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



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## Francesco Arezzo President 2025-26



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Francesco Arezzo is an orthodontist in private practice and owns an agricultural enterprise that produces extra virgin olive oil in Sicily.

Arezzo is a graduate of the University of Padua and a member of the Italian, European, and American orthodontics associations, as well as the Italian and European lingual orthodontics associations. He is a dentistry graduate of the University of Cagliari, where he also received a master's in lingual orthodontics.

He has served as vice president of the National Association of Italian Dentists for the province of Ragusa and was the founder and head for seven years of the Ragusa delegation to the National Trust for Italy.

Arezzo is also the owner of an agricultural enterprise and producer of extra virgin olive oil in the Monti Iblei region of Sicily. He has been vice president of the administrative council of the consortium controlling and regulating quality production of oil in that region. He owns two boutique hotel settlements there. He enjoys modern art and opera.

A Rotary member for 36 years, Arezzo has served as vice chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as RI director, chair of the 2023 Melbourne Convention Committee, learning facilitator, and district conference presidential representative, among other roles.

He is married to Anna Maria Arezzo-Criscione, an entrepreneur in the tourism field. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughter Raffaella spent a year in Florida as part of a Rotary Youth Exchange. Francesco and Anna Maria are Benefactors and Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation.



Rotary Presidency Charter installation on 8 th Aug 2015



# Minutes – COTS Meeting (2025–2026)



**Date:** 27th June 2025 | **Venue:** Cosmopolitan Club

President **Abha Lunia** opened the meeting, welcoming **PDG Prabir Chatterjee**, **AG Sheela Janakiram**, and **ZS Biswajit Saha**. A short regular meeting was followed by the **Club Officer Training Seminar (COTS)**.

## COTS Highlights:

- AG Sheela briefed members on district updates and club responsibilities.
- A **joint blood donation camp** was announced for **1st July**.
- PDG Prabir led an interactive session on Rotary goals, planning, budgeting, online learning, member engagement, and brand-building through impactful projects like **Saksham**.

**Upcoming Projects** were announced by the **Incoming President, Rajesh Bothra**

Birthday and anniversary wishes were shared. President Abha closed the meeting with a vote of thanks, and the session was formally adjourned.



## Message from Vice President

Hello Presidencians,

After four whirlwind terms of women Presidents, we are all eagerly looking forward to Rajeshji taking charge at the helm. His wit, humour and slick English grammar, will be something to look forward to.

Secretary Rashi, has been diligently laying the groundwork. Kudos to her dedication.

This slight delay in our changeover is working positive for Abhaji—who will now hand over the color and gong with great pride and satisfaction, after the District Award Ceremony.

Our club now stands strong with 10 years of rich experience, a solid line up of Past Presidents, and mature, dedicated Rotarians - Presidency is well-prepared to continue its journey seamlessly.

Warm regards,

**Sangita Jain**

Vice President 2025–26



## Message from Secretary

Dear Members,

It is an honour to begin this new Rotary year as the Club Secretary. I look forward to working closely with each of you to keep our club informed, organized, and connected. Together, let's build on our past successes and strive for an impactful year ahead. Your support and collaboration mean everything, and I'm excited for what we will accomplish together.

Warm Regards

**Rashi Sureka**

Secretary 2025-26



## From the Editor's Desk

Dear Members

A new Rotary year is here—and with it comes new energy, new goals, and a renewed sense of purpose. It's a time to reflect, reset, and look forward to what we can achieve together.

We warmly welcome our new Club President Rtn. Rajesh Bothra, and the incoming leadership team. We're excited to support their vision and work together to make a meaningful impact in our community and beyond.

This Rotary year's international theme, "UNITE FOR GOOD," encourages us to do more, help more, and connect more—with each other and with our communities. With fresh energy and a shared purpose, we look forward to meaningful projects, strong partnerships, and making a lasting difference together.

To all our members—thank you for being the heart of our club. Your dedication, fellowship, and spirit of service make everything we do possible. May this year bring inspiration, connection, and plenty of reasons to be proud Rotarians.

Here's to a great year ahead—let's make it count!

Warm regards

**Rtn. Anju Bothra - Club Editor**



# PROJECTS IN JULY 2025



## Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp - A Meaningful Start

The Rotary Club began its service journey for the new Rotary year with a meaningful and impactful project - a **Cervical Cancer Vaccination Camp** at Sushil Kar College Champahati, on 6th July in collaboration with our **RCC partner, Champahati BIRD**.

Led by **Dr. Rina Malpani (Project Chair)** and supported by **Saswati Mukherjee, Sangeeta Bajoria, Anju Bothra, Sandeep Jain**, and

young volunteer **Veda Jain**, the camp began with a candle-lighting ceremony, devotional song, and National Anthem. **49 girls were successfully vaccinated**, with Veda assisting cheerfully during the registration process. All beneficiaries received snack packets post-vaccination.

The team also promoted the **BOSCH Vocational Training Program at Mallickpur**, with **10 youths registering** on the spot. Supported by **RCC Champahati BIRD** members and a **BOSCH official**, the well-organized camp set a positive tone for the Rotary year ahead.



## Free Kidney Health Camp for Firefighters

On **Saturday, 12th July**, a **Kidney Health and Wellness Camp** was held in collaboration with **Vivacity Hospital**, focusing on early detection and lifestyle awareness for our courageous firefighters.

A total of **97 firefighters** benefited from services which included vital checks, kidney and lung screenings, diet consultations, and a wellness talk. Each participant received a **personalized health card** with test results and dietary advice.

The camp promoted early detection and healthy lifestyle habits for our frontline heroes.



## Mother & Child Health Camp (MATRI RAKSHA) – 13 July, Malickpur

On 13th July, the Rotary Clubs of Cal Presidency and Salt Lake Metropolitan jointly organized a Mother & Child Health Camp at Malickpur, Baruipur district, under the Global Grant project.

A total of 55 beneficiaries received services. Blood pressure and sugar levels were checked for 50 women, with several new cases of high BP and sugar detected. Dr. Chitra Ray conducted an awareness session on menstrual health and anemia. Free consultations were provided by Drs. Aruna Tania, Debasmita, Chitra Ray, and Rina Malpani, along with iron, calcium, and deworming medicines. Children were seen by Dr. Sudipta Chandra, and physiotherapy support for joint issues was offered by Dr. Sugato to 30 beneficiaries. Cervical cancer awareness talks were also held.

The Awareness Foundation generously supported the event with the venue and snacks.

## Minutes of the 219th Regular Weekly Meeting (RWM)

**Date:** 5th July 2025 | **Venue:** Cosmopolitan Club

The meeting began with the National Anthem. In the absence of President Rajesh Bothra, Past President Sangita Jain chaired the session. She reflected on the Rotary motto and invited new members **Sunita Kedia** and **Pramita Ghosh**, along with senior member **Mr. Todi**, to share their motivations for joining Rotary. Their heartfelt and humorous stories made for an engaging session.

### Project Updates and Announcements:

- Cervical Vaccine Camp** – 6th July at Champahati (Second dose for 52 girls)
- Gratitude Project** – Ongoing initiative launched at St. Teresa School
- Kidney Health Camp** – 12th July at Behala for 100 firefighters.
- Matri Raksha Camp** – 13th July at Mallickpur;
- Interact Club Installation** – 16th July at St. Teresa School.
- RCCP Installation Ceremony** – 19th July at Tolly Club, 9 AM.

The meeting was then formally adjourned.







## District Changeover Ceremony

## Fellowship - Reminiscing Our Childhood Days

Our themed fellowship evening, "Reminiscing Our Childhood Days," was a joyful and nostalgic celebration. Members embraced the spirit of childhood through fun games, chocolates, and shared memories. The laughter, storytelling, and light-hearted activities brought back the innocence and joy of our early years, strengthening our bonds of friendship and fellowship.



## Happy Birthday

Vinod Jain 20 July  
Pradeep Kumar Jain 23 July

## Happy Anniversary

Vikas & Rashmi Sarawagi 14 July

## Project GRATITUDE – Strengthening Parent-Child Bonds

In today's fast-paced world, emotional connections between parents and children often take a backseat. **Project GRATITUDE**, a heartfelt Rotary initiative, aims to bridge this gap by encouraging students to write spontaneous, handwritten letters of thanks to their parents in celebration of **World Gratitude Day (21st September)**. Without prior notice, students will be given 30 minutes to pen their thoughts, allowing true emotions to shine through. RCCP will provide stationery, and parents will return signed letters to schools for evaluation by a panel. In a digital age, this simple act of writing a letter rekindles warmth and fosters meaningful connections within families. The project has been warmly received by and conducted in St. Teresa School, M.C. Kejriwal School and Indus Valley School. There are 5 other schools lined up for August.

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