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President's Desk

Subject: Reflections on My First Rotary Weekly Meeting (RWM 3758) as President

It was indeed a proud and memorable moment for me to preside over the 3758th Rotary Weekly Meeting of the Rotary Club of Howrah on 9th July 2025 — my first official meeting as President.

During the meeting, I extended my heartfelt respect and warm wishes to all our Senior Members, fellow Rotarians, and the Distinguished District Team Members who, despite their busy schedules, graciously attended and actively participated in the 78th Installation Ceremony held on 2nd July 2025.

I express my sincere gratitude to IIP Rtn. Gopa Gayen, PP Rtn. Santanu Banerjee, PP Rtn. Subhrangshu Dutta, PP Rtn. Shibnath Dey, and PP Rtn. Maya Paul for their dedicated and tireless efforts in making the event a grand success.

As a mark of our continued respect and care, I propose to personally visit the homes of our three revered octogenarian members who were unable to attend the program due to age-related challenges, and convey our regards.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to Shri Snehashis Sur, President, Calcutta Press Club; Shri Saileshwar Panda, President; Shri Sujit Paul, Secretary, and the respected members of Howrah Press Club for their extensive and effective coverage of the event across 11+ electronic media channels, YouTube platforms, and newspapers.

Their support helped spread the vital message of Thalassaemia awareness, which is a key focus of our District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchowdhuri for this Rotary year.

While Rotary continues to serve society silently and selflessly, we must now also conceptualize programs that are visible to the public — initiatives that generate buzz and make Rotary the talk of the town. We must maintain close coordination with the local administration to ensure our impactful work is acknowledged and supported.

I propose that in our future RWMs, we invite and welcome our Past Presidents to the dais so they may share their experience, insights, and valuable guidance for the Club's future growth. All our monthly programs should be planned with high motivational value and promoted through wide circulation to ensure maximum participation and outreach. The Rotary Bus Shed, erected previously and currently in a dilapidated condition, must be taken up for immediate renovation. As per the vision of our District Governor, we must also work towards inducting new and committed members into our Club to strengthen our mission and expand our reach. As your President, I welcome constructive feedback, suggestions, and guidance from each one of you. Let us walk together in true Rotary spirit, upholding our values and creating a positive and lasting impact in the community.



R.I. President



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
Dist. Governor



Rtn. Ramendu Homchowdhuri
Club President



Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal
Club Secretary
Bulletin Editor



Rtn. Santanu Banerjee

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST
Of the things we think, say, or do

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

CLUB NEWS

1. Secretary Rtn. Santanu Banerjee will be out of station w.e.f. 1/8/25 to 8/8/25 to Hyderabad on personal tour.
2. As on date 24 nos. of members paid their First Semi Annual dues. We have sent all the reports to Rotary India Web-site.
3. RC Serampore invited Rtn. Santanu Banerjee at their Change over ceremony to be held on 20th July '25 at 7 p.m. as their AG.
4. Our sponsored Interact Club "Interact Club of Yoga health Care" will be arranging All Bengal Yogasana sports Championship "25 on 24th Aug '25 to celebrate women empowerment at Ramakrishna Smriti Sangha (Ashram).
5. Rtn. Sarbadev Sanyal has become the member of the Lodge St. David in the East, GLI- 11. Hence now onwards he becomes Freemasons.

DISTRICT NEWS

There was an enactment in recent COL meeting. According to that the per capita dues will increase to US \$ 41 per half year in 2025-26, US \$ 42.75 per half year in 2026-27, US \$ 46.50 per half year in 2028-29, and thereafter. Dues shall remain constant until changed by the council on Legislation. Please visit - <https://forms.gle/aiTmeNnW3SgzFSaf7>.

UNITE FOR
GOOD



India's Last Polio victim Km. Ruksha Khatun, Panchla, Howrah, joined Polio Rally organised by RC Howrah during our Platinum Jubilee Year on World Polio Day which was inaugurated by our PDG Rtn. Mukul Sinha.

Earn this Batch. Donate \$100 to Rotary Foundation India (Polio Plus fund) during RY 2025-26. We expect minimum 3 Donors from each club. For details feel free to call PDG Mukul Sinha, DPPC / RID 3291 / 25-26 (Mobile 9830109373).

Minutes of the RWM No 3758 held on 9th July'25 at 7 p.m at RC Hall

This was the first meeting of the Rotary Year at our club venue. New President Rtn. Dr.Sankar Kr.Sanyal was on chair. He welcomed all the member present at the meeting . He was garlanded by the presidential collar by the secretary Rtn.Santanu Banerjee. President called the RWM to order and requested PP Rtn.Maya Pal to lead the National Anthem. President then took the mike and appreciated the members co-operation without which according to him the 78th Installation meeting would not have been so enchanting and successful. Today's attendance was poor due to inclement weather.

Secretary carried the club business and wished birth day greetings to PE Rtn. Indrajit Sen. He appealed to the members to come forward and speak on the positive and negative points of the Installation meeting. PP Rtn.D.K.Das , PP Rtn.Dr.D.K.Datta , PP Rtn.Dr.Debasis Sanyal, PP Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta and VP Rtn.Rama Sanyal spoke on this. All of them opined the ceremony was well managed and attended by many dignitaries from the RID 3291 there was lot of press representatives of repute.According to PP Rtn.D.K.Das this ceremony was really exceptional and he finds this as the best one in last 10 years . He also opined that the speech of DG/RID 3291 was full of substances as well as cached the audiences attention. According to PP Rtn.Dr.Datta , he expected the new members inducted should have been told about their obligations at the time of induction by DG & others.

PP Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta expressed that this was the best Installation Ceremony he has seen in his life time so far. VP Rtn.Rama Sanyal informed the house that the food was excellent but there was some wastages also.

New member Rtn.Samiran Roy also spoke on this meeting and he assured the president all sorts of cooperation from his end. President then communicated that our club Public image chair PP Rtn.Dr.Sanyal is taking step for renovation of our sign board at Howrah Court area. He also told that he will be organising one seminar on "Mother and Child care" in this month .

Treasurer informed that 21 nos of members cleared their First Semi annual dues already and this is a record .

Rtn.Seba Gupta recited one poem written by her mother to show gesture to new president.

President terminated the meeting after declaring the following :-

- Member present – 18 nos.
- S/shine box collections – Rs.360/-
- Confirmed the minutes of last RWM.

Signature of President

(Rtn.Dr.Sankar Kr.Sanyal)

Signature of Secretary

(Rtn.Santanu Banerjee)



Rotary World at a glance (for information of members) :- (As on 1st May'25)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary Members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	Interact Members	RCCs
36,632	11,71,195	9,454	1,35,436	16,784	3,86,170	13,984

Rotary India at a glance (for information of members) :- (As on 1st May'25)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCCs	RID 3291 Women Rotarians %
4,504	1,75,824	2,177	38,471	6,247	7,354	16.19%

South Asia Rotary at a glance (for information of members) :- (As on 1st May'25)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	RCCs	Women Rotarians %
5,309	1,94,489	2,928	50,466	6,963	7,911	16.35 %

First Family of Rotary Project of Rotary Year 2025-26

RC Howrah felicitated it's member who are continuing in the club for more than 25 years as well as 80 years or more in age. This was the brain child of new president Rtn. Dr.Sankar Kr. Sanyal. He started felicitation from his day of installation (2nd July'25 and continued up to 14th July'25). President along with Secretary of the club , Rtn.Santanu Banerjee visited the house of PP Rtn.Sunil Kr.Das (91 years) who is hospitalised on 12th July'25 , PP Rtn.T.K.Ghosh (87 years & suffering from Terminal disease) and PP Rtn.K.L.Seal who is not attending the RWMs for last 3 months. All of them were very much happy for this gesture of RC Howrah and communicated that due to this fellowship bond they liked to be retained for their life time.



TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME

President will speak on future projects.

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