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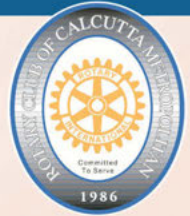
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Welcome

CHIEF GUEST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

RTN HIRALAL YADAV RID-3291

GUEST OF HONOUR

SHRI SURAJIT KAR PURKAYASTHA

IPS (RTD), CHAIRMAN-SATYENDRA NATH TAGORE CIVIL SERVICES STUDY CENTRE

**PDGs, DISTRICT OFFICIALS, AG AND ZS OF ZONE-16,
INNER WHELL MEMBERS, FELLOW ROTARIANS, AND GUESTS**



Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha



DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav



Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel

JULY - MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Rotary International President-elect R. Gordon R. McNally called for members to capture the world's attention and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations. McNally, a member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, revealed the 2023-24 presidential theme, Create Hope in the World, to the 500 District Governors, during the Rotary International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on January 9, 2023. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.....

"The goal is to restore hope - to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and, in turn, to help us achieve lasting change for ourselves," McNally said at Rotary's annual training event for incoming district governors.

McNally spoke about a woman he met in Ban Taling Chan, Thailand, where Rotary members helped build houses, a meeting hall, and childcare and health care facilities following the tsunami that devastated South Asia in late 2004. The woman had lost her husband, her daughter, and her son in the tsunami, as well as her livelihood. But she still had a gift to offer McNally: a beautiful seashell.

"She went on to tell me that Rotary... had restored her optimism. We gave her hope," McNally said.

"This is how Rotary brings lasting change to the world," he added, "one restored or newly created hope at a time."

Promoting peace

A significant way to bring hope to the world is to put a greater emphasis on peace, McNally said. He cited the action Rotary members have taken in the past year to support the people of Ukraine after



the invasion by Russia. Rotary has made humanitarian relief a priority, attracting more Ukrainian members in the process. But McNally noted that true relief won't come without peace - not just in Ukraine, but in Yemen, Afghanistan, Syria, and dozens of other places around the globe.

"Peace is the soil where hope takes root," McNally said.

McNally also emphasized the power of continuity, calling for Rotary members to continue the work of some past leaders. He pledged to maintain the Empowering Girls initiative launched by 2020-21 President Shekhar Mehta and uphold the emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Rotary. He also noted recent events that underscore the importance of Rotary's continuing focus on polio. In the past year, polio cases have emerged in many areas around the world, making it more crucial than ever for Rotary members to lead the fight against the disease.

To do that, McNally said, Rotary must continue to raise at least US\$50 million each year to receive the full 2-to-1 funding match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Only about 1 in 12 members currently gives to the polio eradication campaign, with fewer than 1 in 5 clubs donating each year.

McNally asked the district governors-elect for support creating

a new sense of urgency in their clubs to help realize Rotary's vision of a polio-free world. "This is the time for us to go beyond what's necessary year to year and make sure we provide every resource necessary to succeed as quickly as possible," he added.

Focusing on mental health

In addition, McNally said, Rotary members should offer hope to those affected by mental health challenges - a crisis exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many people have lost family members, many more have found their social networks uprooted, and young people especially have had their educational and developmental paths interrupted. As a result, more people around the world are facing mental health issues. And yet, seeking assistance is often perceived as a sign of weakness.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," McNally said. "Reaching out for help is courageous - and continuing on a path toward wellness is even more so."

He added that Rotary will work to improve mental health services in the next year and beyond. Rotary should be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people it serves, McNally said. "Any mental health professional will tell you that by helping others, we essentially help ourselves."

McNally ended his speech by describing his ideal balance of continuity and innovation. "Rotary helps create the conditions for peace, opportunity, and a future worth living," he said. "By continuing what we do best, by remaining open and willing to change, and by keeping our focus on building peace in the world and within ourselves, Rotary helps create a more peaceful world - a more hopeful world."



R. Gordon R. McInally
President 2023-24
Rotary Club of South Queensferry
West Lothian, Scotland

A PROFILE - RI PRESIDENT

R. Gordon R. McInally is president-elect of Rotary International. He was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. Gordon was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Gordon joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. A member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, he has served as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI). He has also served RI as a director and on several committees, including as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee.

Gordon says he looks forward to working with members to build new Rotary clubs and groups. "My vision is that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of us and to help us do good in the world," he says.

Gordon is a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children in Rwanda who had been orphaned in the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, Lincolnshire, England, that provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization.

In his free time, Gordon enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

Gordon describes The Rotary Foundation as "the fuel that provides the energy to do Rotary service." He and his spouse, Heather, also a Rotarian, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

Gordon wishes to dedicate his presidency to making the world a better place for his granddaughters, Ivy and Florence, to live and thrive.



20 June 2023

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Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel,
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan

I congratulate you on your installation to the office of club President at the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, West Bengal, India.

You have been handed the reins of leadership at an historic moment. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, more people than ever feel hopeless. Many have lost people close to them. Social networks have been uprooted and divisions have grown wider as opportunities for connection have been lost.

Rotary's ability to create lasting change begins with the bonds we form with each other. This year, I need your help to ensure the bonds between our fellow Rotary members are strong enough to bring hope to those who need it most.

Join me in making Rotary a source of strength for all of those, both within and beyond our membership, who feel they have lost hope. Let this be the year we *Create Hope in the World*, and let Rotary be known as an organization that takes care of its members as well as the people we serve.

It is within your power to help bring peace and soothe those afflicted by conflict, both in their communities and in themselves.

I look forward to working beside you as we come together to *Create Hope in the World*.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Gordon R. McNally".

R. Gordon R. McNally
President, Rotary International 2023-24



Anirudha Roy Chowdhury

RI Director 2023-25

Rotary Club of Calcutta Megacity
India

RI DIRECTOR - A PROFILE

Anirudha Roy Chowdhury is an electrical engineer and first generation entrepreneur, employs more than 250 people and specializes in digital imaging, 3D printing for medical applications, and large format printing. Anirudha's enterprises also span other business segments including healthcare diagnostics, and pharmacies.

Anirudha joined Rotary as a charter member of RC Calcutta Metro City in 1994 & become district governor in 2007 - 08, the unified RI District 3290 (India /Nepal). During his Governorship he added 450 members with 11 new clubs. He raised fund for TRF of US\$613,000 which is a record till date of his district. He has since served RI as Regional coordinator for six years. He has represented as RI president's representative in seven times and attended seven RI Conventions. Currently, he is also a member of The Rotary Foundation's Cadre of Technical Advisers and the board of trustees of Rotary Foundation India (RFI).

He is Passionate about promoting literacy through Rotary, he is serving as a member of the executive body of the Rotary India Literacy Mission since inception, which provides free digital contents, targeting 27 million School students, and now working towards Adult Literacy to free India from the scourge of low literacy rate.

Anirudha says he is eager to take the next step in Rotary leadership as a director, but he believes that it is important to stay humble. "At the end of the day, I am just a Rotarian, and my passion is to serve the community in the capacity I can," he says. "We are all working with the same objectives in mind."

Anirudha has been active in regional business organizations including Bengal National Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of Small and Medium Industry, and the Calcutta Chamber of Commerce, where he currently serves as a board member. He also established the Zoom Foundation, which promotes health causes such as funding a hematology diagnostic center to treat children with Thalassemia and many other meaningful service areas.

Anirudha is a recipient of RI's Service above Self Award as well as The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Services and the Distinguished Service Award. He and his spouse, Shipra, support the Foundation as Level Three Major Donors and member of Bequest Society.

His famous quote is :

**"Embrace each down with
Open heart & thanksgiving
& enjoy the day as you are eternal & infinite"**



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Message from Director

Anirudha Roy Chowdhury

RI Director 2023-25
Rotary Club of Calcutta Megacity
India

Dear Sashi,

Greetings.....

Congratulation for being editor of the club bulletin "**Metro Voice**" & I am sure you will put your best effort to ensure a higher shelf life of this mouthpiece.

Leadership in Rotary always has been a unique experience of having known so many important aspects of human life. At times you might feel overwhelming but these aspects will enlighten you with most cherished learning curve in your life.

Our World leader Gordon Mcnally has presented us a unique theme in this Rotary year "**To Create Hope in this world**" which is very apt under the backdrop of pandemic and War.

Hope is the soil in which peace can thrive and we as Rotarian must shoulder that responsibility to create hope in our clubs / communities and off-course within ourselves. In 2023 - 24 as Director of RI, I would suggest to you a few important aspects to make your year meaningful and productive.

1. **Ensure 100% retention of members through engagements**
2. **Take projects on Girl's empowerment and on mental health issue**
3. **Go for a sustainable need-based project on environment**
4. **Embrace DEI policy of Rotary in all your actions & meetings**

I wish the team of RC Calcutta Metropolitan (2023 - 24) to have great success in all aspects of service to create hope in this World.

Thanks with regards,

Yours-in-Rotary,

Anirudha Roychowdhury
RI Director, 2023 - 25
Zones 5 & 6



Hiralal Yadav

District Governor 2023-2024
Rotary International District 3291

ABOUT OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Hiralal Yadav 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 is a Ply Wood Manufacturer.

He revived the sick club which was recommended to be closed by the then District Governor. He established Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2000 with only eight members in a rented building. The Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital became so popular, that a more spacious building was required. He constructed a well-designed 3 storied building for Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2013. Now, Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital is a complete Eye Care Centre and pride of Rotary District 3291. In the last two decades he has helped eighteen clubs in India and two clubs in Bangladesh to establish Eye Hospitals. He is the Chairman of Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital, Rotary Gangadharpur Eye Hospital & Kuchaikot Rotary Eye Hospital-Bihar. He is also the Chief advisor/Technical Advisor of 17 Rotary 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.

He has served Rotary District 3291 in different capacities and was invited as Guest Speaker in the Training Sessions and Conferences of Rotary District 3250 & 3291.

He is a great supporter of "The Rotary Foundation" & was instrumental in successfully completing 82 Global Grant Projects for different Rotary Clubs in India, Bangladesh, Singapore & UK. He had made arrangements to construct many tube-wells to provide safe drinking water in the remote villages of Hooghly. He also gave new life to 27 needy children by arranging Heart Surgeries in R.N. Tagore Heart Research - Kolkata & at Narayana Hrudyalaya - Bangalore. He was instrumental in setting up a Primary School at Hooghly Railway station for Underprivileged children in the year 2014. He also supports an orphanage - "Vivekananda Ashram" for the last 23 years. He has worked with District Administration of Hooghly in the implementation of Central Government Development Schemes as Nominated Member of the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee 2012 to 2019.

He is a Major Donor and recipient of the highest Award of the Rotary International - "Service Above Self Award".

He is married to Deepali. She is an active member of Rotary Club of Hooghly.



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Message from Director

Hiralal Yadav

District Governor 2023-2024
Rotary International District 3291

Date - 15/06/2023

Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
President 2023-24
Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan
RID 3291

Dear President Rakesh,

I am joined by Deepali in congratulating you as you don the mantle of leadership of your Club. Taking up a new responsibility is always a challenge and I am sure that you will rise to such a challenge!

I take the opportunity to thank your outgoing President and all your Club members for the dedicated service rendered by your Club during Rotary year 2022-23 as we Imagined Rotary!

Rotary, my friend is a unique journey! Rotary gives us colossal opportunities to make new friends, strengthen our bonding with existing friends and together - we get the opportunity to serve mankind to the best of our abilities!

Rotary International President for 2023-24, Rtn. R. Gordon McNally has given us a vibrant theme "CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD". Our world leader's goal is to restore hope to help the world heal from destructive conflicts and to help achieve lasting change. He has emphasized the need for peace and continuity, including working toward diversity, equity and inclusion, while not neglecting our mission to end polio! His feels that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of Rotary and to help us Rotarians do good in the world.

I consider myself TREMENDOUSLY fortunate to have the opportunity of working with him! The major initiative introduced by my GURU in Rotary, our own Rtn. Shekhar Mehta and followed by his predecessor Rtn. Jennifer Jones - "Empowering Girls" will also remain as his focus area. His other two focus areas are Mental Health and Building Peace through Virtual Exchanges.

The clarion call "Create Hope in the World" is there for you my friend! Let us capture the attention of the world and lead the way toward possibilities far beyond our current expectations, to Create Hope in the lives of humankind!

Best regards,

Yours in Rotary Service

Hiralal Yadav
District Governor 2023-24
Rotary District 3291



Surajit Kar Purkayastha
IPS (RETD.)

GUEST OF HONOUR

Shri Surajit Kar Purkayastha is former IPS (RETD). His educational background is B. Tech (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur and Post Graduate Diploma in "International Trade" from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi

He worked in various districts of West Bengal namely Birbhum, Burdwan, North 24-Parganas, South 24-Parganas, Howrah etc. in different capacities as Superintendent of police and other ranks and Kolkata Police in the rank of DCP. During the period from 1992 to 1996, held the charge of DCP in Kolkata Police in various capacities including tenure of about three years as DC, Traffic, Kolkata and was instrumental in bringing the first wave of modernization in the traffic system of the city including introduction of one-way traffic movement at various places.

Thereafter he worked with the Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India in the rank of Director at Kolkata, Delhi and abroad (2001-2006). On returning to the State, held the charge of DIG Presidency Range, IG (South Bengal, IG Law & Order and ADG Law & Order in West Bengal Police.

Shri Purkayastha joined as Commissioner of Police, Kolkata and worked from February, 2013 to February, 2016. Then he held the charge of (DGP) Director General of Police, West Bengal from May 2016 to May, 2018. Thereafter he held the charge as State Security Adviser, West Bengal for 3 years May, 2018 to May, 2021)

Presently Shri Surajit K Purkayastha holding the charge of the Chairman, Satyendra Nath Tagore Civil Services Study Centre.

He was conferred with various awards:

- I. Was awarded President of India Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2001
- II. Was awarded President of India Police Medal for Distinguished' Service in 2010
- III. Was awarded chief Minister's Police Medal for Outstanding Service in 2014.
- IV. Was adjudged Alumnus of the year 2016 by IIFT, New Delhi.
- V. Was awarded Distinguished Alumnus Award by IIT, Kharagpur in 2017.



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Dr Krishnendu Gupta

MBBS DGO MD FICMCH FICOG FRCPI FRCOG FACOG

District Governor Elect, 2024–2025

Rotary International District 3291

Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria

Member, Arch Klumph Society – Trustees Circle, TRF, 2018

Professor & Unit Head, Dept of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences, Kolkata



22 June 2023

Dear President *Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel*

Hearty congratulations on assuming office as the President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan for 2023 – 2024 with Rotary International President ***Rtn R Gordon R McInally*** at the helm, taking over from the first-ever lady President of Rotary International *Rtn Jennifer Jones*. A joyous moment indeed!!

Being “people of action”, we all are essentially in Rotary for hands-on service. I am sure that you will take up both meaningful and sustainable projects based on the seven “Areas of Focus”, in addition to stressing upon the three important verticals, namely, Public Image, Membership and The Rotary Foundation.

I am positive that you and your vibrant team will support our very able and hardworking District Governor ***Rtn Hira Lal Yadav*** throughout the Rotary Year, and “Create Hope in the World” and around our community, *imagine Rotary* the way you have never done before, and continue *making a difference*, being an *inspiration to connect and open opportunities* for others, and *serve to change lives!!*

It will be my unique pleasure to work with you and the members of your club in the coming years with the common goal of serving humanity.

Dr Simran joins me in wishing you and your esteemed members all the very best for a super successful Rotary Year 2023 – 2024.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor Elect, 2024–2025

Rotary International District 3291



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Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri
District Governor Nominee

Message from
DGN
2025-26

Best wishes

Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
President,
RC Calcutta Metropolitan

For the 38th installation ceremony on 15/7/2023(Saturday)

A new Rotary year brings with it a new leadership, new sets of dreams and a fresh spirit of enthusiasm.

It is also a time to reflect on the past experience and the learning from them. It is a time to renew the pledge to pursue on going successful projects and bring in fresh ideas for building a strong future.

I take this opportunity to express our best wishes to the incoming President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel. I extend my sincere regards and best wishes to the President and the team and all club members for an enviable successful year of service to humanity. Yours is a distinguished and vibrant club in our District-3291 known for dedication.

As you all know we have been crusaders for End Thalassemia mission and your club has always extended a strong support to our efforts in this project.

I eagerly looking forward to your continued support and promise you to extend all possible co- operation from our side to the endeavors of your club.

God bless you all.

Warm regards & love

Dr. Ramendu HomChaudhuri



Deepa Willingham

Rotary District 5240
Past District Governor

To: President Rtn. Dr V. K. Nevatia
President-Elect Rtn. Rakesh Goel
The Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan

June 24, 2023

Dear President Vinod and President-Elect Rakesh:

First, let me begin by congratulating you, Rakesh, as you begin your journey at the helm of your club this upcoming Rotary year. Your club holds a special place in my heart as I believe what we have achieved together in Piyali Junction is quite remarkable! It is my privilege to write this piece for your club's 2023-2024 souvenir publication.

As most of you know that I believe peace is not just the absence of war. Peace can only be achieved by creating a...Lack of Poverty...Lack of Injustice...Lack of Non-Human Conditions...Lack of Hopelessness. Towards that end your club's rich history of service to humanity is beyond compare - something that other clubs around the world would do well to emulate. You have stretched your helping hands not only "down the street or across town" but also to far-away lands such as Bangladesh, Malaysia, Nepal, Sierra Leon, and you have opened your hearts and pocketbooks to support our beloved Rotary Foundation! To watch all of you in action, since our journey together began in 2007, has been my greatest honour and privilege! You have done what Emily Dickinson so aptly wrote in her poem below...

**If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain.
If I can ease one life from aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin.
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.**

~ Emily Dickinson

Over the past sixteen years, together we have not lived in vain. We have created a magical place that visitors lovingly call "An Oasis" - PACE Learning Centre - a hub that is fulfilling RIPE Gordon R. McNally's desire to create hope in the world by educating and empowering girls and women. We have boldly undertaken the task of changing the face of poverty and trafficking by systematically tackling issues of gender biased abuses and other root causes leading to people's violence against each other! Bravo!

Finally, let me congratulate you again Rakesh for your willingness to serve your club this coming Rotary year. T me being the club president is THE BEST job in the Rotary world! Just remember to dream big...spread the Rotary message, particularly to young people and have fun! I will be there in spirit on June 28th. as you and your team are officially "installed" to continue your journey to bring hope in the world during 2023 -2024 Rotary year.

Sending this with love and good wishes,

Deepadi

MESSAGE FROM PDG RTN SYLVIA WHITLOCK



Congratulations to President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel on your 38th Installation! I have long been an admirer of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, not only because of your stellar record of support for education in Piyali Learning Centre but also because I remember your admission of women as you inducted them in a meeting where I was present.

Your many other events of community support show your fingers firmly on the pulse of world community needs. May you have many more years of working to benefit the needs of those around you,- near and far!

GREETINGS AND FELICITATIONS FROM PP RTN JIM AND CAROL LEWIS!, USA



THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES,

Your great Rotary Club has been over these many years we have been a big part of. Your club has been so successful in many ways, especially with our joint Matching Grants and Global Grants and the enormous undertaking of the girl's school now known as the Piyali Learning Center (PLC)

We remember our first day in Calcutta in 2007, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan hosted a welcome luncheon for us and we enjoyed delicious Indian cuisine. PLC was only a small bamboo covered building with one electric light bulb and earthen floors. Thanks to the extraordinary vision of PDG Deepa Biswas and the subsequent and incredible journey facilitated by the esteemed PP Jayanta Chatterji the fellow Rotarians and friends, this gem of a learning institution on two acres holds over 260 students, a wonderful Vocational Training Center, and has raised the surrounding village to improved livelihoods and knowledge.

Holding the first Polio Summit in 2017 where we address "Life After Polio" in India was certainly a highlight of our work together.

In honor of RCCM's 38th Installation Ceremony, we offer our heartiest congratulations and continued support for the countless projects achieved by our mutual endeavors! With blessings for all our dear friends in RCCM, we send our hope in the future of our shared dreams, and love to all.

MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT RTN RAKESH KUMAR GOEL



Dear Fellow Metropolitan,

I am indeed grateful to you for giving me the opportunity of leading our club this year.

Friends, it is us Rotarians' work, our projects over the years which have been able to CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD. Fostering hope for betterment. It is a big legacy. Our club, over the period, has created a niche place for itself as one of the most project-oriented clubs, covering almost all the areas of focus. That too substantive projects; so much so that some of our projects are being discussed and replicated elsewhere. Our particular emphasis in areas of Education, Health, Skilling, Organic and scientific farming, providing Prosthetic limbs and other equipment's and means to disabled persons enabling them to become economically productive, extending help to orphanages etc has helped in economic and social development of communities and has enabled many needy people of our society to live a better and economically more gainful life.

I am sure, through the collective efforts of all our members, we will continue taking up and bring to fruition such projects which will benefit large numbers of under privileged and needy people.

All the best,

ROTARIAN FOR THE MONTH - RY 2022-23

July	2022	Rtn Runjhun Gupta
August	2022	Rtn Jayanta Chatterji
September	2022	Rtn Subir Dutta
October	2022	Rtn Vivek Bajaj
November	2022	Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal
December	2022	Rtn Lalit Beriwal
January	2023	Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
	2023	Rtn Gaurang Jalan
February	2023	Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
March	2023	Rtn Nisha Singhania
April	2023	Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka
May	2023	Rtn Namrata Bengani
June	2023	Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal

MESSAGE - HONY SECRETARY RTN RUNJHUN GUPTA



Heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to lead the Rotary Club of Metropolitan as the Hon Secretary for the term starting July '23.

It's been little over a year since my induction to the club by Rtn Utpal Chatterjee in Presidentship of Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh and Hony Secretary Rtn Sashi Dhacholia for the RY-2021-2022 it has been an overwhelming and humbling feeling to get so much of love, guidance, learnings from all the seasoned stalwarts whether it was about learning about the system, process or even involvement in projects and being on board.

Thank you Rtn Dr V K Nevatia for the first faith in me and getting me on board, Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel for believing in me and Rtn Sashi Dhacholia for guiding through the system and process and all seasoned members Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, Rtn Harsh V Rungta, Rtn Gaurang Jalan Rtn Subir Dutta for being so approachable and so others.

Special mention and gratitude to our first Lady Mrs Lata Nevatia for RY-2022-2023.

Thank you, Rtn Rajshree Jain, for all the support in being my predecessor.

It's a privilege to be on the leadership and I intend to do my best to make you all proud.

MESSAGE - PE & EDITOR RTN SASHI DHACHOLIA



For last couple of years, I am the Editor of the Metro Voice. This is a challenging job in the Rotary as your Club bulletin shows your Club face with various projects and fellowships. Once the print edition of bulletin was keenly waited to have a look but now with the invent of Digital world, it is gradually turning into soft copies. Naturally, it's also saved some cost.

Our District-3291 is now completely switched to paperless as now everything is over rotaryindia.org website. Thanks to our Rotary India to have this vision. You don't have to prepare bulk file with various details and documents during the Official visit of DG every year. Now rotaryindia.org application is available to get all information and documents etc uploaded in the said website. It's a great relief to all Presidents and Secretaries.

We are known for some meaningful projects in the Rotary world. Every President of the RCCM put the ladder high. I am sure under the Presidentship of Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta will continue the legacy of the Club and take the Club to newer heights.

Forthcoming Events

CLUB

- 29.07.2023** Regular Meeting followed by 1st Club Assembly for the RY-2023-2024 at CSC at 2.00 PM. Guest speaker for Regular Meeting will be Dr Gouri Kumra as July being the Maternal and Child Health
- 05.08.2023** Screening of Avijatrik Movie for Senior Citizens in collaboration with Pronam at 3.00 PM. DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav will be the Chief Guest with other District Officials.
- 15.08.2023** Flag hoisting and Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 11.00 AM. DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav will be the Chief Guest. Breakfast will be served from 10.30 AM
- 26.08.2023** Regular Meeting at CSC at 2.00 PM. Guest speaker will be PDG Rtn Ravi Sehgal, who will speak on Membership and New Club Development. Topic will be "WHO TOUCHED YOU"

MESSAGE FROM IPP RTN DR V K NEVATIA



Dear President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel,

Hearty congratulations to you and your team for taking up mantle of leadership of our club for the Rotary year 2023-24. Whatever Rotary may mean to us, to the world it will be known by the results it achieves.

I am sure you will take the Club to new heights with various community projects.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

23.07.2023 Rtn Pradeep Lata



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS

28.07.2023 Rtn Jayanta Kumar Neogi & Ann Jayanti



OFFICE BEARERS 2023-2024



Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
President



Rtn Dr V K Nevatia
IPP



PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
President Elect & Editor



Rtn Rajshree Jain
Vice President



Rtn Runjhun Gupta
Hony Secretary



Rtn Pradip Kapoor
Treasurer



PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan
Chairman & Director- Club
Administration



PP Rtn Narendra Berlia
Chairman & Director- Membership



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
Chairman & Director- Public
Relation



PP Rtn Dr Somen Ghosh
Chairman & Director- Service- I
(Medical & Non-Medical)



PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta
Chairman & Director-Service-II (Youth
& Vocational)



PP Rtn Subir Dutta
Chairman & Director- Foundation



PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray
Sergeant-At-Arms



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal
Club Trainer

EYE CARE FOR PHYSICALLY ABLED ON 1.7.2023

Well begun is half done! and having the backing of the seasoned players makes the journey smooth...

Following the tradition of doing a project on the 1st July every year, beginning of the new term we wanted to do something meaningful in the eye sector.

We realized there was a need at Mahavir Seva Sadan (MSS). MSS, is committed to providing free support to people who need artificial limbs (they have entire production there for customized needs), and treatment for especially abled kids with cerebral palsy.

Eye check-up is a key part of treatment for kids and other patients and in most cases, they need glasses or Eye surgery. Since they don't come from very affluent background, they are dependent on funding for same. Hence President Rakesh Kumar Goel, decided to support the 10 cataract surgeries and 100 new spectacles for the needy free of cost. We are grateful to MSS led by their President Shri Vijay Choraria for agreeing to do the project at a short notice.

Thank you to all the Metropolitans who joined to support this initiative including PP Rtn Subir Dutta, PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel and Hon Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta and team from MSS headed by Shri Amit Jain from Eye department. We missed our DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav who was scheduled to visit as he got delayed stretched for time with the installation day but it was great honour to have the District Secretary Projects, Rtn Rakesh Bhatia to grace the occasion and add more value to the event with his presence.

We are thankful IPP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and Mrs Lata Nevatia for helping us for the above project.

It was wonderful to meet the especially abled kids who got new glasses. The smiles on faces of beneficiaries when they put on new glasses or the ones scheduled to undergo surgery who got the assurance of being able to see clearly post that....were asked...'What they looked forward to seeing?'...and all the answers were same....'face of a loved one!'...

As usual, MSS ensured that we are served with South Indian dishes. Thanks MSS.

By Hony Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta



EYE CARE FOR PHYSICALLY ABLED ON 1.7.2023



DISTRICT AWARD CEREMONY HELD ON 24.6.2023 FOR RY 2022-2023

You always feel great when your work is suitably rewarded. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and his team worked tirelessly during whole year. He did some wonderful small and medium projects but they were thoughtful and meaningful. Kudos to President Rtn V K Nevatia for a wonderful year. RCCM was recognized by various awards under Group-B, which are as under:

1. 1st prize- Ee..Zz..eE School for Literacy
2. 1st prize- Environmental Care
3. 2nd prize- Club bulletin
4. 2nd prize- Economic & Community Development
5. 3rd prize- Vocational Training
6. 3rd prize- Welfare of Senior Citizen
7. Certificate of Appreciation for Happy School
8. Certificate of Appreciation for Physically & Mentally Challenged
9. Certificate of Appreciation for Mother & Child Care
10. Certificate of Appreciation for Menstrual Hygiene
11. Certificate of Appreciation for Support to District
12. Recognition as Chief Ambassador to PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
13. Recognition as Chairman-Grants to PP Rtn Naresh Goyal
14. Recognition as AG to PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta



THANKS GIVING MEETING & CELEBRATION HELD ON 24.06.2023

Gratitude is the key emotion in bringing fulfilment to self and others. June being the fellowship month, the meeting was a perfect occasion for the Thanksgiving for the outgoing team. While Rtn Dr V K Nevatia along with Hon Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain summarized the entire year's projects and progress which has been extremely commendable in getting the Club highlight at District level too.

Every member present gave a heartfelt thank you to the President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and team for their relentless efforts in taking up and doing the projects starting with PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, PP Rtn Subir Dutta, PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, Rtn Narendra Berlia, PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, Rtn Runjhun Gupta, Rtn Rajshree Jain and PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel.

The key points mentioned by everyone was for the President for walking his talk, leading with example and helping turn around Metropolitan from the time he took over. Special mention was made for the first Lady Mrs Lata Nevatia for playing a key role in supporting and helping the President and the Club with project collaborations with Inner wheel of Calcutta Metropolitan.

President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia gave a token of love and gratitude to all members and an additional token thanking PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia for the unconditional support to him during his tenure.

After updating the upcoming events Rtn Rajshree Jain thanked the President, Club members and her husband PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal for speaking and representing the club well at District-3291 sessions.

The Thanksgiving was celebrating the benchmark set by President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and team and creating a springboard for the new team led by President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goyal and Hon Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta as a encouragement to take the success to next level and the continued commitment and support of entire team of members focused towards creating a bigger impact in the city and the world.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta



Presenting a memento to PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji as a token of love and gratitude



Presenting a memento to PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal as a token of love and gratitude



Presenting a memento to PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta as a token of love and gratitude



President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia started Thanks Giving



Presenting a memento to Rtn Narendra Berlia as a token of love and gratitude

THANKS GIVING MEETING & CELEBRATION HELD ON 24.06.2023



Presenting a memento to PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar as a token of love and gratitude



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Presenting a memento to Rtn Runjhun Gupta as a token of love and gratitude



Presenting a memento to PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel as a token of love and gratitude



Presenting a memento to PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia as a token of love and gratitude



Presenting a special gift to Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain

THANKS GIVING MEETING & CELEBRATION HELD ON 24.06.2023



Rtn Rajshree Jain expressed a heartfelt thanks to the President for providing opportunity to serve as Hony Secretary



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal thanked President for such wonderful year



President felicitated PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia with special gift



President Elect Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel making club announcements



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterji thanking President for wonderful Rotary Year



PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar thanking President for fantastic year



PP Rtn Subir Dutta thanking President for meaningful year



Rtn Runjhun Gupta thanked President for great year

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY DEDICATED TO SISTER M CYRIL MOONEY

The week started with a heavy heart as we commemorate the noble soul Sister M Cyril Mooney (21.7.1936-24.6.2023), the former principal of Loreto Convent, Sealdah who passed away at 86 yrs.

At PACE Learning Centre (PLC) we conducted special assembly on 26th June,2023 to pay tribute to the great humanitarian who spent her whole life educating underprivileged children. PLC students and teaching staffs lit up the candles in-front of the pencil sketch of sister by the students and teachers followed by the teachers sharing their experiences with sister Cyril during her visit to PLC and the workshop conducted by her. To make students aware of the great contribution of Sister, a video was shown during the assembly on that day.

Sister M Cyril Mooney visited PLC in 2016 for the first time which created an impactful memory for the teachers and students. Although the duration was for a short time but the nobility of sister's soul touched the hearts of all the students and teachers of PLC.



ROTARIAN FOR RY 2022-2023

PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia



President handing over Certificate of Appreciation to
PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia

ROTARIAN FOR THE MONTH - JUNE 2023

PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal



President handing Certificate of Appreciation to
PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal

**ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN TRUST
GLOBAL GRANT PROJECTS – DETAILS FOR RY 2022-2023**

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**MINUTES OF 1654th REGULAR MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA
METROPOLITAN HELD ON SATURDAY, 24TH JUNE, 2023 AT 2.00 PM
AT THE CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB, 1, STRAND ROAD, KOLKATA-700 001**

1. President requested PE Rakesh Kumar Goel and Hony Secretary Elect Rtn Runjhun Gupta to join the head table.
2. President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia called the 1654th Regular Meeting to order.
3. President requested for National Anthem and it was recited by all.
4. Minutes of 1653rd Regular Meeting held on 17.6.2023 were read and confirmed.
5. President informed about the following programs:
 - He informed that Charter Night was well celebrated with cake cutting for the Club as well as for PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal. The fellowship was full of entertainment with music and songs by PE Rtn Rakesh PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PP Rtn Lalit Beriwalla and PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee. Agarwal.
 - President also informed that District-3291 Award ceremony is already started at 3.00 PM and requested members to join at G D Birla Sabhaghar
 - President also reminded both current and incoming Board to attend the Joint Board Meeting at CSC at 9.30 AM on 25.6.2023. There is also Trust Meeting after the Joint Board Meeting.
6. President announced that Rotarian for the month of June-2023 is PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal in view of his immense interest to develop the infrastructure for PLC school to accommodate 600 students. He handed over the Certificate of Appreciation and felicitated with small diary to PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal.
7. President then announced Rotarian for the Year 2022-2023 was PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, who worked tirelessly for the Club throughout the year and his contribution in all fields is immense. He handed Certificate of Appreciation and felicitated with gift and small diary to PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia.
8. PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel was happy to announce about the finalization of venue of 38th Installation Ceremony which will be at Banquet Hall, The Calcutta Swimming Club to be held on 15.7.2023 at 7.00 PM. He requested all members to be present with their spouses.
9. PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia invited members present to say few words about the activities of RY-2022-2023
10. PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel requested members to contribute by way of Advertisements and donations for the Souvenir publication. Appeal form is available both in Soft and Hard copies.
11. President requested Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain to make the Club announcements.
12. President Rtn DR V K Nevatia felicitated all members of the Club with gift as token of love and appreciation. He made special mention of PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain for their special contributions with special gifts.
13. Each and every member present in the meeting spoke highly about President Rtn V K Nevatia, who took the Club at new height with various meaningful and sustainable projects. Joining in praise for him were PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, Rtn Narendra Berlia, PP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Subir Dutta, PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar, Rtn Runjhun Gupta, PE Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain and PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee. Almost everyone shared their experience with President and Hony Secretary. There was also praise for Hony Secretary Rtn Rajshree Jain.
14. PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia informed the members about the important role played by the First Lady of the Club Mrs Lata Nevatia. With her support and advise, the President Rtn Dr V K Nevatia able to carry the Club forward.
15. PN Rtn Sashi Dhacholia also informed the members to acknowledge the work done by Shri Arunava Dey of Radiant. He helped us for proper layout of the Metro Voice and work tirelessly despite so many last minute pressure, he really did a commendable job. He also would like to thanked our Hony Member Rtn Pawan Lohia of Radiant, without his support and guidance at the right time saved the Club from embarrassment about reporting and layout. We are thankful to both Rtn Pawan Lohia and Shri Arunava Dey for their work.
16. President also acknowledged and thanked for the work done by both Shri Tapan Kumar Ghosh and Shri Subhrajyoti Jotder for working tirelessly throughout the year.
17. At this juncture, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji announced to felicitate Shri Arunava Dey with Paul Harris Fellow Award at our Regular Meeting. We are grateful to Shri Arunava Dey for the wonderful work for years.
18. Hony Secretary made the Club announcements. She informed about the Forthcoming Events and Birthday and Marriage Anniversary greetings. The Sunshine box collection was Rs. 500/- over and above as usual. The attendance was 13.
19. Since there was no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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