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Celebrating 20 Years

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President Speak...

Welcome to the Future

Rather than fret about the negative aspects of the pandemic in the year gone by, let's choose gratitude for what we have and focus on trends that seem to have accelerated and brought a distant future a quantum leap closer.

Technology and changes in habits are constantly disrupting everything! The pandemic has, in a very short span of time, caused some major upheavals in many areas including work from home, education, travel, international trade, logistics, eCommerce, health & wellness, sanitation & hygiene, mental health, interpersonal relations, personal and corporate finance, to name a few.

Top Losers: Commercial Real Estate; Travel; Hospitality; Physical Retail

Top Gainers: eCommerce; Health & Wellness;

Remote Education/Online Learning, Online Communication tools; Productivity tools.

However, propelled by this black swan event, we are sure to see a lot more disruption in the way we live, work and play in the coming decade. Here are some of my predictions:

De-urbanization: A lot more people will move to remote locations that offer far greater comfort and facilities, for a lot less. These spaces will offer a perfect environment for Work from Home. Imagine community living with flexible living and work spaces, sports activities and networking opportunities.

Clean, Free Energy: Improvements in technology fuel great enhancements in Fusion Energy. This along with improvements in solar tech bring about a paradigm shift in our relationship with energy. Say goodbye to fossil fuels, and an abundance of clean energy.

Abundant Water: Cheap energy coupled with improvements in desalination technology means we now have a world unshackled by water shortages.

Food: Remote living, clean energy, abundance of water spur vertical farming; less food transportation, less wastage, less CO2 emissions.

Transportation: Fueled by developments in photovoltaic cell technology, energy storage, LIDAR, autonomous vehicles, drone technol-

ogy and 3D printing, and rising demand from remote living, we can expect to see adoption of UAV's (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) for personal travel. Think three dimensional airspace instead of roadways! Cleaner and more efficient. The biggest bottlenecks here would be standardization and government regulation. And think Hyperloop for mass public transportation for intercity travel.

Education & Learning: Developments in AI and Robotics will make many jobs redundant. Traditional education will no longer be valid or useful. Remote education, flexibility in learning, skill enhancement, personal development will be the order of the day. With the fast changing pace, learning to learn will be an important skill to have in the future.

Health & Wellness: Increased awareness in wellness, nutrition, fitness, mental health coupled with developments in medicine, biotech, stem cells, genetic sciences, remote monitoring, diagnostics lead to vast improvements in health, wellbeing and longevity. Expect to live better and longer!

As we step into 2021, I encourage everyone to consider the paradigm shifts, break old habits, and welcome new opportunities.

- Deepak

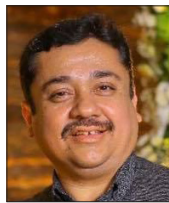


TEAM 2021-22

Friends, It is a great privilege to share with you, the incoming Board & Managing Committees of the Rotary year 2021-22. Our Club has a special place in the District, for the strong bond & fellowship that the members share between them. With a team spirit, and your support, we hope to carry on the good services that our Club has been doing for the last 20 years.

Thank you for giving me this honour to head our club in the coming year.

– VIKRAM TANTIA, *President Elect*



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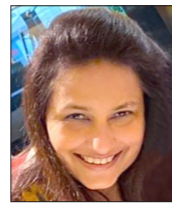
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Chairperson: Ritu Almal
Team Members: Manoj Saraf, Bharat Gupta, Rajeev Ginodia, Sanjeev Ajmera, Sanjeev Daruka

Down Memory Lane

RTN JAYSHREE SANGHVI

Parampara has been the fundraiser for our Rotary Club since the year 2000. What started as an idea thrown around at one of our clubs RWM in 1999, culminated into one of the most sought after lifestyle exhibitions of Kolkata.

I had joined Rotary in October 1999 and soon after the club was thinking of new ideas to raise funds for all the club projects. Since I was exhibiting my terracotta pots at various events all over India since 1989, it seemed logical to try a similar event for our club. The idea was met with a bag of mixed feelings but we finally decided to take the plunge and made a team to start work on the project. Though exhibitions were common in Kolkata, it would be the first time that outstation participants would be invited to participate in our event. This would be our USP together with 60% new participants each time and the same percentage of outstation participants too, who would all go through a screening for us to choose the best.

Though getting participants for our first event took a lot of convincing as we were breaking new ground, we managed to sell out all our stalls @ Rs 5,000 per stall. We were very, very skeptical if the event would work or not as the management of Ice Skating Rink had completely put us off by saying that we would never survive the competition. We had a strong team and through the



support of each other and the hard work we all put in, we were ready to open our doors to the public in April 2000 and called our event Parampara 2000, with Rtn Sucheta Merh giving it the name and our in-house artist Rtn Rajni Jhinjunwala giving us the logo. A lot of curiosity had built up regarding Parampara as we advertised the event as the first of its kind with outstation participants. The team worked round the clock and we were all super excited about our first big fundraiser and we need not have worried as from day one the event was a huge success. Spread over 3 days the event managed to draw a super crowd as visitors indulged in the wide variety of products from all over

India. In the first few years we invited dignitaries to choose the 3 best stalls who got tokens of our appreciation.

All other exhibitors plus some new entrants were watching each of our Parampara with great interest and being the only such event was too good to last and events like Parampara started mushrooming in the city. As our clubs projects increased, we also needed to increase the frequency of Parampara to first twice and then thrice a year. And Team Parampara got no breather as there was an event every 4 months and a lot of hard work was needed to get new participants for each event. There were many a times when we had a long waiting list as we took only the best through a screening process.

It was a truly proud moment for us when the committee members of the prestigious Jyotirmai Club came home to discuss ways of improving their annual fundraiser Shilpam Bazaar.

From Rs 5,000 per stall to Rs 79,000 per stall, Parampara has come a long way, slowly and steadily building a brand and an image for itself. Parampara has been a great team effort from Day 1 and though the team changed hands, the exhibition has been a resounding success for the past 20 years churning out bigger and better events each year, doing a super jobs of raising funds for all, our ambitious club projects.

■ Fundraising

Chairperson: Deepak Saraf
Team Members: Pawan Kejriwal, Rajiv Jindal, Himanshu Ajmera, Manoj Saraf, Rajeev Ginodia

■ Literacy

Chairperson: Sangita Todi
Team Members: Deepak Saraf, Nita Sethia, Rajni Jhunjunwala, Nutan Jayaswal, Meena Khemka, Meena Bansal

■ Water & Sanitation

Chairperson: Urmi Basu
Team Members: Nita Sethia, Vikram Tantia, Neeraj Kanoria, Rajiv Jindal, Piyush Agarwal

■ Vocational

Chairperson: Meena Khemka
Team Members: Kavita Himatsingka, Ruchira Prasad, Sangeeta Patodia, Prithi Jaitha

■ New Generation

Chairperson: Sudeshna Roychowdhury
Team Members: Nita Sethia, Abhenav Khettry, Nutan Jayaswal, Alka Jain, Ruchira Prasad

■ Website & Social Media

Chairperson: Ritu Almal
Team Members: Deepak Saraf, Rohit Kedia, Manisha Srivastava

Minutes of the AGM and 877th Meeting of ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CHOWRENGHEE held on Friday, 18th December, 2020 at 6:00 pm via ZOOM

- President Deepak welcomed all the Members who had joined for the Club AGM.
- President opened the 877th Regular Meeting of RC Calcutta Chowrenghee to order.
- President asked all present to stand for the National Anthem.
- First in Agenda was the AGM formalities.
- President Deepak, shared the 2019-20 Accounts. He also maintained that if any Member would like to receive, a copy of Accounts, it could be mailed to them. The Accounts was approved by the Members.
- The next Agenda was the Reappointment of the Statutory Auditors for the year 2020-21. Members approved to continue with the existing Auditors.
- The last Agenda was the announcement of the incoming Board for the year 2021-22.
- President Deepak, asked PE Vikram Tania, to announce his Board.
- PE Vikram, announced the Incoming Board/Directors and thanked the Members of giving this honor to him, to head the Club as a President in the year 2021-22
- There was no other agendas for the AGM, hence President Deepak adjourned the AGM.
- As part of the Meeting agenda, President Deepak, requested Chairperson of the Literacy Committee, CP Sangita Todi, to give an update of the work.
- President, then asked the Foundation Chairperson Vikram, to give an update on the GG Application.
- President Deepak, asked Secretary Vikram to share a report on the ongoing Water & Sanitation projects in the Club.
- President, informed the Members, that the Club was finally planning a physical meeting of Fellowship, in early January.
- Having concluded, the main agendas of the RM, President Deepak requested Members to listen to the Heroic journey of the Club's most senior most member, PP Pradumanji Jain and the youngest member of the Club, Rtn Abhenav Khettry, as part of the "Our Hero's Journey", Episode 2.
- PP Pradumanji, shared his wonderful journey of having done 6 Business ventures in his span of business career. He shared the ups and down of his business and how he continued to develop new ventures. Members were very happy to know his life story.
- Rtn Abhenav, gave a visual presentation of his career, having formed his venture called "Vyana Wealth Management". It was a beautiful presentation of all his achievements at a very young age. Members were pleased to know about Abhenav's venture, as he has joined the Club very recently.
- President Deepak, thanked Pradumanji & Abhenav, for being part of the Hero's Journey and sharing their life story with the Chowrenghee Members.
- President, once again thanked everyone who had joined the meeting today and since there were no other agendas, he adjourned the 877th meeting of RC Calcutta Chowrenghee.

Members Present: 28 • Special Event: AGM followed by "Our Hero's Journey" Part 2



**Happy
Birthday!**

G M Kapur • 3rd January

Masuma Mowjee • 3rd January

Meena Bansal • 19th January

Shantanu Kejriwal • 19th January

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**Anniversary
Wishes**

**Rita Punwani & Raju
2nd January**

**Dr Ashok Surana & Gita
16th January**

**Sucheta Merh & Sandeep
17th January**

**Alka Chopra & Ajay
23rd January**

**Anuradha Bhagat & Manoj
28th January**

**Manoj Saraf & Madhulika
28th January**



This whatsapp invite has been designed by R-Ann Abha Neotia