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## Know Your Speaker



### Shikha Metharamani – On a RARE Mission

Shikha is the Founder and President of India Prader Willi Syndrome Association (IPWSA) which supports member families in their efforts to improve the quality of life for all Indian people with Prader-Willi Syndrome by improving physical and mental wellbeing, socially as well as occupationally. The Prader-Willi syndrome is the most commonly known genetic cause of life-threatening obesity in children. The incidence rate of Prader-Willi syndrome is estimated to be 1 in 15000. The genes lacking in people with PWS have a major role in the regulation of appetite and metabolic levels, cognitive functions, and behaviour patterns,

She is also a committee member of the Organisation of Rare Diseases, India (ORDI) which is a national umbrella organization

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representing the collective voice of all patients with rare diseases in India. She is a Director of Bengal Rare Warriors Association.

In her multi-faceted identity, she has been a competitive swimmer as well as a rugby player. She is a Past President of the Youth Wing of the Bengal Rowing Club, and a Past President of the Leo Club of Calcutta. Today she is the Executive Director of The Myx, a high-end restaurant in Kolkata.

**Rotary Eye Cornea Service :  
AOS Community; AOF Fighting  
Disease - 1 Jan. 2024**



To celebrate the 105th Charter Day of RC Calcutta and the New Year 2024, the club launched the project of Rotary Eye Cornea Service at Sri Balananda Hospital at Behala on 1st January, 2024 at 11 am. A full comprehensive Topcon Specular Microscope with Computer System with monitor and Table was installed at the Eye OPD of the Hospital. Another Pantacame Corneal Topography Machine with License Key was installed in the Eye OPD which will help the Therapeutic treatment for Cornea patients. As this Hospital is in Behala, a lot of patients from entire South 24 Parganas will get the benefits from the Eye department of the hospital. The department is supported by renowned Eye Surgeons of Kolkata who do dedicated service to the hospital. This hospital has two buildings with 150 beds, CT Scan, X Ray, and USG with Pharmacy.

RC Calcutta is grateful to Cera Sanitaryware Ltd., P.P. Vikram Somany and the Koya family for supporting this project. The project value is Rs 16 Lakhs. Total beneficiaries will be around 1000 patients per month with a total of 12000 patients per year.

Amit Ghosh, Sonal Worah, Saumen Ray, Raj K Agrawal, Heena Gorsia, Subrata De, Abhijit Kolay, Vikram Somany, Sarvani Gooptu, Arindam Roy Chowdhury, Pritpal Chauhan, Sonia Dutt, RID Anirudha Roy Chowdhury, President Kanak Dutt, RCC Inner City Members & President, RC Amelia President and Rtn. Nilanjan Mitra were present.

**Reported by Rtn. Arindam Roy Chowdhury  
Chair Special Projects**

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# Glimpses of the Charter Day Function - 1 January 2024 : AOS Club



## Interact Club of Serampore Girls' High School : Blanket and Winter Garments Distribution in the slum areas of Serampore, Hooghly - AOS New Generations



The Interactors of the Interact Club of Serampore Girls' High School (SGHS) conducted an initiative to distribute blankets and winter garments to poverty-stricken people living in slum areas in Serampore, Hooghly. The project was undertaken on December 26, 2023, with the aim to lessen the suffering of economically and socially backward people who are compelled to endure agony due to the cold waves of harsh winters. The project was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Ivy Sarkar, the Headmistress of Serampore Girls' High School, along with Smt. Rakhi Som, the teacher-coordinator of the school's Interact Club. After receiving the blankets and winter garments, the beneficiaries expressed satisfaction and extended their heartfelt thanks to the interactors. The initiative to provide blankets to the destitute and pullovers to impoverished children aims to bring a ray of hope and happiness into their lives by providing them relief and protection from severe cold. Through this activity, the interactors were able to foster self-discovery, instill a sense of social responsibility, understand how to confront challenges, crisis and explore the significance of working for social betterment.

*From Saswati Mukherjee, Chair Youth*

**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**

**Mrs. Deepa Bagla**

Director

Deepa Bagla Financial Consultants Pvt. Ltd.  
Century Tower, Room No. 304  
45, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata – 700 017

Residence :

5, Queens Park, Flat No. 4NW, Kolkata–700 019

Classification : Financial Services-General

Proposer : Rtn. Anusua Das

**Mr. Sunny Bose**

Sr. Deputy Director

EEPC India

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13, Chanditala Lane, Tollygunge, Kolkata-700040

Age : 41 Years +

Classification : Service - Administrative

Proposer : Rtn. Sonia Dutt



To commemorate Swami Vivekananda's 161st Birth Anniversary, also known as National Youth Day, the Wash & Ganga Abhiyan Committee and Youth Service Committee are jointly organizing a cleanliness drive on **January 12, 2024, from 12 PM to 3 PM**. This initiative will take place at **two Ganga Ghats, namely Champatala Ghat and Kumartuli Ghat**, which are aimed at reducing the sources of pollution in the river. Interactors will actively participate in maintaining the cleanliness and sanctity of the sacred river while promoting environmental awareness and community engagement. Additionally, they will showcase their creativity and cultural expression by organizing small, relevant creative acts or installations near the Ganga ghats.



**REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT (01.01.2024)**

Total Members	:	239
Members Present	:	62
Exempted Members	:	68
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	39

**TODAY**

**Speaker :** Shikha Metharamani

**NEXT MEETING**

16th January, 2024 at 1.30 p.m. followed by Lunch at 1.00 p.m.  
Speaker : Preeti Arora

**RI Dist. 3291, District Conference 2023-24 "UTKARSH" was held from 5th to 7th January, 2024 at Taj Taal Kutir Convention Centre, Newtown, Kolkata.**

**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, 2024 at the Rotary Sadan. Flag hoisting at 10 A.M.  
Members are requested to kindly attend with your family.



**ONE WORLD**

We remember with good wishes  
Rotary Club of Ludhiana,  
Punjab India, R.I. Dist. 3070

*Birthdays*

Niraj Kumar Saraf	9th Jan.
Gitanjali Jolly	9th Jan.
Dr. Chandreyee Das	9th Jan.
Dr. Bratati L Majumder	12th Jan.
Jayanta Narayan Chatterjee	12th Jan.
Manikaustabh Goswami	12th Jan.
Anita Jain	14th Jan.
Dr. Sanjay Kumar	15th Jan.
Roshni Ganguly	15th Jan.

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

**NO WEEKLY MEETING**

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2024 on account of Public Holiday (Netaji's Birthday)

**CONGRATULATIONS**



**Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu (AB 4)** has been nominated as the Hony. Jt. Secretary for the Rotary year 2024-25



**Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury** has been nominated as the Hony. Jt. Treasurer for the Rotary year 2024-25

**FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS**

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday, 16th January, 2024	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Preeti Arora	Lunch 1 p.m. / Meeting 1.30 p.m. Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)
Tuesday, 23rd January, 2024	No Regular Weekly Meeting	Public Holiday
Friday, 26th January, 2024	Republic Day Celebration	10 a.m onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor)
Tuesday, 30th January, 2024	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Saurabh Thirani	Lunch 1 p.m. / Meeting 1.30 p.m. Rotary Sadan (2nd floor)

**MINUTES OF THE 4926TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON  
1ST JANUARY, 2024 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN**

1. President, Rtn. Kanak Dutt welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4926th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order. He also wished Happy New year to all.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Subha Pal.
3. Minutes of the 4925th regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 19th December, 2023 were confirmed.
4. President informed that the 105th CHARTER DAY of the Club would be celebrated on that day. He also informed that the Club was formed 1919 and received Charter on 1st January, 1920 .  
He then Welcomed Professor Sugata Bose, Gardiner Professor of Oceanic History and Affairs, Harvard University, U.S.A. and Chairperson of Netaji Research Bureau as the Chief Guest and District Governor, Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav as the Guest of Honour.
4. President, Chief Guest, Dist. Governor, Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu and Rtn. Anindita Shoma Basu lit the 105th Charter Day lamp.
5. President also welcomed all Visiting Rotarians, PDGs, Dist. Officials and other Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President reported the following :**
  - a) Special Project Committee under the leadership of Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury organised SAMARTH – 1 with Distribution of Wheelchairs and blankets to the especially abled and shoes to underprivileged School Students on Sunday, 24th December, 2023 at GD Block, Salt Lake City, Kolkata. It was well attended by Rotary district officials, Rotarians of other Rotary Districts, Government officials and Rotarians of our Club, Interactors from 8 schools, many NGOs and Guests.
  - b) Special Project Committee under the leadership of Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury organized a project where Cornea Service OPD Machine was donated at Behala Balananda Brahmachari Hospital. This Project would help the treatment of many underprivileged people of the society at a nominal cost.
7. **President announced the following :**

R I Dist. 3291, District Conference -2023-24 “UTKARSH” would be held from 5th to 7th January, 2024 at Taj Taal Kutir Convention Centre, Newtown, Kolkata. The Dist. Conference was co-hosted by our Club and he requested members to kindly register their names. For further details members should contact Club Office. Registration Charges for Rotarian and Guests per head Rs. 7,500/- .
8. At the request of the President, Hony.Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu thereafter conducted the Club Business.
  - a) She welcomed all Members, Dist. Officials and Guests. She also wished everyone a Happy New Year.
  - b) She then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 8th January, 2024.
  - c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 9th January, 2023 at 1.30 p.m. Speaker : Shikha Metharamani
9. At the request of the President, Dist. Governor Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav addressed the audience.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu (AB4) introduced Chief Guest, Professor Sugata Bose.
11. At the request of the President, Professor Sugata Bose addressed the audience on “Asia one Hundred Years Ago”.
12. At the request of the President, Chief Guest, Dist. Governor, Hony. Secretary, PDG Rtn Prabhat Rohatgi , Rtn. Dr. S. K. Sharma, other guests and himself cut the Charter Day Cake.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over mementoes to Professor Sugata Bose and Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav.
14. Sunshine Box collection Rs. 3,000/- with special contributions from Rtns Dr. S. K. Sharma, Ritwik Gupta, S. D. Mookerjea and Suksham Singh on that day.
15. On behalf of the Club, Rtn.Anindita Shoma Basu offered the vote of thanks.
16. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Suntec City, Singapore, R. I. Dist. 3310.
17. Before adjourning the meeting, President requested all to join Fellowship and Dinner.
18. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns. Yogesh Dassani, Dr. Asok Kumar Ghoshal, Probir Kumar Gupta, Kirit Patel, Shashi Bhargava, Dr. Tandra Sarkar, Dr. Sandip Chatterjee and Roshni Ganguly for hosting Fellowship and Dinner on that day.
19. Meeting was adjourned at 7.44 p.m.

**Kanak Dutt**  
President

**Sarvani Gooptu**  
Hony. Secretary