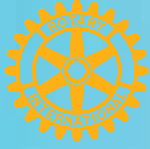


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CELEBRATION OF REPUBLIC DAY



The annual sports for children of Paruldaha village was organised by RCC Brindakhali

on our Republic Day 26th January 2025. RCCV sponsored the entire event. Prizes and food packets were given out to all the children. Along with sports, RCC chair Gayatri Dhar and Rotarian Sudipta Sen hoisted the National flag. 50 blankets were also given out to senior citizens.



Today's Programme

Joint Meeting with RCC Metropolitan, RCC Mayfair and RCC Ayyanna at Conclave at 1 pm.



Stephanie A Urchick
RI President



Dr Krishnendu Gupta
District Governor



Rajnish Mehta
President



Sohini Banerjee
Secretary



Lata Bhatia
Treasurer



Chhanda Banerji
Editor

Project Positive Health



Medical camp on 19 January 2025 at Entally managed by Bench Committee. A medical camp named as Project Positive Health was organised on Sunday, 19 January 2025 at Entally near Entally Post Office in association with Bench Committee, an NGO of that locality. The health camp comprised of Eye check up, Dental check

up, General medical check up, Blood test including blood group check up and BMI (height weight measurement) check up. 120 Students of 14 Govt schools of the nearby vicinity participated in the health camp. Besides these checkups, these young students were made aware of dental and physical hygiene in general. 9 doctors

(comprising 5 young doctors from KPC, Jadavpur, 2 dentists from Indian Dental Association, 1 Ophthalmologist and 1 senior general physician of the locality) and 5 technicians conducted the camp. Besides this medical camp, these students were also given school bag and stationery items. Meritorious students



of these schools who did well in their respective exams were felicitated too. Two Victorians KK Jha and Sachiv

Nijhawan represented the club. The club has contributed 20000 for this medical and literacy camp. Total man hours of 2

Rotarians is 8. The camp started at 10 and continued well beyond the scheduled time of 2pm.

Cervical Cancer Vaccination



The second dose of Cervical Cancer vaccination was given today (19th January 2024) at RCC Kanthalberia, to 8 girls under the age of 14 to 26 years. Three doses will be given

to this group. The date of the third dose will be announced later. PP. Vinita Dutt, PP B.K. Agarwal and PP Gayatree Dhar attended the project.

At Hari Ganga Vidyalaya



Water purifier installed and two toilets constructed at Hari Ganga Vidyalaya near Jorabagan. Rtn. Subhojit Sinha Roy sponsored the project in memory of his late mother Sm. Maya Sinha Roy. This project was inaugurated on 18th January 2025. Books and stationery were also given to the school children. President Rajnish Mehta and Subhojit Sinha Roy attended the project.



AT ARUNIMA HOSPICE



On 29th December 2024, Vinita Dutt, Sutapa Das and Sachiv Nijhawan travelled

to Arunima Hospice and gifted toys to 60 children, spreading cheer and joy. Food packets

were also given. The children put up a beautiful programme of dance & music for the Victorians.

2nd Club Assembly Report 7th September 2024 at HHI

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Sunita Agarwala

♦ **No. of Regular Meetings:** 1 Installation Meeting(July 6th,2024) 3 (held on July 20th,

Public Relations

Chair: Nitish Jain

All club activities have been put up on the facebook wall.



2024, August 3rd 2024 & August 24th, 2024)

♦ **No. of Board Meetings held:** 1 (31.08.24)

♦ **Bulletin:** 3

♦ **Support to the District:** Lead Host Club for "Udbodhan" DG's Installation on 1st July 2024.



MEMBERSHIP

Chair: B.K.Agarwal

♦ 3 members inducted on July 6th, 2024; (1) Dr. Dipanwita Banerjee,(2) Capt. Arnab Sen and (3) Ms. Shampa Chakraverty

Fellowship

Chair: Arvind Agarwal

Fellowship: 1 (At Installation meeting on July 6th, 2024).



SERVICE PROJECTS

Community Service (Non - Medical)

Chair: Alka Kejriwal

Disadvantaged Children

Sit and Draw competition held on 13th July 2024 at Satyananda Vidyapith at Baruiapur. 72 children participated. Prizes and food packets given. Also gifted them stationary, drawing books, crayons.etc.



Basic Education & Literacy

Rs. 30,000/- given as scholarships to the children at Satyananda Vidyapith, Baruiapur. 72 children given educational aids - stationary, pencils, erasers, drawing books etc.on 13th July 2024. At Purulia,Lalpur, 50 Mosquito Nets were distributed to villagers

Community Service (Medical)

Chair: Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu

On 1st July 2024, Doctors' Day, a medical



camp was organised at St. Lawrence School for the children of their Night School. 98 students benefitted from this camp. Hands on service rendered by RCCV doctors Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu, Dr. O.P.Agarwal and Dr. Joyashree Dhar. Free medicines and food packets were given to the children.16 Victorians attended the project.

ENVIRONMENT

Chair: Lata Bhatia

♦ **Tree Plantation:** (1) 62 saplings planted at Baruiapur Satyananda Vidyapith, (2) 150 fruit bearing trees given to 50 villagers for planting inLalpur, Purulia, (3) A fruit garden created at Lalpur village, Purulia

♦ **Rain Water Harvesting:** This project started



in June and continuing for growing crops thus empowering farmers. DG visited the project on 13th August 2024.



■ ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS (RCC)

Chair: Gayatree Dhar

- ◆ **At RCC Brindakhali:** Money for monthly medical camp along with medicines for the locals for the month of July and August were given.
- ◆ Flag hoisting on 15th August 2024, Independence Day.



- ◆ Football matches organised. One for the veterans and another for the young boys of the club. Cash prize of Rs.25000/ were given. Four members attended the project.



■ VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Seema Danda

- ◆ Empowerment of Women
- ◆ Suchikala Project at Kanthalberia. Twenty girls are given tailoring Classes.
- ◆ On 28th July 2024, Fifty two girls/women registered for 3 month training course



in Mehendi, Embroidery, Hair styling at Dakshin Kolkata Arya Vidya Mandir, Garcha Road.



■ YOUTH SERVICE

Chair: Vibha Mehta

- ◆ Football match organised for the local youths at RCC Brindakhali on 15.08.2024. Cash prizes given.
- ◆ Support to Interactors Attended Installation Ceremony of Interact Club of St. James School and their programme for disadvantaged children, 'Jaco Jagriti'.

- ◆ Attended Installation ceremony of P.B.Academy.
- ◆ Cervical Cancer vaccination Awareness camp held at St. John's Diocesan Girls school.



■ LITERACY

Chair: Kashmiri Marwah

- ◆ Rupees Thirty Thousand(30,000) were



given to children at Satyanand Vidyapith, Baruipur for their education.

- ◆ A sit and Draw competition was held at the Baruipur school.



■ THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Chair: Dr. Krishnendu Gupta

- ◆ TRF contribution has been \$100 till date.

■ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Varsha Ghatak

- ◆ PP Chhanda Banerji attended a Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Long Beach, California, USA on August 14th, 2024.



Treasurer: Lata Bhatia

- ◆ Finance: Healthy Accounts audited on time. RI & District dues paid on time.

3rd Club Assembly Report 14th December 2024 at The Conclave

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Sunita Agarwala

- ◆ **No. of Regular Meetings:** 5 (07/09//24, 25/09/24,19/10/24,11/01/24)
- ◆ **No. of Board Meetings held:** 2nd board meeting held on 11/12/24.



- ◆ **No. of Joint Meetings held:** RC Belur and RCC Chowringhee (23/11/24)
- ◆ **Bulletin:** 2
- ◆ **Goodwill Visit:** RC Calcutta on 19/11/24



- ◆ **Support to the District:** RC Calcutta Victoria was the Host Club at Rotary Foundation Seminar on 24th November, 2024

MEMBERSHIP

Chair: B.K.Agarwal

- ◆ Member inducted on September 25th,2024-i Mr. Ashok Kothari.
- ◆ Total members: 43

Fellowship

Chair: Arvind Agarwal

- Fellowship: 2 (At Conclave on 25th September 2024 & at Ladies Golf Club on 7th December 2024)

Public Relations

Chair: Nitish Jain

- ◆ Chotoder Sharad Parikrama was reported on The Times of India news paper.
- ◆ Updates on FB wall has been continuous.

- ◆ Cervical cancer awareness camp held at RCC Kanthalberia on 17th November 2024. Rtn. Dr. Dipanwita Banerjee addressed the villagers and interacted with them

Community Service (Non - Medical)

Chair: Alka Kejriwal

Disadvantaged Children

- ◆ Chhotoder Sharad Shreshtha was held with Times of India and Bhawanipur Education Society on 7th October 2024. 112 children and 6 teachers participated.



- ◆ Celebration of Childrens day on 14th November at St Lawrence Night School. 598 children were treated to cookies, chips and cakes. A magic show was organised for them.



SERVICE PROJECTS

Community Service (Medical)

Chair: Dr. Jai Nath Gurtu

- ◆ Mega Hearing Aid project: 40 digital hearing aids given to 20 hearing impaired students of Ideal School for the Deaf on 30th November 2024.



- ◆ On December 7th 2024, a cheque was handed over for 32 Writers for 32 visually challenged children of Lighthouse for the blind to write their board exams.



- ◆ Toys were gifted to 250 children of 'REFUGE' - an orphanage in North Kolkata on 27th October 2024. Lunch was provided to inmates of Refuge.

- ◆ Toy distribution was held at All Bengal Women's Home union on 18th November 2024. 56 children of Val Waabi Vidyalaya were gifted toys, biscuits and cakes.



Empowerment of Women

Virangana: Self defence training programme held on 30th September 2024 at St. James School for their night school students

Basic Education & Literacy

32 writers provided to students of Lighthouse for the blind.

■ ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS (RCC)

Chair: Gayatree Dhar

♦ **At RCC Kanthalberia:** Suchikala Project 20 girls learning stitching and tailoring. A six month course. Started on 21st September 2024.



♦ Mushroom farming started on 21st September 2024.

♦ Cervical cancer awareness camp held on 17th November 2024. Dr. Dipanwita Banerjee addressed the villagers.



■ VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Chair: Seema Danda

♦ **Suchikala:** 20 young women are being trained in stitching and tailoring at RCC Kanthalberia (6 month course)



♦ Training in mushroom farming started on 21st September 2024 at Kanthalberia.

■ YOUTH SERVICE

Chair: Vibha Mehta

♦ Joint project with Interactors: Interact club of P.B.Academic School gifted a large number of toys which were given to children of Refuge and All India Women's Union along with toys collected by RCCV.



■ POLIO AND NID

Chair: Sachiv Nijhawan

♦ RC Victoria has been participating at all the Polio vaccination programmes undertaken by Rotary International.

♦ DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and Dr Simran Gupta have contributed USD 2200 for polio.

■ THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Chair: Dr.Krishnendu Gupta

♦ Contribution to TRF till 14th December, 2024 stands at \$15500.



SAMMELAN

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2025



World 2024 Ms. Nikita Porwal our Vibha Mehta, elegantly attired along with Rtn. Soma Bhan of RCC Avyanna conducted the session with aplomb. A very nice talk by Reverend Swami Kripakaranandaji Maharaj ("Seeking Truth"), session on Green Energy ("Impact of Solar Technologies"), 'Cervical Cancer Prevention' and 'End Thalassaemia Now' were the other topics. The post lunch session "We are One" (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) was an eye opener. Guest speaker Onir, eminent film director, National Film award winner and LGBTQ+ activist and Rtn. Zainab Patel (RID 3141), transgender and LGBTQ+ activist was in conversation with PP Chitralekha Ghosh. Onir's biggest challenge was funding for his award winning film "I Am", on child sexual abuse. With funding from 400 people from 47 countries, the film saw the light of day, travelled to many countries and won accolades. Rtn. Zainab said society needs to help the LGBTQ+ people, see that they are better off and live with dignity. Also present was guest speaker Mr. Uday Kumar a 35 year old amputee with 91% disability (because of

The District Conference of RY 2024-25, an important annual event of Rotary districts was held from 3rd to 5th January 2025 at the spacious venue of Nicco Park (East Pavilion), hosted by clubs of RID 3291. On one side of the ground club exhibits were displayed and on the other side stalls were put up. Sixteen members of RCCV had registered for the conference. RI President's Representative (RIPR) PDG Babumon Krishnanunni from RID 3211 was the chief guest. On the first day i.e. 3rd January 2025 there was election for DGND & NCM. Results were declared the following day. PP Purnendu Roy Choudhury from RC Calcutta was chosen DGND {DG(2027-28)} and PDG Ajay Agarwal NCM. The conference began with the inaugural session on Saturday 4th January 2025, with welcome address, remarks by DGAKS Krishnendu Gupta, address by Guest of Honour RIPR Shekhar Mehta, address by RIPR, felicitations of PDGs and an excellent talk by Special Guest Mr. Jaiprakash Kabra, a seasoned HR Consultant and motivational speaker. His topic "Yes I Can" was interspersed with humour and backed by a video presentation of para Olympics which proved that one can conquer all odds if there is a will. In the afternoon there were 4 plenary sessions. The first one had two speakers namely Mr. Siddhant Kaul, MD Nicco Engineering Services Ltd who spoke on 'Entrepreneurship and Business in India' and Mr. Dhruva Mukherjee CEO of Ananda Bazar Patrika whose topic 'Doing well by Doing good' was thought provoking. Any nation to progress, the economy has to become better. Rotary and other NGOs have to step in to improve the quality of life of the lower income group as annual budget allocation by Government would never

meet their need. Mr. Siddhant Kaul was introduced by President Rajnish Mehta. Rest of the plenary sessions too had good speakers. Air Vice Marshall Vikram Singh (retd.) - a fighter pilot spoke about life in the Indian Air Force with wonderful visuals. PDG Uttam Ganguli updated all on 'Polio - The Final Stretch'. But the best was an inspiring talk by Dr. Anand Ranganathan an award winning eminent scientist, political analyst and author. A



frequent commentator on television debates he is known for his wit often mixing facts with humour. And he did not disappoint. His talk "India towards 2047 - Opportunities and Challenges" kept the nearly packed auditorium spellbound. He spoke about the success story of India - achievements in various fields but also cited numerous failures. He touched upon education, digitisation, effect of economic liberalisation, the judiciary, the farming sector, need of water conservation, tourism, role of states and so on. Highlights of morning of day 3, i.e. on Sunday 5th January, was a talk show on the "The glamour world: Coping with struggles and success" with Femina Miss India

a train accident) who have defied odds and set a new record by climbing Mount Rhenock at 16,500 feet in Kanchenjunga National Park, West Sikkim. He also unfurled the largest National flag (780 sq.ft.) atop the mountain. He is also a marathon runner, has done scuba diving and skydiving from 13000 feet. His story left everyone present awestruck. The last plenary session was on Artificial Intelligence. There was cultural programme on both the evenings which was liked by all. The food was good and great bonhomie. The Rotarians were all appreciative of the kit that was given. Kudos to DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and his team for a well conducted District Conference with a lot of variety.

ANNUAL MEETING



PE announcing his team 2025-26 at the annual meeting on 28th December 2024.

Team 2025-26

Capt Arnab Sen
President

Rajnish Mehta
Immediate Past President

Rajnish Mehta
President Elect

Vibha Mehta
Vice President

Kashmiri Marwah
Secretary

Roopa S Mitra
Jt Secretary

Sudipta Sen
Treasurer

Anurag Daga
Sergeant-at-Arms

Shampa Chakraberty
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Mukul Mitra
C Info Communication Officer

Standing Committee Chair 2025-26

Ms Gayatree Dhar
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K K Jha
Membership

Arvind Agarwal
Public Relation

Sunita Agarwala
Service Projects

Rajnish Mehta
Rotary Foundation

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Community Service –
Medical

Dr. O.P. Agarwal
Community Service –
Eye Care

Seema Danda
Community Service
(Non-Medical)

Nitish Jain
Vocational Service

Krishnendu Gupta
International Service

Varsha Ghatak
Youth Service

Lata Bhatia
Environment

Sachiv Nijhawan
Polio & NID

Sutapa Das
Rotary Community Corps

Arvind Agrawal
Fellowship

Dr. Joyashree Dhar
Mother & Child Health

Shubhojit Sinha Roy
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

Sohini Banerji
Basic Education & Literacy

Sanghamitra Chowdhury
Disaster Management

Dr Dipaneeta Banerjee
Cervical Cancer &
Thalassaemia

GUEST SPEAKER



Ms. Sharda Radhakrishnan, an ardent animal lover has dedicated her life to the welfare of animals, single handedly running

the Chhaya Animal Welfare Hospital since 2008. She holds a B.Sc and M.Sc. degree in Botany from Delhi University and B.Ed from Centre for Education, Delhi University. She started her career in 1991 as a Biology teacher and has taught in Modern School, St. Thomas School and Ashoka Hall H.S. School. In 2008 she founded the Chhaya Animal Welfare Hospital creating a haven for

animals in need. Her tireless effort have transformed countless lives of animals, providing love, care and shelter. Her selfless contribution has been recognised and she was felicitated by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry in 2012 and the Telegraph True Legend award in 2018. She has also been recognised by Akhil Bharatiya Tarapith Mahila Mandal, Government of west Bengal, Teacher's Association for Animal Rights & BNG Hotel Management Institute in Kolkata. Ms. Sharda Radhakrishnan's loving and dedicated nature and boundless compassion towards animals continue to inspire many in the world of animal rights and care.

Happy Birthday!



Col. Man Mohan Burman
11th February

Kaushlendra K. Jha
14th February

Chandrakala Agarwal
17th February

Capt. Arnab Sen
21th February

FAMILY NEWS



Young **Armaan Bhoopal**, grandson of Lila and Nandu Bhoopal was adjudged 'The Best Sportsman of The Fest' at the Tolly Fest held in Tollygunge Club in January 2025. His prize was an E-Cycle.
Congratulations Armaan. Keep it up.



■ Soft pastel sketch by 12 year old Aashika, grand daughter of Mukul Mittra. The sketch had won rave reviews.

■ On 29th December 2024, Pranay and Priyanka Nangalia were blessed with a son and **Krishna Kumar Nangalia & Rita** with a grandson.
Congratulations to the proud parents and grand parents. Bless the little one.

Happy Wedding Anniversary



Lila Bhoopal and Sree Prakash
11th February

Mukul Mittra and Sukla
11th February

Seema Danda and Ashim
15th February

Sunita Agarwala and Shashi
17th February

Krishna Kumar Nangalia and Rita
20th February

Dr. O.P. Agarwal and Neema
23th February