



# **ROTARY CLUB OF BALLYGUNGE UPTOWN** **DISTRICT 3291** **BALLY TIMES**

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## **President's Desk**

As we step into the second half of our Rotary year, it is heartening to reflect on the beautiful projects we have successfully executed so far. January and February have been particularly eventful, with impactful initiatives that have touched lives and strengthened our commitment to service.

We began the year with 'Young Minds, Vibrant Vision', an inspiring art competition on Republic Day that brought together nearly 100 children, fostering creativity and patriotism. Following this, we launched 'Jaal Dhara II', continuing our mission to provide clean drinking water to those in need. 'Suroksha' focused on promoting health and safety, ensuring a better quality of life for our beneficiaries.

In a heartfelt tribute, we organized 'Shradhanjali', honoring the legacy of Late Rtn. K.K. Sengupta (PHF), whose contributions continue to inspire us. Additionally, our project 'Alor Sandhane' aimed to spread awareness about Thalassemia, emphasizing the importance of prevention and support. Beyond service, we also took time to strengthen our bonds through Fellowship and Anniversary Celebrations, cherishing the spirit of togetherness that defines our club.

As we look ahead, exciting projects are on the horizon, reinforcing our commitment to building a brighter future and a better society. With unwavering dedication, let us continue to serve and make a lasting impact.



## **Secretary's Desk**

Ballygunge Uptown celebrated 76th Republic Day with Project, 'Young Minds, Vibrant Vision'. We organized a drawing competition with a 100 children at Baghajatin B & C Block Women's group. Every child received a consolation prize as well! Ballygunge Uptown has organized a Vocational Training Programme for Underprivileged Women in Basic Electronics under the aegis of Binay Opto Electronics, in memory, of Late Rtn. Dr. Sheila Rohatgi. This programme started on the 1st of January 2025, with six girls undergoing a 6 months training course. Jaal dhara 2, commenced on the 31st of January, 2025 with the donation of a water purifier at Jadavpur Baghajatin High School! Surokha Blanket project on the 1st of February distributed 100 blankets to the needy for protection against the cold.

On the 11th of February, in Memory of Rtn Kamal Sengupta, Ballygunge Uptown organized 'Shradhanjali', a project at Annanda Samiti. The club donated school bags to deprived children in celebration of his legacy. As the 25th of February dawned we organized 'Alor Sandhane', a Thalassemia Awareness Program. This was held at Jadavpur Baghajatin High School, with over 150 students. Rtn Subhojit Roy, motivational speaker gave the cause due diligence and educated the youth towards the cause.



## **Editor's Desk**

With the onset of New Year 2025, there is lot of hope that this year the club would be active in those areas where we were deficient in our effort. Increasing the number of members is a issue which needs to be addressed as not enough members are available for club activities. So present members may take some pain to introduce new member. Best wishes for Festival of Colour  
 Ciao

### **Anniversary Wishes**

Rtn. Sarbani Sen (26th January)  
 Rtn. Sekharesh Sen (26th January)

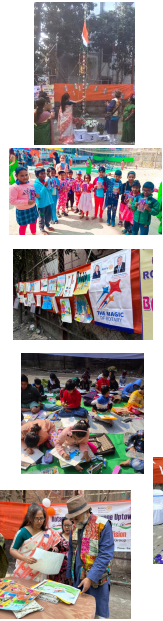


### **Birthday Wishes**

Rtn. Rayandeve Sen ( 1st January)  
 Rtn. Ratnadeep Chatterjee (11th January)



## Young Minds, Vibrant Vision Art Competition - (26th January , 2025)



On 26th January 2025, Rc Ballygunge Uptown, in collaboration with the B&C Block Women's Group, organized an art competition titled "Young Minds, Vibrant Vision" at C Block Maidan to celebrate the 76th Republic Day. Nearly 100 Underprivileged children participated in this vibrant event. The program commenced with the flag hoisting by Club President Rtn. Sarbani Sen, followed by the national anthem. The President delivered a warm welcome speech, which was followed by an inspiring address by Guest Artist Sameer Kundu. The competition began at 9:45 a.m., with participants divided into three groups. By 11:45 a.m., the results were announced, and the winners from each group were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes. Additionally, all participants were presented with consolation prizes to encourage their efforts. The event was graced by the presence of four club members and was a beautiful celebration of creativity and patriotism. #RepublicDay2025



## Jaaldhara II

On 31st January 2025, at 3 p.m., Rc of Ballygunge Uptown successfully carried out the project "Jaaldhara II" by donating one Livepure water filter to Jadavpur Baghajatin High School. With the presence of two club members, this initiative ensured access to clean drinking water for 1,100 students, promoting better health and hygiene.



## Suroksha ( Blankets donation Drive)



On 1st February 2025, Saturday at 11 a.m., Rc of Ballygunge Uptown organized the blanket donation project "Suroksha" at Vetarence Club, Rajdanga Naba Pally. With the presence of one club member, 50 families benefited from this initiative, receiving blankets to help them stay warm during the winter.



## District Project : Life Beyond Cancer



On 15th February 2025, at Rabindra Sadan, our club had the privilege of attending the district project -Life Beyond Cancer, as an associate Host Club ,With five club members present, we witnessed a truly motivational and inspiring event.

The highlight of the program was the remarkable performances by cancer survivors, whose resilience and spirit were deeply moving. Their stories of courage and strength served as a powerful reminder of hope and determination in the face of adversity. Being a part of such an initiative reinforces our commitment to supporting meaningful causes that bring positive change to society.

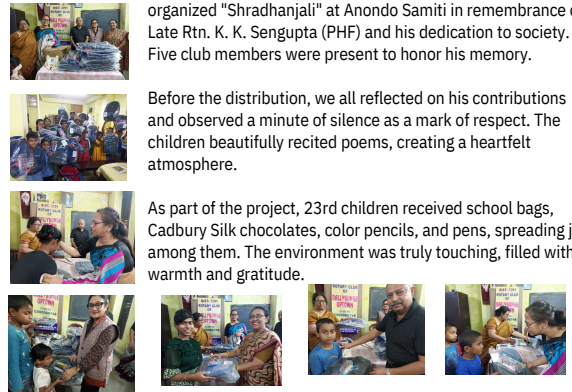


## Shradhanjali

On 10th February 2025, at 5 p.m., RC Ballygunge Uptown organized "Shradhanjali" at Anondo Samiti in remembrance of Late Rtn. K. K. Sengupta (PHF) and his dedication to society. Five club members were present to honor his memory.

Before the distribution, we all reflected on his contributions and observed a minute of silence as a mark of respect. The children beautifully recited poems, creating a heartfelt atmosphere.

As part of the project, 23rd children received school bags, Cadbury Silk chocolates, color pencils, and pens, spreading joy among them. The environment was truly touching, filled with warmth and gratitude.



## Thalassemia Awareness Programme

### Alor Sandhane



Thalassemia Awareness Program at Baghajatin Boys High School RC of Ballygunge Uptown successfully conducted a Thalassemia Awareness Program at Baghajatin Boys High School on 25th February, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. The session was attended by 150 students, with the presence of two club members.



The highlight of the event was a motivational speech by Rtn. Shubhojit Roy, who interacted with the children, creating a magical and engaging environment. A question-answer session further helped in clarifying doubts and spreading a clear understanding of Thalassemia.



To make the event more impactful, food and informational flyers were distributed among the students. The children actively participated, making the session a truly enriching experience. RC Ballygunge Uptown remains committed to spreading awareness and making a difference in young minds.



#ThalassemiaAwareness #RotaryService #RCBallygungeUptown



## Sustainable Club Project

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Vocational Training Programme in Basic Electronics  
The R.C. of Ballygunge Uptown has organized a Vocational Training Programme for underprivileged women in Basic Electronics under the aegis of Binay Opto Electronics Pvt. Ltd., in memory of Late Rtn. Dr. Sheila Rohatgi. This programme commenced on 1st January 2025, with six girls enrolled in a six-month training course, each receiving a stipend of ₹6,000 per head. Designed as a sustaining project spanning two years, this initiative aims to empower women with technical skills, fostering self-reliance and employment opportunities in the electronics sector. RC Ballygunge Uptown remains committed to vocational training and women's empowerment, ensuring a brighter future for these young learners.

