



# Rotary Club Of Calcutta Kankurgachi

## RI District 3291

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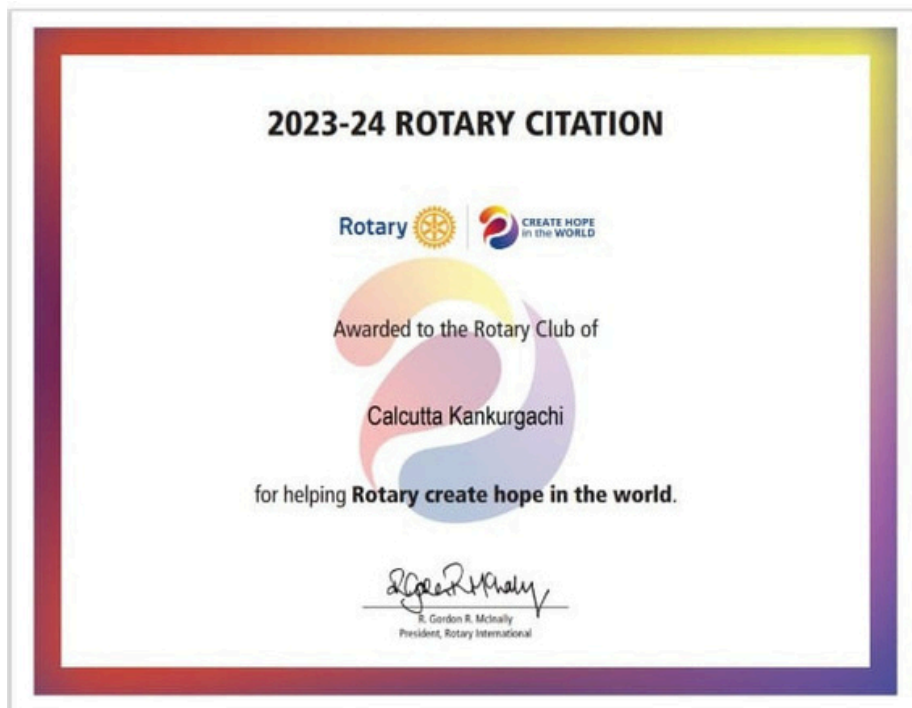
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## THE NEWSLETTER

### August 2024



**Congratulations Club President 2023-24 Rtn. Gour Sundar Sarkar & team RC Calcutta Kankurgachi for your enormous efforts towards Club throughout RY 23-24**



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# **R1 Presidential Message**

## **August 2024 Rtn.**

### **Stephanie Urchick R1**

### **President 2024-25**



If we are to truly change the world with *The Magic of Rotary*, it's up to all of us to foster a sense of belonging in our clubs. But every club should take its own path to get there, and the Action Plan can help you find your way. What does that look like?

Take for instance the Rotary Club of Beveren-Waas in Belgium. It was chartered in 1974 but has evolved with the times, developing both a strategic plan and a membership plan. To find new members, the club analyzes the city's professions to help focus its search, and all new members are quickly assigned tasks and roles.

The club also mixes up meeting times, alternating between evening and afternoon sessions, making them accessible for all members.

Sometimes, circumstances force clubs to make changes. But as people of action, we know that behind every obstacle is an opportunity.

The Rotary Club of Holyoke in Massachusetts was forced from its meeting place because of rising costs after the COVID-19 pandemic, but members took this setback and turned it into a strength. The club started meeting in a library community room that was available for no charge and catering lunch from a nearby deli. Lunch costs \$10 per person but it's optional, so no one has to spend money to attend a meeting. What a great way to work toward being "fair to all concerned." Since making this change, the Holyoke club has gained 13 members. I suspect part of its membership growth is due to the club's sense of inclusivity — the first step toward belonging.

If you ask members what they expect from the club experience, you might find that your club doesn't meet expectations. Think of this as an opportunity to reshape your club in exciting ways, as alternative club models are making a positive impact.

For example, a Rotary Fellowship called Beers Rotarians Enjoy Worldwide, or BREW, has worked closely with the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group for the past eight years to assist with clean water projects. In that time, BREW has funneled 25 percent of its dues to those initiatives.

BREW is one of many examples of members pursuing belonging to improve the world.

I can't stress enough the importance of belonging. Clubs become simply irresistible when all members feel that they are exactly where they need to be. To me, belonging is the spark that ignites *The Magic of Rotary*.

As you receive feedback from club members and the community you serve, I urge you to pursue that spark. The Action Plan can help you find the path to success, and if you light your way with the spirit of belonging, that path will lead to a bright future for your club, your community, and the world.





# Editorial

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August is designated by Rotary International as the month to focus on the significance of membership development and the establishment of new clubs. A strong membership base is vital for the sustainability and effectiveness of any new club. Without a steady stream of dedicated members, even the most well-intentioned clubs may struggle to maintain momentum. New members bring fresh perspectives and skills, enriching the club's service projects and discussions. To effectively spread the word about a new club, utilize local events, social media, and community organizations. Hosting informational meetings and service-oriented events can attract potential members. Encourage current Rotary members to invite friends, family, and colleagues who align with the club's values and mission. Creating an inclusive environment from the outset is crucial. A welcoming culture ensures that new members feel valued and integrated from day one. Implementing mentorship programs can further facilitate a smooth integration process. Attracting a diverse membership that reflects the community's demographics allows the club to benefit from a wide range of experiences and viewpoints. Develop programs and projects that resonate with both current and prospective members, engaging them with meaningful work that aligns with their interests and passions. Offering opportunities for members to develop leadership and professional skills through Rotary's training programs and positions of responsibility within the club is also beneficial. Recognizing and celebrating milestones and accomplishments of the new club and its members can build enthusiasm and a sense of achievement.



**Late PP Sumita Lodh - 4th August ( Stay  
Blessed where ever you are )**

**Rtn. Swastik Bhattacharya - 8th August**



**PP Grp Capt Tapas Ray Rtn. Mridula Ray  
6th August**



**Rtn. Sainik Das & spouse Parenita  
11th August**



The installation of a Rotary Club is a significant event that marks the transition of leadership and sets the tone for the upcoming year. It is an opportunity for members to reflect on past achievements, establish new goals, and renew their commitment to making a positive impact both locally and globally. This event fosters a sense of unity and shared purpose among members, reinforcing the values of leadership, integrity, and community service that Rotary Clubs are known for worldwide.

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi conducted its 18th Club Installation Ceremony on August 4th, coinciding with the birthday of the Club's crowning glory, Past President, the late Rtn. Sumita Lodh. Distinguished guests, a galaxy of Past Governors of RID 3291, members from neighboring clubs, and Friends of Rotary graced the event with their presence. The Changeover ceremony was conducted and witnessed by Chief Guest Vice Governor PDG Pinaki Prashad Ghosh, Special Guest DGN Tapas Bhattacharya, Installation Chair PP Supriyo Lodh, the August Gathering off the dais, Outgoing Club President Rtn Gour Sundar Sarkar, and Incoming Club President Rtn Indrajit Das. The Master of Ceremonies, Rtn. Arijit Dutt and Rtn. Mainak Chakraborty, meticulously conducted the event. 3 new members were officially inducted as active Club members of RCCK & Rtn. Dinabandhu Sinha of RC Bolpur Shantiniketan was inducted as Honorary member of RCCK. An amount of \$1000 was committed to donate towards TRF. The commitment was placed by Club Foundation Chair IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar on behalf of Club. In their speeches, the guest speakers wholeheartedly wished the club members and the new leadership a meaningful and successful journey during RY 24-25. A team of members from prospective Rotary Club RC Bankura Outer arrived at the event. IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar, President Rtn Indrajit Das and other members of RCCK greeted them with Uttorio. The event, along with the 425th Regular Meeting, concluded with a Cake Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the birthday of PP Sumita Lodh. The ceremony was led by her sons, Suprotik and Suryodeep, her husband, Club Mentor PP Supriyo Lodh, her close Rotarian friends, other guests and club members. The successful event concluded with a marvelous fellowship gathering and a sumptuous dinner.



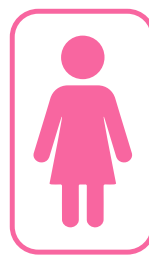


On August 15th, 2024, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi proudly celebrated India's Independence Day with the enthusiastic children of Bidyadhari Bidyalaya Duttabad Saltlake . Club President Rtn. Indrajit Das with other members , Club Secretary Rtn Mridula Ray, PP Supriyo Lodh, PP Grp capt Tapas Ray, Club treasurer Rtn. Rakesh Roy, Rtn. Arijit Dutt, IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar, Rtn. Mainak Chakraborty & Rtn. Kalpana Roy Chowdhury attended the Celebration. The event commenced with a heartfelt flag hoisting ceremony, symbolizing our shared commitment to the nation's enduring freedom. Following the flag hoisting, food packets were distributed among the children, ensuring that the celebration was not just an event but also a gesture of care and support. The day was further enlivened by a series of vibrant cultural performances by the students guided by the teachers, showcasing their talents and deep love for the country. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi remains dedicated to fostering a sense of patriotism and community spirit through such meaningful engagements.



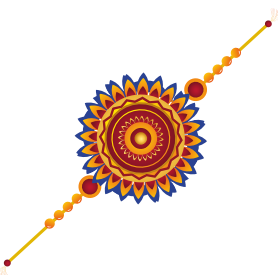
HAPPY  
Independence  
DAY





On August 24th, Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi successfully handed over completely renovated toilets at Banipith Girls Higher Secondary School. The renovated facilities now feature new fittings, doors, and a fresh coat of paint. This initiative is part of WASH projects aimed at improving sanitation and hygiene for young students, ensuring they have a safe and clean environment to learn and grow. Additionally, a medical camp was held on the same day at the school premises, offering dental checkups and eye tests for students. Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi distributed free toothpaste and toothbrushes to all students and will provide free spectacles to students identified with vision problems during the eye testing. Dr. Ratusri Roychowdhury examined the students' dental health and recommended necessary treatments. Rtn. Dr. Pratik Kumar Mitra, Co-Chair of the District Literacy Committee, attended the project and medical camp. The overall projects were conducted under the Dist Literacy project EASY SCHOOL 3.

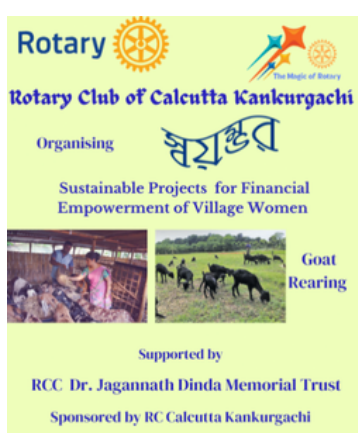




# Raksha Bandhan

On the auspicious day of Rakshabandhan , Club President & members of RC Calcutta Kankurgachi celebrated the festival with support of Sathi Club Bagmari near Kakurgachi Rail bridge . Members tied up colourful Rakhis & distributed sweets to local people , other pedestrians , children . and among themselves .Many local pedestrians also involved themselves with the colourful celebration. The bright smiling happy faces of children made the evening more gorgeous.





Goat rearing is a practical and sustainable option for enhancing rural livelihoods, improving nutrition, and contributing to the overall well-being of village communities. Maintaining the Continuity of the Sustainable Goat Rearing Project, SWAMBHAR." , on 26th August RC Calcutta Kankurgachi in association with the club's sponsored RCC DR.Jagannath Dinda Memorial Welfare Trust distributed 4 female Goats among 2 beneficiaries of Shibrampur Namkhana . Representing RC Calcutta Kankurgachi, Smt. Ira Rani Dinda RCC President, Timir Baran Jana RCC Secretary, Gorachand Singh and Kobita Dalapoti, Members were present in this program



Rotary Community Corps supports agricultural development through training, resources, and technology, helping farmers improve productivity and sustainability.

Proudly the RCC Dr Jagannath Dinda Memorial Trust sponsored by RC Calcutta Kankurgachi once again successfully provided support to 30 farmers / cowherds from 6 different villages of Namkhana by distributing cattle feed ( 10 kgs each) .

RCC President Smt Ira Rani Dinda & secretary Timir Baran Jana with other members were present.







# MOM 425th RM

Minutes of the 425th Regular Meeting & 18th Club Installation Ceremony date: August 4th, 2024

The Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi conducted its 425th Regular Meeting (RM) and 18th Club Installation Ceremony on August 4th, coinciding with the birthday of the Club's esteemed Past President, the late Rtn. Sumita Lodh. The event was graced by distinguished guests, a galaxy of Past Governors from RID 3291, members from neighboring clubs, and Friends of Rotary. The meeting was called to order by Outgoing Club President, Rtn. Gour Sundar Sarkar. He requested all to raise for National Anthem. In his farewell address, he reflected on his experiences and achievements over the past year as President. Following his speech, Rtn. Arijit Dutt presented the Secretary's report for Rotary Year 2023-24. The highlight of the meeting was the Changeover Ceremony, during which Outgoing President Rtn. Gour Sundar Sarkar officially handed over the leadership to Incoming President Rtn. Indrajit Das. This significant moment was witnessed by Chief Guest, Vice Governor PDG Pinaki Prashad Ghosh, Special Guest DGN Tapas Bhattacharya, Installation Chair PP Supriyo Lodh, and the distinguished audience. The Master of Ceremonies, Rtn. Arijit Dutt, and Rtn. Mainak Chakraborty, conducted the event with precision.

In his inaugural address, President Rtn. Indrajit Das expressed heartfelt gratitude to his predecessor, Rtn. Gour Sundar Sarkar, for his outstanding efforts. He also outlined his vision for the upcoming year, promising new initiatives focused on sustainable club projects and other key areas of service during Rotary Year 2024-25.

Following the introduction of the new club board, three new members were inducted as active members of RCCK, and Rtn. Dinabandhu Sinha of RC Bolpur Shantiniketan was welcomed as an Honorary Member of the club. Additionally, Club Foundation Chair IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar, on behalf of the club, committed a donation of \$1,000 towards The Rotary Foundation (TRF). In the absence of Club Editor PP Ranjana Mutsuddi, President Rtn. Indrajit Das initiated the unveiling of the Club Bulletin "MAAN" (Installation Edition), which was officially released by Vice Governor PDG Pinaki Prashad Ghosh. The ceremony was marked by a moment of goodwill and applause as outgoing and incoming club leaders exchanged warm wishes.

Special Guest DGN Tapas Bhattacharya and Chief Guest Vice Governor PDG Pinaki Prashad Ghosh commended the club's leadership and team for their commendable efforts and dedication throughout the year. They extended their best wishes to all club members and the new leadership team for a meaningful and successful Rotary Year 2024-25.

Both were felicitated by PP Supriyo Lodh and President Rtn. Indrajit Das respectively. Additionally, President Rtn. Indrajit Das honored all the Past Governors present at the event. A delegation from the prospective Rotary Club of Bankura Outer also attended the event. They were warmly welcomed by IPP Gour Sundar Sarkar, President Rtn. Indrajit Das, and other members of RCCK with Uttorio.

On request of Club President Rtn Indrajit Das, the club business was meticulously conducted by New Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray.

The Vote of Thanks was also perfectly presented by Rtn. Soinik Das .

The event concluded with a heartfelt Cake Cutting Ceremony to celebrate the birthday of PP Sumita Lodh. The cake cutting ceremony was led by her sons, Suprotik and Suryodeep, her husband and Club Mentor PP Supriyo Lodh, along with close Rotarian friends, guests, and club members. The successful event concluded with a marvelous fellowship gathering and a sumptuous dinner.



# MOM 426th RM

The 426th Rotary Meeting was held on August 24, 2024, at CG 45 Salt Lake.

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

The minutes from the 425th RM was confirmed by the members. The President expressed appreciation for the contributions to the projects completed in August. He outlined the ongoing projects for August and proposed

several points and projects for September and October for discussion and action.

The President announced that the formation of the new Rotary Club of Bankura Outer is nearly complete. PDG Ravi Sehgal confirmed that the application has been forwarded to RISAO, with the Charter expected to be issued by the first week of September.

Upcoming projects were discussed, including the Teachers' Day celebration at Mukul Bithi School in Kankurgachi under the Eezzee School banner. It was unanimously approved that during Durga Puja, 25 sarees and 25 dhotis will be distributed to the RCC Dr. Jagannath Dinda Memorial Trust. PP Supriyo Lodh offered to donate 33 school bags to children in the same area.

Additionally, it was announced that two pedestal fans will be donated to Jaynagar Khanra Para by Rtn. Arijit Dutt and his spouse, Inadyuti Dutt. The President also informed that the pre-Puja cultural event, Agomoni, will be organized on October 2 at CG 45, as in previous years.

A proposal was made for the Club to participate in the District Literacy Project, the Swarna Kana Inter-School Merit Test, under the Eezzee School 3 banner.

IPP Gour Sarkar announced that the Club President and members are invited by the local Durga Puja committee at Sahashpur Bankura to celebrate their 50th Durga Puja inauguration on October 8. Club President informed that during this event, a medical camp will be organized near the Puja Pandal, and 500 saplings, 200 sarees, and 50 dhotis will be distributed.

Additionally, a solar lamp will be installed in Baikunthapur village, Indus Bankura.

The Club's sustainable literacy project, Medha Britti, will also take place at Sahashpur Bankura during the Puja inauguration, where 20 Jio mobile handsets will be distributed to students for online education.

The President then requested the Club Secretary to conduct the Club business. Club Secretary Rtn. Mridula Ray carried out the business proceedings diligently.

With no further points for discussion, the President concluded the meeting and invited members to join in fellowship.

Members present: 6

**WHAT IS ROTARY?**



**JOIN LEADERS**

**EXCHANGE IDEAS**

**TAKE ACTION**

**IN COMMUNITIES LIKE OURS, AROUND THE WORLD**



**Community Service**

**Rotary IS OUR NAME. SERVICE IS OUR GAME!**

*Above Self*

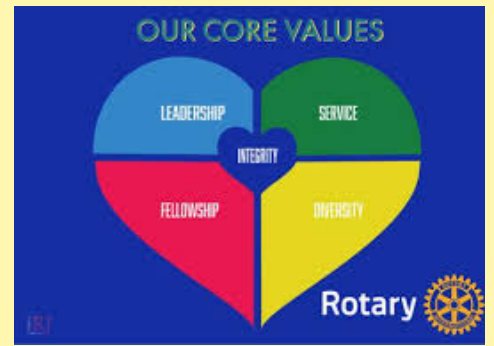
**Vocational Service**

**CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD** Rotary

**Youth Service**

**International Service**

**Club Service**




**Basic Education and Literacy**



**Maternal and Child Health**



**Peace and Conflict prevention / resolution**



**Disease prevention and treatment**



**Water and Sanitation**



**Economic and Community Development**

**"Our Next Mission: Our Endeavor"**

**COMING SOON**  
*Stay Tuned*



**Together We Can!**

**We Are**  
**Rotary Club of Calcutta Kankurgachi**