



Rotary Club of Dum Dum

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We meet every Friday at 6.30 pm

ROTARY

Minutes of the RWM 2704

held at *Mahendra Smriti Sabhaghar*, RC Dum Dum
on 18.08.2023 at 7.00 pm.

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GREETINGS:

Honourable President **Rtn. Tarun Kanti Biswas** chaired and called the RWM 2703 to order. He welcomed all the members present physically or virtually to the RWM.

INVOCATION:

As requested by the President, respected **Rtn. Debabrata Dey** led the National Anthem.

CLUB BUSINESS:

At the onset, President expressed that his health condition was improving and the attending doctor had advised him to a few more days of rest at home to be able to join physically. Honourable Secretary conducted the club business.

- Birthdays Greeting** was extended to well-versed **PP Rtn. Tapash Bhattacharya** fell on August 20th. 2023 and members present joined him.
- Like every year, the 77th Independence Day was celebrated in the club premises with the hoisting of our auspicious National Flag and chanting of National Anthem. Breakfasts were served to all. Seven honourable Rotarians joined and managed the event.

c) On this glorious occasion of Independence Day, the announcement was made for the awareness programme on Plastic Waste Management at Techno India Auditorium, Sector V, Salt Lake on 2nd. September 2023 and the flyers for the Online National Competitions on drawing and essay in relation to Plastic Waste Management were released with an expectation of wide circulation and extensive participation.

d) As scheduled, Independence Day was celebrated in Wheel Primary School in presence of all the enthusiastic children and their parents. Their teachers planned the programme and executed it very nicely. Rotarians present participated in the programme and enjoyed the brisk cultural function by the students. Before concluding breakfasts were distributed to all.

The event was profusely appreciated by all present. Members present raised their hands for the Students, Teachers, and the Rotarians.

e) The Secretary proudly declared that our club had earned the Rotary Citation, the most significant award that a Rotary Club could achieve for 2022-23 from Rtn Jennifer Jones, RI President 2022-23. All members present appreciated the great contribution of the team 2022-23 and applauded the glorious achievement.

f) As decided by the board, the club would organise the *Rakhi Bandhan Utsav* jointly with neighboring social organisation *Shastri Bagan Sporting Club*, *Baguiati* by tying *Rakhi* bands to the children of the **Calcutta Orphanage** on August 30th. 2023 and offering them breakfast and lunch on that day.

All the Rotarians were invited to participate in that event.





DISCUSSION:

a) As requested by the President, illustrious Treasurer **PP Rtn. Arup Majumdar** reported the latest financial status of the Club. He informed that all the scheduled payments like RI Semi-Annual Due, District dues and Rotary News subscription had been made by the club in time, though only 16 members had cleared their dues till now. Hence the bank and cash position of the Club's account was running very tight. He reminded the members who missed the earlier request to pay the dues enabling the club to continue smooth operations.

The President reiterated the appeal and requested a reminder in the Club's WhatsApp group for drawing the attention of honourable members who might have missed the first appeal.

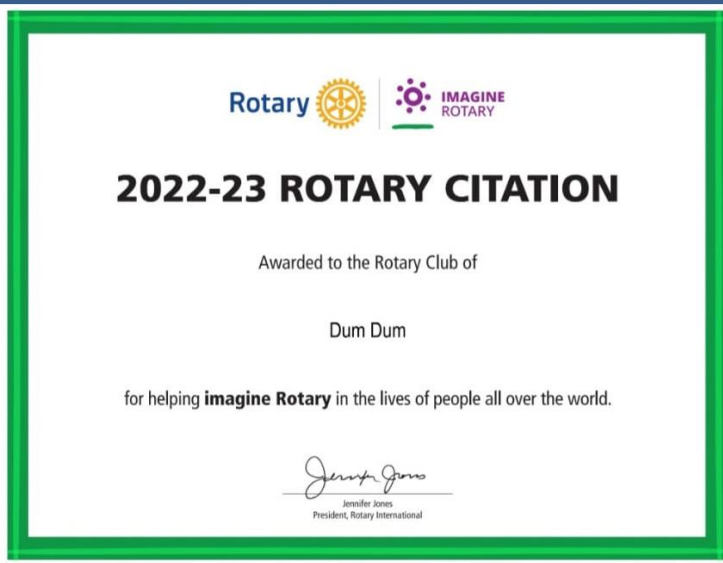
b) On request, respected **Rtn. Suman Guha** reaffirmed the final date of the awareness project on Plastic Waste Management as Saturday the 2nd. September 2023 and reported that in addition to the Online National Drawing and Essay competitions, there would be Keynote addresses by eminent specialists, brisk Cultural presentations, and Panel discussion on that day. He sincerely wished the programme to be poised for a promising and remarkable event with the support of all the Rotarians.

Members present appreciated the idea and reinforced their confidence.



CLOSING REMARKS:

Minutes of RWM 2703 circulated via mail were confirmed by the members present 9 in physical and 5 in virtual mode. Sunshine would be collected through bills. The meeting was adjourned by the President with a note to meet in the next RWM scheduled on Friday 25.08.23 and thanks to all.



Fundamental rights and duties in the Indian constitution

Fundamental rights provided by the constitution of India to its citizens in the personality development of every citizen and protect his/her dignity. There are 6 fundamental rights that include

1. right to equality
2. right to freedom
3. right against exploitation
4. right to freedom of religion
5. cultural and educational rights
6. right to constitutional remedies.

The fundamental rights are given in the article 12 – 35 of the Indian constitution

Fundamental duties are the moral responsibilities of the Indian citizens towards the country to help promote a patriotic spirit and to uphold the unity of our country. There are 11 fundamental duties that include

1. abiding the Constitution including its ideals and institutions, the National Anthem and the National Flag
2. following the ideals of national freedom struggle
3. upholding the unity, sovereignty, and integrity
4. defending and rendering service to the country whenever called
5. promoting harmony amongst all the people and renouncing practices derogatory to the dignity of women
6. preserving the heritage of our composite culture
7. improving the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife
8. developing the scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform
9. safeguarding public property and to abjuring violence
10. to strive towards excellence
11. providing opportunities for education to his child or ward between the age of 6 and 14 years.

The fundamental duties are given in the Article 51(A) of the constitution.

Excerpt of President's Speech on the eve of Independence Day



My Dear Fellow Citizens, My heartiest greetings to all of you on our 77th Independence Day! It is a glorious and auspicious occasion for all of us. I am overjoyed to see that festivity is in the air. It is a matter of delight as well as pride for us to see how everyone – children, youth and the elderly, in cities and villages, everywhere in India – are excited and preparing to celebrate this festival of our freedom. The people have been celebrating '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**' with great enthusiasm.

Independence Day celebrations also remind me of my childhood days. We could not contain our excitement of participating in the Independence Day celebrations in our village school. When we grow up, we may not remain as expressive of our joy as children are, but I am sure that the intensity of the patriotic feeling associated with the celebration of national festivals is not diminished at all. Independence Day reminds us that we are not merely individuals, but we are part of a great community of people. It happens to be the biggest and the greatest community of its kind. It is the community of the citizens of the world's largest democracy.

What we celebrate on Independence Day is the fact that we are part of a great democracy. Each of us has many identities – apart from caste, creed, language and region, we are also identified with our families and professions – but there is one identity that is above all. That is our identity as citizens of India. Each one of us is an equal citizen; each one of us has an equal opportunity, equal rights and equal duties, in this land.

With our Independence began the era of foreign rulers withdrawing from many colonies and colonialism drew close to its end. Under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and a galaxy of extraordinary visionary leaders, our national movement was animated by a unique set of ideals. Gandhiji and others re-kindled the soul of India and helped the nation rediscover its civilisational values.

On the eve of Independence Day, I join my fellow citizens in paying grateful tribute to the known and unknown freedom fighters whose sacrifices have made it possible for India to regain its rightful place in the comity of nations. Independence Day is an occasion to reconnect with our history. It is also an occasion to assess our present and reflect about our way forward. Looking at the present, we see that India has not only regained its rightful place on the world stage, but it has also enhanced its standing in the international order. During my visits and interactions with the members of the Indian diaspora, I have observed a new confidence in the India story. India is playing a crucial role in promoting developmental and humanitarian goals around the world. It has also assumed leadership of international forums, especially the **presidency of G-20**. As the G-20 represents two-thirds of the world population, this is a unique opportunity to help shape global discourse in the right direction. All the citizens are enthusiastic about events related to G-20.

India has converted challenges into opportunities and has recorded high GDP growth. Our *Annadata* farmers have contributed significantly to our economic growth. The nation feels indebted to them.

Inflation at the global level remains a cause for worry. But in India the Government and the Reserve Bank have managed to contain it. The world looks up to India for global economic growth.

Giving priority to the deprived remains the focus of our policies and actions that have lifted a large number of people out of poverty in the last decade. Similarly, there are specific programmes to improve the conditions of tribals and encourage them to join the journey of progress. I appeal to our tribal brothers and sisters to enrich their traditions while embracing modernity.

Having been a teacher also, I have realised that education is the greatest tool of social empowerment. The National Education Policy of 2020 has started making a difference. The visionary policy, which aims to merge ancient values with modern skills, will bring in unprecedented changes in the education sector over the years, leading to a great transformation of the nation. The aspirations of the new India have infinite dimensions. This year, ISRO launched **Chandrayaan-3**, and its lander named '**Vikram**' and its rover named '**Pragyan**' are slated to land on the moon in the next few days. It will be a proud moment for all of us and I look forward to it.

For their work in space and also on earth, our scientists and technologists are bringing laurels to the country. To foster the spirit of research, innovation and entrepreneurship, the Government is setting up the *Anusandhan* National Research Foundation, with an amount of Rs. 50,000 crore for next five years. The foundation will seed, grow and promote research and development in our colleges, universities and research institutions.

One area that merits urgent attention of scientists and policymakers all over the world is climate change. We have faced numerous extreme-weather events in recent years. Parts of India have faced extraordinary floods. At the same time, there are places facing drought. These events are also attributed to the phenomenon of global warming. Therefore, it is necessary to make efforts at the local, national and global levels for the environment. In this context, it is noteworthy that we have achieved unprecedented goals in the field of renewable energy. India is providing leadership to the International Solar Alliance. Our country is playing a leading role in fulfilling international commitments. We have given the mantra of **LiFE i.e. Lifestyle for Environment to the global community**.

The secret of the survival of the tribal communities through ages can be summarised in one word. That single word is 'Empathy'. They have empathy for all Mother Nature's fellow children, flora and fauna alike. Sometimes, however, the world seems to be suffering from a deficit of empathy.

Our country has entered the '**Amrit Kaal**' with new resolutions and we are moving forward towards making India an inclusive and developed nation by the year 2047. Let us all take a pledge to perform our fundamental duty to strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that the nation constantly rises to higher levels of endeavour and achievement. Our Constitution is our guiding document. Its Preamble contains the ideals of our freedom struggle. Let us move forward with the spirit of harmony and brotherhood to realise the dreams of our nation-builders.

On the eve of Independence Day, I once again extend my greetings to you, specially to our soldiers guarding the borders, jawans of the forces and the police providing internal security and to the members of our diaspora living in every part of the world. I convey my best wishes to you all.

Thank you. Jai Hind! Jai Bharat!