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MARCH



“Life is a perspective and for me, if a human being has access to school, clean water, food, proper health care, that is the basis of human rights.”
Gelila Bekele

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Happy Occasions

BIRTHDAY



Arkopal
S/O PP Rtn Angshuman
Bhattacharya
DOB: 6th March



Aditya
S/O Rtn (Dr.) Atanu Saha
DOB: 15th March



Sanandi
D/O PP Rtn. Indubhusan Das
DOB : 17th March

ANNIVERSARIES



**Mrs. Sumita & PP
Rtn. Probir Roy**
D/Anniversary : 06th March



**Rtn. Shakuntala Ghosh Hazra
& Dr. Kashinath Ghosh Hazra**
D/Anniversary : 06th March

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Clean water, sanitation and good hygiene are human rights. When people, especially children, have access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, they lead healthier and more successful lives. We don't just build wells and walk away. Rotary members integrate water, sanitation, and hygiene into education projects. When children learn about disease transmission and practice good hygiene, they miss fewer days of school. And they can take those lessons home to their families, expanding our impact.

Clean water is a basic human right that many are often denied. There are 2.5 billion people worldwide who lack access to improved sanitation, and 748 million people who don't have clean drinking water. Nearly 1400 children die each day from diseases caused by a lack of sanitation and unsafe water. When people have access to clean water, they live healthier and more productive lives.

In 2015, the United Nations introduced its new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty and promote prosperity while protecting the environment and addressing climate change. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 on water and sanitation encourages us to address universal access to drinking water and sanitation, along with improved water management, to protect ecosystems and build resiliency.

Rotary members are committed to achieving the water and sanitation SDG through projects such as building wells, installing rainwater-harvesting systems, and teaching community members how to maintain new infrastructure.

During March, Rotary Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month, we're celebrating our commitment to creating healthier communities by supplying clean water and sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Here are just a few examples of club service projects around the world that are creating a lasting impact:

- The Rotary Club of Morning Tide Bugolobi, together with Hamilton Rotary Club and all other Rotary and Interact clubs in Bermuda (D7230), are the international partners. The project consists of a water catchment to provide clean water for the residents of Rwempungu, Mitooma District in rural western Uganda (640km West of Kampala).
- The Rotary Club of Utumishi in Kenya, together with 11 Rotary clubs in D7230, undertook a project to provide natural filtration to the water of 26 springs, impacting more than 1500 families.

DISTRICT PROGRAMME

CLUB NEWS



The Rotary Club of Behala is proudly committed to uplifting our community through dynamic and inspiring welfare initiatives focused on building sustainable infrastructure and providing immediate relief to our rural and elderly populations. Our recent projects highlight essential areas such as water security, personal hygiene, and dignity for marginalised groups, and we couldn't be more excited about the positive impact we're making!

Key Sanitation & Infrastructure Projects

A major highlight of our efforts is the large-scale water storage project in Chandanpiri, which addresses the vital need for reliable water access—an essential first step toward ensuring community hygiene! –

Water Storage Expansion : We are thrilled to share that we've installed 31 water tanks, greatly enhancing local water security and sanitation.

Infrastructure Support : By strategically placing these tanks, we ensure rural households and community centres have a reliable supply of clean water for cleaning and personal use.

Health & Hygiene Distribution Drives

We regularly team up with incredible organisations, such as the Swapnopuron Welfare Society, to reach vulnerable community members, including older people and individuals with disabilities.

1. **Shanti Nivas Old Age Home Initiative :** Our recent drives have prioritized the health and comfort of the residents at Shanti Nivas Old Age Home. We combine hygiene with seasonal necessities.
2. **Saree & Clothing Distribution :** By providing fresh clothing, we help maintain personal dignity and hygiene standards.
3. **Blanket Drives:** These blankets are vital for keeping our elderly warm and healthy during the colder months, helping to prevent respiratory issues.

Community Outreach & Inclusion

Support for the Disabled : We implement targeted programs to ensure that differently-abled individuals receive essential supplies, keeping them included in our health and hygiene drives.

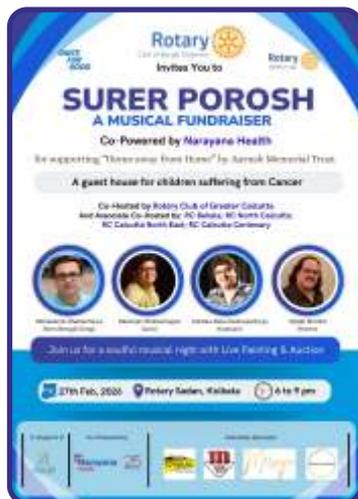
Vocational Recognition : We celebrate local entrepreneurs and their skills, promoting clean, professional standards in local food production, like baking. RCB Donated two sewing machines to Nayantara Foundation Tailoring Training unit a project by Inner Wheel Club of Behala at Ruppur Santiniketan.

Strategic Focus Areas

Our approach aligns with the Rotary International pillars of "Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene" (WASH), focusing on:

Prevention: Minimizing the spread of water-borne diseases through improved storage.

Dignity: Providing the elderly and rural poor with clean clothing and bedding.



Surer Porosh

Surer Porosh, a delightful musical evening was held on 27th February 2026 at Rotary Sadan hosted by the Rotary Club of Bengal Dreamers, a vibrant and new club dedicated to supporting Ayush Memorial Trust Home, a haven for children battling cancer. With the Rotary Club of Behala proudly co-hosting, our amazing President, Rtn. Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, was also featured in an interview with Doordarshan Kendra Kolkata. We're incredibly proud of her leadership and commitment!



MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the 2714th RCM of Rotary Club of Behala
held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 PM on 19th February 2026

- President Rtn. Sanghamitra DuttaGupta calls the 2714th RCM to order.
- President requested PP Rtn.Manica Karmakar to lead the National Anthem.
- It is informed that the Semi Annual dues to RI have been paid.
- As per an appeal From Dist Governor, President requested members of the club to be the Associate co host by contributing 25000/ for the refurbishment of Academy of Fine Arts which is in dilapidated condition. Members agreed to pay a Minimum of 1000/ and maximum of 5000/ each.
- RC of Bengal Dreamers organized a fund raiser Surer Porosh a musical evening in aid of Ayush Memorial Trust a home away from home for cancer affected Children at Newtown.RC of Behala were the Associate cohost contributed Rs 5000/.
- RC of Behala will be donating two sewing machines to Nayantara Foundation organised by Inner Wheel Club of Behala on the occasion of the opening of the Tailoring Training Unit at Ruppur Santiniketan ,on 21st February 2026.
- It was decided that members will visit the English medium school at Dhosa,when Pranadhara 2, the clean source of water will be provided to the entire village thru Tata Swach will be installed.
- Rs 10000/ donated by Rtn Debarshi to RMBF.
- Eye check camp will be held on 15 th March2026.Details of the programme was explained by PP Rtn. Manica Karmakar. Lunch and refreshment will be provided to the doctors and associates sponsored by Hindusthan Sangha.
- For the patients will b sponsored by the Club.Rs 150/ per patient to be given.
- Rtn Sanjay donated rs 6000/ to Life Beyond cancer (LBC).
- President requested all members to save the date for OCV on 4 th April 2026 at Bengal Club. Spouses are invited to join , it will be followed by dinner:
- There was a discussion regarding a trip to Chandanpiri.
- In RY 2025-26 water tanks 31 numbers were installed. After completion of 200 Water and sanitation tanks, club wants anyone from the District to visit our Signature project at RCC Chandanpiri.Work done by PP Rtn. Bikas Datta was highly appreciated.
- 6th February 2026 a health checkup camp for children was held in Association with Free to b Kids at Srijoni Thakurpukur.Number of beneficiaries were 47. Dr Sumita Basu, HOD Paediatrics RK Seva Pratishthan,and Dr Neena Ghose Professor of Paediatrics,Vivekananda Institute of Medical Sciences did the Healths check up. Children were given goodies (Biscuits and Frooti).
- Minutes of the last meeting was confirmed.
- President requested Secretary to conduct the Club business.
- Birthday and Anniversary were celebrated by cutting a cake.
- The meeting ended with a lovely fellowship.
- Next RCM will be on 5 th March at Mallick Guest House at 6-30pm.
- President terminates the meeting.

Total members : 38. Members present :10. Guest Present : 1

RTN SANGHAMITRA DUTTAGUPTA
PRESIDENT RC BEHALA 2025-26

RTN FRANCESCO AREZZO
RI PRESIDENT 2025-26

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-26

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