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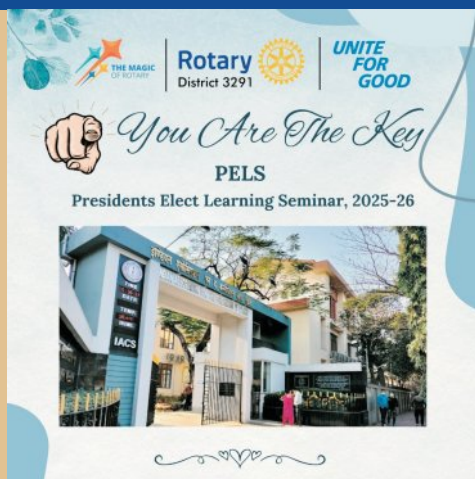
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1696TH REGULAR MEETING

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PRESIDENT ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR-2025-2026 ATTENDED BY PE RTN RAJSHREE JAIN



KNOW YOUR SPEAKER RTN DR ABHAY KUMAR



Dr. Abhay Kumar, MBBS, MS, DNB (Genitourinary Surgery), SR Uro Oncology (TMH Mumbai) is a senior urologist, Uro-Oncologist and Robotic Surgeon based in Kolkata. He is presently Head of the Department of Urology and Surgical Oncology & Robotic surgery at Medica SuperSpeciality Hospital, Kolkata.

After completing urology training from Jaslok Hospital in Mumbai & UroOncology training from Tata Medical Hospital in Mumbai, He joined Narayana Health & established the department of UroOncology at Narayana Superspeciality Hospital Howrah and started the first Robotic Surgery (4th Gen) at Narayana Hospital.

With over 12 years of experience, he has performed more than 6000 urological & UroOncological surgeries. Invited at many national and international events, meetings and delivered his talks and shared his experiences. He was awarded with Pioneer of Healthcare award 2020 for his contribution in field of UroOncology in eastern India. He is also the founder of Bladder & Prostate Cancer support group in Kolkata. His areas of expertise include cancers of bladder, kidney, prostate, testis & penile cancers. He has special interest in artificial bladder (Neo-bladder) surgery for bladder cancer and Robotic Surgery.

TOPIC: ARE YOUR KIDNEY OKAY: LET'S DISCUSS

BASANT BAITHAK: FELLOWSHIP AT TERRACE OF SUNNY TOWERS ON 22.3.2025

On 22nd March 2025, like every year, PP Rtn. Jayanta Chatterjee and his better half, Rtn. Arundhati Chatterjee, conducted fellowship at their humble abode, Sunny Towers on Terrace. We, Metropolitans every year look forward to this event as it has something different charm and bonding brings amongst members and Guests.

The evening was curated with wonderful music, drinks, lip-smacking starters, food, and wonderful conversations and performances. Additionally, the weather of the city turned romantic with a sudden drop in temperature and a wonderful breeze.

Renowned and very talented singer Tathagata Sengupta wove the evening with his wonderful voice as he started singing songs from the 70s and 80s, mainly written and composed by the late Shri Madan Mohan ji. The surprise of the day was participation of cute little child Ms Portia Sengupta, daughter of Tathagata Sengupta to join his father in singing. Later, many Rotarians rendered their performance by singing alongside him. PP Rtn Dr. Naresh Goel sang a Gazal by Jagjit Singh ji; Rtn Rajshree Jain sang "aapki nazron ne samjha, Rtn Dr Poulomi Dutta and Rtn. Runjhun Gupta also performed on different genres with musicians. Metropolitans and Guests enjoyed the dancing while singers were belting out popular songs.

Later, PP. Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel mesmerized everyone with his beautiful rendition and elaboration on a very beautiful and famous poem, "Madhushala," written by Late Shri Harivansh Rai Bachchan Ji.

All the Rotarians, their spouses, and guests actively participated and enjoyed the evening. We had a wonderful birthday celebration for PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar by cake cutting and singing a birthday song with his better half.

Everyone enjoyed a wide, exquisite continental dinner spread with beautiful songs in a loop sung by Tathagata Sengupta. He concluded the evening with a very nostalgic Rabindra Sangeet, "Purano shei diner kotha."

It was indeed a fun-filled, vibrant, and unforgettable celebration and fellowship that evening. Thanks to PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji and Rtn Arundhati boudi for making elaborate arrangement thus making the evening very lively.

By Rtn Poulomi Mullick



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INAUGURATION OF MSS REHABILITATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE ON 22.3.2025

We were invited for the inauguration of MSS Rehabilitation and Research Centre, Joka. It's huge campus. We are associated with them by providing equipment for the Rehabilitation of Cerebral Palsy Children amounting to USD 1,07,144/- under Global Grant under Rotary International converting to INR-75,00,000/-.

The Ceremony was attended by high profile Gurus and eminent leaders from the Community and all arrangement were elaborately done. Another Jewel

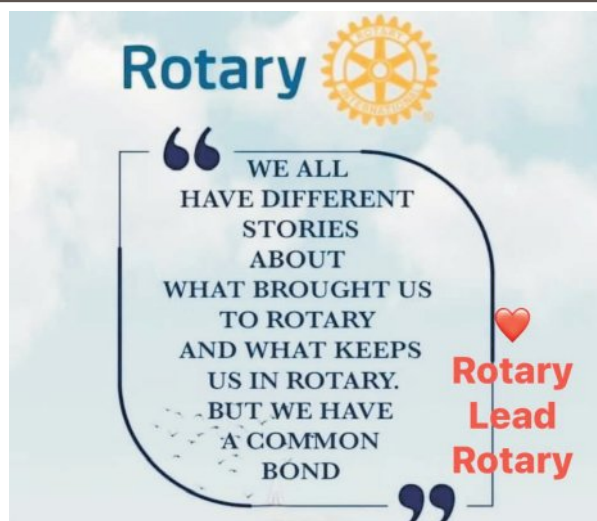
crown for Mahavir Seva Sadan. Our heartiest Congratulation of President Emeritus Shri J S Mehta and their President Shri Vijay Choraria and the team of MSS.

RCCM was represented by the President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PE Rtn Rajshree Jain, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia and Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal. Our Club was recognized as Partner to this project in the ceremony.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

04.04.2025 PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan



Forthcoming Events

CLUB

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| 12.04.2025 | Regular Meeting at 2.00 PM. Guest Speaker Dt Shreyoshi Bhaumick, who will speak on topic: DIET AND LIFESTYLE MANAGEMENT |
| 19.04.2025 | Regular Meeting |
| 26.04.2024 | Regular Meeting at 2. 00 PM. Visit by AG and ZS to the 3rd Club Assembly, which is mandatory prior to the visit by DG Official visit to the Club |
| 03.05.2025 | DG Official visit to the Club at The Conclave at 2.00 PM |
| 24.05.2025 | Regular Meeting |
| 07.06.2025 | Regular Meeting & COTS |
| 17.06.2025 | Charter Night & Thanks Giving Day |
| 24.06.2025 | Installation & Regular Meeting |
| 29.06.2025 | Joint Board Meeting |

REPORT ON MEETING WITH ROTARY CLUB OF SINGAPORE AT JW MARRIOTT ON 20TH MARCH 2025 BY VP RTN RUNJHUN GUPTA

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much," this saying by Helen Keller best describes the impact created by the Rotary community when they come together across the globe. One such activity is Global Grant where the clubs pool in resources to support for projects they feel aligned with.

For Metropolitans, PLC school is an emotional joint venture between Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan and PACE Universal. PACE Universal is an NGO in USA headed by Rtn Deepa Biswas, founder PLC (PACE learning school). As newly appointed Director for PACE Universal and VP RCCM, it was a privilege to share the journey of PLC, spanning over 21 years and association with RCCM over 18 years, to eminent guests DGE Rtn Shahul Hameed of RID-3310, CRFC Rtn Tapan Rao, Rtn. Mohan Vaswani, Rtn Patricia Driver and Rtn Kishin Aswani from Rotary Club of Singapore, Our Sister Club, thanks to the efforts by our PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, also President PLC. Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka, Founder and Chairman, Tega Industries Ltd, also Chairman The PACE India foundation, was present providing continuous guidance. President RCCM, Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, IPP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PE Rtn Rajshree Jain, PP Rtn Harsh Rungta were in attendance too.

We shared the journey, the future vision, and the need for Global grant for achieving the same. It was well received and post the exchange of ideas, addressing queries, they agreed to be part of the growth story of PLC and made a commitment to support with the Global

Grant through their global network and expressed desire to collaborate implementing some of the good practices of PLC.

It was a productive meeting and we look forward to working together to create bigger impact as a team. Grateful for the opportunity to represent RCCM and PLC, as this project is a pride of Metropolitans.

RCCM PRESIDENT added that Rtn Runjhun Gupta made a excellent Power Point presentation on PACE Learning Centre and spoke with such clarity that our Guests from Rotary Club of Singapore were highly impressed and agreed to support as International Partner for Global Grant. Dear Runjhun, you deserve a round of applause.



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A REVIEW OF BARASAT SCHOOLS ON 18.3.2025

Under 3-H Matching Grants almost two decades back, we undertook various projects to address Health, Hunger and Humanity under 3-H Matching Grants at Joypul, Sardapally and Nabapally in Barasat under 24-North Parganas.

This was a unique project in Rotary International, which was later on became a role model for other Rotary Clubs. This project Integrated Village Development with Literacy, Vocational Training, Health Care, Micro Credit, Water & Sanitation, Tree plantation and other Infrastructure for four village at Barasat and Piyali. The total cost of these projects came to approx. Rs. 1.51 crore 20 years ago.

For more than one decade, the above 3 Schools are being run under CSR by Tega Industries Ltd. Suffice to say, the schools blossomed under the guidance of renowned philanthropist Rtn. MM Mohanka, founder of Tega Ind. He not only funded the entire operation, he also introduced the latest teaching methods and made sure all the latest teaching aids were provided. It was due to this the schools blossomed and become one of the most sought-after schools in the area. Unfortunately, due to certain technical issues Tega is not able to look after the schools directly and has requested RCCM to help.

1. 279 students at Joypul Nandanik Shikshyatan, Joypul

2. 191 students at Rotary Sarada Shishu Shiksha Niketan, Chaltaberia

3. 126 students at Nabapally Primary School, Nabapally

There is approx. 600+ students from Primary, UKG, LKG and 1-4. We had extensive discussions with Principal of all three Schools as well with teachers to get overall feedback for their current needs and for requirements for sustained future growth.

President Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia, PP Rtn. Harsh V Rungta, Advisor for the above Schools, PE Rtn. Rajshree Jain and accompanied by the CSR Manager, Shri Ranjit Kumar Das of Tega Industries Ltd. to help us for smooth running of the schools.

Needless to say, these schools are a fulfilling a core need of the villagers. And the vision of Rtn Madan Mohanka Sir is alive and kicking. Our vision is that these schools keep imparting world class knowledge and give the country bright and outstanding citizens.

As Rabindranath himself put it, "We have come to this world to accept it, not merely to know it. We may become powerful by knowledge but we attain fulness by sympathy. The highest education is that which does not merely give us information but makes our life in harmony with all existence" (Tagore, 1917, P. 142)

We request all members who want to be a part of this vision to contact the President.

GLIMPSE OF JOYPUL NANDANIK SHIKSHYATAN, JOYPUL



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GLIMPSE OF ROTARY SARADA SHISHU SHIKSHA NIKETAN, CHALTABERIA



GLIMPSE OF NABAPALLY PRIMARY SCHOOL, NABAPALLY



WHAT IS ROTARY

- #1 **SERVICE ORGANIZATION** the PLANET
- Instrumental in the CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
- THIS CLOSE to eradicating POLIO FROM THE WORLD
- Is a community of **1.4 MILLION MEMBERS** in over 200 countries
- Brings people together from all backgrounds, religions & nationalities as a collective whole to **SERVE & TRANSFORM** the world
- Charity Navigator has ranked the "The Rotary Foundation" with a 4-star rank for over 13 years in a row

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

WHAT WE DO

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water & sanitation
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies
- Protecting the environment
- Share cultures



Rotary is a **trusted partner and resource**. With members and projects in almost every part of the globe, **there's no limit to the good we can do**. Come join us!

REPORT ON CLIMATE REFUGEES: UNCERTAINTY AND INSECURITY BY DR SWATI NANDI CHAKRABORTY ON 8.3.2025

Dr Swati Nandi Chakraborty, an environment enthusiast and researcher with proficiency on implementation of sustainable development. She did her PhD in Environment Biotechnology, received UNESCO fellowship, west Bengal state chair, President for Nature foundation.

She helped define how the term 'Environment refugee' came into being in 1976, which later got refined to 'Climate refugees,' a terminology which stands for people who are forced to relocate due to natural disasters like floods, cyclones, fire, earthquakes in most cases losing their homes and even means of livelihood. One of the key factors of this being climate change and a major contributor to the temperature change are activities by human beings like burning of the fossil fuels and many others, adding pollutants to our environment. 2024, West Bengal recorded the maximum rise in the temperature and expected to rise further in 2025 during summer. Bangladesh being the most affected climate change country, also impacting as neighbour. The activity of depositing solid waste in the local area adds methane and carbon dioxide to air, which also adds to increase in air and water borne diseases. She also highlighted that the sufferers are both genders with disrupted childhood, but women tend to go through lot more trauma, as they are more vulnerable to trafficking and abuse. The last year itself

saw 7,60,000 children displaced due to cyclones only, six times more than the numbers in 2009.

The solution lies with sustainable development and planned movement with both the government and communities working together towards this cause, where prevention is the focus where mobility of migration is created ahead of calamities. There needs to be infrastructure setups providing basic resources including clean water to avoid exploitation, fulfilling hygiene and sanitation needs along with guidance to recreate safe space, counselling on mental health, education institutions and communities like Rotary joining hands in making this cause a project focus to help create better environment for our future generations.

It was an eye-opening insight, highlighting human suffering being a price paid for depleting natural resources, and dumping waste creating a hazardous environment leading to climate change, which led to the increase in natural calamities that continues to displace men, women, children creating climate refugees. Thank you, President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, for inviting the guest speaker for the much-needed information to understand the urgency to come together to make the world a better and safe space.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta



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REPORT ON WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION ON 9TH MARCH, 2025

In words of Vivekanand, "All nations have attained greatness by paying proper respect to women. That country that nation which do not respect women have never become great, nor will be in future. Carrying the ethos of respecting the women of the club and associated clubs like the Inner wheel club, PLC teachers along with the lady club members were given a warm welcome and thanked for their dedication and continuous support with flowers and chocolates.

The guest speaker for the day was also a lady, Dr Swati Nandi Chakraborty, an environment enthusiast, and researcher who gave an insight on climate refugees. The icing on the cake was the pipeline of four new members, all being women. The lady guests were asked to share their thoughts. The teachers of PLC

shared their views with a beautiful poem with the title, "The lady who desires to become a boss, deserves it, but is she really is?"

Ms Shatabdi Bhattacharjee, Principal South City International College, shared a hopeful note about focusing on the good and how we can make it greater, by educating our children especially boys. Ms Shipra Mehta, in the process of becoming a member was also introduced and welcomed to the club meeting. The day belonged to the women and it culminated with cake cutting and lot of pampering, cheering, a little fun teasing and lot of encouragement from the amazing gentlemen of the Metropolitan club. A heartfelt gratitude on behalf of all the women Metropolitan.

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta



REPORT ON WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION ON 9TH MARCH, 2025



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 7.3.2025

The PACE Learning Centre community came together to celebrate International Women's Day in the school auditorium. The event was a collaborative effort by the Interact Club, students, teachers, and staff.

Two inspiring short films highlighting the significance of girls' education and women's empowerment are shown on Smartboards which sparked meaningful discussions among the students.

A group activity encouraged students to express their thoughts on women through creative slogans, promoting teamwork and creativity.

Our teacher, Gargi Majumder, delivered a poignant speech commemorating the incident of Avaya,

emphasizing the importance of women's rights and empowerment.

This year, our lady teachers wore red attire, symbolizing courage and protest, to show solidarity with women worldwide. Chitra Ma'am explained the significance of international women's contributions.

As a gestural Women's Day, its history, and why it's celebrated globally, provide valuable insights to the students. Of appreciation, small gifts were presented to the students, lady teachers, and staff, making the occasion even more special.

By Mahashweta Maity

Vice Principal, PACE Learning Centre



GLIMPSE OF RANGOLI- DISTRICT HOLI MEET ON 16.3.2025



Attending District Holi Meet



With DG AKS Rtn Dr Krsihnendu Gupta and DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury



Other participating Rotarians enjoying Rangoli



With Rtns Bhaswati Ray and Yogita Kichlu



With Rtns Bulbul Kundu and Bhaswati di



With Rtn Chandreyi Mitra



With Rtn Sreya Mukherjee and her hubbu



With PDGs Rtn Raju Ragharia, Ajay Law & Rajni Mukherji

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