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A PROFILE - RI PRESIDENT

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Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaela spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.











Know your District Governor

Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri
District Governor – RID 3291

A passionate philanthropist, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri has dedicated his life to better health, education, and wellness for all. His journey in Rotary International began in 2006 with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, where he served as President for two consecutive terms (2009-2011). A Level 2 Major Donor, his commitment to service has led to impactful projects that transform lives.

Pioneering the Transit Trauma Care Project

Dr. Homchaudhuri initiated the Transit Trauma Care Project in partnership with Kolkata Police and the Government of West Bengal. The deployment of 12 ambulances across accident-prone areas in Kolkata has saved countless lives by providing immediate emergency care during the Golden Hour.

A Visionary in Thalassemia Eradication

Recognized for his work in Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention, Dr. Homchaudhuri has conducted seminars, screening programs, and awareness campaigns across West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, and Bangladesh. His goal is to eradicate this 100% preventable genetic disorder through early screening and genetic counseling.

Transforming Lives in Rural Bengal

For the past three years, Dr. Homchaudhuri has been driving sustainable development in Dhaska, Purulia, alongside Hridham NGO. His contributions include:

Providing potable water through pond excavation and water conservation initiatives, Enhancing education for local children, Empowering villagers with income-generating activities to improve livelihoods.

Leadership and Recognition in Rotary

In recognition of his service, Dr. Homchaudhuri was unanimously elected as District Governor Nominee and will assume office as District Governor of Rotary District 3291 in 2025-26. His vision includes expanding healthcare, strengthening education, and enhancing community welfare programs.

A Distinguished Medical Career

Despite his humanitarian commitments, Dr. Homchaudhuri continues to practice as a highly respected Orthopedic Surgeon. He holds degrees from Gauhati University (MBBS, 1970), Calcutta University (DGO), and Banaras Hindu University (MS - Orthopedics). His expertise, compassion, and dedication make him a trusted name in his field.

Family: The Pillar of Strength

Dr. Homchaudhuri is supported by his wife, Dr. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri, a renowned pediatrician and fellow Rotarian. She has served as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City and actively contributes to District 3291 administration. They are proud parents of a doctor daughter and a post-doctoral research scholar son in the USA.

A Legacy of Service and Inspiration

Dr. Homchaudhuri's life is a testament to selfless service, leadership, and humanitarian dedication. His eversmiling, energetic persona continues to inspire, leaving a profound impact on countless lives.







Message from District Governor

Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri
District Governor – RID 3291

Dear Rotarians,

It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I extend my congratulations to the incoming President, Secretary, and the newly installed team of [Club Name].

A club installation is not merely a ceremonial transition; it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to Service Above Self. As each new team takes charge, it carries forward the legacy of leadership, fellowship, and impactful service. I urge you to dream boldly, act compassionately, and lead inclusively-ensuring that your club becomes a lighthouse of hope and change in your community.

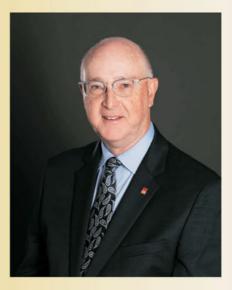
Let us embrace innovation while cherishing Rotary's timeless values. Work hand-in-hand with your members, reach out to the youth, collaborate with partners, and most importantly-listen to your community. The world needs Rotary now more than ever.

Wishing you a successful and meaningful Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,

Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri District Governor, RID 3291 Rotary Year 2025-26





Larry Lunsford,
a member of the Rotary
Club of Kansas CityPlaza, Missouri, USA, has
been selected to become
Rotary International
President for 2027-28.







Sri Tapas BhattacharyaDistrict Governor Elect – RID 3291

Know your Chief Guest

An engineer by profession, Sri Tapas Bhattacharya joined the Rotary movement in 1994. With committed dedication Tapas served the community in various capacities in all the areas of services as per Rotary International guidelines. Hard working, thorough gentleman and soft spoken, Tapas loved working at the grass root level both as a worker as well as a motivating leader. He firmly believes in Rotary ethics and code of conduct. Widely popular as RCC man, he has successfully led substantial numbers of community projects all over the district 3291 throughout his long 30 years of Rotary life as frontline soldier as well as a commander.

He realized that RCC is an effective Channel of serving the community, especially the people at the bottom of the pyramid. Simultaneously, he has been actively involved both in district 3291 and other districts with Rotary Leadership Institute which is the best well built learning mechanism of Rotary.

Tapas has a very rich art & cultural background specially in the areas of theatre, drama and music. He was an active member of IPCA (Indian Progressive Cultural Association) and other socio-cultural organization and engaged in successfully organizing seminars, symposiums, Theatres, Dance, Drama, Recitation competition etc. He himself was also a performer in these genres. He was a general secretary of Youth Guild, Gorky Sadan, Kolkata. He was fortunate to come into contact with well known personalities like Kumar Roy, Maya Sen, Kaifi Azmi, Salil Chowdhury, Mrinal Sen, Anil Chatterjee etc. to name a few during his cultural journey.

As a part of multi-faceted personality, Tapas was also a football player at District level. He is a member of East Bengal Club.

He was actively involved in Rotary Foundation collection in 2006-07 as Assistant District Secretary and 2009-10 as Annual Giving Chair which was the highest collection in district 3291. He is experienced in Rotary Foundation Grants and giving.

Transformational leadership, dedication and freedom for advancing the progress of services, participative management as well as trusted friendship are some of his principles and style of functioning.

His wife, Sushmita is a post graduate and graded singer of AIR and Doordarshan, who provides full support to Tapas in all his ventures, includes community services. He is blessed with one son and one daughter. Soumik, his son, is an MBA working with Tata Steel. His daughter Archita, an engineer is engaged with Cappemini.







Message from Chief Guest

Sri Tapas Bhattacharya District Governor Elect – RID 3291

Rtn Rajashree Jain Goyel President 2025-26 Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan

Dear President Rajashree,

Heartiest congratulations to you and your stellar team on the honor of leading one of the most vibrant and visionary clubs in our district-Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan! As the baton passes, I also extend my deep appreciation to outgoing President Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia and his dedicated team for an extraordinary year of service that sparked real, transformative change in the community. The legacy of their efforts is a beacon of Rotary's enduring impact.

We now stand at a defining moment in Rotary's journey. With polio nearly eliminated from the face of the earth, the horizon is wide open-and it calls for a bold, compassionate, and inclusive vision that unites, uplifts, and inspires lasting change. To shape this new era of service, Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation urge us to focus on four foundational priorities:

Increase Our Impact

Let's not only finish the fight against polio but amplify its legacy. Let us focus our programs, elevate our standards, and measure our impact with clarity and purpose.

Expand Our Reach

Let's invite the world in. By opening new doors, embracing diversity, and celebrating our values, we build a Rotary that resonates deeply with every generation.

Enhance Participant Engagement

Let's make Rotary a place where personal growth and community connection flourish. By supporting our clubs and nurturing leadership, we ignite the spark of lifelong involvement.

Increase Our Ability to Adapt

Let's lead with courage. Through innovation and thoughtful transformation, we can strengthen governance, encourage fresh ideas, and elevate more voices in decision-making.

Rotary is more than an organization-it's a global heartbeat of hope. Let us serve with purpose, build bridges of friendship across continents, and turn compassion into action. The world is waiting. Rotary brings hope-let us be the ones who create it. Let us make magic, not just through words, but through deeds that heal, empower, and transform.

With confidence in your leadership and admiration for your spirit, I wish you an inspiring and impactful Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,

Tapas Bhattacharya District Governor 2026-27 Rotary International, District 3291







Mr. Murari Lal Lohia Industrialist

Know your Guest of Honour

Mr. Murari Lal Lohia, a visionary leader and a dedicated entrepreneur, has epitomized expectational commitment, innovation, and professionalism throughout his glorious career.

Mr. Murari Lal Iohia commenced on his journey after graduating from BIT in 1969, demonstrating unparalleled dedication and determination. His tenure at Hindustan Development Corporation Limited, Calcutta, where he spearheaded the company's growth and diversification, stands as a testament to his visionary leadership.

Under his guidance, the company's sales turnover soared from a modest Rs 15 crores to approximately Rs 1000 crores within a decade, marking a remarkable achievement in the industry. With a relentless pursuit of excellence, Mr. Murari Lal Lohia installed a culture of continuous modernization, ensuring that the organization remained at the forefront of technological advancements in various sectors.

Furthermore Mr. Murari Lal Lohia played a key role in nurturing the next generation of leaders by establishing Jupiter Alloys & Steel (India) Limited and Jupiter Wagons Limited, contributing significantly to India's industrial landscape.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Mr. Lohia has demonstrated a profound commitment to social responsibility. His active involvement in various cultural, business and philanthropic organizations, including Rotary Club of Calcutta, Anamika Kala Sangam, Padatik and East Bengal Club reflects his dedication to serving the community and fostering meaningful societal impact.







Rtn Rajshree Jain President 2025-26

Message from President

MAKING OTHERS HAPPY!

When others are happy, really happy, because of you...that must be deemed a real Blessing! Indeed, "Service above self" is the Rotary motto. And, I considered myself Blessed when I was gifted the Rotary pin.

Rotary is synonymous with all good things in life when it comes to serving those less fortunate than us. True, we live in a difficult world. Since time immemorial, we have been living in the best of times and in the worst of times. But lending the proverbial helping hand to fulfil all the needs is an act of God. That is what we are really concerned with. And, that shall always remain our priority number ONE!

There is a great deal of talk on peace being at a premium. But let us never ever forget. The mere absence of conflict or War is not necessarily peace. If we take society as a whole, a major section has plenty of needs. These include, among others, nutrition, water, clothes, shelter, literacy and education, vocations, medical care etc all. Fulfilling these needs comprises real peace.

For over a century Rotary has triumphed in its missions. Our Club, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan has had a terrific track record of excellent and devoted Rotarians and great milestones. As a committed Rotary President, my task will be to lead my team conscientiously.

Rajshree Jain,
President
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan
RY-2025-2026

OFFICE BEARERS 2025-2026



Rtn Rajshree Jain President



Rtn Sashi Dhacholia IPP (Chief Aide to the President) & Editor Emeritus



Rtn Runjhun Gupta President Elect



Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal Vice President



Rtn Namrata Bengani Hony Secretary



Rtn Harsh V Rungta Treasurer



Rtn Nabanita Sen Chairman & Director- Club Administration



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee Chairman & Director- Membership & Chief ambassador



Rtn Narendra Berlia Chairman & Director -Public Image & Relation



PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia Chairman & Director Service-I (Medical)



PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel Chairman & Director-Service- II (Non-Medical)



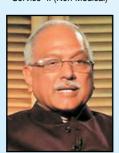
PP Rtn Subir Dutta Chairman & Director (Statutory & Legal matters)



Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal Chairman & Director-Literacy



Rtn Poulomi Mullick Chairman & Director- (Youth)



Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka Chief Mentor



Rtn Jayanta Chatterjee Club trainer



PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar Sergeant-At-Arms



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal Sergeant-At-Arms

OFFICE BEARERS 2025-2026

CHAIRMAN

1.	Literacy	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
2.	Water	Rtn Nabanita Sen
3.	Sanitation & Hygiene	Rtn Poulomi Mullick
4.	Environment	Rtn Vivek Anand
5.	CICO	PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
6.	CRFC	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

ASHOO TIBREWAL
CLASSIFICATION: BAKERY
PROPOSED BY:
RTNs RAJIV TIBREWAL / RAJSHREE JAIN





SHYAM SUNDER GOYAL
CLASSIFICATION: FINANCING
PROPOSED BY:
PP RTNs DR NARESH GOYAL / RAJSHREE JAIN

TATHAGATA SENGUPTA
CLASSIFICATION: MUSICIAN
PROPOSED BY:

RTNs RTN PP RTN DR NARESH GOYAL / RAJSHREE JAIN



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN COMMITTEE FOR 2025-2026

ACCOUNTS

Rtn Subir Dutta

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

Rtn Pradeep Kapoor

Rtn Dr. Naresh Goyal

Rtn Harsh V Rungta

FUND RAISING

Rtn Madan Mohanka

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel

Rtn Dr. Naresh Goyal

Rtn Dr. V K Nevatia

Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal

PLC

Rtn Madan Mohanka (Chairman)

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji (President)

Rtn Runjhun Gupta

Rtn Pradeep K Agarwal

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Rtn Madan Mohanka

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

Rtn Dr. Naresh Goyal

Rtn Sashi Dhacholia

Rtn Harsh V Rungta

RYLA (at PLC)

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

Rtn Runjhun Gupta

Rtn Shipra Mehta

Rtn Poulomi Dutta

Rtn Nabanita Sen

RLI

Rtn Dr. Naresh Goyal

Rtn Sashi Dhacholia

Rtn Subir Dutta

Rtn Poulomi Dutta

VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Rtn Dr. Naresh Goyal

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

Rtn Dr V K Nevatia

Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel

VOCATIONAL SKILLING

Rtn Raju Bharat

Rtn Poulomi Dutta

Rtn Dr. Naresh Goval

Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel

FELLOWSHIP

Rtn Roshni Beriwala

Rtn Renu Todi

Rtn Nabanita Sen

Rtn Nisha Singhania

WORLD PEACE

Rtn Utpal Chatterjee

Rtn Runjhun Gupta

DISTRICT

Rtn Sashi Dhacholia

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

FOUNDATION

Rtn Dr. Naresh Goyal

Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

PUBLICATIONS*

Rtn Sashi Dhacholia

Rtn Poulomi Dutta

Rtn Nabanita Sen

Rtn Runjhun Gupta

BREAKING THE SILENCE: A DEEP-DIVE INTO WOMEN'S HEALTH WITH DR. RAJEEV AGARWAL ON 2ND AUGUST 2025 AT HOTEL KENILWORTH

At our recent Rotary gathering, we were privileged to host a truly enlightening session by Dr. Rajeev Agarwal, a renowned name in women's health. With years of experience and a passion for education, Dr. Agarwal brought to the forefront a range of topics that are often tiptoed around-especially in public forums. From menstruation to menopause, he walked us through the entire biological journey of women with clarity, empathy, and much-needed candour.

One of the most eye-opening points was about the early onset of menstruation. While girls previously began their periods around ages 13 or 14, Dr. Agarwal highlighted how the average age has now dropped to as early as 9. This shift, he explained, can be attributed to changes in lifestyle, diet, and food adulteration-especially the hormonal injections used in dairy and meat products. While this trend is a reflection of modern evolution, it also calls for early awareness and education among parents and children.

He also addressed common myths around menstruation that continue to persist in our society. The idea that period blood is "dirty" or that women should avoid the kitchen or religious spaces during their cycle is not just outdatedit's medically unfounded. He emphasized that menstruation is a natural biological process, not a taboo. He also touched upon the debate around caffeine, painkillers, and physical activity during periods. Contrary to popular belief, painkillers are completely acceptable when it comes to easing severe discomfort. In fact, exercise is encouraged during menstruation and can help regulate cycles over

The talk then moved toward perimenopause and menopause, a phase often brushed aside or misunderstood. Dr. Agarwal described perimenopause as the transition period before menopause when women may experience irregular cycles, mood swings, weight gain, joint pain, and even early signs of arthritis. He made it clear that menopause is defined by the absence of periods for a full year, and typically occurs between the ages of 45 to 55-though it can vary greatly. Hormonal changes, especially the drop in oestrogen, can affect not just fertility but overall health, and this is where regular medical consultation becomes vital.

Interestingly, Dr. Agarwal also touched upon "male menopause", explaining that while men do not experience the same dramatic hormonal shifts, they too face physical or emotional changes later in life.

The overarching message of the session was clear: listen to your body, normalize the conversation, and don't ignore the signs. Whether it's a young girl getting her first period or a woman navigating life post-menopause, awareness, support, and timely medical advice are key.

The session was a much-needed dose of knowledge and empowerment-for women and men alike. We thank Dr. Rajeev Agarwal for breaking the silence and giving us the vocabulary and confidence to talk about what truly matters. It was appreciated by the members of various clubs of District 3291 who came as special guest for the session. Metropolitans were happy to host them, share the knowledge source and create deeper bonding.

By Rtn Nabanita Sen



Guest Speaker Dr Rajeev Agarwal on the Head table



PE Rtn Runjhun Gupta updating the members with PLC activities



PP Rtn Subir Dutta on Rota Quiz



A View of beneficiary

BREAKING THE SILENCE: A DEEP-DIVE INTO WOMEN'S HEALTH ...



President with the beneficiary for medical treatment



IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia addressing the members



A view of participatnts



Visiting Rotarians from different Clubs



Dr Rajeev Agarwal addressing the audience



Dr Rajeev Agarwal making Power Point presentation



Participants listening in rapt attention



Dr Rajeev with some serious talk

BREAKING THE SILENCE: A DEEP-DIVE INTO WOMEN'S HEALTH ...



Another of visiting Rotarians





Rtn Nabanita Sen participating Q & A session



Rtn Poulomi Dutta during Q & A session



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee during Q & A session



Rtn Shipra Mehta participating in Q & A session



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal gave vote of thanks



President felicitating Dr Rajeev Agarwal

BREAKING THE SILENCE: A DEEP-DIVE INTO WOMEN'S HEALTH ...



View of attending members



Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani making Club announcement



Group photo



Another Group photo

REPORT ON" TRAUMA & RIGHTS OF MALE GENDER-TAKE CARE OF MEN"

We have attended on 1.8.2025 the talk on "Trauma & Rights of Male Gender-Take care of Men" organised by RC of Calcutta Sundarban. The speakers were women and they are Nandini Bhattacharjee, Men Rights Activist and Moumita Kundu. Surprisingly they spoke in favour of men and their sufferings. We enjoyed the session. Thanks to Rtn Debjani Ghosh for the invitation from Rotary Club of Calcutta Sundarban.







PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE - AUGUST 2025



Francesco Arezzo President 2025-26

August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

In Korea, the growth of satellite clubs has created opportunities for nearly 1,000 new members to find their place in Rotary. In Romania, the close collaboration between Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors has

built a pipeline of future leaders. In India, some Rotarians gather around a shared interest - whether it's professional development or a passion for service - and those connections deepen their commitment and their joy in being part of Rotary. And we've seen cause-based clubs thrive in regions as diverse as Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe.

There's a common thread: Where clubs are growing, membership is a priority and there is a willingness to try something new. Rotary is not limited to one structure or tradition. We are a global network of people of action, and that means there is room for many kinds of clubs, many ways to serve, and many paths into our organization.

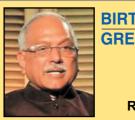
This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club - or where a club once existed and faded - Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth - not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.

Forthcoming Events		
CLUB		
15.08.2025	Independence Day Celebration and Flag hoisting at Mahavir Seva Sadan. Joint Regular Meeting with MSS at 20, Ekbalpore Lane, Kolkata-700023 at 11.00 AM. DG Rtn Ramendu Homchaudhuri will be the Chief Guest.	
15.08.2025	Independence Day Celebration and Flag hoisting at PACE Learning Centre	
06.09.2025	Regular Meeting at The Calcutta Swimming Club at 4.00 PM. Guest Speaker will be DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri.	
15.09.2025	Regular Meeting	
DISTRICT		
17.08.2025	District Award-2025 "Sammanam" at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium	



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



13.08.2025

Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka



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