



COMMUNIQUE

QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF THE
ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN EAST
JULY – SEPTEMBER 2022

2022–2023



ROTARY NEW YEAR

Please welcome Club President
Dr Amitabha Chanda to the helm

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East Board
and Committee Chairs for the year 2022–2023

EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear members and fellow Rotarians,

This is our first issue of the Communique for the Rotary Year 2022–2023, which started with our Club's 35th installation held on 11th July 2022 at Calcutta Rowing Club. Dr Amitabha Chanda takes over the mantle as the Club President and under his leadership we look forward to a new Rotary year filled with exciting projects. Rotary has given its generations of members the fortitude to take on the world in moments of crunch with elan.

What you are to see in the following pages is an insight into the Club activities undertaken between the months of July–September 2022. In an age of unprecedented change in communication and technology, we Rotarians have not forgotten our main ethos—to serve others before we serve ourselves.

I would like to thank Rotarian Paramita Gupta for showing me the way and who has for the last two years been our club editor, producing a quarterly bulletin of the Club's activities. I would also like to thank the Club Secretary for his detailed reporting, the Board and all Club Members for their valuable inputs.

The Communique is placed in your hands. Happy reading!

Neha Agrawal.
Editor





A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

To my Rotarian Friends, and dear fellow Club members,

I am extremely proud to be a Rotarian. It is indeed gratifying to be connected to such a positive force for good in the world. Unquestionably it is a proud moment for me to be the president of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East.

I have always wanted to help others. Connecting with Rotary has enabled me to do just that. Think about it for a moment: we are a network of 1.2 million friends, neighbors, business associates and civic leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities, to Serve Humanity through Rotary –

locally, regionally, and internationally.

Our club is thirty-five years old club and has seen many ups and downs. Dissident voices, adverse situations could not deter our activities and progress. We have started the new Rotary year with a bang with your support. We started with a gorgeous installation ceremony followed by a very successful fund raising event. Starting from 1st July, 2022, the activities we did in 90 days are:

1. Our 35th Installation.
2. Fund raising program. The play "Typist" was staged in Academy of Fine Arts.
3. Career counselling program (Career in Information technology) held in Udayan Care among 100 girl students.
4. Health Awareness program (Neck and Back Pain) held in Udayan Care among young women.
5. Nutrition Counselling (How to boost immunity by nutrition adjustment to combat Covid-19 and other menacing viral diseases) for young women at Udayan Care.
6. Matri Raksha project was done jointly with Rotary Club of Salt Lake Metropolitan at Dasghara. Women were screened for anemia and treatments were recommended.
7. We were the co-host of the pre-independence program "Amrtidhara" to celebrate "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" hosted by Rotary District 3291.
8. Health Awareness among senior citizens and Celebration of India's 76th Independence Day with

citizens and Celebration of India's 76th Independence Day with children and senior citizens at Navoday Ananda Ashram old age home at Gobindapur, South 24 Parganas.

9. Joint meeting was held with Rotary Club of Calcutta Charnock City and Rotary Club of Calcutta Magnum.

10. We were the co-host of the program "Anubhav", an awareness program on Literacy, Cervical Cancer, Hygiene and Thalassemia held by Rotary District 3291 and Rotary Club of Calcutta Dhakuria.

11. Career Counselling program (Medicine and Nursing career) among girl students and young women was held in Udayan Care.

12. We have donated and installed Water purifier in Kolkata Municipal Corporation run school in Shovabazar area in North Kolkata.

13. We celebrated the 202nd birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar at Shibmandir in South Kolkata by distributing drawing books, coloring sets, exercise books and pens and some refreshments among 60 underprivileged students. I spoke on life of Vidyasagar to inspire the students.

It is an honor to serve as president of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East. I am proud to have been working with all of you to help others in a big way this year. I

look forward to doing even more during the year ahead – a year when of doing good, and having fun doing it and keep an indelible mark.

Thank you

Rtn Dr Amitabha Chanda

President

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East

28th September, 2022



Felicitations!
 From left to right:
 Present President Dr Amitabha Chanda, Charter Member Onkar Banerjee, Past President Paramita Biswas and District Governor Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law

THE YEAR THAT WAS

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Our club has received a Distinct Citation for the year 2021-2022 along with awards in the categories of Public Image, Covid Care and Thalassemia

Successfully completed 24 projects covering over 6 project areas including medical, women wellness, social welfare and

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New members inducted into our midst



THE YEAR THAT IS

With President Amitabha Chanda, the club this year is focusing on several projects in medical under his experience. However, those are not the only ones - given the diverse background of our members, we cover one project in almost every area.





Handover Ceremony and Induction of the new President, Rtn Dr Amitabha Chanda by IPP Rtn.Paramita Biswas in the presence of the District Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law.

35TH INSTALLATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN EAST

The Club's 35th Installation and handover ceremony was held on 11th July 2022 at the Calcutta Rowing Club in the presence of the District Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law (District Governor 2022-2023, Rotary District 3291) and The District First Lady Rtn. Mitali Law and other distinguished District Guests. The Board and Committee Chairs for 2022-2023 was also formally inducted and three new members received their Rotary pins from the District Governor.



District Governor Rtn.Ajoy Kumar Law addressing the Installation Ceremony



Felicitation of IPP
Rtn Paramita
Biswas for her
Presidentship in
2021-2022.



First Lady Rtn Dr Bani
Chanda being pinned by
District First Lady Rtn
Mitali Law



Rtn Santanu Choudhury
being pinned by District
Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar
Law



Rtn Subhankar Chakraborty
being pinned by District
Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar
Law.



Rtn Ajanta Sinha
Roy felicitating
District Executive
Secretary-Admin
Rtn Surojit Kala



Rtn Gautam Das Gupta
felicitating District Trainer
PDG Rtn Angsuman
Bandyopadhyay



Rtn PP Prasupta Sen
felicitating DRFC PDG Rtn
Sudip Mukherjee



Club President Rtn Dr.
Amitabha Chanda with
District Governor Nominee
Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta

Rtn PP Sisir
Chakraborty
felicitating Vice
Governor PDG Rtn
Pinaki Prosad
Ghosh



First Lady Rtn Dr. Bani
Chanda felicitating
District Governor RID 3291
Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law

Inner Wheel President
Santa Chakraborty
felicitating club
President Rtn Dr.
Amitabha Chanda





Ann Ishita Sen
felicitating
Assistant
Governor Zone 23
Rtn Susmita
Mukherjee

Rtn Neha Agrawal
felicitating PDG Ajay
Agarwal



Bilu Dutta and Mukhomukhi presents
Organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East

TYPIST

Adapted from Murray Schisgal's The Typists
by SOUMITRA CHATTERJEE

Featuring DEBSHANKAR HALDER

Conceptualization, Acting and Direction
POULAMI CHATTERJEE BOSE

12th JULY

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS - 6.30 PM



CLUB FUNDRAISER

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East and Mukhomukhi presented 'The Typist' a theatre production starring Debshankar Halder and Poulami Chatterjee Bose, an adapted from Murray Schisgal's The Typists on 12th July 2022 at The Academy of Fine Arts at 6:30pm. Through the ticket sales, the Club was able to raise Rs 70,700 for its Club activities.

THE TYPIST



SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON HEALTH AWARENESS, CAREER & PERSONALITY DEVELOPMENT



Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metropolitan East held its first project for the year 2022-2023 at Udayan Shalini Kolkata Chapter.

A workshop on career counselling (Information Technology) was carried out by Arunava Chanda, son of the Club's President and First Lady.

Healthcare Awareness workshop was conducted by Club President Rtn Dr Amitabha Chanda on Prevention of back & neck pain & Club First Lady Rtn Dr Bani Chanda carried out a workshop on nutrition for girls to boost immunity and combat against infections for 100 girls at Udayan Care, a charitable organisation which aims to empower women & children through holistic development.



Area of Focus: Women Empowerment, Community Service (Medical & Non-Medical)

Beneficiaries: 100

Date: 16th July 2022.

MATRI RAKSHA

Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metropolitan East, its Partner in Service The Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East in collaboration with Rotary Club of Salt Lake Metropolitan Kolkata held a joint project called 'Matri Raksha' at PCBKM Dasghara Women's College Campus. Beneficiaries from the neighbouring areas were tested & screened for anemia & given free medication. Our partners in service, The Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East donated books for the students of PCBKM Dasghara along with sanitary napkins & a health drink.



Area of Focus: Community Service (Medical)
Beneficiaries: 60
Date: 17th July 2022.

आज़ादी का
अमृत महोत्सव

Cultural Program

अमृतधारा
(Amreet Dhara)

by Rotarians and their family members

All are Welcome
No Registration Charges

13th August, 2022
From 5.00 PM to 9.00 PM
ICCR Auditorium
9A, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata

Rotary District 3291

IMAGINE ROTARY

AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

अमृतधारा

Rotary Club Of Calcutta
Metropolitan East's
participation as Co-Host for
Amreet Dhara held on 13th
August 2022

Area of Focus: Public
image of Rotary

Date: 13th August 2022.





INDEPENDENCE DAY AT NAVODAY ANANDA ASHRAM

RCCME held a health awareness talk among the senior citizens at the old age home and celebration of our 76th Independence Day with those senior citizens and children in the local area. The venue was in Gobindapur in South 24 Parganas.



Area of Focus: Community service (Non-medical)
Beneficiary: 25
Date: 15th August 2022.



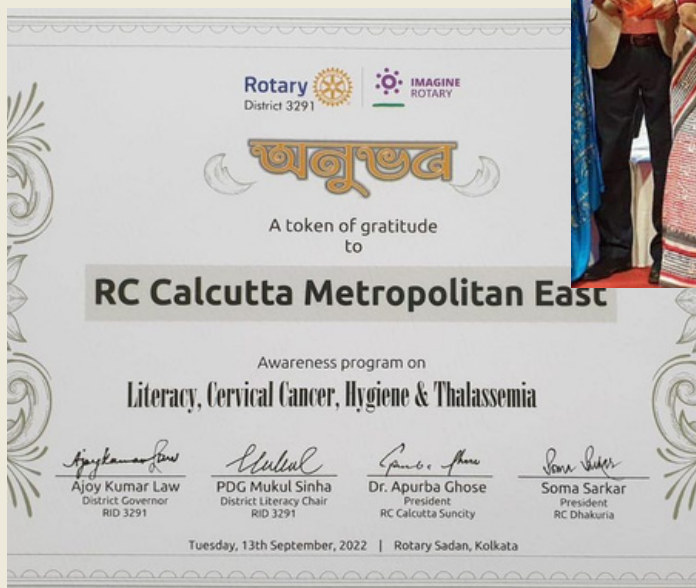
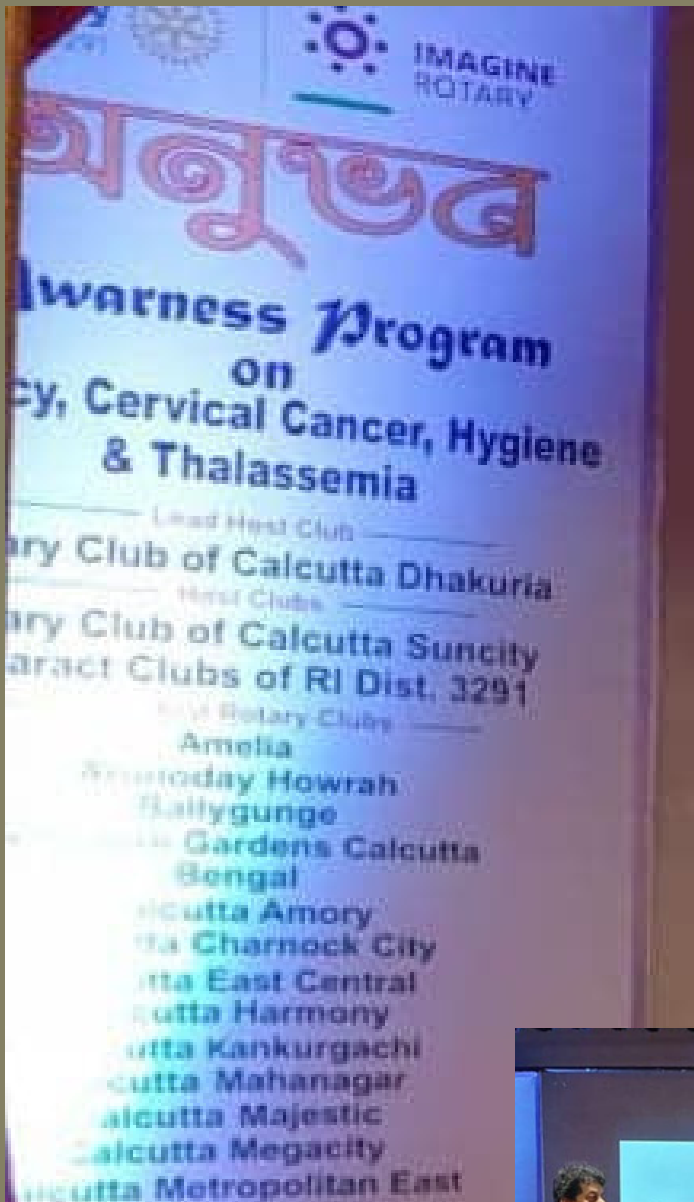
CHARNOCK CITY JOINT MEETING

On 31st August 2022, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East held a joint meeting with Rotary Club of Calcutta Charnock City & Rotary Club of Calcutta Magnum at Outram Club to discuss New Development and Membership.



ANUBHAV AWARENESS PROGRAM

Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metropolitan East was Co-Host for 'Anubhav' an awareness program on Literacy, Cervical Cancer, Hygiene and Thalassemia. There was also free Thalassemia check up for Rotaractors



Area of Focus: Literacy
Date: 13th September
2022.



INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATION

The 10th Installation of our Interact Club at Delhi Public School Ruby Park held on 16th September 2022.

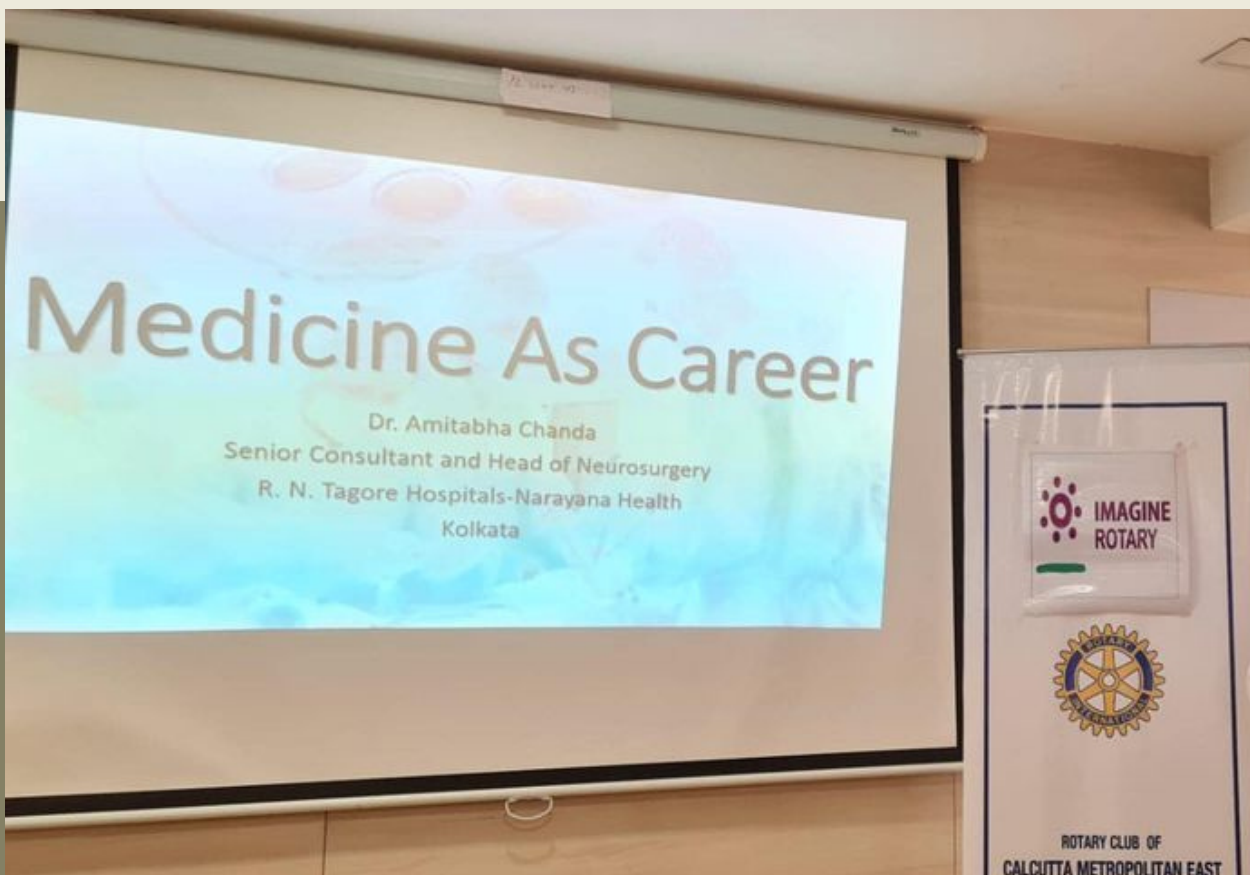


MEDICINE AND NURSING CAREER COUNSELLING

On 23rd September 2022, Udayan Care Shalini Chapter in collaboration with Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East held a career counselling workshop on medicine & nursing where club president Dr Amitabha Chanda delivered the key note address where he stressed on the growing need for nurses & medical practitioners & the future career possibilities in the field. Ms Katha Mukherjee, Associate Professor of College of Nursing, Asia Heart Foundation, Kolkata, also spoke on Nursing as a Career.



Area of Focus: Literacy
Date: 23rd September 2022.





DONATION & INSTALLATION OF A WATER PURIFIER AT A KMC SCHOOL

Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metropolitan East donated & installed a Water Purifier by Eureka Forbes at Brindaban Basak Street KMCP School for the students to have access to safe & clean drinking water in the school premises.



Area of Focus: Community service (Non-medical)
Beneficiary: 300
Date: 24th September 2022.

BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF VIDYASAGAR & DONATION OF STATIONERY

26th September is the birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar, who was one of the greatest educationists and social reformers of Bengal & India. Shibmandir Seva Pratisthan is a voluntary & registered organization, which runs an evening school for underprivileged children from class 1 to class 10 who come from extremely disadvantaged backgrounds.

Apart from curricular activities, other activities, like drawing, music, dance & martial art are also taught in this school. The students are provided with an evening snack as well. The members of the organization wanted us to donate drawing sets & exercise books to the children. Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East celebrated the birth anniversary of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar with the children. The Club President Rtn Dr Amitabha Chanda spoke on Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar to the children & shared some anecdotes of Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar with the children. The club distributed drawing books, coloring sets, exercise books, pens among 60 students. A small refreshment was also arranged for the students.



Area of Focus: Literacy
Beneficiaries: 60
Date: 26th September 2022.



INSTALLATION & UNVEILING OF LAHIRI'S COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

Rotary Club Of Calcutta Metropolitan East & INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art & Cultural Heritage) installed & unveiled a commemorative plaque for the artist, poet, author and raconteur Shanu Lahiri (1928-2013) at her home.

An alumna of the Government College of Art and Craft, Calcutta, she was the first individual to receive The President's Gold Medal in 1951 while still a student. Trained at the École du Louvre and at the Académie Julian in Paris, she excelled as a painter and initiated public and community art in Kolkata, and in faraway places like Rwanda.

A founding member of the first women's artist collective – 'The Group', she also served as the Dean of Visual Arts at Rabindra Bharati University for over a decade and was conferred *The Woman of the Millenium Award* by Biswa Bangla Sammelan in 1999, *The Bharat Nirman Award* in 2002 and a D.Litt in 2006.

Plaque unveiled at Shanu Lahiri's home

CHANDRIMA S. BHATTACHARYA

Calcutta: A commemorative plaque on artist Shanu Lahiri (1928-2013) was unveiled on Friday at her Lake Town residence, where she had lived and worked for the last 30 years of her life. The plaque is an initiative of INTACH, an organisation that works on heritage awareness, and Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East. Lahiri's works breathed life into the city. Her Paroma



(From left) Artist Chitrovanshi Mazumdar, state convener of INTACH GM Kapur, Devasis Gupta of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East, art historian Tapati Gupta Thiakurta and art curator and Rotary Club member Vinayak Pasricha at Shanu Lahiri's Lake Town residence on Friday. (right) A painting by Lahiri

Area of Focus:
Public Image of Rotary
Date: 30th
September 2022.

SAREE DISTRIBUTION AT KALIGHAT

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan East donated sarees for 75 beneficiaries to women sex-workers in Kalighat's red light district for the Durga Puja festival as part of a long-term ongoing welfare development project by social workers, Bappa Ghosh, Abhishek Kar & Sudeshna Dey. Club Mentor Rtn.Tapan Gooptu & Club Editor Rtn.Neha Agrawal were present & oversaw the project.



Area of Focus: Community Service (Non-Medical)
Beneficiaries: 75
Date: 30th September 2022.