

Hooghly Eye Hospital is a complete Eye Care Centre and pride of Rotary District 3291. In the last two decades he has helped eighteen clubs in India and two clubs in Bangladesh to establish Eye Hospitals. He is the Chairman of Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital, Rotary Gangadharpur Eye Hospital & Kuchaikot Rotary Eye Hospital-Bihar. He is also the Chief advisor/Technical Advisor of 17 Rotary Eye Hospitals.

Presently 55000-60000 surgeries are being done in these Eye Hospitals & 4 lakhs to 4.50 lakhs patients are being treated in the OPD & in Out Reach camps. His dream is to arrange Eye Check-up for 10 lac patients & eye surgeries for 1 lakh patients.

He has served Rotary District 3291 in different capacities and was invited as Guest Speaker in the Training Sessions and Conferences of Rotary District 3250 & 3291.

He is a great supporter of "The Rotary Foundation" & was instrumental in successfully completing 82 Global Grant Projects for different Rotary Clubs in India, Bangladesh, Singapore & UK. He had made arrangements to construct many tube-wells to provide safe drinking water in the remote villages of Hooghly. He also gave new life to 27 needy children by arranging Heart Surgeries in R. N.

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GUEST OF HONOUR



JHULAN GOSWAMI

Jhulan Goswami, who really needs no introduction, was born on November 25, 1982, in Chakdah, West Bengal, and is a former Indian cricketer known for her exceptional bowling skills. She played for the Indian women's cricket team from 2002 to 2022 as a right-arm medium-fast bowler and right-handed batter. Goswami made her international debut at the age of 19 and went on to achieve numerous milestones in her career.

Goswami is recognized as one of the fastest female bowlers of all time and is considered one of the greatest bowlers in the sport. She played 204 one-day international (ODI) matches and holds the record for the most wickets in women's ODI cricket, with 255 wickets to her name. She retired from international cricket in 2022 after a successful career.

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CHIEF GUEST





HIRA LAL YADAV District Governor 2023-2024

Hira Lal Yadav joined Rotary Club of Hooghly in the year 1995. He served as the President of the Rotary Club of Hooghly in the year 1998-1999 & 1999-2000. He is a past Rotaractor. He graduated from Calcutta University. He is a Plywood Manufacturer.

He revived the sick club which was recommended to be closed by the then District Governor. He established Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2000 with only eight members in a rented building. The Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital became so popular that a more spacious building was required. He constructed a welldesigned 3 storied building for Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the year 2013. Now, Rotary Contd. from Page 1

CHIEF GUEST DG HIRA LAL YADAV

Tagore Heart Research – Kolkata & at Narayana Hriduyalaya - Bangalore. He was instrumental in setting up a Primary School at Hooghly Railway station for Underprivileged children in the year 2014. He also supports an orphanage – "Vivekananda Ashram" for the last 23 years. He has worked with District Administration of Hooghly in the implementation of Central Government Development Schemes as Nominated Member of the District Vigilance & Monitoring Committee 2012 to 2019. He is a Major Donor and recipient of the highest Award of the Rotary International – "Service Above Self Award". He is married to Deepali. She is an active member of Rotary Club of Hooghly.

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GUEST OF HONOUR JHULAN GOSWAMI

Throughout her career, Goswami received several accolades, including the ICC Women's Player of the Year award in 2007. She also captained the Indian women's cricket team from 2008 to 2011 and led the team to their first Test series win in England in 2006-07. Goswami was honoured with the Arjuna Award in 2010 and the Padma Shri in 2012 for her contributions to cricket.

Goswami's story will be brought to life in the biopic "Chakdah Xpress", directed by Prosit Roy and starring Anushka Sharma. The film, set to premiere on Netflix, will showcase her inspiring journey and accomplishments in the world of cricket.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT GORDON MCINALLY PROFILE



R. Gordon R. McInally is President of Rotary International. He was educated at the Royal High School in Edinburgh and at the University of Dundee, where he earned his graduate degree in dental surgery. He operated his own dental practice in Edinburgh until 2016. Gordon was chair of the East of Scotland branch of the British Paedodontic Society and has held various academic positions. He has also served as a presbytery elder, chair of the Queensferry parish congregational board, and commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Gordon joined Rotary in 1984 at age 26. A member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, he has served as president and vice president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI). He has also served

RI as a director and on several committees, including as an adviser to the 2022 Houston Convention Committee and chair of the Operations Review Committee.

Gordon says he looks forward to working with members to build new Rotary clubs and groups. "My vision is that Rotary should exist everywhere in a style to suit everyone who has the desire to be part of us and to help us do good in the world," he says.

Gordon is a patron of the UK-based nonprofit Hope and Homes for Children and led a partnership between that organization and RIBI to support children in Rwanda who had been orphaned in the genocide there. He is a patron of Trade-Aid, an initiative of the Rotary Club of Grantham Kesteven, Lincolnshire, England, that provides sustainable humanitarian aid to individuals, families, and businesses in the developing world. He is also an ambassador for Bipolar UK, a national mental health organization.

In his free time, Gordon enjoys rugby, good food and wine, and stick dressing, the traditional Scottish craft of making walking sticks.

Gordon describes The Rotary Foundation as "the fuel that provides the energy to do Rotary service." He and his spouse, Heather, also a Rotarian, are Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. They are also members of the Bequest Society.

Gordon wishes to dedicate his presidency to making the world a better place for his granddaughters, lvy, and Florence, to live and thrive.

R. Gordon R. McInally President-elect 2022-23 Rotary Club of South Queensferry West Lothian, Scotland

PROFILE OF PRESIDENT KANAK DUTT





CREATE HOPE In the WORLD

A Johuree par excellence, a brand builder, a philanthropist, a keen learner and a veteran Rotarian, Kanak Dutt is the able grandson of famous Bengali businessman and freedom fighter Benud Behari Dutt, who contributed towards India's nationalism by successfully surpassing highly competitive jewellers of the British period and winning several awards for his acumen.

Kanak Dutt, the Managing Director of Benud Behari Dutt Pvt Ltd and Senior Partner of Benud Behari Dutt, followed his grandfather's footsteps from an early age of 18 and took over the leadership of the Gold & Diamond business, carrying forward its goodwill and legacy.

A self-made man Kanak Dutt has several feathers on his hat. He was appointed and empanelled as Jewellery Valuer and Appraiser by the

Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and Directorate of Revenue and Intelligence (DRI) and Customs, Govt. of India in 1988. He is also a reputed consultant of precious stones and diamonds.

He has been an active Rotarian since his induction in 1977. In RY 1989-90, Rotary Club of Calcutta, formed a Trust named after his grandfather and handed over a sick Rotary health centre to him. In association with Benud Behari Dutt Trust, Kanak soon transformed it into a successful Health Clinic that served innumerable underprivileged patients with support from fellow Rotarian doctors and other professionals for almost two decades.

He successfully celebrated the Centenary year of Benud Behari Dutt Jewellers in 1982, at an event where many dignitaries including the then Union Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee joined the inaugural session.

Kanak Dutt has been felicitated by the All India Football Federation for conceptualising, designing and manufacturing the Jawaharlal Nehru Invitation International Gold Cup in 1984, the Bridge Federation of India for designing and manufacturing the memento of International Bridge Tournament for their silver jubilee. He was recognized and honoured by the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) for awarding the Indian and West Indies cricket team during the Test Match under the captainship of Nawab of Pataudi. Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BNCCI) in association with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) also felicitated him for his contribution towards the skill training of 300 artisans.

A philanthropist, Kanak Dutt believes in Service Above Self and through several Trusts that he has created, pledges his devotion and dedication towards social service. A man of positive thoughts and beliefs, he has furthered the cause of Rotary by becoming a Major Donor.

Kanak Dutt is a veteran member of Calcutta Club since 1985, Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Calcutta Police Club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to each one of you for entrusting me with the privilege of leading our esteemed Club during the forthcoming Rotary year of 2023-24. I am honoured to have been nominated by such distinguished personalities to be President this year.

Rotary thrives on the dedication and collaborative effort of its committees, and I look forward for the opportunity to work with the team of 2023-24. Together, driven by a profound sense of compassion and care, we will strive to make a positive impact on our society and humanity at large.

We have an unwavering commitment to the collective goal to "**Create Hope In The World**" as well as maintain the dignity of Asia's longest running Club, our Rotary Club of Calcutta. We believe that through our heartfelt efforts, we can make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

In this exciting journey ahead, I humbly request your constant support and active participation. Let us unite as a Rotary family, amplifying our strengths and leveraging our resources to create meaningful change in our communities and beyond.

I am optimistic that the coming Rotary year will be marked by exceptional achievements and significant milestones.

Yours-in-Rotary

Kanak Dutt

(President 2023-24)

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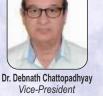


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&



Debjani Ghosh **Green Badger** Sergant-At-Arms Legal Advisor





Abhijit Kolay Club Learning Facilitator

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ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2023-2024

SI. No. Committee

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- 7 **Special Projects**
- 8 Women's Empowerment
- 9 **Rotary Foundation**
- 10 Literacy

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Debjani Ghosh **Green Badgers**

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Special Projects









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Purnendu Roychowdhury

District Relation &

Public Image





Debjani Ghosh Sriranjani Joshi Fellowship, Special Rotary Sadan Programme & & Literacy Legal Compliance



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Annual

Children's Treat



Sourabh Khemani

Rotary Foundation



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Health Care



Ashok Basu Bulletin & Dist. Awards

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Sujata Pyne

CSR &

Fund Raising

Raj Kumar Agrawal Trustee

Kanak Dutt Trustee



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA WELFARE TRUST (2023-24)



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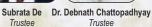


Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay

Trustee

Sujata Pyne Chairman





BLOOD BANK DONORS



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA **RID 3291**



Presidential Project : Blood Bank. President Kanak Dutt requests generous donations. The following have already committed.

Arindam Roy Chowdhury Dr. Sourabh Khemani Sonal Worah Nilima Joshi Hirak Sen B. K. Dalmia Kirit Patel Abhijit Kolay AB4 Soumen Ray Anita Jain

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Rtn. Abhijit Kolay

Rtn. Sujata Pyne

Rtn. Debjani Ghosh Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi



DOCTORS DAY



Doctors Day was celebrated on the 1st of July 2023 at Rotary Sadan. It was a programme of the Doctors, by the Doctors, for the Doctors.

We joined together to celebrate this day and to appreciate them, respect them and thank them for their immense contribution and support to the society at large. Event flow :

1. A talk on Artificial Intelligence by Prof. Dr Sukumar Mukherjee (MD, FRCP(Lond), FRCP(Edin), FSMF(Honoraris Causa), FICP, Retired Professor & Head, Dept. of Medicine, Medical College)

2. A play named "EK ABASHTAB GOLPO" written by Bimal Chakraborty under the direction of Dr. Subhendu Sarkar. Our inhouse Rotarian doctors got together to put up a brilliant enactment of the play. Rtn. Drs Sukalyan Purkayastha, Parthajit Das, Debnath Chattopadhyay, Ayusmati Thakur, Subhendu Sarkar and Dr Sujoy Mukherjee participated. As absorbing as it can get!

3. A musical performance by the band MUSIC THERAPISTS MUSIC THERAPISTS - The Band, is a collection of some extremely dedicated souls in the field of medical science who have the passion for music engraved in their DNA. The only motive of these spirited souls is to spread the universal language of music into the hearts of millions and justify their name as music can indeed function as the most soothing therapy during the incessant state of stress the world goes through every moment today.

The Band Line-up goes as follows :

Dr. Supriyo Ghatak - Bass Guitar and Vocals

Dr. Partha Ranjan Das - Guitars and Vocals

Dr. Avik Bhattacharyya - Drums and Supporting Vocals

Dr. Suman Mitra - Vocals

Krishnendu Dutta is the only non-doctor member : lead Guitar and Supporting vocals.

Scintillating!

[Reported by Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, Program Chair]

INTERNATIONAL CONNECT

Rotary Club of Battersea Park, London had supported funding to the extent of Stg Pound 500 for prosthetic limbs distribution in Leh Ladakh project. However, this funding was used for spectacles distribution in the same project. Rotary Battersea Park London has approved the change in end use.

[Reported by Rtn Debnath Chattopadhyay]

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CHANGE OF GUARD



REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENDANCE REPORT (29.06.2023)

Total Members	:	241
Members Present	:	47
Exempted Members	:	64
Visiting Rotarians & Guest	:	26
Exempted Members	:	64



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of South Queensferry, Scotland, R. I. Dist. 1020

Birthdays

Shouryabrata Mandal	🚽 4th July 🔄			
Subroto Lahiri	5th July			
Jayanta Kumar Mitra	7th July			
Tara John	7th July			
R.K. Bachhawat	8th July			
Wish you many happy returns of the day				

REPORT

The Club observed "Doctor's Day" on Saturday, 1st July, 2023 at 5.30 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan followed by fellowship and dinner.

Wedding Anniversaries

Tanmay Chatterjee & R-Ann Sayantani 4th July Dr. Niranjan Bhattacharya & R-Ann Prof. Sanjukta 5th July Dr. Harsh Vardan Agrawal & R-Ann Neha 7th July Abhyuday Arup Kaushal & R-Ann Tashu 7th July

Laxmi Niwas Bangur & R-Ann Alka 9th July

Wish you many more years of marital bliss

TODAY 104th INSTALLATION MEETING

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 11th July, at 1.30 p.m at Rotary Sadan (Closed Door Meeting)

FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF JULY					
Day	Date	Programmes / Events	Time	Venue	
Tuesday	11.07.23	Regular Weekly Meeting (Closed Door Meeting)	1.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (Second floor)	
Tuesday	18.07.23	Regular Weekly meeting Speaker : Shivani Binrajka, Stride Exim Pvt Ltd	1.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (Second Floor)	
Tuesday	26.07.23	Regular Weekly Meeting Speaker : Mrs Alakananda Ray noted Classical dancer and social activist	6.30 p.m.	Rotary Sadan (Hall)	

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Revision of Terms for New Members – Security Deposit

It was decided in the Board that we will start taking Rs. 30000 as security deposit from new members w.e.f. 1 July 2023. This will be maintained in case the member defaults in the payment of subscription dues.

MINUTES OF THE 4904th REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 29th JUNE, 2023 AT 6.30 p.m. AT ROTARY SADAN

- 1. President, Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4904th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
- 2. National Anthem was led by Rtn Shampa Ghose.
- 3. Minutes of the 4903rd regular weekly meeting of the Club held on 21st June, 2023 were confirmed.
- 4. President informed members that as the day was Thanksgiving ceremony "Aabhar", there was no Speaker on that day.
- 5. President then welcomed all visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting and conveyed Greetings to their Clubs.

6. President reported the following :

- i) Last Wednesday, 21st June, 2023 Fourth Club Assembly (joint) was held after the regular weekly meeting.
- ii) District Annual Awards ceremony was held on last Saturday, 24th June, 2023 at the G.D. Birla Sabhaghar and our Club won the following Awards at the Awards ceremony.
 - a) Six 1st Prizes
 - b) Two 2nd Prizes
 - c) Four 3rd Prizes
 - d) Four Special Awards:
 - i) Overall Best Literacy Projects
 - ii) Overall Best Public Image
 - iii) Overall Best Youth Service
 - iv) Outstanding Club Projects in all Designated Months and Overall Best Club of the District 3291 for the Rotary year 2022-23

7. President announced the following :

- a) "Doctor's Day" would be observed on Saturday, 1st July, 2023 at 5.30 p.m. onwards at Rotary Sadan, followed by fellowship and dinner and requested members to attend with their spouse on that day.
- b) 104th Installation Meeting of the Club would be held on Tuesday, 4th July, 2023 at The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel, Kolkata at 6.30 p.m. (Registration 6.00 p.m.) The meeting would be followed by fellowship and dinner and he requested members to register their names at the Club Office. Registration Charges Rs 2000/- per head. For further details please contact Club office.
- c) The Board at its meeting held on 26th June, 2023 decided that new members would pay Rs. 30,000/- in addition to their joining fees as security deposit to cover for any new member defaults in the payment of their membership subscription. This would be in effect from 1 st July, 2023. Proposer of new members are requested to inform this to their candidates before their joining the Club.
- d) PDG Prabhat K Rohatgi has donated Rs. one Lakh on a/c of Late Rtn. Dileep Rohatgi Memorial Endowment Award, addition to fund corpus.
- 8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary, Rtn Anand Sharma thereafter conducted the Club Business :
 - a) Hony. Secretary welcomed all members and guests and wished them.
 - b) He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries of the week ending 3rd July, 2023 and wished them.
 - c) Next Weekly Meeting of the Club : The 104th Installation Meeting of the Club will be held on Tuesday, 4th July, 2023 at The Lalit Great Eastern Hotel, Kolkata at 6.30 p.m. (Registration 6.00 p.m.) The meeting would be followed by fellowship and dinner, and he requested members to register their names at the Club office.

9. President's Announcement:

- i) At the request of the President, PP Purnendu Roychowdhury and Rtn. Partha Pratim Mukherjee introduced their candidates Mr. Mahesh Pansari, Mr. Joyanta Narayan Chatterjee and Ms. Promita Saha, respectively. President welcomed Mr. Mahesh Pansari, Mr. Joyanta Narayan Chatterjee and Ms. Promita Saha. At the request of the President, PDG Rtn. Raju Rajgaria inducted Mr. Mahesh Pansari as a member of the Club. At the request of the President, PP Rtns. V.K. Somany and Dr. S. K. Sharma inducted Mr. Joyanta Narayan Chatterjee and Ms. Promita Saha respectively as members of the Club.
- ii) President then released the Annual Book of the Club for Rotary year 2022-23, titled Trayashatam.
- 10. President then handed over the PHS Certificates and pins to President Elect Rtn. Kanak Dutt and Rtn Arindam Roychowdhury. President Raj Kr Agrawal was also given a PHS certificate by Hony. Secretary Rtn Anand Sharma.
- 11. President then gave a short report of the activities of Rotary year 2023-24 and thanked all members for their support during the Rotary year 2022-23 by felicitating some members.
- 12. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Manila, Philippines, R. I. Dist. 3810.
- 13. Before adjourning the meeting President requested all to join the fellowship and dinner. Fellowship and Dinner was hosted by Rtns. Raj Kumar Agrawal, Anand Sharma, Shampa Ghose.
- 14. Meeting was adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

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