



CHOWRENGHEE TIMES

July - August | 2024-25

★ ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA CHOWRENGHEE ★

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
District 3291



JULY

- 1st July, 2024 *Amoragori* Tree Plantation / Anjali Yojana/ Annapurna Yojana
- 6th July, 2024 *Park Hotel* Installation
- 9th July, 2024 *SSKM* Life Beyond Cancer
- 12th July, 2024 *Gaurav Gupta's Home* Board Meeting 1
- 13th July, 2024 *Sri Sri Academy* Interact Club Installation
- 14th July, 2024 *Joynagar* Tree Plantation / Solar Light / Blood Donation Camp
- 18th July, 2024 *Kumirmari* Medical Checkup Camp
- 20th July, 2024 *AURIS* Regular Meeting 1
- 20th July, 2024 *KSS* Dialysis Centre Mou
- 24th July, 2024 *Indus Valley World School* Interact Club Installation
- 26th July, 2024 *Oberoi Grand* Parampara
- 27th July, 2024 *Oberoi Grand* Parampara
- 30th July, 2024 *Amoragori* Mental Health Camp



AUGUST

- 6th August, 2024 *KSS* Interact Club BDMI visit to KSS
- 7th August, 2024 *Uluberia* Breast Cancer Awareness
- 10th August, 2024 *Alipore Jail Museum* Regular Meeting 2
- 13th August, 2024 *BDMI* Interact Club Installation BDMI
- 13th August, 2024 *Amoragori* Hearing Aid Screening
- 15th August, 2024 *RCV* Eazy School 3, Visit to RCV
- 21st August, 2024 *Amoragori* Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp
- 25th August, 2024 *GUCCHI - Hyatt* Fellowship 1
- 31st August, 2024 *AURIS* Regular Meeting 3 - Joint with Presidency

NOTE ON PRESIDENT



Gaurav Gupta

The first two months of July and August have passed away in a wink but I am filled with a sense of accomplishment and pride in the progress we have made so far. It has been an incredible learning experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the club's mission of service and community betterment.

During this period, I have focused on projects relating to Tree Plantation and installation of 52 Solar Lights benefiting the Environment, Installation of four new tubewells at Amroragori under Rotary's focus on Water and Sanitation. 22 hearing aids were distributed to beneficiaries. Regular camps for Medical treatment, Blood Donation, Breast cancer awareness, Cervical Cancer Vaccination awareness and Mental Health were carried out in association with our RCCs. Programs such as Project REN-NEW, Life Beyond Cancer supporting paediatric cancer patients, Annapurna Yojana and the Anjali Yojana are continuing regularly on a monthly basis.

We have also partnered for 20 Vidya Centres under the Rotary India Literacy Mission for Adult Literacy. We also participated in the donation of shelter kits in the aftermath of the calamity which struck Wayanad, Kerala.

Our very popular fundraiser lifestyle and fashion extravaganza, Parampara was successfully held on July 26th & 27th with large numbers attending on both days.

We have also had three Regular meetings in July and August, with inspiring and exciting speakers on varied topics of interest.

The Monsoon Fellowship was held on 25th August with an impressive turnout of members who came dressed in hues of Blue & Green, celebrating the Monsoon season.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the initiatives we have planned for the coming months, together, we will continue to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Thank you and regards,

Gaurav K Gupta

President-RC Calcutta Chowrenghee

INSTALLATION

The silver jubilee year of Rotary Club of Calcutta Chowringhee began with a celebration and the Installation of Gaurav Gupta as President of the club at the Park Hotel, Galaxy on 6th July, 2024. It was a grand event with the DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, First Lady Simran Gupta and District Officials of 3291. Our members from the new Amoragori Juba Sangha, Shankar Khan, Gautam Samui, and Rabindra Nath Kaley were all felicitated for their remarkable service to the community. Two new members were incorporated and pinned at the installation : Anuradha Poddar and Sangeet Kothari. The newly elected president also handed over a cheque for supporting 25 rural children to the DG and District Literacy Chair Mukul Sinha for Eazy School 3. A cheque of \$10,000 was donated to the Rotary Foundation and \$500 for Polio to PDG Sudip Mukherjee and DG Dr. Krishendu Gupta. Our interact club coordinators and teachers from BDMI, Indus Valley World School and Sri Sri Academy graced the occasion with their presence too.

Post formalities, the cake cutting ceremony to bring in the silver jubilee year by the Charter President Sangita Todi and current President Gaurav Gupta was the silver lining in the celebration.



Lighting of Lamp at Installation



Hand Over of The Presidency from Meena Khemka to Gaurav Gupta



Board of 2024-25



Roster Showcase



Appreciation Certificate to Amoragori Rcc Team



The Rotary Foundation cheque



Silver Jubilee Cake Cutting Ceremony

DEMYSTIFYING FOOD LABELS



On 20th July, Mr. Revant Himmatsingka led us through a riveting presentation on the reality of nutrition in packaged foods. He was succinct and illustrative in explaining marketing strategies which camouflage the truth behind the toxic elements present in packaged foods. He educated his audience on techniques to decode hidden marketing strategies and be able to discern which product can potentially add nutritional value to our daily diets. The Food Pharmar effectively raised our curiosity and interest in our own health and daily nutrition in the 950th meeting of the club held at Auris hotel. Mr. Partha Sarkar was invited to show us a short AV on Life Beyond Cancer. He appealed to us with live examples of children suffering from this illness and the ways in which they can be supported. PP Rajni Jhunjunwala handed over our club's contribution on that day.



Revant Himmatsingka with Chowrenghee Members



Cheque handed over to Mr. Partha Sarkar

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THE FREEDOM QUIZ



Freedom Quiz Winners



Barry O'Brien our Guest of Honour

10th August was a pre-independence celebration at the most thoughtfully apt location of the Alipore Jail Museum Café. A quick walk around and then an Indian Independence relaxed quiz conducted by Raisa O' Brien. Barry O' Brien graciously visited as guest of honour. Teams prepped with names such as Azad, Patel, Bose, Gandhi were very enthusiastic at the game and we had some brilliant answers from the audience too. Ms. O' Brien did a stellar role in quizzing and engaging us all while educating us about our own freedom stalwarts. Team Bose was a clear winner with a good lead and all correct guesses from the start and going ahead to win buzzer and bonus rounds too.

MAGIC OF ROTARY SPEECH BY PRIP SHEKHAR MEHTA

The joint rotary meeting between Rotary Chowrenghee and Rotary Presidency was held at Auris Hotel on 31st August. The meeting was presided jointly by President Gaurav Gupta and President Abha Lunia from Chowrenghee and Presidency respectively. It was a momentous occasion for both clubs to have PRIP Shekhar Mehta as the Chief Guest and AKS Dr Sourabh Khemani as the Guest of Honour. All members present observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect for 'Abhaya' and the recent crime. Dr. Sourabh Khemani shared his varied experiences and led up to an inspiring talk by PRIP Shekhar Mehta. Mr. Mehta called upon both clubs to dream bigger and everyone and everything will follow to fulfill that dream. He narrated through his own life and work examples how one finds like minded people for support when the cause is noble and the intention is pure service. His talk truly breathed life into the rotary motto of service above self.



PRIP Shekhar Mehta Addressing The Club



AKS Dr Sourabh Khemani

PARAMPARA



Parampara Boulevard in The News



Parampara Telegraph Ad

The flag ship exhibition enchanted audiences yet again. The Parampara Boulevard had a grand opening by the brand ambassador of Rotary's Life Beyond Cancer, film actress, and activist Rituparna Sengupta Rituparna Sengupta on 26th July at the Oberoi Grand Hotel. This two day exhibition saw many familiar faces and Kolkata influencers such as Radhika Goyal enjoy their pre monsoon shopping experience. Retail therapy was at its best in preparation for all the upcoming festivities including Raksha Bandhan.



Parampara Team with Other Club Members



President Gaurav Gupta Address at Parampara

MONSOON FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

Monsoon fellowship brunch was hosted on 25th August at Guchhi at the Grand Hyatt. The members enjoyed themselves thoroughly and a feedback was shared by a new member Vishnu Surekha who summed up the event very aptly.

"Dear members,

Sunday Funday at its finest! The Hyatt Hotel's Guchhi was buzzing with excitement as Rotary Chowringhee brought together an afternoon of laughter, music, and merriment. A musical house game got the party started alongside sudden dance outbursts left us all grinning from ear to ear.

As a new member, I was delighted to experience the warmth and inclusivity of the Rotary family alongside my spouse Shweta. Huge thanks to President Gaurav and Club Secretary Aditi and the team for their tireless efforts in making it a day to remember. It was a true celebration of community spirit!

** needless to say that the game's first prize Jaldi7 winning was icing on the top.

Looking forward to knowing and interacting with more members soon.

Best wishes,

Vishnu Surekha"



Monsoon Fellowship Brunch



Songbola at Monsoon Fellowship



Songbola Prize Moment

DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The months of July and August were marked with many new projects and association. The new notable ones were thrust projects and support for many areas in disease control and prevention, namely paediatric cancer and dialysis treatments along with breast cancer and cervical cancer awareness.

LIFE BEYOND CANCER visit on 9th July at SSKM. Members visited the paediatric cancer ward and met Partha Sarkar of Life Beyond Cancer. They went to the wards where they distributed gift bags with food items, drawing books, crayons, juice etc generously organised by Ron. Rajni Jhunjhunwala.



Life Beyond Cancer At Sskm



Life Beyond Cancer Child



Project REN-EW KSS



Cheque Handed over to Kolkata Swasthya Sankalp

PROJECT REN-EW began in association with the Kolkata Swasthya Sankalp to subsidise the dialysis treatment for almost 800 patients per month with an MOU on 20th July. PP Nita Sethia has magnanimously sponsored the entire treatment for the year.

CERVICAL CANCER AWARENESS CAMP 21st August at Amoragori at Chinrajole Narayani Balika Vidyalaya in association with RC Belur and Young Indians. The camp was addressed to the parents of the girls to dispel any myths surrounding taking the vaccination.



Cervical Cancer Workshop At Amoragori



Cervical Cancer Workshop Attendees



Breast Cancer Awareness At Uluberia

THE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS CAMP was held in RCV, Uluberia, on 7th August, featuring detailed presentations by cancer survivors and volunteers from the Haitashi NGO. They provided comprehensive information on performing self-examinations at home, identifying early signs of the disease, and the significant role of nutrition and a healthy lifestyle. The speakers also addressed common myths associated with breast cancer. Around 150 women from nearby villages attended this camp, under the supervision of PP Manisha Srivastava.

THE HEARING AID SCREENING CAMP was conducted by Amplifon India at Amoragori on 13th August. The hearing loss detection and measurements were taken of potential beneficiaries. Distribution of 25 hearing aids will be done in ten days time.



Hearing Aid Screening Camp



Children At Screening Camp

PROJECTS 2023-24



MENTAL HEALTH CAMP was organised at Amorigori through the RCC on 30th July. 42 people attended and the same was very well received.



Mental Health Camp at Amorigori



Blood Donation Camp at Joynagar on 14th July

ENVIRONMENT

PROJECT UNNATI - Distribution of 2000 fruit tree saplings to 1000 families for income augmentation and also mitigating climate control at Amorigori(1st July) and Joynagar(14th July)

- Tree varieties were Mango, Guava, Papaya and Lemon
- The names and details of all the beneficiaries were meticulously recorded
- The beneficiaries were informed that there will be a special prize for the best maintained plants after 5 years.



Amorigori Tree Plantation



Solar Lights



Tree Plantation Joynagar



Solar Lights At Joynagar

TREE PLANTATION AND SOLAR LIGHTS were installed at Joynagar(14th July), Amorigori (31st July) and Amtalla(12th August).

The total Solar lights installed were 25 in Amorigori, 2 in Joynagar, 25 in Amtalla.

LITERACY



Mid Day Meal at Rotary Chowreghee Vidyalaya



Easy School 3 Launch at Rcv Uluberia 15 th August.

Independence Day celebrations at RCV Uluberia



Flag Hoisting at RCV



Independence at RCV with kids

Eazy school launch was attended by PDG Mukul Sinha and his wife.

Sit and draw competition was conducted that day and the stationery was sponsored by Linc industries.

We have also contributed to Adult literacy in association with RILM and have sponsored rs 2,80,000 for 20 Vidya Centers.

Our Interactor Involvement

All three schools have graciously involved their students in many social service projects. Interactors from Sri Sri Academy joined us for the Life Beyond Cancer project at the Saroj Gupta cancer center and research institute at Thakurpukur. The Indus Valley Interactors joined our members in Joynagar for a tree plantation activity. The BDMI interactors came for a site visit to Kolkata Swasthya Sankalp Dialysis Centre and met the patients personally while also understanding the functionality of the equipment.



Interactors from BDMI at KSS



Sri Sri Academy Interactors for Life Beyond Cancer



Joynagar Tree Plantation with Indus Valley Interactors

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ANNAPURNA YOJANA at Amorigori 1st July

Annapurna Yojana kick started again to support the diet for one day each week of all the inmates of the old age home, nobly supported by Rtn. Pravin Agarwal.

Anjali Yojana total expenditure to sustain 6 mothers of the old age home @ ₹3,500 per mother each month.

This projects sponsored by a club member on a monthly basis at the Amorigori Vridhashram in association with our RCC Amorigori Juba Sangha.



Anjali Yojana



Annapurna Yojana Amorigori

DISASTER RELIEF

Shelter Kits for the flood disaster relief were shipped to Wayanad, Kerala as an initiative by the India Humanity Foundation and Rotary Mahanagar. Rotary Chowrenghee is proud to be associated with this project and is proud to have sponsored 20-25 kits from the club immediately. Chowrenghee members were present at the warehouse during the first sendoff with PRIP Shekhar Mehta.



Shelter Truck

WATER AND SANITATION

2 Tubewells were installed as part of Project Unnati at Amorangori on 20th August. These Tubewells were the 5th and 6th to be installed as part of the project.



FIRST BOARD MEETING

We had a full house of Board Members at the first board meeting on 12th July at President Gaurav Gupta's residence. The overview of projects was narrated by Gaurav Gupta. New projects such as Anjali Yojana for the upkeep of old mothers in the Amorangori shelter home, relaunch of the Annapurna Yojna, Life Beyond Cancer project visit to SSKM, tree plantations at Joynagar and Amorangori, and solar light installations were discussed. The critical care budget for the club and TRF donations were also on the agenda.



Board Meeting



Board Meeting at Gaurav Gupta Residence

INTERACT CLUB INSTALLATIONS AND PROJECT SITE VISITS

The month of July and August was a celebration of youth and the installations for the Interact Clubs of Sri Sri Academy, BDM International and the Indus Valley World School were testament to that. Sri Sri Academy with their wonderful youth orators, Indus Valley with their innovative theatre and poetry performance and BDMI with their drum roll and march past all made a lasting impact on our minds. DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and PDG Rajani Mukherjee's presence encouraged the students at all three school interact club installations



Sri Sri Academy Installation



Sri Sri Academy Interactors Take Oath



Indus Valley Interact



BDMI Oath Taking Ceremony



BDMI Dance with NGO and Interact Kids



Indus Valley Interact Club Dance



NEW MEMBERS



Anuradha Poddar

Anuradha Poddar is a nurturing woman, deeply devoted to her family. With an elegant demeanor, she finds joy in the simple pleasures of life, whether it's tending to her vibrant garden or creating art through painting. Her love of nature mirrors the care she pours into her home and relationships, always ensuring her loved ones feel cherished and supported. Family is her greatest treasure. Anuradha owns her own label (APKP) of smartly designed daily lounge wear. Her warmth and creativity enrich the lives of those around her.

Devashish Dabriwal, a post graduate in Accounting and Financial Management from Lancaster University, UK, is a seasoned entrepreneur having business experience of over 25 years in the field of Finance, Real Estate and Nanotechnology.

Devashish, over the years, has been actively involved in philanthropic activities. He has independently organized blood donation camps, regularly donates blood himself and is also engaged in community service through activities like organizing free health check-ups, eye camps and distribution of food to the homeless and needy as part of the Don Bosco Alumina Initiative.

With a desire to continue his philanthropic journey, Devashish is eager to contribute to Rotary offering his time and dedication to furthering the organization's noble mission.



Devashish Dabriwal



Neerza Jhunjunwala

Neerza Jhunjunwala is an educationalist and home maker. I am a qualified Montessori Teacher and taught Montessori Children and Special Children for 17 years. My interest in the field of education has recently drawn me to "Teach for India". My other interests include music, philanthropy and reading. I am married to Aashish and have two children – Advay and Aayshya.

Sangeet Kothari, a serial entrepreneur and co-founder of Echo Connect (www.ieecho.com) was raised in a family of Rotarians, closely observing the Rotary culture. Sangeet holds a Bachelors Degree in Economics and Post Graduate Associate Degree in Corporate Communication & Marketing from the USA. Her professional journey in India began at PriceWaterhouseCoopers, where she managed PR, advertising, corporate events and more, as a Corporate Communications Manager. Since 2000, Sangeet has been a serial entrepreneur, eventually co-founding Echo Connect in 2008, a boutique digital communication company. Additionally, she is a Market Outreach Consultant to individuals and organisations.

Sangeet also coordinates Communion, a network of CXOs and business leaders. Mother of a teenager, she enjoys street photography, cooking, networking, built heritage and upcycling. She also takes keen interest in art, music and spirituality.



Sangeet Kothari



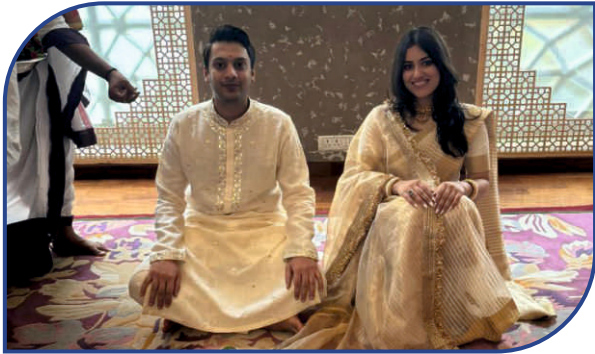
Vishnu Surekha

Vishnu Surekha, a visionary entrepreneur and elder son of Shri Vishwanathji Surekha, founder of the PRAKASH GROUP OF COMPANIES. Vishnu is driven by a passion for learning and a commitment to excellence. He believes in staying true to his roots while embracing innovation and progress.

As a member of the esteemed PRAKASH Group, Vishnu is part of a legacy that spans over a century, with diverse interests in logistics, mining, real estate, healthcare, EdTech, and hospitality. The flagship company, Prakash Roadlines Corporation Ltd., is a market leader in the logistics industry.

Vishnu's thirst for knowledge leads him to pursue post-graduate diploma courses at renowned global institutions, despite his busy schedule. He also co-founded ICBI (International Chamber of Business & Industry), a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering business growth beyond borders. Since its inception in 2018, ICBI has gained 400+ like-minded members, united by a shared vision of trust and mutual support.

Announcements & Achievements



Congratulations to Anshu Saharia for her son Srivats engagement with Harshita on 10 th August at the Taj Bengal.



Congratulations to Devashish Dabriwal and our champions Vrisha and Vanya Dabriwal for securing the Broze Medal in the 10th Asian ITF Taekwon-do Championship



Congratulutions to Vidhi Beri for her son Vir Beri winning the West Bengal Boys under 17 squash champion title



Swikriti Award

We are deeply honored and humbled to receive these awards at the District Award Ceremony, 'Swikriti' 2023-24, held on 8th September, 2024 at Spring Club. This recognition is a testament to the dedication and passion of every member of our club in serving the community. As proud Rotarians, our journey towards new heights of excellence continues.

RECENT AWARDS RECEIVED BY OUR CLUB

- STAR-OUTSTANDING PRESIDENT
- OUTSTANDING SECRETERY
- DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CITATION 2023-24
- TRF PER CAPITA ON APF
- MEMBERSHIP IN NUMBER
- MEMBERSHIP IN PERCENTAGE
- 100% PHF CLUB

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays of the Month

July	August
4th Parshad Ruchira	7th Didwania Alka
6th Bubna Payal	12th Himatsingka Kavita
10th Basu Urmi	19th Kishorepuria Anil
12th Gulati Sangita	20th Agarwal Piyush M
14th Jairath Leena	20th Baid Rohini

Anniversaries of the Month

July

9th | Agarwal Anita & Nirmal Kr

