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## Welcome

District Governor

**Rtn. Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri**

First Lady

**Rtn. Dr Bandana Homchaudhuri**



*Also, Welcome Assistant Governor,  
Zonal Secretary, Members of the  
District Secretariat*

## President's Message



### A Call to Honour, A Charge to Inspire

On this distinguished day, **21st August 2025**, World Senior Citizens Day, we turn our hearts to those among us whose life's tapestry is woven with luminous threads of experience, wisdom, and unwavering service. It is their industrious lifetime of dedication that frames our understanding of commitment, invigorates our collective spirit, and anchors the very foundation of Rotary's noble mission within the venerable precincts of **Ballygunge**.

Yet as we pay tribute to our seniors, whose years are measured not merely by time, but by acts of grace and benevolence, we also pause to exalt all those who have steered our voyage: our **Past Presidents**.

Their leadership, whether they be seasoned elders of years or dynamic leaders in their prime, constitutes the scaffolding upon which this Club's aspirations stand tall.

### To Our Past Presidents: Emissaries of Purpose

Each of our Past Presidents, stood as a luminous exemplar of commitment:

- You dared to envision community upliftment.
- You marshalled resources, guided initiatives, and breathed life into projects that supplied food, fortified education, uplifted health, and elevated the dignity of countless lives.
- Your stewardship, marked by clarity of purpose and grace under pressure, has bequeathed to us not only results but a legacy: the hum of collaboration, the cadence of service, the promise of a flourishing future.

Whether in the vigour of midlife leadership or the dignity of senior stewardship, your imprint remains indelible, your torch unwavering, lighting the path for those who follow.

### The Lifeblood of Rotary: Growth and Engagement

Fellow Rotarians, let us acknowledge a truth as vital as truth itself: the future of our Club is inextricably bound to **membership growth** and **increasing engagement**. Adding new members is not merely a numerical pursuit; it is the renewal of our collective vow, the infusion of fresh eyes, hands, and hearts devoted to service above self.

Just as our seniors' wisdom feeds the soil of our shared enterprise, so does new membership infuse it with fresh sap: innovation, energy, diversity of voice, and unbridled creativity. But numbers alone cannot bear fruit unless paired with **engagement**, the purposeful participation of every member in projects, meetings, fellowship, and decision making.

### A Leadership Mandate

As your President, I solemnly declare: let us recommit ourselves with gratitude to the edifices our seniors and Past Presidents have raised to forging anew with vigor.

Let us:

- Invite prospective members into our fold with warmth and clarity of purpose;
- Encourage each member—whether newly inducted or long-serving—to lend their unique gifts to our projects, committees, and fellowship;
- Foster a culture in which experience and youth, tradition and innovation, converge to create a generational symphony of service;

- And, above all, let us celebrate together, on this day and every day—that we are part of something far greater than ourselves.

### A Closing Benediction

To our senior brethren, whose footsteps echo the journey ahead: we honour you.

To our Past Presidents, whose leadership has paved the way: we salute you.

To our current and future members: we beckon you to stand with us, in purpose and in service.

May the Rotary Club of Ballygunge, enriched by wisdom and enlivened by participation, continue to flourish and may each of us be both steward and beacon in its unfolding story.

With unwavering admiration and fervent hope,

**Dr (CA) Joydeep Mookerjee**

President, Rotary Club of Ballygunge

21st August 2025

## Editor's Message



Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The past fortnight has been both inspiring and rewarding for our club. We proudly celebrated multiple recognitions at the **Sammanam District Awards 2025**, a testament to our collective dedication. On 15th August, our “স্বনির্ভর (Swonirvor)” project empowered underprivileged women with Totos, marking Independence Day with dignity and progress.

On **19th August**, our **Health & Eye Camp** at Narendrapur touched over 200 lives with essential medical care, including ECGs, eye check-ups, spectacles, and cataract treatment. The **2529th Regular Meeting with the AG** further strengthened our focus on compliance, TRF, and public image.

We now look forward with pride to the **District Governor's Official Visit and our Charter Day celebrations on 21st August**—a moment to showcase our work and reaffirm our Rotary spirit.

Together, let us continue to serve with passion and create lasting impact.

Yours in Rotary,

**Ria Mookerjee**

Editor

## Sammanam – Rotary District 3291 Awards 2025



A proud moment for Rotary Club of Ballygunge! IPP Dr. Amlan Bhattacharya and our club has been recognized with multiple honors at the prestigious Sammanam – Rotary District 3291 Awards 2025 at Dhono Dhanyo Auditorium on the 17th of August

Certificates of Appreciation for:

### 1. 1st Prize...Group B

Peace Building & Conflict Prevention

### 2. 3rd Position...Group B

Community Economic Development  
(Other than District Grant)

### 3. 3rd Position... Group B

Concern for Intellectually Challenged  
(Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Alzheimer's etc)

### 4. Certificate of Appreciation... Group B (Literacy)



A huge congratulations to the team for their relentless commitment to service above self and for bringing such glory to our club!

## “স্বনির্ভর” (Swonirvor)



The Rotary Club of Ballygunge, in proud association with the Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust, implemented a community project, “স্বনির্ভর” (Swonirvor) Project, an impactful initiative aimed at empowering underprivileged women through the distribution of two Totos.

Two Past District Governors inaugurated the two Totos. PDG Rajani Mukherjee and PDG Prabir Chatterjee inaugurated this prestigious project and they encouraged the members of the RC Ballygunge to do more such impactful projects.

The NIPHA Group helped the club with their CSR funding and the members of the RC Ballygunge expressed their heartfelt Thanks to the Chairman Emeritus of the NIPHA Group.

This programme was not merely about providing a means of livelihood; it was a step towards economic independence, dignity, and the sustainable upliftment of the community.

The event took place this morning, 15th August 2025 at 10:00 am at St. Xavier's College, Raghobpur Campus,

South 24 Parganas, West Bengal, marking a day of empowerment and celebration of India's Independence.

**Through this project, we created a tangible difference in the lives of women who are determined to overcome economic hardship. By enabling them to become self-sufficient, we directly contributed to the twin Rotary focus areas of Economic and Community Development.**

**Each Toto distributed this Independence Day represented more than just a vehicle; it is an opportunity for income generation, self-reliance, and community leadership.**

Rotarians, well-wishers, and partners in progress joined us in witnessing and supporting this transformative journey. Together, we drove change, foster independence, and built a resilient community that thrives on shared prosperity and inclusivity.

**Beneficiary 1 : Ishita Ganguly**

**Beneficiary 2 : Rajkumari Makhal**



## সুস্থতা



On Tuesday, 19th August 2025, the Rotary Club of Ballygunge conducted a Health Camp and Eye-Checkup Camp, named “সুস্থতা” for the underprivileged, emphasising the key focus area of Disease Prevention and Treatment.

The members of the Club deserves the highest appreciation for envisioning and implementing the outstanding project “সুস্থতা”, which truly exemplifies Rotary International's core focus area “Disease Prevention and Treatment”.

The members of the club coordinated with the Ramakrishna Mission Autonomous College, Narendrapur, with support from Ashok Laboratories for the health check-up and also support from the Rotary MahanagarNethralaya for eye check-up support.

- 202 underprivileged beneficiaries were checked by the Doctors from the Ashok Laboratories
- ECG was done for 43 underprivileged beneficiaries
- 202 underprivileged beneficiaries were checked by the optometrists from the Rotary MahanagarNethralaya
- The optometrists observed 79 patients require spectacles, which would be arranged in the next 15 days and these would be provided by the Rotary MahanagarNethralaya

- The optometrists observed 4 patients having cataract problems and necessary surgical procedures would be done by the Rotary MahanagarNethralaya

This project has demonstrated that healthcare is not merely about treatment, but equally about early detection, preventive screening, and timely intervention. By partnering with Ramakrishna Mission Autonomous College, Narendrapur, supported by the dedicated doctors of Ashok Laboratories and the specialists of Rotary MahanagarNethralaya, the Club has made a profound difference in the lives of the underprivileged.

The results are impactful: 202 beneficiaries received thorough medical check-ups, 43 underwent ECG screening, and 202 were examined by trained optometrists. Importantly, 79 individuals identified as requiring spectacles will soon regain clear vision, while 4 cataract patients will undergo surgery, ensuring that preventable blindness is averted. These interventions go beyond mere medical care; they represent Rotary's enduring commitment to reducing the burden of disease, preventing avoidable suffering, and improving quality of life.

By addressing both prevention and treatment in one integrated initiative, Project “সুস্থতা” stands as a beacon of Rotary's mission to build healthier, stronger communities. It reaffirms that when compassion, expertise, and collective will unite, the fight against disease can truly be won.



## A Gift of Knowledge



On 19th August 2025, Past President Rtn. Indrani Gupta made a thoughtful contribution by donating dozens of books to the Library of Ramakrishna Mission Autonomous College, Narendrapur.

This generous gesture not only enriches the resources of the institution but also reflects Rotary's enduring commitment to literacy and education—one of our core areas of



focus. By expanding access to books, she has opened new windows of learning for students, encouraging curiosity, knowledge-sharing, and intellectual growth. Her initiative is a reminder that service takes many forms—not just through health or livelihood projects, but also through nurturing young minds with the gift of education. The Rotary Club of Ballygunge proudly acknowledges her contribution, which will continue to benefit generations of students in the years to come.

## Minutes of the 2529 Regular Meeting and Official Visit of the Assistant Governor, held on 7th August 2025

1. The President, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee called the 2529th meeting to order
  2. The President requested that everyone rise for the National Anthem, and it was sung in chorus by the assembled members.
  3. The President, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee proposed to organise a few projects on the Awareness of Thalassemia and Cervical Cancer issues.
  4. The President, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee sought data from the members and their families to provide medical cards. Details have been sought by way of a Google Form circulated by the President.
  5. The President, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee requested the members to reconfirm the Minutes of the earlier meeting and the Club Assembly. All members present in the meeting agreed and approved the Minutes of the earlier RWM and also the Club Assembly meeting.
  6. The President, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee handed over the floor to the Assistant Governor, Rtn. Dr Abhijit Banerjee.
  7. The Assistant Governor, Rtn. Dr Abhijit Banerjee mentioned the following points: -
    - That the AG has completed his review and checking of the documents uploaded in the Rotary portal, except for the payment of the RI dues and the District dues. He expressed satisfaction with the updated and complete information in the Rotary portal and requested the club to expedite the payment of the RI dues and the District dues (invoice was not yet received).
    - The AG urged the members to wear pins in all occasions, including all Rotary events.
    - The AG urged all members to contribute USD \$100 per member towards the TRF.
  8. PP Rtn Amitava Chakraborty spoke at length about the club's commitment towards compliance and proper documentation, and this was appreciated by the Assistant Governor.
  9. PP Rtn Amitava Chakraborty spoke at length about Club Administration and Strategic Planning.
  10. PP Ashif Shah mentioned spoke at length about initiatives regarding Public Image building, initiatives regarding creating awareness about Thalassemia among the underprivileged community.
  11. The President, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee requested the proposed member, Mr Arko Bhattacharjee, to introduce himself.
  12. The President, Rtn. Joydeep Mookerjee requested the members to pay the semi-annual dues to the club (SAD), which has become due on 1st July 2025.
  13. The Zonal Secretary, Rtn. Sudeshna Banerjee spoke at length about the rich heritage of the Rotary Club of Ballygunge. She also mentioned about her interactions with various members of the Rotary Club of Ballygunge.
  14. The Secretary welcomed the members to join the RM and to participate in important matters concerning the club.
  15. The happy announcement was of the marriage anniversary of PP. Shubrato Chakraborty on 10th August 2025.
  16. Attendance for the meeting stood at 45%
  17. The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
  18. The Secretary handed over to the President for further business.
- The President terminated the meeting number 2529.