

### Rotary Year : 2025-2026

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**Rotary Monthly Theme (March): Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)**

The Rotary monthly theme for March 2026 is Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH). This month highlights the organization's focus on providing clean water, proper sanitation facilities, and hygiene education as basic human rights to prevent disease and improve global health.

dignity and helps to create resilient communities living in healthy environments.



## MARCH



"Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights."  
 Gelila Bekele

**WATER, SANITATION AND  
 HYGIENE MONTH**

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



During this month, Rotary clubs worldwide undertake and celebrate community service projects that target:

- ✓ Clean Drinking Water: Installing wells, rainwater harvesting systems, and community water tanks.
- ✓ Sanitation Facilities: Building safe latrines and improving local sanitation infrastructure.
- ✓ Hygiene Education: Integrating hygiene practices into local education projects to reduce disease transmission and improve school attendance.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) is a foundational sector in public health and international development. It focuses on providing universal access to clean drinking water, safe waste management, and hygiene education to prevent infectious diseases and promote community well-being.

Safe drinking-water, sanitation and hygiene are crucial to human health and well-being. Safe WASH is not only a prerequisite to health, but contributes to livelihoods, school attendance and



Drinking unsafe water impairs health through illnesses such as diarrhoea, and untreated excreta contaminates groundwaters and surface waters used for drinking-water, irrigation, bathing and household purposes.

Chemical contamination of water continues to pose a health burden, whether natural in origin such as arsenic and fluoride, or anthropogenic such as nitrate.







Safe and sufficient WASH plays a key role in preventing numerous NTDs such as trachoma, soil-transmitted helminths and schistosomiasis.

In February, Rotary observes Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month. This focus is part of the broader 2025–2026 yearly theme, "Unite for Good," which encourages members to collaborate and create positive change.

**Water, Sanitation and Hygiene** in health care facilities is a "best buy" producing a **50% return on investment**





**Investment in water, sanitation and hygiene will:**


 Slow the spread of antimicrobial resistance	 Improve quality of care	 Prevent the spread of hospital infections
 Prevent the spread of COVID-19, cholera and other deadly infectious diseases	 Improve the safety of deliveries and reduce preventable maternal and newborn deaths	 Save money

## Projects/Events Organized in March 2026


**Projects 01: Disease Prevention Awareness on Rabies at Boral RR Girls High School on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**



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**A Disease Prevention Awareness Programme on**  
**Rabies (100% Fatal Disease) – Pre & Post Precautions**

জলাতক্ষ (১০০% মারাত্মক রোগ) – পূর্ব ও পরবর্তী সতর্কতা

by **Dr. Sumit Poddar**, Senior Critical Care & Anti Rabies Consultant,  
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**Organised by**

**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST CALCUTTA**

at Boral Rishi Rajnarayan Girls High School,  
Boral Main Road, Kamdahari, Kolkata-700084  
on 14<sup>th</sup> March (Saturday) 2026 at 12PM

Rotary Club of East Calcutta successfully organized a Disease Prevention Awareness Camp on Rabies at Boral RR Girls High School on 14<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. More than 150 students and 10 teachers were present in the Camp. PP Rtn. Dr. Sumit Poddar delivered a lecture on “Rabies: Post and Pre Cautions”. PP Rtn. Dipali Poddar, IPP Rtn. Dr. Roona Nandy, Rtn. Mala Datta and Rtn. Dr. Prokash Chandra Roy were present there to make it a successful program.



**Events 02: Mamata Law Ladies Night Celebration at Lahabari On 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**



Rotary Club of East Calcutta organized its Signature Assembly program “Mamata Law Ladies Night – dedicated to all lady members of the club” at Lahabari on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 6.30pm. Club members with their guests and guests of Laha Family were present there to make a vibrant musical evening with music and dance performances. Event was concluded with Gala Fellowship Dinner.

## Birth Days

**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST CALCUTTA**  
WISHES



*Happy Birthday*

**Rtn. Haimanti Roy**


7th March 2026

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## Anniversaries

**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST CALCUTTA**  
Wishes

*Happy Anniversary*



Rtn. Sharmistha Chakraborty &  
Rtn. Biswa Ranjan Das


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**ROTARY CLUB OF EAST CALCUTTA**  
Wishes

*Happy Anniversary*



Rtn. Sotumya Dutta & Mrs. Dutta

**10th March 2026**

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