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Rtn Angana Paul
President

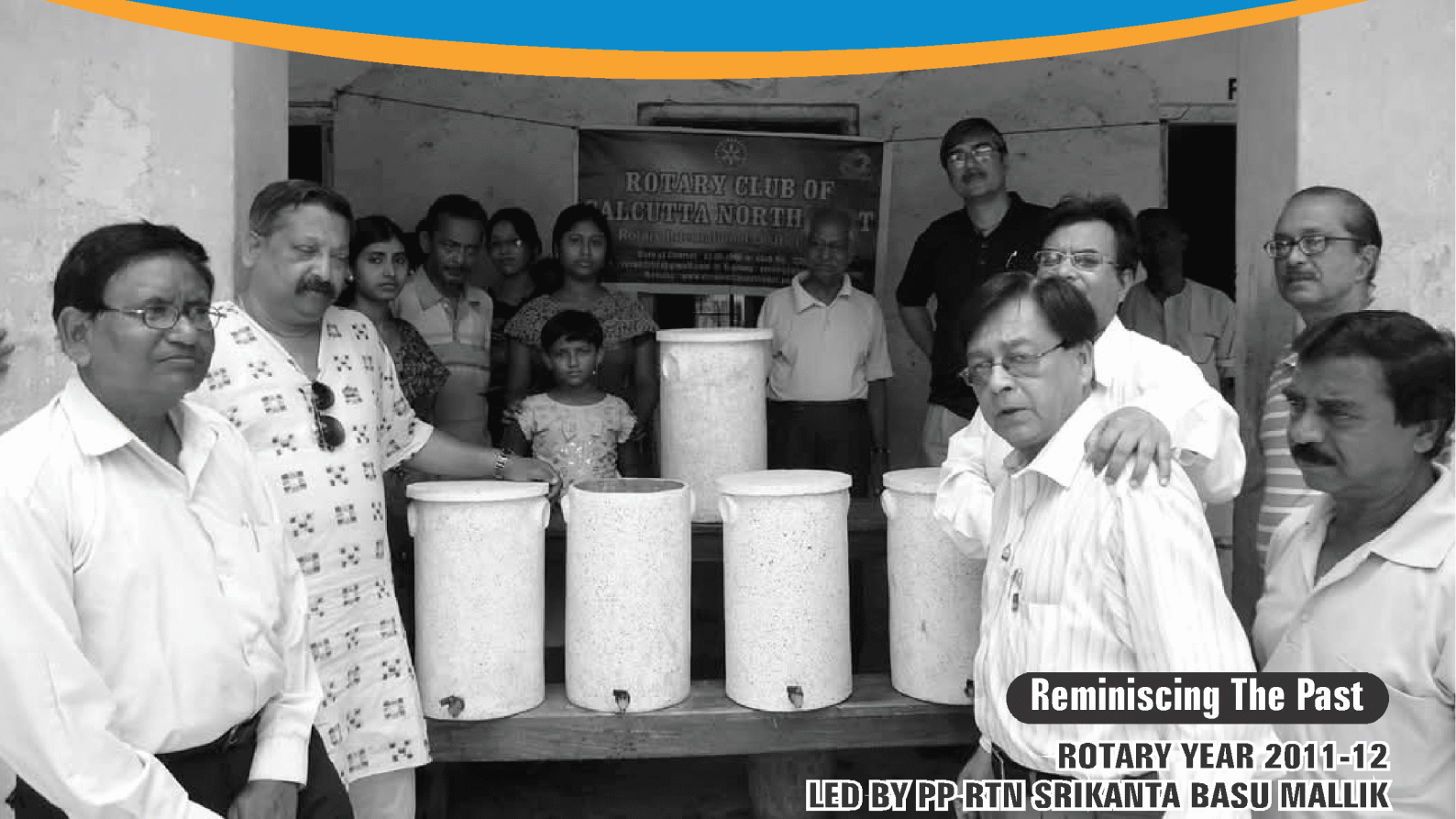
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ROTARY YEAR 2011-12

LED BY PP Rtn SRIKANTA BASU MALLIK

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ROTARY NEWS

Rotary partners with Symbiosis International University to establish peace center in India One-year Rotary Peace Fellowship will train peacebuilders across Asia on pivotal issues in the region

Pune, India (June 24, 2025) — Rotary today announced its partnership with Symbiosis International University to establish The Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University.

Located at Symbiosis' scenic 400+ acre Lavale campus in Pune, Maharashtra, the center will offer a one-year professional certificate fellowship program designed to train peace and development professionals from across the Asia region in peace studies, conflict transformation, and sustainable development.

Realizing a vision that has been years in the making, the new peace center will equip community leaders with advanced knowledge and skills in peacebuilding that focus on pivotal issues pertinent to Asia. These include land and identity disputes, climate change, food insecurity, refugee integration, and community development.

With a strong focus on Positive Peace – as defined by attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful societies, students will engage in a comprehensive curriculum in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. The fellowship will include academic studies, field visits, and seminars and workshops, as well as a unique peace and development project each student will implement in their home or host community to create sustainable change. Upon completion of the curriculum, Rotary Peace Fellows will be awarded a postgraduate diploma in peace and development studies by the university.

“Our collaboration with Symbiosis International University marks a significant step in Rotary's ongoing commitment to fostering peace and developing sustainable solutions to address local and global challenges,” said Bharat Pandya, Trustee, The Rotary Foundation (TRF). “Peace is the foundation for safety, prosperity, and sustainable development in our societies. The establishment of Rotary's peace center at Symbiosis is a proud moment for Rotary that will empower future peacebuilders. This collaboration is a call for action to invest in peace, nurture local leadership, and shape resilient communities for generations to come,” he added.

With an intake of 20 peace fellows per cohort twice per year, the program is tailored to accommodate mid-career professionals, ensuring they're able to integrate their learnings into real-world scenarios and positively impact their respective organizations and communities.

The Rotary Peace Center at Symbiosis International University will offer a diverse curriculum including modules in post-conflict recovery and healing, social justice, population displacement and migration, diplomacy, and humanitarian response. The mission is to work towards creating effective learning support systems and an enabling environment that nurtures global citizens, cultivates skills and mindsets for resolving conflict, and contributes to a more inclusive, knowledge-driven, and sustainable future supported by a network of peacebuilders across the region.

“The Rotary Peace Center that we are associated with is yet another feather in the cap of Symbiosis. Established in 1971 by Prof. Dr. S.B. Mujumdar, our visionary founder and the Chancellor of Symbiosis International University, Symbiosis was built on the motto ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,’ meaning the ‘world is one family.’ His mission was to bring together students from across India and around the world to encourage international understanding and a spirit of brotherhood. I am delighted that Rotary has chosen Symbiosis International University as the site for a Rotary Peace Center. This initiative aligns well with our core values and long-standing vision of Symbiosis,” said Dr. Vidya Yeravdekar, Principal Director, Symbiosis, Pro Chancellor, Symbiosis International (Deemed University).

Rotary currently awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for dedicated peace and development leaders from around the world to study at one of its seven peace center programs. Since 2002, Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,800 individuals for careers in peacebuilding, and program alumni serve as leaders in both governmental and non-governmental agencies, international organizations, and more.

SWIKRITI – Young Achievers Award



Young Achievers Award being presented to **Ms. SREEJANI RAKSHIT, Ms. SUVANKHI ROY, Dr. ANUTTAM CHATTOPADHYAY and Mr. DEBROOP PAUL** for their academic excellence in their respective field.

Project Report - *Thalassemia Awareness and Blood Donation*

On July 13th, the Rotary Club of Calcutta North East participated in a Blood Donation Camp organized by Young Star Club at Naity, near Begampur. As part of the event, the Rotary Club conducted a Thalassemia Awareness Program to educate attendees about the condition and its implications.

Key Highlights -

- Banners were displayed to raise awareness about Thalassemia.
- Pamphlets were distributed among attendees, providing detailed information on Thalassemia, its risks, and screening procedures.
- An audio program on Thalassemia was broadcast during the event, further educating participants about the condition.
- Rtn Ramprasad Chattopadhyay delivered a talk on the importance of Thalassemia screening, highlighting its significance in prevention and management.
- Volunteers and medical professionals were available to answer queries and provide guidance on Thalassemia prevention and management.
- The media coverage, done by Channel News Bangla TV further made sure that the awareness program had a widespread reach.

The program successfully created awareness about Thalassemia, emphasizing the importance of screening and prevention. The Blood Donation Camp and Thalassemia Awareness Program together promoted a sense of community service and health awareness.

Reported by: PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul



ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA NORTH EAST
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING NO. 1626

Date : 3rd July 2025

**Venue: Residence of PP Rtn Vivekananda Bhowmick,
Bangur Avenue, Kolkata**

Call to Order

President Rtn. Angana Paul called the meeting to order. The National Anthem was led by Rtn Swapnamita Roy, with all members standing in respect.

Introduction of the Board

President Rtn Angana Paul requested Rtn Swapnamita Roy to announce the names of the new Board members and to officially hand over the Lapel Pins to each member.

President's Address

President Rtn Angana Paul welcomed all members to a fresh start for the Rotary year 2025-26, introducing the theme "United for Good."

She extended appreciation to the previous year's team, led by IPP Rtn Subasish Halder, for their commendable execution of EIRWT projects in the concluding week of the previous year.

Acknowledgements

- President thanked all members who participated in the Blood Donation Camp held on 1st July morning at Rotary Sadan. Notably, Rtn Puspita and both sons of President Angana Paul donated blood.
- In the evening, the District Changeover Ceremony was held at the National Library Auditorium. Club members accompanied the President, followed by a fellowship hosted at The Calcutta Club by PP Rtn Sudip Kumar Dutta.

Public Image Initiative

RCCNE organized a Public Image campaign featuring billboards on Thalassaemia Awareness at Ultadanga and Mintopark, Kolkata. This initiative was generously sponsored by RCCNE's close associate "Karukrit". The directors of Karukrit were felicitated for their contribution.

Felicitations (SWIKRITI - YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD)

The following children of Rotarians were felicitated for their outstanding achievements in their respective fields:

- **Debroop Paul**, son of President Rtn Angana Paul & PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul.
- **Suvankhi Roy**, daughter of Mrs Sohini Roy & PP Rtn Shubadip Roy.
- **Sreejani Rakshit**, daughter of Mrs Tanusree Rakshit & PP Rtn Saumendra Mohan Rakshit.
- **Dr. Anuttam Chattopadhyay**, son of Mrs. Madhuri Chattopadhyay & PP Rtn Ramprasad Chattopadhyay.

Project Announcements

President announced the following upcoming projects:

- **Blood Donation & Thalassaemia Awareness camp** at Naity, Begampur, Hooghly in association with AADAN Youngstar Club. Date: 13/07/2025. Members are requested to join.
- **"SABITRI"**: Support to an organization for specially-abled children. The club will sponsor Occupational Therapy Instruments for training purposes.
 - o **Cost**: Rs. 12,000
 - o **Status** : Equipment ordered; project date to be announced soon.
- **COLS (Club Officers Learning Seminar)**:
 - o **Date**: 18th July 2025
 - o **Venue**: International Club
 - o **Participants** : Club AG and DS; all members requested to attend.
 - o Members were requested to identify suitable beneficiaries who may require assistance.

Treasurer's Report

President invited Club Treasurer PP Rtn Chandra Kumar Paul to present his report. The Treasurer discussed the new procedures for dues collection, invoicing and payment timelines for club members.

Secretarial Business

Club Secretary Rtn Sabyasachi Roy was invited to present the secretarial business. He confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting and extended greetings for the week. Next Regular Meeting will be held on 18th July 2025.

Conclusion

With no other agenda, President Rtn Angana Paul formally concluded the meeting and invited all members to join the fellowship.

Sponsorship Acknowledgements

- **Bliss Sponsor**: Rtn Sabyasachi Roy
- **Fellowship & Dinner**: President Rtn Angana Paul

Minutes Prepared by: Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, Secretary

Birthday Greetings

21 Jul : Rtn Hara Prasad Garg

25 Jul : Rtn Gurmeet Singh Sachar

Wedding Greetings

23 Jul : Rtn Kalyan & Sima Saha