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Rotary and Gates Foundation extend partnership to end polio

Joint commitment will add US\$450 million to global polio eradication efforts over three years

CALGARY (22 June 2025) – Rotary and the Gates Foundation are renewing their longstanding partnership to end polio, announcing a joint commitment of up to US\$450 million to support the global polio eradication effort at the annual Rotary International Convention.

“While historic progress has been made toward defeating polio—90 percent of the world’s population is free from the wild poliovirus—we’re facing significant challenges from competing financial priorities to fragile health systems.

Furthermore, the detection of polio in places like Papua New Guinea that were previously polio free demonstrates that polio anywhere is a threat everywhere,” said Rotary International PolioPlus Committee Chair Mike McGovern. “The extension of our fundraising partnership with the Gates Foundation allows us to reach children around the world with lifesaving vaccines, keeping every child and community safe from this preventable disease.”

Rotary will continue to raise \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Gates Foundation. This renewed agreement will translate into up to a total of \$450 million to support the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

“Rotary was the first to envision a world without polio—and today, we have the tools and knowledge to make that vision a reality,” said Bill Gates, Chair of the Gates Foundation. “If we all maintain our commitment and keep funding the solutions we know work, then soon, no family will have to live in fear of this horrific disease ever again.”

The funds are used to support everything from vaccine delivery, surveillance, and community engagement to the implementation and maintenance of polio eradication programs in affected regions, including Afghanistan and Pakistan, the only countries that continue to report cases of wild poliovirus.

The funding also allows Rotary to help aid emergency response for polio outbreaks, and in late 2024, Rotary committed US\$500,000 to support the first round of a two-round polio vaccination campaign in Gaza following confirmation of a 10-month-old child who contracted polio in the region.

Polio—a paralyzing and sometimes deadly disease—will become the second human disease in history to be eradicated, and this critical funding ensures that efforts to protect children in at-risk countries continue.

“For 40 years Rotary has remained steadfast in our commitment to ending polio for good, and the Gates Foundation partnership renewal underscores the importance of this effort,” said Rotary International President Stephanie Urchick. “With gratitude to the Gates Foundation, we remain resolute in delivering on our promise of a polio-free world.

Canadian Rotary members have contributed US\$50 million of the more than US\$2.9 billion Rotary has committed to fighting polio and countless volunteer hours since Rotary launched its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary joined in partnership with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to form the GPEI. The Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance later joined. When the initiative launched, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year, but thanks to the GPEI’s efforts, in partnership with world governments—including Canada’s which most recently pledged CAD\$151 million to the GPEI and has committed more than CAD\$1 billion to date as demonstration of its longstanding, unwavering support for polio eradication—the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent.

Anyone can be a part of the fight to end polio and have their donation to Rotary matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation. Visit endpolio.org to learn more and donate.



From the Editor's Desk

My Dear Friends in Rotary,

It is my privilege to step into the role of your bulletin editor and to present to you a New Bliss on the 40th year of our club. Going forward my vision is to make the newsletter a vibrant reflection of our club's incredible spirit. I want to celebrate our successes, share our stories, highlight the amazing work we do in the community, and keep you informed about all the exciting things happening within our Rotary family.

This year I would aim to enrich the BLISS through new editorial presentations and new reporting category inclusions to make it more inclusive, informative and interesting.

The reporting in the upcoming bulletins will be a confluence of all your ideas, activities and achievements in Rotary. The Bulletin will be a collective effort, and I'm counting on each one of you to contribute!

Looking forward to collaborating with you and bringing our Rotary story to life!

Yours in Rotary

PP Rtn Subhashis Ghosh, Editor - 2025-26

Congratulations

On your Appointment

PP Rtn Srikanta Basu Mallik - Advisor - Membership Engagement Committee

PP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick - AG Service

Board Of Directors & Club Officers 2025-26

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PP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick

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Rtn Salil Kumar Chandra

Chairman - Public Relation : PP Rtn Sujit Dutt

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Young Leader's Contact : PP Rtn Srikanta Basu Mallik

Advisor to the Board : PP Rtn Hara Prasad Garg

We Warmly Welcome You!

Prof Amitava Datta is presently the Pro-Vice Chancellor of Jadavpur University. He is a professor in the Department of Power Engineering of Jadavpur University.



Dr Supratip Kundu is a consultant interventional cardiologist whose objective is to devote his skills in the treatment of patients with cardiovascular disorders.



Dr Debarati Paul is a computational biologist and researcher with deep expertise in molecular modelling, drug discovery and high-performance computing.



Family Corner

Congratulations on successfully completing your Diploma in Patisserie Innovation and Wellness from Le Cordon Bleu Suvankhi Roy! Daughter of PP Rtn Shubadip and Mrs Sohini Roy

What an amazing achievement!

This is a testament to your hard work, creativity, and dedication. Wishing you all the very best as you embark on this delicious journey. The culinary world is certainly brighter with your innovative touch!



Project Report : Water and Wisdom

Date : 30th June 2025, **Location :** Hojaghata, Begampur, Naity (West Bengal)

Project Objective

To promote health, hygiene, education, and livelihood enhancement by providing clean drinking water, digital learning tools, and vocational resources to rural communities

Project Activities

1. Safe Drinking Water Initiative

Installed 6 water filters at various primary and secondary schools in the Hojaghata region.

Ensured access to clean drinking water for hundreds of schoolchildre.

2. Digital Education Enhancement

Donated 1 Nos LG Smart Board to Begampur High School to improve teaching-learning methods and access to digital education.

3. Women Empowerment through Livelihood Support

Donated 2 Nos sewing machines to the Naity Gram Panchayat, enabling vocational training and income generation for women in the community.

Safe drinking water project and smart board project was implemented with support from EIRWT (Eastern India Rotary Welfare Trust).

Participation

Six members from the Rotary Club of Calcutta North East actively participated in the planning, logistics, and distribution activities.

The program lasted the whole day and concluded with a lunch hosted by the Club President.

Contributed by: Rtn Swapnamita Roy



Rotary Club of Calcutta North East along with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta North East and Sabitri an NGO participated at the Rathayatra



Project Report : Blood Donation Camp, "Donate Blood, a gift of life"

Rotary District 3291 in association with The Bengal Obstetric and Gynaecological Society celebrated Doctor's Day which also marks the first day of the Rotary Year 2025-2026 on July 1st, at Rotary Sadan, with a Blood Donation Camp, "Donate Blood, a gift of life" in the presence of District Governor Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri, first lady Dr Bandana Homchaudhuri, other Past District Governors and many District officials. RC Ankuran Kolkata being the lead host, 54 other clubs throughout the district co-hosted the camp to make it a success. The blood donors from Rotary Club of Calcutta North East includes Rtn. Puspita Mukherjee, Rajdeep Paul and Debroop Paul, sons of PP Rtn. Chandra Kr. Paul, President Rtn. Angana Paul and PP Rtn Hara Prasad Garg was also present to boost the donors.

Contributed by - Rtn. Puspita Mukherjee



Project Report : Enhancing Public Image of Rotary

Rotary Club of Calcutta North East starts this New Rotary Year by Enhancing the Public Image of Rotary, wishing A Happy Doctors' Day, spreading awareness on Thalassemia and Congratulating Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri as he takes over as District Governor.

Two hoardings have been put up in prominent locations in Kolkata for the same, courtesy Karukrit. The designing of the hoarding was done by PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul, in co-ordination with the District Public Image Chair, Rtn Subhojit Roy.

Contributed by - PP Rtn Sujit Dutt



DG (2025-26) Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri took over the reins of District 3291 at a well organised event at National Library Bhasha Bhawan on 1st July, 2025



We are on INSTA!

Rotary Club of Calcutta North East Goes Instagram Official!

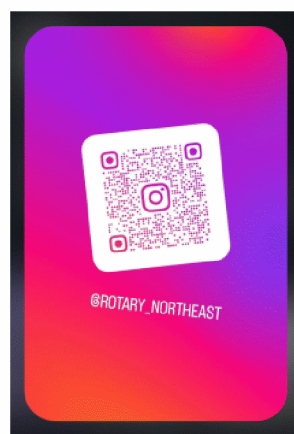
After years of connecting through our Facebook page, we've now taken a vibrant step forward with the launch of our official Instagram handle @rotary_northeast — a space dedicated to showcasing and highlighting our projects, events, and the spirit of Rotary in action.

In a very lesser time, we're proud to share that we've already gained 110+ followers, and the response has been truly encouraging! Our posts are fast, engaging, and visually rich, capturing the essence of every initiative we undertake — from service projects and installations to celebrations and recognitions.

This digital leap is not just about presence — it's about impact. Through Instagram, we aim to reach more hearts, inspire more minds, and connect with a wider community that shares the Rotary motto of Service Above Self.

Follow us @rotary_northeast tag us, and be a part of our growing digital Rotary family!

Contributed by - Rtn Ahana Ghosh



Minutes of the 40th Installation Meeting (2025-26) of Rotary Club of Calcutta North East

Date: 19th July 2025

Venue: Lake Club, Kolkata

Master of Ceremony (MC):

PP Rtn Sujit Dutt, Rtn Ahana Ghosh, Rtn Puspita Mukherjee

Dignitaries & Guests Present:

- District Governor (2025-26) Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhuri
- First Lady Dr. Bandana Homchoudhuri
- Twelve Past District Governors
- District Officials
- Club Members and Families
- Associates and Sponsors

Proceedings:

The meeting commenced with the MC calling upon the President (2024-25) Rtn Subasish Halder, Club Secretary (2024-25) Rtn Swapnamita Roy, President (2025-26) Rtn Angana Paul, Club Secretary (2025-26) Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, and the honorable District Governor to the stage to take their designated seats and officially start the meeting.

National Anthem:

The MC invited everyone to stand for the National Anthem.

President's Address (2024-25):

President Rtn Subasish Halder started the meeting with a speech covering the major activities of his tenure (2024-2025).

Key announcements included:

1. Blood Donation Camp (8th June 2025): A successful blood donation camp was held at RCC Kankinara, attended by President Rtn Subasish Halder and PP Rtn Ram Prasad Chattopadhyay.
2. Charter Day Celebration (12th June 2025): The RCCNE Charter Day celebration was held at Annapurna Banquet with a gala fellowship night, attended by members and their families.
3. Bandhan Project (15th June 2025): The club co-hosted the District project Bandhan at Saltlake Prakash Bhaban.

Upcoming Events/Projects:

1. Rathayatra with Specially Abled Children (27th June 2025) : The club's continuous project, Rathayatra, RCCNE members walked alongside specially abled children of Sabitri and other organisations, along with Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta North East.
2. Water Purifier & Smartboard Installation (30th June 2025) : The final project of the year involved the installation of water purifiers and smartboards in 6 schools in the Begamapur, Jonai, Hooghly district. The

President invited all members to join this inauguration event.

Induction of New Member:

Mcs introduced Prof. Dr. Amitava Datta, Pro VC of Jadavpur University, Dr Supratip Kundu and Dr Debarati Paul, as new members of RCCNE.

Presentation of New Member Kits and Lapel Pin:

The MC introduced three new members of the club and requested the District Governor and First lady to hand over the Rotary pins and kits. All three members were warmly welcomed.

Secretary's Presentation (2024-25) :

Club Secretary Rtn Swapnamita Roy delivered a comprehensive presentation on the club's projects and events throughout the year, using an audio-visual format. The presentation was well-received and appreciated by all attendees, including the District Governor.

Introduction of Incoming President:

PP Rtn Chandra Paul gave a heartfelt introduction of the incoming President, Rtn Angana Paul, who is also his wife. He shared a special brief about her leadership qualities and the new chapter she will lead in the upcoming year.

Ceremonial Exchange of Collar:

MC announced the ceremonial exchange of the collar from the outgoing president to the incoming president. In the esteemed presence of our District Governor, both the Presidents and the Club Secretaries participated in this meaningful exchange. It is a gesture that signifies the transfer of responsibilities, the continuation of service, and the upholding of the club's vision and values for the year ahead.

Unveiling of Bulletin:

A Special edition of Bliss was unveiled at the event.

Incoming President's Address (2025-26):

President Rtn Angana Paul took the stage and delivered her opening speech for the 2025-26 Rotary year. She expressed her gratitude for being elected as President and outlined her plans and goals for the year. She also introduced her Board Members for the year and invited them on stage for a group photograph.

Secretary's Confirmation:

Club Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy conducted the secretarial business, confirming the minutes of the last Rotary Meeting and addressing any ongoing business matters.

District Governor's Address:

District Governor Rtn Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhuri delivered an inspiring speech, highlighting the importance of the year's focus on Thalassemia

Awareness. He also discussed the various initiatives of Rotary and expressed his support for the incoming board. An audio-visual presentation on Thalassemia was shared with the attendees.

Felicitation Ceremony:

President Rtn Angana Paul led the felicitation program alongside other esteemed club members to honor the Honourable District Governor, the First Lady, along with several Past District Governors and their spouses. These distinguished individuals were felicitated in recognition of their continuous support and tireless efforts towards the growth and success of the Rotary Club Of Calcutta North East initiatives.

Vote of Thanks:

The President-elect for 2026-27, Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, was called upon to extend the vote of thanks. He expressed heartfelt gratitude to all attendees and requested everyone to join in the fellowship and dinner.

The meeting was officially terminated with no further agenda points.

Contributed by: Rtn Sabyasachi Roy



Birthday Greetings

- 01 Jul : Bikram, S/o Rtn Tapan Kumar Bakshi
- 02 Jul : Debarpeeta Chanda, W/o Rtn Dr Binayak Chanda
- 06 Jul : Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul
- 09 Jul : Anisha D/o Rtn Arup Kumar Chatterjee
- 12 Jul : Sutandra, D/o Rtn Sudip Kumar Dutta
- 15 Jul : Indrani Chatterjee W/o Rtn Arup Kumar Chatterjee
- 16 Jul : Rtn Sudip Kumar Dutta

Wedding Greetings

- 04 Jul : Rtn Yudhajit & Swagata Chaudhuri
- 10 Jul : Rtn Vivekananda & Geetasree Bhowmick