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We meet every alternate Thursday at THE ANTELOPE, 3, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071 at 8.00 pm.

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THE RI PRESIDENT-ELECT SPEAKS ABOUT THE POWER OF ROTARY'S MEMBERS

By Etelka Lehoczky

Rotary International President-elect Mário César Martins de Camargo asked members to Unite for Good by embracing growth, service, and connection as he outlined a plan to expand "the best-qualified team of volunteers on the planet." "Rotary's greatest asset is not our history, our projects, or even our unmatched global reach. It is our members," de Camargo said at the organization's International Assembly in Orlando, Florida, USA, on 10 February. He noted praise from one of Rotary's partners about "the extraordinary dedication" of Rotary members. "That recognition from an outsider deepened my understanding: Rotary's greatest gift to the world is its people."

De Camargo, a member of the Rotary Club of Santo André, São Paulo, Brazil, emphasized the importance of seeking out new perspectives and strengthening Rotary's service to communities around the globe. He outlined three "essential pillars" for growth: innovation, continuity, and partnership.

INNOVATING WHILE ALSO BUILDING A CONSISTENT LEGACY

Noting how quickly the world changes, de Camargo urged members to innovate.

"Technology, social expectations, and economic conditions evolve constantly, and Rotary must evolve with them," he said. "Innovation is how we adapt to this changing world."

One important way to do this, de Camargo said, is by embracing and promoting a variety of club models. Satellite clubs, cause-based clubs, enterprise clubs, and passport clubs offer people different ways to experience Rotary. Noting that his wife helped charter a satellite club with nearly 50 members, he said, "Future Rotary members are out there. We must meet them where they are." De Camargo also emphasized the importance of leadership continuity and said he observed its benefits during his extensive travels in the past 18 months. Districts thrive, he said, when governors build on their predecessors' efforts, ensuring that programs and strategies continue without interruption. He cited an effort to build wells in Nigeria, an initiative in Pakistan that helped people affected by devastating floods to find a better future, and a Rotary grant-funded program in India where children get lifesaving care.

"Continuity is not about uniformity; it's about alignment," de Camargo said. "When district leaders work together, envisioning Rotary beyond their 'governor year,' they set the stage for long-term success."

THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIP

Rotary members working alone can achieve great things, de Camargo said, but collaborating with others makes it possible to change the world. He noted that Rotary's historic effort against polio has been undertaken with partners such as the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF. Without these partners, de Camargo said, Rotary couldn't have had the same impact. He suggested exploring other kinds of partnerships to attract members and revitalize clubs.

Partnering with business associations, professional organizations, and academic institutions can help Rotary attract members while embracing diversity in professions and perspectives, he said. "By reaching out to professionals who share our values of service and engagement, we can expand Rotary's capacity to do good in the world." Ultimately, de Camargo said, all of Rotary's achievements and growth depend on members. By focusing on attracting and retaining them, Rotary can renew its strength as well as its ability to create change in communities for years to come.

"In a world often divided, Rotary stands as a beacon of unity and hope," de Camargo said. "Our projects bring together people of all races, religions, genders, ideologies, and economic backgrounds, uniting us in a shared purpose: to do good in the world. ... Let's build a Rotary that unites for good and ensures a brighter future for all."





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Environment

Minutes of the 1615th Regular Meeting of Rotary Club of Calcutta North East held over Zoom on 30.01.25 at 8.15 PM.

- ❖ President informed about the various projects of our club in the pipeline.
 - 1st February Blood donation camp at DumDum Jessore Road from 9 am to 2 pm.
 - 2nd February sewing machine to be donated at RCCNE Adult literacy Centre at Kestopur.
 - Baruipara School renovation project is complete, and formal inauguration is awaited.
- ❖ President informed that Club has received the RI dues bill for the 2nd half amounting to RS 1.28.122.56 which requires to be paid at the earliest.
- ❖ Treasurer in his absence was requested to follow up with the members for the 2nd half dues and make the payment.
- ❖ President informed that the Assistant Governor visit will fixed after speaking with him.
- ❖ DG visit of our club will be held on 13.03.2025 venue to be decided later.
- ❖ Attending members expressed their anguish over the fact that even in Zoom mode of meeting only five members attended.
- ❖ There being no other meeting President terminated the meeting 8.50 PM.



**Adult Literacy Project on 2nd February at
Mashisbathan Krishnapur Unnayan Samity**



**President with Club Members at the Annual Sports of
Pratham Padakshep on 10th February**



**President Subasish with IPP Vivek, PP Ramprasad, Rtn
Salil and Rtn Rathin at Blood Donation sponsored by
RCCNE and organised by OM Blood Center**

Birthday Greetings

- 26 Jan : Sohini Roy, W/o Rtn Shubadip Roy
 03 Feb : Rtn Subhashis Kar
 07 Feb : Saimontika, D/o Rtn Subasish Halder
 07 Feb : Rtn Salil Kumar Chandra
 07 Feb : Rtn Biswajit Saha
 28 Feb : Sutapa Paul, W/o Rtn Prabir Kumar Paul

Wedding Greetings

- 25 Jan : Rtn Tapas Kr Adalder & Mahuya Mondal
 30 Jan : Rtn Sabyasachi & Swapnamita Roy
 30 Jan : Rtn Gurmeet Singh & Ritika Sachar
 03 Feb : Rtn Subhashis & Paulomi Ghosh
 14 Feb : Rtn Rathindra Nath & Sushmita Dey
 19 Feb : Rtn Saumendra & Tanusree Rakshit

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