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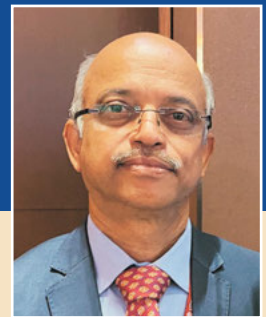
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1668th REGULAR MEETING

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Congratulations DGND RTN TAPAS BHATTACHARYA



GUEST SPEAKER DGND RTN TAPAS BHATTACHARYA- A PROFILE

First, we would like to congratulate Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya elected as District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) for the RY-2026-2027. We are thankful to him to be our Guest speaker for the today's Regular Meeting and he will speak on the topic "The Benevolence of Microfinance for SHG in Rotary".

He is a member of Rotary Club of Dum Dum since 1994 and educational qualifications are BSc (CU), LEE and AMIE (Part-I). During his tenure in the Club, he has served in various capacities and became Club President in the year 2004-2005. Apart from this, he has served in various capacities in the district-3291. The list is endless.

He was honored and received various achievements in Rotary particularly by District Governor of RID-3291 in various years. Again, the list is endless.

He has provided special Rotary services like 3-H Grant on Eye, Safe Drinking Facility and Toilet projects, Child Care project, Organized Zonal workshop on Centennial Projects in RY-2019-2020, represented in Germany as the Group Study Exchange Team Leader in the year 2010. He also participated in several Health Check up camps in all the Metro Stations in Kolkata. He attended/participated in various Committee as member.

He worked in Eastern Railway, Signal & Telecommunication department of Government of India from November, 1981 to April, 1985, In All India Radio & Television Engineering department from April, 1985 to September, 1985, In Metro Railway, Kolkata North South Corridor from September, 1985 to February,

2020 and joined Metro Railway, Kolkata, East West Corridor, as Chief Crew Controller since February, 2020.

His special achievements are for establishing an effective Microwave Communications as In charge of Beimuri Microwave Relay Center of Eastern Railway, special appreciation for establishing improved Doordarshan telecast network as the In Charge of Dhanbad TV Relay Center and more.

He has been recognized by North Dum Dum Municipality for outstanding Service for Sakhorata Prokolpo (Eradication of Illiteracy program) as Co-Ordinator, for contribution for advancement of Indian Culture and music by Pandit Tapas Debnath & Dance group and was acknowledged for promotion of Indian-Russian friendship by the Cultural Head of the Consulate General of USSR in Kolkata.

Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya other significant and cultural activities are Life Member & Patron of Birati Samaj Sammelan, Member of East Bengal Clun, Founder Executive Member and former Secretary, Youth Guild, Gorky Sadan, Ex-General Secretary of Youth Guild of Friendship, Ex-Assistant Secretary of Ekusha February Udjapon Committee, served as Advisory Committee member of Dum Dum Motijheel College, served as Secretary of Indian Progressive Cultural Association Sultanpur Branch, Dum Dum, performed Drama and Recitation in Gorky Sadan, Sisir Manch, Girish Manch etc stages on behalf of different organisations and served as Executive Member and faculty of St John Ambulance, Birati.

Topic "THE BENEVOLENCE OF MICRO FINANCE FOR SHG IN ROTARY"

GLIMPSE OF 37TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 30.12.2023



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REPORT ON UTKARSH, DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2024 ON 5TH, 6TH 7TH JAN 2024-ANNUAL EVENT OF THE DISTRICT 3291

Day 1:

It was devoted to voting for the election of DGND for the year 2026-27.

Day 2:

It began with flag hoisting of India and Nepal flags and visit to the stalls. It was so fulfilling to see the Metropolitan Club standee as the first one with all the projects compiled, because when we are working in the flow, we do not realise what all we have done or how far we have come. President, President Elect, and myself as Hon Secretary took a moment to celebrate that along with applauding all the wonderful works done by other clubs. The event on stage started with the lighting of lamp and a performance taking the blessings of Lord Ganesha.

The highlights of the event were the wonderful speakers, from the stalwarts of the club to the invited ones, starting with Jaya Row, an expert on Vedanta, who shared leadership lessons from Bhagvad Gita, quoting, "Give you gain, grab you lose." She also shared that when Mark Zuckerberg asked Steve Jobs, how to become successful? Steve jobs told him to spend some time in an Ashram in India. Such a wonderful reminder of the richness of our culture and heritage, but she also shared how this is forgotten often and the knowledge not valued by our own people.

The next was a talk by Author, activist, speaker, coach Shiv Khera, who spoke on the theme, "Create hope in the world." He shared Rotary is a character-building organisation. Only good people are assets, rest are liabilities. He said, "Goodness must be created, evil comes automatically". He gave a theory that when we want to build something, there would be obstacles and threats; if we allow that weed to grow, it will only destroy us. So, we need to remember fight is nature's law. If we do not destroy the weeds/obstacles...it will destroy us. His personal journey was equally inspiring.

The sessions were followed by talks by various PDGs and DGs. The final section was an interview with Ms Universe India, Shweta Sharda. Taking her through her inspiring journey of becoming a pageant winner coming from very humble beginnings.

The day one was brought to an end by a musical performance given by Sanchita and Sujoy Bhowmik.

Day 3:

It began with the sessions on public Image and finance and resolutions. Followed by detailed sharing of the district projects covering progress on Life after cancer, Eyecare, Matri Raksha, Thalassemia. These were also the four areas of focus post the eradication of Polio.

The session on the Art of strategizing, "Chanakya Niti and You" by Atul Satya Koushik took us to another treasure of the principals shared by Chanakya 2500 years ago that are still applicable in running a successful organisation, sharing one of the key elements of NITI which says that "Never promise when you are happy and never make a decision when you are angry".

The four-way test award was given by Rotary Club of Belur to Sri Jadav Payeng, also known as the Forest man, Padmasri winner, felicitated for planting more than 40 million trees in a span of 30 years to convert a barren land into Forest covering more than 1300 acres.

The most awaited session on COUNTRY FIRST, where PDG Ajay Gupta interviewed Sri Yogendra Singh Yadav, who shared his nerve-racking personal journey of the Kargil war, where with 12 bullets in his body and one hand completely shredded, he still went against all odds to help Indian army gain victory and remained alive to tell the story of the sacrifice our army men and women make to keep us and our borders safe.

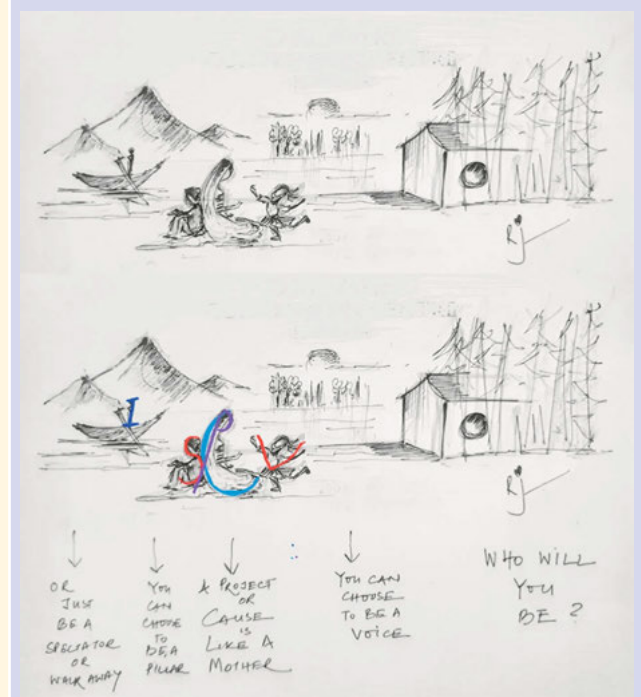
The event ended with the vote of thanks to DG Hiralal Yadav and the events team for putting up a great conference and all the sponsors in various capacities were awarded and the celebrations continued with mesmerising performance by singer Salman Ali and DJ.

It was 2 days well spent in this opportunity to bond, connect, network while getting to know all the good work being done by the district 3291 with more than 4000+ members and we felt grateful to do our bit as proud Metropolitans.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta

ARTWORK BY RUNJHUN GUPTA

There is no dearth of Natural talent particularly when you are in good mood, it's comes out automatically. I am talking about Rtn Runjhun Gupta, who was attending the District Conference and making notes of the deliberations, and I realised she was also making some drawings. I just encouraged her to go ahead so that I can print it in Metro Voice and here it is:



GLIMPSE OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE-2024



GENERAL DUTY ASSISTANT AND NURSING TRAINING WORKSHOP ON 4.1.2024

General Duty Assistant and Nursing Training, an initiative by Rotary Vocational Service Trust and Rotary Club of North Kolkata conducted by St. John Ambulance, Tollygunge and supported by Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, Rotary Club of Belur, Rotary Club of Calcutta South Suburban, Rotary Club of Dum Dum, Rotary Club of New Ballygunge and Rotary Club of Salt Lake City Calcutta. This is their second camp and probable candidates who

were present on 4.1.2023 were more than 35. RCCM sponsored one candidate from our RCC- Barasat and more to follow. We have committed to sponsor 10 candidates. Total cost per candidate is Rs.14,000/- and the candidates will pay only Rs.3,000/- and the balance Rs.11,000/- will be paid by the Club.

Great initiative by our President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel to get involved in this project.



A STREET DRAMA BY INTERACT CLUB ON DIGITAL HARMONY

On 12th December, 2023 we had performed a street drama in the fair. For the first time we had performed outside school. We had enjoyed a lot and learnt how to work as a group.



Kakuli Naskar
Class-XII
President
Interact Club of PLC

As the secretary of the Interact Club I encouraged my club members to participate in the drama actively. Each and everyone has enjoyed the whole programme as this was a new experience for us. However, everyone has performed with confidence on stage in-front of many people



Sonia Ghosh
Class-
Secretary
Interact Club of PLC

This is the first we have prepared a drama and performed outside the school. It was a wonderful experience for me as I got the opportunity to represent our school in my community.



Avha Sardar
Class-
Member of Interact Club

On 12th December, 2023 few of my students from Interact Club has performed a street drama on the awareness on social media. It was great that they have got a chance to deliver such good message to their community through their outstanding skills of acting. Although it was prepared as street drama, but they were lucky enough to get the stage in the local fair which they nailed. It was a proud moment for me to see the girls enjoying on stage and facing the audience with confidence. Overall it was a wonderful experience for the girls and me as well.

Shilpa Garai
Class-
Interact Club Co-ordinator



WHAT PRINCIPAL HAS TO SAY

The Interact Club presented a thought-provoking one-screen play to address the importance of responsible social media use among the students and people of Piali on 12th December, 2023 on Piali local fair ground. The half an hour play skillfully combined humour and sincerity to convey its message while involving the audience in a relatable manner. President Kakuli Naskar led the club members in a discussion to create a play that emphasized the positive impact of social media when used responsibly.

The planning, execution and rehearsal everything was conducted before and after the exam within a short period of time under the guidance of the club co-ordinator and teachers.

The members guided by the teachers brainstormed ideas, ensuring a balanced portrayal of both the benefits and potential pitfalls of social media. The one-screen play unfolded with different members exemplifying responsible social media use. Each character underwent a transformation, learning to balance screen time and appreciate the positive aspects of online interaction.

President Kakuli Naskar and secretary Sonia Ghosh addressed concerns about avoiding negativity on social media, offering practical tips on fostering a positive digital environment. Before the curtain call the interact club members delivered a powerful closing message, urging everyone to recognize the potential of social media as a tool for connection and inspiration.

The play received positive feedback from the audience, with one of the audiences expressing appreciation for its relatability and informative content. The programme ended with the vote of thanks to the organizers of the local fair who allowed our students to perform and spread the awareness.

The Interact Club's one-screen play successfully achieved its goal of promoting responsible social media use. By combining entertainment with education, the club members effectively conveyed the message of digital harmony, encouraging the youth to embrace the positive aspects of social media while avoiding its potential pitfalls. This initiative contributes to fostering a responsible and positive online culture within the community.

Jayeeta Chatterjee
Principal
PACE Learning Centre



A STREET DRAMA BY INTERACT CLUB ON DIGITAL HARMONY



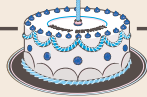
DISTRIBUTION OF SANITARY NAPKINS



We handed over 3 months' supply of Sanitary Napkins for distribution at Durgapur Leprosy Colony, Nabadiganta, Durgapur on 3.1.2024. A project being continued every 3 months since last year.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

18.01.2024 Rtn Nisha Singhania



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

16.01.2024 PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee & Ann Soma



Did you know about this fellowship? The Rotary on Stamps fellowship is an organization founded by the American Topical Association and subsequently affiliated with Rotary International and the American Philatelic Society.



Forthcoming Events

CLUB

14.01.2024 Visit to Duttapukur for Organic Farming Phase-II to review the project. Will start at 10.00 AM from the residence of President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel.

26.01.2024 Celebration and Flag hoisting on Independence Day and Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 11.00 AM. Breakfast will be served at 10.30 AM. DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav will be the Chief Guest

26.01.2024 Flag hoisting at PACE Learning Centre

03.02.2023 Fellowship to be held by PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi. Venue details will be communicated later on

DISTRICT

25.02.2024 Uttara-II, PETS, SETS & TETS. Venue and Registration Charges will be intimated later on

**MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF
CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD AT 2.30 PM ON 30TH DECEMBER, 2023
AT THE CONCLAVE, 216, A J C BOSE ROAD, KOLKATA-700 017**

1. President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel took the chair and thanked the members present.
2. Adequate quorum being present, President called the 37th Annual Meeting to order.
3. The Minutes of the 36th Annual Meeting held on 17th December, 2022 were read and proposed by IPP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and seconded by PP Rtn Naresh Goyal. The same was approved.
4. The President informed that the Club Accounts as on 31.03.2023 had been circulated. After discussion, the members ratified and approved the circulated Club accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by IPP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and seconded by Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel.
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved the audited accounts for RCCM Club as on 31.03.2023."
5. The President informed that the Trust Accounts as on 31.03.2023 had been circulated. After discussion, the members ratified and approved the circulated Trust accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal and seconded by Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal.
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved the audited accounts for RCCM Trust as on 31.03.2023."
6. The President informed that the auditors M/s SBA Associates were available for reappointment as auditors for the year 2023-2024. After discussion, it was unanimously approved by the members to appoint, M/s SBA Associates and the following resolution was passed duly proposed by PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and seconded by PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta.
"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved that M/s SBA Associates be and are hereby appointed as Statutory Auditors for RCCM Club and RCCM Trust accounts for the FY 2023-2024 at a remuneration to be agreed and decided by the Board."
7. The President requested PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and Hony Secretary Elect Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal to join the head table and to introduce the Board for RY 2024-2025.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024-2025

1	President	Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
2	IPP	Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
3	President Elect	Rtn Rajshree Jain
4	Vice President	Rtn Runjhun Gupta
5	Hony Secretary	Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal
6	Treasurer	Rtn Pradip Kapoor
7	Chairman & Director- Club Administration	Rtn Namrata Bengani
8	Chairman & Director- Membership	Rtn Partha Sarathi Ganguli
9	Chairman & Director- Public Relation	Rtn Narendra Berlia
10	Chairman & Director- Service- I (Medical & Non-Medical)	Rtn Nishant Jain
11	Chairman & Director-Service-II (Youth & Vocational)	PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta
12	Chairman & Director- Foundation	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
13	Sergeant-At-Arms	PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar
		PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray
14	Editor	Will announced later on
15	Club Trainer	PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan
CHAIRMAN		
1	Literacy	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
2	Water	Rtn Poulomi Mullick
3	Sanitation & Hygiene	Rtn Vivek Bajaj
4	Environment	Rtn Sunil Kumar
4	CICO	PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
5	CRFC	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal

MINUTES OF THE 37th ANNUAL MEETING ...

PERMANENT INVITEE TO BOARD

1. PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji
2. PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi
3. PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
4. PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia

INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES REPORTING TO BOARD FOR 2024-2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024-2025

1	PACE Learning Centre	President	PP Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji PP Dr Rtn Naresh Goyal PP Dr Neeraja Rateria PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel PP Rtn Rajshree Jain
2	Co-ordination Committee with TEGA Industries Ltd.	Chairperson	IPP Rtn Harsh Rungta PP Dr Naresh Goyal PP Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji
3	Accounts Committee	Members	Rtn Pradip Kapoor PP Rtn. Subir Dutta Rtn Namrata Bengani
	Micro Credit	Chairperson	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel
4	Awards & Recognitions	Chairperson	PP Rtn. Sohanraj Singhvi IPP/P/PE/PN/Sec
5	Strategic Planning	Chairperson	IPP/P/PE/PN/Sec PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
6	38th Installation Committee	Chairperson	Will decide later on

The above RCCM Board for the RY-2024-2025 and other committees were proposed by PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and seconded by Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal.

8. With no further announcement, President terminated the 37th Annual Meeting.

ROTARY'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

These principles have been developed over the years to provide Rotarians with a strong, common purpose and direction. They serve as a foundation for our relationships with each other and the action we take in the world.

Rotary

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary

THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say, or do

The Four-Way Test is a nonpartisan and nonsectarian ethical guide for Rotarians to use for their personal and professional relationships.

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary

AVENUES OF SERVICE

Channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service.

CLUB SERVICE focuses on making clubs strong.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

COMMUNITY SERVICE encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

YOUTH SERVICE recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding.

For more than 100 years, our guiding principles have been the foundation upon which our values and tradition stand.



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