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1705TH REGULAR MEETING

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We Welcome

PRESIDENT DR RTN SEBANTI GOSWAMI
AND MEMBERS OF ROTARY CLUB OF
CALCUTTA CHARNOCK CITY
FOR THE JOINT MEETING



PRESIDENT DR RTN SEBANTI GOSWAMI
OF RC OF CALCUTTA CHARNOCK CITY

KNOW YOUR SPEAKER DR PUSHPA LODHA



Dr. Pushpa Lodha was born in an educated progressive family in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Decades back also the family which made no differentiation between its boys and girls put her in an English medium convent, Sophia School where she spent the first 12 years of her life. Also, they wholeheartedly supported her childhood dream of becoming a doctor. She finished her MBBS and later specialization in Paediatrics from S.N.Medical College, Jodhpur.

Later in life she chose to get married to a Paediatrician husband who has always supported and helped her pursue her career.

She has been an active practicing Paediatrician in Kolkata for over 45 years now. She enjoys handling new-borns and interacting with new moms, who, find a friendly, motherly figure in her.

She was actively associated with the running of the Charitable clinic at Jyotirmai for over 35 years helping the underprivileged children. Has been felicitated by Jyotirmai club and Marudhara club too.

Blessed with a sense of humour she likes to lighten up moments and tries to ease the worry of people and parents around her. Enjoys reading, cracking jokes, music and singing for self-pleasure (swantah sukhay). Obsessed with regular exercise.

REPORT ON 1ST CLUB ASSEMBLY HELD ON 5.7.2025

President Rtn Rajshree Jain started the proceedings in presence of AG Rtn Dr Abhijit Banerjee and ZS Rtn Sudeshna Banerjee of Zone-14 for RY-2025-2026. The purpose of calling the 1st Club Assembly is so that respective Directors/Chairmen let the members know about the proposed programs or projects during the current year subject to the approval of the Board.

President requested following Chairman cum Directors to present his objectives/vision for the RY-2025-2026:

1. IPP & Chief Aide to Pres	-	IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
2. President Elect	-	Rtn Runjhun Gupta
3. Treasurer	-	PP Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal
4. Club Administration	-	Rtn Nabanita Sen
5. Membership	-	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee
6. Public Image & Relation	-	Rtn Narendra Berlia
7. Service- (Medical)	-	PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia
8. Service-II (Non-Medical)	-	PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel
9. Statutory & Legal matters)	-	PP Rtn Subir Roy
10. Literacy	-	Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal
11. Youth	-	Rtn Poulomi Dutta
12. Chief Ambassador	-	PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee

PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal presented vision on behalf of Rtn Dr VK Nevatia on medical services. Since Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, Rtn Narendra Berlia, Rtn Pradip Kumar Agarwal were not present in the meeting, hence they could not share their objectives.

President Rtn Rajshree Jain felicitated both AG Rtn Dr Abhijit Banerjee and ZS Rtn Sudeshna Banerjee.

President discussed about the sponsorship of the Club bulletin Metro Voice. IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia mentioned that per edition of Metro Voice cost club approx. After Rs 2000/-. After discussions, to ensure continuity of releasing edition of Metro voice, club members present in the meeting decided to contribute for edition of it as follows

1. PP Rtn Subir Dutta	-	1
2. Rtn Dr Abhay Kumar	-	1
3. PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta	-	1
4. PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel	-	2
5. Rtn Poulomi Dutta	-	3
6. PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji	-	1
7. Rtn Nabanita Sen	-	1
8. PP Rtn Roshni Beriala	-	1
9. Rtn Narendra Berlia	-	1
10. Rtn Runjhun Gupta	-	1
11. Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal	-	1
12. President Rtn Rajshree Jain	-	1
13. PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal	-	1

Following new features will be published in MV edition: -

- Pictures of members' Birthday/Anniversary
- Member's professional profile in brief
- Family members' achievement
- Recap of Past Projects
- E-Card circulation on WA for Birthday/anniversary greetings

Rtn Madan Mohanka briefed about his vision on taking PACE Learning Centre School at par with any other reputed schools in Kolkata. For this, if required, he has committed to donate Rs 5 Cr in next 3 years.

GLIMPSE OF REGULAR MEETING & 1ST CLUB ASSEMBLY OF RY-2025-2026 ON 5.7.2025



President Rtn Rajshree Jain conducting the meeting



A view of Head table with AG and ZS for Zone-14



A view of members attending the meeting



President feliciating IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia



Rtn Runjhun Gupta updating about the activities at PLC



Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal addressing the members



PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta upadting about Barasat Schools



PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel updating members about Chaaya Animal Hospital Project

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PP Rtn Subir Dutta talking about Statutory matters



Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka as Chief Mentor addressing the audience



Rtn Poulomi Dutta addressing the members



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal updating about the Foundation



PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji as Club Trainer



ZS Rtn Sudeshna Banerjee addressing the members



AG Rtn Dr Abhijit Banerjee in his address



Celebration of Marriage Anniversary of Rtn Dr Abhay Kumar and Ann Dr Suman Kumari

SUNDAY MORNING WELL SPENT – FREEMASONRY & OUTREACH MISSION BY RID-3291

What a way to start early morning on 20th July, 2025 when there were two interesting sessions. The first was a rare chance to "Get a Sneak Preview of Freemasonry", which was exclusive for Rotarians and outlined the history of Freemasonry and how it influenced both Rotary and Lions movements. This was followed by Brainstorming Session under its Outreach Mission of the District Public Image Committee RY 2025-26.

Our very own PP Rtn Subir Dutta, who is also the Assistant District Grand Master of the District Grand Lodge of Bengal, the oldest Masonic District outside the British Isles in his Master Class spoke about the History of Freemasonry. Most people present wanted to find out what was secretive about Freemasons and the myths were dispelled by PP Rtn. Subir during his presentation in full Masonic Regalia. He mentioned that it was Masonic principal that they did not publicly speak about their Charity initiatives unlike Rotary. Definitely as very commendable principle. The surprise of the morning was when the Assistant District Grand Master escorted all of us to the Masonic Temple, which is rare for the public.

The other session was first of its kind Brainstorming under the Outreach Mission- 2025-2026 to understand the real issues faced by Rotary and Rotary Clubs in dealing with the media and communicating their service projects and discuss on probable ways ahead. There was panel discussion by representatives from both

print and electronic media to find the ways how the good work done by the Rotary can be communicated to the community at large. This session was inaugurated by PRID PP Rtn. Aniruddha Roy Chowdhury along with the District Public Image Chair PP Rtn. Subhojit Roy and PP Rtn. Subir Dutta who highlighted the problem in hand and introduced the themes for the day. The highly information panel discussion was moderated by PP Rtn. Samrat Sengupta. This was followed by PP Rtn. Subhojit Roy highlighting 3 cases where Rotary had been effectively able to communicate their efforts to the masses in general which enhanced the Public Image of Rotary. The last session was an interactive session conducted by PP Rtn. Aanton Mookerjee highlight how Clubs need to concentrate on building up their image and propagate their service projects.

District Governor Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri spoke meaningfully on how to control Thalassemia. A brief clip was shown. He is very passionate on this subject and would like to see all Clubs in the District take the program on Thalassemia and hoped that with the support of the media in the next 5 years the total number of Thalassemia cases can be reduced by half in West Bengal. He also mentioned that efforts were on to spread this message to the other part of the country. In a positive side, the response is very encouraging by the Clubs to create greater awareness amongst the community.



SUNDAY MORNING WELL SPENT – FREEMASONRY & OUTREACH MISSION BY RID-3291



KNOW YOUR MEMBER- DR ABHAY KUMAR



Dr Abhay Kumar born in a small village in Garhwa district of Jharkhand on 05.06.1980. He completed his early education from Patna, Bhubaneswar, Ranchi. He completed MBBS

from SCB Medical college Cuttack (Orissa) in 2003.

Further academic training from AIIMS (New Delhi) VSS Medical College Burla, Sambalpur for KEM Hospital, Mumbai. Worked in Jaslok Hospital & Research Centre, Mumbai. Trained in Uro Oncology and working experience as Specialist Registrar in Tata Memorial hospital, Mumbai, He is among a very few trained Uro-Oncologists in India.

Established the department of Uro-Oncology and Robotic surgery at Narayana Super speciality Hospital, Howrah and worked there as Head of the department from 2015 to 2021. Established the department fo Uro-Oncology and Robotic Surgery at Medica Super speciality hospital Kolkata and working there as HOD of Urology, Surgical Oncology and Robotic Surgery since 2021.

With Over 12 years of experience Dr. Abhay Kumar has performed umpteen number of Urology and Uro - Oncology Surgeries and the robotic Surgery in public

domain and is instrumental in making it more popular in eastern India. He holds life time membership of Association of surgeons of India, Urological society of India, Robotic Urology Forum, Genito-urinary Cancer Surgeons of India.

Dr. Abhay Kumar has a vision to make the best healthcare available to common people at affordable price which is locally available so that people don't has to travel to far off places.

His areas of interest are Cancers of Prostate, Kidney, urinary Bladder. His expertise encompasses Robotic Surgeries, Endoscopic surgeries. He is the pioneer of Neobladder surgeries (artificial bladder for bladder cancer patients) in eastern India.

He has established a Bladder Cancer support Group and Prostate cancer support group in Kolkata to help these patients and their families.

Invited as faculty at many national and international conferences and presented his experience and knowledge. He was awarded pioneer of healthcare east 2020- by times of India. Awarded with Urology Masters award in 2022 at Hyderabad.

Wife- Dr Suman Kumari is a senior consultant Gynaecologist and Robotic surgeon at Manipal Hospital Kolkata and elder daughter is pursuing graduation in clinical psychology and younger son is 12 years old.

REPORT ON ROTARY MEANS BUSINESS FELLOWSHIP KOLKATA CHAPTER EAST INDIA SUMMIT-2025

DAY-1

Rotary Means Business Fellowship Kolkata Chapter East India Business Summit-2025 is being held for two days under RID-3291. An excellent connect Summit for Rotarians Entrepreneurs who do business amongst themselves. Highly impressed which need more Rotarians Entrepreneurs to join to make it huge successful. Today there some excellent speakers like PDGs Rtn Raj Kumar Rajgaria and Rtn Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, my friend Mr Jimmy Tangree, Head of Friends 91.9 FM from the days of Times FM (now Radio Mirchi) meeting him after ages, Chancellor and Vice Chancellor of UEM, IPS Shri Anish Sarkar, DCP, Bidhannagar and excellent presentation by Rtn Dr Purnendu Roy-Surgeon & Founder of Genesis Hospital on "Are Entrepreneurs born or can they be created" and there were other speakers also. The man behind this show is none other than Rtn Kaushik Sen, Chairman of Rotary Means Business Fellowship Kolkata Chapter and his team and nicely conducted by Emcee Rtn Arpita Chatterjee. The session also gave the opportunity to Stall owners to introduce themselves and about their business followed by Musical performance by Rtn Ranjan Roy. Kudos to Rtn Kaushik Sen for such a impactful summit, who needs more support.

DAY-2

It was relaxed day at Rotary Means Business Fellowship Kolkata Chapter East India Business Summit-2025. Our DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri spoke on his

pet subject Thalassemia "Zero Thalassemia Movement" and especially inviting attention of the students of University of Engineering & Management. An opportunity to meet Galaxy of PDGs like Rtn Ravi Sehgal, Rtn Jhulan Basu, Rtn Shyamashree Sen, Rtn Sudip Mukherjee and Rtn Prabir Chatterjee as well as PP Rtn Binod Khaitan. Some interesting session like The Rotary Network, Need for Financial Wellness, Life Beyond Cancer, IDEA to IPO, Whispers of Wellness, AI: Friend, Foe or Force Multiplier, Fashion Show etc. Free Thalassemia test was done. Some new become RMB members. Thanks to the RMB for bringing excellent speakers.

By IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia





Congratulations!

TO **PP UTPAL CHATTERJEE**

"THE GLOBAL PEACEBUILDER FROM ROTARY"

I just got a call from London. The caller was Sir Robin Marsh, Secretary General of the Universal Peace Federation (the equivalent of UNO). He invited me to London for being recognized as "The Global Peace Builder from Rotary." This after being the most effective closing speaker at their major Peacebuilding seminar in the current international scenario. Thought this little piece of news would surely please all Metropolitans.

A LOOK AT ARCHIVE PROJECTS - INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH

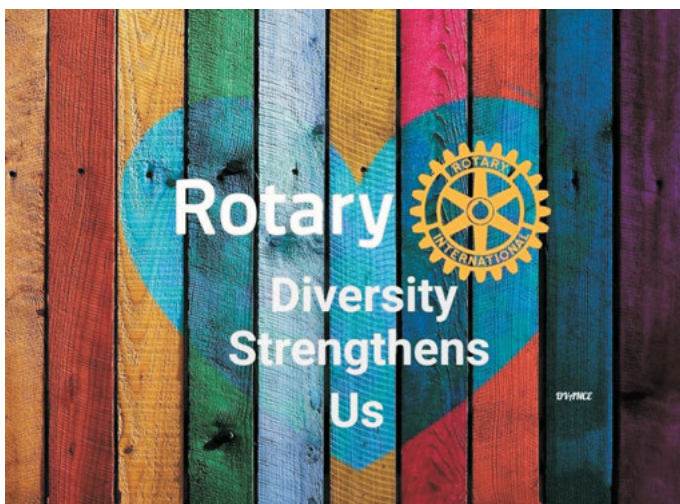
Institute of Child Health (ICH) didn't have Neonatal ventilators. They requested us in the RY-2011 for setting up a neonatal critical care unit.

We provided them two neonatal ventilators and two CPAP machines these machines under Matching Grant # 74529 of USD \$ 56,742 of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) supported by the Rotary International Clubs as partner, which were RC of Simi Sunrise, RC of Moorpark, RC of Thousand Oaks and RC of West Lake Village Sunrise of RID-5240, California, USA. Eventually a new Neonatal ITU Ward was started at ICH.

Since then, it has been able to save at least twenty new born babies every year. The ventilators are still working. Hospital is maintaining the equipment. That is the sustainability.

This is one example of the MAGIC OF ROTARY

	Cash (US\$)	DDF (US\$)	Total (US \$)
RC Cal Metropolitan	17,914		
District 5240		6,000	
Simi Sunrise	7,414		
Moorpark	500		
Westlake Village Sunrise	2,000		
Thousand Oaks	2,000		
Subtotals, Cash and DDF	29,828	6,000	35,828
Total funds requested from TRF (must be at least US\$5,000)	14,914	6,000	20,914
Total project financing			56,742



**IT DOES NOT MATTER
IF YOU ARE A ROTARIAN OR NOT,
you have benefited from Rotary!**

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safer, healthier and better place to be.*

If you only knew
*what the "Rotary Foundation" has done,
you would consider it your favorite charity.*

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REPORT ON SISTER CYRIL MOONEY DAY CELEBRATED ON 21ST JULY 2025 AT PLC

A personality I wish I met, an aura I wish I had a chance to witness and a beautiful soul, I wish I had a conversation knowing what made her so committed to her purpose and gave her the courage to make it happen despite the odds. One topic we would have in common is our love for fairy tales for creating the faith in hope and magic in miracles, something I am told that she used as an escape during her confinement in her last years. But what is commendable is the courage to make such a huge impact in a country she was not born in, overcoming the challenge of the underprivileged not getting access to basic education by introducing 'Rainbow programme' housing street children, because she believed every child deserved to learn, to dream, to be seen. She strengthened men and women in the slums with 'barefoot teachers training' so they could live the life of dignity and make a difference to the country.

PLC teachers were blessed to be personally trained by her and the impact of her learning remains as was shared by the teachers, Sweta Patra, Soma Dey, Shampa Bairagi, Modhumita Prasad, Dolon Halder. The most heartfelt and personal sharing was by PLC President, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji who had the privilege to know her closely and shared the heart-warming stories including the one where Sister Cyril refused to take money for the 2-year long Teachers training program she conducted for the teachers at PLC, even if it meant moving around in wheel chair and walker. This is what we wanted the children, teachers, and staff at PLC to know and celebrate her commitment, dedication, and contribution.

On her 89th birthday, as a gratitude, every year, 21st July, Sister Cyril's birthday will be celebrated at PLC as 'Sister Cyril Day'. This year, it was opened with a welcome message from RCCM President Rtn Rajshree Jain, read by PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, as she could not be there due to her travel.

Every year on Sister Cyril Day, we would be recognising a 'Giver,' a student and or a teacher who has given back to the school and done little extra beyond their line of duty and service. The nomination was this year is 'Dolon Halder,' a student from PLC who is currently a teacher contributing back to the school, where she got the support for her education. She was also given a monetary reward of Rs 10,000/-. It was more special as she is one of the teachers trained by Sister Cyril. We also celebrated the PLC Alumni, by welcoming the ex-students and forming a PLC Alumni Club, who are working on the first e-magazine for school.

We ensured every student, teacher, staff, guest present left taking the oath of being a 'Giver' helping others and serving the school, community, and the country. Everyone wished her a 'heavenly happy birthday,' but somehow it felt like she was there celebrating with us, whistling away, riding the scooter with her nun cap flying in the wind. It was a wonderful celebration getting to know her through others, blessed to experience her presence.

By Pn Rtn Runjhun Gupta



CELEBRATION OF SISTER CYRIL DAY AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE (PLC)



MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



28.07.2025

Rtn Jayanta Kumar Neogi
and Ann Jayanti



Rotary AS A TREE

Youth Service	Flowers
Community Service	Leaves
International Service	Branches
Vocational Service	Trunk
Club Service	Roots

foundation of an active club & absence kills the club
FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE

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Forthcoming Events

CLUB

- 27.07.2025** Medical Check-up and Blood Donation Camp for students and their Parents PLC at 11.00 AM. Ispat Co-operative Hospital will provide all the facilities.
- 02.08.2025** Regular Meeting at The Kenilworth Hotel at 2.00 PM. Guest Speaker will be Dr Rajeev Agarwal
- 10.08.2025** 39th Installation Meeting at The Kenilworth Hotel at 6.30 PM. DGE Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya will be Chief Guest. Guest of Honour will be Shri M L Lohia
- 15.08.2025** Joint Regular Meeting with Mahavir Seva Sadan at 20, Ekbalpore Lane, Kolkata-700023 at 11.00 AM. DG Rtn Ramendu Homchaudhuri will be the Chief Guest

DISTRICT

- 03.08.2025** Interactive Workshop with New/ Prospective Rotarians at Nehru Children's Museum at 9.30 AM
- 17.08.2025** District Award-2025 "Sammanam" at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium

INSTALLATION OF INTERACT CLUB COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 2025-26

The Interact Club of our school ushered in a new era of leadership with the installation of office bearers for the year 2025-2026, held on 21st July. This event marked a significant milestone in the club's continued journey of service, leadership, and commitment to social welfare.

The installation ceremony was graced by PLC president Rtn. Jayanta Chatterji and President nominee Rtn. Runjhun Gupta and the Interact Club Coordinator, Ms. Shilpa Garai, along with several teachers and all club members. Following a democratic election process, the newly elected office bearers were officially inducted into their respective roles. The new team comprises:

President : **Krishna Mistry (Class XI)**

Vice President : **Rani Karmakar (Class X)**

Secretary : **Barsha Dalui (Class IX)**

Treasurer : **Payel Mondal (Class XI)**

Directors:

- **Kankana Das (Class VII)**
- **Arpita Barman (Class VIII)**
- **Barsha Naskar (Class IX)**
- **Amina Khatoon (Class X)**
- **Kabita Halder (Class XI)**

The outgoing committee-led by Ex-President Rupsa Das, Ex-Vice President Priya Sardar, Ex-Secretary Purnima Mondal, and Ex-Treasurer Rani Karmakar-graciously passed on their duties and badges to the new office bearers, ensuring a smooth and symbolic transition of responsibility.

The Interact Club has always stood as a beacon of youth-led community service and civic engagement. In past years, members have actively participated in numerous social initiatives aimed at community development and awareness. The new team has expressed a strong commitment to continue this legacy with renewed vigour, focusing on hands-on involvement and impactful outreach programs.

With their energy, vision, and dedication, the newly inducted members are poised to take the club to greater heights. We are confident that they will inspire and lead their peers in making meaningful contributions to both school and society.

Congratulations to the newly elected Interact Club Committee! We wish them great success in all their future endeavours.

Mahashweta Maity

Vice Principal, PACE Learning Centre



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