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## ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA INSTALLS ITS 103RD PRESIDENT

### TODAY'S CHIEF GUEST



**Shekhar Mehta**

R. I. President 2021-22

Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta was the 4th Indian to be nominated to be the President of Rotary International (2021-22)

He heads the Skyline Group engaged in real estate development in different parts of India.

He is a member of many professional, social, cultural and charitable organizations. He is a Trustee of Operation Eyesight Universal India a Canada based organization, Shelter Box UK.

He is a member of Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar and was District Governor in 1999-2000. He was the

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director on the board of Rotary International for the years 2011-13.

He has held many positions at the international level. Prominent amongst them are he was chairman of Strategic Planning Committee of Rotary International. He was chair of the Joint Committee on Partnership of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation. He was the chairman of Rotary India Literacy Mission. He was chairman of Rotary India Centennial Celebration.

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## TODAY'S GUEST OF HONOUR

### DG Ajoy Kumar Law

DG Ajoy Kumar Law, son of the renowned 'Laha' family, did his schooling from Hindu School, is a B.Com (Hons) from St. Xavier's College, Calcutta, and an LLB from Cal University. A Rotarian since 1995, he is PP of R.C. Calcutta Dalhousie, is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, served in District 3291 in various capacities including as AG in many occasions, and has attended 5 Rotary International Conventions from 2015 through 2012.



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## TODAY'S SPECIAL GUEST

### RIDE Anirudha Roy Choudhury



Anirudha an Electrical Engineer & 1st Generation entrepreneur joined Rotary in the year 1994 as a Charter Member, served the club in all positions and was President in the year 2000-2001 adjudged as Best President. He became the District Governor in the year 2007-08 and happened to be the last Governor of United Rotary District 3290 with 187 clubs in India and Nepal with membership base of 6,000. During his Governorship, he added more than 450 members with 11 new clubs.

Anirudha raised \$ 6,13,000/- for TRF which is all time record till date of erstwhile District 3290 now 3291. For the first time during his tenure \$100,000/- was mobilized towards permanent fund of TRF and three named endowment funds were established in the District.

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## KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT

### Raj Kumar Agarwal



Rajkumar Agrawal belongs to a business family. He got his degree from Calcutta University and joined his family business. He is Director of Francis Klein & co. Pvt. Ltd., representing several German manufacturers of high precision machinery in India. Apart from above he is also in the marketing of IT equipment.

He is Vice President of Bharat Chamber of Commerce and member of Indo German Chamber and CII. He is also member of Calcutta Club, Bengal Club, BRC and RCTC.

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## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2022-23



### **Jennifer E. Jones**

**Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland  
Ontario, Canada**

Jones is founder and president of Media Street Productions Inc., an award-winning media company in Windsor. She was chair of the board of governors of the University of Windsor and chair of the Windsor-Essex Regional Chamber of Commerce. She has been recognized for her service with the YMCA Peace Medallion, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and Wayne State University's Peacemaker of the Year Award, a first for a Canadian. Jones holds a Doctor of Laws (LL.D.).

As the first woman to be elected president, Jones understands how important it is to follow through on Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Statement. "I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty — these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership," Jones said. "I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family."

Jones has been a Rotary member since 1997 and has served Rotary as RI vice president, director, training leader, committee chair, moderator, and district governor. She played a lead role in Rotary's rebranding effort by serving as chair of the Strengthening Rotary Advisory Group. She is the co-chair of the End Polio Now Countdown to History Campaign Committee, which aims to raise \$150 million for polio eradication efforts. She also led the successful #RotaryResponds telethon in 2020, which raised critical funds for COVID-19 relief and was viewed by more than 65,000 people.

Jones has also received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service. She and her husband, Nick Krayacich, are members of The Rotary Foundation's Arch Klumph Society, Paul Harris Society, and the Bequest Society.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

It will be my honour and privilege to lead the oldest running Rotary Club in mainland Asia for the year 2022-23.

We are in 103rd year of existence and we have a rich heritage and proud legacy of selfless service to the society. It would be the endeavour of my team of dedicated Rotarians to live upto the ideals with which our club has functioned so far. Our main aim is improving the life of the under privileged in our community. We have planned a plethora of projects in various verticals of Rotary which, can be executed through active involvement and support of our members.

Rotary functions through its committees and the committee chairpersons are the real drivers of the programmes and objectives of the club. I am sure with their support we will be able to make a difference to the community around us.

I am thankful to the PDGs, Past Presidents and members of our club for reposing faith in me.

Team 2022-23 looks forward to your continued support and guidance for an enjoyable and fruitful year.

Yours in Rotary,

**Raj Kumar Agrawal**

President 2022-23

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## Shekhar Mehta

He has helped Rotary add 2 countries to its fold Bhutan and Maldives.

Keenly dedicated to service Shekhar has led some major service initiatives in India. Some of them are constructing 500 homes for Tsunami survivors at Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

Starting the Shelter Kit program which has served about 20 disasters in India distributing more than 10000 shelter kits helping about 50000 disaster victims.

Healing Little Hearts: having got done more than 2000 heart surgeries for children all over India.

He has conceived, designed and scaled up the Rotary India Literacy Mission by starting initiative like conceiving and starting the TEACH program. The program today has a reach in the entire country of India. More than 3000 Rotary Clubs participate in this program making it one of the largest program of Literacy and Education by Rotary in the world.

He has initiated construction of 7000 plus toilets in rural West Bengal benefiting 35000 villagers. He has been instrumental in setting up 15 eye hospitals all over India.

He is recipient of all the highest awards of Rotary International. Service Above Self Award, the Meritorious Service Award and the Distinguished Service Award. Shekhar is married to Rashi. They have 2 children, son Chiraag married to Geeta settled in Delhi and daughter Chandni pursuing PhD in Delhi. They have one grandson Veer.

During his year as President of Rotary International Shekhar asks Rotarians to Grow More and Do More. His mission for the year is a leap in membership to a never before 1.3 million.

He wants Rotarians to focus on Empowering Girls - be it in Education, Health, Skilling or WASH.

His own guiding mantra is Service is the rent that we pay for the space we occupy on this earth.

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## Ajoy Kumar Law

DG Ajoy is MD of his own pharmaceutical marketing company, Ofa Pvt Ltd, and is an active member of Bengal Chemists & Druggists Association and has been its President several times. His wife, Rtn. Mitali, is PP of RC Calcutta Dalhousie, sits on the Board of of a Pvt. Ltd., engages in social activities and is a member of All India Women's Conference. Their two daughters, elder Anupa is a B.Com, MBA, and is employed with an MNC, and younger Rtn. Anwesha from RC Calcutta Dalhousie, is a B.Tech, M.Tech, and pursuing her Ph.D. at ISI, Kolkata.

DG Ajoy is a avid dog lover, is a member of various kennel clubs, enjoys gardening, loves travelling including road trips, and is a member of many Social Clubs and Organisations & Societies in the city.

## Anirudha Roy Choudhury

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Anirudha has attended many conferences in India and abroad. Anirudha has served in various capacities in District. He has served As Assistant Rotary Coordinators for Membership, and Public Image and The Rotary Foundation for 6 years. He has served RI President's representative for 5 times. Currently he is serving as the DRFC ( District Rotary Foundation Chair) and Regional Coordinator on Rotary's Public Image and TRF Cadre of Technical Adviser.

Anirudha has set up his own foundation (Zoom Foundation) by raising corpus fund through his personal contribution. He is deeply involved with the cause of Thalassaemia patients and also has funded a hematology diagnostic Centre from his foundation.

Anirudha is associated with many philanthropic and business organisations namely Bengal National Chambers of Commerce/ Federation of Small and Medium Industry and Calcutta Chamber of Commerce.

He is the recipient of Citation for Meritorious Services in the year 2011 and Distinguished Service Award 2016-17 from The Rotary Foundation. He has received Service Above Self Award in 2013 from Rotary International. Anirudha and his wife are 3rd level Major Donors/ Member of Bequest Society.

He is married to Shipra, a major donor and Past President of Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta Mega City and are blessed with a Son Arindam, Daughter-in-law Shashwati, daughter Arundhuti and grandsons Aditya/Arya and Devarsh.

## Raj Kumar Agarwal

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His wife Asha is a home maker and his daughter Neha, is a postgraduate from NTU Singapore and son Yash just graduated from Kelley Business School, USA.

Raj has been a Rotarian for more than 20 years and has served the club in many positions. His most notable project was, as the chairman of youth service committee, to organise Flight of Fantasy wherein 100 underprivileged children were taken on a plane ride for one hour accompanied by the then mayor of Kolkata Mr. Subrata Mukherjee. Apart from this he has carried out various projects for different committees of the club. Holi milan fellowships at his residence are almost an annual affair since last 15 years.

He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and also a member of Paul Harris Society.



## NEW TEAM OF 2022-23

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Raj Kumar Agarwal**  
President



**Kanak Dutt**  
President Elect



**Subrata Dey**  
Vice-President



**Sujata Pyne**  
IMM Past President



**Anand Sharma**  
Hony. Secy



**Sonal Worah**  
Hony. Jt. Secy



**Shampa Ghose**  
Hony. Treasurer



**Renuka Shah**  
Hony. Jt. Treasurer



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Director



**Kirit Patel**  
Director



**Nilima Joshi**  
Director



**Sriranjani Joshi**  
Director



**Dr. Sourabh Khemani**  
Director



**Dr. S K Sharma**  
Advisor to the Board

### CLUB OFFICIALS



**Purnendu Roychowdhury**  
Foundation Chair  
& Club Trainer



**Amit Ghosh**  
Club Correspondent &  
Editor - The Chaka



**Ashok Kumar Basu**  
CURATOR-Club Archive



**Arindam Roychowdhury**  
Webmaster



**Debjani Ghosh**  
Legal Advisor



**Green Badgers**  
Sergeant - at - Arms

### COMMITTEES & CHAIRS 2022-23



**Abhijit Kolay**  
Attendance & Classification



**Malika Mukerji Sarkar**  
Web - in - Charge



**Arindam Roychowdhury**  
Webmaster



**Renuka Shah**  
Programme



**Indrajit Banerjee**  
CSR & Public Image  
& Bulletin



**Dr. Sukalayan Purkayasta**  
Healthcare



**Saumen Ray**  
International Service &  
Long Term Projects



**Purnendu Roychowdhury**  
Inter Club & Dist. Relation  
& Rotary Foundation



**Sonal Worah**  
Fellowship, Spl. Programme  
& Children's Treat



**Subha Pal**  
Attendance & Green Badgers



**Shampa Ghose**  
Women Empowerment



**Roshni Ganguly**  
NCLCL, Cultural Section  
& Computer



**Subhajit Guha Mazumder**  
Vocational Service



**Indrajit Ganguly**  
Rotary Sadan & Admin.



**Ashok Kumar Basu**  
Environment



**Sriranjani Joshi**  
Literacy



**Debjani Ghosh**  
Legal Compliance



**Partha Pratim Mukherjee**  
Special Projects



**Bodhi Brata Das**  
Physical Fitness

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Rotary Children's Welfare Trust 2022-23



**Abhijit Koley**  
Chairperson



**Sujata Pyne**  
Trustee



**Raj Kumar Agrawal**  
Trustee



**Kanak Dutt**  
Trustee



**Subrata Dey**  
Trustee

### Rotary Club of Calcutta Welfare Trust 2021-22



**Sujata Pyne**  
Chairperson



**Raj Kumar Agrawal**  
Trustee



**Kanak Dutt**  
Trustee



**Subrata Dey**  
Trustee

Hony. Secretary Anand Sharma & Hony. Treasurer Shampa Ghose will be Convenors for both Rotary Children's Welfare Trust & RC Calcutta Welfare Trust



## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEXT WEEKLY MEETING

Tuesday, 12th July, 2022 at 1 p.m. at Rotary Sadan

Speaker: Rtn Dr. Nandini Ray | Topic: Computer Vision Syndrome

## DOCTOR'S DAY CELEBRATION JOINTLY WITH INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Venue: Rotary Sadan

Date: 1st July, 2022

Time: 5.00 PM



RC Calcutta ushered in the new Rotary Year with its Service Activity, by celebrating Doctor's Day – Dr D C Roy's Birth anniversary - with three back-to-back events on 1st July, 2022. The events commenced with:

- A Blood Donation Camp at 5.00 PM,
- felicitation of a galaxy of eminent doctors from IMA and our own club,
- followed with a Panel Discussion.

The Blood Donation was arranged through Blood Transfusion Council of Dept of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of W.B., and it was a mobile, automated & air-conditioned Blood Camp on wheels, with nominated blood bank being Calcutta Medical college. Dr Santanu Sen, MP, Dr Qassim, Prez of IMA, and Prez Raj Agarwal inaugurated the Blood Donation, and after conveying words of appreciation for the humanitarian services being done by the donors, and words of gratitude with first batch of donors, proceeded to welcome the arriving IMA delegates.

The felicitation of doctors commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the Lamp by all dignitary doctors on the dais. After a brief welcome address by Prez. Raj Agarwal, Dr Santanu Sen, Dr Qassim, Dr Sharma and few others addressed the gathering, each one emphasising medical service as a noble profession dealing with human life, requiring respect & compassion of the public. Approximately 13 doctors from IMA and an equal number from RC Calcutta, including Dr Sukumar Mukherjee and Sri Manas Bhunia from Govt of W.B., were felicitated. A short film, titled "Siddhant", was then projected, which deals with inappropriate attitude & treatment to doctors by general public, which makes extension of medical service more difficult. Incidentally the entire cast and production of the film comprised of medical practitioners. On conclusion of the film

i. Dr Santanu Sen released a journal published by IMA, and thereafter

ii. Rtn Ravindra Khandelwal launched the Rotary Lifeline App, an App which gives multiple assistance to patients seeking blood, by connecting them with possible donors in nearby location, and promotes blood donation.

The topic for the panel discussion was "Doctor Patient Relationship" and was ably moderated by Dr Sandip Chatterjee. The panel apart from eminent doctors, included Milan Mukherjee, lawyer & Advocate, Journalist from Ananda Bazar, Santanu Ghosh, Sri Manas Bhunia. Various aspect of the topic was discussed, major ones being patient party's perception of the treatment extended by the doctor, professional (and at times unethical) competition amongst doctors, the fear of malpractice law suits under various statutes (e.g. Consumer Forum), and the overhang amongst patients that doctor should cure even the incurable. Moderator aptly concluded with a happy note of a patient party's expression of gratitude, even after the patient succumbed to the ailment.

The Program was live cast in FM. On conclusion Secy. Anand Sharma delivered a vote of thanks, thanked Dr Sukalyan Purakaystha, Partha Mukherjee and Malika Sarkar for meticulously organising the event, and invited all for dinner before departing.



**ATTENDANCE REPORT (29.06.2022)**

Total Members	244
Members Present	77
Exempted Members	68
Visiting Rotarians & Guests	42

**Birthdays**

Subroto Lahiri	5th July
Jayanta Kr Mitra	7th July
Tara John	7th July
R K Bachawat	8th July

**Wish you many happy returns of the day**

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Dr. Niranjan Bhattacharjee and R. Ann Sanjukta	5th July
Partha Sarathi Bose & R-Ann Mahua	6th July
Dr. Harsh Vardhan Agarwal and R. Ann Neha	7th July
Abhyuday Anup Kaushal and R. Ann Tashu	7th July
Dr. Ranabir Mukherjee and Jyotsna	7th July
Laxmi Niwas Bangur and R. Ann Alka	9th July
M.L. Pachisia and R. Ann Manorama	11th July

**Wish you many more years of marital bliss**



We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland Ontario, Canada, R.I. Dist. 6400

**MINUTES OF RWM of ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA HELD ON 29th June 2022 AT 6:30 PM AT ROTARY SADAN**

1. President Sujata Pyne called the 4859th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
2. The President led the National Anthem.
3. President :
  - a) Welcomed the attending guests, Rotarians and green badgers.
  - b) Confirmed the minutes of the 4858th Regular Meeting held on 14th June 2022 at Rotary Sadan.
4. President's reporting is published in Chaka.
5. The President Reported that our Club had won 33 awards in the District recognition and awards ceremony 2021-22 including the overall best club in the District, Gold President and Gold Secretary award.
6. President – Announcements of Upcoming Events and Programmes
  - a) Doctors' Day Celebration on 1st July, 2022
  - b) 103RD INSTALLATION MEETING on Tuesday, 5th July, 2022
  - c) The Financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022 were finalised and signed by the auditors. They were presented in the meeting and passed by the members.
  - d) In view of demise of Vice - President (2021-22) Rtn. Samiran Sen, the post was vacant. Accordingly, Rtn Kanak Dutt was nominated as the Vice- President for the Rotary year 2021-22 (President Elect 2022-23) with immediate effect.
  - e) Rtn. Amit Ghosh, was the Hony. Jt. Secretary for the Rotary year 2022-23 has resigned from the post with immediate effect. In his place, Rtn. Sonal Worah has been nominated as the Hony. Jt. Secretary for the Rotary year 2022-23.
7. Mr Swagata Sengupta, Mrs Usha Agarwala and Dr Rajib Seal were inducted as new members.
8. Major Donors pin were given to Rtn. Abijit Kolay and Rtn. Purnendu Roy Choudhury.
9. The Hony. Secretary conducted the club business.
10. The President and the Hony secretary thanked all members for the support given to them during the year.
11. President conveyed greetings and remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Majestic, R I District 3291. The meeting was adjourned at 8.30 pm.

**Rtn. Sujata Pyne**  
President (2021-22)

**Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi**  
Hony. Secretary (2021-22)

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