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Stephanie A. Urchick President, 2024-25 Rotary International

### A PROFILE - RI PRESIDENT

Stephanie Urchick is a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA. She will serve RI as president in 2024-25. , She has been an RI director and Rotary Foundation trustee. She has served RI in numerous capacities, including as training leader, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, and RI president's representative. In addition, Stephanie was a representative and member-at-large to three sessions of the Council on Legislation.

Stephanie has also served as chair of the Rotary Strategic Planning Committee and The Rotary Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee, as well as a member of various Rotary committees, including the Election Review Committee and Operational Review Committee.

A Rotary member since 1991, Stephanie has participated in a variety of international service projects, including National Immunization Days in India and Nigeria. In Vietnam, she worked with clubs to help build a primary school and travelled to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. A student of several Slavic languages, she has mentored new Rotary members in Ukraine and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant for a mammography equipment and a biopsy unit for a hospital in Poland. In its commemorative book, the Rotary Club of Krakow, Poland, noted Stephanie as a key figure for helping the re-birth of Rotary in post-Communist Poland.

Currently, Stephanie is helping to partner clubs and districts in the U.S. with Rotary clubs in Albania, Kosovo, and Ukraine for humanitarian and educational services.

Stephanie's professional background is in the higher education, consulting, and entertainment industries. She received her doctorate degree in Leadership Studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and has been recognized and awarded by The Rotary Foundation and numerous community and international organizations.



#### Stephanie A. Urchick

President, 2024-25 Rotary International

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Dear Fellow Rotary Club members,

I congratulate you on your installation of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan.

Rotary needs your leadership now more than ever if we are to make every club and district an irresistible experience. By following Rotary's Action Plan and making sure all members feel a sense of belonging in your club, you have a special opportunity to inspire members to new heights of service.

Our ability to create lasting change begins with our family of Rotary. Together, it is within our power to bring healing in a divided world.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for those who need it most, within and beyond our membership. Let this be the year we harness *The Magic of Rotary*, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help make your club a beacon of goodwill and fellowship in your community.

I look forward to working beside you as we change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*.

Warm regards,

Stephanie A. Urchick

Rotary International President, 2024-2025

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Anirudha Roy Chowdhury RI Director 2023-25 Rotary Club of Calcutta Megacity India **Message from RI Director** 

Dear Rotarians of RC Calcutta Metropolitan,

It is with immense joy that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to RC Calcutta Metropolitan on the launch of your magazine. This publication marks a significant milestone in your ongoing efforts to foster community engagement, share impactful stories, and highlight the admirable service projects undertaken by your club.

Rotary International has long been a beacon of hope and service across the globe, and RC Calcutta Metropolitan exemplifies these values through your dedication and commitment to making a difference. Your magazine will undoubtedly serve as a powerful platform to inspire, inform, and unite Rotarians and the broader community.

As you embark on this new venture, I wish you every success. May your magazine flourish, bringing together the voices and visions of those who strive to create positive change. Your contributions to society are invaluable, and this publication will further amplify your impact and reach.

Thank you for your unwavering service and for continuing to uphold the Rotary motto- service above self.

With warm regards,

RID Anirudha Roychowdhury Zones 5 & 6 2023 - 2025



### AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor, 2024-2025 Rotary International District 3291 Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria

### **ABOUT OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

AKS Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta qualifications are MBBS (Mangalore), DGO (Manipal), MD (Manipal), FICMCH, FICOG, FRCPI (Ireland), FRCOG (Ad eundem, UK), FACOG (Hon, USA)

Dr Gupta is the Professor & Unit Head, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences, Kolkata, West Bengal, INDIA.

Krishnendu joined Rotary in 1992 and is presently a member of RC Calcutta Victoria. He became a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) in 1999, Major Donor (MD) Level 1 in 2012, MD Level 2, Benefactor and MD Level 3 in 2017, MD Level 4 in 2018, and Member of the 'Arch Klumph Society (AKS) - Trustees Circle' in 2017-2018. He was the first-ever 'AKS' member from RI District 3291. He has been elected to be the 'District Governor' of RI District 3291 for RY 2024-2025.

Dr Krishnendu is Adjunct Professor, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan (RKMSP), Kolkata, West Bengal since 2002, and Unit Head since 2017.

Dr Krishnendu is currently the 'Deputy Secretary General' of Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AOFOG) and 'International Lead Fellow of Examinations' of RCPI, Ireland.

in addition to being a member of various committees AOFOG, South Asian Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (SAFOG), Federation of Obstetric & Gynaecological Societies of India (FOGSI) and International Federation of Gynecology & Obstetrics (FIGO). He was 'Chair' of ICOG in 2016, 'Vice President' of FOGSI in 2011, 'President' of The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society (BOGS) in 2013, amongst numerous other appointments. He is on Editorial Board and a Peer Reviewer of numerous international and national journals of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and an 'Examiner' and 'Paper-Setter' for MBBS, DGO, MD / MS, DNB examinations in Obstetrics & Gynaecology since 1993 till date.

Krishnendu has been a passionate crusader for empowerment of women and in the advocacy of adolescent HPV vaccination to eliminate carcinoma cervix since 2009, wherein he has created endowment funds in TRF in 2018 and in the RCCV Trust in 2021 to ensure sustainability of service projects in perpetuity.

His Partner-in-Service for 31+ years, Dr Simran, a MBBS graduate from Mysore Medical College and MD (Anaesthesiology) from Kasturba Medical College, Manipal is a Consultant Anaesthesiologist and Intensivist, having extensive experience in cardiac anaesthesiology since 1996. Their daughter Aparajita after completing BSc with Distinction in Economics from University of Exeter, UK and double Masters degree with Distinction in Management and International Management from London School of Economics & Political Science, UK and CEMS respectively, is currently employed with Merck Sharp & Dohme (MSD) in Prague, Czech Republic. She is married to Dr Jan Hospodka (PhD in Finance) and are blessed with a son, Kian, born in October 2021.







### Dr Krishnendu Gupta

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14 June 2024

#### Rtn Sashi Dhacholia

President 2024–2025, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, RID 3291

Dear President Elect Sashi Dhacholia

Greetings and best wishes from Dr Simran and my family.

It will be yet another historic day on 01 July 2024 when the second-ever lady Rotarian RIPE Stephanie A Urchick from RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, will take over the reins of Rotary International with the wonderful theme "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY".

On the very same date, we too will be extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to officially take care of the health and welfare, of all our fellow Rotarians of District 3291 for one full Rotary year.

On that very day, you too shall be taking up the mantle of your club and work towards the benefit of both your club members and the society at large. I am very happy to note that you are already planning service projects and we expect that those shall be sustainable projects creating new development of marginalized people.

The service projects that we do for the benefit of the lesser privileged in our community, is truly magical. It brings about positive change towards betterment and sometimes, a total change in the lives of our beneficiaries. And while doing these meaningful projects, we also get together, bond and enjoy ourselves. This is "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY".

I am positive that your vibrant club shall do this magic, as they have done in the past, and continue to serve to change lives.

Simran and I wish you and your esteemed club members the best and eagerly look forward to working together for a wonderful and fruitful Rotary Year 2024–2025.

Thanking you.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor, 2024–2025 Rotary International District 3291 e-mail: dg3291.krish@gmail.com







#### **Message from District Governor Elect**

## Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri District Governor Elect

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Friends, a new year means new beginnings and new opportunities. As we step into this new Rotary year, we embark on a journey filled with promise and potential. This year, we are proud to have another woman at the helm-Stephanie Urchick. Her leadership inspires us to strive for excellence and make meaningful contributions to our communities.

Rotary's magic lies in its ability to bring together individuals dedicated to making a difference. This year, let's harness that magic to prioritize peace, balance, and continuity in all our endeavours.

#### The Magic of Rotary

- Prioritizing Peace: Peace is fundamental to all our efforts. By fostering understanding, tolerance, and cooperation within our communities, we can build a foundation for lasting peace. Let's engage in projects that promote conflict resolution and support peaceful coexistence.
- Ensuring Continuity: Continuity in our actions ensures that our projects and initiatives have lasting impact. By building on past successes and learning from challenges, we can create programs that endure and continue to benefit communities for years to come.

Friends, we all should be proud of the fact that our collective efforts have led us to fight a disease that had been crippling the world for hundreds of years. Friends, you all know what I am talking about: polio. Today, we have only six cases around the world. But this does not mean we have completely eradicated it. We should continue to spread awareness about the disease and the vaccine so that we can sustain our achievement and keep the disease out of the world.

Friends, I want to draw your attention to another matter that needs our grave attention.

#### Prevention of Preventable Diseases

One of our primary missions is to combat preventable diseases, such as thalassemia and cervical cancer (Ca cx). These diseases can have devastating effects on individuals and families, yet they are 100% preventable through education, vaccination, and early detection.

By working together, we can raise awareness, support screening programs, and provide necessary medical interventions. Our efforts in this field are saving lives and enhancing the quality of life for countless individuals.

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

Environmental sustainability is another crucial focus for Rotary. The health of our planet directly impacts the well-being of its inhabitants. We must take active steps to protect our environment through tree planting, waste management initiatives, and the promotion of renewable energy sources. By fostering a sense of responsibility towards our environment, we ensure a better future for generations to come.

As we welcome the new Rotary year, I encourage each of you to embrace Rotary's causes with passion and dedication. This fresh start presents us with new opportunities to innovate, collaborate, and make a significant impact. Let's harness the power of Rotary to create a healthier, more sustainable world.

Together, we can overcome challenges, uplift communities, and leave a lasting legacy.

Thank you for your commitment to service above self. Here's to a year of growth, impact, and transformation. Yours in Rotary.

DG Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri 2025-26







Sri Tapas Bhattacharya
District Governor Nominee

Rtn Sashi Dacholia President RY 2024-05 Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan

community for a better world.

**Dear President** 

I am very much happy and delighted knowing that you are going to take over the mantle of leadership of an esteemed club like Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan. I am sure you and your team will raise the flag of Rotary much higher. I like to extend my heartfelt congratulation to IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and his team for wonderful service to Rotary and community and created a hope in the

I do hope under you're your dynamic leadership your club will develop and implement the practices, capacity, and infrastructure Rotary needs to define, measure, track, and analyze data from the service projects in a more effective way. Club will share Rotary values with new audiences, create ways to bring people together to experience the power of Rotary, and show that Rotarians are inclusive, engaging, compassionate, and ambitious about making change. And use every encounter as an opportunity to show people how getting involved with Rotary allows them to make a bigger difference in their communities and for causes they care about. Let club create a culture of research, innovation, and willingness to take risks so it can be learned, evolved, and rendered better serve to the communities.

I do hope that you and your team along with your other club members will show the magic of Rotary to develop service projects that reflect the needs of your community and are more effective. You will work with groups, organizations, and community leaders that you haven't partnered with before. All members will feel like they have a role in the club and make sure that anyone who engages with your club feels empowered to share their ideas and get involved. The members will decide what your club should continue, start, or even stop doing to ensure that the club reflects the needs of its members and potential members. Enjoy a Great Rotary Year 2024-25.

With Best Wishes Yours in Rotary

DG Tapas Bhattacharya 2026-27 **Message from District Governor Nominee** 







Sashi Dhacholia
President - RCCM

**Message from President-RCCM** 

I am grateful to the Metropolitans who gave another opportunity to serve as President of the Club for the Rotary year 2024-2025. I served the Club as President in the Rotary year 2014-2015.

As we are aware that from the Rotary year 2025-2026, there will no Rotary theme and logo every year, which is being discontinued.

Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick announced that the 2024-25 presidential theme is The Magic of Rotary and called on members to recognize and amplify the organization's power to save lives. "Don't misunderstand me - we are not going to end polio or bring peace to the world by waving a wand and saying some funny words," Urchick told incoming district governors at the Rotary International Assembly on 8 January. "It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member."

Urchick, a member of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, said she saw the magic of Rotary on display when she was helping install water filters in the Dominican Republic. Two boys were watching as dirty water entered the filter, then ran out clean at the other end. "One of the boys grabbed my sleeve and said, 'Show me the magic again," she said. "Obviously, the water filter wasn't magic. We worked hard to transport those filters, install them, and work with community leaders in the area to maintain them. But those boys knew that easy access to clean water would change their lives. Knowing that I played a small part in that certainly changed my life." This is how the theme THE MAGIC OF ROTARY was made.

RCCM has a rich legacy and to carry forward the same is huge responsibility. I hope I will able to carry the same with the support of all members.

Sashi Dhacholia President (2024-2025) Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan







Deepa Willingham
Rotary District 5240
Past District Governor

Message from PDG

June 17, 2024

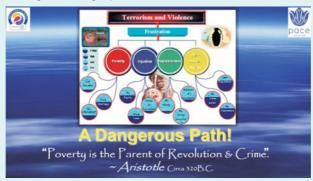
To: President Rtn. Rakesh Goel President-Elect Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan (RCCM)

Dear President Rakesh and President-Elect Sashi:

Over the past seventeen years of my/PACE's association with RCCM, I have observed how each one of you at your club genuinely believes in what Asia's first Nobel Laureate said, "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." ~ Rabindranath Tagore

"Joyful Service for Humanity" has been the cornerstone of your club's operation! And this year your actions Rakesh, as the president of your club, has been something to behold! I thought I had a good year as president of my club (RC/SYV) but you, my dear choto bhai, have humbled your Didi by your actions! At the very first meeting you began with a generous gift, and you continued that generosity throughout the year! I wish RIP Gordon R. McInally could visit "The Oasis" and see how you, along with your club members, have done to give the gift of hope! You have and continue to give to fulfil President Godon's desire to create hope in the world.

You have understood the message in the graphic below...



Thus, you have understood and have undertaken the task of creating a...Lack of Poverty...Lack of Injustice...Lack of Non-Human Conditions...Lack of Hopelessness by your continued service to humanity! Towards that end, all of you under the leadership of President Rakesh, have served humanity in India, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal just to name a few. No wonder I get comments like what PACE's Honorary Board Member — Rtn/PP Peter Brown - expressed in one of his emails to me, "I am also thankful to become friends with your India contingent. They are the most wonderful givers."

And from Rtn. Bob McKay, "Every Rotarian knows the value of good project management but there isn't anything in Rotary like the stewardship of PLC."

So, **BRAVO** soon-to-be Past President Rakesh and wish you, President-Elect Sashi, much success and a wonderful upcoming year!

Sending this with love, joy, and all good wishes,

Deepadi

#### MESSAGE FROM PDG RTN SYLVIA WHITLOCK



Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan on your 24-25 Installation! You are a much-admired club for the many community projects to benefit young disabled people and of course your great work at the school at Piyali! I am honoured to be able to work with you and sometimes alongside you!

#### MESSAGE OF IPP RTN RAKESH KUMAR GOEL



Dear President Sashi.

Please accept my Congratulations and best wishes on your Installation as President of our club for RY 2024-25.

Enthusiasm and self belief is contagious. When the club officers, led by the President, are enthusiastic, the members feel it. The expectation and the targets go up. The performance of the club improves.

I am sure with your vast experience as a Rotarian and being at the helm you will surely be able to galvanise the members into a potent cohesive force taking the club to newer heights of service and let more and more needy communities see and benefit from the Magic of Rotary.

Once again, I wish you and your incoming team a grand success.

Yours in Rotary Rakesh Kumar Goel President 2023-24



#### Of the things we think, say, or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

### GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS FROM PP RTN JIM AND CAROL LEWIS!, USA



#### Why Should We Help Our Fellow Man?

Who helped me when I was a 5 year old child, my brother was 3 years old. Before the Polio vaccine by Dr. Salk and then Dr. Sabin. We both came down with the Poliomyelitis a very infectious disease. The virus had been killing people and crippling children and adults for 3,000 years.

At that time in August of 1948, it was hot and the virus was all over the world. Who helped us first? My parents! My father and mother took us to a large county hospital in Los Angeles, California, we did not see our parents again for 2 months. The hospital nurses and doctors were very nice and did everything they could to make our young life comfortable as possible trying to get over Polio. My brother was not paralyzed, thank God, but I was. We got better, but the experience left us with thoughts of why us? We were the only ones in the neighborhood that got sick.

I am sure where ever we go in the world we can find the same situation with children and adults that have disabilities from diseases or from birth.

We must help our fellow man!!! In Rotary we can do just that with money from donations made to The Rotary Foundation, District and Global Grants are the tool to use.

When I first traveled to Kolkata, India in 2007 and participated in a Polio NID, walked the streets and alleys of the villages, I saw first hand the need to help, in so many ways.

I was taken at that time to visit the RC of Calcutta Metropolitan, a few more clubs also, but RCCM stood out to be the club to work with. Jayanta Chatterji was the the key person!! The friendship grew from the start, when my wife Carol and I visited the girls school in Piyali Junction

Your club and other clubs and my club, RC of Moorpark, we are now Sister Clubs, started putting together Matching Grants and now, Global Grants for the school. We have returned a number of times now and our way of helping is to get our clubs, both in the USA and India to work together for our fellow man. For children and adults, who need Artificial Limbs, Calipers and legs for the legless. Grants to help Polio Survivors and those suffering from Post Polio Syndrome. Children and adults that suffer from Cerebral Palsy, must have rehabilitation to help them everyday. We have done that!

We have held summits to address Polio Survivors and will continue to do so.

WE Create Hope in the World!!! Because we care and because we are Rotarians and we want to help make life better for our fellowman.

Congratulations RCCM thank you for believing in us.

James "Jim" Lewis

PP RC of Moorpark International Service Chair D 5240 Polio Plus Chair

#### OUR AG AND ZS OF ZONE-14 FOR RY-2024-2025

### PROFILE OF AG RTN SANJAY DUGAR



Sanjay Dugar, born and raised in Kolkata, is a true Calcuttan at heart. Graduating from St. Xavier's College in 1989, he ventured into the family textile business. He established his own fashion label, 'Orly' specializing in men's ethnic wear. As a member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mahanagar since 2009, he has served in various positions, including Club President in 2017-18. Sanjay actively contributes to environmental projects and the Happy School initiative. Currently, he holds the position of Assistant Governor for zone 18 at the district level, and in the upcoming rotary year of 2024-25, he will assume the role of Assistant Governor for zone 14.

### PROFILE OF ZS RTN SHEELA JANAKIRAM



Sheela Janakiram is an Entrepreneur, Educationist & Social Activist. Her educational qualifications are BA(Hons) Political Science-Delhi University, Diploma Textile Designing, Sophia Polytechnic, Mumbai. She is Montessorian from London Montessori, Kolkata. She is trustees in Athreya Charitable Trust & Arsha Vidaya Nidhi.

She is Charter member of Rotary of Calcutta Avyanna. She was President in the RY- 2022-23, IPP - 2023-24 and District Lady Membership Chair 2023-24 and now Zonal Secretary-2024-25.

#### Forthcoming Events

#### CLUB

27.07.2024 Regular Meeting and 1st Club Assembly for the RY-2024-2025 at CSC at 2.00 PM

15.08.2024 Celebrate Independence Day with Flag hoisting and Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan, 20, Ekbalpore Lane, Naptani Bagan, Mominpore, Kolkata-700 023 at 11.00 PM. DG Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta will be the Chief Guest. South Indian Breakfast will be served at 10.30 AM

**24.08.2024** Regular Meeting at The Conclave at 2.00 PM

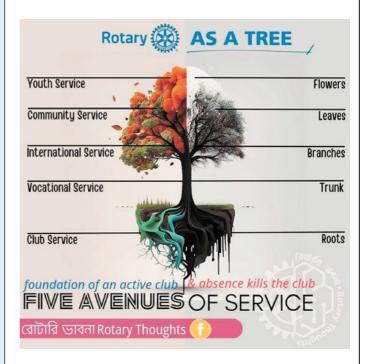
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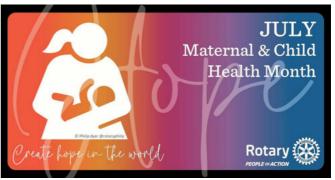
23.07.2024 Rtn Pradeep Lata



### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

12.07.2024 Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh & Ann Sohini
13.07.2024 Rtn Dr Abhay Kumar & Ann Dr Suman Kumari





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PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray Sergeant-At-Arms



PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan Club Trainer

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#### **DISTRICT AWARDS "SWIKRITI" FOR RY-2024-2025 ON 29.6.2024**

Our heartiest congratulations to the President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta for the RY-2023-2024 as Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan were honored with the following awards under Group -B during District-3291 Award ceremony "Swikriti" on 29.6.2024:

- 1. Best Overall Vocational Service Award
- 2. 1st Prize for Welfare of Senior citizen
- 3. 2nd Prize for support to Physically Challenged
- 4. 2nd Prize for Disease treatment and Prevention
- 5. 2nd Prize for Basic Education
- 6. 2nd Prize for Economic and Community Development
- 7. 3rd Prize for Interact
- 8. Certificate of Appreciation for Computer Literacy
- 9. Certificate of Appreciation for Vocational training
- 10. Certificate of Appreciation for bulletin













#### **DISTRICT AWARDS "SWIKRITI" FOR RY-2024-2025 ON 29.6.2024**

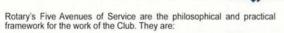








#### **Avenues of Services**



#### 1. Club Service

The First Avenue of Service, involves actions a member should take within this club to help it function successfully.

#### 2. Vocational Service

The Second Avenue of Service, has the purpose of promoting high ethical standards in businesses and professions, recognizing the worthiness of all dignified occupations, and fostering the ideal of service in the pursuit of all vocations. The role of members includes conducting themselves, their businesses and their working lives in accordance with Rotary's principles.

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The Third Avenue of Service, comprises varied efforts that Members make, sometimes in conjunction with others, to improve the quality of life of those who live within this club's locality or municipality.

#### 4.International Service

The Fourth Avenue of Service, comprises those activities that Members do to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace by fostering acquaintance with people of other countries, their cultures, customs, accomplishments, aspirations, and problems, through reading and correspondence and through cooperation in all club activities and projects designed to help people in other lands.

#### 5.Youth Service

The Fifth Avenue of Service, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.



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#### **INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**



#### **GAUTAM MOHAN CHAKRABORTI**

Shri Gautam Mohan Chakrabarti joined the Indian Police Service in the year 1978. He held various important positions like the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, DGP-Traffic, DCP Detective Department, DCP Traffic Department and DIG CBI during his service tenure. He investigated several important cases of National and International importance both India and Abroad. Shri Chakrabarti was instrumental in easing traffic congestion in the CBD area by enforcing one way traffic movement in some very important city roads.

During his tenure as the Commissioner of Police he launched several Community Policing projects aimed at providing security to the elderly citizens, safety of the Street Children, involving local youth in various Games and Social Welfare activities etc. The Calcutta Police was felicitated by the London Metropolitan Police for undertaking these activities involving the common citizen.

Shri Chakrabarti was promoted to the rank of Director General of Police in the year 2011 and retired as DG & IGP (Traffic) in 2013.

Shri Chakrabarti is presently undertaking research work in the University of Calcutta towards a Ph.D. degree.

He was awarded D.Litt (Honours Causa) by the Techno India University in the year 2023.



#### **ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT**



#### As a Rotarian, I will

- Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
- Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
- 3. Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
- 4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
- 5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
- Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
- 8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship



#### **SUCHANA MAJUMDAR**

Suchana Majumdar, a dedicated Digital Marketing Strategist at ISOAH Data Securities Pvt. Ltd., where she has been passionately working for the past two years. Her role involves crafting innovative marketing strategies to enhance our digital presence and drive business growth. Alongside her professional duties, she is deeply involved in AI and Cyber Security research, constantly exploring new frontiers in these vital fields. In addition to her technical endeavours, she is a writer, reciter, and vlogger, where she finds joy in creating engaging content that resonates with her audience. Her creative works allow to blend storytelling with insightful reflections, aiming to inspire and educate. Her journey is a harmonious blend of technical expertise and artistic expression. Whether she is developing cutting-edge research or captivating an audience with her words, she is committed to making a positive impact. She invite you to explore her world further through her social media profile - https://www.facebook.com/ SuM.writes.990?mibextid=ZbWKwL

She is working as a Digital Marketing Strategist for last 2 years. She is an Al & Cyber Security Researcher. She is also a writer, reciter and blogger.



**NABANITA SEN** 

With over 26 years of experience in Interior Designing and Space Planning, She is the Founding partner / co owner at VASTU. She is creative head of VASTU, she started her career by consulting for several leading design firms before she set out to create and nurture her own venture. With a back ground in Fine Arts, trained under renowned artist Subroto Gongopadhay, designing was almost a natural progression for me. She spearheads the design leadership within her team, bringing along a strong sense of design and detail, coupled with unparalleled sense of aesthetics, be it contemporary or traditional.

By qualification, She is a science graduate, holding a professional diploma from Jenson & Nicholson Interior Design School.



In the serene outskirts of Piyali, a small village nestled in the South 24-Parganas district of West Bengal, a beacon of hope and empowerment shines bright for young girls who once faced a bleak future. The Piyali Learning Centre founded in 2003 by the visionary humanitarian, PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham from USA, has evolved from makeshift classrooms in rented shacks to a flourishing educational institution dedicated to changing lives through education and empowerment. The recent inauguration of the Rotary PACE Vocational Centre on June 22, 2024, marked another milestone in the school's journey towards empowering the girl child and combating the interwoven challenges of child labour, poverty, and lack of education.

The inauguration event was graced by the presence of the main sponsors from the Rotary Club of Dublin, USA, and family members of the late Rtn. Sohanrajee Singhvi was a vibrant affair that celebrated the strides taken by this humble school. The highlight was the opening of the SohanRaj Singhvi Hall, proof of the continued support from the Singhvi Charitable Trust, which has been active in providing resources for the school's growth.

The PACE Learning Centre began as a modest initiative in the residence of Willingham's then-cook. The school's inception was a response not only to the dire lack of educational facilities for girls but also to broader social issues like trafficking, child marriage, and gender-based discrimination. PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham and her team quickly recognized that education could be a transformative tool for these young girls, offering them a chance to escape the cycle of poverty and disenfranchisement.

In its early days, this learning centre faced numerous challenges, including convincing parents to send their daughters to school. With the majority of women working as domestic helpers in distant cities and men frequently absent, the eldest daughters were often left to care for their younger siblings. To address this, PACE initially operated a safe space where girls could receive both care and education. The strategy proved effective, and slowly, community attitudes towards educating girls began to change.

Recognizing the need for a more structured educational approach, PDG Rtn Deepa Willingham partnered with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan in 2007 to expand the school's outreach and resources. This partnership was pivotal in enhancing the school's capabilities, leading to the establishment of permanent facilities and the introduction of a more formalized curriculum. By 2013, the school had moved to a new building on a plot reserved for educational development, accommodating 100 students in an environment conducive to learning and growth. Today, the PACE

Learning Centre is not just a school but a hub of community empowerment. It provides free uniforms, books, healthcare, and meals, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder a child's ability to learn. More than just addressing immediate educational needs, PACE Learning Centre is committed to long-term solutions. This includes vocational training for parents and adult literacy programs, which help uplift the entire community by equipping them with skills necessary for sustainable development.

A significant part of PACE's success story is its focus on vocational training, particularly through initiatives like the newly inaugurated Rotary PACE Vocational Centre. This facility offers courses in areas such as sewing and jewellery making etc., empowering women and girls to gain practical skills that lead to economic independence. The products made by the students and local women, showcased during the inauguration, not only demonstrate their craftsmanship but also their growing confidence and entrepreneurial spirit.

The push for affiliation with the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education (WBBSE) is the next step in ensuring that students can compete on equal footing with their peers across the state, furthering their educational and career opportunities. This move is crucial in a country where child labour and poverty are rampant, with millions of children deprived of their right to education.

As Rtn. Virendra Singhvi, son of the late PP Rtn Sohanrajee Singhvi, aptly noted during his speech at the inauguration, "Empowering these young girls does not just change individual lives; it transforms entire communities." Under the leadership of PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka and others and Ms Mahashweta Maity, the school's Vice-Principal, and with the continued support of the RCCM, Rotary community, PACE Learning Centre stands as a formidable force against the social injustices of child labour, poverty, and gender inequality.

Rotary Club President Rakesh Kumar Goel emphasized the transformative power of community support and education. He stated, "Today, we see the fruit of our collective efforts, not only in the bricks and mortar of this beautiful school but in the bright, hopeful eyes of our students. Each child educated is a step towards eradicating the malaise of child labour and gender inequality."

The story of the Piyali Learning Centre is such a powerful reminder of how education can be a transformative force for good. It is a call to action for all stakeholders in society to invest in the future of every child, especially girls, who have the potential to lead and uplift their communities. The journey of PACE Learning Centre from a small, makeshift classroom to a thriving educational institution is evidence of the power of collective effort and the enduring impact of empowering the underprivileged. Through continued support and dedication, the promise of a better, more equitable future becomes a tangible reality for every child at PACE Learning Centre.

By Suchana Majumdar, Writer & blogger

### ANOTHER VERSION POSTED BY SCUHANA MAJUMDAR IN FACEBOOK ON 24.6.2024



### CHILDREN DON'T LOOK GOOD WITH TOOLS, THEY ARE MADE TO GO TO SCHOOL

On 22nd June 2024, I had the immense pleasure of being a part of the grand inauguration of the Rotary PACE Vocational Centre by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan (RCCM), a lighthouse of hope and empowerment in Gourdaha, North 24 Parganas, sponsored by the visionary Late Rtn Sohanrajee Singhvi and the Rotary Club of Dublin, USA, this centre is set to change lives!

The event was not just an inauguration but a celebration of exponential progress and potential. The Smart Board's introduction at the PACE Universal: Educate & Empower (Promise of Assurance to Children Everywhere) Learning Centre School is a game-changer, bringing modern education to eager young minds. I was especially overwhelmed by seeing their WILLPOWER and turning skill into empowerment with every stitch on their sewing machines. What must be said is that it is such an Ecofriendly and lovely peaceful place, which is very important for children's mental development. Buildings are solar-powered.

A harsh reality persists- POVERTY, the need for robust education, and the fight against child labour are all too real. They are making sure that a child's DREAM is never suffocated. Yet, this school stands as proof of what can be achieved with dedication and community support.

From offering meals and healthcare to providing vocational training, every step is about crafting a SECURE future where GIRLS or WOMEN are not just educated but #empowered. They have successfully found powerful tools against inequality.

If you don't see these life warriors face-to-face, you will never understand the background story of their resilience, struggles, and strength of beautiful little girls and the strong definition of outgoing women. Success gives inspiration to everyone and it comes from the respect of all human beings, regardless of CASTE, COLOUR, RELIGION or GENDER.

Always remember, that you may encounter many defeats, but must not be defeated. The beginning story may be messy but don't despair, never give up, you have to write your own story so that others will be encouraged to follow your story.

Raise your voice TODAY and say YES to the bright future.

Wishing The PLC team all the best and stand by them to reach the pinnacle of success in the upcoming days.

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#### ANOTHER HEARTFELT MESSAGE FROM RTN SUCHANA MAJUMDAR ABOUT PACE LEARNING CENTRE OVER FACEBOOK ON 27.6.2024

#Childlabour, an affliction robbing millions of their

childhood, their education, and their potential, is a grim reality that shadows many parts of the world. It stunts intellectual growth, truncates schooling, and perpetuates cycles of poverty. All of us know that Education is not just a pathway to knowledge; it is a bridge to possibilities. In every child's dream, there lies the seed of our collective future. Many children are still denied this basic right to dream. Child labour casts long shadows over bright futures, but through proactive actions, these shadows can be dispelled. Initiatives like the PLC team are crucial to saving them from a bleak thought landscape. We need robust global policies that enforce education and penalize exploitation, community vigilance to spot and stop the exploitation of young children and each one of us to ensure that the rights of every child are upheld. Let us nurture these seeds, water them with opportunity, and watch as they blossom into a garden of possibilities, not just for these children, but for the world. Empowering children means giving them the weapons to build their own futures. It means creating environments where they can thrive, learn, and grow without fear of being snatched back into labour. As global citizens, it is our profound duty to amplify the voices of these young warriors of light.

The young voices of PACE Universal: Educate & Empower (PACE LEARNING CENTRE) that filled the air with the chorus of "Haa re re re re re, Aamay there de re, de re" are not just singing a song; they are voicing a plea for freedom. "Let Me Go, Let Me Be Free" - a FREEDOM from the shackles of forced labour, freedom to pursue the joy of learning and the discovery of their own potential. It's a powerful reminder that every child holds a universe within them, brimming with hopes, dreams, and the pure joy of being. I am happy to join these kids as a part of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan. That day I found the pure light of the sun in those little smiling faces.

Stand with us, and support the vision. LET THIS FIGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOUR BE CONTINUED ACROSS GLOBAL. We will see soon the triumph of children's innocence and innovation power.

Let's craft a future where every child can say with confidence: "My place is in a classroom, my future is my own to mould."

### A DAY TO REMEMBER - INAUGURATION OF ROTARY PACE VOCATIONAL CENTRE



On June 22, 2024, we observed a benchmark event at the PACE learning Center in Piyali. PLC has always been one of the most successful projects run by RCCM,

and we take immense pride in announcing the opening of an auditorium along with four smart classrooms with digital boards. The auditorium has been named after Past President Shri Sohanraj Singhvi, who played a vital role in establishing and developing this institution. His efforts and contributions will be remembered forever, and that will keep inspiring the entire fraternity of the Rotary Club across the globe. It was inaugurated by Rtn Virendra Singhvi (S/O Late Shri Sohanraj Singhvi) and his wife, Rtn Vinita Singhvi, in the presence of President Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel, PP Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji, PP Rtn. Harsh V Rungta, PP Rtn. Dr Naresh Kumar Goel, and other members of the RCCM, Rotary Clubs and Guests etc.

As we all know, PACE Learning Center was established in 2003, and it was initially a joint venture project between PACE Universal (a USA-based non-profit organization) and the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan. Since its inception, this institution has given education and training support to the children and women of this rural village, which has immense poverty, a limited livelihood, and numerous anti-social activities and crimes against women and children like human trafficking, physical and sexual abuse, child marriage, and forced labour. It started with just 2 classrooms and 40 students, and after 19 years, this Learning Center has grown into a big school and vocational training centre with more than 250 students who are getting free education, a proper nutritious meal, and training to learn for their livelihood. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan had played an immense role in its development into this big, state-of-the-art infrastructure. The project was initially taken by Past President Rtn Harsh V Rungta, who took the initiative to implement proper strategies to develop the infrastructure of this centre. Later on, Past President Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji, in association with PP Late Rtn. Sh. Sohanraj Singhvi, took the charge, contributed their efforts and finances to this project, and brought a remarkable development to this project.

The event was organized and hosted by PACE Learning Center and RCCM, where President Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel hosted the show alongside the principal of the PLC. The inauguration session was conducted in the presence of Rtn. Virendra Singhvi and his wife, Rtn Vinita Singhvi, Past President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Aabahamaan Kolkata Rtn. Bibek Kumar Kundu, Inner Wheel President Rekha Lata and their members and Ms Suchana Majumdar, Writer & blogger etc.

We did the ribbon-cutting of Sohanraj Singhvi Hall and started the program with a beautiful dance on Ganesh Vandana by the students of PLC. The inaugural speech was given by President Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel, followed by Rtn. Virendra Singhvi, Past President Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji and Past President Rtn Dr. Naresh Goyal, where everyone discussed the future vision of this institution and further development strategies. They gave their valuable insights on the importance of vocational training for women, women's empowerment, and the 360-degree career and personality development of children in the institution.

The chief guest of the event, Rtn. Virendra Singhvi, declared in his speech that he will help PLC and RCCM

develop the infrastructure further for the G+3 building. This was indeed a great declaration on his behalf. In the event, many women who were already learning and teaching other young girls and women about tailor art, sewing, stitching, and thread work on fabric were also present with their sewing machines. On this occasion, the young girls of the school put on an exhibition showcasing handcrafted jewellery, accessories, cloth bags with beautiful fabric paintings, and quotations. Moreover, our respected chief guests were gifted with hand-painted sustainable cloth bags and plants. We too bought few handcrafted jewelleries made by resins. The exhibition was curated by one of the students at PLC named Rani, who just passed the higher secondary examination with 82% marks and has started her venture with the brand name "Reverse Wheel." Rtn. Arundhati Chatterjee proudly acknowledged this young lady at the event, and we got to know how the "Reverse Wheel" has made its remarkable presence on digital platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and even Amazon. We felt really proud of her. We are hopeful that more such students will take inspiration from her and shine brighter in the future.

After the inauguration ceremony, we moved towards the digital and smart classrooms, where those class rooms were inaugurated by our honourable chief guests, Rtn. Virendra Singhvi and his wife, Rtn Vinita Singhvi. All the guests and fellow Rotarians took their seats in the classroom, and they were given a demonstration of the smart board by the faculty members of PLC. We were really shocked to see how these faculties got beautifully trained to use this smart board application and how learning has become so easy and interesting for the children. They gave a beautiful presentation of geography and mathematics. We got to learn so many features of those smart boards, like how classes can be recorded and preserved for the next session, how students can study in these smart classes even when the teacher is absent, and how students can get backup classes if they miss the class.

Inner Wheel President with their members with their generous gestures, distributed sweets, cookies, and chocolates to all the students and teachers of PLC.

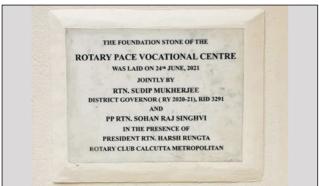
Rtn. Dr. Naresh Goyal revealed the fact that these smart boards were successfully implemented at PLC through the joint efforts of senior Rotarians like PP Rtn. Jayanta Chatterjee, Rtn. Sohanraj Singhvi, and President Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel, but it wasn't possible without the help of Rtn. Harsh V Rungta, who took initiative and put all his efforts towards bringing Wi-Fi connections to the campus. Because without the internet (Wi-Fi), these smart boards are of no use. He also stated that now PLC has eight such smart classrooms in total, and we are all looking forward to more and more toppers passing out from this institution by availing of modern technology and education, and we will see these girls' becoming doctors, engineers, and entrepreneurs in the coming future.

The event concluded with a great lunch at the PLC canteen.

By Rtn Dr Poulomi Mullick











































### INAUGURATION OF INTERACTIVE FLAT PANEL (SMART BOARD) AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 22.6.2024















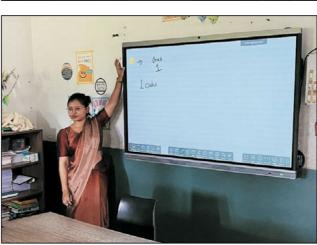


### INAUGURATION OF INTERACTIVE FLAT PANEL (SMART BOARD) AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 22.6.2024











#### **THANKSGIVING HELD ON 29.6.2024**

Members present for the meeting were invited to share their viewpoint on activities and the performance of the club under the leadership of President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and Hon Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta.

- SE Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal: He shared he was amazed at all that has been achieved during the term and now has a raised bar to match to. He congratulated the President and team for same.
- PP Rtn Harsh Rungta: He applauded the President and team for a great term. He highlighted the President for initiating many of the firsts, including creating a 20 Lakhs corpus for the higher education of girls at Piyali. He also mentioned how President synergized with late PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi to push for the vocational building and other contributions.
- Rtn Gaurang Jalan: He shared how the President had meticulously planned the entire year and how he had met him before the starting of the term to discuss project possibilities which led to the project of screening Avijatrik for more than 200 Senior citizens at Nandan. He said the best way to define Runjhun is the ad tagline, 'Fill it! Shut it! Forget it!' You give her a work and you can be assured it will be done.
- Rtn Utpal Chatterjee: He congratulated the President and team for a great term achieving recognition from the district with the numbers going up to 45 in strength. There was a great balance of fellowships and projects. He shared he was proud to see Runjhun perform as he had invited her to the club impressed with the way she was managing an event where he was invited as Chief Guest.
- PP Rtn Dr VK Nevatia: He applauded the President for completing so many projects successfully during the term including getting the required funding. He also shared his remorse for Runjhun not taking up Club Secretary, when he offered her the position

- when he became the President, but was happy and proud to see her excel as he had faith she would succeed.
- Rtn Narendra Berlia: He applauded President and team for a great year delivered smoothly.
- PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji: He was all hearts for the zeal of the President in turning ideas into realities like the solar project for PACE, or the smart boards or toilets or anything he felt was needed during his visits to the school. He appreciated Runjhun for all the support as an Architect for the ongoing works of vocational centre, toilets, school expansion and especially applauded her for managing to create a connect and synergy with Rotary Club at South Korea, something he had struggled with earlier.
- PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia: He appreciated the President for the commitment and dedication during his term to travel long distances for required projects including adult literacy at Shyamnagar or other projects at Kulpi or tree plantations to do everything first hand in his presence. He shared a note on Runjhun, which was included in Metro voice, where he shared the sense of pride on hearing good words for her during his district visits. As Club Editor, he appreciated her work as Club Secretary in timely sharing of reports etc as needed.
- Ms Suchana Majumdar: Prospective member present, shared her excitement in knowing about all the good work done and eagerness to be part of the club to play a part in the same.

President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and Hon Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta, thanked all for the kind words of appreciation. President then handed over gifts to all present as a token of gratitude for the support and encouragement.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta Secretary-RY-2023-2024









#### **THANKSGIVING HELD ON 29.6.2024**









# CONSTRUCTED 9 TOILETS FOR DAKSHINI PRAYASH SCHOOL, MADURDAHA BEHIND RUBY HOSPITAL, WHICH INCLUDES URINALS ALSO ON 24.6.2024. WE ALSO PROVIDED WASH BASIN WITH 4 TAPS FOR HYGIENE PURPOSE.













#### **DOCTOR'S DAY CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE**

On the occasion of Doctor's Day on 1st July, our school held a special assembly to honour the tireless efforts of doctors. Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy was born on July 1, 1882, and July 1 is celebrated as Doctor's Day in India in his honour. He was a renowned Indian physician, politician, and philanthropist who played a significant role in India's struggle for independence and later became the Chief Minister of West Bengal. The students gave speeches about his contributions and garlanded his photo as a mark of respect.

A few members of the Interact Club, including the president and secretary (Kakali Naskar and Sonia Ghosh), visited the Ispat Coperative Hospital along with the Interact Club coordinator, Ms. Shilpa Garai to personally present handmade "thank you" cards to the doctors, expressing gratitude for their selfless service. This gesture of appreciation recognizes doctors' invaluable contributions to our community's health and well-being. Congratulations to our doctors and our Interact Club members for their thoughtful initiative.

By Mahashweta Maity Vice Principal, PACE Learning Centre











# AGENDA OF 39TH INSTALLATION & 1680TH REGULAR MEETING ON 13.7.2024

- REGISTRATION
- ♦ MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY IPP RTN RAKESH KUMAR GOEL
- NATIONAL ANTHEM
- **♦ WELCOME GUESTS**
- 1679TH REGULAR MEETING MINUTES CONFIRMATION
- IPP RTN RAKESH KUMAR GOEL ADDRESS
- INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT RTN SASHI DHACHOLIA
- INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD
- VISION BY PRESIDENT RTN SASHI DHACHOLIA
- INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS
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