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In a garage outside Salinas, California, young people who are learning to restore classic cars are doing more than developing a skill—they are reclaiming their futures. This training program provides mentorship and, for some, a path away from gang involvement toward meaningful employment. Graduates leave with certifications, practical experience, and hope.

This is what Rotary's Vocational Service Month celebrates each January—the power of bringing together people with unique skills to do good in the world. It reminds us that integrity isn't just about our actions matching our words. Integrity is in everything we do.

That is The Four-Way Test in action. Those four simple questions help us not judge others but guide us toward genuine, effective service.

Consider our commitment to ending polio. For nearly 40 years, we have promised the world's children we will eliminate this disease. Despite obstacles, we persist, and today we are closer to defeating the virus. Keeping this promise is the very definition of

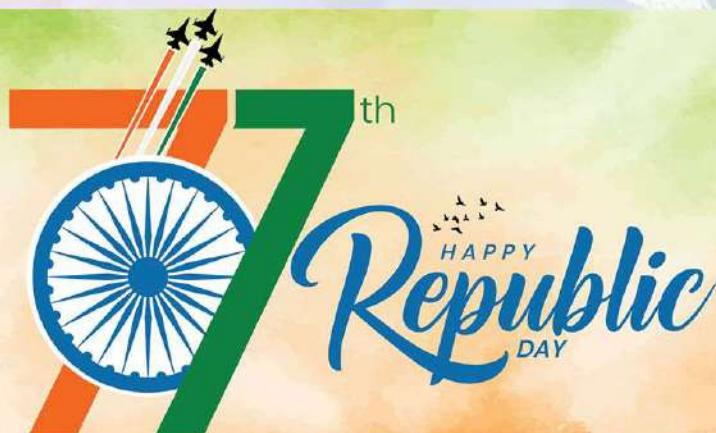
integrity.

The same integrity must drive our vocational service. With 1.2 billion young people in emerging economies reaching working age in the next decade and only 420 million jobs projected, we face a critical gap. Communities long excluded from economic opportunities need our support.

But support doesn't mean imposing our will. It means listening to local needs, building partnerships, and designing projects that communities can sustain themselves.

This January, I encourage you to ask how your club can address vocational needs in your community. What skills do your members have that could change someone's life? How can your networks open doors for young people? What partnerships can create sustainable jobs?

Let integrity guide you. Let The Four-Way Test light your path. Let us celebrate putting our professional skills to work for humanity with integrity at the heart of everything we do.



Annual Sports Meet for Children with Diverse Abilities



The Rotary Club of Park Point organised an Annual Sports Meet for children with diverse abilities on **17th January**. The project was undertaken as a collaborative effort, with **Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency** being one of the **lead host clubs**.

The event was graced by the presence of our **Chief Guest, District Governor Dr. Hom Chaudhuri**, whose encouragement and support greatly motivated the participants and organisers alike. More than **150 children with diverse abilities** enthusiastically participated in the sports activities, displaying remarkable energy, determination, and true sporting spirit.

Many members of our club, along with our President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra, attended the programme to cheer the participants, adding to the lively and encouraging atmosphere of the day.

The event beautifully reflected Rotary's commitment to inclusion, empathy, and service above self, leaving behind joyful memories and countless proud smiles.

Minutes of the 228th RWM of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency



The 228th Regular Weekly Meeting of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency was held on 17th January 2026 at the Cosmopolitan Club at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was a joint meeting with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance. The meeting was called to order by President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra and commenced with the National Anthem. He extended a warm welcome to Rtn. Anindya Ray, President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance, and Rtn. Siddhartha Ray, Secretary of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance. As a token of friendship and fellowship, both clubs exchanged flags and gifts. The Club also extended a warm and hearty welcome to the Chief Guest, Dr. Gautam Saha. It was announced that a special introductory session would be conducted to introduce attending members along with their designations, with the aim of strengthening bonding and fellowship among all present.

The House was informed about a powerful play on Thalassemia performed during the recent District Conference. It was proudly announced that the script for the play was written by Sohini Maji, an Interactor from Young Horizon. The play had received immense appreciation and applause from the audience.

Project Updates and Announcements

1. Annual Sports Meet for Children with Diverse Abilities

Date: 17th January 2026--Co-hosted with Rotary Club of Park Point

2. **Dental Awareness Talk** at St. Agnes School, Howrah on 19th January 2026 Speaker: **Dr. Kamlesh Kothari**

Topic: "Why Choose Dentistry as a Career"

3. **PROBE Project** at Young Horizon on 22nd January 2026

Members were requested to collect and donate old clothes in good usable condition.

4. **Sports Day at RRA** on 31st January 2026

5. **Thalassemia Awareness Talk** at St. Agnes School, Howrah on 2nd February 2026 Addressed by the **District Governor**

Rtn. Anindya Ray, President of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Renaissance, also addressed the gathering and spoke about ongoing and upcoming joint projects between the two clubs.

Rtn. Udit Newar introduced the Chief Guest, Dr. Gautam Saha, and invited him to the dais. Dr. Saha delivered his address in a warm and gracious manner. His session was extremely informative and engaging, and members listened with keen interest while actively participating in the interactive question-and-answer session that followed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Editor's Note



A new year brings with it renewed focus, fresh enthusiasm, and recharged energy to serve. It's the perfect time to turn good intentions into great action—because resolutions are nice, but participation is better!

Active involvement from each member will be the key to meaningful impact. Let us step forward, share ideas, and generously offer our professional skills and abilities for community development. Every skill counts—whether it's leadership, planning, mentoring, or simply showing up on time (yes, that counts too!).

Together, through teamwork, fellowship, and a shared commitment to service, we can make this year productive, purposeful, and memorable. Let's serve with passion and prove once again that Rotary works best when we all roll up our sleeves and share a few smiles along the way.

Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor



RAMDHENU, The District conference marked a memorable milestone for the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, with 12 members, registering for the conference—a record number for our 10-year-old club. We participated as Associate (Bronze) Hosts and also contributed through sponsorship of ceramic mugs included in 1,000 conference kit bags, adding a visible Presidency touch to the event. Several of our members were closely involved in the smooth execution of the conference. Rtn. Dr. Rina volunteered during the elections, while Rtn. Sangeeta Bajoria efficiently looked after guests on the first day. Rtn. Sangita Jain and Rtn. Sangita Bajoria were invited to serve as Masters of Ceremony, and Rtn. Ranjan was an active member of the organising committee.

With so many members involved at different levels, the conference held a special charm for Presidency. Everything ran like clockwork, with schedules largely maintained—a commendable achievement for an event of this scale. The line-up of speakers was outstanding, offering rich learning and meaningful takeaways.

One of the most appreciated changes this year was the food arrangement, allowing participants the freedom to choose their meals—a small detail that made a big difference. The fashion show, conceptualised by the First Lady, was truly spectacular and will remain etched in memory for a long time.

Those who attended returned with enhanced knowledge, new friendships, and happy memories that will last a lifetime. RAMDHENU was indeed a proud and fulfilling experience for Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency.



Rotary's Recycled Outfits Best Ever (RROBE) – A Grand Success!

Rotary's Recycled Outfits Best Ever (RROBE) turned out to be a resounding hit on **22 January at Young Horizons School**. Over the past few weeks, messages were circulated across our groups, resulting in the collection of nearly-new clothes at the Theatre Road Young Horizons address. From there, **Rtn. Sangeeta Mukherjee** seamlessly coordinated all logistics.

With great enthusiasm, the **Interactors**, guided by Coordinator Teacher **Shreerupa**, meticulously sorted and displayed the collections—men's suits, pants and shirts; lehengas, sarees, kurtas; bags, purses, shoes, and more. The children's section, featuring clothes, toys, and games, was undoubtedly the star attraction and created the maximum buzz.

Spending nearly three energetic hours, the Interactors managed a **bumper sale**, supported by **systematic billing for all purchases**, ensuring smooth and transparent transactions. The energy, teamwork, and dedication on display truly made it a sight to behold.

A heartfelt thank you to **Sangeeta** and **Shreerupa** for thoughtfully planning the sale on the **Orientation Day for parents of newly admitted students**, which ensured excellent footfall. As reported, the event achieved **gross sales of ₹16,000**.

The **Interact Club of Young Horizons** truly lived the Rotary motto *Service Above Self*, as RROBE's nearly-new clothes found new owners—an initiative that beautifully blended sustainability, service, and joy, turning a noble cause into an even nobler deed.



Cervical Cancer Awareness Talk

An awareness talk on Cervical Cancer was conducted by our Rotarian **Dr. Rina Malpani** at **Terapanth Bhavan**, organised by the **Terapanth South Kolkata Mahila Mandal (SKMM)**.

Rtn. Rashmi Surana helped in organising the session, which saw the participation of around **80 members**. The talk was highly **interactive and informative**, helping to spread awareness on prevention, early detection, and women's health.

The session was **well appreciated by all present**, and the members of **SKMM** felicitated **Dr. Rina Malpani** in recognition of her valuable contribution.

National Youth Day Celebration at Navneer, Tollygunge

To commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, observed as National Youth Day, the Interact Club of St. Teresa celebrated the day with the inmates of Navneer, Tollygunge. The programme was organised to spread the values of youth empowerment, service, and compassion, as envisioned by Swami Vivekananda.

The Interactors engaged the inmates through various activities and spent meaningful time with them, bringing joy, warmth, and companionship to their day. Keeping in mind the needs of the old age home, the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency sponsored a geyser for Navneer—a small yet thoughtful contribution towards their comfort and well-being.

The event beautifully reflected the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" and truly captured the essence and spirit of National Youth Day.



Happy Birthday

Udita Newar	9 Jan
Sunil Mall	10 Jan
Sandeep Jain	12 Jan
Ranjan Musaddi	22 Jan

Spreading Smiles at St. Agnes Convent School!

A successful Dental Awareness Talk was organised by our club on 19th January at St. Agnes Convent School, Howrah, with the aim of empowering young girls with essential knowledge on oral hygiene and dental care.

Expert speaker Dr. Kamlesh Kothari delivered an engaging and informative session specially tailored to adolescent dental health. President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra warmly welcomed the guest and inspired the students by sharing Rotary's Four-Way Test, leaving a lasting impression.

With over 200 students in attendance, the session turned into a lively and interactive Q&A, reflecting the students' curiosity and enthusiasm.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Rotary members—Rtn. Sangita A., Rtn. Sunita Kedia, President Rajesh Bothra, Rtn. O.P. Todi ji, Rtn. Pravin ji, Rtn. Rina Malpani, and Rtn. Rashi Sureka—for their support and presence in making this initiative a grand success.

We are proud to contribute towards helping young students prioritise their health, hygiene, and confidence—one smile at a time!



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

Happy Anniversary

Sangeeta & Mudit Bajoria	23
Rina & Ashok Malpani	25
Mita & Ramesh Ganeriwal	26
Sangita & Sunil Jain	27
Sangita & Viresh Jain Bakliwal	27
Sunita & Dr. Mahesh Kedia	31