



# Presidency Times

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Rotary is at its best when we foster a sense of inclusion and belonging in our clubs. In fact, I would go so far as to say that belonging is The Magic of Rotary Itself.

With a focus on inclusivity and belonging, it is easier to be united in a common purpose. When we are committed to one another and focused on our goals, we are most effective.

Rotary's Action Plan can help. The Action Plan comes with tools you can use to collect feedback, assess your club's strengths and weaknesses, and address challenges.

The world is changing, and our clubs can't afford to stand still. But the changes we make need to be consistent and strategic — building on one

another toward a greater vision. The Action Plan can help you work toward that vision and create effective change within your club. Following the Action Plan and addressing suggestions from the community will go a long way to fostering the sense of belonging we want all Rotary members to feel in their clubs.

That's why expanding our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is so important. Committing ourselves to each other's well-being is the first step to expanding our reach, allowing us to spread Positive Peace in these troubled times.

Peace building is one of our top priorities, and one of the most effective ways we can build peace is with our Rotary Peace Fellowships, through which peace and development professionals learn how to prevent and end conflict.

We offer the fellowships through our Rotary Peace Centers at leading universities around the globe, where more than 1,800 Rotary Peace Fellows have graduated. And thanks to a \$15.5 million gift from the Otto and Fran Walter Foundation, we can continue supporting peacebuilders in more regions with the next peace center at Bahçesehir University in Istanbul.

Opening another peace center is a monumental achievement, and it is my great honor to invite you to celebrate at next year's Rotary Presidential Peace Conference at the Istanbul center. The three-day conference 20-22 February will highlight the many ways our family of Rotary advances peace building. Registration for the conference is officially open. I hope to see you there.

The 2025 Rotary Presidential Peace Conference has great potential for our peace building efforts – but only if we have your support.

The truth is, we're not going to bring peace to the world, end polio, or grow membership by waving a wand and saying some funny words. It's up to you. You create the magic with every project completed, every dollar donated, and every new member inducted.

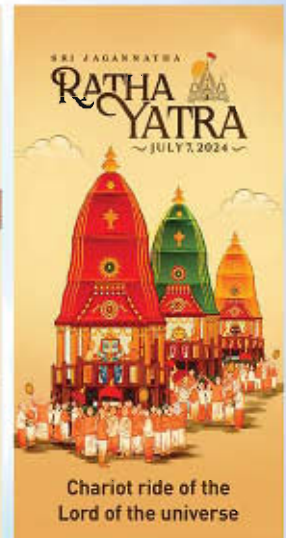
I love my Rotary family and I know you do too. That's why I know that together, we can make every club and district simply irresistible. This year, let us change the world by embracing *The Magic of Rotary*.

**STEPHANIE A. URCHICK**  
President, Rotary International

**President Rtn. Abha Lunia being felicitated during the DG change over ceremony on 1st July at Dhono Dhanyo auditorium for giving donation to the foundation for Paul Harris Society**



You may not always see the results of your kindness...  
but every bit of positive energy you contribute to the world makes it a better place for all of us.





## LEADERSHIP LEGACY CONTINUES...

### 10th INSTALLTION CEREMONY ON 7TH JULY 2024 AT CALCUTTA SWIMMING CLUB

The event was graced by the presence of PRIP Shekhar Mehta, AKS DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, First Lady Dr. Simran , DGE Dr. Homchaudhurl, and many more District Officials and other Club presidents adding prestige to the occasion.

The 10th Installation Ceremony of RC Calcutta Presidency commenced at 9.30 am .

Rtn. Ranjan ji Mussadi served as the Master of Ceremony and ensured a smooth flow of the proceedings.

The event began with the National Anthem.

Keeping up with the Indian tradition of 'Atitthi Devo Bhav' the guests were welcomed by Chandan tikka and utarios.

A hearty welcome was also extended to prospective members, major donors and members of our club.

Rtn. Pradeep Jain honored DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and Rtn. Dr. Rina Malpani presented a token of appreciation to First Lady Dr. Simran Gupta. Past President Rtn. Sangita Bakliwal handed over the Collar, Charter, Gong, and Gabel to the new President, Abha Lunia, in the presence of esteemed dignitaries.

President Abha Lunia officially called the 196th meeting to order. IPP Sangita Bakliwal showcased the past year's projects through a detailed presentation and acknowledged members for their contributions with

awards. She also presented each member with a personalized gift. The Rotary Handbook was unveiled by PRIP Shekhar Mehta and DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, distributed to PDGs, District Officials, club members, and guests.

President Abha Lunia then shared her vision for the year 2024-2025 taking it a notch above the previous year. As a Queen, she proudly introduced her main board and directors spelling out their strengths.

The event was grand not only in its splendour but also in our generosity. 1000\$ Cheque as contribution by Abha Lunia for Foundation, was handed over to the DG. 17 cheques of members 25 \$ each totalling to 1400\$ was also handed over to the District Governor. Sponsorship for District Directory was also given of Rs 75000 from Tanishq and Rs 25000 from Shanti Tarachand Maheshwari Trust.

As a token of appreciation, President Abha Lunia presented a memento to IPP Sangita Bakliwal, a coffee table book with messages from the club members and pictures of the past year projects depicting success and camaraderie.

PRIP Shekhar Mehta and DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta both addressed the gathering inspiring and motivating the Rotarians to CREATE MAGIC through their work.

Vote of thanks was given by President Elect Rtn. Rajesh Bothra. Overall, the 10th Installation Ceremony was marked by camaraderie, generosity, and a shared commitment to Rotary's ideals, setting a promising tone for the year ahead under President Abha Lunia's leadership.



### Editor's Note

It is with great pleasure and humility that I take on the role of editor for our esteemed Rotary Club newsletter, **PRESIDENCY TIMES**. Having been a member of this vibrant community for just a year, I have witnessed firsthand the Incredible Impact our club has on our local community and beyond.

I am excited to embark on this journey of keeping you informed and inspired through our newsletter. Each edition will strive to capture the spirit of Rotary: our dedication to service, our commitment to fellowship, and our passion for making a difference. In this role, I aim to spotlight the diverse projects and initiatives that define our club. From the impactful service projects we undertake to the enriching fellowship opportunities we create, our newsletter will celebrate our achievements and provide a platform to share ideas and stories. I invite each of you to actively participate

in shaping our newsletter. Your contributions, whether through sharing your Rotary experiences, highlighting upcoming events, or suggesting topics of interest, are invaluable in making our newsletter a reflection of our collective efforts and achievements.

Together, let us continue to uphold the Ideals of Rotary, guided by our motto of "Service Above Self." I look forward to working with you all and contributing to the success and growth of our Rotary Club.

**Rtn. Anju Bothra**  
Club Editor

## MEGA HEALTH CAMP 'NIROG RAHO' at CHARUCHANDRA COLLEGE ON 1st JULY 2024

**Project Chair: RTN.Dr. Rina Malpani**

The MEGA HEALTH CAMP "NIROG RAHO" organized by RC Calcutta Presidency at Charuchandra College on 1st July 2024 was a significant event celebrating health and contributions to society. The event was graced by the presence of AKS DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and DGE Dr. Homchaudhuri, adding prestige to the occasion. It successfully combined health awareness with community service, underscoring the importance of health and well-being in society. Here are the highlights of the event:

### 1. Thalassemia Awareness and Detection:

- DGE Dr. Homchaudhuri delivered a presentation on preventing Thalassemia.
- NRS Medical College conducted Beta thalassemia detection tests for over 100 students.

### 2. CPR Training ("DIL KI SUNO"):

- CK Birla team conducted CPR training, providing hands-on practice to students.

### 3. Heart Health Awareness:

- Dr. Pawan Agarwal gave a talk on heart health and cardiac arrest awareness.
- Pamphlets on heart health were distributed to raise awareness among participants.

### 4. General Health Awareness:

- Dr. U.K. Das spoke about the importance of maintaining good health, emphasizing the adage "Health Is Wealth".

### 5. Donation of Wheelchair:

- A wheelchair was donated as part of the initiative to support those in need.

### 6. Felicitation of Doctors and Chartered Accountants:

- Doctors Dr. Rina Malpani, Dr. Pawan Agarwal, Dr. U.K. Das were honored for their service on Doctors' Day.
- Chartered Accountants Rtn. Ranjan Mussadi, Rtn. Pawan Agarwal, Rtn. Pradeep Jain, and Rtn. Sunil Mall were felicitated on Chartered Accountants Day.

### 7. BMI: BMI was measured for students of the college.

Notebooks promoting the Four Way Test of Rotary were distributed as part of the educational outreach.

Refreshing drink was provided to all students and faculty.



## July 18th Mother & Child Project - MATRI RAKSHA

We conducted the MATRI RAKSHA, a GLOBAL GRANT PROJECT on 18th July in collaboration with RC Salt lake Metropolitan Club, Kolkata and also involved medical professionals from ILS Hospital.

Activities and Services Provided:

### 1. Talk by Dr. Rina Malpani:

- Covered topics such as anaemia, cervical cancer, and menstrual hygiene.
- Discussed healthy food habits.
- Conducted an interactive session on gynaecological problems.
- Addressed questions and concerns from attendees.

### 2. Medical Check-up:

- Dr. Poonam and Dr. Rina conducted check-ups for the women.
- Tests included height, weight, haemoglobin levels, blood pressure, and blood sugar.

### 3. PPH Camp:

- Tests were conducted by a team from ILS Hospital, consisting of 4 members.
- Readings and tests included various health metrics relevant to maternal health.

### 4. Distribution of Supplies:

- Iron tablets were distributed to address anemia.
- Medicines, Sattu powder (a protein supplement), and Horlicks sachets were also distributed to support nutritional needs of the women.

### 5. Attendance:

- 40 women attended the event.

Overall, the MATRI RAKSHA Project provided essential health education, medical check-ups, and necessary supplements to improve maternal and women's health in the community.



**Minutes of the ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA PRESIDENCY's 197th RWM held on 13TH JULY 2024 AT COSMOPOLITAN CLUB**

**President Abha called the 197th meeting to order. She welcomed all members as well our speaker Siddharth Sawansukha.**

The meeting commenced with the singing of the National Anthem. The 196th meeting minutes were passed as read by Rtn Sangita Bakliwal. The Bye-laws and the Budget sheets were circulated amongst members. Sangita Bajoria gave a brief account of the Mega Health camp- NIROG RAHO CONDUCTED ON 1st July at CHARUCHANDRA COLLEGE.

Sangita Jain, as Non-Medical Director, enumerated the projects to be continued and initiated in the coming year. She spoke about our pilot project with our RCC in Piyali, Rotary Ramkrishna Academy, a CBSE English medium school with a strength of 115 students. Then she spoke about our flagship project SAKSHAM, Adult literacy, Care for the aged, water huts, Tree plantation, Say no to Plastic, Vocational and Youth services. PHF PIN was given to Rajeshji along with certificate. Sangita Bakliwal gave away the awards won by our club at SUKRITI to the Project Chair of the project - Peace and Conflict Resolution - PRADEEPI, Support to Physically Challenged - SANGITA JAIN, Women Empowerment - JAYSHREE, RCC - PAWANJI, Heart Surgeries - Dr.RINA, Disease Prevention

and Treatment - Dr. RINA or Dr Ramesh, Public Image - Sanjeev, Water and Sanitation - RANJAN MUSSADI, Appreciation for Mental Health - RASHMI SURANA, Appreciation for Family Of Rotary - ANJU SINGHEE. Our guest speaker, renowned gemologist, Mr. Siddhartha Sawansukha enlightened the members on gems and lab grown diamonds. He patiently answered all our queries. He was enthusiastic about helping in vocational training in his laboratory.

**Upcoming Events**

- MATRI RAKSHA** project on mother and child welfare to be conducted 18th July at RRA, Piyali.
- SAKSHAM** project to be held in Bhubneswar on 20th July where a team of six members will be travelling.
- AUSHADI DAN** to continue.
- An eye camp will be held on 11 August for which the board has funded Rs 45000 and rest will be donated by the members.
- It was agreed that the club will hold a joint meeting with Rotary Chowringhee on 31st August with PRID Mr. Shekhar Mehta as speaker.
- The meeting ended with a vote of thanks and the secretary announcing the birthdays and anniversaries of our members in July.**



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**16th CAMP OF SAKSHAM AT BHUBANESWAR ON 20TH JULY**

In Association with Rotary Club Of Bhubaneswar Toshali RID 3262, we conducted our 16th camp Of SAKSHAM, in Bhubaneswar Saksham, our signature project, empowers individuals to live independently and with dignity. Our Saksham team of six members travelled to Bhubaneswar on 19th July evening. Next day the camp started at 9am. There were 28 beneficiaries. The camp started by assessing the beneficiaries for fitment. Once the fitment was done, they were trained to use the prosthetic hand. They were counselled on the upkeep of the hand and replacement. There were a few complicated cases. However, solutions were worked out. The Beneficiaries were returned with a smile of happiness and our team returned satisfied.



**AUSHADI DAN**

Our Club in association with Sree Sree Ramkrishna Seva Samiti continued with the project of AUSHADI DAN on 7th and 14th July 2024 at Piyali. On both the days medicines worth Rs.5500 were distributed to local people. Local people also availed free doctor consultation.

**We have regular meetings twice a month at Cosmopolitan Club over Breakfast.**