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## Club in Action in December PROJECT AT RCC KANTHALBERIA



Rice, daal, mosquito nets were distributed to needy villagers at RCC Kanthalberia, organised by RCC Kanthalberia Suchetana Mahila Samity, Baruipur Block, 24 Parganas (S) on November 22, 2020. Members who were present: President Gayatree Dhar, PE K K Jha, Dr Joyashree Dhar and Sutapa Das.

## DISTRICT PROJECT CYCLATHON

Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria was the Co-host along with many other clubs in the District project of 'CYCLATHON' on 19th December 2020 which took place at New Town from Biswa Bangla gate to New Town Business Club. The Flag off was at 6.45 am.





# PROJECT AT RCC BRINDAKHALI



Blankets, mosquito nets and nylon bazar bags were distributed on 20th December, 2020 at RCC Brindakhali to 40 old and needy people of the village. A team of members headed by President Gayatree Dhar, Club Secretary PP Seema Danda, PP Vinita Dutt, Sutapa Das, Sudipta Sen and Subhadri Chatterji went for the project. This place is a remote village in South 24 Parganas. Few years ago four basic Indian toilets were built there but they are not in usable condition any more, as they were destroyed during Amphan. It was decided that we would help them to renovate the toilets and since the children of the village are deprived of any entertainment or activities, we will partner them in a Spots event in January 2021.

## Words of Wisdom: The Inspirational Art

On Saturday, 19th December 2020, guest speaker Shri Prateek Raja spoke on Inspirational Art. He calls himself an experimenter and along with his wife Priyanka runs two art galleries in South Kolkata which have received excellent reviews. He shared his screen and took the members through his galleries (virtual visit) and focused on a series of four simultaneous exhibitions in one space – a symphony of sounds (Dhvani). This was referred to as ‘encountering four positions’.

The four solo exhibitions were of Late Krishna Reddy, French artist Julien Segard, Bangladeshi artist Ayesha Sultana and Rathin Barman from Tripura.

Late Krishna Reddy’s work perfected a balance between technique, philosophy and vision – resulting in mastery of his medium. He invented the multicolour viscosity technique in painting which is very challenging and his work depicted simultaneous relationships between multiple discipline like drawing, print making and sculpture providing an insight into his magical world that stands out as a quest in simultaneity. Unfortunately he did not get the recognition that he deserved. His learning was at Shantiniketan and later in Paris. He was a student of Ramkinkar Baid and Nandalal Bose.

Some of artist Julien Segard’s enchanting work was shared on screen. One that stood

out was titled ‘Dark was the Night’, engulfing the entire room it was exhibited in. In the layered folds of the work lay the betrayal of darkness disguised as light, the work installed in folds like a curtain depicting paradoxical nature of lightness and weight.

Space and form is central to Ayesha Sultana’s project, ‘Pulse’ Her interest is in abstraction. Water dropping from almost a closed tap and then splashing on to a surface – that moment captured and encompassed in her sculpture. Drawings, sculptures in brass, wood and paintings were displayed to conceal than to reveal in her art form. She works with vibrant colours.

Rathin Barman is interested in architecture. His creative work visualises our urban landscape. His exhibits titled ‘Dimensional Distortion’ were a series of sculptures where wood, concrete, various construction material, brass, iron etc. had been used. An imposing concrete wall structure inlaid with brass, forms drawing of a home which he envisaged from interviewing people who lived in grand old homes and left behind past grandeur of a large structure to move into modular forms of housing.. From their narrative arose his vision of the exhibit.

The four solo exhibitions presented together offered an insight into each artists singular practice, yet allowed spillages in each exhibit to cross over the other’s space.

Prateek Raja mentioned that because of the unusual times, he is currently holding talks and shows on line. He also invites curators from all over the world to share space and ideas. He has also devised young adult’s learning programmes.

Shri Prateek Raja was introduced by Sudipta Sen and thanked by Kashmiri Marwah.

## Interact & Rotaract in Action

RCCV along with the Youth Wing of the club, the Rotaractors and the Interactors (2 clubs) together partnered The Kolkata police in a blanket distribution drive on 16th December, 2020. 700 blankets were distributed.



# Minutes of the 1260th Regular Meeting of ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA VICTORIA

held on Saturday, 12th December, 2020 at 12:00 noon on ZOOM

- President Gayatree Dhar called the 1260th meeting to order.
- The National Anthem was played and all joined in.
- President welcomed all members.
- Minutes of the 1259th meeting was confirmed, proposed by Dr Joyashree Dhar and seconded by PE K K Jha.
- **President's Announcements:**
  - ◆ An Investor Awareness programme along with Rotary Club of Kasba, where RCCV was a co-host club was held on 10th December 2020.
  - ◆ Large number of blankets will be distributed in various parts of Kolkata and Jamshedpur on 12th and 13th December 2020. RCC Brindakhali will also be receiving blankets. This is a joint project with Rotaract Club of Calcutta Victoria and Interact Club of St James School and Pratt Memorial School. Traffic Police will also be collaborating.
  - ◆ RCCV is a co-host club for a cycle rally, an event of RI District 3291 to be held on 19th December 2020 which is a fund raiser for environmental awareness and End Polio. The rally will start from Biswa Bangla Gate and end at New Town Business Club early in the morning.
  - ◆ On 20th December 2020 a trip has been planned to visit RCC Brindakhali. Sutapa Das who has been there once will be accompanying the team. Blankets, mosquito nets and nylon marketing bags will be distributed there. Shri Karnadhar Sapui, head of RCC there has been contacted.
- ◆ On Christmas Day, 25th December 2020, two programmes have been planned. At New Age Home, near Baruipur, lunch will be served to all inmates. Sanitizers, disinfectants and biscuits, sponsored by Arvind Agrawal will be provided to them. Also Arvind Agrawal will be sponsoring a lunch for all inmates of All Bengal Women's Union on Elliot Road.
- ◆ Pratt Memorial School has won the 'Anand Paul Memorial Award' for social service this year, part of The Telegraph In School (TTIS) event, an annual programme. The school has been congratulated for winning this prestigious award. RCCV are proud of them.
- ◆ Sutapa Das will be posting the receipts of the half yearly dues paid by members on whatsapp/e-mail.
- ◆ Districts Governor's official visit is scheduled on 27th February 2020. It will be a physical meeting as per his wishes and it will be a lunch meeting.
- PP Arvind Agrawal suggested that for the District Governor's visit to the club, a venue should be booked soon as February is a busy month with weddings and so on.
- PP Dr Krishnendu Gupta said he has spoken to Dr Dipanwita Banerjee about her plans to continue in Rotary as she is re-locating to New Delhi for higher studies. Dr Dipanwita said that she wished to give up her membership and accordingly would write a letter to the President.
- New member Shubadhri Chatterjee's name is not getting uploaded in the RCCV site due to technical issues. PP Rakesh Macwan promised to look into the matter and do the needful. The other new member, Dr Sreyoshi Som's name has however been successfully uploaded.
- PP Col. Man Mohan Burman was requested to conduct a quiz which he did. Prize of silver coin was won by Seema Danda and K K Jha.
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
  - ◆ Birthday wishes extended to Sidhatha Jhajharia for 18th December.
  - ◆ Belated wedding anniversary wishes conveyed to Dr Dipanwita Banerjee and Samrat Bhattacharya for 8th December.
  - ◆ Wedding Anniversary wishes conveyed to Dr Alka Jayaswal and Kunal for 14th December and to Sandip Mukherjee and Sumedha also for 14th December.
  - ◆ Next meeting on Saturday, 19th December 2020 at 12 noon on zoom
- There being no other business the meeting was terminated at 1 pm.

Members Present: 19



**Happy  
Birthday!**

*Subhasree Gupta • 27th December*

*Kashmiri Marwah • 28th December*

# Minutes of the 1261st Regular Meeting of **ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA VICTORIA**

held on Saturday, 19th December, 2020 at 12:00 noon on ZOOM

- President Gayatree Dhar called the 1261st meeting to order.
- National Anthem was played and all joined in.
- President welcomed guest speaker Mr Prateek Raja and all members to the meeting.
- Minutes of the 1260th meeting was confirmed, proposed by PP Mukul Mittra and seconded by PP Chhanda Banerji.
- **President's Announcements:**
  - ◆ Food supplements and medicines were sent to Joynagar for pregnant women and those who have recently delivered babies, as usual, this month. Sudipta Sen is sponsoring the baby blankets that are being gifted to the new born.
  - ◆ RCCV partnered with RC South City Towers for 'Cyclothon' today morning (19.12.2020). This was a District fund raise programme for 'Supporting Environment and Eradicating Polio'. Calendars were taken out on this occasion for fund raise.
  - ◆ Visit to RCC Brindakhali is scheduled for 20th December 2020, to find out first-hand what activities they are

involved in. Mosquito nets, blankets, nylon bazar bags will be given. En route to Brindakhali, sanitizers, phenyl, biscuits and cakes for the occasion of Christmas that was donated by Arvind Agrawal, will be dropped off at New Age Society for All (Orphanage).

- ◆ On 18th December 2020, Trust meeting was held. Tenure of old trustees has expired, except that of Vinita Dutt who will be continuing for another six months. A set of new trustees were appointed. They are (i) PP Dr Jai Nath Gurtu, (ii) PP Dr Krishnendu Gupta, (iii) PP Arvind Agrawal, (iv) Chandrakala Agarwal and Dr O P Agarwal.
- ◆ A programme is being organised on January 3rd 2021, at RCC Kanthalberia for young women, where Dr Joyashree Dhar will give a talk on hygiene and tell them how to keep themselves clean on certain days of the month. Tablets for de-worming, panties and sanitary napkins will also be given.
- ◆ Assistant Governor Arpita Chatterjee has envisaged a project 'Art for

a cause' which she plans to do with clubs in her zone-14 on 23rd January 2021. RCCV will be partnering her.

- President requested Sudipta Sen to introduce the guest speaker Mr Prateek Raja.
- Sudipta Sen who has known Prateek Raja for a number of years introduced him and mentioned how his and his wife's experiment on art have taken them to a global plane. He is an artist going with the times and is exhibiting different types of art which is being appreciated.
- Prateek Raja spoke on 'Inspirational Art'. He was thanked by Kashmiri Marwah for his illuminating talk.
- **Secretary's Announcements:**
  - ◆ There are no birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week.
  - ◆ Next meeting on Saturday 26th December 2020 at 11.15 am on Zoom. There will be a Club Assembly (2nd), AG Arpita Chatterji and ZS Mohua Bose will be present. This will be followed by the Annual Meeting. PE Kaushlendra Kumar Jha will announce his board for Rotary year 2021-22.
- There being no other business the meeting was terminated at 1pm.

Members Present: 15

**An oxymoron** is defined as a phrase in which two words of oppo site meanings are brought together – Here are some funny ones: **(1)** Found Missing, **(2)** Open Secret, **(3)** Small Crowd, **(4)** Act Naturally, **(5)** Clearly Misunderstood, **(6)** Fully Empty, **(7)** Liquid Gas, **(8)** Pretty Ugly, **(9)** Seriously Funny, **(10)** Only Choice, **(11)** Original Copies, **(12)** Exact Estimate, **(13)** Tragic Comedy, **(14)** Foolish Wisdom. And the Newest Mother of all oxymorons: Social Distancing.



**PDG Dr Mahesh Kotbagi** from Rotary Club of Pune Sports City (District 3131) has been elected as **Rotary International Director (2021-23)**.

