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MAY DESIGNATION IS



YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"Ensuring that young people get the right information that will enable them make the right choices is a responsibility all citizens must take seriously."

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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

HAPPY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY



PP Rtn. Amarjit Singh Thethi
DOB: 5th June



Debmalya Joardar
S/o. PP Rtn. Debabrata Joardar
DOB: 10th June

Theme of the month

Youth Service Month is a wonderful and vibrant celebration within Rotary that takes place each May! This month offers a fantastic opportunity for all of us—members of Rotary clubs, Rotaract, Interact, as well as participants in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Rotary Youth Exchange—to come together and appreciate the incredible impact Rotary has on our communities. We celebrate by connecting, growing through service, developing leadership skills, mentoring one another, and most importantly, having a great time!

Everybody is busy in their time schedule. None has time to spend in person. So time has posed some challenges to in-person celebrations, our enthusiasm, excitement, and gratitude for these programs and the dedicated volunteers who support them remain as strong as ever. Here are four meaningful ways you can safely celebrate Youth Service Month this year:

1. **Serve** : Let's make this month truly special by identifying the needs in our community and seeking innovative ways to address them while adhering to local guidelines. Consider sewing masks for essential workers, collecting and distributing supplies for those in need, or initiating a phone chain to share uplifting messages with isolated seniors. For inspiration, explore the incredible projects happening through Rotary clubs worldwide!
2. **Stay Connected** : Arrange an online meeting with your sponsor, Rotary Club, or fellow program participants and alumni. Take time to acknowledge past achievements and brainstorm ways to collaborate more closely moving forward. Don't hesitate to visit the Meeting Online section for valuable resources, engaging discussions, and expert advice on creating effective online meeting spaces.
3. **Unite behind a Fundraiser** : Join us in supporting Rotary's meaningful response to the pandemic by contributing to the Disaster Response Fund. Your donations are making a tremendous difference—providing lifesaving ventilators to hospitals in Belgium, Croatia, and Italy, and equipping brave healthcare workers with vital personal protective equipment in countries like Korea, Nigeria, and the US. In India, our disaster response grants are supplying crucial resources like disinfectant sprayers, beds, and mattresses to healthcare facilities.
4. **Set and Achieve Goals** : Use this month as an opportunity to focus on initiatives that can help your club attain this year's Rotary Citation. Let's brainstorm sustainable service projects, explore ways to boost donations to The Rotary Foundation, and develop strategies to raise awareness about Rotary in our communities. Young people are eager to create change—let's show them how Rotary empowers them to make a difference, especially in challenging times. This initiative may even contribute to growing our membership!

Together, let's make Youth Service Month a celebration filled with hope, connection, and purpose!

Welcoming District Governor 2024-2025

Welcome

**DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta and
First Lady Dr. Simran Gupta**



We are delighted to extend a warm welcome to our esteemed District Governor, AKS Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, accompanied by First Lady Dr. Simran. We also warmly recognize District Executive Secretary Rtn. Amitava Chakraborty, District Finance Secretary Rtn. Ajay Kumar Agarwal, District Treasurer Rtn. K.K. Jha, Assistant Governor Rtn. Sangita Jain, Zonal Secretary Rtn. Sachiv Nijhawan, and all the distinguished Rotary leaders joining us today!

Unsung Hero



In every thriving organization or community, remarkable individuals work tirelessly behind the scenes. One such inspiring figure is Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty, who commits himself wholeheartedly to the well-being of those around him.

Driven by a deep sense of purpose, he believes in making a lasting, positive impact rather than seeking personal achievement. His humility and strong work ethic are uplifting; he consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the highest standards in his tasks.

Though he prefers to stay out of the spotlight, his warmth and generosity shine through as he supports those in need. His selflessness may go unnoticed, but the legacy he is creating—one of compassion and kindness—will inspire future generations.

Dr. Chakraborty exemplifies that true greatness lies in dedication to the greater good, motivating us all to be the best versions of ourselves.

Project Happy School



We're excited to share that several Rotary Clubs in our district have joined forces to create a Happy School in Lalgah, Jhargram! Led by the dedicated Rotary Club of Calcutta Acropolis, the first phase of this inspiring project has been officially approved by EIRWT. This phase includes the installation of a solar lighting system, drilling a deep tubewell, renovating four toilets, adding handwashing facilities, and constructing a guard wall around the veranda. Yesterday, our enthusiastic team visited the site to kick off the project and start planning for the second phase. We at the Rotary Club of Behala are thrilled to co-host this meaningful initiative and look forward to the positive changes it will bring to the school community!

Project on Artificial Hand



The Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency is embarking on an inspiring Signature Project that aims to provide cutting-edge artificial hands to amputees, transforming their lives for the better. Recently, we had the privilege of receiving a patient referred by Sri Animesh Naiya from our RCC Dhosa. Thank you to our compassionate AG, Rtn Sangita Jain, for facilitating the patient's clinical evaluation today. Your support makes a significant difference! Kudos to the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency for spearheading such a remarkable initiative that brings hope and empowerment to those in need.

Menstrual Health and Cervical Cancer Awareness Program in collaboration with the Indian Academy of Paediatrics



We're happy to share that the Rotary Action Group for Reproductive Maternal and Child Health (RMCH) has generously awarded us \$5,000 to support an exciting Adolescent Health Awareness Programme in schools! This initiative is dedicated to raising awareness about menstrual hygiene and cervical cancer, which are vital topics for our youth.

Although we can't accept foreign funding directly, we've teamed up with the West Bengal Chapter of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics, who graciously received the grant. So far, they've successfully held ten impactful programs, proudly showcasing our name on their banners. Let's keep making a difference together!

Update on Project Water for Toilet



We are thrilled to share the exciting progress of our Water for Toilet project, fueled by the incredible support from the Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust! As of May 20th, we proudly completed this phase with the installation of 26 new units, bringing our total to an impressive 69 for this Rotary Year.

A heartfelt thanks you to the Top of The Lake Rotary Club in Mooresville, USA, for their generous donation of \$2,000 through the EIRWT; their contribution has been invaluable!

We're now gearing up to apply for funding for an additional 31 units, with our eyes set on reaching a fantastic goal of 100 units by year-end. A special shout out to Past President Rtn Bikash Dutta for his outstanding dedication to this project! Here's to making a meaningful difference together!

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of 2695th Regular Club Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 6.30 PM on 15th May 2025

The 2695th meeting of the Rotary Club of Behala was called to order by our President in an atmosphere filled with energy and camaraderie. We started our gathering on a high note with the National Anthem, beautifully led by PP Indubhusan Das, setting the perfect tone for teamwork and service. It was a delight to have Assistant Governor Sangita Jain join us, and she received a warm welcome from the President, who expressed our appreciation for her presence.

Key Highlights of Our Meeting:

1. District Financial Literacy Project : Our club is excited to be part of the Binamrata letter-writing contest, aimed at encouraging students in Classes IX and X to express their heartfelt gratitude towards their parents, grandparents, or guardians. To facilitate this, we've provided special inland letters through the Philatelic Congress of India, and it's wonderful to announce that cash prizes will reward the top entries! In collaboration with our Rotary Community Corps (RCC), we are thrilled to support the participation of 60 enthusiastic students from Arunnagar High School and Dhosa Chandaneswar Nabin Chand High School in Jayanagar.

2. Toilet Project in Chandanpiri : Our commitment to improving sanitation is stronger than ever! We are excited to report that we have initiated water connections for an additional 26 toilets. This effort will bring our grand total to 69 toilets established this Rotary year. We invite all members to contribute towards our goal of 100 toilets—every little bit helps! We extend our heartfelt congratulations to PP Rtn Bikash Dutta for his dedication and exemplary leadership, which have been instrumental in bringing this project to fruition. Afterward, PP Bikash graciously updated us on his recent visit to Chandanpiri, sharing inspiring insights about the ongoing work.

3. Official DG Visit: Mark your calendars for May 24th at 6 PM! The District Governor's official visit will take place at Tollygunge Club, and we encourage all members and their spouses to attend this fantastic opportunity to connect and learn.

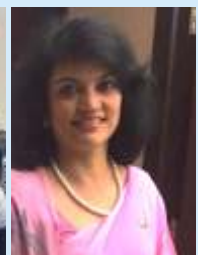
4. Rotary Foundation Donations: Our President, along with Foundation Chair PP Krishnendu Bhattacharya, passionately urged all members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation this year, continuing the strong tradition we have built over the years.

5. Guest Speaker: We were honored to have AG Rtn Sangita Jain share her thoughts with us. She expressed her appreciation for the club's efforts in keeping the portal updated, and it was heartwarming to see so many fellow Rotarians actively engaged in our mission.

6. Club Business: In the absence of the Secretary, PP Rtn Siddhartha Chakraborty guided us through club business. Members confirmed the minutes from our last meeting on May 15th 2025. We look forward to our next Rotary Club Meeting and Club Assembly, coinciding with the DG's visit on May 24th at Tollygunge Club at 6 PM.

Attendance: Total members – 36; Members present – 18; Guests – 3.

With a friendly atmosphere and a spirit of service, the President concluded the meeting, leaving us all inspired and eager to contribute to our community. Let's keep up the great work, everyone!



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