



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

January-February  
July 2025 -2026

## President's Desk Note



Rtn. Sarbani Sen  
Club President

**Dear Rotarians and Friends,**

**Wishing each one of you and your family a very Happy and Prosperous New Year 2026! May this year bring good health, harmony, and greater opportunities for service above self.**

**We began the year on a vibrant note with the District Conference Ramdhanu on 10th and 11th January 2026. It was truly a great experience for our club to participate and walk the Red Carpet with pride and enthusiasm. Such moments strengthen our Rotary spirit and inspire us to do more for the community.**

**In January, we also extended our support by donating a sewing machine to NGO "AView", empowering livelihood and promoting self-reliance.**

**February has been equally meaningful and impactful. Our project Obolombon at Sundarban Global Foundation, Gosaba, was a great success. Through this initiative, we continued our commitment to support and uplift underserved communities.**

**We also successfully organised a wonderful Art Competition at Baghajatin C Block Maidan with underprivileged children. The enthusiasm, talent, and smiles of the young participants truly touched our hearts and reaffirmed our dedication to nurturing future artists.**

**Now, we look forward to our major fundraising event in March — Art Exhibition "Protibha II", in support of LBC. The exhibition will be held from 13th to 15th March 2026 at Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). This noble initiative blends art with service, creating a platform for talented artists while raising funds for a meaningful cause.**

**I warmly invite all members, friends, and well-wishers to join us and extend your support for this noble cause. Together, let us continue to serve with compassion and commitment.**

# Secretary's Desk



**Rtn. Kakolee Sengupta**

January began on a promising note when two new members joined the club. We continued our efforts in providing assistance to the needy and donated a sewing machine to 'A View' an NGO dedicated to taking care of mentally challenged and underprivileged women. A small step towards dignity, empowerment, and inclusive growth. In continuation with our endeavours a visit to Sundarban Global Foundation was planned for the month of February. A donation drive for the children was organised, providing school uniforms, stationery and water bottles to 61 children of Gosaba in February 26. The smile on the little faces was heart-warming.

To encourage young artists a drawing competition was organised in Baghajatin for 60 underprivileged children in February 26. This initiative not only provided a creative platform for the children but also offered them the opportunity to showcase their talent at a prestigious exhibition. Through colours and creativity, the project spread joy, confidence, and hope among the young artists. With renewed energy and hope we wish to continue with our endeavours and efforts for the betterment of our society.

Rotary **UNITE FOR GOOD**  
**Rotary Monthly Theme Calendar 2025-2026**

<b>July 2025</b> Material and Child Health "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>August 2025</b> Membership and New Club Development "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>September 2025</b> Basic Education and Literacy "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>October 2025</b> Community Economic Development "Let's support the 'A View' project!"
<b>November 2025</b> Rotary Foundation "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>December 2025</b> Disease Prevention and Treatment "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>January 2026</b> Vocational Service "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>February 2026</b> Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention "Let's support the 'A View' project!"
<b>March 2026</b> Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>April 2026</b> Environmental "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>May 2026</b> Youth Service "Let's support the 'A View' project!"	<b>June 2026</b> Rotary Foundation "Let's support the 'A View' project!"

**The Four Way Test**

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



## Editor's Desk



**Rtn. Sekharesh Sen**

In the last few months, we have been witnessing war-like situations across different parts of the world, particularly in the Middle East. The ongoing conflicts are deeply disturbing, not only because of the immediate loss of lives and destruction, but also because of the long-term humanitarian, economic, and social consequences they bring. In today's interconnected world, such unrest does not remain confined to one region. It affects global stability, disrupts economies, impacts energy supplies, and influences the lives of people everywhere – including us here in India.

Beyond politics and borders, it is humanity that suffers the most. Innocent civilians, especially children and the elderly, bear the brunt of violence. Families are displaced, futures are uncertain, and hope often seems distant. At such a critical time, the need for compassion, dialogue, and mutual understanding becomes more important than ever.

As Rotarians, guided by the principle of Service Above Self, it should be our constant endeavour to promote peace, harmony, and goodwill in whatever ways we can – through community service, awareness, dialogue, and by fostering unity beyond differences. Peacebuilding is not only a global responsibility but also a personal commitment.

Let us pray and work towards a world where understanding triumphs over conflict, where cooperation replaces hostility, and where humanity stands united. May peace prevail across nations, and may the suffering of humankind come to an end.

## District Conference

# "Ramdhanu"

**District Conference 2026 – Ramdhanu**

**Rotary International District 3291**

**9th–11th January 2026**

**Venue: Nicco Park (East Side Pavilion), Kolkata**

**Theme: Unite for Good**

From RC Ballygunge Uptown, 12 members attended the vibrant District Conference 2026 – Ramdhanu.

On 9th January, voting was successfully completed for DGE 2028–29.

On 10th and 11th January, members enthusiastically enjoyed the conference sessions featuring many inspiring and motivational speakers, including Ambassador Deepak Vohra, along with respected PDGs and DGs. The event was enriched with engaging plenary sessions, insightful discussions, and meaningful exchanges.

The conference also showcased colorful cultural programs, lively performances, and delightful food stalls which added to the festive spirit. A special highlight was the Red Carpet participation of three members from our club, making it a proud and memorable moment for RC Ballygunge Uptown.

Overall, it was a highly inspiring, well-organized, and successful event that strengthened fellowship and renewed our commitment to service.



## District Conference

# Sampurna

19th January 2025 | Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown,  
Project : Sampurna

RC Ballygunge Uptown donated a machine to the NGO “A View”, located at Das Para, behind R. N. Tagore Hospital, in the presence of two of our members.

Rtn. Sarbani Sen - Pres.

Rtn. Medhasree Bose

“A View” is an organization dedicated to the care and empowerment of mentally challenged, underprivileged, and abandoned women. This machine will support them in their journey toward self-reliance by enabling the production of small-scale products and encouraging financial independence.

A small step towards dignity, empowerment, and inclusive growth. 🌸  
Together, we serve.



# O B O L A M B O N

19th February, 2026 At our Club Project Obolomban, organized in association with Sundarban Global Foundation, one of our club members generously donated school uniforms, stationery items, water bottles, and food packets to children.

The distribution was conducted in the presence of four members:  
Rtn. Sarbani Sen – President  
Rtn. Kakolee Sengupta – Club Secretary  
Rtn. Col. J. P. Sengupta  
Rtn. Sekharesh Sen

A total of 61 students were the beneficiaries of this initiative.



# ART COMPETITION

**Project Name: Bose Anko Protijogita 2026**  
**Organised by: Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown**  
**Date: 22nd February 2026**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Collab Venue: Baghajatin C Block Maidan**

The Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown successfully organised a drawing competition titled “Bose Anko Protijogita 2026” Collab with at Baghajatin C Block Maidan. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 60 underprivileged children, who expressed their creativity through vibrant colours and beautiful artistic presentations.

The programme was conducted in the presence of Rtn. Sarbani Sen – President, Rtn. Sekharesh Sen, and Rtn. Srirupa Banerjee, whose encouragement greatly inspired the young participants.

The theme of “Bose Anko Protijogita 2026” was PEACE, and it truly became a wonderful celebration of children’s remarkable creativity, beautiful imagination, and colourful expressions. Each painting reflected their pure thoughts and extraordinary talent.

The selected paintings from the competition will be exhibited at the club’s upcoming art exhibition, Protibha 2, to be held at ICCR from 13th to 15th March 2026. This initiative not only provided a creative platform for the children but also offered them the opportunity to showcase their talent at a prestigious exhibition.

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# Happy Birthday

**January, 1st**      **Rtn. Rayandev Sen**

**January, 11th**      **Rtn. Ratnadeep Chatterjee**

**February, 26th**      **Rtn. Srirupa Banerjee**

# Upcoming Birthday

**March, 5th**

**Rtn. Rajat Mondal**

# Upcoming Club Projects

**Art Exhibition Protibha II**

**Old Cloths & Toys Distribution**

**Sewing Machines Distribution**

*March*

# Our New Members



**Rtn. Suman Sasmal**



**Rtn. Srirupa Banerjee**