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March

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE



March is designated as Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (**WASH**) Month in the Rotary International calendar, highlighting the organization's commitment to providing sustainable access to safe water and sanitation facilities. Rotary clubs worldwide focus on projects like building wells, installing water filters, and improving hygiene education to prevent disease and enhance school attendance.

Key aspects of Rotary's Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (**WASH**) focus include:

The WASH Goal: Rotary International aims to provide everyone with safe water, sanitation, and hygiene by 2030, reducing the transmission of waterborne diseases. Impact: Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested more than million in over 2,000 projects worldwide.

WASH in Schools: Projects often integrate hygiene education into schools, improving health and reducing absenteeism, particularly among girls.

Key Partners: Rotary International partners with organizations like USAID to deliver large-scale water solutions in nations such as Uganda, Ghana, and the Philippines.

World Water Day: Rotary District 7010 promotes World Water Day on 22 March, acting as a focal point for projects and awareness.

Minutes

1733 RFM dated 6th March, 2026

Attendees:

Venue: Rtn. Kumkum Bose's residence, Salt Lake

Month: Mar'26

Member Present: 12

RY 2025-26		Venue: Rtn. Kumkum Bose's residence
		Month: Mar'26
RC\$LDT	Member present	12
	RFM#	1733
Attendance		
Sri.No	Member	6/3/2026
1	Anasua Sarkar	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Anirban Moitra	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Bhaskar Dasgupta	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bhaskar Guha	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Chaitali Mukhopadhyay	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Debdip Dey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Deepak Mitra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Gautam Mukherjee	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Indumoli Choudhury	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Itu Upadhaya	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Kum Kum Bose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Kumar Srivatsan	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Mala Chakraborty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Pranlick Roychowdhury	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Rahela Jaiswal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	Reshme Dey	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Rina Brahma(Saha)	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Sailendra Nath Dewan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Sanat Kr Sarkar	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Sharmila Mitra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Shomik Sen	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Sima Bhattacharyya	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Siva Kumar	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Soumen Bhaumik	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
25	Soumik Das	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
26	Tapas Kr. Bhattacharya	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Tulun De	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Ujjayini Das Sarma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Honorary Member	Sibansu Mohan Chaki	<input type="checkbox"/>

Discussion Points:

- President called the meeting to order and Rtn Mala Chakraborty led the National Anthem
- President requested all members and family members to attend the project at Natun Ghar on 7.3.26. He also requested those who had sponsored to donate groceries at
- the Old Age Home to reach directly at the venue by 11am with the respective items.
- President reiterated that he would like to have a Thalassemia Awareness Camp during this year. He requested Rtn Deepak to coordinate with Gana Unnayan

- Parishad NGO for selecting a venue for the purpose. Rtn Itu, Rtn Kum Kum Bose &
- Rtn Sharmila also informed the members that they would try to coordinate with a
- School or College to organize an Awareness Camp there. Dr Saumik was requested to give a presentation in this regard and he also informed that he would try to bring another doctor, if possible.
- Treasurer, Rtn Kum Kum Bose, placed the accounts position till date.
- President requested Rtn Sailen Dewan to brief the members about the progress of the work regarding construction of the school building in Purulia school. President also opined that he would like to provide some more monetary help to the Purulia school in this regard. He requested members to donate generously in this regard. A date would be fixed for a visit to Purulia for this purpose.
- After the meeting the 50 th Wedding Anniversary of Rtn Mala Chakraborty and Mr Aniruddha Chakraborty was celebrated by cutting a cake. Sweets, snacks and tea was enjoyed by all. First Lady Mrs Sangita Dey welcomed everyone with Gulal / Abir. The evening ended with Holi/Dol songs.
- The evening ended with the vote of thanks by the President and members to Rtn Kum Kum Bose and Mr Rupnarayan Bose for making all the arrangements.

Visit and Groceries Distribution @Natun Ghar:

On March 7th, members of the RCSLDT Club, along with their families, visited Natun Ghar Old Age Home at 11 a.m. as part of their regular outreach initiative. The purpose of the visit was to spend time with the residents and distribute monthly grocery supplies.

Everyone assembled at Natun Ghar around 11 a.m., bringing along their contributions. The President, First Lady, Secretary, and other members warmly distributed the grocery items among the residents. The visit continued with friendly conversations, where members interacted with the elderly, enquired about their well-being, and expressed genuine concern for their health and hygiene.



From Editor's Desk

World Sparrow Day is observed in India on March 20th every year to raise awareness about the declining population of the House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*) and other small urban birds. Initiated by India's Nature Forever Society (NFS), it highlights threats like urbanisation, lack of nesting sites, and pollution.

Why this is important to us?

Sparrows—especially species like the House Sparrow—may seem small and ordinary, but they play a surprisingly important role in ecosystems and even human life. Here's why they're essential:

1. Natural pest control

Sparrows feed heavily on insects, especially during breeding season. They help keep populations of pests (like caterpillars and aphids) in check, which benefits agriculture and gardens.

2. Seed dispersal

By eating seeds and later dropping or excreting them elsewhere, sparrows help plants spread and grow in new areas—supporting biodiversity.

3. Indicator of environmental health

Sparrows are considered a “bioindicator species.” A decline in their population often signals problems like pollution, habitat loss, or excessive pesticide use. Their disappearance in cities has raised concerns about urban environmental quality.

4. Part of the food chain

They are prey for larger birds (like hawks) and animals, helping maintain balance in the ecosystem. Removing them would disrupt this chain.

5. Connection to human habitats

Unlike many birds, sparrows thrive around people. Their presence reflects a healthy coexistence between humans and nature in urban areas.

Why this matters today

In many places—including parts of India—sparrow populations have dropped due to urbanization, lack of nesting spaces, pollution, and reduced insect availability.

Dates to Remember

Mark your calendar

March 2026						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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2 👤 Mala Chakraborty & Anirudha Happy Marriage Anniversary!	3 🎂 Sailendra Nath Dewan Happy Birthday!	4 🎂 Tutun De Happy Birthday!	5	6 👤 Tapas Kumar Bhattacharyya & Soma Happy Marriage Anniversary! Meeting - WFM	7 Project - Natun Ghar	8
9	10	11 👤 Rina Brahma & Sunil Happy Marriage Anniversary!	12 🎂 Prantick Roychowdhury Happy Birthday! 👤 Sailendra Nath Dewan & Kumkum Happy Marriage Anniversary!	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Meeting WFM	28	29 🎂 Anusua Sarkar Happy Birthday!
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