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We
Welcome

VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDEE
FOR THE RY-2025-2026



SASHI DHACHOLIA

Lifetime Achievement to all Rotary
activities in the Service of Humanity



JAYANTA NEOGI

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SHARDA RAMAKRISHNAN

Lifetime Achievement for being THE VOICE
AND SHELTER OF ANIMALS OF THE WORLD



DR PUSHPA LODHA

Lifetime Achievement
in the field of Medicine

JANUARY IS ROTARY VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

KNOW YOUR AWARDEE

SASHI DHACHOLIA



Sashi Dhacholia, now retired, from his professional service after 43 years. He did his schooling in Shree Daulatram Nopany Vidyalaya and did graduation in B. Com (Honours) at The Bhawanipore Education Society. He served S N Poddar & CO (Coal Handling Agent), Kedia Group (Automobile Showroom and Workshop) and Times of India Group. He has long stint with Times of India Group for more than 30 years. He served as Chief Manager (Hospitality and Service) for Eastern region.

He joined Rotary movement in the year 2000. He served the Club in almost all capacities and served as President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan in the RY-2014-2015 & 2024-2025. He also served as Zonal Secretary in the RY-2015-2016. He is graduate from Rotary Leadership Institute in the RY-2020-2021. He was Advisor to Rotary Peace Fellowship in the RY-2022-2023. Presently he is serving RID-3291 as Chairman- Renewable Energy Committee for RY-2025-2026. Further, he will be Assistant Governor for the RY-2026-2027.

Being connected with Media Group, he was the Editor of the Club Bulletin Metro Voice for several years. He was Associate Member of Calcutta Management Association. During his college days, he also served as President of the Jaycee Club

Happily married to Sandhya and having two sons and one daughter, all married.

SHARDA RAMAKRISHNAN



Sharda Radhakrishnan, an ardent animal lover, has dedicated her life to the welfare of animals, single-handedly running the Chhaya Animal Hospital & Shelter under PRCA since 2008. She holds a BSc and MSc in Botany from Delhi University and a BEd from the Centre for Education, Delhi University. Sharda's early career saw her imparting knowledge as a PGT Biology teacher in prestigious New Delhi schools such as Modern School, St. Thomas' School, and Ashoka Hall Higher Secondary School, where she taught from 1991 to 2008.

In 2008, Sharda founded Chhaya Animal Hospital & Shelter, channelling her boundless compassion and

dedication into creating a haven for animals in need. Her tireless efforts have transformed countless lives, providing care and shelter to animals who have no one else. Her work goes beyond just medical care; she offers love and support to each animal, treating them as if they were her own.

Sharda's unwavering commitment and selfless nature have not gone unnoticed. She was felicitated by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry in February 2012 and received The Telegraph True Legend Award in April 2018. Her contributions have also been recognized by the Akhil Bharatiya Tarapith Mahila Mandal on Women's Day in 2021, the Government of West Bengal in February 2022, the Teachers Association for Animal Rights in July 2022, and the BNG Hotel Management Institute in Kolkata in August 2023.

Sharda Radhakrishnan's life is a testament to her loving and dedicated nature. Her relentless pursuit of animal welfare, driven by her boundless love and compassion, continues to inspire many and make a significant impact in the world of animal rights and care.



HISTORIC EU-INDIA FTA DEAL:

Not just the leaders of India and EU but citizens of both the democracies are exuberant with the win-win deal in New Delhi. Once upon a time, the EU had nursed some apprehensions but today it is an altogether a different story. The deal is mind boggling and so many diplomats and senior delegates that one came across now seem privileged. I was happy to become friends of so many senior leaders, including one from Denmark, seen in the collage (above). He spoke so positively about India and when I told him, among other things, about my association with Rotary International he said: "What a privilege that you get to serve above self." That, indeed, is what civilization is all about.

By PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee

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JAYANTA NEOGI



Rotarian Jayanta Kumar Neogi | Major Donor Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan (RID 3291)

A dedicated Rotarian since 2007, Jayanta Kumar Neogi has spent 18 years embodying the spirit of "Service Above Self." As a *Major Donor*, he has played a pivotal role in the success of numerous Matching and

Global Grant projects, serving as a vital bridge between the club and its international partners.

Jayanta's Rotary journey is defined by his impactful leadership at *Piyali*, where he spearheaded the formation of local *Rotary Community Corps (RCC)* units. His efforts brought essential infrastructure to the region-including sanitation, fresh water, and micro-credit programs-and he remains a passionate advocate for female literacy through his work with the *Piyali Learning Center*.

Professionally, Jayanta is a Commerce graduate with a distinguished background in *Industrial Chemical manufacturing* and *Real Estate development*. A native of Kolkata, he balances his professional success with a deep commitment to community transformation and family life.

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.

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT- TOGETHER FOR 40 YEARS JOINT REGULAR MEETING WITH MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN ON 26.01.2026

A Great Achievement: 40 Years of Togetherness - RCCM & Mahavir Seva Sadan Joint Celebration on Republic Day On 26th January 2026, amidst pleasant winter weather bidding farewell, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan (RCCM) and Mahavir Seva Sadan (MSS) celebrated a remarkable milestone-40 years of togetherness in service to humanity. Both institutions were founded in 1986, and with this celebration, they proudly step into their 41st year of collaborative service from 27th January 2026 onward.

This enduring partnership stands as a shining example of commitment, compassion, and continuity. Every year, RCCM and MSS jointly observe Republic Day and Independence Day, making this shared journey even more meaningful.

The Republic Day celebration began with a solemn flag-hoisting ceremony led by Chief Guest DGN Rtn

Purnendu Roychowdhury and Guest of Honour Shri Kunj Behari Agarwal, in the presence of RCCM President Rtn Rajshree Jain, Metropolitans, members of Inner Wheel, beneficiaries, and distinguished guests.

The event was further graced by members of Inner Wheel of Calcutta Metropolitans and Mahavir Seva Sadan, along with numerous beneficiaries who gathered to witness this historic occasion.

In his address, Chief Guest DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury highly appreciated the sustained efforts of RCCM and MSS in serving humanity over four decades. He acknowledged their impactful initiatives including the distribution of artificial limbs and calipers, rehabilitation of post-polio syndrome survivors, support for children with cerebral palsy, provision of walkers and wheelchairs, and sponsorship of physically challenged students to help them pursue education.

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT- TOGETHER FOR 40 YEARS- JOINT REGULAR MEETING WITH MSS ON 26.01.2022

Adding a forward-looking dimension, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal shared his vision of integrating Artificial Intelligence into ongoing rehabilitation projects to enhance outcomes through advanced technology. He also announced that, following the Change of Scope approved by The Rotary Foundation (TRF), equipment worth over ₹20 lakhs will soon be provided to the Cerebral Palsy Unit at MSS Rehabilitation & Research Centre, Joka. Additionally, another Global Grant project valued at over USD 60,000 is currently under process.

A special highlight of the program was the distribution of scholarships to physically challenged students by DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury and President Rtn Rajshree Jain, reinforcing RCCM's commitment to inclusive education.

MSS President Shri Vijay Choraria and President Emeritus Shri J. S. Mehta warmly acknowledged the long-standing association with RCCM since 1986 and expressed heartfelt gratitude for the many impactful projects undertaken together.

The celebration concluded on a joyous note with beautiful dance performances by children with cerebral palsy, themed around national unity and Republic Day—an inspiring reminder of resilience, hope, and collective progress.

Forty years of partnership is not just a milestone—it is a legacy of service. RCCM and Mahavir Seva Sadan continue to walk hand in hand, strengthening lives and building a more compassionate society.

By Rtn Poulomi Dutta



Chief Guest DGN Purnendu Roychowdhury gardening the Ganeshs



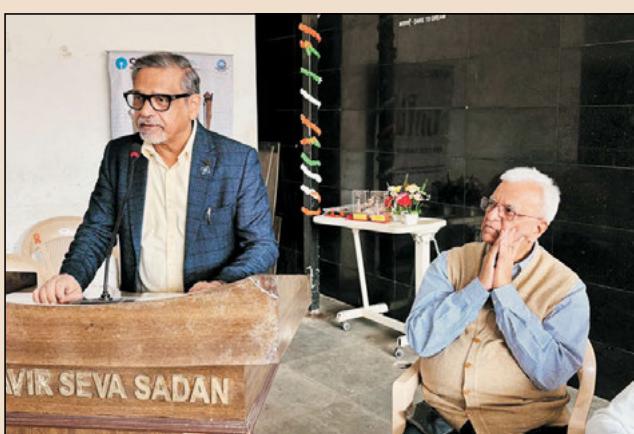
Hoisting of National Flag



A view of Head table



Metropolitans and MSS members in attendance



PP Dr Naresh Goyal speaking latest technology of AI in Artificial Limbs



Chief Guest DGN Punendu Roychowdhury addressing the audience

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT- TOGETHER FOR 40 YEARS- JOINT REGULAR MEETING WITH MSS ON 26.01.2022



Another of DGN in his address with full view of Head table



Full view of audience



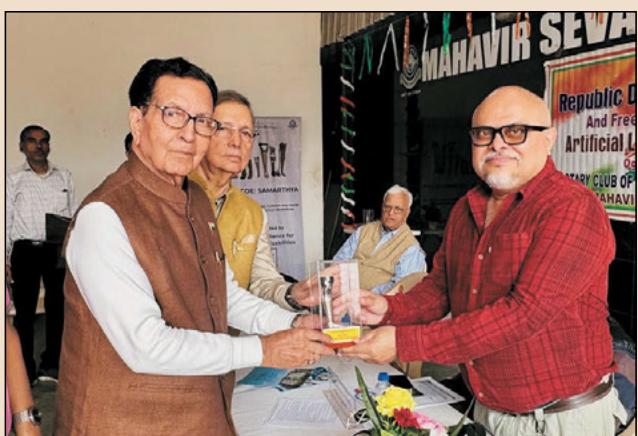
DGN Purnendu Roychowdhury with President Rajshree Jain distributing the Scholarship to physically challenged students



Another view of distribution of Scholarship & Artificial Limbs



PE Runjhun Gupta giving vote of thanks



Chief Guest is felicitated with the ikon of Artificial Limbs



Guest of Honor Kunj Behari Agarwal is also presented with ikon of Artificial Limb



President Rajshree Jain is being felicitated

A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT- TOGETHER FOR 40 YEARS- JOINT REGULAR MEETING WITH MSS ON 26.01.2022



Cerebral Palsy Children presenting the dance on Nation



Another view of Cerebral Palsy Children dancing with National Songs



Childrens were provided with Chocolates sponsored by Rtn Dr Poulomi Dutta



Another view of Chocolates being provided



Cerebral Children teacher being felicitated



Metropolitans in attendance



Metropolitans and Members of Mahavir Seva Sadan



South Indian Breakfast before the start of meeting

"AND" PODCAST TALK SHOW- ANOTHER SESSION ON 21.01.2026

In continuation to the earlier talk show "AND" Podcast Show held another session on 21.1.2026 at Spring Club. AND" Podcast Talk Show on 21.1.2026 by Rtn Deo Kishan Mohta and Rtn Nilanjan Sen done wonderfully by inviting Esteemed Representative from RI District-3291 RYLA Team & RC of Budge Budge RYLA Committee, PDG & COL representative Rtn Prabir Chatterjee for RY-2026-2029 and DGND Rtn Brotindro Mullick for the session with them.

During chat with RYLA Committee, it was transpired that awareness has to be created with School, Students and Parents what is RYLA is all about and confidence built up with Parents so that they can allow their children to stay outside.

PDG & COL representative for RY-2026-2029, Rtn Prabir Chatterjee focussed on membership growth and played a major role digitalizing the documents to be produced during the DG Official visit to the Club leaving preparation of bulky file.

DGND Rtn Brotindro Mullick, who started the journey in Rotary from ground level as Interactor, than Rotaractor and finally as Rotarian. He spoke well on all subjects and particularly he emphasized on balancing of Youth and Old members in Club.

Let us admit it is a great initiative and creation of "AND" Podcast Talk Show by Rtn Deo Kishan Mohta and Rtn Nilanjan Sen. All sessions are available in social media, which will definitely publicize Rotary movement.



Session with RYLA team



Session with PDG & COL representative Prabir Chatterjee



PDG Prabir Chatterjee engaged in Talk Show



Session with DGND Brotindro Mullick



DGND Brotindro Mullick sharing his vision



Deo Kishan Monhta & Nilanjan Sen taking interview

"AND" PODCAST TALK SHOW ON 21.1.2026



Sashi Dhacholia with PDG Prabir Chatterjee



With DGND Brotindro Mullick



With Rotarians



With Nilanjan Sen

Forthcoming Events

CLUB

14.02.2026 Joint Regular Meeting with RC of Calcutta Mayfair, RC of Belur and RC of Calcutta Presidency in Barge

28.02.2025 Regular Meeting

DISTRICT

08.02.2025 AGELS at Williamson Magar Hall, Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

DRY RATION DISTRIBUTED TO THE VILLAGERS OF NABADIGANTA LEPROSY COLONY, DURGAPUR ON 23.1.2026



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At Rotary, we live by 24 powerful words known as the Four-Way Test—a timeless code for truth, fairness, friendship, and impact.



THE FOUR-WAY TEST

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED

Born in 1932 to save a struggling business, these words now inspire millions of Rotarians to lead with integrity and serve with heart.

Let's keep living the test—every meeting, every message, every moment.

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