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Rotary International District 3291



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Francesco Arezzo President 2025-26



August is Membership Month, but our commitment to growth and connection is year-round. When we focus on growing Rotary, we grow our ability to serve, to lead, and to bring lasting change.

Membership growth isn't just about numbers. It's about opening doors. It's about inviting more people who are ready to give their time, talents, and hearts to a cause greater than themselves. When we welcome new members, we bring in fresh ideas and new energy. We expand our impact, strengthen our clubs, and ensure that Rotary continues to evolve with the world around us.

Remember, there is now great flexibility in fashioning nontraditional club models. I'm inspired when I see these innovative clubs thrive by offering new and prospective members more ways to connect and serve.

This spirit of innovation is also guiding our efforts to reach new communities. In places where there has never been a Rotary club -

or where a club once existed and faded - Rotarians are finding ways to grow Rotary. They are identifying areas of potential and building clubs that reflect the character and needs of their communities.

Every member plays a part in this journey. Whether you introduce a friend to your club, support a new meeting format, reconnect with program alumni, or simply share your Rotary story, you are helping our organization grow stronger and more vibrant.

No one owns a Rotary club. It is a gift we pass on to the next generation. When we nurture that gift, when we invite others to share in it, we ensure that Rotary continues to be a force for good.

Let's prioritize membership growth — not just in August but every month of the year. Together, through friendship, creativity, and shared purpose, we will grow Rotary and Unite for Good.



Dear Presidencians

With deep gratitude and a profound sense of responsibility, I step into the role of President of our beloved club. This is both an honor and a commitment—an opportunity to serve, to lead, and to build upon the rich legacy that each of you has helped create.

The year gone by has been remarkable. Under the leadership of our Immediate Past President Abha ji, our club has set new benchmarks. Her vision, supported by the tireless efforts of her team, translated into impactful projects and well-deserved recognition in the form of trophies that now proudly adorn our shelves. These awards are not just symbols of achievement, but reminders of what we can accomplish when we work together with purpose.

As we step into a new Rotary year, I urge every member to participate more actively and wholeheartedly. Each of you brings unique strengths, ideas, and passions—let us channel them into meaningful projects. I encourage you to take the freedom to propose new initiatives, and together we will shape them into realities. Above all, let us focus our energy on strengthening our cherished project, the Rotary Ramakrishna Academy at Piyali. By supporting and nurturing this school, we are investing in a brighter future for children who deserve every opportunity to dream and achieve. *Together, let us continue to serve, to inspire, and to **Unite for Good***

Warm Regards

Rajesh Bothra

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Ten proud years of dedication,
Presidencians rejoice in celebration.
From roots of service and inspiration,
Now in District 3291's constellation,
We shine anew with jubilation.

With Rajesh leading with aspiration,
Has steady hand for transformation.
In addition we have Rashi's calm coordination,
She guides all with care and motivation.
The team join hands - to serve ; rise; shine, touch the sky.

The lantern they hold with admiration
To lights young minds with education,
To touch lives through phaco, with vision's restoration.
To guard young futures with cervical vaccination,
To spread thalassemia care through wide communication.
To add more greens with every plantation,
To Make club vibrant with younger generation.
To build pioneers of relations,
To Strengthen Rotary's foundations.

Together in service, in fellowship true,
With Rotary's spirit in all that we do.
Here's to the journey, to every relation,
One mission, one heart, one celebration.

Sangita Jain



Editor's Note

Dear Members

This month has shown us what's possible when members come together with commitment and passion. From impactful health camps to the launch of Project Gratitude, every initiative was enriched by the hands and hearts of Rotarians who showed up and got involved. Each meeting and project is more than an event—it's an opportunity to connect, contribute, and create lasting change. Your presence matters. When you attend meetings, you bring ideas; when you join projects, you bring impact.

Let's carry this momentum forward—because the more we participate, the stronger our fellowship and the greater our service to the community. Together, let's make every meeting count and every project a success!

Warm regards

Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor

Together We Win:

Club Shines at District Awards!



We are proud to share that our club has won multiple awards at the District Rotary Award Ceremony! These recognitions are a reflection of our members' dedication, teamwork, and consistent efforts in serving the community. Each award is not just a trophy, but a reminder of the impact we are making together. Let us celebrate this success and stay motivated to achieve even greater milestones in the year ahead.

1. 1st prize - Vocational Service	12. 3rd prize - RYLA
2. 1st prize - Heart Surgery (only 1 prize given)	13. 3rd prize - Thalassemia Awareness
3. 1st prize - Cataract Surgery	14. Certificate of appreciation for News letter
4. 1st prize - Concern for Senior Citizens	15. Certificate of appreciation for Public Image
5. 1st prize - Women Empowerment	16. Certificate of appreciation for Literacy
6. 2nd prize - Cancer awareness other than cervical	17. Certificate of appreciation for Disease Prevention and treatment
7. 2nd prize - Concern for Physically Challenged	18. Certificate of appreciation for Cervical Cancer
8. 2nd prize - Polio Eradication	19. Certificate of Appreciation for Community Economic Development
9. 2nd prize - Youth and Interact	20. Certificate of appreciation-Four Way test
10. 2nd prize - Peace building and management	21. Special Award for Rehabilitation of Physically Challenged
11. 3rd prize - Support for Environment	22. Rolling trophy for Vocational services



Rotary Ramkrishna Academy



In 2023, we established the **Rotary Ramkrishna Academy**, an English-medium primary school in Piyali, South 24 Parganas. Today, 115 children from low-income families are enrolled, with the capacity to serve 200. Our minimal fee structure ensures accessibility but leaves us with an annual shortfall of **₹12 lakhs**. This fundraiser will directly support teacher training, digital learning tools, classroom infrastructure, and expansion for more students. We seek your generous cooperation and support in helping us nurture these young minds and secure their future.



Independence Day Celebrations

This year, our club marked Independence Day with pride and enthusiasm across multiple venues. From celebrating with our own children at Rotary Ramkrishna Academy to supporting students at Sheila Davar Memorial School, and finally co-hosting the grand District celebration at the historic Town Hall, every event reflected the spirit of patriotism, fellowship, and service.



(At Rotary Ramkrishna Academy (RRA))

Independence Day with our own children at RRA was truly heart-warming. The program began with a respectful flag hoisting followed by cultural performances by the students. Their enthusiasm, dances, and songs filled us with pride. Club members attended the program and distributed kits, goodies along with lassi packets for parents.

At Sheila Davar Memorial School

Another celebration took place at Sheila Davar Memorial School, Ballygunge, where 190 students study on full scholarships. Members Rtn. Ranjanji, Rtn. Sangita Jain, Rtn. Vikas Saraogi, and Sunita Mussaddi attended the event. The program began with a respectful flag hoisting followed by cultural performances by the students. Rtn. Ranjanji generously sponsored steel thalis and goodies for all the children, which were distributed with joy.



District-Level Celebration at Town Hall

Our club is proud to be a co-host of the District Independence Day celebration at the historic Town Hall. This offered an opportunity to celebrate both our nation's freedom and our Rotary fellowship.)



Minutes of the 220th RWM and Charter Day Celebration of Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency - 26th July 2025



In the absence of President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra, Acting President Rtn. Abha Lunia chaired the meeting. Proceedings began with the National Anthem.

Completed Projects:

- **6 July – Cervical Vaccine Camp (Chambahati):** Second dose given to 49 girls (14+ years).
- **12 July – Kidney Health Camp:** With Vivacity Hospital for 97 firefighters.
- **13 July – Matri Raksha (Baruipur):** Health camp for 50 mothers & children, free consultations, medicines, and awareness talks on anaemia and cervical cancer.

Project Gratitude: Conducted on 9 July at MCKV School, later held at Indus Valley World School (17 July) and BGES, Bhowanipore (24 July)



Upcoming Projects:

- **Project Gratitude to be conducted in** Apeejay School, Sri Shikshayatan, Young Horizons, Abhinav Bharti, Future Foundation . Other schools also to be contacted.
- **15 Aug – Independence Day celebration** at Rotary Ramkrishna Academy, Piyali.

Charter day Celebration

Five charter members shared their 10-year journey. Rtn. Ranjan M, also a charter member shared his experiences about the projects done, first year onwards. He stressed on the team work and community service spirit of the club members. Rtn Udita conducted a quiz on 'Know your Rotary' and 'Know your members' which was fun.

Meeting concluded with the secretary extending birthday and anniversary wishes.



Workshop on Concentration through Play

On 2nd August 2025, Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency conducted an engaging workshop at Indus Valley World School on the theme "Play and Increase Your Concentration." Around 100 students participated enthusiastically. Our members Rtn. Rashmi Surana and Rtn. Pramita Ghosh conducted the session, which was well received by both students and teachers. The interactive format not only made learning fun but also highlighted the importance of mental wellness for young minds in today's fast-paced world.

Both our members were felicitated by the Vice Principal of the school as a token of appreciation. The success of this program reinforced our club's belief that such mental wellness workshops are the need of the hour for students

Ongoing Projects

Ek Nayi Pehchaan

A new batch of sewing classes began at Piyali. From this batch onwards, the teacher trainer's salary is being jointly supported by Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency and Ram Krishna Sewa Samity, ensuring continuity of this women empowerment initiative.



Gratitude Project conducted in various Schools

Project Gratitude

Our new initiative aims to nurture stronger bonds between children and their parents through the simple yet meaningful act of writing gratitude letters. In July, sessions were conducted at MCKV School (9th), Indus Valley World School (17th), and BGES, Bhowanipore (24th). In August, the project reached even more schools, including Apeejay School, Sri Shikshayatan School, Young Horizons, Abhinav Bharti, St. Paul's, Garden High School, Frank Anthony Public School, Silver Point School and St. Agnes School.

Aushadi Dan

Our Free Clinic continues to serve the community every Sunday in Piyali, where medicines are distributed once a month. For the month of August, the medicines were generously sponsored by Sangita Bakliwal.



Interact Club Installation ceremony at Young Horizons School

Minutes of the 221st RWM of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Presidency, held on 16th August 2025 at 9:30 AM at the Cosmopolitan Club



Happy Birthday

Kamal Lunia 6 Aug
Anu Kothari 7 Aug
Praveen Kothari 8 Aug
Anju Bothra 19 Aug

Happy Anniversary

Amit & Aparna Gupta 10 Aug

The meeting commenced with President Rtn. Rajeshji and IPP Rtn. Abha taking their seats at the head table. After the National Anthem, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as read. The guest speaker for the day was Rtn. Mayank Bachhawat, AI expert, and a special guest, Ms. Ranjini, daughter of Rtn. Pramita, was also present.

Rtn. Uditia briefed members on Project Gratitude, sharing that a total of 1,252 students across 10 schools have been covered till date.

On 11th August, the Young Horizons Interact Installation ceremony was held, marking their 8th installation, attended by five club members along with DIS Rtn. Arpita Chatterjee.

The club also actively participated in Independence Day celebrations on 15th August – at RRA, at Sheela Dabar Memorial School in South Calcutta, and at the District Independence Day Programme at Town Hall, which was attended by IPP Abha and Secretary Rashi.

UPCOMING PROJECTS.

Rtn. Sangita Bakliwal spoke about the forthcoming Fund Raiser Drama, after which Ms. Ranjini, who plays the lead role in the play, also addressed the gathering. Plans for an Eye Camp and Tree Plantation at Baruipur were also discussed, with the date to be finalized shortly and RCC Kalol to be informed.

The highlight of the meeting was a 15-minute session with guest speaker Rtn. Mayank Bachhawat, who enlightened members about the benefits and challenges of Artificial Intelligence tools. This was followed by the announcement of birthdays and anniversaries of members.

The meeting concluded with Project Saksham, where a single beneficiary, referred through B.M. Birla, was provided with a prosthetic hand. The session ended on a note of fellowship and service.

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