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*We  
Welcome*

**DG RTN DR RAMENDU  
HOMCHAUDHURI**  
AS GUEST SPEAKER



Handing over of Club Charter to President Rtn Rajshree Jain  
by IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia in presence of DGN Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya.  
Our heartiest Congratulations to her



President Rtn Rajshree Jain presenting the RCCM Board  
for the RY-2025-2026

**SEPTEMBER - BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

A passionate philanthropist, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri has dedicated his life to better health, education, and wellness for all. His journey in Rotary International began in 2006 with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, where he served as President for two consecutive terms (2009-2011). A Level 2 Major Donor, his commitment to service has led to impactful projects that transform lives.

### Pioneering the Transit Trauma Care Project

Dr. Homchaudhuri initiated the Transit Trauma Care Project in partnership with Kolkata Police and the Government of West Bengal. The deployment of 12 ambulances across accident-prone areas in Kolkata has saved countless lives by providing immediate emergency care during the Golden Hour.

### A Visionary in Thalassemia Eradication

Recognized for his work in Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention, Dr. Homchaudhuri has conducted seminars, screening programs, and awareness campaigns across West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, and Bangladesh. His goal is to eradicate this 100% preventable genetic disorder through early screening and genetic counseling.

### Transforming Lives in Rural Bengal

For the past three years, Dr. Homchaudhuri has been driving sustainable development in Dhaska, Purulia, alongside Hridham NGO. His contributions include:

Providing potable water through pond excavation and water conservation initiatives, Enhancing education for local children, Empowering villagers with income-generating activities to improve livelihoods.

### Leadership and Recognition in Rotary

In recognition of his service, Dr. Homchaudhuri was unanimously elected as District Governor Nominee and will assume office as District Governor of Rotary District 3291 in 2025-26. His vision includes expanding healthcare, strengthening education, and enhancing community welfare programs.

### A Distinguished Medical Career

Despite his humanitarian commitments, Dr. Homchaudhuri continues to practice as a highly respected Orthopedic Surgeon. He holds degrees from Gauhati University (MBBS, 1970), Calcutta University (DGO), and Banaras Hindu University (MS - Orthopedics). His expertise, compassion, and dedication make him a trusted name in his field.

### Family: The Pillar of Strength

Dr. Homchaudhuri is supported by his wife, Dr. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri, a renowned pediatrician and fellow Rotarian. She has served as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City and actively contributes to District 3291 administration. They are proud parents of a doctor daughter and a post-doctoral research scholar son in the USA.

### A Legacy of Service and Inspiration

Dr. Homchaudhuri's life is a testament to selfless service, leadership, and humanitarian dedication. His ever-smiling, energetic persona continues to inspire, leaving a profound impact on countless lives.

## What is Thalassemia? Symptoms, Causes, and Prevention

### SYMPTOMS



Fatigue



Paleness or Jaundice

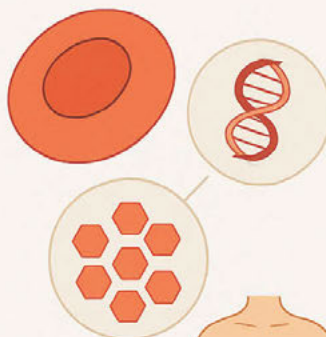


Bone Deformities



Frequent Infections

### CAUSES



Mutations in genes for hemoglobin



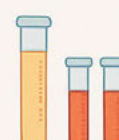
### PREVENTION



Genetic Counseling



Prenatal Screening



Carrier Screening



Blood Transfusions and Iron Chelation Therapy

## A LOOK AT CHANGE OF GUARD CEREMONY ON 10.8.2025

### CHANGE OVER CEREMONY ON 10TH AUGUST 2025

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan celebrated its 39th Installation Ceremony on 10th August 2025 at Hotel Kenilworth with DGN Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya as the Chief Guest and Shri Murari Lal Lohia as the Guest of Honour. The evening was filled with the fragrance of fresh flowers with the special welcome organised by Rtn Roshni Beriwal, Rtn Renu Todi and Rtn Nabanita Sen, as every guest and member was pinned with a flower broach.

The air had the excitement of the new team headed by President Rtn Rajshree Jain, Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani and Treasurer Rtn Harsh V Rungta along with PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal and PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar being the smiling sergeant at arms welcoming the members and guests. The outgoing team headed by IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal and Treasurer Rtn Pradip Kapoor, was all smiles with a satisfaction of completing a good year.

Slowly the hall became filled with more laughter and clicking of tea cups with the aroma of cookies, starters as the various district officials joined in the celebration, including PDG Rtn Ravi Sehgal, PDG Rtn Utpal Majumdar, PDG Rtn Ajay Agarwal, PDG Rtn Angsuman Bandyopadhyay, PDG Rtn Shyamashree Sen, PDG Rtn Mukul Sinha, PDG Rtn Raju Khandelwal, PDG Rtn Prabir Chatterjee, PDG Rtn Uttam Ganguli, PDG Rtn Pinaki Prasad Ghosh, PDG Rtn Raju Khandelwal and District Officials, PP Rtn Binod Khaitan, PP Rtn Shayak Gupta, PP Rtn Raja Guha, PP Rtn Subhojit Roy and ZS of Zone-14 PP Rtn Sudeshna Banerjee. Our Partner in Service President Shri Vijay Choraria, President Emeritus Shri J S Mehta and members of MSS were present. President Dr Seema Sethi and members of Inner Wheel Members and other dignitaries, members from various other clubs were present.

The ceremony began with a charged-up emceeing from PP Rtn Subir Dutta and Rtn Poulomi Dutta inviting the incoming team and the outgoing team to the head table along with the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour. All the visiting dignitaries were felicitated with gifts, as a token of gratitude for their presence.

The club proceedings were initiated with IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, invited to give his address on the activities done for RY 2024-25. This was followed by a formal handing over of charge with Collar and Club Charter in presence of DGE Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya. President Rtn Rajshree Jain took over the Chair of President and

then introduced her board and it was etched in the memory with a group picture.

Chief Mentor, Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka, was invited to share his thoughts. Rtn Mr Mohanka, reiterated the need to focus on projects that can make deeper impacts and the concepts of equality and respect being the highest values. Guest of Honour, Shri Murari Lal Lohia, shared a personal story of how giving without expectation can come back multiplied and create deeper fulfilment.

DGE Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya, urged Metropolitans to level up and create impacts that can leave lasting impressions by working on landmark projects.

It was further made special by the addition of 2 new members, Shri Shyam S Goyal and Mrs Ashoo Tibrewal, inducted with the membership kit and pin. They signed the code of conduct, after secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani read it out.

The dignitaries on the dais were felicitated with flower bouquet, and the outgoing team were given the mementoes. The installation committee and the emcees for the evening were also felicitated by President Rtn Rajshree Jain. Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani, made the club announcements.

As yours truly, PN Rtn Runjhun Gupta, was asked to deliver the vote of thanks. I summarised with the quote by Henry Ford, "Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success," in sync with the theme for the year, 'Unite for good.' Gratitude was expressed to all present in person and in thoughts. The day had the blessings of Metropolitans and their families.

Special mention to Rtn Poulomi Dutta for sponsoring the cake, PP Rtn Roshni Beriwal and Rtn Renu Todi for flower decorations, Rtn Nabanita Sen for paper bags and gifts, PP Rtn Lalit Beriwal for liquor and Rtn Raju Bharat for LED Screen, audio visual and sound system.

We are grateful to Rtn Raju Bharat for excellent hospitality and ambience. The entire installation team was acknowledged for their dedicated efforts. Wishing the team led by President Rtn Rajshree Jain, all the success and wishing Metropolitans a great year ahead.

**By PN Rtn Runjhun Gupta**

## A LOOK AT CHANGE OF GUARD CEREMONY ON 10.8.2025

### MY EXPERIENCE AS EMCEE

The 39th Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan, held on 10th August 2025, was truly a memorable evening, and for me, it carried a very special significance. I had the privilege of serving as the Emcee of the evening, alongside PP Rtn. Subir Dutta.

Being entrusted with this role filled me with immense pride and responsibility. From welcoming our distinguished Chief Guest, DGE Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya, and Guest of Honour, Rtn. Murari Lal Lohia ji, to seamlessly guiding the flow of the program, it was both a joyful and humbling experience. Standing on stage, engaging with fellow Rotarians and guests, and ensuring that every transition was smooth gave me a sense of deep connection with the audience and the spirit of the occasion.

The highlight, of course, was witnessing Rtn. Rajshree Jain gracefully take over the mantle of leadership as President from Immediate Past President Rtn. Sashi Dhacholia. Being able to announce and celebrate this significant transition made me feel like a part of Rotary history in the making.

What made the evening even more delightful was the camaraderie and teamwork. The Installation Team-Rtn. Nabanita Sen, PP Rtn. Roshni Beriwal, Rtn. Renu

Todi, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Namrata Bengani, Rtn. PP Dr. Naresh Goel, PP Rtn. Subir Dutta, and PE Rtn. Runjhun Gupta-deserve immense appreciation for their flawless coordination. Their behind-the-scenes efforts ensured that every segment of the event was carried out with elegance and grace.

Personally, I found the experience as Emcee to be exhilarating. It gave me the chance to blend formality with warmth, to keep the audience engaged, and to highlight the essence of Rotary's values. The enthusiasm in the room, the cheerful energy of my fellow Rotarians, and the joyful moments-from endless photographs to laughter shared with friends-made the evening unforgettable.

As I reflected on the evening, I felt grateful for the trust my club placed in me to shoulder this responsibility. It not only enriched my Rotary journey but also strengthened my confidence in taking up leadership roles in the future.

In conclusion, emceeing the 39th Installation Ceremony was more than just an assignment-it was an enriching experience, a celebration of fellowship, and a proud Rotary moment that I will cherish for years to come.

**By Rtn Dr Poulomi Dutta**



Welcoming PDG Rtn Pinaki Prasad Ghosh at registration desk



Enjoying the evening tea



With Guests enjoying the evening tea



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal welcoming PDG Rtn Angsuman Bandopadhyay

## GLIMPSE OF CHANGE OVER CEREMONY ON 12.8.2025



With Guest of Honour Murari Lal Lohia



Emcees PP Rtn Subir Dutta & Dr Poulomi Dutta starting the proceedings



Emcee Rtn Dr Poulomi Dutta taking the proceeding forward



A view of head table with Rtn Namrata Bengani, DGE Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya- President-Rtn Rajshree Jain, IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, Murari Lal Lohia and Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal



Welcoming PDG Rtn Ravi Sehgal by Rtn Nabanita Sen



Welcoming PDG Rtn Utpal Majumdar



Welcoming PDG Rtn Rajni Mukherji



Welcoming PDG Rtn Uttam Ganguli

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Welcoming PDG Rtn Pinaki Prasad Ghosh



Welcoming PDG Rtn Angsuman Bandhopadhyay



Welcoming PDG Rtn Shyamasree Sen



Welcoming PDG Rtn Ajay Agarwal



Welcoming PDG Rtn Prabir Chatterjee



Welcoming PDG Rtn Mukul Sinha



Welcoming PDG Rtn Raju Khandelwal



Welcoming PP Rtn Binod Khaitan

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Welcoming PP Rtn Shayak Gupta



Welcoming ZS Rtn Sudeshna Banerjee



Welcoming PP Rtn Subhojit Roy



Welcoming Inner Wheel President Dr Seema Sethi



Welcoming MSS President Vijay Choraria and President Emeritus J S Mehta



Welcoming Inner Wheel members



Welcoming PP Rtn Raja Guha



IPP Sashi Dhacholia presenting his report for RY-2024-2025

## GLIMPSE OF CHANGE OVER CEREMONY ON 12.8.2025



PDGs in attendance



A view of Rotarians and Guests



Another view of audience



IPP Sashi Dhacholia handing over the Collar to President Rajshree Jain



IPP handing over Club Charter to President Rajshree Jain



IPP handing over Bell and Grovel to President Rajshree Jain



Happy moments for President Rajshree Jain



President Rajshree Jain in her welcome address

## GLIMPSE OF CHANGE OVER CEREMONY ON 12.8.2025



President presenting the Board for RY-2025-2026



President requesting Chief mentor Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka to present his vision



Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka addressing the audience



President felicitating Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka



PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia introducing Guest of Honour Murari Lal Lohia



Guest of Honour Murari Lal Lohia in his inspiring address

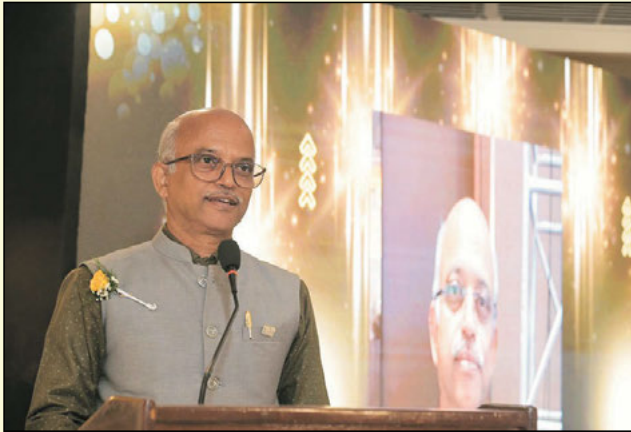


President felicitating Murari Lal Lohia



PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta introducing Chief Guest Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya

## GLIMPSE OF CHANGE OVER CEREMONY ON 12.8.2025



DGE Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya in his motivational address



Another view of Chief Guest addressing the audience



President felicitating Chief Guest DGE Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya



A view of galaxy of Rotarians and Guests



Release of Special edition of Club Bulletin Metro Voice



PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal making the moments lighter



President felicitating IPP Sashi Dhacholia



Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani felicitating outgoing Secretary Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal

## GLIMPSE OF CHANGE OVER CEREMONY ON 12.8.2025



President felicitating PP Rtn Roshni Beriwalla and Rtn Renu Todi as Installation Committee members



President Rtn Nabanita Sen being felicitated as part of Installation Committee



President felicitating Emcee Rtn Dr Poulomi Dutta



President felicitating Emcee PP Rtn Subir Dutta



Full view of audience



PE Rtn Runjhun Gupta gave the Vote of thanks



Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani making Club announcements



President inviting all to join for Fellowship

**TIME FOR FELLOWSHIP & GET TOGETHER WITH PDGs, DISTRICT OFFICIALS, PARTNER IN SERVICE, VISITING ROTARIANS, GUESTS AFTER INSTALLATION CEREMONY HELD ON 10.8.2025**



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## WE WELCOME AS METROPOLITANS

We welcome Rtn Ashoo Tibrewal and Rtn Shyam Sunder Bansal as Metropolitans.  
We are sure by their experience and knowledge; the Club will be hugely benefitted



Rtn Shyam S Goyal inducted as Metropolitan by PDG Rtn Utpal Majundar



Rtn Shyam S Goyal felicitated by the President Rtn Rajshree Jain



Rtn Ashoo Tibrewal inducted as Metropolitan by PDG Rtn Shyamashree Sen



President Rtn Rajshree Jain felicitating Rtn Ashoo Tibrewal



Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani reading out Code of Conduct to the new members



Group photo by new members with DGN Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya

## DISTRICT AWARDS FOR RY-2024-2025

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We bagged some Awards & Recognitions from the Rotary District-3291. As a President for the RY-2024-2025, I am grateful to Rtn Vivek Bajaj, Rtn Nisha Singhania, PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji, PP Rtn Lalit Beriwal, PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan, PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia for the their whole hearted contribution helped me to execute various projects and run the club smoothly.

During District Award-2025 "SAMMANAM" held on 17th August, 2025 & 30.8.2025, the Club bagged the following Awards and Recognitions:

#### 1ST POSITION TROPHY

1. Concern for Intellectually Challenged (Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Alzheimer's etc)
2. Cancer Awareness (Other than Cervical Cancer)
3. Paediatric Cancer Patient Support
4. Literacy (Other than District Projects)

#### 2ND POSITION TROPHY

5. RYLA
6. Disaster Response

#### 3RD POSITION TROPHY

7. Newsletter
8. Women Empowerment

#### GOLD TROPHY

9. Easy School Award

#### CERTIFICATES

10. Club Service
11. Blood Donation
12. Concern for Physically Challenged

#### INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITIONS TROPHY

13. Outstanding President Rtn Sashi Dhacholia
14. District Grant Sub-Committee Chairman  
PP Rtn Naresh Goyal
15. Outstanding Contribution towards Peace and Harmony as Ambassador in Chief, PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee



1st Position Trophy for Paediatric Cancer Patient Support



1st Position Trophy for Literacy (other than District Project)



2nd Position Trophy for RYLA



2nd Position Trophy on Disaster Response



1st Position Trophy for Concern for Intellectually Challenged (2)



1st Position Trophy for Cancer Awareness (Other than Cervical Cancer)

## DISTRICT AWARDS FOR RY-2024-2025



3rd Position for News Letter



3rd Position for Women Empowerment



Gold for Easzy School Award



Certificate for Club Service



Certificate for Blood donation



Certificate for Concern for Physically Challenge

## RID 3291 SPRINGS A VERY PLEASANT SURPRISE!

At the final Awards ceremony for the year 2024-25 held on 30.8.2025 when countless Rotarians were recognized for their efforts under various categories, I was a little taken aback when I was called to receive something very, very special. The District Governor, AKS Rtn Dr Krishnendu Gupta, handed me what seemed to be the largest individual trophy that looked like a rolling trophy. The citation read, in so many words, that the recognition was for "OUTSTANDING contribution towards Peace and Harmony as Ambassador in Chief to UTPAL CHATTERJEE, Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan.

The Governor asked me to say a few words. The only recipient to do so. The speech received a deafening applause. The First Lady observed that she never knew the RI District had such an unbelievably good and effective speaker. I could only smile in response. But I was so happy that, in my way, I could do my Club the RC Calcutta Metropolitan PROUD.

**PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee**



Trophy for Outstanding Contribution towards Peace and Harmony as Ambassador in Chief

## FLAG HOISTING, CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY AND JOINT REGULAR MEETING WITH MAHAVIR SEVA SADAN ON 15.8.2025

Independence Day at Mahavir Seva Sadan was not just an occasion marked on the calendar, but a morning that blended fellowship, service, and heartfelt emotions. The gathering began on a warm, homely note with a wholesome South Indian breakfast that set a cheerful atmosphere and brought everyone together in conversation and laughter.

Soon after, the spirit of the day took centre stage. The National Flag was proudly hoisted by District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, with members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan joining hands with the MSS family. The collective energy of the National anthem that followed made the moment feel truly unifying.

One of the most remarkable highlights of this year was the symbolic gesture of donating 79 artificial limbs-one for every year of India's freedom. Among them, 53 were made possible through the generosity of various Metropolitans. Each limb represented more than just mobility; it carried the promise of renewed independence. A particularly touching moment unfolded when a young recipient, who had lost his right hand, confidently held a microphone and sang a patriotic song. His courage resonated more powerfully than any words could.

PP Rtn Dr Naresh announced that the Club will apply for Global Grant of USD 50,000/- for the Artificial Limbs as some International Partner has agreed to sponsor the part of the grant.

PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal also announced for making a Robotic Neuro-ortho Rehabilitation Centre in MSS, which probably the first of its kind in Eastern region. The idea was highly appreciated by everyone and to work out modalities for the implementation of the project.

Adding to the poignancy of the day were the performances by children with Cerebral Palsy, nurtured under the initiatives of MSS in collaboration with RCCM. Their vibrant display of music and dance, despite physical challenges, stood as a living example of resilience and joy.

What lingered after the formalities was not just pride in our country, but also gratitude for being part of a community that believes in lifting others, with every smile, every gesture, and every act of kindness.

Independence Day at Mahavir Seva Sadan was a reminder that freedom is not only about our nation's past struggles-it is also about the collective responsibility we hold today: to build an inclusive future where dignity, opportunity, and compassion reach all.

**By Rtn Nabanita Sen**

### SERVICE ABOVE SELF

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan celebrated 79th Independence Day jointly with Mahavir Seva Sadan (MSS) by hoisting the National Flag in presence DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri on 15.8.2025. The program was filled with patriotism, inspiration, and hope.

- This year, to mark the 79th Independence Day, we donated 79 Artificial limbs, of which 53 were generously sponsored by our members. It was truly heart-warming to witness how these limbs are transforming lives. A young man, who had lost his right hand, held a microphone once again and sang a soulful patriotic song-reminding us that courage and spirit always triumph.
- We also announced a Global Grant of \$50,000 with MSS and discussed an exciting vision shared by PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal-the establishment of

a Robotic Neuro-Ortho Rehab Centre, the first of its kind in Eastern India. The idea was highly appreciated and we look forward to making it a reality.

- Adding to the emotions of the day, children affected by Cerebral Palsy, trained and supported through the initiatives of MSS in collaboration with RCCM, performed beautifully on patriotic songs. Their smiles and determination touched every heart present.
- Days like this remind us that while challenges exist, serving others brings meaning and motivation to our own lives.

After all, Rotary teaches us - "Service Above Self."

**By Rtn Dr Poulomi Dutta**

FLAG HOISTING, JOINT REGULAR MEETING WITH MSS ON 15.8.2025



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## INCREDIBLE JOURNEY BY RTN PAPPU RAM CHAUDHARY

**Rtn Pappu Ram Chaudhary visited our Club during our Installation meeting on 10.8.2025 and was appreciated by our President Rtn Rajshree Jain, District-3291 PDGs, District Officials, Rotarians and Guests. Thank you Rtn Pappu Ram Chaudhary for visiting our Club to listen to your inspiring journey.**

Dear Ma'am,

I am Cyclist Rtn. Pappu Ram Chaudhary from Nagaur, Rajasthan (RID 3053), currently on a pan-India cycling expedition titled "Shakti Sankalp Safar" - a journey of unwavering commitment toward environmental protection and awareness.

As part of this mission, I am cycling across India with the aim of planting 1,00,000 trees in collaboration with Rotary Clubs, carrying the social message:

### **"Environmental Protection and Promotion"**

#### **Mission Highlights:**

- Attempting a Guinness World Record:

Longest Cycle Ride in a Single Country - 60,000+ km

- Mission Started on 25th April 2023 and is currently active
- Journey titled: Shakti Sankalp Safar - A Journey of Strength, Purpose & Sustainability
- States covered so far:

Rajasthan, Haryana, Chandigarh, Punjab, J&K, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh,

Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand o Currently cycling In West Bengal

#### **Upcoming Milestone:**

In 2026, I will undertake the Mission Everest Summit, proudly hoisting the Indian and Rotary Flags atop Mt. Everest - taking our message of service, peace, and environmental responsibility to the world's highest point.

I would be honoured to collaborate with your Rotary Club by planting a tree in your city as part of this national initiative. Your support would be a vital contribution to this noble cause and a symbolic commitment to our shared values of sustainability and service.

Looking forward to your kind support and encouragement.

Warm Rotary Regards,

Rtn. Pappu Ram Chaudhary

Cyclist & Environmental Ambassador

Shakti Sankalp Safar - Mission Everest 2026 RID 3053, Nagaur, Rajasthan

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#### **Acknowledgment from Rtn Pappu Ram Chaudhary:**

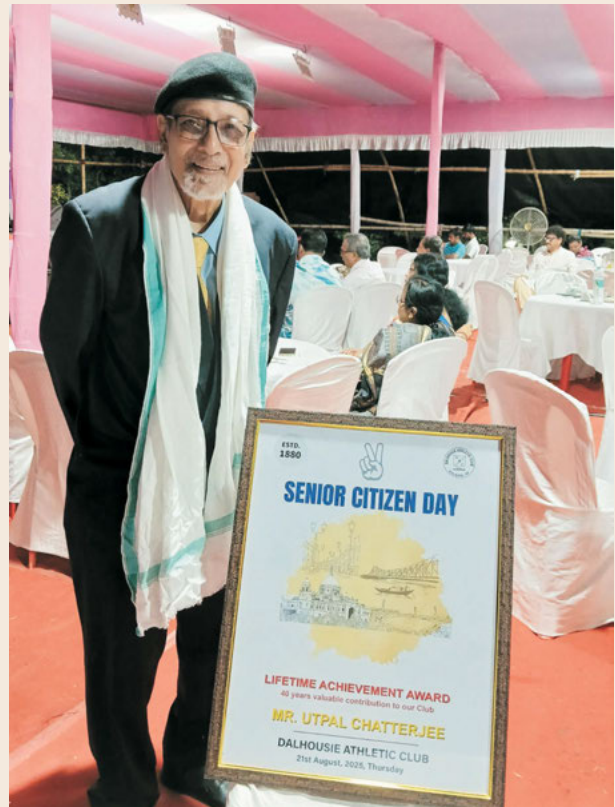
It was an absolute honour to be warmly welcomed and received at the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan's installation ceremony yesterday. I truly appreciate your hospitality and the affection of the Rotary family. I hope your warmth and affection will always remain with me. Thank you for making me feel at home.



# Congratulations METROPOLITANS



**Rtn Dr. Poulomi Dutta honoured with Humanitarian Excellence Award 2025 by the International Benevolent Research Foundation, Kolkata on 15.8.2025**



**Lifetime Achievement Award to PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee for 40 years valuable contribution to Dalhousie Athletic Club on Senior Citizen Day on 21.8.2025**

## KNOW YOUR MEMBER- PP RTN DR V K NEVATIA



Dr. Vinod Kumar Nevatia was born on October 24, 1948, in Bathinda, Punjab. He completed his primary schooling in Bathinda and later attended D.A.V. College in Abohar. Dr. Nevatia earned his M.B.B.S. and M.S. in Orthopaedics from Government Medical College, Patiala, Post graduating in January 1975.

After completing his senior residency at Willingdon Hospital (now Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital) in Delhi, Dr. Nevatia worked in Iran from 1977 to 1981. Upon his return to India, he settled in Calcutta and established his private practice.

MSS approached Dr Ashok Sengupta, a well-known Orthopaedic Surgeon as Patron of Mahavir International (Now Mahavir Seva Sadan) and told them to take young doctor for this work and recommended the name of Dr V K Nevatia. MSS approached Dr Nevatia and accepted to join 1985. He helped them to establish the workshop for the manufacturing of the Artificial limbs.

Dr Nevatia, a miracle worker and most Conscientious humanitarian. He has been involved in MSS since its inception i.e. more than 39 years. Even though he joined Rotary a few years later proposed by PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, he has lived the life of a true Rotarian forever. He has been spearheading the Artificial Limbs

program since then and more than 4.00 lakhs limbs have been given, all with free replacement for life. Not just Artificial limbs but also hundreds of very complicated surgeries of Polio Corrective Surgeries. He has provided free consultancy services at various organizations, including Jyotirmai Club.

Just imagine, the number of lives which have been affected positively by him. He is volunteering 5 to 6 days every week for last 35 years in not just MSS but also on Shree Vishudhanand Hospital, Burrabazar and Shree Vishudhanand Saraswati Marwari Hospital, Amherst Street. The monetary value of the time he devoted professionally for service would amount to tens of crores.

Dr. Nevatia joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan in 2013 and served as President from 2022 to 2023. He is a multiple-time Paul Harris Fellow.

During his medical studies, Dr. Nevatia married Lata Nevatia on June 5, 1972. They have two children. Son Puneet happily married and settled in Boston, USA and daughter Suruchi happily married and settled in Dibrugarh.

Always eager and ready to support. Never say no to anything but bring solutions. A very cheerful doctor.

He was given President Scout by the President of India Dr Radhakrishnan in 1962.



## HAPPY NEWS FROM PACE LEARNING CENTRE!

8 students who completed 12th standard are going for higher education and joining colleges selected on Merit



1. Kakuli Naskar



2. Payel Naskar



3. Avha Sardar



4. Taniya Gayen



5. Rimi Naskar



6. Promita Naskar



7. Rupa Chatui



8. Sonia Ghosh

## Congratulations Metropolitans!

on this 100% success as we continue to make a difference to the lives of these girls and a big impact to the community

By Rtn Runjhun Gupta

### Forthcoming Events

#### CLUB

- 20.09.2025 Regular Meeting
- 20.09.2025 Co-Host to Breast Cancer Awareness Interactive Session at Rotary Sadan at 6.30 PM organized by RC of Behala
- 11.10.2025 Regular Meeting
- 25.10.2025 Regular Meeting

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



**07.09.2025**

Rtn Pradeep Bagla

**SEPTEMBER IS**

**BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH**

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself." *John Dewey*

**Rotary**

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Get Involved

### IS IT THE TRUTH?

Every girl has the right to learn. Literacy is the truth that unlocks her future.



### IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?

Education bridges inequalities, Teaching women is fairness in action



### BASIC EDUCATION & LITERACY MONTH EMPOWERING GIRLS & WOMEN



### WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Literacy creates stronger families, healthier communities, and supportive friendships.



### WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

An educated woman uplifts her family, community, and nation. The benefit multiplies for all.

## DREAM, REALITY & BEYOND ON PROGRESS & ACHIEVEMENT OF MSS REHABILITATION & RESEARCH CENTRE, JOKA

On August 30, 2025, MSS Rehabilitation & Research Centre, Joka (a Unit of Mahavir Seva Sadan) presented its inspiring journey of transforming a vision into a world-class rehabilitation facility spread over 75,000 sq. ft. with modern infrastructure and state-of-the-art amenities.

Over the years, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan has been closely associated with Mahavir Seva Sadan through impactful service projects such as Leg for the Legless, Rehabilitation of Post-Polio Syndrome Survivors, Rehabilitation of Cerebral Palsy children, providing tricycles and wheelchairs to the differently-abled, and scholarships enabling physically challenged students to pursue higher education.

A landmark initiative was the establishment of the Cerebral Palsy Children Rehabilitation Centre, made possible through a Rotary Global Grant exceeding ₹75 lakhs, providing advanced equipment and therapeutic support to countless young beneficiaries.

During the event, President Emeritus Shri J. S. Mehta and President Shri Vijay Choraria highlighted the inspiring journey from dream to reality, and the vision of looking beyond with continued expansion. The project, with an investment of nearly ₹39 crore (including land, building, interiors, therapy and lab equipment, artificial limb manufacturing units, residential facilities, and operational costs), stands today as a model institution for inclusive rehabilitation.

Project Engineer Ravi Dugger elaborated on the salient features of the centre, which includes:

- Climate resilience through elevated land development to safeguard from flooding.
- Inclusive design with ramps from ground to top floor for easy accessibility.
- Sustainability features such as sensory and healing gardens, rainwater recharge pits, and an STP system to recycle water.

Doctors at MSS showcased the latest advancements in artificial limb technology, where prosthetics are being developed to respond to neurological signals, thereby enhancing mobility and independence of beneficiaries.



The cultural program by especially abled children, cerebral palsy survivors, and prosthetic users was deeply moving, reminding everyone that true joy lies in creating smiles and empowering lives.

The event concluded with the inauguration of a new Audiology Centre, offering free check-ups, treatments, and hearing aids. MSS Patron Shri Vinod Kumar Bagrodia formally launched the initiative by presenting a hearing aid to a beneficiary on stage.

Among the distinguished Rotarians who graced the occasion were PP Rtn Dr V K Nevatia, PP Rtn Rakesh Kumar Goel, PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, PE Rtn Runjhun Gupta, and Rtn Poulomi Dutta, reaffirming Rotary's continued commitment to service above self.

The day truly embodied the theme - Dream, Reality & Beyond - showing how compassion, vision, and dedication can transform countless lives.

**By Dr. Rtn Poulomi Dutta**

### FEELING PROUD

Heartiest Congratulations PP Rtn Dr Nevatia for a fabulous showcase of MSS at Joka. It filled us with so much pride to see RCCM be a part of such a huge impact, all thanks to your leadership and unconditional dedication by you. You make us SOOO proud

**By Rtn Ashoo Tibrewal**

## सभा संस्था का समाचार

### महावीर सेवा सदन में दो सेवाओं का उद्घाटन

**सन्मार्ग संवाददाता, कोलकाता :** महावीर सेवा सदन में दो नये आयामों की सेवाओं का उद्घाटन किया गया। शनिवार को ड्रीम रिहैबिलिटेशन बियॉन्ड प्रोग्राम में संस्था के संस्थापक अध्यक्ष जे.एस.मेहता ने सभी का स्वागत किया। संस्था के अध्यक्ष विजय सिंह चोरडिया ने जोका प्रोजेक्ट का लेखा-जोखा एवं भविष्य में होने वाले खर्चों का प्रेजेंटेशन दिया। संस्था के एडवायजरी कमिटी के मेंबर रवि दुग्गड़ ने प्रोजेक्ट की विशेषताओं पर प्रकाश डाला। श्रवण यंत्र का निःशुल्क वितरण कर उद्घाटन पेट्रन विनोद कुमार बागोड़िया के आर्थिक सहयोग से हुआ। संस्था के बोर्ड मेंबर विनय प्रकाश सेठिया ने आभार व्यक्त किया। कार्यक्रम में उद्योगपति राधेश्याम गोयका चैयरमैन इमामोद्युप, जोड़ी ग्रुप के चैयरमैन राजेंद्र बच्छावत, अनमोल बिस्किट के डायरेक्टर विमल कुमार चौधरी, सांवरमल्ल जैन, कुमार सभा पुस्कालय के उपाध्यक्ष भागीरथ चौडक एवं महावीर प्रसाद रावत, तारा दुग्गड़, रोस्टरी क्लब मेट्रो पोलिटन एवं चौरंगी के पदाधिकारी, रानीगंज से पधारे शंभुनाथ जाजोदिया, राजेंद्र प्रसाद खेतान, संस्था के मेडिकल डायरेक्टर वी.के. नेवटिया, सेक्रेटरी आर. एस.सिंघो, मनोज मनहोत, जतन बरडिया, सह सक्लेटी अमित जैन एवं अन्य पदाधिकारी मौजूद थे। धन्यवाद संजय सेठिया ने दिया। संचालन ममता मनहोत ने किया।

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## DREAM, REALITY & BEYOND...



## CONGRATULATIONS RTN MADAN MOHAN MOHANKA



What an outstanding accomplishment Rtn Madan Mohan Mohanka (MM Sir)

Madan Mohan Centre of Excellence in Case Method of Learning to advance case-based pedagogy at IIM Ahmedabad, inaugurated on 30th August 2025, is a contribution to Nation building and will remain for generations to benefit.

Brilliantly shared vision by you (MM Sir), and you deserve the appreciation shared by Shri Vineet Joshi, Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India, and Professor Srikanth

Datar, Dean of the Faculty, Harvard Business School, you have earned the gratitude shared by Mr. Pankaj Patel, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIMA, and Professor Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIMA, and the faith of Professor Saral Mukherjee, Chairperson of the newly-inaugurated Centre, speaks volume of the love they have for you for your unconditional commitment to pay forward all that you have gained from IIMA. A privilege to watch it live. Thank you for all your contributions. You have made Metropolitans super proud.

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**

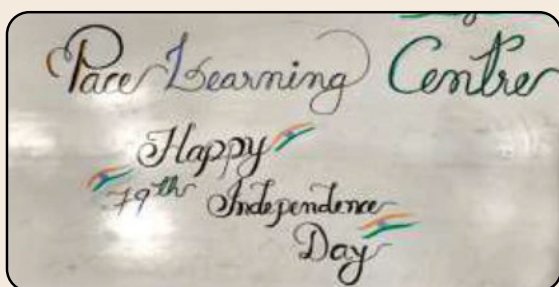
## PLC - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On 15th August 1947, India became free from British rule, and this historic day is celebrated every year to honor the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and to cherish the spirit of independence.

On the occasion of the 79th Independence Day, our school celebrated with great enthusiasm and respect. The tricolour flag was hoisted with pride, patriotic songs filled the air, and students participated in cultural programs, speeches, and activities that reminded us of the value of freedom.

This article is a small effort to capture those memorable moments and to spread the message of unity, courage, and love for our country. Through this, we wish to inspire everyone to contribute towards a brighter and stronger India.

**Freedom is not given, it is won with sacrifice.**



The celebration began with the flag hoisting, the national flag was hoisted by our honorable guest Runjhun Ma'am, along with our Interact Club President. As the flag was unfurled, everyone stood in attention and sang the National Anthem with pride and patriotism.



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After that, the students presented beautiful patriotic dance performances, which spread the spirit of unity, energy, and love for the nation.



## PLC - INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

The younger students recited patriotic poems in their sweet voices, which touched everyone's hearts and reminded us of the sacrifices of our freedom fighters.



some students performed karate with great discipline and confidence, showing strength, courage, and self-control.



Following the students' performance, Sir and Ma'am gave a thought-provoking speech on Independence Day, encouraging us to reflect on what it means to be truly independent. They shed light on the importance and relevance of independence in our lives.



After the program, food was distributed, making the day joyful & memorable.



It was a day filled with patriotism, enthusiasm, and a sense of unity among all of us. Independence Day reminds us of the hard-earned freedom and the sacrifices made by our brave leaders and soldiers. It is not only a day of celebration but also a moment to take responsibility for building a better and stronger nation. Let us stay united, respect our country, and contribute to its progress with pride and dedication.

## FLAG HOISTING AND CELEBATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY AT PACE LEARNING CENTRE ON 15.8.2025

Do we really know the meaning of Independence?

Ask a child who is made to shut her voice, because she is a girl Ask a child who is made to work instead of studying, because she is a girl Ask a child who didn't enjoy a childhood, because she is a girl

Above thoughts are inspired by a Bengali poem, 'Meaning of Independence' by Bhabani Prasad Majumdar, recited at PACE Learning Centre, PLC school, at the Independence day celebration.

This question is limited not only to villages, but also the cities and answer lies in educating them. This is the main intention behind fighting against odds with collective

efforts to support 350 plus underprivileged girls in a high trafficked area, so that they can experience and understand freedom. Gearing up to take it to 1000!

It was beautiful to be a part of celebration filled with giggles, smiles, laughter, pride as they expressed through various creative acts. Thank you Jayanta da (PP Rtn Jayanta Chatterji), MM Sir, Rotary Metropolitan family for your faith in me as we strive to make a bigger impact together.

Heartfelt gratitude

**By Rtn Runjhun Gupta**

## PLC - CELEBRATING RAKSHA BANDHAN

On 8th August 2025 PACE Learning Centre came alive with joy and creativity as students celebrated Raksha Bandhan—an age-old festival that symbolizes love, protection, and the promise of togetherness. The event was thoughtfully curated to foster cultural appreciation, creativity, emotional bonding, and social responsibility among students.



The celebration began with the Internet Club members welcoming everyone and sharing the significance of Raksha Bandhan. Then they organized a small program in which Rakhis were tied to the staff members of our school as a symbol of respect and affection. Students tied Rakhis to each other, expressing friendship and brotherhood, and teachers also participated in the ceremony with great enthusiasm. The atmosphere was filled with smiles, laughter, and a spirit of togetherness.



After the Rakhi tying ceremony, candies were distributed among all students, adding sweetness to the occasion. The entire program was simple yet meaningful, leaving everyone with a feeling of joy and unity.



The Rakhi Festival celebration in our school was a beautiful reminder of the bonds that connect us beyond differences. It reflected the school's commitment to nurturing mutual respect, love, and harmony among its members. As a pass-out student, it was truly a pleasure to see that the traditions and values I learned here are still being carried forward with the same enthusiasm.



# Yes!

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