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Know Your Speaker



Kaushik Ghosh

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Kaushik is a professional with 23 years of experience in global network advertising agencies of WPP and IPG. He played a cross-functional leadership role and managed a portfolio of international and domestic clients across categories like Banking, Insurance, Media & Entertainment, Consumer Durables, Tourism, Automobiles, FMCG and the Social Service Sector. Some of the brands he enjoyed managing are Unilever (Pepsodent and Surf), HDFC Bank, Tata AIG, Max BUPA, Hitachi, Birla Sun Life, UNFPA, Goodknight, Emirates, Sony SET Max, Bajaj Auto, Kellogg's amongst others. Since an early age, Kaushik's passion was to chase the real reasons behind human behaviour.



He says our very own 'Feluda' inspired him. The curiosity to make sense of human behaviour led him to study Economics in St. Xavier's College, Kolkata. Later he pursued marketing management and chose advertising as his profession, a means to display human behaviour and emotions. Through his professional and personal life, he has remained quite unassuming yet extremely focussed on chasing what he believed in. He is quite partial to the concept of *jugaad* to accomplish goals, and intent on galvanising those around him by instilling purpose. He believes, 'a soldier doesn't quit till he is dead', and with that thought he is driving Knexup to succeed.

Heart Touching message from President, Rotary Club of Gangtok

QUOTE I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. On behalf of the entire community affected by the recent floods in Sikkim, I extend my deepest gratitude to the Rotary Club of Calcutta for your invaluable contribution of 100 blankets for the victims. Your generous response to our appeal has made a significant impact on the lives of those grappling with the aftermath of the floods. The blankets you provided have not only offered physical warmth but also brought a sense of comfort and reassurance to the affected families in their challenging times. We are immensely grateful for your support and collaboration in our efforts to provide relief to those in need. The Rotary Club of Calcutta's dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of others is truly inspiring, and we feel privileged to have such a compassionate and proactive partner in our mission. As we continue to work together towards the recovery and rehabilitation of the affected communities, we cherish the bond we share with your Club. Your unwavering commitment to service above self is a beacon of hope, and we look forward to the opportunity to collaborate on future initiatives that bring about positive change. Once again, thank you for your kindness, generosity, and selflessness. Your support has not only provided physical relief but has also warmed the hearts of those who needed it the most. UNQUOTE

Rotary Club of Gangtok extends warmth and support to BRO labourers



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A Carnival of Cricket at The Calcutta Club : 4 Feb 2024 – AOS : Club

The 4th of February, 2023 a bright winter Sunday morning witnessed a friendly cricket match between Rotary Club of Calcutta and Calcutta Club at the Calcutta Club ground. Adorning the test match look alike white cricket kit the two sides had a squad of 15 players each with the average age of each side being 45 years. Rotary Club of Calcutta was captained by Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha and Calcutta Club had its President Mr. Abhijit Ghosh captaining their side. Even before the match began the excitement and competitiveness of the players were witnessed by the team huddles and practice session around the pitch. Winning the toss Calcutta Club elected to field first. The umpires called upon the individual captains explaining the rules, a little tweaked from the regular cricket rules. The first ball of the day and loud cheers from members of the clubs supporting their team set up the ambience. Rotary Club of Calcutta put up a score of 84 runs with their highest scorer being Rtn Udit Mitra with 22 off 25 balls while Sunando Mallick of Calcutta Club took two wickets. Calcutta Club came into bat on their home ground confident of a win. The tension was high. Rotary Club of Calcutta unleashed its bowling attack picking early wickets and at regular intervals. The match was close and equally balanced. The partnership between Mr. Soumik Ghose and Mr Dipanjan Adhikari guided Calcutta Club to a nail-biting win with Mr. Dipanjan Adhikari being their highest scorer and Rtns. Nishant Shah and Shouveek Ray were the highest wicket takers from Rotary Club. Dipanjan Adhikari got the Man of the Match award. Post-match presentation witnessed the Presidents from the respective clubs thanking the players and felicitating them with mementoes and large bags of organic tea. This friendly cricket match between both the clubs was proposed to be an annual event from the upcoming year. Post-match lunch at Calcutta club witnessed camaraderie between members of both the clubs.

Reported by Rtn. Abhishek Dutt





Our Members at the CII IWN Conclave on 3 Feb. 2024

Several Rotarians of our Club participated in the 4th CII IWN Leadership Conclave at The Park on 3rd February 2024. Sriranjani Joshi is the Chairperson of Indian Women Network (WB) and delivered the Theme Address “Inspire Inclusion” in which she highlighted powerfully that it will take another 132 years to gender parity in the world. A galaxy of speakers included Rowan Ainsworth, the Australian Consul, Melinda Pavek, the US Consul and Choten Dhendup Lama, IAS, Principal Secretary, WB Govt. in the inaugural session.

A panel discussion on Leadership through Inclusion followed. The panelists were introduced by Rtn Shaleni Biswas and the discussion was moderated by Rtn Shoma Basu. In her introductory remarks, Shoma said “Diversity is when you are invited to the party, inclusion is when you are asked to dance”. A lively discussion ensued and the most poignant example of diversity – and the lack of it – came from Monideepa Banerjee, when she recounted her anecdotes of the responses she got from two newspaper houses when she applied to them as a rookie journalist!

Rotary Anns Sucharita Roychowdhury and Meena Basu were present as were Hon. Secretary Sarvani, Roshni Ganguly, Shampa Ghosh, Veena Rohatgi and AB4.



Sanhati RYLA – Co Hosted by Rotary Club of Calcutta : AOS - New Generations

Sanhati RYLA for tribal youth was organized at Nayagram, Kharikhamathani in Nayagram Thana Balika Vidyapeeth on 2, 3 and 4 February, 2024. This is a signature project of RC Calcutta Samaritans, and for this edition, RC Calcutta co-hosted the event. A total 50 young tribal girls of age between 12 to 16 years attended the camp. The camp was framed with various sessions covering (i) Ethics of Positive Leadership, (ii) Fundamentals of Leadership, (iii) Problem solving and Conflict Management, (iv) Importance of Communication Skill in Leadership, (v) Building of Self Confidence and Self Esteem, (vi) the Role of Rotary in community development and various activities during the three days' camp. DG Hira Lal Yadav inaugurated the program – there was a march past, a dance recital, and the traditional lighting of the lamp.



Rotary 4-Way Test Promotion was initiated amongst the participants through distribution of bilingual 4 Way Test cards. Menstrual Hygiene and Thalassemia awareness sessions were also conducted. Around 2000 Sanitary Napkins were distributed. Based on individual and group performances Awards were given under distinct categories such as Best Group, Best Rylarian, Most popular Rylarian, Extempore (individual), Creative performance (individual) on song, dance and recitation, Creative Arts (Group), Skits. PDG Shyamasree Sen, DGND Tapas Bhattacharya, among others, conducted the sessions in the above-mentioned topics. Notably all these children are totally deprived from these exposures in the normal course and hence this type of youth activities really gives a great impetus to personal development.



Adapted from inputs provided by Rtn Srabonee of RC Calcutta Samaritans.

Inauguration of Rotary HMC Blood Centre

Rotary
Club of Calcutta

The Howrah Municipal Corporation
solicits your august presence
at the auspicious Inauguration Ceremony
of
HMC-Rotary Blood Centre
on Friday, 16th February, 2024 at 4.00p.m.
by
Janab Firhad Hakim,
Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, UD & MA Dept., Govt. of West Bengal
Shri Arup Roy,
Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Food Processing Industries & Horticulture Dept., Govt. of West Bengal
Shri Kanak Dutt,
Hon'ble President, Rotary Club of Calcutta
&
Dr. Sarvani Gooptu,
Hon'ble Secretary, Rotary Club of Calcutta
The function will be presided over by
Dr. Sujoy Chakravarty,
Hon'ble Chairperson, Board of Administrators, HMC
Smrutiranjana Mohanty, IAS
Commissioner
Howrah Municipal Corporation
Inauguration Venue :
Bankim Park,
218/1/1, Panchanantala Road, Howrah- 711101

Guests of Honour

Shri Prasun Banerjee
Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Howrah (Sadar)

Shri Manoj Tiwary
Hon'ble Minister-of-State, Sports & Youth Affairs Dept., Govt. of West Bengal

Shri Gautam Chowdhury **Smt. Nandita Chowdhury**
Hon'ble MLA, Howrah (North) Hon'ble MLA, Howrah (South)

Shri Saikat Chowdhury **Shri Debangshu Das**
Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, BoA, HMC Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson, BoA, HMC

Smt. Manjit Raphael **Janab Reyaz Ahmed**
Hon'ble Member, BoA, HMC Hon'ble Member, BoA, HMC

Shri Santanu Banerjee **Shri Raicharan Manna**
Hon'ble Member, BoA, HMC Hon'ble Member, BoA, HMC

Shri Anup Chakraborty **Shri Dilip Ghosh**
Hon'ble Member, BoA, HMC Hon'ble Member, BoA, HMC

Distinguished Guests

Dr. (Ms.) P. Deepap Priya, IAS **Shri Praveen Kr. Tripathi, IPS**
District Magistrate, Howrah Commissioner of Police, Howrah

Guests of Eminence

RID RTN Anirudha Roychoudhury **DG RTN Hiralal Yadav**
PRIP RTN Shekhar Mehta **RTN Vikram Somany**

Smt. Oindrilla Guha
President, Rotary Club of Salt Lake City Calcutta

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (06.02.2024)

Total Members	:	235
Members Present	:	28
Exempted Members	:	66
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	13

ROTARY ORATION – 2024

To Commemorate “World Understanding and Peace Day” the Club will organise ‘Rotary Oration - 2024’ along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Friday, 23rd February, 2024 at Rotary Sadan (Ground floor) at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner.

Chief Guest : Dr Kunal Sarkar. You are requested to kindly block the date and attend with your spouse.

NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 20th February, 2024 as the said meeting is being held on Friday, 23rd February, 2024 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.

BOARD MEETING

The Eighth meeting of the Board of Directors (2023-24) of the Club will be held on Monday, 26th February, 2024 at 6.30 p.m at a venue to be advised. All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Delhi South
Metropolitan, India, R. I. Dist. 3010

RESIGNATION

The Board at the meeting held on 29th January, 2024 accepted the resignations of the following Rotarians with immediate effect :

- i) Rtn. Raj Kumar Chhajer
- ii) Rtn. Jeet Banerjee
- iii) Rtn. Sushil Jhunjhunwala
- iv) Rtn. Chitrak Mitra

Birthdays

Lata Bajoria	14th Feb.
Dr. Dilip Kumar Saha	17th Feb.
Promita Saha	19th Feb.
Subrata De	19th Feb.
M. L. Lohia	20th Feb.
Gurudas Mustafi	20th Feb.
Dr. Sourabh Khemani	21st Feb.
Sonal Worah	22nd Feb.

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Anniversaries

R. K. Bachhawat & Spouse Saroj	15th Feb.
Amitava Sinha & Spouse Indrani	15th Feb.
Hirak Ray & Spouse Ranjana	15th Feb.
Lalji Mehrotra & Spouse Kumudini	15th Feb.
Bithal Das Kothari & Spouse Sushila	15th Feb.
Anand Sharma & Spouse Madhu	16th Feb.
Usha Agarwal & Mr. Ashok	17th Feb.
Shirsha Guha & Lt. Col. M.P. Appaiya	18th Feb.
Shauveek Ray & Spouse Tamali	19th Feb.
Shankar Sehanobish & Nina	19th Feb.
Dr. Rama Shanker Bhartia & Spouse Madhu	19th Feb.
Kunal Dalmia & Spouse Alka	20th Feb.
Dr. Suman Kumar Mukherjee & Spouse Sudakshina	20th Feb.
Dr. Abhijit Sen & Spouse Shipra	20th Feb.
Satish Kapur & Spouse Preeti	21st Feb.
Ravindra Khandelwal & Spouse Priyamvada	21st Feb.

IN MEMORIAM



We mourn the sad demise of our Member Rtn. Raghu Nandan Mody who passed away on Thursday, 8th February, 2024. He had been a member of the Club since 1977. He served as Committee Chairman. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May his soul rest in peace.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Friday 16th February	HMC Rotary Blood Centre Inauguration and handover Ceremony	Bankim Park, 218/1/1, Panchanantala Road, Howrah 711101 at 4 pm
Saturday 17th February	Empowering with Experiential Knowledge by Women's Empowerment Committee. Speaker: Soma Basu, Co-founder Knexup	11am to 1pm Rotary Sadan
Friday 23rd February	Rotary Oration along with Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker: Dr Kunal Sarkar	At 6.30 p.m. followed by Fellowship and Dinner at 8 p.m. (After the meeting) Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor)
Tuesday 27th February	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker: Dr Semanti Ghosh, Associate Editor, Ananda Bazar Patrika	At 1.30 p.m. / Lunch 1 p.m. Rotary Sadan (2 nd Floor)

MINUTES OF THE 4930th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY, 2024 AT 1.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN

President Rtn. Kanak Dutt welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4930th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club.

1. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
2. Minutes of the 4929th regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 30th January, 2024 were confirmed.
3. President welcomed Mr. Ramyanshu Dutta, Head of Product Management for Generative AI, Amazon Sagemaker, U.S.A, as the Chief Guest on that day.

President also welcomed Rtn. Shakuntala Raha from RISAO office New Delhi as the Guest of Honour on that day.

4. President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians who were attending the meeting on that day.

5. President reported the following :

On Sunday, 4th February, 2024 a Friendly Cricket Match between Rotary Club of Calcutta XI and Calcutta Club XI was held at Calcutta Club at 10 am. onwards and was attended by over 93 members and their families. It was followed by fellowship and lunch which was hosted by Rtn Ashish Kumar Bagla and Rtn Dr. Pronab Dasgupta. Rtn. Kirit Patel donated Tea bag Packets for the players of both the teams. On behalf of the Club, President thanked Rtns Ashish Kumar Bagla, Dr. Pronab Dasgupta and Kirit Patel for their contribution and specially thanked Hony. Secretary, Sarvani Gooptu and Chairperson, Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee for organizing the Annual Cricket Match.

6. President announced the following :

- a) The HMC Rotary Blood Centre was on the verge of completion and would be handed over to HMC on 16th February, 2024 and the members would be informed about the timing and venue in due course. On behalf of the Club, the President extended gratitude to all those who have generously donated for the Blood Centre which would be a sustainable flagship Presidential project and had the credit of being the first in District 3291. Members of other Clubs of District 3291 have also joined hands for the Project with donations and Rotary Club Salt Lake City has also committed to donating a Van of the approximate value of Rs. 17 Lakhs. The President requested all members to join the handover ceremony of the Blood Bank.
 - b) To commemorate "World Understanding and Peace Day" the Club would organise "Rotary Oration-2024" along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Friday, 23rd February, 2024 at Rotary Sadan at 6.30 p.m. followed by fellowship and dinner. Chief Guest : Dr Kunal Sarkar, Director and Head of Cardiac Surgery at Medica Super Speciality Hospital and he requested members to kindly block the date and attend with their spouse on that day.
7. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu thereafter conducted the Club Business :
- a) She welcomed all Members and Guests.
 - b) She then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 12th February, 2024.
 - c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 13th February, 2024 at 1.30 p.m.
Speaker : Kaushik Ghosh / Topic : "Knexup Empowerment"
 - d) There would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 20th February, 2024 as the said meeting would be held on Friday, 23rd February, 2024 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rotary Sadan .
8. At the request of the President, Rtn Shakuntala Raha, Manager, Fund Development, and Donor Services at Rotary International South Asia Office addressed the audience.
9. At the request of the President, PP Rtn Dr. S.K. Sharma introduced Chief Guest, Mr. Ramyanshu Dutta.
10. At the request of the President, Mr. Ramyanshu Dutta addressed the audience on "Generative AI innovating faster to reinvent customer experiences and applications."
11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. On behalf of the Club, Rtn. Sanjib Basu offered the vote of thanks.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over mementoes to Rtn Shakuntala Raha and Mr. Ramyanshu Dutta.
14. No Sunshine Box collection on that day.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta North Suburban, India , R. I. Dist . 3291.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2. 50 p.m.

Kanak Dutt
President

Sarvani Gooptu
Hony. Secretary