



Message from Club President 2025-26



Dear Rotarians, Friends, and Well-wishers,

As we conclude the month of July, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your warm support, active participation, and unwavering commitment to service. July marks the beginning of our Rotary journey each year, and I'm proud to say we have started strong. Looking ahead, August is Membership and New Club Development Month. Let's channel our energy into growing our Rotary family. Invite a friend, share your Rotary story, and help others discover the joy of service.

Let's continue this journey together with purpose, compassion, and enthusiasm. Together, we can make a lasting difference.

Warmest regards,

Nabaneet Maitra

President, RY 2025-26, Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour

Message from Club Editor 2025-26

I am in the movement from the year 1994. Started as a young enthusiastic Rotaractor & immediately thereafter joining Rotary in the year 2005. After serving as the President, Dist. Ch, DS and several other designations in Rotaract & Rotary, I came to realise that Editorship is the most herculean & thankless job in both the organisations. That is the reason I choose to take up this designation after serving for so many years. So my humble request to you all is to rectify me and guide me wherever needed as I scribble down few lines as an editor.



August brings with it a renewed focus on our Rotary family's growth and vibrancy. Membership Development Month reminds us of the power of unity, diversity, and shared purpose. The strength of our club lies in the hands of our members—individuals who bring unique perspectives, talents, and passions to our collective effort. During this month, we have the opportunity to open our doors wider and invite potential new members to join us on this incredible journey of Rotary. Let's share our Rotary experiences, the stories of impact we've witnessed, and the friendships we've forged. By doing so, we extend the spirit of Rotary to those who share our values and aspirations. Together, we can shape a future that is filled with meaningful connections, impactful projects, and a legacy of service that touches lives far and wide. Our collective efforts during Membership Development Month set the tone for the year ahead, as we work towards creating a stronger, more vibrant Rotary family.

As we navigate through July's planning and August's membership initiatives, let's remember that our actions today paves the way for a brighter tomorrow. Let's embrace the challenges and opportunities with unwavering dedication, and let the spirit of Rotary guide us in all that we do.

Yours in Rotary,

Rtn. PP. Arkoprovo Ghose

Editor, RY 2025-26, President - 13-14, DCH - 16-17, ZS - 18-19, AG (Service) - 19-20, AG (Admin) - 2AG - 20-21, AG (Service) - 21 - 22, DCH - 22-23, DS (Logistics) - 23-24, AG (Admin) - 24-25

Ann Speaks

Being an interior designer by profession for the last 30 yrs or so, now I feel like looking back on my career.

I grew up in a sleepy little town of Dehradun (It was not the capital of Uttarakhand then). My parents, as all others at that time, wanted me to be a doctor, although my artist father did recognize my artistic abilities and trained me likewise.

But I think my genetics prevailed my academics and ultimately pushed me into this profession. So, it was not my passion, for sure, but I started loving the grit of it slowly, with time. The dust, the smell of raw ply and paint, the fantastic experience of watching your own design, taking shape in front of you, was so overwhelming that I forgot my first dream, i.e., being a doctor. This profession helped me to carve my own niche, create my own identity using my creative brain and sheer hardwork. My family was throughout supportive, though interior designing was not a very popular profession in those days.

Today, when I look back, I can say, at least I did what I loved to do, my creative genes and my teaching genes, both have shaped my career satisfactorily.

Sharmistha Chatterjee (RY 2025-26)

Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour

Voice of Rota kid- Proma Chatterjee



I was 25 when I first stepped onto a mat. Not because I dreamed of becoming a fighter. I had just come back from a trek, exhausted and breathless, and I knew—I needed to get fitter if I wanted to keep exploring the world on my feet.

On my way to work, I noticed a martial arts dojo and joined for kickboxing. A few weeks in, the coach there suggested I try one class of Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu. I knew the name, vaguely. I went in out of curiosity.

That one class changed everything.

It was technical, fluid, strangely addictive—and nothing like I'd ever experienced. I started watching BJJ matches online, diving deeper into the sport. But I realised early that the setup I was in focused more on self-defense than competitive grappling.

That's when I found Ronins, and my coach—then a purple belt—who would become one of the most influential people in my journey. In May 2021, I started private training under him, eventually joining Ronins Jiu Jitsu, which was just a handful of athletes training together on a terrace. It was intense. Unstructured. Completely out of my comfort zone. But I stayed.

Soon after, my coach got a call from AKA Goa (American Kickboxing Academy). They had a black belt from the De La Riva lineage—Wado Lutador—leading BJJ there. I packed my bags and followed. I trained for five months under Wado, honing my no-gi jiu-jitsu, understanding my body, my limits, and my mind.

I came back and started competing.

In 2022, I won silver at India Open, gold at state-level no-gi grappling, gold and silver at SJJIF India Open, then silver at Strangle Nationals 2023, losing the open-weight final to someone 15 kilos heavier after four back-to-back wins. In December 2023, I competed at the ADCC Nationals, losing in the final again—but proud of how far I'd come. I closed out the season with another state gold in 2024. And then I knew—it was time.

I had always admired MMA from a distance. But in 2024, I began training for it seriously. I fell in love with boxing. I was still working full-time as an HR recruiter, and to support my training, I took up a second job as a sports writer for Essentially Sports, covering the very sport I was living.

Balancing two jobs with multiple training sessions a day wasn't easy. I began understanding how much nutrition mattered. How supplements cost money. How recovery was as crucial as technique. I knew this would never be a rich girl's sport for me—but I wasn't going to stop.

I had been trying to secure my amateur MMA debut for a while. Twice, opponents pulled out at the last minute. It was discouraging. But finally, I got the call.

My opponent had a solid amateur record—7 wins, 2 losses. I was the underdog. No Bengali girl currently fights MMA, and I felt the weight of that reality. I knew people weren't expecting much. But I knew what I had trained for.

I finished the fight in 1 minute and 33 seconds of the very first round—by armbar.

I walked into that cage with something to prove. I walked out with something even bigger—hope.

This wasn't just a win. It was the result of every decision I made quietly: to train when I was exhausted, to write articles at night to pay for protein, to stay the course when no one was watching.

I'm still at Ronins. I still work two jobs. And I still believe I've just begun.

Secretaries report- July



1st Project : 01st July 2025 – “Paint for a Cause. - Thalassemia – “Know it, Prevent it.”

RC Calcutta Endeavour, in collaboration with BDM International, celebrated Doctor's Day with “Paint for a Cause.” A poster-making competition was organized on the school premises with the theme : Thalassemia – “Know it, Prevent it.”

Sixty-four students from Class XI enthusiastically participated, using art as a medium to spread awareness about Thalassemia. The top three posters were selected by Chief Guest District Governor Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhuri and First Lady Dr. Bandana Homchaudhuri, and the winners were awarded for their creativity and impactful messaging. Participation certificates were presented to all students in recognition of

their contribution to this meaningful initiative.

2nd Project : Thalassemia Awareness and Free Screening Camp

01st July 2025 – RC Calcutta Endeavour conducted a Thalassemia Awareness and Free Screening Camp at Ghasiara Vidyapith, Sonarpur, Kolkata. An awareness session was held to educate students about the importance of Thalassemia testing. Following the session, 152 students of the school were screened. The session highlighted why early detection and awareness of Thalassemia are crucial in preventing its transmission and managing the condition effectively.

3rd Project : 01ST July 2025 – District 3291 Blood Donation Camp

RC Calcutta Endeavour proudly participated in the Blood Donation Camp organized by Rotary District 3291 in collaboration with The Bengal Obstetric & Gynaecological Society, Kolkata.

The camp was a resounding success, with approximately 65 units of blood collected to support thalassemia patients. This noble initiative saw enthusiastic participation from Rotarians and RCC members, who came forward to make a meaningful difference.

RC Calcutta Endeavour is honoured to contribute to this humanitarian cause and remains committed to supporting such impactful community service initiatives.

Secretaries report - July

4th Project : 04th July 2025 – 10th July 2025

Six Swalambhi Tailoring Training Centres have commenced new batches to train local women in tailoring, embroidery, hand designing, and other skills. This initiative aims to empower women by equipping them with vocational skills that can pave the way for economic independence. Upon completion of the training, these women will be better positioned to pursue self-employment or income-generating opportunities, contributing to their financial stability and upliftment. The centres are at Bamankhali – Gangasagar, Dakshin Haradhanpur – Gangasagar, Mollahati – Bongaon, Chandpara – 24Pgs, Krishnanagar Kakdwip, Manigram 24pgs North, Chandpara North 24Pgs

5th Project: Free Adult Literacy centre at Mollahati Gopalnagar Bongaon and a Free Coaching centre for Students at Dakshin Haradhanpur – Gangasagar

6th Project : 20th July 2025

Yes, Thalassaemia can be prevented through screening, genetic counselling, and informed reproductive choices. To raise awareness about this preventable genetic disorder, Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour has collaborated with one of the oldest and most iconic football clubs in India — Mohun Bagan Athletic Club, a name cherished by millions of football lovers across the country. In a joint effort to spread awareness, both clubs launched a Thalassaemia awareness car sticker campaign and pledged to work together towards this noble cause. This partnership aims to reach the masses and encourage proactive steps in the fight against Thalassaemia.

On the same day, we had our Installation ceremony held at The Park Hotel in the morning. More than 15 PDGs and almost all the Core Committee members came. In total 160 individuals attended the Installation.

Project 7th : 31st July 2025

RC Calcutta Endeavour and RCC Narishakti Foundation, in collaboration with B.C. Roy Unit, organized a Thalassaemia Awareness and Screening Camp at Mathurapur Sarada Shishu Niketan.

The camp aimed to educate and empower the community about the importance of early detection and prevention of Thalassaemia. Following an impactful awareness session, 105 individuals were screened, including students, parents, and local residents who actively participated.

This initiative was driven by the crucial understanding that knowing one's Thalassaemia carrier status is essential in preventing the transmission of the disease to future generations. Through such proactive efforts, the goal of eradicating Thalassaemia becomes a tangible reality.



Installation of RC Calcutta Endeavour on 20th July at Park, where Rtn. Nabaneet Maitra was Inducted.



In loving memory of
Dipa Kar, mother of
Rtn. Madhumita
Sengupta



**RC Calcutta Endeavour inducted
3 new members on – 20th July 2025**



Dr. Udayan Bakshi



Saptarshi Roy Chowdhury



Madhumita Mukherjee