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# CHOWRENGHEE TIMES

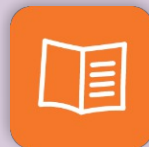
2ND QUARTER  
2022-2023

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CHOWRENGHEE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL / District 3291



*Serving Together*





## President's Message

My Dear Friends,

As I cross the half way mark to my term, I would first like to express my sincere gratitude to you all for unconditionally lending your support. I strongly hold firm to the hope that all of us have come on board to render selfless service to humanity, support, learn to encourage & ultimately change lives (or better still, change the world!)

We are members of this club since we want to be & have an avenue to be able to assist the community. There is strength in numbers for a team approach & there is the banner of Rotary under which we get a pathway to achieve our aims.

RI President Jennifer Jones wanted us as members to IMAGINE the possibilities in the change we can make to transform the World.

IMAGINATION IS THE VOICE OF THE DARING.

To IMAGINE, To DREAM, is a call for ACTION. A call for ACTION to make things happen.

But! We have to take ACTION, take the responsibility to make it happen. TODAY!

I look forward to your participation

Gratitude & Regards



**Dr. Sarfaraz J Baig**

Dr. Sarfaraz J Baig is a Bariatric, Hernia and Gastro surgeon in Kolkata & the Director, Digestive Surgery Clinic based out of BelleVue Hospital.

He is a Senior Consultant GI Surgeon in the city of Kolkata & has a practice of over 20 years with more than 10000 surgeries.

## Our Speakers

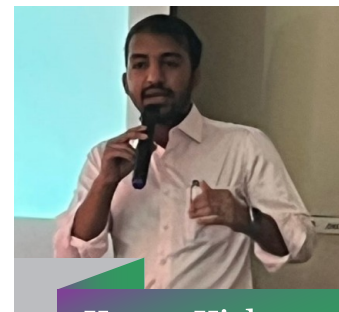
Barkha Dutt is an Indian television journalist and author. She has been a reporter and news anchor at NDTV and TirangaTV.

She currently runs her own digital news channel called 'Mojo Story'.

She is also an opinion columnist with The Hindustan Times and The Washington Post.



**Barkha Dutt**



**Karan Kishorepuria**

Karan Kishorepuria is currently the Executive Director at Regal Resources, a leading agro processing company in India. He is an active angel investor with multiple leading platforms/syndicates in the country, the youngest Steering Committee Member at the Intentional Endowments Network, part of FICCI Young National Leadership Team and the youngest Partner at Social Venture Partners India. He is an active public speaker with 75+ talks around the world, is a 2 x Tedx Speaker and has won awards like 100 Best Students in America by Poets and Quants and Bostoninno's 25 U 25.



## Projects - September to December, 2022

### Disease Prevention & Control

#### 14th September

A menstrual hygiene campaign was held on 14th Sept at Uluberia. About 50 young girls attended this camp. President Manisha Srivastava and PP Nita Sethia spoke to them on the importance of Menstrual Hygiene.



On 14th Sept, the 2nd dose of cervical cancer vaccination was given to 51 girls. This was done in partnership with CII and Rotary Jodhpur Gardens in presence of PDG Mukul Sinha and members from his club.



#### 11th December

General health check up was done at Amtalla RCC. Over 100 beneficiaries were there. 15 local doctors who had greatly benefited the community during COVID, were also felicitated.

#### Uthe Sabke Kadam - Feet for all

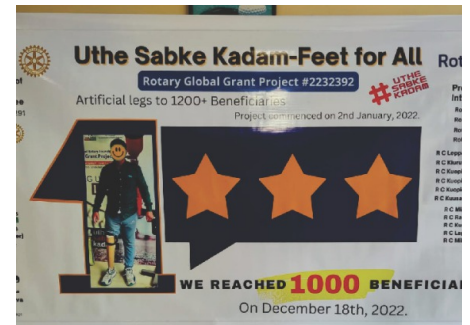
58 beneficiaries were there in Sep, 50 in Oct, 82 in Nov. On Dec 17th the 1000th prosthesis was done!

Rotary Chowringhee members with Abdul Motalif, 22 years of age from Malda, who is the 1000th Beneficiary of Uthe Sabke Kadam project. He was amputated 5 months back as he lost his right leg. He is grateful that he has got a new life and would be able to sustain his family.

Moumita Farhan, who does not have one leg and both arms is a brilliant student. She will be getting a scholarship where in 75% of her Tuition fee will be sponsored by Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee. This will start from Jan 23. She is a candidate from Uthe Sabke Kadam.



Weekly Doctors Chamber are held at Uluberia & Sunderbans benefiting the community.



### Basic Education &

#### Literacy

Rotary Chowringhee arranged a workshop for children at RCV on "Good Touch, Bad Touch" with speaker Kajal Banerjee on 21st September at Uluberia. She has conducted this workshop with over 20,000 students all over India. A short video was first shown to all children after which she explained the difference between good and bad touch.



Dental hygiene camp took place on 6th November where a check up was done and kits were distributed. All children with cavities were offered free treatment at the clinic. The camp was headed by our own club member, Dr Surana.



## Projects - September to December, 2022



Diya painting took place in RCV on Oct 14



A sit and draw competition was held on 12th November at Rotary Sadan where 31 children from 8 NGO's participated. Renowned Artists Ashok Mullick and Sanjeeta Ahmed were invited as special jury to award the best 5 artworks.



Magic Show along with a musical program was organised on Children's day which the children immensely

enjoyed.

Mid day meals continue at RCV where each day 140 children are given a nutritious meal, encouraging them to come to school every day. 21840 meals have been given so far.

Also, Rotary Chowrenghee is also sponsoring the education of Apurba Mondal who is a brilliant student and wanted to pursue a post graduation in Sanskrit but was unable to do so because of financial restraints.

### Water and Sanitation



Water and Sanitation New bathrooms have been constructed in RCV for the students under the WASH agenda which will improve the health and education of children by creating a cycle of opportunity: improved education, increased school attendance, and improved academic performance.



A new water filter system have been installed in RCV for the students who will now get clean drinking water which would help them reduce the vulnerability to water-related risks and diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water.

### Community & Economic Development



3 months Beautician course started at Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalaya with 12 women training for a parlor job.



20 Solar lights have been installed in Amtalla in November.



RCV in partnership with New Light organised a seminar on Prevention of Trafficking of women under Rotary District 3291 co hosted by RC Ganga Heritage and RC Aavyana at the Rotary Sadan on the 6th December 2022. The event had the participation of District Governor Ajoy Kumar Law as Chief Guest and Consul Manfred Auster of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kolkata as the Guest of Honour. The seminar had Mr Kalyan Mukherjee Jt CP Intelligence, Filmmaker Mr Abhijit Dasgupta, Advocate Rajarshi Rai Choudhury and Ms Ushoshi Sengupta as contributing panelists.



## Projects - September to December, 2022

### Interact Corner



On 27th September, members of the Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy visited the Mohananda Sishu Seva Pratisthan in Behala, a charitable hospital that aids children suffering from Thalassemia. 5 l blood transfusion kits, blankets and umbrellas and Goodie bags containing food items and hand-made card were donated to the children, some of whom recited poems..



The Agomoni program – an initiative by Interact Club of BDML. The program ushered the spirit of puja, performance involved inmates of Nabanir..an old age home. The mothers

were overwhelmed and full of praises for the staff and students of BDML.

IVWS interactors visited Sundarbans today and distributed mosquito nets and stationery among approximately 100 local children. They also created awareness about dengue and the need to combat it. It was an extremely meaningful visit.

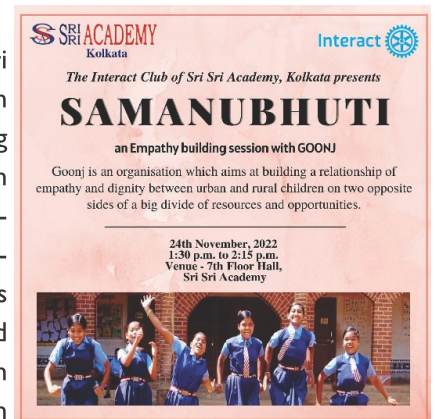


The Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy hosted an empathy-building session in association with Goonj, an organisation which endeavours to build relations of compassion and understanding between the children of urban and rural communities on November 24th, 2022.

The Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy contributed 50 blankets for Mission Christmas, a District 3291 Winter Clothes Drive.

8 students from Grades II-12 of Indus Valley school helped blind students to write the mock CLAT exam today at NUJS.

Indus valley celebrated Diwali with underprivileged children on 20th Oct





## District News

### The District Literacy Event 2022-23 was held on 13th December at Rotary Sadan.

The event was hosted by Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee along with 25 other Co Host and Participating Clubs. DG Ajoy Kumar Law and District Literacy Chairperson Mukul Sinha graced the occasion along with many other PDG and District Officials.

The speakers were Prof Dr C Bhattacharya (Pro-Vice Chancellor Jadavpur University and President WB Council of Higher Secondary Education ), Prof Dr Emanul Haque (Social Activist and writer) and Ms Malini Mukherji (Educator). All the speakers spoke about the topic "Education for All".

The Rotary Sammaan Literacy award for 2022-23 was given to 2 NGO's - Ek Tara & Future Hope for the work they do by changing lives of the less fortunate through literacy. Over 200 people attended the seminar.





## Fellowships



The Diwali Fellowship was held on 21st October.

Members with their spouses were there to enjoy an evening of games, music and comradeship.



## Meetings

The **2nd Board Meeting** for the year 22-23 was held on 7th Dec at CCFC where 11 Board Members were present. Various important discussions for the club were undertaken and the board members gave their valuable inputs.



This year there were meetings with a difference. As a part of the **915th Regular Meet**, the Fort William HeritageWalk was organized on 20th Nov followed by Breakfast at Flurys.



The **916th Meeting** was held on 3rd Dec where The White Town Walk was organised which explored the legacy of the European Town followed by breakfast at the share market.

The **Annual General Meeting** and the **917th Regular Meeting** for the year 2022-23 was held on 17th Dec at the Phoenix Room in Saturday Club. The Financial papers were shown to all the members present. PE Meena Khemka introduced her board as well. The AGM was followed by the Regular Meeting where district and club announcements were made. The speaker Mr Karan Kishorepuria took over and led the members through the world of LinkedIn.





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Congratulations

Dr Pradeep Saraf and Kavita on their daughter's wedding.

Hemant and Shruti Goenka on becoming grandparents.

Divya Jalan on her daughter's wedding.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Congratulations on your

January

3rd Kapur G M  
19th Bansal Meena  
19th Kejriwal Shantanu  
21st Kanoria Vrinda

February

9th Roychowdhury  
Sudeshna  
14th Agarwala Anita  
20th Gupta Bharat H  
21st Ajmera Himanshu  
25th Beri Ambica

Birthdays

March

1st Merh Sucheta  
5th 5th Goenka Varda  
5th 5th Jhunjhunwala Rajni  
14th 14th Tantia Vikram  
19th 19th Agarwal Sadhana  
25th 25th Kedia Rohit  
28th 28th Srivastava Manisha  
30th 30th Patodia Sangita

Anniversaries

January

2nd Rita & Raju Punwani  
16th Dr.Ashok & Gita Surana  
17th Sucheta & Sandeep Merh  
28th Anuradha & Manoj Bhagat  
28th Manoj & Madhulika Saraf

February

4th Neeraj & Vandana Kanoria  
15th Sanjeev & Sangeeta Daruka  
15th Vrinda & Anshuman Kanoria  
16th Anil & Shruti Kishorepuria  
17th Anshu & Pranay Saharia  
22nd Rajiv & Sonal Jindal  
27th Jayshree & Mukesh Sanghvi  
28th Payal & Sourav Bubna

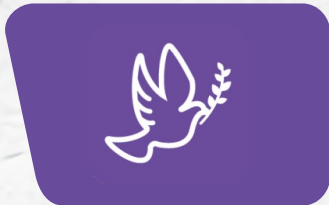
March

7th Rajni & Gopal Jhunjhunwala  
7th Nisha & Aditya Kanoi  
8th Sadhana & Shanti Agarwal  
10th Deepak & Shradha Saraf





Peace and conflict  
prevention/  
resolution



Disease  
prevention and  
treatment



Water and  
sanitation



Maternal and  
child health



Basic education  
and literacy



Community  
Economic  
Development



Environment



# SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS