



Ramadhanu



Stephanie Urchick
Rotary International
President



Dr. Krishnendu Gupta
Rotary District 3291
Governor



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Calcutta Harmony
President



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Calcutta Harmony
Secretary

MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT - STEPHANIE URCHICK



*Rtn. Banasri Poddar
Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony*

I congratulate you on your installation to the office of Club President at the Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony, West Bengal, India.

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

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR - AKS DR. KRISHNENDU GUPTA

Rtn Banasri Poddar

President 2024-2025

Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony, RID 3291

Dear President Banasri Poddar

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



KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2024-25) - AKS DR. KRISNENDU GUPTA

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.

Born in Kolkata, he did his initial schooling from St Xavier's Collegiate School, Kolkata from 1969–1973, and thereafter from Mayo College, Ajmer, Rajasthan from 1974–1981. Subsequently, he completed his MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery) from Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Mangalore in 1986, DGO (Diploma in Gynaecology & Obstetrics) in 1989 and MD (Masters in Obstetrics & Gynaecology) from KMC, Manipal in 1990. He was awarded the 'University Gold Medal' being the best outgoing student in MD examinations in 1990. Krishnendu also completed two Diplomas in Surgical Pelviscopy & Hysteroscopy, and in Reproductive Medicine from Kiel, Germany in 2000. He has been awarded prestigious Fellowships from the Indian College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (FICOG) in 2002, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FRCPI) from Ireland in 2018, the highest honorary fellowship: 'Fellow ad eundem' (FRCOG), Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, United Kingdom in 2019, and 'ACOG Honorary Fellowship Award' (FACOG), American College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, USA in 2022, amongst others. He was only the fourth Indian Obstetrician & Gynaecologist ever to receive the prestigious 'Hon FACOG' award at the time of the fellowship conferment.

Krishnendu is currently Professor, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan (RKMSPP), Kolkata, West Bengal since 2002, and Unit Head since 2017. He has over 34 years of experience in Obstetrics & Gynaecology and has been a Professor in VIMS for 22+ years. In addition, he is engaged as an Adjunct Professor, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, KMC, Manipal since 2017 and has been honoured by his peers with two named Orations in ICOG and KMC, Manipal since 2018. 'Giving back to society' being his guiding mantra, Krishnendu has been providing voluntary service to the patients of VIMS & RKMSPP since 1997 till date.

Extremely active in the national and international academic circles, Krishnendu is currently the 'Deputy Secretary General' of the Asia & Oceania Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (AFOG) from 2022–2026 and 'International Lead Fellow of Examinations' of RCPI, Ireland since 2022, in addition to being a member of various committees AFOG, 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.

An active Rotarian for 27+ years [RC Calcutta Jadavpur: 1992 and RC Calcutta Victoria (RCCV): 26+ years (1997 till date)], Krishnendu served in various positions in RCCV being Secretary in 2004–2005 and President during its 'Silver Jubilee Year' in 2017–2018. He has since served RI District 3291 in different positions in TRF and as District Secretary Projects (Medical). He is a Faculty Member of Rotary Learning Institute (RLI) and a Member of the TRF Cadre of Technical Advisers, 2018–2027. He is also the 'Founding Member – AKS Forum of India' since 2020.

Krishnendu has been the recipient of numerous honours and awards from Rotary International and District 3291, namely, 'Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service in 2020–2021' from TRF; 'Best Rotarian of the Year Award', 2017–2018, RI District 3291; 'Rotary Vocational Service Excellence Award – Rotary Ratna', 2017–2018, RI District 3291, and Outstanding President Award in 2017–2018. He has been recognized for his giving to The Rotary Foundation from District 3291 receiving the 'Highest Contribution to TRF Award' in 2017–2018, 2018–2019 and 2020–2021, and 'Second Highest Contribution to TRF Award' in 2019–2020. An ardent supporter of the 'End Polio Now' campaign, his personal contribution to the PolioPlus Fund of TRF is more than US Dollars 30,000 currently. The 'Endowment Fund' in TRF created by Krishnendu and Simran in memory of his parents has steadily grown since its inception in 2017–2018 to a current corpus in excess of US Dollars 207,500 which help contribute to the cause of women's health and empowerment.

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 created an earmarked fund in the RCCV Trust in 2021 to ensure sustainability of service projects in perpetuity. He has also been directly involved in the completion of three large Global Grants in the field of preventable oncology till date. Krishnendu is actively associated with 'Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vihar', a charitable school for the underprivileged and financially challenged children in a small village adjoining Kolkata, 'Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute', Thakurpukur, Kolkata, and 'Ramakrishna Mission & Math', Belur, West Bengal.

Krishnendu is an avid pianist, musician and a Charter Life Member of the International Fellowship of Rotarian Musicians (IFRM), RI District 3291. He is a 'Permanent Member' of Bengal Club, Calcutta Club, Calcutta Cricket & Football Club, Lake Club, Tollygunge Club; 'Life Member' of Cricket Association of Bengal, Mohun Bagan Athletic Club, Aryan Club; 'Annual Member' of Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Agri-Horticultural Society of India, Calcutta Wine Club (Secretary: 2021–2023, Vice President & President Elect: 2023–2025), Indo-Italics Wine Club. He is also the recipient of 'WSET Level 1 Award in Wines' for his keen interest in the knowledge of fine wines.

His Partner-in-Service for 32 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. Aparajita is a 'Major Donor Level 1' and 'Benefactor' of TRF since 2017–2018.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2025-26) - DR. RAMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI



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 endeavors.

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

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2026-27) - TAPAS BHATTACHARYA

Rtn Banasri Poddar

President 2024-25

Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony

Dear Rtn Banasri

I like to congratulate you for taking over the mantle of club leadership as President. I am sure you and your team will show the magic to change the lives of the suffering humanity and the community as well. At the same time I like to congratulate the outgoing President Rtn Soma Mullick and her team for their outstanding service to create hope in the community for a better tomorrow.

I do hope you and your club members will work together to develop practices and tools for measuring and sharing Rotary's positive, long-term change using your club resources for the programs that have the potential for the greatest impact, applying lessons learned through various projects implementation efforts to how club approach other partnerships. You will do wonders implementing Programs of Scale to provide with a new framework for thinking about how you bring about change in the world and identifying projects you can use to explore and practice measurement. Connecting with other clubs you can apply similar Programs of Scale principles to your own projects and grants. Embracing and exemplifying diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in everything and exploring new products and participant models you will create an environment so that people can join and take action, no matter where they live and make your club more inclusive and you will be proactive, asking people how they want to engage with you. You will make your club more vibrant looking at ways to measure member engagement and satisfaction by doing survey your members to learn what's important to them in their club experience and how they want to grow and develop through Rotary. I am confident that improving your club operations to become more agile and more responsive and consider small changes you can make to improve how your club operates you will lead your club to reach a greater height.

With best wishes

Yours-in-Rotary

DG Tapas Bhattacharya
2026-27



KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT

Banasri Poddar is a woman of tenacity and passion, whose path from a humble beginning in Bengali Medium schooling to earning her M.A. (B.Ed) from Calcutta University is extremely inspirational. Banasri Poddar, born in 1971, was raised in a supportive home that suggested education. Banasri's academic career began in a Bengali-medium school, where she built a solid foundation in her native language and culture. Her love of studying and teaching inspired her to go Calcutta University and acquire her M.A. (B.Ed). This achievement was a turning point in her life, providing her with the information and abilities she needed to make a substantial contribution to the area of education. In addition to her accomplishments in school and the workplace, Banasri holds certifications in dance and the arts. She has gained respect and recognition for her artistic ability and commitment. Her artistic projects have demonstrated her creative vision and skill, while her graceful and expressive dancing moves delighted spectators. These accomplishments demonstrate her diverse nature and her capacity for success in a range of fields. Banasri demonstrated her enthusiasm and various abilities by participating in a variety of sports and cultural events during her school years. Her participation in craft-making activities during her undergraduate years served as another testament to her creative energy. Apart from her artistic endeavours, She also likes to paint. Now talking about Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony. She has proved her enthusiasm for social work by consistently serving people in any way she can. She joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony in 2016 and served as club president in 2021-2022, PHF (Paul Harris Fellow), treasurer, secretary, and chair. Banasri Poddar is blissfully married to Subhendu Poddar, a businessman by profession.

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,
I am grateful to the members of my club, Rotary Club Of Calcutta Harmony, who gave another opportunity to as President of the club for the Rotary Year 2024 -25. Previously I served the club as President in the Rotary Year 2021-22 under the beautiful leadership of our PDG Prabir Chatterjee.



I would like to congratulate IPP Rtn. Soma Mallick and our last year team on successful completion of Rotary Year 2023-24.

I believe, the future holds immense potential for my club, Rotary Club Of Calcutta Harmony. While I acknowledge the challenges which we face, I am filled with optimism for the positive impact we can create. Together, we can difference in the lives of the people in need and underprivileged section of the society under the able leadership and guidance of our District Governor, AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.

In this Rotary Year, our International President Stephanie A. Urchick announced the Rotary Theme "The Magic Of Rotary". Together we can and we will create Magic in the world and make it a better place for the future.

Yours in Rotary,
Rtn. Banasri Poddar
President 2024-25

MESSAGE FROM IPP

Dear President Banasri,
Please accept my congratulations and best wishes on your installation as President of our club for the Rotary Year 2024-25.

As always the members of Rotary Club Of Calcutta Harmony believe the Rotary's motto "Service Above Self" which is our inspiration of all our service activities.

I am thankful to you all for your support throughout the past year. I enjoyed my times and tenure as our club President. My support and efforts for our club will always be there.

I am confident that you and your team will continue our legacy of exemplary service to society.

Yours in Rotary
Rtn. Soma Mallick
President 2023-24



Board of Directors 2024-25



Rtn. Banasri Poddar
President



Rtn. Rachana Sen
President Elect &
Club Secretary



Rtn. Anuradha Ghosh
Vice President



Rtn. Reba Ray
Treasurer



Rtn. Barnali Banerjee
Club Learning Facilitator &
Club Executive Secretary



Rtn. Soma Mallick
IPP &
Foundation Chair



Rtn. Sourav Dutta
Sergeant-at-Arms



Rtn. Biprendu Poddar
Director and Chair
Club Administration



Rtn. Adrija Banerjee
Director & Chair
Club membership



Rtn. Biswajit Ghosh
Director and Chair
Club Public Image
& Literacy



Rtn. Namita Majumder
Director and Chair
Projects Service
(Medical)



Rtn. Meghamita Mitra
Director and Chair
Project Service
(Non Medical)



Rtn. Rita Sengupta
Polio Chair

GLIMPSES OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN RY 2023-24



Celebrated Doctor's Day on 1st July by felicitation of Dr. J. B. Ganguly at Kamarhati Udayvilla Primary School where we arranged medical check up and deworming to school children and distributed nutritious food items.

We donated two wheelchairs for two disabled persons at Chunar Pukur, Joynagar, and another two were handed over to the Working President of Behala Balananda Brahmachari Hospital.



Eye Screening Camp was held at Chunar Pukur, Joynagar, where we able to screen the eyes of 180 persons in association with Rotary Dakshin Barasat Eye Hospital. 49 patients required Cataract surgeries which were done and according to the requirement we also distributed 75 spectacles after two weeks.



Distributed 100 Woolen Blankets among the 100 needy senior citizens at Chunar Pukur, Joynagar, during the winter.

100 New Sarees Distributed at the time of Kali Puja at Jwalaberia Village, Kultali.



Adivasi Bidya Charcha Kendra Bankura

'Alor Disha', Dakshin Barasat

S. M. Child Academy, Joynagar

The Providence Home Barasat



We distributed Educational Kits (exercise books, Drawing books, pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, colour pencils etc.) among near about 650 students at various institutions.

Nawabpur F P School

KG School, Joynagar

GLIMPSES OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN RY 2023-24



Distributed Ration for 150 inmates in total of Alor Disha and the Providence Home Barasat. We distributed Rice, Atta, Dal, Mustered Oil, Sugar, Chira, Soyabin, Sooji, Eggs, Potatoes & Biscuits. Our DGN Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya was present to inspire us at the Providence Home.



RC Calcutta Harmony installed a water purifier machine at Nawabpur F P Scool to supply safe drinking water to the students

We planted saplings for the beautification of Nawabpur F P Scool



Handed over the hearing aids to needy Harishankar Bhattacharjee for listening properly

Build a Library for the 352 students of Nawabpur F P School. We donated about 400 books.



We had participated to celebrate End Polio Now program. We took part in District Polio Rally with tabloid



We felicitated two trafficked girls Firoja and Suphia of Utthan. We also had given scholarship to Sophia for changing her life.

End Polio Now Booth & End Human Trafficking Booth visited by our PP at RI Convention, Singapore



We had donated mattresses, pillows, bedsheets, mosquito nets for 10 orphanages of The Providence Home Barasat.

GLIMPSES OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN RY 2023-24



We organised a medical camp for Mother and Child at Chunar Pukur Joynagar where Rtn. Dr. Minakshi Banerjee and Rtn. Dr. J. B. Ganguly wholeheartedly supported us.



We arranged a Menstrual Hygiene workshop at the Providence Home and handed over the sanitary napkins to the 35 girls.



To create Public Image of Rotary, we celebrated our Independence Day with the children of St. Lugi Scool at Barasat through hosting our National Flag. Children's performance on patriotic songs and dances were very nice. We arranged a drawing competition and awarded them alongwith a delicious lunch. District Official Rtn. Chandan Naha talked about the great personalities of India



RC Calcutta Harmony felicitated all teachers of Nawabpur F P Scool on 5th September to create Public Image of Rotary. We also organised a drawing competition and a cultural program with the students. After the program we awarded the students and had spoken on the awareness of environment and health hazard.

We celebrated women's day at the Providence Home Barasat through the awareness of Cervical Cancer and women empowerment. We also served nutritious foods.



Our club members presented their beautiful performances at various District Programs

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Rachana Sen has completed her Master's in Philosophy from Jadavpur University and History from Vidyasagar University. She is a trained dancer on Bharatnatyam and Kathak and an experienced choreographer. She started her career in a reputed steel industry and worked there for more than 20 years. She is a senior Rotarian and Executive Member of All India Women's Conference. Rachana has been running a Botique for the last 15 years. She completed her counseling course in mental health and psychology from Sree Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Cultural and Therapy and is now professionally engaged in counseling of child & adult mental health. She is also attached with some magazines and her recipes published in many reputed magazines. Rachana's husband Tapas Sen is also a senior Rotarian, they are blessed with son Ranamit and daughter Tapasya.

By profession **Namita Majumder** is an Architect. Served in a Central govt organisation. She was the President at Rotary Club of Calcutta North Central for two years. At present she is attached with few NGO. Her passion to work with the poor children. She loves to roam around the world and also attached with some cultural association.



Sourav Dutta, a software developer with years of IT experience, transitioned to become an acknowledged Digital Marketing Expert. He assists over 20 esteemed brands and has successfully delivered 50+ national and international projects. As the founder of Adivorous Digital Private Limited, a leading Digital Marketing agency, Sourav leverages his technical expertise to develop innovative strategies for business growth. His dedication and expertise have earned him a highly-regarded name in the industry. Supported by his spouse, Bina Roy, Sourav is advancing digital excellence and empowering businesses globally.

Anuradha Ghosh is one of the Charter member of Rotary Club Of Calcutta Harmony. She completed her Masters Degree in History from Calcutta University and holding professional diploma and many certificates course on beauty therapy from Habib and others. She has chosen her profession as a Beautician. She is the disciple of Shree Shree Mohanananda Brahmachari Maharaj. She always likes to serve for the society. Renowned Dancer Naresh Kumar is her 'Guru' in dance. Beside dancing she also prefers to do Recitation. She is Married Goutam and blessed with a son, Geet.



GLIMPSES OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN RY 2024-25



With RI President



Changeover Ceremony



PETS 1



PETS 2



Orientation Programme & COTS



We distributed 125 flowers and fruits bearing saplings at the St. Lugi School & Krishnapur Adarsha Vidyapeeth



On Doctor's Day, we organised a medical check up and ECG camp for Mother and Child at Kamarhati with basic medicines



We distributed Bedding Sets for new born babies at Maternity ward of Behala Balananda Brahmachari Hospital and fruits & nutrition packs for their mothers in the presence of renowned Doctor Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty, Hon. Secy. Mr. Deepak Sarkar and Medical Superintendent Dr. Susanta Sengupta.



Distribution of tiffin for Autism children of Sunshine Autism Care, DumDum Park. We have given colours and tubs to them for decorating the tubs for our program. We also arranged a photography competition for their parents and awarded them.

