

# Voyage



A News Bulletin  
August 2022



## ROTARY CLUB OF KABITIRTHA, CALCUTTA

Rotary International District 3291  
Club Charter No. 30920  
Club Charter Date: 30th JUNE 1995

RI PRESIDENT: Rtn. Jennifer E. Jones 2022-23  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law, 3291, 2022-23  
PRESIDENT : Rtn. Nitish Saha  
SECRETARY: Rtn. Prasanta Dey  
EDITOR: Rtn. Malabika Guha  
JOINT EDITOR: Rtn. Samarjit Majumdar

**August : MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH**

## *WELCOME*

*New Rotary Year 2022-23*

*NEW LEADERS, NEW THEME AND NEW GOALS*

*Let's dream and Act Together for a better tomorrow.*

Members congratulate Rtn. Nitish Saha for assuming Club Presidentship and assure him full support to fulfil the RI THEME "Imagine Rotary". Faith in Devotion and Service, Pride in Inner Beauty and Virtue, memories of Dedication and Sacrifice.

Let's salute the Nation on it's 75th Independence year. Our philosophy "Never give up our dreams, no matter how old we are, no matter how weak we are, we must fight and move forward to reach our destination".



আজ স্বাধীনতা দিবসের পুণ্য লগ্নে আমরা আমাদের দেশে অর্থনৈতিক ও সামাজিক সাম্যের যুগলবন্দী

রচনা করতে চাই

ধনধান্য পুষ্প ভরা আমাদের এই বসুন্ধরা, তাহার মাঝে আছে দেশ এক - সকল দেশের সেরা,

ও সে স্বপ্ন দিয়ে তৈরি সে-দেশ, স্মৃতি দিয়ে ঘেরা; এমন দেশটি কোথাও খুঁজে পাবে নাকো তুমি,

ও সে সকল দেশের রানী সে যে - আমার জন্মভূমি।

## Club Installation

### Ray of Hope and Aspiration

Amidst Rotary dignitaries, club members along with their families, Rtn. Nitish Saha assumed the club leadership on 30th June 2022, with an aspiring zeal to serve the underprivileged people wholeheartedly to fulfil the RI theme “Imagine Rotary”.

The presence of Rotary dignitaries, club members, their families and the inspirational speeches of AG Susmita Mukherjee, Rtn. Ajoy Ganguli, Rtn. Sanjay Mukherjee, Rtn. Rajarshee Saha, Rtn. Raja Guha, Rtn. (Dr.) Ayan Ghosh (MC), Rtn. Subhomita Chakraborty, Rtn. Nitish Saha, Rtn. Mainak Dutta – having snacks and dinner, spending few moments with them. sharing their joys and sorrows elevated the sanctity of the entire installation scenario.

## Club News



A letter of appreciation from Prime Minister Narendra Modiji to Rtn. (Dr.) Ayan Ghosh

### ROTARY CLUB OF KABITIRTHA, CALCUTTA Committee for the year 2022-2023

1. Club trainer -- Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Ganguly
2. President -- Rtn. Nitish Saha
3. President-elect -- Rtn. Sanjay Mukherjee
4. IPP - Rtn. Subhomita Chakraborty
5. Executive secretary -- Rtn. Gautam Ray
6. Secretary -- Rtn. Prsanta Dey
7. Treasurer -- Rtn. Rajarshee Saha
8. Sergeant-at-arms -- Rtn. Mainak Dutta
9. Editor -- Rtn. Malabika Guha
10. Joint editor -- Rtn. Samarjit Majumdar

### Director-cum-Chair Committee

1. Rtn. Gopinath Adhikary – Administration Chair
2. Rtn. Ranjana Basu – Membership Chair
3. Rtn. Sudeb Bhattacharya – Foundation Chair
4. Rtn. (Dr.) Ayan Ghosh – Service Chair
5. Rtn. Habibur Rahman – Public Image Chair
6. Rtn. Saswati Choudhury – Chair Women Empowerment
7. Rtn. Surupa Bhattacharya – Chair R.C.C.

## **Anniversary greetings**

### **Birthdays**

1. Rtn. Prasanta Dey – 14<sup>th</sup> July
2. Rtn. Rakhal Roy – 31<sup>st</sup> July
3. Rtn. Habibur Rahaman – 31<sup>st</sup> July
4. Rtn. Utsab Ain – 15<sup>th</sup> August
5. Rtn. Jhulan Basu – 16<sup>th</sup> August
6. Rtn. Gautam Bannerjee – 16<sup>th</sup> August
7. Rtn. Sanjay Mukherjee – 14<sup>th</sup> September
8. Rtn. Ajoy Ganguli – 26<sup>th</sup> September

### **Wedding anniversary**

Rtn. Saswati and Amiendu Choudhury – 13<sup>th</sup> August

### **Membership List**

#### ***New members***

#### **Piu Halder**

Date of birth: 19.6.1984

Address: 112, Pratapgarh, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Kolkata - 700075

Classification: District Mass Education Extension Officer

e-mail: [piu.halder@rediffmail.com](mailto:piu.halder@rediffmail.com)

#### **Reeta Bhowmik**

Date of birth: 14<sup>th</sup> April

Date of wedding: 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Name of spouse: Jahar Bhowmik

Name of the son: Kingshuk Bhowmik

Classification: educator

Email id: [reeta.bhoumik14@gmail.com](mailto:reeta.bhoumik14@gmail.com)

Proposer's name: Rtn. Nitish Saha

#### **Mr. Tapas Dhar**

Date of birth: 11<sup>th</sup> November

Address: 55/2 New Santoshpur Main Road, Kolkata – 75

Classification: Artist

e-mail id: [tipudhar222@gmail.com](mailto:tipudhar222@gmail.com)

#### **Mr. Utsab Ain**

Date of birth: 15<sup>th</sup> August

Date of wedding: 31<sup>st</sup> January

Spouse: Maniko

Children: Daughter studying Masters in IHR

Second Daughter : Studying Bachelor of **Liberal Arts** at Pune Symbiosis

## **Celebration of Independence Day**

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, our Club members along with members of Redstar Sporting and Cultural Society observed our 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Year at the playground of the said club, our National Flag had been hoisted with due honour accomplished by the national anthem. It had been followed by a worth listening and worth observing cultural program. It had been followed by 'Briksha Ropon' at Islamia grounds. The program had been followed by the distribution of delicious food packets and soft drinks. Members present had been Rtn. Nitish Saha, Rtn. Malabika Guha, Rtn. Gopinath Adhikary, Rtn. Samarjit Majumdar, Rtn. Rajarshee Saha, Rtn. Sanjay Mukherjee, Rtn. Prasanta Dey and Rtn. Reeta Bhowmik

### **Doctors day celebration**

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, the ROTARY CLUB OF KABITIRTHA had organized a service project for the children who have been suffering from cancer.

The club members spent a few hours with them and distributed fruits and cakes to them. In our childhood our grandma used to say, "God loves a cheerful giver." We do not know how much we had been successful in the Art of Giving, but on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, we have the feeling that at least we had given an effort to bring sunshine to those children whose world have been confined to Hospital, bed, syringes, saline channels, chemotherapy and blood transfusion.

### **Briksha Ropon Project**

On 24<sup>th</sup> July, tree plantation program had been organized at the Jubasampradaai playground at Vivek Nagar, Jadavpur, Kolkata – 700075. Members present were Rtn. Nitish Saha, Rtn. Sanjay Mukherjee, Rtn. Prasanta Dey, Rtn. Samarjit Majumdar, Rtn. Rajarshee Saha, Rtn. Sudeb Bhattacharya and Rtn. Srirupa Bhattacharya Roy. Food packets had been distributed to the local people who helped the members a lot in the tree plantation program.

## General news

### Resources utilization

Lord Buddha, one day he was in deep thought about the worldly activities and the ways of instilling goodness in human beings. One of his disciples approached him and asked humbly “oh my teacher! While you are so much concerned about the world and others, why don't you look into the welfare and needs of your own disciples also?”

Buddha: “ok, tell me how i can help you?”

Disciple: “Master ! my attire is worn out and is beyond the decency to wear the same. Can i get a new one, Please?”

Buddha found the robe indeed was in a bad condition and needed replacement. He asked the store keeper to give the disciple a new robe to wear on. The disciple thanked Buddha and retired to his room. A while later he went to his disciple's place and asked him “Is your new attire comfortable? Do you need anything more?”

Disciple: “thank you my master. The attire is indeed very comfortable. I need nothing more.”

Buddha: “having got the new one, what did you do with the old attire?”

Disciple: “i am using it as a bed spread.”

Buddha: “then...hope you have disposed of your old bed spread.”

Disciple: “no...no...master. i am using my old bed spread as my window curtain.”

Buddha: “what about your old curtain?”

Disciple: “being used to handle hot utensils in the kitchen.”

Buddha: “oh...i see...can you tell me what did they do with the old cloth they used in the kitchen?”

Disciple: “they are being used to wash the floor.”

Buddha: “then, the old rug being used to wash the floor.....?”

Disciple: “master, since they were torn off so much, we could not find any better use, but to use as a twig in the oil lamp, which is now lit in your study room....”

Buddha smiled in contentment and left the room.

If not to this degree of utilization, can we at least attempt to find the best use of all resources at home and in the office?

## Book-review

### The Cosmic Detective by Dr. Mani Bhaumik

The world renowned scientist Dr. Mani Bhaumik takes his readers on a whirlwind tour into space with the cosmic detective. Addressing his readers as cosmic detectives, the author takes his readers to find out solutions to questions that have puzzled space scientists for ages. He further guides the readers to solve – how and when did the universe begin, what are the stars made up of, how far away are the most distant galaxies. The author further advises the reader to find out about nebulae and black holes and the enormous expanses beyond, dive into the heart of neutron stars and walk on distant planets as you see in investigating the most bizarre aspects of the cosmos. Dr. Mani Bhaumik reveals that when we explore the cosmos, we also explore ourselves. Packed with interesting facts and dazzling colour photographs, this beautifully written book is ideal for students and cosmic detectives of all ages.

## Health watch

### Dr. Apurba Ghosh

#### Thalassemia

The Thalassemias are inherited disorders of haemoglobin synthesis. Their clinical severity widely varies, ranging from asymptomatic forms to severe or even fatal entities. Thalassemia is the most common inherited single gene disorder in the world. With global improvements in childhood disease prevention and treatment, more focus will be given to diagnosing disorders. It is our hope that by providing education about the disease we can raise awareness, encourage people to get tested for the trait, and spread knowledge about comprehensive treatment. The Thalassemias have a distribution concomitant with areas where malaria is common.

#### Thalassemia Minor: what does it mean?

Blood count may be a little lower than normal people, but this produces no symptoms. People are born with this condition and they have it all of their lifetime. There is no need for treatment and most people who have inherited this are not sick and probably do not know they have it.

A mild form of Thalassemia Minor may be mistaken for iron deficiency anemia. Iron medicines are not usually necessary and will not help anemia. They could even be harmful if taken over a very long time.

If someone with a Thalassemia Minor gene marries a person who does not have Thalassemia Minor, their children may have Thalassemia Minor. If the person with Thalassemia gene marry a person who does have Thalassemia Minor, some of their children may have Thalassemia Major.

### **How common is Thalassemia Minor?**

About 5-6% of Indians have Thalassemia Minor. Thalassemia has also been found in people of many ethnic backgrounds, so it cannot be called a Mediterranean disease. Thalassemia Minor does not change into Thalassemia major.

### **Laugh-a-while school-life**

Most irritating moment – morning alarm

Most difficult task – to get ready

Most dreaded journey – way to classroom

Most loving time – meeting friends

Most tragic moment – surprise test in the 1<sup>st</sup> period

Most fantastic news – class teacher is absent.

### **BOSS OR LEADER**

The boss drives his men,

The leader inspires them;

The boss depends on authority,

The leader depends on goodwill;

The boss evokes fear,

The leader radiates love;

The boss says “I” ,

The leader says “we” ;

The boss says “You are wrong” ,

The leader says “I am wrong”;

The boss demands respects,

The leader draws respects;

The boss shows who is wrong

The leader knows how to tackle it

## **Editor speaks**

Last year I got the opportunity to attend the Rabindra Jayanti program of the Rotary Club of Majestic. With due relevance to the Community Spirit of Rotary, their guest speaker Mrs. Shakuntala Roy recited a beautiful poem by Rabindranath Tagore – “I slept and dreamt, life is full of joy, I awake and found – life is nothing but service, I serviced and understood – Service is Joy.”

Now the time has come to pass the baton. A new year is a good time to plan something. This is good time when the members are in a receptive state of mind to accept, adopt and approve new ideas. Let us make use of this opportunity. Let us be emphatic to the less fortunate. Let us move to the less tried areas. Let us take the less travelled road.

The single most important factor that can help in keeping our newly inducted members – interested in our organisation is converting them from being fellow Rotarians to friends. One does not need a pandemic or a disaster to make friends. Rotary’s survival in the future is dependent on the bond of friendship, not only our club grows in a sustained manner, it will also lead to a greater sense of purpose and impact.

Let all our club members decide to contribute our bit to convert Rotary club of Kabirtirtha, Calcutta into a close friend. Whatever we do, we must try our level best to bring new member – thus pushing ourselves to grow more, do more, think more as we ‘Imagine Rotary’, our RI PRESIDENT, Rtn. Jennifer E. Jones believes that all Rotarians should view themselves as law abiding citizens, serving the society with a spirit of Humanity and Humility – thus pushing Rotarians to make a journey from darkness to light, from ignorance to knowledge and from impurity to purity. Her ideas echo the sloka of our Upanishads – *“Asato Ma Sadgomoyo, Tomoso Ma Jotirgomoyo, Sarbeshan Satyo yo Bhobutu, Om Shanti, Om Shanti, Om Shanti.”*

## **International News**

### **Itzhak Periman joins New York Philharmonic in concert to end polio**

Rotary international is teaming up with with violin virtuoso Itzhak Periman and the world renowned New York Philharmonic to present the concert to end Polio, a benefit performance supporting the global effort to eradicate this disabling, sometimes fatal, childhood disease.



## **Pune Rotarians gift a home for the homeless children**

Renu Gavaskar, president of the Pune based Ekalabya Foundation, an NGO is an all-encompassing educational facility for children of sex workers, street children and those who are about to be trafficked or rescued after being trafficked.

Mrs. Gavaskar has been supported by Miss Rezutai and Rtn. Sadanand Bhagwat and his wife Deepa, who were helping her in the challenging task of protecting as many children as they could from being sucked into the black hole of the flesh trade or the world of criminals including theft, drug peddling and the like.

To meet the expenses of the above mentioned projects, the determined Rotarians of the Pune club, led by the determined Bhagwats, raised the money – nearly 4 crores and bought a plot of 2.5 acres in Kundal in Maharashtra.



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## **A grief stricken Rotarian couple gives Jeevandan to four people**

When the strapping young Srikanth, an engineering undergraduate just beginning his career in Hyderabad, was on his way to his grandmother's house on his 26<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 24 to seek her blessings, fate had other plans for him.

He was riding a motorbike and a dog suddenly ran across his path, right in front of his two-wheeler. In an effort to try and save it, he drove wildly and crashed on the road, sustaining serious head injuries.

Srikanth, the son of Bikkina Chakravarthi, a past president of RC Mandapeta, who has also been an assistant governor of RID 3020, was hospitalized for 25 days, and even though he valiantly fought his injuries after undergoing surgery at the Global Hospital, Hyderabad, several post-operative complications left him brain dead, leaving his father, mother Bhanu and sister Srilekha in a whirlpool of sorrow and pain. But even though engulfed in the deep pain of having lost her young son, his mother Bhanu plucked up the courage to discuss with Chakravarthi the possibility of donating their son's organs under the Telengana Government's Jeevandan (cadaver transplant scheme) so that even in his death the youngster could help others.

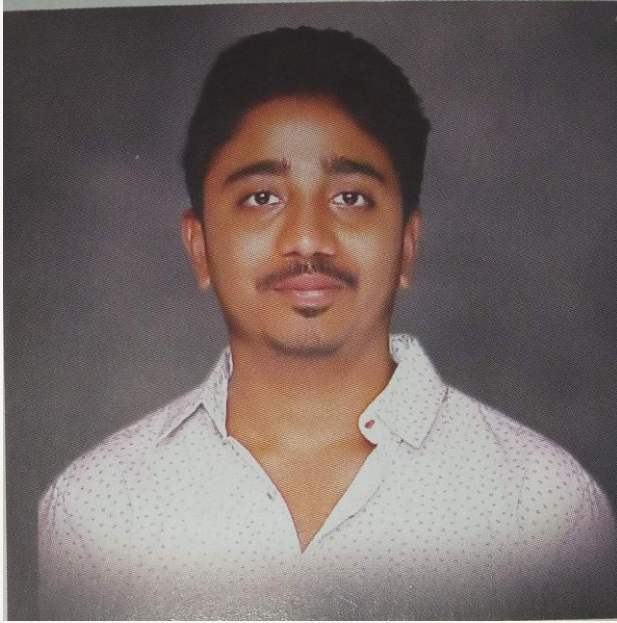
The father readily agreed, and in the third week of October, Srikanth's heart, two kidneys and one liver were donated, giving a new lease of life to four people. The recipients included another 26 year old youth, suffering from a weak heart, who has now got a healthy, strong heart ticking in his chest cavity, thanks to the generosity and timely intervention of Srikanth's parents.

Speaking to Rotary News, Chakravarthi said his son was not only absolutely healthy but also full of life and joy and had a huge circle of friends. "My wife and I decided that even though we were going through grieving and mourning his loss, and our suffering will be lifelong, we had it in our power to make four other families happy. That gave us some happiness.

Srikanth's parents are still learning about the special qualities of his son, a Paul Harris Fellow. "His friends are now telling us that he was extremely generous and kind hearted and if anybody needed any help, he would not hesitate to do his best to help them."

Srilekha, his sister, says she misses her brother terribly, and can never forget his love for food and passion for music. "he would eat all kinds of food, including junk food and was very fond of different kinds of music, particularly film music and classical music. "

But along with her parents, she too is happy that her brother lives on in four others and this gesture of her parents will bring them and her, a sense of peace.



*Srikanth Charavarthi*

## **New award for advancing women in Rotary**

The Sylvia Whitelock Leadership Award honors one Rotary member each year for their work to advance women in Rotary. The Award originally established by a group of Rotarians in 2017, is named for Sylvia Whitlock, the first woman to serve as a Rotary President. Whitlock has gone on to lead change for women around the world through Rotary.

In 2021, the RI Board made this an official Rotary Award, and beginning this year, any member can nominate another member within 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

## **Quote of the day**

“Teachers have vital role to play in the progress and development of the country, for on them depends how the new generation is trained to face the increasing responsibilities of citizenship and administration. Respect for the teachers cannot be ordered. It must be earned.

-- Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan



Let us pay our deep respect to Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, a renowned educationist and Philosopher – born on the 5th September, 1888. Dr. Radhakrishnan believed “True Education chants the hymns of salvation from the bondage of narrow selfish outlook, dishonesty and false pride. It ensures human sublimation with the deep feelings of sensibilities and sensitivities.

## **বহু নিরন্তর অনন্ত আনন্দধারা**







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