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Rtn. Dr. Parthajit Das is a highly accomplished and respected Consultant Rheumatologist with extensive experience in managing various rheumatic and musculoskeletal conditions. Dr. Parthajit Das currently serves as a Consultant Rheumatologist at Apollo Gleneagles Hospital. Additionally, he holds the position of Assistant Professor in Medicine (Rheumatology unit) at Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan. He has worked as a Consultant Rheumatologist in the United Kingdom, with appointments at prestigious institutions such as Kings College Hospital in London and Kettering General Hospital. Dr. Das was recognized for his clinical leadership during his tenure in the UK. He was nominated as the Clinical Lead for the management of the osteoporosis and metabolic bone service in Northamptonshire, highlighting his expertise in this area.

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He has made significant contributions to the field of rheumatology through his research. Dr. Das has published his work in several peer-reviewed and international journals, indicating his commitment to advancing medical knowledge in his specialty. He also serves as a peer reviewer for prominent international journals like Clinical Rheumatology, International Journal of Clinical Practice, and the American College of General Practitioners.

Dr. Das's dedication to medical education is evident through his roles as the "Teaching Lead" for medical students at Kettering General Hospital and his recognition as an "Honorary Lecturer" at the University Hospitals of Leicester. He was honoured with Fellowships from the Royal College of Physicians in both Edinburgh (2017) and London (2018), highlighting his commitment to professional excellence. Since 2018, Dr. Das has been serving as an MRCP (Membership of the Royal Colleges of Physicians) examiner, contributing to the assessment and certification of medical professionals. Dr. Das's expertise extends to global health initiatives. He was invited to join the WHO Peer Review Group for Musculoskeletal Conditions, where he is actively involved in the development of the WHO's Package of Interventions for Rehabilitation.

Eye Check-up Camp : Shyamaprasad College, Hazra Road, Kolkata 11 Sept. 2023 : AOS Community; AOF Fighting Disease



In a back-to-back series of three, an eye check-up camp was organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta on the 11th of September, 2023 at Syamaprasad College, Hazra Road, Kolkata. It was a joint program by the Literacy and Community Service Committees. The UGC NAAC accredited College has Arts, Science and Commerce faculties. Around 90 students from

various departments and 10 teachers and staff were tested by the team of doctors and medical students from George group of Colleges. Necessary remedies, including the need for glasses, were suggested by the team of doctors. President Rtn. Kanak Dutta, Hony. Secy. Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu, Rtn. Kirit Patel, Community Service Chairperson Yogesh Dassani attended the camp. The Camp was inaugurated by the Rotary President and the Vice Principal of the College, Dr S. Yadava and senior Professors who stressed the need for more awareness among students regarding eye care and eye check-up for prevention of serious eye ailments.

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Kolkata's Vulnerability to Climate Change : A Looming Crisis - A wake up call : RWM 12 Sept. 2023 : Mr. Ajay Mittal



Kolkata, the vibrant cultural capital of India, is at the forefront of climate change vulnerabilities. With a projected 4.5-degree Celsius increase in temperature by 2100, a surge in cyclones and sea levels as per the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and recent alarming weather patterns, the city faces an unprecedented environmental challenge. In 2023, Kolkata experienced a staggering 57-day rainless streak, an ominous sign of changing climate patterns. This prolonged dry spell hints at the impending water scarcity that could threaten millions of residents. Additionally, the Bay of Bengal, adjacent to Kolkata, is a hotbed for absorbing global warming heat. The city's proximity to this heat reservoir places it among the top 10 cities worldwide facing multifaceted climate risks. The Sundarbans, the world's cyclone capital, is located nearby, making Kolkata susceptible to devastating cyclonic events. The 2020 Cyclone Amphan wreaked havoc, causing \$15 billion in losses in India and

Bangladesh. As climate change intensifies, such occurrences could become more frequent and severe. Kolkata's green and open spaces are diminishing rapidly compared to other urban centres, exacerbating heat islands and air quality issues. The city has also earned a dubious distinction as one of the world's top 10 most polluted cities, with dire consequences for public health.

However, Kolkata's resilience shines through in its commendable public transport system and the growing awareness of climate issues among its citizens and youth. This grassroots engagement is a glimmer of hope, driving the city toward sustainable solutions. To combat climate change effectively, Kolkata must embrace circularity over linear consumption. Encouraging practices like recycling, reusing, and reducing waste can mitigate environmental stress. In conclusion, Kolkata stands on the precipice of an environmental crisis. To secure its future, the city must take swift and comprehensive action to address the challenges posed by rising temperatures, cyclones, sea-level rise, and pollution. Through collective effort and a commitment to circular practices, Kolkata can turn the tide and emerge as a model of climate resilience for the world to follow.

Reported by AB4, Editor

Rtn. Rajeev Paralikar's goodwill visit to 101-year-old Club in The Netherlands



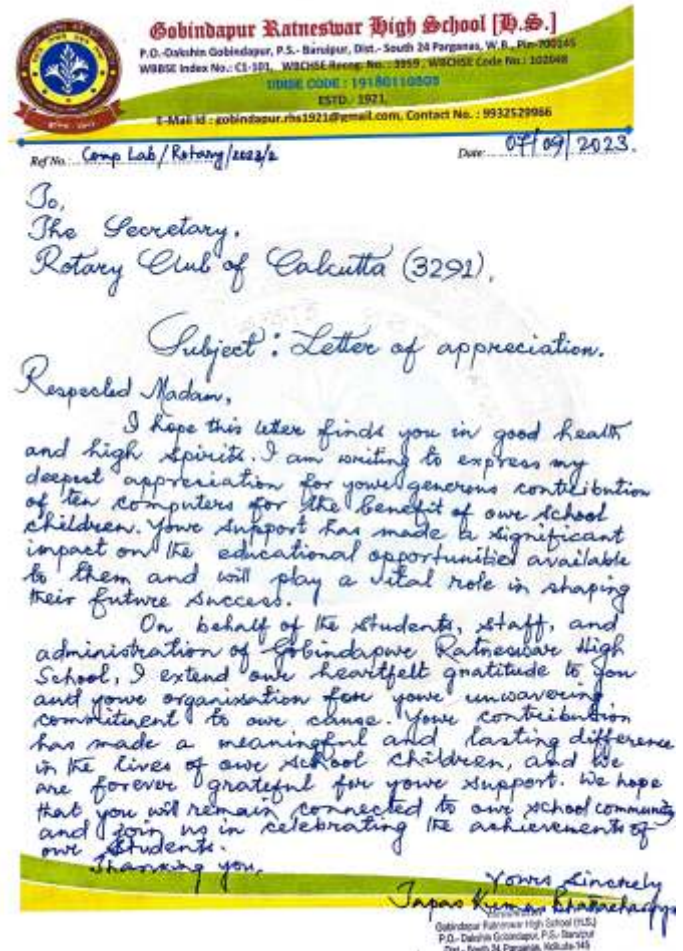
On Tuesday, 12 Sep 23, I paid a 'Goodwill Visit' to RC Amsterdam. This **101 years old Rotary Club in The Netherlands, is their 'Numero Uno'**. At the RWM, I spoke about the 'Circle of Centennial Rotary Clubs' (CCRC) established at Kolkata in February 2020, its 'Aims and

Growth to-date'. I have also shared the 'White Paper' on CCRC and an 'Application Form' for joining the CCRC with Rtn Bernadette de Bruin, President RY (2023-24) of RC Amsterdam. I had paid a 'Goodwill Visit' to this Club in 2017 and handed a Banner of RC Calcutta to the incumbent President of the Club. Therefore, this year, I presented two copies of 'The Chaka' to President Bernadette and have also shared a Soft Copy of 'The Chaka' dated 12 Sep. 23.

Reported by Rtn Rajeev Paralikar

Family of Rotary

We are proud to report that our Golfing Stalwarts HIRAK RAY and PP SATISH KAPUR were declared Winner and Runner Up respectively in Seniors' Group in the Annual Intra Club Golf Tournament of Saturday Club! Congratulations. The Old Number One is firmly fixed in the Golf firmament!



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REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (12.09.2023)

Total Members	:	242
Members Present	:	28
Exempted Members	:	68
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	2

ONE WORLD



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We remember with good wishes
Rotary Club of Battaramulla, Sri Lanka,
R. I. Dist. 3022

Birthdays

Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	22nd Sept.
Sri Prakash Jalan	23rd Sept.
Dr. Sukumar Mukherjee	23rd Sept.
Dr. Abhijit Sen	25th Sept.

Wish you many happy returns of the day

TODAY

Speaker : Rtn. Dr. Parthajit Das

REPORTS

- On 16th September, 2023 - The Shiksha Labh Project donation of Computers held at two schools at Baranagar and Belghoria by the Community Service, RCC and Vocational Service Committee at 11 a.m. onwards.
- On 17th September, 2023 - The Second Vocational Centre under the "Atmanirbhar" Project by the Special Projects Committee inaugurated at Society in Panchashayar at 11 a.m. onwards.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.
Foundation Day Celebration along with Regular Weekly Meeting followed by Dinner.
Chief Guest : Ms. Melinda Pavek, US Consul General

FIRST CLUB ASSEMBLY ON 24TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

The First Club Assembly of the Club will be held on Sunday, 24th September, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by Breakfast. Registration 9.30 a.m.

All members, especially PDGs, Past Presidents, Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, Club Officials and New Members are requested to kindly block the above date and join the important meeting. Committee Chairs are also requested to send their Committee activities reports during the first quarter of the Rotary year 2023-24 to the Hony. Secretary for the first Club Assembly.

MEMBERS' ROSTER - 2023-24

Members' Roster for the Rotary year 2023-24 is available. Members are requested to collect their copies from Club Office.

105TH FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATION

105th Foundation Day Celebration along with Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan .

Chief Guest : Ms Melinda Pavek , U S Consul General.
Guest of Honour : Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav, District Governor, RID 3291

The Meeting will be followed by fellowship and dinner.
You are requested to attend the meeting with your spouse.

Forthcoming Meetings / Events

Day & Date	Programmes	Project & Timing
Tuesday, 26th September, 2023	Foundation Day Celebration along with Regular Weekly Meeting	6 .30 p.m. onwards. Speaker : Ms. Melinda Pavek, US Consul General. Followed by Fellowship and Dinner. Please attend with your Spouse.
Sunday, 1st October, 2023	Programme Committee will organize Cultural Programme "Agomoni" by the members and their families along with Regular Weekly Meeting.	6 p.m. onwards. Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor) Followed by Fellowship and Dinner. Please attend with your Spouse.
Tuesday, 3rd October, 2023	No Regular Weekly Meeting	
Tuesday, 10th October, 2023	Regular Weekly Meeting	1 .30 p.m. / Lunch 1 p.m. Rotary Sadan (Second Floor)
Tuesday, 17th October, 2023	Regular Weekly Meeting	1 .30 p.m. / Lunch 1 p.m. Rotary Sadan (Second Floor) Speaker : Amrita Panda
Tuesday, 24th October, 2023	No Regular Weekly Meeting Due to Durga Puja Holiday.	
Tuesday, 31st October, 2023	Regular Weekly Meeting followed by dinner	6.30 p.m onwards Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor) Speaker : Sailendra Gupta

BOARD MEETING

The Third meeting of the Board of Directors (2023-24) of the Club will be held on Monday, 25th September, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan. All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd October, 2023 as the said meeting would be held on Sunday, 1st October, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan along with Cultural Programme "Agomoni" by the members and their families, followed by Dinner. You are requested to kindly make a note it and attend the programme with your Spouse.

MINUTES OF THE 4913th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 12TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 1.30 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN

1. President, Rtn. Kanak Dutt welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 491 3th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn Anand Sharma.
3. Minutes of the 491 2th regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 5th September, 2023 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Mr Ajay Mittal, Director, India and South Asia Earth Day Organisation as the Chief Guest on that day.
5. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting. He especially welcomed Rtn Sumit Law, of Rotary Club of Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, our sister Club.
6. **President reported the following :**
 - a) Last week three Eye Check-up Camps were organized on 8th, 9th and 11th at various Schools and Colleges as part of the Rotary Literacy month. The Camps were jointly organized by Literacy and Health Care and Community Service Committees, led by Rtn Sriranjani Joshi, Rtn Dr. Ayusmati Thakur and Rtn. Yogesh Dassani.
 - b) The first Eye Check-Up Camp was held on 8th Septmber, 2023 at All Bengal Women's Union at Eliot Road, Kolkata. 120 students were benefitted.
 - c) The 2nd Eye Check-Up Camp held on 9th September, 2023 at Lake School for girls at Lake Terrace, Kolkata. 100 students were benefitted.
 - d) The 3rd Eye Check-Up Camp held on 11th September 2023 at Ashutosh College at Hazra Road, Kolkata. 90 students and 10 staffs were benefitted.
 - e) On Sunday, 10th September, 2023 - Health Care Committee also organized Second phase of the Fibroscan Liver Test Camp for Rotarians at Rotary Sadan.
7. **President announced the following :**
 - i) On 16th September, 2023 - The Shiksha Labh Project donation of Computers would be held at two schools at Baranagar and Belghoria by the Community Service, RCC and Vocational Service Committee at 11 a.m.
 - ii) On 17th September, 2023 - The Second Vocational Centre under the "Atmanirbhar" Project by the Special Projects Committee would be inaugurated at Society in Panchashayar at 11 am.
 - iii) The third Vocational Centre would be inaugurated on 23rd September at RCC Ranihati at 11 am by the Special Projects committee.
 - iv) 105th Foundation Day Celebration of the Club will be held on Tuesday, 26th September, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan. Chief Guest : Ms. Melinda Pavak, US Consul General. The Meeting would be followed by Fellowship and Dinner and he requested members to make a note and attend with Spouse on that day.
 - v) Programme Committee would organize Cultural Programme "Agomoni" by the members and their families along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Sunday, 1st October, 2023 followed by Fellowship and Dinner. President requested members to attend with their family on that day.
 - vi) At the request of the President, PP Rtn. Saumen Ray made an announcement of the Global Grant project at Priyamvada Birla Eye Hospital, Kolkata, Visit by Donor club and Wash and Ganga project.
8. **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 18th September, 2023.
 - c) Next Weekly Meeting would be on Tuesday, 19th September, 2023 at 6.30 p.m, followed by Dinner. Speaker : Rtn. Dr. Parthajit Das.
 - d) The First Club Assembly of the Club would be held on Sunday, 24th September, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. at Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) followed by Breakfast. Registration 9.30 a.m.
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 - e) Members' Roster for the Rotary year 2023-24 is available and she requested Members to collect their copies from Club Office.
 - f) The Third Board Meeting would be held on 25th September at Rotary Sadan. All Board members were requested to note the date and attend.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Sumit Law, from Rotary club of Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, our Sister Club addressed the audience about his Club and offered joint projects with their Club.
10. At the request of the President, Rtn. Sanjib Basu introduced Mr Ajay Mittal, Chief Guest of that day.
11. At the request of the President, Mr Ajay Mittal addressed the audience on "How Vulnerable Kolkata is as a City & Need for Adoption of Circularity"
12. Questions raised by the members were answered by the Chief Guest.
13. On behalf of the Club, Rtn. Ashok Basu (AB4) offered the vote of thanks.
14. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Mr Ajay Mittal.
15. No Sunshine Box collection on that day.
16. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Inner City, India, R. I. Dist. 3291
17. Meeting was adjourned at 2.49 p.m.

Kanak Dutt
President

Sarvani Gooptu
Hony. Secretary

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