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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A biennale is a large-scale international contemporary art exhibition held every 2 years, acting as a dynamic city wide cultural catalyst that transforms urban spaces through installations, performance and multi media art. Beyond showcasing art, these events boost local economies and highlight critical social issues.

Originating from the Venetian model established in 1895, the term refers to a periodic event that brings together artists from around the world. The Kochi-Muziris Biennale in India — the largest in South Asia— is not mere art galleries but immersive experiences that often occupy unconventional, historically significant spaces. They represent a 'biennale effect', transforming Kochi into a vibrant cultural hub. Biennales are crucial for showcasing diverse artistic practices including film, sculpture and new media. They offer a platform for both established and emerging artists to interact with a global audience. Biennales spark interest in the creative economy and, as seen in Kochi, can revitalise urban areas, boosting tourism and local engagement with contemporary art.

Kochi Biennale events often act as catalysts for social change, encouraging critical thinking by addressing relevant, modern day themes. This art festival is a powerful, temporary and often intense immersion into the world of contemporary creativity. By combining art, culture and urban spaces, it provides a unique platform for dialogue, ensuring that art remains a relevant, active force in society.

THE CLUB SECRETARY SPEAKS:

I will share 7 short stories by Satya Nadella, CEO, MICROSOFT

1. **LOOKING BACK**- I interviewed my grandmother for part of a research paper I'm working on for my psychology class. When I asked her to define success in her own words, she said.... Success is when you look back at your life and the MEMORIES make you smile.
2. **LOVE CONQUERS PAIN** - After I watched my dog get run over by a car, I sat on the side of the road holding him and crying. And just before he died, he licked the tears off my face.
3. **TOGETHERNESS** - As my father, my 3 brothers and 2 sisters stood around my mother's hospital bed, my mother uttered her last coherent words before she died. She simply said, "I feel so loved right now. We should have gotten together like this more often".
4. **AFFECTION** - I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed away, I realised, it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.
5. **JOY** - When I witnessed a 27 year old cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2 year old daughter's antics, I suddenly realised that I needed to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.
6. **KINDNESS** - A boy in a wheelchair saw me desperately struggling on crutches with my broken leg and offered to carry my backpack and books for me. He helped me all the way across campus to my class and as he was leaving he said, "I hope you feel better soon".
7. **SHARING** - I was travelling in Kenya and met a refugee from Zimbabwe. He said he hadn't eaten anything in over 3 days and looked extremely skinny and unhealthy. Then my friend offered him the rest of the sandwich he was eating. The first thing the man said was, "WE CAN SHARE IT".

MAKE IT A PRINCIPLE OF YOUR LIFE....CELEBRATE LIFE WITH GRATITUDE.

SECRETARIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES — —

- 20th January was the Wedding Anniversary of Rtn Indranil and Rishita Das
- 29th January was the Birthday of Mrs.Soumi Pal Choudhury Kar
- 30th January was the Birthday of Rtn Rupa Sinha
- 30th January was the Wedding Anniversary of Rtn Debashish and Soma Hazra
- 1st February was the Wedding Anniversary of Rtn Rupa Sinha and Arka Prabha
- 8th February was the Wedding Anniversary of Rtn Sragdhara Ghosh and Proadyut
- 20th February is the Birthday of PP Sambhunath Behera
- 22nd February is the Birthday of Rtn Debashish Sarkar
- 25th February is the Birthday of Mrs.Mahasweta Chakraborty wife of Rtn Subhashish Chakraborty.

UPCOMING PROJECTS

- 12th February — Baking Class to begin at the Light House for the Blind
- 13th February — To speak to the parents of the students at CDDS about Sculpture making classes
- Medical Camp at Mary Cooper Home

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC IS ON SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY. [details given separately]

RCCSW GOES INTERNATIONAL – President. Rtn. Ruma Mitra

On 22nd January, I travelled to Galgale Village in Dhaniakhali with my friend Khaleda Gani Dutt and on behalf of our club I donated 20 fruit trees to the villagers. My friend posted a write up of the event at LinkedIn. Within 24 hours there were over 700 impressions and is liked and praised by Professor Libing of Health and Education at UNESCO HQ in Paris. My friend is associated with UNESCO. Prof Libing personally called Khaleda and has expressed his desire to talk about this project. This recognition means a lot to me.



Khaleda Gani Dutt · You
University Lecturer Department of Special Ed...
18h · Edited · 🌐

The Sustainable Development Goals have impacted us in the way we teach, we live and is embedded in our practices.
With the help of Ms. Ruma Mitra, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta South West we strived towards Partnerships for the Goal and Life on Land by planting fruit trees-mango, guava, chiku, pomelo and litchi on the banks of our pond. Phase 1 is done and the aim is to envelope the pond with trees providing shelter in the sweltering summer heat and fruits to pick from the trees in the near future.
Where: Our ancestral village Galgale, in Dhaniakhali famous in West Bengal for its weaves.
What's next? Conversations are on with the Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata to conduct day camps with the possibility of early identification of children with learning difficulty and disabilities.
Motto: save the planet in your own way, plant trees for sustainability. When there is a will the path and helping hands appear. The universe works with you in mysterious ways.
Gratitude that our family can give back to the community, the roots run deep and strong.
Counting our blessings.



NEW ADDITIONS TO THE SOUTH



SRAGDHARA GHOSH.

SPOUSE: PROADYOT KUMAR GHOSH

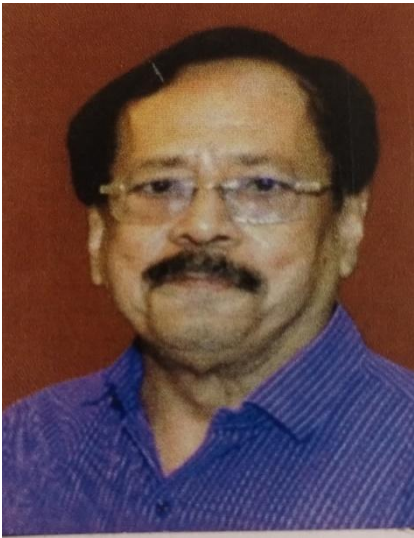
BIRTHDAY: 20 September

SPOUSE BIRTHDAY: 28 May

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: 8 February

WORKS AT: IBM

Sragdhara is a SECOND GENERATION Rotarian. She is the daughter of Late Subhashis Banerjee, President RCCSW



DILIP KUMAR DEY

"I am the founder of Lakshmi Finance Traders and Lakshmi Stock Broking Private Limited, and currently serve as Vice President of ICAA (Independent Consultant and Adviser Association), whose Chairman is a member of the SEBI-AMFI Working committee.

"I am associated with several professional and social bodies, including the CRC, the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and the Automobile Association of Eastern India, and I am a life member Subarnabanik Samaj and Adhi Saptagram Thakur Bari.

Academically, I am a Commerce graduate from City College of Commerce and Business Administration, hold an LL.B. from the University of Calcutta, and have completed executive programs at IIM Joka, XLRI Jamshedpur, and a business school in Australia."

SPOUSE: RUMA
BIRTHDAY: 28 July
SPOUSE BIRTHDAY: 12 June
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: 13 May.



My name is **INDRANI CHATTOPADYAY**. I'm a home maker and I work for an NGO named Pathchala.

My hobbies include art and craft, reading, gardening, cooking, music and interior designing. I run a small enterprise related to art and craft. Besides, I also have experience in imparting soft skills training to corporates, hospitals and academic institutions.

BIRTHDAY: 14 June



SUBHASHIS CHAKRABORTY

Born in 24/06/1956, having wife, one daughter & one son. Wife is associated with CBFC & many more organisation, Son is established businessman, daughter is associated Tollywood also having very famous dance school in Kolkata. Graduated from Kolkata University in Anthropology, Did MBA in Marketing, Working as Managing Director of one of the leading Pvt. Ltd company in the trade nationally & Internationally. Member of ICC & many clubs. Received " COVID WARRIORS " Award from Central Govt during COVID Period for providing services among COVID AFFECTED AREA.

Spouse: MAHASWETA
Birthday: 24 June
Spouse Birthday: 25 February
Wedding Anniversary: 15 July

MEMBERSHIP BY GENERATIONS

A few Sou'westers have ROTARY BLOOD flowing in their veins:

See this:

3rd Generation.

Rtn. Nilina Mitra

Grand father: Late Rtn. Sanat Kumar Mitra – RC. South West Calcutta [our previous name]

Father: Late PP. Rtn. Joyanta Kumar Mitra [RCCSW]

2nd Generation

PDG. Siddhartha S. Bose

Father: Late Deb Sadhan Bose [RC.Howrah]

Brother: Late PP. Rtn. Partha Sadhan Bose [RC. Calcutta]

Cousin: Late PP. Rtn. Gautam Sadhan Bose [RC. Howrah]

PP. Rtn. Dr. Arup Kumar Mitra

Father: Late PP. Rtn. Dr. Arun Kumar Mitra [RCCSW]

pp. Rtn. Gautam Banerjee

Cousin: Late PP. Rtn. Timir Baran Banerjee

Rtn. Sragdhara Ghosh

Father: Late PP. Rtn. Subhashis Banerjee [RCCSW]

TRIBUTE TO Late Sarajit Choudhuri

Late Sarajit Choudhuri, was a member of our Club. He was Club Secretary when PP. Rtn. Gautam Banerjee was President.

Sarajit passed away on 2 February 2026.

Mr. Roshan Saraogi, also a former member of our Club, who was the Club Treasurer in the same year, has forwarded a nostalgic write up about Sarajit.

"It was early Tuesday morning. I had just reached the office when my phone buzzed with a WhatsApp message from PP Rtn. Gautam Banerjee (Bablu Kaka). The moment I read it, my heart sank: "Sarajit Chaudhuri (KAKA) is no more."

For a few moments, I just sat there in stunned silence. I was shattered. How could this be true? Yet, as I checked with a few of our old Rotary friends, the news stood confirmed—harsh, real, and inevitable.

Coincidentally, both of us were inducted into Rotary on the same day in 2005. I was in my

mid-twenties, and he was in his early fifties—a gap of nearly two generations that somehow evolved into some of the most beautiful memories of my Rotary journey. His presence, warmth, and spirit—especially during our fellowship meetings—touched many lives.

The bonding grew even deeper during RCCSW's landmark 50th year in 2006-07, when Bablu Kaka served as Club President, KAKA as Club Secretary, and I as Club Treasurer. Our collective focus was on reviving the club through greater member and family involvement. Those days gave birth to what many fondly remembered as "*The Three Musketeers*"—a partnership that became a true resurrection and stepping stone in RCCSW's history for years to come.

Initially, I addressed him as *Sarajit da*. But during one of the meetings, he affectionately said, "*Tui toh aamar bhaipo re... aamake KAKA bolbi.*" And from that moment on, he became KAKA to me. I'll never forget the sumptuous lunches at his home prepared by Nabonita Boudi, our weekly fellowships at AAIEI Club, the gatherings at Ranjan Neogi's place, RCCSW family meets, and countless cherished moments together.

When he moved to Mumbai in 2009-10 due to professional commitments and later resigned from Rotary, it created a void in our RCCSW circle. Yet our bond never faded. We stayed in touch—always. My visits to his Mumbai home, and later to his Kolkata residence and AAIEI Club, often alongside Bablu Kaka, only strengthened that connection. Sometimes it felt as if our relationship was written long before—perhaps in the heavens themselves.

KAKA, you will always remain my KAKA.

May your soul find eternal peace in the world beyond."



On behalf of President Ruma and the members of RCCSW who knew Sarajit, the WHISTLE conveys deepest condolences to Navaneeta.

May Sarajit's soul REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

FELLOWSHIP PICNIC

DATE: 22 February 2026

VENUE: Jyotirmoy Knowledge Park, Kalikapur, Sonarpur

CONTRIBUTION: Rs. 1000.00 per head [venue, breakfast, snacks, lunch & tea

TRANSPORT: EXTRA

REGISTRATIONS STILL OPEN

JOIN with FAMILY & FRIENDS