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WE WELCOME
CHIEF GUEST
DGN RTN TAPAS BHATTACHARYA
AND PRESIDENT SHRI VIJAY CHORARIA
AND MEMBERS OF MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN
FOR THE JOINT MEETING AND
CELEBRATION OF REBUPLIC DAY

DGND RTN TAPAS BHATTACHARYA - A PROFILE



Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya is a member of Rotary Club of Dum Dum since 1994 and educational qualifications are BSc (CU), LEE and AMIE (Part-I). During his tenure in the Club, he has served in various capacities and became Club President in the year 2004-2005. Apart from this, he has served in various capacities in the district-3291. The list is endless.

He was honored and received various achievements in Rotary particularly by District Governor of RID-3291 in various years. Again, the list is endless.

He has provided special Rotary services like 3-H Grant on Eye, Safe Drinking Facility and Toilet projects, Child Care project, Organized Zonal workshop on Centennial Projects in RY-2019-2020, represented in Germany as the Group Study Exchange Team Leader in the year 2010. He also participated in several Health Checkup camps in all the Metro Stations in Kolkata. He attended/participated in various Committee as member.

He worked in Eastern Railway, Signal & Telecommunication department of Government of India from November, 1981 to April, 1985, In All India Radio & Television Engineering department from April, 1985

to September, 1985, In Metro Railway, Kolkata North South Corridor from September, 1985 to February, 2020 and joined Metro Railway, Kolkata, East West Corridor, as Chief Crew Controller since February, 2020.

His special achievements are for establishing an effective Microwave Communications as In charge of Beimuri Microwave Relay Center of Eastern Railway, special appreciation for establishing improved Doordarshan telecast network as the In Charge of Dhanbad TV Relay Center and more.

He has been recognized by North Dum Dum Municipality for outstanding Service for Sakhorata Prokolpo (Eradication of Illiteracy program) as Co-Ordinator, for contribution for advancement of Indian Culture and music by Pandit Tapas Debnath & Dance group and was acknowledged for promotion of Indian-Russian friendship by the Cultural Head of the Consulate General of USSR in Kolkata.

Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya other significant and cultural activities are Life Member & Patron of Birati Samaj Sammelan, Member of East Bengal Clun, Founder Executive Member and former Secretary, Youth Guild, Gorky Sadan, Ex-General Secretary of Youth Guild of Friendship, Ex-Assistant Secretary of Ekusha February Udjapon Committee, served as Advisory Committee member of Dum Dum Motijheel College, served as Secretary of Indian Progressive Cultural Association Sultanpur Branch, Dum Dum, performed Drama and Recitation in Gorky Sadan, Sisir Manch, Girish Manch etc stages on behalf of different organizations and served as Executive Member and faculty of St John Ambulance, Birati.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN PROJECTS FOR PHYSICALLY & MENTALLY CHALLENGED PERSONS (as on 22.01.2025)

SI no	MG/GG no	Name of the Project	Project Cost in \$		Project Cost in INR		Remarks
MATCHING GRANTS				LEG FOR LEGLESS			
1	7155	Calipers and shoes for Polio victims	18000		792000		CLOSED
2	13990	Artificial limbs	20000		900000		CLOSED
3	18865	Jaipur limbs and Polio Calipers	19084		877864		CLOSED
4	21660	Artificial limbs and Calipers	48000		2256000		CLOSED
5	23521	Artificial limbs and Calipers	34000		1632000		CLOSED
6	70741	Artificial limbs and Calipers	54479		2621488		CLOSED
7	77399	Artificial limbs and Calipers	60827	254,390	3106134	12,185,486	CLOSED
GLOBAL GRANTS							
1	15-28467	Leg for Legless	55419		3436000		CLOSED
2	14-11658	Rehabilitation of Post Polio Syndrome Survivors	144343		8805000		CLOSED
3	19-80213	Rehabilitation of CP Children (Celebral Palsy Children)	107144	306,906	7500000	19,741,000	OPEN
Total			USD \$	561,296	INR	31,926,486	

**ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN TRUST
GG 19-80213 • AS ON 22.01.2025**

SL NO	CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	SUPPLIE	BUDGET-USD	BUDGET-INR	SPENT/24-25	TOTAL SPENT	BALANCE
1	EQUIPMENT	LIST IS ATTACHED	MSS	71,429.00	5,000,000.00	1,536,199.00	4,261,817.00	738,183.00
2	TRAINING	LIST IS ATTACHED	MSS	21,429.00	1,500,000.00	-	-	1,500,000.00
3	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	ADMINISTRATION COST	RCCM	7,143.00	500,000.00	3,245.00	366,978.00	133,022.00
4	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	CONTINGENCY	RCCM	7,143.00	500,000.00	-	-	500,000.00
5		EXCESS FUND	RFI	7,843.59	549,051.53	-	-	549,051.53
6		BANK INTEREST	FEDERAL BANK		935,952.00		-	935,952.00
7	BANK CHARGES	FEDERAL BANK	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL				114,987.59	8,985,003.53	1,539,444.00	4,628,795.00	4,356,208.53

INAUGURATION OF WATER COOLER AT DAKSHINI PRAYASH ON 10.1.2025

Inaugurated the Water Cooler provided to Dakshini Prayash on 10.1.2025 in presence of PDG Rtn Rajani Mukherji. This school, a Madurdaha Satyavritti Vidyalaya (a centre for learning, under the aegis of Dakshini Prayash), has been established to impart holistic education to the children of the communities in and around Madurdaha. Currently the school is having more than 400 students which impart Education and Vocational training. Indeed a commendable service to the Society.

President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and President Nominee Rtn Runjhun Gupta participated in the above project.



NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

The students and staff members of PACE Learning Centre celebrated National Youth Day on January 13, 2025, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, observed on January 12th. The students enthusiastically participated in the event, paying tribute to the great saint and youth icon.

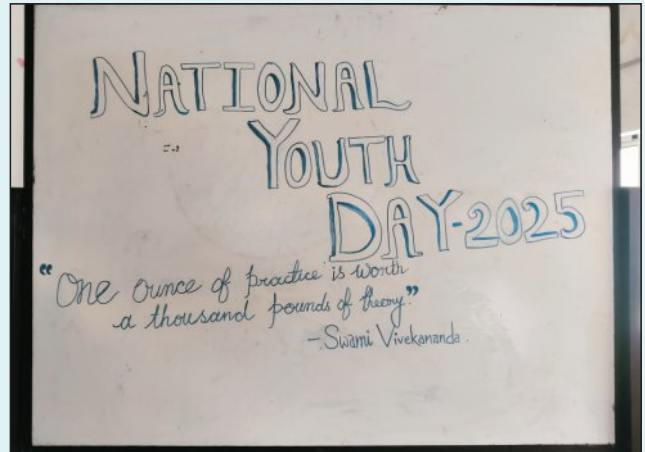
The celebration began with the garlanding of Swami Vivekananda's photo with flowers, followed by an inspiring speech delivered by our students. The speech highlighted Swami Vivekananda's remarkable life, his profound teachings, and his invaluable contributions to the country.

The students eloquently spoke about Swami Vivekananda's ideals, emphasizing the importance of self-confidence, perseverance, and service to humanity. They also shared insightful anecdotes from his life, illustrating his unwavering dedication to spreading India's rich cultural heritage and spiritual values globally.

The event served as a poignant reminder of Swami Vivekananda's enduring legacy and his relevance to the youth of today. The students' thoughtful words and sincere tribute reflected their deep admiration for the iconic leader and their commitment to upholding his inspiring ideals.

The National Youth Day celebration was a meaningful and enriching experience, inspiring our students to emulate Swami Vivekananda's exemplary values and strive for excellence in all aspects of life.

By Mahashweta Maity
Vice Principal, PACE Learning Centre



PACE LEARNING CENTRE SHINES AT PARESHNATH BALIKA VIDYALAYA ANNUAL SPORTS

On 9th January 2025 some of our senior students, registered with the WB Govt ID, made us proud by participating in the annual sports event at Pareshnath Balika Vidyalaya, Dhakuria. They showcased exceptional talent and determination, securing an impressive 12 medals (4 gold, 4 silver and 4 bronze medals) for our school.

The students excelled in various events, including short put, 200m and 100m flat races, long jump, and math races. Notably, they outperformed the host school's students, claiming top ranks in all events.

The teachers and Headmistress of Pareshnath Balika Vidyalaya congratulated us on this achievement, jokingly remarking that our girls had taken all the medals home. Shaoli Ma'am from the host school texted me, saying, "Your girls made us all proud."

Rupsa Das (class XI) in all the events and Maya Barman (Class XI), Sujata Nath (Class X), Rekha Mistry (Class XI) and Priya Sardar (Class XI) won the medals in different categories.

As a testament to their outstanding performance, our students have been invited to participate in the District Athletics Meet 2025 on January 21st at Rabindra Sarobar Stadium. Five of our students will represent our school, and we are confident they will shine again.

We are incredibly proud of our students' accomplishments and look forward to their continued success in future events.

By Mahashweta Maity
Vice Principal, PLC



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE – JANUARY 2025



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President 2024-25

I always walk into meetings at my home club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, with a smile on my face.

A few years ago, someone arrived late. Instead of scolding the person, we cheered. Since then, we've made it a tradition to applaud all members when they arrive for meetings. It's tough not to smile with a greeting like that.

There's nothing more powerful for engaging and retaining members than a club that's vibrant, welcoming, and - yes - fun.

Think back to what drew you to Rotary. Chances are, it wasn't just the service projects or professional networking. It was the people - the friendships, the shared laughter, and the joy of working toward a common purpose. That's what keeps us coming back.

If you're looking for that sense of joy in your meetings, don't be afraid to ask yourself and your fellow members some tough questions. If you were a prospective member, would you join your current club? It's a powerful question but don't stop there.

Do members of your club feel that they belong? Are your meetings fun? If not, what can you do about it together?

At your next meeting or event, try something new to bring out a few extra smiles. It's the simple things that create lasting bonds and make clubs simply irresistible.

Here's one example of a club moving in the right direction. The Rotary Club of Fukushima, Japan, has been combining environmental responsibility with community fun since 2021. In Japan, people have made picking up trash into a sport known as SpoGomi, and every year the club hosts a game. This year, more than 400 participants cheered each other on while they came together to improve their community.

This event is an excellent example of how Rotary clubs can have fun, make a difference, and raise awareness for broader global challenges all at the same time. And the inclusive, family-friendly format allows people of all ages to participate.

When we enjoy what we do, that energy becomes contagious. It's what attracts new members and keeps our clubs strong and engaged. It helps people feel that they belong.

Retention and culture go hand in hand. The healthier our club culture, the more likely members are to stay. Rotary magazine is an outstanding resource for inspiration on how to enhance our club culture and deepen member engagement. I encourage you to explore the stories and strategies in these pages, drawing from other clubs' successes to find ideas that work for you.

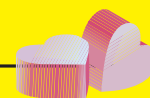
Together, we can create a more engaged, enjoyable, and inclusive Rotary that every member can feel proud to be part of. Let's continue with renewed commitment and enthusiasm, living The Magic of Rotary.

Forthcoming Events

CLUB

08.02.2025	Joint Regular Meeting with RC of Calcutta Avyanna, RC of Calcutta Victoria, RC of Calcutta Mayfair at The Conclave at 2.00 PM. Guest Speaker will be Ms Sharda Radhakrishnan of Chhaya Animal Hospital who will speak on "Embracing the Voiceless".
22.02.2025	Regular Meeting
08.03.2025	Regular Meeting
29.03.2025	Regular Meeting

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



30.01.2025	Rtn Vivek Bajaj & Ann Jyoti
31.01.2025	PP Rn Harsh V Rungta & Ann Nidhi
31.01.2025	Rtn Namrata Bengani & Spouse Meghant

TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – JANUARY 2025



Mark Daniel Maloney
Trustee Chair 2024-25

January marks a fresh start, a time to take stock of what we have achieved and plan for future success.

It is important to remember that we are in the middle of a major year for fund development. The Rotary Foundation has set an ambitious goal to grow Rotary's Endowment to \$2.025 billion by this year, 2025. This will only be possible through the generous support of every person reading this message.

January is also Vocational Service Month, when we recognize how vital each member's professional calling is to the work Rotary accomplishes.

During the Arch Klumph Society weekend in October, Gay and I were inspired by the diverse vocations represented among some of our most generous supporters. They included teachers, engineers, health care professionals, and builders. Uniting them was a shared commitment to building a better world through The Rotary Foundation.

So many of us bring the insight of our professions into Rotary through Vocational Service. The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers exemplifies this. These Rotary members use specialized skills to guide project planning, grant applications, and evaluations, ensuring the projects you fund and implement are sustainable and effective.

The work of The Rotary Foundation, from safe water initiatives to literacy programs, depends on regular giving by our members. One convenient solution for many is Rotary Direct, which provides a simple way to make monthly, quarterly, or annual contributions. This empowers Rotary to plan effectively, respond promptly to urgent needs, and continue transforming lives.

The Paul Harris Society, which honors those who contribute \$1,000 or more annually, also strengthens the Foundation. Paul Harris Society members, like Klumph society members and Rotary Direct contributors, embody the spirit of sustained giving.

When setting your personal goals for this year, remember that by supporting The Rotary Foundation, you extend your impact worldwide. Every contribution - no matter the size - adds to the momentum driving meaningful change. So, as we enter 2025, let us reaffirm our commitment to The Rotary Foundation.

By combining our efforts and our giving with others in our great organization, we can truly say that no matter our vocation or location, we are contributing to a global force for good.

Thank you for all you do.

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