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BIRTHDAY



Vihaan
 S/O Rtn. Shuvrangshu
 Mitra
 DOB: 25th November



Arideep
 S/O Rtn. Anjan Kumar
 Bhowmik
 DOB : 29th November



**Mrs. Ruma
 Bhattacharya**
 W /O Rtn. Angshuman
 Bhattacharya
 DOB: 1st December



Surupa
 D /O Rtn. Pijush
 Ranjan Sengupta
 DOB: 1st December



Mrs. Sneha Mitra
 W/O Rtn. Shuvrangshu
 Mitra
 DOB: 1st December



Tirthankar Banerjee
 H/O Rtn. Anusri
 Banerjee
 DOB: 1st December



**Rtn. Dhruba
 Mazumder**
 DOB: 2nd December



Sourav
 S/o Rtn. Dr. Sudipta & Dr.
 Siddhartha Chakraborty
 DOB: 3rd December



Dr. Sayantani
 DOB: 3rd December

ANNIVERSARIES



**Mrs. Sunanda and
 Rtn. Anindya Bose**
 DOA: 21st November



**Mrs. Nabamita and
 Debarshi Duttagupta**
 DOA: 2nd December



**Mrs. Sneha and
 Shuvrangshu Mitra**
 DOA: 2nd December

RI NEWS

Can peace be measured? Co-founded by a Rotary Peace Fellow, one research group is trying to do just that

By Clara Germani



Everyday Peace Indicators, a pioneering nonprofit organization, has started gathering hundreds of these seemingly ordinary and unremarkable data points in an attempt to better capture difficult-to-measure concepts of peace, reconciliation, and governance in areas affected by conflict.

“We see ourselves as trying to be vessels, communicating everyday people’s priorities to policymakers and to decision-makers,” explains Pamina Firchow, EPI founding executive director. She and professor Roger MacGinty from Durham University incubated the EPI concept after she completed a [Rotary Peace Fellowship](#) in 2005.

Over the past decade and a half, Firchow, often collaborating with other Rotary Peace Fellows, has brought “everyday peace” approach of community-level assessment to countries such as Colombia, Sri Lanka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, South Africa, Uganda, South Sudan, Zimbabwe, and Afghanistan.

EPI partners with peacebuilding groups looking to design effective projects. The organization’s data gathering is an intimate process with community members in small groups generating long lists of how people measure peacefulness for themselves. Working with a wider group of people, EPI refines and ranks items on the lists. Then those data points are used to help design programming that will sustain and build the peace envisioned by local people. The same data is then used to measure the effectiveness of the programming — whether it worked or needs refinement.

EPI’s work can help funders drill down to community-defined needs for safety and social cohesion, like clean water, safety for motorcycle taxis, or secure education for girls.

Some of the EPI’s most defining work is in Colombia. The group’s executive director for that country, Eduardo González, says findings there have “revolutionized” the understanding of peace from a policy perspective. Thousands of indicators were gathered across dozens of communities giving nuanced definitions of reparation, truth, and justice.

Based on such findings, war victims don’t necessarily want international tribunals or even prison for perpetrators. Sometimes restorative justice can be more useful to them.

He describes feeling moved by some people’s definition of justice for those who committed war crimes in their village. They told him they wanted to see the perpetrators “sweat.” “They wanted to see people doing actual works in the community, where these things happened,” González explains, “so they will build a school; they will build a road; they will build a hospital.”

DISTRICT EVENT



Rotary Foundation
Seminar 27th November



Rendezvous 10th December
6pm onwards 2nd Presidents
Secretaries
Assistant Governors [Admin]
Zonal Secretaries Meet



4th December Audition
4pm Onwards
Red Carpet : Ramp
Walk By Rotarians And
Their Spouses



SAMPARK
Multi District Public
Image Seminar
on 7th December, 2025

DISTRICT NEWS



CLUB NEWS

Club in Action



14.11.25 Rotary Club of Behala celebrated Children's day with the students of Sukhoranjan Vidya Mandir. Sit and draw competition was held. The children were given art material, box of crayons, pencil, eraser, ruler and sharpener in a pencil box along with a packet of biscuits. The winners were awarded with tiffin boxes, three from each group, first, 2nd & 3rd. Eight teachers were also given a pack of biscuits. A water filter and a ceiling fan were donated.



The winners !! imagination sketched in their art papers

CLUB NEWS RCC CHANDANPIRI



16.11.25 Rotary Club of Behala members visited RCC Chandanpiri. 2 Computers donated.

20 portable commodes were given to 20 elderly villagers at RCC Chandanpiri.

Stationeries for the students of Ramakrishna Ashram was donated.

Charter Day invite



22.11.2025 President Sanghamitra Duttagupta Attended The 3rd Charter Day Of Rotary Club Of Calcutta Empathy

JOINT PROJECT



Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans held three days Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program for the Tribal students from 6th to 8th November 2025 at Vivekananda Siksha Niketan High School, Bankura where Rotary Club of Behala joined as co host.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Minutes of the 2707th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Behala held at Malik Guest House at 6 30 pm on 13.11.2025

- Club President Rtn. Sanghamitra Duttagupta called the 2707th meeting to order.
- National Anthem was sung in unison.
- On Polio Immunisation Day on 12th October 2025 President Sanghamitra Duttagupta and Secretary of RC Behala visited, in an auto with polio plus banner, Panchanantala slum area and adjoining areas and awareness was done. President Rtn. Sanghamitra Duttagupta and Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra visited the polio booth at Golpark. From 9 am to 12 am 17 children were given polio drops.
- We observed one minute silence for the departed soul. OM SHANTI
- District project II Elderly Care Initiative is distribution of plastic portable movable commodes in rural areas to support elderly individuals who face mobility challenges. Per club maximum 20 and minimum 10 will be given at the rate of Rs.300. Rtn Sanjay Sengupta offered to sponsor 5. From RCC a request for 100 commodes had come. Therefore, it was decided to give the maximum number that is 20 commodes to RCC Chandanpiri.
- Rotary Club of Behala will celebrate Children's day on 14th November with the students of Sukhoranjan Vidya Mandir. Sit and draw competition will be held. The children will be given art material, box of crayons, pencil, eraser, ruler and sharpener in a pencil box along with a packet of biscuits. The winners will be given tiffin boxes, three from each group, first, 2nd and 3rd. Eight teachers will also be given a pack of biscuits. One ceiling fan and one water filter will be donated.
- On Sunday 16th November 2025 RC Behala members will visit RCC Chandanpiri. 2 Computers and 20 portable commodes will be given. Members so far confirmed are President Rtn Sanghamitra Duttagupta, Secretary Rtn Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra, PP Rtn Bikash Dutta and Rtn Sanjoy Sengupta.
Meeting point will be Manton Bata for all those who wish to join. An appeal was received from Chandanpiri Sri Ramakrishna Ashram for stationaries amounting to Rs.10,700/- Rtn, Kaushik Bhattacharyya donated Rs10,000/- and the cheque was deposited to Rotary Club of Behala's Trust Account.
- Rotary Foundation Seminar 2025 will be held at Springfield Banquet Hall, 2nd Floor, Spring Club EM Bypass, Kolkata on 27th November 2025 at 6 30 pm. The Chief Guest will be Shri Ashok Mahajan, Past Rotary International Director and Trustee and Keynote Speaker and Guest of Honour will be Shri Leander Paes, Padma Bhushan and Olympian organized by District Rotary Foundation Committee and all clubs. Lead host club is Rotary Club of Calcutta South City. Foundation Chair PP Rtn. Krishnendu Bhattacharjee, President Rtn. Sanghamitra Duttagupta, Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra so far have committed to pay 400 USD to be honoured as Paul Harris Fellow.
- Club business was conducted by Secretary Rtn. Sakuntala Ghosh Hazra.
- Minutes of the 2706th regular club meeting was confirmed.
- Total Members 39 Members present- Rotarians - 10, Guest - 1.
- The next regular meeting will be held on 28th November 2025 at 7 pm
- Bijoya Diwali meet will be held at Belvedere PDR Hall, Tollygunge Club on 28th November 7-30 pm onwards. Members are invited with their families.
- 11th December 2025 Fellowship dinner hosted by PP Rtn Amarjit Singh Tethi will be held at Ballygunge Hyatt 7-30 pm onwards
- The President prayed for the speedy recovery of PP Rtn Debrata Joardar and PP Rtn Dr. Siddhartha Chakraborty
- The meeting was terminated by the President after the 4way test was read by all the members present.