

# Maitree

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## January 2026 Vocational Service Month



2026  
Happy New Year!

11-15 January — International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

Happy Occasions

BIRTHDAY



**Mrs. Madhumita Saha**  
W/O Rtn.(Dr.) Atanu Saha  
DOB: 28th January



**Mr. Vishesh Marwah**  
S/O PP Rtn. Swapan Kr. Marwah  
DOB: 29th January



**Mr. Ishan Mitra**  
S/O PP Rtn Dipak Kumar Mitra  
DOB: 31st January

ANNIVERSARIES



**Mrs. Sudeshna Roy  
& Rtn. Sunit Roy**  
Marriage Anniversary: 27th January



**Mrs Poulami Roy  
& Rtn. Amit Roy**  
Marriage Anniversary: 30th January

## RI NEWS

For January 2026, Rotary is excited to shine a spotlight on Vocational Service Month! This month is all about upholding ethical professional standards, celebrating the rich diversity of vocations, and leveraging our skills to make a meaningful impact in our communities. It's part of our inspiring 2025-2026 theme, "Unite for Good." We encourage every member to take a moment to reflect on their career as a powerful platform for service.

The Four-Way Test—Truth, Fairness, Goodwill, Benefit—will be our guiding principle for work and projects throughout this month. Here are some key focus areas to embrace in January :

- Ethical Standards: Let's champion high moral values across all professions, benefiting employers, employees, and the public alike.
- Worthiness of All Occupations: Every job, regardless of its title, brings value—let's recognize that! - --- Using Talents for Service :

Together, we can apply our unique skills to tackle community challenges. Join us for engaging discussions on the Four-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions, as well as the development of vocational service projects and recognition programs. Together, let's celebrate how our careers can drive positive change, helping us unite for good and lay the groundwork for "Create Lasting Impact" in 2026-27!

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

### Rotary Club of Behala Shines Bright at the District Conference with an Inspiring Service Showcase



The Rotary District 3291 Conference for 2026, beautifully themed "Ramdhanu" (Rainbow), was a fantastic gathering of inspiring Rotarians held in Kolkata from January 9 to 11, 2026, at the vibrant Eastside Pavilion in Nicco Park. This event offered a tremendous opportunity for members to connect, share impactful projects, and strategise for future service initiatives, all while resonating with the powerful "Unite for Good" theme for the Rotary year.

Highlights of the Conference included :

- Engaging sessions designed to enhance our fellowship and collaboration as Rotarians.
- Showcases of inspiring projects such as "Life beyond Cancer" and the vision for a "Thalassemia-free India".
- Insightful presentations that left everyone enriched and motivated.

The Rotary Club of Behala truly shone at the conference, where it prominently displayed a robust portfolio of its service projects. Their exhibit, situated alongside other dedicated clubs, was a testament to their commitment to the Rotary motto, "Service above Self."



### A Legacy of Impactful Service

The Behala presentation celebrated a rich array of initiatives across four essential pillars: -

**Vocational Service :** Highlighting skill-building programs that empower local artisans and professionals, ensuring sustainable community growth.

**Youth Service :** Showcasing mentorship and leadership development opportunities through our dynamic Interactors and Rotaractors.

**Medical Community Service:** Featuring our beloved health camps and vital medical aid distributions that make a real difference.

**Non-Medical Community Service:** Detailing key outreach efforts, including environmental drives and literacy projects that uplift and educate.

### Leadership in Attendance

The Behala delegation was proudly led by President Rtn. Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta and Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra, underscoring the club's vital engagement within the District. Notable attendees included the respected PP Rtn. Dipak Kumar Mitra and PP Rtn. Indubhushan Das. Although PP Rtn. Siddhartha Chakraborty, who contributed significantly to our showcase preparation, wasn't able to attend, his efforts were deeply appreciated. Reflecting on this incredible experience, President Rtn. Sanghamitra Dutta Gupta expressed among members of RCB, "The conference was an incredible platform to share our journey with the wider Rotary family. Witnessing our projects among so many inspiring clubs encourages us to dream even bigger for the coming year." The exhibition area buzzed with energy and connection, allowing the Rotary Club of Behala to exchange ideas and explore exciting collaborations for future humanitarian projects. Together, we are inspired to continue making a positive impact in our communities and beyond!

## DISTRICT NEWS

### Service at the Confluence : Rotary and Partners Host Medical Camp at Gangasagar Mela 2026

What an inspiring example of humanitarian spirit! A Free Medical and First Aid Camp was brilliantly organized at the Gangasagar Mela, welcoming the millions of devoted pilgrims arriving for the sacred holy dip. This remarkable initiative provided essential healthcare services, emergency first aid, and life-saving interventions during the festival's peak days.

#### Unified Efforts for Pilgrim Welfare

This incredible effort was collaboration among several passionate organizations, each contributing their unique strengths to prioritize the health and safety of the beloved devotees :

- Organized by : Bamanagar Welfare Society
- Lead Host: Rotary Club of Kolkata Galaxy
- Host : Rotary Club of Behala
- Co-Host : Swarnym Foundation Organization

#### Key Services Provided

Positioned strategically to cater to the high influx of pilgrims, the camp operated nonstop as a 24/7 medical response unit. Here are some of the key features it offered :

- General OPD & Consultations: Knowledgeable doctors were on hand to provide free consultations for common ailments such as respiratory issues, fatigue, and gastrointestinal discomfort.
- First Aid Station: Immediate care was available for minor injuries, blisters, and skin irritations resulting from the long journey and chilly weather conditions.
- Emergency Stabilization: Basic life support and stabilization were offered to patients who needed transfer to mainland hospitals via government ambulances.
- Medicine Distribution: Patients treated at the camp received essential medications at no cost, ensuring everyone received the care they needed.

A Commitment to Humanity

The partnership between the Rotary Club of Kolkata Galaxy and the Rotary Club of Behala truly embodies the 'Service Above Self' ethos of Rotary District 3291. With the logistical prowess of the Bamanagar Welfare Society and the invaluable resources of the Swarnym Foundation, the camp filled a crucial gap in on-the-ground medical support during the 2026 Mela.

"Our aim was clear: to ensure that no pilgrim would suffer due to a lack of basic medical attention," shared a representative from the lead host club. "The collaboration between the clubs and the foundation made it possible for us to effectively serve thousands." As the camp wrapped up following the auspicious Makar Sankranti period, it celebrated a remarkable achievement in treating a substantial number of pilgrims, garnering applause from local authorities for its professionalism and outstanding organization. What a heartwarming testament to community collaboration!

CLUB NEWS

New Chapter of Service : Rotary Club of Behala Welcomes Anusree Banerjee



The Rotary Club of Behala joyfully marked an exciting milestone in its membership on July 11, 2025, connecting via Google Meet from Perth, Australia! During her recent visit to India, Anusree Banerjee was warmly welcomed as the newest member on January 18, 2026. The formal induction ceremony, held at the beautiful Ambica Farm House, beautifully blended heartfelt traditions with vibrant camaraderie. We celebrate this wonderful addition to our Rotary family and look forward to all the amazing things we'll achieve together!

The Pinning Tradition

The highlight of the event was the Official Pinning Ceremony. During this ritual, Anusree was presented with the iconic Rotary wheel lapel pin with new member kit. In Rotary tradition, the pin signifies the transition from a prospective member to a full-fledged Rotarian.

# MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the 2712th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala  
held on Google Meet at 6.30 PM on 8th January 2026

- President called the meeting to order.
- National Anthem was led by Rtn Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra.
- President welcomed all and wished everyone a happy and prosperous New Year 2026.
- Election for the RI Director was discussed. There are four candidates from RC Biratnagar, RC of Bhubaneswar Royal, RC of Dhanbad, RC of Nasik.
- 9th January election of DGND and COL will be held at Nicco Park from 11 am-3 pm.
- On 10th January Lions International President, AP Singh will be present with DG Rtn. Ramendu Homchaudhuri, RIPR PDG Rtn N.S. Saravanan, PRIP Rtn. Sekhar Mehta will be present at the Inaugural Session.
- We have received two sewing machines from RC of Calcutta and we are looking for beneficiaries who are in need of pursuing tailoring business.
- On 18th January our Club picnic will be held at the beautiful garden house of Rtn Probir Roy and Mrs. Sumita Roy. We thank them for graciously hosting this picnic.
- All members and their spouses are requested to join. A line of confirmation would be highly appreciated.
- Rtn. Kaushik brought an application regarding a health checkup at Thakurpukur and was asked to do the needful.
- Rtn. Siddhartha Chakraborty informed as discussed earlier that 8-10 members from RC of Washington will visit and inspect a school in Purulia under Global Grant.
- They mostly work on water and sanitation. They want to meet the members of RC of Behala on 5th February 2026 at Swastha Bhavan Institute Campus. Mr Paul Mahata is their leader (Water & Sanitation).
- RC Behala joined as co-host to project Swapnopuran by which a trip to Mayapur was organized for senior disabled persons.
- Resignation letter from Mr Shuvratav Mitra has been accepted in the last Board Meeting with immediate effect.
- Secretary conducted the Club Business.
- Next RCM will be held on 22nd January at Malik Guest house at 6-30 pm.
- Minutes of the last meeting was confirmed.
- President terminated the meeting.