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AUGUST IS



MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH



BIRTHDAY



PP Rtn. Anirudha Gupta
DOB : 10th Aug



Darpan
S/O PP Rtn. Deepnath
Roy Chowdhury
DOB: 11th Aug



Sourav
S/O PP Rtn Krishnendu
Bhattacharya
DOB: 13th Aug



Rtn. Sharmila Sur
DOB: 13th Aug



PP Rtn Dipak Kr Mitra
DOB: 14th Aug

Glimpses of celebration of Happy Occasions on 24 July



Appeal by the club President

All spouses are cordially invited to attend the Charter night on 24th August, Sunday at CCFC followed by an Audio visual presentation on Biodiversity.

All members are requested to attend the Independence Day programme on 15 August at Free to be kids main campus in Thakurpukur. Please be present by 9:15 am.

First step towards Global Grant Project

RC Behala have partnered with RC Calcutta in a Global Grant project PRANDHARA II



- * Community Purified Drinking Water
- * 22 rural Govt Aided Schools/ NGO
- * Capacity 500 Litres/ Hour with total of 11000 Litres/ Day
- * Total Usage : 2,75,000 Litres/ Month
- * Removes 99.999% viruses like Hepatitis A & E, Polio Virus.
- * Removes 99.999% bacteria like E. coli Cysts from raw water.
- * TATA Swachh Tech Jaal



PRANADHARA -II

Lead Club : Rotary Club of Calcutta

Partner Clubs : Rotary Club of Abhamaan, Rotary Club of Behala, Rotary Club of Calcutta North Suburban, Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour, Rotary Club of Calcutta Mid South, Rotary Club of Tollygunje, Rotary Club of Garden Reach, Rotary Club of Calcutta Megacity, Rotary Club of Dalhousie, Rotary Club of Seerampore.

Rotary
Global Grant



In the History

Why the Rotary year begins 1st July



Rotary Attendees

Ever wonder why 1st July is the beginning of the Rotary year? Initially, our conventions played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18th August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21st August.

Attendees at Rotary's first convention in Chicago in 1910. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the convention ended.

The next August, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal

year on 30th June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and to determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee agreed and, in April 1913, designated 30th June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with Volume 5, No. 1, in July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30th June.

RI News

Eco-brick by eco-brick, Interactors in Peru learn the magic of Rotary



As Raquel Lozano Fernández explained, the mission was twofold. The 2024-25 president of the Rotary Club of Lima, Peru, Lozano is also the adviser for the Interact Club of Abraham Valdelomar, which is sponsored by the Lima club. Under the guidance of Lozano and other Rotarians, the Interactors embarked on an ambitious project to transform plastic bottles and other recyclable materials into eco-bricks. The bricks were then used to create tables and chairs for the Bellavista school in Independencia, a municipality north of Lima's city center.

As part of the project, the Interactors included the Bellavista students in crafting the eco-brick furniture, thereby providing a useful lesson in environmental sustainability. But that was only one facet of the project. Under the guise of la gincana — connection-based games, songs, and activities — the Interactors also conducted social-emotional workshops with the younger students, thereby picking up lessons in leadership and confidence building along the way.

As for the relationship between the older and younger students, the Rotary staff duo report that the kids were all happily, well, "interacting." Mission accomplished.

SEMINAR ON THALASSAEMIA



Seminar by Rotary Club of Calcutta Magnum organized a seminar on Thalassemia on 1 Aug, 2025 at De Paul School Bansdroni. The seminar was conducted by Past President of RC Behala PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty. This was attended by 200 students from Class 10-12.



Mega Health Checkup Camp



On 27th July, Rotary Mega Health Checkup Camp was organized at Basanti Colony with RC Calcutta Labanhrad as the Lead Club and Behala was the Co-host.

Family Corner



Vihaan, son of Rtn Suvrangshu Mitra and his group came second in their dance annual performance at Jai Hind Bhawan in Garia. This was his 1st on stage performance outside school for Vihaan.

Club News

Thalassaemia Awareness



Smt Kumkum Das delivered a talk on Thalassaemia awareness at the club meeting on 3rd July. She works for prevention of Thalassaemia, by arranging camps for screening, blood donation, blood testing. She also provides free services to hospitals such as Medical College, P.G. Hospital, R.G. Kar, N.R.S., and B.C. Roy Children's Hospital. Her work includes organizing thalassaemia screening, blood donation drives, cervical cancer awareness and vaccination camps, health and eye check-ups, and menstrual health programs. She also donates medicines to beneficiaries and supports underprivileged children through health and education initiatives.





RC Behala was Co-Host for Rotary Leadership Institute Learning Programme (RLI I and II)



At Krishnarampur the Adult Literacy Centre and basic sewing training course going on in full swing and on 15 Aug., the club will be gifting 5 sewing machines at Free To Be Kids.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the 2701st Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala
held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 pm on 24.06.2025

- Club President Rtn. Sanghamitra Duttagupta called the 2701th meeting to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn. Sharmila Sur
- Rotary Club of Behala participated as co-host in a Mega Health checkup camp with Lead club Rotary Club of Calcutta Laban Hrad at Basanti Colony Kolkata-700054.
- 15th August Free to be kids invited Rotary club of Behala members to their main campus at Joka. They asked for 5 sewing machines for 5 women who had successfully completed tailoring course. Each Singer sewing machine costs 6000/- Two sewing machines will be given by the club and 3 sponsored by President Rtn.Sanghamitra Duttagupta, PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh Tethi and Rtn. Sudipta Chakraborty.
- There is an appeal for one wheelchair from RCC at Chandanpiri.
- A Breast Cancer Awareness seminar will be organized at Rotary Sadan with other clubs as co-host and Prof Dr. Dipendra Sarkar of Department of Surgery, IPGME&R as the speaker on 20th September.
- Rotary Club of Behala was co-host of Rotary Leadership Institute Part I and Part II. Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra and new member Rtn. Sharmila Sur attended RLI I AND RL II and received certificates.
- 24th August 2025 Charter Day will be celebrated at CCFC along with the induction of a new member and an audio-visual presentation on environment.
- Club business was conducted by Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra.
- Birthdays and Anniversaries were celebrated by cutting a cake to show the camaraderie amongst members.
- Total Members 38 Members present- Rotarians 20. Guest -1
- The next regular meeting of Rotary Club of Behala will be held on 7th August 2025 followed by Board Meeting at Malik Guest House at 6 30 pm.
- The meeting was terminated by the President after the 4way test was read by all the members present.