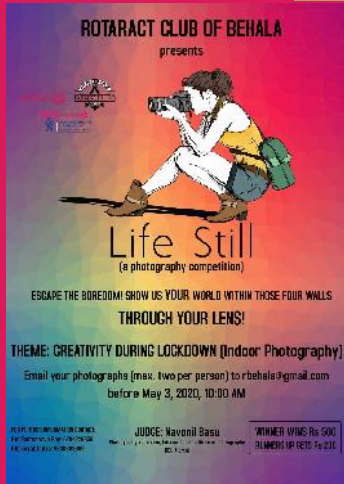
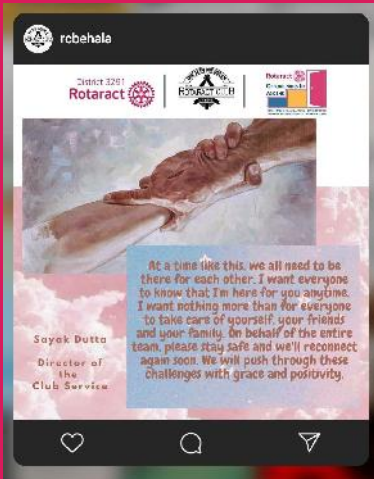
**Rtr Karma Dulal**  
President

# ONE TEAM ONE DREAM



**Rtr Jisun Sarkar**  
Secretary

Following a year of absence, the Rotaract Club of Behala was renewed with the Induction Program welcoming the new members to the club as the new generation of Rotaractors on 20th of February 2020. The very initiative was taken by our current President Rtr Karma, Secretary Rtr Jisun & Sergeant of Arms PDIR Rtr Devesh. The idea turned into reality with the help & mentorship of Rtr Souvik & Rtr Sayontani of Rotaract Calcutta and Rtn Kaushik & Rtn Shuvrانشu of Rotary Behala. We started working actively under our Parent Rotary - Rotary Behala for the activities and programs. Due to our current situation we agreed to keep all the activities and services online. We wanted to inspire our society to be successful given the world's hard time.



## GOOD OLD MEMORY

PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar

### **Formation of Rotaract Club of Behala**

In the late autumn evening of 14th of November 1992, seven very enthusiastic young minds came up with the fabulous and brilliant idea of forming a Rotaract Club. The meeting was held in the residence of our Ex-member PP Pradip Sen at Paris Para, Behala. Apart from the above personnel, me, the then President of Rotary Club



Rtn Debabrata Joardar being installed as President, Rotary Club of Behala - July 1992

of Behala and sitting District Rotaract Representative Rtr Saurav Sen were present. After a few meetings and plenty of brainstorming with more young minds coming together, it was finally resolved that procedural formalities for the formation of Rotaract Club of Behala should commence.

The date of organization of Rotaract Club of Behala was 23rd February 1993 and the organization list with the required fee was sent to the South Asian Branch office of Rotary International at Delhi by the then District Governor Rtn K Chandramohan on 16th March 1993.

The certificate of organization, commonly known as the 'Charter' was duly signed by the then RI President Rtn Clifford L Dockterman on 19th of March 1993. It was then forwarded to Rotaract Club of Behala through me, the President, by RI South Asian Branch office on 6th April, 1993. The Charter also has my signature as Rotary Club President.

The Charter Presentation Ceremony was held on 10th July, 1993 in the auditorium of East India Pharmaceutical Works Ltd, on top floor of Basusree Cinema Hall at Hazra. Several Rotary District dignitaries, distinguished Rotarians along with eminent personalities from Behala surroundings area graced the occasion with their presence. Initially there were 26 Rotaract members and their Regular Club Meetings were held at the residence of PP Rtn Prabir Roy. The first bulletin was named Magpie and sketch of 'Job Charnock's Kuthi' was the club's official logo.

The following was the first Board for 1993 – 94 :

President :	Rtr Satbir Singh
Vice-President :	Rtr Kirteen Lahiry
Secretary :	Rtr Nirmalya Pal
Treasurer :	Rtr Jasbir Singh Soni
Editor :	Rtr Taniya Banerjee
Dir. Club Service :	Rtr Debmalya Joardar
Dir. Community Service :	Rtr Amitava Das Gupta
Dir. International Service :	Rtr Mekhola Banerjee
Dir. Professional Development :	Rtr Subhadeep Chatterjee





# THE FORTNIGHT THAT WAS...

## Rotary International

**July Breakout of RI Convention 2020 was held online on 11th July.**

The session on "Mission Possible – Membership Retention Strategies" was conducted by PAG Dato' Dr Siva Ananthan of RID 3000 Malaysia.

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**Four ladies have joined** Rotary International Board of Directors for RY 2020-2022, while one is already there for term 2019-2021. Women Empowerment is no more a theory.



**RI President MAT Caparas (1986 – 87) – the father of RCC - is no more.** Mateo Armando Tengco Caparas, the first and only RI President from Philippines, passed away on July 15 2020. He served RI as President in 1986-87 with the Rotary theme: **Rotary Brings Hope**. In 1985, Caparas, as RI President-elect, introduced the concept of self-help through the Rotary Village Corps, which was adopted by the RI Board of Directors in 1988. This is the present Rotary Community Corps program (RCC). During his presidency, he started a campaign to raise \$120 million to eradicate polio by 2005. The campaign was able to generate more than \$240 million in two years. Mat was appointed as the chairman of the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) in 1988 by the then President Cory Aquino. He became the agency's fourth chairman tasked with recovering the stolen wealth of the Marcoses and returning them to the national treasury. **May he Rest in Peace.**

## Club

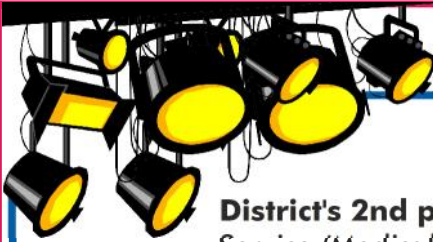


PDG Rtn Angshuman Bandopadhyay, District Trainer, 20-21.

We organised our Club Officers Training Session (COTS) on 30.7.20 at Zoom Virtual Meeting. The keynote speaker was PDG Rtn Angshuman Bandopadhyay, District Trainer, 20-21 accompanied by Zone 20 Assistant Governor Rtn Susanta Kumar Sarkar & Zonal Secretary Rtn Rina Sinha Roy.

He spoke extensively on how Rotary is changing with the changing world. Rotary International is adopting fast and so should the rotarians. He spoke about the various functions of the different officers along with the Rotary International Guidelines, Polies, Avenues and Service. Rotary International & Rotary India website objectives and how to maintain proper documentation of projects and services. He praised the way we function and setting an example for the young members. He congratulated President Rtn Sugata and his team for a wonderful year ahead. AG Rtn Susanta spoke about the Public Image and big club projects. ZS Rtn Rina resonated with her earlier speakers. President Rtn Sugata thanked the members for attending the session.





# THE FORTNIGHT THAT WAS...

## RI District 3291

**District's 2nd project of Community Service (Medical) Project Positive Health for Know Your Numbers (Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure & BMI – derived from height & weight) began on 7th July 2020. Venue was Lake Gardens outside containment zone. Beneficiaries were 150 pre-registered mid-aged ladies. This project is the brain child of RI Director Dr Bharat Pandya.**

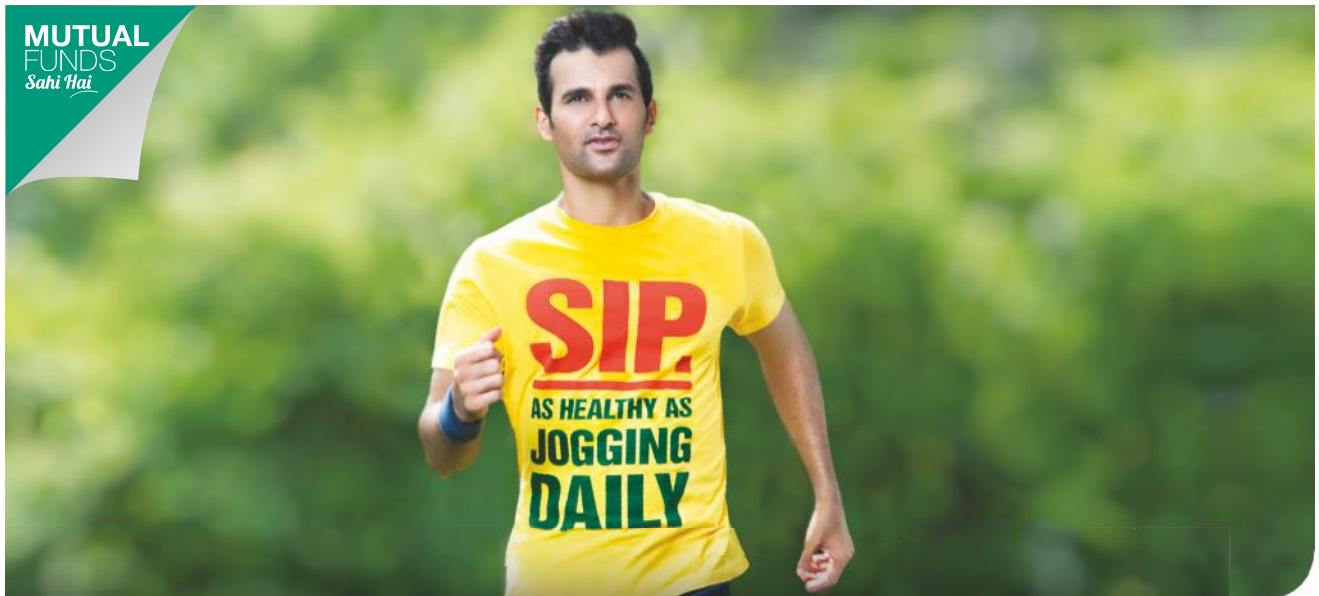


**As promised to CMO last instalment (250) shelter boxes handed over to BDO of Hingalgunge. Our DG Sudip, IPDG Ajay, DGE Prabir, DT PDG Angshuman,**



**DGN Ajay, District team, Secretary General & PP's at Hingalgunge with Amphan Relief Material. Thanks to our DG Sudip Mukherjee and DGE Prabir Chatterjee for taking the initiative to execute the project.**

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## FAMILY NEWS

### *50th Anniversary*



On 24th July Ann Srimati and PP Rtn Debidas Ganguly celebrated their Golden Anniversary.

Our reverent congratulations for fifty wonderful years and wishes for a happy healthy long innings.

## VISIT TO AITIK COPPER MINE IN SWEDISH LAPLAND



PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta  
Former Managing Director  
Joy Global (India) Ltd.

(Now known as Komatsu Mining (India) Ltd.)

When I look back in my memory, the places where I had to visit during my very interesting mining career of more than four decades, it gives me immense pleasure to share a few with you.

The old saying is whatever you see in this world is either grown or mined and I happened to be associated with the later. My work took me to some very challenging locations in the world, where I had to travel, both for surface and underground mining of various minerals.



**Aitik Copper Mine - Sweden**

One of the very challenging and interesting locations was the Aitik Copper Mine, Sweden, which I visited twice, once during winter and once during summer. This mine is located 100 Km above the Arctic Circle in the Swedish Lapland between Norway and Finland and the nearest town is Gällivare, land of the Northern Lights. It has a population of about 9000. It has a very interesting climate where they have approximately only 110 days of normal daylight and rest dark! Temperatures vary

from -30C to +7C. You actually have 24 hours skiing slopes in winter and then 24 hours golf courses in summer!! Winters has its own problems and one of them, I understood was depression among the younger generation leading to a very high number of unfortunate incidents of suicides.

Aitik is one of the deepest surface copper mine in the world with a depth of about .....



450 meters, producing around 40 T of ore per year. The byproducts of this mine are gold and silver.

I took a schedule morning flight from Arlanda Airport (Stockholm) for Gällivare, which is over an hour in a fairly small aircraft which had all the special landing facilities for extreme cold weather. The touchdown was indeed very scary for me, as it was totally dark outside (morning 9 AM) and clouds of white snow all over. I was the first to disembark from the aircraft, dark and in knee-deep snow. About 100 meter away I saw a sign 'ARRIVAL', what a relief, and started to walk towards it. I looked back and saw everyone else were coming behind me and literally following my footsteps in the snow. When you arrive at the terminal you stand over a metal grill and are supposed to shake yourself off the snow from your clothes before you step in. I later found that this was a common practice in every entrance of all buildings. I noticed that the snow, which continuously fell, was like a white powder and absolutely dry. You cannot make any snowballs out of it easily. The powder like snow can cover a car and also gets all over you in no time, but being dry in nature, you can just shake it off.

Everything was happening by the clock as there was no daylight, breakfast, lunch, dinner, office, sleep time, etc. For the first timers, believe me, it is not easy.

I visited the mine, very impressive as it is the world's most efficient mine and only seeing is



**Aitik Mine In Operation During Winter**

believing with the working conditions so difficult, both during the winter and summer. Mine roads surfaces are like solid ice and very slippery and I went for a toss couple of times in spite of my snow boots. After work, coming back to my hotel, to my pleasant surprise, I noticed a Rotary logo in my hotel and learnt that the local Rotary Club meets every week there. I rushed to the front desk and requested them if they could help me attend the meeting which was scheduled the next day afternoon over

lunch. Very shortly I received an invitation from their President and I was their guest-of-honor next day and a place at the head table. The meeting was attended by around 35 members and was conducted in Swedish language which was translated for me wherever needed. I gave a speech for about 10 minutes and got a standing ovation from all. The whole meeting was for nearly one and half-hour over lunch. After the meeting I came to know that barring three members, including the President, no one else spoke or understood English, but the appreciations I got after my speech was really astounding.

My next visit during the summer which was only for two days and I was shocked and pleasantly surprised in the vast difference in the lifestyle due to the weather only!!



## EXPLORING NATURE & ART : A TRAVELOGUE ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA

Ann Dr Madhumita Saha



As the world continues to fight its battle against Covid-19, and while we are all restricted to our homes to maintain social distancing and optimum levels of safety, the tourism industry is probably one of the worst hit sectors. Travelling has taken a backseat. I thought it would be reassuring if we can share interesting stories of travel in these times of confinement, when our minds long for an experience of the spirit of wanderlust.

Our trip to the south of France in 2019 was a truly memorable experience. After months of planning, we finally reached the Riviera via Paris. The Cote D'Azur better known as the French Riviera in English, is the Mediterranean Coastline of the Southeast corner of France. The term Côte d'Azur was coined by a writer, Stephen Liégeard, who called his 1887 travel book on the Riviera La Côte d'Azur and described the area as a 'coast of light, of warm breezes, and mysterious balmy forests'. Published during the Riviera's golden era, it improved accessibility and news of the favourable local climate and turned a relatively obscure piece of coastline into one of the most fashionable places in Europe. Viewed as garden of Eden, the south of France was nature's haven for artists and authors. Since then, famous names have settled there to work, imbuing the area with the kind of creative credibility rarely found outside the world's largest cultural capitals. Beyond the glamour and extravaganza, I was in my quest for seeking the true motivation behind creative minds – and explore how nature's bounty provided the perfect setting to bring out the best of creativity in art and literature over the past century.

Any trip to the French Riviera begins with the vibrant city of Nice, overlooking the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean. Set between the sea and the mountains, around one of the finest bays in the world, the "Baie des Anges", Nice is now the 5th biggest city in France. The city permanently opened itself up to the world in the second half of the 19th century with the influx of a large number of aristocrats and leaders from across Europe who were seduced by the beauty and climate of what was then a small Mediterranean town. In 1860 Nice became French and is proud of showing visitors its different identity, forged by a history that goes back to the Nikaia, pre-dating the Romans. We started our tour of the city with a climb up to La Colline du Chateau or the Castle Hill which offers a panoramic view of the Baie Des Anges.



City of Nice View from Castle Hill

The Old Town Nice or "Vieux Nice" is truly a historic delight for any traveller. Winding your way down the slender streets, you may get the feeling that you are seeing Nice for what she genuinely is and has always been. The culture of the Riviera practically spills from the shops and eateries lining the paths. Restaurants dine their guests outdoors to Nice's culinary delights such as Salade Nicoise, Pistou Soup, or the famed dish of Ratatouille which originated in this very city. Cours Saleya, the famed market-square of Vieux Nice, is a center of activity and visual delight that any visitor must not miss.

With fresh produce and vibrant flowers overflowing from a myriad of stands, your senses will be fully charmed and utterly wooed. Whether it is the man-made beauty of chromatically colored houses reaching tall into the Mediterranean sun, or the organic splendor of lush greenery and deeply tinted waters, or perhaps the delectable aroma of fresh seafood and herbs, Nice, in the French Riviera contains a world full of beautiful wonders ready to be touched, tasted, and delighted in. Nice truly is exquisite in every way.



**The Promenade Anglais in Nice**



**City View from Castle Hill**

As per my itinerary, the next destination to explore was the art village of St Paul De Vence. With its labyrinth of cobblestoned alleys, imposing ramparts dating back to medieval times and views down to Mediterranean sea, the charming village of saint Paul de Vence was a visual delight. At the highest point in the village there was once a castle, but unfortunately today only a small building is left in which the city hall is located. Right next to it stands a church from the 14th century, which was raised to collegiate status (Collégiale de la Conversion-de-Saint-Paul) in the 17th

century. Nearby is the Chapel of White Penitents from the 17th century (La Chapelle des Pénitents Blancs), which was restored and decorated at the beginning of the 21st century by the Belgian artist, Jean-Michele Folon.

Following the source of artistic inspiration which still lives on and an air of old school mystique still hangs over the village. The illustrious artists who once lived in or frequented the village- includes Marc Chagall, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and Jean-Michel Folon. Chagall who among other things, is known for having painted the ceiling of the auditorium at the Opera de Paris, lived in the city for three decades completing some of his most famous works there. Chagall's immortal artworks Le mariee, Les amoureux de Vence and La rencontre were all painted during his time as a resident of Saint Paul De Vence.



Belgian painter and sculptor Jean-Michel Folon discovered Saint-Paul de Vence in the mid-1970s, and his regular visits to the village spanned three decades. One of his most impressive oeuvres is housed in the 17th-century White Penitents Chapel, otherwise known as the Folon Chapel. It contains treasures which range from stained glass windows and sculptures to paintings and – shimmering at the far end of the sanctuary – Folon's pièce de résistance, a rainbow-hued mosaic which took him a decade to complete.

Artists were drawn to St Paul de Vence in droves, and quite unsurprisingly the village enjoys a reputation as a hunting ground for art lovers. Within the ramparts, the most established galleries have been exhibiting modern art collections for several decades. Situated in a 16th Century stone house, the muse de saint Paul hosts a collection of contemporary art of Chagall and Andre Verdet.



**Alleyways of St-Paul De Vence**



**An Occasional Picasso**

Near the old town of Saint-Paul is another attraction, purportedly a treat for art lovers – Fondation Maeght – a private museum with collections of European modern and contemporary art. A temple to modern and contemporary art which reached its 50th anniversary in 2014 and nestled in the midst of sprawling gardens a short stroll from the village, the foundation began as a personal project for a tragedy-stricken Aimé and Marguerite Maeght, following the death of their young son. Designed by Catalan architect Josep Lluís Sert, the Fondation Maeght boasts one of the largest

and most important collections of 20th century art in Europe. Many of the Maeghts' artist friends collaborated with them, creating eye-catching works that were seamlessly woven into the museum's landscape – from Joan Miró's sculpture and ceramics-filled labyrinth and Chagall's mosaic mural, to Alberto Giacometti's peaceful courtyard and Georges Braque's pool and stained glass windows. Indeed the museum is a treasure trove for art enthusiasts.

Our following destination was the village of Antibes, which attracted the famed impressionist painter Claude Monet, modern artist Nicolas de Staël, and even the celebrated Pablo Picasso, who bought the Château Grimaldi as a residence, which is now the Museum bearing his name. Writers who fell under the city's spell include Somerset Maugham and Guillaume Musso. Almost every conurbation along the coast has a writer ...



attached to it. They came here to flee everything from Prohibition in America (F. Scott Fitzgerald spent much of the 1920s there with his wife, Zelda) to bad marriages (Somerset Maugham and H. G. Wells both escaped failing relationships there). British censors drove D. H. Lawrence and James Joyce out of the UK, and Berthold Brecht and Vladimir Nabokov had run from more despotic regimes and all ended up in this quaint village. As a result, parts of the Riviera are now immortalised in literature. Artists were also inspired, and captured the magic of the area in landscapes or echoed its colour palette throughout much of their wider work. From the Impressionists up to the present day, many of the biggest names in art painted in the South of France.

Claude Monet lived and painted in Antibes-depicting the village from many angles-and Auguste Renoir had his home and studio in Cagnes sur Mer, which is now a museum dedicated to his work. Georges Braque, Pablo Picasso and Henri Matisse also spent extended periods on the Côte d'Azur. Picasso, in particular, enjoyed an extremely productive year in Antibes, before moving to Cannes, Mougins and Vallauris (which now houses a museum devoted to his 'War and Peace' panels).

The Picasso Museum in Antibes was the first museum in the world devoted entirely to this artist. Established in 1966 in Grimaldi Castle (Château Grimaldi), it is where Pablo Picasso had his studio 20 years earlier. He left 23 paintings and 44 drawings however, which today belong to the museum's collection. Among the artist's works that are exhibited in Antibes is his famous La Joie de vivre (Joy of Life). In total there are 245 of Picasso's works in the museum and you can also admire the ceramics he decorated, as well as the works of other artists. A spacious terrace in the museum complex overlooking the waters offers a spectacular view of the Mediterranean.



**View from the Terrace of Chateau Grimaldi**

Any trip to the Riviera is incomplete without visiting Cannes. Long before it was synonymous with the International Film Festival, fashion and extravaganza, the city of Cannes was a shimmering sea side destination. Climbing the winding staircases and passing the pastel-coated homes in Le Suquet, the city's old quarter offers the Musée de la Castre a home for ethnographic art in a medieval fortress overlooking the marina and the Croisette. Another quaint village Eze was a revelation in medieval architecture. The medieval village of Eze in the craggy cliffs high above the sea, is a delightful step back in time. The winding alleyways, stone buildings, 14th century Chapels, and the dramatic Mediterranean backdrop make this tiny village truly a memorable experience.

In all, the trip to the Riviera was an exploration of history, culture, art, creation, leisure, nature, mildness and flavours. It offered a lifetime experience to explore the very best of artistic creativity in the past century amidst the grandeur of nature. Truly, the magnificence of nature reflected in art in the French Riviera is one of the finest creative achievements in human history.



QUIZ  
time

There would be 5 questions on Rotary in every issue of Maitree. The answers, along with reference and names of successful friends will be published in next issue.

Please send your answers to the Editor over WhatsApp (9830 030 020) within 2 days. Next issue is on 6th Aug. Happy head-scratching.

## QUIZ #2

- #1 Why was the name Rotary selected by the early members?
- #2 What are Rotary's areas of focus?
- #3 Polio Eradication has been one of the success stories of Rotary. When and how did it begin?
- #4 When and where was the First International Convention of Rotary held?
- #5 What are Rotary Action Groups??

### Answers to Quiz #1

- #1 Service Above Self is the principal motto of Rotary. What is the other motto?  
Ans: One Profits Most Who Serves Besth ([rotary.org/en/rotary-mottoes](http://rotary.org/en/rotary-mottoes))
- #2 First Rotary meeting was that of Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905. Who was the first President of the Club?  
Ans: Silvester Schiele ([rotary.org/en/first-four-rotarians](http://rotary.org/en/first-four-rotarians))
- #3 Which is the first Rotary Club in Asia? When was it chartered?  
Ans: Rotary Club of Manila, Philippines. Chartered on 1st June 1919 ([rotary.org/en/first-club-philippines-opens-door-rotary-asia](http://rotary.org/en/first-club-philippines-opens-door-rotary-asia))
- #4 When were ladies allowed to join a Rotary Club?  
Ans: The 1989 Council on Legislation voted to admit women into Rotary clubs. ([rotary.org/en/history-women-rotary](http://rotary.org/en/history-women-rotary))
- #5 We enjoyed Centennial Year in RY 2019-20. Which event was celebrated?  
Ans: Rotary Club of Calcutta – the first Rotary Club in India – was chartered on 1st January 1920. ([rotary100.in](http://rotary100.in))

**Cheers to the friends who have submitted correct answers:  
PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar, PP Rtn Manika Karmakar &  
IPP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya**





## MINUTES OF THE 2569th RCM OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD AT ZOOM DIGITAL PLATFORM ON 16TH JULY, 2020.

- # Club President Rtn Sugata Mazumdar called the meeting to order and welcomed all.
- # National anthem was not played as few members were traveling.
- # Club President initiated discussion on our ongoing Amphan Relief Project. The following were resolved :
  - a) Presently we have Rs 56,000/- received as donations for work at RCC Chandanpiri. PP Rtn Anirudha Gupta will have discussions with Mr Swapan Chakraborty of RCC Chandanpiri to assess their needs and decide on specific purchases to be made.
  - b) Office of the Principal Secretary, Dept of Forests, Govt of West Bengal has verbally informed that 1000 trees will be made available to us on the basis of our application followed up by Rtn Sujay Krishna Bhadra. Exact location of concerned nursery will be intimated later.
  - c) With the initiative of Rtn Sujay Krishna Bhadra, a team will visit Hingalgunje area of North 24 Pgs with relief materials. Rtn Bikash Dutta and some other members will be in the team.
- # District Arannya Saptaha will start soon. We shall be a co-host with a contribution of Rs 10,000/- towards contribute 10,000 towards plantation and maintenance of 500 saplings to be planted at New Town Area.
- # Sanitation project with EIRWT grant will commence shortly after receipt of the grant funds. Listing and allocation of beneficiaries are ready.
- # The T-E-A-C-H programme may be started at RCC Chandanpiri. PP Rtn Siddhartha will have a talk with PDG Rtn Rajani Mukerji, ECM of Rotary India Literacy Mission.
- # Club President Rtn Sugata has received an application from a social club in Kultali requesting for tree plantation in bulk. They have been requested to send details of their location and a route map so that a team from our end can visit the location for assessment.
- # It was noted with regret that the formal letter to Ex-RCC at Tapuriaghata has not reached them yet.
- # Financial matters were discussed by President & Treasurer. Members were requested to pay their 1st half subscription soon.
- # Club website handover process is ongoing. As decided by the Board, it will be as per the Rotary India norms and redesign by the official vendors.
- # Club President informed that President & Secretary of RY 19-20 & RY 20-21 will meet for physical hand over of club assets & documents within a few days.
- # COTS of the club will be held on 30th July at 7 pm with District Trainer PDG Rtn Anshuman Bandopadhyay conducting the session.
- # Club Installation will be on 1st August at 7 pm. PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee is the installation Committee Chair. Members and spouses are requested to attend.
- # Members were also requested to attend the Rotaract Club of Behala installation scheduled on 28th July at 6pm on Zoom.
- # Club Editor PP Rtn Siddhartha requested all members to contribute for issues of Maitree.
- # Club Secretary Rtn Shuvranshu conducted usual club business
- # The minutes of the 2568th RCM held on 02.07.20 as published in Maitree was confirmed.
- # Meeting terminated with vote of thanks from and to the Chair.

Meeting Attendance :

Total Members : 32. Members Present : 20.