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August is Membership and New Club Development Month

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### SPEAKER OF THE DAY

#### Chinmoy Guha



Dr. Chinmoy Guha is Professor Emeritus at the University of Calcutta, a Bengali essayist and translator, and a scholar of French language and literature. He is a former Vice-Chancellor of Rabindra Bharati University and Director of Publications, Embassy of France, New Delhi. Earlier he taught English at Vijaygarh Jyotish Ray College in Kolkata for more than two decades, and French at the Alliance Française and the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture for eleven and five years respectively.

He has won the Lila Ray award of the Government of West Bengal in 2008 and the Derozio bicentenary award in 2010. He has been awarded three knighthoods by the ministries of Education and Culture of the



Government of France, in 2010 and 2013. Paschimbanga Bangla Akademi and the Government of West Bengal conferred on him Vidyasagar Puroshkar in 2017. He won the prestigious Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 in Bengali literature and is a proud recipient of the Asiatic Society Gold Medal.

### 27th FOUNDATION DAY, Silver Point School, 2024

#### Interact Activity : AOS New Generations

On July 26, 2024, the Interact Club of Silver Point School celebrated its 27th Foundation Day with the theme of hope and miracles. 180 beneficiaries from various NGOs, including DEVELOPMENT ACTION SOCIETY, BASHA, A Home Away from Home, JABALA, RUPAYAN, and UDAAN were present. The day aimed to showcase the talents of children from these NGOs. Esteemed guests included DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, PDG Rtn Rajani Mukherji, Mr. Imran Zaki, President of FACES, Mr. Rajendra Singh, Social Philanthropist, Rtn. Sulagna Daw, Asst. Governor Administration, and Principals from several schools and Rtn. Saswati Mukherjee, Youth Service Chair, Ms. Debjani Ghosh, Advocate, Mrs. Bani Roychowdhury, Founder and Secretary of Silver Point School, and Mr. Purnendu Roychowdhury, Trustee Member of Silver Point School Education Trust. A choir performance by Silver Point School, and performances by the School Band Silver Symphony followed the welcome address. Principal Mrs. Sucharita Roychowdhury praised the Interact Club.

The CBSE Board toppers of 2024 for Classes X and XII received accolades from Mrs. Bani Roychowdhury. The students raised Rs 75,000 for Help Age India, and state and national level athletes under 16 were awarded Rs 5,000 each for their academic pursuits. In memory of office staff Mr. Kaushik Gain, a cheque of Rs 45,000 was presented to his widow, Mrs. Baishakhi Gain. Additionally, 120 children from the invited NGOs were given potted plants, lunch packets, and gift bags.

Excerpted from a report by Youth Chair, Saswati



We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN  
<https://rccalcutta.rotaryindia.org>  
E-mail: [rotarycalcutta.office@gmail.com](mailto:rotarycalcutta.office@gmail.com)

### Assistance to Mithun Dalui – AOS Community



Mr. Mithun Dalui of Murshidabad was handed over a cheque for Rs 1,50,000/- at the RWM on 6th August 2024 for building construction work on that day under Project “Rotary Abash Yojna”. HIRAK KUMAR SEN donated the amount.

### Vision for All - 6th EYE Camp at Shree Shree Loknath Sebashram Sangha (Chakladham) Deganga 04/08/2024 : AOS Community, AOF Fighting Disease



On 4th August, our 6th free eye check-up camp was held at the birthplace of Baba Loknath, a project implemented by Arindam Roychowdhury on behalf of the Special Projects, Health and Community Service committees. With the spiritual atmosphere, the members who attended felt very blessed and were able to do incredible Darshan, offer their prayers and receive the Prasad of Baba Loknath's Ashram. The Ashram committee had made sufficient arrangements which has resulted in the successful completion of the



camp. Regular pilgrims were able to see clearly the Rotary logo and at the camp site there were large and medium sized banners with Rotary's branding. We observed that out of 238 beneficiaries, 176 required spectacles based on the screenings conducted. Out of 238, 31 beneficiaries were diagnosed with eye problems which could be given relief surgically. At the conclusion of the screening process, individuals requiring glasses and those in need of surgery are directed to the Spectacle Desk. Here, beneficiaries select frames that suit their face size. Additionally, the process is thoroughly explained, and the names and phone numbers of those needing surgery are registered for further follow-up. Those requiring eye surgeries will be called at a later date for their eye surgeries. Hon. Secy. Suman Chakraborty and family, Special Projects chairperson Arindam Roychowdhury, R Ann Saswati, PP Abhijit Kolay, R Ann Krishna, Atin Sen, Kirit Patel, Anand Sharma and PE Debnath Chattopadhyay attended this Camp.

**Total Project Value :**

1. Camp Arrangement Cost : Rs.14,000    2. Spectacles 176 units @ Rs 800 each : Rs.1,40,800                      Total Project Value : Rs. 1,56,078

Reported by Ravindra Khandelwal

### Interact Club Activity Reports July 2024 – AOS New Generations



**Mahadevi Birla World Academy**

Weekly distribution of dry, non-perishable food items to slum children of Darga Road. OFERD (Online Foundational English for Rural Development) students are conducting online spoken English classes for students at Thakurnagar Nanda Mahila Vidyalaya in Khejuri Block 1, East Medinipur district, after school hours. The classes started on July 22, 2024, and are focusing on teaching spoken English to the students of NANDA.

**Asian International School, Howrah**

On July 27, 2024, the Interactors of AIS and other students participated in the PARVAAH plantation drive. With the belief that learning begins at home, a Vertical Gardening project is initiated at the school premises. Vertical Gardening maximises space efficiency and brings new environmental and social benefits, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility among the students.



**Serampore Girls' High School**

On July 18, 2024, the Interact Club of Serampore Girls' High School celebrated International Nelson Mandela Day to honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela and his dedication to serving mankind. This year's theme for Nelson Mandela International Day is "Combating poverty and inequality is in our hands." The day is also known as "67 Minutes Mandela Day," encouraging people worldwide to spend 67 minutes doing something good for others, with each minute representing a year of Mandela's service to end racial discrimination, poverty, and inequality. The Interact Club of Serampore Girls' High School devoted 67 minutes and distributed 300-gram packets of biscuits to 67 children from the slums. Class 11 students volunteered during



their free periods to conduct this service.

Reported by Saswati Mukherjee

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ONE WORLD**  
 **ONE WORLD**  
 We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Den Helder, Netherlands, R I Dist. 1580

### Birthdays

Rtn. B. K. Dalmia	18th Aug.
Rtn. Laxmi Niwas Bangur	22nd Aug.
Rtn. Dr. Pratibha Pradhan	23rd Aug.

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

### Wedding Anniversaries

Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu & Rtn. Pradeep Gooptu	14th Aug.
Rtn. Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee & R-Ann Bijoya	16th Aug.
Rtn. Sumangala Murarka & Mr. Sanjay	16th Aug.

*Wish you many more years of marital bliss*

### Next Meeting

Saturday, 24th August 2024 at 6.30 p.m.  
 Regular Weekly Meeting along with Attendance Awards Ceremony.  
 Followed by fellowship and dinner.



The NCLCL Committee Rotary Club of Calcutta invites you to The Independence Day Programme on 15th August 2024, @ Rotary Sadan  
 Art Exhibition - 11:00 AM  
 Flag Hoisting - 11:15 AM  
 Cultural Programme - 11:45 AM

CELEBRATING RAKSHSA BANDHAN WITH MUSIC, YOGA & DANCE  
 TRANSFORMING LIVES | BELIEVING EDUCATION HONORING ACHIEVEMENTS  
 19 AUGUST 2024 | 6PM  
 SATVAJIT RAY AUDITORIUM, ICCR.



**SIKSHA LABH**  
 Literacy and Special Project Committee will be jointly organizing “Siksha Labh” project of Basic Education & Literacy, donation of 100 pieces of Desktops to underprivileged institutions on Saturday, 17th August, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor). All members are requested to join the mega project.

100 Desktops with UPS  
 17th AUGUST SATURDAY | ROTARY SADAN HALL | TIME - 10AM  
 Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury + 91 8771026643  
 Rtn. Yogesh Dasari + 91 9831420055

### Termination

The Board at its meeting held on 12th July, 2024, terminated the membership of the following members for nonpayment of their Club membership Subscription dues with effect from 31.07.2024

- a) Dr. Indrani Lodh b) Mr. Lalji Mehrotra c) Ms. Pragya Chopra d) Ms. Aishwarya Biswas e) Dr. Rajib Seal

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Thursday 15th August 2024	Eye Check-up Camp and Blood Donation Camp	10 a.m. Manobik Dangbari Primary School Sabang, West Midnapur
Thursday 15th August 2024	Independence Day Celebration	11 a.m., Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Thursday 17th August 2024	Siksha Labh, Basic Education & Literacy Donation of 100 pcs. Desktops	10 a.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Sunday 18th August 2024	Eye Check-Up Camp	10 a.m., Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Ranihati, Howrah
Tuesday, 20th & 27th August 2024	No Regular Weekly Meeting	—
Saturday 24th August 2024	Regular Weekly Meeting along with Attendance Awards Ceremony	6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Saturday 31st August 2024	Eye Check-Up Camp	10 a.m. Sai Nath Foundation, Khardaha, Kolkata

**MINUTES OF THE 4952<sup>nd</sup> REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON  
06th August 2024 AT 1.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President, Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4952<sup>nd</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 4951<sup>st</sup> Regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed CA Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi, Managing Partner, Doshi, Chatterjee, Bagri & Co. as the Chief Guest on that day.
5. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President reported the following :**  
President informed members that our Global Grant Project at Priyambada Birla Eye Hospital had been completed and the club would close the Global Grant project at Priyambada Birla Eye Hospital as early as possible. A Team from our Club visited Priyambada Birla Eye Hospital on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.
7. **President announced the following :**
  - a) President informed members that the Club donated as financial help to Mr. Mithun Dalui, Dist. of Murshidabad and handed over a cheque for Rs. 1,50,000/- for his building construction work on that day. Project "Rotary Abash Yojona". The said amount was donated by Rtn. Dr. Hirak Kumar Sen. On behalf of the Club, President then thanked Rtn. Dr. Hirak Kumar Sen for his donation.
  - b) Community Service and Special Project Committee would organise Eye Check-Up Camps and Blood Donation Camps during the month of August, 2024.
    - i) 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Check-Up Camp at Krishnagar Centre for Social Studies & Research, Krishnagar, Dist. of Nadia.
    - ii) 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Check-up Camp and Blood Donation Camp at Shahid Abdul Odud Smriti Bhaban, Barui Para, Dist. of Nadia.
    - iii) 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Check-up Camp and Blood Donation Camp at Manobik Dangbari Primary School Sabang, West Midnapur
    - iv) 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Check-Up Camp at our RCC, Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Ranihati, Dist. of Howrah.
    - v) 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 - Eye Check-Up Camp at Sai Nath Foundation, Khardaha, Kolkata. President also requested members to make a note of it and attend the said Camps. For further details, please Contact Rtn. Rabindra Khandelwal.
  - c) Literacy and Special Project Committee would also jointly organize a special Project "Siksha Labh" of Basic Education & Literacy, donation of 100 pcs. Desktops to underprivileged institutions on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) and requested members to join the mega project. For further details, please Contact Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury or Rtn. Yogesh Dassani.
8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :
  - a) He welcomed all Members and Guests and wished them.
  - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.
  - c) Next meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 1.30 p.m./Lunch at 12.30 p.m./ Speaker : Prof. Chinmoy Guha.
  - d) Independence Day would be celebrated on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at Rotary Sadan from 11 a.m. onwards. Flag hoisting would be followed by Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by the students of the Cultural Section and requested members to attend the programme with their families.
  - e) The Board at the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 terminated the memberships for nonpayment of membership dues of Mr. Lalji Mehrotra, Ms Aishwarya Biswas, Ms. Pragya Chopra, Dr. Rajib Seal and Dr. Indrani Lodh with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> July 2024.
9. At the request of the President, PP Rtn. Haladhar Dey introduced Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi as the Chief Guest of that day.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi addressed the audience on "Direct Tax Proposals in the Union Budget – 2024"
11. Questions raised by the members which were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Rtn. Ajay Kumar Doshi.
13. Sunshine Box collection Rs. 200/- with special contribution from Rtn. Sakti Kumar Banerjee on that day.
14. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, R I Dist. 3220
15. Meeting was adjourned at 2.28 p.m.

**Subrata De**  
President

**Suman Chakraborty**  
Hony. Secretary