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FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT
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A Rotarian works to dispel myths about polio vaccines

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I was looking for volunteer opportunities in my home country of Romania when I saw a social media post about a Rotaract project. I made a donation, and the members invited me to come with them in the field. I joined Rotaract and got involved in many other projects that came after. You could even say my digital career started there. Back in those days social media was booming in Romania, and as a club we started organizing conferences for youth to learn about social media not only as users but as a job.

When I joined Rotaract, I had no idea what Rotary was about. I remember, even now, I was sitting at my computer and watching all these videos about Rotary's work on the polio eradication initiative. I was impressed by the hard work being done. I said to myself back then that it would be so great one day to be working with Rotary on this program. And somehow, 10 years later, I got the chance.

At UNICEF, part of my work lies in managing disinformation and addressing hesitancy around polio vaccination. The majority of parents are not against vaccines, and they do vaccinate during every campaign. However, we have a small group that has worries. Some people fear side effects; others question why children need several doses of the same vaccine. When these concerns are not addressed, uncertainty can grow and negative narratives can lead to hesitancy or refusal.

We respond to vaccine concerns in two ways. First, we support health workers with simple explanations they can use when speaking with families about why the polio vaccine is safe and why repeated doses are needed. Second, we rely on trusted local voices. Parents are more likely to listen to people they know, and when other caregivers share their own experiences of vaccinating their children, that reassurance often matters more than official messages. By listening carefully and working through trusted community voices, we protect confidence in polio vaccination – one conversation at a time.



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Family Corner

Congratulations!

We heartily congratulate Rtn Ahana Ghosh on her achievement and wish her all the success as she embarks on a new journey at IIFM Bhopal to earn her MBA degree in Forestry Management.



Rtn Dr. Debarati Paul represented RCCNE at a cooking competition - 'Nonta Mukhey Mishti Sukh' organised by RC Calcutta Harmony. She was awarded a medal and a certificate at the event for her culinary skills and developing therapeutics against those diseases.

Project Karigari – Weaving Kit Distribution

Rotary Club of Calcutta North East successfully implemented Project Karigari on 29th March at Begumpur, Hooghly, West Bengal, with the objective of empowering local artisans and promoting sustainable livelihoods. As part of the initiative, weaving kits were distributed to 8 weavers, enabling them to enhance their skills and continue their craft with improved resources.

The project witnessed the presence of President Rtn. Angana Paul, Secretary Rtn. Sabyasachi Roy, PP Rtn. Ramprasad Chattopadhyay, Rtn. Swapnamita Roy, Rtn. Salil Chandra, Rtn. Rathindranath Dey, Rtn. Arup Chatterjee, and Rtn. Ahana Ghosh, whose active participation contributed to the successful execution of the programme.

The programme was graced by Mrs. Sumana Mukherjee and Mrs. Koyel Roy as Guests of Honour, whose presence added significance to the occasion.

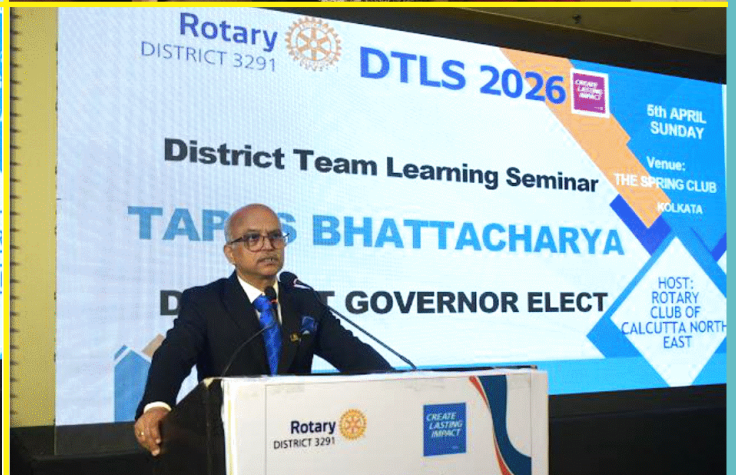
Additionally, Sayoni Das and Rituja Nandy, students of Loreto College, Kolkata, were present as part of their B.Ed. Social Outreach Programme, adding enthusiasm and support to the initiative.

The project reflects Rotary's commitment to community development, skill empowerment, and economic upliftment, creating meaningful impact at the grassroots level.



DTLS 2026

RCCNE successfully conducted DTLS 2026 at the The Spring Club on 5th April, 2026. More than 190 Rotarians attended the seminar from different Rotary Clubs in the District. The seminar focussed on providing necessary insights and plans for the district team 2026-27. The sessions conducted by several PDGs and leaders in Rotary provided an excellent opportunity for the Rotarians to learn and interact. The seminar was followed by Lunch and Fellowship.







Mr. Ashis Chatterjee and Ms Debomita Bag attended the RCC Conference at Bakhkhali.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA NORTHEAST

Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 1643

Date: 28th March, 2026, Time: 8.00 pm.

Venue : The Antelope, 3 Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071.

The Regular Meeting No. 1643 of the Rotary Club of Calcutta North East (RCCNE) was called to order by President Rtn. Angana Paul at 8:00 p.m. The National Anthem was led by Rtn. Debarati Paul, with all members standing in respect.

Project Done

“Dhwani” on 15th March 2026 - The President congratulated all the members on the successful completion of the 3rd edition of “Dhwani”, being a major project of the club. This impactful initiative provided free high-quality hearing aids to 50 beneficiaries, restoring their connection to the world of sound. The project supported by The “Karna” and “Signia”. This event highlights Rotary’s commitment to disease prevention and community welfare. The occasion was graced by esteemed Guests of Honour of district 3291, including DGN Rtn Purnendu Roychowdhury, IPDG AKS Rtn Dr. Krishnendu Gupta, PDG Rtn Rajani Mukherjee, Rtn Aniruddha Guha.

Upcoming Project/Event

On 29th March 2026 Project Karigari in Begumpur. This initiative marks a significant milestone in commitment in fostering sustainable livelihoods within the weaving community. To catalyse economic independence, RCCNE will distribute kits to eight skilled weavers, enabling them to establish self-employment. Furthermore, the project will include the total renovation of a weaver’s residence, transitioning their living space into a safer, dignified environment.

On 5th April 2026, RCCNE is going to host the District Team Learning Seminar (DTLS) for District 3291 for the Rotary Year 2026–2027 at Spring Club, Kolkata, with around 200 participants expected to attend. All the Members are requested to register to support this big and prestigious event for Club. The event will also invite sponsorship from different sources. Event day responsibilities are distributed among the Club members. Reporting time for all members will be 8:00 am.

On 8th May 2026, World Thalassemia Day will be organised with Lake Town Traffic control under the Bidhan Nagar Police Commissionerate. All the Traffic Volunteers (140 nos) will be given one set of uniform along with a RCCNE printed cap. Traffic Guard will be giving a space to organise the Thalassemia awareness program dais where RCCNE will have guest speaker to deliver their speech and conduct a meaningful event. A health check-up camp will also be conducted for traffic guard staffs. The traffic guardrails will be repainted with RCCNE names and Rotary Logo. This is going to be another public image program of RCCNE.

Reorganisation of Member’s achievement

Rtn Dr. Debarati Paul has been felicitated by the Club President for her outstanding achievements of receiving PHD certificate in Bio-Chemistry. She was handed over a Rotary appreciation memento. Everyone congratulated her for her excellence and achievement.

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Club Treasurer PP Rtn. Chandra Kumar Paul. The Club Secretary confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting, extended birthday and anniversary wishes to members and their families, and informed that the next Regular Meeting of the Club will be held on 16th April 2026, with further details to be shared in the club group.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned, and all members and guests were invited to join the fellowship and refreshments sponsored by Rtn Dr. Debarati Paul and Rtn Dr. Supratip Kundu.

Minutes Prepared by

Rtn Sabyasachi Roy, Club Secretary

Birthday Greetings

17 Apr : Soma Mukherjee, W/o Rtn Suven Mukherjee

25 Apr : Tuktuki Dutta, W/o Rtn Sudip Kr Dutta

30 Apr : Amitava Datta

Wedding Greetings

19 Apr : Rtn Srikanta & Rtn Indrani Basu Mallik

22 Apr : Rtn Hara Prasad & Dibyani Garg

3 May : Rtn Salil Kumar & Rajashree Chandra