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BHUMIKA



A new dawn ushered on 1st October 2023 for Rotary Calcutta Victoria when it's very own Dr Krishnendu Gupta began his journey to take over the mantle as the First District Governor from the club in Rotary Year 2024-2025. The Meet & Greet Team 2024-25 program hosted at Hotel Taj Bengal was aptly named as BHUMIKA. The New Beginning, coined by the current club president Arvind Agrawal. It was but natural for Victoria to be the Lead Host Club. Six other Rotary Clubs - Belur, Calcutta Avyanna, Calcutta Down Town, Calcutta Mega City, Calcutta Sutanuti and Tollygunge also wished to be the witness to this new beginning and joined as Host Club. The program started sharp at 9 AM with



Gordon R. McNally
RI President



Hiralal Yadav
District Governor



Arvind Agrawal
President



Vinita Dutt
Secretary



KK Jha
Treasurer



Chhanda Banerji
Editor



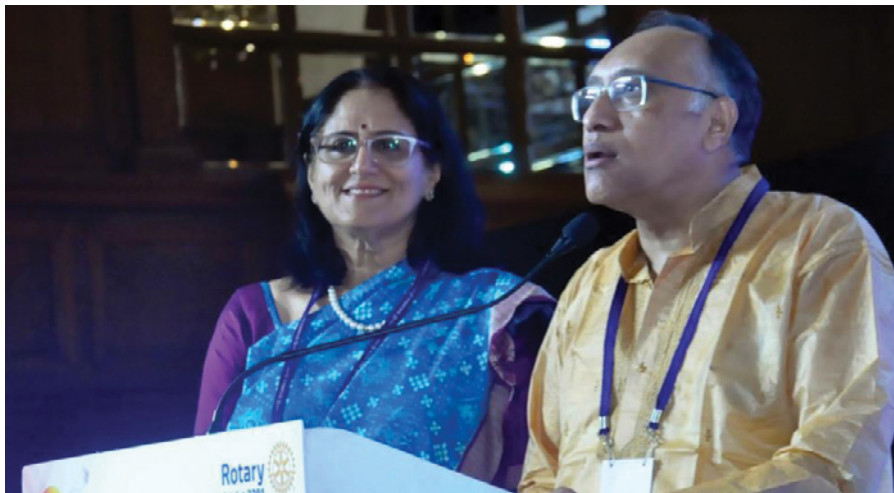
registration and was attended by over 210 invitees almost the full house. After the inaugural dance and floral tribute to Almighty, welcome address was made by Victoria President Arvind Agrawal. Vice Governor PDG Pinaki Prasad Ghosh explained

the purpose of the program which was introduction of DG and his Core Team for 2024-25 and interaction of DG with President Elects. District Learning Facilitator (DLF) (earlier known as District Trainer) PDG Brojo Gopal Kundu announced the forthcoming



programmes for RY 2024-25. Dr Krishnendu was introduced through crisply edited audio-visual and during the course of his inaugural speech, he also launched DGE website which went live on air. Thereafter he introduced his core team. During the course of proceedings AG, ZS and Committee Chair Elects were also introduced. The Chief Guest PRIP Shekhar Mehta, Guest of Honour RID Anirudha Roy Choudhury, Present DG Hira Lal Yadav all addressed the gathering and gave their words of wisdom. The Special Guest and Key Note Speaker AKS Ravi Shankar Dakoju of Rotary Club of Bangalore mesmerized the audience with his speech from his heart and simplicity. It was unfathomable that this very down to earth gentleman had donated over 100 Crore to Rotary Foundation, second only to Bill and Milinda Gate's Foundation. Post lunch session was meant for interaction of president elects with DGE Krishnendu and Ravi Shankar Dakoju only but such was the captivating effect of the program that even DG Hira Lal Yadav and others stayed back. The programme had to end at 4 PM only due to paucity of time but the effect lingered on. A programme par excellence in true Victorian style. Jai Victoria.

Reported by KK Jha



Victorians forming part of the DG 2024-2025 team:

Dr Krishnendu Gupta • District Governor
Col MM Burman • Addl. Chief Aid to DG
CA KK Jha • District Treasurer
Rakesh Macwan • Deputy Governor

Vinita Dutt • AG (Admin)
Sarah Macwan • AG (Service)
Sachiv Nijhawan • Zonal Secretary
Lata Bhatia • Chair-Environment

GUEST SPEAKER



DR. PARTHAJIT DAS

◆ Consultant rheumatologist at Apollo Multispeciality Hospital in Kolkata and Assistant Professor at Ramakrishna Mission Sevapratisthan, Kolkata.

Previously, worked as a Consultant rheumatologist at Kings College Hospital London and Kettering General Hospital in UK.

- ◆ Clinical Lead in Osteoporosis and Metabolic medicine in Northamptonshire
- ◆ Published in several peer-reviewed and international journals

- ◆ Co-authored several chapters in various national and international monographs.
- ◆ Nominated as the "Teaching lead" for the medical students at the University of Leicester and was awarded "Honorary lecturer" in 2016.
- ◆ Awarded MSc in Sports and exercise medicine (University of Nottingham), FRCP (Edinburgh) in 2017 and FRCP (London) in 2018.
- ◆ He has enjoyed his role as a MRCP examiner.
- ◆ Member of WHO Rehabilitation Peer review group

Goodwill Visit

Rtn. Dr Shashi Prabha Rohatgi led a team of 8 Victorians, Rakesh Macwan, Sarah Macwan, Col. M.M. Burman, Chhanda Banerji, Vinita Dutt, Gayatree Dhar, Dr. Joyashree Dhar & President Arvind Agrawal on a goodwill visit, the first this Rotary year to Rotary Club of Calcutta on Tuesday, 19th September 2023. The Victorians were warmly welcomed by Rotary Calcutta members. Flags were exchanged, a potted plant and gifts given to President Kanak Dutta and Club Secretary Sarvani Gooptu. President Arvind Agrawal in his brief address greeted the President and members of RC Calcutta and complemented Dr. Shashi Prabha Rohatgi for organising this visit. He said that perhaps RCCV could join hands with them in some projects in the future. Dr. Shashi Prabha Rohatgi also spoke briefly. The guest speaker, Dr. Parthajit Das, a rheumatologist spoke about vaccines



especially influenza, pneumonia, cervical cancer prevention and shingles vaccine. Shingles or Herpes is a very painful disease and strikes people above 50 years of age due to decline in immunity. Often complications may arise. Vaccination can help prevent

shingles, said he and recommended it. Best to be vaccinated before the onset of winter. It was a very interesting and illuminating talk followed by an interactive question answer session. After the conclusion of the meeting there was fellowship and dinner.



FAMILY NEWS

Sutapa and Pradosh Das has been blessed with a second grandson on 23rd September 2023 in Canada.

Congratulations! Our blessings to the new arrival.

Sakshi Jha daughter of Sabita and K.K.Jha, was awarded the First Prize in an Inter School elocution contest on Current Scenario of Antimicrobial Resistance in Humans and Animals organised by Department of Animal Nutrition, West Bengal University of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Science & SOHAAA, supported by USAID and Cargill.

Congratulations Sakshi. Keep it up.

Medhavini Khaitan Agarwala, daughter-in-law of Sunita and Shashi Agarwala and wife of Rajat started her fashion journey way back in 2004. Her popularity soared and she launched her menswear section last year. To celebrate completion of one year of her menswear label, an exclusive lookbook has been rolled out by this popular designer which was covered by The Telegraph, devoting a whole page in its T2 section on 3rd October 2023. So proud of you Medhavini.

Wish you success in all your future endeavours.

It is O.K. Not to be O.K.

10th October has been designated as World Mental Health Day by WHO. R.I. President Gordon R. McNally has laid special focus on mental health issues and many Rotary clubs are addressing this and finding ways to help loved ones.

#SUNO DEKHO KAHO is an initiative launched by Neerja Birla whose objective is to encourage people to speak up, look for signs of mental distress and find the time to listen to the other person. The agenda of this campaign is built on the pillars of Gandhian philosophy of using our 3 critical senses - listening, seeing and speaking in an encouraging way.

Suno - Someone who can lend an ear ; Dekho - Lookout for symptoms of illness and suffering individual ; Kaho - Help somebody and spread awareness about mental health.

We need to remember that it is okay to NOT be okay BUT it is okay to seek help. Amidst the challenging and competitive era it is extremely important for people to speak up and destigmatise this.

Happy Birthday!

Sarah Macwan
13th October

Sanghamitra Chowdhury
20th October

Seema Danda
25th October

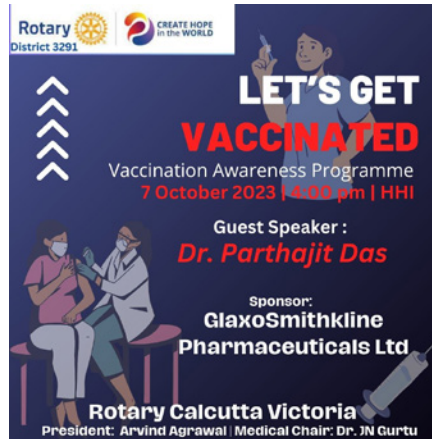
Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu
31st October

Subhojit Sinha Roy
1st November

WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND JOYOUS PUJA

Glaxo Smith Kline Pharmaceuticals Ltd

GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Ltd is a subsidiary of GSK, a British multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology company with global headquarters in London. The current nomenclature is a result of a merger of erstwhile pharmaceutical giants, Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham. With an unparalleled track record of almost 150 years, it is one of the largest pharmaceutical companies across the globe. November 2024 will mark the completion of a century of its operations in India.



Happy Wedding

Anniversary

*Arvind Agrawal
& Rumana • 14th October*

*Col. M.M.Burman
& Sushma • 20th October*

Minutes of the 1332nd Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria held on Saturday, 23rd September, at Hotel Hindusthan International at 12.30 p.m.

- President Arvind Agrawal called the 1332nd meeting to order.
- National Anthem was sung by all present led by Rtn. Gayatri Dhar and Rtn. Sunita Agarwala
- He welcomed all Victorians and Guest Speaker Dr. Kakoli Chaudhury, radiation oncologist, and Representative from Zydus Lifesciences Limited, Rtn Gobind Ghosh
- The minutes of the 1331st Meeting held on 9th September 2023 was confirmed, proposed by Mukul Mitra and seconded by MM Burman
- He invited the Guest Speaker to the Head Table
- **President's Announcements:**
 - ♦ The projects done between the last RWM on 9th September 2023 till 22nd September 2023 have been exhaustively reported in the Bulletin. He thanked the Editor, Rtn. Chhanda Banerji, for taking all the pains and efforts in getting the Bulletin prepared
 - ♦ He announced the sad news of demise of the mother of Rtn Nihar Duggar. He mentioned that, he would write a letter on behalf of the Club, sending condolences to the bereaved family.
 - ♦ A good news. Rtn. Sutapa Das has been blessed by a second grandson. He conveyed congratulations and blessings to the angel boy.
 - ♦ The Interact Club of St. John's Diocesan Higher Secondary School for Girls and St. James School for Boys, have been granted re-registration and charter. Certificate has been signed and sent to the Teacher Coordinator of the respective Schools.
 - ♦ He informed that Rtn. Sarah Macwan had circulated the Inter-School merit test 2023 under the name and

- style of, "Swarnakana" and he had circulated the same towards the 5 Interact Schools, who had participated and he mentioned that, there was no registration charges.
- ♦ Ms. Sanjukta Sen, the President of Rotary Club of Ganga Heritage had forwarded vide e-invite for their ensuing fund raise programme between 26th September to 2nd October 2023 under the name of ART-O-PIA. He mentioned that the same has been circulated in the main WhatsApp Group of the Club.
- ♦ The Club that, with the good offices of Rtn. Sashi Prabha Rohatgi and Rtn. Col. Man Mohan Burman, a team of Victorians made a goodwill visit to Rotary Club of Calcutta. He requested Rtn. Sashi Prabha Rohatgi and Rtn. Col. Burman, to give the details, which Rtn. Sashi Prabhaji read in elaborate manner. She also thanked the participation of the visiting Rotarians, which included 6 Past Presidents and 2 Members.
- ♦ President highlighted the talk by Dr. Subhojit Das, Member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, on Vaccination. He suggested that, a similar programme should be organized for our Club. He requested Rtn. B.K. Agarwal to look into the matter and arrange a vaccination awareness programme for the Club.
- ♦ President announced the ensuing, "Sharad Parikrama for Children", jointly with Times of India, Bhowanipur Education Society and Caring Mind. The participation would be from the evening school of St. James School for Boys, St. Lawrence School for Boys, All Bengal Women's Union. He thanked Rtn. Col. Burman, who have arranged Sponsorship of Rs.75,000/- from Caring Mind. He informed that the Club would be sponsoring Rs.25,000/-. He further informed that, Times of India would be doing a similar programme for Senior Citizen, and he has sponsored

- Rs.15,000/- to Times of India for the same. The full detail of the programme would follow.
- ♦ Rtn. Gayatri Dhar informed that, Rtn. Lila Bhoopal and she would be making arrangements for Lunch on any day between 15th October to 22nd October 2023 for an Old Age Home, like the previous year.
- ♦ He updated the Club on on-going projects which are on schedule. He once again pointed out that the Toilet Project is yet to be commenced.
- ♦ The tree plantation project which was to be done during the monsoon month has not yet commenced, and he is awaiting guidance from Rtn Lata Bhatia.
- ♦ He informed that RCC Victoria is the lead sponsor of the ensuing introduction program Bhumika of Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, DG-Elect for the year 2025.
- ♦ He requested the Guest Speaker to give a talk
- ♦ The President thanked Rtn. B.K. Agarwal, who arranged for the sponsorship from Zydus Lifesciences Ltd, for today's RWM, for which the Company contributed Rs.25,000/-.
- ♦ He requested Rtn. Gobind Ghosh, Representative of Zydus Limited, to address the audience
- **Secretary's Announcements**
 - ♦ Birthday Greetings were extended to Vinita Dutt for the 9th September, B.K. Agarwal for the 14th September, Sohini Banerjee for the 18th September and Sandeep Mukherjee for the 22nd September, Ravindra Tantia for 29th September and Roopa Seth Mitra for 6th October.
 - ♦ The next meeting would be held on 7th October at HHI.
 - ♦ There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was terminated at 2.30p.m.