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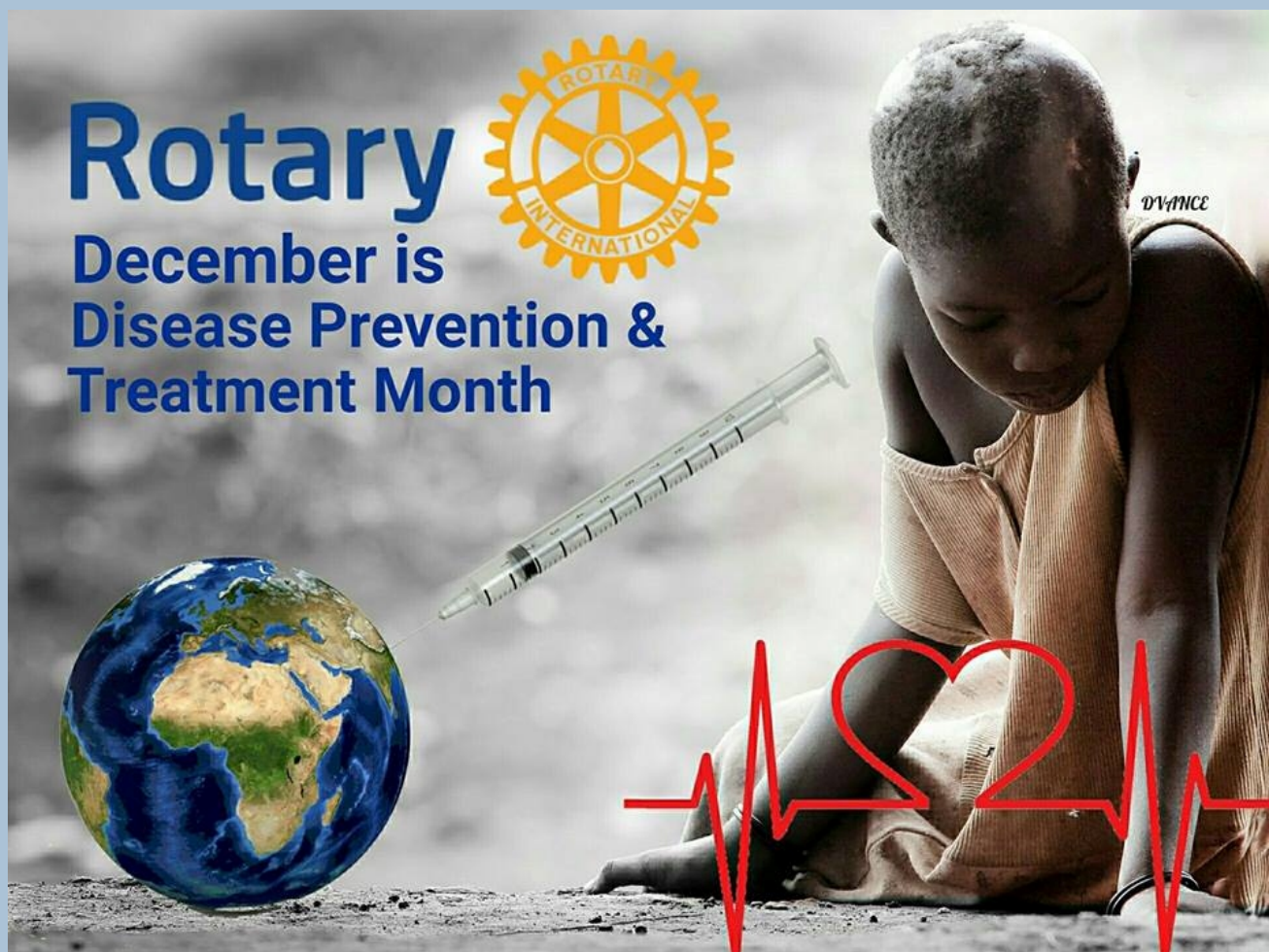
04th December 2025

RCM # 2709

Venue: Mallik Guest House

RI President : Rtn. Francesco Arezzo | Dist. Governor : Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri

President : Sanghamitra Duttagupta | Secretary : Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra | Editor : Rtn. Sunit Roy





Happy Occasions

BIRTHDAY



Rtn. Sunit Roy
DOB: 6th December



Rtn. Arup Dasgupta
DOB: 6th December



Rtn. Anindya Bose
DOB: 7th December



Mrs. Suvra Bhowmick
W/O Rtn Anjan Kumar
Bhowmick
DOB: 11th December



Mrs. Inderpal Tethi
W/O Rtn. Amarjit Singh
Tethi
DOB: 12th December



Rtn. Debidas Ganguly
DOB: 14th December



Shuvodeep
S/O Rtn. Sharmila Sur
DOB: 15th December



Mrs. Indrani Chatterjee
W/O Rtn Ajoy Krishna
Chatterjee
DOB: 18th December



Mrs. Jasmeeta Kapany
W/O Rtn Shamshir Singh Kapany
DOB: 18th December

ANNIVERSARIES



**Mrs. Aindrila and
Rtn Sugata Mazumdar**
DOA: 5th December



**Rtn. Anusri and
Mr. Tirthankar Banerjee**
DOA: 7th December



**Mrs. Madhumita and
Dr. Atanu Saha**
DOA: 8th December



**Dr. Priya and
Rtn. Dr. Anindya Basu**
DOA: 8th December



**Rtn. Dr. Sudipta and
Rtn Dr. Siddhartha
Chakraborty**
DOA: 14th December

RI NEWS

ROTARY AND A FIGHT FOR A POLIO FREE WORLD



1894

The first major documented polio outbreak in the United States occurs in Vermont; 18 deaths and 132 cases of permanent paralysis are reported.

1905

Swedish physician Ivar Wickman suggests that polio is a contagious disease that can spread from person to person, and also recognizes that polio could be present in people who show no symptoms

1908

2 physicians in Vienna, Karl Landsteiner and Erwin Popper, discover that polio is caused by a virus.

1916

A major polio outbreak in New York City kills more than 2,000 people. Across the United States, polio takes the lives of about 6,000 people, and paralyzes thousands more.

1929

Philip Drinker and Harvard University's Louis Agassiz Shaw Jr. invent an artificial respirator for patients suffering from paralytic polio — the iron lung.

1955

A vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk is declared "safe and effective."

1960

The U.S. government licenses the oral polio vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin.

1979

Rotary International begins its fight against polio with a

multi-year project to immunize 6 million children in the Philippines.

1985

Rotary International Launches PolioPlus, the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative, with an initial fundraising target of US\$120 million.

1988

Rotary International and the World Health Organization launch the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. There are an estimated 350,000 cases of polio in 125 countries.

1994

The International Commission for the Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication announces that polio has been eliminated from the Americas. Health workers and volunteers immunize 165 million children in China and India in 1 week.

1995

Rotary launches the Polio Plus Partners program, enabling Rotary members in polio-free countries to provide support to fellow members in polio-affected countries for polio eradication activities.

2000

Record 550 million children — almost 10% of the world's population — receive the oral polio vaccine. The Western Pacific region, spanning from Australia to China, is declared polio-free.

DISTRICT EVENT

SAMPARK : MULTI DISTRICT PUBLIC IMAGE SEMINAR**7th DECEMBER, 3.00 pm VENUE : MISTWOOD HOTEL, DURGAPUR****RENDEZVOUS 2nd PRESIDENTS SECRETARIES – 10th DECEMBER, 6 PM ONWARDS****ASSISTANT GOVERNORS [ADMIN] ZONAL SECRETARIES MEET****RED CARPET : RAMP WALK BY ROTARIANS AND THEIR SPOUSES****4th DECEMBER AUDITION, 4 PM ONWARDS**

DISTRICT NEWS



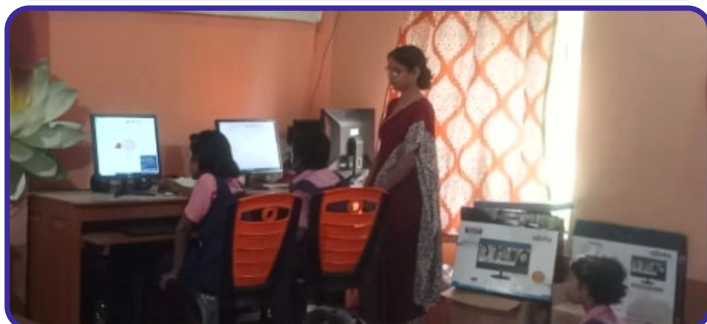
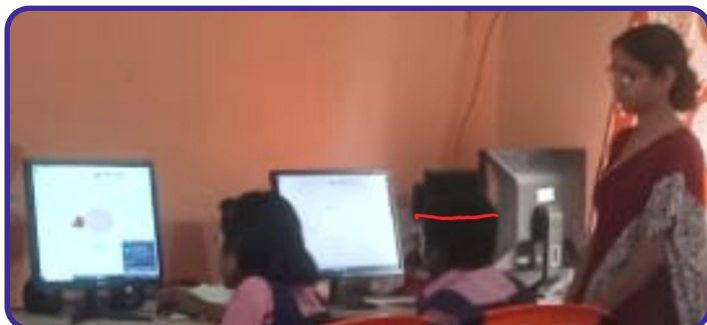


Rotary Foundation Seminar 2025 held at Springfield Banquet Hall, Spring Club EM Bypass, Kolkata.

Foundation Chair PP Rtn. Krishnendu Bhattacharjee, President Rtn. Sanghamitra Duttagupta, Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra, Treasurer Rtn. Dipak Kumar Mitra and Rtn. Sharmila Sur with Keynote Speaker and Guest of Honour Shri Leander Paes, Padma Bhushan and Olympian.

CLUB NEWS

Club in Action



2 COMPUTERS WERE DONATED BY RC BEHALA.
COMPUTER CLASSES AT CHANDANPIRI



Bijoya Diwali fellowship and dinner meet was held at Belvedere PDR Hall, Tollygunge Club on 28th November 7-30 pm onwards. Members came with their families.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the 2708th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 7 pm on 28.10.2025

- Club President Rtn. Sanghamitra Duttagupta called the 2708th meeting to order.
- National Anthem was led by Annes present.
- Rotary Club of Behala celebrated Children's day on 14th November with the students of Sukhoranjan Vidya Mandir. Sit and Draw competition was held. The children were given art material, box of crayons, pencil, eraser, ruler and sharpener in a pencil box along with a packet of biscuits. The winners were given tiffin boxes, three from each group, first, 2nd and 3rd. Eight teachers were also given a pack of biscuits. One ceiling fan and one water filter were donated.
- On Sunday 16th November 2025, RC Behala members President Rtn Sanghamitra Duttagupta, Secretary Rtn Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra and PP Rtn Bikash Dutta visited RCC Chandanpiri. 2 Desk top Computers were given to the students of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram and 20 portable plastic commodes were donated to the needy people of which 5 were donated by Rtn Sanjoy Sengupta.
- Stationaries were donated by Rtn. Kaushik Bhattacharyya.
- Rotary Foundation Seminar 2025 was held at Springfield Banquet Hall, 2nd Floor, Spring Club EM Bypass, Kolkata on 27th November 2025 at 6.30 pm. The Chief Guest was Shri Ashok Mahajan, Past Rotary International Director and Trustee and Keynote Speaker and Guest of Honour was Shri Leander Paes, Padma Bhushan and Olympian. Lead host club was Rotary Club of Calcutta South City organized by District Rotary Foundation Committee and all clubs. Foundation Chair PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee, President Rtn Sanghamitra Duttagupta, Secretary Rtn Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra, Treasurer Rtn Dipak Kumar Mitra and Rtn Sharmila Sur paid 400 USD each to be honoured as Paul Harris Fellow. A total amount of 2000 USD was paid.
- The project Rotary Sans Frontiers Happy School at Lalgurh, Jhargram will be continued this year also. A deep tube well and pump set up for safe drinking water, solar panel, renovation of toilets all have been done in 2024-25. But more need to be done. Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance has volunteered to be the lead club for the project. This year also, a matching grant from Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust is sought. 1,50,000/- will be raised as the seed money aiming at a project of 3 lakhs. Therefore, each participating club needs to give extract from the minutes of the resolution adopted at the Board Meeting in letterhead stating their wiliness to join the project. RC Behala will join as co-host. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty donated 5,000/- and RC Behala club will give 5000/- for the project.
- PP Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty informed that My Rotary page was updated and Rotary Club of Behala has reached 13 goals they had set to be fulfilled. After 5 members become PHF, 14 goals will be realized and therefore now RC Behala is eligible for District awards.
- On 11th December 2025 Mother and Child Care project will be held at Nepalgunge. Awareness talk will be given by Dr Sumita Basu.
- Rotary Club of Behala will join the flagship project MAA of RC Calcutta North East. Widowed and aged 800 mothers will be given kits containing saree, bedsheet, blanket, gamcha, durrie, mosquito net, slippers, umbrella, shawl, hygiene kit, biscuits, soya bean, dry fruits and food packets. Rs.5000/- covers 5 beneficiaries. The joint project will be held on 7th December 2025 at Simla Byayam Samiti, Girish Park. RC Behala will contribute Rs 5000/- for this Joint project.
- At the RCM at Tollygunge Club it was unanimously decided that PP Rtn. Ajay K. Chatterjee will become one of the two-member nominating committee along with PP Rtn Debidas Ganguly since PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar is indisposed.
- SAMPARK, multi-district public image seminar, will be held at Mistwood Hotel and Resort, Durgapur on 7th December 2025 at 3 pm, in which the two participating districts will be RID 3240 and RID 3291. The seminar will be attended by President Rtn Sanghamitra Duttagupta.
- On 18th January 2026 a picnic hosted by Rtn Probir Roy and Mrs. Sumita Roy will be held at Raspuja. Members are requested to block the date and join with their spouses.
- Club business was conducted by Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra.
- Total Members 39. Members present : Rotarians – 12, Guests – 4
- The next regular meeting will be held on 4th December 2025 at Malik Guest House at 6.30 pm.
- Bijoya Diwali fellowship and dinner meet was held at Belvedere PDR Hall, Tollygunge Club on 28th November 7-30 pm onwards. Members came with their families.
- The meeting was terminated by the President after the Minutes of the 2707th regular club meeting was confirmed. 4way test was read by all the members present.