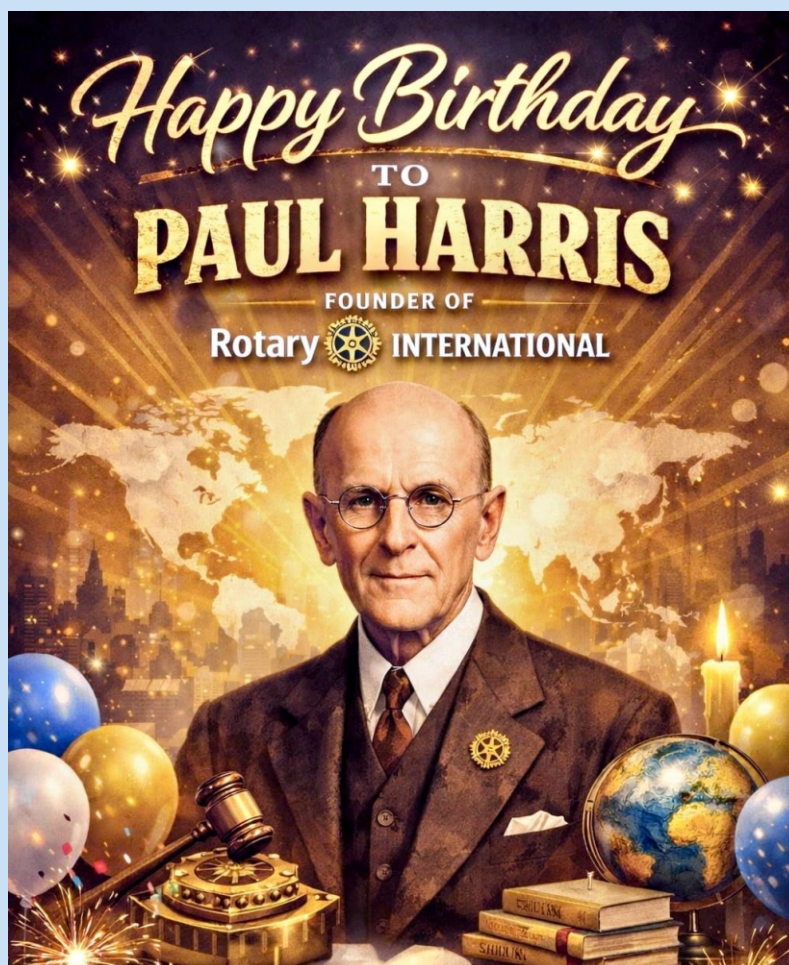


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RI President : Rtn. Francesco Arezzo | Dist. Governor : Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri
President : Sanghamitra Duttagupta | Secretary : Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra | Editor : Rtn. Sunit Roy



Happy Occasions

BIRTHDAY



Balarka
S/o Rtn. Anusree Banerjee
DOB: 7th May



Mrs. Sumita Sengupta
W/o PP Rtn. Pijush Ranjan
Sengupta
DOB: 09th May



Mr. Subhrasish Ganguly
S/o. PP Rtn. Debidas Ganguly
DOB: 12th May



Mrs. Madhumita Dasgupta
W/o Rtn. Arup Dasgupta
DOB: 12th May



Mr. Rouhin Bhattacharya
S/o Rtn. Angshuman
Bhattacharya
DOB: 15th May

ANNIVERSARIES



**Mrs Suneeta Marwaha &
PP Rtn. Swapan Kumar Marwaha**
D/Anniversary: 10th May



**Mrs. Anuradha Joardar &
PP Rtn. Debabrata Joardar**
D/Anniversary: 11th May

THEME OF THE MONTH

What Is your Rotary Club doing to focus on Youth Service this month? May is Youth Service (formerly called New Generations) Month when Rotary Clubs, around the world focus on youth services, Rotaract, Interact, RYLA, Youth Exchange.

INTERACT

Interact is a Rotary-sponsored service club comprised of 14-18 year olds. Interact gives young people the opportunity to take part in fun, meaningful service projects. Along the way, Interactors develop their leadership skills and initiative while meeting new friends. Members exchange ideas, opinions and plans with other talented, energetic people, in an atmosphere free from negative pressures and distraction. Interact strives to promote student leadership, local volunteer service, and to make members aware of the many global and world issues that effect people everyday.

Ultimately, students can:

- Become acquainted with a premiere service organization (Rotary International) and proven leaders from communities throughout Rotary;
- Learn how to manage and head community service projects;
- Learn about other Rotary club programs including Rotaract (service club for young adults), Earlyact (a service club for primary school students), youth exchange (a chance to live and study abroad) and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

The word Interact stands for “international action” and today there are more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries.

ROTARACT

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young people ages 18-30. Rotaract clubs are usually community or university-based and are sponsored by a local Rotary club, making them true “partners in service” and key members of the Rotary family.

Young adults augment their knowledge and skill and also address the physical and social needs of their communities while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service. Rotaractors also often spearhead the formation of Interact clubs and participate in RYLA.

Rotaract is one of the fastest-growing programs of Rotary service with more than 9,500 Rotaract Clubs with 291,000 members in 177 countries.

Rotaractors follow the motto “fellowship through service”.

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Rotary Youth Exchange is an excellent and inexpensive way for high school age students to travel and study in a foreign country.

Youth exchange gives the participant the opportunity to improve their language skills and school and family experiences will teach them the culture of their host country. They also act as ambassadors for their home country. Each year the Rotary Districts that are part of CSRYE send approximately 300 young people to other countries and accept 300 young people from other countries in return.

Accepting a youth exchange student into your club, community and household can be a very rewarding experience. It’s an opportunity for you, your family and your fellow Rotarians to learn about a different culture and also help a young person understand your culture. The goal of Rotary Youth Exchange is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person to person level.

RYLA

Each year thousands of young people take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) programs worldwide. Young people are chosen for their leadership potential to attend a seminar, camp or workshop to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary’s respect and concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth; and
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

Started in Queensland, Australia in 1959 and officially adopted by Rotary International in 1971, the RYLA program enables young people to debate issues of professional responsibility and human relations, improve leadership and communication skills, learn about businesses or institutions and meet Rotarians, while having fun and making friends. For participants, RYLA provides the opportunity to refine skills and explore pertinent topics with peers and elders; for Rotarians, RYLA offers the chance to help develop leaders, share valuable expertise and bridge the gap between generations. RYLA can help lead to the strengthening and formation of Interact and Rotaract clubs and can be used as a recruiting tool for youth exchange.

[Learn more >](#)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

As of May 2026, Rotary International is focused on promoting the 2026-27 theme "Create Lasting Impact," preparing for the 2026 Convention in Taipei, Taiwan (June 13–17), and implementing new, specialized member clubs, such as passport clubs. Recent announcements highlight the selection of Barcelona for the 2027 Convention and ongoing global efforts in polio eradication.

Key May 2026 Rotary International Highlights :

- **2026–27 Theme** : The upcoming Rotary year's theme, "Create Lasting Impact," was officially unveiled by 2026–27 President-elect Olayinka Hakeem.
- **2026 Convention (Taipei)** : Final preparations are underway for the [2026 Rotary International Convention](#) in Taipei, Taiwan, scheduled for 13–17 June.
- **2027 Convention Location** : [Rotary announced](#) Barcelona, Spain, as the host for the 2027 International Convention, to be held 26–30 June 2027 at the Fira de Barcelona.
- **Governance & Leadership** : The RI Board recently finalized a new zone structure, and Gurjeet Singh Sekhon was elected as RI Director for Zones 4 and 7 for 2027–29.
- **Project Focus** : Rotary continues to emphasize water security and environmental projects, with regional focus on projects in Costa Rica and ongoing Polio eradication advocacy.
- **Upcoming Events (2026)**:
 - [Africa Peace Summit](#) : July 3 in Casablanca, Morocco.
 - [Rotary European Summit](#) : September 8–13 in Rotterdam, Netherlands.
 - [Rotary Action Summit](#) : September 4–6 in Palanga, Lithuania.

DISTRICT NEWS

Boisakhi Sandhay



Rotary Club of Behala UNITE FOR GOOD

বৈশাখী সন্ধ্যায়

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6:00 pm Onwards
 Friday, 24th April, 2026
 Urbana Club House
 Registration fee - Rs. 500 Only (individual)

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Rendezvous II



Attending the SELS today for a wonderful Rotary Year ahead

Program on Rotary Leadership Institute



RLI REPORT

Rotary UNITE FOR GOOD GOVERNOR'S MONTHLY LETTER

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART-I
22nd FEBRUARY 2023 & ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE PART-II
24th FEBRUARY 2023 & ACADEMY OF THE ARTS

The RLI District Committee of RID 3291 proudly chronicles the successful culmination of RLI Part I, II and III this February and March physically and virtually, a veritable festival of learning inaugurated by the stirring words of DG Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to RLI Goa District for inviting us at Multidistrict RLI hosting in Goa for Post Graduation and from our district more than 21 members already registered which will be done on 17th to 19th April at Goa.

Heartiest congratulations to these new torchbearers of Rotary; we are honoured by the support of our dignitaries in weaving this tapestry of success.

This 26th February we organized RLI Part-1 and 1st March we organized RLI Part-2 and then 21st March we organized Part-3 which was the 2nd graduates group's RLI. We also organized Virtual RLI Part-1 and Part-2 in this month. Our respected First Lady joined RLI Part-1 & 2 and we felt proud for her.

Our next RLI Part-3 will be held on 12th April at Midnapore Rotary Eye Hospital. We will go to Goa for Multi District RLI on 17th April to 19th April. Requesting all to explore Rotary leadership training program at Goa, where already 115+ Rotarians joined from 54 clubs of 12 districts.

Yours in the Service of Humanity,
PP Sinchana Bhattacharjee, RLI Chair
PP Anjan Ray, RLI District Coordinator SA and RLI District Committee, RID 3291

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DLA

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Rotary District 3291 **DLA 2026** District Learning Assembly Host Rotary Club of Belur

17th May 2026 Sunday

- Registration 8.30 - 9.30 am
- Inaugural Session 9.45 - 11.15 am
- Coffee Break 11.15 - 11.35 am
- Breakaway Session 11.45am - 1.45 pm
- Lunch Break 1.45 - 2.45 pm
- Closing Session 2.45 - 4.45 pm
- TEA TIME

Venue HYAT T REGENCY KOLKATA

Registration Fee ₹ 2200

Tapas Bhattacharya District Governor 2026-27 PDG Debasish Mitra District Learning Facilitator 2026-27 Sharad Dugar HOST PRESIDENT 2025-26

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17th May 2026 Sunday

GRAND PRIZES

Clubs attending DLA 2026 on 17th May 2026 at Hyatt Regency in large numbers and with substantial Registrations will be recognised as under:

- A. Highest Participating Club;
- B. Clubs with Maximum Spouse Participation - 3 Recognitions - 1/2/3
- C. Category-wise Recognitions :
 - a. Gold: 30 or more
 - b. Silver: 20 or more
 - c. Bronze: 10 or more
- D. Special Recognition for Clubs below 20 Members and with 100% Registrations

There will be Lucky Draw twice during the Event:

- A. After the Inaugural Session amongst all Participating Delegates Present!
- B. During the Closing Session amongst all Participating Delegates Present!

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REGISTER NOW

Tapas Bhattacharya District Governor 2026-27 PDG Debasish Mitra District Learning Facilitator 2026-27 Sharad Dugar HOST PRESIDENT 2025-26

THALASSEMIA SUMMIT 2026

Rotary Club of Calcutta New Alipore Calcutta Park Point

8TH MAY THALASSEMIA SERVICE DAY TIMING: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

An Initiative of Rotary District 3291 **HOWRAH STATION**

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ভারতবর্ষকে এখনই থ্যালাসেমিয়া মুক্ত করুন

JOIN US FOR A THALASSEMIA AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT THE STATION CONCOURSE

Rotary District 3291

THALASSEMIA SUMMIT 2026

8 MAY, 2026 | 5:00PM - 7:30 PM | ICCR, KOLKATA

World Thalassaemia Day 2026 : Celebrating Unity - Advancing Patient Care

Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty

Mark your calendars for May 8, 2026! It's World Thalassaemia Day, a special occasion dedicated to raising awareness about Thalassaemia and the importance of compassionate care for those affected by this inherited blood disorder. Thalassaemia affects the body's ability to produce adequate amounts of hemoglobin, the vital protein in red blood cells that transports oxygen throughout our systems.

The impact of Thalassaemia can vary widely, from mild symptoms to severe challenges that significantly affect daily life. In more intense cases, individuals may need blood transfusions and ongoing medical interventions to manage their health and wellbeing.

Inspiring 2026 Theme: "Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress"

This year's inspiring theme, "Empowering Lives, Embracing Progress: Equal Access to Quality Thalassaemia Care for All," highlights the essential mission of making quality care accessible to every individual, no matter where they live or their economic situation. Together, we can bridge the gaps in treatment and ensure that no one is left behind!

Thalassaemia is passed down through generations, predominantly affecting families in regions such as the Mediterranean, South Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. It can lead to conditions like anemia and fatigue, and without regular treatment, it can pose serious health risks. But with proper management, including blood transfusions and iron chelation therapies, lives can be profoundly improved.

A Brief History of World Thalassaemia Day

Established in 1994 by the Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) in memory of George Englesos—who lost his life to the disease—World Thalassaemia Day serves as a heartfelt call to action for better prevention programs and innovative treatments. Each year, communities come together to observe this day through educational seminars, blood donation drives, awareness campaigns, and vibrant social media movements that shine a light on the obstacles faced by patients and their families.

Let's unite! By promoting awareness, genetic counseling, and early screenings, World Thalassaemia Day is a beacon of hope, dedicated to reducing the global burden of this disease and enhancing the quality of life for patients everywhere. Together, we can make a difference!

CLUB NEWS

Thalassaemia Awareness Program at Free to be Kids



Life Beyond Cancer



Life Beyond Cancer

Handing over a chq for a child for the medication for the whole year at SSKM to Rtn Partho Sarkar.

OCV (Dist Governor's Official Visit)



MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of 2718th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held On 16th April'2026 at Mallick Guest House

- President call the 2718th RCM to order and welcome all Subho Nababorsho.
 - National Anthem was led by Rtn Sharmila Sur.
 - President informed about the Dist Projects-
 - 24th April Dist programme BAISAKHI will be held at Urbana Complex.
 - 25 th April RONDESVOUS-II will be held at Haldiram Banquets.It is meet of President, Secretary, AG, ZS.
 - Four lady members of RC of Behala attended the RCC Conference RAMDHANU at Bakkhali on 28th/29th of April.One and a half day session was well educative and well conducted. Doctors highlighted on different topics which were beneficial to 260 attendees.
 - Members visited our RCC Chandanpiri and visited the beneficiaries who were happy to utilise the water sanitation project.Uptill now our club has completed 200 tanks.It is a sustainable project of RC o Behala. Thereafter the inmates of Ramkrishna Sangha of Chandanpiri ,presented a play and an interactive session with the self help group made it more fruitful. We were awarded a certificate of appreciation for being the cohost of RCC Conference.
 - Members will visit LSA for formation of Interact Club on 24 th.
 - Rtn Sunit Roy informed about the cost incurred for the eye camp.
 - Members are requested to attend the Awareness camp on Thalassemia in association with FTBKIDS at Thakurpukur on 2nd May.Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty will give a power point presentation on Thalassemia.
 - Secretary conducted the club business.
 - Next RCM will be on 7th May on Google meet.The link will be shared.
- Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
President terminated the meeting.

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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