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WE WELCOME OUR VERY OWN



PP RTN SUBIR DUTTA
WHO WILL SPEAK ON THE SALIENT FEATURES
OF THE BUDGET-2025

*Heartiest
Congratulations!*

PP RTN MAITRAYEE RAY
AND SPOUSE
SHRI ASHISH RAY
FOR CELEBRATING THEIR
GOLDEN MARRIAGE
ANNIVERSARY
ON 25.2.2025



REHABILITATION OF CEREBRAL PALSY CHILDREN ON 11.2.2025

A dream project of Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan "Rehabilitation of Cerebral Palsy Children" under the Global Grant # 19-80213 for USD 1,07,144/- with MSS Rehabilitation & Research Centre at Joka is now near to the completion as we have now provided 80% of the equipment required for this project and balance 20% will be provided very soon as we have applied for Change of Scope.

On a pleasant day, the 11th February, 2025, we were

honored with the presence of our District Governor AKS Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta of RID-3291 to inaugurate the equipment provided to MSS Rehabilitation & Research Centre under the above Global Grant.

The day started with garlanding the Ganesha by the DG and then opening of the block/rooms where equipment was provided for the Rehabilitation of Cerebral Palsy Children.

DG was highly impressed with RCCM doing joint projects/activities with Mahavir Seva Sadan for more than 40 years. With the presence of Club President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, President Elect Rtn Rajshree Jain, President Nominee Rtn Runjhun Gupta, IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal enjoyed the afternoon as they felt they have visited some temple to serve the community as Service above Self. President Emeritus Shri J S Mehta, President Shri Vijay Choraria Shri Amit Jain and Shri Manoj Mohnot and other members of MSS made this event **successful**.



Metropolitans & MSS members with DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta



Inauguration of equipment provided in Physiotherapy unit



DG AKS Krishnendu Gupta in Cerebral Palsy block



DG AKS Dr Krishnendu Gupta doing Ganesh abinandan

REHABILITATION OF CEREBRAL PALSY CHILDREN ON 11.2.2025



Equipment provided under GG# 19-80213



Another view of equipment provided under GG# 19-80213



DG with Equipment provided for Cerebral Palsy children



Equipment provided under Global Grant 19-80213



Another view of Cerebral Palsy children



Training to Cerebral Palsy children by teachers



Another view of Cerebral Palsy children



DG was shown where Slit Lamp was provided by the Club under Helping Grant



Dr V K Nevatia giving details of project to DG Krishnendu Gupta



President Emeritus J S Mehta Chatting with DG Krishnendu Gupta

REHABILITATION OF CEREBRAL PALSY CHILDREN ON 11.2.2025



DG visited Artificial Limb block



DG was shown latest flexible artificial leg



Another view of Artificial Limb section with latest German technology



A brief meeting with DG by RCCM & MSS members



DG is being felicitated



Much needed Selfie



DG with Metropolitans



Happy time with DG



Group photograph

EMBRACING THE VOICELESS - AN REPORT

On 8th February, 2025 Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan conducted their Joint Regular Meeting along with Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mayfair and Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria.

This was one of its own kind where all the four clubs joined hands for an Animal welfare project in association with Chaya Animal Hospital under PRCA since 2008. The theme of the meeting was "Embracing the Voiceless" where Guest speaker was Ms Sharda Radhakrishnan. Through her we got to know about idea and objectives behind Chaya Animal Hospital.

The entire session was moderated by Rtn Gaurang Jalan, an eminent Film maker and National Award winner. This project was mainly initiated by Dilip Doshi and his daughter Vishakha who wanted to create a shelter for stray animals followed by an animal hospital. Soon they along with Ms. Radhakrishnan got connected with Shri Utsav Parekh who got inspired by their thought process which was filled with compassion and empathy and donated the land for this Nobel service for innocent animals.

In 2008, this centre started with 2 injured dogs and in last 15 years, it has grown into a big hospital where more than 350 stray dogs admitted and 150 permanent residents. Rtn Raju Bharat quoted that as always, he was motivated by his revered Guru Shri Dada JP Badwani who used to say that birds and animals are like our younger brothers and sisters. He was overwhelmed by seeing the concern and care given to these animals which came to this facility and thus decided to support Chaya Animal Hospital.

As per Mrs Sharda Radhakrishnan, while she started with just stray dogs, she gradually realized that more animals need similar concerns and to be provided like cows and horses. She mentioned many heart touching instances like a blind horse named Munia who was found near Victoria memorial was taken to this centre and she is staying here for last 10 years. Another pathetic story she shared that a pregnant cow which was brutally tortured with a rod injected inside her was found in a serious condition. She was rescued, taken to the hospital and was given treatment for weeks and now she is doing fine. Like this Chaya Animal Hospital has provided shelters to many such abandoned animals. The centre has its own goshala having more than 20 horses, cows, bulls and buffaloes. They realized that every animal should get a quality life and a good space where they can roam around and graze. Every day vegan diet being served to all the animals in periods at CAH. Till date more than 90000 Animals got treated here in CAH. From 2010-2023 45701 dogs got admitted

and 46493 cows and goats got treatment in OPD. more than 15000 surgeries were done in a period of 2010-2023.

Many industries, stalwarts, producers and actors came forward to support and endorse Chaya Animal Hospital. Legendary film maker of Bollywood Shri Madhur Bhandarkar congratulated the management of Chaya Animal Hospital for their outstanding services and commendable job for the stray dogs, cats, injured cows and horses. He himself being an animal and pet lover, has come forward to support the centre for this noble cause.

Shri Ravindra Chamaria, Chairman/ MD Infinity group said he is associated with CAH since inception. He complimented Mrs. Sharda and team for their phenomenal job towards the most required areas of animal. He requested everyone to help and contribute to Chaya.

Rtn. Vinita Singhvi, Management Trustee, Singhvi Charitable Trust and President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Mayfair said that her father-in-law Late Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi once visited the place and was moved by the dedication so much that he decided to get associated with this noble project and contributed for the welfare of this hospital and from there she has taken it forward.

Ms Rituparna Sengupta, renowned actress at Tollywood endorsed this noble cause as brand ambassador. Many big corporates like Tata, Reliance came forward to support Chaya Animal Hospital. Ms. Sharda Ramakrishnan acknowledged each and every one who helped and contributed for the development this noble project, be it renovation of operation theatre or donation of animal food, continuous supply of rice and bhoosi on monthly basis.

The session ended up with Q and A session. Many good suggestions came from the audience. PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee put forward his humble suggestion from his expertise area of media and journalism. He put forward his idea on projecting this documentary in channels like Animal planet or Discovery or National Geography. The session ended with felicitation session of Guest speaker Sharda Ramakrishnan by RCCM President of Rtn Sashi Dhacholia followed by felicitation of other presidents of the Clubs.

We are grateful to PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan who initiated this idea for having the Joint Regular Meeting and to invite Guest Speaker Mrs Sharda Radhakrishnan. Lastly, vote of thanks was given by PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goel.

By Rtn Poulomi Dutta

REPORT ON JOINT REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 08.02.2025

What a day to remember when 4 Rotary Clubs i.e Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mayfair, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan and Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria joined together to have their Regular Meeting to build brotherhood, fellowship and share what projects are being done.

Rotary Club of Calcutta Avyanna was led by their President Rtn Chandreyi Mitra and Secretary Rtn Aparna Banerjee, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mayfair was led by their President Rtn Vinita Singhvi and Secretary Rtn Mamata Mohnot and Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria led by their President Rtn Rajnish Mehta and Acting Secretary Rtn Vibha Mehta and Of course, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan led by their President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal.

The proceeding of the Joint Regular meeting was conducted by PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan.

Presidents of RC of Calcutta Avyanna, RC of Calcutta Mayfair, RC of Calcutta Metropolitan and RC of Calcutta Victoria conducted their Club business.

After completion of Club business by the respective Clubs, the floor was handed over to our Guest Speaker Mrs Sharda Radhakrishnan, an ardent animal lover, running the Chhaya Animal Hospital Welfare Hospital under PRCA since 2008, who spoke on "Embracing

the voiceless". Through her we got to know about idea and objectives behind Chaya Animal Hospital. She invited all of us to visit their Animal Hospital and participate in their programs. It was touching session by her when she told various stories how this animal Hospital born and treatment of various animals.

There was exchange of Flags between the Clubs by the Presidents. Each President and Secretary were felicitated by their and counterpart. The attendance was more than 50 and members enjoyed the fellowship. Emcee PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan conducting the proceeding of the Joint Regular Meeting. It was the brain child of PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan and we are thankful to him for this meeting.

Time to come forward and whole heartily support Voiceless animals.

By Rtn Poulomi Dutta



Rtn Rajshree Jain was pinned by PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray for PHF+2



A view of Head table with Four Rotary Club Presidents & Secretaries



RCCM President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia conducting the Club meeting



RC of Cal Avyanna President Rtn Chandreyi Mitra conducting their Club meeting



RC of Cal Mayfair President Rtn Vinita Singhvi conducting their Club meeting

GLIMPSE OF JOINT REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 08.02.2025



RC of Cal Victoria President Rtn Rajnish Mehta conducting their Club meeting



Emcee PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan conducting Joint Regular meeting proceedings



A view of Rotarians listening to Sharda Radhakrishnan in rapt attention



Guest Speaker Sharda Radhakrishnan addressing the Rotarians



A close view attending Rotarians



Sharda Radhakrishnan talking about voiceless animals



Another view attending Rotarians



PP Rtn Naresh Goyal giving vote of thanks



PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee sharing his views



Guest Speaker Sharda Radhakrishnan was felicitated by all Club Presidents

GLIMPSE OF JOINT REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 08.02.2025



Exchange of Flags by RCCM President with Cal Victoria President



Exchange of Flags by RCCM President with Cal Mayfair President



Exchange of Flags by RCCM President with Cal Avyanna President (2)



RCCM Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal felicitating Acting Secretary of Cal Victoria



Secretary of Cal Mayfair being felicitated by RCCM Secretary



A view of Club Presidents



A view of Club Secretaries



Emcee PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan being felicitated



RCCM President with the members of Avyanna



Discussing Nitty Gritty before the start of Joint Regular Meeting

AWARENESS ON LIFE BEYOND CANCER

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan was the Associate Hosts to the 5th Annual Fundraiser Concert for the cause of Kids with Cancer known as "LIFE BEYOND CANCER" held on 15.2.2025, a Rotary District-3291 initiative.

Our Club has sponsored 14 Cancer affected children @ Rs.15,000/- per year. We are grateful to Rtn Vivek Bajaj, who came forward to contribute the entire amount.

Musical presentation by Armaan Rashid Khan, Special program by Cancer Survivor Children, Dance Performance by Debleena Dutta and Special Dance Performance by Life Beyond Cancer Ambassador Rituparna Sengupta. many cancer surviving patients specially girls performed dance on stage. A cancer survivor girl named Anjali Roy took centre stage and beautifully performed dance on Dhimahi song dedicated to lord Ganesha. We were surprised to see her dancing on one leg as she lost one of her leg to cancer. We were really moved and in tears when A cancer surviving patient named Bishwarup who lost his left hand to cancer, presented a beautiful portrait of Anjali Roy on

stage. That evening we came across many real-life Inspiring stories of such patients who were supported and cared by LBC.

Later Life Beyond Cancer has helped such patients and their families to gain confidence and bring them back to the normal lives. Those families who couldn't bear huge treatment expenses incurred in cancer gave been supported by LBC for more than a decade. They treated and cured many cancer affected patients, especially children in collaboration with many agencies, corporates, clubs and mainly hospitals. And in this noble cause Rotary Club district 3291 has played an important role. More than 5000 Cancer affected children are being treated at Nil Ratan Sarkar Medical College & Hospital (NRS), SSKM Medical College & Hospital (SSKM) and Calcutta Medical College.

"Truly not everyone can save a child from Cancer BUT EVERYONE CAN GIVE THEM A LIFE BEYOND CANCER" for our young Heroes.

Every year, we are participating in this project.

By Rtn Poulomi Dutta



Metropolitans at the Concert



DG AKS Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta addressing the audience



Metropolitans enjoying 5th Annual Fundraiser Concert



One Legged dance by Anjali Roy

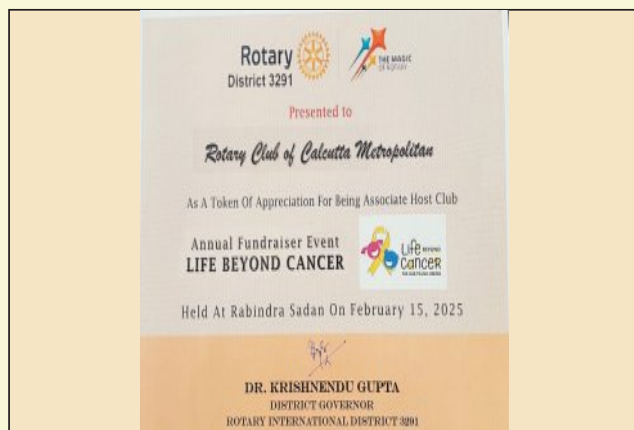
AWARENESS ON LIFE BEYOND CANCER



Dance performance by Debleena Dutt



Brand Ambassador Rituparna Sengupta spl Dance performance



Participation Certificate in Life Beyond Cancer



Thanks to IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel for the fellowship

Rotary's Vision Statement

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



Vision without action is merely a dream.
Action without vision just passes the time.
Vision with action can change the world.

Joel A. Barker



Forthcoming Events

CLUB

- 08.03.2025** Regular Meeting at The Conclave. Guest speaker Dr Swati Nandi Chakraborty.
- 22.03.2025** Inauguration of MSS Rehabilitation & Research Centre at Joka at 11.00 AM. All Metropolitans are invited by MSS
- 29.03.2025** Regular Meeting at The Conclave and 3rd Club Assembly and visit by AG and ZS prior to the Official visit by the DG to the Club.
- 29.03.2024** 9th Board Meeting and 3rd Club Assembly for RY-2024-2025
- 05.04.2025** DG Official visit to the Club and Regular Meeting at 7.00 PM
- 12.04.2025** Regular Meeting
- 26.04.2024** Regular Meeting

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



- 23.02.2025** PP Rtn Subir Dutta & Ann Anindita
- 25.02.2025** PP Rtn Maitrayee Ray & Spouse Ashish
- 02.03.2025** Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka & Ann Rtn Manju
- 02.03.2025** Rtn Manju Mohanka & Spouse Rtn Madan Mohan
- 05.03.2005** Rtn Raju Bharat & Ann Anjana
- 08.03.2025** Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar & Ann Leela

SARASWATI PUJA CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

On February 3rd, PACE Learning Centre celebrated the revered Saraswati Puja, honoring the Goddess of Knowledge, Devi Saraswati. This annual event brought together students, teachers, and support staff from diverse backgrounds, united in their quest for knowledge and wisdom.

Preparations began early in the morning, despite the heavy fog. Teachers and support staff worked tirelessly to create a vibrant and festive atmosphere. The priest

performed the sacred arati, while students offered puspanjali (flower offerings) to Devi Saraswati. Following the rituals, prasad was distributed among the gathering.

Saraswati Puja or Vasant Panchami marks the beginning of spring and the arrival of new life. It symbolizes the triumph of knowledge over ignorance and darkness. On this day, we pray to Devi Saraswati to bestow wisdom, creativity, and knowledge upon us.

Our prayers to Goddess Saraswati were especially dedicated to protecting young girls from early marriage, abuse, and social evils. We sought her blessings to empower our girls, to pursue their dreams, overcome obstacles, and become confident, educated, and self-reliant individuals. On this auspicious occasion, we distributed exam essentials to our 2nd Madhyamik exam batch and wished all the best for their first board examination.

Students attended the celebration dressed in vibrant, basanti-colored attire, adding to the festive atmosphere. The event was a testament to the power of education, knowledge, and community bonding.

By Mahashweta Maity

Vice Principal, PACE Learning Centre



ANNUAL SPORTS OF BARASAT SCHOOLS ON 29.1.2025

Rotary Shishu Shiksha Niketan held their Annual Sports on 29.1.2025 for the students from LKG to UKG. The games comprising of running, jumping on two legs, jumping rope and book wrappings. Students thoroughly

enjoyed the sports. Games were also organized for the Alumni. There was dress up competition for all students. It was a day of full fun and enjoyment.



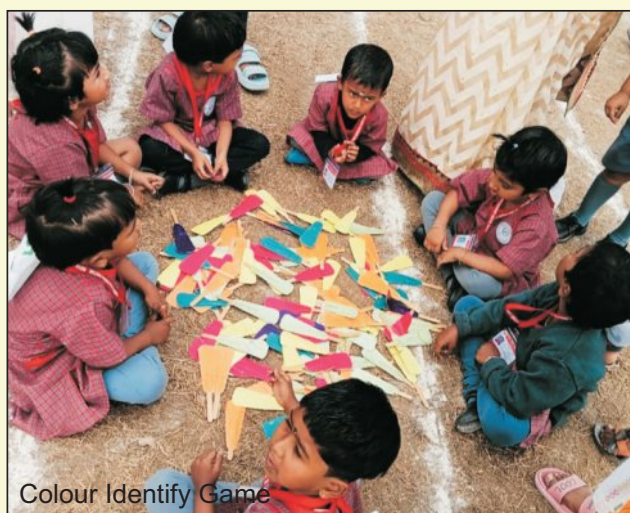
LKG Boys Run



Guli Chamoch Game



Basket Ball



Colour Identify Game



Book wrapping



Prize distribution

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