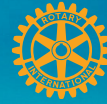




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“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

P R E S I D E N T

Gayatree

was born in the aristocratic traditional family, of Mallicks, of North Kolkata. After her graduation, she got married to Dwipendra and immediately left for Muscat in 1978. Both her sons Amitesh and Ayanesh were born there.

Her interest in cooking started taking fruit when she started winning cooking competitions. She won the ISC open, Nestlé open to name a few. She took up cooking Hobby classes in Indian School Muscat. She did cooking courses with Intercontinental Hotels, dessert classes with NHI and Sushi classes with Sheraton. Later started her own classes from home.

She also featured in Doordarshan Bangla on Ajker Ranna. She had also served in the position of ladies Co-ordinator in the

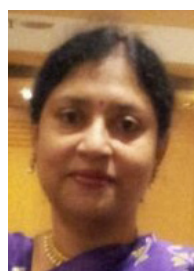


committee of The Indian Social Club for 2 terms. Gayatree was the only woman with the Indian Embassy and the Indian Social Club on field for 10 days during the horrible cyclone Gonu which devastated Muscat in 2007. After coming back to India in 2009, she joined Rotary in 1/1/11 as Social Service is very close to her heart. She enthusiastically joined in all activities and held the position of club secretary twice.

Her other interests are badminton and she held the Women’s single, double, mixed doubles title for Bangia Parishad for many years. She loves travelling and has been to many countries in the world.

Taking over at this critical juncture of world pandemic COVID-19 is a very challenging task. Gayatree has taken it up as a challenge and we are looking forward to a very unusual but fruitful year ahead.

Today's
Programme
27th Installation
Ceremony 2020



My Dear Victorians

My journey as President begins at a time when everything is under lockdown. But I promise to face the difficult time along with all of you to lead Victoria in this journey of service.

Meaningful projects both in Medical and Non-medical will be taken up and our hands

extended to the underprivileged and the differently abled.

With all your help and encouragement, along with our Rotaractors, Interactors and our RCCs I am sure that we can overcome and come out victorious.

Gayatree Dhar
President 2020-21



Club Secretary | Seema Danda



Dear Victorians

I was the secretary of this club in the year 2005-06 and the President In 2011-12.

Today again in 2020, some fifteen years later

I'm the secretary of RCCV when Gayatree has taken over as President.

In these unprecedented times of the pandemic, we want to be a ray of hope for many. Rotary is one of the best forums to help mankind. I'm glad to assist Gayatree & my club in these hard times.

Rotary is a dynamic organization continuously changing with changing times.

Much has changed in rotary in the immedi-

ate past and now the entire format has been metamorphosed.

We are getting used to E-bulletin / E-reporting & now meetings too are virtual only due to the pandemic. We too are learning & changing with circumstances.

However we have a very enthusiastic president who wants to do many projects.

We hope to do the best job in the circumstances given and need every member's support in some form or the other.

As the average age of our members is fairly high their physical participation, may not be possible for projects but for virtual meeting we need all.

Members please be with the club, President and the board members. Like our country our

club too will overcome these challenges.

Let's together enjoy a good fruitful satisfying rotary year.

We will by our projects and service prove that when there is a will there is a way overriding all hurdles and circumstances. We will adjust, mould, innovate and do projects according to the need of the prevailing social economic circumstances of our region and country!

At the same time we shall also endeavor to promote international understanding and good will through our international projects.

Let's walk this challenging journey together as a cohesive Victorian Family!



District Governor | Sudip Mukherjee

Rtn Sudip Mukherjee belongs to second generation of Rotarians.

His father Late S. K. Mukherjee was a charter member and second president of Rotary Ballygunge. He himself is a charter member of Rotaract Ballygunge and attended District Rotaract Conference of the then 329 at Dhaka way back in January 1981. As past president of Rotary Lansdowne, he has served our district in many capacities. He was Assistant District Secretary and District Secretary twice. He served as Assistant Governor (Administration) thrice and Assistant Governor (Service) twice. Apart from this, he carried out his responsibility in capacity of Chairman, District Publication and Zonal Coordinator, District Committee member etc. He is MPH and was adjudged "Outstanding Assistant Governor" thrice. He has received "Avenues of service Citation" from Rotary International.

He did his schooling and college from St Xavier's Kolkata. He did his post graduation in Operational



Research MBA in marketing. He is a second generation entrepreneur engaged in manufacturing specialized chemical and food processing equipments catering to CSIR, ICAR, IITs, NITs, Ministry of Defence, Food processing and Agriculture, Department of

Atomic energy & Bio Technology etc all over India. Recent achievement has been manufacturing equipment, for the first time in India, to produce "engineered health rice" in collaboration with a premier educational institute in India.

In this connection his company was awarded at 9th International Achievers Summit at Bangkok, Thailand. He is a life member of Eastern Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of Calcutta Club Ltd. As a sports enthusiast he is a life member of Cricket Association of Bengal and member of Mohan Bagan Athletic Club. An avid music & theatre lover. As a film buff, he is life member of Cine Central Calcutta, and has attended several film festivals in India and British Film Institute.

His better half Sumita, Montessorian and B Ed, teaches in one of the most reputed schools in Kolkata. Their only son Senajit has been a Rotaractor. After passing MBBS final and completing Internship is currently attached to a super speciality hospital.



Outgoing President Bal Krishan Agarwal



Dear Victorians

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you a second time, and it has been a privilege & an honour.

We are all passing through some very tough times, and all of us are required to keep our family & ourselves safe, while reaching out to those affected by the Pandemic Covid & Amphan.

With your generosity, our club could do some great work for Covid relief and Amphan.

I want to thank my entire team for all their support, all through the year, I would also like to thank staff of The Second Floor, for their great support. Especially like to thank Rtn Chhanda Banerji & Rtn Kashmiri Marwah, for spending numerous hours on the bulletin.

I wish my successor Gayatree & her team, a super year and hope they will complete the task left incomplete by us.

It was overall a very satisfying year and I loved working for the community on behalf of Rotary Victoria.



Outgoing Secretary Vibha Mehta



Dear Friends,

It was indeed a pleasure and honour for me to have served the Club as the Secretary during the past year.

I take this opportunity to thank each one of you for the generous support and guidance received by me throughout the year.

While it was a great learning experience for me I would request you to condone any errors which may have crept in while discharging my duties.

I hope to keep on receiving this affection and encouragement in the years to come.

Wishing the new team a blessed year ahead.

Jai Victoria



Project on Doctor's Day



1st July, 2020: Doctor's Day was celebrated with a project blood donation camp "Sankalpa" at the Rotary Sadan along with the district.

Reports and pictures are coming up in the next bulletin

Cots and Club Assembly in Zoom



Assistant Governor (2020-21), Arpita Chatterjee expressed happiness at being with Victorians, many of whom she knew personally. She said that the District 3291 team this year wanted the club trainer to conduct the COTS and thus requested PP Chhanda Banerji (Club Trainer for 2020-21) to proceed with the training.

PP Chhanda Banerji welcomed everyone and

mentioned that it was unfortunate that all the beautiful plans and projects that President (2020-21)

Gayatree had taken such pain to formulate over months of discussion with her team had to be modified due to the global pandemic. It was very disappointing but in true Rotary spirit, Gayatree Dhar and her team rose to the occasion.

The budget was prepared afresh and passed in the joint board meeting held on Monday, June 22nd, 2020. PETS, SETS and TETS were attended by the incoming President, Secretary and Treasurer on June 6th, 2020. District Training Assembly was attended by the directors and others on June 14th, 2020, as also Grant Management Seminar by 3 Members from our club.

The board has been formed as well as various committees in the different avenues of

service, namely:

- (i) Club Service, (ii) Vocational Service, (iii) Community Service (Medical), (iv) Community Service (Non-Medical), (v) International Service and (vi) Youth Service.

The five standing committees as per Club Leadership Plan (CLP) were discussed. They are: (i) Membership, (ii) Public Relations, (iii) Club Administration, (iv) Service Project, (v) Rotary Foundation.

Members were appraised of the six thrust areas of focus of the district, Guiding principle of Rotary and about the New Normal that is holding the meetings On Line when physical meetings are not possible. At least two meetings are to be held every month.

Every Member should have "My Rotary Ac-

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2020-21: The Team



Gayatree Dhar
President



B K Agarwal
Immediate Past President



Dr Sashi Prabha Rohatgi
President Elect



Sachiv Nijhawan
President Nominee



Nitish Jain
Vice President



Seema Danda
Secretary



Sudipta Sen
Jt Secretary



Siddharth Jhajharia
Treasurer



Sutapa Das
Jt Treasurer



Subhojit Sinha Roy
Sergeant-at-Arms



Sohini Banerjee
Editor



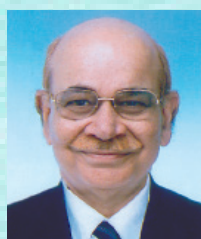
Chhanda Banerji
Club Trainer



Mukul Mitra
Aide-to-President



Arvind Agarwal
Director



Col M M Burman
Director



O P Agarwal
Director



J N Gurtu
Director



K K Nangalia
Director



Dr Krishnendu Gupta
Director



Kashmiri Marwah
Chair: Club Service



Sunita Agarwala
Chair: Community Service
Non Medical



Dr Joyashree Dhar
Chair: Community Service
Medical



Vibha Menha
Chair: Membership



Lata Bhatia
Chair: Public Relations



Dr Krishnendu Gupta
Chair: TRF



Alka Kejriwal
Chair: Vocational



Rakesh Macwan
Chair: International Service



Awards & Recognitions

We received the following awards at the Festival of Awards on 27th June 2020.

1. 1st Prize – Public Image.
2. 2nd Prize – Outstanding Project Memory Walk & Rotary day.
3. 2nd Prize Covid relief.
4. 2nd Prize – Covid prevention.
5. 2nd Prize – Thallesemia care.
6. Outstanding President
7. DG Citation
8. **Felicitation to Dr. Rtn. Krishnendu Gupta** with the District Governor’s Appreciation Award in recognition of Outstanding Services rendered to RI District 3291 (2019-20) as District Chairman - Annual Giving of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)



Interact 

Installation of CHS on 30th June 2020

Minutes of the 1243rd Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta Victoria held on Saturday, 27th June, 2020 at 11:30 am on ZOOM

- President B K Agarwal called the 1243rd meeting to order, the last meeting of this Rotary Year 2019-20.
- President welcomed AG (2020-21) Arpita Chatterjee and ZS Mahua Bose (2020-21) to the Club's COTS and Club Assembly.
- One minute's silence was observed in memory of RCCVs Past President (2006-07) Rtn Rena Ghosh, who passed away on 18th May, 2020.
- **Presidents announcements:**
 - i) This meeting of RCCV was being held after a long time. The last one was on March 8th, 2020 which was the DG's official visit.
 - ii) In the Lockdown period and there-

after, several very meaningful projects were done by RCCV.

- Rs 45000 worth of dry ration was given to needy residents of slum area near Joyjeet Memorial School on Prince Anwar Shah Road. PP Arvind Agrawal played a very big and important role in this –he himself contributing most of it.
- 376 PPE kits were given to six hospitals in the city.
 - Victorian Neeraj Jain fed 150 needy families for 25 days.
 - Dry rations were given to Little Sisters of the Poor – Senior Citizen's Home on AJC Bose Road on request from Sister Helen.
- iii) Nabanir programme shifted to Sunday, July 5th, 2020

- iv) District Awards programme today- June 27th, 2020 at Haldiram Banquets. RCCV has been given the slot from 5.30-7.00 pm. PP, Victorian Vinita Dutt will be accompanying President B K Agarwal.
- v) Though RCCV was eligible for RI Citation, but the club will not be receiving it as the relevant pictures had not been uploaded to the Rotary site .
- vi) President then adjourned the meeting and handed over the proceedings to PE Gayatree Dhar.
- vii) PE Gayatree Dhar welcomed everyone and handed over the proceedings to AG Elect Arpita Chatterjee to conduct the COTS and first Club Assembly (2020-21)

Members Present: 18 • Rotary guests: 2

Cots and Club Assembly

count". On line training through learning centre recommended and projects have to be uploaded on the Rotary India Website.

The Assistant Governor spoke about the eight Service Verticals for Rotary India, namely, (i) Rotary India Literacy Mission (RILM), (ii) Rotary India Water Mission (RIWM), (iii) Rotary India Sanitation Mission (RISM), (iv) Rotary India Health Mission-Preventive (RIHM-P), (v) Rotary India Health Mission-Curative, (vi) Rotary India Environment Mission (RIEM), (vii) Rotary India Disaster Management (RIDM), (viii) Rotary India corporate Social Responsibility (RICSR).

The clubs are to form separate committees and are also free to choose their preferred verticals and can do any other project.

Environment has been incorporated in areas of focus from this year which was very much appreciated by all the Victorians.

President Elect Gayatree Dhar conducted the Club Assembly. She called upon the Chairpersons of various committees under different avenues of service to give their presentation

which they did unveiling the many plans and projects of the coming Rotary Year.

Kashmiri Marwah spoke on the Club Administration, Lata Bhatia on Public Image, Sunita Agarwala on service projects, Dr Jayashree Dhar on Medical Projects with special mention to Mother and Child Care especially young pregnant women. Rakesh Macwan spoke on International Service, specially Global Grants, B K Agarwal on Youth Service and Dr Krishnendu Gupta on TRF. President Elect Gayatree Dhar stepped in and filled in the gaps. Sarah Macwan will oversee Polio Plus campaign along with Capt Amab Sen and other programmes.

Thanks to our seven interact clubs and a vibrant Rotaract Club our youth wing are our pride.

PE Gayatree Dhar requested all the members to pay their half yearly dues in July which is the same as last year.

Forthcoming Programmes

- **Wed, 8th Jul:** Lunch at Navnir Old Age Home at 12:30 pm onwards.

A new member who has been a satellite member will be inducted on July 4th, 2020. Seven members have left the club. Two of them PP Deepak Atal and PP Aandhi Shah who left due to serious health issues have been made Honorary Members on account of their immense contribution to club and to the district 3291.

Vote of thanks was given by PE Gayatree Dhar .

Get Well Soon

All Victorians wish **Vibha Mehta** who is recuperating from a slipped disc, a speedy recovery.



Happy Birthday!

- Dr O P Agarwal • 2nd July
- Dr Jayashree Dhar • 3rd July
- Dr Madhuchanda Kar • 4th July