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# Mudita

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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## **KAUSHIK SEN, *Charter President***

It gives me immense pleasure to share my views in this newsletter. Rotary gives us a platform to do community service in a better way, as a part of a bigger team. We also get huge scope to connect and network with more people. Our Club was started on 30th April with 20 Members. Today we are 38 Registered Members, and we aspire to become one of the biggest Rotary Clubs of Kolkata. In past 3 months, we have done a lot of community service projects, and intend to do more in the coming days. We have also conducted various unique online training and fellowship programs, during the lockdown period, and we intend to conduct more. I would hereby like to also acknowledge the contributions of all our fellow members and also the board members, for all our achievements till date.

In the current Rotary year, we intend to setup our club's own entrepreneurship cell. And also we would like to work on empowerment for women and financial empowerment for individuals. I hereby invite everyone to join our club and support us in our mission. Let's stand united and be change-makers in the society. Let's serve to change lives. Regards

## **THOUGHTS**



### **PRABIR CHATTERJEE, *District Governor***

Dear Change Maker President Rtn. Kaushik,

Rotary Greetings ! I hope this finds you having a great Rotary year as a President of your Club. It will be an awesome year for Rubena and me as your District Governor and we would like to congratulate the respected and ever enthusiastic Rotary Kolkata Benevolence family on this wonderful occasion of Installation Ceremony. Rtn. Kaushik, you have been selected by the members of your Rotary Club to guide its affairs during the coming year, and as a President of your club, you need to be thinking ahead to the coming year(s) as well, that will help and shape your club's future.

This continuing Covid 19 pandemic has a lot of dark sides, but the world has survived all pandemics of the past, and alive and more populous than ever, is proof to that. Let's not forget that we should make the best of what the crisis gives us. I believe the best days of Rotary are ahead, because the Rotarians always keep on looking at the brighter sides of life, the longer the crisis lasts, the larger the opportunities. I wish all the very best to you along with your members for a fruitful Rotary year and assuring my unending support to Serve to Change Lives. Yours-in-Rotary

### **SUDIP MUKHERJEE, *Immediate Past District Governor***

Dear President Kaushik

Let me congratulate you again for being the Trailblazer Charter President of Kolkata Benevolence. You are also continuing your office as Changemaker President in the second year of second century of Rotary in India when our own Shekhar Mehta is Rotary International President. You are aware that we are essentially in Rotary for hands on service projects. I am sure you will take up meaningful sustainable project based on 7 Areas of Focus and also stress upon three important Verticals namely Public Image, Membership and Foundation. As Trailblazer President you have blazed the trail by Opening Opportunities and it is up to you as Change Maker President to Serve to Change Lives.



## **DEBASIS MITRA, *District Membership Chair***

Dear Charter President Kaushik Sen,

Greetings! My hope in sharing this note with you is that it inspires and motivate you to be all that you can be; that even when you face challenges to persevere; to encourage you to set your goals and stay focused on achieving them; and a reminder to realize that you are born to succeed. And, most importantly as you work to achieve your goals enjoy life!

With the awakening of a new dawn on 10th August 2021 the New Club will commence its journey onto the world of service ceremoniously under your dynamic leadership. Work hard in silence & let success make the noise. Good wishes to all the inspiring Charter Members & the New Board.

I am reminded of those wonderful words of Emily Dickson **"If I can stop one heart from breaking I shall not live in vain – If I can ease one life the aching or cool the pain or help one fainting robin into its nest again – I shall not live in vain."**

Papia & I wish you and the Members of your Club a great journey ahead as you celebrate the Mantra for the year – Serve to Change Lives.

Stay Safe – Stay Blessed. Warm regards



## **CHITRA SEN, *Editor***

Greetings and Happy Independence Day

A proud moment for me to be the Editor of this 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of News Letter called the 'Mudita' from our Kolkata Benevolence Club, 2021. Anything first has its own charm a new opportunity, a fresh start and all the wonderful opportunities of new beginnings. **"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful", Malala Yousafzai quotes.**

The year 2020-21 has been a challenging year universally – however, on the other side of that is the strength that comes from having navigated through it and to raise your sail and start afresh.

Our Club Benevolence is growing from strength to strength as the multifaceted members have successfully executed many meaningful projects with great enthusiasm and application towards reaching greater heights for the betterment of society at large.

I would like to thank each and every member for their endeavor towards the betterment of the club.

With great pleasure and pride I would like to present before you the 1<sup>st</sup> issue of our Club Newsletter 'Mudita' Benevolent 2021.

Yours sincerely

*We may be strong as individuals but  
together we are invincible*





# OUR TEAM



KAUSHIK SEN



YOGITA KICHLU



NEHA SINGH



USHA RAJBHAR



NEERAJ KEJRIWAL



RESHMA NARWANI



TARAKJIT SAHA



SRYASHI MEHROTRA



NAMRATA MAURYA



SANJAY JAIN



SHWETA SINGH



PAULAMI NEOGI



ADITI JHUNJHUNWALA



ROHIT RAJ GHOSH



BIJAL KABRA



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ADITI DASWANI



AMIT AGARWAL



ASHISH KHANDELWAL



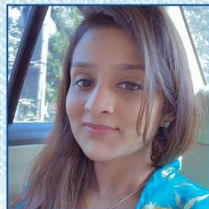
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EKTA PANDEY



JAYANTA ROY



KHUSBOO BANKA



MANISH LALWANI



PRANAV AGARWAL



PRAVEEN BAID



PUJA JHUNJHUNWALA



RAHUL SHEE



RAJESH SODHANI



SACHIN SONPAL



SANJAY DUA



SAURABH KAYAN



SURAJ AGARWAL



TANMOY PANDIT



VARUN AGARWAL



VINEETA SINGH

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE



**Project AAHAR** - in association with Apni Roti. Food distribution at Dhakuria



**Project AASHA**  
- Distributed Food, Medicines and Gifts at Arunima Hospice a shelter home for children



## FELLOWSHIPS



Time for some  
Fun Adda over  
tea and snacks





## WHAT IF THE ' OLD NORMAL' BECAME THE ' NEW NORMAL'?

By Piyali Ghosh (Mother of Rtn Rohit Raj Ghosh)

What if the 'old normal' became the 'new normal'!? The truth is our new normal threatens to undo much of the great civilization we have spent centuries in building. We have an opportunity to press the reset button for a new normal, one where equity prevails for all things natural. The catch is here, will we be able to remember?

Living through a pandemic is hopefully, a once in-a lifetime kind of thing. The events of last year will no doubt shape the rest of our lives-emotionally, financially mentally, physically-in ways we have not begun to grapple with yet! You are going through it, I am going through it and our family is going through it. We are going to spend a big chunk of the next chapter of our lives picking up the pieces that came tumbling down in 2020. We can choose to rebuild the same life that we had in 2019 or we can create something new. We are being given an opportunity for a new experience right now. The threat of COVID-19 will exist where -ever we move. If we are moving to runaway from the pandemic, we will only run into it when you get to where you are going. We had lost touch with much of our humanity in service of expediency!!!



# EXPRESSIONS



HOWRAH BRIDGE

Photo Courtesy: Rtn Chandan Poddar

वक्त

वक्त ही तो है गुजर जायेगा  
परिवर्तन जीवन है  
यह वक्त भी चला जायेगा  
दिल थामे, आँखों में चमक लिये इंतजार करो  
वक्त ही तो है गुजर जायेगा  
उम्मीद टूटने न दो  
आशा की सूक्ष्म किरण को बुझने न दो  
वक्त ही तो है गुजर जायेगा ।

Shweta Singh

**HINGALGANJ: Rotary Benevolence Visit to Yaas affected areas in Sunderbans**  
**Photo Courtesy: Rtn Sryashi Mehrotra (Bougainvillea Dreams Photography)**



**THE FIRE WITHIN**  
**By Rtn Nishtha Agarwal**

The fire within me      Slow, I still insist,  
Longs to burst out;      We have to shine long.  
    Slow, I tell her,      But strong I tell her,  
    Never out loud.      Time is our song.

Loud and bold, says she,      I may rest my eye  
    I am meant to be;      Deep in the night,  
    I am beautiful      But the moon is my witness  
The world can't control me.      I will shine bright.

I am what creates,      Not long, before I roar  
I am what illuminates.      With my full might;  
The essence of ambition      The fire within me,  
Bright as a sun within.      Shining fierce and bright.





**MYRIAD COLOURS OF THE JOY OF GIVING**  
Art By Rtn Nishtha Agarwal

