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Bijoya Sammelan



On Tuesday 22nd October, the Rotary Club of Calcutta organized a "Bijoya Sammelan" to mark the conclusion of Durga Puja allowing people to come together to celebrate, exchange good wishes and keep the joy of Durga Puja alive. It was also to bring in the festivities surrounding Diwali, 'the Festival of Lights'. The theme for the evening was "Let there be light" which symbolizes hope, triumph of good over evil thus dispelling darkness and bringing light into this world.

The programme opened with a dance recital by the well known Manipuri dancer and Rotarian Priti Patel and led the way for a vibrant celebration of the evening through songs, dance performances, recitation, painting on a canvas bringing to life a inspiring Rabindra Sangeet song "Ekla Cholo Re" with Tagore's famous poem "Where the mind is without fear". It was also about inclusion as members along



with their families took part in the programme enabling them to showcase their talents. The programme ended with a Sruti Natok, which was a gripping, suspenseful thriller leaving the audience spellbound.

This gathering thus reinforced a sense of unity, cultural pride, and continued joy even after the Durga Puja festival is over as well as keeping the festive mood alive with the joyful preparation for Diwali.

Script, Concept & Direction - Rtn Roshni Ganguly

Participants : Dance : Rtn Priti Patel, Rtn Sriranjani Joshi, Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, R Anne Sakhi Chakraborty, R Anne Madhu Sharma, R Anne Asha Agarwal, R Anne Haimanti Banerjee, R Anne Preeti Dassani & Sonakshi Mitra.

Songs : Rtn Hirak Ray, Rtn Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha, Rtn Dr Shankar Ghosh, Rtn Nilima Joshi, Rtn Shampa Ghose, Rtn Anusua Das, R Anne Krishna Kolay, R Anne Mousumi Mukherjee.

Recitation : Rtn Sujata Pyne, Siddhant Mukherjee, Saptak Chakraborty.

Sruti Natok : Written & Directed by Rtn Bodhi Brata Das.

Actors : Rtn Anusua Das, Rtn Shinjini Bose, Rtn Shampa Ghose, Rtn Roshni Ganguly.



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We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN
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Family of Rotary Committee thanks some of the spouses of our deceased Rotarians who graced our programme with their kind presence – Sita Ghosh, Champabati Sarkar, Malabika Chakraborty. Sent by Rtn Hirak Ray, Chair, Family of Rotary.

The President and Board Members of Rotary Club of Calcutta cordially invites you for the project "PRANDHARA" Distribution of Water Filters

Date: 5th November, 2024
Time: 11:30 am
Location: Rotary Sabha

Presented by: ANANDA MOHAN CHAKRABORTY
IN ASSOCIATION WITH: COCA-COLA

Water filters of impacted brand will be distributed to Primary schools of Kolkata



Congrats Aarjav!

3rd Captain's Cup

Aarjav Bishoi of Class II, secured 3rd place in the 3rd Captain's Cup, a United Martial Arts State Championship, organised by the National Combat Sports Federation (NCSF), in the "Kumho" (Full contact fighting) category for 7-8 years.



Rtn Amit Ghosh's grandson achieves excellence in the martial arts.



Rtn. Subha Pal Reports

I visited the Rotary Club of Bombay at the Grand Ballroom of Taj Mahal Palace hotel, Mumbai on the 15th of October, at a luncheon meet. I felt privileged to represent the old number one from District 3291 and conveyed the greetings on behalf of President and members of our Club and exchanged flags with President Satyan Israni. The Rotary Club of Bombay is 9 years younger than us, chartered in March, 1929. I also met some lovely Rotarians and enjoyed the talk by Boman Irani, (not the actor but Founder of Rustomji Group). Overall, a very pleasing experience.

Trek Report by Ajay Agarwal



A 6000 m (approx 20k ft) peak is not an unfamiliar territory for me. However, it does become daunting when one is on the wrong side of 60's and has been welcomed into the Senior Citizens club. Then there are friends /wellwishers / doctors warning you to 'act your age' and not to take unnecessary risks and hazards. The concerns are not out of place. To address them one needs to work harder and be better prepared. The dream of a '6000 m at 60' was conceived about a year ago. The preparation was begun for that one night when one would be climbing and descending 3-3.5k ft in one go, a journey of 12-15 hrs, braving low oxygen conditions, subzero temperatures and icy cold winds.

DzoJongo Peak is located in the beautiful Zaskar region of Ladakh. Standing tall at an altitude of 6,240m (20,472 ft), this peak offers a challenging climb and stunning views of the surrounding valleys and mountains. The trek takes one through picturesque villages, remote landscapes, and pristine alpine meadows.

DzoJongo was visible as one of the snow capped peaks in the pictures I took from the flight to Leh. Over the next few days, we went over 2 high mountain passes, the

Shiulpass at 5100 m and the Chak pass at 5500 m, to reach the Base Camp at 5200 m. An acclimatisation day at the basecamp and then the much awaited climb to the summit. The sunrise over the vast horizon, the touch of red and gold over the snowclad peaks and the landscape were a sight to behold.

The return involved a climb through another mountain pass, the KongmaruLa from where one enters the valley of the Rainbow Mountains. It's a 10km walk through very scenic and colourful mountain landscape. It ends at Chokdo village and marks the return to network, electricity and civilisation.

Reported by Rtn Ajay Agarwal

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Morgan town, R.I. Dist. 7545.

Happy Birthday

- Rtn. Hari Mohan Bangur 29th October
- Rtn. Zul Hirji 2nd November
- Rtn. Amitabha Ray 2nd November
- Rtn. Malika Mukerji Sarkar 4th November

Wish you many happy returns of the day

SPEAKER OF THE DAY

A Special Seminar on "How to Make Rotary more attractive"

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 5th November, 2024 at 1.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan/ Lunch 12.30 p.m.

Speaker : Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha

Members' Roster

Members' Roster 2024-25 is available. Please collect your copy from the Club Office.

The 99th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 8th December, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We will invite about 1,200 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club this year.

Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these Children. Donations in Cheque payable in favor of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" will be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

| Day & Dates | Programmes | Timing and Venue |
|---------------------------------|---|---|
| Tuesday, 5th November, 2024 | Pranadhara Phase II (Distribution of Water Filters) | Time at 11 a.m. Venue : Rotary Sadan |
| Tuesday, 5th November, 2024 | Lunch followed by RWM Speaker: Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha | Lunch from 12:30 p.m. RWM from 1:30p.m. at Rotary Sadan |
| Tuesday, 12th November, 2024 | Lunch followed by RWM Speaker: Mr. Suman Manaksia | Lunch from 12:30 p.m. RWM from 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan |
| Tuesday, 19th November, 2024 | Lunch followed by RWM (Closed Door Meeting & Nomination for the Board of Directors for Rotary year 2025-26) | Lunch from 12:30 p.m. RWM from 1:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan |
| Tuesday, 26th November, 2024 | No Regular Weekly Meeting (RWM) | – |

MINUTES OF THE 4959TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 22ND OCTOBER 2024 AT 6:30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

- President, Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests. He also wished "Subho Bijoya" and called the 4959th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
- Minutes of the 4958th Regular Weekly Meeting of the club held on 1st October, 2024 were confirmed.
- President announced that there was no Guest Speaker on that day, as the Programme Committee has organised celebration of "Bijoya Sammilani" after the meeting on that day.
- President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
- President reported the following :**
 - Rotary International President for the Rotary Year 2025 – 26 Rtn. Mario Caesar Martins de Camargo visited our Club at Rotary Sadan on 2nd October, 2024.
 - "Bastradaan Project" : Yearly New Clothes Distribution to our RCCs and others held on 4th October, 2024 at Rotary Sadan.
 - "Atmanirbhar Project" : Distribution of Sewing Machines held on 6th October, 2024 at Rotary Sadan.
 - Inauguration of a Dialysis Centre at Balananda Brahmachari Hospital, Behala on 19th October, 2024. Amount of that Project donated by PP Rtn. Vikram Somany. On behalf of the Club, President thanked PP Rtn. Vikram Somany for his contribution.
- President announced the following :**
Pranadhara Project - Phase II, distribution of Water Filter would be held on 5th November, 2024 at Rotary Sadan 11 a.m. onwards and requested members to make a note of it and attend.
- At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - He welcomed all the Members and Guests and wished "Subho Bijoya" to them.
 - He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 28th October, 2024.
 - Next Regular Weekly Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 29th October, 2024 at 1:30 p.m which would be preceded by Lunch from 12:30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan. Programme : A Special Seminar would be organised on "How to Make Rotary more attractive" on that day. He also requested members to please join the Seminar and give their valuable opinion.
 - Members' Roster for the Rotary Year 2024 - 25 was available and he requested members to collect their copies from the Club office. He also informed members that District Directory for the Rotary year 2024-25 is also available at Rs. 450/- per copy. Interested members are requested to contract Mr. Prabir Kumar Mukherjee of Rotary Sadan for your copy.
 - Fourth Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club would be held on Monday, 28th October, 2024 at 6.30 p.m at the Rotary Sadan, (Board Room) and he requested all Board members to make a note it and attend.
- No Sunshine Box Collection on that day.
- The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta South City, India, R.I. District 3291.
- Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join fellowship and Dinner after the "Bijoya Sammilani" programme. On behalf of the Club, he thanked Rtns. Hirak Ray, Amrita Banerjee, Kasturi Raha, Anindita Shoma Basu, Dr. Nandini Ray, Ravindra Khandelwal and Dr. Abhijit Ray for hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day.
- After that President requested Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme Committee to organise "Bijoya Sammilani" programme.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary