



# Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi

## RI District 3291

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Rotary International  
2024-25



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RC Calcutta Kankurgachi  
2024-25



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RC Calcutta Kankurgachi  
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## THE NEWSLETTER

### September 2024



After assessing a needs of the community, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi Welfare Trust, in association with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi, initiated a sustainable microcredit project for women in need who are struggling to sustain their small businesses. RCCKWT and RC Calcutta Kankurgachi provide financial support to these women, requiring only repayment in low monthly installments without any interest."

President of RCCK Welfare Trust, Rtn. Supriyo Lodh, gladly expressed his optimism about this initiative. All trust members unanimously congratulated him on the noble community development project.

**R1 Presidential Message**  
**September 2024**



*The Magic of Rotary* is belonging, and it's a feeling that can appear when you least expect it.

Earlier this year, I was in Slovakia serving as a president's representative during a six-week trip through Europe. When I wrote to Katarina Cechova, governor of District 2240 at the time, I mentioned that my grandmother Veronica Zilka grew up in a small village in the area before settling in the U.S.

It wasn't long before Cechova tracked down my grandmother's village, Jakubova Vol'a. She even organized a visit for me, where I received an unforgettable Slovakian welcome. When I entered the community center of Jakubova Vol'a, a small crowd of people dressed in traditional Slovakian clothing greeted me. They sang with beautiful and powerful Central European voices that reminded me of my grandmother.

A lot of families play cards or games when they get together. When I was young, my father would pick up his accordion and lead my family in song. My grandmother would sing along with her impressive voice.

When I walked into the community center and heard traditional music from my childhood — when I saw a woman play the accordion the way my dad played — I suddenly felt like a little girl sitting at my grandmother's house in Monessen, Pennsylvania. I burst into tears of joy at the memories.

But the magic didn't stop there. District Governor Cechova really outdid herself. A local genealogist worked with a videographer to make a short film about my grandmother. We watched the video together in the community center.

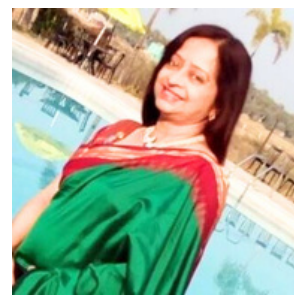
When the video ended, I turned around and saw a man standing in the back of the room. I quickly learned that this stranger, Frantisek Zilka, was my second cousin. His grandmother and mine had been sisters. I felt like I had been struck by lightning.

I visited my newfound cousin's home, which happens to be the home where my grandmother was born. There, he shared old photographs I had never seen of my dad, my uncle, and my grandmother.

Since then, I can't stop thinking about my family of Rotary. When I refer to you as my family, I'm not just being kind. I really think of everyone in Rotary as my family. But I never would have imagined that my Rotary family would introduce me to long-lost personal family.

Sitting in that community center listening to traditional Slovakian music from my childhood filled me with joy and a profound sense of belonging. I am so grateful to District Governor Cechova and everyone who helped create that magical experience.

As members of Rotary, we have a unique opportunity to share the same magic with each other and with the world. I encourage you to consider how you can help spread that magic and ensure other members of your club — other members of our Rotary family — feel like they truly belong.



PP Ranjana Mutsuddi  
Club Editor

## Editorial

The Rotary Code of Conduct serves as a guiding framework for members of Rotary International, promoting ethical behavior and fostering a culture of integrity within the organization. As Rotarians, we are united by a commitment to service, fellowship, and high ethical standards, which are essential in achieving our mission of making a positive impact in our communities and beyond.

At the heart of Rotary lies the principle of fellowship. Members are encouraged to build strong relationships with one another, cultivating a spirit of goodwill and camaraderie. This fellowship extends to our communities, where we strive to create connections that inspire collaboration and mutual support.

By nurturing these relationships, we enhance our ability to effect meaningful change. Integrity is a cornerstone of our conduct.

Rotarians are expected to act honestly and transparently in all dealings, both within the organization and in their personal and professional lives. Upholding integrity builds trust among members and the public, ensuring that our initiatives are respected and supported.

It is crucial that each member embodies the values of honesty and ethical behavior, reinforcing the credibility of Rotary as a whole. Service above self is the essence of Rotary. Members are called to prioritize the needs of others, engaging in projects that address local and global challenges. This commitment to service not only benefits communities but also enriches the lives of Rotarians, providing a profound sense of purpose and fulfillment. By actively participating in service initiatives, we demonstrate our dedication to improving the world around us. In our increasingly interconnected world, respect for diversity is paramount. The Rotary Code of Conduct emphasizes the importance of valuing individuals from all backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. By fostering an inclusive environment, we ensure that every member feels welcomed and empowered to contribute. Embracing diversity enhances our ability to understand and address the needs of various communities effectively.



*Rtn. Indrajit Das - 2nd September*

*Happy*

*Birthday*

*Club President*





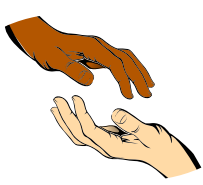
In celebration of the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, which is also observed as Teacher's Day, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi organized a teacher felicitation program at Nabadwip Brajabashi Sangeet Mahavidyalaya , Phoolbagan. Fourteen teachers from various extracurricular disciplines were honored by Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das and fellow members. The President and members presented the teachers with uttorios, mementos, and sweets as a token of appreciation for their dedication.



Trees absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, playing a crucial role in combating climate change. They enhance air quality by filtering pollutants and trapping dust particles. In line with these environmental benefits, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi began this Rotary Year with initiatives focused on environmental care. As part of this effort, the club participated in the District's sapling distribution program Shabujayan , collecting 22 saplings, among which 12 coconut sapling & 10 betel nut saplings which were planted later that day in Baranagar. Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das, IPP Rtn. Gour Sundar Sarkar, and Rtn. Arijit Dutt were present at the plantation event.







To share the joy of Durga Puja this year, Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi decided to spend a day at Namkhana Shibrampur & handover all the Dist RCC Recognition awards achieved by RCC Dr Jagannath Dinda Memorial Trust during Rotary Year 2023-24.

On the same day Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi distributed colourful schoolbags with kits to school students through a kind donation from Club executive Secretary PP Supriyo Lodh. Also new Sarees , Dhotis & Lungis distributed to people from local underprivileged community especially those who faced massive disaster due to recent heavy rain & flood. The project was organised in association with RCC Dr Jagannath Dinda Memorial Trust.

Along with the pre Puja celebration with RCC, guest Dr. Sudipa Chakraborty elaborated the cause, prevention & curation of Thalassaemia disease on a simple speech to make it well understandable for the rural villagers .

Club President of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi, Rtn. Indrajit Das, Club Secretary, Rtn. Mridula Ray, RCC Chairperson, Smt. Ira Rani Dinda, and Secretary, Sri Timir Baran Jana, were present along with other Rotarians and RCC members.

The set of projects were partly conducted under District literacy project Easy School 3.





## MINUTES OF THE 427th RM

- The 427th RM was held on September 7, 2024, at CG 45 Salt Lake.
- Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das called the meeting to order and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.
- The members present confirmed the minutes of the 426th RM. The President welcomed both members and guests.
- The Club President expressed gratitude to all members for the projects completed in August and September thus far. IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar officially announced that the Club Charter of RC Bankura Outer has finally arrived, as reported by DG Dr. Krishnendu Gupta. The President and members cheered for IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar's dedication in the formation of the new club at Bankura and acknowledged the active support from other members of RCCK.
- The Club President then informed the attendees about two completed projects from the current month. On September 1, a tree plantation program was held at Barahnagar, where saplings were collected from the District Environment project, Sabujayan, by President Indrajit Das and IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar. Both President Indrajit and IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar, along with Rtn. Arijit Dutt, participated in the planting.
- Additionally, a Teachers' Day celebration was organized at Nabadwip Brajabasi Sangeet Mahavidyalaya under the banner of Eezzee School, where 14 teachers from various extracurricular disciplines were honoured.
- The Club President also shared information about several upcoming projects and confirmed some of them. Continuing the tradition of previous years, the club will celebrate a Pre-Puja meet, AGOMONI, on October 2.
- The following projects in Bankura are also planned, with dates to be decided:
  - An installation ceremony and charter presentation for RC Bankura Outer, with the charter expected to arrive in the coming days, as previously mentioned by IPP.
  - The club received an invitation from Sahashpur Bankura for their Durga Puja inauguration, during which RC Calcutta Kankurgachi will organize a medical camp, and RC Bankura Outer will proceed with an environmental project.
  - This year, the sustainable literacy project, MEDHABRITTI, will be held at Sahashpur High School, where, during the Puja inauguration, 20 underprivileged, meritorious students will receive Jio Bharat mobile sets to support their online education.
  - Four commercial water filter cum coolers will be installed at Indus Hospital and Indus Boys and Girls High Schools, one at each location.
  - One solar light for public benefit will be installed at Baikunthapur, Bankura.
- The President invited suggestions from members. In response, a couple of proposals were presented:
  - PP Rtn. Kalpana Roy Chowdhury proposed establishing a medical clinic at Ghatakpukur Bodra and suggested a medical camp at the school premises in Bodra village.
  - PP Grp Capt. Tapas Kr. Ray proposed organizing a club picnic during winter at a farmhouse in Bodra village, as well as several projects at Ramkrishna Vivekananda Sevashram in Nandanghat, along with a proposed site visit.
- The Club President assured members that all proposals would be noted and officially submitted for approval at the upcoming Board Meeting.
- The President then requested Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray to present the club business. Rtn. Mridula Ray conducted the business efficiently.
- With no further points for discussion, the President concluded the meeting and invited members to join for fellowship.
- Members Present: 6
- Guests: 2 (Prospective members; PP Supriyo Lodh proposed to induct them on October 2 during AGOMONI celebration)

## **\*MINUTES OF 428th RM\*\***



The 428th Rotary Meeting was held in hybrid mode on September 21, 2024, at CG 45 Salt Lake.

Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das called the meeting to order and invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.

The members present confirmed the minutes of the 427th meeting, and the President warmly welcomed all members and guests.

The Club President expressed gratitude to all members for the projects completed so far in September, with special thanks to IPP Gour Sarkar for his dedication in establishing the new club at Bankura, along with the active support of other club members. He also provided updates on several upcoming projects.

On September 22, the President will be accompanied by a few members for a series of projects with RCC at Namkhana, Sundarban. The club will distribute sarees, dhotis, and lungis to underprivileged villagers, as well as school bags for students. PP Supriyo Lodh proposed to sponsor the school bags.

Additionally, on October 2, the auspicious day of Mahalaya, the club will celebrate the Pre-Puja family gathering, Agomoni, as in previous years. This event will take place at CG-45. PP Supriyo Lodh proposed the names of PP Gp Capt Tapas Kr Ray and PP Ranjana Mutsuddi to plan and conduct the cultural programs.

The President shared further details about upcoming projects and events in October 2024. He mentioned that on October 5, solar lights will be installed in Baikuntapur village, benefiting the residents.

The most exciting news for the club is that on October 6, Rotary International issued prestigious Club charter for the newly sponsored Rotary Club of Bankura Outer (sponsored by RC Calcutta Kankurgachi) will be handed over to Club President, Rtn. Debopriya Sen (RC Bankura Outer). District Governor of RID 3291, AKS Rtn. Dr. Krishnendu Gupta has graciously consented to be the chief guest of the event and will present the club charter. DMC PDG Ravi Sehgal, PDG Ajay Kr Law, DGN Tapas Bhattacharya, and other district officials will also attend the event.

On October 9, RC Calcutta Kankurgachi will launch its flagship literacy project, MEDHA BRITTI (initiated in 2017-18), by distributing online educational mobile phones produced by Jio Bharat to 20 meritorious students at Sahaspur, Bankura. The possibility of hosting a "Know Your Numbers" medical camp at the same venue was also discussed.

Club Public Image Chair Rtn. Mainak Chakraborty proposed a project titled "Quit Plastic," aimed at environmental conservation. Members responded positively to the proposal, which will be discussed urgently in a future meeting. Club President Elect Rtn. Ranjana Mutsuddi also expressed her commitment to the same project during RY 2025-26.

Another significant proposal for mangrove plantation in Bali, Sundarban, presented earlier by Club Environment Chair Rtn. Sainik Das, was also discussed. Both environmental projects will be addressed at the next board meeting.

The President then invited Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray to conduct the club business, which she managed meticulously. A total of 10 members were present, including 4 participating via Zoom. Two prospective members, Dr. Amit Chakraborty and Dr. Sudipa Chakraborty, were also in attendance.

With no further points for discussion, the Club President concluded the meeting and invited members for fellowship and refreshments.

Members Present: 10      Guests: 2





The District RCC Awards, along with an award from the Sponsoring Club, were presented to the RCC Dr. Jagannath Dinda Memorial Trust (RCC sponsored by RC Calcutta Kankurgachi) for the Rotary Year 2023-2024. The awards were handed over to RCC President Smt. Ira Rani Dinda and Secretary Sri Timir Baran Jana by IPP Rtn. Gour Sundar Sarkar of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi.

Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi  
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 দেবীপক্ষের শুভারম্ভে  
 মাতৃ বন্দনায় সাংস্কৃতিক অনুষ্ঠান  
**আগমনী**  
 A Pre Puja Cultural Event  
 Organized By  
 Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi  
 Date - 2nd October  
 Time - 7.30 PM onwards  
 Venue  
 CG 45 Salt Lake

Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi  
 Organizing  
**Back to Back Projects**  
 Solar street light Installation  
 Baikunthapur Bankura (6th October)  
 Mega Health Camp  
 Sahashpur Puja Mandap  
 Bankura (9th October)  
 Literacy project  
 MEDHA BRITTI  
 Sahashpur Puja Mandap  
 Bankura (9th October)  
 Emargency Medical Booth  
 Swadhinata Dibash Udyapan Committee Puja  
 Mandap  
 Kankurgachi (8th, 9th, 10th & 11th October)

	<b>ROTARY IS OUR NAME.</b> <b>SERVICE</b> <i>Above Self</i> <b>IS OUR GAME!</b>

