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Editor's Column

Dear All,

Greetings for the Year 2024 – 25!!

I feel highly privileged in presenting our 1st Issue of our Club's Weekly Bulletin "Flame" for the Rotary Year 2024 – 25.

We have had an eventful Rotary Year 2023 – 24 with some incredible projects which are showcased in this issue. The issue is also blessed with the message and greetings from our incoming President Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya. I take this opportunity to thank for honoring me with the assignment as "Bulletin Editor 2024 – 25". I look forward to the cooperation and contribution in sharing articles from the members of the Rotary Club of Ballygunge to bring our further memorable issues of "Flame".

We have your association !!

Presidential Message



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 Bahçe ehir 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*.

Stephanie A. Urchick
President 2024-25
July 2024

Incoming Outgoing Ceremony

Date : June 26, 2024



With heavy heart we, the members of Rotary Club of Ballygunge bid farewell to our outgoing President Rotarian Rinku Das Chowdhury, held on June 26, 2024, at Cozy Room of Calcutta International Club. It is imperative to say that we will miss her expertise, guidance and endurance in accomplishing the goals she has set for since the inception of her tenure. Her leadership skills in making successful of the projects shall be remembered with high gratitude and respect. We now look forward to with joy and pleasure of the joining of our incoming President Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya with eagerness and great expectations of accomplishing all future projects and achieving many milestones. The evening was celebrated with vigor, great joy and laughter with sumptuous Mughal platter to relish and end the year on a vibrant note.



SWIKRITI

Date : June 29, 2024



Congratulations to our outgoing President and the members of the Rotary Club of Ballygunge for conducting one of the highly impactful year with completion of 43 invaluable projects and achieving the most prestigious "Swikriti" Awards recognized and presented by the District Rotary 3291 for the projects like "Water & Sanitation", "Outstanding projects on Health Checkups", "Encouraging and strengthening projects on Women Empowerment" and last but not the least "the impeccable exemplary contribution and performance during the Rotary Year 2023 – 24 by our very own loving Rotarian Ashif Shah.

Tare Khunje Berai

Date: July 01, 2024



It is a pleasure to announce that the Very first project of the Rotary Year 2024 – 25 has been commenced on the birthday of the great "Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy", successfully organized by our new President Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya at Rotary Sadan. An award - winning Documentary film & quot; Tare Khunje Berai & quot; (on Cerebral Palsy) was shown to the audience. Later a brief discussion on Cerebral Palsy was conducted by Dr. Andreveich Saha and our own Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya. Lastly the Director of the Documentary Film Mr. Debajyoti Roy was felicitated along with Dr.AndrevichSaha and Dr.Soumya Kirtaniya a budding medical Practitioner. It is our pleasure that two NGOs participated in the program, KrishiBandhan Society and NIP, a centre for physically disabled children. From our Club 9 Rotarian & #39;s were present along with 12 distinguished guests.

Minutes of 2496th RWM of Rotary Club of Ballygunge held on 26th of June, 2024 at Cosy Room of International Club, Kolkata

- President calls the regular meeting to order.
- Members present join in for the National Anthem.
- In the address President thanks the members of the club for their enormous support.
- President appreciated the members of the projects held during her tenure.
- President announced that in total 43 projects have been successfully completed during the year 2023 – 24.
- Members overwhelmingly greeted the President with big round of applause.
- President informed the members that she is making an endeavor to transfer Rs. 1.20 Lacs to the "Trust Fund" for the annual maintenance of the drinking water kiosk.
- The Secretary announced the birthday of Rotarian Nasiruddin Ahmed on June 28.
- President terminated the meeting.

Members Present - 21, Guests - 4