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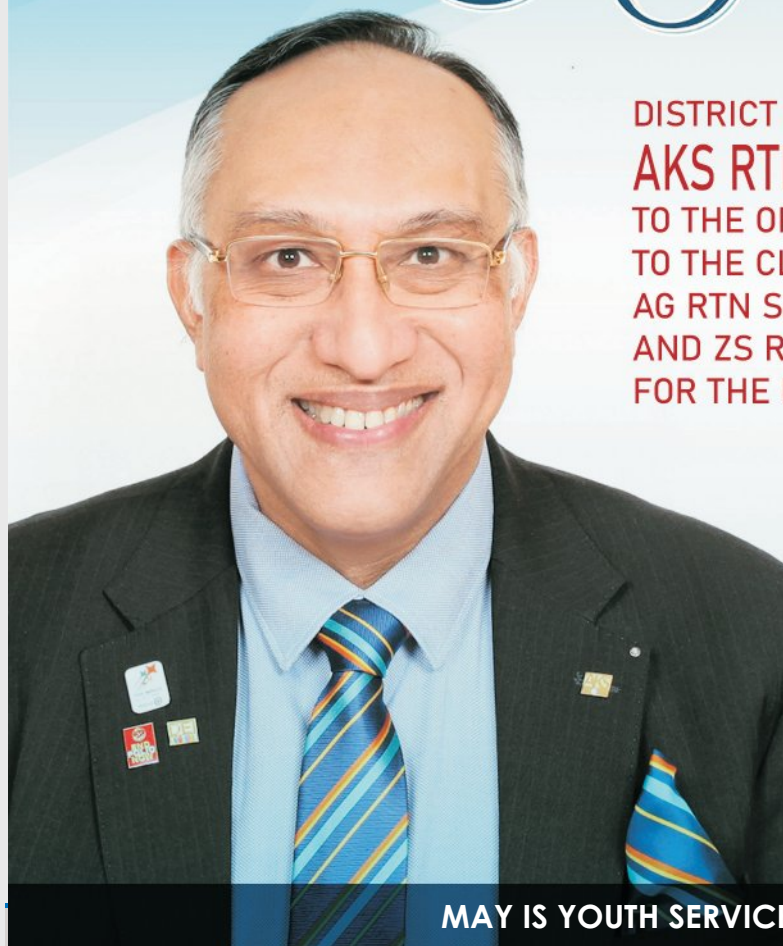
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1700TH REGULAR MEETING

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*We
Welcome*



DISTRICT GOVERNOR
AKS RTN DR KRISHNENDU GUPTA
TO THE OFFICIAL VISIT
TO THE CLUB, DISTRICT OFFICIALS
AG RTN SANJAY DUGAR
AND ZS RTN SHEELA JANAKIRAM
FOR THE RY 2024-2025

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

REPORT ON AG AND ZS VISIT TO THE CLUB ON 26.4.2025

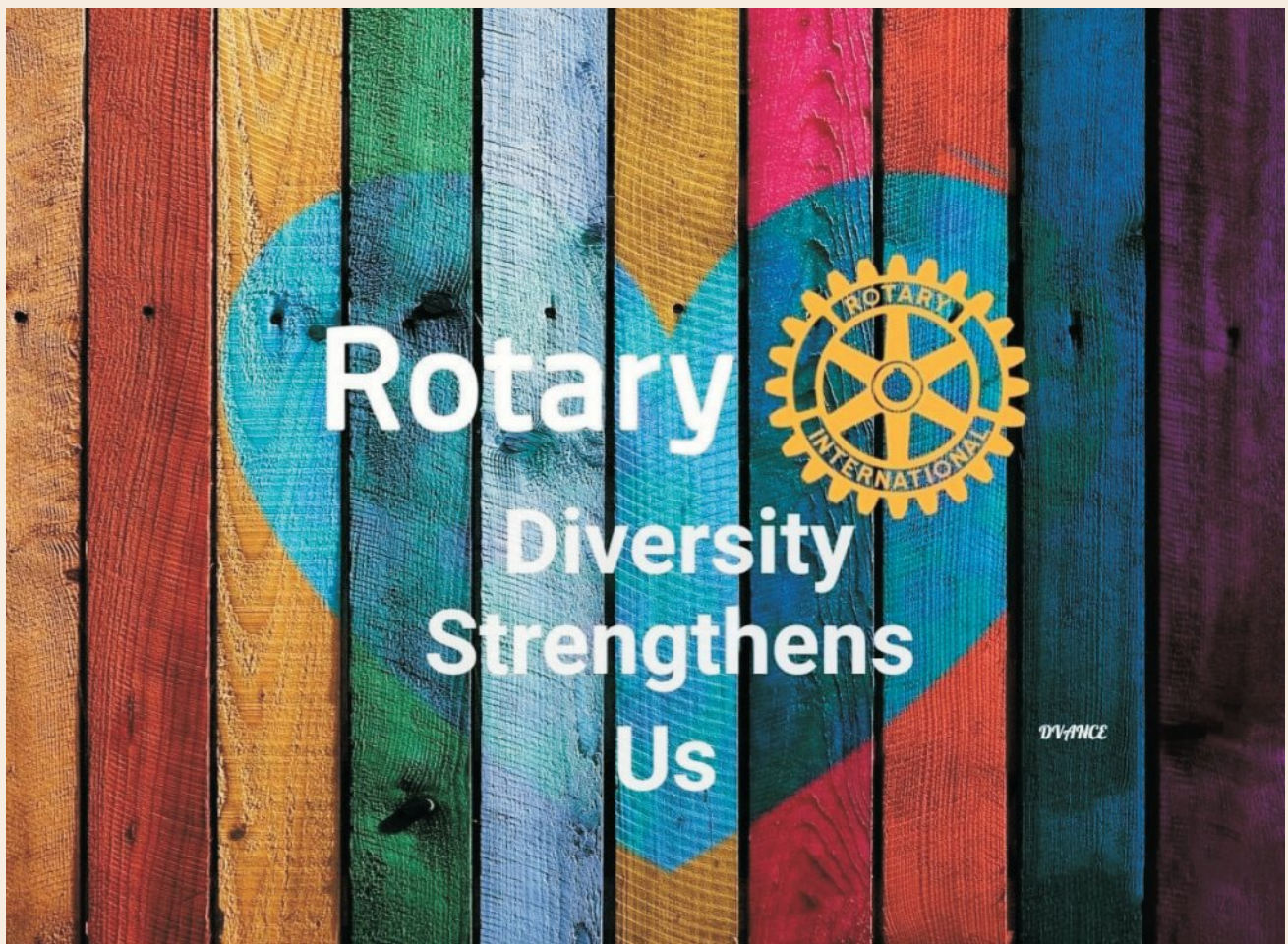
As we are all aware that visit is mandatorily to the Club prior to the Official visit by the District Governor. In line with this, our AG Rtn Sanjay Dugar and ZS Rtn Sheela Janakiram of Zone-14 visited our Club on 26.4.2025.

Apart from the Club business, on the request of President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia requested AG Rtn Sanjay Dugar to review the activities of the Club particularly uploading of details in rotaryindia.org website platform. AG was quite happy to note that all documents/details were uploaded from time to time and he was quite happy to see that. Both AG and ZS were presented with Activities reports from July-2024 to April-2025 and the same was appreciated by them.

AG was particularly keen to know about the membership growth and contribution to TRF. There was detailed discussions about Global Grants projects etc.



REPORT ON AG AND ZS VISIT TO THE CLUB ON 26.4.2025



PDG RTN SYLVIA WHITLOCK'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & A DAY SPENT AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 25.4.2025

Our school, PACE Learning Centre, celebrated PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock's 90th birthday on April 25, 2025, marking the day as Annual Exhibition Day. PDG Rtn Sylvia, a renowned academican, psychologist and Rotary International's first woman president worldwide, has been a significant contributor to our school.

Students performed a thought-provoking silent skit on mental well-being, highlighting the impact of mobile phones on peace of mind following a wonderful speech on Sylvia ma'am's bio and her tremendous support towards development towards our school children.

A grand exhibition showcased student projects in science with engrossing experiments, math's (magic and puzzles) and wonderful models and charts on literature, computer, and social science. The parents also enjoyed a lot.

Here is the list of projects:

Science	Literature & language	Maths	SST	Computer
Models of Plastid, VIRUS, human tongue and taste buds, life cycle of butterflies, Newton's Cradle, atomic structure, conservation of energy, water cycle, water pollution.	English- Model and activity on word family, noun, preposition, tense, parts of speech, some stories and poems.	Board games on different types of numbers, magic square game, reasoning games.	Models on light house, desert, river, rain and harvesting, soil profile, layers of atmosphere, green house, solar system, Bastille fort, Qutub Minar, Tsunami.	Model on Computer Structure
Experiments- Growth of fungus on bread and examine the sample under microscope, elephant's toothpaste, fire on water experiment, lava lamp formation, Vinegar with baking soda explosion.	Bengali- Verb, tense, chart on opposite words, some poems and prose of different grades.	Model on types of angles, International numeral system, greater numbers and smaller numbers.	Activity on volcanic eruption.	Chart on input and output devices
Activity- Identification of acid and base, presence of starch in potato by Iodine test.	Hindi- Model on the poem- Wind.	Chart on types of quadrilaterals, Mechanism of how a kite can fly in the sky.	Chart on - Varnashrama in Vedic period.	

Teachers created a heartwarming video wishing PDG Rtn Sylvia Whitlock a happy birthday and a long, healthy life. The esteemed guests including RCCM President Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia, PLC President Rtn Jayanta chatterji, IPP Rtn. Rakesh Kumar Goel, VP Rtn. Runjhun Gupta and Ms Shipra Mehta also joined us to celebrate her birthday together with us. PDG Sylvia ma'am's dedication and efforts to the development of our school and students are invaluable. Her contributions have made a lasting impact on our school community.

Last but not the least, our esteemed guests, students, their parents and staff of PACE Learning Centre (PLC) observed two minutes silence to pay condolences to the victims' families killed in the Pahalgam terrorist attack in Kashmir followed by candle lighting by Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji.

By Mahashweta Maity - Vice Principal, PLC.

CRAFTS ON DISPLAY



A DAY SPENT AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 25.4.2025



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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION (13-18)



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ONE MINUTE SILENCE FOR PAHALGAM MASSACRE



KARATE CLASSES



WE CARE FOR ENVIRONMENT

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan was Co-host to the Sabujayan-II, a project by RID-3291 for the plantation of 500 Plants at 5 different locations. Butterfly Park was inaugurated by the DG AKS Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta and Mother Superior Sr Ann at St Joseph Home. The project was huge successful and various Presidents and members of Lead Club, Host & Co-host Clubs.

It was feeling good to see senior citizens eagerly waiting to be the part of the program in a disciplined manner. President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia and President Elect participated in the program.



Forthcoming Events

CLUB

24.05.2025	Regular Meeting. Guest speaker will be Ms Chandrima Roy
07.06.2025	Regular Meeting & COTS
17.06.2025	Charter Night
24.06.2025	Installation & Regular Meeting at The Kenilworth Hotel
29.06.2025	Thanks Giving & Joint Board Meeting

DISTRICT

08.05.2025	Thalassemia Warriors at ICCR from 6.00 PM to 8.00 PM
17.05.2025 & 18.05.2025	Samagam-III at Hotel Bangla Joypur Forest
25.05.2025	District Training Assembly for RY-2025-2026 at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium (DDA). Registration Charges Rs.2450/-

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



05.05.2025	PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji
05.05.2025	Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



10.05.2025	Rtn Pradeep Bagla & Ann Deepa
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The Joy of Service



EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE

Earth Day, celebrated globally on April 22nd, 2025 is a vital reminder of the importance of protecting our environment. At Pace Learning Centre, students and staff came together to celebrate this important occasion with great enthusiasm. As part of our commitment to the environment, we organized a series of activities to promote green living and raise awareness about the consequences of deforestation.

The Interact Club led a wonderful initiative by distributing saplings to the community, encouraging everyone to contribute to a greener future. Meanwhile, the junior section actively participated by planting saplings within the school campus, learning firsthand the value of nurturing nature.

This year, the theme of Earth Day was "Planet vs. Plastics", emphasizing the urgent need to reduce plastic pollution and protect our ecosystems. All students watched an educational video on this theme, which highlighted the importance of environmental conservation and sustainable living.

These activities helped instill a sense of responsibility and environmental awareness among the students.

Through these efforts, Pace Learning Centre reinforced the message of saving green, saying no to deforestation, and working towards a healthier planet for future generations.

By Mahashweta Maity

Vice Principal, PLC



INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

SHIPRA MEHTA

CLASSIFICATION:
FAMILY BUSINESS

PROPOSED BY:
RTN RUNJHUN GUPTA



PROFILE

She come from a business family, originally from Gujrat but permanently residing in Kolkata. Her family business

involves tea manufacturing (Rydak Syndicate Ltd), tea tourism and Pest Control (Jardine Henderson Ltd). She is an active member and trustee of their own family Foundation Trust (G L Mehta Foundation). She is interested in Social Service in the form of Charity, monetary donations and other forms of service. She was graduated from Presidency College & Calcutta University with BSc. And MSc.Degrees in plant sciences/plant biochemistry and MS and PhD from USA.

DR SWATI NANDI CHAKRABORTY

CLASSIFICATION:
ENVIRONMENTS

PROPOSED BY:
RTN SASHI DHACHOLIA



PROFILE

Dr Swati Nandi Chakraborty is an environment enthusiast and researcher with adept proficiency on the implementation of sustainable development, e-waste management, health risk assessment, and carbon footprint, waste management, Life Cycle assessment area. Swati, who is also a regular columnist in multiple English and regional daily newspapers, has been working closely with various governmental and non-governmental agencies lending research and consulting support to address multiple issues concerning her prime line of work.

She received lots of award from different organization to recognise her zeal, commitment and proficiency towards her professional research that essentially tries

to merge the theoretical concepts along with its practical counterparts. She is actively involved in the different Environment awareness programme, conservation of biodiversity.

Swati did her PhD in Environment Biotechnology with her area of research being health impact assessment owing to heavy metal stress and pollution. She has gathered knowledge and experience from Indian institute of Chemical Biology, Bose Institute, IIT Kharagpur, JNU during her research work. In the fields of environmental impact analysis, the author as a Principal investigator has successfully completed several extramurally funded projects.

She Supervised a number of Masters and Ph.D. students and published several high impact publications in national & international journal. Her research area of interest is Abiotic stress, bacterial taxonomy, biopolymer and bioplastic.

Received UNESCO Fellowship visit Sao Paulo University, Brazil & Swinburne university of Technology, Malaysia as Visiting scientist. She is a West Bengal State Chair, India Circular Economy Wing of G100, All Ladies League, WICCI & President of Future for Nature Foundation.

SATABDI BHATTACHARJEE

CLASSIFICATION:
EDUCATIONIST

PROPOSED BY:
RTN SASHI DHACHOLIA



PROFILE

Smt. Satabdi Bhattacharjee, the Principal of The Newtown School Kolkata, began her vocation as a teacher as a cognizant choice, driven by her regard and her excitement for the profession. Amongst many other awards, she has been the addressee of the TTIS Touchstone Award for the Best Teacher and in 2010-11, as the Fulbright Scholarship in Science under the USIEF India-US Teacher Exchange Program.

Ms. Bhattacharjee is a firm believer of the child's ability to learn and lead. A former Founder Principal

of a renowned C.B.S.E school in Kolkata, she takes pride in being in the Founding team of few of the well-known schools of the city. Education for her is a two-way learning path, where her students have been the best teachers in her life. According to Ms. Bhattacharjee, every problem in life comes with a solution and therefore communication, critical thinking, a positive attitude and hard and sincere efforts remain her core strengths along with her ability to establish confidence in her team and her loyalty towards the organization. "Organization above everyone else" is her mantra for professional excellence.

She is a dynamic person who imparts sound value-based education by inculcating in the students' habits of piety, virtue and discipline, during the years of their studies. Simultaneously, she blends and incorporates the use of technology in the teaching methods to enable students to be well equipped to understand as well as take on any challenges they may face as they step out into an ever-evolving world.

THE **4** WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say, or do:

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?

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

TRUSTEE CHAIR'S MESSAGE – MAY 2025



Mark Daniel Maloney
RI Trustee Chair 2024-25

There are moments in our journey to end polio when doubt and uncertainty may take hold, yet we must remain steadfast and, above all, hopeful as we keep our eyes on the goal. As Winston Churchill once said in a moment of crisis: "We cannot afford - we have no right - to look back. We must look forward."

In Rotary, we always rise to meet the moment. No challenge is too great. In 1988, when we partnered with the World Health Organization to form the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, an estimated 350,000 polio cases occurred annually across 125 countries. Since then, the GPEI - which also includes UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Gates Foundation, and GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance - has worked tirelessly with governments worldwide. Together, we have reduced wild poliovirus cases by 99.9 percent.

The journey has not been without challenges. Today in Afghanistan, vaccinators are prohibited from conducting house-to-house immunization campaigns, while in Pakistan, conflict, terrorism, and migration hinder access to children in certain regions.

Earlier this year, the United States announced its intention to withdraw from the WHO, froze USAID funding, and restricted interactions with the CDC. These developments present obstacles for our polio eradication efforts and other Rotary global partnerships and programs.

Yet we rise to meet the moment, just as we have done before. We did so in India when we faced spikes in cases before the country was declared free of wild poliovirus in 2014. In Nigeria, we also encountered obstacles, but in 2020, WHO certified the country - and by extension, all 47 countries in the WHO Africa region - wild polio-free.

We are meeting the moment once again in 2025. Know that Rotary is working behind the scenes, collaborating with governments, international agencies, and partners to address challenges, manage disruptions, and explore alternative funding. As a non-political organization, we remain focused on operational solutions while serving communities and protecting public health.

My wife, Gay, and I have witnessed first-hand the urgent need of the moment in India, Nigeria, and Pakistan, where we administered vaccines to children. Looking into their eyes, I saw the future we are fighting for - and the responsibility we carry to finish the job.

The winds of change may shift, but with your help, Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio will stand strong until our mission is complete.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE – MAY 2025



Stephanie A. Urchick
RI President 2024-25

No matter how long we've been with Rotary, we all benefit from the energy and fresh perspectives of our young leaders. It is my privilege to place this month's presidential message in the capable hands of one young leader, Vitor Joventino. In his column, Vitor reminds us how teamwork and inclusivity can spark transformative change. As you read his message, I encourage you to reflect on its insights, share in his excitement, and embrace new opportunities to learn. - Stephanie Urchick

I remember the exact moment when I realized the power of Rotary's youth programs. It was a Saturday morning in Australia during my year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student. I stood among a group of young leaders at a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards event. The organizers challenged us to stand on a large tarp spread across the floor and, without stepping off, find a way to fold it in half.

At first, the task seemed simple. But as we moved, strategized, and adjusted, the reality set in - it required teamwork, agility, and constant communication.

Rotaractors and Rotarians guided us, but no one dictated how to succeed. The decisions were ours to make. And then something remarkable happened. Without being instructed, we collectively decided that no one would be left behind as our space on the tarp shrank.

One of our teammates was a person who uses a wheelchair, giving us an opportunity to adapt, ensuring that he was fully part of the experience. We shifted, lifted the tarp, and reconfigured our positions, using our time to think, plan, and act as a team. In the end, we successfully completed the challenge together.

As we celebrated our success, one participant said, "Society works the same way - challenges will come, but instead of leaving people behind, we must find ways to include everyone." It was such a profound thought for someone so young, yet it perfectly captured the essence of our experience.

Interact empowers young people to create service projects with real and lasting impact. Youth Exchange builds global citizens who return home with broader perspectives and stronger leadership skills. RYLA develops young leaders equipped to inspire and mobilize others. All of this is The Magic of Rotary, emerging through the actions of youth. These programs are the heart of Rotary's ability to grow and adapt in a changing world.

But the success of these programs depends on more than young leaders - it requires Rotary members who believe in their potential. I encourage you to sponsor an Interact club, host an exchange student, and support a RYLA participant. Your involvement does more than sustain these programs; it multiplies their impact and ensures that young leaders are not just beneficiaries of Rotary but active contributors.

To those already supporting youth programs, thank you. Your mentorship and commitment make all the difference. And to those considering getting involved, now is the time! Because youth leadership isn't just Rotary's future, it's Rotary's present.

VITOR JOVENTINO
Rotaract Club of Penápolis, Brazil

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