



# Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries

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# **VISIONARIES TWO PILOT PROJECTS**

### **Old Age Home**





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# "WE MEET FORTNIGHTLY ON THURSDAYS AT 7.30 PM AT THE CALCUTTA PUNJAB CLUB FOR OUR REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING"



### AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta

MBBS (Mangalore), DGO (Manipal), MD (Manipal), FICMCH, FICOG, FRCPI (Ireland), FRCOG (Ad eundem, UK), FACOG (Hon, USA)



District Governor 2024–2025, Rotary International District 3291. Professor & Unit Head, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences,Kolkata, West Bengal, INDIA.



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 firstever '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 (RKMSP), 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 & RKMSP 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

(AOFOG) from 2022-2026 and 'International Lead Fellow of Examinations' of RCPI, Ireland since 2022, in addition to being a member of various committees AOFOG, 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, 2018-2024. 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.

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.



## Dr Krishnendu Gupta



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District Governor, 2024–2025 Rotary International District 3291 Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria Member, Arch Klumph Society – Trustees Circle, TRF, 2018 Professor & Unit Head, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences, Kolkata

13 May 2024

Rtn. Pankaj Chitlangia President 2024–2025, Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries, RID 3291

Dear President Elect Pankaj Chitlangia 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.

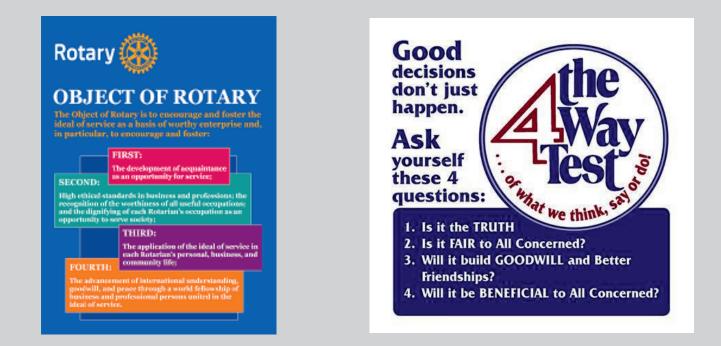
Simran and I wish you and your esteemed club members the best and eagerly look forward to working together for a wonderful and fruitful Rotary Year 2024–2025.

Thanking you.

Kind regards. Yours-in-Rotary

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## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT



#### Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri

Rotary Club of Calcutta Suncity District Governor 2025-26

A Philanthropist by passion with Better Health, Better Education and Wellness for all of his mission, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri started his Rotary Journey in the year 2006.

As an iconic member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, he started as the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee of District Assembly 2007. He served as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City for two successive terms in 2009-10 and 2010-11. He is a Level 2 Major Donor. His indepth involvement as a Rotarian had already started.

His first mega project was Transit Trauma Care in collaboration with Kolkata Police and

Government of West Bengal where 12 Ambulances were flagged off which were strategically placed in various accident prone locations of Kolkata. This was to take care of the appropriate actions in the Golden Hour following an accident, which are of paramount importance in saving an accident victim's life.

Dr. Homchaudhuri's name has now become synonymous with Thalassemia Eradication Mission. He has functioned as the District Chair for Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention, conducting various Seminars across West Bengal, Assam, Odisha and Bangladesh.

For the last over three years, he has taken up the Mantle as a Key Representative of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City along with Hridham, another NGO, to provide easy access to potable water to the Water Scarce village of Dhaska in Purulia District.

Dr. Homchaudhuri added another feather in his cap with a rare distinction of getting elected unanimously as District Governor Nominee and would be taking over a District Governor in the Rotary Year 2025-26.

He is extremely fortunate to have his spouse Dr. Mrs. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri, Dr. Bandana, PHF - Reputed Pediatrician in her own right. She is also a Past President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City and has been working in various capacities in District 3291 Administration. They are blessed with a daughter and a son. The daughter is a Doctor and son is a Post-Doctoral Research Scholar in Robotics based in USA.

Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri did his MBBS (1970) from Gauhati University, DGO from Calcutta University and followed it with MS (Orthopedics) from Banaras Hindu University. Dr. Hom Chaudhuri practices his profession as an Orthopedic Surgeon.

### KNOW OUR PRESIDENT 2024-25 RTN. PANKAJ CHITLANGIA



**Rtn. Pankaj Chitlangia** has been one of the founding members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries since 2013, contributing immensely to club's growth and success. Over the years, Pankaj has held various significant roles, including Vice President and Committee Chair, always exemplifying leadership and commitment.

An alumnus of Calcutta University, Pankaj leads Arcum Engineering Pvt Ltd, his company specializes in the marketing and servicing of imported machineries required in heavy industries. His professional acumen and leadership in the business world are paralleled by his unwavering dedication to Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self."

Pankaj's personal life is a testament to the strong values he upholds. He is married to Rtn Jharna Chitlangia, a homemaker who has been the cornerstone of his success. Pankaj attributes his family's strength and values to Jharna's influence. Together, they have nurtured a loving family with two talented sons. Pratyush, 23, is a BBA graduate from St. Xavier's college, now preparing for his MBA, and Harsh in his 20s, in second year of BSc in Economics Honors at St. Xavier's College. He is also pursuing his CFA.

Beyond his professional and personal commitments, Pankaj enjoys singing, playing tennis, networking, exploring

different countries and diverse cuisines around the world. He is a life member of Calcutta South Club and Calcutta Cosmopolitan Club. His exceptional bonding skills and ability to connect with people are unique to him.

His leadership, vision and commitment to service will undoubtedly guide us to a future filled with greater achievements and community impact.





Congratulations to **Rtn. Deepak** and his team for an incredibly active Rotary year, brimming with meaningful projects and engaging initiatives. The club has once again been guided by a dynamic leader, steering with unwavering passion and dedication.

Under the aptly named banner of **'VISIONARIES'**, the club has continually achieved remarkable milestones, a testament to the visionary leadership of our past Club presidents and dedicated teams coupled with significant contribution & guidance of senior members. Their focused vision has propelled us to new heights.

It's an honor to step into the role of President for such an exceptional club, where every member radiates with energy and a shared commitment to serving the society.

I am eagerly anticipating the opportunity to collaborate with 'Team Visionaries' and pledge to uphold our club's mantra of 'service above self' with utmost dedication.

Let's unite to showcase 'The Magic of Rotary' together.



## MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB SECRETARY Rtn. SONIA BIRLA

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

It is with immense pride and excitement that I step into the role of Secretary for the Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries once again. As we embark on this new chapter, our theme, "The Magic of Rotary," perfectly encapsulates the essence of our mission and the spirit of our community. Rotary has always been a beacon of hope, service, and positive change. Our club, with its rich history and unwavering commitment to service above self, continues to illuminate the path for others.

> The magic of Rotary lies in our ability to transform lives, not only through grand initiatives but also through the seemingly small acts of kindness that ripple out to create significant change. Together, we can achieve the extraordinary. I am deeply honored to serve alongside such dedicated and passionate Visionaries. Let us continue to be the magic that inspires, empowers, and transforms.

Yours in Rotary, **Sonia Birla** Secretary 2024-2025 Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries

## MESSAGE FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dear Visionaries,

Wow!! What a year it has been for me. And I am truly glad and grateful for it!! Being a President under the tenure of DG Rtn Hira Lalji Yadav has been a great learning. He kept pushing us, kept driving us, all the time being in the Driver's seat, to hold the flag and ethos of Rotary high. His dedication, and the District team's support, has always been the driving force for the entire R I District 3291.

The terrific past leadership of Team Visionaries has been overwhelming, and inspirational too.

Assuming the role of a President of a club as vibrant, talented and energetic as Team Visionaries has been an experience that I will cherish for life.

Friends - It's time to handover the reins to the incoming **Club President, Rtn. Pankaj Chitlangia**, someone whom I have known personally for more than 30 years. Joining him as a Club Secretary, is none other than the very dynamic, super talented, Rtn. Sonia Birla. What an envious duo I must say. I can promise, this leadership team is going to be one of the finest that Team Visionaries has witnessed. Excellent organizational skills, brilliant team work, and exceptional team bonding, are just a few of the many strengths that we will see in RY 2024-25.

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Congratulations and all the best Pankaj, Sonia and team!! friends.. as I make space in this column for the new leadership, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the entire team for supporting me, standing besides me, being there for me - just a call away.

Let us continue to do what we are best at, i.e, Serving people!!

Yours in Rotary Deepak Agarwal President 2023-24

# **INSTALLATION CHAIR**





Dear Rotarian Friends,

Chairing the 12th Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries has been a huge responsibility and was a first hand experience for me. However, the strong support and guidance from senior members, along with the proactive help from our amazing team, made this big responsibility much easier. I am very grateful to them.

I wish the incoming President, Rtn Pankaj Chitlangia, a wonderful Rotary year ahead. Best of luck in continuing the great work of our past Presidents in spreading the Magic of Rotary!

Yours in Rotary, **Rtn. Pradip Agarwal** Chair – Installation 2024-25



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4th May	-	Rtn. Rani Binani
10th May		Rtn. Nilam Jain
17th May	-	Rtn. Sadhna Deep Vyas
18th May	-	Dr. Aparna Agarwal
3rd June	-	Rtn. Sunita Agarwal
14th June	-	Rtn. Manoj Agarwal
19th June	-	Rtn. Anita Nemani
20th June	-	Rtn. Shweta Chandak
22nd June	-	Rtn. Deepak Agarwal
28th June	-	Rtn. Santosh Mishra
28th June	-	Rtn. Shailesh Nemani



Rtn. Vidhi & Vikash Chandak 27 June



# ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA VISIONARIES PAST PRESIDENTS



**RTN. DAYA SARIA** 2013 - 2014



RTN. SANJAY DABRIWAL 2016 - 2017



RTN. HEMANT KUMAR CHANDAK 2014 - 2015



**RTN. AVINASH AGARWAL** 2017 - 2018



**RTN. NIKHIL KOTHARI** 2015 - 2016



LATE RTN. VIKASH BIRLA 2018 - 2019



**RTN. VIKASH JAIN** 2019 - 2020



**RTN. VIKRAM RUIA** 2020 - 2021



RTN. RAJESH AGARWAL 2021 - 2022

RTN. SANTOSH MISHRA 2022 - 2023 RTN. DEEPAK AGARWAL 2023 - 2024





: Rtn. Pankaj Chitlangia
: Rtn. Deepak Agarwal
: Rtn. Ritu Agarwal
: Rtn. Sonia Birla
: Rtn. Seema Chandak
: Rtn. Pradip Agarwal
: Rtn. Sonia Birla
: Rtn. Ritu Agarwal
: Rtn. Vidhi Chandak
: Rtn. Sanjeev Agarwal
: Rtn. Sanjay Dabriwal
: Rtn. Nidhi Jajodia

#### PERMANENT DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Director 1 :	Rtn.	Hemant	Kumar	Chandak
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- Director 2 : Rtn. Nikhil Kothari
- Director 3 : Rtn. Sanjay Dabriwal
- Director 4 : Rtn. Avinash Agarwal
- Executive Secretary : Rtn. Pawan Kumar Chowdhary

#### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Club Administration	:	Rtn. Nisha Modi
Service Projects (Medical)	:	Rtn. Ajay Jajodia
Service Projects (Non-Medical)	:	Rtn. Sudha Todi & Rtn. Sohan Jagwani
Members Relation	:	Rtn. Pawan Kumar Chowdhary
Rotary Foundation	:	Rtn. Hemant Chandak (2023 - 2026)
Youth Service	:	Rtn. Neeti Agarwal & Rtn. Sreeti Agarwal
Environment	:	Rtn. Nilu Agrawal & Rtn. Sundeep Doshi
Public Image & Public Relation (CICO)	:	Rtn. Nikhil Kothari
Vocational Service	:	Rtn. Vandana Goel & Rtn. Preeti Chokhani
Literacy	:	Rtn. P J Agrawal & Rtn. Vikram Ruia
Editor	:	Rtn. Seema Chandak & Rtn. Allok Jhawar
Vision 20:20	:	Rtn. Anju Kothari & Rtn. Jharna Chitlangia

#### SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Pilot Project 1 - Parasmani	: Rtn. Amit Agarwal &	Web & Social Media :	Rtn. Prachi Agarwal &
	Rtn. Avinash Agarwal		Rtn. Sonia Birla
Pilot Project 2 - Old Age Home	: Rtn. Santosh Mishra,	GML, Rotary India & My Rotary :	Rtn. Nisha Modi
	Rtn. Manish Chhaochharia &	Rotary District Relation :	Rtn. Nikhil Kothari
	Rtn. Nikhil Kothari	Fund Raising & CSR :	Rtn. Manoj Agrawal,
Choti Si Asha	: Rtn. Deepak Agarwal &		Rtn. Kailash Goel &
	Rtn. Hari Modi		Rtn. Gyan Adukia
RCC's	: Rtn. Rahul Jha	Global Grants & District Grants:	Rtn. Pankaj Shah &
Interact	: Rtn. Pinky Mishra &		Rtn. Deepak Agarwal
Interdet	Rtn. Shalini Doshi	Club Advisors :	Rtn. Dr. Aviral Roy,
Concer 0. Thelessonic			Rtn. Dr. Pradip Vyas
Cancer & Thalassemia	: Rtn. Vidhi Chandak		Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kapoor
Water & Sanitation	: Rtn. Nidhi Jajodia		Rtn. Dr. Vijay Agarwal









RTN. PANKAJ CHITLANGIA President



RTN. DEEPAK AGARWAL Immediate Past President



RTN. VIDHI CHANDAK Treasurer



RTN. SANJEEV AGARWAL Joint Treasurer



RTN. RITU AGARWAL President Elect & Joint Secretary



RTN. SEEMA CHANDAK Vice President 1



RTN. SANJAY DABRIWAL Club Learning Facilitator(Trainer)



RTN. SONIA BIRLA Secretary & President Nominee



RTN. PRADIP AGARWAL Vice President 2



RTN. NIDHI JAJODIA Sergeant at Arms





**BOARD & OFFICE BEARERS 2024-25** 





RTN. PANKAJ CHITLANGIA CHOTI SI ASHA



RTN. AVINASH AGARWAL PILOT PROJECT - RVPS

RTN. PAWAN KUMAR CHOWDHARY Executive Secretary





### **COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2024-25**



**RTN. SUDHA TODI & RTN. SOHAN JAGWANI Service Projects - Non Medical** 



**RTN. PAWAN KUMAR CHOWDHARY Member Relation** 



**RTN. NISHA MODI Club Administration** 



**RTN. NEETI AGARWAL & RTN. SREETI AGARWAL Youth Service** 



**RTN. HEMANT CHANDAK Rotary Foundation 2023-26** 





**RTN. SEEMA CHANDAK & RTN. ALLOK JHAWAR** Editor



**RTN. NIKHIL KOTHARI Public Image & Public Relations** 



RTN. ANJU KOTHARI & **RTN. JHARNA CHITLANGIA VISION 20:20** 



**RTN. AJAY JAJODIA Service Projects - Medical** 





**RTN. NILU AGARWAL & RTN. SUNDEEP DOSHI Environment** 





**RTN. P J AGRAWAL & RTN. VIKRAM RUIA** Literacy





**RTN. VANDANA GOEL & RTN. PREETI CHOKHANI Vocational Service** 





### **SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2024-25**



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**Calcutta Visionaries** 

**RTN. PRACHI** AGARWAL & RTN. SONIA BIRLA Web & Social media



**RTN. NIKHIL KOTHARI Rotary District Relation** 



**RTN. AMIT AGARWAL & RTN. AVINASH AGARWAL** Pilot project 1 - Parasmani



**RTN. RAHUL JHA** RCC'S



**RTN. DEEPAK AGARWAL & RTN. HARI MODI** Choti si Asha



**RTN. NIDHI JAJODIA** Water & Sanitation



**RTN. NISHA MODI** GML, Rotary India & My Rotary



**RTN. PINKY MISHRA & RTN. SHALINI DOSHI Interact Club** 





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**RTN. PANKAJ SHAH & RTN. DEEPAK AGARWAL Global & Dist. Grants** 



**RTN. VIDHI CHANDAK Cancer & Thalassemia** 



**RTN. Dr. PRADIP VYAS Club Advisor** 



**Club Advisor** 





RTN. Dr. AVIRAL ROY RTN. Dr. SANJAY KAPOOR RTN. Dr. VIJAY AGARWAL **Club** Advisor **Club Advisor** 





### HONORARY MEMBERS 2024-25



Rtn. Dr. Aparna Agarwal Ophthalmologist



Rtn. Dr. Lav Kochgaway Ophthalmologist



Rtn. Dr. Aviral Roy Critical Care & Neuro Critical Care Specialist



Rtn. Dr. Mandar Nadkarni Oncologist, Kokilaben Hospital, Mumbai



Rtn. Imtiaz Ali Film Director, Writer, Producer and Actor



Rtn. Mekin Maheswari Founder Udhyam Foundation Ex-CFO Flipkart



Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Vyas Vigilance Commissioner Govt. of WB.



Rtn. Dr. Sanjay Kapoor Major General VSM (Retd.) Deputy Director Medical TMC



Rtn. Sadhana Deep Vyas Educationist & Teacher



Rtn. Ushoshi Sengupta Model & Miss India Universe 2010



Rtn. Dr. Vijay Agarwal Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon





## Know Your Rotary International President - STEPHANIE A. URCHICK



**Stephanie A. Urchick**, of the Rotary Club of McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, will take charge as President of Rotary International for 2024-25, a decision that would make her only the second woman to hold that position.

Urchick is partner and chief operating officer of Doctors at Work LLC, a consulting and training company. She holds a doctorate in leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

A Rotary member since 1991, Urchick has traveled to Vietnam to help build a primary school and to the Dominican Republic to install water filters. She studies several Slavic languages, has mentored new Rotarians in Ukraine, and coordinated a Rotary Foundation grant project in Poland.

Urchick has served Rotary in many roles, including as a director, Foundation trustee, and chair of the RI Strategic Planning Committee and the Foundation's Centennial Celebration Committee. She currently serves on the Election Review Committee and the Operations Review Committee. She is a Rotary Foundation Major Donor and a member of the Bequest Society.

Believe it or not, but in her younger days, the incoming RI President Stephanie Urchick wanted to become a spy! "I wanted to become a spy and work for the government," she says with a twinkle in her eye.

On how she joined Rotary, Stephanie says her parents were middle class, "Nobody in my family had been in a service club so when I heard about Rotary it was completely new to me. She joined a friend to a Rotary meeting and never looked back after formally joining in 1991. She right away was involved in the Club activities & by the fourth meeting was doing the Club's newsletter. 18 months later she became the Club President.



President Stephanie Urchick creates the "Magic of Service" with strength, patience and passion to reach for the stars and change the world.



With her aide PDG Tom Gump, RID5950,US.



Stephanie announcing the Presidential Theme "The Magic of Rotary" at the International Assembly in Orlando, Florida.



She believes in India, Rotarians are proud to be in Rotary & take it seriously

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS**



RI President Stephanie Urchick was given a warm welcome in India



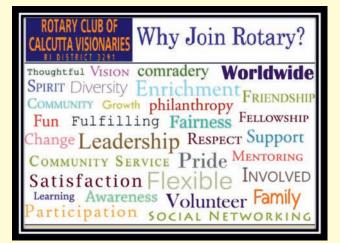
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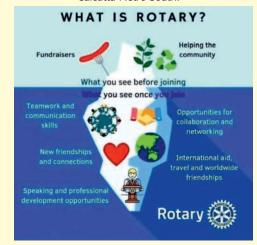
**Calcutta Visionaries** 

Family celebration after being nominated



RIP Stephanie at the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity, Kolkata (2nd from L) Simran Gupta, RI Directors Anirudha Roychowdhury, Raju Subramanian, DGE Krishnendu Gupta and Anirudha Guha, Past President, RC Calcutta Metro South.







#### \*Embracing the Future with Vision and Compassion\*

As we usher in a new Rotary year at the Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries, we are brimming with enthusiasm and anticipation. This year marks the beginning of our second pilot project, a new initiative that holds a special place in our hearts-a home for our elderly. The Old Age Home project embodies our commitment to caring for those who have shaped our past and continue to enrich our present. We look forward to seeing this initiative flourish under our collective efforts.

Reflecting on the past year, we cannot help but celebrate the remarkable term led by our Immediate Past President Rtn. Deepak Agarwal. Under his dynamic leadership, we witnessed a period of exceptional growth and impact. Deepak's tenure was marked by innovative projects, strengthened community ties, and a spirit of camaraderie that has energized our club. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for his invaluable contributions.

As we turn the page to a new chapter, we warmly welcome **Rtn. Pankaj Chitlangia** as our incoming President. Pankaj brings a wealth of experience, a deep understanding of our community's needs, and a vision that aligns perfectly with our club's ethos. We are confident that under his leadership, along with his dedicated team, we will continue to build on our successes. We wish Pankaj and his team all the best as they embark on this exciting journey.

This year is particularly significant for the Rotary community globally as we celebrate the historic appointment of Stephanie A. Urchick with her theme "MAGIC OF ROTARY" as the first female President of Rotary International. Her leadership is a beacon of progress and inclusivity.

We also extend our warmest congratulations to Dr. Krishnendu and his team at District 3291. Their dedication and tireless efforts in guiding our district are truly commendable. We look forward to collaborating with them to further our shared goals and amplify our impact across the community.

As the Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries, we stand ready to embrace another year of service and fellowship. With renewed zeal and a steadfast commitment to our core values, we are poised to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Here's to a year of new beginnings, strengthened bonds, and shared successes with the spirit of Service Above Self!

Yours in Rotary,

The Editorial Team



Seema Chandak





WELCOME **NEW MEMBER TO VISIONARIES** 

> Mrs. Sweta Shah Proposed by Rtn. Pankai Shah



### **CLUB SERVICE** We are a 100% PHF Club





25th April – President Elect. Rtn. Pankaj Chitlangia & Rtn. Jharna Chitlangia seen in action as they attend



27th April - Catch Rtn. Sonia Birla in Selfie mode as she attends the District Meet



Rotary Calcutta Visionaries





27th April - The Joint Board meeting held in Bengali style.



The Power of Visionary Ladies in a screen



Some glimpses of the posers



The Bengal Lounge - truly decked up in Bengali style.

### CLUB SERVICE We are a 100% PHF Club

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Homage paid to our beloved PP Late Rtn. Vikash Birla – prayers and a one minute silence was observed by the students and faculty at RVPS in his memory



12<sup>th</sup> May – Team Visionaries represented by Rtn. Pawan Chowdhary, President Rtn. Deepak Agarwal, Rtn. Ritu Agarwal, Rtn. Prachi Agarwal, Rtn. Ajay Jajodia, Rtn. Pradip Agarwal at the DTA Seminar "Prashikshan" organized by Rotary District 3291 at hotel Hyatt Regency, Kolkata.



21<sup>st</sup> May – RWM in remembrance of PP Late Rtn. Vikash Birla.

### **YOUTH SERVICE**







Visionaries was one of the Host Clubs of RYLA 2023-24

# Trust in your future Rotary is here for you



May is Youth Service Month

### Rotary COMMUNITY SERVICE - NON MEDICAL Economic & Community Development





**14th April** – another pilot project taken up by Visionaries. The inauguration of the Old Age Home – Rotary Ramthakur Briddhabas attended by DG Hiralal Yadav,



To beat the heat wave that griped the district, Visionaries distributed Footwear to the School children at Garankanti, Kuntali, Sundarbans.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE - NON MEDICAL**

**Economic & Community Development** 



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To beat the heat wave that griped the district, Visionaries distributed Footwear to the School children at Garankanti, Kultali, Sunderbans.



Organic farming and pisciculture at RVPS School campus





Five sets of desktops sent to RVPS



The feast for the students and teachers hosted by Rtn. Sonia Birla on 21 March 2024 brought smiles to all at RVPS



School materials being transported by Ferry to Rotary Jetty, Shantigachi, Sundarbans.



### WATER & SANITATION A FOCUS AREA for VISIONARIES





Laying 1300 mtrs. long underground water line from our old school premises at Parasmani to RVPS School at Santigachi, Sundarbans



Happy to share - Potable water from our deep tube well successfully brought to RVPS, Shantigachi, Sundarbans and fed into the Tata Swatch water Purifier installed at RVPS



Three Water Tanks, two each of 5000 liters and one of 1000 liters for our RVPS School, sponsored by Patton group being transported by Barge.

### WATER & SANITATION A FOCUS AREA for VISIONARIES

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Deep Tube well sunk by Visionaries at Garankanti, Kuntali, Sundarbans in association with New Light Kolkata and Dauphin Human Design Group of U.S.A. two months ago by Visionaries, serves the people.



Deep Tube well, sunk by Visionaries at Parasmani, Sundarbans in association with New Light Kolkata and Dauphin Human Design Group of U.S.A. two months ago by Visionaries, serves the people.



Water cooler donated by PP Rtn. Vikram Ruia and Rtn. Nitu Ruia installed for the students at RVPS







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Visionaries support the cause of Thalassemia



The ADAMAS student team who assisted in the Stem Cell Awareness Seminar



The Stem Cell Awareness Seminar held at Adamas University caught the attention of the Media & received the well deserved coverage to create knowledge on the subject.





Rotary Visionaries Ambulance ferrying patients from Sundarbans

### COMMUNITY SERVICE - MEDICAL DISEASE, PREVENTION & TREATMENT

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The Free Health Medical Camp including MCH held every fortnight on Sundays at RVPS school campus.



Glimpses of Free Weekly Health Camp and MCH at Subhashgram, Baruipur held on every Sunday. Beneficiaries get free medicines.



## LITERACY





Logo for RVPS school at Shantigachi, Sundarbans



Stands for the Black Boards, White Boards, Notice sent to school premises for use.



to school premises for use. 110 students at the Garankanti, Kuntali, Sundarbans School



A full class at RVPS, Sundarbans









PDG Rtn Debashish Mitra conducting the COTS for Visionaries office bearers of 2024 - 25 on Thursday, 13th June 2024.

### VOCATIONAL







Singing classes at RVPS Shantigachi, Sundarbans



Drawing class at Subhashgram, Baruipur



## RCC ASSEMBLY ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS



RCC Assembly "Prashikhan" RI District 3291 was Hosted by Visionaries alongwith other clubs of the district



Members of our RCC Parasmoni Vivekananda Sangha at the RCC Assembly



Members of our RCC Sukantapally United Samity at the RCC Assembly

### **PUBLIC IMAGE**





# Seminar to raise awareness of blood stem cell transplantation

#### CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

BARASAT: DKMS BMST Foundation India collaborated with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries (RI Dist 3291) to organise a seminar to raise awareness about the significance of blood stem cell transplantation and motivate young individuals to register as potential life-savers as the organisation observed World Thalassemia Day, at the Adamas University. A stem cell donor registration drive was

also organised where more than 250 students registered as potential stem cell donors. Thalassemia is widespread in the country, and more than 10,000 children are born with

the disease every year. Thalassemia is a genet-ic condition in which a defect in the protein Ic condition in which a detect in the protein heamoglobin reduces the transport capacity for oxygen in the blood. Patients suffering from the disease can be cured with a stem cell transplant, ideally at an early age. The need to transplants in children is, therefore, extremely high.

However, only 30% of patients needing a stem cell transplant can find HLA (Human Leukocyte Antigen-tissue type) matching donors within their families. More than 70% of patients are looking for unrelated donors. but due to a lack of awareness, only 0.09% of but due to a lack of advartness, only UMPs of the Indian population is registered as poten-tial stem cell donors. Given the significance of ethnic matching, the probability of Indian patients finding a suitable stem cell donor is significantly higher when seeking donors among fellow Indians. Talking about the pro-currence Derich Deal (Chockbe Ewanderic gramme, Patrick Paul, CEO of the Foundation, said, "It is our mission to support blood cancer and other blood disorders such as Thalassemia patients in India, for which we have launched



the programme. Under this programme the foundation collaborates with local NGOs and transplantation clinics to organise camps transplantation clinics to organise camps where paediatric thalassemia patients and their families travel from far places, sometimes from very remote places, to give buccal swab samples for HLA typing. Samples from the camps are analysed in the laboratory based out of Germany and clinical matching reports of the same are provided. In cases where there of the same are provided. In cases where there is no matching sibling for a sick child, we also support unrelated donor searches for patients." "Our objective, in collaboration with Rotary

District 3291, is to enhance awareness about blood stem cell donation amongst various

blood stein cell donation annogst various sections of the society." Ihe added. Rtn Deepak Agarwal, President, Rotary Club of Calcutta Visionaries, said, "It was surpris-ing to see such lack of awareness on such an important issue. We decided that it was the need of the hour. We firmly believe that if we ignite the spark within us, we can look beyond ourselves and give someone a second chance at life. There is nothing more extraordinary than the act of saving a life.

14th May - Eastern Chronicle

#### ডিকেএমএস-বিএমএসটি ফাউন্ডেশন ইন্ডিয়া এন্ড রোটারি ডিস্ট্রিক্ট ৩২৯১ এর উদ্যোগ

কলকাতা: ডিকেএমএস বিএমএসটি ফাউন্ডেশন ইন্ডিয়া রোটারি ক্লাব অফ ক্যালকাটা ভিজনারিজ (আরআই ডিস্ট ৩২৯১) এর সঙ্গে সহযোগিতায় রভের স্টেম সেল প্রতিস্থাপনের তাৎপর্য সম্পর্কে সচেতনতা

বাড়াতে এবং 04-জীবন ব্যক্তিদের সম্ভাব্য রক্ষাকারী হিসেবে নিবন্ধিত অনুপ্রাণিত 37.5 কৰাৰ সংস্থাটি জন্য কলকাতার বারাসাতের আডামাস বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ে বিশ্ব দিবসের থ্যালাসেমিয়া সঙ্গে সঙ্গতি রেখে একটি সেমিনাবের আয়েজন ডিকেএমএস করেছে।

বিএমএসটি এর দ্বারা ই-যুব (বিআইআরএসি-র দ্বারা সমর্থিত) কেন্দ্রের সহযোগিতায় একটি দাতার নিরক্র স্টেম সেল অভিযানেরও আয়োজন করা হয় যেখানে ২৫০ রও বেশি ছাত্র-ছাত্রী সম্ভাব্য স্টেম সেল দাতা হিসাবে নিবন্ধিত হয়েছে আমাদের দেশে থ্যালাসেমিয়া ব্যাপকভাবে ছড়িয়ে পডছে এবং প্রতি বছর ১০০০০ এবও বেশি শিশু থ্যালাসেমিয়া নিয়ে জন্মগ্রহণ করে। থ্যালাসেমিয়া হল একটি জেনেটিক অবস্থা যেখানে প্রোটিন হিমোল্পবিনের ক্রটি রক্তে অন্ধ্রিজেনের পরিবহন ক্ষমতা হ্রাস করে। এই রোগে ভগছেন এমন রোগীদের স্টেম সেল প্রতিস্থাপনের



আদর্শভাবেই মাধ্যমে অন্ত বয়সেই নিরাময় করা যায়। তাই শিশুদের মধ্যে এই প্রতিস্থাপনের প্রাজনীয়তা CELOTES. বেশি। যদিও স্টেম সেল প্রতিস্থাপনের প্রয়োজন আছ এমন রোগীদের মধ্যে মাত্র ৩০ শতাংশ তাদের পরিবারের এইচএলএ মধ্যে (হিউম্যান লিউকোসাইট আন্টিজেন টিস্যু টাইপ) মিলিত দাতা খঁজে পেতে পারেন।

16th May – Prabasher Khabar



 डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी फाउंडेशन इंडिया और आरआइ डिस्टिक्ट 3291 ने मिलाये हाथ

#### संवाददाता, कोलकाता

डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी फाउंडेशन इंडिया ने कोलकाता के बारासात में स्थित एडमास युनिवर्सिटी में विश्व थैलेसीमिया दिवस मनाया. इस मौके पर डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी फाउंडेशन इंडिया ने स्टेम सेल डोनर के तौर पर अपना पंजीकरण करने की अहमियत के बारे में जागरूकता बढाने तथा संभावित जीवन रक्षक के तौर पर रजिस्टेशन कराने के लिए यवाओं को प्रोत्साहित करने के उद्देश्य से रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कलकत्ता विजनरीज (आरआइ डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3291) के साथ मिलकर एक सेमिनार का आयोजन किया. इस अवसर पर डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी ने ई-युवा सेंटर (बीआइआरएसी द्वारा समर्थित) के सहयोग से स्टेम सेल डोनर्स के लिए एक पंजीकरण अभियान भी चलाया. जिसमें 250 से अधिक छात्रों ने संभावित स्टेम सेल डोनर के तौर पर अपना पंजीकरण कराया.

हमारे देश में थैलेसीमिया के मामले बड़े पैमाने पर मौजद हैं और हर साल 10 हजार से ज्यादा बच्चे इस बीमारी के



साथ पैदा होते हैं. थैलेसीमिया एक तरह की आनवंशिक बीमारी है, जिसमें प्रोटीन हीमोग्लोबिन में खराबी की

17th May - Prabhat Khabar

वजह से खुन में ऑक्सीजन को ले जाने की क्षमता कम हो जाती है. इस बीमारी से पीडित मरीजों को, खास तौर पर कम उम्र के मरीजों को स्टेम सेल टांसप्लांट के जरिये ठीक किया जा सकता है

डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी थैलेसीमिया कार्यक्रम के बारे में बात करते हुए डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी फाउंडेशन इंडिया के सीईओ पैटिक पॉल ने कहा, भारत में ब्लड कैंसर और खून से संबंधित थैलेसीमिया जैसी बीमारियों से पीड़ित मरीजों की मदद करना ही हमारा मिशन है, जिसके लिए हमने डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी थैलेसीमिया कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत की है. इस कार्यक्रम के तहत, डीकेएमएस-बीएमएसटी स्थानीय गैर-सरकारी संगठनों और ट्रांसप्लांटेशन क्लीनिकों के साथ मिलकर मरीजों के लिए शिविरों का आयोजन करता है, जहां थैलेसीमिया से पीड़ित बच्चे और उनके परिवार के सदस्य एचएलए टाइपिंग के लिए बुक्कल स्वैब के नमुने देने के लिए दूर-दूर से, और कभी-कभी तो देश के बहुत दूरदराज के इलाकों से आते हैं. इस मौके पर रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कलकत्ता विजनरीज के प्रेसिडेंट, रोटेरियन दीपक अग्रवाल ने भी अपने विचार व्यक्त किये.

Apart from the above, it was also published in - Dainik Jugasankha on May,13th ; The North East Times on May 15; Arthik Lipi on May 15th; Indian Punch on May 15th; Prabasher Khabar on May 16th 2024.

#### It could be read Online on the following links :

- 1. Vision18 Bangla http://www.vision18bangla.com/2024/05/3291.html
- Shubhabori https://shubhabori.co.in/dkms-bmst-foundation-india-and-rotary-district-3291-unite-to-raise-awareness-on-2. thalassemia/
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### **PUBLIC IMAGE**





# रोटरी रामठाकुर वृद्धवास - बुजुर्गों के लिए एक नया आश्रय स्थल का उद्घाटन

#### 🔳 छपते छपते समाचार सेवा

कोलकाता, 24 अप्रैल। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कलकत्ता विजनरीज ने गत 14 अप्रैल को पोइला बैसाख के अवसर पर, उच्छेपोटा, सोनारपुर में स्थित, बजुर्गों के लिए एक समर्पित घर. रोटरी रामठाकुर वृद्ध वास का उद्घाटन किया। उद्घाटन समारोह के दौरान, मुख्य अतिथि आरटीएन हीरा लाल यादव, गवर्नर, आरआई डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3291 ने एक ऐसे समाज को बढावा देने में रोटरी रामठाकुरब्रिद्धबास जैसी पहल के महत्व पर जोर दिया जो अपने वरिष्ठ नागरिकों को महत्व देता है और उनका सम्मान करता है।

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ कलकत्ता विज़नरीज़ के अध्यक्ष, आरटीएन दीपक अग्रवाल ने इस नेक काम में योगदान देने वाले सभी समर्थकों. दानदाताओं और स्वयंसेवकों का हार्दिक आभार व्यक्त किया, और जिनकी उदारता और करुणा ने रोटरी



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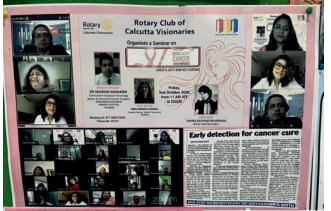
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बुजुर्ग देखभाल के मानकों को फिर निखिल कोठारी ने कहा कि रोटरी से परिभाषित करने के लिए तैयार है। DG Rtn. Hiralal Yadav at the inauguration







Posters of the Breast Cancer awareness seminars held by Visionaries with the support of Dr Mandar Nadkarni is prominently displayed at the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital, Mumbai where Dr Mandar is the Head of Breast Oncology (Surgeon)



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Account Name : RC Calcutta Visionaries Trust Account No. :064688700000169 Account Type : Current Account

Bank Name **IFSC CODE** 

: Yes Bank : YESB0000646

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