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One phrase, many meanings — what 'Jai Hind' is to us all

It is widely acknowledged that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose started and popularised 'Jai Hind' as a salutation for soldiers of his Indian National Army (INA), which fought alongside Japan in the Second World War. In 2014 book "Legendotes of Hyderabad", by Narendra Luther says that the term was coined by Zain-ul Abideen Hasan, the son of a collector from Hyderabad, who had gone to Germany to study engineering. In Germany, Hasan came in touch with Bose, left his studies and joined Bose as his secretary and interpreter.

Hasan later became a Major in the INA and participated in the war on the Burma Front. After independence, he joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), taking on the surname 'Saffrani' after the colour saffron in the Indian flag. Unlike the British Indian Army, or its successor Indian Army, both of which have been organised on the basis of caste and communities, the INA was organised on an all-India basis. Unlike 'Sat Sri Akal' or 'Salaam Alaikum' or 'Jai Ma Durge' or 'Ram Ram' which were used by different regiments of the British Indian Army from which soldiers of the INA were drawn, Bose needed a unifying greeting, one which represented the whole of India.

Hasan had initially suggested 'Hello', which was rejected by Bose. According to Anvar Ali Khan, the idea for 'Jai Hind' came to Hasan when he was wandering around the Konigsbruck POW camp. He overheard two Rajput soldiers greet each other with the slogan 'Jai Ramji ki'. That triggered off the idea of 'Jai Hindustan ki' in his mind, the phrase soon shortened to 'Jai Hind'.

This became a rousing slogan during the later stages of the independence movement, capturing the imagination of the masses. But Mahatma Gandhi was against compelling anyone to say it. A year before independence, demonstrators in Bombay who were supporting the Indian Naval Mutineers of February 1946 tried to force the locals to shout 'Jai Hind'. However, Gandhi himself immortalised the slogan when he sent a piece of crocheted cotton lace, made from a yarn spun himself, with the central motif 'Jai Hind' on it, to Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, as a wedding gift in 1947.

The 'Jai Hind' slogan also became the first commemorative postmark of independent India.

Club's Upcoming Event :

Jul 24th Blood Donation Camp at Nabarun Samity – Our Pledge towards “Zero Thalasseamia”.
1st Board Meeting at “Nihar”, Maheshtala. Hosts PP Tapan Roy & PP Timir Roy.

***RI President Jennifer Jones,
Imagines Rotary***

President Jennifer Jones, who has created history on July 1st, 2022 by becoming Rotary's first female President, wants members to imagine the possibilities in the change they can make to transform the world.

RI President Jennifer urged people to dream big and harness their connections and the power of Rotary to turn those dreams into reality.

For Rotary, “finding the right ‘part’ to engage each member should be our core function,” Jones said. “It comes down to the comfort and care of our members.”

RI President asked the incoming Governors to form at least two new innovative or cause-based clubs during their term. ***“Let's make sure we engage our members so they love their clubs and their Rotary experience,”*** she added.

Jones noted that Rotary has little time left to achieve the RI Board of Directors' goal of having women make up 30% of Rotary's members by 2023. Rotary has achieved this in more than 110 countries, she said, but it has a long way to go. ***She pointed out that Rotaract has already achieved 50% female members.***

When an organisation like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio and creating peace, she said, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen. “You don't imagine yesterday,” Jones said, “you imagine tomorrow.”

“Imagine, a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference,” RI President Jennifer concludes.

***Presidential Message - July 2022*****Jennifer Jones, President 2022-23**

Every month since I joined Rotary, I've looked forward to reading this magazine, especially the opening essay from our Rotary president. I'll admit that as much as I appreciate a digital copy, I still revel in the tactile sensation of sitting down and leafing through the glossy pages. They are a treasure trove of photos and memorable stories about our great organization — the one we all know and love. I have learned so much over the years about service projects and lives that each of you have transformed.

As a communications professional, I have longed for the day that our stories were a regular part of mainstream media and that our flagship magazine might populate doctor's offices, coffee shops, or anywhere else people sit, wait, and browse. It's great that Rotary members are



better informed about all we do, and wouldn't it be that much better if more people knew our stories.

All this was top of mind as I thought about our plans for promoting Rotary worldwide in the upcoming year. Over the next 12 months, we are going to shine a light on projects that put Rotary service on display to the world, and we are going to do it strategically. Nick and I will focus on some of the highest impact, sustainable, and scalable Rotary projects from our areas of focus in what we call the Imagine Impact Tour.

We are inviting top-tier journalists, thought leaders and influencers to use their channels to help us raise awareness by reaching people who want to serve but have not yet realized they can do it through Rotary.

But there was another important issue to consider — our carbon footprint. I take seriously Rotary's emerging leadership position on environmental issues. The example set by our members during the pandemic is fundamental to how we carve out our future.

That means we will harness digital technology to tell these stories — we will be tweeting, posting, and “going live” to anyone who will listen. We must consider our environment, and part of that means not always travelling but continuing to connect in meaningful ways as we have for the past two years.

Of course, we are social people, and we still need to be together. We simply need to be more mindful of our decisions and think about how we get together just a little bit differently. For example, if we travel to visit a project, we will plan successive visits in neighbouring areas.

So, what are your stories and who can help tell them? I hope you might consider your own Imagine Impact efforts — your story might be something you can promote just as easily on social media or during a Zoom call. Think about ways to showcase notable projects in your clubs and districts.

We all feel the impact that Rotary service and values have on us. Now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others.

District Governor, 2022-23 – Introduction

Ajoy Kumar Law was born in the renowned Bengali 'Laha' family of Kolkata.

DG Ajoy did his schooling from Hindu School, graduated with Honours in Commerce from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and completed his graduation in law from Calcutta University.

DG Ajoy is the founder Managing Director of Elcee Marketing Private Limited which is engaged in marketing pharmaceutical and allied products.

His life partner Mitali, is a Past President of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie & also a members of All India Women's Conference (AIWC). The couple is blessed with two daughters, Anupa & Anwasha.

DG Ajoy joined Rotary in 1995, was Club President in 2000-2001 and is currently a member of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie.

He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and has served Rotary District 3291 in various capacities like Director Events, District Treasurer, District Secretary Administration, Assistant Governor Administration



and Assistant Governor Service. He has attended five Rotary International Conversations in Osaka-2004, Chicago-2005, Birmingham-2009, Montreal-2010 and Bangkok-2012.

DG Ajoy is also a member of Calcutta Swimming Club and Mohun Bagan Athletic Club.

Club President, 2022 -23 - Introduction



President Abinash Kumar Singh was born to Mathura Prasad Singh & Alibash Devi on the June 1st, 1981; in the city of Kolkata. He did his B.com (Hons.) from the prestigious Calcutta University and started an early career in the Stock market. As a self-made man, his ambition soon saw him form his own company of real estate consultancy that operates pan India. He was introduced to Rotary by his dear friend PP Tanu Roy and joined Rotary Garden Reach in 2014, during PP Tanu's tenure as the Club President.

Abinash is married to the ever gracious Annu and the couple is blessed with two sweet daughters, Shreya & Sheyanshi.

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Zero Thalassaemia" - Our Pledge!

Team Rotary Garden Reach, 2022-23 starts the new Rotary Year with a signature project with above slogan at Thalassaemia Society of India (TSI), New Alipore, on July 1st, 2022.

Food packets (Secretary Rtn. Debasis Das), fruits (Rtn. Sudip Dey) and study materials (President Abinash K Singh) were provided to the patients. This has been the inauguration of year-long Blood Donation along with Thalassaemia Awareness Camps to be organised with our RCCs, Educational Institutions, Colleges, High Schools and others.

On this occasion of Doctors' Day, Club felicitated senior most member PP Rtn. Dr. JK Singh and Dr. Biswajit Sarkar of Thalassaemia Society of India.

Members present were PP Rtn. Ashfaque Ahmed, PP Rtn. Naresh Jain and PI Chair Rtn. Samiran Das. Media coverage was given in channel 'Bolo Kolkata.'



The Sunny Garden of Rotary

PP Subhojit Roy, 25th Club President of Rotary Garden Reach

The very essence of the germination of the idea of forming a Rotary Club in Garden Reach was very similar to the idea of Paul and his friends forming a Rotary Club and that is friendship and fellowship. Yes, Service too gained much importance in the succeeding years but essentially likeminded individuals, residing in the BNR Officers' Colony, Port Trust Colony, highly placed officials in offices in the locality, local entrepreneurs and businessmen of Garden Reach, Metiabruz got together 45 years back to meet and participate as a Rotary Club.

Those days were different, life was laidback and digital world was in the realms of a Star Wars movie, yet what was a marked feature was the close bonding and a family like tie between members including their immediate families. My first memories of the club and its members were those earliest years, late 70's and early 80's when we were living in the BNR Officers' colony and we were on our way out after my father and my grandfather having served BNR and SE Railways since early 1900's and so like a birthright deemed by an innocent 8 year old was extremely disturbed on



Tuesdays evening being barred entry inside the bar area of the club which was our haunt for newly introduced Campa Cola or the swadeshi drinks as mandated by the Janta Party Government. The ever vigilant Fazal 'Chacha', otherwise favourite club assistant would shoo us away so as not to disturb the serious looking faces (some of whom otherwise were friendly uncles of our colony) discussing things which sounded Hebrew and Latin to us. On a few occasions we banged the wooden/glass doors and ran



away showing our anger and disgust and later on being suitably reprimanded back home by our parents for our misdemeanour (Railway Colony kids were always taught to be extremely respectful to our 'Railway uncles and Aunties').

I am firm believer in 'Karma' and as if through some karmic intervention 25 years or little less time I was destined to be the President of the same club which I and kids of my age thought to be disturbing our domain. About that, later, but looking back I realised the founding fathers of the club realised that they area where the club existed and now has tremendous potential for service, being underbelly of Kolkata and how the story of **Rotary Garden Reach** is one of service to those who really need support, be it polio, health care, literacy, the club since the early days always put its hands up and served.

To me, the club can be divided into 3 phases, the initial one (late 70's to early 90's) was one of baby steps into fellowship and later on service, the second phase was one of the youth, the young guns blazed their way with glitz glamour and most importantly service when the club showed rest of the Rotary world that Thalassaemia was an International program and also was the only club which could boast of icons of India lending their names to the club's projects and programs, this phase also saw second generation Rotarians taking their place under the sun as members. **The third phase** of the club has been one of consolidation and growth as a club in numbers, a club which was stuck in early 30's has grown to a 40 plus club and the leadership passing on those who joined the club in the new millennium.

Personally it was a sheer honour to have led the club in its 25th year exactly 20 years back and was part of journey of blooming of 'one of the clubs' to a very 'happening' club of then D3290, from being mentored by those who were my elders in my birthplace, BNR, to being a President of the same club was a journey worth another repeat in another lifetime. Though away from the club it still is the



best Rotary memories for me, I wish Rotary Garden Reach under a young President Abinash a memorable 45th year (a milestone year) and with a major milestone approaching I am sure the young leaders and even younger past leaders shall carry forward the rich legacy of the **Shining Garden of Rotary District 3291!**

A LITTLE MORE INFO...

🌀 **When was the fifth avenue of service introduced to Rotary?**

2010.

🌀 **When was the "Service Above Self" motto first adopted by Rotary?**

1911.

🌀 **What were the four original avenues of service in Rotary?**

Club, Community, International and Vocational Service.

🌀 **In what year was the 4 Way Test officially adopted by Rotary as its standard of ethics?**

1942.

🌀 **In 1922**, it was decided that all Rotary Clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians, so the present gear wheel with 24 teeth and six spokes was adopted by

the "Rotary International Association."

- 🌀 **At the 1929 Rotary International Convention**, it was determined that blue and gold would be the official colours of the organisation, so the wheel was designed with these colours. The four blue bands within the outer radius of the gear represent our four avenues of service, and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

MINUTES OF THE 2182ND RWM HELD ON JULY 12TH, 2022 AT BNR OFFICERS' CLUB, GARDEN REACH

1. President called the RWM to order and requested members to rise for the National Anthem.
2. July 24th, Blood Donation Camp at Nabarun Samity, Maheshtala from 1030 am onwards to support our cause "Zero Thalassaemia" - Our pledge. Inner Wheel Garden Reach will provide for the 100 food packets.
3. President formed a committee to support and facilitate our signature cause, "Zero Thalassaemia" - Our pledge.
4. PP Tanu, Chair-45th Club Installation discussed and shared the plans and programs of the same with the members.
5. 1st Board Meeting will be held on July 24th at "Nihar", Maheshtala. Hosts are PP Tapan K Roy & PP Timir Roy.
6. Secretary conducted Club business.
7. Minutes of the last RWM were confirmed. President terminated the meeting.

