

# THOUGHT'



### Rotary Rabindra Sarobar RI District 3291

## 30th Installation Ceremony

Sunday, 31st July, 2022, Casa Broadway



President: Rtn. Kakoli Dey

Secretary: Rtn. Soumen Dutta Treasurer cum Finance Controller: Rtn. Pradyut Sarkar

Editor: Rtn Subir Nag Chowdhury



#### From Editor's Desk

Dear Friends & Fellow Rotarians.

The installation Bulletin "THOUGHT" focuses on the synopsis of ROTARY Rabindra Sarobar at a glance. The club which had a humble beginning in 1993 has now stepped into 30 years of experience." IMAGINE ROTARY is the Theme of 22-23. I believe heart & soul." Success comes to those who work hard and stays with those, who don't rest on the laurels of the past" I am grateful being chosen as Editor for Rotary Year

PP Rtn Subir Nag Chowdhury

Editor 2022-23



#### Dear fellow Rotarian,



I congratulate you on your installation to the office of 2022-23 Club Presidents of District 3291, West Bengal, India. The upcoming year promises to be one of the most joyful and rewarding years of your life. As club and district leaders, you have such an important role to play. You can do so much to help create club experiences that are welcoming, inclusive and enjoyable for each and every member – and you can extend that same warmth and belonging to every participant who wishes to engage with our clubs. If we serve our members, we serve our communities. And if we provide comfort and care for our members, they will truly come to understand the power of Rotary. We all feel the impact that Rotary service and Rotary values have on us ... now it's our opportunity to share that feeling with others. This is a year to Imagine Rotary by envisioning a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing we can make a difference. We don't imagine vesterday, we imagine tomorrow. We imagine a world without polio, with clean water for everyone. We imagine a world free of disease and where every child learns to read. We imagine kindness, hope, love, and peace. It is honor to work beside you as we guide our fellow Rotary members to another successful year. I am relying on you as we commit ourselves to Imagine Rotary. Warmest regards,

R I President's Message

Jennifer Jones, Rotary International President, 2022-2023



#### **District Governor's Message**

Dear President Mitali joins me in congratulating you as you don the mantle of leadership of your Club. Taking up any responsibility is always a challenge and I am tonfident that you will rise to the occasion! I would thank your outgoing President and all your Club members for the dedicated service rendered by your Club during Rotary year 2021-22 as we Served to Change Lives. Rotary year 2022-23 is very significant for all of us! For the first time in the history of Rotary, we will be having a Lady President of Rotary International in Madam Jennifer Jones from Canada, who has given us a uniquely innovative theme "IMAGINE ROTARY". I consider myself extremely fortunate to have the opportunity of working with her! Continuing with the initiatives taken by her predecessor - our very own Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Empowerment of Girl Child and Membership Growth will remain as her focus areas also. Rotary, my friend is a journey! Once you embark upon this journey, you cannot give up in between! Rotary gives us enormous opportunities to make new friends, strengthen bonding with existing friends and together - we get the opportunity to serve mankind to the best of our abilities! Please keep in mind that 2022-23 is not my year alone! It is our year together! The call to "Imagine Rotary" is there for you my friend! Go ahead and share your service, strengthen your Club and the community - with your imagination!

Best regards, Yours in Rotary Service

Ajoy Kumar Law, District Governor 2022-2023

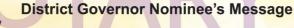


#### District Governor Elect's Message

Dear President Rtn. Kakoli Dey,

It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate you for being selected as the President of Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar for the year 2022-2023. As the President of your club in the year 2022-2023, you have got an opportunity to plan and undertake sustainable need based projects to bring hope & happiness in the lives of underprivileged people. It will not only bring changes in the life of beneficiaries, but it will also enhance the Image of Rotary. I would like to congratulate the Immediate Past President Rtn. Subodh Roy and members of Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar for their contributions to the community through many service projects in the year 2021-2022. I am confident that Rotarians of Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar will make the Rotary year 2022-2023 an outstanding year of service to the community under your able leadership. Imagine a better community, a better Country and a better World by Changing Lives through your Service Projects. Deepali joins me in wishing you and your club members for an eventful and most successful Rotary Year 2022-2023. Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Hira Lal Yadav, District Governor Elect, 2023-2024





Dear President Rtn Kakoli Dey Hearty congratulations on assuming office as the President of Rotary Club Rabindra Sarobar for 2022 – 2023 in the historic year with the first-ever lady President of Rotary International Rtn Jennifer Jones at the helm, taking over from our very own dynamic leader PRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta. A joyous moment indeed!! Being "people of action", we all are essentially in Rotary for hands-on service projects. I am sure that you will take up both meaningful and sustainable projects based on the seven "Areas of Focus", in addition to stressing upon the three important verticals, namely, Public Image, Membership and The Rotary Foundation. I am positive that you and your vibrant team will support our very able and hardworking District Governor Rtn Ajoy Kumar Law throughout the Rotary Year, and "Imagine Rotary" the way you have never done before, and continue making a difference, being an inspiration to connect and open opportunities for others, and serve to change lives!! It will be my unique pleasure to work with you and the members of your club in the coming years with the common goal of serving humanity. Dr Simran joins me in wishing you and your esteemed members all the very best for a super successful Rotary Year 2022 - 2023. Kind regards. Yours-in-Rotary

Rtn. Dr Krishnendu Gupta, District Governor Nominee, 2024–2025

#### Message from R I Past President



Dear President Kakoli,

Congratulations on taking over the mantle of leadership of Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar Calcutta. Your club over the years has been engaged in doing many service projects in the district. Each of your past Presidents has set a benchmark of excellence. Yet as you lead your club in this year, set higher goals, cross new milestones, specially when you have a senior leader like PDG Uttam Ganguly from your own club. I am sure you will take your club to great heights with the sheer dint of your merit, sincerity and humility. You are privileged as a President, as you have the unique opportunity of leading your club. For more than 117 years Rotarians around the world have believed in Service Above Self to bring smiles on faces of millions of people. I am sure, as you lead your club, you will serve the community, the city and its people and leave your footprints in the sands of time in this wonderful Journey of Service. Presidentship is your humble opportunity to serve hands on as well as to motivate others to Serve well. Imagine Rotary to make the most of this opportunity of Serving the Community to Change Lives. Yours sincerely, Rtn. Shekhar Mehta. R I Past President

#### Message from PDG Uttam Ganguli



Dear President Rtn. Kakoli and Members of Rotary Rabindra Sarobar,

Congratulations on your taking over the reigns of our Club Rotary Rabindra Sarobar for 2022-23. My best wishes to you on your Installation. While it gives you ample opportunities to celebrate, it also places on your shoulder the responsibility of doing meaningful projects in accordance with Rotary's Focus Areas – "Peace and Conflict Prevention, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Water and Sanitation, Maternal and Child Health, Basic Education and Literacy, Economic and Community Development". Our R I President Rtn Jennifer Jones is also a dynamic Lady Rotarian who is asking Rotary members to Dream Big and take Action. "We all have dreams, but acting on them is a choice"- she said. I shall be beside you in your needs – be it all the projects. Being the Charter Secretary of this Club, I very well know the potential of our Club Members. I am confident that they will again prove that Rotarians are par Excellence and all of us can "Imagine Rotary" to Dream Big.

Rtn. Uttam Ganguli, Past District Governor

#### Message from President of Sister Club - Rotary Melbourne Central



r President Kakoli

It was my absolute pleasure for Past District Governor Uttam Ganguly to attend the Rotary Central Melbourne Changeover on Friday 1st July, during which our joint project of sending Oxygen Concentrators to India received a District 9800 award for International Service. Our members and District Governor Amanda Wendt greatly appreciated hearing from Uttam how the oxygen concentrators had helped people during the pandemic. Please pass on my club's gratitude for the opportunity to work with your club to meet an important and urgent community need. One of Rotary Central Melbourne's priorities for 2022/23 is to fully re-engage in service. We drew inspiration from an article entitled "Reignite our Service" by then Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta in the October edition of Rotary Downunder. Whilst all Rotarians can be proud of what we have been able to achieve during the pandemic, we know that there is so much more that we want to do and so much more that we need to do. Regardless of how big or small our projects are, they are all important as they fulfil community needs and build hope. And we may never know how much a small act of kindness and some hope can change the course of a life. I wish you and your members every success in fulfilling the important needs of the communities that you serve and stand ready to explore new opportunities for joint service. Kind regards,

Rtn. Rohan Williams, Rotary Central Melbourne – President 2022-23

#### **Know Your Club President 2022-23**



Kakoli Dey is the Assistant Director of Child in Need Institute (CINI), an NGO working since 1974 for the wellbeing of the children, adolescents and women. She heads the International and Resource mobilisation unit of the organisation. She holds a Post Graduate degree in Sociology. She also holds diplomas in Financial Management and Advance Systems Management. Her passion for reading, travelling, hiking and photography has made her travel to many places in India and abroad. Support from her parents and friends helped her nurture her passion. Her mother a homemaker always inspired her to grow stronger and to never give up even in the most uncertain situations. She is married to Sasanka Ghosh, a professional artiste, whose encouragement and support made her do multiple photography exhibitions. She also bagged several awards for her photography. She also contributes travelogue and photographs to a leading Bengali magazine. She believes in living life to the fullest.

#### Club President speaks



I am proud to be a Rotarian and I feel honored and humbled to be elected President of the Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarobar 2022–2023. With the help and support of my Board members and fellow Rotarians, I will do my best to meet the challenge. Our club has been built on a strong leadership foundation, and I am fortunate to have a membership that is fully committed to the Rotary ideals of service above self, and continues to go the extra mile in building the club, and carrying out some sustainable projects that we undertake for the benefit of our community.

I wish each of you and your family a great new Rotary year.

Rtn Kakoli Dey, President 2022-23

#### Message from Immediate Past President



Dear Friends,

We are meeting again to celebrate 30th Installation Ceremony at Casa Broadway on 31st July '22 when the Club has witnessed again another remarkable Installation with a new President & Board to take forward the theme of "Imagine Rotary" to which the Club is committed.

As a IPPI am thankful to the members of RCRS for giving me an opportunity to send Message.

Wishing the incoming President & Board of 22-23 all success.

Rtn Subodh Roy

Immediate Past President 2021-22

### Secretary's Report on Projects - RY 2021 - 2022

Sr.No.	Area of Focus	Sub Category	Date	Title	Description	Funding	Cost	Beneficiaries
1	DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	Health issues - seminar	12-Feb-22	Life beyond Cancer	District and Rotaract 3291 presented programme Life beyond Cancer for the well being of paediatric cancer patients and survivors. Actress Rituparna Sengupta and singer Kaushiki Chakraborty was present.	Self Funded	3000	100
2	YOUTH SERVICE		12-Jan-22	International seminar on World Youth Day on Todays reality and young generation	Our club co hosted in Rotary Club of Geetanjali Kolkata international seminar on World youth Day on Todays reality and young generation on Zoom platform. Rotary Club of Golden Dhaka participated in it. The speaker was eminent educationist and author Dr Pabitra Sarkar.	Self Funded	500	100
3	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		2-Jan-22	MAA Project	Club co-hosted Rotary Club of North Easts MAA project for supporting widows with essential items and food materials.	Self Funded	4000	5
4	DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	Health issues - Rallies	24-Oct-21	World Polio Day Rally	On World Polio Day all Rotarians and Rotaractors gathered in Rotary Sadan where RI President Rtn Shekhar Mehta addressed the gathering . From there bike and car rally started amd went on 5 different routes all over Kolkata and thereafter met at three points for refreshment and getting certificate collection. Rally also happened all over district 3291 like in Hooghly, Port Blair , Medinipur and so on	Self Funded	5000	100
5	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	Medical facility setup	10-Oct-21	Haat baralei bondhu	On the occassion of Durga Puja at Chatuskone Park Durgotsav Rotary Club of Rabindra Sarovar donated 3 tricycles, 6 wheel chairs and 20 walking sticks to physically challenged people. About 200 sarees were also distributed. PDG Rtn Uttam Ganguli and politician Nirbed Roy graced the occasion.	Self Funded	70000	120
6	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		9-Oct-21	Aamader Padakhep	On occasion of Durga Puja our club did cloth distribution along with donated a Tv and Rs 10000 to children of Aamader Padakhep	Self Funded	35000	100
7	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		8-Oct-21	Tagore Foundation School	On occasion of Durga Puja clothes were given to underprivileged children of Tagore foundation School.	Self Funded	30000	150
8	Others(Pre puja Cultural Programme)		6-Oct-21	Viswajoge Saratsonge	Our club participated in Rotary club of Harmonys cultural programme Viswajoge Sarat songe on the auspicious occasion of Durga Puja. Many clubs participated in the programme.	Self Funded	2500	100
9	DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	Health issues - Campaigns	26-Sep-21	The second control of	On occasion of SNID arrangements was made for miking with banner in auto with club name and logo. Campaign was done for preventing Polio in areas around Rabindra Sarovar.	Self Funded	5000	200
10	BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY	Teacher Training Offline ( Physical)	5-Sep-21	Teachers Day Celebration	Teachers Day was celebrated at Calcutta Vidya Socio Cultural Center where Club felicitated 12 teachers who teach students from downtrodden families.	Self Funded	5000	150
11	SUPPORTING THE ENVIRONMENT	General plants	20-Aug-21	Hariyali	Co host of District Project Hariyali, a mega Plantation drive by District 3291	District Grant	5000	100
12	DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT	Health issues - seminar	15-Aug-21	Empowering Girls( Swapna)	Awareness seminar on Menstrual Hygiene, Cervical cancer and General Awareness on woman health, IPP Rtn Dr Sudip Basu, Rtn Dr O Das & Dr M Kumari addressed a group young girls of age group 13yrs to 22yrs on the above mentioned topics at the end of program club handed over Sanitary Napkins, Mask, Sanitizers and a food packet which contain nutritional food supplement. District Official PP Rtn Asit Talukder and DRR Arka Nag was present.	Self Funded	10000	35
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14	COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		8-Aug-21	Voice of World	A sum of 10000 rupees was handed over to representative from Voice of World for making 10 cots for visually challenged inmates .	Self Funded	10000	10
15	MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH	Content only	12-Jul-21	Aalo	With Navjivan NGO distributed food materials to children of Kalighat redlight areas.	Self Funded	5000	100

#### **Message from Installation Chairman**



Dear President Kakol

Right at the outset heartiest congratulations for being chosen the club President. What a pleasant coincidence it is! For the year you were chosen to lead our club I was in the Chair for the Nomination Committee. Here again I have been placed by the club as the Chair for the Installation when you will be handed over the charge of the club. Good. Let's all rededicate ourselves with a new thought "Imagine Rotary" as has been propagated by our International President. Our club has a glorious legacy of the past. The strong Board with reach experience you have, along with you, I am confident will do wonders this Rotary year.

Wishing a fabulous Rotary year.

In-Rotary-for-You

Rtn Sushanta Chakrabortty, Installation Chairman

#### Club Board of RY - 2022-2023

**President:** Rtn Kakoli Dey IPP: Rtn Subodh Roy **President Elect:** Rtn Subrata Kr Dutta Vice President: a) Rtn Swapan Dutt b) Rtn. Aniruddha Ghosh Rtn Soumen Dutta

Secretary: Jt. Secretary: Rtn Ratul Ghosh Treasurer cum Finance Controller: Rtn Pradyut Kumar Sarkar

Advisors : Rtn Bidyut Baran Roy Rtn Uttam Ganguli Rtn Bijon Kumar Dutta Rtn Asit Kumar Roy Rtn Rudra Roy Choudhury

Rtn Indrajit Gupta Rtn Abhijit Sengupta Directors:

**Community Service (Medical):** Rtn Dr. Abhijit Banerjee Vocational Service: Rtn Ranjan Chatterjee

**Directors:** 

**Service Project: Editor & Publication:** 

Club Trainer: Community Service (Non Medical): Rtn Ritun Chatterjee **International Service:** 

**Club Service:** Sergent At Arms: CICO:

**Committee Chairs** 

RCC: POLIO: Membership: **Rotary Foundation:** Literacy: Public Relations: Fellowship: **Public Image Chair:**  Rtn Asit Roy

Rtn Subir Nag Chowdhury Rtn Ashoke Kumar Kar

Rtn Ritwik Ganguly Rtn Sushanta Chakrabortty Rtn B. M. Jha

Rtn Bijon Kumar Dutta

Rtn Subir Nag Chowdhury Rtn Indrajit Gupta Rtn Abhijit Sengupta Rtn Bidyut Baran Roy Rtn Subir Nag Chowdhury Rtn Pradyut Kumar Sarkar Rtn Sushanta Chakrabortty Rtn Aniruddha Ghosh

#### **New Membership Inductees**



Rtn Samrat Ganguly is having almost two decades of experience in development sector. In the past, he has been progressively responsible for leading, setting up, developing, and implementing development program and helping them became financially self sufficient operations for many national and international non-profits organization across South Asia. He is also associated as a consultant in Praxis UK and for many other national and international organization. He is also an advisor to Don Bosco Network South East Asia. Presently, he is associated with

Eastern India's largest eye hospital Akhand Jyoti, as Sr.Vice President. Samrat is an ex-football player and is passionate about the sport. He is married to Suparna and they have one daughter Sourjyashree, who is studying in class X



Rtn Debiprasad Mukherjee is an Associate Director -Business Architecture & Consulting at Capgemini Technology Services. He is having 16+ Years of professional experience spanning across Technology & Business Consulting, working with Ericsson, Cognizant, TechMahindra, IBM & Siemens managing global customers across 15+ countries. He holds a BTech in Electrical Engg, a Chartered Engineer & Master in Business Administration from Liverpool Business School & IIM Calcutta, currently pursuing PhD from IIM Ranchi. He has also attended University of Oxford Executive Leadership Program. Debi represented Capgemini at World Climate Summit Madrid 2019, World Climate Forum Asia Singapore 2020, Climate Investment Summit Dubai 2020 as Global

Carbon Ambassador, and attended Pega-World 2018 at Las Vegas, USA. He is a member of The Institution of Engineers India & All India Management Association. Debi is a passionate visual story-teller & Documentary Photographer as well & published multiple books & articles. He is married to Monidipa who is a faculty of Don Bosco School, Park Circus & they have a son Wrijiswan who is in class VI in the same school.

#### Rotary Rabindra Sarobar Wins District Awards in recognition to services rendered



**RCRS** awarded consecutively in a lane of six years cited with District Governor's Citation.



**RCRS** got special recognition by the District 3291 in the field of Economic & Community Development



**Club Secretary got Bronze Trophy as** an Outstanding Secretary for the year 2021-22.



13rd July: Subhadra De wife of PP Rtn Gurudas De

17th July: Rtn Brijmohan Jha 18th July : Rtn Swapan Dutt

20th July: Baishali Sarkar wife of PP Rtn Prodyut Sarkar 27th July: Rtn Subodh Roy

31st July: Anindita Ghosh wife of Rtn Ratul Ghosh

Medding Anniversaries 8th July: Rtn Dr. Monika Kumari and Dr. Rajan Kumar 18th July: PP Rtn Abhijit Sengupta & Debashree Sengupta