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This November, as we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, I invite you to consider not only what we give but why we give. The Foundation is more than a fund for projects. It is the beating heart of our promise that service, rooted in trust and friendship, can create lasting change.

Our Action Plan calls us to increase our impact, and the Foundation is how we make this vision real. Since 1988, Rotary and our partners have immunized nearly 3 billion children against polio. We have committed more than \$2.6 billion to this cause, and last year alone we directed \$146 million toward the final push for eradication. These numbers are significant, but the true impact is not in statistics - it is in the lives of children who will never again fear polio. It is in the hope restored to families and the peace built in communities once defined by disease. But polio is only one story among many. Each year, Rotary Peace Centers train new generations of leaders who will transform conflict into dialogue and

division into understanding. The Foundation also touches lives through district and global grants, supporting projects large and small. A clean water well for a rural community, scholarships for young professionals, medical care in the wake of disaster — these are not temporary gestures, but steps toward dignity, resilience, and opportunity. This is how Rotary service becomes lasting impact. And when natural disasters strike, our Foundation allows Rotary to act quickly with disaster response grants.

Our Foundation is not about what we can do alone but what we can do together. Each contribution, no matter its size, joins with others to create a collective act of faith in humanity and in the future.

This November, let us give with gratitude, with joy, and with hope. Through our Foundation, we Unite for Good, and in doing so, we leave behind not only projects but a legacy of peace, trust, and Service Above Self.

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PROBLEMS



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**When life is sweet,
say thank you and celebrate,
when life is bitter,
say thank you and grow.**

Children's Day Celebration at RRA



A Day Filled with Joy, Learning and Laughter

Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at RRA, Piyali on 14th November. The occasion was graced by **Dr. Kumar**, who served as the **Chief Guest** and generously sponsored the **Portable Planetarium Show**, which gave the students an exciting and educational cosmic experience.

The celebration began with a delightful dance performance. A major highlight was the **Science Project presentation on "Motion and Its Types"**, where students showcased a model explaining different types of motion. Adding a creative twist to the event, students also presented "**Rap-N-Rhyme**", performing self-composed pieces on themes like *Teacher, My School, and My Dream*. **Rtn. Rashmi Surana** further added to the liveliness with a fun-learning game that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Rotarians **Abhaji Lunia, Dr. Rina Malpani, Udita Newar, and Sangeeta Bajoria** were present throughout the celebration, cheering for the children and making the event special with their encouraging presence. A special appreciation goes to **Rtn. Dr. Rina Malpani**, who coordinated the Planetarium Show and interacted beautifully with the children on practising good values and hygiene.

The celebration concluded on a heart-warming note with the **distribution of food kits and chocolates to all the children**.

A memorable Children's Day indeed - celebrating joy, knowledge, creativity, and togetherness.

Minutes of the 225th Regular RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency

The **225th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency** commenced with the **National Anthem**, led by **President Rajesh Bothra**.

The President warmly welcomed our **Guest Speaker, Dr. Siddharth Gupta**, an eminent orthopaedic surgeon specializing in robotic joint replacement, along with his wife.

President's Announcements of upcoming projects:

1. **Thalassemia Talk** Young Horizon School on 10th November
2. **Children's Day Celebration** at RRA, Piyali- 14th November.
3. **Signature Project "Saksham"** to be held at Dhanbad on 15th November, Cervical Vaccine

Camp with Rotary Club of Belur at Champahati to held on 16th November.

4. **Gratitude Conclave** at Rotary Sadan on 20th November
5. **Installation of New Interact Club** at St. Agnes School, Howrah on 22nd November
6. **Blood Donation Camp** to be held at Rtn. Kamal Ji's Office on 29th November

Guest Speaker Session

The meeting then proceeded to the much-awaited Guest Speaker Session.

Dr. Siddharth Gupta delivered an insightful presentation on "**How to Keep Our Joints Healthy**", emphasizing the importance of **fitness, preventive care, and maintaining an active lifestyle**. His session was engaging, informative, and highly appreciated by all present. With no further business to discuss, the meeting concluded with the **gong**.

Editor's Note

As we move through an eventful and meaningful month, our club continues to uphold the Rotary spirit of service, compassion, and impact.

Children's Day reminded us of the boundless potential that lies within every child. Our engagements with schools and young Interactors highlighted the joy, curiosity and energy that the next generation brings. It was heartening to see our members create moments of learning, celebration, and encouragement for these young minds.

Our **Gratitude initiatives** further deepened the month's message. Through the Gratitude Conclave and related programmes, we inspired students and communities to embrace appreciation as a way of life. November also marks **Rotary Foundation Month**, a reminder of our collective commitment to "Doing Good in the World."

We continue serving with smiles, teamwork, and just enough chaos to keep things interesting.

Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor



'Peace and Conflict Resolution through Gratitude'



GRATITUDE CONCLAVE FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

A heart-warming and thought-provoking **Gratitude Conclave for school students** was organised to instil values that build character, compassion and emotional well-being among young learners.

The programme was graced by **Chief Guest Rtn. Anirudh Roy Chowdhury (Director, Rotary International)**, along with esteemed dignitaries **PDG Ravi Sehgal**, **PDG Mukul Sinha**, **PDG Prabir Chatterjee** and **Rtn. Brotindo Mallick**.

The panel discussion featured an eminent line up of speakers - **Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram (Child Psychiatrist)**, **Prof. (Dr.) Deepali Singhee (Principal, iLEAD Institution)** and **Ms. Jessica Gomes Surana (Principal, Birla High School, Mukundapur)** - and was skilfully moderated by **PDG Rtn. Ravi Sehgal**.

The programme was conducted seamlessly under the efficient compering of **MC - Udit. Sangita Jain** presented the **Project Brief**, setting the context and vision behind the initiative.

The event began on a musical note with a melodious welcome song by the **Young Horizons School Choir**, followed by an energetic performance by the **Apeejay School band, Velvet Vibes**, setting a joyful tone for the morning.

This was followed by the **Panel Discussion on the topic of the day**, moderated by **Rtn. Ravi Sehgal**.

Dr. Jai Ranjan Ram emphasised that gratitude develops when children see kindness in action - through observation, empathy and compassion.

Ms. Jessica Gomes Surana highlighted the importance of the three magic words: Thank You, Sorry and Please, reinforced by the philosophy of Give and Grow.

Prof. (Dr.) Deepali Singhee reminded that words have immense power - they can hurt, but they can also heal - encouraging students to treat others as they wish to be treated.

The session concluded with a meaningful reflection from moderator **PDG Rtn. Ravi Sehgal**, who emphasised that **we must respect our roots**, and that gratitude naturally leads to peace and harmony within communities. A beautiful Skit was staged on the topic of the day by students of St. Agnes School.

Students from **Apeejay School, MCKV School, St. Agnes School, Young Horizons School and Indus Valley School** participated enthusiastically, totalling around 100 students.

A warm and sincere **Vote of Thanks** was proposed by **Anju Bothra**. The event concluded with a collective belief that **gratitude, when practiced consciously, has the power to resolve conflicts, strengthen relationships and create peace — within ourselves and in society**.

The conclave also received external recognition and was covered by media house - **Taaza TV**, further amplifying the message of gratitude beyond the venue

Installation Ceremony of the Interact Club – St. Agnes Convent School



The newly formed **Interact Club of St. Agnes Convent School** was officially installed on **Saturday, 22nd November**, at the school premises. The ceremony took place in the presence of **District Secretary Rtn. Shayak Gupta**, **DICC Arpita Chatterjee**, members of the Parent Rotary Club - **Sangita Bakliwal**, **Ranjan Musaddi**, **Vinod Jain**, **Rashmi Surana**, **Sunita Kedia**, **Pravin Jain**, **Renu Jain** and **Sangita Jain** - along with the school management, teachers and enthusiastic students.

The programme began with the **lighting of the lamp**, followed by a hymn and a graceful **dance performance by the Interactors-to-be**.

In her welcome, **Principal Rev. Sister Anjali** expressed her appreciation for the establishment of the Interact Club and emphasised the value of leadership and service in student development.

Past President Rtn. Ranjan Musaddi introduced Rotary and its core values, followed by an inspiring address from **District Secretary Rtn. Shayak Gupta**, who highlighted the role of Interact in nurturing responsibility, teamwork and service-oriented thinking.

The highlight of the morning was the **Pinning and Oath Ceremony**, conducted by **Installing Officer Rtn. Sangita Jain**, announcing all girls as Interactors. The newly appointed **President, Debolina**, along with her team, pledged to uphold the Rotary ideals with dedication.

DICC Arpita Chatterjee concluded with an encouraging address on the rising impact of Interact Clubs and motivated the students to connect globally through collaborative service projects and digital platforms. A warm vote of thanks was extended to all Rotarians for their trust and support. The ceremony marked the beginning of an exciting journey of youth leadership and service.



Preksha Meditation Session for Parents

As a special value-based initiative on the occasion of Children's Day, a **Preksha Meditation Session** in Bengali was conducted by **Rtn. Rashmi Surana** for the parents of the students of Rotary Ramkrishna Academy, Piyali. The session focused on **"The Effect of Anger on Health and How to Cool Down and Respond Instead of Reacting."** Through simple breathing techniques, guided mindfulness and practical examples from daily life, Rtn. Rashmi highlighted how anger affects physical and mental well-being and shared effective tools to stay calm, balanced and mindful in challenging situations. The parents deeply appreciated the session and expressed their desire for more such sessions.



Thalassaemia Awareness Talk at Young Horizon School

On 10th November, a **Thalassaemia Awareness Talk** was organized at **Young Horizon School** to educate students about this critical health concern.

The session was attended by **5 members of our club** — **Sangita A, Sangita Bajoria, Sangita Mukherjee, O. P. Todi ji, and Rashi Sureka**. We were honoured to have our **District Governor, Dr. Ramendu Homchaudhry**, as the **Guest Speaker**.

Dr. Homchaudhry delivered a detailed and insightful presentation on the **causes, prevention, and management of Thalassaemia**, stressing the need for **early screening and creating awareness among the youth**. **Thalassaemia pamphlets were distributed** to the students to further reinforce the message.

The session was **highly informative**, and the students participated with **great interest and enthusiasm**.



Project Saksham – LN4 Prosthetic Hand Fitment Report

Date: 15th Nov 2025 Location: Rotary Camp, Dhanbad

Rotary Club of Dhanbad (RID 3250), along with their enthusiastic Rotaractors, successfully organised an LN4 prosthetic hand fitment camp under Project Saksham.

A total of 10 beneficiaries received LN4 prosthetic hands, each one guided and supported through the process. The fitments were completed by Rtn. Pravin, Rtn. Ranjan, and Rtn. Sangita, ensuring careful attention to every individual beneficiary. This was our 21st LN4 fitment camp overall, and the first camp for this Rotary year.



Toilet Seat Distribution at Champahati

On Saturday, 15 November 2025, RC Calcutta Presidency participated in a meaningful District Project by sponsoring 10 specially designed toilet seats for senior citizens. These seats were conceptualised by DG Dr. Homchoudhury, an orthopedic specialist, with the needs of underprivileged elders in mind — particularly those who find it difficult to squat and cannot afford a commode. Our RCC partner assisted by identifying and gathering the very old and needy residents of Champahati village. Club members personally handed over the curated toilet seats to the beneficiaries. As part of the district initiative, 10 seats were distributed, each costing Rs. 300.

Happy Birthday

Rajesh Bothra	10 Nov
Alok Kumar Agarwal	11 Nov
Abha Lunia	23 Nov
Priyanka Gupta	24 Nov
Arun Sancheti	24 Nov
Shubham Bagaria	28 Nov
Rina Malpani	30 Nov

Happy Anniversary

Ranjan & Sunita	23 Nov
U.K. Das & Alka	28 Nov
Anu & Keshav Kothari	28 Nov
Sunil & Mamta Lohia	29 Nov

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We have regular meetings twice a month at Cosmopolitan Club over Breakfast.