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Rotary International President



Holger Knaack

I will be proud to continue President Mark Maloney's strong commitment to growing Rotary. However, I will not be asking you to grow by specific numbers. Instead of focusing on numbers, I want you to think how can we make our organization stronger to face the challenges before us?

In many ways, Rotary is in wonderful shape. We are financially strong. The Rotary Foundation is still recognized as one of the world's best charities. Our global grants continue to grow, and we become a more internationally focused organization every year.

Rotary has to change and will change. As Paul Harris said, we have to be revolutionary from time to time. One way that we will do this is by creating new club models and rethinking what it means to be in Rotary. Young people should be the architects of these new clubs.

Every new member changes us a little bit. That person brings a new perspective, new experiences. We will grow stronger as we learn from new members and take their experience and knowledge.

I would like every Rotary club to have a stra-

tegic meeting at least once a year. Each club should be asking where it wants to be in five years and know what value it brings to members.

Rotary provides opportunities for service projects that can be performed and completed by us. In Rotary, we don't just donate the money, we also perform the service and see the lasting impact of that service first-hand. This is unique.

Rotary is not just a club that you join. It

opens opportunities to serve in a project as big and historic as End Polio Now and also in a small community project, where you just plant a tree.

And it opens opportunities for you to live a richer, more meaningful life, with friends around the world, based on our core values.

Everything we do opens another opportunity for someone, somewhere. Therefore, the theme for our year is: Rotary Opens Opportunities.

RI President Elect



Shekhar Mehta

My heartiest congratulations to you on taking over as President of this wonderful club!

Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee has the good fortune of having a group of dedicated, service minded people as its members and it is a pleasure to witness a leader like you take charge of

this spirited club. I am sure you will be a constant source of inspiration for them.

You are privileged as a President, as you have the unique opportunity of leading your club. In the 101st year of Rotary in India. For more than 100 years Rotarians around the world have Served Above Self to bring smiles on faces of millions of people. I am sure, as you lead your club, you will serve the community, the city and its people as Rotary Opens the Opportunity.

I wish you and your club all the very best.

SABRANG: WEAR YOUR COLOUR WITH PRIDE

 **Rotary Opens Opportunities**

District Governor



Sudip Mukherjee

Dear President and all members of Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee,

It is heartening to note that your club is celebrating 20th Installation Ceremony. It is an auspicious occasion ushering the 2nd Century of Rotary in India. Kudos to outgoing President Nita Sethia for the good work he has done. Let me take the opportunity to congratulate incoming President Deepak Saraf for taking up the mantle of leadership.

We are well aware that 3 important Verticals of Rotary International are: Membership, Foundation and Public Image.

I am sure your Club will give importance

to them. Of the other two verticals, apart from Club Administration we have Service Projects.

Rotary India Humanity Foundation under able guidance of RIPE Shekhar Mehta has launched a 5 year plan from RY 2020-21 to RY 2024-25 of 8 different verticals pertaining to Service Projects. They are: Literacy, Water Sanitation, Health (Preventive), Health (Curative), Environment, Disaster Management and the 8th vertical namely Corporate Social Responsibility is aimed to get funds for service projects.

I request your Club take up meaningful and sustainable service projects pertaining to above verticals of your choice. Please also stress upon increase in Membership and contribution to TRF.

Needless to say, under able guidance of Past Presidents, with your zeal and hard work the new Rotary Year will be a grand success and Deepak you will be a True Trail Blazer in this new normal situation as 'Rotary Opens Opportunities'

Immediate Past District Governor



Ajay Agarwal

From the theme of "Rotary Connects The World", in 2019-20, we are travelling to a new theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities" in 2020-21 Rotary year.

The change in leadership, the new theme, new office bearers - these are hallmarks of the constant change which we experience in Rotary.

What does not change, however, is the spirit to do good in the world, and the action we take to UNITE PEOPLE, the base of all activity in our organisation.

I strongly feel that the main thing in a Rotary club is to take initiative, and to always plan and do things which will further the vision and objectives which we have in front of us.

The actions we take may be big or small, but each one is important if we can touch lives around ourselves.

President Nita Sethia 2019-20 has done commendable work indeed in all Avenues of Service and I congratulate her for her leadership.

I am sure you as incoming president will keep up this very spirit of the club with full dedication.

I extend my best wishes for carrying the torch of service and truly make the club a place where the ethos of Rotary will thrive and flourish.

With regards and greetings

District Governor Elect



Prabir Chatterjee

Rubena joins me in congratulating the respected and ever enthusiastic Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee family on this wonderful occasion of Installation Ceremony.

I wish for each one of your Club Members the same Joy and fulfilment that I have personally enjoyed over these many years as a Rotarian. My best regards to the team 2019-20, who Connected the World for humanity under the exceptional leadership of Rtn. Nita Sethia.

The recent coronavirus pandemic has a lot of dark sides but the world has survived all pandemics of the past. We are alive and more populous than ever is proof to that. Let's not forget that we should make the best of what the crisis gives us. I believe the best days of Rotary are ahead, because the Rotarians always look on the brighter side of life.

It Opens Opportunity to celebrate but also to show your potential in meaningful and long lasting services during the year 2020-21.

I wish all the very best to you along with your team members of 2020-21 for a fruitful Rotary year and assuring my unending support.

Past District Governors District Trainer



Rajani Mukerji
2013-14

Ballari joins me in congratulating you as you take up the responsibility of leading your Club in following the theme for the year, 'Rotary Opens Opportunities'.

District looks up to your club for some meaningful service to the mankind. I'm sure under your able leadership Rotary Calcutta Chowrenghee would gift a memorable year to the district. It is more so, this being the 1st Year of the Second Century for Rotary in India.

As we have stepped into the second century of Rotary Service, strengthening our Clubs, our very roots, has become the

order of the day! To retain members and strengthen our clubs, we must keep in mind, every Rotarian joined Rotary to contribute something for a cause and has some expectations from the Rotary Club; to retain members, make sure that every member of the club is involved and satisfied. General Secretary of Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation, John Hewko, urged Rotarians to think out of box, embrace flexibility, focus on engagement rather than attendance! We need to change!

You and your team will also have to deal with a new challenge, that's COVID-19!

You would have to device a new way to run and manage the club; a new thought, how to take up Service Projects!

I wish you and your team a great happening year ahead.



Shyamashree Sen
2016-17

Greetings on being elected as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee for the Rotary year 2020 - 2021!

R.I. President Holger Knaack has encouraged Rotarians to seize the many opportunities Rotary offers to enrich our lives and the communities that we serve. In his opinion, Rotary is not just a club for people to join, but rather, "an invitation to endless opportunities." He feels that our acts of service, big and small, create opportunities for people who need our help. He says that Rotary creates leadership opportunities and gives members the chance to travel the world to put their ser-

vice ideas into action and make lifelong connections.

Inspire your club members to increase impact through your work in eradicating Polio and leveraging its legacy. Expand your reach and enhance participant engagement through growth, retention and diversification. In doing this you will impact the brand building of Rotary. Also, remember to increase your ability to adapt by building a culture of research, innovation and willingness to take risks. Do something every day in the forthcoming year which will open another opportunity for someone somewhere.

In the words of RI President Holger Knaack, "Whether your meetings take place over lunch or in virtual space, Rotary is still about making and sustaining friendships for life."

Have a wonderful year of service and through all your club's activities prove that Rotary really connects the world!



Angshuman Bandopadhyay

I take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt greetings and congratulation to you for taking over as the President of your Club for the Rotary year 2020-2021. I am sure that with your pro-active leadership and involvement of all your Club Members, you will live up to the Theme "Rotary Opens Opportunities" and will do your best in the coming Rotary year. I am very happy to receive the kind invitation from your Club for your Installation Ceremony and I wish you all the success.

Rotary, my friend, is an organization, which gives you immense opportunity to prove yourself as an exemplary leader and also to serve the society to the best of your ability with your fellow Rotarians and other Partners-in-Service and associates within a friendly and professional environment. Rotary is also the best place to make new friends and to have excellent family bonding amongst your Club members and other Rotarians and Rotary family in your District as well as throughout the world.

I am sure that your Club will achieve more laurels in the coming year and you and your club members will feel proud to be a part of making new history.

My wife Jaya and daughter Adrija also join me in wishing your Installation Ceremony both enjoyable and memorable. We also wish you and your team a great Rotary Year 2020-21 and are looking forward to work together.



About **President** Deepak Saraf



DEEPAK Saraf is an Entrepreneur and a wellness enthusiast. His family has business interests in Logistics, Non Ferrous metals and Real Estate.

Deepak has founded several start ups in Information Technology, Retail and e-Commerce. He's recently founded Zotezo a leading wellness platform and is part of the leadership team at SingularityU Kolkata Chapter and an angel Investor. He is a black belt in Taekwondo and also loves scuba diving and hiking. Last year, he ran the marathon and trekked to the Everest Base Camp, accompanied by his family.

His wife Shradha is an accomplished Fashion Entrepreneur and curates luxury fashion & lifestyle events. They have 2 daughters, Esha – who is slated to go to Parsons, New York to study Strategic Fashion Management & Taarini – who studies in Grade 12 at The International School Bangalore, where she is Head of House and a Basketball champion.



We are blessed to begin our year with a successfully completed fund raiser : Adopt a Child, Fulfil a

Dream. With the support and participation of all our members we have been able to garner support for all the 287 children at our school at Uluberia.

Despite these difficult & uncertain times, our members have shown resilience and forged a new way forward. Collectively we have used this opportunity of being locked down to not

only plan, but complete a new fund raiser during this period. The Rotary International theme for the year is Rotary Opens Opportunities and we have done just that. We have converted this period of adversity into an opportunity to do some good. I applaud the efforts of all those who have supported this cause.

This year, we have also created our own theme for the year; Sabrang - wear your colour with Pride. We want these opportunities to be equal not only for people of any caste, colour, creed or sex but also for the LGBTQ community. So

we encourage everyone to be open-hearted & open-minded and wear your colour with PRIDE!

This is our 20th year and we have done a world of good, good for the world, over the years. We have done considerable work in all the service areas including Literacy, Water & Sanitation, and Healthcare. However, we realised that it is time to focus our efforts and build upon our strengths and experiences. We had several discussions between the outgoing & incoming Board members during the last month and also conducted a SWOT analysis. We have now come up with a Club Vision that we can build on year on year:

To Enable underprivileged children by providing them quality education through the use of Technology.

We will all agree that educating children empowers them to succeed in today's world. We are sure that our efforts will enable many children & their families find new hope and new opportunities in the year to come.

During our SWOT analysis, we realised that our close knit family of members is our biggest strength; and this was further reinforced for me, from the tremendous support that all members came forward with, during our recent fund raiser online. However, over the years, there have been some members who have taken the lead and are the face of our clubs activities. We ALL have it in us to do much more and contribute, to do a world of good, through the initiatives of our club. I urge and request each and every member to find a way to get involved - to participate in any which way they can and prefer... for fund raisers, in our service projects, to create engaging meetings, or organising fun fellowships. All you need to do is give, this family of yours, a little bit of your time, love and attention :)

About Club Secretary Vikram Tantia

Q I became a part of Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee in 2006. In all these 14 years of my association with Rotary Chowrenghee, I have been a part of their Family, but became a true Rotarian only a year ago.

My sincere thanks to immediate Past President Nita Sethia who pushed me to take the responsibility of Club Foundation Chair. For the first time I learnt that the letters GG in Rotary stood for Global Grant. A few months later, I was planning with the Chowrenghee Team the first Global Grant Application of my Club to the tune of Rs.1.5 Crore. My sincere thanks to AG Subir Datta for being our mentor. I was finally learning responsibilities in Rotary. I was finally becoming a Rotarian. Thanks Nita, for showing me the way.

With President Deepak, I share a Friendship outside Rotary as well. When he first asked me to take the responsibility of Secretaryship, I refused. I now thank him for pushing me to say yes. To a large extent, we both have been dormant Rotarians of Chowrenghee and here we are, ready to take on the challenge, to steer the Club together in 2020-21. I look forward to be a part of Deepak's team as we carry his vision forward.

Chapter 18 of Bhagwat Geeta says: Give with respect and love and to give in plenty. That is the spirit. Giving is good, and if the gift is given with a good heart, without expecting anything in return, it's an act of reaching spiritual highness and true humanity.

Rotary shares these ideals of Bhagwat Geeta to serve and give with no expectation of return and to look at life beyond oneself.

During the District Training Webinar, I listened to RI Director Dr. Bharat Pandya speak. As he spoke from his heart, his speech mesmerized me. He is a true motivator. After listening to him, I am fully motivated to take the responsibility of Secretaryship under President Deepak and further guide Chowrenghee as President Elect for 2021-22

Thank you for Opening my Doors to such an opportunity.



VIKRAM has been born and brought up in Kolkata. He is from the batch of 1984 of La Martiniere For Boys. While all his friends were doing B.Com, Vikram joined St.Xavier's College to do Honors in Chemistry. When he thinks back, he feels that the hardwork in doing Science prepared him to face all the challenges in life to come.

He has always lived in a joint family and continues to do so. Three Generations of Six Families living together. He is grateful that this kind of living has taught him the art of adjustment and to live in harmony with others.

Soon after college he joined the family business but the urge was to do something else. With no experience or much guidance he started his own business in the year 1991 to export silk textiles. The Company is now 29 years in existence as an Export House, and has diversified into many other home textiles for the overseas market. Vikram has also represented his Industry as the President of Silk Association of India for 5 years and as a committeemember of the Indian Silk Council. He is also actively involved as

part of the committee of Bharat Chamber of Commerce. The Youth Business Forum of BCC was started in 2019 with Vikram playing a key role in its formation and development.

Vikram is married to Shruti and are blessed with two children-Yashraj and Aastha. Shruti is associated with a school for the under-privileged called Basha. Yashraj finished his graduation from Emory University, Atlanta and has started his own QSR venture called Fatafati Kathi. Aastha has just completed her second year as a fine arts student in Central Saint Martins, London.

Social work is in Vikram's genes. It comes from his mother who had spent all her life working in Jyotirmai Club in different capacities. His road to Rotary started as a member of Rotary Club of Central Calcutta, before he joined Rotary Calcutta Chowrenghee. As the Club Foundation Chair in the year 2019-20, he has played an active role in the first Global Grant Application for the Club.

Starting this new year, he shall take the responsibility of Club Secretary for the year 2020-21 and the Club Presidentship for the year 2021-22.

2020-21: Office Bearers



Deepak Saraf
President



Nita Sethia
*Imm Past President,
Dir, Community
Service (Non-Medical)*



Vikram Tantia
*President Elect,
Club Secretary & TRF*



**Sadhana
Agarwal**
Treasurer



**Jayshree
Sanghvi**
Dir, Club Admin



Dr Pradeep Saraf
*Dir, Community
Service (Medical)*



Manoj Saraf
Dir, Membership



G M Kapur
Dir, Public Relation



Urm Basu
*International
Service*



Neeraj Kanoria
Sgt-at-Arms



Sangita Todi
Club Trainer



Rohit Kedia
Editor

Dreams and Visions 2020-21

The Club has a vision to develop Literacy and Water-Sanitation as its Thrust Areas of Service

Literacy:

- 1) Introduce Digital Classrooms at our Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalay, Uluberia and connect with Volunteers and Teachers to teach remotely. Enable school administrators and teachers to access & use online training material to impart higher quality education for the children.
- 2) Extend teaching hours to allow evening classes at our school
- 3) Introduce Vocational Learning programs in the school post normal school hours
- 4) Introduce Mid-day Meals for the 300 children studying at our school in Uluberia
- 5) Develop Infrastructure to increase the Total strength of Students.
- 6) Introduce Children Education Sponsor-

ship amongst Club Members/ Other Donors. This would give the Club

Further funds to develop the School and also create an environment of personal involvement of Members in the School as they would receive updates of the Child Academic Development for the children they sponsor.

- 7) Support Higher Education for needy students through other associated NGOs.

Water & Sanitation:

- 1) The Club has applied for a Global Grant to RI, for Water & Sanitation. It proposes to make over 500 Private Toilets, 30 Tubewells and 25 Community Baths in Uluberia, Kultali, Bishnupur, Sundarbans, Amtalla, Hoogly, Amraguri. The Project is more than US\$ 200,000

On receiving the Grant, our Club would be focussed to execute the above project in the next two years as Water & Sanitation continues, as one of our Club Thrust Project.



Outgoing President

Nita Sethia



I am honoured to have had the privilege of serving Rotary Calcutta Chowrenghee as President for the 2nd time & for the respect that my club members have given me.

We have done quite a few projects through the year, many of them are in continuum over the years. This year started on a promising note with many more projects scheduled for the coming months. Suddenly the virus caught us unawares & a brake was put on our ambitious plans.

I shall be presenting in the bulletin glimpses of the year gone by.

I would first like to congratulate IPDG Ajay for his outstanding leadership & exemplary handling of the unexpected challenging situation that we have all been thrown into. A big thanks to you Ajay for being always there for us.

I am happy to be handing over the mantle to our young & dynamic leader Deepak. You have been a huge support for our club. Your creative ideas, zeal & enthusiasm will surely take our club to the next level. All the best to you Deepak for a great purposeful year ahead.

A big thanks to Secretary Nutan for being always there for me. You have been a constant support.

Our club could never reach the heights & credibility we enjoy without the constant guidance of our experienced Past Presidents. Special thanks to you Sangita Todi – Club Trainer, Treasurer Sadhana, GM & Jayshree. Our club relies upon your experience & wisdom.

A big thanks to Urmi whose excellent relationship with Past President Nadine from Rotary Club of Metro City, New York helped us partner for a very large Global Grant water & sanitation project with substantial funding by them. We could never have gone through the complexities of this very large & our 1st Global Grant application without the help of our AG Subir Dutta & Foundation Chair Vikram Tantia who has been the backbone of our Global Grant project appli-

cation & Neeraj Kanoria, Director-International Service.

A big thanks to my Foundation team & Subir. We have been blessed to have you Subir as our AG.

Vikram you have been the rising star of the year. Your sharp mind, eagerness to learn, commitment to responsibilities & your deliberations have infused new energy into my team & has helped keep me on my toes.

Deepak & Vikram working with you is a great ongoing learning experience. I am picking up new & more efficient ways of working. I am forever there for you both, just a phone call away.

Thanks to Rajni, Leena Jairath, Alka Didwania & my Club Service team for taking on competently the responsibility of organising our meetings without hitches and for our excellent fellowships.

Thanks Sudeshna for your total commitment to overseeing our Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy. Under your guidance they have become very active with a membership of more than 100 members.

Thanks Rohit for our creative & colorful bulletins. You are a quiet sincere worker with a lot of potential to be a leader.

A big thanks to our Parampara fundraiser team lead by Ritu, Manisha, Sangeeta Sood, Sangita Todi & Sadhana for the 2 excellent exhibitions held in July & October. Little did we know then that the funds you helped raise last year would be sustaining us through the trying time of 2020.

And last but not the least thanks to all my members. You all have given me your unwavering support & have been there whenever I needed you.

Though I am stepping down as President neither my responsibilities nor involvement is over.

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others” – Mahatma Gandhi.

In my constant endeavor to find more & more of myself, I will continue to be of service along with this club to help make this world a better place.

Rotary has opened doors of opportunity for me to learn, grow, connect & serve.

Jai Hind...



Outgoing Secretary Nutan Jayaswal



Morning greetings!

Every new day brings with it immense possibilities to make this world a happier place. So, smile and spread smiles. It uplifts our mood and helps us stay positive!

It has been a great year for me as the secretary of Rotary Club of Calcutta Chow-

renghee. It has certainly been a pleasure working with many of you to make this club stronger.

I would like to thank our President Nita Sethia for being my constant support and teacher. Her tireless dedication to the club and its projects has not only inspired its members but also kept them motivated.

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Outgoing Secretary



It's truly been a year of new experiences and learnings!

In closing, I would like to thank the board once again for a job well done, as well as all Rotarians who made this year an exciting one.

Rotary sometimes just reaches in and grabs you, perhaps when you least expect it.

We certainly lived up to our motto, "Service before self".

It is my privilege to have been your Secretary. I am humbled by this experience.

Our core values have always been the basis for what we do. Friendship, diversity, integrity, leadership, service - they will never be

outdated. The beauty of Rotary is indeed its diversity.

On this note welcoming incoming Secretary Vikram Tantia and President Deepak Saraf. Wishing them a all the very best in their journey ahead!

Looking forward to another wonderful year of compassion, grace and teamwork!

Thank you...

Members Interpret the RI Theme



When the world is suffering from the impact of the Covid 19 virus and people are wondering

how to help those in suffering, Rotary Opens Opportunities to help the needy.

– **NEERAJ KANORIA**

Rotary Opens Opportunities for development of acquaintances and through them to serve for the betterment of society. – **PRADEEP SARAF**

Rotary opens collective opportunities to help the needy on a scale an individual cannot. Rotary provides a platform to



pool the minds and efforts of those who want to make a difference in the lives of the needy. – **DINESH NEOTIA**

Rotary opens doors of opportunity to Learn, Grow, Connect and Serve. – **NITA SETHIA**

Rotary opens Opportunities.

Opportunity for us to Serve

Opportunity for us to Grow

Opportunity for a better World.

– **DEEPAK SARAF**

As we live in the World of 'I', Rotary makes us look beyond oneself.

It opens multiple doors of growth and development." – **VIKRAM TANTIA**

The enormous goodwill generated by Rotary opens doors for developmental work in places hitherto considered impossible. – **ROHIT KEDIA**



ABHENAV KHETTRY

is an alumni of The Doon School, Dehra Dun and St Xavier's College, Calcutta.

He originally grew up in Jamshedpur and his parents have been active Rotarians for over 20 years.

He is the founder & Director of Vyana Wealth Management Pvt Ltd, since 2008 and provides advisory services for over 2800 investors and families across 55 cities.

Abhenav is also a defence enthusiast and has a keen interest in Geo Politics.

He is also a member of the Young Leaders Forum of the ICC and a Life Member of the Foundation of Independent Financial Advisors of India (FIFA).

He has a seven year old daughter Kiara.

Meet the Greenhorns

Chowrenghee extends a warm welcome to the 2 additions to our family



RAJEEV GINODIA is an advocate from the law firm of R. Ginodia & Co., where he has been working since 1989.

He did his schooling from St. Xavier's Collegiate School and subsequently stood first in the LLB examinations of Calcutta University.

Apart from India, Rajeev is also a qualified solicitor in England & Wales. In 2000 he was awarded the British Chevening Young Indian Lawyers Scholarship for corporate law by the British government. He has held various committee positions in the premier real-estate

associations and is also a member of the British Business Group and the Young Leaders Forum of the Indian Chamber of Commerce.

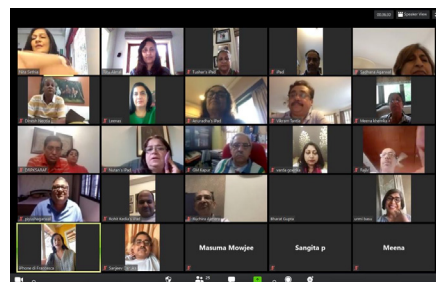
His focus is on corporate, property and real-estate laws.

Rajeev is married to Shobha, an educationist and counsellor who is associated in an honorary capacity with an educational institution for dyslexic children. They have 2 children – son Shwetank, 30, a graduate of the National Law School of India and is now a key member of R. Ginodia & Co. Daughter Sumegha, 26, graduated from the University for the Creative Arts, UK, and is working as an artist and graphic designer.

FLASHBACK 2019-20

CLUB SERVICE

INSTALLATION of board for 2019-20 was held on 6th July 2019.



CLUB ASSEMBLIES

- ▶ **COTS** was held on 29th June at Conclave which was conducted by DDG Debi Basu & AG Subir Dutta, ZS Raja Guha was also present. The board members attended the COTS.
- ▶ **1st CLUB ASSEMBLY** was held on 26th July 2019 at Park Hotel.



- ▶ **2nd CLUB ASSEMBLY** was held on 24th January 2020.
- ▶ **AGM** was held on 3rd January 2020.
- ▶ **DG VISIT** was held on 7th February 2020.

MEETINGS

Our meetings were held on Friday mornings at Park Hotel. We've had very good speakers speaking on a wide variety of subjects.

- ▶ **Barun Chanda** spoke about his book on Christ in India.
- ▶ **Pinaki Roychowdhury** spoke about CRE-DO & its vocational projects.
- ▶ **Swarnali Chattopadhyay** spoke about the history of the heritage Sukia Street.
- ▶ **Sangita Kedia** spoke on holistic living & the benefits of plant based diets.

▶ **Dist Sec. Brotindro Mullick** spoke about his heritage legacy – Marble Palace.

▶ **Anjali Saraogi** spoke about how self-belief, focus & hard work helped her become India ranked 1 ultra-marathon runner.

▶ **Dr Shobna Bhatia**, renowned Gastroenterologist from Mumbai spoke on functions of the gut & how to keep it healthy.

▶ **Kadambari Kaul** spoke on her book on the Upanishads

▶ **Lisbeth Johanson** spoke about her journey from Denmark to starting an NGO in Kolkata.



After the lockdown we continued our meetings online with very good outstation speakers.

▶ **Naveen Toshniwal** from Jaipur spoke on Graphotherapy.

▶ **Abhenav Khettry** spoke of market trends & investments.

▶ **Khushboo & Piyush Jain** of Impact Guru spoke about crowdfunding.

▶ **Francesca Morino**, reporter from Italy spoke about the situation in Italy due to Coronavirus.

▶ **GM Kapur** spoke about the history of Kolkata.

FUNDRAISERS – PARAMPARA

Our renowned exhibitions, Parampara are our club's main fund raising events held twice or thrice in a year. Our club has been the pioneer in Kolkata to hold curated life-style exhibition & raise funds through donations received from stall owners. This year 2 successful exhibitions were held at the Oberoi Grand. **PARAMPARA BOULEVARD** on 17th & 18th July & **PARAMPARA PRET** on 15th -16th October at the Oberoi Grand.



FELLOWSHIPS

We have had 7 fellowships:

1. **LUNCH MEET** was held on 25th August at Gucci, Hyatt Hotel.





2. **DIWALI MEET** was held on 24th October at the residence of CP Sangita Todi.
3. **BREAKFAST MEET** was held on 5th January at RCGC Club, Tollygunge.
4. **DINNER MEET WITH LIVE BAND** was held on 17th February at CCFC
5. **HOLI MILAN** was held at the residence of Alka Didwania on 15th March 2020.



- This was the last fellowship before the lockdown.
6. **20th CHARTER** where we were looking forward to a grand & fun celebration but had to be happy with an online celebration where everyone participated in a fun antakshari.
 7. **PRADUMANJI 75th BIRTHDAY** was

celebrated online on 12th June. He is our senior-most & much respected member.

KHATA KALOM: Our club was one of the 2 lead host club who organized the Dist Meet on Literacy & Public Image which was held on 14th November at Homeland Mall banquets.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

In the RI Year 2019-20, Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee has remained committed to serving the community in areas of focus as set by the RI.

EDUCATION & LITERACY: ROTARY CHOWRENGHEE VIDYALYA



Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalay (RCV) is a Happy School started by Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowrenghee in Rajapur, Uluberia from Primary level & has grown up to class 5 with 300 children in 10 years. It is managed by our RCC Rajapur Ramakrishna Ashram. The school is completely supported by RC Calcutta Chowrenghee right from plastering & painting the building, digging a tube-well & setting up running water supply, separate toilets for girls & boys, filtered drinking water, hand washing area, play area, classrooms with benches & desks, a library. The school has extracurricular activities-dance music, computer, sports day, foundation day, health check-up etc. School bags & 2

sets of uniforms are provided each year.

Founder's Day: RCV celebrated Founder's & Independence Day on 15th Aug '19 with cultural program put up by the students, snacks were distributed to the students.

Sports Day: RCV had its annual sports day on 26th Jan '20. The daylong event had races for many categories, drill, dance & fancy dress. Prizes were distributed to the winners.



WOW ENGLISH PROGRAM

Our club in collaboration with Stones2 Milestones, is running an English proficiency program Wings On Words (WOW) for 1,000 children from classes 1 to 5, in 4 NGO schools – Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalay, Jyotirmai Vidyamandir, Ektara & Help Us Help Them. Workbooks for each class level have been provided to all the children & teachers have been given master workbooks.

These workbooks have been developed by Stones2 Milestones & have been helpful in

developing proficiency in English. Training workshops have been held to train the English teachers of each school to help them take the class. This program has seen a marked improvement within 6 months in English proficiency both verbal & written.



EDUCATION SPONSOR

NEW LIGHT: Our Club is sponsoring the education of 11 students from the Dalit community (those who burn dead bodies in crematoriums & from a particular scheduled caste) have been given full sponsorship for fees, school uniform, shoes and other support. The students are attending Vidya Niketan Children's Academy.

SRI KRIPA: Our club is annually sponsoring the education of 6 students of Sri Kripa -an



underprivileged learning centre supported by Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy. They have been enrolled & integrated into the Sri Sri Academy. School bags, shoes, uniforms are also sponsored.

INTERACT:

Interact Club of Sri Sri Academy started under our club is very active. They have done one project every month & have done 4 fundraisers in school to raise money for the projects.



WATER & SANITATION:

TUBE-WELLS: Since July, 6 deep bore tube-wells have been sunk covering almost 5000 people with clean drinking water in villages in South24 Parganas and Howrah. This is an ongoing project being done in partnership with Bees Trees & Water from New York.



HOUSEHOLD TOILETS: 60 double pit, household toilets in Kultali, South24 Parganas have been constructed @ Rs 15,000 with a beneficiary contribution of Rs 3,000. Training of beneficiary was held in July by a Rotary approved agency GREPS, before construction work began. SHIS is the construction contractor.



SCHOOL TOILETS: Toilets for girls' school: A toilet complex of 4 toilets with running water & wash basin was built for female students & teachers, in Sabita Bhakta girls' school, Rajapur, Uluberia.



WINS GLOBAL GRANT GG18-6998: WINs water & sanitation work is going on in the 6 secondary schools selected for the joint Dist clubs GG WINs project. The schools are 2 in Uluberia, Howrah Dist.- Jadurberia Balika Vidyalaya, 800 (girls), Baniban Girls high School, 800 (girls) 2 Schools in Midnapur Dist.- Bharatpur Alia high School, 2700. 62 % girls. Bharatpur Primary School, 187. 60% girls. 2 Schools in Kalighat- Kalighat Mahakali Pathshala (co-ed). Kalighat High School, (co-ed).

WATER & SANITATION GLOBAL GRANT GG 2094272: Global Grant application has been made to build 520 household toilets, 25 bathrooms (ladies) & 30 tube-wells in the areas of RCC Rajapur Uluberia, Amraguri (Howrah), Kultali, Bishnupur, Sundarbans Coastal Gos-

aba (South 24 Pgs), Sandeshkhali (North 24 Pgs), RCC Egaragram Amtalla & Hooghly.

Our international partner clubs are RC Metro City, New York: \$95,000, RC Chowrenghee: \$15,000, RC East Hampton: \$2500, RC Germany: \$1000, RC Oklahoma: \$5000, RC Istanbul Findikli: \$2000.

DISEASE PREVENTION & TREATMENT

MOBILITY AIDS: On 22nd NOV '19, around 20 handicapped people attended the assessment camp conducted by Nopany Institute (NIHS) at Sanchar. The faculty members of NIHS assessed different cases like Cerebral Palsy, Delayed Milestone, Post-Polio Residual Paralysis, Hemiparesis, Congenital deformed limbs and Mental retardation. Mobility aids like- Axillary crutch, Elbow Crutch, Walker, Tripod Cane, Tricycle and Wheel Chair was prescribed so that it will help them to ambulate and perform their activities of daily living.

On 7th DEC '19 distribution of the mobility aids to those assessed, was done at NIHS.



PREVENTIVE HEALTH CAMP: There was free blood sugar & pressure checkup, awareness talk on health hygiene & nutritious diet & Cancer awareness by Cancer Foundation.

► CHIP, NGO based in Tangra on 28th JAN '20 which benefitted 30 people.

► Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyalyay, Uluberia by our Rajapur RCC on 23rd February, which benefitted 40 people.

► Shishu Mela health camp for children was held on 28th Feb at RCV by our Rajapur RCC.



MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH

MID-DAY MEALS: Annually RC Chowrenghee provides around 5,000 mid-day meals at each of our partner NGOs New Light, Parivarikee & CHIP.



SHISHU MELA: An annual program was held on 28th February at RCV Rajapur, Uluberia. It was a day long program focusing on Health. 2 Paediatricians & a Homeopathy Doctor did the check-up of the children. Competition was

held in Yoga, Dance & Drawing. Healthy babies & their mothers were given awards in different age groups. The participating children were each given a glass of milk, orange & biscuits.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

BLANKET & CEILING FAN DISTRIBUTION: With the start of winter months our club has distributed with the help of RCC Egaragram, Amtalla, 300 blankets & 50 ceiling fans with the support of MCKS Food for hungry project. With the start of winter months our club has distributed 300 blankets in its different project areas with the support of MCKS project.

FOOD FOR CORONA JOBLESS: Dry provision worth Rs 500 per family was distributed to families whose income stopped since 3 months due to Corona lockdown. The 3

locations are as mentioned below:

- ▶ 250 & 300 families in Aamtalla by RCC Egaragram
- ▶ 300 families in Aamtalla by RCC Ramakrishna Rajapur Ashram. 500 masks made by them were also distributed.
- ▶ 350 families in CHIP House Tangra, in collaboration with CHIP.
- ▶ 100 families in Sundarbans with Dhyan foundation

RCC (Rotary Community Corps)

We have 2 RCCs:

1. RCC Rajapur Ramakrishna Ashram, Uluberia where our Rotary Chowrenghee Vidyaly is.
2. RCC Egaragram, Amtalla.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

CREDO TAILORING CENTRE: Our club has partnered with CREDO (Confederation of Rehabilitation Empowerment and Daedal Organisations) vocational centre which makes excellent quality shirts with all reputed mill fabrics using high end quality materials for tailoring, for vocational training & entrepreneurship support. Batches of 10 girls are being trained since September 2019 in cutting & stitching.

Our club donated in September, 2 automatic Japanese Juki sewing machine to CREDO.



PARIVARIKEE BEAUTICIAN TRAINING: 11 girls are undergoing beautician training course, which is supported by our club at the NGO school, Parivarikee in Lake Gardens. This is a very popular ongoing program of our club which is benefiting a lot of girls, who are using the training to start a vocation of beauty treatments.



CHIP APNALAY CENTRE: Our club had opened a vocational centre Apnalaya in CHIP an NGO in Tangra, 18 years ago. Our club is supporting the tailoring & embroidery training courses being held there. In tailoring we have a certified course of 1 year each basic & advance cutting & tailoring

which is held twice a week. Embroidery is a one year course. Once the girls graduate they are given on job work, towels etc. to embroider & tailor. These products are used by our club for gifting.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, RCV:

Basic course in tailoring & basic beautician training course will be held twice a week in the school premise of Chowrenghee Vidyaly, which along with the school is managed by RCC Ramakrishna Ashram Rajapur, Uluberia & supported by our club. We have donated 6 sewing machine for training purpose & all tailoring training material.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT:

Our club regularly supports the products made by the underprivileged women of CHIP Apnalaya & other NGOs namely; Ektara, Disha, Parivarikee, New Light etc. by giving them free table space in our exhibitions Parampara. This year Parampara was held twice in July & October.

- Sadhana Agarwal • Ritu Almal
- Alka Didwania • Leena Jairath
- Nutan Jayaswal • Rajni Jhunjunwala
- Neeraj Kanoria • GM Kapur
- Rohit Kedia • Sudeshna Roychowdhury
- Jayshree Sanghvi • Deepak Saraf
- Manoj Saraf • Vikram Tantia
- Sangita Todi • Urmi Basu
- Sangeeta Sood • Manisha Srivastava



Happy Birthday!

Ruchira Parshad • 4th July
 Urmi Basu • 10th July
 Sangita Gulati • 12th July
 Leena Jairath • 14th July
 Yashodhara Khaitan • 16th July
 R K Khanna • 18th July



Anniversary Wishes

Anita Agarwal & Nirmal • 9th July

100%ers

2019-20

Big Thanks to all those who contributed during the year 2019-20.