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UNITE FOR GOOD

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President: Rtn Sumita Roy District 3291 Secretary: Rtn Ruma Banerjea

KNOW YOUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2025-26



Francesco Arezzo, a member of the Rotary Club of Ragusa, Italy, has been selected by the Board of Directors to serve as Rotary International President for 2025–2026.

The Rotary International presidential theme for 2025-26 is "Unite for Good". This theme encourages Rotary members to use human connection to foster unity

and collaboration in service projects, ultimately creating positive change and building a stronger impact in a world increasingly divided by politics, geography, and ideology.

Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and is active internationally as a member of the Italian, European, and American Orthodontic Associations.

A Rotary member for more than 30 years, Arezzo has served as Vice Chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee, as an RI Director, a learning facilitator, and a district conference presidential representative.

KNOW YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2025-26



Dr. Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri is a distinguished philanthropist who has dedicated his career to improving health, education, and overall wellness. He spearheaded the Transit Trauma Care Project in collaboration with Kolkata Police and the Government of

West Bengal, resulting in the strategic deployment of 12 ambulances across high-risk areas of Kolkata to ensure prompt emergency medical care.

Dr. Hom Chaudhuri's significant contributions to Thalassemia Awareness and Prevention include organizing seminars, screening initiatives, and educational campaigns throughout West Bengal, Assam, Bangladesh, and Odisha.

For the past three years, he has been instrumental in promoting sustainable development in Dhaska, a remote Santhal village in Purulia, through active partnership with the Hridam NGO.

In acknowledgment of his exemplary service, Dr. Hom Chaudhuri was unanimously elected as District Governor of Rotary District 3291 for 2025–2026.

Alongside his various commitments, Dr. Hom Chaudhuri continues to serve as an esteemed orthopaedic surgeon, recognized for his expertise and commitment to patient care.

He is supported by his wife, Dr. Bandana Hom Chaudhuri, a prominent paediatrician and Rotarian, and they are parents to a son and a daughter.

Dr. Hom Chaudhuri's unwavering dedication and professionalism continue to positively influence numerous lives.

KNOW YOUR PRESIDENT 2025-26

Sumita Roy was born into a Hindu Brahmin family. She completed her graduation from Calcutta University, got married, and has a daughter.

She is thankful to the Lord for helping her empower herself. She is currently the CEO of Apple Systems Pvt. Ltd., a company manufacturing electronic equipment for the Indian Railways. Previously an employee of this company,



until 1997, she learned that the owner intended to sell it. Subsequently, she offered to purchase and take over the business; her proposal was eventually accepted.

After assuming ownership, she obtained necessary certifications and advanced the company to Part-1 status under RDSO (Research Design & Standard Organisation of Indian Railways). During this time, she led a team of 24–25 members and often worked late hours.

Roy acknowledges the support of her parents, family, company employees, and well-wishers throughout her professional journey.

She advocates the principle:

"Serving society by helping others earn a living."

She identifies as a self-empowered woman, as well as a daughter, mother, and grandmother to two handsome grandsons.

Rtn Sumita Roy joined the Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City in November 2023, on the day of the District Governor's visit. She became Secretary on July 1st, 2024, and assumed the role of President of the Club on July 1st, 2025.



Happy New Rotary Year! The 2024-25 year has Started with a big bang with the installation of our own beloved member Dr Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri as the new District Governor.



Teusday, July 1st was the grand day. New DG took charge from outgoing Governor Dr Krishnendu Gupta at Bhasa Bhaban, National Library Campus.



July Message from President Sumita Roy:

Rotary has seven major areas of focus:

- 1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- 2. Disease prevention and treatment
- 3. Water and sanitation
- 4. Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- 6. Economic and community development
- 7. Protecting the environment & Disaster Response

In addition to the seven focus areas mentioned above, Service Committee of our club has chosen to place special emphasis on raising awareness about the fatal disease thalassemia. Our club began its efforts to combat thalassemia under the leadership of Dr. R. Hom Chaudhuri, with strong support from members of the Sun City community.

We encourage your active participation in supporting this important initiative.

About Sun City!

Our club members are dedicated people who share a passion for both community service and friendship. Becoming a Rotarian connects you with a diverse group of professionals who share your drive to give back.

Rotary at a Glance:

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders who dedicate their time and talent to tackle the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members from more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels.

Contact Us

Keep in touch, or reach out to us via our social media websites!

RC Sun City has launched new initiatives to support sustainable development in the community and beyond

Tal Gur – Palm Jaggery: Supporting the Traditional Cottage Industry

The Rotary Club Calcutta Sun City is committed to social responsibility as foundational aspect of its mission. Through a range of community initiatives and strategic partnerships, the club aims to foster sustainable development and

sustainable
development and
generate measurable
positive outcomes for
society. By engaging in
charitable contributions,
environmental projects,
and outreach
programmes, RC
Calcutta Sun City, under
guidance of our member
Rtn. Dr. Subir Bera, Head
of Department – Botany



requires specialized skills due to the associated life risks.

and Dean of Science in Calcutta University, providing supports to traditional artisans in rural Bengal while ensuring its efforts align with broader societal advancement.



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- Rotary Club of
Calcutta Sun City
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Shola (Aeschynomene aspera) is recognised as one of the lightest

woods globally. The pulp of phulshola exhibits a lighter and more cork-like texture compared to thermocol. Its milky white appearance makes it ideal for traditional Indian crafts, decorative artworks, and ornaments for goddess idols.



Creation with shola

The shola plant, measuring approximately 1 to 1.5 inches in thickness, grows naturally in canals, ponds, billabongs, nayanjulis, and natural pools throughout rural Bengal. Its pith has been integral to traditional decorative arts since antiquity.

In South 24 Parganas, female artisans harvest shola plants and produce thin sheets from the low-density pith, which are subsequently utilised in various artisanal works. RC Sun City is committed to supporting these economically disadvantaged women artisans by enabling access to fair funding, ensuring they receive equitable compensation for their creations, and protecting them from exploitation.

Our dream project of pond excavation at Dhaska, Purulia is now a reality





Second Pond

Rotary Club of Calcutta Sun City's involvement in development projects at Dhaska Village, Purulia

Dhaska, a remote village in Purulia district, West Bengal, faces acute water scarcity hindering development. To address this, we installed a deep tubewell for drinking water and began excavating two large ponds (150 x 120 ft, 20 ft deep), now capable of storing about one crore litres during the monsoon. Aquaculture remains limited due to a lack of scientific methods, so our aim is to alleviate water shortage and boost villagers' incomes through improved fish farming practices. We are collaborating with Hridam, a NGO based in Calcutta, to facilitate development initiatives in the Dhaska tribal village.

Implementation of rainwater harvesting in all possible scales has also been planned, to mitigate the local water crisis and alleviate the suffering of the people of Dhaska during dry seasons and enhance their socio-economic standards of life.



 $\label{lem:archery training was initiated to preserve and cultivate the tribal tradition$



School began to ensure all children receive education

We had a fruitful 2024-2025, let's make 2025-2026 even better!

The time has arrived for the official ceremony to transfer leadership to the incoming team for 2025-26.



Flow of events for the 20th installation ceremony:

- Formal welcome by installation committee chair, Past President Rotarian Anit Guha Thakurta.
- Lighting of the inaugural lamp accompanied by Ganesh Bandana.
- National Anthem.
- Rotary club meeting initiation by President 2024-25, Rtn Somnath Karmakar, followed by a presentation on projects completed in the past year.
- The official handover of the Charter will be conducted by District Governor Rotarian Dr. Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri to incoming President for 2025-26, Rotarian Sumita Roy.
- PowerPoint Presentation and acceptance speech delivered by President Rtn Sumita Roy.
- introduction of the board for the rotary year 2025-26 by President Sumita Roy.
- Induction Ceremony for five new members.
- Handover of The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Contribution to the District Governor.

- Addresses by District Governor-Elect Rtn Tapas Bhattacharyya and District Governor - Nominee Rtn Purnendu Roy Choudhury.
- Remarks by the District Governor to the assembly.
- Vote of Thanks and official conclusion of the meeting.
- Fellowship and Dinner.

Minutes of the 748th Regular Club Meeting.

The RCM was held at the JPC House, Ballygunge Circular Road, on July 1, 2025.

- 1. The meeting commenced with the singing of the National Anthem.
- 2. A two-minute silence was observed in memory of the late Elder Brother of DG Dr. Hom Choudhury. May his soul rest in peace.
- 3. The minutes of RCM 747 were read aloud.
- 4. It was announced that plantation projects will be conducted in July at three educational institutions.
- 5. Two new members, Mr. Pradip Sen and Mrs. Rajashree Rahi, attended the meeting and were formally introduced to the Chair and other board members.
- Rotarian Anit Guha Thakurta, Installation Chair, discussed the duties and responsibilities of club members for the upcoming Installation Ceremony.
- Members with birthdays in the month were recognized, and a cake-cutting ceremony was held following the conclusion of the meeting.
- 8. The meeting was attended by 20 club members.

Birthday Greetings:

July 07: Rtn. Suparna Sen

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July 10: Rtn. Ruma Pal

July 16: Rtn. Shulogna Bhattacharjee

July 20: Rtn. Arun Gupta

July 22: Rtn. Amit Dan

Aug 02: Rtn. Ramendu Hom Chaudhuri

Aug 07: Rtn. N Ramakrishnan

Aug 10: Rtn. Anit Guha Thakurta

Aug 19: Rtn. Piku Saha

Anniversary Greetings:

Aug 10: Rtn. Amitava & Ratna Mukherjee

Aug 12: Rtn. Sumita & Niladri Roy

Aug 12: Rtn. Rita Saha