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RI DISTRICT 3291

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**JANUARY IS**

**VOCATIONAL  
SERVICE MONTH**

Together, we see a world where people  
unite and take action to create lasting  
change - across the globe, in our  
communities, and in ourselves.

Rotary's Vision Statement



**ROTARY CLUB OF BEHALA**

**1964 - 2024**

# HAPPY OCCASIONS

## Happy Birthdays



**Parikshit**

S/o Rtn (Dr) Parimal  
Bhattacharyya  
DOB : 19th January



**Mrs Moitrayee**

W/o Rtn (Dr)  
Debmalya Sanyal  
DOB : 19th January



**Mrs Madhumita**

W/o Rtn (Dr)  
Atanu Saha  
DOB : 28th January



**Vishesh**

S/o PP Rtn Swapan  
Kumar Marwaha  
DOB : 29th January



**Ishan**

S/o PP Rtn Dipak  
Kumar Mitra  
DOB : 31st January

## Happy Anniversary



**Mrs Bijoyinee  
& PP Rtn Deepnath  
Roy Chowdhury**  
D/Anniv : 18th  
January



**Mrs Papia & PP Rtn  
Soumjojit Mukherjee**  
D/Anniv : 20th  
January



**Mrs Urmi & PP Rtn  
Anirudha Gupta**  
D/Anniv : 23rd  
January



**Mrs Sudeshna &  
Rtn Sunit Roy**  
D/Anniv : 27th  
January



**Mrs Poulami &  
Rtn Amit Roy**  
D/Anniv : 30th  
January

## A letter of appreciation from Rotary India

Dear Debarshi Dutta Gupta,

I trust this email finds you well. On behalf of Rotary India, I am thrilled to extend our sincere appreciation for your exceptional leadership as the President of Behala W. Bengal. It is with great pleasure that we present you with the attached Certificate of Appreciation, recognizing your commitment to excellence and innovation.

Your decision to subscribe to our Club Website services reflects your forward-thinking approach to enhancing communication and connectivity within your Rotary Club. We are truly inspired by your dedication to leveraging technology for the betterment of your community.

The certificate enclosed is a small token of our gratitude, aimed at acknowledging your visionary leadership and the positive impact it has on the Rotary ideals. We hope it serves as a reminder of the significant role you play in making a lasting difference through your service.

Once again, thank you for entrusting Rotary India with your club's digital presence. We look forward to continuing our partnership and supporting you in your mission to build a stronger, more connected community.

I would encourage you to print, frame and display this certificate in your club.

Congratulations, Debarshi Dutta Gupta! We appreciate you.

Warm regards,  
Rotary India







# Club News

## Our Club in the District Conference 'UTKARSH'

Our Club was represented in the District Conference on 6th and 7th January 2024 by a 5-member team of Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, Treasurer PP Rtn Dipak Kumar Mitra, PP Rtn Indu Bhusan Das and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty.



A Memorial Service for Late Beni Madhab Roy, father of Rtn Amit Roy was organized at Sports Complex, Lake Club on 9th January 2024. Many members of the club attended the programme to pay their respects.



The Club exhibit was displayed in the specific arena, and Past RI President Rtn Shekhar Mehta was spied going through the bullet-pointed details of our signature project of Water for Toilets and discussing it with RI President Representative PDG Rtn Jitendra B Rajbhandary from RID 3292 (Nepal). A moment of pride for us !!

# District News



'UTKARSH' – the District Conference for RY 2023-24 was held at the beautiful Taj Taal Kutir Convention Centre at New Town, Kolkata from 5th to 7th of January 2024.



On 5th there was the election for the office of DGND for RY 2026-27. Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya of RC Dum Dum was elected to the office.

The programmes on 6th and 7th were divided in Plenary Sessions – 12 in number. Highlights were inspiring words by PRIP Rtn Shekhar Mehta, a speech by motivational guru Shiv Khara, talks on District Projects – specially 'Life Beyond Cancer' and a talk on Chanakya niti and its relevance today.

The majestic hall of the venue was not quite full all throughout, with a stall in Exhibit Arena happily supplying endless cups of tea and coffee and the beautiful lawn offering a grand view of the lake opposite – an ideal venue for small talks with friends or a stimulating puff of nicotine. And the foods served there were really from the house of Taj. A couple of energising days well spent.

## UTTARAN II – The PETS, SETS & TETS for RY 2024-25



PETS	SETS	TETS
PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR	SECRETARIES ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR	TREASURERS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR

The PETS, SETS & TETS for RY 2024-25 will be held at ITC Sonar, Kolkata on 25th February 2024.



## Message from RIP Gordon McNally for January 2024



### LIGHT THE PATH OUT OF DARK DAYS

Dear fellow Rotary members,

In difficult times like these, it's impossible to avoid feeling heartbroken over the devastation and loss of life caused by war and destruction. Rotary always stands against harming and displacing civilian populations and using armed aggression instead of pursuing peaceful solutions. We advocate for the observance and respect of international law. We believe in strong action to defend and promote peace, even in the darkest of times.

But we also take our position as an international, nonpolitical, nonreligious organization seriously. To respect the global perspectives and experiences of our members, and to work most effectively in our peacebuilding efforts, we do not choose sides in conflicts. Rotary is made up of 1.4 million people in communities all over the globe who are united in our

commitment to building a peaceful world. We strive to ensure that our words and actions prioritize the health and safety of our global membership and the communities where we live and serve.

Our members seek to offer humanitarian assistance to those affected by conflict, and our global reach requires that we promote peacebuilding and conflict prevention with cross-cultural, cross-border connections and friendship through Rotary. For decades, Rotary has harnessed these connections to carry out service projects, support peace fellowships and scholarships, and establish programs like Rotary Peace Centers to help build lasting peace. Our members also take action to promote Positive Peace, addressing the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, discrimination, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution

of resources. Rotary members who wish to wage peace can use district grants and Rotary Foundation global grants to support projects with other Rotary members that help refugees and displaced people, provide medical support, and more worldwide. Members can also work with or join peace-focused Rotary Action Groups, Friendship Exchanges, Fellowships, and intercountry committees. And District Designated Funds or district cash can support our peacebuilding and conflict prevention efforts.

Members and nonmembers alike can learn more about peacebuilding through the Rotary Positive Peace Academy, a free online course available to anyone with an internet connection. You can find it at [positivepeace.academy/rotary](https://positivepeace.academy/rotary).

There is no denying that incidents of violence and atrocities being perpetuated around the world seem to be escalating. Global peace is fragile, and the stakes are getting higher.

Still, we know that it is possible to bring all people together to work toward a shared goal. Rotary members do so every day in every part of the world. May our ability to unify in common purpose be a spark that helps light the path out of these dark days.

Together, let's Create Hope in the World.

Gordon McNally (*President, Rotary International*)

## Minutes of the 2662nd Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 PM on 4th January 2024

- In the absence of Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty called the 2662nd RCM to order.
- Meeting started with National Anthem led by PP Rtn Prasunjit Mukherjee.
- Report on Christmas Day Celebration at Free To Be Kids was presented by Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta and PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar.  
It was a beautiful programme with young children participating in songs and dances and was followed by a sumptuous lunch.  
The club was represented by Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, IPP Rtn Bikash Dutta, PP Rtn Debabrata Joardar, PP Rtn Amaresh Bhattacharya and PP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya.
- Upcoming projects :
  1. Installation of solar lamp for the fishermen at Namkhana – A pilot project with 10 units will start soon with sponsorship from our club members, namely Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta (5 units), PP Rtn Kaushik Bhattacharyya (3 units), PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Thethi (1 unit) and Rtn Dr Sudipta Chakraborty (1 unit).
  2. Toilet project in Banspahari KPSC (HS) school - IPP Rtn Bikash Dutta will make detailed planning for proposed visit in 2ndwk of January.
  3. Health Check-up camp for children at Free To Be Kids –
- Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta will coordinate with the doctors from Ramkrishna Mission Seva Pratisthan and fix up a date.
- 4. Thalassaemia awareness talk and testing at Barisha High School – Rtn Sunit Roy will coordinate with school authorities and fix up a date.
- 'UTKARSH' - our District Conference for the year will be held at Taj Taal Kutir Convention Centre from 5th to 7th January. Club President Rtn Debarshi Dutta Gupta, Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, Treasurer Rtn Dipak Kumar Mitra, PP Rtn InduBhusan Das and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty have registered for the Conference.
- Rtn Amit Roy requested all members and their family to attend a memorial service for his departed father at Lake Club on 9th January at 6 pm.
- Club Secretary Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta conducted Club Business
- Next RCM will be on 18th January at regular venue and time.
- Next Board Meeting scheduled on 18th after RCM
- Minutes of last RCM as published in Maitree of the day was confirmed
- Meeting was terminated with vote of thanks from and to the Chair.
- Attendance :  
Total Members: 37, Members Present: 12, Guest: 01.