



TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER

SHRI. JAYANT SINHA

A Member of Indian Parliament & formerly the Minister of State for Finance & the Minister of State for Civil Aviation in the Government of India, Shri Jayant Sinha is currently the Chairperson for Standing Committee on Finance and a member of the Public Accounts Committee for 2019-2020.

He has also been an investment fund manager and management consultant. 12 years with McKinsey & Company as a partner in the Boston and Delhi offices he co-led the global Software & IT Services practice. He was most recently a partner at Omidyar Network leading overall investment strategy & operations in India.

Sinha holds an M.B.A. with Distinction from the Harvard Business School, an M.S. in Energy Management & Policy from the University of Pennsylvania, and a Bachelor of Technology degree with Distinction from the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.



THE OLD NUMBER ONE GETS ROTARY PLATINUM CITATION 2019-20

**WAY TO GO,
CENTENARY
PREZ AND
TEAM!!!**



A singular honour for the Club in the Centenary Year

THE CLUB'S ASSISTANCE TO STAR WELFARE SOCIETY RCC

Date: 8 September, 2020



Rtn Atin Sen and Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury, Chairperson and Co-chairperson respectively of RCC & Community Service Committee spent a wonderful time at the STARS WELFARE SOCIETY RCC commemorating the World Literacy Day by way of distributing school kits to the kids. Rtn Arindam also instituted Full scholarship for the students as part of Project Surama, in memory of his grandmother. Thanks Rtn Arindam so very much.

The children put up some stupendous dance performance during the event.

Also, the Washing Stations donated by us in March'20 courtesy Rotary Club from Chennai outskirts and PDG Anirudha Roychowdhury and IPP Purnendu Roychowdhury were installed and were seen to be working very well.

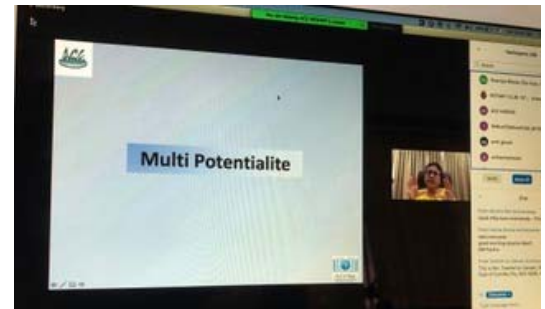
Reported by Rtn. Atin Sen

CAREER COUNSELLING — 14TH AUGUST

Vocational Service Committee of Rotary Club of Calcutta organised a Career Counselling Session on 21.8.20 from 12 noon - 1 pm, for students from 7 schools. The total number of candidates who attended the session was 114. Dr. Aparna Khastgir, BA (Hons), MA (Cal), DELT (Cal), PhD (Lond), Prof and Career Counsellor conducted the session. Rtn



Shampa Ghose, Chairperson Vocational Service Committee, welcomed Dr Khastgir and the students. Dr Aparna Khastgir, then addressed the students. With her immense experience and excellent oratory skills, she held the audience in rapt attention and



kept everyone spellbound with her interesting presentation. She made it easy for the students by speaking in Bengali about the career choices available in today's world and giving examples from time to time. It was a hugely successful session with attending Rotarians commenting on her dexterity in handling the topic and even asked her questions at the end of the session. Not only members from Rotary Club of Calcutta, but members of Rotary clubs in Orissa and Bangladesh also attended the session. Twenty Rotarians also attended in support.

- Tapan Chaturbhuj High School, P.O. Balakhali, Block Bishnupur, Dist 24 Parganas (S) - 15 students
- Bally Girls' High School - 14 students
- Bally Jora Aswatthatala Vidyalaya - 11 students.
- Bally Sikshaniketan Boys' School - 9 students
- Bally Sikshaniketan Girls' School - 10 students
- Susunia Ranibala Vidyamandir (HS), Burdwan - 55 students

Reported by Rtn Shampa Ghose, Chairperson Vocational Service Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTING

RECENT EVENTS HELD

RCC & COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE INITIATIVE (06/09)



**Distribution of Pouches & Stationeries
60 Beneficiaries**

6th September : RCC Bishnupur



DISTRICT INITIATIVE (10/9)

Presents
 A **RIIM** webinar on
'Total Literacy - A way forward'
 Chief Guest

 Hon'ble Dr. Ramesh Pokhriyal
 Minister of Education, Government of India

 Shekhar Mehta
 President, Rotary International 2021-22
 Kalyan Banerjee
 President, RIIM
 Past President, Rotary International
 Kamal Sanghvi
 Chair, RIIM
 Director, Rotary International
10th September, 2020 **2:00 PM**

UP-COMING EVENT

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE INITIATIVE (20/9)

SONGBOLA
Musical Tambo a
 DJ Hitesh Teckchandani
20th September
Time : 5PM
 Registration : Mandatory
 Meeting ID:
 858 1401 2140

 Rotary

NEXT WEEKLY MEETING (Virtual)

The next RWM (virtual) will be held on **26TH SEPTEMBER, 2020** in the **evening** at **5:30 p.m.** to coincide with the Club's
101ST FOUNDATION DAY

Speaker: *Sri Nitin Gadkari*, Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Government of India.

Special Guests: *RIPE Shekhar Mehta and DG Sudip Mukherjee*

There will be no RWM on 22nd September.

Happy



Birthday

Shampa Ghose	17 September
Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	22 September
Sri Prakash Jalan	23 September
Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee	23 September
Dr. Abhijit Sen	25 September

ATTENDANCE REPORT (10.09.2020)

Total Members	241
Members Present	56
Exempted Members	80
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	10

MEMBERS' BOX

Contributed by *Rtn Ashoke Basu (AB4)*

Women's Equality

Two related external stimuli have motivated this piece. One: listening to a program titled "Women's Equality Day" (Aug 26) and two: reading article themed experiences of women with disabilities in Odisha, in the education area. Here's a summary within the bounds of Samiran's 'Box', an attempt to spotlight gender based exclusion.

Women with disabilities face discrimination in education, healthcare and employment. There is also a high prevalence of abuse in this group. However, the necessity of having some sort of education is ingrained because they are continuously told "there is no one to provide for you". In education settings, they are often victims of attitudinal bias leading to bullying and violence. In one anecdote, a girl seeking admission for a degree course who had missed the published deadline was 'helped' by the peon of the institution for a 'fee'. The central government has legislated the Persons With Disability Act 1995, and The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill 2016 has been introduced. Quoting the author: "Media depictions of disability are slowly undergoing a change...but these are exceptions in the sea of stereotypical images of disability".

Outside of legislation, the role of the community is emphasized. Presently counselling is directed only at the concerned child, often to enable her to come to terms with her disability. De-stigmatizing and support counselling need to extend to the family, the school, the ecosystem of doctors, and rehabilitation professionals.

(Excerpted from an article by Sanpalka Satpathy of the Dept of Public Policy and Management, IIM Calcutta)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE 4778TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ONLINE ON 10 SEPTEMBER AT 6 P.M.

- 1 President Debashis Mitra welcomed all members and called the 4778th regular weekly meeting of the Club to order.
- 2 National Anthem led by Rtn. Anusua Das.
- 3 Minutes of the 4777th meeting of the Club held on 25th August, 2020 on zoom were confirmed.
- 4 The President welcomed the Guest of Honour RIPE Shekhar Mehta.
- 5 Rtn Mehta addressed the audience.
- 6 President Mitra announced that the Club would observe *World Suicide Prevention day*, on that day. As mentioned in The Chaka, Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar, renowned Psychiatrist, would address the Club, moderated by Ms Molly Thambi, Deputy Director, and Lifeline Foundation. The members welcomed the guest speaker of the day and the moderator in the usual Rotary manner.
- 7 President Mitra then welcomed all Visiting Rotarians and conveyed greetings to their respective Clubs.
- 8 President Reported :
 - a. *26th August-* As announced in the last meeting and reported in the last The Chaka, the Club donated hospital equipment to Humanity Hospital, Hanspukur, Joka , Total Cost of the project was Rs. 1,51,000/- On behalf of the Club, President thanked to Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury for his generous contribution.

28th August- Felicitation of Police personnel by Interact Club of Silver Point School at Silver Point School, Kasba, Kolkata. The programme was organised by Youth Service Committee.
 - b. *30th August –* Youth Service Committee was also organized an Inter -Rotaracts Conference at 6.00 p.m. on Zoom.
 - c. *6th September & 8th September:* A team from the Club visited RCCs Bishnupur Uchchal Probaho and Star Welfare Society on 6th September and 8th September, 2020 respectively. Community Service & RCC Committee donated School stationery kits (pencils, rulers, copies, erasers) to school students of the two RCCs. On behalf of the Club, the President thanked to Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury for donating all the articles.
- 9 President Announced
The President informed members that Fellowship Committee would be organising “Songbola – Musical Tambola “ by DJ Hitesh Tekchandani on Sunday, 20th September, 2020 at 5.00 p.m. onward on zoom . Registration for the said programme is mandatory for participation and requested members to register their name to Rtn. Renuka Shah as early as possible.
- 10 Hony. Secretary, Bodhi Brata Das thereafter conducted the Club business thus:
 - i) He welcomed all members and guests.
 - ii) He then announced names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays during the week ending 14th September and conveyed best wishes to them.
 - iii) The Hony. Secretary announced that the timing of the next Regular Weekly Meeting be held on Tuesday, 15th September was changed from 12 noon to 6. 00 p.m. It would be a joint Regular Meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee and requested members to make a note of the changes and attend the meeting. The details of the speaker and topic are published in the Chaka.
- iv) He informed the members that RWM scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 22nd September was re-scheduled on Saturday, 26th September at 6 p.m. The Club would celebrate its 101st Foundation Day on that day.
- 11 Dr Lakshmi Vijayakumar addressed the audience on “All wounds are not visible “. Ms Molly Thambi was invited to moderate the session. A lively Q&A session with the members followed the informative discussion by the experts.
- 12 At the request of the President, Rtn. Sreeranjani Joshi proposed a formal vote of thanks to Dr. Vijayakumar and Ms Thambi on behalf of the Club.
- 13 The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of New Ballygunge, Kolkata, R I Dist. 3291
- 14 The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Debashis Mitra
President

Bodhi Brata Das
Hony. Secretary

ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee, RI Dist. 3291