

Voyage



A News Bulletin
June 2025



ROTARY CLUB OF KABITIRTHA CALCUTTA

Rotary International District 3291

Club Charter No. 30920

Club Charter Date: 30th JUNE 1995

RI PRESIDENT: Rtn. Stephanie A. Urchick
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Rtn. Krishnendu Gupta
PRESIDENT : Rtn. (Dr.) Ayan Ghosh
SECRETARY: Rtn. Mainak Dutta
EDITOR: Rtn. Malabika Guha

May : ***THE YOUTH SERVICE MONTH***

June : ***THE FELLOWSHIP MONTH***



Club's Birthday

Every year we observe 30th June as the natal day of our club. Let us celebrate this Auspicious Occasion by remembering some of our Flagship Projects.



1. The Celebration of the Doctor's Day.
2. The Observance of the Independence Day.
3. The Celebration of the Teacher's Day.
4. The Philanthropic Service to the distressed People in the Sundarban areas.
5. The Arrangement of Mega Blood Donation Camp.
6. The active participation of our club in the Disaster Relief.
7. The Celebration of the Birth Anniversary of our club member--Late (Rtn.) Kalyan Ranjan Guha.
8. The Distribution of blankets and warm garments to the street people at Kalighat.
9. The Rally for Thalassemia Awareness.
10. Being the Lead Host Club of DTA--2025 in the Rotary International District of 3291.

The Message of the Incoming President-- (2025-2026)



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am honoured and thankful to get an opportunity to serve the club as the president of the year--2025-26. Let me be allowed to implement the Theme of RI President--Francisco Arezzo of Italy--"Unite For Good".

The Hymn of Rotary is to sprinkle the fragrance of love, compassion and kindness to the deprived community.

As Rotarians we are committed and recommitted to bring Sunshine into the lives of the underprivileged people. It is very much true that the strength of a president does not depend on a fat wallet, but on the strength of his quality members.

So our First priority is to retain old Members. At the same time to grow more we need to induct new members along with more lady members. I think the Fund Raising is also a very important issue for any Rotary Year. I always enjoy Rotary while serving. Let me conclude by chanting a famous saying of Swami Vivekananda.....

"জীবে প্রেম করে যেই জন, সেই জন সেবিছে ঈশ্বর"

Before I sign off, I convey my best wishes to all my club members, their families and the well wishers of our club.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Ranjana Basu

The Message of the Outgoing President-- (2024--2025)



Dear Fellow Rotarians, Friends, and Changemakers,

As the Rotary wheel prepares to turn into a new chapter, I pause at this luminous threshold—with a heart full of memories and a spirit anchored in gratitude.

Rotary Year 2024–25 was not merely a sequence of dates—it was a living tapestry of service, fellowship, and vision, lovingly embroidered by each of you.

We stood beneath the green canopy of hope—adopting trees not just as saplings, but as sentinels of tomorrow, laying the green foundations of an urban forest for generations yet to breathe its shade. In the heart of the Sundarbans, a humble dream took root—a Computer Learning Centre for youth who once only watched the world from the margins.

We didn't just plant trees—we seeded futures.

We measured our carbon footprints, not in guilt but in resolve—to tread gentler, live cleaner, and inspire greener.

In distant villages, Happy Schools bloomed—with chalk, cheer, and the dignity of learning. When floods ravaged parts of Howrah, our Club rose swiftly, delivering disaster relief with urgency, empathy, and Rotary resolve. Compassion became our calling card, service our answer.

We celebrated culture with pride—the Hilsa Festival rekindled cherished bonds. We found joy in the soulful embrace of the Shantiniketan Annual Picnic, the spirited laughter of our Vijaya Sammilani, and the enduring fellowship they fostered.

Our youth discovered their voice in RYLA 'Aastha', where leadership blossomed under open skies. And we led with distinction as the Host Club of the District Training Assembly 2025—a moment etched in the golden annals of RID 3291.

Each project, each gathering, each smile—was a whisper of Rotary's timeless promise:

Service Above Self.

As I now pass the baton, I do so not as a retiring leader but as an ever-committed foot soldier in Rotary's noble march. For leadership may conclude, but service never ceases.

Let us rise again, with renewed resolve. Let the wheel turn—and let our hearts lead.

Together, always—for a greener, kinder tomorrow.

With deepest gratitude,

Dr. Ayan Ghosh

President

Rotary Club of Kabitirtha Calcutta

Rotary Year 2024–25

Club News

The Rally for Thalassemia Awareness

পিতা মাতা বাহক হলে ভিড়বে শিশু রোগীর দলে

দৃঢ় হোক আমাদের অঙ্গীকার আর একটিও থ্যালাসেমিয়া শিশু নয়

**ROTARY CLUB OF
KABITIRTHA CALCUTTA**





Anniversary Greetings

Happy Birthday

15th June---Rtn. Subhomoy Samaddar

19th June---Rtn. Parijat Chakraborty

25th June---Rtn. Gopinath Adhikary

25th June---Rtn. (Dr.) Ayan Ghosh.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

25th May ---Rtn. Gopinath and Anjana Adhikary

6th June ---Rtn. Raja and Arunima Guha

The Report of the Secretary

Projects At A Glance

1.7.2024 --- The Celebration of the Doctors Day.

28.7.2024--- The Celebration of the World Conservation Day.

15.8.2024 --- The Celebration of our Independence Day.

5.9.2024 --- The Celebration of the Teacher's Day.

5.10.2024 --- The Distribution of the Puja garments to the needy people.

20.10.2024--- The Participation in the Disaster Relief.

14.11.2024--- The Celebration of the Children's Day.

5.12.2024 --- The Receipt of the Charter Certificate from RCC Panitras Vivekananda Seva Sangha.

8.12.2024 --- The Felicitation of our club members by the students of the school at the Sundarbans.

13.12.2024--- The Observance of All Bengal Men's Forum.

25.12.2024--The Observance of the Birth Anniversary of (Late) Rtn. Kalyan Ranjan Guha.

12.1.2025 --The Sit and Draw Competition.

12.1.2025 --The Mega Blood Donation Camp.

14.1.2025 -- The Distribution of woollen garments, blankets and clothes to the street people of the Kalighat areas

25th and -- Annual Picnic at Santiniketan.

26th January

26.1.2025---The Distribution of the warm garments to the needy people at Santiniketan.

8.3.2025 ---The Celebration of the International Women's Day.

15.3.2025---The Holi Meet.

25.5.2025---Participation of our club as the Lead Host Club of DTA--2025 in the Rotary International District of 3291.

Editor Speaks

Sometimes Silence is more Golden than words.

Still Voyage can not resist itself in voicing that the Rotary Club of Kabitirtha Calcutta under the leadership of Rtn. (Dr.) Ayan along with his team sailed his boat smoothly paying Proper Respect to "The Four Way Test" and "Service Above Self".

It matters much that the distressed orphans of the Sundarban region got the opportunity to taste a secured life to some extent.

Added challenge during his tenure had been to extend his cooperation along with his team to organize DTA-2025 under the leadership of Rtn. (PDG and ARC) Jhulan Basu.

The above one had been a Beautiful Symphony of Humanity, Service and Togetherness of the Rotarians of Rotary International District 3291.

I sincerely wish to see the club growing both in strength and diversity--- specially with more women joining our club.

While I sign off the last edition of Voyage a Heart-Touching Saying has been floating in my mind--- **"When you come to this world, make a mark of yourself" and never get "Tired of Trying".**

Request to each member along with his/her family keep Smiling and keep Serving.

Best Wishes—

Rtn. Malabika Guha.

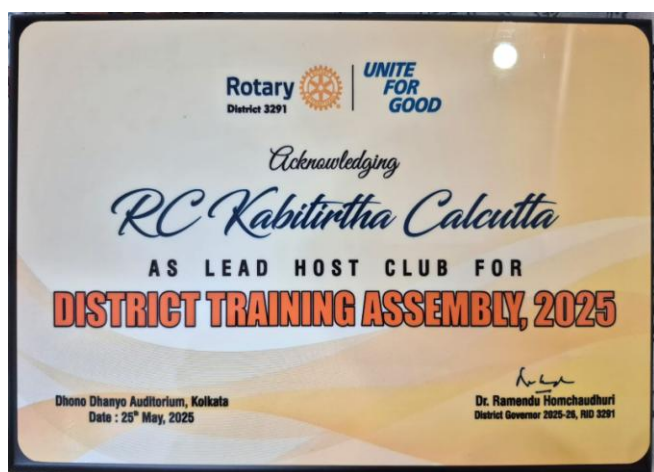
REMEMBERING



Voyage offers Deep Homage to the bereaved families of the passengers and crews of Air India Flight--Ai 171 going to London from Ahmedabad on 12th June, 2025.

May the Almighty give the bereaved families enough mental strength to bear this shock.

District News



Date : 25.5.2025

Being the chief Host Club of DTA--2025, the Rotary Club of Kabitirtha Calcutta had successfully organised a Well-Thought and Well Planned DTA--2025 held at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium.

The inauguration and all the plenary sessions were excellently structured and truly meaningful. TRF TRUSTEE Dr Bharat Pandya--Chief Guest spoke on the topic-- Touch The Top, RMC pdg Sarat Chandra on membership and RID Anirudha Chowdhury on the occasion.

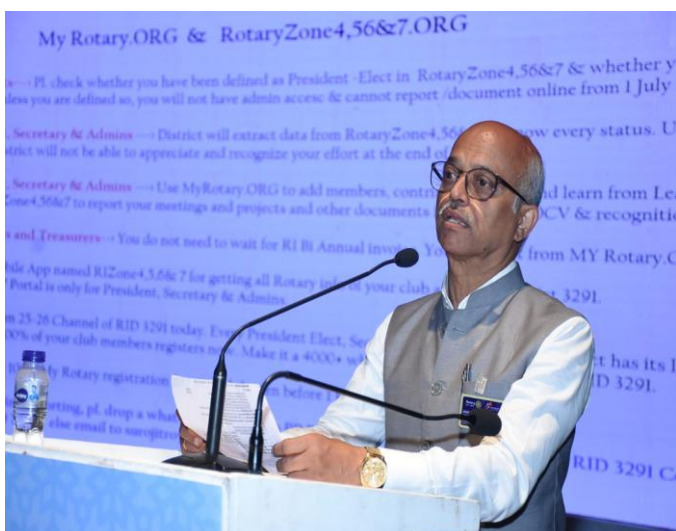
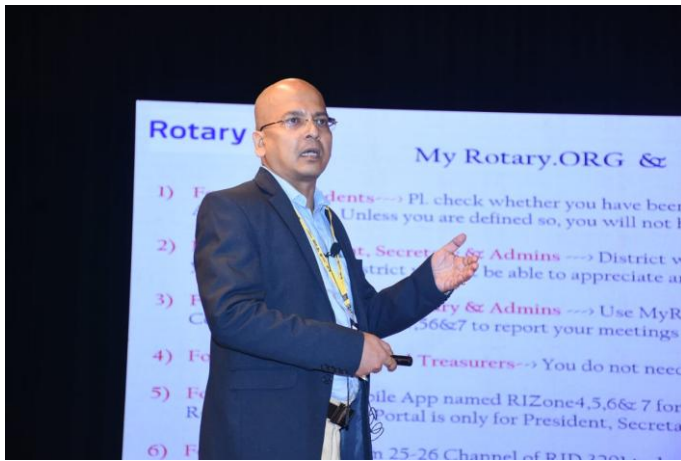
The speeches of DG, DGN and DGND had outstanding impact with the reflection of annual goals, themes, priorities and many other relevant issues.

Sri SK Singh, the Chairman and the Managing Director, Hindustan Copper Limited and Mamata Shankar spoke on the occasion.

Behind the green room worked the dedicated members of our club who pledged and repledged, committed and recommitted to make DTA--2025 Absolutely Successful with the spirit of Togetherness and "Service Above Self".

Voyage will remain incomplete if it does not mention the name of Rtn. (PDG and ARC) Jhulan Basu who as **the Friend, Philosopher and Guide monitored the entire program passionately with Strong Ethical Values to make it Vivrant and Meaningful.**



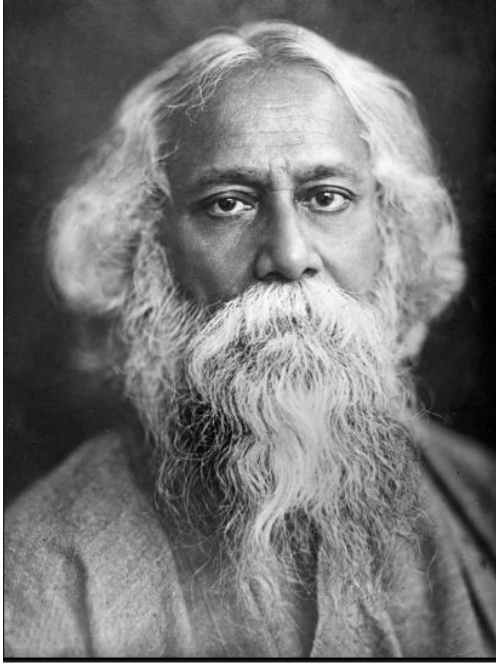




Last but Not the Least

Rabindranath Tagore

Voyage offers belated PRONAM TO OUR BELOVED poet Rabindranath Tagore on his 164th Birth anniversary on 9th May 2025.



যেথায় থাকে সবার অধম দীনের হতে দীন
সেইখানে যে চরন তোমার রাজে
সবার পিছে, সবার নীচে, সবহারাদের মাঝে।

There is thy footstool and there rest thy feet.
Where live the poorest, lowliest and lost.
When I try to bow to thee, my obeisance
cannot reach down to the depth where thy
feet rest among the poorest, lowliest and
lost.



It is an old letter, but very unique in its content. Mrs. Seema Roy – by profession a teacher in the St. Thomas Girls' High School in Kolkata once wrote a letter to Mother

Respected mother,

My daughter Rupali – studying post graduation in Economics in the Jadavpur University is keen to celebrate her birthday on 4th November in a meaningful way. Waiting eagerly for your advice.
Regards, Seema

Reply

Dearest Seema, Very happy to receive your special letter. Please advise your daughter to celebrate and enrich the occasion by making the following gifts:

To her elders – **Care and Respect**
To the distressed – **Charity and Service**
To the sick – **Comfort and Compassion**
To the sinner – **Tolerance and Forgiveness**
And start the day "**with a Raised Head and give a Big Salute to your Motherland – India**"

With love and warm wishes,
Mother Teresa

CONGRATULATIONS



Francisco Arezzo of Italy, a member of the Rotary Club Ragusa, Italy has been selected RI President by the Board of Directors of Rotary International for the year 2025-26.

The Rotary Presidential Message for the Rotary year will remain the same---Unite For Good. He is an orthodontist in private practice and earned much reputation in his place and beyond. He has been a Rotary member for 30 years and a Benefactor of the Rotary Foundation.

He is married to Maris Criscione, an entrepreneur in tourism. They have been blessed by two children.

Projects at a Glance – both Club and District



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Chirstmas Day

RC Kabiratha Calcutta celebrated Christmas on December 25 with Santa going around the city in a van, distributing cakes, chocolates, caps, whistles, toys, and smiley balls. Rotary projects were showcased on the van.















SALUTE



Our club member---Rtn. Goutam Roy receiving Certificate of Appreciation from MOIC, K. K. Barui for donating blood more than 25 times in his life till now.

