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TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER



Air Chief Marshal (Retd.) Arup Raha

Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha retired as the Chief of Air Staff and the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee on 31 December 2016. He graduated from National Defence Academy, Pune in 1973 and was commissioned into the Indian Air Force as a combat pilot. He has to his credit nearly 3500 hours of flying mostly on fighter aircraft.

ACM Raha has commanded a MiG 29 squadron, two frontline airbases and Advance HQs at Chandimandir, looking after joint operations with Western and South Western Commands of the Army.

The former Chief of Air Staff is a Qualified Flying Instructor and Fighter Combat Leader. He is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College and National Defence College. He had headed two operational Commands of the IAF, Western Air Command and Central Air Command before serving as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff and, later, as the Air Chief. ACM Raha was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vayu Sena Medal by the President of India for distinguished service to the Nation.

GREENING THE PLANET

RCC DATTAPUKUR



Tree plantation activities in full swing at three schools in Dattapukur RCC areas. The selected schools are Kashimpur Higher Secondary School, Kashimpur Girls High School and Kashimpur Primary School. Enough plant protection has been provided as is evident from the photos.

Next the Club will proceed to two other RCCs on environment protection through tree plantation.

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PROJECT SUPPORT ENVIRONMENT

RCC BISHNUPUR

On 3rd August, Community Services, RCC & Vocational Services Committees jointly distributed masks and Dettol soaps to the various RCCs.



The masks were made by Rtn Sujata Chatterjee, who was present personally for the distribution. 2000 masks and 1000 soaps were distributed by the President, Hony.Secy and all the Rotarians present to the seven representatives of the RCCs.

Reported by Rtn. Atindra Nath Sen









TREE PLANTATION AT RCC DATTAPUKUR: PHOTO GALLERY













As reported by Rtn Atindra Nath Sen

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REPORTING

ATTENDANCE REPORT (28.07.2020)

Total Members241Members Present61Exempted Members79Visiting Rotarians & Guests10

BREAKING NEWS

Rtn. Jennifer Jones of Windsor, Ontario is nominated to be RI President (2022 – 23). She will be the first woman president and will be succeeding our own Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, RIP (2021 - 2022).



NOTIFICATION

Income Tax benefits under Sec 80G are available for the contribution of Rs 7500/- to Rotary Foundation included in the Club's invoice in July 2020. The contribution is optional.

NEXT WEEKLY MEETINGS

14th AUGUST, 2020

The next RWM (Virtual) will be on 14th August, 2020 at 6 P.M.

Speaker: Soojit Sircar, Film Director

NO meeting on 18th August, 2020

There will be **no** meeting on **18th August, 2020** as it is rescheduled on 14th August

Happy Birthday

Shankar Sehanobish Sakti Kumar Banerjee



12 August

12 August

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Pramit Kumar Ray & R- Ann Sreya
PP Sutanu Ghosh & R-Ann Shakuntala



11 August

12 August

MEMBERS BOX

Contributed by Rtn Bodhi Brata Das



Jalking Movies : Bodhi The Critic

Here is a list of 5 movies that I would recommend in these hard times. Do watch them to help you face life with a different pair of shades - you can thank me later!

1. The Shawshank Redemption (1994) - When you need hope, you'll look for Shawshank. When you want to believe in the will power - which is capable of overcoming even the toughest obstacles of life, Shawshank will uplift you in ways that you can't find elsewhere very often.

Golden line to remember: "There's something inside that they can't get to, that they can't touch. It's yours. HOPE."

2. **Forrest Gump (1994)** - Our inner strengths can lead to a beautiful destination. This movie will touch all the chords of emotion, it makes you laugh, cry, rejoice all at the same time.

Golden line to remember: "Now, Mama said there's only so much fortune a man really needs... and the rest is just for showing off."

- 3. Life Is beautiful (1997)- An unforgettable piece from Roberto Benigni. This movie will first make you laugh and then cry. I struggled to categorize it as War-comedy or War-tragedy but irrespective of its classification, you will soliloquize "Life is indeed beautiful".
- 4. **Rush (2013)** If you are a fan of F1 racing then this is something you cannot stay away from. Even if you are not a F1 fan, you will enjoy watching a movie on sports rivalry which will stay with you for some time. It's a story of resilience and recovery. Don't miss RUSH.

Golden line to remember: "A wise man can learn more from his enemies than a fool from his friends."

5. **Pursuit of Happiness (2006)** - A struggle of a father to survive the cruel world with his son where everyone is chasing his own pursuit. Your mind and soul will become part of the struggle unknowingly while watching the movie. By the way, it's not a work of fiction but a true story of Chris Gardner.

Golden line to remember: "Don't ever let someone tell you, you can't do something. Not even me. You got a dream, you got to protect it. Period."

MINUTES OF THE MEETING FOR THE 4774TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ONLINE ON 4 AUGUST AT 12:00 NOON

- 1. President, Rtn. Debashis Mitra announced that it was a joint meeting on Zoom with Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City.
- 2. The President of RC Calcutta welcomed members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City led by President, Tushar Kanti Mondal and Hony. Secretary, Arun Kumar Srivastava on behalf of the Club.
 - The President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting requested them to convey greetings to their clubs.
 - President made special mention of the presence of PDG. Anirudha Roy Chowdhury and PDG Rajani Mukherjee and Rotarians from Bangladesh and Guwahati.
- 3. President, Debashis Mitra called the 4774th regular weekly meeting of the Club to order.
- 4. National Anthem was led by President Elect, Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
- 5. Minutes of the 4773rd meeting of the club held on 28th July, 2020 on zoom were confirmed.
- 6. President Debashis Mitra Dr. announced that Vedula Ramalakshmi , Associate Professor of Hindi and a Passionate Orator would speak on "The Legend of Lord Jagannath".
- 7. Thereafter all members welcomed Dr. Vedula in the usual Rotary manner.
- 8. The President's Reporting
- a. The President informed that on 3rd August, 2020, Community Service & RCC Committee and Vocational Service Committee iointly organised to meet all our RCC members and donated masks and soaps for the poor villagers at our RCCs at Rotary Sadan.

- Vocational Committee will also organise vocational training, Nursing training and Beautician course at our RCCs on online platform.
- b. The President also informed that most of the first committee meeting was conducted with clear actionable points for the coming few months. Others will be conducting the meeting shortly.
- 9. The President's Announcement
- President informed members that Members' Nite Escapades Committee and **Fellowship** Committee were jointly planning to organise mini Members' Nite end of this month.
- b. He requested Hony. Secretary, Rtn Bodhi Brata Das to conduct Club business
- 10. Hony. Secretary, Rtn Bodhi Brata Das conducted the Club business thus:
- He welcomed all members and guests. He also welcomed all members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City.
- h. He announced names of Rotarians celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries during the week ending 10th August, 2020 and conveyed best wishes to them.
- Hony. Secretary also announced that next Weekly Meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 11th August, 2020 at 12 noon on 700m.

Speaker would be Air Chief Marshal (Retd.) , Arup Raha (former Chief of Air Staff) and would speak on 'Military "Misadventurism " of China and its Consequences'

- d. Hony. Secretary also announced that the Regular Weekly Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 18th August, 2020 has been rescheduled on Friday, 14th August, 2020 at 6 p.m. on Zoom. Speaker: Mr. Shoojit Sircar, Film Director
- the request 11. At of the President. Dr. Vedula Ramalakshmi addressed the audience
- 12. The address was followed by interactive session between the speaker and the attendees.
- 13. Rtn Tushar Kanti Mondal, President R. C. of Calcutta Mega City, proposed a formal vote of thanks to the guest speaker on behalf of the Club.
- 14. The Club remembered with Good wishes Rotary Club of Chittagong, Bangladesh, RI Dist. 3282
- 15. President Debashis Mitra once again thanked all members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City attending the joint meeting on that day.
- 16. The meeting was adjourned at 1.12 p.m.

Note: Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City conducted their meeting concurrently with Rotary Club of Calcutta

Debashis Mitra **Bodhi Brata Das** President Hony. Secretary

ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Bhadrak, Orissa, RI Dist. 3260