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Warmest greetings to the vibrant Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point on your Charter Day.

From 1995 to today, your club has stood out for its enthusiasm, integrity, and commitment to meaningful action.

Under President Sudeshna's visionary leadership, the club continues to set benchmarks in innovation and service.

May you keep elevating Rotary's image and touching lives with your dedication and heartfelt energy.

Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri
District Governor (2025-26)



Official DG Visit



The official DG visit to our club was successfully completed on the 11th of September, 2025. The meeting was graced by DG Rtn Dr Ramendu Homchaudhuri, the First Lady Rtn Dr Bandana Homchaudhuri, AG Rtn Arindam Pakrashi, ZS Rtn Ananda Basu, Chief-aide to the Governor Rtn N. Ramakrishnan and DS Admin Rtn Shayak Gupta. The club President Rtn Sudeshna Nanda presented the club's achievements for the year and highlighted the upcoming projects. The club also released its bi-monthly bulletin, vision mission statement and recognized members who attended the Chennai Leadership Conclave. The DG addressed the members and encouraged them to sustain the good work throughout the year. Rtn Anand Sharma also made his annual contribution to the Polio Fund during the meeting. The club also inducted a new member Dr. Debolina Hati during the meeting. The meeting was followed by fellowship.

Taki Meet





The club President Rtn Sudeshna Nanda and the Club Secretary Rtn Avishek Himatsingka attended the "1st Presidents, Secretaries, Assistant Governors (Admin), Zonal Secretaries Meet – ইছামতির তীরে" at Sonar Bangla Taki, on the 13th and 14th of Sept. The two days were packed with an unforgettable experience that included immense learning and unforgettable fellowship.



Puja for all



Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point was proud to co-host Puja for All along with Rotary Club of Ballygunge and other clubs of Dist. 3291. This event was an inclusive Durga Puja initiative organized under Rotary District 3291 in collaboration with NIP NGO and several like-minded partners. The initiative was organized in collaboration with Forum for Durgotsab, Rotary Clubs at District 3291, Saini International School.

This year's program featured two impactful interventions launched at Rotary Sadan on 18th Sept. — **The Braille Durga Puja Guide** and **The Braille Display Stand**, enabling visually impaired visitors to experience Durga Puja more independently. Park Point stood alongside other collaborating clubs in supporting and amplifying these efforts.

The initiative also marked the announcement of the **Differently Abled & Senior Citizen Friendly Durga Puja Awards 2025**, recognizing puja committees that ensure accessibility in their pandals. Over 250 puja committees participated, reflecting the collective commitment to inclusivity.

Representatives from Park Point joined the celebrations on 25 September 2025, which included flag hoisting by Hon'ble Minister Sovandeb Chattopadhyay at Rotary Sadan followed by **Puja Parikrama** with differently abled children and senior citizens across multiple pandals. Rotary Clubs of Dist. 3291 conducted the judging and on 27th September on the occasion of Panchami, **12 Best Puja Committees of 2025** were awarded honoring groups like Suruchi Sangha, Haridevpur Ajaya Sanghati, Shivmandir Sarbojanin, Hazra Park Durgatsav, Balak Sangha (Adi), and Uniworld City Cultural Association, among others.

Illuminating Futures : A Multi-Faceted Learning Support Program at Ananda Samiti



• Addressing Power Outages & Study Interruptions

Frequent evening power cuts in slum communities often disrupt children's study time. To ensure uninterrupted learning, solar-operated study lamps were distributed to identified students from low-income households. One lamp was also provided to a teacher whose living conditions warranted support.



• **Promoting Hands-On Learning Through STEM Kits**

STEM kits were provided to students at Ananda Samiti to cultivate curiosity and experiential learning. The kits encouraged children to experiment, observe, and solve simple challenges — building critical thinking, creativity, and foundational problem-solving skills.

• **Immersive Storytelling Session for Young Learners**

A special storytelling session was organized for children attending the centre’s after-school classes. Two experienced narrators with radio backgrounds captivated the students with four engaging stories that promoted imagination and emotional expression. The lively session concluded with refreshments for all.

• **Distribution of Toys, Books & Creative Materials**

To encourage creativity and joyful learning, toys, books, and colouring materials were distributed to 30 children from underprivileged communities, bringing smiles and excitement to the group.

• **Cultural Performance by Children and Teachers**

The event became even more memorable when the children, along with their teachers, presented a musical performance that added warmth, joy, and a sense of togetherness.

• **Felicitation of Ananda Samiti Teachers**

Teachers were formally recognized for their unwavering commitment to educating children facing multiple socio-economic challenges. Their dedication, compassion, and consistent guidance play a crucial role in improving learning outcomes and motivating students to stay engaged in their education.

The evening ended on a warm note with soulful performances by the teachers, marking a fitting close to a day celebrating learning, creativity, and community spirit. Refreshments were also distributed among the students.

Project Sushrusha



Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point proudly co-hosted **Project ‘Sushrusha’** organized by **Rotary Club of Calcutta Millennium**, a 24×7 medical camp at Bhowanipore 75 Palli from 27th September to 2nd October 2025. In collaboration with RC Subhash Sarovar, RC Calcutta Avyanna, RC Calcutta Metrocity, and RC Calcutta Endeavour, Park Point helped create a safe, compassionate service point amidst the festive Durga Puja celebrations.

The camp extended **immediate medical assistance** with doctors, nurses, paramedics, and an on-site ambulance, resting zone for senior citizens and a dedicated, enclosed feeding area for mothers and infants. These facilities ensured dignity, comfort, and safety for thousands of visitors during the peak puja days.

Thalassemia & Polio Awareness during Durga Puja



The Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point displayed banners and posters across prominent Durga Puja pandals including housing complexes in Kolkata, Salt Lake, Serampore, and Purba Medinipur district, West Bengal, to raise awareness on Thalassemia and Polio. The awareness drive was conducted during the Durga Puja celebrations from 28th September to 2nd October 2025.

Rotary Golf Classic 2025 : Swing Against Cervical Cancer



The Rotary Golf Classic 2025 – “Par for Prevention” concluded on 11th October at the Tollygunge Club after two days of spirited competition for a meaningful cause. Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point proudly co-hosted the event along with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown and the Rotary Club of Garden Reach. On behalf of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point, the event was spearheaded by Rtn Avishek Himatsingka, an avid golfer himself. Together, the clubs successfully raised ₹1 crore to support cervical cancer vaccination for underprivileged girls in Kolkata. Cervical cancer remains one of the most preventable yet life-threatening health challenges for women in India, especially in underserved communities. The funds collected will be directed towards providing HPV vaccinations to young girls across the city. The first vaccination camp was held on 12th October in Maniktala, benefiting 200 girls. Over the next three months, the initiative aims to reach 2,500 girls through a series of camps across Kolkata. The tournament was played across two iconic venues, Royal Calcutta Golf Club and Tollygunge Club with participation from around 100 golfers representing Malaysia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Delhi, Ranchi, Bengaluru, and Kolkata. The Rotary Golf Classic 2025 stands as a testament to how Rotary clubs can blend fellowship, sport, and service transforming a game into a powerful public health initiative. A joint meeting was also conducted with RC Calcutta Midtown on 10th Oct morning at Royal Calcutta Golf Club on the occasion of the inauguration of the Golf Tournament in aid of cervical cancer vaccination.

A Celebration of art, creativity and inclusion



RC Calcutta Park Point, in collaboration with the ‘Brainbow Project by Nitya Himatsingka’, hosted a heart-warming art exhibition on 12th October at ICCR, celebrating the creativity of neurodivergent children. The event offered a meaningful platform for young artists to showcase their talent and confidence. District Governor Rtn. Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri inaugurated the exhibition and praised the initiative, highlighting the need for inclusive spaces that honour diverse abilities. Eight NGOs working in the neurodiversity space also participated, displaying their handcrafted products. The pre-Diwali charity sales received warm support, with visitors appreciating the artworks and contributing through their purchases. With encouraging footfall and wholehearted engagement, the exhibition emerged as a meaningful and impactful initiative — truly reflecting Rotary’s spirit of service, empathy, and community inclusion.

Polio Awareness Initiative



On the occasion of Polio Drop Day on 12th October, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point undertook a special awareness initiative. The club branded six rickshaws with polio awareness banners, which moved around Salt Lake for an entire month, spreading an important message on the need for continued vigilance and vaccination.



World Polio Day Celebrations



The mission to eliminate Polio globally is in its final and most critical stage. Ensuring that the virus never resurfaces requires constant vigilance, awareness, and sustained financial support. On 24th October, an insightful program was hosted at Rotary Sadan to mark World Polio Day. The session highlighted the progress of Rotary's Polio eradication campaign and the importance of continuing this effort. The Rotary Club of Calcutta Park Point was privileged to be a co-host of the event. Our appreciation goes to ENPC PDG Uttam Ganguly, DPPC PDG Mukul Sinha, DG Dr. Ramendu Homchoudhuri, the other speakers, and the sponsoring clubs led by RC Cal Renaissance for steering an engaging and informative evening. During the program, two of our members — Rtn. Chameli Majumdar and Club President Rtn. Sudeshna Nanda extended their contribution of USD 100 to the Polio Fund. In acknowledgment of their support, they were presented with the Rotary Plus Society Pin. With every collective effort, we move closer to realizing a world completely free from Polio.



Diwali & Bijoya Celebration : An Afternoon of Joy and Togetherness



It was a wonderful afternoon as Park Pointers and their families came together on 26th October to celebrate the festive spirit of Diwali and Bijoya. The gathering was filled with laughter, warmth, and heartfelt camaraderie, creating an atmosphere of true festive joy. The celebration concluded with a delightful lunch and cheerful moments shared among friends.

NEW MEMBER OF RC CALCUTTA PARK POINT



Dr. Debolina Hati is a biochemist and biophysicist trained across India, the UK, and the USA, with research experience at King's College London, the University of South Carolina, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Her work on global health challenges has led to international collaborations, key publications, and leadership roles, including serving on the Board of Bioiron and as Chair of the Fellows Advisory Board at NIH. Alongside her scientific career, she remains deeply committed to community service through mentoring young scientists, leading outreach initiatives with SCI-ROI, and contributing to long-standing family service efforts across West Bengal. Now a Senior Scientist in Kolkata, she continues to engage in cultural, educational, and volunteer activities. She is inspired by Rotary's motto of Service Above Self and looks forward to contributing her expertise in research, leadership, and community engagement to Rotary's mission.

Happy Birthday



October

Chameli Majumdar	16th October
Dr. Mahesh Maheshwari	20th October
Asgar Ali	23rd October

Anniversary



October

Anand Kumar Sharma
& Puspita Sharma
6th October

Minutes of Regular Meeting No. 1108 held on 30.10.2025 (Thursday) at Saturday Club from 7.00 p.m. onwards

Proceedings:

The meeting commenced with **fellowship** at 7:00 p.m. and was **called to order at 7:30 p.m.** by President Rtn. Sudeshna Nanda. This was followed by the National Anthem, led by Rtn. Surendra Kumar Lahoti.

President's Announcements and Updates –

1. **Water Filter Project :**

The President informed members that the total collection for the Water Filter Project currently stands at Rs. 40,000, while the quotation received is for Rs. 62,000. Hence, a balance of Rs. 22,000 remains to be raised.

2. **Proposed Disability Sports Event (January) :**

The President proposed organizing a Disability Sports Event in January 2026, which could be opened for hosting or co-hosting by other clubs.

Members were in agreement with this proposal.

3. **Support to Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans (RYLA at Bankura) :**

The President shared that the Rotary Club of Calcutta Samaritans approached for lead host or co-host support for their event RYLA, to be held in Bankura with tribal youth.

Members agreed to extend co-host support of Rs. 3,000.

4. **30th Charter Day Celebration :**

The President informed members that the club's 30th Charter Day falls on 7th November 2025. A discussion was held to finalize a suitable date for the celebration to ensure maximum member participation.

5. **Upcoming Project – Thalassemia Awareness :**

The President announced the Thalassemia Awareness Project scheduled for 3rd November 2025 at Manamathonath Girls' School, Barrackpore.

6. **November – Month Dedicated to Senior Citizens :**

The President reminded members that November is dedicated to the welfare of senior citizens and invited project ideas from all present.

She expressed her interest in organizing a Children's Day celebration at the Paediatric Unit for Children with Cancer at Chittaranjan Cancer Institute. Members appreciated the idea and discussed conducting a senior citizens' welfare project either at the RCC or exploring the Sundarban area, where a Mother and Child Health Project had been conducted earlier.

- o Rtn. SK Lahoti volunteered to donate 50 blankets for distribution among senior citizens.

Secretary's Report :

Secretary Rtn. Avishek Himatsingka presented his report, sharing updates on District Bijoya Diwali Meet to be conducted on 1st of November at Wet-o-wild at Nicco Park and the upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries in the month of November. He also mentioned that he will be attending Golf Tournament in the first week of November, in Hyderabad and will be representing the club. There will be players from different countries making it a Global Event.

Meeting Adjournment :

The meeting concluded with thanks to all members for their attendance and participation. The meeting was formally adjourned by the President.

We meet First & Third Thursday of every month at Saturday Club, Kolkata

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