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August is Membership and New Club Development Month

Message from District Governor



Rtn. Srabani Chattopadhyay
President 2024–2025

Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle
RID 3291

Dear President Srabani Chattopadhyay,
Greetings and best wishes from Dr Simran and my family.

It will be yet another historic day on 01 July 2024 when the second-ever lady Rotarian RIPE Stephanie A Urchick from RC McMurray, Pennsylvania, USA, will take

over the reins of Rotary International with the wonderful theme "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY".

On the very same date, we too will be extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to officially take care of the health and welfare, of all our fellow Rotarians of District 3291 for one full Rotary year.

On that very day, you too shall be taking up the mantle of your club and work towards the benefit of both your club members and the society at large. I am very happy to note that you are already planning service projects and we expect that those shall be sustainable projects creating new development of marginalized people.

The service projects that we do for the benefit of the lesser privileged in our community, is truly magical. It brings about positive change towards betterment and sometimes, a total change in the lives of our beneficiaries. And while doing these meaningful projects, we also get together, bond and enjoy ourselves. This is "THE MAGIC OF ROTARY".

I am positive that your vibrant club shall do this magic, as they have done in the past, and continue to serve to change lives.

Simran and I wish you and your esteemed club members the best and eagerly look forward to working together for a wonderful and fruitful Rotary Year 2024–2025.

Thanking you

Kind regards

Yours-in-Rotary

Dr Krishnendu Gupta

District Governor, 2024–2025

Rotary International District 3291



Message from District Governor Elect

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Friends, a new year means new beginnings and new opportunities. As we step into this new Rotary year, we embark on a journey filled with promise and potential. This year, we are proud to have another woman at the helm—Stephanie Urchick. Her leadership inspires us to strive for excellence and make meaningful contributions to our communities.

Rotary's magic lies in its ability to bring together individuals dedicated to making a difference. This year, let's harness that magic to prioritize peace, balance, and continuity in all our endeavors.

The Magic of Rotary

- **Prioritizing Peace:** Peace is fundamental to all our efforts. By fostering understanding, tolerance, and cooperation within our communities, we can build a foundation for lasting peace. Let's engage in projects that promote conflict resolution and support peaceful coexistence.

- **Ensuring Continuity :** Continuity in our actions ensures that our projects and initiatives have lasting impact. By building on past successes and learning from challenges, we can create programs that endure and continue to benefit communities for years to come.

Friends, we all should be proud of the fact that our collective efforts have led us to fight a disease that had been crippling the world for hundreds of years. Friends, you all know what I am talking about: Polio. Today, we have only six cases around the world. But this does not mean we have completely eradicated it. We should continue to spread awareness about the disease and the vaccine so that we can sustain our achievement and keep the disease out of the world.

Friends, I want to draw your attention to another matter that needs our grave attention.

Prevention of Preventable Diseases :

One of our primary missions is to combat preventable diseases, such as thalassemia and cervical cancer (Ca cx). These diseases can have devastating effects on individuals and families, yet they are 100% preventable through education, vaccination, and early detection.

By working together, we can raise awareness, support screening programs, and provide necessary medical interventions. Our efforts in this field are saving lives and enhancing the quality of life for countless individuals.

Environmental Sustainability :

Environmental sustainability is another crucial focus for Rotary. The health of our planet directly impacts the well-being of its inhabitants. We must take active steps to protect our environment through tree planting, waste management initiatives, and the promotion of renewable energy sources. By fostering a sense of



responsibility towards our environment, we ensure a better future for generations to come.

As we welcome the new Rotary year, I encourage each of you to embrace Rotary's causes with passion and dedication. This fresh start presents us with new opportunities to innovate, collaborate, and make a significant impact. Let's harness the power of Rotary to create a healthier, more sustainable world.

Together, we can overcome challenges, uplift communities, and leave a lasting legacy.

Thank you for your commitment to service above self. Here's to a year of growth, impact, and transformation.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri

DG 2025-26

Message from District Governor Nominee



Rtn Srabani Chattopadhyay
President 2024-25
Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle

Dear Rtn Srabani

At the outset I like to congratulate you for taking over the charge of President of your prestigious club Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle. I am confident under your dynamic leadership your club will show the magic of Rotary to change the lives of suffering humanity for a better world. At the same time I like to extend my heartfelt congratulation to the outgoing President Prosenjit Gupta and his team for their outstanding service to the community and creating hope for a better tomorrow overcoming the extreme obstacles in life.

We know club leaders face a variety of challenges, from growing their membership to making a difference in communities around the world. We have resources and utilising that can help - Engaging members and delivering value, making a meaningful difference in our community, and recruiting new members. Moreover club has to continue to explore some ideas to address these challenges. It can be shared with regional and district leaders, who may follow up and offer additional support. New members are to be given an orientation and presented with opportunities to get involved. Offer members the chance to improve their professional and leadership skills. Recognize members for their time and service. Meetings, social events, and projects are to be thoughtfully planned, well attended, and fun. Members can easily access meetings and are not concerned with the cost, time or location. Members should feel connected with the global Rotary community and are involved in activities beyond the club. Members' families and friends are supportive of — and often involved in — club activities. Club should effectively handle conflicts. When members join club, take the time to understand what they expect from, and what they want from their Rotary experience. I wish you to be the transformational leader who is competent enough to take those challenges and make a difference in club leadership and service to the community.

With best regards

Yours in Rotary

Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharya

DG 2026-27

Message from President



It is a great privilege for me to represent Rotary Club of Calcutta South Circle as President for the year 2024-25 under the leadership of District Governor Rtn. Krishnendu Gupta.

I would like to congratulate our immediate past President Rtn. Prosenjit Gupta on successful completion of Rotary year 2023-24 and taking the club to greater heights through a number of meaningful sustainable projects.

This year we are committed to continue service to the community following Seven Areas of Focus of Rotary. I strongly believe that active participation of our club members and blessings from the District Team will fulfill our dream.

With regards,

Yours-in-Rotary

Srabani Chattopadhyay

President (2024-25)

From IPP's Desk

I am thankful to my club members and District team for extending cooperation and support to successful completion of Rotary Year 2023-24.

I am extremely happy to have got the opportunity to serve the community with various sustainable welfare projects. It was indeed an exciting journey altogether.

My best wishes to the new President Srabani Chattopadhyay and her team. Hope our club will continue to contribute to society and create Magic in the year 2024-25.

Regards,

Yours-in-Rotary

Prosenjit Gupta

President (2023-24)



Glimpses of some of the projects



Arrangement of Medical Equipment on 1st July, 2024 : We started our Rotary journey this year by providing CAPD Catheters, Hemodialysis Catheter and BP machine to the Institute of Child Health which serves patients from economically marginalised sections of the society.

We also celebrated Dr's day by felicitating doctors (Dr. Apurba Ghosh, Former Director, Institute of Child Health & His Team). Six members of our club including the President were present on the occasion.



Arrangement of medical Equipment on 6th July, 2024 : We have provided two Patient Transfer Boards to SGCCRI, Thakurpukur on 6th July in presence of Dr. Arnab Gupta, Director, Saroj Gupta Cancer Centre & Research Institute. The President and ten other members were present at the event.



Project under Easy School 3 on 30th July, 2024 : We have supported A. K. Mitra Institution for Girls', Dhakuria by providing two Black Boards and two White Boards. Also arranged a special mid day meal for the students. President along with seven members participated.



RCC alongwith NSS Team of St. Xaviers Raghobpur extended their support to the programme



Distribution of Mosquito Nets on 10th, August, 2024 : We visited three villages viz, Magurkhali, Raghampur and Debipur for distributing 60 Mosquito nets to beneficiaries selected by our RCC, Xt. Xavier's, Raghampur. Elected members of Gram Panchayat from respective villages accompanied us. Awareness programme for prevention of Dengue and Malaria was arranged. NSS wing of St. Xavier's College aptly supported the program with hand made banners and posters. Five members including the President were present.

Projects in Pipeline :

- 1) Installation of Sanitary Napkin Vending Machine and Sanitary Pad Disposal Machine at P.R.Thakur Govt. College.
- 2) Three Projects (Essay, Sit & Draw & Quiz Competition) under Easy School 3 on Teacher's Day
- 3) Thalassemia Awareness Program
- 4) Plantation of Coconut Tree at Raghampur
- 5) Distribution of Sewing Machine at our Interact School, Kalahridaya
- 6) Distribution of Motor Vans at RCC , St. Xavier's Raghampur Campus
- 7) Distribution of School Bench
- 8) Wall painting under Easy School 3 in A.K.Mitra Institution, Dhakuria
- 9) Two Blood Donation Camps
- 10) Cervical Cancer Awareness Program
- 11) Plantation of Mangroves.

Achievements



Amartyaa Sengupta, son of **Rtn Sudipto Sengupta**, passed his XII in commerce stream with 95 percent marks (CBSE Board). He has secured admission in B.Com (Hons.) at St. Xaviers College, Kolkata.



Tanishka Sinha, daughter of **Rtn Dr. Sarmistha Sinha** in ICSC Board From Modern High School for Girls, secured 99%, interested in computer and Quiz. Winner of various interschool competitions in both fields.

Birthdays

Dr. Sarmistha Sinha - 25th August 2024

Parama Dasgupta - 31st August 2024

Wish you many happy returns of the day