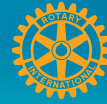




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## 27th Installation Meeting

The 27th Installation Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria took place as scheduled on 4th July 2020. The meeting was a novel one as it took place on Zoom. The master of ceremonies was PP Alka Jayaswal who conducted the whole programme in a crisp but elegant manner. She welcomed District Governor Sudip Mukherjee, Assistant Governor Arpita Chatterjee, District Trainer Angshuman Bandopadhyay, Zonal Secretary Mohua Bose, Past District Governors, District Secretary, District Officials, Rotaractors, Interactors, Mr Dasani from CHS, guests from Muscat and Kolkata, family of President Gayatree Dhar and Victorians. The



programme then started with a beautiful vedic prayer 'Sangachhaddam' played on the audio system.

'May the almighty shower all the luck in this unusual year', said Alka Jayaswal and then she handed over the proceedings to the Outgoing President, B K Agarwal to conduct the club business.

In his signing off speech B K Agarwal enumerated some important projects done in Rotary year 2019-20. They were (i) Memory walk for Alzheimer's disease along with Interact Club of Chowrenghee High School, (ii) Thallaesemia Project, (iii) Work done at RCC Kanthalberia, (iv) E-learning project: Projector and software given to Sri Satya Sai Bal Bihar School, (v) Beautiful musical programme at Birla Sabha Ghar for fund raise, (vi) A day at the races at Royal Calcutta Turf Club exclusively for Rotary, where RIPN Shekhar Mehta joined briefly – a wonderful public image initiative. This was lauded by one and all. (vii) During

the lockdown and there after Victorians rose to the twin challenge of COVID-19 pandemic and the devastating cyclone 'Amphan' by distributing dry ration, mosquito nets, 376 PPE Kits (In 6 hospitals). All this by funds raised by members, part of which was matched by the district. Arvind Agrawal, Neeraj Jain, Dr Dipanwita Banerjee, Dr Krishnendu Gupta, Dr Madhuchanda Kar gave invaluable hands on support. (viii) A monthly adda, a new concept where members and family bonded were held thrice till the lockdown. Also there were three fellowships. He profusely thanked all members and friends for supporting him throughout the year.

This was followed by the change over ceremony where incoming President Gayatree Dhar was handed over the Collar, Charter, and gavel & hammer. A token of appreciation of silver was presented to IPP B K Agarwal by President Gayatree Dhar. Club

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### Today's Programme

#### Rotary Meeting on ZOOM Guest Speakers



**Dr. Aniruddha De**, Consulting Doctor and  
**DT Chandrani Dutta**, Consulting Dietician at Lifespan Diabetes & Cardiometabolic Clinic



Will speak on Diabetes Awareness and Prevention – Thrust Area of this Rotary Year.

## Installation Meeting

Secretary Vibha Mehta could not join the meeting because of health issues. PP Vinita Dutt introduced President Gayatree Dhar as a person with a golden heart and spoke of her many accomplishments who is also passionate about social work. In her acceptance speech Gayatree Dhar promised to keep the Victoria flag flying and do her best in this special year with unusual problems. She said that her predecessors had set high goals, winning the Best Club Award as many as Eight times. She was missing Aandhi Shah she said, thanked Seema Danda who took over the mantle of Club Secretary when Aandhi fell ill. She remembered Past President Joydeep Banerjee and Rakesh Bhatia spouse of PP Lata Bhatia who have left us. After the Rotary theme and logo was unveiled, RI President Holger Knaack's message was read out.

President Gayatree then spoke of the various projects she has planned for the year, namely Mother and Child care, Disease Prevention and treatment, projects on Environment and others, membership growth with 10% increase in ladies, meaningful vocational projects, Public Image programme at RCTC. Our Global Grant no 1873091 is about to end and effort will be made to have a similar project. Contribution will be made to TRF like every year. The new board was announced with display of members photographs. Two new members were inducted,



(i) Subhadri Chatterjee, teacher and social worker, (ii) Dr Shreyoshi Som, who is a critical care doctor and is associated with Peerless Hospital and ESI Hospital (Emergency Section). Both of them spoke briefly and promised to work for the underprivileged.

It was now the turn of the District Governor to address the audience. After being introduced by PP Dr Krishnendu Gupta, DG Sudip Mukherjee first congratulated IPP B K Agarwal for the excellent work done in RY 2019-20 and then President Gayatree Dhar for taking over as President at this critical juncture where human lives are in peril. He recognized Dr Krishnendu Gupta AKS, Rakesh Macwan, Sarah Macwan, B K Agarwal, Dr Jai Gurtu, Seema Danda who are all members of his district team of 2020-21. He stressed on Membership growth and said RCCV should reach 55 (from 47 now) by May 2021. He spoke about the importance of The Rotary Foundation and asked members to contribute generously. The club should join in district projects and also go out and do projects with due precautions in this 2nd century of Rotary in India. He spoke about



the tremendous work done in India during the pandemic the amount of which has not been done in the last 20 years. So where there is a will there is a way, said the DG.

He dwelt on the standing committees which need to follow RI guidelines and also to segregate the projects under the various headings. He signed off by wishing RCCV and President Gayatree all the very best.

After Club Secretary's announcements and vote of thanks by Sachiv Nijhawan it was time for Victorians to have a fellowship on Zoom. PP Mukul Mitra said with pride that he has introduced only one member to Rotary, that is Gayatree and what a super Rotarian she has turned out to be. Special thanks was extended to Dhruv, son of Seema Danda and Sujana his close friend both of whom worked tirelessly on the online presentation which was perfect. The Second Floor was also thanked for their help in publication of the excellent bulletin.

The time management was excellent as always and the programme ended at 12.40 pm (just 70 minutes).

# Project at Navneer



**Wed, 8th July:** The first project of the year was held at Navneer Chetla, where 100 in-

mates and staff were treated to a sumptuous Bengali lunch. The items in the menu were rice, dal, vegetables, fritters, fish, papad and Rosogollas. President Gayatree spoke briefly to the inmates and wished them good health. They were very happy and blessed the president and the club. Members present were, B K Agarwal, Vinita Dutt, Subhadri Chatterjee and Gayatree Dhar.

## New Members Inducted



**Subhadri Chatterjee** and **Dr Shreyoshi Som** were inducted on the day of the Installation Meeting

# Minutes of the 27th Installation & 1244th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria

## held on Saturday, 4th July, 2020 at 11:30 noon on ZOOM

Emcee Alka Jayaswal welcomed District Governor Sudip Mukherjee, Assistant Governor Arpita Chatterjee, Jonal Secretary Mahua Bose, all District officials, PDGs, Rotaractors, Interactors, Mr Dasani, guests from Calcutta and Muscat, Gayatree's family and Victorians.

- A vedic prayer was played on the audio system.
- Outgoing President B K Agarwal called the 27th Installation Meeting and 1244th regular meeting to order.
- National Anthem was played on the audio system and all joined in.
- Outgoing President welcomed all District Officials, Past District Governors, Rotarians and guests.
- Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2020 and 27th June 2020 were confirmed, proposed by Rakesh Macwan and seconded by Chhanda Banerji.
- Outgoing President thanked all members especially those who had helped him in his tenure and lend him a big hand during the Pandemic. He enumerated the important projects done in the Rotary Year 2019-20 namely Thallasemia project, Memory Walk, E-learning, Fund Raise, Project at Kanthalberia, Race at RCTC which enhanced Public Image of Rotary and enormous work done during the lockdown period. 376 PPE Kits, dry ration etc given. Members raised Rs84000 within days out of which Rs 50000 given to the District which matched it and thus the PPE Kits given to six hospitals. He especially thanked Mr Dasani who along with Interactors of CHS rendered help during RY 2019-20.
- Outgoing President then handed over the Charter, Collar and Gavel to the incoming President Gayatree Dhar.
- President Gayatree Dhar was then introduced by PP Vinita Dutt.
- President Gayatree Dhar in her acceptance speech recognized the contributions of her predecessors who had set high goals and mentioned that the club had won the 'Best Club' award as many as 8 times. She thanked Seema Danda who readily agreed to become Club Secretary when Aandhi Shah fell sick, whom she was missing today. She unveiled her plans and projects for the coming year and promised to do her best in these unusual times.
- The Rotary theme and logo of 2020-21 was unveiled.
- The new board was announced by President Gayatree Dhar.
- The outgoing President B K Agarwal was felicitated and given a token of appreciation from RCCV by President Gayatree Dhar. Outgoing Secretary Vibha Mehta being unwell could not be felicitated.
- Two new members, Subhadri Chatterjee a satellite member and Dr Shreyashi Som were inducted as regular members.
- Emcee requested PP Krishnendu Gupta to introduce District Governor Sudip Mukherjee which he did in his own inimitable style.
- DG Sudip Mukerjee in his address lauded IPP B K Agarwal for the excellent work done and congratulated Gayatree Dhar for taking over as President at this critical juncture. He recognized the Victorians who are in his District Team this Rotary Year. He stressed on membership development and generous contribution to TRF. He also spoke about the Pros and Cons of Zoom meeting. He urged Victorians to participate in District projects and while doing club projects to segregate them under separate headings as per the different 'areas of focus' and 'service verticals'.
- Emcee thanked the DG, recognized all Past District Governors, District Officials by name and handed over the proceedings to Club Secretary, Seema Danda.
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
  - ◆ Lunch at Nabanir, Senior Citizens Home on Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 12 noon.
  - ◆ Next meeting on Saturday 11th July 2020 by Zoom
  - ◆ Birthday greetings were extended to Dr O P Agarwal for 2nd July  
Dr Joyashree Dhar for 3rd July and  
Dr Madhuchanda Kar for 4th July
- President nominee Sachiv Nijhawan proposed the vote of thanks.
- There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12.40pm. Members then had a nice fellowship on Zoom.

Members Present: 30 • Guests: 32

# Minutes of the 1245th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria

## held on Saturday, 11th July, 2020 at 12:00 noon on ZOOM

- President Gayatree Dhar called the 1245th meeting to order.
- National anthem was played and all members joined.
- President welcomed all Victorians.
- The minutes of the 1244th meeting were emailed earlier, which was confirmed by Rtn Mukul Mittra and seconded by Rtn Rakesh Macwan
- **President's announcements:**
  - ◆ District Officials gave accolades for her installation ceremony on 4th July 2020.
  - ◆ Notice was circulated to all the members regarding the half yearly dues. Members to please pay up the

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amount of Rs 10,000 and there would be no change in the first half yearly dues. A call will be taken in November/December regarding the second half yearly dues depending on the prevailing situation.

- ◆ HHI has promised fully sanitized room with chair placed at a distance for 25 members from September to have our meeting.
- ◆ A change in board has occurred:
  - Past President Vinita Dutt is the executive secretary this year and she can access various Rotary Org. Sites. She is also a Board member of 2020-2021.
  - K K Jha is the Chair for Disaster Management.
  - Alka Jayaswal is the Chair for Corporate Social Responsibilities.
  - Arvind Agrawal is the Chair for Environment.
  - Distribution of Tarpaulin in the Lake Garden market area would be undertaken in the coming week.

- ◆ The district programme on Tree Plantation “Aranya Saptah” will take place soon. The project will be headed by B K Agarwal. It was suggested by K K Jha to plant herbal plants. Arvind Agrawal suggested fruit bearing plants be given. Lata Bhatia & Sohini Banerjee gave some inputs in the discussion on Tree Plantations.
- The President also updated the members about the project at Navneer Chetla on 8th July 2020, where 100 inmates were provided lunch.
- The President invited members to join the virtual installation of P B Academy on 11th July 2020 on zoom.
- Col M M Burman wanted to donate necessary items to the Amphan stricken people of Sundarban.
- Dr Joyashree Dhar spoke about the project on taking up 15 pregnant needy woman, where RCCV will provide medicines and nourishment.
- Regarding half yearly dues, Rtn Ashok

Kothari stated that since no meeting was held in HHI from March to June 2020 and none is possible immediately, there should be a sizeable sum in the Club A/c and thus the dues can be decreased. Members had a discussion about this and it was decided that for this half year the dues should remain the same. It was proposed an interim budget for the next 6 months be circulated. Past Treasurer Vinita Dutt promised to place the accounts of 2019-20 as soon as it is ready.

■ **Secretary’s announcements:**

- ◆ The next Rotary virtual meeting would be on Saturday 18th July 2020 at 6 pm
- ◆ Dr Aniruddha Dey and Dietician Chandrani Dutta would speak on Diabetes awareness and prevention. The project is being done with the help of Mr Dasani of Chowringhee High School.
- ◆ There are no birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week.
- There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Members Present: 24

Interact  P B Academy Installation on Zoom



PURUSHOTTAM BHAGCHANDKA ACADEMIC SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB YEAR 2020-2021

			
Adrita Mukherjee PRESIDENT	Anushka Bhowmik VICE PRESIDENT	Sayantan Majumder SECRETARY	Xclara Kar TREASURER

Forthcoming Programmes

- Tarpaulin distribution to Cycle Rickshaw pullers at Lake Garden area next week.



Happy Birthday!

Deepak Atal • 18th July

Sudipta Sen • 24th July

Rajnish Mehta • 25th July

Yogesh Aggarwal • 27th July

Sunita Agarwala • 30th July

Nitish Jain • 31st July

Lila Bhoopal • 31st July



A wise physician said the best medicine for humans is **CARE and LOVE**. Some one asked, if it does not work? He smiled and said **“INCREASE THE DOSE”**