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ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CHOWRENGHEE

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL / District 3291



Serving Together



Rotary District 3291

Rotary Clubs in District 3291 carry a legacy of pioneering work in the field of Social and Community based activities.

The idea of Rotary germinated in India on 26th September 1919 with an informal meeting of some like-minded individuals and Rotary Club of Calcutta was chartered on 1st January, 1920. At the time of inception Rotary Club of Calcutta was the only Rotary Club between the English Channel & China Sea.

In 1977, our District was numbered 329 which then covered Burma, Afghanistan, Ceylon, Nepal, Malaysia, and parts of India (including Bengal, Assam, Bihar, Orissa and Jabalpur). In 1984, India - Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal, Assam, Manipur, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal and the whole of Nepal came under District 329.

Thus, the erstwhile District 329 heralded the Centenary of Rotary Movement in Asia.

In 1990 a decision was taken to introduce 4 digit District numbers. As a result, District 329 became District 3290, which was re-designated as 3291 in 2008 - 2009 and Nepal was separated and formed into District 3292. Bangladesh and Pakistan became two separate independent Districts and in 1991, North Eastern States were also separated from District 3290 and formed into a new District 3240.



At present, District 3291 comprises of 12 revenue Districts of West Bengal, viz. Kolkata, North 24 Parganas, South 24 Parganas, Howrah, Hooghly, Purba Medinipur, Paschim Medinipur, Jhargram, Bankura, Purulia, Nadia, Murshidabad and the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

District 3291 is carrying forward with its legacy to uphold the motto of Service Above Self in the fields of Health, Education, Peace, Community Development, Women's Empowerment and Poverty Alleviation, thus laying the foundation for the 21st Century goal of Global Peace & Prosperity through harmonious and composite development and moving forward towards "Rotary India Vision 2025"



President, 2022-23 Jennifer Jones

24 May 2022

Club Presidents – Rotary Year 2022-23 – of District 329 I

I congratulate you on your installation to the office of 2022-23 Club Presidents of District 329 I, 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 yesterday, 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,



Jennifer Jones
President, Rotary International 2022-23

About

District Governor



District Governor Elect 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 in 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 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.

The couple is blessed with two daughters. Their elder daughter Anupa, is an ex-Rotaractor who has completed her B.Com and MBA and is currently working for a multinational company. Younger daughter Anwesha after completing her B.Tech & M.Tech is currently pursuing her Ph. D from the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata. She is also an active Rotarian of Rotary Calcutta Dalhousie.

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 traveling 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.



District Governor
RID-3291, 2022-23
Ajoy Kumar Law

Dear Club President,

Many Congratulations on taking up leadership of your Club!

I am confident that you will rise to the occasion and face any challenge that comes with this new responsibility!

I take this opportunity to thank your outgoing President and all members of your Club for the sterling service rendered during Rotary year 2021-22 as we Served to Change Lives.

Rotary year 2022-23 is very significant for all of us as we have a lady leading Rotary International for the first time in Rotary history! Madam Jennifer Jones from Canada is the RI President during our year and has she exhorted us to "IMAGINE ROTARY" – a very novel theme!

I consider myself lucky to get the opportunity of working with Madam Jennifer! Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI), Empowerment of Girl Child and Membership Growth – focus areas of her predecessor - our very own Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, will continue to remain as her focus areas also.

My friend, Rotary is a journey, a journey of togetherness! Once you start this journey, you should not stop in between! Together - we get the opportunity to serve mankind to the best of our abilities! As I always say, Rotary year 2022-23 is not my year alone! It is our year together!

The call to "Imagine Rotary" beckons you my friend! I urge you to go ahead to share your service; strengthen your Club and the community - with your imagination!

Mitali joins me in wishing you all the very best!

Kind regards,

Yours in Rotary Service

Ajoy Kumar Law
District Governor 2022-23
Rotary District 3291



Vice Governor RID-3291, 2019-20 PDG Ajay Agarwal

Dear President Manisha and friends in Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee for many of us, the Ground Zero of SERVICE has been the pristine and verdant meadows of Rotary, a great organisation.

It was here that we join, learn, grow, make friends... it is also here that we understand just how togetherness in SERVING can make such a monumental difference!

I fight shy of calling Rotary "a service organisation", because it is so much more. Those who are outside cannot fathom the power that it has to change one's life. The lines of this song illustrate my thoughts: hosh walon ko khabar kya, bekhudi kya cheez hai; ishq kijiye, phir smajhiye, zindagi kya cheez hai!

Coming more specifically to your esteemed club, I was fortunate enough to witness its strong growth and rise, from the very inception and fledgling days... it has been very inspiring and admirable indeed.

Now in the current day, the club stands even more determined and poised to deliver true and relevant service to the community. The substantial Global Grant projects, one of which was conceived in 2019-2020, will be the harbinger of larger and bigger things to come.

Manisha, I am sure that with your competence and commitment, which though understated is very evident, you will be an outstanding leader who will bear the torch to the farthest horizons! To ably aid you, will be Ritu as secretary, a person with experience and knowledge, and of course the great reservoir of the entire board as well as each member.

I eagerly look forward to seeing Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee scale dizzy heights in 2022-2023, as all of you IMAGINE ROTARY!

With my very best wishes

Ajay Agarwal

Past District Governor 2019-2020

RI District 3291



Vice Governor RID-3291, 2022-23 PDG Pinaki Prasad Ghosh

Dear Rtn. Manisha and Members of RC Calcutta Chowrenghee,

At the very outset, Myself and Nilima would like to convey a Very Warm Greetings and a Very Happy New Rotary Year 2022-2023 to all of You. I am very delighted to know that RC Calcutta Chowrenghee will hold its 23rd Installation Ceremony on 30th July, 2022 at The Park at 9 am.

President Rtn. Manisha will be taking the mantle of Leadership of RC Calcutta Chowrenghee. Under the able Leadership of Rtn. Manisha, the Club will implement the RI Theme "Imagine Rotary," presented to us by RI President Jeniffer Jones by Imagining the Best Possibilities and making the change to transform the world for a better place to live in.

I am sure that President Rtn Manisha will take up meaningful Projects for the benefit of the poorer section of the Society. RC Calcutta Chowrenghee has a good legacy of contributing generously to the Rotary Foundation which I am sure this year too the momentum will be continued.

Wishing You and all members of RC Calcutta Chowrenghee a Very Successful Rotary Year.

Thanking you,

Yours-In-Rotary

Rtn. Pinaki Prasad Ghosh

DG 2014-15

Dist. Trainer 2017-18

Vice Governor 2022-23.

RI District-3291



Assistant Governor
RID-3291, 2022-23
Rajlakshmi Mohan

Congratulations Manisha! What a joyous moment for you! Your club and your team have chosen you to take on the mantle of Presidentship. Your time starts now to steer Your club to greater heights! You now have to fulfill not only Your dreams & goals that you have nurtured in your mind but also carry forward the cherished legacy of RC Chowringhee. Daunting it may seem at onset but I am confident that your slim shoulders have strength to bear it with elan!

As Rotarians we belong to a global family that believes I "Service above Self" and I for sure believe you will engage in this mission with panache!

Here's wishing you & your team a great year of achievements and splendid memories to cherish!

Warmly
Rajlakshmi Mohan

Dear President Manisha,

Ballari joins me in congratulating you as you take up the responsibility of leading your Club in following the theme for the year, 'Imagine Rotary'.

District looks up to your club for some meaningful service to the mankind. I'm sure under your able leadership Rotary Calcutta Chowringhee would gift a memorable year to the district.

It is more so, Jennifer E. Jones makes history, becomes first woman Rotary International President; a groundbreaking selection in the organization's 115-year history, a proud moment for Rotary.

As we have stepped into the second century of Rotary Service, strengthening our Clubs, our very roots, has become the order of the day! To retain members and strengthen our clubs, we must keep in mind, every Rotarian joined Rotary to contribute something for a cause and has some expectations from the Rotary Club; to retain members, make sure that every member of the club is involved and satisfied. General Secretary of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation,

John Hewko, urged Rotarians to think out of box, embrace flexibility, focus on engagement rather than attendance! We need to change!

You would have to devise an innovative way to run and manage the club; a new thought, how to take up Service Projects!

I wish you and your team a great happening year ahead.

With best regards,
Yours-in-Rotary Service,
Rajani Mukerji



Past Dist. Governor
RID-3291, 2022-23
PDG Rajani Mukerji



District Trainer
PDG Angsuman Bandyopadhyay

Rtn. Manisha Srivastava
President (2022-23)
Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee
Rotary International District 3291

Dear Rtn. Manisha,

I am extremely happy to know that you have taken over the mantle of leadership of your esteemed Club in the very special year of Rotary where Jennifer Jones will be the first ever Lady President of Rotary International. At the same time you have a very friendly and knowledgeable District Governor Ajoy Kumar Law to lead your District. I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt greetings and congratulation to you and your dedicated team and I am sure that with your proactive leadership and involvement of all your Club Members, you will live up to the Theme "Imagine Rotary" and will do your best in this Rotary year.

Rotary, my friend, is an organization, which gives you immense opportunity to prove yourself as an exemplary leader and also to serve the society to the best of your ability with your fellow Rotarians and other Partners-in-Service and associates within a friendly and professional environment. Rotary is also the best place to make new friends and to have excellent family bonding amongst your Club members and other Rotarians and Rotary family in your District as well as throughout the world.

I am sure that your Club will achieve more laurels in the coming year and you and your Club members will feel proud to be a part of making new history. My wife Jaya and daughter PP Rtn. Adrija also join me in wishing your Installation Ceremony both enjoyable and memorable. We also wish you and your team a great Rotary Year 2022-2023 and are looking forward to work together.

With best wishes,
Yours in Rotary
Angsuman



Mrs. S. Shunglu
Founding Principal
Sri Sri Academy, Kolkata

Dear Manisha,

Greetings from Sri Sri Academy!

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your new role as the Incoming President of Rotary Club, Chowrenghee. I wish you all the very best in this new chapter of your life. The Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy has been an active member of the Rotary family and we look forward to working under your leadership.

Our Interactors have been working on various projects:- distribution of stationery to students of ShishuTirtho, distribution of blood transmission kits to children suffering from Thalassemia, organising weekly activity sessions with SKLC children, online FundRaiser in the form of a Harry Potter Quiz, distribution of edibles and non-edibles to Voice of World etc.

We have compiled a brief list of some of the projects which we plan to undertake in the Interact year 2022-23.

- An Adult Literacy campaign (District thrust area for 2022-23)
- Revisiting a hospital for children suffering from thalassemia
- Distribution of sanitary napkins in neighboring slums
- Distribution of stationery and rice to our beneficiary ShishuTirtho
- Organising Fund Raisers
- An e-waste collection campaign Revisiting Navanir
- Partnering with sister clubs BDMI & IVWS

Dear Manisha,

The Interact Club of Indus Valley World School was set up last year under the mentorship of Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee.

It has been an incredible first year as the Interact Club has undertaken several projects in spite of the limitations imposed by the closure of schools during the pandemic. These include:

a drive to promote literacy in the slums in the school neighbourhood

- vaccination camps and safety awareness programmes to do our bit to fight the scourge of the COVID pandemic
- collection of rice and other staples to distribute among the needy to help fight hunger
- collection and donation of books to set up a library facility in a remote part of the Sundarbans
- putting together goody bags filled with treats for underprivileged children to make it possible for them to enjoy the festive season
- tutoring children from the bustees of Topsia who were struggling to keep up with their more fortunate peers in their online classes

These are just a few examples of the activities undertaken by the Interact Club since its inception. We are delighted to be associated with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee and are already brimming with excitement as we look forward to taking this very meaningful partnership forward in the coming year during your tenure as President. We are confident that under your able guidance, we will jointly move forward in our mission of "service above self".

With our best wishes,



Amita Prasad
Director,
Indus Valley World School



Madhumita Sengupta
Principal
BDMI school

B. D. M. International is honoured to conduct activities with Rotary Club of Calcutta, Chowrenghee and we look forward to collaborate in the future under your tenure.

Our interactors have been working on SDG goals like 'Zero hunger', 'good health and well being', 'quality education', 'clean water and sanitation', 'sustainable cities and communities' and 'climate action' through projects like donation of food, books and winter wear to 'New light NGO', 'Navanir old age home', 'Calcutta social project' and the impoverished dwellers in subways, railway stations and bylanes of Garia to Kamalgazi. We also organised a celebration on the occasion of Rabindra Jayanti attended by the president Mr Vikram Tantia where tokens of goodwill, rice, dal, salt and spices were shared with the students and teachers of Ananda Mandir-Uttar Kolkata, funded through a newspaper drive in B. D. M. International.

Our future endeavours would include organising social programmes to combat global warming and climate change, donating textbooks and assorted stationery to the less privileged ones of the society through fundraising, blood donation camp, conducting a fete, adopting a school, organising activity classes and training teachers for an NGO.

We thank our parent club for constant motivation and guidance.

Outgoing President



Vikram Tantia

It was the night of 30th June 2021. I was sitting in my Study thinking that in some hours, I would have to take on the responsibility as the 22nd President of RC Calcutta Chowrenghee. I was a bit nervous and there was anxiety.

Today a year later, as this term is soon going to close, I am again in my study writing this note. I don't have any more anxiety but a feeling that I wish I had a few more months to do more projects and complete those that could not be done.

The year gone by, was not just being a President of a Rotary Club, but a life changer for me. Each time I went to Mahavir Seva Sadan, I felt satisfied with the work that our Club was doing. When I saw the smile and glow on the faces of the children at Chowrenghee Vidyalaya as they visited Kolkata for the first time, we lived the excitement with them. When I saw the smile of the women at Uluberia earning their first income through Stree project, we knew that we had touched the right chords. When I saw the solar lights illuminating the darkness of Shivtalla, we knew, how it would change their lives. When I saw the fresh drinking water from the

tubewells through our Gift of Water project, we knew how much it mattered to them. When I saw the cervical cancer vaccinations being given, we knew that this would save many from the risk of this dreadful disease. When I saw the various medical camps in our RCC areas through our project Jeevan Jyoti, we knew how important it was to create awareness and do the medical check ups. When I handed over the Interact Charter to BDML, we knew that we were creating the Rotarians of tomorrow.

We are blessed to be born in a country, which is a temple of service. There is no dearth of serving the needy here. The work that we have done this year is a just a drop in the ocean. A lot more is needed to be done as the years go by. RI President 22-23 Jennifer Jones has asked us to "Imagine Rotary". Let us Imagine the good and noble work that Rotarians can do by serving the society and those who need our assistance.

There are no words to thank the Rotarians of Chowrenghee. Thank you for all your support at every stage as we moved on. Thank you for showering so many praises for the work that we were doing. Many of you actively participated in projects and many generously donated for the various initiatives that we were doing. I am confident that those who could not join in, shall surely do so in the coming year. Our Club is on a charge mode now and there is no greater joy than to have the participation of all our family members. My special thanks to our new members who joined this year. You have already become an active part of Chowrenghee.

My good wishes and congratulations to Rtn. Manisha Srivastava who takes on the responsibility as the 23rd President of this wonderful Club. We shall always be there to support the good work that you and your Team would be doing.

Let us jointly serve and be served. We serve the needy and our good Karma shall serve us.

Thank you

About

Manisha



AS A PROFESSIONAL:

Manisha is a senior executive with 20 years experience in launching and scaling enterprises in higher education, executive leadership coaching and philanthropy, as a Chief Operating Officer, Internationally Certified Image Consultant & Color Analyst. She most recently founded The Image Shoppe, to guide, mentor, educate and train individuals on managing & aligning their Personal Branding with their Corporate / Social Identity. As an image consultant, Manisha helps clients build strong visual and personal brands through impression management.

Prior, Manisha founded, launched and successfully ran the Indian Institute of Job Oriented Training (IJT, backed by private equity giant Tiger Global Management) as Chief Operating Officer for ten years. Under her leadership, IJT scaled nationally to 300 offices across India, training more than 75,000 students.

AS A FAMILYWOMAN

Manisha is married to Devesh and is blessed with two children, Saisha & Karan. Devesh is a serial entrepreneur with decades of experience in the mining, construction, logistics and infrastructure industries. Devesh and Manisha have forged a formidable business partnership over the years, participating as builder-operators in business across various sectors. Their teamwork spans both the board room and the field, as both are also passionate about sports. Together, they have represented India in World Lawns Bowls Competitions and have also represented India in the World Darts Championship in

Turkey in 2015. Both have represented West Bengal in the Nationals several times and won medals for the State.

Their daughter, Saisha, has completed her undergraduate education in Econometrics and Mandarin from Vassar College in New York, and is a management consultant with McKinsey & Company in their New York Office. Karan, holds an undergraduate degree in Mathematics from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in Chicago and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

AS A ROTARIAN

Manisha's journey as a Rotarian started in 2015 when PDG Rajni Mukherjee introduced her to the club. She has been closely involved in the club fundraiser, Parampara, while stepping into the role of Club Secretary in 2017. Manisha also serves as Director of the Devesh & Manisha Srivastava foundation. The family CSR initiatives span the past 70 years, drawing from their strengths as builder-operators of companies to create long-term impact in local communities. The family companies have received national recognition including 34 accolades from the Government of India for their philanthropic efforts in the Uttarakhand region of India. □□ Manisha believes that one's own life becomes better by making others' lives better, and finds deep personal satisfaction from helping others in every way she can.

President's Speech



Manisha Srivastava

My dear Rotary Chowrenghee Friends,

I am honoured and humbled to be elected President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee 2022-23. With the help and support of my Board members and fellow Club members, I will do my best to be of use to the communities we are here to serve.

It is an exciting time to be President of this Club. It is particularly momentous to have taken on this responsibility the year we have our first woman RI President in Rotary, Ms Jennifer Jones. The theme this year is "Imagine." To quote her, "You don't imagine yesterday," Jones said, "you imagine tomorrow." In imagining our tomorrow as a Club, we are tasked to look to a future in a remarkably volatile world that feels more uncertain, with fewer things we can take for granted and a new realization about how precious life is. Still, Einstein said that "if I have seen further, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants." For me, this quote refers to three "giants" on whose shoulders I am gratefully standing to rise to this challenge today.

First, our **past leadership**. Our club has been built on a foundation of leadership by example. So let me take this opportunity to congratulate Outgoing President Vikram Tantia and his Board for an inspiring and successful year. During his tenure, Vikram's actions have reinforced his enthusiastic support and belief in me as his successor. I thank him, and look forward to his continued shared

"Imagine, a world that deserves our best where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference" - RI President Jennifer Jones

wisdom throughout the year. Even before Vikram, the last few years have represented a steep learning curve from me. Each past president has a wealth of knowledge and experience which they have generously shared with me every time I have approached them. For their generosity and advice, my gratitude for them is heartfelt and deep.

Second, our **RCC representatives, project partners and communities** on the ground carrying out our projects such as Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalaya, Uluberia, Gift of Water, Shivtala, Jeevan Jyoti, Uthe Sabke Kadam and others. Their partnership and tireless work ensures that our day to day is substantive and has been focussed on action over words.

Finally, and most importantly, **each of you**. I am fortunate to have a membership that is fully committed to the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self: each of you continues to go the extra mile in carrying out the many worthwhile projects that we undertake for the benefit of our community in our ever changing world. One of the key strengths of Rotary Chowrenghee that we will continue to leverage as we deliver service to our community, is the diversity in skill sets and vocation across our members, many of whom are successful business leaders and professionals. I'm energized by your resilience and commitment to make a difference.

On occasion, I have been asked why I do not pursue more individualistic philanthropic projects given my passion for social service. I respond with my personal philosophy, which I would like to share with you. For me, Rotary service represents an opportunity that reaches beyond what can be achieved through individual pursuits. Rotary is not about the District Governor, the AG, nor is it about the Club President, but rather it is About us as individual Rotarians....it is about our personal contributions that we make to those in need in our communities that Rotary serve. The impact we create together is greater than the sum of our individual parts. It can outlive us for generations to come, and in the process defines us as Rotarians.

I hope this mind set can embolden each of us in Rotary Chowrenghee to push to innovate and imagine the year ahead - with energy and with gratitude.

Warm Regards,

Manisha

About



Secretary

Ritu's childhood memories are divided equally between Assam and Kolkata..

Languorous afternoons spent contemplating the mysteries of nature and exploring tea trails in wild cat terrain.

Alternate that with imbibing the rich cultural vibe of Kolkata, along with the mandatory academic dose.

She was indeed privileged to have the best of both worlds. Growing up in a large joint family, age old wisdom was imparted by the elders while travel too was an integral part of her education.

Ritu is married to Suresh Almal, A.C.A., whose motto is to 'live and let live'!

She assists in the family business, which comprises of real estate and manufacturing . She is passionate about whatever she undertakes and diligently sees it through.

They have a son, Akshay, who has set up his own business in the online digital marketing space. He shuffles between Los Angeles and Kolkata.

Rotary to me is a way to give back to the community, country and world in a fun way while making new friends along the way.

I look forward to another new year at Rotary Chowrenghee under the dynamic leadership of President Manisha Srivastava.

Since its inception, Rotary Chowrenghee has distinguished itself through its selfless service and dedication .

I am fortunate to be working with a team that is fully committed to the rotary ideals and continues to go that extra mile in building the club.

The theme for this year encourages us to imagine a world that deserves our best ; where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference.

I hope to build on the wonderful work that has already been done by my predecessor Rohit Kedia.

I would like to thank President Manisha for reposing her trust in me.

I look forward to an enriching year ahead with the support of the board and Club members, family and friends.

Thank you,

Yours - in - Rotary,

Ritu Almal

Secretary's Speech



Ritu Almal

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Vision

2022- 2023

Gift of Water

This is a Global Grant Project, approved by The Rotary Foundation in Feb 2021 with an outlay of over US \$ 200,000. Work began in April 2021. 28 Tubewells, 450 private toilets & 16 community baths will be installed in 17 villages covering 8 areas/districts of West Bengal for nearly 20,000 beneficiaries. This will be completed by May 2023.

Solar Lights in Shivtalla

Solar lights will be provided to the left over families at Shivtalla.

Weekly Medical Dispensary in Uluberia & Kumirmari (Sunderban)

The Medical camps will continue in all the two RCC areas

New Thrust Areas

Literacy

The Medical camps will continue in all the two RCC areas

Environment

Planting fruit bearing trees and creating awareness on soil preservation to be done at the 3 RCC. Solar Lights will also be provided to Amtalla

Utthe Sabke Kadam

Utthe Sabke Kadam (Feet for All) is a Global Grant project in Partnership with Rotary Mayfair, Young Indians and our international Rotary Clubs from Finland with Chowrenghee as the host club envisioned to provide the famed Jaipur foot to 1270 amputees. So far 450 foot have been distributed. We hope to complete this project

Stree

The women empowerment program which includes making of sanitary napkins as well as handicrafts by the local women will continue providing earning opportunity for the women of Uluberia.

Water & Sanitation

WASH project to be implemented at RCCV and training to be provided for upkeep of toilets and common areas. Installation of Filtered water system to be provided in RCCV. Tube wells to be provided in Shivtalla. Community baths for women to be built.

Disease Prevention

Introduction of dental checkups campaigns, awareness programs on diabetes in all 3 RCC, polio awareness camps to be under taken.

Maternal & Childcare

Breast Cancer and Menstrual hygiene awareness camps to be held in Shivtalla and Amtala.

Joint projects with all three interact clubs.

Year 2021-22

This Rotary year, we focussed on five verticals, Literacy, Water & Sanitation, Disease Prevention & Cure, Environment and Women Empowerment.

Water & Sanitation

Two Tubewells were installed at Shivtalla, Uluberia.



Tubewells in Shivtalla by Rotary

GIFT OF WATER

Under our Global Grant Project, Gift of Water, 285 toilets, 9 Community Baths and 19 Tubewells work would be completed by June 2022.

Toilets: Installed 284 against target of 285

Tubewells: Installed 16 against a target of 19 (17th in progress)

Community Bath: 8 against a target of 9
Work completed in following areas, Kaikhali, Gopalganj, Madhusudanpur, Kumirmari, Korakati, Jalghara, Dhonpota, Morapai & Purba Ranaghata

Completed the ongoing GG project "WINS". Hand wash stations & Toilets installed in the following schools :

Kalighat Mahakali Pathshala, Kolkata; Kalighat High School (primary section), Kolkata; Karatberia High School, Uluberia; Baniban Girls High School, Uluberia; Bharatpur Alia High School, Murshidabad; Purba Bharatpur Primary School, Murshidabad.

In the Opening of Hand wash stations and Toilets at Mahakali Pathshala Kalighat - PDG Ravi Sehgal, President Indra Goenka - Belur, Project Consultant Alokeparna & Rohit were there.



Opening of Handwash stations & toilets in Mahakali Pathshala, Kalighat



Wash Stations & toilets at Baniban Girls High School, Uluberia - WINS project and at Karatberia School - WINS project



Well boring in Shivtalla and Kalighat High school - WINS project. May 2022

Environment

Installation of 12 street solar street lights at Shivtalla. 69 beneficiaries in Shivtalla. 31 more homes will have the lights by early June. Last lot of 50 lights will be done in next Rotary year, 22-23.

Two more street solar lights as spon-

sored by our Finnish partners have been installed.



Project Utthan - Solar lamp posts at Shivtalla & Solar lights inside a resident of Shivtalla.



Launch of project Hariyali

Literacy

We continued with primary education till Grade 4 for 150 students at Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalaya, Uluberia. It is a happy school. Introduced activity day each month (one day of each month is dedicated to a special activity for the children like poetry competition, cultural program, drawing competition, visit to Kolkata Zoo and many more).



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New School library at Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalay



Sports Day celebrations at RCV



Computer classes were introduced for elder students from age 12-18 (32 students each batch for a 6 month course).

Disease Prevention & Control

Weekly medical dispensary started in Uluberia, Shivtalla and Kumirmari. Cervical Cancer awareness and screening camp at Uluberia followed by cervical cancer vaccinations as well. Eye Check up camp at Amtalla, Kumirmari and Uluberia.

8th May - Distribution of eye glasses to 149 beneficiaries in Amtalla. Project in association with Young Indians & Care Netram.

7th May - Eye check up camp at Kumirmari, Sunderban in association with Susrut Hospital & RC Belur. Total beneficiaries were 136. Of them 51 received glasses on the spot.



Polio awareness camp & Menstrual hygiene camp at Uluberia.



Jeevan Jyoti - Eyecheck up at Uluberia
Beneficiaries receiving glasses at Amtalla



Eye Check up camp at Kumirmari Sunderbans and Doctors from Susrut Eye Hospital on way to Kumirmari Sunderbans on 6.5.22

UTHE SABKE KADAM

Started a new Global Grant project “Uthe Sabke Kadam- Feet for All”. Through this project 1270 beneficiaries will get artificial legs at Mahavir Seva Sadan.



Inauguration of Uthe Sabke Kadam at Mahavir Seva Sadan



Uthe Sabke Kadam - Mahavir Seva Sadan on 22.05.22

Women Empowerment

Starters project “Stree” to make reusable sanitary pads & handicraft products by the women at Uluberia. The project has generated work and income for 25 women in that area.

18th May - Project 'Stree' reusable cotton sanitary pads have reached 9600 women & girls in West Bengal & Assam.

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Uluberia ladies learning how to stitch cotton reusable sanitary pads. This is part of the Stree project.



Ladies of Project Stree learning how to make aesthetic tableware products. Sold at Parampara exhibitions. Lady shows off bandhanwar created by her.



Table mats and runners created by Stree team

Community & Economic Development



100 food packets donated for families in Sri Lanka in June 2022.



Coop of chicks was given to many families in Shivtalla. Once the chicks attain maturity and become chickens, they could be sold.

Parampara

Chowrenghee's main fund raiser, Parampara, was held in October 21 and in March 2022 with great success.



Interact

INTERACT CLUB:

We handed over the Charter to the Interact Club at BDM International School. This was the third Interact Club of Chowrenghee.

Rabindra Jayanti program at BDMI School. 249 students from class KG to grade 12 participated.



Interactors of BDMI organised a medical camp in Sunderbans in May



Interact Club of IVWS donated 350 bags to Ektara

Speakers

Anshuman Bagri
Ashnit and Surbhi Sethia
Dr Eswaran
Dr Manoj Desai
Dr Rati Vajpeyi
Lakshmi Iyer
Maanav Saraf
Natasha Celmi
Nilesh Shah
Papa C J
Prabir Chatterjee
Raghav Kanoria,
Sasha Shrivastava
Shruti Mohta
Smita Khanna Roy Choudhury
Virat Chirania

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DG Visit



The DG's official visit was held on 9th April at Hotel Auris. DG Prabir Chatterjee was accompanied by AG Sukanya Dasgutta and other district officials. It is undoubtedly the most important meeting in the Rotary calendar wherein the DG takes stock of the club with regards to projects undertaken, timely payment of statutory dues and the overall condition of the club. During the course of the meeting an AV was played that covered all the projects done so far as well as the addition of 9 regular members and 1 honorary member.

Representative members from all 3 Interact clubs also presented their reports on activities during the year. New members Vivek Kariwal, Vrinda Kanoria and Payal Bubna were officially pinned by the DG. In his address to the club, DG Prabir expressed his deep satisfaction with the projects done in alignment with the goals prescribed by RI President Shekhar Mehta, the growth in membership and the updation of records in the Rotaryindia website.



Fellowships



Club Awards

CLUB HAS RECEIVED DG CITATION FOR THE YEAR 2021- 22



Vikram Tania and Rohit Kedia accepting the Outstanding Club award in the District Award Ceremony. In the picture are DG Prabir, RIDN Aniruddha and DGE Ajay Law



Rohit Kedia getting the Gold Secretary's award by the District



Vikram Tania getting the Gold President's award by the District

Our Club received 16 Awards at the District Award Ceremony 21-22

Outstanding Club
1st Prize in Artificial Limbs
1st Prize in Environment Care
2nd Prize in Women Empowerment
2nd Prize in Disaster Management
2nd Prize in Menstrual Hygiene Management
Cert. of Recognition in Disease Prevention & Treatment
Cert. of Recognition in Polio Plus
Cert. of recognition in Basic Education & Literacy support
Cert. of recognition in Career Guidance & Vocational Training
Cert. of recognition in eye care and avoidable blindness
Cert. of recognition in Cancer support
Cert. of recognition in Bulletin published & uploaded
Cert. of recognition in support to District Events
Cert. of recognition for My Rotary Registration
Cert. of Recognition for Projects with Interact Club

Preparation for the incoming year

COTS

The COTS was held on May 10 And was very well attended by AG Raj Laxmi Mohan And ZS Dr Kunal Ray along with board members of 2022-23. PE Manisha elaborated on her theme of the coming year which stresses on inclusivity and continuity. President Vikram have a brief of the work done this year. AG and ZS were impressed with the work done so far and gave excellent suggestions for the coming year. The Board Members also gave their suggestions which was appreciated by AG and ZS. The meeting was very interactive and was followed by HiTea



Behind the Scenes



Meeting BDMI principal



With the director of Indus valley school for setting up an Interact club



Interact club team in discussion



Editing team at work



Manisha planning the work for 2022-23 with the Shivtalla women.



Director of Indus Valley school, Ms Amita Prasad and Vice Principal, Ms Priyadarshini at RCV along with Manisha Srivastava for discussion on how to upgrade the school



Water & Sanitation team at work



Our New Member

Payal Bubna is a talented and enthusiastic individual, a mother of 2 grownup kids, a beloved wife, businesswoman, and homemaker. She is running a successful lifestyle and home decor studio - Franchise of Bespoke Home Jewels in Kolkata. Once her kids grew up and needed less of her time and attention, she decided to make the most of her creativity and flair for décor towards her expansion of her business.



Payal Bubna

Payal is passionate about creative cooking. She also engages herself in elegant and picture-perfect floral art. She is an energetic woman who loves to travel and explore new places. She is a very creative woman, shines at socializing and making everyone around her happier. She hopes her endeavours can contribute in making the World a better place !! Now looking forward to be a part of ROTARY CLUB CHOWRENGHEE.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Wishing all our members on their birthdays & anniversaries !



Birthdays of the Month

July		
4th	Prasad Ruchira	
10th	Basu Urmi	
12th	Gulati Sangita	
14th	Jairath Leena	
18th	Khanna R K	
August		September
7th	Didwania Alka	1st Neotia Dinesh
9th	Kishorepuria Anil	4th Kanoi Nisha
12th	Himatsingka Kavita	7th Jain Alka
20th	Agarwal Piyush M	14th Todi Sangita
20th	Baid Rohini	19th Himatsingka Gaurav
		27th Chitlangia Archana
		30th Modi Meenakshi

Anniversaries of the Month

July
9th Agarwal Anita & Nirmal Kr

August
15th Khanna R K & Maria




Synonym words for CELEBRATE

- congratulate
- greet
- commemorate
- emblazon
- felicitate
- mention
- think
- memorialize

Congratulations!

to new grandparents ~
Rita and Raju Punwani
Sadhana and Shanti Agarwal
Leena and Vikram Jairath

for their wedding ~
Abhenav and Sakshi

