



# ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH



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

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## The Bridge

### CLUB MATTERS

1. Birth day greetings extended to PP Rtn. Dr. Anil Paul, PP Rtn. Rabindranath Datta, PP Rtn. Dr. D.K. Datta, Rtn. Jaijit Sen, PP Rtn. Maya Paul, Rtn. Alope Adhya and PP Rtn. Saugata Das whose birthday falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> March and 23<sup>rd</sup> March resp. Marriage Day greetings to PP Rtn. Tanmay De, PP Rtn. Dr. Debasis Sanyal, Rtn. Subhajit Nandy which falls on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> March resp.
2. Second Semi Annual Dues comes to Rs.9350/- (Jan'26 to Jun'26). Please pay the same within time.
3. Club drama "Ka, Ba, Ya" by famous writer BANPHUL will be staged in the month of May'26 last week. Club Monthly Report has been generated for Feb'26 and sent to RID 3291 on 4<sup>th</sup> March'26. Club activity report has also been sent for publication in GML.

### Minutes of the RWM No. 3792 dated March, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Rotary Community Hall at 7 p.m.

RWM No. 3792 started at 7=45 p.m. chaired by President Elect Rtn. Indrajit Sen followed by National Anthem lead by Rtn. Mrs. Anima Datta. President welcomed every body present at the community hall on this occasion. President invited senior members to dais to speak, if they have any announcement.

VP Mrs. Rama Sanyal announced an invitation to all members along with the spouse in her house on 22<sup>nd</sup> March'26 for witnessing Maa Baishna Debi Puja and having Prasad at lunch. Puja will continue up-to 6 p.m. evening.

PE Rtn. Indrajit Sen suggested for immediate step to be taken for construction of Roof top. He detailed the committee meeting on this issue and informed that the necessary work order is being issued. Secretary carried the club business. He talked about PELS for R.Y. 2026-27. Treasurer informed the house that still 15 members have to clear their second semi annual dues. PP Rtn. Dwarkanath Datta enquired about awareness programme on Thalassemia and it was suitably clarified.

There was discussion on web-site maintenance and up-dations. Besides it was decided to publish the Roster of membership for the Rotary year 2026-27.

Treasurer spoke on preparations on Joint Board Meeting for 2026-27 as well as COLS, which he suggested to hold in last week of May'26.

PP Rtn. Maya Pal handed over one cheque of Rs.50000/- towards her contribution for roof construction at the hands of meeting chairman. Member present congratulated her for this gesture. One of our old RCC Itarai Asha Deep came and informed the member present to allow them to continue association with RC Howrah and member present approved the same.

RWM was terminated by the President at 8=20 p.m. after declaring the following :-

- a) Member present - 18 nos. b) Sun Shine Box collection - Rs. 360.00. c) Confirmation of minutes of RWM No. 3792.

*Signature of Acting President*  
(Rtn. Indrajit Sen)

*Signature of Secretary*  
(PP Rtn. Santanu Banerjee)



### INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- 1) The next year R.I. Convention will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June'26 at Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2) **Rotary Worldwide:-** (As on 23rd Jan'26)

Rotary Clubs	Rotary Members	Rotaract Clubs	Rotaract Members	Interact Clubs	Interact Members	RCCs	RID 3291	RC How
36,389	11,51,491	9,323	1,42,591	18,936	4,35,666	14,298	Clubs-140; Members-3789	Members -47

- 3) \$ 1 = Rs.92/- w.e.f 01-02-2026.
- 4) March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Month..

#### R.I. President



Rtn. Francesco Arezzo  
Dist. Governor



Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri  
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. Will it be **TRUTHFUL**?
2. Will it be **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

**To-night's Programme :- Discussion on Roof Repair , PELS of 2026-27 and future projects.**

- a) PELS 2026 was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Sunday, 2026 at Taj Vivanta, near Ruby Hospital. RC of Calcutta Metropolitan is hosting the event. PE Rtn.Indrajit Sen attended the same.



**Following members attended the Baishna Debi Puja at the residence of VP Rtn.Rama Sanyal on 22<sup>nd</sup> March'26 and taken lunch prasadam :-**

PP Rtn.Santanu Banerjee, PP Rtn.Maya Paul, IPP Rtn.Gopa Gayen, PP Rtn.Pamela Ghosh, PP Rtn.Prajapati Mondal, President Sankar Kr.Sanyal, PP Rtn.Dr.Debasis Sanyal, PP Rtn.Dr.D.K.Datta, Rtn.Sikha Sanyal, Rtn.Indranath Mukherjee, Partner Swati Banerjee, Partner Shibani Datta, Partner Shakuntala Sanyal, Partner Sanchari .. Other attractions were , PDG Rtn.Mukul Sinha and his spouse Rakhi Di, DGN. Rtn.Purnendu Roy Chowdhury and his spouse Sucharita Di.

### Meet Your 2026-27 Rotary President Olayinka Hakeem Babalola



***Olayinka "Yinka " Hakeem Babalola***

Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Passport, Nigeria.

Olayinka "Yinka " Hakeem Babalola has a long history with Rotary, starting as a Rotaractor in 1984 and then as a Rotarian in 1994. One thing is for certain, preparing for this role of R .I. President are his many years of engaging with Rotary- over four decades. He says , " not many people who get to this position have that privilege. He has served not only as R.I. vice- president and a member of the R.I. Board of Directors but also as an active leader and participant in R.I. committees such as the End Polio and the Nigeria Polio Plus Committee.

He was inspired to join Rotary because of something he saw on TV. Babalola was hanging out at home watching TV when a well-dressed man on the screen caught his eye. The man was all wearing white and his English was something else. He was talking about Rotary. It was the first time he heard anything about Rotary.

He and his wife , Preba, a member of the Rotary Club of Port Harcourt Passport, are Arch Klumph Society members. He worked for 25 years in the oil and gas industry, holding senior positions with Shell. He is the founder of two companies : Riviera Technical Services Ltd.

He met his wife at a Rotaract meeting . After finishing up his university education, Babalola moved to the Port Harcourt and joined the community based Rotary Club of Trans Amadi. But Yinka and Preba aren't the only members of their family who have been involved in Rotary. Their oldest daughter was the charter president of the Interact Club of her secondary school. Another daughter was the president of her university's Rotaract Club.

His nickname is " the game changer ". Babalola served as DG in 2011-12 while employed by Shell, a multinational energy company. As DG the highest amount ever, raised nearly \$ 1 million, from a district on the African continent for TRF.

The 2026-27 presidential message is Create Lasting Impact. Rotary made him a diplomat. As a Rotary Director in 2018-20, Babalola represented more than 80 Rotary countries and geographical areas – over a third of the Rotary world – including countries in Africa. The zones he represented included politically sensitive areas such as Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine and Afghanistan. He is the second president from Africa.