

# The Bridge



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

## ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH

Charter No. : 6835 Club No. : 16173 RID : 3291

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### Minutes of the Regular weekly meeting no 3742 dt. 19 - 03- 2025 held at RC Hall at 7 p.m.

Rtn. Gopa Gayen was on chair. She welcomed all the member present at the meeting as well as all the artist , guardian , IWC members and others for attending this Holi meet. National Anthem was lead by PP Rtn.Maya Pal . Afterwards , president spoke on the various projects done during this week and the future projects to be undertaken. She handed over the mike to the acting secretary since Rtn.Santanu Banerjee was late in arriving. . He informed the house that there will be President Elect Learning Seminar to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March'25 for the Rotary Year 2025-26 and our PE Dr.Sankar Kumar Sanyal registered for the event.

Treasurer Rtn.Subhrangshu data spoke in details about the way how the future two projects will be financed so far as collection of 1500 \$ and \$ 525 for participation in the Global grant as partner. Afterwards Holi meet started in full swing . The evening was speeded with colour of

Holi and Holi Songs. Innner Wheel members organised the show and most of the performers were school students . Lady Rotarian members as well as IWC members were seen dancing and they welcomed the Rang-Barse spirit inside the Club community hall for hours together. The star attractions were Sakuntala Di, Debleena , Gopa Mondal , Maya Di , Rtn .Rama as well as IPP Dr.Debasis Sanyal.

PE Rtn.Sankar Kr.Sanyal offered the vote of thanks to the member present and then president terminated the meeting after declaring the following :-

1. Member Present – 23 nos.
2. S/Shine box collections – Rs.460/-
3. Confirmation of minutes of last RWM.

Signature of President  
(Rtn. Gopa Gayen)

Signature of Acting Secretary  
(Rtn. Santanu Banerjee)



### CLUB NEWS

- 1) Birthday greetings wishes to PP Rtn.Rabindranath Datta which falls on 1<sup>st</sup> March'25 , Rtn. Alope Adhyay which falls on 4<sup>th</sup> March'25 , PP Rtn.Dr.D.K.Datta which falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> March'25 , PP Rtn.Dr.Anil Kr.Paul which falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> March'25 , PP Rtn.Maya pal which falls on 14<sup>th</sup> March'25 , PP Rtn.Saugata Das which falls on 23<sup>rd</sup> March'25 , Rtn.Jaijit Sen which falls on 22<sup>nd</sup> March'25 ,
- 2) Club Holi meet was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March'25 at RC Hall in full enthusiasm which was sponsored by IWC Howrah Bridge. Yellow was the colour of the day. Star attractions were IPP Rtn.Dr.Debasis Sanyal , Partner Sakuntala Di , Partner Sikha Di, Debleena and her two sweet sons , senior most ANN Anjali Di, IWC President Sangita, Dipanjana, Dipa , Paramita. 23 nos. Rotarian members had enjoyed the show. Total gathering was 54 .Really the Hi-tea was excellent.



Kudos to PP Rtn.Shibnath as well as PP Rtn.Subhrangshu for their efforts without which we think this programme would not have been so charming . Let us not forget about the whole hearted performance of the school students on this occasion. Moreover what a dance performance of Sakuntala Di at this age . Debleena was in one ward excellent . Our IPP was unparalleled. It is reported that Dhonka was charming in the Hi - tea dish. Programme concluded at 10 p.m.

- 3) President informed that the 78<sup>th</sup> Installation ceremony of the club falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> July'25 and we should be on this job from now onwards to make this a grand success.
- 4) Rtn.Anima Datta donated Rs.10,000/- Vide cheque no 352277 dt. 09-03-2025 drawn on Indian Bank, Kolkata Golpark Branch for Happy School Project at Jhargram. Thank you Anima.



## DISTRICT NEWS

- 1) Our PP Rtn.Santanu Banerjee has been appointed as the AG ( Admn ) of RID 3291 for the Rotary year 2025-26 by Rtn. Dr.Ramendu Homchaudhury , DG / 2025-26, The Learning Seminar of AG ( Admin ) held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March '25 at Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Culture .was attended by him.
- 2) District Holi meet was held on 16<sup>th</sup> March'25.at Eastern Metropolitan Club, Kolkata. Registration charges has been fixed at Rs.1500/- p. person. President Rtn.Gopa Gayen , Rtn.Anima Datta and Treasurer Rtn.Subhrangshu Datta attended the event . President handed over the cheue of Rs.30000/- on the spot to our AG Rtn.Sudipto Banerjee in presence of ZS Nilanjan. Indian Idol Participant “ Saptak “ mesmerised the show with his performance. The dinner was also very good.



## ASSISTANT GOVERNOR LEARNING SEMINAR FOR THE ROTARY YEAR 2025-26

AGLS of RID 3291 was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March'25 at Ramkrishna Mission of Institute of Culture. AG ( Admn ) , AG ( Service and ZS of various zones and departments met on this auspicious day and learning session was really good. PDG Rtn.S.S.Bose, PDG Rtn.Angshuman Badyopadhyay , PDG.Rtn.Rabi Sehgal, PDG Rtn.Utpal Majumdar , PDG.Rtn.Uttam Ganguly and DGN.Rtn.Tapas Bhattacharya were the esteemed speakers on this event apart from our DG Rtn.Dr.Ramendu Homchowdhury for the R.Y.2025-26. Most of the session was interactive and enchanting. The session started sharp at 10 p.m. AG batch was distributed at the beginning and at the end certificate of appreciation was handed to all the AGs nad ZS.As per record PP Rtn.Santanu Banerjee will be assisted by ZS Rtn.Sujata Datta of RC Chandannagar. PDG Rtn. Angshuman Banerjee mentioned about the deletion of age old practices of 100% attendance recognition which used to help in retention of members.In this connection he gave example of RC Howrah who still follows this aspect.

### World Rotary at a glance ( for information of members ) :- ( As on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan'25 )

| Rotary Clubs | Rotary Members | Rotaract Clubs | Rotaract Members | Interact Clubs | Interact Members | RCCs   |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|--------|
| 36,382       | 11,51,109      | 9,198          | 1,27,554         | 15,999         | 3,68,069         | 13,766 |

### Rotary India at a glance ( for information of members ) :- ( As on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan'25 )

| Rotary Clubs | Rotary members | Rotaract Clubs | Rotaract Members | Interact Clubs | RCCs  | RID 3291 Women Rotarians % |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------|----------------------------|
| 4590         | 1,71,229       | 2,071          | 35,522           | 5,936          | 7,283 | 27.32                      |

### South Asia Rotary at a glance ( for information of members ) :- ( As on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan'25 )

| Rotary Clubs | Rotary members | Rotaract Clubs | Rotaract Members | Interact Clubs | RCCs  | Women Rotarians % |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-------|-------------------|
| 5,377        | 1,89,027       | 2,832          | 47,133           | 6,642          | 7,838 | 16.18 %           |

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**Meet Your 2025-26 Rotary President Mario Cesar Martins de Camargo** who expressed that Rotary is the best leadership training he's ever had. Through Rotary he learned how to be a leader. Rotary is the best school of leadership He had. Rotary taught him how to talk in public , one of people's biggest fears. He learnt from Rotary when to stop talking and listen. He also learned how to motivate people who aren't getting paid to perform a task. When you are motivating people, you do not have that tool of payment. Only tool you have is inspiration , motivation and challenge to make them a better person. The most memorable Rotary advice he received is “ never ask for anything , never refuse anything “. The 2025-26 presidential message is “ Unite for Good “ which is a powerful word in a divided world. He believes a focus on the environment will draw younger members. He says Rotary's greatest asset is not our history , our projects ,or even our unmatched global reach but our members, the best qualified team of volunteers on the planet.



**Know the Rotary International president 2026-27 Rtn. Sangkoo Yun** who did his bachelor's and master's in the school of architecture from Syracuse University in New York. He joined Rotary in 1992 at Korea. He was the centennial governor ,i.e became governor in 2004-05. He was in R.I. Board in 2013-15. He likes to see if Rotarians can bring prospective members not by saying come to my club or join Rotary, but ask them to come and participate in our service activities. And once they do so, and like volunteering for our service activities, then may be we could ask them , what is your idea of service? And once they take ownership of a service project and feels a sense of belonging then we could invite them to join our clubs. We can grow Rotary by keeping it at the back and put a service activity in the front Because service and friendship are two sides of the coin for a Rotarian. He thinks that we can make Rotary an online platform of service, like facebook, Amazon,etc. They are software or IT platforms, for service Rotary should become one such platform. We have all the ingredients to be a good platform for service. We have 120 years of experience, 1.2 million members or volunteers all over 200 countries in the world and we have the transparency and credibility that everybody can trust. This would give us sustainability in the future if we make such a platform of service.



## TO-NIGHT'S PROGRAMME Holi Meet of the club for 2024-25 followed by Hi-Tea.

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