

**R.I Club No: 85847 Date of Charter : 26.05.2014 Meeting Day : Saturday, Time : 7 pm
Meeting Venue : "Danica", 4th Floor, 37, Ballygunge 1st Lane, Kolkata – 700 019,
President: Rtn. Gita Sarkar, Secretary: Rtn. Sutapa Dutta, Editor: Rtn. Srabonee Mitra**

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Installation Ceremony of the Club



Projects taken up on the day of Installation Ceremony



- On behalf of RC Calcutta Samaritans, IPP Jayasree Chatterjee and Rtn. Jayanta Chatterjee handed over a cheque of Rs.25,000 to Mr. Niranjana Biswas of "Arogya Sandhan" to support the higher education of a tribal (Sabar) youth.
- On behalf of Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans, President Gita Sarkar handed over a cheque of Rs.9,600.00 to Mr. Pradip Mondal, Area Director, Asian Sahyogi Sanstha India (Kolkata Chapter) to support education of an orphan child of the Children Home run by an NGO Asian Sahyogi Sanstha India (Kolkata Branch).
- Two Solar Lamps received from District 3291 for the RY 2021-2022 were handed over to Mr. Shakti Sadhan Ghosh, the President of the RCC Ghatakpur Sreema Mohila O Sishu Bikash Kendra, Diamond Harbour.



- Launched “The Period Book” in Bengali (translated By Rtn. Dr. Jayanta Chatterjee. This book is written for creating a depository of knowledge on MHH for the beneficiaries.
- IPP Rtn. Jayasree Chatterjee handed over a cheque of \$ 100 to TRF



Felicitation of a few well-wisher Rotarian Friends, without whose continuous and generous support it was not possible for our club to imagine big projects.



Felicitations of DG, DGE and AG



Recognition of club members for their outstanding performance in RY 2021-2022

Presidential Message



Jennifer Jones
President 2022-23

We've all taken our own path to become a member of Rotary. Some of you joined because your father was a Rotarian. Some of us signed up because an employer tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to attend a meeting. Others became members only after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made it possible. Yet each of us entered through one mechanism — an invitation.

An invitation that unlocks our imaginations and allows us to know that everything and anything is possible. Each one of us has that same opportunity — the honour to extend an invitation.

It is awe-inspiring to imagine how we can look out across our communities and identify our future leaders. It's often tempting to attract people who are exactly like us. It's a special form of ingenuity to consider how people who are seemingly very different can, in fact, share our values and have some of those same talents, just waiting to be unleashed.

It's time for Rotary to take our next step in advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) across our organization.

Embracing an experience where people feel included is more than just making our membership numbers more diverse. It's about making our meetings and events places where we can speak openly and honestly with each other, where our members feel welcome and safe. This means removing barriers for entry and opening doors for inclusion. Our values remain our strength — and our commitment to excellence requires us to maintain high standards for our members as well.

I believe we are all committed and determined to advancing DEI across Rotary. This is rooted in the deepest traditions of our organization, and it will ensure that we remain vibrant and relevant for decades to come.

A few years ago, our Rotary Board set the ambitious goal of increasing the share of female members to 30 percent by 2023. We have less than a year to go, but I believe we can meet and exceed this target.

We need Rotary leaders to rise from every continent, culture, and creed. We need young members and young thinkers to take on larger roles and responsibilities. We need to listen to new Rotary members just as keenly, and with as much respect, as those with many years of membership.

During our recent convention in Houston, we heard from astronauts about their journeys into space. We reflected upon a time in the 1960s when U.S. President John F. Kennedy urged the world to dream, with his declaration that we would “go to the moon [and do] other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard.”

Fully committing Rotary to DEI and meeting our ambitious membership targets may seem as unlikely as a moon shot. But I know that when people of action are committed to a big goal, we make it worth every ounce of our energy.

Club in Action

Celebration of Independence Day



The 76th Independence Day was observed by hoisting of National Flag and National Anthem with the children of the Home at Kestopur under the aegis of Asian Sahiyogi Sanstha India (Kolkata Chapter). The Children with new Indian attire (pyjama and Punjabi) did March-Past with Guard of Honor to the President Rtn. Gita Sarkar, IC Mr. Sanad Das of New Town Police Station and Mr. Pradip Mondal, Area Director of ASSI. The children also presented an excellent cultural program with patriotic songs and dance to celebrate "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". RC Calcutta Samaritans sponsored a sumptuous lunch for all the residents of the Home on that auspicious day and also ended the program by the cutting of a Cake taken by the Club. President Rtn. Gita Sarkar, President Elect Rtn. Kinjal Bose, Service Chair Rtn. Sikha Purkayastha and Club Trainer Rtn. Srabonee Mitra were present on that occasion.

Public Image of Rotary



রম্যায় রোটারি ক্লাবের নবম ইনস্টলেশন সেরিমোনি অনুষ্ঠানে শ্রীমতী গীতা সরকার সহ অন্যান্যরা। নিজস্ব চিত্র।

Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans celebrates 9th Installation Ceremony

EOI CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA, JULY 10/-
 Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans celebrated their 9th installation ceremony on Saturday, July 9 with joyous enthusiasm. District Governor, Rtn. Ajay Law, and First Lady Mitul Law were present on the occasion as Chief Guest.
 District Governor Rtn. Ajay Kumar Law informed everyone that all possible support from the District level will be provided to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans for the year 2022-23. He also said that as the wheel turns and a new Rotary year starts, it is time for Rotarians to take a pledge and start a new journey along our chosen path of service. Rtn. M. Law also informed that this year holds special significance for all of us, as this is the first time in the history of Rotary, we have a lady President, Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans.
 Rtn. Gita Sarkar, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans will continue to proceed with the aim of delivering positive change in our community and introduce the professionals at eduhub.org.
 He also informed that major programmes planned for 2022-23 were Mother and Child Healthcare, Students Healthcare, Physically Challenged care and Artificial Limbs, Eye care & cataract donation, Women and Girls Empowerment, training of senior citizens, and other community services, etc. To mark this programme, a Vocational Training Camp, Rotarians, and Medical Mission, and donation of an artificial limb has also been provided to a patient of RCC Chhatrapur and the operation was done today morning. Besides that, Ms. Sarkar announced that starting today, she has taken on all the educational responsibilities of an orphan child living at the orphanage home of Asian Shikshya Samithi, India, Kolkata.
 Under the guidance of Rotary International and the District Governor, projects communities and within ourselves. Rtn. Gita Sarkar also

9th Installation Ceremony of Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans held in the presence of District Governor Rtn. Ajay Law and District Governor Elect Rtn. Mitul Law. Rtn. Gita Sarkar nominated as President during the auspicious day of Ulin Rain at Press Club on Saturday-Arjit Ganguly



প্রেস ক্লাবে রোটারি ক্লাব অফ ক্যালকাটা ৯ ইনস্টলেশন সেরিমনির আয়োজন করল।

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সমাবেশে রোটারি ক্লাব অফ ক্যালকাটা সমারিটস কে এই বিবেকনে এই উদ্দেশ্যে সমাবেশে যা আয়োজিত ছিল। এই সমাবেশে বিভিন্ন বিষয়ে আলোচনা করা হয়েছিল।



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President Rtn. Gita Sarkar and Service Chair Rtn. Shikha Purkayastha were invited and felicitated at a program organized by the Government of West Bengal on 27th August, 2022, to observe Gardening Week with Training Camp for the Farmers, for Cultivation of horticultural crops in improved systems at Naya Gram, Jhargram, West Midnapore, the DM, BDO and other high Government Officials were present at that event. Four packets of seeds of different vegetables were handed over to President Rtn. Gita for distribution to the farmers of our RCC.



Top 10 Reasons to Join a Rotary Club

Professional Networking

A founding principle of Rotary was to meet periodically to enjoy camaraderie and enlarge one's circle of business, community and professional acquaintances. As the oldest service club in the world, Rotary club members represent a cross-section of the community's owners, executives, managers, political leaders, and professionals – People who make decisions and influence policy.

Service Opportunities

Club members have many opportunities for humanitarian service, both locally and internationally. Service programs address such concerns as health care, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and the environment. Rotarians experience the fulfilment that comes from giving back to the community.

International Awareness

With more than 34,000 clubs in over 200 countries & geographical areas, Rotarians gain an understanding of humanitarian issues through international service projects and exchange programs. One of Rotary's highest objectives is to build goodwill and peace throughout the world.

Friendship

Rotary was founded on fellowship, an ideal that remains a major attraction of membership today. Club members enjoy the camaraderie with like-minded professionals, and club projects offer additional opportunities to develop enduring friendships. Rotary club members who travel have friendly contacts in almost every city in the world.

Good Citizenship

Weekly Rotary club programs keep members informed about what is taking place in the community, nation, and world and motivated to make a difference.

Youth and Family

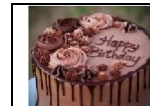
Rotary sponsors one of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange, and scholarship programs. Rotary clubs provide innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involve family members in a wide range of social and service activities.

Entertainment

Social activities give Rotarians a chance to let loose and have fun. Every Rotary club and district hosts parties and social activities that offer diversions from today's demanding professional and personal schedules. Conferences, conventions, assemblies, and social events provide entertainment as well as Rotary information, education, and service.

Ethical Environment

Encouraging high ethical standards in one's profession and respect for all worthy vocations has been a hallmark of Rotary from its earliest days. In their business and professional lives, Rotarians abide by The Four-Way Test:



Rtn. Srabonee Mitra, 1st August
Rtn. Gita Sarkar, 17th August



Rtn. Sutapa & Sujitendra, 5th August
Rtn. Kinjal & Mormita, 6th August

District Programs

'Amrit Dhara' - A cultural program was organized by Rotarians and their family members of RID 3291 to celebrate "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" on 13th August, 2022 at ICCR from 5 PM. President Rtn. Gita Sarkar took part in a solo song in this cultural event.
'Vridhhi' - Membership Seminar on August 27th, 2022 at Rotary Sadan