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UNITE FOR GOOD

International Day for Persons with Disabilities

On the occasion of World Disabilities Day (3rd Dec., 2025), the Interact Club of Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya, in association with two NGOs, Shyampukur Astha and Natuner Swapno, organised a programme on 7th Dec., 2025 for visually challenged individuals from across West Bengal. More than a hundred specially-abled persons received a month's livelihood materials and food grains during the event. They also participated in a cultural segment where they showcased their talents through recitation and singing.

Before the programme, the Interactors handed over a generous contribution to the Secretary of Shyampukur Astha for the welfare of the sightless community. The event was graced by several dignitaries, including the former Sheriff of Calcutta, Mr. Swapan Ghosh, the pioneer of the blood donation movement in Bengal, Dr. Ashish; and the Headmaster of Sailendra Sircar Vidyalaya, Dr. Debkumar Biswas, among others. For the Interactors, it was a truly inspiring experience



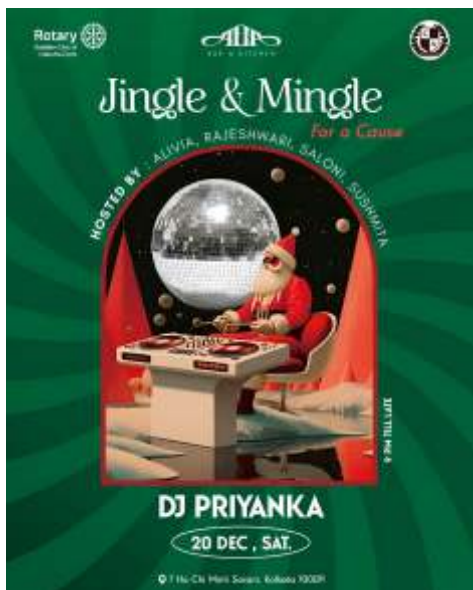
as they engaged in meaningful social outreach and extended support to the underprivileged sections of society.

Reported by Chair, Youth Services Committee, Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee



We Meet Every Tuesday At 1 p.m. At ROTARY SADAN
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Party for A Cause



Project Series : Party for a Cause

Over the last few months, Rotary Club of Calcutta Colts has been building a small but meaningful movement - **Party For A Cause**, an initiative I conceptualised to engage young adults through culture, music, and community, while raising funds for those who need them the most.

Our First Two Fundraisers

We hosted our debut event on 19th October at A Ta Maison (ATM) : a Diwali-themed evening dedicated to “Like a Dog” NGO. What began as a simple idea quickly exceeded expectations. In a single night, we raised close to Rs. 40,000, marking a powerful start for our satellite club.

The momentum continued on 22nd November at Mehico, where our “Disco with a Purpose” brought Rotarians, friends, and well-wishers together once again. Across both events, we collectively raised over Rs. 60,000, which enabled us to splay, neuter and vaccinate street animals and distribute winter essentials, sanitary supplies, and daily-use items to underprivileged children across Kolkata.

These early successes reaffirmed something we as Rotarians already know - even the smallest act of giving, when done together, creates real impact.

Our Next Cause : Chintan Academy, Baramangwa (Darjeeling)

For our final fundraiser of the year, we turn our focus toward a Rotary-founded project that deeply deserves our collective support : Chintan Academy in Baramangwa.

As documented by the Academy’s management and reflected clearly through the reports from the village – “Chintan Academy stands as the only functional school in this remote Kurseong hill region.”

From its humble beginning with 7 children, the school now teaches 70 young students, many of whom walk long distances every morning in the hope of a better future. The school provides education up to Class 5 and collaborates with a school in Teesta (18 km away) for higher classes.

Their challenges, however, are urgent :

- There is a high turnover of their teaching staff every 3–6 months due to insufficient funds.
- Inadequate access to nutrition - children often do not receive proper nutrition from their daily meals because the school cannot bear transport costs.
- Limited resources for extracurricular growth, despite their remarkable talent in martial arts, yoga, music, dance, and quizzing.
- There is immense financial pressure to maintain supplies, retain quality staff and continue functioning.

Chintan Academy represents the purest spirit of Rotary: service, opportunity, and empowerment. And because it was founded by members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta, supporting it is not just charity; it is honouring and taking care our own legacy.

Upcoming Event : Jingle & Mingle For A Cause

Date : 20th December

Venue : ATM (7, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata 700071)

Time : 8 pm – 10 pm : Rotarians-only dinner service (guest-list strictly), **10 pm onwards :** General entry for guests

This Christmas edition of a Party for a Cause is our closing fundraiser of 2025, featuring a nostalgic, retro-inspired music line-up - think ABBA classics, timeless pop favourites, and golden-era hits that promise a warm, celebratory night.

Rotarians and their guests are invited to dine, drink, and enjoy the evening. A percentage of the F&B proceeds will be

REPORTING & ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE WORLD

We remember with good wishes the Rotary Club of Yangon, India, R.I. Dist. 3350

TODAY'S SPEAKER

Ms. Shristi Khaitan, Wealth Partner

Birthday

Sashi Bhargava 18th December
Kanak Dutt 22nd December
Wish you many happy returns of the day

Celebrate your Joy and Happiness of Birthdays and Anniversaries - donate generously to the Rotary Foundation India and for Club Projects.

ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE - 2026

The Sixth Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Club will be held on Monday, 22nd December, 2025, at 6.30 p. m. at the L B D Resorts & Hotels, 31/1, N.C. Chowdhury Road, Bosepukur, Kasba, Kolkata - 700 042.

The meeting will be followed by Dinner to be hosted by PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury. You are requested to kindly make note of it and attend.

NEXT MEETING

Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 23rd December, 2025. Meeting at 1.30 p.m. preceded by Lunch at 12.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). Final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-2027 and adoption of amended Club Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary Club of Calcutta.

NO WEEKLY MEETINGS

There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 30th December, 2025. You are requested to kindly make a note of the change.

REPORTS

- 1) Youth Service Committee has organised a project on Ghat's cleaning in association with Kult X at Champatala Ghat, Kolkata on 13th December, 2025. It is an ongoing project. Future events planned for 3rd January and 7th February, 2026.
- 2) Literacy Committee commenced the 2nd Phase of the SPEAK (Skill, Presence, Expressions, Articulation, Knowledge) at the Children's Welfare Association High School for Girls on 15 December, 2025.

ROTARY DISTRICT 3291 CONFERENCE - 2026

Rotary District 3291 Conference 2026 will be held on 9th, 10th, and 11th January, 2026 at Eastside Pavilion, Nicco Park, Kolkata.
Registration charges per head without food :
Upto 15th December, 2025 - Rs. 3,000/-
After 15th December, 2025 - Rs 4,000/-
You are requested to kindly make a note of this and attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS / EVENTS IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER, 2025

Day & Date	Programmes	Timing and Venue
Wednesday 17th December, 2025	The Club will be organizing Christmas celebration jointly with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta. We will donate Food packets and Gifts items to the Old Age Home Navanir on that day. Interested members are requested to contact the Chair for Community Services, Rtn Udit Mitra	Navanir Old Age Home, Tollygunge, Kolkata
Sunday 21st December, 2025	100th Annual Children's Treat	at Nicco Park from 10 am onwards
Tuesday 23rd December, 2025	Regular Weekly Meeting (Closed Door Meeting) Final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-2027 and adoption of amended Club Constitution and Bylaws of Rotary Club of Calcutta.	Rotary Sadan (2nd floor) Lunch 12.30 p.m. / Meeting at 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 30th December, 2025	No Regular Weekly Meeting (Christmas Holiday)	---



100TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT ON SUNDAY, 21st DECEMBER, 2025

The 100th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. onwards at East Side Pavillion, Nicco Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata. We are inviting about 1,200 underprivileged Children to this Flagship programme of the Club this year. This year happens to be the centenary edition of this programme.

Members are requested to generously donate or sponsor Breakfast, Lunch, Ice Cream, Caps, 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.

WE THANK ALL OUR DONORS IN ADVANCE FOR 100TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TREAT

(Donations received upto 13.12.2025 attached below)

1. Late Rtn. Nandita Sen (Nandita Sen Endowment Award)	Rs. 27,000/-	26. Rtn. Anusua Das	Rs. 5000/-
2. PP Rtn. Dr. Ashoke Kumar Basu	Rs. 2,000/-	27. Rtn. Sujata Pyne	Rs. 5000/-
3. Rtn. Ravindra Khandelwal	Rs. 25,000/-	28. Rtn. Shampa Ghose	Rs. 5000/-
4. Rtn. Anand Vardhan Bhuwarka	Rs. 25,000/-	29. Rtn. Roshni Ganguly	Rs. 5000/-
5. Rtn. Ashish Kumar Bagla Rtn. Deepa Bagla	Rs. 1,00,000/-	30. Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu	Rs. 5000/-
6. Rtn. Dr. Atindra Nath Sen	Rs. 20,000/-	31. Rtn. Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee	Rs. 5000/-
7. From a Well Wisher	Rs. 1,00,000/-	32. Rtn. Sriranjani Joshi	Rs. 5000/-
8. Rtn. Niraj Kumar Saraf	Rs. 11,000/-	33. Rtn. Anindita Shoma Basu	Rs. 5000/-
9. Rtn. Brijendra Kumar Poddar	Rs. 10,000/-	34. R-Ann Sucharita Roychowdhury	Rs. 5000/-
10. PP. Rtn. Raj Kumar Agrawal	Rs. 21,000/-	35. R Ann Sanjukta Mitra	Rs. 5000/-
11. Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu	Rs. 25,000/-	36. Prof Sushmita Mukherjee (well wisher)	Rs. 5000/-
12. Rtn. Sharmistha N. Koya	Rs. 51,000/-	37. Sayantani Dutt (well wisher)	Rs. 5000/-
13. PP. Rtn. Debashis Mitra	Rs. 25,000/-	38. Ms. Nargis Hirji	Rs. 5000/-
14. PP. Rtn. Haladhar Dey	Rs. 10,000/-	39. Mrs. Parveen Hirji	Rs. 5000/-
15. Rtn. Dr. Ajay Agarwal	Rs. 5,000/-	40. Rtn. Probir Kumar Gupta	Rs. 5,000/-
16. PP. Rtn. Vikram Somany	Rs. 2,00,000/-	41. Rtn. Sukanti Taraphdar (RC Manchester)	Rs. 10,000/-
17. Rtn. Hirak Ray	Rs. 5,000/-	42. Sudha Medical Relief & Research Foundation (courtesy Arindam Roy Chowdhury)	Rs. 1,00,000/-
18. Rtn. Tapan Basu	Rs. 25,000/-	43. Rtn. Subrata De	Rs. 10,000/-
19. Rtn. M. L. Lohia	Rs. 1,00,000/-	44. Rtn. Shankar Sehanobish	Rs. 10,000/-
20. Rtn. Shailendra Gupta	Rs. 10,000/-	45. Rtn. Nilima Joshi	Rs. 10,000/-
21. Rtn. Dr. Indrajit Roy	Rs. 15,000/-	46. Rtn. B.D. Kothari	Rs. 21,000/-
22. Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay	Rs. 20,000/-	47. Rtn. K.K. Kothari	Rs. 21,000/-
23. Rtn. Kirit Patel	Rs. 10,000/-	48. Rtn. Dr. Chandreyee Das	Rs. 5,000/-
24. Rtn. B. K. Dalmia	Rs. 10,000/-		
25. PP Rtn. Kanak Dutt Rtn. Sonia Dutt	Rs. 1,00,000/-		

Rotary District Conference 2026



9th, 10th, 11th January 2026
East Side Pavillion, Nicco Park, Kolkata

MINUTES OF THE 5006TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING HELD ON 9TH DECEMBER, 2025 AT 6.00 P.M. IN ROTARY SADAN

1. President Rtn. Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay welcomed all Members and Guests and called the 5006th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club to order.
The President informed members that in the absence of Hony. Secretary, Rtn. Ashok Kumar Basu, Past Secretary, Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu would conduct the meeting on that day.
2. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Anusua Das.
3. Minutes of the 5005th Regular Weekly meeting of the Club held on 6th December, 2025 were confirmed.
4. President welcomed Dr. Parnamita Bhattacharya, Senior Consultant, Obstetrics and Gynecology of C K Birla Hospital (CMRI) as the Chief Guest on that day.
5. The President then welcomed Visiting Rotarians and Guests who were attending the meeting.
6. **The President reported the following :**
On Saturday, 6th December, 2025, the Programme and Fellowship Committee organised a fun filled "Antakshari" programme along with regular weekly meeting at Rotary Sadan.
7. **The President announced the following :**
 - a) Youth Service Committee will organize a Ghat cleaning event in association with KultX at Champatala Ghat in North Kolkata on 13th December, 2025. Future Ghat cleaning events are planned for 3rd January and 7th February, 2026. Interested members were requested to kindly participate in the events. For further details, please contact Rtn. Dr. Saswati Mukherjee.
 - b) The Club will organize a Christmas celebration jointly with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta at Navanir Old Age Home, Tollygunge, Kolkata on Wednesday, 17th December, 2025. We will donate food packets and gifts items to the Old Age Home on that day. Interested members were requested to contact the Chair for Community Service, Udit Mitra.
 - c) The 100th Annual Children's Treat of the Club will be held on Sunday, 21st December, 2025 from 10 a.m. onwards at East Side Pavillion, NiccoPark, Salt Lake, Kolkata. This year, we have invited about 1,200 underprivileged children for this flagship event as it is also the centenary edition of this programme. The President requested members to generously donate or sponsor breakfast, lunch, ice cream, caps, sports items, or other gift items to make this a "Day of Sunshine" for these children. Donations in Cheque payable in favour of "Rotary Children's Welfare Trust" would be eligible for Income Tax Exemption u/s 80G of the Income Tax Act.
8. **At the request of the President, Past Secretary Rtn. Sarvani Gooptu thereafter conducted the Club business :**
 - a) She welcomed all Members and Guests.
 - b) She then announced the names of Rotarians celebrating their Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries for the week ending 15th December, 2025. She wished them and also requested them to donate generously for the Rotary Foundation and the Club Projects.
 - c) Next Regular Weekly Meeting of the Club is on Tuesday, 16th December, 2025 at 1.30 p.m preceded by lunch at 12.30 p.m. in Rotary Sadan (2nd floor). Speaker to be announced. The RWM on Tuesday, 23rd December will be a Closed-Door meeting for final confirmation of the Board of Directors for the Rotary year 2026-2027 and for adoption of the amended Constitution and By Laws of the Club. Drafts of these documents as approved by the Board of Directors meeting held on 24 November, 2025 have been circulated to members on mail. A hard copy was available for perusal at the Office.
 - d) There will be no Regular Weekly Meeting on Tuesday, 30th December, 2025 for X-Mas holidays. Members were requested to make a note of the change.
 - e) Rotary District 3291 Conference - 2026 would be held on 9th, 10th and 11th January, 2026 at Eastside Pavilion, Nicco Park, Kolkata.
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Members are requested to register their names. For further details, please contact Club office.
9. At the request of the President, Rtn Satarupa Ghosh Mukherjee Introduced Chief Guest, Dr. Parnamita Bhattacharya on that day.
10. At the request of the President, Dr. Parnamita Bhattacharya addressed the audience.
11. Questions raised by members were answered by Chief Guest.
12. On behalf of the Club, the Vote of Thanks was given by Green Badger Rtn. Surendranath Majumdar.
13. On behalf of the Club, President handed over a memento to Dr. Parnamita Bhattacharya.
14. Sunshine Box Collection Rs. 1000/- with special contribution from PP Rtn. Purnendu Roychowdhury on that day.
15. The Club remembered with good wishes Rotary Club of Dehradun Central, India, R.I. Dist. 3080.
16. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Dr. Debnath Chattopadhyay
President

Sarvani Gooptu
Past Secretary