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1673rd REGULAR MEETING

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We  
Welcome

- RTN HIRALAL YADAV, DISTRICT GOVERNOR, RID 3291 ON HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CLUB
- DISTRICT OFFICIALS
- AG RTN SRABANEE CHAKRABORTY
- ZS RTN DIANA BANERJEE OF ZONE-16 TO THIS MEETING



**Hiralal Yadav**  
District Governor  
2023-2024





## WORKSHOP ON THALASSEMIA AWARENESS BY DGND RTN DR RAMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI AT PLC ON 13.03.2024

DGND Rtn Ramendu Homchaudhuri started with the good news that Rotary is celebrating eradicating Polio from the world and explained why Thalassemia needs to be the next focus. He said creating awareness in this case is more crucial as prevention can help save lives rather the cure which does not allow survival more than few years. We learned to deal with Malaria, Polio, Covid because of all the awareness created for same. This is a District-3291 project.

Thalassemia, is a deadly Non-infectious Genetic disorder. In India, every year, more than 1 lakh patients die, mainly children, as they need 26 lakh units of blood with 3 to 4 transfusions a month. Treatment is unaffordable and lifelong, making it difficult to sustain. The prevention is a single blood test called HPLC for both men and women before marriage to determine if they are carriers. If one of the parents is a carrier, it does not lead to a child being affected. Only if both parents are carriers, a child has 25% chance of being affected by Thalassemia.

The case studies of children who were affected and their suffering made it unbearable for the parents, leading to separation and suicides for feeling responsible for putting the child through the pain, or not being able to go through the fear and anxiety of losing their child and a remorse of not knowing this information earlier.

DGND shared a fact that, someone who himself/herself is a carrier will be fit and normal. He backed it by sharing celebrities like Amitabh Bachchan, Hritik Roshan, players like Pete Sampras who are all carriers, whereas on the other hand, children affected by Thalassemia cannot lead a normal life and die. The hospitals in cities are flooded with parents travelling from the interiors of state and are unable to take the load of housing them till

their children are undergoing treatment. Hence, there are projects being taken up to support with set-up of lifelong blood transfusions along with making the medicines available.

DGND was happy to see the participation of more than 250 plus young girls and mothers in this session as they could now become responsible in ensuring a life is not brought into the world to suffer, not be able to live normally and die an untimely death. He called it a criminal offense. Being aware would lead to better decisions of choosing the right partner or options like adoption. When the session started only one person raised their hand saying they knew about Thalassemia, but by the end of an engaging, informative, and simplified narration by the DGND, we had mothers coming and asking for the tests for their children. This itself was a sign of success as we are now preparing for the next stage of screening at PLC and DGND expressed his interest to visit again and do more in supporting RCCM with the PLC community and his parting words were all appreciation and praise for all the good work being done, including healthy meals for children.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**

Hony Secretary





**DISTRICT PROJECT-3291, "MATRI RAKSHA - FIGHTING ANAEMIA, ROTARY CLUB OF SALT LAKE METROPOLITAN IN ASSOCIATION WITH ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA METROPOLITAN" ON 13TH MARCH 2024 AT PLC (43RD CAMP)**

"Anaemia Mukt Bharat," a flagship program of government of India aims at covering children and pregnant women for Anaemic conditions and treatment. However, a large percentage of non-pregnant women and girls in the age group of 16+ to 70+ need to be identified and treated. Matri Raksha aims to reach out to this vulnerable group.

As RCCM we got an opportunity to be part of this District project, where the equipment for blood test, strips, medicines, distribution material, registration cards were provided under the guidance of Dr Aruna Tantia, heading the flagship project by Rotary club of Salt Lake Metropolitan along with ILS Hospital.

Thanks to PLC, Ispat Co-operative Hospital supported by providing technicians for Anaemia test along with additional technicians for General checkup, eye checkup

and an especially requested Gynaecologist for checkup and advice. A total of 170+ beneficiaries were taken through the tests, providing information, and medicine distribution, out of which 100+ were mothers and rest were students, staff, and teachers in the required age group.

The entire camp activity helped us in understanding the core issue with the students and helped in planning further actions accordingly. One of them in progress is getting regular visit of dedicated team of Gynaecologists to help address concerns of the girls related to their menstruation and hormonal issues. Team at PLC helped in providing food packets to all the attendees, along with round of tea and biscuits.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**  
Secretary





## DISTRICT PROJECT-3291, "MATRI RAKSHA - FIGHTING ANAEMIA ...



### DISTRIBUTION OF COOKIES AT PLC ON 12.3.2024

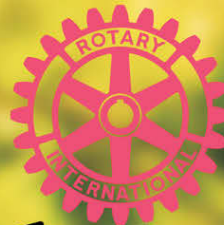
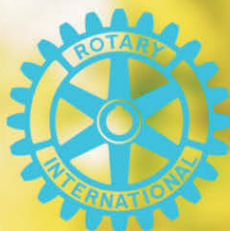
The students of PACE Learning Center having tight schedule to attend the both Thalassaemia Workshop and Anaemia Medical Camp held on 12.3.2024, in order to make them ease, the daughter Rtn Vivek Bajaj Ms Vanishri Bajaj and the niece Ms Divyanshi Bajaj

distributed cookies which were made by them to all students and support staff. This brought smiles on their faces. Thanks to Rtn Vivek Bajaj, Ms Vanishri Bajaj and Ms Divyanshi Bajaj for their gesture.



# Spring

Time to join...



Rotary 

ADVANCE



## PROJECT REPORT ON ADULT LITERACY AT SHYAMNAGAR IN ASSOCIATION WITH NGO LOTUS RESCUE

As they say, one good thing will always lead to another. One such introduction to Ms Rooplekha, heading the NGO Lotus Rescue, helped realise that sometimes intent is not enough to fulfil all the needs of so many struggling. One of the areas shared was Adult Literacy amongst many other initiatives in the village which had got stalled due to short of funds and resources.

With Rooplekha unable to accompany due to her husband's surgery made it look like a herculean task to reach the village. But after 2 hours of drive when we finally reached Shyamnagar Vidya Centre on 8.3.2024, we were welcomed with bright warm smiles that took all the stress away and in contrast to the name, Centre was a small shack where, close to 30 ladies sat together congested in anticipation of something good happening with the Rotary Banner hung on the back wall. Some had come with their kids, there were two senior citizens too and the team of NGO Rescue Lotus had organised a welcome meal with a side table and 3 chairs that barely fitted in the space.

We were surprised to see children there and President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, requested if they could help get goodies for the children and they obliged.

We wanted to ensure it was all in order before we gave it a go ahead. We discussed it in detail with the appointed teacher, one of the local girls, who has completed her higher secondary would be running the course. We went through the material with her and aligned all the ones present with the class timings and duration. They all committed to completing it and we started distributing the course material provided by RILM. To our surprise the senior citizens asked to be part of it, the ladies who have been stitching to make a living, were equally eager to learn.

One of the heart-warming moments was when a kid ran to get his mother, who came holding a baby, and he requested us to include his mother in the program. What followed were more requests, from 5 years, 13 years old children. It was not for adult literacy, but to help revive all the other activities like dancing, music, arts, and crafts, spoken English...all that had stopped due to short of funds. We took a promise that their performance in Adult Literacy program would decide the rest and they all agreed. They all left happy getting the study material and the goodies.

So, first project aims to educate 30 women through a 45-day program as prescribed by RILM. We believe we have laid the foundation of a bigger impact awaiting to be unleashed based on their enthusiasm to be the change they wish to see, as we prepare for the next activities.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**  
Hony Secretary





**PROJECT REPORT ON ADULT LITERACY AT SHYAMNAGAR IN ASSOCIATION WITH NGO LOTUS RESCUE**



**GLIMPSE OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 9.3.2024**





**GLIMPSE OF 3RD CLUB ASSEMBLY VISITED BY AG RTN SRABANEE CHAKROBORTY AND ZS RTN DIANA BANERJEE ON 9.3.2024 PRIOR TO THE VISIT OF DG RTN HIRALAL YADAV OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CLUB**



AG Rtn Srabaneer Chakraborty and ZS Rtn Diana Banerjee joined the 3rd Club Assembly



A view members attending the Club Assembly



AG Rtn Srabaneer Chakraborty addressing the members



ZS Rtn Daina Banerjee presented painting made by her to the President



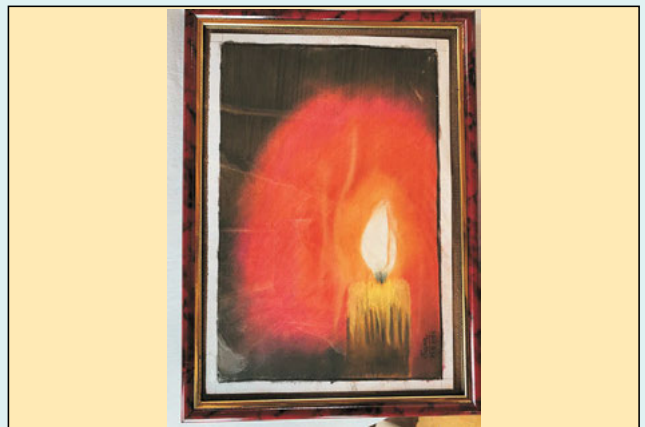
PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee gave vote of thanks



AG being felicitated by PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee



ZS Rtn Daina Banerjee presented the painting made by her



A View of painting given by ZS Rtn Daina Banerjee



## PROJECT REPORT ON TOILET BLOCK AT DAKSHINI PRAYASH, SITUATED ON SOUTH-EASTERN FRINGES OF KOLKATA

Dakshini Prayash was founded in 1993 by Mrs Nalini Mukherjee and the first building of the school named Madurdaha Satyavritti Vidhyalaya was started in 2003, by housing the students from studying under a tree and a shack, to a concrete building.

We visited this school on 7.3.2024. The student strength is close to 250plus starting from Play group to Class eight, all distributed between 2 buildings. The younger ones till fifth standard are in the first building but also missing many facilities required for the total strength.

The most important being adequate number of toilets to cater to all the children with equal strength of both boys and girls. During the inspection we realised that the existing toilets lacked the flushing system and the lesser number of toilets would lead to children standing in queue to be monitored by the teachers. The available space around the toilets allowed for the expansion and the proposed plan could include additional 3 urinals and 2

toilets, making it a total of 4 toilets and 4 urinals along with washbasins on the outside and flush system for all toilets including existing and the new ones.

The staff present were happy with the proposal and we were satisfied with the outcome of the meeting. Construction of this Toilet block will provide the relief needed urgently by the students and the staff. It is a very worthwhile project and President assured them of considering and taking up the project for execution.

For us it was about making a bigger impact with the realisation that what we take for granted as a right, feels like a privilege denied to so many. We plan to do more, right now starting by providing them this Toilet block. It will be an important step in meeting basic necessities of these little angels with a mind to educate themselves to contribute to the growth of the community.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**  
Hony Secretary



### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



**04.04.2024**

PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan

### Forthcoming Events

#### CLUB

**13.04.2024** Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony and Regular Meeting

**27.04.2024** Regular Meeting and 10th BM for RY-2023-2024

**11.05.2024** Regular Meeting

**27.05.2024** Regular Meeting and 11th BM & 4th Trust Meetings

**08.06.2024** COTS and Regular Meeting

**17.06.2024** Charter Night

**29.06.2024** Thanks Giving /Regular Meeting/12th Joint BM with RY-2024-2025

#### DISTRICT

**30.03.2024** District-3291 program "Basant Bahar" at Eastern Metropolitan Club at 6.30 PM



## FELLOWSHIP NIGHT ON 12TH MARCH 2024 AT ROOFTOP SUNNY TOWERS

Fellowship is an activity that helps the members bond closer. Music is a glue that binds all the age groups, irrespective of the background and culture. So, the second fellowship of the year 2023-24 was a soulful melodious evening with Tathagata Sengupta, with the backdrop of beautiful rooftop garden, with a pleasant weather, soothing breeze, delicious starters paired with drinks making the rounds.

The selection of old movie melodies was perfect setting for all present with their spouse and loved ones to go back in their favourite era that got many on their feet tapping to music and others going all in and pulling others to be part of the fun.

Metropolitans believe in celebrating with a purpose and this evening was no different. PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal helped unfold the story of how Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka came to the rescue of the club when 3 school projects needed support in 2011 and he took it upon himself to support them and again he has stepped up to take the responsibility of PLC as Trustee Chairman. He also highlighted how President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel's contribution of fifteen lakhs towards creating a corpus for higher education of students led to more people getting committed towards helping the school.

Late PP Rtn Sohanraj Singhvi had the vision of starting a Vocational Training Centre and he ensured it was started. His son Rtn Viren Singhvi and daughter-in-law Rtn Vinita Singhvi, who were present, expressed the intent to carry on the legacy forward of continuing the good work and were invited to inaugurate the vocational centre on its completion.

Mrs Mohanka started another trend on her 75th birthday, of all her gifts being a contribution to the PLC fund, and rounded it off to 10 lakhs before giving, followed by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and Rtn Arundhati Chatterji, doing the same for their 50th marriage anniversary celebrations. While PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal acknowledged the efforts of members going the extra mile for PLC including Rtn Rajshree Jain, Rtn Narendra Berlia, PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and yours truly, Rtn Runjhun Gupta.

Tathagata Sengupta and his wife Tanya made the night beautiful with their melodious songs and not to forget Mrs Manju Mohanka who also sang a foot tapping song, which made everyone dance. The closing session ensured some peppy songs, which made almost all to come to the floor and dance. A great evening.

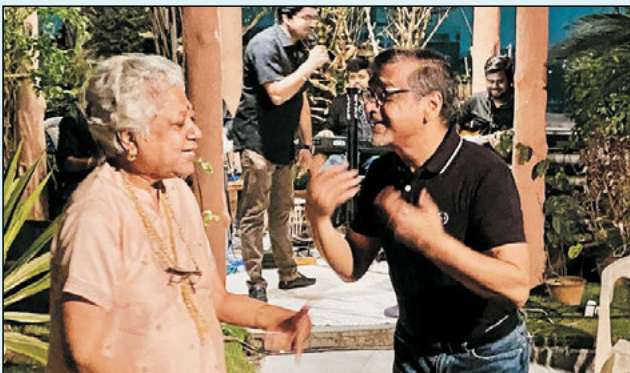
Evening ended with a delicious meal. We thank PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, his nephew, Rtn Rajshree Jain, Rtn Narendra Berlia for their contributions to PLC fund and unconditional support of Rtn Rajshree Jain, Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, Rtn Arundhati Chatterji, and President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, along with all the Metropolitans for coming together to make this evening worthy of celebration with a heart filled with gratitude, and a family called Metropolitans, becoming closer.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**  
Hony Secretary





FELLOWSHIP NIGHT ON 12TH MARCH 2024 AT ROOFTOP SUNNY TOWERS





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## MULTI DISTRICT MEET ON FOUNDATION SYMPOSIUM & RECOGNITION ON 7.3.2024

This year Multi District Meet on Foundation Symposium & Recognition was held on 7.3.2024 with various Districts participating are RID-3030, RID-3240, RID-3250, RID-3261, RID-3262 and our own RID-3291.

When presence of Chief Guest Trustee Chair Rtn Barry Rassin, naturally the meeting become important for the Rotarians and also accompanied by Vice Chair Trustee Rtn Dr Bharat Pandya. PRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta was also present. It was well attended by the DG of all District participating along with their donor and AKS Members. There was presentation by EPNC< RRFC and EMGA.

Various Club from RID-3291 contributed handsomely to the TRF to achieve the target as fixed by DG Rtn Hiralal Yadav.

From the Club, President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PE Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and Secretary Rtn Runjhun Gupta attended the above symposium and made some friends.





## PACE VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE AT PLC

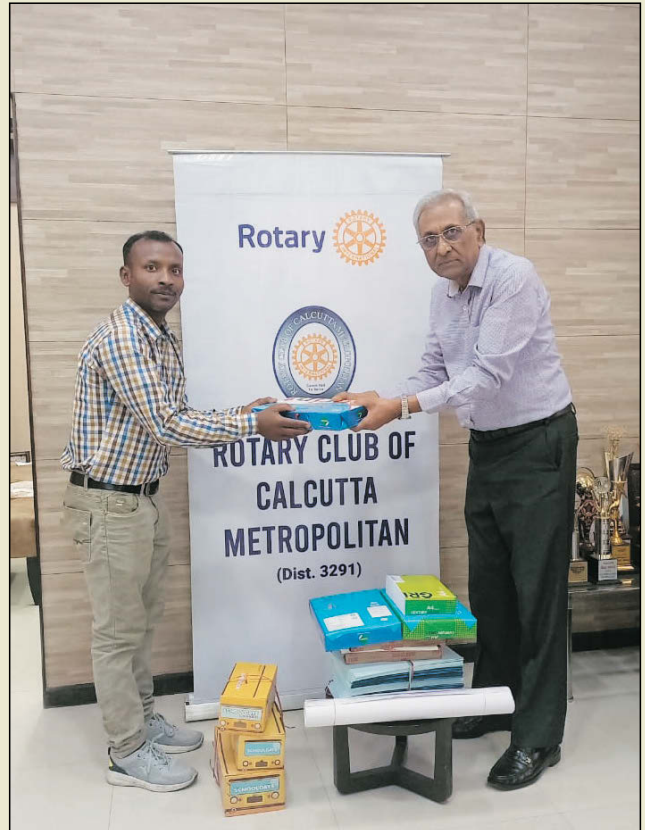
We are expecting Pace Vocational Training Centre building is likely to be completed by April-2024 end.





## DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL STATIONARIES & SHOES

President Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel on 12.3.2024 handed over the School stationaries and Shoes for the underprivileged children studying under roof at Nabadiganta leprosy Colony, Durgapur. It was a much-needed relief to the students to continue their studies.





## SOLAR PLANT AT PACE LEARNING CENTER

You will be happy to know that the installation of Solar Plant and other accessories are ready for commissioning.



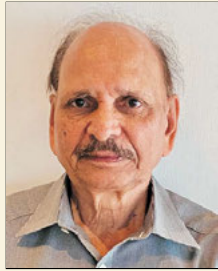


## INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

**SATISH MOHAN BANSAL**

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
AUTHORISED DEALERS

**PROPOSED BY:**  
RTN RAKESH KUMAR GOEL



**VANITA GANGULI**

**CLASSIFICATION:**  
CONSULTANT &  
EDUCATIONIST

**PROPOSED BY:**  
RTN RAKESH KUMAR GOEL



## The Objective of Rotary



The Objective of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

### First

The development of acquaintance as an opportunity to service;

### Second

High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

### Third

The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

### Fourth

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



## ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT



### As a Rotarian, I will

1. Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviors and activities
2. Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
3. Conduct all of my personal, business and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
4. Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
5. Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
6. Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
7. Honor the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
8. Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

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