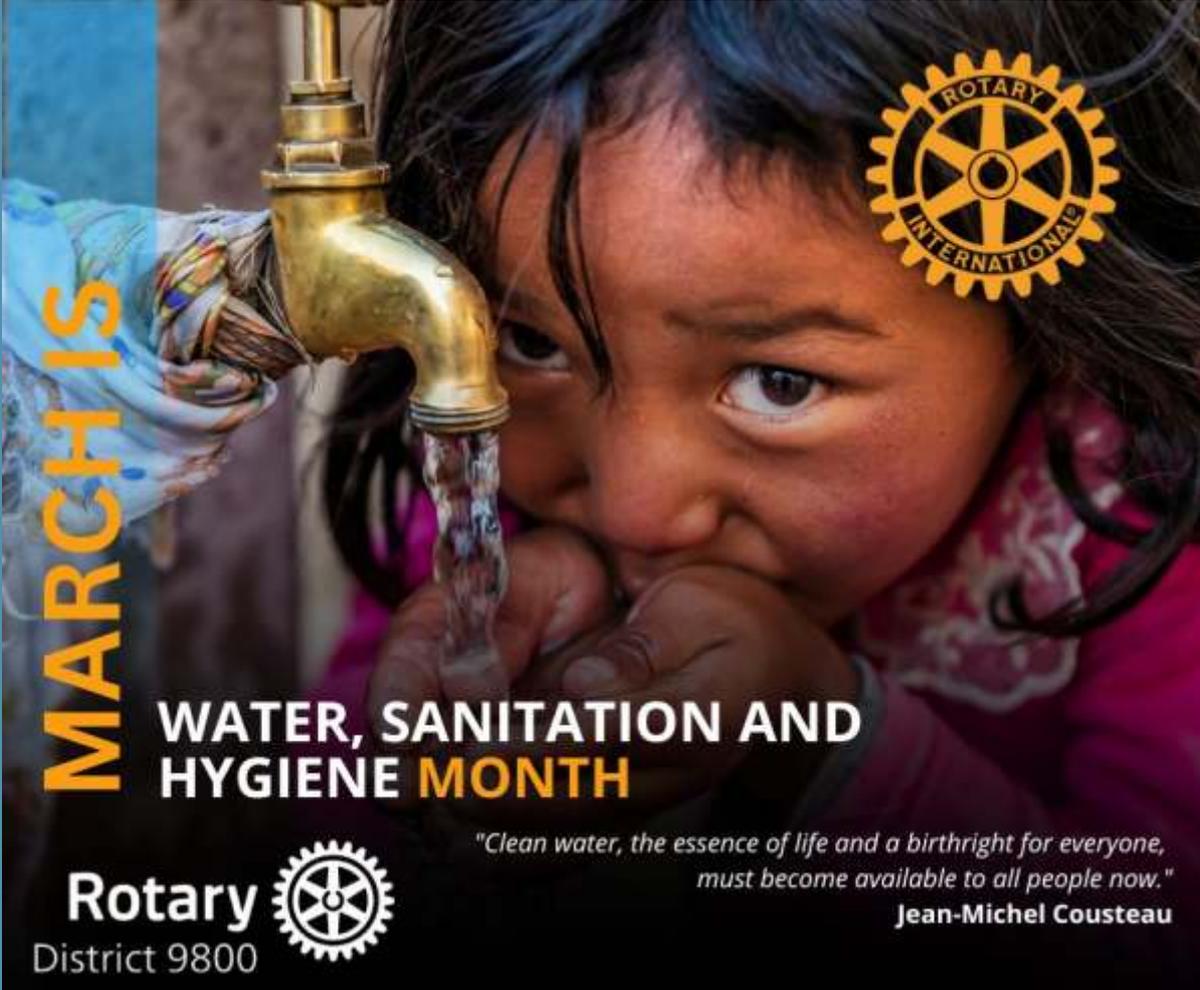


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President : Sanghamitra Duttagupta | Secretary : Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra | Editor : Rtn. Sunit Roy



MARCH IS
**WATER, SANITATION AND
HYGIENE MONTH**

Rotary 
District 9800

*"Clean water, the essence of life and a birthright for everyone,
must become available to all people now."*
Jean-Michel Cousteau

Happy Occasions

BIRTHDAY



PP Rtn. Sugata Mazumdar
DOB : 20th March



Mrs. Suneeta Marwaha
W/o PP Rtn Swapan Marwaha
DOB: 21st March



Avinanda
D/o PP Rtn Amaresh Bhattacharya
DOB: 26th March



Mrs. Nabamita Dutta Gupta
W/o PP Rtn. Debarshi Dutttagupta
DOB : 2nd April



Rtn. (Dr.) Atanu Saha
DOB : 2nd April

International News



Mayan Raslan of the Rotary Club of Cairo, Egypt, is the recipient of the 2026 **Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award**

Mayan Raslan, the 2026 recipient of Rotary's Sylvia Whitlock Leadership Award, believes that true success involves uplifting others. "When you succeed, let others rise with you," she emphasises. As a member of the Rotary Club of Cairo Royal, Egypt, she is dedicated to promoting women into leadership roles, reflecting the spirit of the award named for Sylvia Whitlock, the first female Rotary club president. Raslan's commitment to service began early, inspired by her mother's work in social initiatives. Since joining Rotary in 1999, she has held various leadership positions, including serving as District 2451 governor, where she increased female membership to 54% and established a women's empowerment committee. This committee has provided microloans and training for women, demonstrating Raslan's belief in the importance of long-term impact in social service. Notably, Raslan led a project to build a school in the Fayoum Governorate, which opened in 2020 and now serves over 800 students. Through her experiences, she shows that leadership is about collaboration and creating opportunities for others. "Success is collective. It's never just individual," she states.

DISTRICT PROGRAMME

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RLI - PART III

Registration : RLI (Part III) Rs. 1,500/-
(Including Study Materials, Breakfast, Lunch & Evening Refreshment)

Friday 13 th March, 2026 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Saturday 14 th March, 2026 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
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Wednesday 16 th March, 2026 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Thursday 17 th March, 2026 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
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Saturday 21 st March, 2026 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Academy of Fine Arts Conference Hall 2, Central Hall Road, Kolkata - 700 071
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Rotary RID: 3291

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT

SYMPOSIUM AND CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA

APARAJITA 2

Organized by:
Rotary District 3291
WOMEN AND GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT COMMITTEE

At ICCR on 17th March 2026, 5-9 p.m.

With the blessings of our
DG RTN DR RAMENDU HOMCHAUDHURI
And support of partnering Rotary Clubs

Rtn Vajjayanti Bose PP RC Calcutta Samaritans Advisor 25-26	Rtn Bibek Kundu PP RC Asabahmaan Kolkata Chair 25-26	Rtn Pratima Saraf PP RC Belur Co Chair 25-26
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District Women and Girls Empowerment Committee

District Project



The Academy of Fine Arts, a vibrant cultural hub in the city of Kolkata since 1933, has recently been rejuvenated, thanks to the wonderful support from Rotary District 3291! This inspiring project not only honors the Academy's rich history but also enhances its facilities for today's dynamic artist community and the public. A big thank you to the Rotary Club of Behala for their enthusiastic partnership in this exciting endeavor!

CLUB NEWS

Rotary Club of Behala Organizes Successful Health and Eye Care Camp

In an exciting leap forward for community wellness, the Rotary Club (RC) of Behala, in association with Rotary Club Kolkata Mahanagar, joyfully organised a comprehensive Eye Testing and Cataract Operation Camp at the welcoming premises of the Hindustan Sangha Club, Behala, on 15th March 2026. This fantastic initiative aimed to deliver crucial medical services to underserved members of our community and attracted a wonderful turnout of residents.

A Remarkable Response for Health and Eye Care

The camp experienced an enthusiastic response, with 130 patients signing up for a variety of services. A key

highlight of the day was the free medical check-up wing, expertly led by Dr Poonam Kuruvilla, where 100 individuals received general health screenings.



Our focus on specialized eye care truly made a difference :

- 73 patients benefited from thorough eye examinations.
- 13 patients were diagnosed with cataracts and are now scheduled for life-changing surgical procedures.

Distinguished Guests and Supportive Leadership

The event was made all the more special by a visit from Sri Rupak Ganguly, the Ward Councilor of Ward No. 121, who came to inspire both organizers and beneficiaries. He praised the Rotary Club of Behala and Rotary Club Kolkata Mahanagar unwavering commitment to bringing specialized healthcare directly to our community's doorstep.



Rtn. Sanghamitra DuttaGupta, President of the Rotary Club of Behala, expressed her heartfelt satisfaction with the camp's success and the number of lives touched. The achievement was a collective effort, thanks to the dedication and coordination of club members, who worked tirelessly to ensure smooth logistics and patient care.

PP Rtn Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty, Rtn. Sharmila Sur, and PP Rtn.Kaushik Bhattacharya, were also present to make the program successful.

A Strong Commitment to Service

By identifying cataract cases for surgery and providing essential health assessments, RC Behala wholeheartedly continues its mission of "Service above Self." This camp at Hindustan Sangha is a shining example of the remarkable impact of community collaboration on public health outcomes!



Rotary Changemakers Conclave

The Rotary Changemakers conclave is a significant training and strategy event for Rotary District 3291 hosted at the IIM Kolkata (Joka) campus on 15th March 2026. Secretary of RCB Rtn. Shakuntala Ghosh Hazra and Rtn. Arup Dasgupta attended the program.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the 2715th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 PM on 5th March 2025

- President Rtn. Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta call the 2715th RCM to order.
- National Anthem was lead by Rtn Sunit Roy.
- This month being Water and Sanitation month were planning to visit Chandanpiri with any of the Dist Officials as 28th/29th few of the Club members will be attending RCC Dist Conference at Bakkhali .
- We requested PDG Rajani Mukherjee to pay a visit to Chandanpiri but will be out of station. We requested our AG Rtn Eva Gupta to join us to visit Chandanpiri on 29th March.
- Members will visit the newly built Bharati Naiya English medium school together.
- With the Installation of Pranadhara II, water filtration unit in Srikrishna Nagar High School once the date is fixed.
- Members are requested to attend the 16 th Anniversary of Free to b Kids at Srijoni Thakurpukur .
- Next Board Meeting to be held in 12th March at Outram club at 7 pm hosted by Rtn Krishnendu Bhattacharya .
- Rtn. Sunit Roy Informed about the eye checkup camp to b held in Behala in association with Hindustan Sangh and Rotary Club Kolkata Mahanagar. Health check up camp will take place with Kuruvilla Diagnostics.
- President and Secretary will attend Holi meet on 7/8 th March at Garh Ponchokot.
- To celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March. Lady members of our Club were felicitated with a certificate and a token of appreciation. Birthdays were celebrated by cutting a cake...
- Members are requested to save the DG visit date on 4th April .PPT presentation to be done by PP Rtn. Kaushik Bhattacharya
- RC of Behala wille the Host club of Aparajitha-II , a celebration of Women's n
- Girl's empowerment program to be held on 17th March at ICCR. This is a Dist Program. We have contributed Rs 5000/.
- Secretary Rtn. Shakuntala Ghosh Hazra conducted the club Business.
- Minutes of the last meeting was confirmed.
- Next RCM on 19 th March will be on Google Meet at 7 pm . Members are requested to join the meeting.
- No of members attended-7
- President terminates the meeting.

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PRESIDENT RC BEHALA 2025-26

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