



# Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi

## RI District 3291

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## MAAN

### THE NEWSLETTER

April 2025



**Siksha**

### Thalassemia Awareness Drive – Empowering Through Education

As part of its commitment to Disease Prevention & Treatment, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi conducted a Thalassemia Awareness Drive at Bali Island. This initiative was led by Incoming Club Chair for Special Projects, Rtn. Sudipa Chakravarty.

The session focused on:

- Educating local women and senior school girls about the genetic nature of Thalassemia.
- Emphasizing the importance of early screening and awareness to prevent the spread of this life-threatening blood disorder.
- Encouraging responsible health decisions through interactive dialogue and question-answer sessions.

This initiative planted the seeds of informed health consciousness in the rural community, paving the way for healthier future generations.

**Interactive Literacy Project – Learning with Joy**  
Under the leadership of Club Literacy Chair Rtn. Ruma Sarkar, the club organized a vibrant literacy session that left a lasting impression on the young minds of Bali Island. The program included: Storytelling, recitations, and quiz sessions to make learning engaging and participatory. Encouraging school children to showcase their talents in front of Rotarians and guests. As a token of appreciation, children received dry food packets, bringing smiles to their faces. Aligned with Rotary's Basic Education and Literacy focus, this project ignited the spark of learning in a joyful and memorable way.

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## R1 Presidential Message April 2025



As the chill of winter gives way to the warmth of spring, we have an opportunity to rejuvenate our commitments to each other and to the communities we serve.

A shining example is the Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland in Ontario, whose members support a program providing hot meals to people facing homelessness and food insecurity. On any given evening, the Soup Shack run by Feed Windsor-Essex serves up to 130 people, offering nourishment and a sense of community and care.

Club member and Past District Governor Aruna Koushik got the club involved after seeing a news segment about the Soup Shack.

Koushik collaborated with club members to quickly approve the purchase of a stove, pots, and pans for its new permanent space. Soon after, club members met with the Soup Shack team, toured the new location, and presented a check for 3,000 Canadian dollars (about US\$2,000) to support its efforts. They also committed to volunteering their time to prepare and serve meals once the facility is operational.

This exemplifies how Rotary members can come together to address community needs, foster engagement, and make a tangible impact. By identifying opportunities for service and mobilizing resources, we not only support those in need but also strengthen our bonds with each other and with the communities we serve.

As we embrace the renewal that spring offers, let's take inspiration from the Windsor-Roseland club. Consider these ways to reinvigorate engagement within your club:

**Identify emerging needs:** Stay attuned to the evolving challenges in your communities. Engage with local organizations to understand where your club's support can make the most difference.

**Mobilize resources quickly:** When opportunities arise, act swiftly. Leverage the skills and networks within your club to gather resources, from financial contributions to equipment to volunteer time.

**Foster collaboration:** Encourage members to take initiative and collaborate on projects. Empowering individuals to lead and contribute their unique talents enhances engagement and drives success.

**Commit to ongoing involvement:** Beyond initial contributions, pledge continued support.

Regular service keeps members connected and reinforces the club's commitment to sustained impact.

By embracing these approaches, we can harness the energy of spring to renew our dedication to service and engagement. Let's seize this season as an opportunity to revitalize our efforts, strengthen our connections, and continue making a positive difference in the world.

This is The Magic of Rotary — transforming lives, inspiring hope, and creating lasting change for the communities we serve.

**27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Happy  
Anniversary**

**Rtn. Rahul Gupta**  
**Spouse Neha Gupta**





**PP Ranjana Mutsuddi**  
**Club Editor**

## Editorial

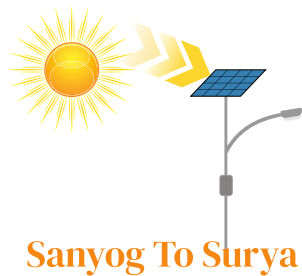
### Celebrating Our Commitment to the Environment

April holds a special place in the Rotary calendar as the month designated for our focus on the environment — a cause that resonates deeply with Rotary's vision of creating lasting change. Protecting our planet is not just a project; it is a responsibility we all share, both as Rotarians and as global citizens.

This month reminds us that small, consistent actions can lead to meaningful impact. Whether it's planting trees, reducing plastic use, promoting sustainable practices, or spreading awareness about climate change, every initiative we undertake contributes to a healthier world for generations to come.

As Rotarians, we are uniquely positioned to inspire and lead change within our communities. Let us use this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to environmental stewardship, collaborate on impactful projects, and be the catalysts for a greener, cleaner tomorrow.

Together, let's nurture the planet that nurtures us.



### Sahayata



**Solar Light Installation – A Beacon of Hope**  
Sustainability met service as the club installed solar-powered lights in the village, ensuring clean, renewable energy for daily use after sunset.

#### Highlights:

This much-needed intervention was generously sponsored by Sri Swapan Das, whose support made it possible. The solar lights address the basic need for safety, mobility, and productivity during night hours in areas with limited electricity.

This project reflects Rotary's commitment to supporting the environment and enhancing community infrastructure.

In a remote village like Bali Island, the glow of solar lights symbolizes both progress and hope.

**Sewing Machine Donation – Stitching the Path to Self-Reliance**

Economic empowerment took center stage as the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi donated two sewing machines to local women in Bali Island.

#### Key objectives:

Promote vocational skills and self-employment among underprivileged women.

Enable beneficiaries to start or strengthen their home-based tailoring businesses.

Uplift families by providing a means for sustainable income generation.

Falling under Rotary's focus on Community Economic Development, this project sowed the seeds of independence, dignity, and future opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi had the privilege of hosting Rtn. Dinobondhu Singha, Honorary Member of RCCK and Past President of RC Bolpur Shantiniketan (RID 3240), as the esteemed Guest Speaker during its 441st Regular Meeting on 3rd April at the residence of PP Tapas Ray.

Rtn. Dinobondhu Singha was warmly welcomed, along with his daughter Rtr. Semanti Singha, with due respect to Rotary protocols and traditions.

In his insightful address, he expressed heartfelt gratitude to all RCCK members and District leaders of RID 3291 for their unwavering dedication to service & friendly supports to his home district RID 3240 too. He also shared inspiring highlights of several notable and impactful projects undertaken by his Club and District, emphasizing their far-reaching contributions to society.

The evening was filled with camaraderie, meaningful discussions, and a shared vision for making a difference. RCCK extends its sincere appreciation to Rtn. Dinobondhu Singha for his valuable time and inspiring words.



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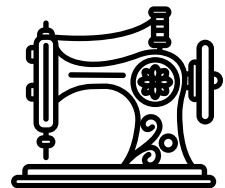
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Jersey Distribution**

**We Are In  
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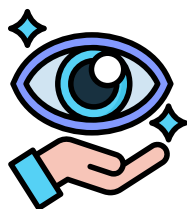


**Pullets Distribution**

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SOON**  
*Stay Tuned*



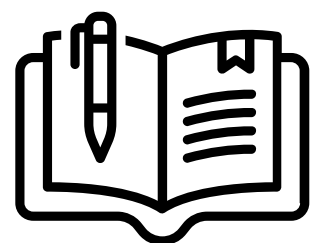
**Sewing machine donation**



**Eye camp**



**Thalassemia Awareness**



**Study Materials Distribution**



## Minutes of the 441st Regular Meeting

Date: 3rd April 2025

Venue: CG-45, Salt Lake

### 1. Call to Order:

Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das called the 441st Regular Meeting to order.

### 2. Welcome Address:

The President warmly welcomed Honorary Member PP Dinobondhu Singha of RC Bolpur and his daughter, Rotaractor Semanti Singha.

### 3. National Anthem:

The National Anthem was led by Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray.

### 4. President's Remarks:

The President expressed heartfelt thanks to all members for their active participation and contributions to various projects completed in March 2025.

He also extended his sincere gratitude to PP Subhojit Roy (RC Calcutta Metro City), District Advisor – Thalassemia Committee, for gracing the Thalassemia Awareness Program at Bankura as Chief Guest.

### 5. Project Announcements:

- o An Eye Camp will be organized in association with Goodace Hospital near Kestopur. The project is proposed by PP Supriyo Lodh and will be coordinated by Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das.

- o A proposal for the Virangana Project at Indrani Memorial Girls' Higher Secondary School was placed by the President. IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar will coordinate the project. The date will be announced later.

- o A joint project with RCC Dr. Jagannath Dinda Memorial Trust at Namkhana was announced. The Club will distribute:

- 20 jerseys to two football clubs
- 2 footballs
- 25 school bags, notebooks, and pencils to students

The project date will be confirmed shortly.

### 6. Guest Address:

The President invited Honorary Member PP Dinobondhu Singha to address the gathering. In his insightful speech, he expressed deep appreciation for RID 3291's unwavering commitment to service and acknowledged its continued support to his home district, RID 3240.

He also shared inspiring highlights of impactful projects undertaken by his club and district.

### 7. Felicitations:

The President thanked PP Dinobondhu Singha for his valuable address and felicitated both him and his daughter with Uttorio and mementoes.

### 8. Club Business:

Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray conducted the Club Business meticulously.

### 9. Vote of Thanks:

On the President's request, PE Rtn. Ranjana Mutsuddi delivered the Vote of Thanks.

### 10. Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was formally adjourned by the

President.

**Members Present: 14**