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## President's Column

My dear fellow Rotarians,

I stand before you today, humbled and honoured, to begin my term as president of our esteemed Rotary Club of Ballygunge. As a medical professional with over 40 years of experience serving communities, I have always been passionate about giving back. And there's no better place to do that right here, alongside each of you.

First, I want to express my sincere gratitude to our Past President Rtn. Rinku Das Chowdhury. Your dedication and leadership throughout the past year have been truly inspiring. Under your guidance, we accomplished many projects like drinking water kiosks at school, hospital, and slum area, empowering women by providing them with totos and many more. Thank you, Madam Rinku, for your service to our club.

The senior Rotarians of the club informed me that I am the first person from the medical fraternity who has been selected as the president of this club. So, by nominating me as your president, you have not only shown your trust in me but also to the medical fraternity to serve you and your club better.

As fellow Rotarians, we have come to know each other for some time now. Today, I stand before you, not just as Dr Amlan Bhattacharya, but as your incoming president. For this year, I pledge to lead the club with the same dedication, compassion, and collaborative spirit that had guided my medical career.

## Report on 46th Installation







Greetings Rotarians and Guests!

Like each Rotary year, time has arrived to celebrate the most awaiting occasion, when the new President takes charge of his chair and volunteers to lead the club with all the new hope, joy and triumph. Chair Rotary President pins a "motto" for the Rotary year. There have been many great ones, some short and some long, yet all that sum up the vision of Rotary.

It was our privilege to welcome the following distinguished Leaders as the guests and speakers in that memorable evening of 46th Installation ceremony :

### Chief Guest

Dr. Krishnendu Gupta (DG 2024-25) & First Lady Simran

### Special Guest

Shekhar Mehta (PRIP)

### Guest of Honour

Tapas Bhattacharya (DGN)

### Past District Governors

Shyamashree Sen, Rajani Mukherjee, Pinaki Prasad Ghosh, Mukul Sinha, Sudip Mukherjee & Prabir Chatterjee



Apart from them, the programme was graced by the presence of Rtn. Abir Mukherjee (AG) and Rtn. Poushali Paul (ZS). It was also our pleasure to host Interact Club of Shri Gandhi Vidyalyaya, RCC Shatmanisha Shanti Sangha and Innerwheel Club of Ballygunge.

DGN Tapas Bhattacharya during his speech has categorically mentioned the importance of eradication of "Polio" from the world's map and contribution of the Rotarians around the world towards the number of lives that has been touched and gifted.

Past Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta on the other hand emphasized about visioning for leadership, which, according to him, may be defined as the process of forming a mental image to set goals, make plans, and solve problems that guide the organization into the future. Thus, it is the first step in goal setting. From his speech we understood that while mission statements guide the organization in its day-to-day operations, visions provide a sense of direction for the long term — the means to the future. Visions are quite often the simple part, with the hard part being the execution—turning the vision into reality should be our next goal in all possible manner.

The District Governor however started speech in his great charisma and went on enriching us with his enormous knowledge on the different aspects of Rotary. He guided us through the method on raising fund and its utilization for the society at large. He said that Rotarians often find a particular program which becomes a passion. It may be to create a literacy program, build a library, build a home for workers seeking medical treatment far from home, providing clean water to orphans in each and every rural part. DG presents in his speech enlightened the topic on Global Funding, TRF, Adult literacy and his plans and vision for RY 2024-25, his plans on Vaccination. Truly Sir, those words shall be our guidance and shall give us the motivation to motivate others too.

The Chairperson Rotarian PP Sushanta Kumar Sarkar has led the programme through out, while PP Ashif Shah anchored it quite interestingly maintaining all the dignity of the occasion. PP Sanjoy Dey and Rotarian Mrityunjay Ganguly has managed the entire fellowship as well as welcoming all the guests of honour graced the occasion. PP Shubroto Bhattacharya concluded the programme with the vote of thanks.

The programme finally ended with the high note when all the guests, speakers and the members joined in fellowship and dinner. Rotarian Mrityunjay Ganguly in his usual style has grabbed all the attention with his melodic voice. May be the words falling short to describe as to how graceful and enjoyable that evening was.

I end it this column with the hope for the future and a popular saying:

*"If you can dream it, you can do it".*



## Editor's Column

Dear Readers,

My warm welcome to all our distinguished Guests, fellow Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors.

It's the beginning of a new Rotary year and we are all overwhelmed and inspired by the Rotary International theme "Magic of Rotary". The year started with the grand installation ceremony, when Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya took charge of President Chair of our club. Through the speeches of the distinguished guests, our club has taken oath again to be committed and dedicated to serve society and it's environ and this is evident by our numerous projects and the number of lives that has been touched and gifted.

The edition of "Flame" and the "Souvenir" has been unveiled with joy and round of applause in the ceremony. This publication has always been a resource document and a public relations tool for our club since its inception.

Rotary Club of Ballygunge taking the opportunity to welcome and wish the new President and his new team and every club member for the path to walk ahead and the goals to achieve together.

# Minutes Of The 2499<sup>th</sup> RWM and 46th Installation Held In The Hall -2 Of Eastern Metropolitan Club, Kolkata, on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2024

- MC PP Ashif Shah invites the dignitaries to the Dais.
- MC requests all to rise for the National Anthem.
- MC invites Installation Chair PP Susanta Kumar Sarkar for the inaugural address.
- MC PP Ashif Shah requested President Rinku Das Choudhury to call the meeting to order.
- President Rinku Das Choudhury calls the meeting to order and addresses the gathering.
- President requests Outgoing Secretary Dr Amlan Bhattacharya to present the Annual Activity Report. The Report on the Last year's activity is presented in an audio-visual format, shown on screen.
- MC Requests dignitaries on the dais to join the event of handing over collar, Charter etc. and induct New President Dr Amlan Bhattacharya. IPP Rinku Das Choudhury hands over the Collar, Hammer, Gavel, Charter and they exchange Pleasantries.
- President Dr Amlan Bhattacharya introduces the Board.
- President delivers his speech and Plans and Programs for RY 24-25. MC requests Installation Souvenir Editor PP Bhomra Chatterji to present the Souvenir to be released by the Dignitaries on Dais.
- MC requests Club Bulletin Editor Rtn. Subhankar Chakraborty to present the Club Bulletin "FLAME" to be released by the Dignitaries on Dais. MC requests DG and the dignitaries on dais for Induction of New Member.
- Two new members are inducted: Miss Riya Mookerjee and Mr. Sagnik Majumder.
- MC requests Secretary Anirban Sarker to present the Club Business. Secretary Anirban Sarker presents the club business and makes the happy announcements.
- Minutes of the meeting confirmed.

MC announces Felicitation on the Floor By members and Annes of our club :

First Lady of Dist. 3291, All PDG's, District Secretariat, Inner wheel, AG and ZS, First lady of the Club & RCC Coordinator and Other Guests are felicitated.

- MC announces Felicitation on the Dais by President, IPP & PE. Felicitation of Special Guest PRIP Shekhar Mehta, Chief Guest DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, Guest of Honour DGN Sri Tapas Bhattacharya.
- MC requests PRIP Shekhar Mehta to give his address.
- PRIP enhances the importance of TRF and Polio Funding among other inspirations in his speech. He kept the entire audience spellbound with his oratory skills.
- MC requests DGN Sri.Tapas Bhattacharya to deliver his address. DGN elaborately speaks on the Polio scenario in respect to neighbouring countries and our role as Rotarians.
- MC requests DG Dr Krishnendu Gupta for his address. DG presents his speech highlighting the Global Funding, TRF, Adult literacy and his plans and vision for RY 2024-25, his plans on Vaccination. He summarized speaking on how he is content with the functioning of our Club and what more he expects from RCB. He also spoke about his willingness to support CSR Projects / Funding.
- MC requests for Vote of Thanks by PP Shubrato Chakraborty.
- President Dr Amlan Bhattacharya terminates the meeting.
- MC invites everyone to join for the fellowship and dinner.

Members Present - 29    Guest Present - 53

## Happy Announcements

*Happy Anniversary*

15th July

Rtn. Jayanta Chatterjee & Mrs. Srabana

## THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY RI BOARD IN APRIL 2024

All members (Rotarians and Rotaractors) are expected to:

1. Act with integrity and high ethical standards in their personal and professional lives.
2. Deal fairly with others and treat them with respect, which includes adhering to Rotary's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Code of Conduct by using respectful language, being supportive, fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment, and celebrating diversity.
3. Use their professional skills through Rotary to improve people's quality of life their own communities and elsewhere in the world.
4. Avoid behaviour that reflects adversely on Rotary or other Rotary members.
5. Follow all codes of conduct for any Rotary-related event. In addition, district and regional leaders, including district governors will:
6. Comply with all applicable laws and regulations in conducting Rotary business and in their personal lives.
7. Adhere to the provisions of Constitution of Rotary International and the Rotary International Bylaws, as well as to the provisions established by the RI Board in the Rotary Code of Policies.
8. Serve for the benefit of all members and participants in upholding Rotary's purpose, prioritize the interests of district members, and avoid even the appearance of impropriety in their conduct.
9. Foster an environment in the district that promotes safety, courtesy, dignity, which includes promptly addressing any allegations of harassment.
10. Avoid using their office for personal prestige or benefit or to benefit family members or friends.
11. Act on what is fair to all concerned.
12. Promote transparency about financial information, compliance with all local and national laws relating to financial management and adhere to Rotary's reimbursement policies for expenses.
13. Use confidential or proprietary information for their intended purposes (never for personal ones), prohibit and restrict the disclosure, communication, and use of this information, and take precautions against any accidental disclosures. In addition to meeting the expectations for all members and for governors, directors will:
14. Act in the best interests of all members and of RI as a whole (not just of the zones they were elected from), adhere to their duty of loyalty to RI, act independently of any inappropriate influence, and put the interests of the association first.
15. Follow the Board's Conflict of Interest Policy, which is designed to preclude even the appearance of impropriety regarding the Board's actions, and thus refrain from accepting any offers, gifts, or favours in exchange for influencing or taking a position on any item that the Board will consider.
16. Carry out their responsibilities with diligent and appropriate care, including asking reasonable questions, gathering as much information as they can before making a decision, and generally being as prudent as anyone in a similar position would be in similar circumstances.
17. Weigh the potential impact of their decisions, which often has a significant impact on various groups and individuals, in a way that is consistent with The Four Way Test, treats equally all the people who will be affected, and thus maintains members' confidence that the Board acts fairly and in the best interests of the association.
18. Report any suspected or potential violations of this code to the general secretary or the RI president and encourage other Board members to do so in order to ensure that people comply and that the goals of the code are accomplished.
19. Review this code of conduct during their orientation and then at least annually and acknowledge that they have read it, understand it, and will comply with their responsibilities under the code. If the general secretary or RI president learns that a director has potentially violated this code, they will provide all the details they can to the Board's Executive Committee. The committee will then obtain all relevant information and take action as it deems appropriate, including providing counsel to the alleged violators and offering the full Board recommendations for corrective action. Only the Board can take disciplinary action against a director.