

# ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN Club Regn. No.: 043290002/3842 • Charter Date: 17.06.1986





PRESIDENT: SASHI DHACHOLIA • HONY. SECRETARY: RAJIV TIBREWAL

**1681ST REGULAR MEETING** 

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## PP RTN SUBIR DUTTA WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE "HIGHLIGHTS OF BUDGET-2024"





On 13th July 2024, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan's 39th installation and 1680th general Regular meeting took place at The Calcutta Swimming Club.

District Governor AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta, District Governor Elect Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri, District Governor Nominee Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya, PDGs, AG & ZS of Zone-14, District Officials, Partner in Service, Rotarians and Guests were present.

The event was started with high tea, followed by a welcome session of Immediate Past President Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel, Past Hny. Secretary Rtn. Runjhun Gupta, Incoming President Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia, and Hny. Secretary Rtn. We welcomed Guest of Honor Rtn. Pradip Kumar Agrawal and Chief Guest District Governor AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and requested him to join the head table, followed by their felicitation process.

The installation session was initiated by IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, followed by the national anthem. He elaborated about the list of projects initiated, continued, and covered in his tenure of leadership. He thanked his team members and fellow Rotarians for helping him throughout the year.

IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel handed over the Collar and Charter, to Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, in the presence of DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta. Later Emcee PP Rtn Subir Dutta recognized DGE, DGN, PDGs, AG Rtn Sanjay Dugar, ZS Rtn Sheela Janakiram of Zone-14, District Official, Inner Wheel Members, Partner in Service, Rotarians, VIPs, and Guests.

President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia took over the charge officially and addressed the audience with his visions and upcoming projects. He requested to Past Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta to introduce the board, and this was the most happening event of the evening. Rtn Runjhun Gupta, as usual, with her amazing charm and wit, entertained the audience and beautifully introduced the board members of RCCM 2024-2025. The entire hall got charged up with her amazing presentation. A group photograph of Team 2024-2025 with DG, DGE, and DGN, First Lady Dr Simran Gupta, was taken finally.

Then PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal came forward and introduced President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, about his life, experiences, and passion as editor of Metro Voice Club Bulletin and about his past tenure as President of RCCM in RY-2014-2015.

The event proceeded with induction session of Shri Gautam Mohan Chakraborty as Honorary member of the club by the DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta. Ms Suchana Majumdar and Mrs Nabanita Sen inducted as member of the club by the First Lady Dr Simran Gupta in presence of District Governor President welcomed them all as the Metropolitans.

President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia requested Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal to get the Code of Conduct signed by Rtn Suchana Majumdar and Rtn Nabanita Se.

Newly inducted member Rtn Goutam Mohan Chakraborty was requested to say few words to the audience, to which he talked about his keen interest in the field of Literacy and others.

PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal introduced Guest of Honour Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal, who is owner and CEO of Heritage group of Institutions and spoke about his journey as educationist and his achievements in the field of education.

Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal addressed the audience and elaborated about his vision and objectives, especially in the field of medical education in India. He also stated that he will work towards creating opportunities for medical aspirants under PPP (Public-private-partnership) model, so that bright potential students can seek medical curriculum with minimum/ lesser budget in medical College. He also shown his interest to help potential students of PLC in their higher studies. President felicitated Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal with Stole and gift.

MC PP Rtn Subir Dutta introduced Chief Guest DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta with his lifelong work in the field of Health care and medicines and his initiative towards awareness campaign for disease like Cervical Cancer, Thalassemia. DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta addressed the audience by welcoming new President of RCCM, acknowledging amazing work of IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and Past Hny Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta and praising the ongoing projects conducted by RCCM. He gave his best wishes to the President RCCM Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and the club. President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia felicitated DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta as well as to the First Lady Dr Simran Gupta with stole and gift.

President handed over cheque of Rs.7500/- to DG AKS Krishnendu Gupta in presence of PDG Mukul Sinha for online classes on # Hashtag English and Effortless Arithmetic under Easy School-3 for the students of PACE Learning Centre.

At this juncture, President requested both PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal to make some announcements. They presented cheque of USD1000 each to the DG AKS Krishnendu Gupta. Incidentally, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal presented the cheque on behalf of his wife Rtn Rajshree Jain.

DG AKS Krishnendu Gupta requested to contribute Metropolitans to contribute generously USD 100 for Membership of Polio Plus Society every year till eradication from the earth. On his appeal, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal, PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, Rtn Narendra Berlia and Rtn Runjhun Gupta.

All dignitaries on head table released the special edition of Club bulletin Metro Voice and Activity Reports for the RY-2023-2024.

President felicitated IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and Hony Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal Past Hony Secretary Rtn. Runjhun Gupta

President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia felicitated the Installation Committee Chairman/Chairperson PE Rtn Rajshree Jain and PP Rtn Roshni Beriwala and thanked them creating Magic with their arrangements. He also felicitated and thanked MC PP Rtn Subir Dutta and Rtn Dr Poulomi Mullick for conducting the proceedings smoothly.

PE Rtn Rajshree Jain gave a vote of thanks, and the Installation event got concluded by a club announcement by Hony Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal. Emcee PP Rtn Subir Dutta requested everyone to join fellowship and dinner. The event was memorable, well conducted, and well praised by the guests, and it went smoothly and flawlessly with all due efforts of Emcee PP Rtn Subir Dutta and MC Rtn Dr Poulomi Mullick, who assisted him to conduct the ceremonies on time.

By Rtn Poulomi Mullick



DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta signing the Attendance



PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji with AG Rtn Sanjay Dugar and President Rtn Pramila Dugar



PDG Rtn Rajani Mukherji with Rtn Meena Khatoon and Rtn Roli Thakur



DG with Metropolitans and other Rotarians



DG, DGE with teachers of PACE Learning Centre and others



President with prospective member Payal Kr Roy



MC PP Rtn Subir Dutta conducting the proceedings



IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel addressing the audience





IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel handing over the Collar to President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia



IPP Handing over Bell and Gravel



Rtn Runjhun Gupta introducing the Board in her style



Another view of audience



IPP handing over the Charter of the Club to the President in presence of DG, DGE and DGN



MC Rtn Poulomi Mullick conducting the proceedigs



Rtn Runjhun Gupta made the audience to laugh with her witty comments about Board members



A view of Board for RY-2024-2025



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal introducing the President



President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia presenting his vision for RY-2024-2025



Audience enjoying the proceedings



Hon. Member Rtn Goutam Mohan Chakrabarti addressing the audience



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal introducing Guest of Honour Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal



Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal in his address



PP Rtn Subir Dutta introducing the DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta



DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta in his key note address



Another view of DG



Metropolitans contributing USD 100 for Polio Plus Society



Both PPs Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal donating USD 1000 to the Foundation



Finally release of Metro Voice and Spl Activity reports for RY-2023-2024



Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal making Club announcement



PE Rtn Rajshree Jain giving vote of thanks



Memorable Snap with PDGs of RID-3291

# FELLOWSHIP ON 13.07.2024



Exchange of Flags



President with Fellow Rotarians of other Clubs



DG, DGE and others



Metropolitans with First Lady of the Club



DG AKS Krishnendu Gupta with pretty ladies



President with Prospective member Payal Kumar Roy



President with another Prospective member Dr Swati Nandi Chakroborty



Fellow Rotarians enjoying the fellowship

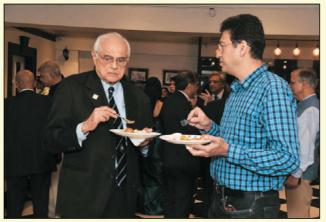
## **FELLOWSHIP ON 13.07.2024**



A view of rotarians enjoying dinner



Another view rotarians enjoying dinner



Two Metropolitans Past President exchanging the views



Rtn Jayanta Neogi chatting with Rtn Arundhati Chatterjee



President with Fellow Rotarians



President with Rtn Bulbul Kundu



President with new member Rtn Nabanita Sen along with First lady of the Club



President with Rtn Uttam Sen and Barnali Sen

# WE WELCOME RTN GOUTAM MOHAN CHAKRABARTI, (FORMER COMMISSIONER OF POLICE) AS HONORARY MEMBER AND RTN SUCHANA MAJUMDAR, WRITER & BLOGGER AND NABANITA SEN, INTERIOR DESIGNER AS METROPOLITANS



Induction of Rtn Goutam Mohan Chakrabarti as Honorary Member



Another view of induction of Rtn Goutam Mohan Chakrabarti



First Lady Dr Simran Gupta inducting Rtn Suchana Majumdar

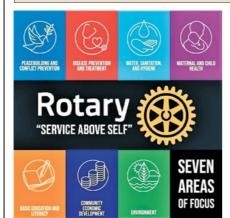


Membership Kit is being handed over to Rtn Suchana Majumdar



First Lady Dr Simran Gupta inducting Rtn Nabanita Sen









#### VISIT BY OUR SISTER CLUB RC OF SINGAPORE

Our sister Club Rotary Club of Singapore, RID-3310 has always come forward to contribute generously in various service projects for several year. This healthy friendship is flourishing smoothly. Their members keep on visiting Kolkata to take stock of various service projects where they are partners.

PP Rtn Tapan Rao along with few other members of RC Singapore, during their previous visit to PACE Learning Centre, had promised to contribute towards installation of Solar Plant at PACE Learning Centre. The Solar Plant, with their part sponsorship, finally was in place at PLC and has been helping the school in reducing its electricity charges.

PP Rtn Tapan Rao of RC of Singapore-RID-3310 visited PACE Learning Centre on 9.7.2024 to see the installation of Solar Plant and other activities in the school. He was quite happy to see the Solar Plant and during the power cuts, the school can run without any interruption. We are grateful to PP Rtn Tapan Rao and RC of Singapore, who took interest and joined hands with us in installation of this Solar Plant.

He also visited classes where Interactive Flat Panels (Also known as Smart Board) were installed. He was highly impressed with this digital technology, where the teaching will go to higher level. He has shown his interest in contributing few Interactive Flat Panels depending on further requirement of the school.

He also visited Toilet Block made for the visitors and back-office staff, which was funded by the RCCM. IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel felt the need of this common toilet block and ensured its construction. We are thankful to IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel.

He also visited ROTARY PACE VOCATIONAL CENTRE and was happy to see the concern and the action taken by RCCM for Vocational training for the students of PLC and the community at large. Members of Interact Club of PACE Learning presented PP Rtn Tapan Rao with hand made greeting card, which they do for any visitor to the school.

PP Rtn Tapan Rao visited all classes and facilities. He was hugely impressed with the overall activities of the school. He also discussed about the various projects, where RC of Singapore can be involved.

#### By President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia



PP Rtn Tapan Rao visiting Solar Plant room partly funded by RC Singapore



PP RC Singapore visiting PACE Learning Centre



Visiting Rotary PACE Learning Centre



PACE Learning Centre Interact Club presenting Greetings Card to PP Rtn Tapan Rao



A view of Solar Plant

# VISIT BY OUR SISTER CLUB RC OF SINGAPORE



PP Rtn Tapan Rao of RC Singapore visiting Rotary PACE Vocational Centre



PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji with PP Rtn Tapan Rao enjoying demonstration of Smart Board



PP Rtn Tapan Rao taking snap of Smart Board



Teacher taking classes through Smart Board



PP Rtn Tapan Rao inspecting toilet

### AWARENESS PROGRAM ON THE SAFE USE OF LPG GAS AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

On 9th July 2024, on their foundation day, the gasproviding company's effort to spread awareness about safe gas cylinder use among senior students and kitchen staff of PACE Learning Centre was commendable. It's necessary to educate people on properly handling and using gas cylinders to prevent accidents and ensure safety. In the awareness session, they displayed one gas oven, cylinder and other necessary equipment to make the program lively and meaningful. They focused on the discussion of the following points:

- Proper storage and handling of gas cylinders.
- Safety precautions while using gas cylinders in the kitchen.
- Understanding gas cylinder labels and markings.
- What to do in case of a gas leak or emergency.
- Importance of regular maintenance and inspection of gas cylinders and appliances.

By providing such essential knowledge to senior students and our staff members, the awareness sessions can prevent gas-related accidents, and promote safe practices in the kitchen, It will also enhance overall safety awareness in the school community.

Kudos to the gas provider for taking this important step! Spreading awareness and promoting safety is a collective responsibility, and this initiative is a great example. After the program, they distributed cakes to all the participants and presented pens to the teachers. They also gave us a good-quality gas lighter and tea leaves to use in school.

By Mahashweta Maity

Vice Principal, PACE Learning Centre





## INAUGURATION OF M.M VIDDAM HALL AT ROTARY PACE VOCATIONAL CENTRE ON 23.07.24

Today marks a significant milestone in PACE Learning Centre's journey towards providing holistic education and empowering the students and community people with skills for a brighter future. Ms. Anjana Viddam, current co-owner & amp; CEO of Halcyon Solutions Inc., daughter of M.M. Viddam inaugurated M. M Viddam hall (first floor) today at Rotary PACE Vocational Centre.

This centre is a testament to our commitment to equipping our students and community people with practical skills and knowledge, enabling them to succeed in an ever-evolving world. Our Vocational Training Centre will offer a range of courses, such as tailoring, bakery, boutique and fabric painting, bag making and so on designed to cater to our students and villagers' diverse interests and talents. We aim to provide a comprehensive learning experience, bridging the gap between academia and vocational education.

Our students started today's program with a warm welcome to Ms Anjana Viddam, the chief guest and her mother, Geeta Viddam, our guest of honour. Then we moved towards our main attraction i.e. Plaque Unveiling Ceremony of the M. M. Viddam hall along with the lighting of Diya.

Two PLC graduate students danced on Ganesh Vandana. RCCM president Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia, PLC

President Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji, PP Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel, PP Rtn. Harsh V. Rungta, PP Rtn. Roshni Beriwala and Rtn. Nabanita Sen were our esteemed guests. Our students gave stalls for exhibition cum sale for their handmade jewellery and showpieces. They were very excited when Anjana Ma'am and Geeta Ma'am appreciated and took their products. The students also presented them with two pictures drawn by them along with a hand-made bag.

Fortunately, we could arrange a delicious cake for Anjana ma'am as today was also her birthday and we could celebrate her birthday together. We wish her a very Happy Birthday and many happy returns of the day.

After the program was over, the Interact Club members gave a tour of our beautiful campus to our guests.

There was a brief demonstration of our newly installed Interactive Flat Panel also known as Smart Board as well. All the guests enjoyed the session.

I extend my gratitude to all our generous supporters in making this initiative a reality. Their contributions have enabled us to create a state-of-the-art facility, equipped with the latest tools and technology.

By Mahashweta Maity Vice Principal, PACE learning Centre

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# CONGRATULATIONS TO METROPOLITAN PP RTN UTPAL CHATTERJEE FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD ON 20.7.2024

Rotary Club of Mahanagar gave a LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD to our very own METROPOLITAN PP Rtn UTPAL CHATTERJEE recommended by the past Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta and led by Club President Rtn Pramila Dugar for RY-2024-2025, the team had ensured a large turnout at Hotel Hindustan International on a glittering ceremony on 20.7.2024.

A well-choreographed event with an engaging chat session with PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee bringing out some of the best moments that made them asking for more. Also present were PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PE Rtn Rajshree Jain, and yours truly VP Rtn Runjhun Gupta of RC of Calcutta Metropolitan. President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, could not make it because of a family emergency.

The recipient PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, appealed to everyone to pray whenever possible for peace to prevail across the world. Then came the proud moment where the Lifetime Achievement award was awarded to PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee. Kudos to the host team for a well organised event and a celebration that kept us beaming with pride. Heartiest Congratulations PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, Rotary Ambassador in Chief.

#### By Rtn Runjhun Gupta







CONGRATULATION METROPOLITAN

RTN PRADIP KUMAR AGARWAL ALSO CEO OF HERITAGE
GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS IS AWARDED FOR BEST
ENGINEERING COLLEGE OF THE YEAR 2024 BY HON'BLE
UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EAST, GOVT OF INDIA, DR
SUKANTA MAJUMADR AT THE 8TH EDITION OF EDUMEET
& EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2024 HELD ON 19.7.2024



Heritage Institute of Technology received the Best Engineering College of Year Award 2024 from the Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Education and for Development of Northeast, Govt. of India, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar at the 8th Edition of The EduMeet & Excellence Awards 2024. The award was received by Prof. Basab Chaudhuri, Principal, Heritage Institute of Technology, Kolkata in the presence of Mr. Pradip Agarwal, CEO, Heritage Group of Institutions & Co Chairman, ASSOCHAM Higher Education & Skill Council - East and other members of ASSOCHAM Eastern Council.

# दी हेरिटेज स्कूल को सर्वोत्तम स्कूल का सम्मान



दी हेरिटेज स्कूल को शैक्षणिक उत्कृष्टता एवं छात्र गतिविधियों हेतु सर्वोत्तम स्कूल का अवार्ड प्राप्त हुआ है। यह अवार्ड भारत में अमेरिका के राजदूत मि. एरिक गार्सेट्टी एवं कोलकाता में अमेरिका की कौंसुल जनरल सुश्री मेलिंडा पावेक ने प्रिंसिपल सुश्री सीमा सप्तु को प्रदान किया। इस अवसर पर हेरिटेज समूह के संस्थान के प्रभारी श्री प्रदीप अगरवाल भी उपस्थित थे।



# A NEW CHAPTER BEGINS: MY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE AT THE 39TH INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN



As the soft evening breeze greeted me at the majestic The Calcutta Swimming Club, I, Suchana Majumdar, entered a new phase in my life filled with hope, service and community involvement. It was the installation meeting for the Rotary Year 2024-2025 held on July 13, 2024. This event marked not only the start of leadership under President Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia but also my induction into the esteemed Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan.

Emotions swirled within me as I crossed the threshold of this venue, where tradition and ambition intertwined. The warm smiles and friendly hellos from fellow Rotarians added to the evening's charm. The presence of figures like Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, District Governor of RID 3291, and Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal, CEO of the Heritage Group of Institutions, emphasized the importance of this gathering.

Receiving the badge filled me with pride and happiness. It represented acceptance, responsibility, and my dedication to Rotary International values. However, it was receiving a sapling that truly moved me. This small tree symbolized growth and the nurturing journey ahead, with my Rotary family. It symbolized a future that all of us, in Rotary pledge to create-a more enduring and caring world.

While chatting and sharing stories with acquaintances and experienced Rotarians, the atmosphere was filled

with excitement. The speeches, including those delivered by our guests, were not only inspiring but also a call to action. They emphasized the importance of serving others before oneself, highlighted the impact Rotary has had on lives, and encouraged me to see the limitless opportunities within the global community.

Being part of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan holds significance for me beyond attending meetings; it signifies my dedication to actively engaging in community service. It provides a platform where I can utilize my skills and interests to create a difference. My goal is to contribute towards improvement. What truly energizes me about being a Rotarian is the chance to interact with individuals from diverse backgrounds, each bringing their unique perspectives and strengths. This exchange of knowledge and experiences forms the foundation of Rotary's enduring success and influence in my view. Reflecting on today's events reminds me of the responsibilities that accompany my role. Not only to uphold Rotary's values but also to further them. In my journey, as a Rotarian, I look forward to exploring avenues related to community development, education, and environmental sustainability. With the backing of my senior club peers, I believe in our joint capacity to enact positive change.

In my opinion, such changes will allow people and nations to come together to produce further positive shifts in our big world, step by step. To all the Rotarians all over the world and to all those who are ending their belief in Rotary, let's go on with character and spirit. Let us be the change in the world, the headlines of hope, and the eternal voice-guards of tomorrow. Here's to the unknown paths you and I have yet to walk down.

By Rtn Suchana Majumdar

# DISTRIBUTION OF RATION TO THE VILLAGERS OF NABADINGANTA LEPROSY COLONY DURGAPUR ON 21.7.2024



#### AWARDS PRESENTATION BY FIITJEE AT PACE LEARING CENTRE

On July 18th, 2024, FIITJEE (A renowned institute for competitive exams) awarded certificates of appreciation and medals to 18 students of PACE Learning Centre for their outstanding performance in the ESCAPE VELOCITY TEST (EVT) conducted by them in October 2023. The school's team of teachers also received a trophy and a letter of appreciation from FIITJEE. This recognition and reward brought a sense of accomplishment and joy to the students and teachers. The students, who took the test for the first time, scored well, and receiving certificates and medals can be a powerful motivator for them. It acknowledges their hard work and dedication, serving as a tangible representation of their achievements. It will help establish a positive impact on students' confidence and self-esteem. It will encourage them to continue working hard and striving for their goals.

The trophy and letter of appreciation presented to the school is also a great honour, recognizing the school's commitment to academic excellence and students' achievements. It's a wonderful way to boost school

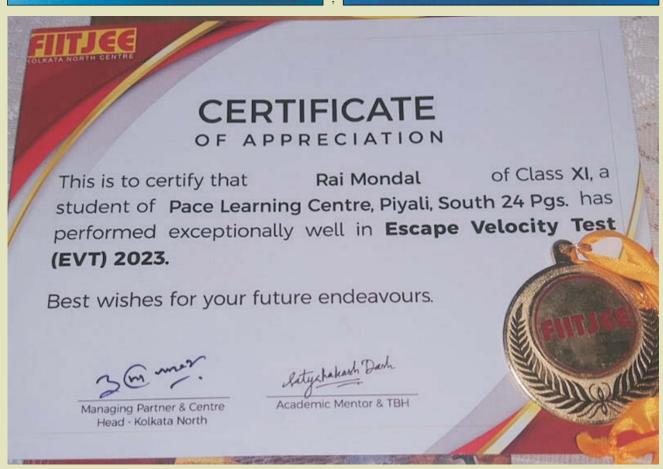


spirit and encourage students to strive for excellence. Congratulations to the students and teachers on this achievement! Keep shining!

**By Mahashweta Maity** Vice Principal, PACE Learning Centre









### Forthcoming Events

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08.08.2024 Seminar on "Stay Safe in the Digital Jungle: Empowering the Next Generation to Navigate the Digital World Safely" at PACE Learning Centre from

11.00 AM onwards.

15.08.2024 Celebrate Independence Day with Flag hoisting and Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan, 20, Ekbalpore

Manavir 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.

#### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

03.08.2024 Rtn Bal Kishan Newatia

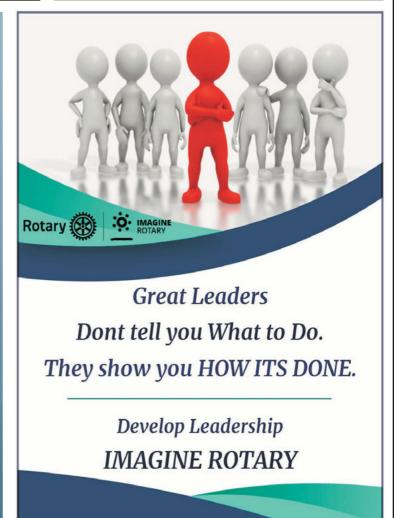
13.08.2024 Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka

# WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



28.07.2024 Rtn Jayanta Kumar Neogi & Ann Jayanti





#### PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE - JULY 2024



Stephanie A. Urchick President 2024-25

Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is The Magic of Rotary itself.

With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.

The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs.

That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

Peacebuilding is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next peace center at Bahçesehir University in Istanbul.

Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peacebuilding. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there.

The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peacebuilding efforts — but only if we have your support.

The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing The Magic of Rotary.

#### TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE - JULY 2024



Mark Daniel Maloney
RI Trustee Chair 2024-25

This month, we begin a new journey together to celebrate The Magic of Rotary. So buckle up for an exciting trip.

If Rotary is a beautiful car that you are proud to drive, The Rotary Foundation is the engine that propels it to your chosen destination. And it's the strengths of Rotary - especially you and our other incredible 1.4 million members - that make The Rotary Foundation powerful.

Like many new members, I knew little about The Rotary Foundation when I joined Rotary. However, everything changed in 1985 when, as incoming president of my club, I attended my first Rotary International Convention with my wife, Gay, in Kansas City, Missouri. We will never forget the thunderous support the audience showed for Dr. Albert Sabin, creator of the oral polio vaccine, who called upon Rotary to vaccinate the world's children. It marked the dawn of PolioPlus, a pivotal moment in Rotary's commitment to children worldwide, and I was there!

You, as a member of Rotary, are also a part of The Rotary Foundation. You are part of a worldwide movement that implements global grants to build sustainable systems for clean water and sanitation where there are none. You help train peacebuilders in a world plagued by unrest. And through supporting the Foundation, you help people rebuild their lives after natural disasters.

This is the magic of The Rotary Foundation. But let's remember that magic doesn't happen on its own, which is why I am counting on your support and engagement this year.

To accomplish more good throughout the world, the Foundation trustees have set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$500 million for 2024-25. Achieving this goal will require the support of everyone reading this message. It will also help us reach our goal of building the Endowment Fund to \$2.025 billion by 2025.

To help us keep financial support of the Foundation at the forefront throughout this year, I have developed Mark's Magical Markers - a set of specific targets to help us achieve our overall goals. The first Magical Marker focuses on personal commitment, particularly to the Annual Fund, which supports the grants, scholarships, and vocational training teams that make the magic happen. Please contribute what you can to the Annual Fund no later than 31 August.

This year, let's fuel the engine that takes us around the globe to do good. Let's unleash The Magic of Rotary through the Foundation. And let's make this year an unforgettable one - for us and for the people whose lives we will touch.

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