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Sadbhavana

INDIA-BANGLADESH GOODWILL CYCLE RALLY-2023

14th September to 5th October 2023, Kolkata (India) to Noakhali (Bangladesh)



Sri Sankar Kumar Sanyal was born on 30th July 1948. Sri Sankar Kumar Sanyal had been the Hon'y Secretary of the West Bengal Branch of Harijan Sevak Sangh (HSS) founded by Mahatma Gandhi from 1978 to 2013. He has undertaken a plethora of activities for the downtrodden and the marginalized. Sri Sanyal through HSS, Bengal has installed 5,31,018 improved smokeless chullahs in four districts of West Bengal to ensure smoke free kitchens. He built up hundreds of low cost houses for the poor and the downtrodden in several districts and installed 595 sanitary latrines for promotion of rural health with the financial assistance from Council for Advancement of People Action & Rural Technology (CAPART).



Dr. Girish Mahadeo Kulkarni, Founder of Snehalaya, was born on 15th, December, 1968 at Ahmednagar Maharashtra. Snehalaya, is his brain child and was formed in the year 1989 by a zealous band of youths. For those who have viewed Aamir Khan's 'Satyamev Jayete' (S.J) episodes. Snehalaya needs no introduction as in its very first episode it was featured in it and their work on female feticidewas considered to be replicable and community based. Snehalaya has received many awards for their path finding initiatives.



Hiralal Yadav, District Governor 2023-2024 joined Rotary Club of Hooghly in the year 1995. He served as the President of the Rotary Club of Hooghly in the year 1998-1999 & 1999-2000. He is a past Rotaractor. He graduated from Calcutta University. He established Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2000 with only eight members in a rented building. The Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital. He constructed a well-designed 3 storied building for Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2013. In the last two decades he has helped eighteen clubs in India and two clubs in Bangladesh to establish Eye Hospitals.

Presently 55000-60000 surgeries are being done in these Eye Hospitals & 4 lakhs to 4.50 lakhs patients are being treated in the OPD & in Out Reach camps. His dream is to arrange Eye Check-up for 10 lac patients & eye surgeries for 1 lakh patients.

Shri S K Thade IAS (West Bengal 1989) presently Principal Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department with additional charge of Tribal Development Department would has been given additional charge as Commissioner Medinipur Division



GUESTS

MRS. RAJNI BHARTIA

Director of Sand Grains Foundation and CDE Asia Limited , Kolkata, Bengal,India.

MR. COX NICHOLAS ALBERT

Social worker , Founder member of Snehalaya UK, Director of Snehalaya India,
A UK citizen filming the whole peace initiate.

MRS. HODGSON LORRAINE MARY

An actress and artist , participated in Rally, UK Citizen.

MAMOON AKHTAR

Founder of Samaritan Help Mission in Howrah (partnering the Cycle Rally with Snehalaya India).

MR. NITIN THADE

Chief Advisor and Mentor of Initiative of Good will Cycle Rally.

ADV. SHYAM ASAWA

Trustee of Movement of Padmbhushan Anna Hajare.

MR. MADHUSUDAN DAS

The convenor of National Youth Project of Odisha.

About Rotary International

Rotary is a global network of 1.4 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Solving real problems takes real commitment and vision. For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects. From literacy and peace to water and health, we are always working to better our world, and we stay committed to the end.

What we do

Rotary members believe that we have a shared responsibility to take action on our world's most persistent issues. Our 46,000+ clubs work together to:

- Promote peace
- Fight disease
- Provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene
- Save mothers and children
- Support education
- Grow local economies
- Protect the environment
- Get involved

Our mission

We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace

through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Vision statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary Peace Initiative

Rotary sees peace not as an abstract concept but as a living, dynamic expression of human development. Our programs, grants and fellowships focus on creating environments where peace can be built and maintained. We are looking to invest in the skills, attitudes and ideas of professionals from all sectors who have identified a change they can lead to contribute to sustainable, positive peace.

Possible areas of focus:

- Poverty and economic development
- Inter-religious initiatives
- Gender, women and development
- Public health
- Refugees and social cohesion
- Youth, conflict prevention and development
- Human rights
- Resiliency building
- Climate change
- Natural resources and land governance

CHILD HEART SURGERIES



CLEFT-LIP SURGERIES



WASH STATIONS



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