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MAY IS ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS



YOUTH SERVICE MONTH



"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends."
Mary McLeod Bethune

Rotary  **The National Rotarians World**

TAKE ACTION:
Join Rotary, Be a People of Action

THEME OF THE MONTH

May is here, and it's time to celebrate Rotary's Youth Service Month! This is an exciting occasion for Rotarians, Rotaractors, and our vibrant younger members, including Interactors, RYLA attendees, and Rotary Youth Exchange participants. Together, we honor the incredible service, leadership development, relationships, and, of course, the joy that Rotary's programs bring to young leaders everywhere! Every year, over 350,000 enthusiastic young individuals engage in Rotary's youth programs, such as Interact, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange. Youth Service Month is the perfect opportunity to shine a spotlight on the remarkable contributions these young leaders make both locally and globally, as well as the Rotary and Rotaract clubs that support these transformative experiences. Eager to join in the celebration? Here are four fantastic ways to get involved:

1. Collaborate with Young Leaders : Invite youth participants to your Rotary or Rotaract club meetings. This is a wonderful chance to work together, sparking collaboration that empowers these young changemakers. They are eager to create positive change, and showing them how Rotary can help them achieve this is a rewarding experience for everyone!
2. Embark on a Service-Learning Journey: Dive into Rotary's engaging approach to youth service—service-learning! This youth-led initiative cultivates essential life skills and brings lasting benefits to communities. For adult advisers and youth aged 16 and older, there are interactive courses and downloadable resources available in Rotary's Learning Center. Discover more and jumpstart your service-learning adventure at rotary.org/learn.
3. Join a Webinar : As part of the Cultivating Effective Projects webinar series, don't miss the upcoming session on Thursday, May 18 at 18:00 (UTC-5) titled "Expanding Reach: Partner with Youth in Service." This informative webinar will empower you with insights on building connections with youth to enhance the impact of your projects while nurturing the next generation of leaders.
4. Follow Inspiring Stories : Throughout May, we will spotlight our youth leaders across various Rotary International platforms. Be sure to check out the Rotary magazine feature celebrating Interact's 60th anniversary, subscribe to the Young Leaders in Action newsletter, visit the blogs "Service in Action" and "Rotary Voices," and connect with our social media channels to hear inspiring stories directly from the voices of youth participants! Let's come together to celebrate and uplift our remarkable young leaders this month!

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotary projects around the globe May 2026

United States

In August 2023, Maui, Hawaii experienced its deadliest wildfire in a century, claiming over 100 lives and devastating many homes. In September, the community initiative Aloha Amplified hosted a twilight walk and ceremony with support from District 5000's fire relief fund and Lahaina's Rotary clubs. Hundreds participated, carrying lanterns and culminating in the song "Hawai'i Aloha." Local organizations showcased cultural performances, and many Rotarians, despite their own losses, volunteered, illustrating community strength.

Costa Rica:

Costa Rica attracts many tourists, but there are pressing needs, especially for children. Stéphane Dähler from the Rotary Club of Belén shared their commitment to improving education and health. The club assembled and painted 112 desks for the Español School and donated books to the Santiago Alpízar School. They also organized a medical camp in December, providing health screenings and toys. "Our club connects businesses to community welfare for lasting change," Dähler noted.

Italy:

The Rotary Club of Monfalcone-Grado in northern Italy recently unveiled a multisensory panel for the historic Church of San Proto in San Canzian d'Isonzo. This panel combines educational content and Braille to ensure accessibility. Club member Paolo Messina emphasized the church's significance along an ancient Roman road and the commitment of Rotary members to inclusivity and heritage preservation.

Tunisia :

Yassine Harzallah, president of the Rotary Club of Ruspina Monastir, responded to overcrowding in a local primary school. In December, the club provided essential supplies and designed a new modular reading room. By January, the reading room was complete, enhancing the students' learning environment.

Australia

In Australia, Rotary Safe Families addresses family violence, a pressing social issue. Founder Dorothy Gilmour, from the Rotary Club of Hawthorn, aims to support local schools through the Towards Respectful Relationships program, encouraging open discussions about family violence. "There's been a significant shift toward addressing this taboo topic," she said. Rotary members worldwide demonstrate the power of community and shared purpose to create hope and positive change.

DISTRICT NEWS

DLA

Rotary District 3291 DLA 2026 CREATE A BETTER AMBLY
District Learning Assembly
17th May 2026 Sunday
Host Rotary Club of Belur

Rotary

CHIEF GUEST
HYATT REGENCY KOLKATA

BARISH GHOSHAN
Rotary International Executive (2024-2026)

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- Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 am
- Inaugural Session: 9:45 - 11:15 am
- Coffee Break: 11:15 - 11:25 am
- Breakaway Session: 11:45 am - 1:45 pm
- Lunch Break: 1:45 - 2:45 pm
- Closing Session: 2:45 - 4:45 pm
- TEA TIME

Venue: **HYATT REGENCY KOLKATA**

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GRAND PRIZES

Clubs attending DLA 2026 on 17th May 2026 at Hyatt Regency in large numbers and with successful Registrations will be recognized as under:

- A. Highest Participating Club
- B. Clubs with Maximum Spouse Participation - 3 Recognitions - 1/23
- C. Category-wise Recognitions:
 - a. Gold: 30 or more
 - b. Silver: 20 or more
 - c. Bronze: 10 or more
- D. Special Recognition for Clubs below 20 Members and with 100% Registrations

There will be Lucky Draw twice during the Event:

- A. After the Inaugural Session amongst all Participating Delegates Present!
- B. During the Closing Session amongst all Participating Delegates Present!

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BREAK AWAY SESSIONS

- Presidents 2026-27
- Club Service
- Vocational Service
- Community Service Medical & Non Medical
- Secretaries & Treasurers 2024-27
- International Service
- Youth Service
- The Rotary Foundation, Polio & CSR
- Spouses Session

Registration Fee: ₹ 2200

Great Ambience - excellent food - seamless fellowship - enthralling presentations - business like Breakouts - "Renew Old Friendships and Build New Bridges of Friendship"

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DLA held on 17 th May at Hyatt Regency Hotel. Members attended-6 Spouse-1

RLI



Post Graduation course RLI attended by President Rtn Sanghamitra, Secretary Rtn Shakuntala and Rtn Sharmila at the ancestral home of Swami Vivekananda.

9-10 May 2026, 166th birth anniversary of Guru Rabindranath Tagore, venue Ramakrishna Mission Auditorium, Kolkata, a perfect venue for #The Rotary Leadership Institute South Asia to conduct 4 post graduate courses- Fund Raising and CSR, Publicity, Public Image & Relations, Essentials of Leadership and Grants attended by 130+ Rotarians of RID 3291 including past district governors, ARRFC, DG, 1st Lady. 2 days of Unlearn, Learn, Relearn interactive sessions. I was also fortunate to have presence of PP Binod Khaitan who has guided, motivated us to be Discussion Leaders. RLI

team of RID 3291 also felicitated me for conducting Rotary year 25-26, 100th session. The pious venue, birth place of Swami Vivekananda had energized the thought provoking sessions. Rtn Anjan and team, thank you.

The Rotary Leadership Institute

UPCOMING EVENT

THALASSEMIA SUMMIT 2026

Rotary District 3291 Rotary Community Corps **CREATE LASTING IMPACT**

Rotary Community Corps DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2026



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 District 3291-District RCC
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24th May 2026 Registration fees 9.30am - 5pm Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture Golpark Venue
 RCC Members 300/-

Rotary District 3291 **THALASSEMIA SUMMIT 2026**
 8 MAY 2026 | 5:00PM-7:30PM
 RK Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark



CLUB NEWS

Bharati Naiya Memorial School



Donated School furniture's for the students of UKG, Classes-1,2,3 at Dhosa Chandaneswar Bratyajan Samity(DCBS) of Bharati Naiya Memorial School



PEACEBUILDING AND CONFLICT PREVENTION



DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT



WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

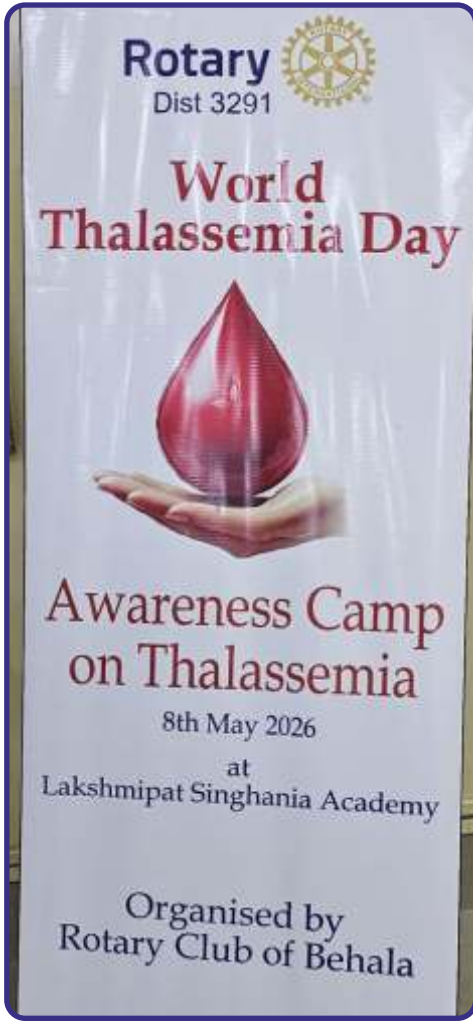


COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



ENVIRONMENT

Thalassemia



Observing World Thalassemia Day on 8th April at LSA, audio visual presentation, speech by Youth leadership chair, distribution of 300 pamphlets regarding Thalassemia awareness.

 *Happy Occasions*

BIRTHDAY



Neha
D/o. Rtn. Shamshir Singh Kapany
DOB: 27th May

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of 2719th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala
held in Google Meet at 6.30 PM on 07th May 2026

- President calls the 2719th RCM to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn Sharmila.
- Dist Coordinator Rtn Arpita Chatterjee gave a brief idea of Interact Club to the students of Lakshmi Pathy Singhania Academy. An interactive session was held with the students. President Rtn Sanghamitra, Secretary Sakuntala and School coordinator Poulomi Saha Datta were also present.
- Donated Rs 20,000/- to LBC (Life Beyond Cancer) for a paediatric patient for her treatment.
- A Thalassaemia Awareness camp was held on 2nd May at FTB Kids campus.
- Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty gave a PPT presentation followed by a Q/A session. No. of beneficiaries were 83. They were given light refreshment. President Sanghamitra, Secretary Sakuntala, PPRtn Siddhartha da and PP Rtn Amaresh were present.
- Attended Dist Project Baisakhi at Urbana complex. THE programme consists of songs and dances, recitation, playing musical instruments.
- Attended president, secretary, AG, ZS meet RENDESVOUS at Haldiram Banquet.
- 8th May WORLD THALASSEMIA DAY will be observed at ICCR in the evening and at Howrah Station in the morning.
- Mr. Sayan Datta was introduced to members as a prospective member. Rtn. Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty will do the needful.
- Secretary conducted club business. Members attended (10+1) = 11
- Next RCM on 21st May at Malik Guest House usual time.
- Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.
- President adjourned the meeting.
- Board Meeting followed next.