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Dr Vivek Sharma is a well known orthopaedic surgeon currently associated with Narayana Superspeciality Hospital. He has over 20 years experience in Orthopaedics working across different cities of India. Dr Sharma works on creating a positive environment. As an orthopedic surgeon who strives to bring a smile to his patients' faces, he is not just skilled in surgery but also invested in the emotional well being of those under his care. He understands the journey of recovery can be challenging hence makes it a point to instil a sense of hope and positivity at all times.

Dr Sharma has delivered lectures pan India and overseas. He has been an active member of several selective and prestigious orthopaedic Associations which includes the Indian Orthopedic Association, Singapore Orthopedic Association and Indian



arthroplasty Association. He is a highly skilled professional with an understanding of the complexities of hip joint and its care and with a focus on minimally invasive procedures which includes arthroscopic surgeries, acetabular and pelvic surgeries to alleviate pain and restore function of the joint.

Our CYP Purnendu Roychowdhury is DGND making us proud beyond measure!

Bachchan Meets Pancham-Antakshari Prog. Rotary Sadan, 10th Dec. 2024

The Programs Committee organised an Antakshari program that was a perfect blend of music, nostalgia, and camaraderie with tribute rounds for Pancham and Bachchan!! The event brought together Rotarians, their families, and friends for an evening of fun and entertainment. The Antakshari program saw teams competing against each other to showcase their knowledge and passion of Bollywood songs. The competition was intense, with teams singing their hearts out to impress the anchor and the audience. The audience was thoroughly entertained, with many singing along to familiar tunes. Renowned Anchor Mr. Pranam Roy conducted the Antakshari program with teams battling it out to showcase their musical prowess, creativity, knowledge, and singing skills. The competition saw three teams participate, each consisting of three members. A tough competition indeed!

After seven rounds of intense competition, Team Sur of



Rtn Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha, Ann Moushumi Mukherjee and Ann Haimanti Banerjee was the winner in a tie break. The other two teams : Team Antara consisting of PP Rtn Sujata Pyne, Rtn Sriranjani Joshi and Dr. Sujoy Mukherjee and Team Taal consisting of PP Rtn Nilima Joshi, Rtn Anusua Das and Rtn Roshni Ganguly deserve special mention for their outstanding performance and for their creative choices. The Antakshari program was a memorable event that brought together music lovers and enthusiasts and a wonderful way to bring people together, promote teamwork and

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camaraderie. We look forward to hosting more such events in the future and hope to see you all at our next event !

Reported by Programs Chair Satarupa Mukherjee

Goodies Distribution to Children, Rotary Sadan : 23rd Dec. 24 – AOS Club



To celebrate the joy during the festive season of Christmas and New Year the members of our Club organised a distribution of food products to the children of the NGO "The Bustee Welfare Centre Schools" managed by one of our members Dr. Sourabh Khemani and Dr. Joshita Davar Khemani. Several items of food products were distributed to 110 students of the School along with a Santa Cap. The food

products were Biscuits, Cake, Ready to eat Oats, Potato Chips, Maggi Noodles, Cold Drinks. Rotarians present were PP Abhijit Kolay, Atindranath Sen, Hirak Ray, Anand Sharma, Ravinder Khandelwal, Shailendra Gupta, Anita Jain, Arindam Roychowdhury, Yogesh Dassani and Kirit Patel.

Reported by Chair Literacy, Yogesh Dassani

Interact Club Activity Report Sep. Oct. Nov. Dec. – Silver Point School – AOS New Generations



In September 2024, Interactors actively participated in the Harvest of Joy carnival at Manovikas Kendra, engaging 150 beneficiaries with games and distributing arts and crafts supplies, fostering joy and inclusivity. They also collaborated with the Sangharsh Club for a Book Donation Drive at AIM Foundation, distributing 200 books to underprivileged children while sharing poetry and songs, emphasizing the value of education and compassion. October 2024 marked the club's Mental Health Education initiative in



partnership with SOUND 'N' MIND FOUNDATION. Through the interactive session, students learned the importance of mental health, self-care, and support systems. Plans were laid to establish a Mind Well Club for continuous engagement. On 29th October 2024, the Interact Club of hosted SYLVAN, the Annual Art & Craft Exhibition, with the theme "SWASTHYAM : Health and Wellness." Held in the school premises, the event promoted inclusive education as a pathway to equitable opportunities for all learners. Over 125 children aged 3 to 12 participated in activities like sit and draw, best out of waste, pot painting, and mask making. Entrepreneurs and NGOs ran 40 stalls offering handmade products, while teachers and students contributed with food, diyas, and costume jewellery stalls. Mr. Bhaskar Gupta, Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University, was the Chief Guest, and Dr. Ritendra Roy, Fine Arts specialist, was Guest of Honour. Judges praised the school's efforts in fostering inclusion through participation from 150 children representing 8 NGOs and schools in SYLVAN. The Group Dance (Bihu) and Inter-House Dance Competition, won by DEROZIO HOUSE, were event highlights. In November, the club held an Anti-Bullying Day assembly, raising awareness of bullying's impact and fostering a culture of kindness and inclusion. They also participated in the Myself and the World Around Me session by the District Interact Council, addressing environmental challenges, mental health, and empathy, while promoting sustainability practices like reducing plastic use and carpooling. In December, Interactors joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta's Annual Children's Meet at Nicco Park, benefiting 1,500 underprivileged children. They packed and distributed goodie bags, escorted beneficiaries, and ensured they enjoyed meals, rides, and activities.

These impactful initiatives highlighted the Interact Club's dedication to fostering empathy, social responsibility, and environmental stewardship, inspiring students to make meaningful contributions to their communities and beyond.



Excerpted from reports sent by Youth Chair Saswati

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Jamshedpur West, India, R.I. District 3250.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 21st January, 2025 / Speaker : Mr. K. Mohanchandran at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m

Happy Birthday

Rtn. Abhijit Neogi	7th January
Rtn. Niraj Kumar Saraf	9th January
Rtn. Gitanjali Jolly	9th January
Rtn. Dr. Chandreyee Das	9th January
Rtn. Dr. Bratati L. Majumder	12th January
Rtn. Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee	12th January
Rtn. Manikaustabh Goswami	12th January

Wish you many happy returns of the day

SECOND CLUB ASSEMBLY ON Sunday, 12th January, 2025

The Second Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Sunday, 12th January, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. in Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by breakfast. Registration 10.00 a.m.

All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the date and join the important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the second quarter of the Rotary year 2024-25 to Hony. Secretary for the Second Club Assembly.

DONATION

Rtn B.K. Dalmia donation of Rs. 10,000/ was erroneously omitted from list of Donors for Annual Children's Treat in last week's Chaka . The error is regretted. Thank you Rtn B.K.Dalmia for your kind donation for this event.

TERMINATION

The Board at it's meeting held on 16th December, 2024 terminated the membership of Rtn. Dr. Protibha Pradhan due to non-payment of membership subscription with effect from 28th December, 2024

Reports and Photographs

The Club celebrated 106th Charter Day followed by fellowship and dinner on 1st January, 2025 at Rotary Sadan.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

Republic Day will be celebrated along with Painting Exhibition and Cultural programme by the Students of the Cultural Section on Friday, 26th January, 2025 at the Rotary Sadan. Flag unfurling at 10 a.m. Members are requested to kindly attend with your family.

IN MEMORIAM



We mourn the sad demise our senior Member Rtn. Dr. Dilip Kumar Saha who passed away on 30th December, 2024. He served as Director and Advisor. Our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) of the Club will be held on Monday, 20th January, 2025 at 6.30 p.m at Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor). All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

ROSTER UPDATE

Rtn Brijendra Kumar Poddar's Office address has been changed as under with immediate effect. **New office address** : RKBK Limited, 95 Sarat Bose Road (2nd floor), Kolkata 700 026

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Sunday 12th January, 2025	Second Club Assembly	10.30 a.m. onwards Registration 10.00 a.m., Rotary Sadan (2nd floor), followed by Breakfast
Tuesday, 14th January, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting	-----
Monday 20th January, 2025	Meeting of the Board of Directors	6.30 p.m. Rotary Sadan (1st floor)
Tuesday, 21st January, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Mr. K. Mohanchandran	1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)
Tuesday, 28th January, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Ms Shruti Mohta	1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)



MINUTES OF THE 4967TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 1st JANUARY, 2025 AT 6.30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed Members, Dist. Officials and Guests and called 4967th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club. He also wished Happy New Year 2025 to all.
2. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 4966th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 17th December, 2024 were confirmed.
4. President informed members of the sad demise of our senior members Prof. (Dr.) Suman Mukherjee who passed away on 26th December and Dr. Dilip Kumar Saha who passed away on 30th December, 2024. Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. May their souls rest in peace. To mourn their death and their memory, everyone observed one minute silence.
5. President then informed members that the Club would celebrate the "106th Charter Day" on that day. He also informed members that the Club was formed in 1919 and received its Charter on 1st January, 1920.
6. President welcomed Mr. Anuvab Pal as the Chief Guest on that day and announced that he would speak on "The Dangers of Making People Laugh".
7. President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on the day and conveyed our Greetings to their Clubs.
8. At the request of the President, Chief Guest, Mr. Anuvab Pal, PDGs Rtn P. K. Rohatgi, Anshuman Bandhopadhyay, Hony. Secretary, Suman Chakraborty, Programme Committee Chair, Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee and himself lighted the 106th Charter Day lamp.
9. **President Reported the following :**
 - a) Programme Committee organised "Antakshari" on Tuesday, 10th December, 2024 at Rotary Sadan.
 - b) Youth Service & Literacy Committee organised in association with Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City and Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency a 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.
 - c) President also informed members that Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty donated Magazines for our NCL Children's Library. The total valuing approximately INR 25,000/-. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtn. Suman for his donation.
10. **President Announced the following :**
11. **At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
 - a) He welcomed Members, Dist. Officials, visiting Rotarians and Guests and also wished Happy New year 2025.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 6th January, 2025.
 - c) Next meeting of the Club on Tuesday, 7th January, 2025 in at 1.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan / Lunch 12.30 p.m. / Speaker : Dr. Vivek Sharma.
 - d) R. I. District 3291 Conference - 2025 "SAMMELAN" would be held from Friday, 3rd January to Sunday, 5th January, 2025 at the NICCO PARK, East Side Pavilion, HM Block, Sector – IV, Salt Lake City, Bidhannagar, Kolkata and requested members to register their names. For further details please contact Club Office.
 - e) Due to unavoidable circumstances, the trip to Shantiniketan on Saturday and Sunday 18th & 19th January, 2025 and the Second Club Assembly at Shantiniketan have been postponed.
 - f) The Second Club Assembly of the Club would be held on Sunday, 12th January, 2025 at 10.30 a.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by breakfast. Registration 10.00 a.m. and all members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the date and join the important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the second quarter of the Rotary year 2024-25 to Hony. Secretary for the Second Club Assembly.
 - g) The Board at its meeting held on 16th December, 2024, terminated the membership of Rtn. Dr. Protibha Pradhan due to non-payment of membership subscription with effect from 28th December, 2024.
12. At the request of the President, Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee introduced Mr. Anuvab Pal, Chief Guest on that day.
13. At the request of the President, Mr. Anuvab Pal addressed the audience on "The Dangers of Making People Laugh".
14. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
15. At the request of the President, Rtn. Sanjib Basu gave vote of thanks on behalf of the Club.
16. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Mr. Anuvab Pal.
17. Sunshine Box Collection Rs 500/- with special contribution from Rtn. Ritwik Gupta on that day.
18. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Manila, Philippines, R.I. Dist 3810.
19. Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join Fellowship and Dinner.
20. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns. Sarvani Gooptu, Yogesh Dassani, Malika Mukherjee Sarkar, Suksham Singh, PP Debashis Mitra, Anita Jain, Sharmistha N Koya and Dr. Sanjay Kumar for hosting Fellowship and dinner on that day.
21. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Subrata De
President

Suman Chakraborty
Hony. Secretary