

# Messages from DG, DGE, DGN, IPP

Rtn Debabrata Bhowmick

President 2024-2025

Rotary Club of Aaroohee Calcutta, RID 3291

Dear President Debabrata Bhowmick

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



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,

transformation.

Yours in Rotary,

DG Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri

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Rotary Club of Aaroohee Calcutta

Dear Rtn Debabrata



At the outset I like to congratulate you to become the President of very energetic Rotary Club like Rotary Club of Aaroohee Calcutta. I am confident you and your team will show the magic of Rotary changing the lives of the suffering humanity. I also like to congratulate the outgoing President Dr Narayan Dhar Choudhury and his team for rendering wonderful service and creating hope in the community around for better tomorrow.

I am confident your dynamic leadership will show the magic of Rotary to carry out service projects and support fellowships and scholarships that address the causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources. Your club will take endeavour to educate communities and equip them to stop the spread of life-threatening diseases like polio, Cervical Cancer, Thalassemia, and Mental Health & Well Being etc. The goal should be to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in developing areas. Let the club support access to clean water and sanitation as well as hygiene programs. When clean water is available, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families. I am sure you will make high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. By providing education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics, you will help mothers protect themselves and their children from illness and disease. Your club will support education for all children and literacy for children and adults and will strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparities in education, and increase adult literacy. Your club will create opportunities to help individuals and communities thrive financially and socially. Your projects will teach people skills that lead to employment and offer networking activities and training in financial management and business development. Your club will support activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources, advance environmental sustainability, and foster harmony between people and the environment.

With Best Regards

Yours-in-Rotary

*Dr Narayan Dhar Choudhury*



Dear Fellow Rotarian,

I would like to begin by saying that it has been a great privilege to me to have been given the opportunity to serve as the 3rd president of this 3 year old club.

Looking back in the past 12 months, it has been an exceptionally busy year. We have had to deal with a rapid succession of important events and situations, many of which will still be unfolding. Indeed, for me, personally, it has been a most eventful period throughout, at times challenging but on the whole a most rewarding experience.

Today, it is not my intention to list out all that we have accomplished. I believe they speak for themselves. But rather, I would like to take this opportunity to briefly offer some of my impressions on how things have fared in this toddler club.

What comes to mind, first and foremost, is the strong and active engagement of the members of our club in different projects.

We had accomplished 72 projects last year. Does that not sound strange for a young club. But yes we did that. In all spheres.

Adult Literacy, Medical camps, eye camps, eye operation, upliftment of some schools, providing pure drinking water facilities in school and Orphanages, building shelter for mid day meal, constructing hostels for girls in an orphanage, distribution of garments, visit to old age homes, celebration of the coveted days of the past year, including environmental day by distributing flower and fruit plants and even enjoyed lunch in an orphanage.

But above all, (taking a deep breath) sanctioning of Global Grant for a dialysis project. Thanks to senior Rotarian Swapan Basu and Bikas Saha for the same. As it has been granted, I assure you on behalf of our club that we will do many more, but we need the help of these stalwarts on the podium.

Fellowship was not left behind with a rotary family trip to North Bengal too.

In face of crisis situations, the club has shown that, whenever there is a unity of purpose and the strive for consensus, we have the capacity to act to address these situations in a timely and constructive manner. But still, we need to do more.

One of the main challenges, I believe, is that our efforts must also be tempered by a sense of realism.

Reflecting on the past 12 months, I have also asked myself what we could have done better. With the benefit of the hindsight, I wish that we could have spent more time during the review process concentrating on the main issues rather than the procedural ones which bogged us down for a considerable amount of time.

Our incoming president is a bundle of energy, to you sir, I promise to breathe in with your thoughts and circulate with your activities along with all the members of our club.

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

Yours' in Rotary

Dr. NARAYAN DHAR CHOUDHURY

Immediate Past President

