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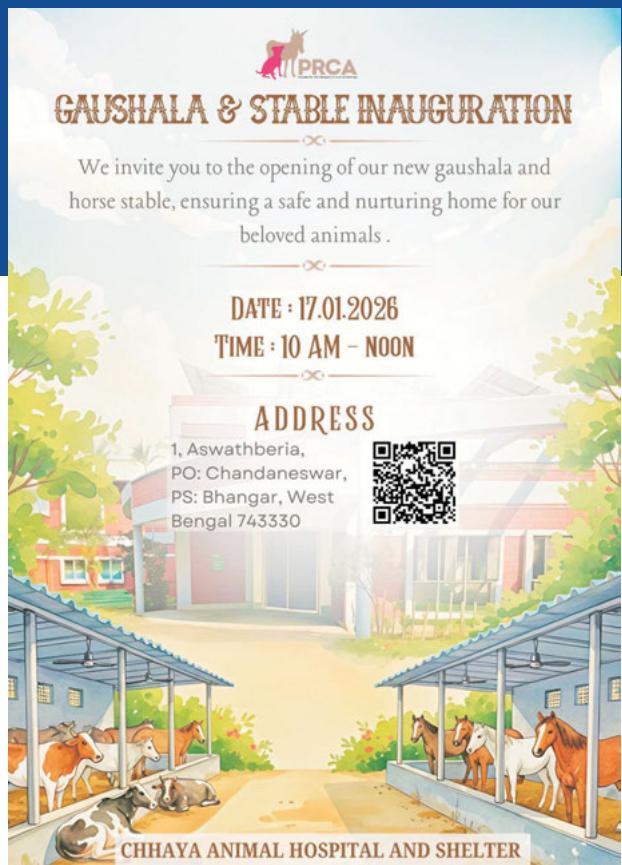
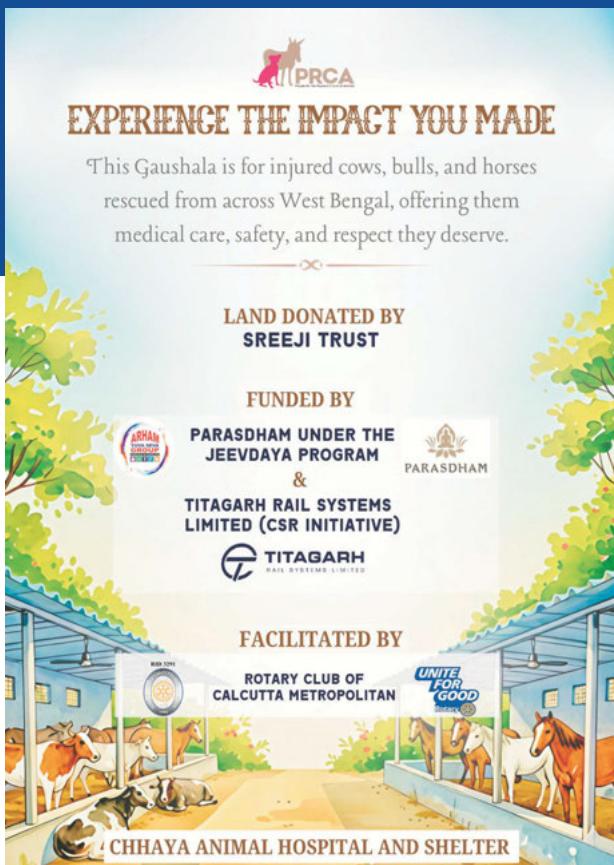
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1716TH REGULAR MEETING

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INAUGURATION OF COWSHED AT CHHAYA ANIMAL HOSPITAL & SHELTER UNDER CSR BY TITAGARH RAIL SYSTEMS LTD



PARTICIPATION IN CAR RALLY & TREASURE HUNT- AWARENESS DRIVE FOR THALASSEMIA ON 28.12.2025

The rally was organised to create awareness about Thalassemia while promoting teamwork, enthusiasm and fun through an exciting Treasure Hunt-based Car rally. President Rtn Rajshree Jain, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal and Rtn Rajiv Tibrewal participated.



AIR, WATER & ECOLOGY: A WAKE-UP CALL FOR URBAN INDIA

Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan | Calcutta Swimming Club

An engaging and thought-provoking session on "Air, Water & Ecology: India's Environmental Emergency and Our Collective Responsibility" was organised by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan at The Calcutta Swimming Club on 27.12.2025. The programme featured Rtn. Dr. Poulomi Dutta as the Guest Speaker, who delivered a compelling presentation on the growing environmental challenges confronting India today and the urgent need for informed, collective action.

Dr. Poulomi Dutta's presentation highlighted the interconnected nature of air pollution, water scarcity, ecological degradation, and unplanned development. Drawing examples from Indian cities such as Delhi and Kolkata, she explained how deteriorating air quality, depletion of groundwater, pollution of rivers and wetlands, and the loss of forests and hills are collectively pushing urban India towards a crisis. She stressed that environmental issues cannot be viewed in isolation, as damage to ecosystems directly affects public health, climate stability, and economic resilience.

A significant part of the discussion focused on the role of natural ecosystems as "invisible infrastructure." Dr. Dutta explained how forests, wetlands, hills, and mangroves regulate climate, control floods, recharge groundwater, and filter air and water. She cited the Aravalli Range as a crucial ecological barrier and expressed concern over policy decisions that dilute environmental safeguards in the name of rapid development. Emphasising recent floods, heatwaves, and erratic rainfall patterns, she cautioned that these events are warning signals of unchecked ecological disruption.

The session was highly interactive, with many Rotarians actively participating and raising questions on balancing development with environmental protection. Rtn. Madan Mohanka shared his views on development, underscoring the need for practical, grassroots-level action alongside policy interventions. He made a strong and actionable suggestion that each Rotarian should plant at least one tree every month, reinforcing individual responsibility towards environmental stewardship.

Rtn. Utpal Chatterjee appreciated the clarity and depth of the presentation and added his own insights, endorsing the role of Rotary as a platform for spreading environmental awareness and encouraging community participation. The exchange of ideas reflected a healthy dialogue and reinforced the importance of informed decision-making and ethical leadership.

In recognition of her valuable contribution, Rtn. Dr. Poulomi Dutta was felicitated by the Club President, Rtn. Rajshree Jain, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan.

The programme concluded with a shared understanding that environmental protection is no longer optional but essential for sustainable development and the well-being of future generations. The session stood out as a meaningful initiative, aligning Rotary's commitment to public health, community welfare, and responsible leadership with the pressing need to protect India's natural environment.

By Rtn Dr Poulomi Dutta



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GLIMPSE OF 2ND CLUB ASSEMBLY ON 27.12.2025 FOR RY-2025-2026



Forthcoming Events

CLUB

31.01.2026 Vocational Excellence Award Ceremony and Regular Meeting at The Calcutta Swimming Club at 2.00 PM

14.02.2026 Regular Meeting

28.02.2025 Regular Meeting

DISTRICT

08.02.2025 AGELS at Williamson Magar Hall, Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS



12.01.2026
Rtn Dr Mary D'Cruz
& Spouse Noel



16.01.2026
PP Rtn Utpal Chatterji
& Ann Soma



ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE 2026-2027

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Rotary International President-elect Yinka Babalola just announced the 2026-27 Presidential Message at the International Assembly in Orlando - "CREATE LASTING CHANGE!"

He wants us to focus on impact and not just outcomes. He also wants our clubs and districts to look back at their history and find when they had the most impact and increase that impact from that time. Please share this message!

Together, we can create lasting impact!



WORLDWIDE MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

As of 30 November 2025

Global Rotary Totals

Start of year (1 July 2025)	1,124,681
Current (30 Nov 2025)	1,169.035
Net Growth	+44.354 mebers

Key Global Insights

- Positive membership growth for first 5 months of 2025-26
- Asia (Zones 4-7 & Asia Pacific) continues to be the largest contributor to global growth
- Africa shows strong acceleration and emerging leadership
- North America & Western Europe still facing declines, but stabilization signs visible

Top Performing Regions

- USA & Canada (Zones 26-33): showed negative growth in several districts
- Western Europe (Zones 13, 17, 18): continued membership challenges

Takeaway Message

- Rotary is growing again worldwide, reaching over 1.169 million members, driven by:
 - Strong leadership
 - Club flexibility engagement & attraction of young professionals

TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A STRONGER ROTARY.

SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

Rotary
District 3291

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January 2026

Vocational Service Month



Enjoy Rotary



2026
Happy New Year!

Prabir Chatterjee
DG 21-22

Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



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