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2318TH REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
RI PRESIDENT



Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri
DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Rtn. Bandaru Mohan
CLUB PRESIDENT



Rtn. Shubhayan Sengupta
CLUB SECRETARY



We don't just Serve - we lead with Purpose. "Service Above Self"
"Unite For Good" Rotary Four Way Test



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Greetings on Birthday

July 4th : PP Prosenjit Barua
PP Shweta B Barua

We Are Rotary – People of Action

We are not bound by borders, beliefs, or backgrounds.

We are united by purpose - Driven by compassion - Inspired by service.

In a world that often asks, “What’s in it for me?” we boldly live by a different creed:

Service above Self!

We see needs—not obstacles.

We see opportunity—not impossibility.

We don’t wait for change—we create it.

From local projects to global missions, from lending a hand to leading the way—we are Rotary. We are **People of**

Action.

Because when people of action come together, there is no challenge too great, no dream too distant, and no

community beyond reach.

How Did We Get Here?

We got here because more than a century ago, one man had a simple idea:

To create a space where professionals could exchange ideas, build friendships, and serve their communities.

That idea became Rotary. And over time, it became a movement.

We got here by showing up — again and again — when the world needed us most.

In times of crisis, we brought hope.

In the face of injustice, we brought dignity.

Where there was suffering, we brought solutions.

We got here because we believe that service isn’t something we do after work —it is the work.

It’s not a gesture — it’s a way of life.

We got here not by standing still, but by taking action.

By turning empathy into impact.

By living our motto — **Service above Self** — not just in words, but in everything we do.

That’s how we got here.

That’s why we’re still here.

And that’s how we’ll move forward — together.



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Life comes at you fast.

I was at my district conference when I heard the news that I had been selected as the Rotary president. I was sitting next to a dear friend and received an email on my phone — but I wasn't allowed to tell anyone, so I just sat there, silently, for a few minutes.

And then another email came in to confirm it. And I still had to be silent. And then a few more minutes passed, and a Rotary member walked up to me with his phone, showing me

a Facebook post announcing my selection. And moments later, I was swarmed by 400 people.

Before I say any more, I want to express my affection, support, and deep admiration of President-nominee SangKoo for his brave and inspiring message. SangKoo makes us a better organization through his leadership — and he makes us better people through his friendship.

I also want to thank my friend Mário de Camargo for his 40 years of membership, dedication, and service to Rotary. I know it was a difficult decision for him to step aside right before his presidential term was to begin, and we all appreciate him and hope to reconnect soon in friendship.

And finally, I want to express my gratitude to President Stephanie and the Rotary Board for entrusting me with the opportunity to lead this great organization.

This past year, Rotary has faced global challenges with a firm heart and determination, blazing a trail for peace — and spreading The Magic of Rotary far and wide.

President Stephanie, you have so much to be proud of for your leadership this past year. But I especially want to note that you, your volunteer assistants, and Rotary staff have put on the best Rotary Convention yet. You should all be proud.

Now it is my turn. I must confess that after four days of talks, it is difficult to say anything that has not been said before.

We have a year of service ahead of us. As I said a week ago, I was playing with my grandchildren in our living room at home, and two days later, I was on a plane to arrive here, with a thousand thoughts, a thousand doubts, and a lot of confusion in my head. Rotary International presidents usually have two years to plan their year; I have two weeks!

Well, I said to myself, let's not lose our cool. Let's start with the fundamentals.

Let us start with our annual message, Unite for Good. Let us examine it for a moment. In my opinion, it is an extraordinary message in its simplicity, brevity, and impact.

Unite: to unite, reconcile, gather around. Unite can be understood in two different manners. You have to unite in space and time. Uniting in space means involving all members, but not only members, in our service. It means involving organizations that function as partners, local administrations, other voluntary associations.

In short, it means "expand our reach."

It means increasing our membership. In many parts of the Rotary world, we are not growing. In fact, we have been losing membership for years. This remains one of the areas of action we will have to focus on during this year. The most effective way to increase membership is, first of all, to increase retention. We lose too many members, especially members admitted in the previous two to three years.

Maybe they did not find what they were looking for? Maybe the club experience was not what they expected? Improving the club experience must be another imperative during the year, making ample use of all the possibilities we have to apply great flexibility. Let us make more use of new types of clubs, for example, satellite clubs or clubs of purpose. Let us set no limits on creativity, let us adapt new forms of clubs to our local culture and traditions.





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Unite also means expanding one's reach and working to benefit not only the local community but also needs far beyond our borders.

In short, unity means working in harmony, building bridges, involving as many people as possible to achieve more and more effective results.

Unite can also be understood as unity in time. In other words, it points to the need to work serenely with those before you and those after you. An annual project can be limiting. A project that lasts one year will rarely be transformational but will always remain on the surface of the problem. If we really want to change the world and people's lives, we must plan bigger, with multiyear projects. Our assignments may only last one year, but we must work and plan with those who precede us and with those who follow us.

Remember, it is never my year; it is always and only the year of Rotary.

We are called to undo our egos for the good of Rotary and the communities we serve.

For good. We have joined together to do what? For the good of humanity. For good indicates what our goals are.

What are mine?

First, along with membership, is the eradication of polio. We are always a few steps away from a success that is denied from year to year.

But we are there now — every year we are closer and closer — and it is our duty not to break the promise we made so many years ago. We can do it — we have the means and the right partners, we have our infinite tenacity. We can do it. And we will do it.

And the last goal is peace.

That's it: polio, membership, peace.

What do I mean by peace?

Peace for me is what we do best and what we do every day. Taking a young person to a peace center or sending a young person to another country on a Youth Exchange is working for peace.

Preventing and curing disease is working for peace.

Providing clean drinking water or sanitation where there is none is working for peace.

To have women give birth in a safe environment and take care of their children is working for peace.

To improve the environment in which we live, to support girls' education, to give economic support to those who cannot open their businesses, all this is working for peace. We are a great, immense machine that has been working for peace for more than a century.

More background information can be found in our vision.

Together. It is a word that must always stand out prominently in all our workplaces.

Together. Alone we go nowhere, any difficulty will seem insurmountable. Let us leave the Superman we think we are in the attic and learn instead to value the team, to use our infinite different skills, to look at problems from different points of view.

Alone we lose, together we win, always.

We see a world. We look far ahead, and in our vision of tomorrow, we transfer our dreams.

Dreaming is indispensable. A poet of the last century said that you begin to die the very moment you stop dreaming. Never stop dreaming.

I am confident that you will give me all the support and affection I have always found in Rotary.

Together, we can unite.

We can unite to change lives, including our own.

We can unite to change communities, right around the corner and half a world away.

We can unite to change our world for the better, not just for us, but for generations to come.

Together, we Unite for Good.

I love you, try to love me a little.

Thank you all.



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Dear Respected Rotarians,



As I step into the role of President of Rotary Club of Garden Reach for the year 2025–26, I extend my warm wishes to each one of you. It is both an honour and a privilege to serve alongside such a dedicated and compassionate group of individuals.

My heartfelt best wishes to Rtn. Shubhayan Sengupta, our Secretary, and Rtn. Sanjay V. Bhatt, our Treasurer, for a successful and impactful year ahead. I also wish all our Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons the very best in executing their responsibilities with excellence and dedication.

A special note of gratitude and appreciation to our outgoing President Rtn. Biswajit Saha for the successful year we had under his active and inspiring leadership. We also extend our warm wishes to Anne Priyanka for a joyous and fulfilling year ahead.

As we approach a landmark occasion—50 years of Rotary Garden Reach in 2027–28—our preparations must begin this year with renewed focus and vision.

Let us all participate enthusiastically in every project and fellowship, and together, let us continue to make a positive and lasting impact on society.

*Let's truly **"Unite for Good"** and make 2025–26 a year of purpose and pride.*

With Rotary Regards,

Rtn. B. Mohan

President (2025–26)

Rotary Club of Garden Reach

I stand before you today deeply honoured and humbled to accept the role of Secretary of our esteemed Rotary Club of Garden Reach. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for placing your trust and confidence in me.

Rotary is not just an organisation—it is a family bound by shared ideals of service, fellowship, and making lasting change. I am grateful to be part of this family and to have the opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated and inspiring individuals.

I want to especially thank our IPP Biswajit Saha and his team for their tireless efforts and for setting such a high standard of commitment and efficiency. Your guidance will be invaluable to me in the months ahead.

As I take on this responsibility, I pledge to carry forward our club's values with sincerity, transparency, and enthusiasm. I look forward to working closely with our President, Board, and every member to ensure our projects and activities continue to make a meaningful impact in our community.

*Thank you once again for this opportunity. Together, let us strive to make our club stronger, our service more effective, and our bonds of friendship even deeper. And once again let's pledge to **"UNITE FOR GOOD"***

Thank you.

Best Rotary regards,

Rtn. Shubhayan Sengupta

Club Secretary, 2025-26

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Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Patients – A Heartfelt Start to Rotary Year 2025-26



On the occasion of National Doctors' Day, the Rotary Club of Garden Reach commenced Rotary Year 2025-26 with a meaningful act of service — a Blood Donation Camp organized in collaboration with The Thalassemia Society of India, New Alipore.

Date: 1st July 2025

Venue: The Thalassemia Society of India, Kolkata

Time: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

The camp was graced by the Hon'ble District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, who lauded the club's initiative in supporting Thalassemia patients dependent on regular blood transfusions. He was accompanied by First Lady Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri, adding warmth to the occasion.

A total of 22 voluntary donors stepped forward to contribute, setting a compassionate tone for the new Rotary year. The presence of PDG Rtn. Rajendra Khandelwal, who offered his blessings and encouraging remarks, added further value to the event.

The District Governor was also accompanied by:

- Rtn. N. Ramakrishnan, Secretary to the DG's Office
- Rtn. Pradip Jewrajka, District Secretary – Projects

The Rotary Club of Garden Reach extends heartfelt gratitude to all donors, volunteers, and members who supported this noble cause. This impactful initiative stands as a testament to the club's continued commitment to service above self.



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Celebration of National Doctors' Day by Rotary Club of Garden Reach

Date: July 1st, 2025

Venue: BNR Officers' Club, Kolkata



On the occasion of National Doctors' Day, Rotary Club of Garden Reach organized a special felicitation ceremony at BNR Officers' Club to honour the selfless service of medical professionals.

Doctors who are Rotarian members of the Club, along with Doctors from Inner Wheel, Brahmachari Balananda Research Hospital, and Susrut Eye Hospital, were felicitated for their invaluable contributions to society.

Each doctor was presented with a Token of Appreciation and a Certificate of Recognition as a mark of respect and gratitude.

The grand ceremony was followed by an evening of fellowship and dinner, celebrating the spirit of service and compassion that defines the medical profession.

Rotary Garden Reach extends heartfelt thanks to all participating doctors and members for making this celebration a memorable one.



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Minutes of the 2317th RWM held on June 24th, 2025 at BNR Officers' Club, Garden Reach

- 1. President Biswajit welcomed the members and requested them to rise for the National Anthem.**
- 2. Before resuming the meeting, Secretary Rtn B. Mohan requested a one-minute silence in memory of the passengers who tragically lost their lives in the Air India plane crash on June 12th, 2025. Members stood in solemn tribute.**
- 3. President Biswajit expressed gratitude to all members for attending the final RWM of the Rotary year 2024-25 and invited President-elect B Mohan to share the upcoming programs for the Rotary year 2025-26, starting from July 1st, 2025.**
- 4. President requested Secretary Rtn B. Mohan to share highlights from the District Assembly on RCC, held on June 22nd, 2025 at Ramakrishna Mission and Culture Institute. RCC Coordinators from Champa Mahila Samity, Joypur, and Badartala participated.**
- 5. PE Bandaru spoke at length about his Plans & Programs for the RY 2025-26.**
- 6. The Club Secretary conducted the Club Business.**
- 7. Minutes of the last RWM were confirmed. President Biswajit terminated the meeting.**