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### Joydip Kundu



Joydip Kundu is a distinguished wildlife photographer and conservationist based in Kolkata. Alongside his wife, Suchandra, he co-founded the Society for Heritage and Ecological Researches (SHER) in 2011, an organization dedicated to mitigating human-wildlife conflicts, particularly in the Sundarbans region. Their collaborative efforts have been instrumental in promoting sustainable coexistence between local communities. Without formal training in wildlife photography, Joydip and Suchandra have relied on their innate passion and deep connection to nature to capture compelling images of animals in their natural habitats. They firmly oppose photographing wildlife in captivity or under controlled conditions, emphasizing the importance of ethical practices in the field. In addition to his photographic pursuits, Joydip serves as a member of the West Bengal State Board for Wildlife, contributing his expertise to regional conservation

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initiatives. Through SHER, the Kundus have implemented various community-based programs aimed at reducing human-wildlife conflicts and fostering environmental awareness. Their work includes skill development initiatives, health and hygiene campaigns, and educational outreach to promote a harmonious relationship between humans and the environment. Joydip's commitment to conservation and ethical wildlife photography has made him a respected figure in the field, inspiring many to appreciate and protect India's rich biodiversity.

### Interact Club of Vidyanjali International School AOS New Generations - January 2025

On 15th January 2025, Vidyanjali students celebrated Army Day with a special assembly aimed at spreading awareness about the various sectors of the Indian Army. The event highlighted the significance of this day, which marks the historic moment in 1949 when General KM Cariappa took over as the first Indian Commander-in-Chief of Independent India, succeeding General Sir FRR Bucher, the last British Commander-in-Chief. Through engaging presentations, the students honoured the bravery and dedication of the Indian Army, inspiring patriotism and gratitude among all.

On 17th January 2025, the students of Class 11 organised a road safety drive outside the school. They created banners and placards with important safety messages and took on the roles of traffic police for a day. The initiative aimed to spread awareness about road safety rules among commuters while instilling a sense of responsibility and leadership in students.

On 24th January, Vidyanjali International School received the Lion's Gurukul Award at Lions Club Deshapriya Park in the Category "School to look out for".

A special assembly was held on National Voters' Day to commemorate the establishment of the Election Commission of India on 25th January 1950, a day before India became a Republic.

Reported by Youth Chair, Saswati

### Interact Club of Delhi Public School, Howrah AOS New Generations : December 2024 and January 2025

#### Ready Response Rescue - First Aid Training

On December 23, 2024, the Interact Club members conducted a "Ready Response Rescue" first aid training session for Class 9 students. Final-year medical students led the training, sharing their expertise in handling various medical emergencies. The session aimed to equip students with basic first-aid skills, ensuring they feel prepared to respond in critical situations. During the training, students learned essential skills such as CPR, burn management, fracture care, bleeding control, and handling strangulation cases. Medical students demonstrated how to use a first aid kit and emphasised the importance of making quick and

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accurate decisions in emergencies. The training included interactive demonstrations and practical exercises, which helped boost the students' confidence in providing immediate first aid. Additionally, there was a question-and-answer segment where students could clarify their doubts regarding emergency responses.

### **Bake-Off Extravaganza**

In January 2025, the Interact Club held a special baking session for Class 8 students, where they learned to bake a delicious Christmas cake. Excitement filled the air as students measured ingredients, mixed batter, and decorated their cakes under the guidance of experienced bakers. The rich aroma of freshly baked cakes enhanced the festive spirit, and each student took turns whisking and pouring the mixture. They discovered the importance of precision and patience in baking. Once baked, the cakes were decorated with icing, fruits, and sprinkles, making them visually delightful. This event improved their culinary skills and fostered a sense of togetherness and celebration, creating memorable moments filled with joy and Christmas warmth.

### **Concordia – Diplomacy for a Sustainable Future**

In January 2025, the Interact Club hosted "Concordia – Diplomacy for a Sustainable Future," an inter-school Model United Nations (MUN) conference to enhance students' global awareness and diplomatic skills. The event included six committees: UN General Assembly, UN Security Council, UN Human Rights Council, All India Political Parties Meet, UN Sustainable Development Goals Summit, and the International Press. Delegates from various schools engaged in meaningful debates on pressing global issues, developing leadership, negotiation, and public speaking skills. Each committee simulated real diplomatic scenarios, allowing students to take on roles of world leaders and journalists while collaborating on resolutions and policies. The conference offered a rich learning experience with rigorous debates and impactful speeches. Participants gained valuable insights into international relations and sustainable development, concluding the event inspired them to work towards a more peaceful future.

### **Special Assembly on Tribal Culture**

In January 2025, the Interact Club members organised a vibrant assembly that featured captivating music and mesmerising dance performances. The event celebrated the rich culture of a specific tribe, immersing the audience in its traditions. Students dressed in traditional attire, adding authenticity and visual appeal to the performances. The assembly highlighted the importance of preserving and appreciating cultural diversity. It provided an enriching platform for students to learn about and embrace their shared heritage. The event fostered a sense of unity and cultural pride among participants through music and dance. Both teachers and students admired the dedication and enthusiasm of the performers. The organisers were praised for making the event both educational and entertaining. The atmosphere was filled with joy, excitement, and a deep appreciation for tradition. Overall, the assembly was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on everyone in attendance.

### **Social Science Fair**

In January 2025, the Social Science Fair, organized by the Interact Club, showcased the rich traditions of tribal communities through vibrant stalls. Visitors explored unique delicacies and the distinct flavours of Indigenous cuisine while browsing authentic handcrafted items like masks, jewellery, and traditional weapon replicas. The event fostered curiosity and respect for indigenous heritage, with students' creativity making it engaging and educational. Teachers and attendees praised the interactive displays that enhanced cultural appreciation. Overall, the fair celebrated diversity and the contributions of tribal communities, leaving a lasting impact on everyone who attended.

### **Bake N Sell**

In January 2025, the Interact Club students did a Bake N Sell stall to showcase their creativity and commitment to social responsibility. They sold a variety of confections, with proceeds aimed at supporting a local NGO. Their hard work paid off, as the treats sold out within an hour, raising Rs 2,270. Principal Ms. Sunita Arora donated the total amount to the NGO, highlighting the importance of giving back to the community. The successful event received praise from the school administration and faculty, encouraging students to continue their meaningful contributions.

**Reported by Youth Chair, Saswati**

## **GOODWILL VISIT**



A group of seven ambassadors - Rtn. Kirit Patel, Rtn. Atin Sen, Rtn. Anand Sharma, Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Rtn. Ruchika Majumdar, Rtn. Yogesh Dassani, and Rtn. Sanjib Basu - were at Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee on 08.02.25 morning on a goodwill visit. Received warmly by their President Rtn. Gaurav Gupta and Secretary Rtn. Aditi Saraogi and many members present, bouquets and gifts were presented, and banners and newsletters exchanged. We listened to an interesting discussion on Indian economic growth between two fund managers Aashish Somaiyaa and Vishal Bajaj. A lavish breakfast buffet followed. Chowringhee have said they would be happy to reciprocate with a visit to us in future. Overall, a successful goodwill mission bringing our two clubs together, and a fitting tribute to the memory of our dear leader from past visits Rtn. Pritpal Singh Chauhan whom we lost last month.

**(Reported by Rtn Sanjib Basu)**

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Bolpur Santiniketan, India, R.I. District 3240.

### *Happy Birthday*

Rtn. Lata Bajoria	14th February
Rtn. Promita Saha	19th February
Rtn. Subrata De	19th February
Rtn. M. L. Lohia	20th February
Rtn. Gurudas Mustafi	20th February
Rtn. Dr. Sourabh Khemani	21st February
Rtn. Sonal Worah	22nd February

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

### *Wedding Anniversaries*

Rtn. Ashok Manaktala & R-Ann Dr. Shobha	12th February
Rtn. R.K. Bachhawat & R-Ann Saroj	15th February
Rtn. Amitava Sinha & R-Ann Indrani	15th February
Rtn. Hirak Ray & R-Ann Ranjana	15th February
Rtn. Bithal Das Kothari & R-Ann Sushila	15th February
Rtn. Anand Sharma & R-Ann Madhu	16th February
Rtn. Usha Agarwala & Mr. Ashok	17th February
Rtn. Dr. Rama Shankar Bhartia & R-Ann Madhu	19th February
Rtn. Shankar Sehanobish & R-Ann Nina	19th February
Rtn. Shouveek Ray & R-Ann Tamali	19th February
Rtn. Kunal Dalmia & R-Ann Alka	20th February
Rtn. Dr. Abhijit Sen & R-Ann Shipra	20th February
Rtn. Gita Saha & Mr. Bapi	20th February
Rtn. Satish Kapur & R-Ann Preeti	21st February
Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal & R-Ann Priyamvada	21st February

### NEXT MEETING

Sunday, 23rd February, 2025, Rotary Oration along with Regular Weekly Meeting followed by Fellowship and Dinner at 6.30 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)

### BOARD MEETING

Eighth meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) of the Club will be held on Monday, 24th February, 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.

### Reports

Regular Weekly Meeting followed by fellowship and dinner was held on Tuesday, 4th February, 2025 at the residence of Rtn. Indrajit Ganguly and Rtn. Roshni Ganguly and hosted by them.

### TRIP TO SHANTINIKETAN ON 15TH & 16TH FEBRUARY, 2025

A Trip to Santiniketan is being organised on Saturday and Sunday, 15th & 16th February, 2025. Interested members are requested to kindly contact Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee for further details and to register your name with the Club Office Mr. Sambhu Dey.

### NO MEETINGS

There will be no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesdays, 18th and 25th February, 2025

### ROTARY ORATION – 2025

To Commemorate “World Understanding and Peace Day”, the Club will organise “Rotary Oration - 2025” along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025 at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) at 6.30 p.m. onwards followed by fellowship and dinner. You are requested to kindly block the date and attend with your spouse.

**Subject to no objection received within seven days from the date of publication of this notice, the following candidates will be inducted as members of the Club :**

**Mr. Pramod Kumar Mathur**, Proprietor

Mathur and Company, 1, Meredith Street, Suite - 11, Kolkata-700 072

**Residence :** “Asha Apartment”, Flat Nos. : I / C - 13 & 14, 93, Deshpriya Sasmal Road, Tollygunge Phari, Kolkata - 700033

**Age :** 65 Years **Classification :** Legal Practice – Taxation

**Proposer :** PP Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury

**Mr. Pradipta Chandra Ganguly**

Deputy Vice – President / Cluster Head (Business Banking Group)

HDFC BANK Ltd.

Gillander House, 8, N.S. Road (1st floor), Kolkata – 700 001

**Residence :** 5 / 2, Kali Banerjee Lane, Howrah, Pin – 711 101

**Age :** 48 years **Classification :** Banking – Corporate **Proposer :** Rtn Hirak Ray, on behalf of Membership, Attendance, Family of Rotary & Green Badgers Committee

**Mr. Pulak Bagchi**, Proprietor

Salienta Law Offices, 607, Lake Gardens, Kolkata – 700 045

**Residence :** “Estelle”, Flat No 12 B, 50 A, Prince Anwar Shah Road, Tollygunge, Kolkata – 700 033

**Age :** 50 years **Classification :** Legal Practice – Company

**Proposer :** Rtn Ruchika Majumdar



**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025**

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th February, 2025	Shantiniketan Trip and Fellowship and Dinner to be hosted by the President, Rtn. Subrata De on 15th February, 2025	6.30 p.m. onwards at the Farmhouse of Rtn. Subrata De at Shantiniketan, Address : "Krishnachura", Phoordanga, Shantiniketan, Bolpur, (Opposite Shayor Bithi Park)
Tuesday, 18th February, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting.	-----
Sunday, 23rd February, 2025	Rotary Oration along with Regular Weekly Meeting followed by Fellowship and Dinner.	6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Monday, 24th February, 2025	Eighth Meeting of the Board of Directors	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 25th February, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting.	-----

**MINUTES OF THE 4971ST REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2025 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE RESIDENCE OF RTN. INDRAJITGANGULY AND RTN. ROSHINI GANGULY**

- President, Rtn. Subrata De Welcomed Members and Guests and called the 4971st Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- National Anthem was led by PP Rtn Sujata Pyne.
- Minutes of the 4970th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 28th January, 2025 were confirmed.
- President welcomed Mrs. Nilaanjana Chakraborty as the Chief Guest on that day and she would speak on "Capturing the Intangible".
- President then welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting on day and convey our Greetings to their Clubs.
- President Announced the following :**
  - President informed members that the Club is organising a Goodwill visit to Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee on Saturday, 8th February, 2025 at 8.30 a.m. and requested interested members to contact Rtn. Sanjib Basu for joining the Goodwill visit.
  - To Commemorate "World Understanding and Peace Day", the Club would be organising "Rotary Oration - 2025" along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Sunday, 23rd February, 2025 at Rotary Sadan at 6.30p.m. onwards. The meeting would be followed by fellowship and dinner and he requested members to make a note of it and attend with spouse.
- At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :**
  - He welcomed Members, Visiting Rotarians and Guests.
  - He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 10th February, 2025.
  - Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 11th February, 2025 at 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 12.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan / Speaker : Mr. Joydeep Kundu.
  - There would be no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesdays 18th and 25th February, 2025.
  - A Trip to Shantiniketan is being organised by fellowship Committee on Saturday and Sunday, 15th & 16th February, 2025. Interested members are requested to kindly contact Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Chairperson, Programme and Fellowship Committee for further details and to register their names to Club Office Mr. Sambhu Dey.
- At the request of the President, Rtn. Indrajit Banerjee introduced Mrs. Nilaanjana Chakraborty Chief Guest on that day.
- At the request of the President, Mrs. Nilaanjana Chakraborty addressed the audience on "Capturing the Intangible".
- Questions were raised by the members which were answered by the Chief Guest.
- At the request of the President, Rtn. Roshni Ganguly gave a vote of thanks.
- On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Mrs. Nilaanjana Chakraborty.
- Sunshine Box Collection Rs 1,000/- with special contribution from Rtn Tushar Basu on that day.
- The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Jammu Baaghu, India, R.I. District 3070.
- Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join the Fellowship and Dinner. On behalf of the Club, he thanked Rtns Indrajit Ganguly and Roshni Ganguly for hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**Subrata De**  
President

**Suman Chakraborty**  
Hony. Secretary