



ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH



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The Bridge

Minutes of the RWM no 3771 dt. 22-10-2025 held at RC Hall at 7 p.m.

R.I. President



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo
Dist. Governor



Rtn. Ramendu Homchoudhuri
Club President



Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal
Club Secretary
Bulletin Editor



Rtn. Santanu Banerjee



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?

President Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal was on chair. He welcomed all the member present and called the RWM to order. PP Rtn. Dr. Debasis Sanyal led the National Anthem. After briefing on agenda points, President handed over the mike to Rtn. Santanu Banerjee for conducting the club business. Rtn. Dr. Debasis Sanyal made one announcement and invited all the members to attend the Jagadhatri Puja Celebration to be held on 31st Oct'25 at the noon and to participate at the Prasad distribution. Secretary also reminded every member present to attend the Birthday ceremony of daughter of Rtn. Avishek Das on 26th Oct'25 at 5-30 p.m. onwards at the garden house of PP Rtn. Dr. Bula Mukherjee.

Our club got two Computer Desk top sets under Global Grant project from RC Kolkata during last week of Sept'25, and were distributed at this RWM. The beneficiaries were :- a) RCC Bidhichandrapur, Chetna, Udaynarayanpur, Howrah and b) Prayas Co-operative Housing Complex. Both the parties applied and after getting approval communication, attended the RWM and got the desk top sets after duly acknowledged by them.

After that PP Rtn. Maya Paul detailed the programme on World Polio Day Celebration to be held on 24th Oct'25 at morning. This programme will be a RID 3292 project and also co-hosted by RC Howrah. Please join in numbers and make it successful. VP Rtn. Mrs. Rama Sanyal spoke on Bijaya - Diwali Meet of the club on 29th Oct'25 evening. She has requested the members present to inform her at least by Monday, 27th Oct'25 about the details of performers so that she can plan for one cultural event on that evening in addition to the Club Dinner. She invited all members and their family members to join the dinner also. Treasurer gave the list of defaulted member for the First semi Annual Dues.

PP Rtn. Dr. Bula Mukherjee offered vote of thanks. President terminated the meeting at 8-10 p.m. after declaring:-

- a) Member present - 18 nos.
- b) S/shine box collections - Rs. 360/-
- c) Confirmed the minutes of last RWM.

Signature of President (Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal) Signature of Secretary (PP Rtn. Santanu Banerjee)



To-night's Programme
Discussion on Future Projects & Bijaya - Diwali Meet of the club followed by club dinner.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS Rotary Worldwide:- (As on 22nd Aug'25)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary Members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	Interact Members	RCCs
36,464	11,50,586	9,592	1,33,870	17,520	4,03,698	14,122

DISTRICT NEWS

1. ROSHNAL District Bijaya & Diwali meet will be held on 1st Nov'24 at 6 p.m. at "WET-O-WILD" Nicco Park, Salt Lake. There will be a tribute to famous "Salil Chowdhury & Bhupen Hazarika" on this occasion. Good food, fire works and Dohar band will be other attractions. Registration Rs.1500/- only.
2. Rtn. Tapas Bhattacharjee, DG / 2026-27 & First Lady Sushmita invited our PE Rtn. Indrajit Sen at the "Melbandhan" Meet & Greet, to be held on 13th Dec'25 at Saturday club at 6 p.m. Registration Charges for Cocktail dinner is Rs.750/- p. person. This will be the introductory meeting of the Presidents and their spouses of the Rotary Year 2026-27.

CLUB MATTERS

1. RI Rate w.e.f. 01-10-2025, 1 \$ = Rs.89/-
2. Birth day greetings extended to Rtn.Dr.Bula Mukherjee, Rtn.Chhanda Dhara , Rtn.Dr. Debasis Sanyal , Rtn.Subir Rabjan mondal , Rtn. Tanmay De and Rtn.Avishek Das, whose birthday falls on 7th Oct, 10th Oct, 13th Oct, 19th Oct, 23rd Oct, and 31st Oct respectively. Birth day cards have been handed over to them except Rtn.Subir Ranjan Mondal.
3. Semi annual dues have not been cleared by 6 members till now. Members may Kindly clear their dues.
4. Membership data has been updated in "My Rotary".
5. **OUR ROVING AMBASADAR , Rtn. Dr.Sankar Kr.Sanyal, President of RC Howrah visited Rotary Club of Janakpur, Nepal. (A Rotary Fellowship Exchange Project)** Rtn. Vijay Jhunjhunwala, Founder and Chartered President of Rotary Club of Janakpur, Nepal, graciously hosted a Dinner Party in the honour of Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal, President, Rotary Club of Howrah, Rtn. Shikha Sanyal and their Team Members Dr. Swami Sankaranand Saraswati, Dr. R. S. Dawas, Dr. N. P. Singh, Dr. Pradeep Takoo and others at Hotel Welcome, Janakpur, on 13th October 2025, at the Dinner Reception by Rotary Club of Janakpur, Nepal to Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal, President, Rotary Club of Howrah.



The event was also attended by Rtn. Lalit Bazaz, President, Rotary Club of Janakpur; Rtn. Chandrashekhar Agarwal, Immediate Past President; Rtn. Ram Ashish Yadav, MLA; Rtn. Dr. Laxmi Narayan Goit; and other distinguished Rotarians of Rotary Club of Janakpur. Among the special guests present were Shri Yubaraj Bhattar, Tourism Minister; Shri Jawaharlal Kushowala, MLA; Shri Kanish Patel, MLA and Chief Whip, CPN-US Parliamentary Party; and several other dignitaries.

The Chartered President and other officials of the Rotary Club of Janakpur felicitated Rtn.Dr.Sanyal with Rudraksha Mala, while he, in turn, felicitated them with Uttario, books, etc. During the evening, Rotarians of both the club shared their views on promoting peace, love, and compassion across the world, and emphasized the importance of strengthening people-to-people contact among like-minded individuals for global harmony. All participants enjoyed the delightful dinner with the hope of meeting again soon for more meaningful and fruitful discussions.

6) CELEBRATION OF WORLD POLIO DAY

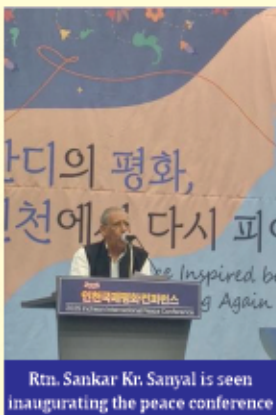
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From our club, PP Rtn.Maya Pal, PP Rtn.Shibnath Dey, PP Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta, PP Rtn. Dr.D.K.Datta, PP Rtn.Prajapati Mondal and his grand daughter , PP Rtn.Dr.Debasis Sanyal and his Grand son, PP Rtn.R.N.Datta, Rtn.Jaijit Sen, PP Rtn. Monojit Sen, IPP Rtn.Gopa Gayen, Rtn.Samiran Roy, Rtn.Indranath Mukherjee,VP Rtn.Mrs.Rama Sanyal, Rtn.Sarbadev Sanyal, Rtn.Seba Gupta, Rtn.Gopa Mondal, Rtn.Anima Datta and Secretary Rtn.Santanu Banerjee were present throughout the Rally. Snack packets were distributed at the end of the rally to all participants. In totality 72 nos of participants were there .

Historic Peace Mission to Korea and subsequently in Japan (International project – Rotary Peace Exchange)

R t n. Dr.Sankar Kumar Sanyal , the President of Rotary club of Howrah as Gandhian leads Incheon International Peace Conference (Sept 5-7, 2025). He led the delegation on a Peace and Goodwill Mission to Korea and Japan from 3rd to 13th Sept'25. This mission focussed on promoting peace, non-violence, and cultural co-operation in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy. Before departure from Gandhi Ashram, Delhi, the team visited Rajghat and paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and offered prayers for peace and harmony to prevail in the world. Other Gandhian delegates to Korea were Shri Tushar Arun Gandhi, great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, Chairman of Gandhi Foundation, Maharashtra, Shri Kumar Prashant, Chairman of Gandhi Peace Foundation, Delhi, Shri P. Maruthi, Secretary, TBV Samity from Chennai, Smt. Prerna Desai, Economist & Smt. Sonal Gandhi from Maharastra and Rtn.Shikha Sanyal from Rotary Club of Howrah.

The Incheon International Peace Conference in Korea was a collaborative effort between various Korean organizations like Incheon Newspapers, Voice of Peace & People (VOP), Incheon Cultural Foundation, Incheon Metropolitan City, Incheon Office of Education, Incheon Urban Development Corporation, Embassy of India (Korea), Institute of Indian Studies, Indian Airlines, and Nonviolent Peace Wave, in collaboration



Rtn. Sankar Kr. Sanyal is seen inaugurating the peace conference

with Harijan Sevak Sangh, India. The conference symbolized strong Korea-India peace solidarity. As Leader of the Gandhian Delegation to Korea, Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal inaugurated the Conference on 5th September 2025 at Harbor Park Hotel, Incheon followed by inauguration of Gandhi Statue. **Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal spoke on philosophy of non-violence** and its urgent relevance in today's world and highlighted the conference as a crucial joint effort between India and Korea to build a non-violent world. Emphasized that peace is not a passive state but an **active commitment**, rooted in the "truth in our dealings, compassion in our hearts, and justice in our societies" and argued that modern global challenges—from war and climate crises to discrimination—are forms of violence that must be addressed by first removing hatred from our own minds.



**Indian Delegation with Korean representative
(Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal in the middle)**

In this connection He also mentioned that as the President of **Rotary Club of Howrah, RID - 3291**, in India and like the Gandhian Organisation, Rotary International also emphasis the Peace, Love and Compassion with the social service like Rotary International is a global humanitarian organization dedicated to promoting service, peace, and goodwill among nations. Founded in 1905, it unites business and professional leaders to provide community service and foster ethical standards in all vocations. With clubs in over 200 countries, Rotary works tirelessly to advance understanding, goodwill, and world peace. Its primary areas of focus include promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, supporting education, growing local economies, and protecting the environment. Rotary's flagship initiative—the global campaign to eradicate polio—has brought the world to the brink of eliminating the disease.

Rotary encourages people of all backgrounds to work together in friendship and service, transcending political, religious, and cultural barriers. Through youth exchange, peace fellowships, and humanitarian projects, it builds bridges of cooperation and understanding worldwide. In essence, Rotary International stands as a beacon of hope, service, and peace-building for a better, more compassionate world. Representing the **Harijan Sevak Sangh**, an organization founded by Gandhi, Rtn. Dr. Sanyal stressed that peace is built by individuals, not just Governments and called for concrete actions beyond mere speeches, such as educating youth in non-violence and working for social justice. 'Nonviolence is the law of our species' and 'Non-violence is love', I foresee peace prevailing in every heart and I am of the strong opinion and do truly believe that 'withdrawal from all evil whether it be word, deed or thought', necessitates peace.



**Three MOU has been signed with
Dr. Wang Jun Kim, President of
Gyeongin National University of Education (GNUE)**

Rtn. Dr. Sanyal believe that both countries, after the deliberations of this conclave, will advocate and propagate the message of Peace, Love, Compassion, Nonviolence, Equality, and Fraternity all over the world. India and Korea will step together as Peace loving countries and my dear friends, the dedication and devotion and the life selflessly lived thereafter to the cause of this conference will surely serve the entire world as a catalyst to follow the path of non-violence for the establishment of peace and prosperity throughout the world. The Conference concluded by reaffirming Gandhi's legacy as a "resolute anti-imperialist" whose non-violent methods, like **Satyagraha**, to remain a testament to moral power over physical force and President Rtn. Dr. Sanyal called on all to replace conflict with cooperation and suspicion with friendship, in the spirit of the ancient Indian ideal "**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**" — "the world is one family."

From Korea, Mr. Kim Kyo-heung, Chairman, Culture, Sports and Tourism Committee, National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Yoo Jeong Bok, Mayor, Incheon Metropolitan City, Mr. Kawangsung Kim (Pani), Working Chairman of the Conference, Prof. Dr. Khan Afzal of Yeungnam University, Dr. Park Hong-Kyu, Professor Emeritus at Yeungnam University, Dr. Choi Jae-mok, Professor Yeungnam University, Kumar Prasant, Chairman, Gandhi Peace Foundation, Dr. Lee Hee-hwan, Incheon National University, Incheon Research Institute Dr. Ms. Lee Ok-soon, Historian of India/ Former Research Professor, Yonsei University, Dr. Lee Pyeong-rae, Visiting Researcher, Central Asia Research Institute, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Dr. Park Byung-sang, Director, Incheon Urban Ecology and Environmental Research Institute, Dr. Baek Jwa-heum, Director, Institute of Indian Studies, Korea, Professor, Emeritus at Gyeongsang National University, Dr. Ms. Chi Ji-yeon, Visiting Researcher, the Humanitarian Research Institute of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Dr. Ronald B. Wilson, Professor, George Mason University, Korea, and other notable personalities included Heads of Universities, Parliamentarians, Senior Journalists, Authors, and others actively took part in the proceedings.



Statue of Mahatma Gandhi Unveiled: The Incheon Peace Conference was indeed remarkable in every respect and it even more inspiring when a new statue of Mahatma Gandhi was unveiled in a public square in front of the Incheon Daily News building. The unveiling, marking a significant moment for the Gandhian community and reinforcing Gandhi's legacy in Korea. Dr. Sanyal along with Mr. Park Hyunsu Kim, CEO and Chairman, Incheon Daily News, Bapu's great-grandson Shri Tushar Arun Gandhi, Shri Kumar Prashant and others were present at the unveiling ceremony followed by **Peace Declaration** underscoring the delegation's commitment to Gandhian principles of peace and non-violence. On **10th September**, before departing Korea, we visited the **Miryang Yoga Culture Town**, where the team interacted with yoga students. **Rtn. Shikha Sanyal and Ms. Prerana Desai** gave yoga demonstrations, followed by cultural exchanges, games and left for the airport to continue the journey to Tokyo, Hiroshima of Japan.

Gandhian Peace Delegation's Visit to Japan (September 10-13, 2025)

The mission, led by Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal, focused on strengthening Indo-Japanese ties through dialogue, cultural exchange, and peace building initiatives inspired by the principles of Mahatma Gandhi. On September 12, a powerful joint peace appeal was penned and signed by two prominent figures: Mrs. Toshika Tanaka and Prof. Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal. Mrs. Tanaka, an 89-year-old survivor (hibakusha) of the Hiroshima atomic bombing, represented the Japanese voice of remembrance and warning. Dr. Sanyal, as the leader of the Gandhian Peace Delegation and President of the Harijan Sevak Sangh, represented the Indian tradition of non-violence. The appeal began by recalling the tragic atomic bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and the devastating consequences that continue to affect survivors. Acknowledging that global conflicts persist, such as the wars between Russia and Ukraine and Israel and Palestine, the appeal called on world leaders to heed the lessons of history. The core message was an impassioned plea to "abolish nuclear weapons" forever, for the sake of all life on the planet.

The final day (Sept. 13th, 2025) of the documented events brought the Gandhian delegation to a dinner meeting at the Revive Kitchen in Tokyo Midtown Hibiya. This gathering served as a dynamic platform for fostering stronger people-to-people connections and outlining future collaborations between Indo-Japanese peace organizations. The Indian delegation, led by Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kumar Sanyal, was joined by a distinguished group of Japanese peace activists and leaders. After this short report of the International Peace Mission in Korea and Japan. In conclusion we may quote Albert Einstein " **Peace can not be kept by Force, it can only be achieved by Understanding**". And according to Henry Ford " **Coming together is the Beginning, keeping together is Progress, working together is Success**". So it is our firm conviction that all forms of strife and wars must be resolved, paving the way for the foundation of Peace which is one of the main Focus area of Rotary.

POLIO AWARENESS CAMPAIGN RALLY (CELEBRATION OF WORLD POLIO DAY)

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The occasion was made memorable due to two of members of RC Howrah, viz, PP Rtn. Dr. Debasis Sanyal and Rtn. Samiran Roy contributed \$100 each to Polio Plus Fund resulting in total Polio Plus contribution from our club to \$ 2524 during this R.Y. 2025-26. This means 10 nos members contributed to Polio Plus fund.



RC Howrah hosted World Polio Day Celebration of RID 3291

RID 3291 celebrated WORLD POLIO Day Also in the afternoon 4-30 p.m. at Rotary Sadan with participation of Rotarian members from other club. Lead Host club for this programme was Rotary Club of Kolkata and was hosted by some clubs in which RC Howrah was one of them. Many PDGs were present there and one cultural function was organized by them. PP Rtn. Maya Paul, PP Rtn. Subhrangshu Datta, VP Rtn. Rama Sanyal, Rtn. Indranath Mukherjee, Rtn. Sarbadev Sanyal and Rtn. Mrs. Seba Gupta attended this programme at Rotary Sadan on 24th Oct'25. Host club certificate has been handed over by DG Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.



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