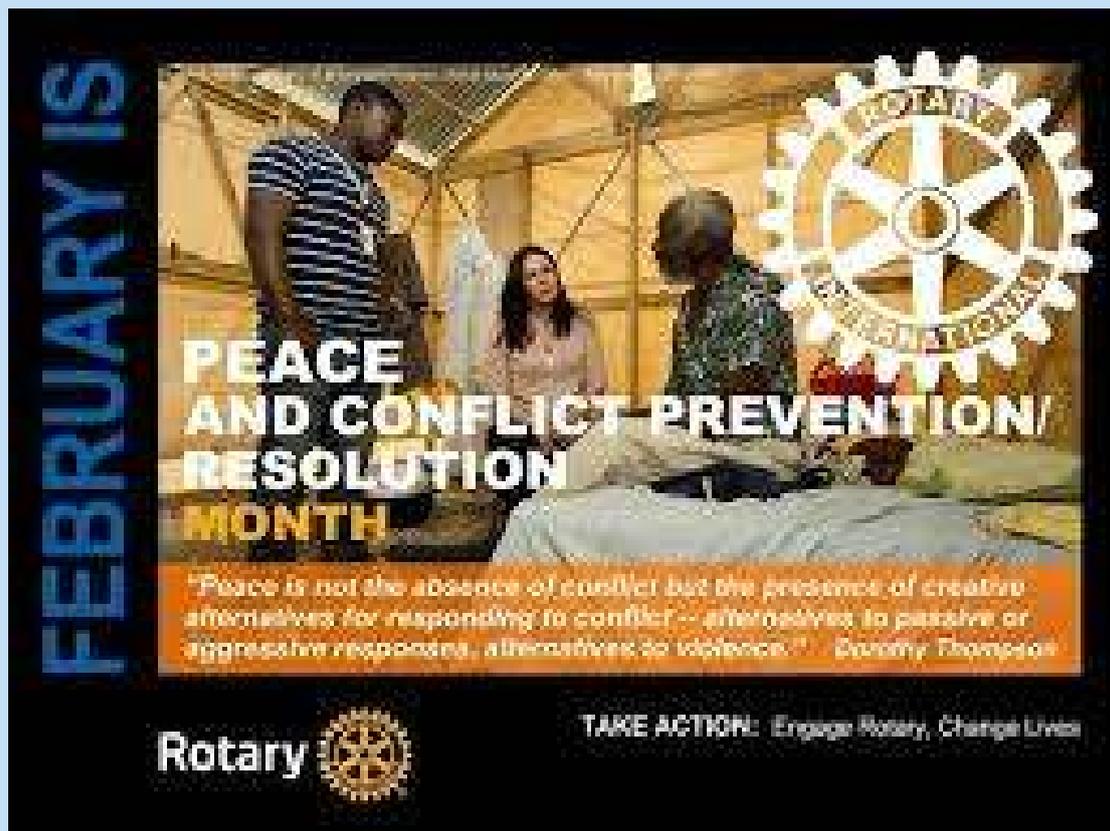


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DOB: 20th February



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DOB: 20th February



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DOB: 20th February



**Virin**  
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**Mrs. Runa Bhattacharya &  
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DOA : 25th February

## RI NEWS



One of the seven areas of focus of Rotary we don't seem to talk about very much is peace building and conflict prevention.

Rotary supports training, education, and practices related to peace building and conflict prevention through initiatives that help create social cohesion and that transform conflict in our own communities and around the world.

Our members focus on prevention and transformation — identifying and working to resolve the underlying conditions, relationships, and social structures that give rise to conflict. By addressing the causes of conflict, communities can move beyond conflict resolution or management to change the environment that led to violence or a threat of violence. This focus on transformation helps ensure sustainable and lasting peace.

## DISTRICT NEWS

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When colours meet camaraderie

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SATURDAY  
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## CLUB NEWS

### School Based Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE) Program



A report on End-of-Project Dissemination Workshop on 'School Based Comprehensive Sexuality Education Programme' held at Institute of Training, Dept of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal on 05-02-2026.

Adolescent pregnancy is a problem in India, with National Family Health Survey (2019-21) reporting 6.8 to 9% of women aged 15-19 having already started childbearing. And in West Bengal the figure is 16% !! Obviously, it has detrimental effect on health of the young mothers, as also the neonates who have a higher rate of infant mortality (53 deaths per thousand live births).

Along with problems of child marriage, low income and lack of education, limited knowledge on comprehensive sex education is an important factor for the malady. And the social tabu sweeps the delicate subject under carpet.

Rtn Kuhu Maitra of RC Capitol Hills, currently serving as International Service Chair, RID 7620 and Board Member of both Rotary Action Group for RMCH and RAG for Menstrual Health and Hygiene conceived an idea of School-Based Comprehensive Sexuality Education Programme for developing nations and started the project in Delhi. Rotary Club of Behala joined hands with RC Capitol Hills, Washington DC for the project, West Bengal Branch of Indian Academy of Paediatrics (the National body of pediatricians) became the implementing partner and Dept of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal was also roped in.

After completion of the Pilot Project involving 11 schools, the End-of-Project Dissemination Workshop was held at Institute of Training, Dept of Health & Family Welfare, Govt of West Bengal on 05-02-2026.

Apart from Rtn Dr Kuhu, 10 other visiting Rotarians from USA joined the workshop. Among them were Rtn Peter Kyle, Past Rotary International Director and Rtn Paul Mahata, Chair, International Service Committee and Vice Director, Zone 33 Board of Disaster Aid, USA. IAP was represented by Dr Sukanta Chatterjee, IAP Vice President EZ 2026 (who was the Project Coordinator), Dr Subhasis Bhattacharyya, President Elect, WBAP, Dr Shamik Ghosh, Secretary, CAHA and the senior Paediatricians who volunteered as facilitators at different school programmes, Dr Swapan Soren, Director of Health Services, Govt of West Bengal, Dr Kaustav Nayek, Director of the Training Institute, Dr Debasish Roy, DDHS, Dr Kunal Kanti De, ADHS, Principals of 3 schools and 3 students. Our club was represented by Club President Rtn Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta, Secretary Rtn Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra, Rtn Sunit Roy, Rtn Arup Dasgupta and PP Rtn Dr Siddhartha Chakraborty.

Our club members exchanged flags with the visiting Rotarians, views and experiences gained from the project were exchanged, a PowerPoint presented the project undertaken in different schools. Finally the outline of our club activities was presented, enthralling the Rotarians from other side of the globe.

The meeting ended with a high hope of continuation of the programme on a bigger scale.



## Year long activities of RCB at Chandanpiri

The Rotary Club of Behala (RI District 3291) has a long-standing commitment to the village of Chandanpiri (specifically Paschim Chandanpiri) in the Namkhana block of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal. Their work focuses on long-term sustainability through their Rotary Community Corps (RCC) in the area.

As of early 2026, here are the key highlights of their water, sanitation, and community projects in Chandanpiri:

### 1. Water and Sanitation (WASH)

- **Water Tank Installation :** In January 2026, the club initiated a major project to install 31 water tanks in Chandanpiri to ensure better storage and access to clean water for the villagers.
- **Sanitation Infrastructure :** The club has been expanding its sanitation project in Paschim Chandanpiri on a larger scale, which includes building toilets and improving drainage.
- **Plastic Commodes :** As part of a district-wide initiative in late 2025, the club distributed plastic commodes to elderly or physically challenged residents in the village to improve household hygiene.
- **School WASH :** They actively promote "Wash-in-School" (WINS) programs, focusing on hygiene awareness, installing sanitary napkin vending machines in girls' schools, and maintaining school toilets.

### 2. Community Development & RCC Chandanpiri

The club operates through a Rotary Community Corps (RCC) formed in association with the Ramkrishna Ashram at Chandanpiri. This partnership allows for daily oversight of their initiatives:

- **Digital Literacy:** In November 2025, the club handed over computers to the RCC Chandanpiri to facilitate local education and vocational training.
- **Solar Energy :** To support the local economy, the club launched a project providing solar lamps to the fishermen of Chandanpiri.
- **Sustainable Agriculture :** They have conducted large-scale tree plantation drives, planting hundreds of tropical fruit trees to provide both environmental benefits and a source of income for the villagers.

### 3. Health and Welfare

**Thalassemia & Eye Care :** The club regularly organizes health check-up camps, Thalassemia detection drives, and eye testing/cataract surgery camps for the rural population of Chandanpiri.

**Relief Work :** During natural disasters (like the frequent cyclones in the Sundarbans region), the club provides immediate relief including food supplies (rice, potatoes, dal) and clothing (saris and blankets).

# MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the 2714th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held on Google Meet 5th February'26 at at 6.30 PM

- 2714th Meeting held on Google Meet on 5/2/26.
- President called the 2714th RCM on Google meet to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn Arup Dasgupta.
- As informed by Rtn Bikash Datta 19 water tanks have been completed at Chandanpiri RCC and 12 more is at the verge of completion which will take the number to 200 in this Rotary year.
- Volleyball and a net has been donated to the students of Ramkrishna Ashram Chandanpiri.
- On 5.2.26 President Rtn. Sanghamitra Duttagupta and Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra, PP Rtn Siddhartha Chakraborty, Rtn. Arup Dasgupta and Rtn Sunit Roy attended an End of Project Dissemination Workshop on School Based Comprehensive Sexuality Education ( CSE)at State Institute of Health and Family Welfare Dept. A delegation of 12 members from RI DIST 7620 Capitol Hill,Washington DC werepresent on that Workshop.The prog was as follows. Perspective Rtn Dr Kuhu Maitra, Dr Sukanta Chatterjee, Chief Coordinator,Director Health Services Swapan Soren, President Paediatric Association placed their views. There was an interactive session as well. A power point presentation by RC of Behala was presented, it was appreciated by The delegates. President Sanghamitra exchanged the Club flag with Rtn Peter Kyle, PDG and RI Director of the RI DIST 7620. Other club flags were exchanged by Secretary Sakuntala, Rtn Siddhartha Chakraborty.
- 6.2.26 Health check up Camp will be held at Srijoni, Free to be Kids at Thakurpukur.Dr Sumita Basu, Prof and HOD of Paediatrics RK Mission Seva PratishthanandDr. Neena Ghosh Prof of Paediatrics Vivekananda Institute of Medical Services, will be examining the children . No of beneficiaries are 47. Doctors will be given a token of appreciation. Children will be distributed maaza and glucose biscuits.
- Rtn Bikash informed as project of water and Sanitation of water tank is nearing A trip to Chandanpiri could be arranged along with our AG.
- Eye camp will be held on 15 th March at Sonarpur after a discussion with Rtn Monica Karmakar and Rtn Sunit Roy.The club will bear the cost of food n refreshments.
- A visit to the newly opened English Medium School to RCC Dhosa will be planned soon.
- Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
- President request Secretary to conduct Club Business.
- Our Next RCM will be held on 19.2.26 at Malik Guest House at usual time.
- The meeting was terminated.

Total Members : 38, No of Attendees : 12