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## SHIVANI BINRAJKA

### Reinstating the Dignity of Women

Shivani is a remarkable individual who wears many hats and embodies the true spirit of versatility and expertise. A person of immense knowledge and diverse experiences, Shivani's journey is nothing short of extraordinary. With a commerce postgraduate degree and an advanced diploma in Banking and Finance, she possesses a solid foundation in the world of business and finance. But her contributions extend far beyond the realm of numbers and spreadsheets. Shivani is a proud member of the Bharat Chamber of Commerce, specifically the Ladies' Forum. Shivani's commitment to creating a positive impact on society is exemplified through her involvement with the Prayatan

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Foundation, a remarkable NGO focused on Educational Equilibrium, Equal Rights for Women, and Healthcare for all. Shivani's professional journey is equally impressive. She began her career as a dedicated schoolteacher, and today her repertoire includes an associateship with PWC, and significant leadership roles throughout her career, including her tenure as Chief of Quality Control at AAL Toys. Currently, Shivani serves as the Imports Head of Strides Exim, where her vast expertise and experience continue to shine.

## RIP Gordon R. McNally 2023-24 presidential initiatives



Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally is passionate about mental health and helping remove the stigma that sometimes prevents people from getting quality care. During this year, Gordon will focus on three initiatives that Create Hope in the World : prioritizing mental health, building peace through virtual exchanges, and empowering girls.

## Mega Health Check Up Camp – Jorasanko, 13 July 2023. Avenue of Service : Community; Area of Focus : Fighting Disease.



A Mega Health check-up Camp was held on 13th July in Jorasanko area, by a team of Doctors of RC Calcutta led by Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha. Approximately 350 Patients could be treated at the camp and many more attended. The selfless service of the eminent Doctors of our club Dr. Ajay Agarwal, Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay, Dr



Pratibha Pradhan, Dr Parthajit Das, Dr Chandrasekhar  
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Dhar and Dr Sukalyan Purkayastha made the programme a success.

President Kanak Dutta, Secretary Sarvani Gooptu with 15 more Rotarians attended the event. Green Badger Promita Saha successfully planned the camp with the able support of Partha Mukherjee and the Health Committee headed by Ayusmati Thakur.



Reported by Secretary Sarvani Guptoo with inputs from Rtn Partha Mukherjee

**Siksha Labh – Baghajatin Balika Vidyalaya, 14 July 2023**  
**Avenue of Service : Community; Area of Focus : Supporting Education**



The first project of SIKSHA Labh-3 for the Rotary year 2023-24, under Literacy & Education at Baghajatin Balika Vidyalaya( H.S.), Baghajatin Kolkata was inaugurated by President Kanak Dutt on 14.07.2023 in the presence of our club members. Several Rotarians and Family members were present in the ceremony. This school was established in the year 1952.

Presently the school has a strength of 700 students coming from the nearby areas of Baghajatin / Jadavpur. In this project a Computer Lab has been created with an installation of 10 new Computer Sets along with 10 UPS. The computer lab will benefit around 700 students with basic computer education every month.

President Kanak Dutt inaugurated the lab alongwith Secretary Sarvani Gooptu and Rtns Abhijit Kolay, Hirak Ray, Debjani Ghosh, Udit Mitra (with Ann Sanjukta Mitra), Sonia Dutt and Ruchika Majumdar.



Reported by Chair Community Service Rtn Yogesh Dassani  
 That's how he prefers to write his name. Future PHS doubtlessly! Ed

**Blood Donation Camp At Silver Point School, A Homage to Visionary Founder**  
**9 July 2023 Avenue of Service : New Generation; Area of Focus : Fighting Disease**



President Rtn Kanak praised the Blood Donation Camp organized by R-Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury, Principal of the Silver Point School, and the Interact Club of the school along with the Rotary Club of Calcutta through the Youth Service Chair Rtn Saswati Mukherjee and Co-Chair Rtn Chandreyee Das. This event was held at the school premises on 9th July 2023. The President and other Rotarians joined the blood donation camp where he delivered a speech and was felicitated by the Principal. The Camp had 51 donors for whom the President organized food packets on behalf of the Club. Secretary Sarvani Gooptu, Saswati Mukherjee, Youth Service Chair, Yogesh Dassani, Community Service Chair, Dr. Ayusmati Thakur, Healthcare Chair, Debjani Ghose and Sonia Dutt attended. Debjani and Sonia were donors.

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51 donors, including ex-students, parents, students, teachers, people of the locality, selflessly donated blood. Each donor received a certificate for donating blood voluntarily. The collected blood was sent to Ashok Laboratory.



Reports received from Secretary Sarvani Guptoo and Interact Club of Silver Point School

## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENDANCE REPORT (11.07.2023)

Total Members	:	245
Members Present	:	54
Exempted Members	:	63
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	0

### TODAY

Speaker : Shivani Binrajka, Stride Exim Pvt. Ltd.

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 25th July, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.

Speaker : Ms. Alokandara Ray, Classical Dancer, and Social Activist

Followed by Fellowship and Dinner.

### REPORT

The Club organised an "Orientation Workshop" conducted by RID Rtn Anirudha Roychoudhury for Club Officials 2023-24 and 2024-25, Board Members, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs on Saturday, 15 July 2023 at Rotary Sadan at 4 pm onwards.

### 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 later than 12th August, 2023.



### ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes  
Rotary Club of Vasai, Mumbai,  
R. I. Dist. 3141

### Birthdays

Amit Ghosh	20th July
Sujata Pyne	23rd July
Udit Chand Mitra	23rd July

Wish you many happy returns of the day

### Wedding Anniversaries

Dr. Dipanwita Hazari & Dr. Partha  
18th July

Abhijit Kolay & R-Ann Krishna  
20th July

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

## FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JULY, 2023

Day	Date	Programmes / Events	Time	Venue
Tuesday	25.07.23	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Mrs Alokandara Ray Classical Dancer and Social Activist (Followed by Fellowship and Dinner).	6.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (Ground floor Hall)

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**ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CLUB HELD ON 11 JULY 2023**

1. President Rtn Kanak Dutt invited some members to the top table.
2. He then called the meeting to order.
3. At the President's request, Rtn Ruchika Mazumdar and Rtn Sonia Dutt jointly led the National Anthem.
4. Minutes of the 4905th RWM of the Club held on 4 July 2023 were confirmed.
5. President was delighted to recall the events of the 104th Installation meeting, deeply appreciating the efforts of everyone who made the event a success. The gracious presence of First Lady R Ann Pranati Dutt thereat was gratefully acknowledged.
6. President reported the first Interact Project of the year conducted by R-Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury supported by the Youth Service Committee (Chair - Rtn Saswati Mukherjee), which was a Blood Donation Camp at Silver Point School. 51 voluntary donors donated blood.
7. The President felicitated and recognized the contributions of Rtn Kirit Patel and Rtn Admiral Rajeev Paralikar for their contribution of 1,000 dollars each to the Paul Harris Society for the Rotary year (2023-24) and handed over the certificates to them.
8. President then invited Hony. Secretary Sarvani Gooptu to conduct the Club business.
9. **Hony Secretary announced the following :**
  - a) A Medical Camp will be conducted by the Club in association with Hemjyoti Foundation at Pratistha Community Hall, Raja Nabakrishna Street, Sovabazar at 11 am on 13 July 2023. This was to be organized by Rtn Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha and Rtn Partha Mukherjee supported by the Healthcare Committee (Chair - Dr. Ayusmati Thakur). Several of our Doctor members are volunteering in various disciplines in this Health Check Up Camp and all Rotarians were requested to join.
  - b) The first Siksha Labh project – for installation of computers at Bagha Jatin Balika Vidyalaya, Bagha Jatin Bazar Road, Chittaranjan Colony, Sarada Pally, Kolkata-700092. She requested all members to join this Literacy intervention project being conducted by the Community Service committee (Chair Yogesh Dassani).
  - c) An orientation workshop will be conducted by RID Anirudha Roychowdhury on 15th July at Rotary Sadan at 4pm and all are requested to attend this important workshop.
10. Hony. Secretary conveyed greetings to all members and spouses for their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries coming up in the forthcoming week.
11. Hony. Secretary mentioned that the next RWM will be held on 18 July 2023 at Rotary Sadan 2nd Floor at 1.30 pm preceded by lunch at 1 pm. The speaker for the day is Ms Shivani Binrajka of Strides Exim Ltd. The subject is 'Reinstating the Dignity of Women'.
12. Hony Secretary recorded the decision of the Board at its meeting held on 26th June, to accept the resignation of Rtn Dr. Joydeep Das.
13. President then conducted the "Closed Door Meeting."
14. President announced Sunshine Box collection of Rs 1000, with a special contribution from PDG Prabhat Rohatgi and Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee.
15. The President remembered with good wishes the Rotary Club of Singapore, R.I. District 3310.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm.

**Kanak Dutt**  
President

**Sarvani Gooptu**  
Hony. Secretary