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## Chief Guest



### DG AJAY KUMAR LAW

District Governor Ajoy Kumar Law was born in the renowned Bengali 'Laha' family of Kolkata. He did his schooling from Hindu School, graduated with Honours in Commerce from St. Xavier's College, Kolkata and completed his graduation in Law from Calcutta University.

DGE Ajoy joined Rotary in 1995, was Club President in 2000-2001 and is currently a member of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie.

A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, he served Rotary District 3291 in various capacities like District Treasurer, District Secretary Administration, Assistant Governor Administration, three times and Assistant Governor Service, twice and has graced several other positions. He has attended five Rotary International Conventions - Osaka-2004, Chicago-2005, Birmingham-2009, Montreal-2010 and Bangkok-2012.

DGE Ajoy is the founder Managing Director of a private limited company which is engaged in

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marketing pharmaceutical and allied products. He is an active member of Bengal Chemists and Druggists Association (BCDA) and has served as its Zonal and District President for several terms.

His life partner Mitali is a director in his company. A Rotarian for over two decades and a Past President of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie, she is also a member of All India Women's Conference (AIWC) and other organizations.

Rotarian Ajoy is a life member of Eastern Chamber of Commerce and Subarna Banik Samaj. He enjoys music, especially Indian classical music. A life member of Sutanuti Parishad, he has been organizing classical music events at his residence, every year since 1994.

An avid dog-lover, DGE Ajoy is a life member of Kennel Club of India, Calcutta Kennel Club and Calcutta Canine Club. He is currently the Vice-President of Calcutta Canine Club. He enjoys gardening and has an enviable collection of plants, especially Bonsai. He is a member of The Agri-Horticultural Society of India.

He loves travelling and enjoys occasional road trips. He is a life member of Kolkata on Wheels and a member of Automobile Association of Eastern India (AAEI).

DGE Ajoy is also a member of Calcutta Swimming Club and Mohun Bagan Athletic Club.

## Guest of Honour



### COLONEL (DR) PRABAL PRATAP SINGH

This evening, on our 103rd Charter Day, we have as our Guest of Honour, likely for the very first time, a highly distinguished person of Equine calling!

Col Singh is a Doctor of Microbiology, while being an International Judge, Technical Delegate, International Steward in the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI) the world governing body for Equestrian sport based in Lausanne, Switzerland. He is judging, officiating, and assisting in organization of Equestrian events at the highest levels across the world.

He is the Founder Owner of Adagio Riding Stables Gurgaon India that provides State of the Art equestrian facilities for promotion of equestrian sport in India. He is the winner of Indian National Colours in Equestrian multiple times. He is currently active on panel and has officiated at multiple Olympics, World Games, World Championships, Asian Games, Asian Championships, and International Equestrian events across the world.

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That, however, does not do justice to his 360 degrees persona which also includes his interests in Real Estate Infrastructure Investment Consultancy as Co-Founder and Co-Owner at Adagio Consultancy Services France as well as Adagio Infrastructures Pvt. Ltd. Kolkata, India.

A military veteran, he has other business interests in Security and Intelligence services and is Awardee of the Uttam Yodha award in Aug 2022 by the President of India.

### Editor's Note

It is a coincidence that on this 103rd Charter Day, our distinguished guests are both avid animal lovers. While DG Ajoy Law is a dog lover, Col Singh is dedicated to horses. As Rotarians, we are committed to the welfare of humankind and Planet Earth. It behoves a Club of our stature to accept that we share the planet with other species and their welfare too is our responsibility. Kudos to Club Management for bringing these two outstanding human beings to our Club on this special day.

### SAMARTH EVENT ON 17 DEC 2022 IN PICTURES : ROTARIANS AT WORK





## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ATTENDANCE REPORT (27.12. 2022)

Total Members	:	244
Members Present	:	29
Exempted Members	:	67
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	3



### ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes  
Rotary Club of Calcutta World,  
India, R. I. Dist. 3291

## Birthdays

Dr. Chandra Sekhar Dhar	1st January
Dr. Pronab Dasgupta	1st January
Ritwik Gupta	1st January
Shantanu Deb Mookerjea	1st January
Mukti Gupta	2nd January
Dr. Joydeep Das	2nd January
Arun Kumar Chandra	4th January
Asok Kumar Basu	5th January
Dr. Ayusmati Thakur	5th January
Dilip Kumar Jaiswal	6th January
Abhijit Neogi	7th January
Niraj Kumar Saraf	9th January
Gitanjali Jolly	9th January
Dr. Chandreyee Das	9th January

*Wish you many happy returns of the day*

### MEMBERS' ROSTER -2022-23

Members' Roster-2022-23 is available. Members are requested to collect their copies from the Club Office.

### TODAY

103rd Charter Day celebration

Chief Guest : Rtn. Ajoy Kumar Law, District Governor, RI District 3291

Guest of Honour : Col. ( Dr) Prabal Pratap Singh

International Officiel du Olympic set and Championnate du Monde

### REPORTS

Health Care Committee has organised a Mega Health Camp at Jairambati Math, Kamarpukur, Hooghly, on Friday, 30th December, 2022.

### R I DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE – 2022-23 “ANANDADHARA”

R I District 3291 Conference – 2022-23 “ANANDADHARA” will be held from Friday 6th January to Sunday 8th January, 2023 at Nicco Park, East Side Pavilion, Salt Lake City, Kolkata. Registration Charges are Rs. 6,000/- per person. You are requested to kindly register your name with our Club Office.

### NO WEEKLY MEETING

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023 as the said meeting is being held on Sunday, 1st January, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan

### NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th January, 2023 at 1 p.m.  
Speaker to be announced.

**MINUTES OF THE 4880<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022  
AT 1 P.M. AT THE ROTARY SADAN**

1. President, Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4880th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Usha Agarwala.
3. Minutes of the 4879th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club held on 22nd December, 2022 was confirmed.
4. President welcomed Ms Rupa Chakravarti, Global Educator, Author, Poet, Artist, and Choreographer as the Chief Guest on that day. She would speak on "Draupadi Globally".
5. President also welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President Reported the following :**
7. **President Announced :**
  - a) Health Care Committee would organise a mega Health Camp at Jairambati Math, Kamarpukur on 30th December, 2022. A team from our Club would start from Rotary Sadan on 29th December, 2022 at 1 p.m. President requested members to join the mega Health Camp. Interested members are requested to contact Rtn. Dr. Sukalyan Purkayastha, Chairman, Health Care Committee.
  - b) The Club would celebrate its 103rd Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Sunday, 1st January, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to kindly note the date and attend with their spouse.
  - c) R I District 3291 Conference – 2022-23 "ANANDADHARA" would be held from Friday to Sunday, 6th to 8th January, 2023 at Nicco Park, East Side Pavilion, Salt Lake City, Kolkata. Registration Charges are Rs. 6,000/- per person and he requested members to kindly register their names. Club Office may please be contacted for Registration. He also informed that members could put their own business stall at the District conference venue during the conference at the rate of Rs. 30,000/- per stall.
  - d) President then informed members that the Board at its meeting held on 20th December, 2022, decided to increase charges for Regular Weekly Meeting Lunch service for Exempted Members, Visiting Rotarians, and Guests from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 400/- per head with effect from 1st January, 2023.
8. Hony. Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club business :
  - a. He welcomed all Members and Guests.
  - b. He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays during the week ending 31st December, 2022 and conveyed best wishes to them.
  - c. He then informed members that the Club would celebrate its 103rd Charter Day along with Regular Weekly Meeting on Sunday, 1st January, 2023 at 6.30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to kindly note the date and attend with spouse.
  - d. He also informed members that there would be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023 as the said meeting would be held on Sunday, 1st January, 2023 at 6.30 p.m.
  - e. He then informed that Members' Roster-2022-23 is available and requested members to please collect their copies from Club office.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. Suman Chakraborty introduced the Speaker Ms. Rupa Chakravarti.
10. Ms. Rupa Chakravarti then addressed the audience on "Draupadi Globally".
11. Questions raised by the members were answered by the speaker.
12. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Ms. Rupa Chakravarti.
13. No Sunshine Box collection on that day.
14. On behalf of the Club Rtn Subha Pal offered the vote of thanks.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria, India, R. I. Dist. 3291
16. The Meeting was adjourned at 2.42 p.m.

**Raj Kumar Agrawal**  
President

**Anand Sharma**  
Hony. Secretary