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President's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

December is a month of reflection, gratitude, and celebration. It reminds us how service can illuminate even the darkest corners of life, and how our small actions collectively create a powerful force for good. The Rotary theme for this month encourages us to open our hearts wider, to embrace the

spirit of giving, generosity, and goodwill. It's a season that perfectly echoes our timeless Rotary motto: "One Profits Most Who Serves Best."

"One Profits Most Who Serves Best" is a famous motto of Rotary International, originating from Arthur Frederick Sheldon's 1910 speech, emphasizing that genuine success and profit come from selfless service to others, a core principle balanced with their main motto, "Service Above Self," teaching that helping humanity yields personal fulfilment and broader good.

This phrase speaks volumes about why we are Rotarians. It reminds us that the true measure of success is not what we accumulate, but what we contribute. Every time we reach out to help a child learn, plant a tree, support a community project, or comfort someone in need, we enrich our own lives in ways that no material reward can match. The joy that comes from serving others is the purest form of profit, one that multiplies each time we act with compassion and sincerity.

As I look around our club, I am inspired by the dedication, fellowship, and quiet strength each of you brings to every initiative. Let us keep this flame alive as we move into a new year filled with possibilities and new opportunities to serve.

As we celebrate Christmas, let's soak in the warmth of friendship, family, and faith. It's a time to pause, express gratitude, and rekindle the joy of sharing. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Ballygunge, I extend my heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and a season filled with peace and happiness.

May the New Year 2026 bring good health, success, and fulfilment to you and your loved ones. Let us step into it with renewed energy and purpose to serve better, to grow together, and to make our community and our world a kinder, brighter place.

Yours in Service,

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

Editor's Message



As the year draws to a close, December brings with it the spirit of reflection, gratitude, and giving, values that beautifully align with the essence of Rotary. This season reminds us that our service to others is the truest expression of success. The Rotary motto, "One Profits Most Who Serves Best," captures the philosophy that has

guided our organisation for over a century. It reminds us that personal fulfilment and collective progress arise from meaningful acts of service. When we give our time, talent, and compassion selflessly, we create a treasure far greater than material wealth, the joy of knowing we've made the world just a bit better.

Rotary International stands today as one of the world's most respected humanitarian movements, uniting over 1.4 million Rotarians in more than 200 countries. From eradicating polio to promoting peace, from supporting education to protecting the environment, Rotary's reach extends to nearly every sphere of human need. Each project, whether local or global, becomes a testament to what is possible when common people share an uncommon commitment to serve humanity. As members of the Rotary Club of Ballygunge, we are part of this grand narrative, connected by shared ideals and sustained by the belief that service, at its core, enriches both giver and receiver.

When we serve together, we grow together, not just in numbers or reputation, but in strength of purpose and unity of vision.

As Editor, it fills me with pride to chronicle these stories of service and friendship that define our club. Each article, every project report, and every shared memory reflects our collective heartbeat, a rhythm of empathy, dedication, and optimism. I am deeply grateful to all members who contribute their time and spirit to keep our publication vibrant and inspiring.

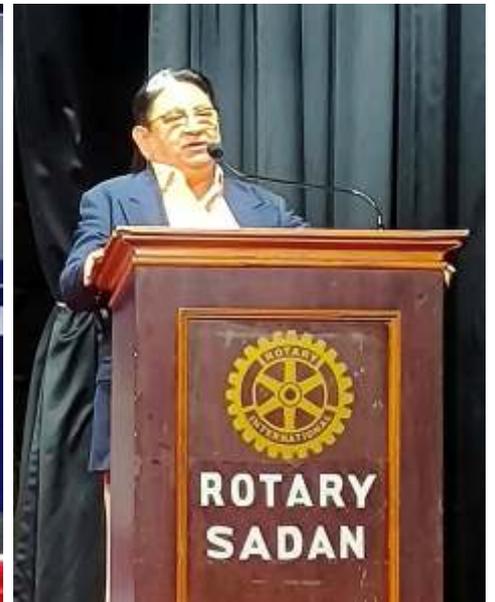
As the festive season unfolds, may the lights of Christmas fill your homes with peace, love, and laughter. May the New Year 2026 bring good health, prosperity, and renewed purpose to serve. Let's enter the coming year with the same enthusiasm and fellowship that make our Rotary family so special.

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

Together, we serve and grow stronger.

Warm regards,
Ria Mookerjee
Editor, RC Ballygunge

10th December 2025 : President, Secretary, AG and ZS Meet



The 2nd President, Secretary, AG, and ZS Meet took place on December 10, 2025, at Rotary Sadan in Kolkata, serving as a key gathering for Rotary District 3291 leadership during the Rotary Year 2025-26. Attendees included club presidents, secretaries, Assistant Governors (Ags), and Zone Supervisors (ZS), fostering collaboration and alignment on district goals.

The meeting commenced around 6:00 PM, and provided a platform for strategic discussions amid Rotary International's focus on service projects.

The District Governor, RY 25-26 (Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri) gave an inspiring speech on the progress of various clubs and the increase in membership in the first five months of the Rotary year. He urged all Rotarians to actively support the detection and eradication of the dreaded disease Thalassemia.

The Vice Governor, RY 25-26 (PDG Ravindra Sehgal) motivated all Rotarians in the RID 3291 and congratulated all the clubs for their active support in community projects in the first five months of the year.

Several PDGs, including PDG Utpal Majumdar, PDG Sudip Mukherjee, PDG Brojo Gopal Kundu informed the gathering about the upcoming election procedure, to be held in January 2026.

This meeting was built on earlier gatherings to enhance governance and service delivery across clubs in District 3291. It underscored Rotary's commitment to leadership development ahead of major 2025-26 events, including PETS and AGLS.

13th December 2025 : Melbandhan (Meet and Greet)



The Melbandhan Meet & Greet event for Rotary International District 3291 took place on December 13, 2025, at the Saturday Club in Kolkata, marking a key introductory gathering for the incoming leadership team of Rotary Year 2026-27. Hosted at 6:00 PM, it emphasised Rotary's values of service above self and people of action through networking and fellowship.

- Featured a meet-and-greet format to unite incoming presidents, secretaries, and district leaders ahead of RY 2026-27 initiatives.
- The District Team for RY 2026-27 was announced.
- Held at the historic Saturday Club, known for blending English culture with Indian heritage in its leisure facilities.

Melbandhan served as a bridge between Rotary Years 2025-26 and 2026-27, fostering collaboration for upcoming service projects in District 3291. It reinforced leadership continuity and enthusiasm, consistent with recent district events like the President-Secretary Meet.

Happy Announcements

Birthday's in December

Ashif Shah

05th Dec

Arjun Pal

26th Dec

Anniversary's in December

Arko Bhattacharjee

01st Dec

Dr. Sandip Banerjee

11st Dec

Minutes of the 2536 Regular Meeting held on 20th November 2025 At Cozy Room, International Club, Kolkata

- The President called the 2536th RWM to order.
- The President requested all to rise for the National Anthem, and the same was sung in chorus by the members.
- As requested by the President, Rtn. Tanulal Chakraborty became the Secretary of Meeting Number 2536.
- The President informed that two prospective members are attending as Guests, namely Dr Aniruddha Basu & Mr Rahul Roy Choudhary. As requested by the President, both prospective members gave brief introductions about themselves, their present occupation and their educational backgrounds.
- The President expressed his pleasure regarding the grand success of the get-together of Rotary Ballygunge organised on 30th Nov '25 at Udayan Bagan, Badu Road, Madhyamgram. He appreciated the fabulous arrangement of the venue, delicious food, fellowship and Thanked All Members and their Families for their active participation. The President emphasised that Fellowship is extremely important for a vibrant club and also for enhancing cohesiveness among the members. The President informed the members present that the next fellowship cum picnic shall be organised by the end of January 2026.
- The President informed that the project of "Cycle Rickshaw Van" will be taken up by the end of January 2026.
- The President also informed that a blood donation camp shall be organised in January 2026.
- The President informed that PP Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty shall be contesting in the forthcoming DGND election on 9th January 2026 and he requested all members to wholeheartedly support his candidature.
- PP Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty suggested one Health Camp in accordance with Rotary them for the month of December 2025 i.e., "Disease Prevention and Treatment". PP Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty requested the President to explore the possibility of organising a community health camp with valued guidance & help of the honourable Principal Maharaj of Narendrapur Ramkrishna Mission Residential College.
- The President reminded all that the theme for the SHANTIHI event on 28th February 2026 will be 'EDUCATION AND PEACE'.
- Members present in the meeting unanimously elected PP Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty as the Chairperson for the SHANTIHI event in February 2026.
- PP Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty informed the members present that the Auditorium of the Rotary Sadan has been booked for the upcoming SHANTIHI event.
- PP Rtn. Bhomra Chatterji proposed to explore the suitability of topics like, "Rabindranath and Biswa Shanti" as one of the topics.
- The Minutes of the last meeting could not be confirmed due to a lack of quorum.
- Happy Announcements were done by The Secretary Rtn. Tanulal Chakraborty.
- The Secretary handed over to the President for business.
- The President terminated the 2536th RWM and requested all the assembled members to participate in the fellowship.