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104TH INSTALLATION OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA



Venue : Lalit Great Eastern

Date : 4th July, 2023

Time: 6.30 PM

Rotary Club of Calcutta held its 104th Installation with traditional pomp & splendour with 150 & more guests attending in a Dress Code of Black & Gold. Even the 'Rain Gods' blessed the occasion, letting not a single drop of rain from sun-up on that day till sun-down the next. The Guests including Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, DG, DG Elect, DG Nominee, PDGs, District Officials, Club member Rotarians, and their spouses, were diligently ushered in by a team of lady Rotarians and R Anns led by Rtn Satarupa, and the Moderator, non-other than experienced PP Sujata, commenced the proceedings on the dot at 6.30 p.m.

Outgoing President Raj Agrawal commenced the formal RWM with a warm welcome to all guests & dignitaries, followed by the National Anthem led by Rtns Anusua Das. In a brief address he described the achievements of the year which culminated in

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"The Lion" Award symbolising best Club in the district being retained by the club, and expressed his gratitude by profusely thanking all club members for this achievement. He then announced Rtn. Abhijit Kolay as the recipient of Rotarian Par Excellence Award, and Rtn. Arindam as the Rotarian of the Year. He then announced Rtn. Kanak Dutt as the President of the Club for Year 23-24 and installed him by exchange of Collar & Charter, to a standing ovation from the entire audience.

In his inaugural address the newly installed President Kanak Dutt, having welcomed all district officials and dignitaries, mentioned the symbolic reason for having the installation on 4th July being the American Independence Day, the nation from which the Rotary movement originates. He then requested the DG and other members on the dais for the ceremonial Lighting of the



Lamp, with RAnn Tamali and Rtn Ravindra doing the invocation. He appreciated with deep regards the achievements of PP Raj Agrawal, who has raised the bar and had touched the lives of hundreds with his Service to the Community. He

introduced his Board Members and the Committee Chairpersons individually. He then expressed his Vision, voicing RIP's statement of "Creating Hope", specifically in marginalised society, with the Founding Pillars of Education, Health, and Sustainable Development. He elaborated his Top Line service Projects for the year to include, amongst others:

- i) Blood Bank – the Presidential Project
- ii) Siksha Labh – phase 3
- iii) Trishna – phase 3
- iv) Akriti (prosthetic limbs) – phase 2

This was followed by new member induction – Ms Sonia Dutt, and felicitation of PDG Prabhat Rohatgi and RAnn Sashi Rohatgi, for their decades of guidance, mentoring and nurturing extended to the club. President also felicitated Ms Mithu Mukherjee, former skipper, coach & trainer of Indian Cricket team for exemplary services.



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Moderator then broadcast RIP's video message on wide screen, where RIP Gordon McNally compared Rotarians as people of Action & Purpose, mentioned successes in Polio eradication and Women empowerment, and implored all to Create Hope in the world. Moderator then arranged a special message from RID Aniruddha Roychowdhury, read out by Rtn Arindam, where RID congratulated RC Calcutta on its illustrious journey over its life of 103 years and expressed his good wishes in its journey ahead. Secretary Sarvani Gooptu then quickly concluded the Club business, after having thanked the club, past President, and the Secretary, for the trust bestowed on her. This was followed by an excellent & appropriate dance recital by Rtn Preeti Patel, dance entitled Vishnu Bandana – a prayer to Lord Vishnu seeking Peace and Happiness, a performance which was loudly applauded by all present.

At the request of the President, Guest of Honour Jhulan Goswami addressed the gathering, who in her brief speech expressed joy at receiving the honour from the legacy club, which is synonymous with service to community.

Moderator then announced the MOU signing for the Blood Bank project and Dr Sujoy Chakraborty, Chairperson, Howrah Municipal Corporation, and his team, along with President Kanak Dutt and Rtn Arindam amongst others, jointly signed the MOU. This Blood Bank, the years Presidential project, will be the first of its kind in District 3291, benefiting primarily Thalassaemia patients, and is structured as a Global Grant with an Australian Club as international partner. The signing received a standing ovation from District officials and all present.

At the President's request DG Hiralal Yadav then delivered his address. After customary congratulation of the club's office bearers, their dedication, and their success, and encouraging them in the forward journey, he stated his focus areas :

- i) Membership growth – more members imply more service to marginalised section; suggested if clubs have restriction of members beyond a certain number, they may open avenues for new clubs, more so for RC Calcutta which has given charter to 30 odd clubs.
- ii) Projects – community-based places with objective of bringing smiles to faces of under privileged; he mentioned service projects, stating he has identified 141 projects which is mentioned in his book titled 'Project Guide Book' from which they may pick & choose. He appreciated the Blood Bank project which he disclosed PRIP Shekhar Mehta had visited and okayed in principle.
- iii) Foundation contribution – he emphasised DDF funding which comes back four-fold after 3 years.

"Changing Lives" should be our motto for imaginative projects, and stated that 'child ill-fed, uneducated, in ill-health' should be targeted at "Zero". Resounding clapping expressed the audiences' appreciation of DG's talk.

Moderator then announced the much awaited regular installation feature of Toast to Ladies –

- i) Rtn Dr Sandip Chatterjee raised the toast by pointing to the word "charming" – whom he refers to as the 'advantaged disadvantaged'. The basic difference is in 'X' and 'Y' chromosomes and their respective 'gene' composition; however, he clarified that in our locality (state of WB) the number of Goddess worshipped far exceed the number of Gods with perhaps Lord Vishwakarma being the solitary god popularly worshipped.
- ii) Rtn Dr Nandini Ray in responding to the Toast stated this is not a debate but rather an emotional connect, and quoting Joseph Conrad said it's not too difficult a task to stand up to a tall & square 'college scare'; rather she praised the President and past Presidents in achieving excellence, which is never an 'accident' nor a 'chance', but a calculated choice among alternatives.

In conclusion both Dr Chatterjee and Dr Ray 'Raised a Toast'.

President Elect Subrata De delivered a detailed vote of thanks, after which President Kanak Dutt remembered the good wishes from Rotary International (Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland RI Dist. 1020), before adjourning the meeting and inviting all present for an elaborate fellowship and a gala dinner.

(Reported by Amit Ghosh, Club Correspondent)

A very pertinent excerpt from President Kanak Dutt's speech - Editor.

"The theme for this Rotary year 'Create Hope In The World' signifies the essence of Rotary's mission and serves as a powerful reminder of the impact we can make as Rotarians. Creating hope means reaching out to the marginalized, offering them support, opportunities, and a chance for a better future. Creating hope is not a solitary endeavour. It requires collaboration, compassion, and a shared vision. Through our collective efforts, we can tackle the pressing issues of our time, such as poverty, illiteracy, and lack of access to healthcare. Let us embrace the Rotary theme 'Create Hope in the World' as a guiding principle in our actions and endeavours."

DG HIRA LAL YADAV



In his speech, DG Hira Lal Yadav commended the Rotary Club of Calcutta for pioneering the Rotary movement in Asia and sponsoring numerous clubs across the continent. He emphasized the need to enhance membership and proposed sponsoring new clubs to achieve this. The DG praised the club for initiating a Blood Bank project and stressed the importance of projects being sustainable, need-based, and impactful. He announced the release of his book, which provides a list of projects for clubs to choose from. The DG highlighted the transformative power of contributions to the Rotary Foundation, emphasizing how they create hope and change lives in the community, country, and world. Some images from his own installations as DG on 1 July at the G D Birla Sabhaghar are alongside.

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FELICITATIONS

There were those that were felicitated, honored and toasted!



AND THE AUDIENCE

All the lovely folk enjoying the moment



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PRITI'S INVOCATION



Whenever we embark on a new beginning or a new venture we seek blessings for success and prosperity. In the melodious chants I invoke Vishnu for success at every step and Lakshmi to shower us with prosperity and wellbeing. The noble work done by Rotary around the world is monumental. The continuous sustained contribution by the members is very commendable. Many

congratulations to Kanakda, Sarvani Di and their team and wishing them every success in taking this legacy forward.

(From Rtn Priti Patel)

INNER WHEEL – RTN. ROSHNI GANGULY

Rtn. Roshni Ganguly was sworn in as the Centenary President of the Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta on 6 July 2023. President Kanak Dutt addressed the gathering and felicitated Roshni on this glorious occasion. Others present included Rtns. IPP Raj Agrawal, PP Sujata Pyne, Sriranjani Joshi, HIRAK Ray, Abhijit Kolay, Shantanu Deb Mookerjee, Amitava Sinha, Niraj Saraf, Anusua Das and First Gentleman of Inner Wheel, Rtn Indrajit Ganguly.



FAMILY OF ROTARY – OUR RTNS EXCEL ON STAGE!



The Calcutta Club presented the play "Dhoan" at G D Birla Sabhaghar on 30 June, featuring the noteworthy performances of our club members HIRAKda and RAnn Sambhi. HIRAK played the role of Manglu Sardar, a Santhal leader in the coal mining labour community, while RAnn Sambhi portrayed the character of Munia, Manglu's daughter. Both actors delivered exceptional performances, capturing the essence of their characters, and showcasing their talent for expressing the Santhal dialect authentically. The play itself was a serious and thought-provoking production, delving into humanity and the opposing forces it faces. I was privileged to be in the audience.

ROTARY BLOOD BANK – PRESIDENTIAL PROJECT



Pertinent to mention here that President Kanak Dutt is avowedly healthcare centric. In an early journey on this path, he managed the Rotary Healthcare Centre at Pratapaditya Road. An image and article from The Chaka dated 28 May 1991 is alongside.

It comes as no surprise hence that the Presidential Project for the year is Blood Bank. The project is already making waves. An MOU with Howrah Municipality was signed on 4 July, during the Installation evening. President Kanak Dutt requests generous donations. The following have already committed :

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Arindam Roy Chowdhury ❖ Dr. Sourabh Khemani ❖ Sonal Worah ❖ Nilima Joshi ❖ Hirak Sen ❖ B. K. Dalmia ❖ Kirit Patel ❖ Abhijit Kolay ❖ AB4 ❖ Soumen Ray | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Anita Jain ❖ Roshni Ganguly ❖ Sarvani Gooptu ❖ Heena Gorsia ❖ Hirak Ray ❖ Udit Mitra ❖ Shaswati Roy Chowdhury ❖ Debasish Mitra ❖ Atindra Nath Sen ❖ Shailendra Gupta | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Anand V Bhuwalka ❖ Anita Jain ❖ Dr Sanjay Kumar ❖ Dr Jayanta Roy ❖ Krishna Kolay ❖ Pranab Sarkar ❖ Ranjita Mazumdar ❖ Sonia Dutt ❖ Purnendu Roychowdhury ❖ Dr Abhrajit Ray ❖ Dr Nandini Ray |
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REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (04.07.2023)	
Total Members	: 244
Members Present	: 64
Exempted Members	: 63
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	: 71

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We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Singapore,
R. I. Dist. 3310

Birthdays

Dr. Ramaditya Ray	12th July
Sriranjani Joshi	12th July
Ravi Bhartia	14th July
Amrita Banerjee	14th July
Prabhat Krishna Rohatgi	14th July
Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee	14th July
Jai Kumar Surana	15th July

Wish you many happy returns of the day

Wedding Anniversaries

M.L. Pachisia & R-Ann Monorama
11th July
Vijay Kumar Patodia & R-Ann Shraddha
12th July
Mrinal Kanti Lodh & R-Ann Tapati
15th July

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

TODAY

CLOSED DOOR MEETING

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting - Tuesday, 18th July, 2023 at 1 p.m. at Rotary Sadan
Speaker : Shivani Binrajka, Stride Exim Pvt. Ltd.

RESIGNATION

The Board accepted the Resignation of Rtn. Dr. Joydeep Das at the Board meeting held on 26th June, 2023 with effect from 27.06.2023.

CLASSIFICATION SURVEY

To facilitate the ongoing Annual Classification Survey, members are requested to kindly suggest any new Classification to be opened in line with new and emerging professions and disciplines by 12th August, 2023. For any change in their own classification, members may write with reasons for change for consideration of the Classification Committee and the Board urgently, but not late than 12th August, 2023.

WELCOME GREEN BADGERS



JAYANTA NARAYAN CHATTERJEE

Legal Practice – Criminal

Date on induction : 29th June, 2023

Date of Birth : 12th January, 1971

Advocate, High Court, Kolkata Bar Association, Room No. 14 (Ground Floor)
High Court, Kolkata – 700 001

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E-mail: jn-chatterjee@yahoo.com

Residence : 5, Samajgarh, P.O. Regent Park, Kolkata – 700 040

Tel: 2414-2609, **Wedding** : 02.07.2001

Spouse : Ahitagni, **Children** : One



PROMITA SAHA

Advertising - Agency

Date on induction : 29th June, 2023

Date of Birth : 19th February, 1980

Vice-President, Karukrit Advertising Pvt. Ltd
13A, Madan Mohan Tala Street, Kolkata – 700 005

Tel : 033 – 2554 1512

Mob: 9831055144 / 6290575266

E-mail : promita@gmail.com, **Residence** : Merlin Lake View Apartments, Flat B-3, 104, Bidhannagar Road, Kolkata – 700 067

Wedding : 06.05.2013, **Spouse** : Mr. Kumardip Khan

Hobbies : Reading, **Children** : Two



MAHESH PANSARI

Real Estate Development

Date on induction : 29th June, 2023

Date of Birth : 9th April, 1977

Director, Primarc Projects Pvt. Ltd.
Plot No. 1, Block LA -1, Sector III
Salt Lake City, (Opp : SAI Football Complex)

Beside Sikkim House, Kolkata – 700 098

Tel : 033-3502-7222, **Mob**: 9830076302

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Residence : 7, Love Lock Street, Kolkata – 700 019

Wedding : 17th January, **Spouse** : Pooja

Hobbies : Reading & squash, **Spouse Hobbies** : Music & Singing, **Children** : One Son



SONIA DUTT

Jewellery – Dist.

Date on induction : 4th July, 2023

Date of Birth : 3rd December 1986

Director, Benud Behari Dutt Pvt. Ltd
9/12, Lal Bazar Street
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Mob: 9830543967

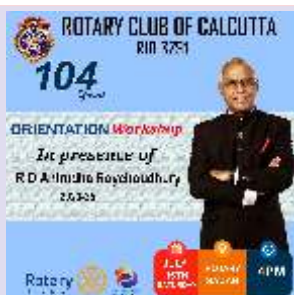
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FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 2023

Day	Date	Programmes / Events	Time	Venue
Tuesday	11.07.23	Regular Weekly Meeting (Closed Door Meeting)	1.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (Second floor)
Tuesday	18.07.23	Regular Weekly meeting Speaker : Shivani Binrajka, Stride Exim Pvt Ltd	1.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (Second Floor)
Tuesday	25.07.23	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Mrs Alakananda Ray Classical Dancer and Social Activist (Followed by Fellowship and Dinner.)	6.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor Hall)



ORIENTATION WORKSHOP

Orientation Programme by RID Rtn Anirudha Roychoudhury for Club officials 2023-24 and 2024-25, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Co chairs will be held on Saturday, 15 July 2023 at Rotary Sadan, 2nd Floor at 4 p. m. onwards.

MINUTES OF THE 104TH INSTALLATION MEETING HELD ON 4TH JULY, 2023 AT LALIT GREAT EASTERN HOTEL AT 6.30 P.M.

1. President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal (2022-23) welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4905th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. At the request of the President, Rtn. Anusua Das led the National Anthem.
3. The Minutes of the 4904th meeting of the Club held on 29th June, 2023 at Rotary Sadan were confirmed.
4. President then welcomed Chief Guest Dist. Governor Rtn Hira Lal Yadav, Guest of Honour, Padmasree Jhulan Goswami and Dist. Officials, Rtn-Anns, Members and Guests.
5. President Rtn Raj Kumar Agrawal then announced that PP Rtn. Abhijit Kolay was nominated for the B K Rohatgi Award of the Rotarian Par Excellence for the Rotary year 2022-23. He also announced the name of Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury as Rotarian of the year 2022-23 and handed over the mementoes to them.
6. After that President Raj Kumar Agrawal gave his presentation speech and notable achievements during the Rotary year 2022-23 with a slideshow.
7. President 2022-23 Raj Kumar Agrawal then installed the President 2023-24 Rtn. Kanak Dutt and handed over the President's Collar, Hammer and Gavel. Dist. Governor Rtn Hiralal Yadav handed over the Club Charter to President Rtn Kanak Dutt.
8. Inauguration lamp was lit by the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, and the Immediate Past President Rtn. Raj Kumar Agarwal, President Rtn. Kanak Dutt, President Elect Rtn. Subrata De along with Invocation by R-Ann Tamali Ray and Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal.
9. President Rtn Kanak Dutt welcomed Chief Guest Dist. Governor Rtn Hira Lal Yadav, Guest of Honour Padmasree Jhulan Goswami, Dist. First Lady R-Ann Deepali Yadav, all Past Dist. Governors, Dist. Officials, R-Anns, members of the Club and guests.
10. President Rtn. Kanak Dutt felicitated with a Silver Salver, the IPP Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal and Immediate Past Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma was felicitated by Hony. Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu, as token of love from the Club and appreciation for their outstanding services to the Club in the Rotary year 2022-23. R-Ann Asha Agrawal, First Lady of the Club 2022-23 was felicitated by Rtn Sarvani Gooptu, Hony. Secretary.
11. At the request of the President, Rtn Yogesh Dassani showed the welcome address by R I President Rtn. Gordon R. McNally which was displayed on the LED Screen where he conveyed greetings to the President. Rtn Yogesh Dassani played a slide show about the upcoming Projects of the Club.
12. President Rtn. Kanak Dutt introduced the members of the Board and Committee Chairpersons for the Rotary year 2023-24.
13. President then gave his Inaugural Address to the gathering and presented his Mission and Vision for the Rotary year 2023-24.
14. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Sarvani Gooptu conducted the Club business.
15. President then felicitated Seniormost Rotarian and Senior Past District Governor Prabhat K. Rohatgi. President requested all present to offer a standing ovation in his honour and felicitated him with a memento which has embedded on it the picture of Paul P. Harris, the Founder of Rotary. PDG Rtn Rohatgi then delivered his inspirational speech to the gathering.
16. At the request of the President, Centennial President Rtn Purnendu Roy Choudhury introduced his candidate Ms. Sonia Dutt. At the request of the President, PDG Rtn. Prabhat K Rohatgi inducted Ms. Sonia Dutt as a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, in presence of DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav and District First Lady newly inducted Rtn Sonia Dutt was pinned with Rotary Membership Badge.
17. At the request of the President, Rtn. Preeti Patel Mehrotra presented the invocation. After her presentation Rtn Preeti Patel Mehrotra was felicitated by R-Ann Sucharita Roy Choudhury with a Silver show piece.
18. At the request of the President, Padmasree Ms. Jhulan Goswami delivered inspirational and motivating speech to the gathering. After that President felicitated her with a Plaque.
19. Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury delivered the inspirational message of RID Rtn Aniruddha Roychowdhury. Rtn Kanak Dutt felicitated R-Ann Shipra Roychowdhury, wife of Rtn Aniruddha Roychowdhury and R-Ann Shipra Roychowdhury also felicitated and congratulated the President.
20. At the request of the President, Dist. Governor Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav released Members Roster for the Rotary year 2023-24.
21. At the request of President, Dist. Governor Rtn Hira Lal Yadav addressed the gathering. The President then felicitated District Governor with a Paul P. Harris embedded plaque.
22. The Dist. First Lady R-Ann Deepali Yadav was felicitated by Past Hony. Secretary Rtn Sritranjani Joshi with a Silver showpiece.
23. Memorandum of Understanding for Rotary Blood Bank in association with Howrah Municipal Corporation sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta and Rotary Club of Dubbo was signed in presence of Dist. Governor. On behalf of the Club the President thanked Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury for his dedicated and sincere efforts for the Rotary Blood Bank as it was the first in the Dist. 3291. Thereafter two dignitaries of the Howrah Municipal Corporation were felicitated with gifts and then they delivered their valuable talk about Rotary Club of Calcutta Blood Bank.
24. At the request of the President, Rtn. Dr. Sandip Chatterjee proposed a Toast to the Ladies which was replied to by Rtn. Dr. Nandini Ray. Rtn Dr. Chatterjee was felicitated by President and Rtn Dr. Ray was felicitated by Hony. Secretary.
25. A Cheque for Rs. 83,000/- (Rupees Eighty-Three Thousand Only) was received by the President from Rtn. Kirit Patel as contribution for the Paul Harris Society.
26. At request of the President, the President-Elect Rtn Subrata De offered a Vote of Thanks on behalf of the Club.
27. The President announced the Sunshine Box Collection is Rs. 28,500/- (Rupees Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Only).
28. President raised Toast to the President of India.
29. The Club remembered with good wishes to Rotary Club of South Queens Ferry, Scotland R I Dist. 1020, home Club of R I President 2023-24.
30. President then requested all present to join for Fellowship and Dinner.
31. Meeting was adjourned at 9.05 p.m.

Kanak Dutt
President

Sarvani Gooptu
Hony. Secretary