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MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT - FRANCESCO AREZZO

Cari amici,

Two weeks ago, I was in my living room playing with my grandchildren. A few days later, I was on a plane to Calgary, suddenly carrying the responsibility of leading this incredible organization. Life comes fast, but so often, it brings us exactly where we're meant to be.

We begin this year with a clear message: **Unite for Good**. It is a simple phrase, but a powerful one. Because behind every successful Rotary effort, every act of service, every new member welcomed, every global challenge met – there are two things that matter most: friendship and trust.

This is how we build strong clubs. It's how we create meaningful partnerships and transform global problems into local solutions. It's also how we lead—not through titles or applause, but with humility, humanity, and heart. But let me be honest with you—this kind of leadership is not always easy. We're human and yes, we make mistakes. We sometimes disagree, but in Rotary, we are called to something greater. Let us reflect on the full vision of Rotary:

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

That last part is essential, because transformation doesn't start with strategy. It starts with character and the way we treat one another. It starts with how we listen, how we support, and how we serve.

This year, I ask you to lead with that spirit. To grow Rotary through relationships. To make your clubs more welcoming, more flexible, more open to new ideas. To think big—but also to think beyond one year. Our term is short, but our impact can be lasting if we plan and act with continuity and vision.

Let us remember our key priorities: membership, polio, and peace. We are closer than ever to ending polio. We cannot stop now. We must keep the promise we made to the children of the world. And as for peace—Rotary has been building it for over a century. Every clean water system, every youth exchange, every maternal health project is a step toward peace. I joined Rotary as a young professional, eager to help but terrified of public speaking. My fellow Rotarians believed in me and encouraged me to take on new roles, and in doing so, Rotary changed my life. It gave me courage and purpose, but above all, it gave me you: my friends, my team, my family around the world.

So now, my friends... take out your dreams tucked away in a drawer, especially those you thought were too big or bold to achieve. Let's bring them into the light. Let's **Unite for Good**—for our clubs, our communities, and our world. And let's make this a year not only of service, but of joy, of connection, and of love.

With gratitude and affection,

Francesco Arezzo

President, Rotary International, 2025-26

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR - DR. RAMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI

Dear Rotarians,

It is with great pride and heartfelt warmth that I extend my congratulations to the incoming President, Secretary, and the newly installed team of Rotary Club of Behala.

A club installation is not merely a ceremonial transition; it is a reaffirmation of our commitment to Service Above Self. As each new team takes charge, it carries forward the legacy of leadership, fellowship, and impactful service. I urge you to dream boldly, act compassionately, and lead inclusively—ensuring that your club becomes a lighthouse of hope and change in your community.

Let us embrace innovation while cherishing Rotary's timeless values. Work hand-in-hand with your members, reach out to the youth, collaborate with partners, and most importantly—listen to your community. The world needs Rotary now more than ever.

Wishing you a successful and meaningful Rotary year ahead.

Yours in Rotary,

Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri

KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2025-26) - DR. RAMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI



A passionate philanthropist, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri has dedicated his life to better health, education, and wellness for all. His journey in Rotary International began in 2006 with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City, where he served as President for two consecutive terms (2009-2011). A Level 2 Major Donor, his commitment to service has led to impactful projects that transform lives.

Pioneering the Transit Trauma Care Project

Dr. Homchaudhuri initiated the Transit Trauma Care Project in partnership with Kolkata Police and the Government of West Bengal. The deployment of 12 ambulances across accident-prone areas in Kolkata has saved countless lives by providing immediate emergency care during the Golden Hour.

A Visionary in Thalassemia Eradication

Recognized for his work in Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention, Dr. Homchaudhuri has conducted seminars, screening programs, and awareness campaigns across West Bengal, Assam, Odisha, and Bangladesh. His goal is to eradicate this 100% preventable genetic disorder through early screening and genetic counseling.

Transforming Lives in Rural Bengal

For the past three years, Dr. Homchaudhuri has been driving sustainable development in Dhaska, Purulia, alongside Hridham NGO. His contributions include:

Providing potable water through pond excavation and water conservation initiatives, Enhancing education for local children, Empowering villagers with income-generating activities to improve livelihoods.

Leadership and Recognition in Rotary

In recognition of his service, Dr. Homchaudhuri was unanimously elected as District Governor Nominee and will assume office as District Governor of Rotary District 3291 in 2025-26. His vision includes expanding healthcare, strengthening education, and enhancing community welfare programs.

A Distinguished Medical Career

Despite his humanitarian commitments, Dr. Homchaudhuri continues to practice as a highly respected Orthopedic Surgeon. He holds degrees from Gauhati University (MBBS, 1970), Calcutta University (DGO), and Banaras Hindu University (MS – Orthopedics). His expertise, compassion, and dedication make him a trusted name in his field.

Family: The Pillar of Strength

Dr. Homchaudhuri is supported by his wife, Dr. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri, a renowned pediatrician and fellow Rotarian. She has served as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City and actively contributes to District 3291 administration. They are proud parents of a doctor daughter and a post-doctoral research scholar son in the USA.

A Legacy of Service and Inspiration

Dr. Homchaudhuri's life is a testament to selfless service, leadership, and humanitarian dedication. His ever-smiling, energetic persona continues to inspire, leaving a profound impact on countless lives.

MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ('26-'27) - TAPAS BHATTACHARYA

Dear President Mahasweta,

I am delighted that you have accepted the mantle of leadership for such an energetic club as Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony. Under your able guidance, I am confident the flag of Rotary will soar even higher.

I also wish to congratulate outgoing President Banasri Poddar and her team for their dedicated service in Rotary Year 2024-25 and for demonstrating the magic of Rotary in our community.

Your dynamic leadership will be instrumental in:

- Launching service projects, fellowships, and scholarships that tackle poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, unequal resource distribution, and barriers to education.
- Educating and equipping communities to halt life-threatening diseases such as polio, cervical cancer, thalassemia, and addressing mental health and well-being.

Your club's efforts should focus on:

- Expanding access to low-cost or free health care in underserved areas.
- Ensuring continuous clean-water supply, sanitation, and hygiene programs to reduce waterborne illnesses, keep children in school, and free mothers from the burden of water collection.
- Delivering immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics so that vulnerable mothers and children can live long, healthy lives.

Let your club support:

- Education for every child and literacy for children and adults.
- Community capacity-building to reduce gender disparities in education and raise adult literacy rates.
- Skills training, networking events, and financial-management workshops that open pathways to sustainable livelihoods.

Champion initiatives that:

- Conserve and protect natural resources.
- Advance environmental sustainability.
- Foster harmony between people and our planet.

With best regards,

Yours in Rotary,

Tapas Bhattacharya

District Governor 2026-27



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR (2027-28) - PURNENDU ROYCHOWDHURY



Dear Rtn. Mahashweta Biswas,

Heartfelt congratulations on being installed as President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony for the Rotary Year 2025-26.

True to its name, Calcutta Harmony has always resonated with the spirit of compassion, inclusivity, and service that binds communities together. With you at the helm, I believe this legacy will not only continue but grow stronger—with new ideas, deeper impact, and renewed hope.

Your leadership reflects calm determination and clarity of purpose—two qualities that inspire teams to work selflessly and create meaningful change. As you step into this new chapter, may your term be marked by heartfelt service, strengthened fellowship, and projects that leave lasting impressions on the lives they touch.

Wishing you and your enthusiastic team a Rotary year filled with harmony, purpose, and milestones worth celebrating.

Thanking You,

Warm Regards,

Purnendu Roychowdhury

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KNOW OUR CLUB PRESIDENT



Mahashweta Biswas is a woman of great tenacity and passion, whose path from a Bengali Medium schooling, to earning her BA post marriage & finally becoming an entrepreneur, is extremely inspirational. Mahashweta Biswas, was raised in a supportive family where she built a solid foundation in her native culture, along with deep passion for dancing. She was married at an early age after completing her schooling, and her love of education inspired her to complete her BA from Calcutta University thereafter, which enabled her to build her confidence and people skills. Fighting the difficult pandemic phase amidst tough family situations, she took up immense responsibilities to become an Entrepreneur like a true Rotary Veerangana. Today she is successfully running a cafeteria business on her own with passion, and has two sons Tamohan who is also an entrepreneur and Tarittan, who is in class 12.

In addition to her accomplishments in school and the workplace, Mahashweta also holds certifications in dance & arts. She became a dance teacher, and her artistic projects at her dancing school have demonstrated her creativity. Mahashweta's graceful and expressive dancing performances at District events at Rotary District 3291 and 3240 has been very popular and delighted Rotary audiences in both districts. These accomplishments demonstrate her diverse talents and her capabilities for success in a range of fields.

Now about her journey with Rotary District 3291. She has proved her enthusiasm for social work by consistently serving the community for the last 7 years with Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony, where she handles various roles and responsibilities. She has been the face of Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony in various social service projects, rushing to be present in every Rotary District and NGO event that she can participate & support. A known personality in Rotary District 3291 for her dedication, her life-long commitment towards social service is evident in her work, and makes her a very apt choice to be the President of Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony for 2025-26.

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

I am grateful to the members of my club, Rotary Club Of Calcutta Harmony, for electing me as the President for the Rotary Year 2025-26. It's a great honour for me to step into this role, after being associated with this club since 2019.

I would like to congratulate IPP Rtn. Banasri Poddar and her excellent team, on successful completion of Rotary Year 2024-25. Rotary Club Of Calcutta Harmony has built excellent goodwill in Rotary District 3291 through its wide range of social activities & cultural events over the last decade. This year is a great opportunity for me to further build on that momentum, through meaningful club projects & creating positive impact in our communities.

In this Rotary Year, our International President Francesco Arezzo, unveiled the presidential theme for 2025-26: Unite for good. This explains the great responsibility of Rotarians locally & worldwide to join hands to deliver lots of good-work around us, and make this world a better place. Together, we hope to make a difference in the lives of the needy and underprivileged section of our society, under the enlightened leadership and able guidance of our new District Governor, Dr Ramendu Hom Choudhury.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. Mahashweta Biswas

Board of Directors 2025-26



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Club Executive Secretary



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Club Public Image



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Polio Chair &
Project Service Chair



Rtn. Sourav Dutta
Sergeant-at-Arms



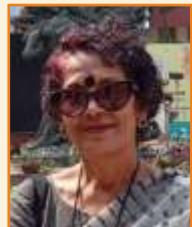
Rtn. Adrija Banerjee
Editor

OUR NEW MEMBERS



Oindrila Mukherjee is a 25-year-old Assistant Manager at a management institute, where she has dedicated the past two years to gaining diverse experience across various departments. With a strong background in marketing and branding, Oindrila is passionate about utilizing her professional skills for social good. Beyond her career, she finds joy in dancing, writing, reading, and music. Driven by a desire to contribute meaningfully to society, she joined Rotary to leverage her expertise for a greater cause. Her goal is to ensure her skills and passion directly benefit the community, aligning with Rotary International's mission of service above self.

Jaya Chaudhury has pursued Graduation and Masters in Rabindra Sangeet from Rabindra Bharati University. After achieving 1st First class First position in Graduation, she has been awarded Dinendronath Tagore Memorial Award from the Honourable Governor in 1986. She has started her professional life working in Mahakali Girls High School as a Teacher. In addition, she has been an active member of Bhasha Sahid Sharak Samiti and had participated in Banga Sanskriti several times. Her husband is Subrata Chaudhuri. He was in Vijaya Bank and currently has been established as a businessman. They have one daughter, Debabrata. Currently she is working as a professional in a MNC.



Tamohan Biswas is a 30-year-old entrepreneur based in Kolkata, India. With a passion for innovation and a strong drive for building impactful ventures, Tamohan has established himself as a dynamic figure in the local business landscape. His journey into entrepreneurship is marked by a deep understanding of emerging market needs and a relentless pursuit of excellence. His involvement in Rotary reflects his dedication to giving back and fostering positive change beyond the business sphere. Residing in the vibrant city of Kolkata, Tamohan continues to explore new opportunities to grow as a leader while making a lasting impact through both enterprise and service.

OUR PROJECTS ON 2025-26



We celebrated Doctors' Day on 1st July at Behala Balal and a Brahmachari Hospital and distributed toiletries and

necessary goods for newborn babies and nutritious dry foods for mothers



We donated 50 raincoats to the students of Pragyalok Vidya Bhavan at Muragachi, Nadia

We planted 50 saplings at the compound of Metro Cash & Carry in the presence of PDG Prabir Chatterjee and MD of Metro



GLIMPSES OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN RY 2024-25

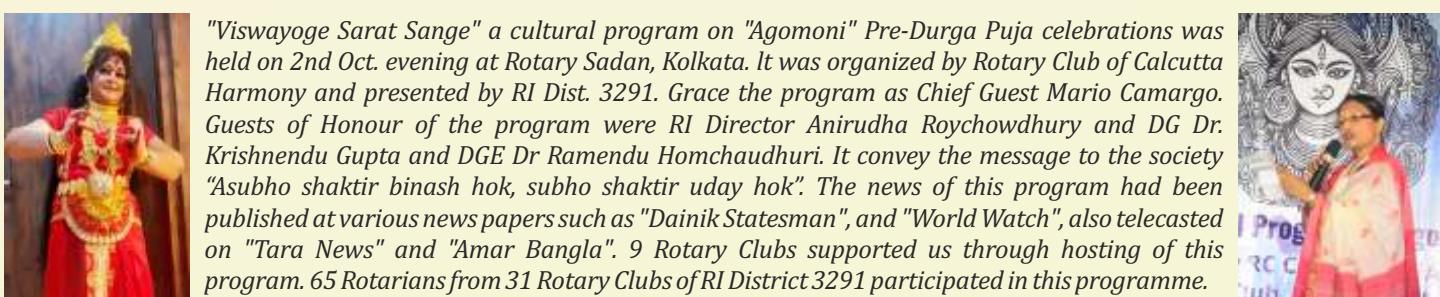
Peace Building and Conflict Prevention



We organised a program on 'Peace & Harmony' on 18th August 2024 at Nehru Children's Museum Auditorium for reducing violence, fostering empathy and understanding & respect for diversity. Five Rotarians were honored by our 'Peace & Harmony' award. PDG Angshuman, PDG Rajani, BK Pinki and Father Francis were the speakers of the programme.



Our RI District 3291 organised a silent protest march on 30th August, to express our solidarity with the family of victim doctor and all the victims of such violence. Our club members had joined this Peace March.



"Viswayoge Sarat Sange" a cultural program on "Agomoni" Pre-Durga Puja celebrations was held on 2nd Oct. evening at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata. It was organized by Rotary Club of Calcutta Harmony and presented by RI Dist. 3291. Grace the program as Chief Guest Mario Camargo. Guests of Honour of the program were RI Director Anirudha Roychowdhury and DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and DGE Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri. It convey the message to the society "Asubho shaktir binash hok, subho shaktir uday hok". The news of this program had been published at various news papers such as "Dainik Statesman", and "World Watch", also telecasted on "Tara News" and "Amar Bangla". 9 Rotary Clubs supported us through hosting of this program. 65 Rotarians from 31 Rotary Clubs of RI District 3291 participated in this programme.



Environment



For understanding how our behaviour impacts the environment and committing to make changes, our activities to protect the planet, we organised a seminar 'Prakriti' at Rotary Sadan on 6th September 2024. Our DG Dr Krishnendu Gupta and eminent environmentalist Dr Kalyan Rudra and others enriched the program by their speech.



We beautified the St. Lugi School, Madhyamgram through painting and plantation in the school. We distributed 200 plants among the students of the school Krishnapur Aadarsha Vidyamandir.

Basic Education and Literacy



Celebrated Independence Day through flag hoisting by PDG Prabir Chatterjee and arranged a drawing & fashion show competition on patriotism. We awarded the students with gifts, foods and educational kits.



Celebrated Teachers' Day with a wonderful Cultural Programme in the presence of DLCC PDG Mukul Sinha at Jatindra Vidyapith on 5th September, where we donated a desktop computer and educational kits for the students.



We arranged an awareness programme on Health Hazards at Jatindra Vidyapith and Mayapith Nari Siksha Mandir. Speaker was PP Rtn. Sulekha Ghosh. Donated a computer to a needy student of class IX to support in his higher studies.



We awarded Rotarian and Non-Rotarian Teachers on Teachers' Day. We awarded Headmistress Susmita Ghosh by 'Savitri bai Phule award'. We handed over the cheque for District Project - Hashtag English and Effortless Arithmatics.



Our club organised a Fun Field Day with lots of fun ridings, with a heavy lunch and lots of educational kits for 75 children of Bhorer Alo Orphanage Home of Joynagar at Nicco Park where PDG Raju Rajgaria delivered a motivational speech.

Maternal and Child Health



We organised a mother and child health check-up camp at Uday Villa Primary School, Kamarhati. Organised a de-worming programme for the children and ECG camp for their mother on 1st July 2024.

We distributed clean birth kits for new born babies and nutritious foods for their mothers at Behala Balananda Hospital.

Disease Prevention and Treatment



To prevent Dengue and Malaria, we distributed 100 Mosquito Nets to the 100 needy families of Gandhi nagar, Panihati



To improve mental health of the children of the Sun Shine Autism care, we arranged a programme of painting for them and photography competition for their parents..



We organised a free eye screening camp for free cataract surgeries for 103 Drivers of Dishari Driver Centre at Belghoria Boro Shibtala in the association with Rotary Hooghly Eye Hospital in the presence of ADS Project (Medical) Dr. Pranab Pandit.



We organised an awareness programme on Cervical Cancer on 17th June 2025 at Jatindra Vidyapith, where the speaker was PP Rtn. Rina Sinha Roy.

We also distributed dry foods and toiletries to the child patients of NRS Hospital who are suffering from cancer.

Community Economic Development



We started our sustainable project - Harmony Vocational Training Centre which is inaugurated by our PDG Ajay Kumar Law in the presence of our DES Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty at 16, Snuff Mill Street, Kolkata - 56, Belghoria from 19th November 2024. Now here we started to give training to 14 needy ladies to prepare them for their selfearning. President Banasri took the responsibility of it.

We donated 3 van rickshaws to the poor people of our society for their economic development.



To celebrate Women Day we felicitated a lady toto driver Rupa Ray in the presence of our AG Eva Gupta. We saluted for winning the battle of her life with courage. We handed over a cheque for the betterment of her profession and gifted saree & household goods.

We organised the Virangana Project to empower the girls by self defence training at Krishnapur Girls' High School, Dumdum Park. Psychologist and dietician also encouraged the girls in this programme.

Public Image



'Nonta Mukhe Misti Sukh' was an Entrepreneurship development programme to encourage participant to experiment & innovate in their kitchens

Water and Sanitation



Distributing new clothes to the Senior Citizens for Durga Puja Celebration and especially challenged persons of Sandhya Mita Home at Kaikhali. We spent a heart touching evening with songs & adda with the older residents of the home. We also arranged nutritious lunch for them on 6th October 2024.

Co-hosted 'Maa Handed over the cheque to the Project' for Rotary Foundation to being Senior Citizens. PolioPlus Society member