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Annual Children's Treat - an unbroken tradition of Rotary Club of Calcutta
AOS New Generations
8 Dec. 2024 at Nicco Park



Rotary
Club of Calcutta
105 Years in Service



Ninety-Eight years ago a sunshine project was initiated, which has ever since become a source of joy to underprivileged and orphaned children. In 1925 a programme of entertainment of the underprivileged children was conceived by the Rotary Club of Calcutta. It received the immediate approval of all Rotarians and more so of their Annes, who with zest and enthusiasm took active part in its execution. It started on 28 December, 1925. Some 200 poor children from 5 institutions in Calcutta were collected by Rotarians and their wives, driven to the Chandpal jetty and taken across the river to the Botanical Gardens. A day of feasting and sports ensued. At the end of the day the children were driven back to their orphanage. Thus, the longest running Community Service programme of the Club was born, the famed Annual Children's Treat. The tradition continues. Over the years the number of children has increased, the institutions have changed but the format of the programme and more importantly the spirit behind it has remained the same. In the 1970s the Annual Children's Treat was held at the beautiful and spacious lawns of the National Library, Belvedere, Alipore and thereafter shifted to the Command Hospital Ground, Alipore. Since 1993 the Treat has been held at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

This year the 99th Annual Children's Treat was organized on Sunday, the 8th December, 2024 at Nicco Park, Jheel Meel, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091. About 1200 children from 22 institutions and RCCs participated in this whole day event. The programme was inaugurated by Lt. Commander Renu Ramdurg of the Indian Navy. Our thanks to Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu for initiating her presence as the Special Guest.

In the morning at 6.00 a.m., 19 buses arranged by Rtns. Saswati Mukherjee, Shampa Ghosh, Sarvani Gooptu and Anand Sharma picked up about 800 children from 17 Institutions located in and around Kolkata and took them to Nicco Park for a Day of Sunshine, Fun and Frolic. Breakfast and Fruit juice were served to the children in the buses and on their arrival at Nicco Park they were served with glass of hot drink. Another 400 children from our 5 RCCs joined the programme by coming straight to Nicco Park from their respective centers. After the inaugural programme at 10.00 a.m. the children proceeded to the park area to enjoy the rides. At about 1.30 p.m. the children assembled for lunch which were served to them

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We Meet Every Tuesday at 1 p.m. at ROTARY SADAN
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by the R-Annes and Rotarians. After lunch and till 3.00 p.m. the children were entertained with mesmerising displays of Taekwondo martial arts by the young students of Bengal Taekwondo Association. This demonstration was organized due to the effort of Rtn. Shashi Bhargava. At about 3.30 p.m. the children left for their respective institutions by buses when ice cream was served to them and a gift

hamper was presented to each participating child.

The end of the day saw a 1200 strong band of children leaving for their home – tired but happy. Thus ended a day of sunshine as has happened for the last 99 years, with a glow in the hearts of the receivers and more so in the hearts of the many givers who made this day possible, waiting one more year for **A Day of Sunshine**. The spirit has remained the same as it was envisioned 99 years ago in December, 1925.



Reported by : Rtn. Abhijit Kolay, Chairman Annual Children’s Treat Committee.

There is a long list of Acknowledgements for people who have contributed in effort, cash and kind. Owing to constraints of space in this issue of The Chaka, the same will be carried in the next issue - Ed

Hirak Ray BE College Golf



The Golf Tournament of B E College ex-students' was launched in 2010. This has been going on uninterrupted, with only 1 year miss during COVID. This year we had about 30 participants, amongst whom we had friends coming from Micronesia, Luxembourg, Dubai, Delhi - and of course local. Tournament takes place in the day - while the evening is reserved for fellowship and prize distribution and competition for ladies for Indoor Putting.

Reported by Rtn Hirak Ray. Congrats to Rtn Hirak Ray Nett 18 Holes Winner in the above tournament - Ed



District Conference Flyer



Rotary
District 3291

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JANUARY
2025



SAMMELAN
DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291

EMINENT
SPEAKERS

SPACIOUS
CONFERENCE
HALL

GOURMET
CUISINE

WHOLESOME
ENTERTAINMENT

HOUSE OF
FELLOWSHIP

NICCO PARK
EAST SIDE PAVILION
HM Block, Sector IV,
Bidhannagar, Kolkata 700106



Registration Charges:
Single ₹ 6500/-
Couple ₹ 12000/-
Guest ₹ 6500/-

(Includes two lunch and two dinner)

Account Name:
RID 3291 A/C Events 24-25
A/C Number: 402024202511
IFSC: RATN0000311
Bank Name: RBL Bank

Kits are not assured for registration on and after 26th December, 2024

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Koggenland, Netherland, R.I. Dist 1580

Happy Birthday

Rtn. Sashi Bhargava	18th December
Rtn. Dr. Tandra Sarkar	19th December
Rtn. Indrajit Ganguly	21st December
Rtn. Kanak Dutt	22nd December
Rtn. Dr. Dipanwita Hazari	23rd December
Rtn. Kirit M Patel	23rd December
Rtn. Shouveek Ray	23rd December
Rtn. Ramesh Maheshwari	25th December
Rtn. Veena Rohatgi	25th December
Rtn. Dr. Surendra Kumar Sharma	26th December
Rtn. Dr. Santanu Sen	26th December
Rtn. Suksham Singh	31st December

Wish you many happy returns of the day

REPORTS

- Programme Committee organised "Antakshari" on Tuesday, 10th December, 2024 at Rotary Sadan.
- Youth Service & Literacy Committee organised in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City and Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, hands on Workshop on "Fundamentals of AI & IOT" for School Students (Class VIII & XII) on Friday, 13th December, 2024 between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rotary Sadan.

RI DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE 2024-25 "SAMMELAN"

R. I. District 3291 Conference - 2025 "SAMMELAN" will be held from Friday, 3rd to Sunday, 5th January, 2025 at the NICCO PARK, East Side Pavilion, HM Block, Sector – IV, Salt Lake City, Bidhannagar, Kolkata.

Registration Charges :

Rotarian per head	Rs. 6,500/-
Rotarian with Couple	Rs. 12,000/-
Guest per head	Rs. 6,500/-

Note : Kits are not assured for registration on and after 26th December, 2024.

You are requested to kindly register your name. For further details please contact Club Office.

TODAY

Closed-Door meeting – final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2025-2026.

NEXT MEETING

105th Charter Day celebration along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Monday, 1st January, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.

MEMBERS' ROSTER

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

NO MEETINGS

There will be no Regular Weekly meetings on Tuesdays, 24th and 31st December, 2024 for Christmas Holidays.

105th CHARTER DAY CELEBRATION on 1st January, 2025

The Club will celebrate its 105th Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Monday, 1st January, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.

You are requested to kindly note the above date and attend with your spouse.

RESIGNATION

The Board at the meeting held on 18th November, 2024 accepted the resignation of Rtn. Shamlu Dudeja with effect from 1st December, 2024

Lunch and Dinner Charges for Regular Weekly Meetings

The Board at its meeting held on 6th November, 2024 decided to increase the rates for Lunch and Dinner charges for the Regular Weekly Meetings, Fellowship and Dinner Parties as per following (with effect from 1st December, 2024):

Guest Charges at the Regular Weekly Meetings, Fellowship and Dinner Parties brought by members –

- Regular weekly Meeting Lunch Charges per head - Rs. 500/- (for Exempted Members and other Guests)
- Regular Weekly Meeting and Fellowship and Dinner Parties, Dinner Charges for Guests brought by the members - Rs. 1000/- per head.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesdays, 24th & 31st December, 2024	No Regular Weekly Meetings (RWMs) For Christmas Holidays	—

MINUTES OF THE 4965TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 10th DECEMBER, 2024 AT 8.00 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members and Guests and called 4965th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Dr. Shankar Ghosh.
3. Minutes of the 4964th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 3rd December, 2024 were confirmed.
4. President informed members that there was no Guest Speaker on that day as the Programme Committee organised an interesting programme "Antakshari" before the meeting on that day.
5. President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on that day.
6. **President Reported the followings :**
 - i) The 99th Annual Children's Treat of the Club was held on last Sunday, 8th December, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata and 1200 Children from 22 Institutions joined the programme.
 - ii) Programme Committee has organised an interesting programme "Antakshari" before the meeting on that day.
7. **President Announced the following :**
 - i) Youth Service & Literacy Committee would organise in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City and Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, hands on Workshop on "Fundamentals of AI & IOT" for the School Students (Class VIII & XII) on Friday, 13th December, 2024 between 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rotary Sadan and requested members to join the programme on that day.
 - ii) The Club would celebrate its 105th Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Wednesday, 1st January, 2025 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to kindly make a note of it and attend with your spouse.
8. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed all the Members and Guests.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 16th December, 2024.
 - c) There would be no Regular Weekly meetings on Tuesdays, 24th and 31st December, 2024 for Christmas Holidays.
 - d) Next Meeting on Tuesday, 17th December, 2024 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). It would be a Closed Door meeting – final confirmation of the Board of Directors for Rotary year 2025-2026 and there would be no Guest Speaker on that day.
 - e) Due to unavoidable circumstance, the Second Club Assembly of the Club, scheduled to be held on Saturday, 14th December, 2024 at 3.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan has been postponed. Next date will be informed in due course.
 - f) Next meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) of the Club will be held on Monday, 16th December, 2024 at 6.30 p.m. at the Calcutta Club Ltd. and he requested all Board members to make a note it and attend.
 - g) R. I. District 3291 Conference-2025 "SAMMELAN" will be held from Friday, 3rd to Sunday, 5th January, 2025 at the NICCO PARK, East Side Pavilion, HM Block, Sector – IV, Salt Lake City, Bidhannagar, Kolkata.

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9. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 500/- with special contribution from Rtn Partha Pratim Mukherjee.
10. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar, India, R.I. Dist. 3291.
11. Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join the Fellowship and Dinner. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns Sonia Dutt, Prabir Kumar Gupta, Kirit Patel, Sashi Bhargava and Kuldeep Nayar for hosting fellowship and dinner on that day.
12. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary