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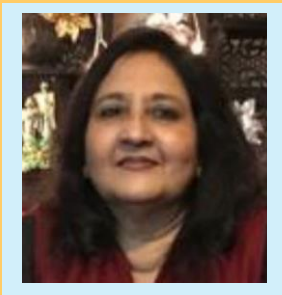
Hello Fellow Rotarians

This is the first issue of Communique for the Rotary year 2021-22 coinciding with our installation ceremony this evening. Rtn Paramita Biswas is continuing in her role as President of the Club, a role which she so ably fulfilled last year.

She has already initiated a number of meaningful projects including one with the District and one with our Rotaract Club. These will be covered in this issue.

I welcome Dr Amitabha Chanda, an old member who was in Bangladesh these last few years and is re-joining our Club on his return. I also welcome five other new members who will join our Club this evening. Looking forward to an enjoyable Rotary year as we serve our Society to Change Lives.

*Paramita Gupta
Editor*



Meet our President

Mrs. Paramita Biswas is an eminent educationist and International educational consultant with UNICEF, London Montessori Centre (now Montessori St Nicholas) and similar institutions of renowned acclaim, both in India and globally.

She began her teaching career in the 1960s, teaching English Literature at Sri Shikshayatan College and Gokhale College, Kolkata. She then went on to train as a Montessorian – first gaining a Montessori teaching diploma from the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) and then training and working as a Montessori teacher trainer at The London Montessori Centre in UK, where she was the Academic Director for over five years. In addition, Ms Biswas also founded the Educational Support Centre in 1990, which specialises in training primary school teachers for the Government of India's TTC programme.

PCBKMV is not the first not for profit venture Ms Biswas has championed, with the most notable of these ventures being a kindergarten/primary school she set-up in rural Bengal in 1978 which currently boasts over 400 students and has grown to Class V. Uniquely, it is an English medium school in a rural village (Dasghara) of Hooghly District, West Bengal, financially self-sustaining and employing the latest training techniques including computer education.

Ms Biswas is an active member of Rotary International. She has been a member of the Calcutta Metropolitan East Club, serving as a two time President, once in 2013-14 and for a second term during 2020-21. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

Uniquely, besides her professional achievements, Ms Biswas was the co-lead actress of a Bengali feature film entitled "Sheemabodho" (Company Limited), directed by the eminent film maker and honorary Academy Award winner Satyajit Ray.





Prabir Chatterjee

District Governor 2021 - 22

23rd August 2021

*Rtn. Paramita Biswas President 21-22
Rotary Calcutta Metropolitan East*

Dear Change Maker President Rtn. Paramita,

Rotary Greetings ! I hope this finds you having a great Rotary year as a President of your Club. It will be an awesome year for Rubena and me as your District Governor and we would like to congratulate the respected and ever enthusiastic Rotary Calcutta Metropolitan East family on this wonderful occasion of Installation Ceremony.

Rtn. Paramita, you have been selected by the members of your Rotary Club to guide its affairs during the coming year, and as a President of your club, you need to be thinking ahead to the coming year(s) as well, that will help and shape your club's future.

This continuing Covid 19 pandemic has a lot of dark sides, but the world has survived all pandemics of the past, and alive and more populous than ever, is proof to that. Let's not forget that we should make the best of what the crisis gives us. I believe the best days of Rotary are ahead, because the Rotarians always keep on looking at the brighter sides of life, the longer the crisis lasts, the larger the opportunities.

I wish all the very best to you along with your members for a fruitful Rotary year and assuring my unending support to [Serve to Change Lives](#).

Yours-in-Rotary,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light green background. The signature reads 'Prabir Chatterjee' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Prabir Chatterjee

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Know your Governor

Prabir Chatterjee

District Governor 21-22

EVERY HUMAN LIFE IS OF EQUAL VALUE

Prabir Chatterjee's life, energy, time and even the people he surrounds himself with is guided by this premise.

If humanitarianism can be called a sport, Prabir is the master of it. He has displayed the passion and fervor in everything he has done at Rotary since becoming a member in the year 1999. Presently, he is the member of Rotary Calcutta Majestic.

Born to the famous Chatterjee family, he has always known the importance of using ones' privileges to help the society. This alumnus of St. Xaviers College went onto become a first-generation entrepreneur after completing his B.Sc. followed by Diploma in Electronics & Video Technology.

Through his work he wanted to create a positive impact on people's lives and founded TEEVEETRONICS POLYTECHNIC PVT. LTD. in 1984. Till date his company has helped millions progress in their lives through Vocational Skill Development, Training & Computer Management. It is also the leading franchisee of WEBEL (A Govt. Of West Bengal undertaking), since 1991 with several Computer sales, service and training centres all over West Bengal. Between 1986 and 1997 he was associated with TATA STEEL, developing and conducting several training programs in Dhanbad, Jamshedpur and West Bokaro.

Prabir has held various positions in Rotary District 3291 after completing his Presidentship in 2007-08. He is a Rotary Leadership Institute faculty member since 2015 and a recipient of the "Vocational Service Leadership Award" from Rotary International in 2014. Through his immaculate leadership skills he believes in building a better community one step at a time, along with his Rotary Family.

Prabir is also a member of various organizations like : Bengal National Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BNCCI), Public Relations Society of India, Kolkata Chapter (PRSI), Dakshin Kalikata Sansad (DKS) Club, Calcutta International Club, Indian Life Saving Society (ILSS), Calcutta Sports Association (CSA), AAEL, Calcutta Film Society, Photographic Association of Bengal, KALABHRIT, a leading organization for Cultural & Sports activities.

Amidst all this, Prabir still makes time for his passion as a travel photographer and avid thrill seeker. In 2016 he drove from Kolkata to Jaisalmer and covered a total distance of 5,219 Kms.

Spouse Rubena , a professional Dancer and currently the Senior School Co-curricular Coordinator at Sushila Birla Girls' School, Kolkata. She is a Rotarian and member of Rotary Calcutta Majestic since 2012

Daughter Kathakali has completed her Masters in 'Public Relations & Event Management' from AMITY University, Noida in 2020 and is presently engaged with a reputed PR Agency in New-Delhi.



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August 24, 2021

Rtn. Paramita Biswas
President 2021-22
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East
Rotary International District 3291

Dear Rtn. Paramita,

I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt greetings and congratulation to you for taking over as the President of your Club for the Rotary year 2021-2022. I am sure that with your pro-active leadership and involvement of all your Club Members, you will live up to the Theme “**Serve to Change Lives**” and will do your best in the coming Rotary year. I am very happy to receive the kind invitation from your Club for your Installation Ceremony and I wish you all the success. We all are passing through a very critical phase of our life. While this restricted our physical mobility to a large extent but at the same time it has opened numerous new avenues through which we are being able to increase our connectivity and are finding new opportunities to serve the mankind. I hope that with our very own Shekhar Mehta being the Rotary International President, we all will be more enthusiastic and dedicated to live up to his expectations and clarion call. I am sure that your Club will achieve more laurels in the coming year with the motivation and guidance of District Governor Prabir and Rubena with their dedicated and enthusiastic Team and you and your Club members will feel proud to be a part of making new history. My wife Mitali also joins me in wishing your Installation Ceremony both enjoyable and memorable. We also wish you and your team a great Rotary Year 2021-2022 and we are looking forward to work together. With best wishes,
Yours in Rotary

Ajoy Kumar Law

Projects undertaken by Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East – July to August 2021

1-Project: Distribution of hand sanitizers & 3 ply face masks.

Area of Focus- Community Service (Non-Medical) Disease Prevention & Public Image.

Our first service project for the Rotary Year 2021-2022 was held on 19th July 2021 at New Alipore Triangular Park, Ward 81. Our Club in collaboration with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Ward 81 Councillor Smt. Jui Biswas, distributed a 100ml hand sanitizer and a 3-ply mask to a total of 215 beneficiaries. The aim of this project was to provide simple protection kits to the people keeping in mind the present Coronavirus Pandemic and the possibility of a third wave

Total project cost - ₹9,955.



2 – Project: Tree Plantation Drive

Area of Focus – Supporting the Environment & Public Image.

Our Club in collaboration with the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Ward 81 Councillor Smt.Jui Biswas, undertook a tree planting project where 50 saplings were planted in Blocks 'F' and 'G' in New Alipore. The saplings were provided by the Kolkata Municipal Corporation. Saplings were also planted in the areas where the trees were uprooted during the Amphan Super Cyclone. The saplings are being protected by tree guards bearing our club name. The aim of this project is to restore and maintain ecological balance.

Total number of beneficiaries – 500

Total Project Cost – ₹25,000.



3 – Project: Flood Relief at our RCC Amoragori Juba Sangha's old age home.

Area of Focus- Community Service (Non Medical)

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East donated a sum of ₹15,000 towards relief for the floods caused by the overflowing Damodar river due to excessive rainfall. The entire Amta Block & surrounding villages including Amoragori were under 5-8 feet of water. In this situation, our club extended humanitarian help & support to our RCC for relief work.

Total number of beneficiaries – 50





Total project cost - ₹15,000.



4- Project - Webinar on International Youth Day.


The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East and its Partner-in-Service Rotaract Club of Metro East jointly hosted 'YOUTH EMPOWERMENT' a virtual webinar to celebrate International Youth Day on Thursday, 12th August 2021 at 7:00pm. It was organised by the Club Youth Services Chair Rtn. Shayan Das and the Rotaract President Sagnik Banerjee.

Arijit Sen, District Advisor for 2021-2022 conducted an engaging Webinar on the role of the Youth in the Rotary movement




ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN EAST
 &
ROTARACT CLUB OF CALCUTTA METRO EAST
 jointly presents
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

A Webinar To Celebrate
 "International Youth Day"
 On Thursday, 12th August, 2021 at 7:00pm



Arijit Sen
 Speaker

Arijit Sen is a Techie and Creative Consultant by profession - and a quizmaster and L&D facilitator by passion. After stints in Wipro, Consultare and Apple, he is currently a Creative Strategist at Capgemini Technologies. He is a Past President of Rotaract Club of Behala and past District Secretary (Events) of the Rotaract District Organization 3291. He left Rotaract in 2013 but has been attached to the movement in various capacities. He is the District Advisor for 2021-22.

ALL ARE INVITED.
 Join Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9594848788?pwd=V3NlNlRlcWV3SWVlLS16MmVWYVQzUT09>
 Meeting ID: 959 484 8788 Passcode: 123456

5- Project - Subikash

In tandem with District 3291's request to observe Rotary Day of Service for Empowering Girls on 15th August, our Club virtually launched 'Subikash'- a nutrition project for the students of Dasghara Women's Degree College. Club Treasurer Rtn. Advait Murarka provided a detailed presentation highlighting the benefits of a protein drink that would be given to the students of the college from the new academic year. Assistant Governor Rtn. Bhaswati Ray officially launched the project.

Rotary District 3291



Rotary Day of Service for Empowering Girls (স্বপ্ন)
Subikash

Organised by
 Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East
 15th August, 2021
 An Initiative of Rotary International District 3291

Zoom Meeting Grid:

Devasis Gupta	Vinayak Patilcha	paramita biswas	Advait Murarka	Bhaswati Ray
Miss Rima	MONALISA MAITY	Galaxy M30s	Rama	Arpita Ghosh
Shreya Kole	Tithi samanta	realme Narzo 10	Saptaparna G	Indra Das
Mousumi Paul	Rinki Ghosh	realme 3 Pro		

Welcome New Members



Dr. Amitabha Chanda

Dr. Amitabha Chanda is one of the finest neurosurgeons in India with an experience of more than 32 years. He has a brilliant academic record and has bagged several gold medals and prizes. Having completed his MBBS and MS in General Surgery from Medical College, Calcutta, where he stood first in the University, he went on to do his MCh in neurosurgery from PGIMER, Chandigarh with outstanding results.

He has been awarded Prof. Ashim K. Dutta Chair in Clinical Anatomy and Surgery. He is a recipient of “Bangaratna Gourab Samman” for his contribution to Neurosurgery.

Apart from his professional activities, he is into several socially benevolent activities and is an accomplished singer and actor with regular stage performances to his credit. Although increasing professional commitments is reducing his participation in these social and cultural activities, he involves himself whenever he can make time.



Prof. Timir Baran Chatterjee

Prof. Timir Baran Chatterjee is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, New Delhi. He is also a qualified Cost Accountant and a member of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of India. He has obtained his MBA degree in International Business from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).

He is a member of the Indian Council of Arbitration, New Delhi and Institute of Internal Auditors (USA) and a Visiting Faculty in various Management and Financial Institutes.

He is also a member of the CII's Economic and Affairs and Financial Sector Sub Committee (Eastern Region) as well as Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Indirect Tax and other Committees. Prof. Chatterjee's major expertise lies mainly in the areas of Corporate Laws, Indirect and Direct Tax Management, Fund Management, Insurance and Risk Management.



Sudakhina Ray

Sudakhina Ray (M.A., B.Ed.) has been the Principal of St. Stephen's School, Kalyani since 2012. She has 10 years of hands-on experience in administration of an ICSE School and has excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.



Anita Basu

Anita Basu was the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Councillor for Ward 69 for 5 years and was a Committee Member of the Childs Rights Commission for 8 years with the West Bengal State Government. She was a practising lawyer for 12 years. She is also a poet and has published 4 books of her poems.



Agnish Basu

Agnish Basu completed his education from La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata and Jindal Law School. He is currently a practising lawyer at the Calcutta High Court and is specialising in criminal law. He works closely with the State Government in policy, legal and electioneering issues.

He is an avid cricketer and has played for his School and College teams

Neha Agrawal is a compassionate and society first individual dedicated towards making herself and the society around her a better place. She wants to focus on improvement of living standards by providing education, vocational training and aid as required at the grass roots level. After completing her schooling at Loreto House, she earned a degree in Computer Systems Engineering from University of Manchester and is using it to develop technology solutions which make automotive future-ready, robust and safe for international companies like Panasonic USA, Continental Singapore Marelli Japan while working at Wipro Ltd.



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