



'Geetanjali'

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Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata



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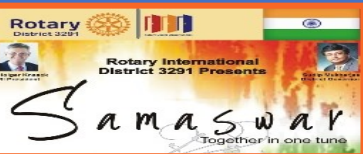
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August is Membership & New Club Membership development Month



Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario, RI President 2022-23, the first woman to hold this office in the organization's 115-year history. A current Rotary Foundation trustee, Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor.

"I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," - Jennifer Jones



15th August 2020: Independence Day was celebrated by **Samaswar**, a musical retrospective on 73 years of Independence. DG Sudip Mukherjee brought together Rotarians of India on this auspicious day through this wonderful program. Eminent Rotary dignitaries of India and Bangladesh joined and performed, making the program not only entertaining but a platform for celebrating nationalism and brotherhood.

August is



Membership and New Club Development Month

Jones said in her vision statement. "Silver linings rise out of the most challenging circumstances".

'Protect the Environment' District's 3rd (overall) Service Project & 1st Community Service (Non-Medical) project, pertaining to new area of focus, was launched on 2nd August, at Dhyanaashram & St. Xavier's, Raghavpur Campus. DG Sudip Mukherjee, DGN Ajoy Law, DT Angshuman Bandopadhyay & PDG Uttam Ganguli, NCM Environment joined program



The 4 reasons to join a Rotary Fellowship

1. Connect with like-minded Rotary members and make friends around the world
2. Implement Service Projects
3. Recruit your Non-member friends to Rotary
4. Develop leadership skills

Learn more: on.rotary.org/fellowships



DG Sudip Mukherjee on DD Bangla channel on 2nd August 2020, speaking about Rotary & the remarkable service rendered by Rotary for COVID-19 throughout the world, particularly in India.



The New & Seventh Area of Focus in Rotary

Supporting the Environment

Rotary International District 3291
Environment Care and Tree Plantation

The Green Expedition

2000 High Quality Genetically Pure more than One Year Old High Value Timber Saplings to be Planted in Cages with Rotary Insignia

Project Launch Date: 2nd August 2020, 10 AM

Venue: Dhyani Ashram Diamond Harbour Road, Konchowki, P.O. Bishnupur, 24 Parganas (E), West Bengal 743393, St. Xavier's College, Raghavpur Campus

Host Clubs: Ballygunge Bahalia

Lead Host Clubs: Calcutta Kankurgachi, Calcutta Millennium, Calcutta South Circle, Calcutta Sutanuti, Central Calcutta

Calcutta Aayanna, Calcutta Endeavour, Calcutta Jadhavpur, Calcutta Labanhrad, Calcutta Magnum, Calcutta Mid West, Calcutta Nabodiganta, Calcutta New Alipore, Calcutta New Town Circle, Calcutta North East, Calcutta Presidency, Calcutta Universe, Calcutta Victoria, Calcutta West Ridge, Calcutta Vivekananda, North Calcutta, Rabindra Sarobar Calcutta, Salt Lake Central, Salt Lake City Calcutta

In the aftermath of the cyclone Amphan, several trees were uprooted in Kolkata. Rotary took initiative in replenishing the green cover of the city by planting saplings in different parts of Kolkata. An enthusiastic environmentalist and nature lover, DG Sudip Mukherjee has been spotted in several programs that were held to reverse the damage caused by the cyclone, and setting up an example as a true inspiring leader.



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Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata
presents
An Online Session on
"Handling Anxiety, Trauma and Stress: Lockdown and After"
Sunday, 9th August, 7 PM

Guest SPEAKER
Bulbul Bakshi
Mental Health Practitioner and Counsellor,
Secretary of Samikshani, Centre for
Psychoanalytical Studies and Mental
Therapy.

Join Us !!!
MODERATOR
Rtn. Anjanaa Chattopadhyay
Freelance Copywriter,
Journalist & Social
Worker

Zoom Platform
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Bulbul Bakshi



Anxiety, Trauma and Stress



Aquaculture

On 9th August 2020 at 7pm, Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata organized an online session on **'Handling Anxiety, Trauma and Stress: Lockdown and After'** on Zoom digital platform. Mrs. Bulbul Bakshi, Mental Health practitioner and Counsellor, Secretary of Samikshani, Centre of Psychoanalytical Studies and Mental Therapy, explained the difference between Anxiety and Fear, ways to stay positive under the current situation and also about the 'The Day After' project in Spain, which is a collaborative platform to extract learning from the COVID-19 crisis and promote changes for sustainable development goals in our life. Her talk was followed by a Q&A session. Rtn Anjanaa Chattopadhyay moderated the program. More than 50 attendees including 30 Rotarians, 10 Rotaractors and more than 10 guests graced with their presence. It was a much appreciated program and we look forward to continuing with more such events in future.



Rtn. Bishal Modak

Cyber Security

Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata
along with
Rotaract Club of Geetanjali Kolkata
presents
An Online Session on
"Cyber Security"
From the angle of users for financial transactions
Sunday, 15th August, 5:40 PM

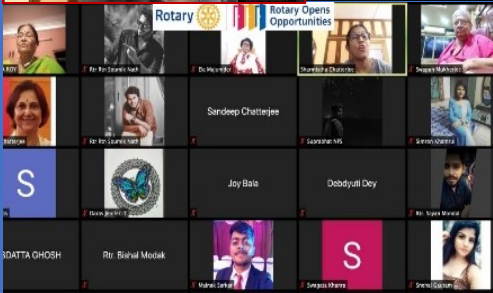
Guest SPEAKER
Sharmistha Chatterjee
IT Professional, Expert of Information
Security, Partner at World Vision India,
Member at Relearn Foundation, Avid
Social Worker

Join Us!!!
Zoom Platform
Meeting ID: 734 908 0282



Sarmistha Chatterjee

Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata organized an Online session on **Aquaculture** on Wednesday, 5th August 2020 at 8 pm. Our respected club member, Rtn. Sourav Ganguly, spoke about Aquaculture, how it works, and how anyone can start a business using aquaculture even in this difficult Lockdown period. His presentation was followed by Q&A. Our very own, Rtn Soumik Nath was the moderator of the session. More than 50 attendees including 30 Rotarians, 15 Rotaractors and more than 5 guests graced with their presence. Rtn Sourav Ganguly told us about the various divisions of Aquaculture like Aquaponics, RAS, Biofloc, Pearl Culture and also about the prospect of these projects. It is also convenient for the urban entrepreneurs who have limited fund and space. With a little effort and care in the initial stage, it can turn out to be a profitable business for small entrepreneurs with lesser cost. One can conveniently set up Aquaculture in their backyard or garden. All necessary assistance and advice may be provided by us. We look forward to spreading this idea and helping people to set up their own business.



Rotary & Rotaract Club of Geetanjali Kolkata organized an online session on **Cyber Security - From the angle of users for financial transactions** on Sunday 15th August 2020 at 5.40pm. Mrs. Sharmistha Chatterjee, an IT professional with expertise in Information Security, partner at World Vision India, member at Relearn Foundation and an avid social worker, spoke to the attendees about the vast world of cyber security, the risks involved, the ways in which users can protect themselves from fraud and more. The session was followed by interactive Q&A with the attendees. The attendees comprised of around 20 Rotarians, 10 Rotaractors and more than 10 guests and they all enjoyed the session thoroughly. We look forward to continuing more such events in the future.

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I woke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." – Rabindranath Tagore



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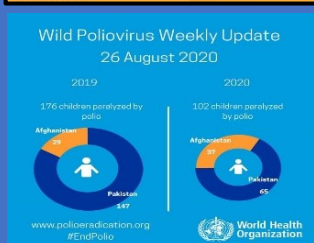


Twenty-five years ago, thousands of children in Africa were paralysed by the Polio virus. This August 2020, **Africa has been declared free of wild polio.**

The disease is now found only in Afghanistan and Pakistan. This milestone is an incredible public health achievement for Rotary members, the African region, and the GPEI partners, and a huge step forward on the road to global polio eradication. But it is important to remain vigilant and avoid complacency until there is global eradication because if a country lets down its defence by failing to vaccinate, then wild polio can once again begin to spread quickly.

For all types of polio to be eliminated, including vaccine-derived polio, vaccination efforts will need to continue alongside surveillance, to protect children from being paralysed by the disease in the future.

"Rotary members have played an invaluable role in the effort to rid the African region of wild polio. We should be proud of all the hard work that we've done to eliminate the wild poliovirus throughout Africa and in nearly every country in the world." - Holger Knaack



Self-Awareness: an essential tool in helping others

In line with the theme for RY 2020-21, **Rotary Opens Opportunities**, Rotary Club Geetanjali Kolkata organized an online session on **Self Awareness: an essential tool in helping others** on Wednesday, 19th August 2020 at 7pm, creating an opportunity to learn all about Self Awareness from **Kaushik Gopal**, a renowned Business Psychoanalyst and Thought Partner for Leaders. The Chief Guest for the event was the esteemed **District Governor, Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee**. Among other esteemed guests PDG Rajani Mukherjee, PDG Angshuman Bandyopadhyay joined the program with our member PDG Swapan Mukherjee. Mr. Kaushik spoke about the various skills involved in understanding the presence of Self-awareness or lack of it, and methods of developing it in order to empower ourselves and enhance the capability to help others. He also spoke on how to strengthen leadership, and help put service ideas into action and thereby improve our services towards those in need. Rtn Anjanaa Chattopadhyay was the moderator of the session. Attendees comprised of about 30 Rotarians, 20 Rotaractors and more than 10 guests. There was active participation in the Q&A session which made the program more effective. It was an educative, interactive and interesting program.

"Friendship was the foundation rock on which Rotary was built and tolerance is the element which holds it together." – Paul Harris

Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata presents
SELF AWARENESS: AN ESSENTIAL TOOL IN HELPING OTHERS
AN ONLINE INTERACTIVE SESSION
CHIEF GUEST

SPEAKER
KAUSHIK GOPAL
Business Psychoanalyst & Thought Partner for Leaders

MODERATOR
Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee
District Governor

Rtn. Anjanaa Chattopadhyay
President

Wednesday, 19th August 2020 - 7pm
Open For All To Join - Join the Session on Zoom:
Meeting ID: 886 028 023
Passcode: 123456



Kaushik Gopal



What does having Self-Awareness look like?

- Knows strengths, limitations and opportunities for development
- Seeks feedback
- Reflective and gains insight from mistakes
- Open to criticism and change
- Not defensive

Major changes in Rotaract

5 MEMBERS give a **TOTAL of \$50** in this Rotary year then your club is awarded a **Rotaract Giving Certificate**.

Rotaractors are encouraged by RI Trustee in giving to foundation. So if 5 rotaractors give \$50 then this certificate can be given to the Rotaract club.

ROTARACT CLUB OF GEETANJALI KOLKATA
INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC FREE DAY 2020

#SayNoToPlastic
INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC FREE DAY 2020

ON THIS INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC FREE DAY...
TAKE AN OATH AND COMMIT YOURSELF TO THE CAUSE...
TAKE ACTION AND BE A LEADER IN YOUR COMMUNITY...
DON'T BUY PLASTIC AND DON'T USE IT!

Say NO to Plastic



ROTARACT CLUB OF GEETANJALI KOLKATA presents
FANATIC FREEDOM
WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST
A SERVICE OF
JASMIN E. SZALDI
26th AUGUST

EVERY OTHER WEEK END 10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM
@MUMBAI1077 @BANGALORE

Rotaract is now a type of Rotary Membership. Rotaract will be open to all young adults 18 and over. There will no longer be an upper age limit of 30. In 2022, Rotaractors will pay annual per capita dues of either \$5 (institution based) or \$8 (community based). Rotary clubs should continue to work with Rotaractors at meetings and events, and in service projects of the clubs.



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RID 3291 | CLUB ID: 86441



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Glimpses of some District programs attended by us

HEALTH
All you wanted to know about Hospitals and COVID
01:45G Saturday 6:00 PM

WEBINAR ON EYE DONATION AWARENESS
Saturday, 29th August 2020 @ 6:00pm

PANEL DISCUSSION
ON EK CHAMACH KUM | BUGAL | CHAIAR KADAM AGE CHAPTER ONE: THE JOYNS BEGIN

GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Kunal Sarkar
District Governor
Rtn. Sudip Mukherjee

"WE WILL OVERCOME... WITH LESSONS LEARNT"
SUNDAY 09 August 2020 • 11:00 AM
ZOOM Meeting ID - 821 7801 8221 • Passcode - 12345



RWM

In August, we had 5 RWMs in all - 5th, 9th, 15th, 25th and 31st and 2 board meetings. On 25th August, we finalized the Club Leaders for RY 2021-22.

On 31st, IPP Rtn Ashoka Chatterjee at our club's Membership Seminar, made a great presentation on the basics of Membership development and retention. It was followed by a group discussion where members put across their views/ ideas.

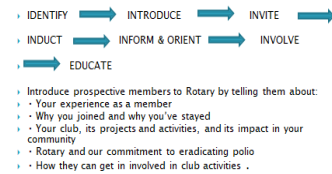
Saturday 1st August, **Dr. Alok Roy** shared his insights in a Health Talk session.

Friday 7th August 2020, 7pm on Zoom, a panel discussion on **Ek Chamach Kum, Char Kadam Age**, to aware people on the benefits of taking less sugar.

Sunday 9th August 2020, 11 am, **Dr. Kunal Sarkar** on **We will Overcome...with lessons learnt** to inform about COVID-19.

Saturday 29th August 2020 at 6pm, a Webinar on **Eye Donation Awareness**.

STEPS of RECRUITING NEW MEMBER: Introduce.



Use members' expertise
 :*Retention rates are higher, as members feel useful and valued.
 *Clubs are better equipped to conduct successful service projects.
 *Members are motivated to excel.
 *Members have more opportunities to grow.

TECHNOLOGY/ MEMBERSHIP

Wednesday 5th August 2020 from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, an exclusive **online training** was held by Rotary India website team on Zoom platform, to help fellow members understand the nitty-gritty of **Project uploads and other features of the website & app**.

Saturday 8th August 2020 from 8pm, a panel discussion on **Membership Challenges Facing Rotary in the Next Decade and the Way Forward**. The respected panelists were PDG Rtn Deepak Kapur, PDG Rtn Sandi Schwartz, PDG Rtn Ashok Agarwal and IPDG Ajay Agarwal. Moderator was PP Rtn Subir Dutta. Welcome address was delivered by PDG Rtn Debashish Mitra, District Membership Chair.

8TH AUGUST, 2020
SATURDAY, 8 PM ONWARDS

MEETING ID: 821 7801 8221

CULTURE
Rotary International District 3291 Presents
Samanvaya
Together in one land

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR
22nd August 2020, 6:00 PM

Rotary International District 3291
Wishing you a Happy 70th Independence Day 15th August 2020

On 22nd August 2020, **District Membership Seminar** was held at 5 pm. The program was useful and interesting, loaded with lots of takeaways, particularly the wonderful presentation by Key Note Speaker PAG Dato' Dr. Siva Ananthan.

Rotary Club Geetanjali Kolkata participated in a joint cultural event **Samanvaya The Harmonious Connection** along with R C Calcutta Centenary, Calcutta Renaissance, Calcutta Kakurgachhi, Calcutta Metro City & North Calcutta, on Saturday 22nd August 2020 at 6.45pm. It included performance of contemporary music and a Quiz competition. Rotaractors of respective clubs also joined . Our very own IPP Rtn Ashoka Chatterjee represented RCGK at the Quiz competition.