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### STATEMENT

Rotary Club of Calcutta is profoundly disturbed by the horrific crime committed at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. We extend our deepest sympathies to the victim's family as they endure this unimaginable loss. We demand swift and uncompromising justice for this heinous act.

Healthcare professionals, often working under immense pressure, dedicate their lives to the service of others. Their safety and security must be an absolute priority. We implore the authorities to implement comprehensive measures to protect these invaluable members of our community.

The perpetrators of this crime, and all those who commit violence against women, must face the full force of the law. We urge lawmakers to enact the most stringent punishments possible, sending a clear message that such brutality will not be tolerated. It is imperative that we address not only the symptoms of this pervasive issue but also its root causes, including deeply ingrained societal attitudes that devalue women.

We appeal to parents, educators, and community leaders to cultivate a culture of respect for women and girls. It is essential that boys and young men are raised to understand that violence against women is abhorrent and that women have the right to live without fear.

Rotary Club of Calcutta, being the oldest Rotary club in Mainland Asia, has a 105-year-long history of serving our community, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to creating a safer, more equitable world for all. We will continue to work tirelessly to promote healthcare, education, and empowerment, and to foster a culture of peace and understanding.

This tragedy serves as a stark reminder of the work that still needs to be done. We call upon our community to unite in our shared determination to eradicate violence against women and to build a society where everyone feels safe and respected.

Subrata De

Subrata De  
President

Suman Chakraborty  
Hon. Secretary

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE  
DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2024 – 2025  
AKS Dr KRISHNENDU GUPTA

Rotary  
District 3291



## **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 3291 Condemns the Heinous Crime on an on-duty Lady Doctor at RG Kar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata : A Call for Action.**

Rotary International District 3291 (RID 3291) strongly condemns the heinous crime leading to the tragic death of an on-duty lady doctor at RG Kar Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata on 09 August 2024. RID 3291 considers violence perpetuated against Doctors as inexcusable. We demand zero tolerance against any form of abuse and violence against Doctors in any form, and such intimidation and/or violence against them must be met with immediate, swift and decisive action. We stand firmly with the victim's family in this difficult time and extend our deepest condolences to them.

Besides speedy investigation, arrest and trial of the perpetrators of this unpardonable crime, we also seek a Central Law for "Violence against Doctors" with adequate provisions to ensure a safe workplace for all those who provide healthcare services in all forms and at all places.

We stand firmly and resolutely with all the Doctors and the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in these very difficult and trying times, and request all the members of RID 3291 to strongly support and stand united with IMA, allied medical organisations and NGOs who have taken up the cause to fight the menace of "Violence against Doctors".

Finally, as Rotarians of RID 3291, let us also pledge together and call for action a transformational change in the social environment not only to ensure that such tragic acts of conflict, violence and crime are reduced to a minimum, but also strive to bring peace and harmony in our community, and more importantly, protect the lives of 'our protectors' in times of distress and disease.

Kind regards.

Yours-in-Rotary

**Dr Krishnendu Gupta**  
District Governor  
2024 – 2025

**Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri**  
District Governor  
2025 – 2026

**Tapas Bhattacharya**  
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## REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes Rotary Club of Bombay North, India, RI Dist. 3141

### *Birthdays*

Rtn. Vikram Somany	26th Aug.
Rtn. Anand Vardhan Bhuwalka	27th Aug.
Rtn. Prof. Amita Dutt	27th Aug.
Rtn. Subtata Kumar Basu	27th Aug.
Rtn. Dr. Harsh Vardhan Agrawal	1st Sept.
Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee	1st Sept.
Rtn. Kunal Dalmia	2nd Sept.
Rtn. Suchitra Sen	2nd Sept.

***Wish you many happy returns of the day***

### TODAY

#### Attendance Awards Ceremony

#### Next Meeting

Tuesday, 3rd September 2024 at 1.30 p.m.  
Teachers' Day celebration

#### Reports

- i) Independence Day Celebration held on 15.08.2024 at Rotary Sadan
- ii) Siksha Labh - Basic Education & Literacy - Donation of 100 Desktop computers with UPS held on 17.08.24 at Rotary Sadan.
- iii) "Rakhsha Bandhan" organised by Youth Service Committee in association with Musicea Arts and Culture Council followed by Music, Yoga and Dance held on Monday, 19th August, 2024 at Satyajit Ray Auditorium, ICCR

### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2024

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Tuesday 27th August 2024	No Regular Weekly Meeting	—
Saturday 31st August 2024	Eye Check –Up Camp	10 a.m. Sai Nath Foundation, Khardaha, Kolkata

The Second meeting of the Board of Directors (2024-25) of the Club will be held on Thursday, 29th August, 2024 at 6.30 p.m at Rotary Sadan (2nd Floor). All members of the Board are requested to make a note of it and attend.

### IN MEMORIAM

We mourn the sad demise of our Ex-member Dr. Asha Padgaonkar who passed away on Saturday, 10th August, 2024. Our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. May her soul rest in peace.

### CONGRATULATIONS 100% ERS FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2023 -2024

1. Raj Kumar Agrawal, 2. Suman Chakraborty, 3. \* Balkrishna Dalmia, 4. \* Haladhar Dey, 5. Subrata De, 6. Kanak Dutt, 7. Sonia Dutt, 8. Debjani Ghosh (Resigned from 30.06.2024), 9. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee, 10. Sarvani Gooptu, 11. Nilima Joshi, 12. Partha Pratim Mukherjee, 13. \* Kirit M Patel, 14. Sujata Pyne, 15. \* Hirak Ray, 16. Arindam Roychowdhury, 17. Purnendu Roychowdhury, 18. Atindra Nath Sen, 19. Renuka Shah, 20. Anand Sharma, 21. Rajeev Swaika

**\* Exempted from Attendance**

### ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT - 2024

The 99th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 15th December, 2024 at 10 a.m. onwards at Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We will invite about 1,200 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club this year.

Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, Caps, Carry Bags, Sports Items, or any kind of Gift Items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these Children.

**Donations in Cheque payable in favour of :**

**"Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" will be eligible for  
Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.**

## MINUTES OF THE 4953<sup>rd</sup> REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 AT 1:30 P.M. AT ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Subrata De welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 4953<sup>rd</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting of the club to order.
2. National Anthem was led by PP Rtn. Sujata Pyne.
3. Minutes of the 4952<sup>nd</sup> Regular Weekly Meeting of the club held on 06<sup>th</sup> August 2024 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Dr. Chinmoy Guha, Professor Emeritus, University of Calcutta, Former Vice Chancellor, Rabindra Bharati University, Former Director of Publications, Embassy of France, New Delhi as the Chief Guest on that day.
5. President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who attended the meeting.
6. **President reported the following :**  
President informed that the Community Service and Special Projects Committee organised Eye Checkup Camps and Blood Donation Camps during this week.
  - i) 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp was held at Krishnanagar Centre for Social Studies & Research, Krishnanagar.
  - ii) 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp and Blood Donation Camp were held at Shahid Abdul Odud Smriti Bhaban, Barui Para, Dist. Nadia.
7. **President announced the following :**
  - a. President informed the members about the sad demise of ex-member of Rotary Club of Calcutta Dr. Asha Padgaonkar who passed away on last Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and conveyed heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family.
  - b. The Community Service and Special Project Committee would jointly organise Eye Checkup Camps and Blood Donation Camps during the month of August, 2024.
    - i) 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp and Blood Donation Camp would be held at Manobik Dangbari Primary School Sabang, West Midnapore.
    - ii) 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at our RCC, Ranihati Netaji Samaj Sathi, Ranihati, Dist. of Howrah.
    - iii) 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 - Eye Checkup Camp would be held at Sai Nath Foundation, Khardaha, Kolkata. President also requested the members to make a note of it and attend the said Camps. For further details, please contact Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal.
  - c. The Literacy and Special Project Committee would jointly organise a special project "Siksha Labh" of Basic Education and Literacy, donation of 102 pcs. of Desktops with UPS to underprivileged institutions on Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 from 10 AM onwards at Rotary Sadan (Ground Floor). President also requested the members to make a note of it and attend the said programmes. He also requested to contact Rtn. Yogesh Dassani or Rtn. Arindam Roychowdhury.
  - d. To celebrate "Raksha Bandhan" Youth Service Committee would organise in association with Music and Arts and Culture Council followed by Music, Yoga and Dance on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at Satyajit Ray Auditorium, ICCR. President also requested the members to make a note of it and attend the said programmes. He also requested to contact Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee.
8. At the request of the President, Hony. Secretary Rtn. Suman Chakraborty thereafter conducted the Club Business :
  - a. He welcomed all the Members and Guests and wished them.
  - b. He then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024.
  - c. Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club along with Attendance Awards Ceremony would be held on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 6:30 PM followed by fellowship and dinner. The Honorary Secretary also requested the members to make a note of it and attend the meeting.
  - d. Independence Day would be celebrated on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at Rotary Sadan from 11 AM onwards. Flag hoisting will be followed by the Art Exhibition and Cultural programme by the students of the Cultural Section. The Honorary Secretary also requested the members to make a note of it and attend the meeting.
  - e. There will be no Regular Weekly Meetings on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn. HIRAK Ray introduced Dr. Chinmoy Guha as the Chief Guest of that day.
10. At the request of the President, Dr. Chinmoy Guha addressed the audience on "Quest for an alternative discourse."
11. Questions raised by the members which were answered by the Chief Guest.
12. Vote of Thanks was given by Rtn. Dr. Sarvani Gooptu.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Dr. Chinmoy Guha.
14. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 1000/- with special contribution from Rtn. Dr. Sarvani Gooptu and Rtn. Balkrishna Dalmia.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Den Helder, Netherlands, R.I. Dist. 1580.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

**Subrata De**  
President

**Suman Chakraborty**  
Hony. Secretary