



## March: WATER AND SANITATION Month

Clean water is a basic need for human beings. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives. However, at least 3,000 children die each day from diseases caused by unsafe water, which is what motivates our members to build wells, install rainwater harvesting systems, and teach community members how to maintain new infrastructure. Rotary International, through the combined actions of individual Rotarians and Rotary Clubs, seeks to assure that all people have adequate access to clean and safe water. The Rotary theme for March, Water and Sanitation, asks us to focus on the life changing improvements that we can make through these international projects to provide a more readily available and healthy supply of water to all people. ~Manas

## Minutes of the 2118th Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Jadavpur on 21.02.24

- President Rtn Paromita called the 2118th meeting to order. This RCM was held on 21st February, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Banquet hall of Casa Broadway, Kolkata. She requested Rtn Shikha di to lead the National Anthem. She thanked Rtn Shikha di for leading the National anthem and welcomed DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav, AG Rtn Debashis Chakraborty, Sec Gen Rtn Anirudha Guha, Addl DS – Admin Rtn Bhaswati Ray, Addl DS - Coordination Rtn Amrita Paul, all the Rotarians and their spouses and Representatives of the RCC and Interact Clubs present.
- On 07.02.24 RCCJ organized a programme to donate a Foot sewing machine to a cancer survivor Kajal Bauri. Dr Soma De, his treating Oncologist was present on this occasion.
- On 18.02.24 President Paromita had attended the 3rd President, Secretary meet with DG held at Rotary Sadan.
- On 18.02.24 RCCJ organized a programme to distribute 2 more Wheel chairs to needy individuals in association with Pratyoy, a social welfare organization at Jadavpur.
- President briefed the members regarding the upcoming annual fund raising programme of Pediatric Cancer to be held on 23.02.24. A fund of ₹100000 was raised for the same. President thanked all members for their donation. For every donation club members will be getting tickets for the event.
- On 25.02.24 RCCJ would hold a programme at Udbhas to celebrate National Science Day.
- On 02.03.24 RCCJ would hold the Annual Sports Meet at Pathshala, Dwaranda, Bolpur. Approximately 60 students are likely to participate in the programme.
- The RCM was followed by DG's official visit to the club.
- \$800 TRF was contributed by club members, the same was handed over to DG.
- President Paromita gave a presentation regarding different projects taken up by the club during the last 7 months of RY 23-24.
- DG gave a speech regarding the journey of the District in the last 7 months. DG also briefed the members about goals and achievements regarding membership, contribution to Foundation, and sustainable projects. He also spoke about the various projects in the pipeline and near completion projects. The DG congratulated the members of RCCJ as a healthy and vibrant club. DG was satisfied about the paperwork and documentation of the club. DG congratulated the President on the new members and insisted on increasing atleast 2 more members so that the club can touch the overall net growth of 12% ie the district goal. The DG also insisted the contribution to foundation

### Ideas, Feedback & Suggestions

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may be increased.

- Club Secretary PP Rtn Dr Partha Pratim Roy conducted the club business by congratulating the following members on their special occasions:
- **BIRTHDAYS:**
- PP Rtn Partha Sarathi Sarkar – 23rd February
- Rita Chanda w/o Rtn Bhashkar Chanda – 28th February
- Rtn Dr Soma Banerjee – 3rd March
- **ANNIVERSARIES:**
- Rtn Anup Tibrewal and Anju Tibrewal – 28th February
- The minutes of the last meeting was unanimously confirmed.
- The meeting was formally closed by President Rtn Paromita.



**Rtn. Paromita Das Dutta, President, RCCJ**

### LBC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

RCCJ was the Lead Host Club for the Life Beyond Cancer (LBC) Annual Fundraiser event that was held on 23rd Feb 2024 at Rabindra Sadan Auditorium. I take this opportunity to thank all RCCJ members for your overwhelming response to the call for pitching in towards the Annual Fund Raising Event of LBC. It was an astounding evening that exhibited amazing performances by those lovely little cancer survivors showcasing their mental strength and power to fight against the odds of life. The program was graced by famous actor Rituparna Sengupta. Padmasri Usha Utthup and her band swept the audiences with their sensational presentation. I am immensely thankful to Padmasri Dr Ravi Kannan, Seeta Kannan Madam, Pediatric Oncologist Dr Prachi Jain and Dr Prantar Chakraborty for taking time out of their busy schedules to join the programme and share their views. Summing up in short, the show pushed LBC miles ahead for their future endeavors.





## National Science Day Programme at Udbhash



PP Rtn. DR. KUNAL ROY

A programme was conducted on 25.02.24 at Udbhash to commemorate National Science Day falling on 28th February. 25 children of varying age groups starting from 9y+ to 16y+. The programme started with a short lecture on the significance of National Science Day in very lucid language by PP Rtn Dr Chitra di. She donated science books to Udbhash. This was well appreciated by Smt Jayasree Kundu, on behalf of Udbhash. Dr Shyamal Roy, Ex scientist of IICB graced the occasion. Then the main programme "Science for fun" was taken up by invited dignitaries Dr Samir Kumar Dutta, Ex scientist of IICB and Dr Bandita Dutta, Ophthalmologist. Difficult concepts of physics, chemistry and biology were explained by small and easy to execute hands-on experiments. The 2hr long programme was very well appreciated by everyone present. PP Rtn Dr Kunal Ray handed over a Uttorioy and certificate of application to Dr Samir Kumar Dutta. Rtn Dr Jharna Ray, Literacy Chair handed over the same to Dr Bandita Dutta.



## ROTARY NEWS

### RID 3291 sets up a blood bank in Kolkata

- Rotary Club of Calcutta, RID 3291, in association with the Howrah Municipal Corporation (HMC), has set up the district's first blood centre — the HMC Rotary Blood Centre — at Howrah, Kolkata. The facility was inaugurated in February by Arup Roy, state minister-in-charge for urban development.
- Monsoon rains regularly pummel Maharashtra state. With the support of a \$50,000 global grant, the Rotary Club of Mumbai Down Town Sea Land oversaw construction of five check dams that will help farming families manage flooding in the Palghar district.



# MEDIA REPORTS



Reflection of The Reality.

<https://www.thebengalmirror.com/2024/02/Rotaryand-life-beyond-cancer-organised-fund-raising-musical-event-for-cancer-survivors-at-rabindrasadan.html1>

# Presidential message March 2024



There are many pathways to peace, and in Rotary, we are fortunate to have Rotary Peace Fellows who demonstrate this truth time and again.

Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fellowships for leaders around the world to study peace and development, and what these peace fellows learn prepares them to work in conflict prevention and resolution

and promote Positive Peace. Here are a few examples of the creative ways peace fellows advance peace:

### Promoting sustainability

Alejandra Rueda-Zarate combined her Rotary Peace Fellowship in peace and conflict resolution with her master's degree in energy and resources to support her dream of protecting the Colombian countryside.

She founded the organization NES Naturaleza in 2011 to help farmers in Colombia and across rural Latin America gain access to knowledge and training to uphold sustainable farming standards. That support has improved the lives of nearly 4,500 farmers, inspiring many of them to become entrepreneurs. And it's helped promote both natural and social sustainability throughout Latin America.

### Ending racism

Peace fellows Geoffrey Diesel and Kathy Doherty have applied their fellowships in peace and development studies toward co-founding the Racial Equity Project, a subcommittee of Rotary Positive Peace Activators in North America committed to studying ways to create a more peaceful society through anti-racism efforts.

The Racial Equity Project takes a deep look into how the eight Pillars of Positive Peace could support efforts to address racism, and it works to spread this message to communities across North America. The organization initially grew from Rotary's strategic partnership with the Institute for Economics and Peace, a global think tank dedicated to promoting Positive Peace.

### Managing disasters using data

Through a Rotary Peace Fellowship, Jamie LeSueur earned a master's degree in social science within peace and conflict research. He now leads emergency operations for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, setting a management and operational framework for agency collaboration in emergency response situations.

Jamie has found that research data is a powerful tool to bring calm to the complex world of disaster response. No matter what an organization's protocols might entail, letting research be the foundation for decision making helps clarify even the most complicated emergencies.

These stories — and hundreds like them — show how Rotary is creating a generation of leaders ready and able to build peace worldwide. Nearly 1,800 peace fellows have graduated from Rotary Peace Centers, and they are applying their craft in more than 140 countries.

May the continuing work of peace fellows and the Rotary members who support them inspire you to continue to Create Hope in the World through service, fundraising, and creative thinking.

**R. Gordon R. McInally**  
President 2023-24