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President's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

As we step into 2026, we do so with gratitude, hope, and a renewed commitment to the values that define us as Rotarians. A new year invites reflection and resolve. To serve with integrity, to lead with humility, and to strengthen fellowship through compassion and mutual respect. The Rotary ideal, *One Profits Most Who Serves Best*, reminds us that the greatest rewards are not material, but are found in trust earned, lives touched, and friendships strengthened through selfless service. Vocational Service reinforces this truth by calling upon us to use our professional skills as instruments of integrity, mentorship, and social good.

The District Conference 2026 commenced with ceremonial grace and disciplined precision, marked by a dignified parade, flag hoisting, and the inauguration of club exhibits, setting a tone of solemnity and purpose. The inaugural session blended tradition, culture, and reflection, followed by an engaging dialogue on collaborative service that underscored the power of inter-organisational synergy. The day progressed through vision-driven business sessions on transformation, leadership, and engagement, complemented by the recognition of senior members for lifelong service. Afternoon plenaries ranged from explorations of human perception and preventive healthcare to compelling discussions on public image, communication, and branding, reinforcing Rotary's evolving role in social impact and awareness building.

The District Conference 2026 focused on governance, growth, and the future, opening with financial accountability and advancing through thought-provoking sessions on membership strength and the enduring mission of the Rotary Foundation, including polio eradication and philanthropic legacy. Subsequent plenaries addressed innovation in healthcare, the human dimension of artificial intelligence, and motivational narratives of resilience. Youth engagement, environmental sustainability, and intergenerational leadership emerged as strong thematic anchors, culminating in a valedictory session that reflected on shared achievements, celebrated democratic processes, and formally ushered in the next Rotary year with unity, optimism, and renewed commitment to service.

As your President, I look forward to a year of unity, thoughtful leadership, and purposeful action. May 2026 be a year in which our fellowship deepens, our service creates lasting impact, and our shared commitment continues to bring dignity, hope, and positive change to the world.

Yours in Service,

Dr (CA) Joydeep Mookerjee
President (RY 25-26)

Editor's Message



As we welcome New Year 2026, warm greetings are extended to the entire Rotary family, with sincere wishes for good health, inner peace, personal happiness, and professional fulfilment in the year ahead. It is a privilege to journey together in Rotary, united by fellowship, shared purpose, and a commitment to meaningful service that strengthens both our communities and ourselves.

January, observed as Vocational Service Month, reminds us that our professions are expressions of our values and character, not merely sources of income. By practising integrity, fairness, and ethical courage in our work, we build trust and credibility while quietly reflecting Rotary's ideals.

Every honest occupation carries dignity and significance, and when we use our professional skills to mentor, guide, and serve society, vocation is transformed into purpose.

The Rotary motto, "One Profits Most Who Serves Best," reaffirms that true success lies in the value we create for others rather than what we accumulate for ourselves. Through selfless service, shared effort, and compassion without expectation, we enrich our own lives and leave a lasting legacy of hope and positive change.

Let us be Rotarians not just in name, but in action, stewards of hope, architects of enduring change.

Together, we serve and grow stronger.

In fellowship and service,
Warm regards,
Ria Mookerjee
Editor, RC Ballygunge

“Ramdhanu” – District Conference 2026

Rotary International District 3291

Report of Proceedings, 10th January & 11th January 2026



Day One – 10th January 2026

Morning Session: Arrival and Inauguration

At 9:00 a.m., the distinguished dignitaries arrived in a ceremonial parade, presaging the commencement of the District Conference with solemn dignity. After the ceremonial flag hoisting and the inauguration of the Club Exhibits Pavilion, the parade advanced into the main hall where seating was taken in orderly fashion.

The Inaugural Session, called to order by the Chief Sergeant at Arms at 9:30 a.m., began with the National Anthem, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp—an emblem of enlightenment and fellowship. The Kohinoor Sen Barat group graced the assembly with a poised inaugural dance, imprinting the auspicious moment with cultural splendour.

Conference Chair Santanu Dutta delivered the Welcome Address, setting a tone of optimism and purposeful collaboration. District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri followed with an address that underscored Rotary's enduring commitment to service and unity.

Panel Discussion: “Synergy in Service”

The distinguished panel, comprising Lions International President A. P. Singh and Past Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, offered profound reflections on collaborative service frameworks. Moderated by PDG Rabindra Prakash Sehgal and chaired by PDG Hiralal Yadav, the discussion elicited thoughtful engagement from the delegates. District Governor Elect Purnendu Roychowdhury of RC Calcutta expressed gratitude on behalf of the assembly.



Business Session (1): Vision and Transformation

Commencing at 11:00 a.m., the first business session opened with the presentation of the IPDG Lapel Pin—an emblem of honour and continuity. PDG Sudip Mukherjee, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the committee's work. Ambassador Dr. Deepak Vohra, the distinguished Chief Guest, delivered a compelling keynote entitled "The Jaamvant Transformation – How India Becomes Bharat," offering a visionary discourse on national identity and purpose. The session was chaired by PDG Nayantara Palchadhury.

Business Session (2): Leadership & Engagement

From noon until 1:00 p.m., the focus turned to Leadership and Engagement within non profit organizations, with insights from PDG K. A. Kuriachan and Mr. Jaiprakash Kabra. The session was chaired by PDG Angsuman Bandopadhyay.

Recognition of Senior Rotarians

Between 1:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., seasoned Rotarians were honoured for their dedicated service. PDG Brojo Gopal Kundu presided.

Afternoon Plenary Sessions

1st Plenary – Extra Sensory Perception

At 2:30 p.m., Mr. Deepak Rao engaged the audience with an evocative plenary on Extra Sensory Perception, thoughtfully chaired by PDG Rajendra Khandelwal.

2nd Plenary – Health Care: Prevention is the Key – Thalassemia

From 3:30 p.m., a critical health discourse unfolded with PDG Dr. Uihass Kolhatkar as keynote speaker, followed by an informed expression from Dr. Subendu Sen. A lifetime achievement award was conferred upon Dr. Subir Chatterjee in recognition of his exemplary contributions. The session was chaired by DG Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.

3rd Plenary – Rotary's Public Image, Communication & Branding

Concluding the formal afternoon at 4:45 p.m., the third plenary featured keynote speaker Bharat Dabholkar, whose exposition on branding in civic engagement resonated deeply. Chaired by PDG Shyamashree Sen, gratitude was extended by President Kunal Rajgaria of RC Purulia. Included was a poignant presentation entitled "Life Beyond Cancer."

Day Two – 11th January 2026

4th Plenary: Finance & Resolution

The morning session opened at 9:00 a.m. with a meticulous presentation of District Accounts by IPDG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. Chaired by PDG Sudip Mukherjee, the session acknowledged financial stewardship.

5th Plenary: Membership – Unite for Good

At 9:30 a.m., RIDN Gurjeet Singh Sekhon delivered a keynote address on membership vitality, followed by insights from District Membership Chair PP Debi Prasad Basu. The session, chaired by PDG Rajani Mukerji.

6th Plenary: The Rotary Foundation

From 10:30 a.m., this plenary encompassed two illuminating segments:

1. The Final Mile – Unite to End Polio

Led by EPNC PDG Uttam Ganguly and District Polio Chair PDG Mukul Sinha, underscoring Rotary's unwavering commitment to global polio eradication.

2. Power of Giving – When Generosity Becomes Legacy

A keynote by RIPR PDG N. S. Saravanan celebrated the transformative force of philanthropy. The session, chaired by PDG Utpal Mazumder, highlighted AKS recognitions for Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, Dr. Sourav Khemani, and Rtn. Bhagwan Das.

7th Plenary: Redefining Cardiac Care in Era of Innovation

At 11:30 a.m., Dr. Nirmal Joshi and Dr. Renu Joshi explored contemporary paradigms in cardiac care, complemented by insights from Dr. Soma Mukhopadhyay. The session was chaired by IPDG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta.

8th Plenary: Technology – The Human Edge in the Age of AI

From 12:30 p.m., thought leaders Raul John Aiu, a young prodigy, and Prof. Amlan Chakraborty examined the interplay of human ingenuity and artificial intelligence. Chaired by PDG Prabir Chatterjee.

9th Plenary: Motivational Session – Unquit Forever

At 2:30 p.m., motivational speakers Mr. Dipanjan Chakraborty and Mr. Arjun Sen galvanized the audience with powerful narratives of resilience. Chaired by PDG Jhulan Basu.

10th Plenary: Interact – Ignite the Future

From 3:30 p.m., the Interact Clubs of District 3291 showcased spirited performances, offering a hopeful glimpse into Rotary's emerging generation of leaders. Chaired by PDG Raju Rajgaria.

11th Plenary: Sustainable Environment – Panel Discussion

At 4:30 p.m., environmental stewardship was examined by panellists Dr. Meena Venkataraman and Yashwant Deval, moderated by PRID Aniruddha Roychowdhury and chaired by PDG Pinaki Ghosh.

Valedictory Session and Closure

The Valedictory Session, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., featured concluding remarks by District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri. Exchange of greetings, announcement and felicitation of election results, and the formal launch of the District Conference RY 2026 27 followed.

The jubilant Red-Carpet celebration commenced at 7:30 p.m., bringing to fruition two days marked by fellowship, reflection, and strategic resolve.

There were 24 registrations from the Rotary Club of Ballygunge

District Conference List from RC Ballygunge

Sr.	Name	Guest
1	Arpita Chatterjee	Guest
2	Rtn. Dr (CA) Joydeep Mookerjee	President
3	PP Amitava Chakraborty	
4	PP Susanta Kumar Sarkar	
5	Rtn. Arko Bhattacharjee	
6	Rtn. Moonmoon Gupta	
7	PP Sanjoy Dey	
8	PP Nasir Uddin Ahmed	
9	Satya Narayan Prasad	Guest
10	Rahul Roy Chowdhury	Guest
11	Rtn. Muhammed Tayyeb Khan	
12	PP Asit Baran Bhol	

Sr.	Name	Guest
13	Rtn. Tanulal Chakraborty	
14	PP Indrani Gupta	
15	PP Ashif Shah	
16	Marufa Shah	Spouse
17	PP Jayanta Chattopadhyay	
18	Rtn. Subhankar Chakraborty	
19	Dr. J N Mukhopadhyay	Guest
20	PP Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya	
21	Alpana Bhattacharya	Spouse
22	PP Pradeep Majumdar	
23	PP Shubrato Chakraborty	
24	Sharmila Mookerjee	Spouse

Minutes of the 2538 Regular Meeting held on 08th January 2026 At Cozy Room, International Club, Kolkata

- i. The President called the 2538th RWM to order.
- ii. The President requested all to rise for the National Anthem, and the same was sung in chorus by the members.
- iii. President requested PP Jayanta Chattopadhyay to deliver a speech on the "Blood Donation Camp" project took place at Dumdum in the last month of the year, and a brief speech has been delivered by him pointing out key factors of it. It has been said by the PP Jayanta Chattopadhyay that in total 43 people have donated blood for such greater cause. Members applauded the initiatives.
- iv. PP Jayanta Chattopadhyay proposed to organize a project for "Distribution of Cycle Rickshaw" to 11 beneficiaries. It has been emphasized by PP Jayanta Chattopadhyay that it is an EIRWT approved project and the same is likely to take place at the end of this month only.
- v. The President invited Mr. Subhankar Saha to come to dais and make a brief introduction about himself. Mr. Saha is an intending member willing to join our club. Members welcomed his introduction.
- vi. The President announced that the "Shantih" project will be organized on February 28, 2026 at Rotary Sadan on "Education and Peace", when four distinguished speakers will deliver their invaluable speeches and the said event will be followed by a cultural event.
- vii. The President requested payment of the 2ndSAD dues.
- viii. The President informed that all efforts would be made to have weekly RWMs from 1st February 2026, and in January 2026, there would be three RWMs.
- ix. The President informed that the next meeting will be held on 15th January 2026.
- x. All the Minutes of the last meetings have been confirmed.
- xi. The Secretary read out the happy announcements.
- xii. The Secretary, handed over to the President for business.
- xiii. The President invited all to join the upcoming projects and meetings.
- xiv. The President terminated the 2538th RWM.

Happy Announcements

Birthday's in January

PP Dr. Amlan Bhattacharjee	01st Jan
Rtn. Suman Sen	02nd Jan
PP Asit Baran Bhol	04th Jan
PP Indrani Gupta	30th Jan

Anniversary's in December

Rtn. Tanulal Chakraborti	18th Jan
Rtn. Suman Sen	19th Jan
PP Dr. Amlan Bhattacharjee	30th Jan