



# SHAMBHAVI



## ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA SAMARITANS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291

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**August is the month of Membership and New Club Development**



### August 2021

As we focus on membership in Rotary this month, I ask you to help make history this year. For more than 20 years, our membership has stood at 1.2 million. Rotary is a vibrant organization with a 116-year history, members in more than 220 countries and geographic areas, and a rich legacy of work in polio eradication and other humanitarian programs. Rotary has changed so much in our own lives and the lives of others. As we Serve to Change Lives, don't you think Rotary could have an even greater impact on the world if more people were practicing Service Above Self?

My vision is to increase Rotary membership to 1.3 million by July 2022, and the call to action is simple: Each One, Bring One. This year, I want every Rotarian and Rotaractor to introduce a new person into their club.

We are a membership organization, and members are our greatest asset. You are the ones who contribute so generously to The Rotary Foundation. You are the ones who dream big to bring good into the world through meaningful projects. And of course, you

are the ones who have put the world on the brink of eradicating polio.

As we make membership a priority this year, let us focus on diversity by reaching out to younger people and especially to women. Every club should celebrate its new members, and every Rotarian who sponsors a member will be personally recognized by me. And those who are successful in bringing in 25 or more members will be part of our new Membership Society.

Even as we share the gift of Rotary with others, let us be sure to engage these new members, because an engaged Rotarian is an asset forever. And remember that engaging our current members and keeping them in our clubs is just as important as bringing in newcomers. Let us also be ready to form new clubs, especially flexible ones. I am very bullish on clubs that hold virtual or hybrid meetings, and satellite clubs and cause-based clubs can also be very effective ways of growing Rotary.

As you grow more, you will be able to do more. Let us keep empowering girls through our work in each of the areas of focus. Scholarships for girls, toilets in schools, health and hygiene education — there is so much we can do. Projects focused on the environment are also attracting interest the world over. Do participate in these projects locally and internationally to make this world a better place for us and for all species.

Each of you is a Rotary brand ambassador, and all of the wonderful work done by Rotarians around the world needs to be shared outside the Rotary community. Use social media to tell your friends, colleagues, and relatives the stories of Service Above Self.

Finally, I'm challenging every club, during the coming year, to plan at least one Rotary Day of Service that will bring together volunteers from inside and outside Rotary and will celebrate and showcase the work of your club in your community. Visit [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) to find out more about all of these initiatives, along with other ways to Serve to Change Lives.

**Shekhar Mehta**  
President 2021-22

# ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE FOR WOMEN EMPOWERMENT ON 15TH AUGUST, 2021



Rotary International District 3291 intended to observe Rotary Day of Service for Empowering Girls on 15th August, 2022. Accordingly our Club took the initiative to conduct an Awareness Project on “Girls’ Rights are Human Rights” and “Menstrual Hygiene” with distribution of Sanitary Napkins at an Urban Shelter of Government at Kalighat which is run KMC and an NGO “Maya Foundation”. A group of 50 girls aged between 12 to 18 years were selected to attend the awareness programs. Rtn. Sutapa Dutta, an Advocate of High Court discussed on various Laws that protect Women's Rights for the Women. The girls were encouraged and inspired for literacy and to become self reliant by joining various vocational trainings which can be supported by our Club. The session was interactive and participants were very responsive and interested.

The next Awareness Session on Menstrual Hygiene was conducted by Rtn. Ruby Ray where along with the same attendees some married women also joined. All the participants were very attentive and discussed various problems they face during menstruation. Awareness was made for healthy way of living, maintaining cleanliness, following diet, using Sanitary Napkins for hygiene and health. Sanitary Napkin Packs were distributed amongst participants in this program.

The event was graced by the valued presence of District officials Rtn. Asif Shah and Rtn. Sibabrata Roy. They joined us for distributing 70 (seventy) food packets to the participants and children staying in this shelter.





Planting a tree is equated with planting a life – it is like sowing the seeds of hope for starting life anew. With this thought in mind Rotary International District 3291 and Rotaract District Organization 3291 joined hands to organize HARIYALI Mega Tree Plantation Drive which falls under one of the “Seven Areas of Focus” of Rotary International – “Supporting the Environment”. As a part of this initiative, saplings were distributed to all Rotary Clubs as per requisition placed in free of cost. Our Club collected 70 saplings of fruit bearing and flower bearing trees distributed from Eden Gardens Nursery and donated to ArogyaSandhan Residential Care Home for Differently Able Persons at Sonarpur on 21st August, 2021 to make this initiative of RID 3291 successful. After plantation of saplings with the members of ArogyaSandhan, the members of ArogyaSandhan invited us for a delicious lunch with them. The members also felicitated all Rotarians present there with flowers and gifts.



**Srirupa Pal** – a Post Graduate in Public Health with more than 25 years of experience in Clinical Research having been associated with Clinical Operations, Medical Writing and Data Management. She is Internationally trained in conducting clinical trials as per ICH-GCP Guidelines. Working closely in Public Health Domain to create awareness program on communicable diseases. Working also in close association with NGOs for empowering women and underprivileged children.



**Nilima Mukherjee**, an ex-student of Presidency, 1976 Economics Department, followed by Masters from Calcutta University. A lover of music, a recitation enthusiast and a part time painter. A keen social service worker, willing to be involved with all segments of the population, individuals, families and community. A retired banker, now an experimental chef in the kitchen and a full time home maker.



**Shikha Purkayastha** is a Share Trader by profession. She was also a Past President of Rotary Club of Bhowanipur. But, due to some personal reasons she left Rotary for the time being.



**Sarmistha Niyogi**, a Post Graduate in Economics from Jadavpur University. Worked in various Chambers of Commerce and in the Corporate Sectors for more than 30 years in areas of Economics, HR and Corporate Communications. She was General Manager – HR and Corporate Communications at Haldia Petrochemicals Limited. She has taken early retirement and now being a social activist associated with an NGO and she is also a wildlife enthusiast. Her hobbies include dabbling in Poetry, reading, listening to music, photography and travelling.



## Birthday

Rtn. Srabonee Mitra on 1st August

Rtn. Gita Sarkar on 24th August

Wish you both many happy returns of the day

## Wedding Anniversary

Rtn. Sutapa Dutta and Sujitendra Narayan on 5th August

Rtn. Kinjal Bose and Mormita on 6th August

Wish you both many more years of marital bliss

*Our heartfelt thanks to Rtn. Ballari Mukherji for her magnanimous contribution towards membership growth of our club by referring four prospective members to join in our Club.*



RI President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta had a great meeting with Honourable Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi for a discussion regarding development issues where Rotary can work with the Government.



Two Rotaractors from Rotaract Club of Shishu Mandir, Dhanush M, son of Manjunath from Kadugodi and Hemanth Y.B, son of Bhujangashayana from Yadagondanahalli are attempted for Guinness Book of World Record by cycling 24000 + Kms in 180 days covering 29 States and 03 Union Territories. This will be the longest journey by bicycle in a single country. The message they are carrying is about global warming and literacy. The duo was felicitated at the Installation Ceremony of RC Calcutta South Circle.

Despite the advancement in the healthcare sector, there is no technology to replicate and produce blood. Donating blood, not only saves multiple lives but also give an opportunity to add value to your life. It helps in teaching students about humanity and also defines the spirit of our natural co-existence in the most extraordinary way. Rotary District 3291 will observe ROTARY DAY OF SERVICE for BLOOD DONATION on Saturday 4th September'21. All Club are requested to organize Blood Donation Camp or may join with other Clubs / Zones and encourage your Club Members and their Family Members to DONATE BLOOD. Camps already finalised at (1) Rotary Sadan, (2) PrasakhBhavan, Salt Lake, (3) Rotary East Calcutta Bhavan, (4) Purulia, (5) Contai.

Dear Change Makers, Please get ready to observe the Rotary Day of Service on LITERACY. Organise any Programme on Literacy on Sunday 19th September, 2021. School Kit (with Bag) will be available from District (40 max per Club) and you may distribute among the Students. The cost & other details will be informed shortly. For any further information, may please contact District Literacy Chair PDG Mukul Sinha @ 9830109373 / Co-chair Girish Ganeriwala @ 9830024959.

Meeting Day : Saturday, Time : 7 pm, Venue : "Danica", 4th Floor, 37, Ballygunge 1st Lane, Kolkata – 700 019

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