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HOSTED PRESIDENT ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR OF RID-3291 ON 22.3.2026



TODAY'S SPEAKER: OUR PP RTN DR V K NEVATIA AND TOPIC IS: "BONE HEALTH"

WHEN THE WORLD IS NOW THIRSTING FOR PEACE

Peace in these very hard, war times is both reprehensible and condemnable. Peace is not the mere cessation of war hostilities or the silence of a grave yard. In what was a most absorbing speech at Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan meeting on 28.2.2026 as Guest Speaker Past President Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, Global Peace Ambassador of Rotary International District-3291, said since our childhood, we have often glanced back at history, of the great civilizations when man strove to form a society that lived in peace and harmony.

At some point brute force, when might was right, sadly prevailed? Brute force has come in various forms over the ages and today nuclear threats are flung without any of the guilty powers bothered about the devastating consequences.

Society in its nascent form was defined as a stable union between two or more people striving to achieve a common goal. That goal was peace and stability comprising so much of positivity for all. The irony lies in the fact that those who speak the language of hate and engineer hostilities, themselves want to live in peace even as they revel in the fact that their victims are dying.

Whatever the cost, man must possess the will power to ensure peace. Nature must stay as it was always

meant to. Water and air must be restored their purity. Environment must be protected just as the large family of man must rediscover ways and means to remain civilized. In thought, word and deed, good has to win and peace must prevail.

As matters stand, the horrors of the two World Wars have often been cited. So many millions, mostly civilians, perished. When the Second World War ended, Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt promised before the world media at Potsdam that let alone a war, there would not even be a skirmish. And, sooner than anyone could predict, the Korean War started and, eventually, there were two Koreas. And that was just the beginning.

There have been countless battles since. The nuclear arsenal of the real powers have increased when the detonation of just one nuclear bomb is enough to affect and, perhaps, end life on earth. When two powers get into a major disagreement, there must be efforts to negotiate.

As a great leader had once said, "Never fear to negotiate but never negotiate out of fear." As a born optimist, I can only pray for sense and sensibility. That will certainly give us all hope for lasting peace.

By PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee



JOINT REGULAR MEETING & BARGE PARTY REPORT OF 14.02.2026



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLUB

- 11.04.2026 Regular Meeting
- 28.04.2026 Regular Meeting
- 02.05.2026 DG Official Visit & Regular Meeting
- 23.05.2026 Regular Meeting
- 13.06.2026 COTS & Regular Meeting
- 20.06.2026 Installation cum Regular Meeting at 4.00 PM
- 27.06.2026 Thanks Giving & Regular Meeting followed by Joint BM & Trust meeting

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



22.03.2026

PP Rtn Raj Kumar Poddar

04.04.2026

PP Rtn Gaurang Jalan



SHANTIHI- INTER CLUB MEET ON PEACE BUILDING & CONFLICT PREVENTION ON 28.2.2026

Our Club was one the Host Club to Inter Club Meet on Peace Building & Conflict Prevention named as "SHANTIHI" organized by Rotary International District-3291 and Rotary Club of Ballygunge, a panel discussion on AI and Education as a Tool for Peace Building, which was held on 28.2.2026.

It was very absorbing Panel discussion on "AI and Education for Peace & Sustainability" by the eminent panelists and they were:

1. Swami Vedatitananda- Ramakrishna Mission Shilpamandira, Belur,
2. Prof (Dr) Mohua Banerjee, Director, IMI, Kolkata

3. Shri Dhruvajyoti De, IPS, Additional CP, Kolkata Police
4. Dr Vivek Rajvanshi, Professor, IIM, Calcutta
5. Dr Samit Paul, Associate Professor, IIM, Kolkata
6. Dr J N Mukhopadhyay, Alumni IIT BHU & IIM, Calcutta

These panel discussions spellbound the audience, which fully jam packed. Thanks to RI District-3291 and Rotary Club of Ballygunge for organizing such relevant meet.

They also recognized with Lifetime Achievement to Shri Biplab Chatterjee, an known actor and director in Bengali Cinema



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DISTRIBUTION OF DRY RATION AT NABADIGANTA LEPROSY COLONY, DURGAPUR



PRESIDENT ELECT LEARNING SEMINAR-ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT-3291 FOR RY-2026-2027

Rotary Presidents-Elect Learning Seminar prepares incoming 2026-2027 Club Presidents with leadership training, goal setting, and networking for the RI District-3291 was held on 22.3.2026. Major sessions in early 2026 PELS focuses on strengthening community impact and Rotary branding.

Purpose: To train and equip incoming Rotary Club Presidents for their upcoming year of service (2026-2027).

Key Topics: Leadership strategies, Rotary Foundation grants, membership development, and public image.

Activities: Networking, workshops, plenary sessions, and goal setting for the new Rotary year.

It was a great opportunity given to our Club i.e Rotary Club of Calcutta Metropolitan (RCCM) after a decade to hold a seminar on PELS other than on Foundation. We are grateful to DGE Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya for this opportunity.

The weather was pleasant because of rains on previous day and moreover it was Sunday, Participants were looking forward to meaningful seminar particularly for the Incoming Presidents how to take forward their year.

The session started with lighting of Lamp and Invocation of Ganesh Vandana followed by the National Anthem. President Rtn Rajshree Jain in her Opening remarks was quite excited and hopeful for the Presidents Elect to take forward as the leader for the RY-2026-2027 as she learned a lot during her training.

As customary, video of Rotary International President Elect (RIPE) theme speech was shown. DG Rtn Ramendu Homchaudhuri spoke about the purpose of today's seminar. Inaugural remarks by Chief Mentor PDG Rtn Anjan Kumar followed by District Governor Elect Rtn Tapas Bhattacharya about the Goals both by Clubs and District.

District Secretary Elect Rtn Raja Guha made several announcements for forthcoming events. There were several eminent and learned PDGs who spoke on various subjects like DPPC PDG Rtn Raj Kumar Rajgaria, who as usual made his session lively, DRFC PDG Rtn Utpal Majumdar on How to Enrich your Rotary Foundation, ARRFC PDG Rtn Sudip Mukherjee on Let Service Light the Way, PDG Rtn Siddhartha S Bose on Roles & Responsibilities of Presidents, DLF PDG Rtn Debasish Mitra on Leading Rotarians & Working together.

After break, Ms Reeti Bora Mondal, Membership Growth Officer of Rotary International South Asia Office, New Delhi spoke on various subjects and how RISAO can be helpful to them followed by Interactive session with her and the District Officials.

ARPIC PDG Rtn Prabir Chatterjee spoke on Promoting your Club & Rotary, ARC PDG Rtn Jhulan Basu and

finally followed by Vote of thanks by DGND Rtn Brotindro Mullick.

DGE with PDGs launched Ready Reckoner Team-2026-2027 or Mini Directory. Thanks to Rtn Mita Saha and Rtn Chandreyi Mitra for publishing the Mini Directory in time.

All Presidents Elect who participated in the seminar were handed over Graduation Certificate.

As a Host Club, Metropolitans who worked tirelessly President Rtn Rajshree Jain, AG & IPP Rtn Sashi Dhacholia, PE Rtn Runjhun Gupta, Secretary Rtn Namrata Bengani, Chief Counsellor & PP Rtn Utpal Chatterjee, PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal, PP Rtn Subir Dutta, PP Rtn Harsh V Rungta, PP Dr V K Nevatia, PP Rtn Roshni Beriwalla, Rtn Jayanta Neogi, Rtn Nabanita Sen, Rtn Nisha Singhanian and Rtn Ashoo Tibrewal. We are grateful to all of them particularly to our President Rtn Rajshree Jain and PP Rtn Dr Naresh Goyal.

WHAT DISTRICT LEARNING FACILITATOR (DLF) PDG RTN DEBASISH MITRA HAS TO SAY:

Aligning Passion - Energy Orchestration - 200 plus in the audience - 85% plus PEs in attendance alongside a large number of AGs and ZCs - 100 participants were eagerly waiting to receive their Graduation Certificate as PELS 2026 ended 30 minutes before time! Kudos to the Faculty Members for their time, performance and whole-hearted cooperation at every step to make this magic happen! Heartfelt gratitude to the Champions District Secretariat & an inspiring leader Host President alongside the entire dynamic Host Team for making this dream-like event a reality! Magnum Opus in every way! Enjoyed speaking to this amazing group of leaders today on Leadership! Jai Ho DGE Tapas

EDITORIAL COMMENTS:

DLF PDG Rtn Debasish Mitra as a leader for PELS, did a remarkable job with his precise thinking particularly the layout in the banquet Hall ensured the session was held flawlessly and other actions. Three Cheers to him and to the District team.



A view of Registration desk

GLIMPSES OF PELS 2026



After lighting of Lamp senior Rotarians on the platform



President Rtn Rajshree Jain in her Opening remarks



PP Dr Naresh Goyal in his address



RIPE Olainka Hakeem Babalola in his Theme speech video



DG Ramendu Homchaudhuri being felicitated after his speech



DGE Tapas Bhattacharya in his address?



DGE being felicitated by the President of RCCM



A view of participants

GLIMPSES OF PELS 2026



Another view of senior Rotarians



Metropolitans serving as Host team



Launch of Mini Directory for RY-2026-2027



IPP Sashi Dhacholia as Assistant Governor for RY-2026-2027



Metropolitans with District Secretary-Admn Rtn Raja Guha & Addl Secretary



Reeti Bora Mondal of RISAO being felicitated



DGND Brotindro Mullick being felicitated



Graduation Certificate to our PE Runjhun Gupta & ors

GLIMPSES OF PELS 2026



District and Host Club team



Host Club being felicitated by the DGE and District team



District Publication team being felicitated



Metropolitans team but missing Dr V K Nevatia & PE Runjhun Gupta



DGE with District team



Metropolitans in attendance



District team in attendance.

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