



# 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. Bibekananda Ghosh , whose birthday falls on 11<sup>th</sup> April, resp. Marriage Day greetings to PP Rtn. Shibnath Dey ,PP Rtn. Dr. Dwarkanath Datta, Rtn.Dr.Monosij Dhara which falls on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 30<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> April 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.
4. Club Monthly Report has been generated for March'26 and sent to RID 3291 on 31<sup>st</sup> march'26.
5. On 31st March'26..Club activity report for March'26 has also been sent for publication in GML.



#### 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

### Minutes of the RWM No. 3793 dated March, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Rotary Community Hall at 7 p.m.

RWM No. 3793 started at 7=45 p.m. chaired by President Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal followed by National Anthem lead by Rtn. Mrs.Rama Sanyal.. President welcomed every body present at the community hall on this occasion. President also invited senior members to dais to speak, if they have any announcement. 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 was handed over one birthday greetings card by PP Rtn.Dr.Debasis Sanyal since her berth day falls during the month of March on behalf of the club.

PP Rtn. Shibnath Dey and PE Rtn.Indrajit Sen detailed the PELS . According to them this has become a ritual type and same topics are discussed However programme was well coordinated. Attendance was poor. PP Rtn.Dr.Debasis Sanyal spoke on cultural programme preparation . Some interaction were carried out by PP Rtn.Dr.Anil Pal, PP Rtn. Dr. D.K.Datta and PP Rtn. D. K. Das.on PELSwhich were suitably replied by PP Rtn. Shibnath Dey.

President offered vote of thanks and RWM was terminated by the President at 8=20 p.m. after declaring the following :-

- a) Member present –21 nos. b) Sun Shine Box collection – Rs. 420/- c) Confirmation of minutes of RWM No. 3793.

*Signature of President*  
(Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal)

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



### Symposium on " Global Peace " and "Mahatma Gandhi"

A historic symposium on the theme " Global Peace & Mahatma Gandhi ' was successfully held on 17<sup>th</sup> March ,2026 at Gandhi Samadhi , Rajghat . This dignified programme was organised under the graceful idea and co-ordination of Rtn. Dr. Sankar Kr. Sanyal , President of several institutions and Trusts including Harijan Sevak Sangha ,Delhi,and President of Rotary Club of Howrah and Dr. Rajnish Kumar, Secretary of the Rajghat Samadhi Committee. Renowned thinkers from across the country participated in the event and expressed their views on the subject. The messages shared during the programme were insightful, valuable and carried meaningful guidance for the entire nation.

Among the distinguished speakers whose addresses greatly benefitted the audience , apart from the presidential remarks delivered by Rtn Dr.Sankar Kr.Sanyal ( who presided over both sessions ) the prominent names included. Padma Bhusan Ram Bahadur Rai, Chief Guest , noted thinker , Journalist , Writer and Chairman of Indra Gandhi National Centre of Arts, New Delhi, Govt. of India, Padma Bhusan Gulam Nabi Azad, Former Union Minister , Shri Shrikrishna Kulkarni , great grandson on Mahatma Gandhi and former Chairman of IIM / Calcutta, Shri Avadesh Kumar , eminent Journalist, other notable dignitaries present included. The essence of the deliberations by all speakers was " At a time when the world is passing through a grave global crisis , the selfness, ego, greed, and expansionist tendencies of world leaders have pushed societies , civilizations , humanity into a continuous cycle of conflict and war. This is deeply concerning and condemnable and represents a great loss to humanity.

**To-night's Programme :- Discussion on Roof Repair and future projects**



#### 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?

India is the land of sages, saints, and spiritual leaders – the land of Buddha, Nanak, Mahavira, and Gandhi . It is essential for common citizens, intellectuals, and civil society to deliberate on these issues , build a strong public opinion and clearly express that we stand united in opposing war. At the same time, we affirm that as a society and a nation , we are one and stand together. All speakers expressed their gratitude to Rtn. Dr.Sankar kr. Sanyal and Shri Rajnish Ji for organizing such a timely , impactful, and well coordinated programme.



## 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) April is “ Environmental Month”.

## DISTRICT NEWS

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 and AG PP Rtn.Shibnath Dey attended the same.

b) **Details of Training Programs 2026-27 of RID 3291**

Meet & Greet at Saturday Club at Saturday Club – Host RC Cal Dhakuria = Already held on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2025  
 AGELS at Williamson Magor Hall, Bengal Chambers of Commerce & Industries – Host RC Cal = Already held on 08<sup>th</sup> February, 2026  
 District Leadership Camp at IIM Calcutta = Already held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

PELS at Taaj Vivanta – Host RC Calcutta Metropolitan =Already held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2026, Chief Guest RID Ft. Lt K P Nagesh  
 District Designated Training (DTLS) at Spring Club – Host RC Calcutta North East = To be held on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

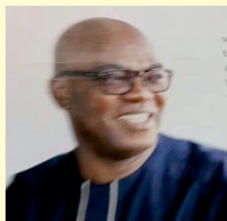
SELS at Taaj Swiss CC2, Kolkata – Host RC Madhyamgram Metropolitan = To be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

Vibrant Club Workshop ( Zone wise :- 3 zones clubs in a day ) =To be held on 04/04/26, 05/04/26, 11/04/26, 12/04/26, 18/04/26, 19/04/26, 25/04/26, 26/04/26, 02/05/26. 03/05/26

District Learning Assembly at Hyatt Regency – Host RC Belur = To be held on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, Chief Guest PRID Ashok Mahajan  
 District RCC Assembly at Ramkrishna Mission Hall, Golpark, Kolkata – Host District 3291 = To be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 Grant Management Seminar = Fixed on 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

Changeover Ceremony and Doctors Day Celebration at Dhano Dhanye = Fixed on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2026, Chief Guest PRIP K. R. Ravindran  
 District Conference at , Kolkata – Host R.C Dum Dum =Fixed on 08<sup>th</sup> January, 2027 ( DG Election only), 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2027, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2027.

## 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.

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