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CLUB OF BEHALA  
RI DISTRICT 3291



We Welcome Our  
GUEST SPEAKER

PAST PRESIDENT  
Rtn Manika Karmakar

Speaker's Topic  
DIGITAL EYE  
STRAIN AND REMEDY

**IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



Club's & District's Bijaya Diwali meet on 29th October, 2022. Venue to be confirmed.

Tentative Official DG Visit on 17th November, 2022. Confirmed date, time and venue will be communicated.

Literacy Month Club's 2nd Project  
Today 15/9/22 at took place at 12 noon.  
Venue: Sishu Tirtha School  
Near Joka Metro Station and besides  
ESI Hospital D. H .Road.

Rotary Behala provided one Computer to the School for the less privileged 80 students of Class I to IV.

Pictures & report will be published on our next issue.



Just days are left for the biggest festival in Bengal.

We wish all the members & their family for the festivities.

Keep Reading Maitree.  
- Editorial

Celebrate  
*Durga Puja*  
The Rotary Style

# TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE September 2022



**Ian H.S. Riseley**  
Trustee Chair 2022-23

One of my favorite books, *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson, muses on the creation of the universe and how a tiny speck of it we call Earth went from being a fiery ball with seas of molten rock to the lush green-and-blue home we know today. Bryson's argument is that it is a miracle that we — our planet and our species — have survived. "We enjoy not only the privilege of existence," Bryson writes, "but also the singular ability to appreciate it and even, in a multitude of ways, to make it better."

We are fortunate to be able to read his words or any others. And we are fortunate to be part

of an organization that is making our world a better place by helping those who can't read them. There are an estimated 773 million illiterate adults — most of them women — who can't read these words or write their own name. They are at a clear disadvantage in life, with limited opportunities to work. And this situation isn't their fault.

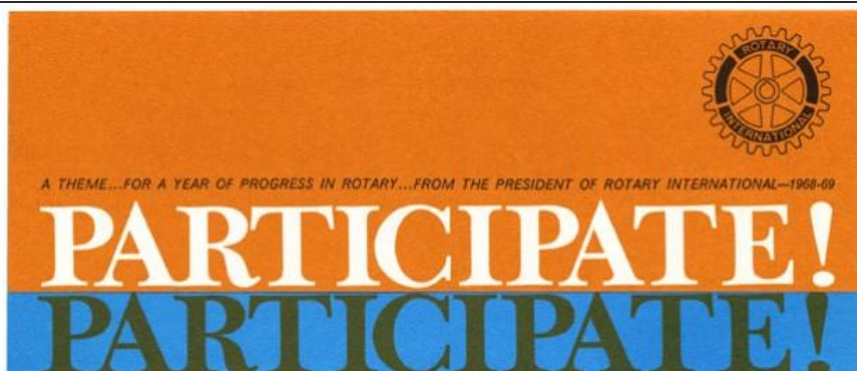
Rotary has not forgotten them. In September, let's celebrate Basic Education and Literacy Month by looking at the long-term impact Rotary and The Rotary Foundation are making and how we are finding ways to lend a hand in the effort.

Last year alone, The Rotary Foundation approved 104 global grants totaling \$6.3 million for basic education and literacy projects, according to preliminary figures. This is on top of decades of work in our clubs and districts. As an Australian, I'm especially proud of the work of Dick Walker, a past district governor from Queensland, who used a Foundation matching grant to develop the concentrated language encounter method that has been adopted by educational leaders around the world.

At the community level, our clubs are well known for book drives that have changed the lives of so many children. But when we gather many clubs and districts together and work on large-scale Rotary Foundation projects, we have the potential to impact entire communities for generations.

The opportunities for Rotary to make a difference in literacy are boundless. Once basic reading and writing is achieved, it opens a path to other types of literacy, such as numerical literacy, digital literacy, and financial literacy.

Let's not squander our opportunity to improve our corner of the universe. I encourage you to think big about literacy and education and change the world — this month and beyond.



## HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS

15th to 28th  
Sep, 2022**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

17th Sep – Ms. Sharmistha spouse of PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee

20th Sep – PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar

25th Sep – Rtn Sujay Krishna Bhadra

26th Sep – Ms. Sumita spouse of PP Rtn Prabir Roy

27th Sep – Oishika daughter of PP Rtn Aniruddha Gupta

27th Sep – Devrup son of Rtn Dr Debmalya Sanyal

28th Sep – Debika daughter of Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta

*Hope Your Day Is Filled With Lots of Love And  
Laughter ! May All Your Wishes Come True*

# A DAY AT CHANDANPIRI OUR RCC..

SEP  
2022



Scholarship Distribution at RCC Chandanpiri Namkhana Rs 1 lac given by Rtn Anirudha Gupta and Sri Biswadip Gupta in memory of their mother late Gouri Gupta. This is 6th year continuation program of girl scholarship.



# CLUB AT A GLANCE

SEP 2022



On 7th September, 2022 Rotary Behala handed over a cheque of Rs 25,000/- to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Cancer Hospital, New Garia towards treatment of less privileged patients.



District Directory is available in hard copy. Interested members please submit names with Club President. Rs. 400/- Per Copy.



Club President Rtn Bikash Dutta at President Secretary Asst. Governor & Zonal Secretary Meet.



Guest Speaker PDG Rtn Shyamasree Sen at our 2nd September RCM. She presented on Polio The End Game Strategy.

# FABULOUS FIVE QUESTIONS

*Featuring Rtn Dr Sudipta Chakraborty*

**1. Tell us something about your childhood? Where were you born and grew up.**  
Well frankly, I was a bit naughty but very interested in dancing, dancing around in all types of social programmes in Nagpur. Yes, I was born and brought up in Nagpur – there still is some Maharashtrian trends in me.

**2. How did you choose your profession? What was that one thing that made you decide the path.**

Perhaps the chronic eye problem of my elder brother influenced me. And of course, there was old Dr Dange – the marvelous family physician whom I so loved and respected.

**3. Any interesting story revolving around your marriage?**

My father developed acute urinary obstruction, and Siddhartha had to leave the grooms seat to fix the matter!!

**4. Why did you choose to serve the community via Rotary?**

From my young age, I was interested in social activities, the college years augmenting that desire. And during early years of my career a long stint at a Health Centre brought me face to face with reality of life of common people. But one can not do much in isolation, thus I joined Rotary to get involved with others to help people less fortunate.

**5. How do you see yourself in the coming years as a rotarian ? Any specific areas you want to focus?**

A person with empathy and eager to serve. Literacy, specially of girls and ladies is an area I would love to focus on.



## MINUTES OF THE 2630th REGULAR CLUB MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA HELD AT MALIK GUEST HOUSE ON 02ND SEPTEMBER, 2022.

President Rtn Bikash called the meeting to order.

National Anthem by PP Rtn Manika Karmakar & all members present in the meeting.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta discussed the programme of visiting RCC at Chandanpiri on 4th September.

He also informed about proposed distribution of eco-friendly cotton bags at two markets of New Alipore on 18th September. The local Municipal Councillor and member of Mayor-in-Council are also expected to join the programme.

Guest Speaker of the day PDG Shyamashree Sen very eloquently talked on The Polio End Strategy.

PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar placed a formal vote of thanks to PDG Shyamashree Sen.

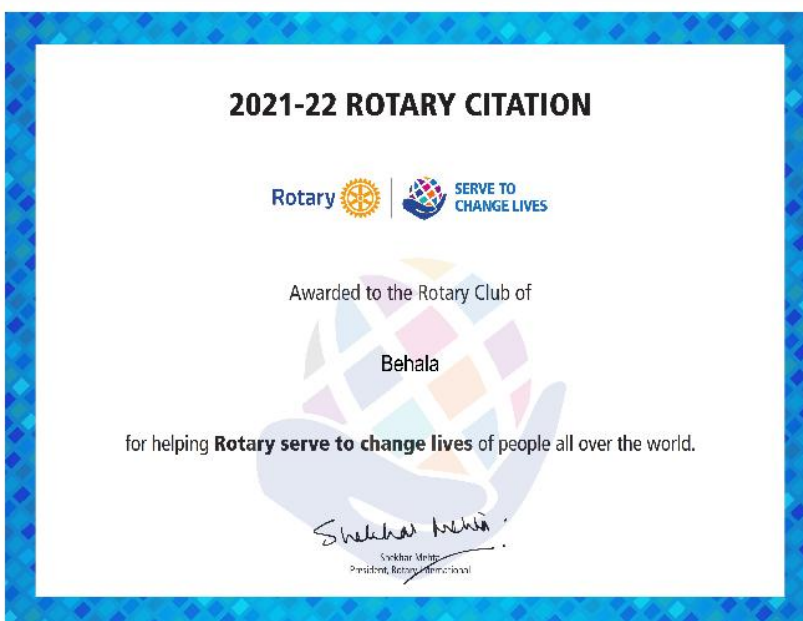
PP Rtn. Siddhartha Chakraborty requested members to donate even a small amount to the Polio Fund on individual happy day, citing his own example.

In the absence of Club Secretary Rtn. Amit Roy, PP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya conducted usual club business.

The minutes of last meeting as published in Maitree of the day was approved by members.

President Rtn. Bikash Dutta terminated the meeting with vote of thanks from and to the chair.

**Total Members : 42**  
**Members Present : 08**  
**Guests : 02**



**PROUD RECIPIENT  
OF 2021-22  
ROTARY CITATION  
SIGNED BY  
RI PRESIDENT 21-22  
SHEKHAR MEHTA**