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## ROTARIANS SEEK JUSTICE

Kolkata, August 30, 2024 — Hundreds of Rotarians and their families participated in a **Silent Protest March for Justice and Peace** from Victoria Memorial to Birla Planetarium for the dear departed soul. Organised by RI District 3291, the 3 km march called for justice while maintaining solemnity and peace. Despite the rain, participants showed strong support by walking in silence with candles and black ribbons. DG, DGE and DGN led the march, expressing gratitude for the community's solidarity and commitment to justice.

## SEPTEMBER

"We can teach children to love. We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work toward them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations."  
PRIP Hebert G. Brown 1995-96



## BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY



## OUTSTANDING SECRETARY 2023-24

Heartiest congratulations to our President-elect 2024-25, Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, on being awarded the Outstanding Secretary Award for 2023-24! This accolade recognizes her ceaseless excellence and dedication throughout the Rotary year 2023-24.

Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta has exemplified outstanding leadership and commitment, ensuring that every club activity, meeting, and initiative was executed with precision and enthusiasm.

# HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS BIRTHDAYS



12 September 2024  
PP Rtn Amaresh Bhattacharya

10 September 2024- Ms.Oindrila,  
Spouse of PP Rtn Sugata Majumdar

13 September 2024- Paromita,  
Daughter of PP Rtn Probir Roy

17 September 2024- Ms. Sharmistha,  
Spouse of PP Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharjee

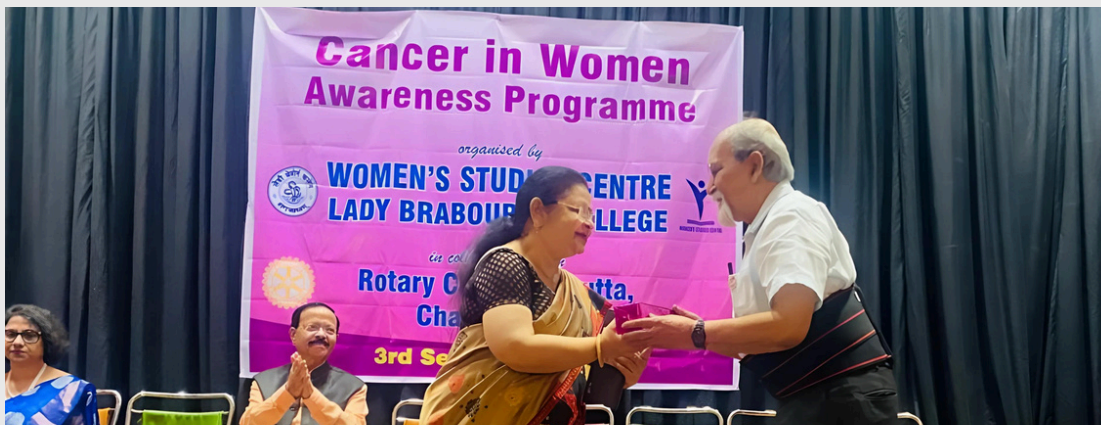
**\*\*Wishing all a very Happy Birthday\*\***



## INDEPENDENCE DAY PROGRAM AT ALIPORE CENTRAL JAIL

15th August 2024 -  
RI District 3291 organised an independence day program "Swaraj" at Alipore Central jail. The event was attended by Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta and Rtn Shakuntala Ghosh Hazra from Rotary club of Behala

## ASSOCIATE HOST AT CANCER AWARENESS PROGRAMME AT LADY BRABOURNE COLLEGE



The Rotary Club of Behala was an associate host for the Cancer Awareness Programme organized by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Charnock City on September 3rd, 2024, at Lady Brabourne College, Park Circus. The event, held from 12 noon to 2 PM, was a significant initiative aimed at raising awareness about cancer among the youth and community members. The programme was graced by our District Governor, Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, who attended as the Chief Guest.

Esteemed doctors served as Guest Speakers, providing valuable insights into cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment options. Additionally, inspiring stories were shared by cancer survivors, which resonated deeply with the audience and added a personal touch to the awareness campaign. A notable moment was the felicitation of PP Rtn Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty, recognising his contributions to the cause and his continued efforts in supporting community health initiatives.



# CHARTER NIGHT

The Rotary Club of Behala marked a momentous occasion on 24th August 2024 as it celebrated its Charter Night, commemorating the club's formation on 24th August 1964. The event took place at the prestigious Tolly Club, where members came together for an evening filled with fellowship, reflection, and celebration.

The evening kicked off with a warm greetings from the club members and spouses and family members, setting the tone for a memorable night. The gathering featured delightful food and drinks, which facilitated a relaxed and joyous atmosphere, allowing Rotarians to engage in meaningful conversations, share stories, and strengthen their bonds.

A highlight of the evening was the ceremonial cake cutting, led by senior member PP Rtn Debidas Ganguly and President Rtn Angshuman Bhattacharya. This gesture not only symbolized the club's enduring spirit but also honored its legacy of 60 years of service and fellowship. The act was met with applause and cheers from all present, reinforcing a sense of unity and shared purpose among the members.

The celebration continued with lively discussions, laughter, and camaraderie, creating a perfect blend of reflection on the club's past achievements and excitement for the future. The fellowship enjoyed by all attendees was a testament to the strong relationships and community spirit that define the Rotary Club of Behala.

As the evening drew to a close, it was evident that the Charter Night celebration had successfully brought together members in a spirit of harmony and joy. The event not only commemorated the founding of the club but also set a positive tone for the upcoming Rotary year.

The Rotary Club of Behala looks forward to many more years of fellowship, service, and growth, building on the foundations laid by its founding members in 1964.



Our love to God is measured by our everyday **FELLOWSHIP** with others and the love it displays  
- Andrew Murray



# VOICES OF EXPERIENCE

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**EXPERIENCE IS THE  
TEACHER OF ALL  
THINGS**  
-**JULIUS CEASAR**  
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**PP RTN DEBIDAS GANGULY**

**PP RTN DEBABRATA JOARDAR**

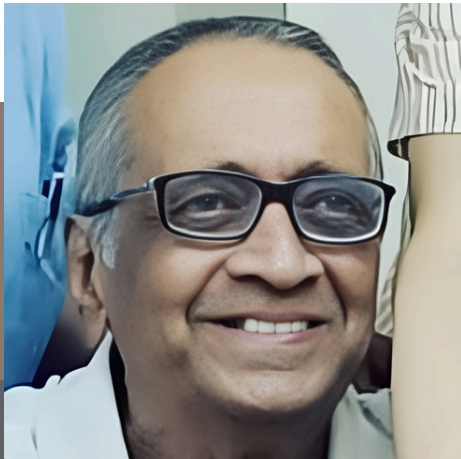
## THE CLUB STALWARTS SPEAK

**What inspired you to join the Rotary Club originally, and how has your experience evolved over the years?**

To serve the poorest of the poor people of the Society. In my 45 years in Rotary I have seen so many projects done by RCB beautifully.

**What changes have you observed in the Rotary Club's goals and activities since you joined?**

Lot of changes observed, new friendship developed with other clubs, exchange opinion for different projects with friends. Moreover work with sincerity and honesty. Peace of mind and satisfaction.



**Can you share any stories about key projects or initiatives that made a lasting impression on you?**

Immunisation of Polio from Global Earth and Bypass surgery of the poor needy children of our society.

**What advice would you give to new and younger members of the Rotary Club?**

New members always should be cheerful, ready to do any project work with sincerity and honesty from the core of their heart.

**Are there any past members or leaders of the club who had a particular influence on you, and what did you learn from them?**

Our very beloved late Past President Sir Atin Mitter who always welcomed every member with a smiling face at the start of meeting and advised us to follow the 4-Way test of Rotary

- a) Is it the Truth?
- b) Is it Fair to all Concerned?
- c) will be build goodwill and better friendships?
- d) Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?



**What inspired you to join the Rotary Club originally, and how has your experience evolved over the years?**

I was inspired by Our member Late PP Premananda Roychowdhury, who lived close by. He often used to narrate what Rotary is doing for society at large. He took me along in some Rotary Behala projects and RCM, which used to be held weekly at Grand Hotel.

**Can you share a memorable moment or significant event that you witnessed during your time in the club?**

I was President of our club 1992-1993 and club secretary was Sanjit Chatterjee. We were having an important meeting at Sanjit's residence when Sanjit had a sudden heart attack. He was immediately taken to CMRI and our member Late Dr Nirmal Nath made him survive. Our member Kuldip Virdi acted as secretary throughout but insisted that Sanjit must be kept as secretary. I thought that was very memorable.

**Can you share any stories about key projects or initiatives that made a lasting impression on you?**

We had a RCC at Raspunj Bakrahahat, where we did plenty of projects including running a medical dispensary, for which we built a well structured room.

**How do you feel the Rotary Club has impacted the community over the years?**

We served the community at large and continuing to do so. We even had a RCC near Salt Lake, where we provided relief materials. The RCC was dismantled recently.

**Are there any past members or leaders of the club who had a particular influence on you, and what did you learn from them?**

We had a charter member Late PP Atin Mitter, who influenced me a great deal. He would attend all meetings, projects etc and always greeted everyone with warm handshakes. He made all smile and tried all newcomers to feel at home.



## INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF INTERACT CLUB OF BRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The Interact Club of Bridge International School (sponsored by Rotary Club of Behala) held its installation ceremony for the new President and Board for the year 2024-25 in a vibrant event at the school premises on 23rd Aug, 2024. The ceremony marked the beginning of a new chapter for this enthusiastic group of young leaders, eager to embark on a journey of service, collaboration, and learning.

The event was attended by Interact Club members, teachers, teacher coordinators, and the Principal. These young Interactors, full of energy and commitment, are looking forward to working closely with the Rotary Club on various meaningful projects, guided by the principles of community service and leadership.

## JOINT MEETING WITH RC CHARNOCK CITY AND RC CALCUTTA LAKES

Joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Charnock City and RC Calcutta Lakes was held on August 18th at Commune. The highlight of the meeting was the introduction and speech of the Guest Speaker, PDG Rtn Ravi Sehgal, who shared valuable insights. The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar.



Rotary Zone 6

**Bem-vindo Presidente**  
Welcome President

**Mario & Denise**

Mário César Martins de Camargo & Denise  
President, Rotary International (2025-26)

**Register Today!**

Anirudha Roy Chowdhury  
Director, Rotary International Governor

Rajju Sharma  
Past District Governor  
Event Chair

Dr Krishnendu Gupta  
District Governor  
RI 3291

Hosted by DGs & DGEs of Zone 6

6:00 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2024  
GD Birla Sabhaghar, Kolkata

### UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Virangana-** 16th September 2024 at Free to be kids

**Puja celebrations** - Venue and details will be announced

**Board Meeting-** Date and time will be announced

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Rotary District 3291

14 & 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Hotel Sonar Bangla Taki**

**1st President Secretary Assistant Governor Zonal Secretary Team MEET**

Rates:  
Twin Sharing  
Rs 5700/- (inclusive of all taxes)

Single Occupancy  
Rs 8500/- (inclusive of all taxes)

Accommodation for ONE night.  
Breakfast, TWO Lunches, Dinner and Hi-tea.

# MINUTES OF MEETING

2678 TH  
REGULAR CLUB MEETING

## MINUTES OF THE 2678 TH REGULAR CLUB MEETING OF ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA – A JOINT MEETING WITH RC CALCUTTA CHARNOCK CITY AND RC CALCUTTA LAKES HELD ON 18TH AUGUST 2024 AT THE COMMUNE FROM 7 PM ONWARDS.

- The Joint Regular Meeting of the three Rotary Clubs started with Rtn Dr Sebanti Goswami, President of RC Calcutta Charnock City chairing the session.
- Rtn Sebanti called the meeting to order and President RC Calcutta Lakes called their meeting to order
- It was followed by the 2678 th RCM of RC Behala being called to order by Club President Rtn Angshuman Bhattacharya started .
- The National Anthem was sung by all.
- The sermon of Four Way Test was recited by all.
- President RC Calcutta Charnock City reported their completed and upcoming projects.
- A lady member (spouse of Club President) was inducted by the Honoured Guest PDG Rtn Ravindra Prakash (Ravi) Sehgal.
- President Rtn Angshuman focused on our continuing projects of Water for Toilet, Project Roshni and renovation of toilets at schools – latest one being at Banspahari of Jhargram.
- He then informed all about our upcoming events – Charter Day Celebration at Tolly Club on 24 th August and participation in Project Virangana initiated by the District.
- Club Secretary Rtn Shuvratav Mitra made happy announcements.
- Honoured Guest PDG Rtn Ravindra Prakash (Ravi) Sehgal was introduced and felicitated.
- PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty handed over a copy of the booklet on Eye Donation to PDG Ravi Sehgal and copies were distributed amongst all.
- PDG Rtn Ravindra Prakash (Ravi) Sehgal spoke brilliantly on Membership and the importance of retaining and growing membership
- This was followed by a Q/A session on the subject.
- A formal vote of thanks was proposed by PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar.
- President RC Calcutta Charnock City terminated their meeting. followed by President of RC Calcutta Lakes and Club President Rtn Angshuman terminating their club meetings respectively .
- **Attendance : Total Club Members- 36 Members Present - 08**