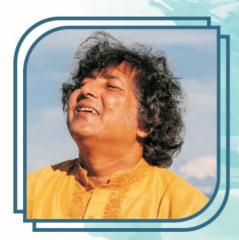


DR V K NEVATIA FOR HIS LIFETIME SERVICE AS CONSULTANT ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON DR NARESH GOYAL FOR HIS LIFETIME SERVICE AS CONSULTANT PHYSICIAN



PANDIT PARTHO SAROTHY CHOWDHURY FOR HIS LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION TO HINDUSTANI INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



PROF MAQSOOD SIDDIQI FOR HIS LIFETIME CONTRIBUTION TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

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DR. VINOD KUMAR NEVATIA

Dr. Vinod Kumar Nevatia was born on October 24, 1948, in Bathinda, Punjab. He completed his primary schooling in Batinda and later attended D.A.V. College in Abohar. Dr. Nevatia earned his M.B.B.S. and M.S. in Orthopaedics from Government Medical College, Patiala, Post graduating in January 1975.

After completing his senior residency at Willingdon Hospital (now Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital) in Delhi, Dr. Nevatia worked in Iran from 1977 to 1981. Upon his return to India, he settled in Calcutta and established his private practice. Dr. Nevatia has been associated with several hospitals, including Shree Vishudhanand Hospital, SVS Marwari Hospital, and Mahavir Seva Sadan, where he served as Honorary Medical Director. He has provided free consultancy services at various organizations, including Jyotirmai Club.

For 35 years, Dr. Nevatia dedicated himself to serving humanity, working seven days a week. Although he discontinued his hospital services during the COVID-19 pandemic, he remains the Medical Director of Mahavir Seva Sadan.

Dr. Nevatia joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan in 2013 and served as President from 2022 to 2023. He is a multiple-time Paul Harris Fellow.

During his medical studies, Dr. Nevatia married Lata Nevatia on June 5, 1972. They have two children. Son Puneet happily married and settled in Boston, USA and daughter Suruchi happily married and settled in Dibrugarh.



DR NARESH GOYAL

Dr Naresh Goyal by Profession is a doctor Holding degree in MBBS, Diploma in Tropical Medicine & Hygiene and Fellow College of General Practitioners.

He is widely known as a doctor, who brings solution to his patients and comforts for last four decades.

He is an active Rotarian since 2001 and was President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan in the RY-2011-2012.

He has participated in many Matching grants and Global grants as primary contact. Many of these projects have been successfully completed and closed.

He also served the RI District-3291 in various capacities. He was District Chair Special project, Child Heart Surgery. In this project, more than 800 children suffering from congenital heart disease were operated in various hospitals of Kolkata e.g., B M Birla Heart Research Centre-Multi Speciality Hospital, R N Tagore Mission Hospital etc.

Presently he is serving as Chairman of Grants under The Rotary Foundation. He is an active Cadre and technical advisor for The Rotary Foundation and Faculty Member of Rotary Leadership Institute. He is Major donor level+2.

He is keen to help underprivileged children for their education. Presently he is working for the development of PACE Learning Centre from present 260 students to 600 with infrastructure to build another building.

He also served as the President of The Calcutta Swimming Club in the year 2022-2023. He is member of The Calcutta Club and The Royal Calcutta Turf Club also.

He is happily married to Rtn Rajshree Jain, who joined him shoulder to shoulder. She is successful entrepreneur and presently President Elect of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan. She is a Paul Harris Fellow. Dr Goyal is blessed with two sons. Elder Prateek is a software engineer. Younger Anuj is liver transplant surgeon. Both sons are happily married.

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PARTHO SAROTHY CHOWDHURY

Partho Sarothy, a maestro of the sarod, carries forward the rich legacy of Hindustani classical music. Trained under the tutelage of his first guru, Ustad Dhyanesh Khan, and the legendary Pandit Ravi Shankar, Partho's music is a sublime fusion of serenity and fulfilment. With his mesmerizing performances, he has captivated audiences worldwide, establishing himself as one of the most accomplished musicians from India.

Partho Sarothy has always maintained the purity of Indian classical music. He has never done anything that deals with fusion or digital mixing only so that the rich legacy of Hindustani classical music remains unstained. Performing live worldwide for over 50 years, Partho's performances have carried the power of unfiltered Indian classical music. Each note played on his Sarod aims to touch souls, stir emotions, and inspire self-exploration. Partho's mission is to perform and ensure this powerful music continues to resonate through generations.

Partho started his musical training under his father, late Sudhamoy Chowdhury, who was a disciple of Pt. Radhika Mohan Moitra, the great sarod maestro. At nine, he made his debut performance at the Mohsin College in Chinsurah, West Bengal. At the age of 11 when he performed solo in front of an audience of eminent classical musicians of India, Ust. Ali Akhbar Khan (Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan) was present and told the audience and press when asked who is going to take his legacy forward in India, after his long stay in the US, "After listening to Partho play today, do you still need me here?"

By the time he turned sixteen, he already stood first in a competition in All India Radio and started performing regularly. Then he took lessons for nearly a decade from Ustad Dhyanesh Khan - son and disciple of legendary sarod player Ustad Ali Akbar Khan. Since 1980, Partho has been under the direct guidance of Bharat Ratna Pandit Ravi Shankar.

With this long and illustrious training under these great gurus, combined with an inherent creative sensibility, he continued performing throughout wide audiences in India and took the legacy of Hindustani Classical Music to over 70 countries around the world as a representative. Born in 1960, Partho is based in Kolkata, the cultural Mecca of India. He has been performing for the last 50 years in India and all over the world as a soloist and also with his great guru Pt. Ravi Shankar, Ustd. Zakir Hussain, as an accompanist in the Kremlin Hall in USSR, The Carnegie Hall in USA, The Royal Albert Hall & Queen Elizabeth Hall in London, and other numerous places around the World. In India he has performed in all the major music festivals like The Dover Lane & SRA Music Festival in Kolkata, The Savai Gandharva Festival in Pune, IMG Fest in Mumbai, The Shankar Lal Festival & Vishnu Digambar Jayanti in Delhi, Tansen Sangeet Samaroho in Gwalior and numerous other places in India.

Partho has also been associated with SpicMacay and other organizations to educate the children and youth of India and abroad about the rich expanse of Indian classical music and instruments. He has also performed at several Yoga & Meditation groups and institutes as he believes that classical music can touch the soul and heal the mind & body. He has taught numerous people for free, only to propagate seeds of classical music for the next generations, carefully not to let its quality get diluted or forgotten. He highly believes that Indian classical music can heal people, soothe the body and mind, bring people together in peace and harmony. He aims to transform many more lives with his music that is going to echo through generations to come.

Pandit Partho Sarothy stands as one of the foremost sarod maestros of our time, celebrated for his virtuosity and profound connection to the traditions of Indian classical music. Trained by two legendary icons, Ustad Dhyanesh Khan and Bharat Ratna Pt. Ravi Shankar, he has cultivated a distinctive style that seamlessly merges the purity of classical tradition with creative innovation. His mastery of the sarod is unparalleled, evident in his ability to evoke the subtle intricacies and emotional depths of Indian ragas, transforming each performance into a deeply moving and spiritual experience.

Known for the richness of his tonal expression, precision, and emotional intensity, Pandit Partho Sarothy's music transcends technical brilliance to touch the soul. His performances traverse a wide emotional range, from contemplative serenity to ecstatic joy, offering listeners an immersive, transcendent journey. He has graced the stages of prestigious festivals both in India and internationally, earning widespread acclaim for his soulful interpretations and technical prowess.

Beyond his role as a performer, Pandit Partho Sarothy is a devoted teacher, nurturing a new generation of musicians and safeguarding the rich heritage of the sarod. His contributions to Indian classical music have cemented his status as a revered figure in the global music community. As he eloquently expresses:

"The sarod is not merely an instrument; it is a sacred link between the artist and the divine."

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PROF. MAQSOOD SIDDIQI

Prof. Siddiqi is a Research Scientist with over 45 years of scientific research, teaching, public health and Institutional Management experience in India and abroad and held academic and research positions at S.K. Institute of Medical Sciences and the University of Kashmir, Srinagar (India), German Cancer Research Centre (DKFZ) in Heidelberg, (Germany), International Agency for Research on Cancer (WHO), Lyon (France), Paterson Institute for Cancer Research in Manchester (U.K.) and M.D.Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas, USA

Prof. Siddiqi was Director of Chittaranjan National Cancer Institute (CNCI) during 1994-2001, and later that of Bose Institute, Kolkata, India, during 2001-2005, where he guided research and managed a large number of projects in diverse areas in cancer research. He established the Population-based Cancer Registry (PBCR) in Kolkata, in 1997. He has been associated with a large number of policy-making, regulatory, and advisory committees at Ntional level in the field of cancer research in India. Prof. Siddiqi is the Founder and Chairman of the Cancer Foundation of India (since 2002), and he was the President of the Asian Pacific Organisation for Cancer Prevention (2020-2022).

His discovery of Caffeine-derived N-nitroso compounds and their implication in a high incidence of cancer oesophagus and stomach in Kashmir and his work on the cancer chemo-preventive role of curcumin and black tea is well cited in scientific literature. His recent work focuses on the primary and secondary prevention of cervical cancer, including the epidemiology of HPV infection and HPV vaccination. His current interests include the prevention of breast cancer. He is also a Co-PI of IARC (WHO) ongoing research trial on HPV Vaccination in India.

Besides his large number of research publications, he is co-editor of the book "Protective Effects of Tea on Human Health" CABI International, London, UK, 2006 and co-author of "FAQs on HPV Infection & its Prevention" 2010.

Among the prestigious Orations, Fellowships and Awards he received in India and abroad include the Golden Jubilee Subodh Mitra Memorial Oration, Kolkata, 2007; MS McLeod Research Oration at Adelaide, Australia; Cancer Prevention Grand Round CME lecture at MD Anderson Cancer Centre, Houston, USA, 2007; Appreciation Medal for outstanding research in cancer from the Province of Pisa, Italy, 1997; Kamal Kumari National Award for "Science & Technology" for 2007. In addition, he has been an Ex-Officio Member of the Senate (2001- 2005) and Chancellor's Nominee to the Syndicate of Calcutta University (2008-2010); He is a Fellow of the West Bengal Academy of Science and Technology, 2003

CONGRATULATION TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE DESGINATE (DGND) RTN PUNENDU ROYCHOWDHURY FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2027-2028



GLIMPSE OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 28.12.2024

















GLIMPSE OF 38TH ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 28.12.2024

















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ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE 2025 AT EAST PAVILION, NICCO PARK, KOLKATA ON 4TH AND 5TH JAN 2025

Yearly District Conference is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements, refresh the bonding, announce the new team, realign on the way forward in line with the vision of the District Governor to help complete the commitments as a team with two days of immersive learning from eminent speakers followed by cultural programme and fellowship.

Congratulations to District Governor AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta and first lady Dr Simran Gupta for a successful conference. We had the presence of RI International President representative PDG K Babumon, RI District 3211, along with his spouse Beena as Chief Guests. Rtn Anirudha Roychowdhury, Director, Rotary International, 2023-25, RI Past President 2021-22, Rtn Shekhar Mehta also shared their views. Conference chairman PP Rtn Hariram Garg, Conference advisor PDG Rtn Pinaki Prasad Ghosh, District conference Secretary Rtn Amitava Chakraborty, Event chairman Rtn Ajay Kumar Agarwal came together to create a smooth experience with breaks filled with delicious meals.

Keynote speaker, Jayprakash Kabra, a seasoned HR consultant delivered two powerful sessions on 'Yes I can" and "Karlo duniya mutthi mein." Siddharth Kaul, MD Nicco Engineering spoke on the history of Entrepreneurship and business in India. Dhruba Mukherjee, Director ABP Network, gave a to the point view on "Doing well by doing good." Anand Ranganathan, a scientist, and popular political analyst gave an eye-opening speech on the topic of "India towards 2047" giving us a reality check. Air Marshall Viram Singh gave us an insider's understanding of the life in Indian Air force through his journey. His spouse Dr Arathi Punitha Singh, helped throw light on the critical roles played by the women in Indian air force as the wind beneath the wings of successful performers. Ms Jeena Mitra Banik spoke on the ways of promoting the brand of Rotary.

EPNC PDG Uttam Ganguli spoke on the time sensitive actions needed to help eradicate polio. IPDG Rtn Hiralal Yadav spoke on adoption of accounts for the RY-2023-2024 and DRFC PDG Rtn Sudip Mukherjee spoke on conference resolutions. Femina Miss India world 2024 Ms Nikita Poriwal answered the most asked questions in chat show. In the humanity section address on how to seek truth was given by reverend Swami



Kripakarananda ji Maharaj. Video messages were given by Inner wheel world President Mamta Gupta, Inner wheel district chair Dr Indrani Basu Malik, Lion Governor Kalyan K Manna, Round table chairman Vedant Bajaj. Mr Sumit Kumar, VP, Operations, Vikram solar, also the platinum sponsor for the conference, answered all solar panel execution related queries. Dr Partha Basu, gave a much-needed understanding of cervical cancer with respect to early detection and prevention and DGE Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri spoke the same for Thalassaemia. Under the section of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, guest speakers Onir (eminent film director and LGBTQ activist), Rtn Zainab J Patel (RID3141 Transgender and LGBTQ activist), Uday Kumar (35year-old amputee with a 91% disability, world record mountaineer) spoke about their challenges and how they overcame them. Prof Dr Satyajit Chakrabarti, Prof Dr Biswajoy Chatterjee and Mr Sanjay Kumar Das from university of engineering and management, shared their views on the benefits and risks of artificial intelligence, marking the end of the knowledge sharing sessions of the conference.

We congratulate Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury as DGND and PDG Ajay Agarwal as NCM. Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan marked its presence with the participation of President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Dr VK Nevatia, IPP Rtn Rakesh Goel, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goel, PE Rtn Rajshree Jain and yours truly VP Rtn Runjhun Gupta. Grateful as we left enriched with renewed friendships with added energy to serve more.

REPORT BY VP RUNJHUN GUPTA



ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE 2025 ON 4TH AND 5TH JAN 2025

















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PLC STUDENT SUPRIYA MONDAL TO INTERN AS TRAINEE NURSE AT FORTIS HOSPITAL, KOLKATA

When there is a will, there is always a way and when you become strong willed people will show up as ways. This has been my experience in being determined in helping an even more determined bright student Supriya Mondal in chasing her dreams of interning in a prestigious hospital away from the village. While she was told it is a wasted effort to even try, I was told there will not be many takers as big brands have enough people competing for same. So, the will to help became stronger.

It all started when PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, introduced me to Supriya, where she shared her journey during one of our visits to PLC and I met this shy girl with sincerity and clarity for her vision in life. We started exploring all our networks and during one of my visits to meet Rtn Pradip Agarwal, CEO Heritage school, I asked him if he knew any of the leading hospital managements and he asked 'Why?' I shared about Supriva's desire and he said, 'I will help put in a word but you will need to take it forward. He introduced me to the Fortis head, who put me in touch with their nursing chief, who hesitated initially and did not sound too keen. After persistent follow-up she agreed to meet and she again reiterated that they are not short of staff to take interns, plus they have students from big city colleges applying etc. Thanks to all recommendations, she was kind enough to let me explain the situation, Supriya's background, our effort to help girls in this remote area. Think I spoke enough and Chief realised she must agree for me to stop but she wanted to meet Supriya once.

The day came and we went to meet her. She asked all her questions and I had such a sense of pride as Supriya answered politely with clarity. At the end, the only thing Chief said was, "she speaks English well' and my smile became bigger with my mind going, "I told you!" What followed was few minutes of silence

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLUB

Annual Sports at PACE Learning Centre at 10.00 AM
Winter Carnival at PACE Learning Centre. Various Clubs and School are likely to join
Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 11.00 AM. Chief Guest DGN Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya. South Indian Breakfast will be served at 10.30 AM
Joint Regular Meeting with RC of Calcutta Avyanna, RC of Calcutta Victoria, RC of Calcutta Mayfair at The Conclave at 2.00 PM. Guest Speaker will be Ms Sharda Radhakrishnan of Chhaya Animal Hospital who will speak on "Embracing the Voiceless".
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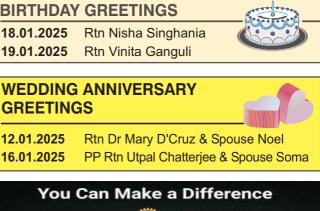
and she said, "Ok! We will take her, but we do not pay interns."

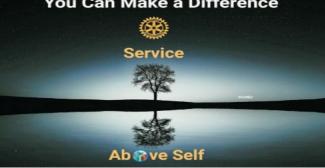
While Supriya was making sense of what had happened, I went on asking for more support possibilities and Chief realised I will go on with another round of convincing, so she herself offered to make the hostel free, hand hold Supriya through the entire process to ensure she gets the certificate, give access to subsidized meals and with a smile she added, "nothing more."

I saw the biggest smile on Supriya's face as she leaned to whisper in my ear, "I am so happy." Chief further gave Supriya the go ahead to begin her internship without waiting for the final exam results. We controlled our happy outburst inside and celebrated after that outside. Cheers to all the Metropolitans who have become the way in helping the will of these beautiful souls to make a difference to their community by leading the way to change. Grateful to do my bit and looking forward to many more such celebrations.

REPORT BY VP RUNJHUN GUPTA







MINUTES OF THE 38th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN HELD AT 2.30 PM ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2024 AT THE CONCLAVE, 216, A J C BOSE ROAD, KOLKATA-700 017

- 1. President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia took the chair and welcomed the members present.
- 2. Adequate quorum being present, President called the 38th Annual Meeting to order.
- 3. The Minutes of the 37th Annual Meeting held on 30th December, 2023 were read and proposed by PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee and seconded by PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia. The same was approved.
- 4. The President informed that the Club Accounts as on 31.03.2024 had been circulated. After discussion, the members adopted the circulated Club accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by PP Rtn Subir Dutta and seconded by PP Rtn V K Nevatia.

"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion adopted the audited accounts for RCCM Club as on 31.03.2024."

- 5. The President informed that the Trust Accounts as on 31.03.2024 had been circulated. After discussion, the members ratified and adopted the circulated Trust accounts and passed the following resolution duly proposed by PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal and seconded by Rtn Dr V K Nevatia. "RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion adopted the audited accounts for RCCM Trust as on 31.03.2024."
- 6. The President informed that the auditors M/s SBA Associates were available for reappointment as auditors for the year 2024-2025. After discussion, it was unanimously approved by the members to appoint, M/s SBA Associates and the following resolution was passed duly proposed by PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan and seconded by PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel.

"RESOLVED THAT, the members of RCCM, after discussion approved that M/s SBA Associates be and are hereby appointed as Statutory Auditors for RCCM Club and RCCM Trust accounts for the FY 2024-2025 at a remuneration to be agreed and decided by the Board."

7. The President requested PE Rtn Rajshree Jain and Hony Secretary Elect Rtn Namrata Bengani to join the head table and to introduce the Board for RY 2025-2026.

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	PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
Editor	PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
Club Trainer	PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji

The above RCCM Board for the RY-2025-2026 were proposed by PE Rtn Rajshree Jain and seconded Hony Secretary by Rtn Namrata Bengani and was duly approved. The necessary Portfolios of Directors will be allotted later by the President Elect Rtn Rajshree Jain.

8. With no further announcement, President adjourned the 37th Annual Meeting.

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