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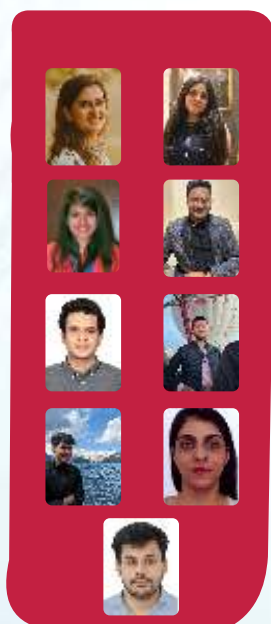
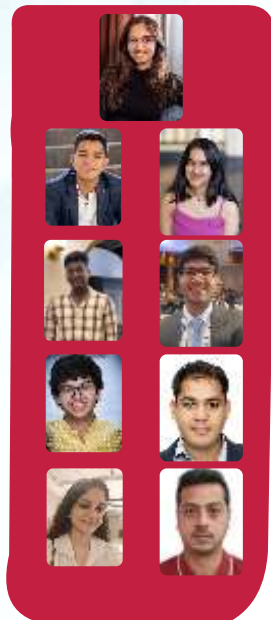
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Calcutta Mahanagar

Satellite Club



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President's Message and Vision



*Together we walk, together we strive,
Serving with joy, keeping dreams alive.
From hunger to hope, from learning to light,
We build a future, shining bright.*

Dear Friends,

I have now completed two months as President of our club, and from the core of my heart I must share that I have truly enjoyed every moment of this journey so far. My sincere thanks to my dedicated Board members, fellow Rotarians, and their spouses for always standing by me and supporting every initiative.

Our club is living up to the spirit of Service Above Self. We are conducting Annadan – Mahadan almost every day, and with the generous support of our donors, we have provided food to over 15,000 people till date.

Our projects at Boynala Village are progressing in full swing:

- Adult Literacy: Around 40 adults are learning in different batches.
- Computer Training Centre: Nearly 50 students are being trained in digital skills.
- Stitching & Tailoring Classes: Running successfully and empowering women towards self-reliance.
- RMCC and Star Welfare Projects: Performing very well and making a positive impact.

Other key initiatives like Physiotherapy Services, Food Bank, Thalassemia Awareness, and Blood Grouping Camps are also continuing successfully. We are soon going to set up urban toilets with KMC, including mother and child care facilities, a step towards better public hygiene.

My vision is to transform Boynala into a modern model village within the next 4–5 years, and with your support, I am confident we will achieve it.

We recently celebrated Anandotsav at Govinda's, Gurusaday Road, where over 75 Rotarians and spouses enjoyed a vibrant Chowki Dhani-style lunch and fellowship. In September, we will be celebrating Garba/Dandiya, and more fellowships and games are lined up in the coming months.

Another proud milestone — we have signed an MoU for purchasing our own club building, and once the payment is completed, we can proudly say we have a permanent home for our club.

I warmly invite your ideas and suggestions to further enhance our club's projects and activities. Together, let us continue creating meaningful impact and lasting memories.

Yours in Rotary,
Sanjay Bhalotia
President

Editor's Vision



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Rotary in India today stands at a remarkable juncture—expanding its footprint, embracing innovation, and touching lives in ways that resonate deeply with our motto of Service Above Self. Across the country, we are witnessing an inspiring momentum: new satellite clubs being launched, record participation in community health camps, literacy and skill-building projects reaching the unreached, and Rotary's commitment to sustainability growing stronger with tree plantations and water conservation drives.

Equally heartening is the increasing emphasis on youth engagement through Rotaract and Interact, ensuring that the next generation of leaders inherits not just responsibility, but also the spirit of fellowship. India's strong presence at global Rotary forums is another reminder of how our service initiatives are shaping international goodwill.

As editors, it is our privilege to capture these stories of impact and present them to you—not just as updates, but as reminders that every small act of service contributes to a larger movement of hope and transformation. Rotary in India is not only growing in numbers, but also in purpose, compassion, and vision.

RW/M on 23rd August at HHI



Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar held its Weekly Meeting on Saturday, 23rd August 2025, at Hotel Hindustan International, marking a historic milestone with the launch of its Satellite Club and induction of 18 new members. The occasion was graced by Chief Guest Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhary Choudhury and PRIP Rtn. Shekhar Mehta, alongside over 50 members and spouses.

Highlights included the announcement of an MoU for a permanent club building near Deshapriya Park, recognition of Rtn. Pradeep & Rtn. Manju Agrawal as Bequest Society Members, and the installation of Rtn. Shashank Sonthalia and Rtn. Shruti Bhalotia as Chairman and Secretary of the new Satellite Club. The District Governor commended the club's vibrancy and service, while members also celebrated the 17 awards earned in 2024-25 under IPP Rtn. Pramila Dugar. The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks by Rtn. Rakesh Jain, followed by fellowship over dinner.

Satellite Club : Strengthening Services



From left to right standing Pranay Agarwal, Shreya Sonthalia, Neena Agarwal, Anmol Singhanian, Shruti Bhalotia, Shrishti Bhalotia, Saksham Bhalotia, Aniket Taparia, Shashank Sonthalia, Swastik Ghosh, Anirudha Agarwal, Anirudha's wife and Subham Choudhary
From left to right sitting Jitesh Kumar Gutgutia, Debi Prosad Basu, Bandana Homchaudhuri, Sanjay Bhalotia, Ramendu Homchaudhuri, Shekhar Mehta and Pradeep Agrawal

On 23rd August 2025, Rotary Calcutta Mahanagar celebrated a proud and historic evening with the launch of its Satellite Club at Hotel Hindustan International. Eighteen enthusiastic charter members were warmly inducted under the leadership of Chairperson Rtn. Shashank Sonthalia and Secretary Rtn. Shruti Bhalotia, adding fresh energy to the Rotary family. The occasion was graced by DG Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhari and PRIP Rtn. Shekhar Mehta. With heartfelt introductions by PP Rtn. Pranay Agarwal, flawless coordination by Rtn. Neena Agarwal, and the warm presence of over 50 members and spouses, the evening was celebrated by inducting new members of Satellite Club. The night ended with camaraderie over dinner, leaving every heart inspired to carry forward the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self."

Anandotsav at Govinda



Anandotsav at Govinda, ISKCON, was a truly memorable fellowship filled with joy, laughter, and togetherness. The vibrant Chowki Dhani theme brought a Rajasthani flavour to Kolkata, where over 75 Rotarians and spouses enjoyed a lavish sit-down lunch, fun-filled games, spontaneous dance to folk music, and even a special birthday celebration for Rtn. Jyoti Surekha. The warmth of "Khamma Ghani" echoed throughout, making it a day of true bonding and camaraderie. Heartfelt applause to Fellowship Chairperson Renu Modi, along with Savita Kothari, Manju Agrawal, and Kavita Bhalotia, for their tireless efforts in making this celebration an unforgettable success.

Rotary Awards 2024-25



We are immensely proud to share that Rtn. Pramila Duggar has been honored as Outstanding President and Rtn. Sanjay Duggar as Outstanding Assistant Governor. Adding to the glory, our club has also secured the 3rd Prize for Membership Growth. These recognitions are a true reflection of their dedication, leadership, and the collective spirit of our Rotary family. Heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved achievement!

Connecting the Tried with the New

Rtn. Sanjay Duggar

1. What has been your most memorable experience in Rotary?
 - A. Rotary has been pivotal in shaping my personality as a socially responsible human being. It has given me the opportunity to witness suffering, scarcity, and the needs of society from close quarters. I truly believe Rotary has everything to offer — it is up to us to make the most of the opportunities it provides. My visits to hospitals, schools, and vocational centers have been the most enriching experiences of my tenure, leaving me with invaluable learnings and deep gratitude.
2. As a past president, what was your most valuable learning or experience?
 - A. As President, I was privileged to oversee and manage the vast service and fellowship activities of our esteemed club. The experience taught me the art of managing both human and financial resources to achieve the best possible outcomes. I also had the opportunity to initiate a few new projects close to my heart, which remain a source of personal pride. The support I received from past presidents and my board members during my tenure was truly phenomenal and instrumental in every success we achieved together.
3. Which project from your year still makes you feel proud?
 - A. I am extremely proud of the two projects initiated during my tenure — the Happy School Project and the GST (Grow and Save Trees) Project. Both continue to remain an integral part of our club's service activities, creating a lasting legacy of learning and sustainability.
4. Which club traditions do you hope will never change?
 - A. There are a few traditions that set our club apart and should always be preserved for its betterment. Our enriching weekly meetings with eminent speakers, along with the fun-filled fellowships such as Antakshari, are unique experiences that strengthen our bonds and keep the spirit of Rotary alive.
5. Share one inspirational quote for all Rotarians.
 - A. In Rotary, serve with your best, and leave the rest."
6. In one word, how would you describe yourself as a Rotarian?
 - A. Dedicated



Rtn. Yogesh Kanoi



1. What was the main reason you joined Rotary?
 - A. Networking, Community Services, Global Connection and Personal Growth.
2. What personal skill would you like to contribute to the club?
 - A. I can contribute in Accounting, Financial Planning and Taxation.
3. What is a cause outside of Rotary that you deeply care about?
 - A. Climate & Environment Protection and Mental Health Awareness.
4. What is the best piece of advice you received after joining?
 - A. Rotary is the Best Club in the World, where people support each other and the members work for the Society.
5. In one word, how would you describe your feeling about joining Rotary?
 - A. INSPIRING

~Sushma Singhania

**LET'S STAY
CONNECTED**



Projects



Annadan Project



Our club successfully conducted 11 Annadan programs, in a period of 15 days, spreading the spirit of service and compassion. Through these initiatives, we were able to serve wholesome meals to numerous underprivileged individuals, bringing smiles, comfort, and hope to many. This noble act of sharing food not only satisfied hunger but also strengthened our bond of humanity. The projects were sponsored by Rotarians Jyoti Anand Sureka, Seema Mahesh Sonthalia, Pinky Sanjay Sinha, Lata Lalit Agarwal, Shashi Surendra Agarwal, Anu Rampal Vidhawan, Sanghamitra Kallol Ghosh, Kavita Sanjay Bhalotia, Jyoti Vinod Mahipal and Aparna Manish Biyani respectively.



E Learning



E-Learning is a modern mode of education that uses digital platforms to provide knowledge.

At STARS Welfare Society and Boynala Village, an E-Learning initiative has been running actively, engaging learners of all age groups. From 24th August to 4th September, a total of 38 students participated with great enthusiasm. The sessions were conducted in two to

three continuous slots daily, ensuring that every learner received personal attention and could benefit from this innovative approach to education.



Bloodline



Between 24th-27th August 2025, 19 blood groupings were done, 44 donors registered, and a total of 4 units of blood were donated at Tata Medical Center and Medical College & Hospital for patients Sujata Bardhan and Rano Chowdhury.



Vivekananda School

Vivekananda School organized a Hand Creative Study activity to encourage students to learn through creativity and imagination. Children enthusiastically participated by making charts, models, drawings, and craft items, which not only enhanced their knowledge but also helped develop their artistic skills.



Skill Development



From 25th August to 1st September 2025, tailoring training at Boynala RCC under teacher Sangita Sardar engaged a total of 40 learners, reflecting steady progress and dedication.





Homeopathy



Between 26th August and 2nd September 2025, the Homeopathy Clinics served a total of 21 patients—14 at the main clinic and 7 treated by Dr. Jagatpati Naskar at the Boynala RCC over multiple sessions—reflecting Rotary's steady effort in providing healthcare support.



Food Bank



A wave of joy spread across communities through our chocolate and gift distribution drives. Bringing smiles to over 100 children, with Rtn. Dharampal Ajitsaria leading the initiative. At Boynala village, our President with the helping hand Pranay Agarwal, Shashi Agarwal, Mahesh Sonthalia, Kallol Ghosh, Mahinder Singhal and Kavita Bhalotia personally distributed chocolates to

more than 500 beneficiaries. Through Rotary Mahanagar, chocolates were also distributed at Star Welfare Society, reaching 100 children. Further, at Shalimar Hindi Medium School and the nearby slum areas around Shalimar Station, Mrs. Vandana Taparia extended sweetness to nearly 500 children, filling the day with smiles and delight.



Medical Camp



Our club organized a medical camp at Tollygunge, offering facilities like blood sugar testing, blood pressure check-up, ECG, general physician consultation, and eye check-up. Umbrellas and Bournvita were also distributed to the beneficiaries. The camp was attended by president Sanjay Bhalotia and Rtn. Biswajit Malakar.

Other Projects



Skill Development



Nypa Plantation



Dialysis Centre



Project Dignity



Adult Literacy

1. Skill Development Grant was successfully completed in August.
2. Nypa planting was undertaken at Patharpratima South Paragas.
3. Mayor Health Clinic and Tridhara Center activities continued.
4. Under Project Dignity – Rural Toilets, visits showed some pending work, but all 50 toilets in the village are ready for handover.
5. Adult Literacy initiatives were carried forward.

Thalassemia Awareness



A Thalassemia Awareness and Blood Grouping Camp was organized at Bantra Madhusudan Pal Chowdhury High School, where blood samples were collected from around 300 children. Special thanks to Rtn. Laskar for taking the initiative to organize this meaningful program, which was graced by the presence of Rtn. Pradeep Agarwal, Rtn. Kavita Bhalotia, and President Sanjay Bhalotia.

Upcoming Events

1. Thalassemia awareness camp will conduct by DG Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhari at Basanti Devi College on 15th September.
2. 7 Annadan Mahadan will be conducted in next week
3. Distribution of items from Food Bank at different places of city
4. Big Umbrella distribution to the hawkers at various places.
5. Blood donation camp at Budge Budge on 7th September
6. Orientation of new members on 11th September
7. Mother & Child care project at Boynala village on 7th September
8. Medical Camp at Chetla on 14th September
9. Next RWM on 20th September - Hindi Diwas

Birthday Wishes - August & September 2025



24th August
Jyoti Sureka



27th August
Sourav Choudhary



2nd September
Payal Agarwal



2nd September
Sangita Poddar



3rd September
Aparna Biyani



5th September
Ajay Lodha



5th September
Rashi Mehta



6th September
Sandeep Bagrecha



7th September
Nitin Agarwal

Minutes of 1405th Rotary Weekly Meeting held on 23rd August 2025, Venue : Hotel Hindustan International, Time : 6:30 PM, Attended by : 26 Rotarians 8 Spouses 5 District Delegates

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Meeting called to order by President Rtn. Sanjay Bhalotia.

- National Anthem sung
- President's address started with warm welcome to chief guest DG Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri & district delegates
- Recap of key projects in recent weeks & outline of future projects were shared
- Club business by Secretary Rtn. Pradeep Agrawal
- Recognition was given to Rtn. Pradeep & Manju Agrawal as Bequest Society Members for pledging a portion of their estate to The Rotary Foundation.
- Launched our Satellite Club with 18 Charter Members joining our Rotary family.
- Vote of thanks to chief guest & special gratitude to PRIP Rtn. Shekhar Mehta by Rtn. Pranay Agarwal

Meeting adjourned.



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