

<p>Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision, the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel for a common man to achieve uncommon results.</p>	<p><b>JANUARY</b></p> 	<p><b>FEBRUARY</b></p> 	<p>Rotary's goal today is to create an environment where peace can be built and maintained through sustainable and measurable activities in communities worldwide. Peacebuilding remains a cornerstone of our mission as a humanitarian service organization.</p>
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Highlights

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You don't have to be great to get started. But you sure have to get started to become great.



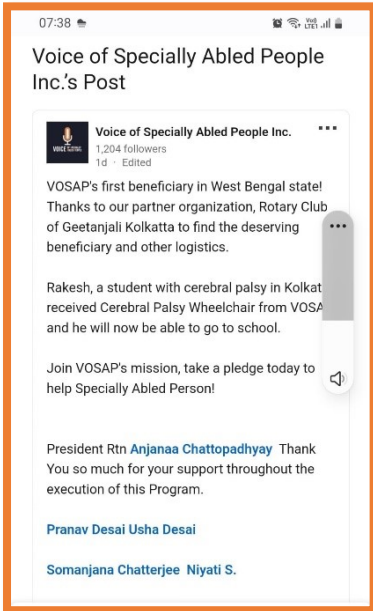
## From the Editor's Desk

Greetings!

2023 started off as quite a promising Year!



Inspired by 'Imagine Rotary', Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata had dared to imagine the ambitious project **Jayatu: Empowering the Specially-Abled**, although at that point, we had little idea as to how we'd turn that dream into reality. But honest intention, steady focus and relentless pursuance gradually opened up avenues. A generous US based organization agreed to be our project-partner, we met 7<sup>th</sup> Std dropout Rakesh suffering from leg impairment who needed an assistive device to go to school, doctors, physiotherapists and well-wishers came forward to help us in deciding the right wheelchair for Rakesh, teachers of Masidhat B M High School lent unconditional help, even the dealer who delivered the assistive device turned out to be no less than an angel! And on 25<sup>th</sup> January, we witnessed the Universe's conspiracy to make our dream come true as we handed over the Cerebral Palsy Wheelchair to Rakesh! The whole school cheered, Rakesh's parents broke down in tears and Rakesh broke into a wide smile as he operated the wheelchair by himself! It was a blissful moment for us all! Project Jayatu Wheelchair not only changed Rakesh's life but ours perception too because now we know that nothing is impossible! We must mention here that our US-based Partner VOSAP (Voice of Specially-Abled Persons) is significantly impressed with Rotary after their Project Jayatu experience with Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata. Proud to be a brand ambassador of Rotary!



Some of our other achievements include the immensely successful Project Positive Health Camp held at Sibpur Police Station grounds, Gold Sponsorship at Anandadhara, Installation of Interact Club of Masidhat B M High School, Project আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবস partnering with Rotary Club of Chandpur Bangladesh, and the success of the unique Multi-District International Peace Webinar 'Walk of Light'. We distributed Blankets in association with our RCCs to spread some warmth like every other year, participated in Life Beyond Cancer to support the cause of Pediatric Cancer and the success of ROTAVISION motivated us to repeat the project in other villages in March and April.

We are grateful to be able to serve society. May we continue our services and light up many more lives.

Warmest regards,

*President Rtn Anjanaa Chattopadhyay*





# Jayatu: empowering the Specially-Abled

## The 'Jayatu' journey of Rakesh

14-year-old Rakesh Sk no longer depends on his father to go from one place to another. Now he is **empowered** to move about **independently** in his wheelchair. And he is also back to school!



22 Sept 22

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Rakesh being carried by his father to the Awareness Camp held by RCGK.



2

Rakesh attending the Awareness Camp on Jayatu- Empowering the Specially-Abled at Masidhat B M High School, Usti



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25 Jan 23

Rakesh gets his wheelchair.



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Rakesh with his parents



9 Feb 23

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Back to the classroom, painting, learning to write....



23 Feb 23

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25 Jan 23

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Rakesh's wonderful teachers.

## Project Positive Health

12 Jan

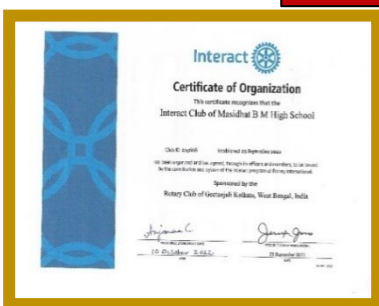
Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata observed **National Youth Day** on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2023** by organizing Project Positive Health Camp at Sibpur Police Station Grounds. The camp offered free general health check up, ECG, Blood Sugar test and eye check up. Minister Arup Roy, Mayor Sujoy Chakraborty, CP and Officer in charge Shibpur PS Arup Roy graced the occasion. Club President Rtn Anjanaa Chattopadhyay, Exec Secy Rtn Ashoka Chattopadhyay, Rtn Sourav Ganguly and Rtn Shantanu Chakraborty attended the camp. More than 150 beneficiaries came for check up and tests.



## Installation Ceremony of Newly formed Interact Club

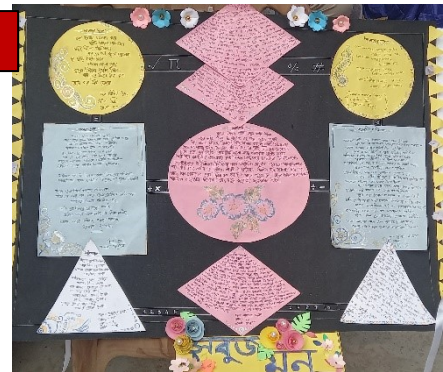
Installation Ceremony of **Interact Club of Masidhat B M High School** was held on **25<sup>th</sup> January '23** where Club President Sagnik Naskar was handed over the Charter. The 10-member team contributed Rs 15 each then and there from their own pocket to create a club fund. It was applauded by all. They enacted an excellent silent play on Save the Environment. They held Tree planting project as part of the Installation ceremony. They also put up a hand written wall magazine on this occasion. Their vibrant energy and abundant creativity impressed everyone present!

25 Jan





First 10 Members of Interact Club of Masjidhat B M High School, Usti



সবুজ মন – the hand-written wall magazine

## Project Blanket

This year too we distributed 50 Blankets to the underprivileged villagers in association with our RCCs under the District Blanket Project.



Project Blanket was held in association with **RCC Bira Angikar Welfare Society** at Habra Block 2, North 24 Parganas.



On our 74th Republic Day on 26th January '23, Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata in association with **RCC Behala Utsab Foundation** distributed 25 blankets to villagers of Arampur, Gosaba Block, South 24 Parganas.

## Anandadhar

6,7 & 8  
Jan

President Rtn Anjanaa Chattopadhyay, Exec Secy Rtn Ashoka Chatterjee, PP Rtn Dr Sudipta Chandra and Conference Sergeant At arms Rtn Don Sen, **total 4 members** from our club attended the **District Conference Anandadhara** on **6-8 January** at Nicco Park.





6,7 & 8 Jan

L- Club Exhibit.  
 R top - Conference Sergeant At Arms Rtn Don Sen with District officials.  
 R below – Delegates of Rotary Club of Chandpur Bangladesh District 3282.



## Project জাতীয়তাবাদ

Project জাতীয়তাবাদ was held on 27th January at Mallik Guest House in observance of our 74th Republic Day. 5 clubs co-hosted the event. DG Ajoy Kumar Law and District Literacy Chair Mukul Sinha graced the occasion.



27 Jan



## Charter Day

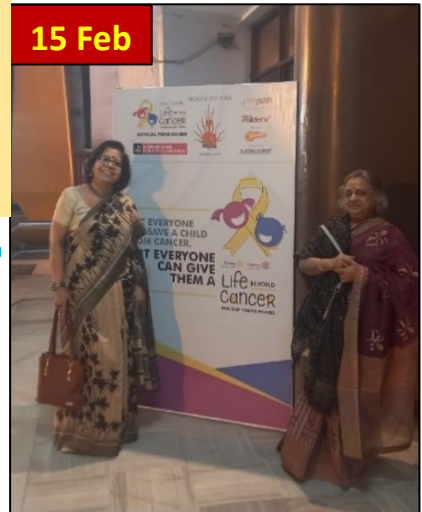
4 Feb



Celebrated Charter Day online with reminiscence, songs and poetry recitation. Charter President, President, Vice President, Exec Secy, Rtn Sourav, Rtn Mohua, Rtn Sulekha and Rtn Rtr Ratnadeep were present.

## Life Beyond Cancer: Co-host

15 Feb



President, Rtn Mohua Biswas and Rtn Don Sen attended.

## Hearing Aid

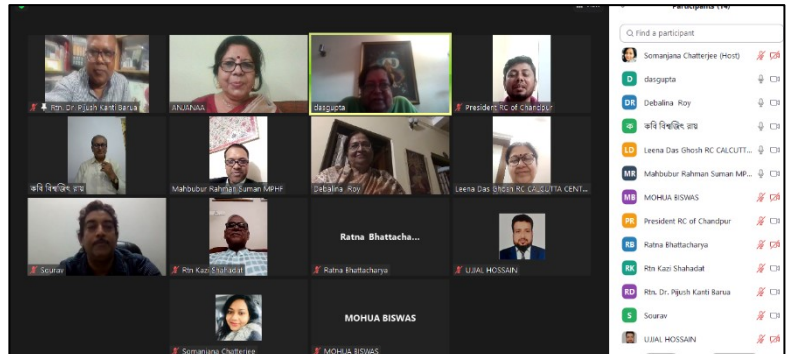
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Free Hearing Aid distributed & fitted in association with RCC Sri Buddho Bakshi at Purnam Chambers in the presence of Rtn Dr Sudipta Chandra. Rtn Sulekha Ghosh attended.

## আন্তর্জাতিক মাতৃভাষা দিবস

21 Feb



International Mother-language Day jointly with **RC Chandpur Bangladesh**. Participants from **India, Bangladesh, Germany and California** joined in to turn it into an apt program for February the Rotary month of Peace and Conflict Prevention, spreading Love, Peace & Harmony from four corners of the world!

## Walk of Light

25 Feb



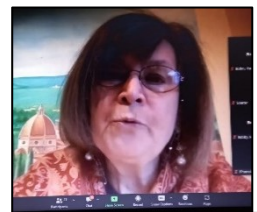
'Walk of Light' Webinar held to observe **Peace Building & Conflict Prevention month** was a fascinating event. The two distinguished speakers **Peggy Shapiro** and **Gina Waldman** brought History alive through their talk. The program gave us a chance to bring lived experiences of the crisis from the Holocaust & Pogrom in North Africa to our Rotary members in **India, Nepal & Bangladesh**, in the spirit of solidarity and understanding that every human should have a chance to live, and access to a better future.



Rtn Somanjana



Peggy Shapiro



Gina Waldman

## Our Rotaract Club: some activities



## Our RCCs: some activities



Sports event by Bira Angikar Welfare Society on 22.01.2023

74th Republic Day observed by The BVNEWS



## Members' Corner



### আমাদের চাটার ডে

রোটোরিয়াল অঙ্গনা চট্টোপাধ্যায়



ক্লাবের চাটার ডে  
হেলাভরে এসে চলে যাবে-  
তা কি করে হয়?  
বয়স যে হলো তার ৯!  
এটা নিয়ে উৎসব না-করলেই নয়!  
তাই ডাকা সবাইকে। অনলাইনে।  
নাই হলো কেক কাটা, নাচ-গান-  
ছলোড়।  
দেখা হবে কক্ষা হবে কিছু স্মৃতিচর্চা হবে  
তাতেই দেখব মনে পাওয়া যাবে জোর।  
আবার প্রোজেক্ট আর সিটিংয়ের তোড়!  
এটা নয় ওটা নয় বলে কেউ হাঁকবে,  
এভাবে কি হয় এসব ? রেগে কেউ  
বলবে,  
চটে গিয়ে বয়কট করে কেউ থাকবে,  
ও কেন এমন বললো? ভেবে কেউ  
ফুসবে।

সবকিছু ছাপিয়ে  
অনুভবে জাগিয়ে  
পুণ্যের ছোঁয়া মাথা  
সেবাময় ভালোলাগা  
শুধু দিয়ে খুশি হওয়া  
অকথিত কিছু পাওয়া  
স্মৃতিভিত্ত মনে জেগে থাকবে!  
সেই পুঁজি নিয়ে ফের শুরু হবে চলা।  
রাগারাগি কর্পূর  
উবে যাবে। ভরপুর  
খুশির সঞ্চয়রবে অস্তঃসলিলা।  
অতীতকে তাজ করে কাজ করে যাই  
যদি,  
তবেই সার্থক হবে আমাদের 'আজ'-  
Charter Day পালন তাই এক  
আবশ্যিক শক্ত রেওয়াজ!

গীতান্জলি কলকাতার জয়! জোর গলায় উঠুক আওয়াজ!

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## Rotating, revolving, and evolving as a Rotarian

Rtn Somanjana Chatterjee  
Scholar, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley



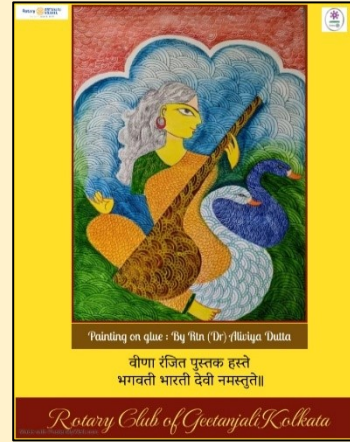
I was introduced to Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata by my aunt Rtn Anjanaa Chattopadhyay. I always valued her vision and resilience to turn things around, so when this opportunity arose to work with her, I promptly signed up.

While I live in California, not being able to engage in-person, I was excited to forge the connection between RC Geetanjali Kolkata and an US based non-profit, Voice of Specially-Abled People (VOSAP), manifesting in their partnering with Project Jayatu. Much appreciative and grateful to Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata for making me a part of this impactful project where a young student of rural Bengal has been empowered with the life-changing aid of a wheelchair to counter his disability. Hope he flies.

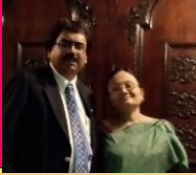
Walk of Light was an equally fascinating project. I am grateful for the opportunity to moderate it.

Rotary helps us to connect with our true nature, that of empathy, compassion and belief in collective wellbeing. It is through the empowering platform of Rotary that we experience our experiments with truth. Looking forward to a great Rotary experience.

Rtn Dr Aliviya Dutta is an award- winning doctor at the Critical Care Unit, Singapore Hospital. Painting on glue is her hobby. Our Saraswati Puja Greeting Card 2023 below used one of her paintings. The other is an iconic theme!



## Happy Anniversary



Rtn Utpal & spouse  
17<sup>th</sup> January



Rtn Sourav & Spouse  
4<sup>th</sup> February

## Happy Birthday!



Honr Rtn Kalyani Raj  
23<sup>rd</sup> January



Rtn Munmun Basu  
26<sup>th</sup> January



Rtn Devendra Sharma  
13<sup>th</sup> February



Rtn Dr Sudipta  
Chandra  
23<sup>rd</sup> February

## Congratulations SE!!

Secretary 23-24  
Rtn Dr Don Sen

