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President's Message for Rotary Year 2025-26



"Together We Inspire, Together We Thrive"

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

Rotary is more than a mere club—it's a vibrant community dedicated to making significant change. Our bond surpasses regular gatherings and projects; it is rooted deeply in our shared commitment to service above self. This year, our vision will be guided by connection, contribution, and continuity—strengthening friendships beyond formal meetings, ensuring our service deeply touches lives, and honouring our cherished traditions while embracing innovation. Our key objectives this year include enhancing community health and education initiatives, launching comprehensive youth mentorship programs, engaging in inclusive conversations on climate, ethics, and leadership, and cultivating meaningful partnerships that extend beyond mere charitable giving. Remember, our success lies not in the number of projects we undertake, but in the enduring difference we make. Let's serve purposefully, lead passionately, and inspire continuously. We do not merely await change—we embody it. Let's create not just projects, but movements; not merely meetings, but memorable moments that inspire generations. Together, as architects of impactful change, let's make this Rotary year truly remarkable.

Thank you for your trust and partnership.

Dr (CA) Joydeep Mookerjee

President, Rotary Club of Ballygunge

Editor's Message for Rotary Year 2025-26

"Empowering Health, Transforming Lives"

Dear Rotarians, Friends, and Esteemed Readers,

Welcome to this special edition of our Flame, a vibrant reflection of the Rotary spirit. As we step into this new Rotary year, we embrace our shared commitment of "Service Above Self," guided by Rotary's core vision to build lasting friendships, uplift communities, and inspire positive change globally. This year, our district is proudly taking significant steps toward improving community health through our global grant initiatives. We are committed to providing free HPV vaccinations for young girls, eradicating cervical cancer, and eliminating thalassemia. Through these pages, we aim to capture stories of hope, health, and humanity, showcasing the transformative work being done across our club and district. Our success will be measured not merely by the scale of our projects but by the enduring impact on countless lives. Let's continue to inspire, innovate, and empower together. Here's to a meaningful and impactful year ahead.



Warm Regards,

Ria Mookerjee

The Editor, Flame

Rotary Club of Ballygunge

Blood Donation Camp



Rotary Club of Ballygunge proudly served as a co-host for the Blood Donation Camp held on 1st July 2025 at Rotary Sadan, Kolkata. Organized by RID 3291 in partnership with The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society, this impactful event resonated strongly with the Rotary principle of "Service Above Self." Under the theme "Donate Blood, a gift of life," the camp saw enthusiastic participation from club members and the community, emphasizing the vital importance of blood donation. The successful event highlighted RC Ballygunge's ongoing commitment to improving community health and saving lives through collective action and compassion.

Literacy Initiative & Scholarship Presentation



On 7th July 2025, the Rotary Club of Ballygunge successfully conducted a meaningful literacy initiative at the Ramakrishna Mission. Highlighting Rotary's commitment to education and empowerment, the club presented the first-ever "Late Sachin Gupta Memorial Scholarship" to support a brilliant yet underprivileged



student. This generous act was made possible by the kindness and dedication of Past President Rtn. Indrani Gupta, who established the scholarship in memory of the late Sachin Gupta. The event underscored RC Ballygunge's continued efforts toward nurturing talent and breaking barriers to education, paving the way for brighter futures.

Literacy Support at Belur Math



Continuing her remarkable dedication to literacy, Past President Rtn. Indrani Gupta generously contributed ₹50,000 to Belur Math, providing crucial support to two deserving students at Belur Vidyamandir College under the "Sachin Gupta Memorial Scholarship." The recipients, both admitted to the 1st year pursuing Sanskrit Honours, are:

1. Sayan Nayak, from Joypur village, Bankura. His father is a farmer. Sayan completed his Higher Secondary from Belur RKM School and dreams of becoming a professor.

2. Pradip Murmu, hailing from Baraguri village, Hooghly district. His father works as a construction worker. Pradip also completed his Higher Secondary education at Belur RKM School and aspires to become a professor in the future.

This literacy initiative underscores Rotary Club of Ballygunge's unwavering commitment to transforming lives through education and empowering youth to achieve their dreams.



Rotary Club of Ballygunge
47th Installation Ceremony
10th July, 2025 at Hotel Niharika, 5, AJC Bose Road, Kolkata-20



		Details	Back Stage Activities
6.30 PM	Reception & Registration	Place cards, Chordless mic, water bottle hammer gable & collar on stage table	Tray 3 such
6.55 PM	Welcome Announcements by Emcee Amitava	All dignitaries present are called upon by Amitava to offer flowers as an auspicious gesture to start the programme	Ganesh Vandana played from Console
7.02 PM	Amitava Welcomes Installation Chair Bhomra Chatterjee for he address		
7.05 PM	Amitava calls the Dignatories to the dias	President 24-25 Dr Amlan Bhattacharya, President 25-26 Dr Jaydeep Bhattacharya, Secretary 24-25 Anirban Sarker, Secretary 25-26 Subhankar Chakraborty, and DG Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri	
7.08 PM	Amitava requests commences of the Regular meeting	President Amlan calls the meeting to order and calls for the National Anthem	National Anthem played by AV from console
7.11 PM	Address by President Dr Amlan Bhattacharya		Rolling on screen by Console
7.15 PM	Amitava requests outgoing secretary Anirban Sarker to place the secretary report for 24-25	AV report by Anirban	AV run from console
7.26 PM	Amitava calls for Installation of new board	Ramenduda takes charge of the ceremony	Rolling on screen by Console
7.29 PM	President Joydeep speaks		AV run from console
7.36 PM	Amitava requests Secretary Subhankar to proceed with the club business		Rolling on screen
7.39 PM	Secretary requests DG Ramendu and President Joydeep to excuse him from the meeting as he has an urgent travel to make right after the meeting		Rolling on screen
7.40 PM	Release of Souvenir	MC calls Rtn Sabari to facilitate	
7.42 PM	Felicitations	Called by Amitava, for DG, First lady, PDG, Innerwheel, others	Rolling on screen
	Exchange of Gifts by the Presidents	Called by Amitava	
7.50 PM	New Member Induction	Called by Amitava	Logo on Screen
8.00 PM	Handing over of TRF & Polio Fund cheques		Logo on Screen
8.03 PM	Amitava calls for the introduction of DG		AV on screen / read over by PP Ashif Shah
8.05 PM	DG speaks		Thalassemia video
	Vote of thanks by PP Shubrato Chakraborty		Logo on Screen
	Amitava requests President Joydeep to terminate the meeting and invite all to fellowship and dinner		Logo on Screen

Minutes of the 2526th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Ballygunge, held on 03 July 2025, at Cozy Room, Calcutta International Club 42 A, Shakespeare Sarani, Kolkata 700017

- President Joydeep Mookerjee called the meeting to order, followed by National Anthem sung in chorus
- At the onset, the President greeted all present with new Rotary Year Wishes. He welcomed four guests who have attended this meeting for their induction in the club as new members.

President's Announcements:

- President thanked the club for giving him the opportunity to serve in the President's chair for this Rotary Year.
- He mentioned several matters like the plan of the year for service projects
- He said that the club will adhere to attend least one project every month in accordance with the Rotary designated month, among other projects being done in that particular month.
- He appealed to all members to attend the regular meeting and make the meetings vibrant

Other announcements :

- PP Bhomra Chatterjee briefed the club members about the coming Installation meeting to be held on 10 July at Hotel Niharika, Minto Park, Kolkata.
- PP Amitava Chakraborty announced that the District Global Grant for Cervical Cancer Vaccination has been sanctioned and appealed to the club to locate as many beneficiaries as possible through awareness programmes at school going girls' parents at the school premises with the help of school authorities. He said that both the doses of vaccine given to girls between 9 - 14 years of age shall be free of cost.
- PP Nasiruddin Ahmed urged the club administration to take measures in positive fund raising to do service projects.
- President Joydeep then announced that the suggestive Rotary talk has been given to the new prospective members and requested all of them to introduce themselves to the existing club members, and they complied.

Secretary's announcement :

- Joint secretary Jayanta Chattopadhyay performed the role of secretary for the day in absence of secretary Subhankar Chakraborty.
- He made the happy announcements for the week.
- Minutes of the last Regular Meeting were not placed to the floor and hence was not adopted.
- **Members present 18 Guests present 4 Meeting terminated at 8.20 PM**



Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus

