



Message from Club President 2025-26



Fellow Rotarians and friends,

As we near the end of September, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible spirit of service and fellowship that defines our Rotary family. This month, we've continued to embody Rotary's motto — "Service Above Self" — through our projects, our meetings, and our daily actions in the community.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month in Rotary, reminding us that education is the key that opens doors to opportunity and empowerment. Whether it's supporting local schools, donating books, mentoring students, or helping adults learn new skills, each of us can make a lasting difference in someone's future.

Let's also take time to appreciate our club's collective strength — the friendships we've built, the laughter we share, and the difference we make together. As we move into October, let's continue to bring energy and creativity to our initiatives, ensuring Rotary remains a beacon of hope in our community.

Thank you for your dedication, your time, and your heart for service. Together, we are truly creating hope in the world.

Warmest regards,

Nabaneet Maitra

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

Message from Club Editor 2025-26

At the outset let me wish one and all a subho bijoya and a very happy diwali. After a gap of Puja holidays, now we all are back to Rotary with full of zeal. October is the month of economic and community development and ongoing polio eradication efforts, including World Polio Day. Kolkata is a place where tradition blends with innovation. We celebrated pujo, this month. Beyond its religious significance, Pujo is a time of cultural expressions and celebrations. Communities comes alive with colourful decorations, music, dance, showcasing rich traditions and customs. The festival culminates in the celebration of the ultimate victory of righteousness. Pujo not only reflects spiritual devotion but also promotes unity, joy, cultural heritage among the participants.



October is a reminder to our commitments towards service, specially as we celebrate world Polio day on 24th. Do come regularly at the club and make a difference. Let your family involved in Rotary's mission, and feel grateful for what we have been given against so many who do not even have the basics.

Yours in Rotary,

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Secretaries' Report for September Month

1. 01st September - Cervical Awareness Camp at Ghasiara High School

A **Cervical Awareness Camp** was organized at **Ghasiara High School** with the participation of **125 parents** of school children.

The primary objective of the program was to **create awareness about cervical cancer, its prevention, and the importance of vaccination** among parents. An **interactive session** was held prior to the vaccination drive, where medical professionals and facilitators explained the **benefits, safety, and necessity of the cervical vaccine**. The session encouraged open discussion, allowing parents to clarify their doubts and understand how vaccination plays a vital role in protecting their children's long-term health.

The awareness initiative successfully helped build trust and informed consent among parents, ensuring greater community participation in preventive healthcare.

2. 5th September – Teachers' Day Celebration at Adult Literacy Centre

Date: 5th September

Teachers' Day was celebrated at the Adult Literacy Centre of Sarada Shishu Vidya Niketan with great enthusiasm. The event included a special lunch and performances by children, who expressed their gratitude and spoke about the important role teachers play in shaping their lives and guiding them towards a better future.

3. 5th September - Teachers' Day Celebration by RCC Binapni Sevaprathisthan (Tarakeswar)

On the occasion of **Teachers' Day**, our **RCC Binapni Sevaprathisthan (Tarakeswar)**, on behalf of our club, **distributed 100 food packets** among children and celebrated the day with joy and enthusiasm.

4. 7th September – Rotary Club of Calcutta Endeavour, as a co-hostin an organized an inspiring session titled "Date with Divine – An Evening with Karan Kakkadorganised by RC Calcutta Avyanna." The session focused on regulating emotions, reversing diseases through meditation, mastering inner self-talk, unlocking inner consciousness, and attracting more joy, health, and happiness.

This **"Master Your Emotions, Master Your Health"** talk was an enriching experience, helping participants connect deeply with their inner well-being and self-awareness.



5. 8th September - Awareness on Wheels – Joint Initiative with RC Calcutta Pointers

Our club, as a Co-host Club in association with **Rotary Club of Calcutta Pointers**, hosted the **"Awareness on Wheels"** campaign covering 300 schools across South 24 Parganas, supported by the **West Bengal Commission for Protection of Child Rights**.

The campaign focused on **Child Marriage, Child Pregnancy, and Menstrual Hygiene**, with an impactful session held at **Banamalipur AFSS Madrasa**.

6. 10TH September - Cervical Awareness Camp at Kalikapur Basantidevi Balika Vidyalaya

A cervical awareness camp was held at Kalikapur Basantidevi Balika Vidyalaya with around **150 parents** to promote awareness about cervical cancer prevention and vaccination.

An **interactive session** was conducted before the vaccination to help parents understand its **importance, safety, and benefits, encouraging informed participation**.



7. 11th September - 15 sewing machines, 12 trolley vans have been distributed under EIRWT grant project at Tarakeswar: –

Empowering Women through Tailoring

Empowering women to stitch their own future!

Women from financially weak backgrounds received **tailoring and stitching training** supported by our Club in collaboration with **RCC Binapani Seva Prathisthan**. After successfully completing their training, **15 beneficiaries** were provided sewing machines to help them start independent work, ensuring **self-reliance, dignity, and financial stability**.

Empowered women, empowering the community.

8. 11th September 25 - Supporting Livelihood through Trolley Vans

Driving progress, one van at a time!

To support poor villagers in easing their daily labour and increasing their income, the Club extended help by

providing **11 trolley vans**. This initiative aims to promote **economic upliftment and sustainable livelihood** among rural families.

Small wheels, big impact on lives.

9. **19th September – Aagomoni – A Cultural Celebration**

RC Harmony organized Aagomoni, a vibrant cultural event, where **RC Calcutta Endeavour** as one of the co-host clubs. Rotarians from various clubs came together to **welcome the arrival of Maa Durga – Shakti**. The evening was filled with **dance, drama, and singing**, beautifully portraying the significance of Durga Pujo in Bengal and celebrating the spirit of devotion and culture.

An enchanting evening of art, tradition, and community fellowship.

10. **19th – 21st September -Navachetna Mela – A Celebration of Cultural Handicrafts at Rotary Sadan**

RC Calcutta South Central organized *Navachetna Mela*, celebrating the rich heritage of cultural handicrafts. **RC Calcutta Endeavour** proudly co-hosted this event, supporting local artisans on the advent of **Maa Durga**. The mela provided a vibrant platform to **showcase traditional art, promote craftsmanship, and encourage local talent**, fostering both culture and community spirit.

11. **20th September – Interactive Breast Cancer Awareness Session**

RC Calcutta Endeavour hosted an important session on breast cancer in collaboration with RC Behela, featuring Prof. Dr. Diptendra K. Sarkar as the speaker. The session aimed to raise awareness about breast cancer, highlighting prevention strategies and the importance of early detection. - 5000

12. **21st September –Food & Dress Distribution at Garia Brijiti Sahaj Path School – 32 Kids**

Members of RC Calcutta Endeavour visited Garia Brijiti Sahaj Path School and donated new clothes and food packets, ensuring the little ones could celebrate the upcoming Durga Puja with joy. The smiles on their faces truly made our day!

13. **25th September 2025 - Diffrently abled & Senior Citizen Friendly Durgotsab Award 2025 –Celebrating an Inclusive Durga Puja!**

On 25th September, **RC Ballygunge** hosted the Differently Abled & Senior Citizen Friendly Durgotsab Award 2025. RC Calcutta Endeavour was one of the host club of this initiative The event featured a special **Pujo parikrama** for senior citizens and differently-abled community members, and awards were presented to puja pandals designed to ensure comfort and accessibility for all. A festival celebration truly for everyone!

14. **27th September September -- Spreading Joy with New Clothes at Tarakeshwar**

RC Calcutta Endeavour gifted new clothes to **300 children and 25 women at Tarakeshwar this Durga Puja**. For many of these families, buying new clothes is a luxury, and this thoughtful gesture brought bright smiles, adding warmth and light to their festival celebrations.

15. **Project Sushrusha – 27th September to 2nd October 2025**

During the festive season of **Durga Puja**, **RC Calcutta Endeavour** partnered in **Project Sushrusha**, organized by RC Calcutta Millennium at Bhowanipore. The 24x7 medical camp ensured a safe and joyful celebration for all, offering doctors and nurses on call, ambulance services with wheelchairs and stretchers, a senior citizen resting lounge, and a dedicated breastfeeding station.

16. **19th September The Smile – Donation of Sarees & T-Shirts at Premashray**

RC Calcutta Endeavour as one of the Co partners in a heartwarming initiative organised by **RC Calcutta Newbies** at Premashray, a residential facility for underprivileged cancer patients and their families. Conceived as a “**home away from home**” for patients undergoing treatment at the **Tata Medical Center, Kolkata, Premashray** provides accommodation to around 200 patients and their relatives, supporting approximately 300 individuals undergoing long-term treatment.

During this visit, sarees and T-shirts were donated to both the children and their parents, bringing smiles and comfort to the residents while reinforcing the spirit of care and community.





R. C. Cal. Endeavour wishing a শুভ বিজয়া and a happy Diwali to each and every Rotarian and their families



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Ann Speaks

THE LINGUISTICS OF THE BUS CONDUCTOR

He jumps, he dives, he balances with grace,
Dodging elbows, bags, and a stranger's face.
The toddler cries, the aunne complains,
Yet he smiles, though internally he restrains.
Through potholes, honks, and sudden brake,
He survives each journey, for livelihood's sake.



Kolkata or Calcutta's life line sustains on the upgraded, airconditioned bougies of the metro rail which runs through the heart of the city like a never-ending serpent. But not much long ago, the movement of the common man was ruled by the mini buses, the blue buses also known as the 'teener bus' and not so common state buses.

As a person who had grown up in a small town of Gujarat, my move to the hustle and bustle of this quirky metro city was nothing more than a wonder. I was awestruck with the dynamics of this city as I regularly commuted from outskirts of the city to Jodhpur Park. The traffic jams at Howrah, Strand Road, Brabourne Road and Parkstreet gave me ample time to look into my surroundings as I travelled by bus and that is time when I observed a faction of the society namely the bus conductors.

Bus Conductors, the most youthful fit person of the bus who helps crusade the bus through the signals, jams, markets, the ever-halling cycles and the not so movable pedestrians. God, some patience this guy has. He stands at the gate pushing the passengers in and stuffing the bus like a stuffed toy filled with cotton, as if every push there would be some more place to be filled in. Along with this activity, he is a monitor of the class who goes on collecting the money of the tickets. I sometimes wonder, how he manages to pass through this swarm of people packed inside and yet remember who has not paid for the ticket. Not to forget, he also watches out for the pickpockets and cautions the daily passengers to be aware of their presence. The money wrapped around his hand, and the way he takes out the 'chillar' from the small leather bag by balancing himself with his legs spread wide apart, would make all gym goers jealous.

It took me some time to understand the kind of language this hero without a cape speaks.

"seet khali, seetkhali, seet khali", even when the bus is fully packed. Initially, I used to think that this was the name of a place on the route but then later I realized, it meant that seats are available. But then again, it made me wonder, if only these buses had a mezzanine floor.

"Aste Ladies Kule Bachcha". Even when an old aunty got down with a bag full of veggies. The driver would stop a few micro seconds more when the conductor shouted this slogan and I kept on thinking that whether the driver would stop at all when I got down, because I neither was old, nor carried veggies, nor had a baby in my hand and above that, I had my hair pruned down to a boy's cut.

"Chapun chapun....dada arektu chapun". The ever protruding bellies of uncles, aunts smashing against each other cried for more air and the intense pressure fills the bus with a pungent smell of perfumed sweat and the residual bloating of the day.

Their shrill voices would give the sopranos for a run as they shout out to the neighbouring vehicles to stay out of their way. The single bang on the body of the bus is an indication to the driver to stop the bus and a double bang is a symbolic gesture to start the journey again. This silent communication between the driver and the conductor is more than what lovers need.

If someone steps on his feet, he is not shouting. He sings raag 'Krodheshwari' although in a muted mode but his eyes have all the expressions to blow you out.

After all the day's work, he is one man, who goes back home with a bag full of experiences; experience of maneuvering, experience of appreciating beauty, experience of handling with care, experience of understanding the safety of women, experience of following or breaking traffic rules and many more.

The Bus conductor is one who is a story teller because each day of his life is a story by itself.

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