



**ROTARY CLUB OF BALLYGUNGE UPTOWN
DISTRICT 3291
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2025 -2026

President's Desk Note



Rtn. Sarbani Sen
Club President

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

As the rhythm of the dhaak fades and the city lights twinkle in festive hues, I look back at the past two months with immense pride and warmth. The journey of our club — Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown — has been one of compassion, purpose, and joy, beautifully blending seva (service) with utsav (celebration). We began with Project Sampurna II at Ashabari (House of Hope) — a project close to our hearts. Spending time with 130 differently-abled children and residents reminded us that true happiness lies in giving. Our contribution of sewing machines and clothes wasn't just material aid, but a small step toward self-reliance and dignity.

Soon after, the spirit of Puja arrived — and with it, our beloved initiative Pujor Khushi 3. With the theme "One Gift, One Smile," we reached 61 children of Faduc NGO, wrapping them in new clothes, sweets, and unconditional affection. Their innocent laughter became the real sound of festivity for us.

In parallel, our Polio Awareness Drive took flight — vibrant banners across five locations (Triangular Park, Near Samajsebi, Ballygunge, Behala Borisha, and Greater Noida West) carried Rotary's global message "End Polio Now." It was our way of reminding the community that awareness is as powerful as action.

Another proud moment came when we co-hosted the District Breast Cancer Awareness Programme at Rotary Sadan. Hearing from medical experts and survivors reaffirmed our belief that knowledge and early detection can save lives. As October unfolded — with Durga Puja, Lakshmi Puja, Kali Puja, and Diwali — I felt that each festival echoed the very principles of Rotary: light over darkness, courage over fear, and compassion over indifference.

May these months of celebration rekindle the spirit of unity in every heart. Let us continue to spread light — not just through lamps, but through every life we touch.



Secretary's Desk



Kakolee Sengupta

The month of September was indeed a period of fulfilment for Rotarians of Ballygunge Uptown, with a variety of projects being executed successfully.

At the outset was Project Sampurna II at Ashabari (House of Hope) on 5th September 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Two sewing machines, 30 night gowns for ladies, a large number of old clothes which can be used by the inmates of Ashabari were donated.

Pujor Khushi 3 was conducted on 20th September 2025, Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown celebrated its annual pre-puja outreach programme, Pujor Khushi 3, at FADUC, NGO, Monoharpukur Road, at 12:30 p.m. New clothes for 61 children were distributed as Puja gifts.

Interactive Session on Breast Cancer: Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown was proud to co-host a meaningful awareness programme on Breast Cancer Awareness, as part of our commitment to spreading knowledge and supporting early detection. The programme was held at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata on 20th September 2025

Polio Awareness: Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown displayed Polio Awareness Banners separately in five areas, Triangular Park, Near Samajsebi, Ballygunge, Behala Borisha, Greater Noida West (Uttar Pradesh). The displayed banners were educative and spread awareness amongst the general public about the importance of administering polio drops to children.



Editor's Desk



Sekharesh Sen

Shubho bijoya and Happy Diwali

October is a month of celebration but nature played a spoilsport with landslides, earthquakes and flood. Many lost their life which actually dampens any celebration. This a message from nature - do not mess with me.

Rain, storm, earthquake whatever it is Rotarians should do their duty and the duty should bring smile and happiness irrespective of caste, creed and religion.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SPEAKS ABOUT RLI



Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri
District Governor 2025-26

Dear Friends,

RLI is the heartbeat of every Rotarian.

It is not merely a training program — it is an invitation to explore the vast, unexplored ocean of Rotary. A magnificent canvas where we can draw our vision and paint our unfulfilled dreams — not just for ourselves, but for the betterment of humanity.

RLI is an institution of promises. It brings us closer to infinity — but only if we are willing to churn.

Yes, manthan — just like the great mythological churning of the ocean that brought forth nectar.

Through learning, discussion, and reflection, we too churn the ocean of Rotary, and what emerges is the nectar of knowledge — the essence of humanity.

This is why RLI is my heartthrob. In its true essence, it reminds us that Rotary is not about long speeches, but about discovery. Not about repetition, but about renewal.

Let us, dear friends, embrace RLI as the pathway to our highest calling — Service Above Self.

SAMPURNA II

Project Sampurna II at Ashabari (House of Hope) ✨🌸

On 5th September 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown, District 3291, undertook yet another meaningful humanitarian initiative – Project Sampurna II – at Ashabari (House of Hope).

With immense love and compassion, the club reached out to 130 mentally challenged children and residents, bringing moments of joy and a sense of empowerment. To promote self-reliance and skill development, the club donated two sewing machines, along with new and old clothes. The contributions were graciously accepted by Brother Joseph on behalf of the institution.

✨ In the gracious presence of:

👤 Rtn. Sarbani Sen – President

📄 Rtn. Kakolee Sengupta – Secretary

🏅 Col. J. P. Sengupta – Vice-President

✍️ Rtn. Sekharesh Sen – Editor

The event beautifully reflected Rotary's spirit of Service Above Self. Through Project Sampurna II, the club reaffirmed its commitment to spreading hope, dignity, and opportunities, proving once again that service with compassion truly makes the world a brighter place.





PUJOR KHUSHI 3

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On 20th September 2025, Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown celebrated its annual pre-puja outreach programme, Pujor Khushi 3, at Faduc NGO, Monoharpukur Road, at 12:30 p.m.

The event was graced by the presence of

✨ Rtn. Sarbani Sen – President

✨ Rtn. Mohua Bose

✨ Rtn. Sekharesh Sen

✨ Rtn. Piu Roy

As part of this heartwarming initiative, the club distributed new clothes, Cadbury chocolates, and toffees to the children of the NGO. With the theme “One Gift, One Smile”, the project brought joy to 61 children, filling their hearts with festive cheer. The smiles, laughter, and excitement of the little ones truly reflected the spirit of Durga Puja – the celebration of love, compassion, and togetherness.

A sincere note of gratitude to all members and well-wishers who contributed their time, effort, and goodwill to make Pujor Khushi 3 a memorable success. Together, we continue to spread happiness and make little hearts shine brighter! ❤️





Alor Sandhane

Interactive session on Breast Cancer

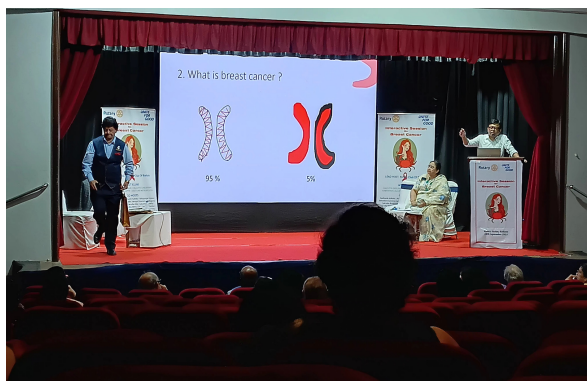
Interactive Session on Breast Cancer ✨

An Interactive Session on Breast Cancer was held on 20th September 2025 at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata, jointly organized by the Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown as part of its ongoing commitment to health awareness and community welfare.

The session aimed to promote early detection, awareness, and education about breast cancer — emphasizing that timely knowledge can truly save lives.

The keynote address was delivered by the eminent Prof. (Dr.) Diptendra K. Sarkar, who shared valuable insights on prevention, symptoms, and the importance of regular screening.

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Polio Awareness

Polio Awareness Initiative by Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown

As part of Rotary's global mission to End Polio Now, the Rotary Club of Ballygunge Uptown (Club No. 86748, RY 2025-26) organized a Polio Awareness Drive across five key locations: Triangular Park, Near Samajsebi, Ballygunge, Behala Borisha, and Greater Noida West.

The club displayed vibrant awareness banners emphasizing the urgent message: End Polio Now, encouraging communities to ensure that every child receives the life-saving polio vaccine.

Through this public initiative, the club aims to spread knowledge about the importance of immunization, eradication of polio, and the role of collective responsibility in keeping future generations safe and healthy.

Led by Club President Rtn. Sarbani Sen, under District Governor Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri, this campaign stands as a reminder that together, through awareness and action, we can truly make the dream of a Polio-Free World a lasting reality.



Happy Birthday

September 2nd

Rtn. Sekharesh Sen

Editor

Rotary Monthly Theme Calendar 2025-2026			
July 2025	August 2025	September 2025	October 2025
Maternal and Child Health 1 July - Beginning of the Rotary year	Membership and New Club Development 15 August - Interact Club Excellence Award nominations are due	Basic Education and Literacy	Community Economic Development Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 7 October 24 October - World Polio Day
November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026
Rotary Foundation 5 Nov - World Interact Day (World Interact Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 5 November; Interact's anniversary)	Disease Prevention and Treatment 15 December - Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention	Vocational Service 11-15 January - International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA	Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention 23 February - Rotary's anniversary
March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene World Rotaract Week is celebrated Monday through Sunday during the week of 11 March; Rotaract's anniversary 31 March - Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention	Environmental 30 April - Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due	Youth Service	13-17 June - Rotary International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan 30 June - Club Excellence Award nominations are due

 **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?



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