



# Presidency Times

Bulletin of Rotary Club of **Calcutta Presidency**  
Rotary International District 3291



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## Message by Stephanie A. Urchick President 2024-25

March is here, and for Rotary International, that means celebrating Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month — a time to shine a spotlight on one of the most transformative areas of our work.

Years ago, I experienced this magic firsthand in the Dominican Republic. When a group of members helped people install water filters, three children watched them, it felt magical. It was also the result of countless hours of effort - planning, transporting, and installing the filters - alongside local partners who were dedicated to making clean water accessible. In that moment, I realized that what seemed like a small act could change residents' lives. That is The Magic of Rotary.

March is also Women's History Month, a time to celebrate and reflect on the vital roles that women play in our communities. I want to use this occasion to recognize women in Rotary for their tremendous contributions to our organization. Rotary provides women with opportunities to do extraordinary things. We are immunizing children against polio on the front lines in Pakistan, working to eliminate cervical cancer in Africa and Latin America, stopping sex trafficking, and empowering girls and women through education programs in the communities where we live. We are helping to reshape our organization, bringing new perspectives and ideas to Rotary's service projects and global initiatives.

March is not only a month to celebrate women. It is also a time for us to welcome more women into Rotary. Will you join me and share the gift of Rotary with other people of action, who are yet to be a part of us? Say yes, and let's share the Magic of Rotary!



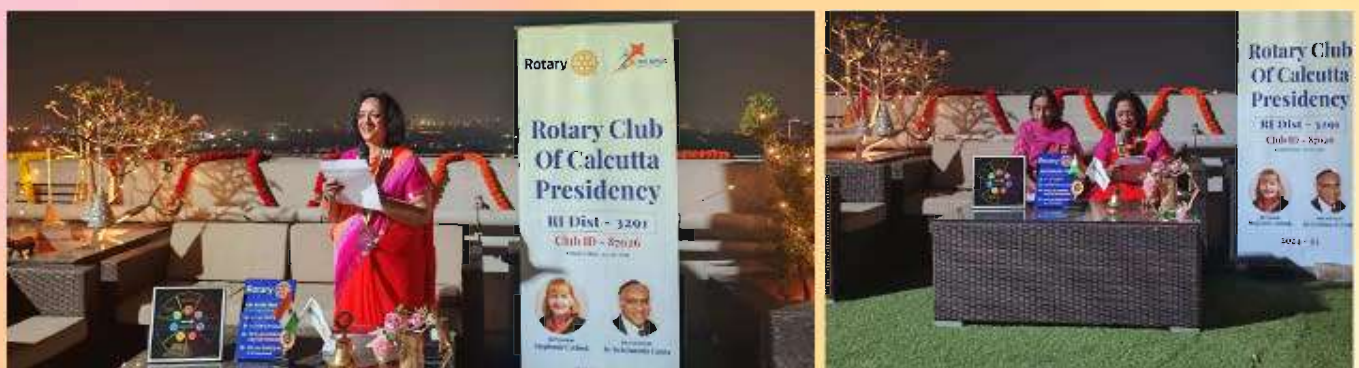




A Soft Skill Development Centre in collaboration with BOSCH was inaugurated by RI Director Anirudh Roy Choudhary, PDG Rajani Mukherjee, Rtn. Mahesh Maheshwari, and Rtn. Partha Pratim Chakravarty, at Mullickpur, Baruipur, at a farmhouse owned by Mr. Mitra.

The skill centre, initiated by Dr. Rina, will offer a 3-month soft skill course for youth, primarily school dropouts. The first batch, consisting of 20 students, has already started attending the course. The trainers for the course have been specially trained by Bosch. Successful completion of the course will help students get job placements.

This successful launch of the Rotary Bosch Bridge Skill Centre was made possible through the efforts and dedication of Rtn. Dr. Rina Malpani.



## Minutes of the 211th RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency Date: 8th March 2025 | Venue: Terrace of Victoria Vistas | Time: 6:30 PM

The President welcomed the members and called the meeting to order.

The National Anthem was led by Neena.

The minutes of the 210th RWM of the club were confirmed.

President, Abha Lunia announced a few details of the recently completed projects and also of the upcoming projects.

**SAKSHAM:** A project in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Smart City Durgapur 3240, conducted on 22nd February 2025 in Durgapur.

**ROTARY BOSCH BRIDGE SKILL CENTRE:** The soft skill development

centre in collaboration with BOSCH at the farmhouse of Mr. Mitra in Mullickpur, Baruipur, was inaugurated on 26th February 2025.

### Upcoming Project:

**Cervical Vaccine with Tillotama Foundation and Parasmoni :**

In collaboration with Tillotama Foundation ,RC of Calcutta Presidency, will vaccinate 30 girls with the cervical vaccine under the guidance of Dr. Rina.

The Secretary announced birthday and anniversary greetings. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.



### Editor's Note

This month, Rotary is raising awareness about the importance of clean water, hygiene, and sanitation. We also celebrate the incredible power of women, whose involvement and leadership in our club continue to inspire and drive our efforts.

Access to clean water and proper sanitation is a basic right that helps build healthier communities. Women, especially in poorer areas, often face the biggest challenges due to the lack of these resources, so it's important to support solutions that help everyone.

As we honour the women in our club and community, we stay committed to Rotary's mission to make lasting change, one effort at a time. Together, we can make a difference.

Warm regards

Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor





# Colourful Celebrations

## Holi titles for all



Abha Lunia



Seema Keyal



Anu Kothari



Sangita Jain



Sangeeta Deb Mukherjee



Sarita Singhania



Anju Bothra



Anju Singhee



Raj Kumar Nahata



Pramita Ghosh



Rashi Surekha



Rina Malpani



Pradeep Kr. Jain



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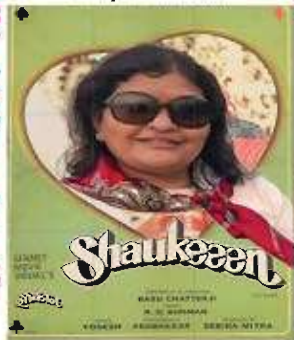
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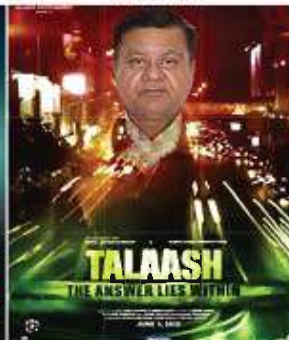
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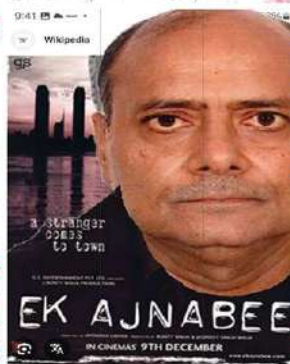


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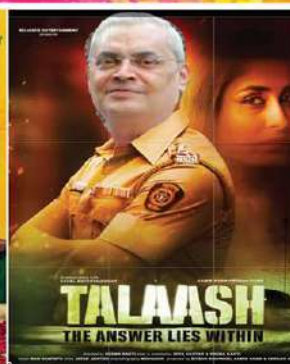
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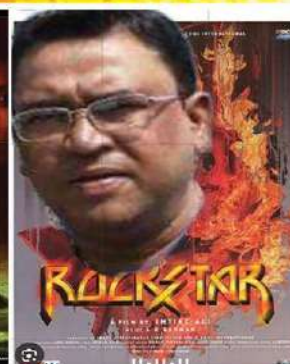
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Dr. Pawan Agarwal



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Dr. Ramesh Agarwalla



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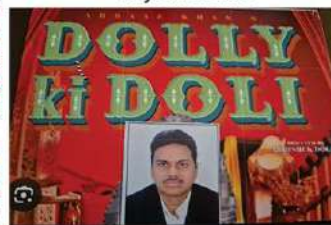
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Pravin Jain



Arun Kr. Sancheti



Kirti Tanwani



Jaishree Somani



Shubham Bagaria





## Minutes of the 212th RWM JOINT MEETING OF RC CALCUTTA PRESIDENCY WITH RC AVYANNA held on 22 March at 9 am at La Macario



Both the Presidents welcomed the members and the speaker Monica Khosla Bhargava. They called the meeting to order. National Anthem was led by Rtn. Neena. Minutes of the 211 RWM of the club were confirmed as read. Our President gave a brief synopsis of the completed projects and the upcoming projects. This was followed by the interesting, informative and engaging talk of the guest speaker.

### PROJECTS COMPLETED

Opening of ROTARY BOSCH BRIDGE SKILL CENTRE

Administration of CERVICAL CANCER VACCINES

President updated the fellow club about our previous projects as SAKSHAM, AUSHADHI DAAN, NETRA RAKSHA, DIL KI SUNO, JEEVAN JYOTI, DONATION OF WHEELCHAIRS, PLANTATION OF TREES, ROTARY RAMKRISHNA ACADEMY,

DISTRICT PROJECT EAZY LEARNING 3, to name a few.

### UPCOMING PROJECTS

- 1) Installation of a WATER COOLER in ROTARY RAMKRISHNA ACADEMY, PIYALI.
- 2) We plan to take the Interact Club girls of ST TERESA SCHOOL to TAAZA TV STATION.

The briefing of the projects was followed by both Presidents exchanging flags. The guest speaker was introduced by Rtn Saswati Mukherjee and then felicitated by the Presidents. She put forward a very beautiful vision of the CALCUTTA RIVER HOOGLY FRONT DEVELOPMENT.

The secretary announced the birthday and anniversary greetings. The meeting was then adjourned.

## Cervical Cancer Vaccination Initiative with Tillotama Foundation and NGO Parasmoni conducted on 9th March 2025

In collaboration with NGO Parasmoni and Tillotama Foundation, RCCP organized a cervical cancer vaccination drive for 35 girls, aged between 11 and 14 years. This initiative aimed to provide protection against cervical cancer and other related cancers. The vaccination was a crucial step in safeguarding the health of young girls.

Along with the vaccination, a **Menstrual Hygiene Talk** was conducted by Dr. Rina, who spoke about the importance of menstrual health and also addressed the topic of **Good Touch and Bad Touch**, educating the girls on safety and personal boundaries. Dr. Sutapa further encouraged the girls, emphasizing the importance of taking care of their health and well-being.

This project is considered to be a need-of-the-hour initiative, as the cervical cancer vaccine is recommended for girls starting at age 11, offering protection against cervical and other cancers.



## Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency - Holi Fellowship

On 8th March, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency organized a vibrant Holi fellowship at Victoria Vistas' terrace. Members and their spouses gathered to celebrate the festival of colours, starting with a warm welcome of colourful Gulal tika for all attendees. The event featured several fun activities, including a unique segment where members and their spouses were given movie-inspired titles reflecting their personalities. The spectacular view from the 24th-floor terrace and the Holi-themed decorations set a festive mood. There were engaging games, lively music, dancing, and delicious food prepared by club members. The event highlighted the true spirit of fellowship, with every member taking responsibility to ensure its success. This gathering reinforced Rotary's dedication to fostering connections and building meaningful relationships within the community.







## PELS 2 Training – 23rd March at India Institute of Cultivation of Science (J.U.)

The PELS2 seminar for President-Elects of District 3291 was held on 23rd March at the India Institute of Cultivation of Science. The event was attended by Rajesh Bothra, President-Elect, and Dr. Rina Malpani, Incoming AG for Zone 19.

The seminar began with a welcome from DGE Dr. R. Homchaudhari, followed by a motivational presentation from AKS E.R Muruganandam, Rotary International Director for 2025-26, on increasing membership and donations. RI Director Anirudh R.Choudhary discussed membership trends in the district, and PDG Rajni emphasized aligning club activities with members' interests to boost engagement.

Rotarian Surojit gave a session on E-Governance, teaching President-Elects how to manage club affairs digitally. The seminar also featured a fellowship lunch for networking and sharing experiences, with a talk from PDG Ravi Sehgal, who delighted everyone with Shayari.

DGE Dr. Homchaudhari closed the event, encouraging all to "work and enjoy your year." The seminar provided valuable insights and was a great learning experience for all.



## Visit to Taaza TV Studio – 25th March



On the morning of 25th March, members of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, along with students from the Interact Club of St. Teresa and their coordinator, Priya, visited the Taaza TV Studio. This visit provided an exciting and insightful opportunity for all participants to learn more about the media and broadcasting industry.

During the visit, we had the privilege of meeting Bishambhar Ji, CEO, and Vikram Ji, who graciously gave us a tour of the studio. They provided detailed explanations about the broadcasting process and shared valuable insights into the various aspects of picture production and the responsibilities of the media.

The students were then given a special opportunity to sit at the news desk and experience what it's like to read the news in front of the cameras. This hands-on experience was a highlight of the visit, allowing them to step into the world of broadcasting firsthand.

Rtn. Udit added to the experience by giving the students a hypothetical situation, asking them to write a news report based on it. The reports were then edited, providing the students with a glimpse into the process of content creation and editing in the media world.

The girls left the studio with a wealth of knowledge about the immense hard work and teamwork required behind every broadcast production..

### Happy Birthday

Jaishree Somani 5 Mar  
Neena Jhunjhunwala 15 Mar  
Asha Gupta 20 Mar  
Sunil Lohia 26 Mar  
Rashi Sureka 28 Mar  
Dr. U. K. Das 30 Mar

### Happy Anniversary

Om P. Agarwal Todi & Nisha 9 Mar

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